

Homework answers –www and unblocking play

1) Ace spades ! no w.w.w. for us when only Ax in dummy (or for that matter Ax in hand). As explained –it is something of a bluff –you are bragging that spades arent a problem ...; also of course the real reason is that you hope the opponents block the suit. The play of the A from Ax is a blocking play.

2) and now w.w.w. is too important (too likely to help) not to use it.
Delay playing your Ace until the final moment as in all w.w.w. plays

3) This was a trick question.

Its not to do with the merits of w.w.w. as opposed to a blocking play.

It is to do with S.W.S. (strike when ...).

Here by playing the Ace on the led K your 109xx in hand will act as stoppers.

NB when an honour is led and you have Ax(x) opposite 10xxx ALWAYS play the Ace on the led honour

4) Will win at trick 1 with the K. Hooray.
At trick 2 will lead the J spades back. Yes –the JACK of spades.
OK ? so as not to block the suit

5) Lead the Q sp back. Do you see ?
Now if you get in you can lead your 3 sp and partner can win with their J etc
Or If partner gets in they can lead their J and the suit wont be blocked.

6) the 7 diamonds . Lead the 7 diamonds to the K.It's a preserve the tenace play.
You are just making sure that if the diamonds broke like this :-
void
A107 -----|-----KQ5432
J986

You will NOT lose a trick in the suit.Hmmm.. does that happen very often then ? Well no not really but as I (if you are asking me !) play like this (preserving the tenace) 100% of the time , if the cards are distributed that way I will make my contract (100% of the time). Just make it your policy that when you have holdings like this :

A1043-----KQ76 or Q1043 -----AK54 or AQ65-----K1032

Or K1054 -----AQ987 or Q103 -----AK8765 etc etc

You always play the underlined card(s) first (preserving the tenaces).

6)there is no certainty about this. The best play is to win the Ace straight away.
Then run all six of the diamonds to aqueeze the opponents. If you see a heart thrown by the leader NOW try for the 9th trick in spades. If hearts don't get chucked probably best to conclude its not your day and cash out your Ace clubs for 1 off..

- 7 a) [4sp] bit too good for 3sp with all those 10s and fitting honours
b) [3NT] fitting hons long suit and touching hons 10s and impletion.
c) [4sp] shortage –long trumps –fitting hons touching hons