

Homework answers Strong NT

- 1) 1NT 15-17 bog standard 2) 1Sp ...*NOT* 1NT as you don't have a stop in Hrts
 - 3) 2Sp a weak takeout 4) 3H a strong takeout (remember how many pts are Needed for a S.T.O ? (if not look it up)
 - 5) 2NT (strictly) or 3NT if u like. NB we have 9 and partner has 15 or 16 or 17
If you bid 2NT it does allow partner to pass with 15
 - 6) 3NT or 2C stayman
 - 7) Pass a hundred times pass. (2H was a w.t.o)
 - 8) we are going to bid as 3Sp was a STO –what though ? 3NT seems right as partner has only suggested they have five spades
 - 9) Trick 1...Ace diamonds. “Wot on partner's Ace ? Are u madd ?” [No as u will see]

Trick 2... lead 8 diamonds (which partner wins with their Q diamonds)

Trick 3 ...partner leads a 3rd diamond and we trump it
 - 10) Whoa ... just because the K won doesn't mean (for instance) if we led the Q it would also win. Declarer could be pulling a fast one with a holding like AJ5 [the classic Bath coup ruse].
You have to be more thoughtful. The K won yes...but what did partner play ?
Partner played the 6. The 6 on this occasion was their lowest card (check that out).
So if they played their lowest heart they are sending a negative signal.
They don't want a heart/cant help make tricks in hearts.
It would be most unwise to lead another heart by you at trick 2.
Switch to a safe exit diamond.
Too much thought for you ? Bad luck that's what bridge is all about.
 - 11) Trick 1) win the club (doesn't matter where but the Q looks the easier)
Trick 2) lead a spade (say the 10) . It will lose.
Trick 3) the opps lead something (a club maybe ?) you win
Trick 4) lead another spade (the opps win)
- You have 9 tricks. Any other approach is wrong and deserves to fail.
(Actual hand in fact –my partner was the declarer and at trick 2 ...played a heart. And went down)
- 12) These are difficult unless you have seen them before .
You will want to make something of the diamonds BUT if you played Ace then King then another one ...the remaining 3 diamonds would be winners but you would have no way of accessing the dummy to get at 'em.

The answer is to win the club lead and at trick 2)
Lead the 2 diamonds and play the 4 diamonds from dummy. Think about it.

