

- 1) seems about right -East only raises to 2Sp in case partner is "protecting" with weak points
- 2) No -bad - West has only 10-14 so to raise to 3 is abysmal. Pass is the correct call.
- 3) Hmm... East should call 3Sp ie about one level lower than they would normally respond.
- 4)BAd -this times its West who has too many points
- 5) bad -East is overbidding opposite a partner who may be protecting on a weakish hand
- 6) reasonable
- 7)BAd -West probably thinks they can protect n last seat BUT they cant over NO TRUMPS
- 8)Bad -East has opened on 9 pts ! NB they are not protecting if the auction has gone pass-pass-pass -

I see that I only found 2 good auctions when there were supposed to be 3 !!!

Q)3 is slightly debatable and if you thought that one ok, well , probably I did too when I set the questions !

- 9) Trick 1) win Ace hrts Trick 2) K d Trick 3) Q d *overtaking with Ace*
Trick 4) J diamonds *discarding a heart* T5) draw trumps.

Do you see why we did that rather than draw trumps ? If you dont well guess whats going to happen when the opponents take their Ace trumps

- 10)Trick 1) win Ace hrts Trick 2) lead a heart *trumping in dummy*
Trick 3) draw trumps

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- 11)Trick 1) let opponents win hrt w.w.w Trick 2) let opponents win hrt w.w.w
Trick 3) win Ace hrts Trick 4) lead a spade.
NB you started with 6 Top Tricks and the spades will provide 3 more

- 12) Hmmm... rather looks like you have 9 tricks on top and therefore can run for home at trick 1 ie the 6432 -----AKQ10 clubs are *probably* 4 tricks.

Anyone who did that , thats fine.

For the super experts amongst you , play as follows :-

- Trick 1) let opponents win hrt w.w.w Trick 2) let opponents win hrt w.w.w
Trick 3) win Ace hrts Trick 4) lead a club Trick 5) lead a club
if everyone has followed to the clubs just carry on playing clubs;
if the clubs are only worth 3 tricks because a player has Jxxx clubs then you will have to play a spade next.

Sorry didnt mean to make this hand so awkward to answer

- 13) no Stayman
- 14) no D.G.R

- 15) Well again it doesnt look too difficult !

(think the problem setter , me, was not at his best) but ... still you have to say how to play and the play of the trumps suit is important.

with AJ43 -----Q762 you have to lead the 2 to the J.

If the J wins then follow with the Ace.

Mongrel finesse you see ?

