

Answers –Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> player plays

- 1) (a) play low –no chance of winning with the Q  
(b) also play low ...now of course the Ace would win but we have bigger fish to fry – we would like to win AND also (perhaps) play the Ace on declarer's (presumed) Q.  
Anyway it is generally wrong to play an Ace on fresh air  
© play the Q –split your honours –NB if u don't ( and play low) declarer may win the trick with the J. So we play the Q ( losing to the Ace ) and may make the K in time  
(d) play the K. Well you want to make the K don't u ? May be the last chance
- 2) (a) play the K –u wont make it later so get it while u can  
(b) split dem hors –play the J  
© *and again –split –play the Q*  
(d) play the K- possible that u wont make it at all if u don't take and make it now
- 3)  
Play the 9 – an encouraging signal NB the K will lose to the Ace and later you will take the Q + J  
If you don't play the 9 a good partner will conclude that u don't have the J and may well switch to a new suit and not cash the Q. ( Unless they conclude that you are a bad partner who never signals correctly anyway so they may as well guess what to do )
- 4) ok ...well the correct answer to this is beyond your ken... ( sorry got the lessons in the wrong order and u wont know how to answer this one ).  
Will tell you that the correct card is the 2 and that this is a Suit Preference Signal. Which is a special signal.  
(will do SPS's next lesson ). Apologies.
- 5) wait when weak only taking the Ace at the last moment –then playing on the topless club suit to force out the Ace. That's how an expert would play. And you ?
- 6) strike when strong ( playing the Ace on the K at trick 1 ). So , different from 5 above.  
Why and how is this different?