

- 1) we bid either clubs or diamonds and having more and better diamonds , diamonds it is. We bid 3D
- 2) partners bid of the opponents suit was a Michaels cue bid promising the majors. Although I don't have to bid now the opponents have called 3D I do have a good hand and like hearts in a big way too. A bid of 4H is correct.
- 3) 2NT to show the minors.
- 4) 2D – The M.C. to show the majors
- 5) 1Sp NB we have no bid to show a major and a minor so just overcall with the major. Possibly later we will introduce our diamonds too.
- 6) Normally the two suited overcaller ( us !) doesn't bid again .....BUT this is an exceptional hand and a full blooded 4Sp seems a fair call.
- 7) (a) should not have called 2Sp ( which is a reverse showing 15+) and should have called 2H  
(b) should not have reversed into 2Sp as we don't have 5-4 shape. The correct call was 2NT  
© no 2H is a reverse showing 17+ and clearly too much. A call of 2D was in order  
(d) correct
- 8) Ksp. The old “cover an honour with an honour “ saw. And it's right.  
We hope partner holds the Jsp ( not likely but they might) or 10 sp.
- 9) Another heart to *force* declarer to trump in their own hand. An example of the forcing defence.  
We hope declarer (i) runs out of trumps (ii) we get an unexpected trump trick ourselves.  
NB whenever ( like 95% of the time ) you see declarer show out of a side suit in a trump contract you should keep leading that suit to make them ruff. It works.

10) [ numbered 9 again ]

There are a probable 6 losers ie ( A + K + Q clubs and A + K spades and the 3 hearts ]

You cant afford to allow the opponents to take the lead ( for a bit ) as they will take their winners.

You need to discard the clubs before drawing trumps ( and losing the lead ) .

Heres how :-

T1) A Hrts T2) K H T3) K d T4)3 hearts ruffed in dummy T5) Ace D discard a club

T6) Q D discard a club

...and finally ...you can start drawing trumps

T7) 5 spades to the Q

You will now lose only the A + K spades and 1 x club.