

Answers responding 2nT/3NT

1) this is wrong –a 2NT response shows 11/12

2) this is correctish (in the sense that it shows the right point count of 13-15); whether it is such a good idea when (a) you have 4 hearts and may miss a 4H contract or (b) when you have 3 spades and may miss a 5-3 spade fit and a contract of 4Sp ...remains to be seen.

In general both 2NT and 3NT responses should be avoided when you have an interest in a major or majors

3) in (1) either : 1S-----3NT

or 1S-----2C

In (2) 1S----- 2C

4) 1S-----3NT

Pass

Though that admittedly could be a silly contract. And that is what is wrong with a 3NT response

5) 1S-----2D

2H-----4H

6) Pass. Partner's change of suit opposite our overcall is telling us to SHAD UP.

7) Some barrack room lawyer (step forward P.L.S.) will say they need to know which clubs partner played on our A + K clubs before they can decide what to lead next.

Yeah right.

Lets say partners *carding* was discouraging.

So what do you lead next ?

The answer is a diamond. King or 2 I don't really mind.

When you see this dangerous looking dummy with six tricks in hearts (yes 6) you really have to get cracking and take chances. If partner has the Ace diamonds we beat the contract if partner hasn't we don't.

8)Partner's 6 clubs was her lowest and is therefore discouraging (she aint got the Q nor a doubleton); time to switch. DON'T cash the K clubs. DO lead a diamond.

9) (i) trusting souls will take a diamond finesse at trick 1 –those of a more suspicious nature will win with the Ace diamonds ... play Q clubs ...play Ace clubs....play K clubs AND discard the Q diamonds.Then they will draw trumps. And that's how to play .

(ii) win ace diamonds; play Ace spades....play Q spades OVERTAKING with the K spades... play the J spades and discard a diamond. Then draw trumps.

In both hands the trick was to *not* draw trumps until the various discarding had been done.