

## Homework answers –review

1) (i)spades . Play a Chinese finesse ie lead 4 to the Ace and THEN 3 to the Q OR lead 3 to the Q and THEN 4 to the A

(ii)diamonds -running finesse

lead Q diamonds and “run” it. If it gets covered by the K of course play the Ace

(iii)clubs –mongrel finesse

lead the 6 to the J and then play the ACE. Anything else is COMPLETELY wrong

2) (i) hearts 2 to the Q and then Ace to the 4 OR 4 to the Ace and THEN 2 to the Q

(ii)diamonds - 4 to the Q THEN play the Ace

(iii)clubs –repeat finesse – lead the 6 to the J. When that wins return to dummy in another suit and lead the 7 to the Q

3) (a) this is a S.W.S A2 -----10943

By playing the Ace on the k diamonds you will hope later to make a trick with the 10 ( or prevent the opps running winning diamonds against you )

(b) w.w.w. there is no hope of another trick in diamonds with Axx -10xx  
Duck the first two rounds of the suit and win the third

4) method 1) trump a heart in dummy

ie win K Hrts ; play Ace hrts; trump the 3<sup>rd</sup> heart in dummy *then* draw trumps

Method 2 ) discard losers

ie win K hrts ( actually you could and probably should start drawing trumps with this approach ) but at some point ...play A + K diamonds and discard your third heart.

So -----the small heart in declarer’s hand was the liability ; it could be either ruffed in dummy ( method 1) or discarded on the A + K diamonds ( method 2).

5) This question seems to get a fair airing with me ! I have just composed what I thought was an original question on this theme for another homework question.

Oh well perhaps you will get good at it.

You need to know what partner’s message ( attitude) was to your lead of the Q Hrts.  
ie did they like it ? do they have the K Hrts?

They actually played the 6 Hrts which was their lowest heart. Do you know how I know that ? Look closely at the question again.

Anyway –the 6 was low so they don’t like hearts so we switch. To the J diamonds.

6) (a) South should bid 2S because they haven’t a “stop” in spades for NTS

(b) South should bid 1NT because they have a “stop” in spades for NTS

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(d) Correct

