

## Homework answers –responding to overcalls

- 1) Pass –if pushed I would bid 3H but for the moment pass.
- 2) Pass –not sure why I put this in ! But anyway it's the usual type where you don't want to bid your own suit and cant support partner.
- 3) 3H (hand 1 again I (now) see )!! In competition ( when pushed ) you can raise with slightly less points than usual.
- 4) 3NT -some might try 2NT but it's a bit cowardly with 14 even if partner has only 10.
- 5) 2Sp – here you try to help partner out by removing her suit into yours. Cant be worse. Can it ?
- 6) Lead the K clubs. (Having taken a deep gulp ). Partner's 2 diamonds was a suit preference signal requesting a club switch. Surely they hold the Ace clubs ? Please.
- 7) These are getting more and more obscure ! I think I had better write my answers as soon as I set the question so I know what they are !  
But one answer would be to win the Ace hearts and fire it back ( creating a void in hearts in my hand ). I will still need partner to obtain the lead to give me a ruff  
But they might get in with a trump trick perhaps.....  
Anything else to try ? could underlead the A543 clubs and hope partner wins with the K I suppose.
- 8) (i) is fool proof. Even for ...me.  
Play low in dummy at trick 1 and you cant fail to make a spade trick in due course.  
Add to that the 8 top tricks you have and all is fine.  
Did you realise that J65 -----Q4 is NOT a two you do type ?  
That you have to play low with this holding . It is a Terrible Two © or a Dodgy Two ©  
  
(ii) Play the Q at trick 1 ( Two you do )- obviously there is a fair chance the Q sp will be beaten and then you will need a lot of luck to make it.