# Defensive Carding Questions

Please answer the questions below with your partner and after you have both answered them please discuss your answers with your partner.

1. Against suit contracts with a doubleton and NOT able to overruff dummy if partner leads the card that shows AK in your methods do you signal a doubleton or not? Does it depend if you want a switch?

**No. No.**
2. Having supported partner with xxx or xxxx and partner leads the king, what card do you play in each case? Does it matter if you wanted a switch?

**No. No.**
3. Partner leads the king against a suit contract (asking for count) but there is a singleton in dummy. Is your card count, encouraging/discouraging, suit preference or what?

**Suit-preference**
4. Defending a NT contract if dummy wins trick-1 with a stiff ace or king, do your signals change?

**No, still encouraging, positive tells leader it is safe to continue. If lead was a spot-card, show queen/king.**
5. If you have a known very long suit do your signals change? For example, are very high and very low cards suit preference for the highest/lowest suits and intermediate cards encouraging? Or are your signals unchanged?

**Unchanged.**
6. When discarding do you and partner signal a lot to each other?
	1. If so how and when

	**Quite a lot: even-parity spots show values in scarce hands.**
	2. Does the defender with fewer problems tend to give count or attitude to help partner?

	**Yes.**
7. Does your partnership tend to false card frequently, rarely or never? Is it only in very specific situations?

**Disinterested false-count is common – but usually only low-high with odd. Others rare.**
8. Trump peters - are they used regularly or only to alert partner to a ruff?

**Regularly for three trumps and neutral SP.**
9. When following suit with two or more small trumps does the order of following suit have any other possible meaning (e.g. suit preference).
10. If your first signal in a suit was attitude are later signals original count or current count?

**Current count.**
	1. Same question if you needed to play a high card on the first occasion the suit was led.

	**Current count.**
11. If you cannot possibly hold strength in a particular suit (e.g. dummy has AKQJ) is your first discard in it count or suit preference?

**Suit preference.**
12. When following to dummy's winners in a suit does your order of play of small cards have any suit preference overtones?

**Yes, suit preference.**
13. You lead your partnership card from K108642 against a NT contract. If you decide to discard from this suit later what card would you throw if you were to make (a) one discard (b) two discards?

**Lead 6; (a) 2; (b) 2 then 4.**