

## Thurs flying solo answers

1) 2NT straightforward - a rebid of 2NT after a 1 level response by partner is 17/18

2) Same hand – and now the bid should be 1NT

Because of lots of reasons but the simplest to take on board is that partner ( who *passed* ) is not strong ! So “underbid” a bit.

3) We need to bid something. NTs would be wrong because (i) we have no club stops and (ii) partner has not bid and may be (very) weak.

The best bid is Double. Still a takeout double. Hopefully partner will choose the right place to play.

4) Wow ! good hand. But partner may have nothing ( and doesn't have 6 pts anyway); With 19 one normally bids 3NT here we are on our own and so bid 2NT. (Double might work too but is a bit esoteric )

5) coo interesting. Well I like my questions anyway.

Options are 2H or 1NT. You have to bid something in response to a t.o.d

I prefer 1NT though others might not.

6) N	E	S	W
1NT	P	2H	P
P	2S	P	P
P			

An example of a delayed overcall. East doesn't risk 2S the first time as the hand is too poor BUT when the opponents stop themselves in “only” 2H that is the moment to make your move and overcall.

No marks for any variations on the above.

7) He's given me a ruff and discard the berk -now how do I take advantage ?

Ruff with the 10 spades and discard the 3 hearts.

Draw trumps and you make 10 tricks.

8) (i) 1Sp (ii) 2NT

9) You need to discard losing hearts and to do it fast before the opponents get the lead.

Win Ace hearts ; play Ace diamonds; play K diamonds; play Q diamonds and discard a heart.

Now draw trumps

10) ruff a heart in dummy [ that's the plan ].

More than one way to bring that about BUT drawing trumps is NOT one of them .

This is the easy way which I would encourage you to do :-

Win Ace Hrts ; play small heart ( which opponents win ) but which creates a void in dummy

When you next can trump a heart in dummy.