

Homework answers –raising partner's major

- 1) Pass. We have a good hand but partner's *gambling raise* is a warning not to get Too excited.
- 2) 3H we have 17 partner has 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 . Our 3H raise asks partner to bid 4 With 8 or 9. (Our bid shows 17 or 18)
- 3) 4Sp –gambling raise (2sp to show 6 -9 would be a bit feeble)
- 4) 2D – we have to take the long route to 4H (a DGR) by first bidding a new suit and then next bidding 4H
- 5) Written as 4 again) 4NT – partner has 16 lets go for it
- 6) Partner has bid a DGR (13-15) and things r good but slam unlikely –pass.
- 7) Partner has bid a DGR and things are VERY good –slam likely. Bid 4NT
- 8) Pass
- 9) 4Sp gambling ...
- 10) 2H limit raise 6-9
- 11)
(i) 9 hrts at trick 1 to show we can get a trick (with the K hrts)

Well ...its anyones guess what to lead now BUT leading the Ace clubs has a lot going for it. le partner may have K and we can carry on with the suit and get a ruff in due course. This loses nothing and is the best shot.

12) switch to hearts as partner played the 5 clubs which was the lowest club available to them (and was therefore their discouraging signal)

13) Theres more than one way to skin this cat but this fist line should be tried errr...first.
(i) Win ace diamonds-play Ace hrts –play K hrts –play a heart and ruff it (with J sp).
Nowwith any luck the hearts have been established [*] in which case draw trumps and
Go to dummy's Ace clubs and play the two established hearts and throw diamonds.
Now you can lead a club and try for an overtrick.

[*] (see above) if the hearts hadn't been established yet –you can deal with that (just about) by going to dummy's 10 spades ...and trumping another heart. Now they definitely have been established.

Draw the remaining trumps and enter dummy with Ace clubs and play the established heart (chucking a diamond). There are unlikely to be any overtricks as we have run out of trumps.

There was a simple alternative to all this establishment of the long suit in dummy –it aint nearly so good but you could play like this : win Ace diamonds –draw trumps –go to dummy and lead a small club to your Q. (a Chinese finesse play). You deserve to go down (for not polaying the better lines) but you might not.