

Answers –distributional discards

1) partner almost certainly has three diamonds (they started with the 4 diamonds).
(I know they havent two diamonds because their 4 was the lowest card available to them).
So it seems declarer has two diamonds.
I will duck the first round and win the second.

2) well we have our job to do too (they also serve etc etc).
We play the 4. And obviously follow with the 2.
Showing partner that we have a doubleton may assist them to defend the hand. (They may have the Ace diamonds for instance and want to hold it up)

3) Well we petered in diamonds (that means played a high low).
Partner may get in with a high trump perhaps and give us a ruff in diamonds

4) 4NT. Quantitative

4)b) 4NT quantitative

5) Win and lead small to the 9.
Next time you have the lead in dummy lead small to the J

6) west has specifically Hearts and clubs (and opening points)

7) East has repeated their takeout double. They must be quite strong to keep insisting we call.

8) (i) 2NT [10-12] ii) 3NT

8) (a) opener is requested to go 6NT with 14 (or 13 if they want)
–with less stop in 4NT

9) (b) a) opener is requested to go 7NT with 14 (or 13 if they want)
–with less go to 6NT

