

## Answers Thurs 6oct

- 1) T 1) Ace diamonds T2) Ace sp T3) K sp T4) Qsp *discarding a diamond*  
T5) K Hrts

And it did, require discards. Anyone who drew trumps first will go down -check to see what tricks you will lose if you did .

- 2) T 1) K diamonds T2) Ace Hrts T3) K Hrts T4) Q Hrts T5) Ace diamonds  
T6) Q diamonds *discarding a spade* T7) K cl

This time we drew trumps *before* taking the discards. Again you need to see why this one is different to Q)1.

- 3) T 1) Ace sp T2) K hrts

A variation -this time we *intend* to discard a diamond on the spades BUT dont need to do it just yet. We will draw trumps first and then later take the discards.

- 4) A trap hand for the unwary.

Perhaps you thought you needed to take discards ( of diamonds ) on the clubs or spades ? Well in a sense you do BUT you cant do it until you have drawn trumps as the opponents will trump your clubs or spades,. NB it would take 4 rounds of either suit before a discard could be made.

So unfortunately you have to trust to luck and draw trumps and hope the opponents dont grab ther two diamonds ( and A + K ) hrts along the way.

Unfortunately I got the lessons out of order -you were due a review lesson on slam leads before this homework.

Still if you got the next two wrong it will show you *really* need a review of the topic.

- 5) 7 clubs,.. Safe -not even a long suit -no risk vs NO TRUMPS

- 6) 3 diamonds or 5 clubs (or 9 hrts )

And of course those first two could both be disasters but thats the nature of the beast. Against 6 SUIT we often take chances . The lead of the 9 hrts wont achieve anything much and is very much the 3rd choice.

- 7) Shortage in dummy , short trumps ...need I go on ?

- 8) AJ43 -----Q762

lead the 2 to the J and when (!) it wins cash the Ace.  
Mongrel finesse.

- 9) Pass . Well done Ian. (Theres nothing that we can bid other than pass.  
Double + 1NT+ An overcall would all be flawed so Pass it has to be )

- 10) Double. Well done Sarah. When West sees that their partner has passed over a SUIT West goes out of their way to P-r-o-t-e-c-t their partner and so makes a bid with less points than are needed normally.

