

Answers delayed overcalls

- 1) east doesn't have a lot for their delayed overcall but it was a fair bid.
West (remembering that east passed the first time they had a chance to overcall) is not tempted to bid now.
Everyone bid well.
- 2) unlike here where w+ e bid badly.
1st east should NOT bid spades even as a delayed overcall (we only do that when the opponents have raised the same suit)
2nd west should not raise a delayed overcall anyway All bad.
- 3) east did well , west less so.
Should you (ever) raise a delayed overcall ? even if the answer was " surely occasionally" this wasn't the occasion.
Almost always you should not raise your partners delayed overcall
- 4) good and good.
- 5) i) 1s----- 4s
pass
ii) 1s-----2D
2NT-----4Sp
4NT-----5H
5NT-----6D
6S
- i) was a gambling raise signalling the end of the auction
ii) was a DGR 13---15
- 6) i) 3H 15---17 and six hearts ii) 2H 12-14 and 5 OR 6 hearts
- 7) a) the K b) the 2 c) the 3
(a) is a two u do (b) three u wait and see © is a terrible two !

What it amounts to is that u want to give yourself the best chance of making a trick.
With two cards in dummy with no hon opposite e.g 32 -----K4 you have to play the K or will never make a trick.
With three cards in dummy 32 ----K54 you can put off the moment by playing low in dummy.
The last (c) is harder for some J2 -----K43 the ONLY way to guarantee a trick (and it is a guarantee so perhaps we shouldn't be so mealy mouthed about it is to play a low card from dummy .

- 8) i) it seems to rest on a winning diamond finesse but it doesn't hurt to cash the A + K + Q hrts first; if that suit breaks(3—3) the 13th heart in dummy will be a winner and no finesses needed. Yes w.w.w. in spades at the start.
ii) this one unfortunately doesn't allow you to try one thing then another .You have to try the best chance straight away; take the diamond finesse. 50% of the time the contract will make.