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From the President



Keith McDonald

A NUMBER of years ago I received a submission on "Zero Tolerance". The statement was "The behaviour of bridge players in general at the table leaves a lot to be desired. If bridge is to have a positive image some form of zero tolerance is the key. U.S.A. example. Penalties for minor offences: matchpoints,imps. Automatic suspension for major incidents." While this concept has obvious appeal to some members it is the opposite view I wish to explore. I do not favour a laissez-faire approach, however I believe we need tolerance of differences. Many authors have written about the personality types that play bridge. Easley Blackwood, writing in 1951, "The Human Element in Bridge", had several personality types that we can still recognise today "Mr Champion," "Mr Abel", "Miss Brash", "Mrs Keen", "Mr Muzzy". The psy-

chology involved in Bridge includes the effect of mistakes: Guilt, Shame, and Anger. A Feature Article "The Psychology Of Bridge," by Ian Price is included in "Mind Games" published by the Q.B.A.

Within the bounds of reasonableness we need to be more tolerant of behaviour that may be considered excessive. This tolerance has several aspects, not only would I ask for tolerance between members, but when a Board or Management Committee appears to have acted excessively members might think that these people acted for what they perceived to be in the best interests of the club. This places a responsibility on Board members to act at all times with good faith. The same philosophy should apply to Directors, and Appeal Committees. They all make decisions with the best intent.

My sincere thanks to Mary Yeates and the Cairns Bridge Club for a wonderful Barrier Reef Congress held over the Queen's birthday weekend. Mackay will host the 2004 event. It is a great weekend, don't miss out! I wish the Queensland teams the best of luck for the Darwin ANC. At the time this is distributed we will know the results of the ANC. ■

Queensland Mixed Pairs

THE State Mixed Pairs at Toowong failed to attract the large fields that seem to be reserved for one-day events, but the number of tables at least appears stable at around 25 each year. A few pairs held the lead throughout the two-round final on Sunday, including Robyn Clayton and Alan Smith, who pulled away at the end to win from Meta Goodman and Tony Jackman.

We used our system to get to the good minor suit slam on this board, but alas Therese had the vital DJ, and there were 12 tricks on top in 6NT, so we scored below average.

F 1	♠ Q108
Bd 20	♥ 9843
Dir W	♦ 98654
Vul Both	♣ 8
♠ K743	♠ A6
♥ J1052	♥ A6
♦ KJ	♦ AQ32
♣ AJ4	♣ KQ1065
	♠ J952
	♥ KQ7
	♦ 107
	♣ 9732

Therese, West, opened 1NT (12-14) and I bid 2S as a transfer to clubs, to which Therese bid 2NT as a super-accept, showing 3-card support and one of the top 3 honours, so I bid 4C, which was RKCB, and over the 4H response I bid 6C. At teams 6C was a good contract, but at pairs, with a minimum of 31 HCP I should have punted 6NT.

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On board 1 of the second round of the final we got to a good game that was scuttled by the wrong play at trick 2 and a bad trump break.

F 2	♠ 10832		
Bd 1	♥ Q1097		
Dlr N	♦ 732		
Vul None	♣ 96		
♠ KJ97		♠ Q654	
♥ 6		♥ KJ5	
♦ Q1095		♦ AK4	
♣ J1042		♣ A75	
	♠ A		
	♥ A8432		
	♦ J86		
	♣ KQ83		

Sitting East, I opened 1C and South bid 1H. Therese made a negative double, North bid a pre-emptive 3H, and I bid 3S which Therese raised to game.

South led the HA and continued with the D6, and I made the mistake of winning this on the table with the DT! I returned to my hand with a diamond to lead a trump towards dummy, but when the trumps broke 4-1 I was not able to get my heart ruff, draw trumps and then lead to the table to cash the last diamond.

I should have won trick 2 in hand to lead a trump, and then I could have retained the D4 to lead to dummy at the end.

A double fit propelled us to a making, doubled contract on this board.

F 2	♠ J10985		
Bd 23	♥ A10		
Dlr S	♦ KQJ103		
Vul Both	♣ A		
♠ K		♠ A632	
♥ QJ7653		♥ 982	
♦ 7		♦ A8	
♣ KQ873		♣ J965	
	♠ Q74		
	♥ K4		
	♦ 96542		
	♣ 1042		

West opened 1H, Therese bid 2H to show spades and a minor, East doubled to show points and I bid 2S. West showed their second suit (and likely their weak distributional hand) with 3C. When Therese bid 3D to confirm her second suit and East bid 3H, I bid 4D to show my fit. Therese bid 4S over 4H by West, and East doubled.

Club leads are likely to result in the demise of 4S, but West led the HQ and continued hearts on winning the SK, so 10 tricks made for +790, which was repeated at a couple of tables.

On this board the pairs scoring forced me to take a risk to make over-tricks in an impragable contract.

