

## Answers -building / switching

- 1) ie do we carry on with hearts in the hopes of building a trick or do we switch ?  
Partner played the Q hrts at trick 1 so does not hold the J Hrts ....(think about it )  
which means declarer still has the J left . So we can never get a trick in hearts.  
Now sometimes you carry on with a(n unproductive) suit because it's the safest option but here you can try your luck in diamonds and try building a trick there.  
Start with the 2 diamonds.
- 2) Partner knew we had nothing in hrts ( we led the 9) but gave us a signal to carry on ( they played the 8) . So we do. We lead another hrt. Partner ought to hold the Q.
- 3) We lead another club to build a trick. Partner almost certainly holds the Q clubs so by leading a club now , declarer will win with their K and finally ( we hope ) should we get the lead later we will enjoy the club trick we have built.
- 4) ( i ) “ goes with “ ..... (b)  
( ii ) “ goes with “ ..... (c)  
( iii ) “ goes with “ ..... (a)

I could tell you again that transfers sometimes show weak (0-----10) hands, sometimes show strong hands (13+) and sometimes show moderate (11/12) hands, which would prove that I know it but how are you going to grasp it ?  
Reasoning out what a bid implies is a much better approach than hoping to remember what every sequence means if you want a method.

- 5) Well on a good day 13 tricks are there ie if the diamond finesse works.  
On a bad day ( the diamond finesse not working ) there will be only 11 tricks.  
So whether you make 11 or 13 is dependent on luck.  
Some of you will do worse and end up with 10 tricks however ...

Here is how not to play :-

- (i) win ace hrts , draw 3 rounds of trumps , take a diamond finesse  
(if the finesse loses you make 10 tricks as the defenders can cash two hrts)

Much better is to take the diamond finesse straight away before drawing trumps.  
If the finesse loses ( so be it ) we will make 11 –if it wins we can then draw trumps , repeat the finesse and make 13.

- 6) The Q diamonds leads tells us the Ace is on our right sat over the King.  
It would be foolish to play the K on the Q therefore ( as it will lose to the Ace ).  
“Don't be silly who would play like that ?” (I could say )  
So we duck the lead of the Q diamonds.  
Quite probably the J will be led next.  
Now this time we should play the K on the J.  
It is because we have the 10 and the 10 will become a winner by covering the J with the K (and Ace ).  
“Oooh ...is there a rule for that ? “ “No but you could try reasoning perhaps”

