

Article 6 Answers

Swansea "Castaways" Bridge Quiz

With apologies to Julian Pottage I have used a Club Players quiz set 5 years ago.

What should you bid in these auctions as West. No-one is vulnerable

Hand 1	W	N	E	S
♠KQ754	1♠	2♥	x	p
♥98	?			
♦QJ1096				
♣A				

Ans: 3♦. Partner's double implies the other two suits (or certainly to tolerate whichever you bid). Having already shown your spades you should show your second suit. This should not be considered a reverse by your partner who has invited you to bid a minor suit

Hand 2	W	N	E	S
♠J	p	1♠	p	2♠
♥Q10963	?			
♦A85				
♣KJ87				

Ans: Double. You almost have an opener. Now that opponents have found a fit, you don't want them to play in just 2♠. Partner now has the option of converting this to a penalty double with a good spade holding or bid one of the other 3 suits which your double suggests you can tolerate. The Double surely also guarantees at least 4 hearts!!

Hand 3	W	N	E	S
♠Q95			1NT	p
♥AJ5432	2♦	p	2♥	p
♦A10	?			
♣103				

Ans: 3♥. Your initial transfer showed 5 heart cards. By raising it to 3♥ you are showing about 11pts, 6 hearts and inviting game. You don't have enough to guarantee and bid game. Partner now has the option of pass, 3NT or 4♥, probably one of the latter two.

Hand 4	W	N	E	S
♠ 5	1♣	p	1♥	p
♥ 10	?			
♦ AKQ9				
♣ AQJ10963				

Ans: 2♦. Awkward. The club suit while being good a bid of 3♣ would not necessarily be forcing and you are not good enough to bid 5♣. You can show your 4 card ♦ suit and rebid 3♣ next time round showing a 5+ card club suit. A bid of 4NT to show two minors is too ambitious and likely to taking you to too high a contract level.

Hand 5	W	N	E	S
♠ AQ3	1♣	p	1♠	3♥
♥ A6	?			
♦ AJ52				
♣ Q1093				

Ans: Double. Nowadays a double at this level is for take-out showing extra values and tolerance for any other bid from partner. ♥A6 is not good enough cover for 3NT. If you bid 3♠ partner will consider you to have 4 spades and 16+ HCPs. I think partner should recognise you have 16+ HCPs and probably 3 spade cards

Hand 6	W	N	E	S
♠ 10			1♠	p
♥ K92	?			
♦ 1087542				
♣ A54				

Ans: 1NT. You are not promising a balanced hand. Nowadays 1NT is often referred to as a “dustbin bid” saying that you have enough to bid but not enough to bid at the 2 level. If you bid 2♦ partner will inevitably bid 2♠ with a six card suit. 1NT will cause partner to consider other options including pass.