F 2	♠ AJ		
Bd 28	♥ A43		
Dlr W	♦ A10865		
Vul NS	♣ AQ4		
♠ Q874		♠ 10653	
♥ 10962		♥ KJ5	
♦ KQ74		♦ J92	
♣ 8		♣ K63	
	♠ K92		
	♥ Q87		
	♦ 3		
	♣ J109752		

Therese opened 1D as North, and raised my 1NT response to 3NT, to which West led the S4. Rising with the SA to preserve my entry to the clubs guarantees 9 tricks regardless of where the honours are, but this was pairs, so I played the SJ, which won. I next led the CA followed by the CQ, and if East had ducked this (which must be the right defense), I would have felt uneasy about my chances, but fortunately they won and continued spades, so I made 11 tricks when the HK was well placed.

■ Richard Wallis

Toowoomba

TRAVELLING and an overnight stay must be the reason Toowoomba fails to draw any sort of crowd for it's annual congress, which is, after all, the first one in Australia! At the Anzac Teams in Brisbane the weekend before 48 teams entered, and yet only 18 teams played in the 2-day event at Toowoomba. Nevertheless, the field, while small, was still very strong and any of the top 8 teams had their chances to win. In the end, my team (Richard Wallis, Therese Tully, David Appleton and Paul Gosney) won 7 out of the 8 matches to win comfortably.

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On this board we reached a good slam, but one that required careful play when the 4-0 break was disclosed, and Therese reversed the dummy for 12 tricks and 13 IMP.

M 1	♠ AK54		
Bd 7	♥ K76		
Dlr S	♦ Q54		
Vul Both	♣ J82		
♠ —		♠ Q973	
♥ J9843		♥ 5	
♦ 10986		♦ 32	
♣ 7654		♣ AKQ1093	
	♠ J10862		
	♥ AQ102		
	♦ AKJ7		
	♣ —		

Therese opened 1S, West passed, I bid 2NT (Jacoby), East bid 3C, and Therese cue-bid 4C. When West passed, I was interested in slam, since we had no club wastage, but I did not have an ace to cue-bid, nor did I want to take charge with 4NT, so I cue-bid my HK with 4H, and that was all Therese needed, as she jumped to 6S.

After ruffing the club lead, Therese led a spade to dummy and a small one off the table to East's queen, who returned the singleton heart, but this was won on the table and another club ruffed, followed by the SJ and a diamond to dummy to draw the last trump, on which her losing heart was thrown and then her hand was high. It is common practice in big tournaments to bid a suit that you do not have to prohibit the lead, and against certain people (such as Pakistani International Zia Mahmood), every suit that they bid is eyed with suspicion. Therese is not one of them however, and on board 17 of match 2 it is not surprising that West failed to lead a spade against 3NT.

M 2	♠ 7		
Bd 17	♥ AK52		
Dlr N	♦ AQ6		
Vul None	♣ AQ1075		
♠ KJ10632		♠ AQ	
♥ 43		♥ 10986	
♦ J10		♦ 9753	
♣ K64		♣ J83	
	♠ 9854		
	♥ QJ7		
	♦ K842		
	♣ 92		

I opened 1C, Therese bid 1S, I reversed with 2H, and Therese bid 2NT, which showed a minimum hand. West did not lead a spade, and when dummy went down, it is unlikely that they would have been inclined to switch to a spade without some signal from partner, and Therese made 9 tricks by way of the club finesse.

It does not pay to give a good declarer too accurate a picture of the hand, and on this board Therese read the cards perfectly to land what looked to be a hopeless 3NT.

M 7	♠ Q5		
Bd 2	♥ K4		
Dlr S	♦ A109765		
Vul NS	♣ Q109		
♠ J82		♠ K97643	
♥ J1087		♥ A953	
♦ 43		♦ —	
♣ AK72		♣ 543	
		♠ A10	
		♥ Q62	
		♦ KQJ82	
		♣ J86	

Therese, South, opened 1NT (12-14) and I bid a simple 3NT, to which West led the HJ. Therese played the HK, won by the ace, and ducked the next heart, but before playing back another heart, West played the CK, to show anyone interested that he also held the CA, but probably not the SK! Therese now ran off 6 diamond tricks and carefully watched West's discards, and when they proved to be 2 clubs and 2 spades, she led the SQ, pinning the SJ for 9 tricks. If West had discarded a heart, he would have been thrown in with a club to lead a spade and the spade guess was odds on.

On this board East was in the unfortunate position of being end-played in all suits on the opening lead.

M 8	♠ K986		
Bd 15	♥ AKJ763		
Dlr S	♦ 6		
Vul NS	♣ A3		
♠ J4		♠ A752	
♥ Q108		♥ 9	
♦ J8532		♦ K74	
♣ 1042		♣ KJ875	
		♠ Q103	
		♥ 542	
		♦ AQ109	
		♣ Q96	

Therese passed with the South hand, as did West, and I opened 1H as North, over which East doubled for takeout. Therese now redoubled to show 10+ points, and then 2H over East's 2C bid to show 3-card heart support, which I was happy to take to game. Any suit East leads gives up a potential trick, and while I would not have led a singleton trump, at least the H9 gave me the same number of tricks I could make myself by finessing. I could have now made 12 tricks by guessing everything right, but settled for 11, which was enough to pick up 1 IMP.

