

Answers –wjos + twfs

1) bid Pass. Partner has a weak jump overcall

2) bid 3H. Partner will have a reasonable hand for their simple overcall and I am entitled to raise her to see if game might be on.

3) 4 diamonds to the 10. The idea of taking the two way finesse this way is that if the finesse should happen to lose, the player that wins it has no clubs left.

le they were the non dangerous opponent Whoops sorry shouldn't have mentioned " dangerous opponents " much too difficult a concept. Apologies.

4) 2 spades to the 10. Even if this two way finesse loses , the player will not have any clubs left. Eh ? coz the player on the left had 7 clubs ,SO the one on the right has now none left.

"It seems like you always play the two way finesse so if the finesse loses the player it loses to can't lead anything damaging to you ?" Always yes.

5) (i) Double

(ii) 3NT....tho have a lot of sympathy with double even at this vuln.

It is to do with how much you would get for a non vuln game (400) and from a vuln game (600)

The thinking is that the 3C bidder is likely to go off 2 tricks.

When they are Vuln that will net your side 500 if you double.

When they are Not Vuln that will net your side 300 if you double.

Now if you bid 3NT in (i) you will get only 400 ( so double is best); if you dble in (ii) you will get only 300 so 3NT is best ( which scores you 600 ).

I can see there may be more maths involved here than some of you would like – very roughly if the opps are vuln you will show a nice profit doubling when u have their suit and points ; if the opps are not vuln you might be better bidding your own game and not doubling.

6) Pass. For now. Later come in with 2 H.

le if opener rebids 2D and South passes , you can bid 2H.

Suppose N rebids (say) 3D and south passes ? Should you now bid 3H.

I probably would but its dangerous.

7) Well the 10 is right. Do you know why ? Well in general it is better to keep your Ace poised over dummy's King. It is also possible that the 10 will actually win at trick 1.

8) An opening 3NT is of course called The Gambling 3NT.

It shows a seven card solid minor with little else outside.

e.g 8-----65-----AKQJ10543-----J98 with this open 3NT.

Btw-if u r stuck on any questions this week or another week am happy to have another crack at explaining them. Just email me and I'll try.

