Answers transfer bids (week 2)

1) souths last bid will be 3NT

2) souths last bid will be 4H

3) souths last bid will be 2NT ie the tricky hand for basic Acol

4) norths last bid will be 4Sp

5) norths last bid will be 4H (NB not 3 H)

6) N S

1NT----------2H
2S----------3NT
Pass

7) 2NT ----------3H ie a transfer to spades

8) 2NT----------3D (transfer to hearts)

3H----------3NT
4H

9) First thing to notice (or realise) is partner doesn't like hearts (they played the 4).
So partner hasn't the Ace or J hearts. Ho hum. We need to switch. (because declarer has AJx and Was trying a fast one –the Bath Coup).

Switch to what though ?
The 8 diamonds a putting the frightners on type of lead may produce unexpected benefits.

10)not too hard. Cash A + K diamonds . If everyone follows the suit breaks and we cash the Q diamonds and go to dummy to play the winning 8 + 7 diamonds.
The only problem would be if on the K diamonds someone showed out.
Now you will neeed to try your chances in clubs. Finesse the Jack of clubs.
If that won return to hand (with say the Ace hearts) and finesse the Q clubs . Now you have 10 tricks AND (if the clubs "behave") you will make 12 tricks

11)(i) ok this is expert stuff. Are you ready ?

Win Ace hearts,;; draw the opponents trumps (ie A + K spades) ;;;cash the A+ K + Q diamonds (eliminating the side suit) ;;; lead a small heart to the J WHICH THE OPPONENTS WIN.

Now the opponent on lead (the original leader)(is endplayed forced to lead a club or give a ruff and discard).

ii) The correct play is to win the Ace hearts and lead a heart back (to create a void in hearts in dummy); as soon as possible ruff a heart in dummy. Now 10 tricks are assured.