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31st May 2010 Bridge Tips Tannah Hirsch

Q. 1 – Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

K Q 7 2 K 10 7 3 9 7 3 9 3

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1 Pass 2 Pass

3 Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A – Your double fit gives you enough to proceed to game, but that does not mean you should proceed to four spades. The hand could play better in the 4-4 fit, so bid four hearts and let partner choose.

Q. 2 – North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:

Q J 6 A 8 Q 9 6 5 9 8 6 5

The bidding has proceeded:

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1 Pass 4 4

5 ?

What action do you take?

A – To bid at the four-level at adverse vulnerability, partner must have a huge hand. You have a good hand for him, but don't be satisfied to compete with five spades. Cue-bid five hearts.

Q. 3 – As South vulnerable, you hold:

7 K Q 10 8 3 A 9 6 A K 6 2

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1 2 \* 3 4

5 Pass Pass 5

?

\*pre-emptive

What do you bid now?

A – As partner had not the chance to make a move toward slam, you have an opportunity to describe your hand further. Pass. That promises second-round spade control since you would have doubled with two spade losers. Partner must double or bid on.

Q. 4 – East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

8 4 K Q J 10 7 A K 10 8 6 3

The bidding has proceeded:

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1 Pass 2NT\* ?

\*forcing spade raise

What action do you take?

A – Judging by the bidding, you can expect partner to be broke, so you must do as much as you can to make life difficult for your opponents. Jump to four no trump.

Q. 5 – Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

8 5 9 6 A Q J 5 4 Q 9 5 4

The bidding has proceeded:

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

Pass Pass 1 2

3 ?

What action do you take?

A – Your club length suggests East has club control and has slam interest. This is your chance to make a lead-directing bid of three diamonds. You have a safety net if you are doubled, you can retreat to clubs.

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