

20th June SOLUTIONS

1

♠ AJT84
♥ KT53
♦ 94
♣ AJ

♠ KQ
♥ AQJ98
♦ T872
♣ 75

♠ 9532
♥ 4
♦ AQJ5
♣ T842

♠ 76
♥ 762
♦ K63
♣ KQ963

Dealer: North

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1 ♠ | 2 ♥ | ? |

Does South bid a) 2S or b) 3S

South bids **b) 3S**. ADD in your shortage points when you hold 4 card support for partner's 5 card suit.

2

♠ T9654
♥ 9
♦ KQ63
♣ T86

♠ KJ7
♥ AKJT53
♦ A97
♣ 7

♠ AQ8
♥ Q872
♦ 84
♣ AJ53

♠ 32
♥ 64
♦ JT52
♣ KQ942

Dealer: East

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | 1 ♥ | ? |

Does South bid a) Dble b) Pass or c) 2C

South bids **b) Pass**. You have too many hearts for a takeout double, and not enough clubs for an overcall of 2C.

3

♠ KQJ5
♥ AK852
♦ JT9
♣ Q

♠ 832
♥ QT4
♦ 42
♣ AJ954

♠ A974
♥ 96
♦ KQ876
♣ 73

♠ T6
♥ J73
♦ A53
♣ KT862

Dealer: South

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | 1 ♥ | Pass | ? |

Does South bid a) 1S b) 1NT or c) 2D

South bids **a) 1S**. Bidding 1NT denies four spades and bidding at the 2 level shows 10+ hcp.

4

♠ A8653
♥ KT632
♦ K7
♣ 3

♠ QJ7
♥ AJ84
♦ T6
♣ Q876

♠ KT42
♥ ---
♦ AQ8542
♣ KJ5

♠ 9
♥ Q975
♦ J93
♣ AT942

Dealer: South

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass | 1 ♦ ? |

Does South bid a) 2S b) 3S or c) 4S

South bids **b) 3S**. When you have a fit, ADD in your shortage points. Your hand is now worth 18 tp, so jump to 3S to show 16-18. North will have no trouble going onto game.

5

♠ AT96
♥ AK653
♦ Q8
♣ T8

♠ KJ72
♥ T9
♦ JT97
♣ J42

♠ 84
♥ Q8742
♦ K2
♣ A975

♠ Q53
♥ J
♦ A6543
♣ KQ63

Dealer: North

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1 ♥ | Pass | ? |

Does South bid a) 2H b) 3H or c) 4H...

South bids **b) 3H**. ADD in your shortage points when you hold 5 card support for partner's 5 card suit.

6

♠ JT63
♥ JT82
♦ T5
♣ K82

♠ KQ87542
♥ 63
♦ Q9
♣ Q5

♠ ---
♥ AK54
♦ AJ84
♣ AJT43

♠ A9
♥ Q97
♦ K7632
♣ 976

Dealer: East

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| Pass | 4 ♥ | 3 ♠ Pass | Dbl ? |

Does South bid a) Pass b) 4NT or c) 6H...

South bids **a) Pass**. Partner is not promising any points for their 4H bid, so it's too risky to try for slam.

7

♠ AQJ97
 ♥ Q7
 ♦ Q73
 ♣ K92
 ♠ 82
 ♥ 962
 ♦ AJ86
 ♣ T853
 ♠ T654
 ♥ J54
 ♦ K954
 ♣ J6
 ♠ K3
 ♥ AKT83
 ♦ T2
 ♣ AQ74

Dealer: North

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♥ |
| Pass | 2 NT | Pass | ? |

Does South bid a) 3C b) 3NT or c) 4NT...

South bids either **a) 3C** or **b) 3NT**. North is not promising a balanced hand, so bidding 3C covers all contingencies.

8

♠ AKQ9
 ♥ A6
 ♦ Q93
 ♣ J852
 ♠ J42
 ♥ Q74
 ♦ K8642
 ♣ K7
 ♠ 65
 ♥ 8532
 ♦ T
 ♣ AQT643
 ♠ T873
 ♥ KJT9
 ♦ AJ75
 ♣ 9

Dealer: North

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1 NT | 2 ♣ | ? |

Does South bid a) Dble b) 2NT c) 3C or d) 3NT...

South bids **c) 3C** *best* or **b) 2NT**. 3C is a cue bid and promises a 4 card major. If North holds a 4 card major, they will bid it.

9

♠ 96
 ♥ J652
 ♦ J9642
 ♣ 97
 ♠ 53
 ♥ A3
 ♦ 53
 ♣ AKQ6542
 ♠ AK4
 ♥ T984
 ♦ AQT7
 ♣ J3
 ♠ QJT872
 ♥ KQ7
 ♦ K8
 ♣ T8

Dealer: East

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | 1 ♦ | ? |

Does South bid a) Pass b) 1S or c) 2S...

South bids **b) 1S**. You have too many points to overcall 2S (6-10) and you want partner to lead a spade if they are on lead.

10

♠ AJ3
 ♥ KQ8
 ♦ KQJ52
 ♣ K2
 ♠ T6
 ♥ J94
 ♦ A8
 ♣ JT9743
 ♠ K72
 ♥ 632
 ♦ 9763
 ♣ A65
 ♠ Q9854
 ♥ AT75
 ♦ T4
 ♣ Q8

Dealer: North

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1 ♦ | Pass | 1 ♠ |
| Pass | 2 NT | Pass | ? |

Does South bid a) Pass b) 3H c) 3S or d) 3NT...

South bids **b) 3H**. This shows 5 spades and 4 hearts and offers West a choice of 3 contracts: 3NT, 4H or 4S.

11

♠ J
 ♥ AJ5
 ♦ A95
 ♣ AJ8643
 ♠ Q986
 ♥ Q2
 ♦ KJ743
 ♣ T7
 ♠ K543
 ♥ 9863
 ♦ QT6
 ♣ Q2
 ♠ AT72
 ♥ KT74
 ♦ 82
 ♣ K95

Dealer: South

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1 ♣ | Pass | 1 ♥ |
| Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass | ? |

Does South bid a) Pass b) 2NT or c) 3C...

South bids **b) 2NT**. This shows 10-12 points and invites opener to bid game if they hold 14 or 15 points.

12

♠ 8
 ♥ A8432
 ♦ A97
 ♣ KQJ4
 ♠ KQT96
 ♥ J7
 ♦ Q6
 ♣ 9765
 ♠ 432
 ♥ KQT9
 ♦ J83
 ♣ T82
 ♠ AJ75
 ♥ 65
 ♦ KT542
 ♣ A3

Dealer: South

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♠ | 2 ♥ | Pass | 1 ♦ |
| | | | ? |

Does South bid a) 2S b) 2NT or c) 3D...

South bids **b) 2NT** to show a minimum hand with a spade stopper. This does not promise a balanced hand though.