

## Counsel for the Defence 59 – Quiz

### Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 6 5

♥ Q J 6

♦ Q J 8 3

♣ 3



♠ 9 4 2

♥ A K 8

♦ 10 9 2

♣ A 10 4 2

West North East South

Pass 3♣ Pass

Pass Dbl All pass

Q1: What are you expecting partner to hold for his bidding decisions?

Q2: Do you agree with South's bidding decisions?

You make the obvious lead of a top heart: Trick 1 you lead A♥: A-6-3-2

Q3: Now you see the dummy, what is your best guess as to partner and declarer's respective distributions?

Q4: What are your best guesses about the location of the honour cards not visible in your hand or dummy?

Q5: How many more defensive tricks are you assured of?

Q6: What is your plan when it comes to the trump suit?

Q7: What do you lead to Trick 2, and why?

### Post Mortem

Q8: What do you think of each of the other players choices in the auction?

Q9: Could declarer have done better?

## Board 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 2  
♥ 10 8 4 3  
♦ K 9 5 2  
♣ K 4



♠ Q J 4  
♥ J 7 2  
♦ Q 8 3  
♣ J 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass
2♣! <sup>2</sup>	Pass	2♠ <sup>3</sup>	Pass
3NT	All pass		

1. 15-17
2. checkback Stayman
3. 4S, only 2H

Q1: You had nothing to say in the auction, but listened carefully to it - what do you know about the opposition hands?

Q2: What leads do you consider, and which do you choose?

Say you go for the 7♥, and see Trick 1 go: 7♥: 7-3-6-A

Q3: What do you know about the heart position?

Q4: How many points does partner have?

Declarer plays two rounds of clubs, your partner following to both and playing the Queen on the second round.

Trick 2: Declarer leads 3♣: 3-5-K-9

Trick 3: Dummy leads 4♣: 4-Q-A-2

Q5: What is the remaining club position?

Declarer persists with clubs, the fourth trick going 6 ♣: 6 ♣-8♣-2 ♦-3 ♠

Partner's 3 ♠ is discouraging in the suit.

Q6: What is your general defensive plan, and what do you lead now?

### **Post Mortem**

Q7: Do you agree with the opposition bidding?

Q8: Could declarer have done better?

### Board 3

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 3

♥ 10 9 7 6 3 2

♦ Q J 10 5

♣ J 3



♠ K 6

♥ Q J 5

♦ K 9 8 7 4

♣ A 10 4

West	North	East	South
		1♠	Pass
1NT	2♣	2♠	3♣
3♥	Pass	3♠	All pass

Q1: Do you agree with the stated South bidding decisions? In particular, would you have overcalled on your first turn?

Q2: What inferences from the auction can you make about each of the opponents' hands?

Q3: What opening leads do you consider, and which do you choose?

Say you plump for the A♣, winning trick 1 and receiving encouragement from your partner.

Trick 1: you lead A♣: A-3-7-8

Trick 2: you lead 10♣: 10-J-Q-9

Q4: What is going on in the club suit?

Now partner leads 6♦, declarer playing low

Trick 3: partner leads 6♦: 6-2-?

Q5: What is going on in the diamond suit?

Q6: How do you defend from here?

## **Post Mortem**

Q7: What do you think of the opponents' bidding decisions?

Q8: How would your side have fared in a club contract?