■ Richard Wallis

Interclub Teams

Do you dread finding yourself playing in the triangle in a teams competition (with an odd number of teams)?

On Sat, May 4, Redlands Bridge Club hosted a friendly interclub teams match with their neighbours Eastern Suburbs and Sunnybank in their brand new premises. An odd number of clubs and an odd number of teams (3) from each club!

A movement was devised by Peter Alp with not one triangle but three! Each team would play an 8-board match against each team from the other clubs. (Anyone interested in the movement can email trcvcoochie@hotmail.com for details.)

Here are a couple of hands where declarer came to grief with an unsuccessful finesse.

Dlr N	♠ A85		
Vul None	♥ K62		
	♦ 654		
	♣ A642		
♠ QJ63		♠ 72	
♥ AJ8		♥ Q10973	
♦ AQ108		♦ 97	
♣ 87		♣ KQ53	
		♠ K1094	
		♥ 54	
		♦ KJ32	
		♣ J109	

W	N	E	S
X	1NT*	P	P
2NT	P	2H	P
All pass	P	P	X

* 11-13 balanced

South went for the jugular on the 1st board of the day - but whose ?

The opening C2 lead accounted for one of dummy's entries. Declarer now attacked hearts, his long suit. After North said a silent prayer and held up the HK, the contract drifted two off when declarer couldn't get to either the CK or the established hearts.

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Dlr S	♠ K87		
Vul Both	♥ 1063		
	♦ AJ5		
	♣ Q953		
♠ 92		♠ J10643	
♥ K8		♥ J2	
♦ KQ8643		♦ 10	
♣ J64		♣ A10872	
		♠ AQ5	
		♥ AQ9754	
		♦ 972	
		♣ K	

W	N	E	S
2D	2H	P	1H
P	4H	All pass	3D

Trick 1 went DK - DA - DT - D7. Declarer could bring home his 10-trick game by keeping his trump losers to one. Alas! He finessed without finesse and suffered a ruff. Safer is to play to the HA, cross to dummy's SK, then lead up to the HQ.

At the end a congenial day's bridge Redlands enjoying homeground advantage finished narrow winners with consistent efforts from their 3 teams. Till the rematch ...

■ Trevor Strickland

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Mind Games A History of Old Bridge

Cuppaidge's Column



George Cuppaidge

HERE are three hands, all from gaming zone situations. The first illustrates an unusual card combination. That is, how to handle a particular card combination for the maximum number of tricks. The next two feature unusual forms of good luck. Luck at the bridge table comes in many guises. These two are unusual by any standard.

Card combinations

Dlr N	♠ KQ	♠ 1063	♠ 97
	♥ K107	♥ Q953	♥ J862
	♦ J1062	♦ K84	♦ Q975
	♣ KJ92	♣ 874	♣ Q105
		♠ AJ8542	
		♥ A4	
		♦ A3	
		♣ A63	

W	N	E	S
	1C	P	1S
P	1NT	P	3S
P	4S	P	6S
All pass			

After a relatively uninformative auction West led the C8. What was it? Eight doubleton? Eight singleton? If it was either of these, not 87, I needed a diamond trick for my twelfth. Basing all my play on the fragile assumption that the lead was one of these I found the way to go down. If West had short clubs, then he would have the long diamonds.

There are two ways to manage the diamond suit for two tricks if the honours are split. If West is indeed longer, pull the DJ. Whether East covers or not you get a second diamond trick. You also succeed when East erroneously covers with honour to four or five. On the actual layout you play ace and another. If West does not take his king it will be ruffed out. If he takes it there is a ruffing finesse position against East. This is not a suit combination that you will find in the Bridge Encyclopaedia.

So after the C9, C10 and CA I played a trump to dummy and led the DJ, not

covered by East and won by West's DK. When the C7 came back it was all crystal clear, a fourth round club trick was available for a diamond discard, but too late now, I was obliged to play the CK.

So I would have succeeded even had the lead been 87xx. Devastated by the 3-3 break!

Unusually good luck

Consider your thoughts as the auction develops, holding these cards. You are dealer as South and all are vulnerable.

♠764 ♥KJ8742 ♦— ♣K943

You open 1H, I hope you do! West bids 1S and partner bids 2H. You hear 3S on your right. You pass, West passes and you desperately hope that that is the end of the matter, but no, pard finds 4H. This is passed around to the inevitable 4S from West. This is passed to you, what now?

You cannot be defeating this can you? No partner will ever find the diamond lead. There's a case for double of a freely bid game saying you can ruff something. But is this a freely bid game? It looks like partner is very short in spades and very long in hearts so surely the save won't be dear; so you bid 5H.

Dlr S	♠ 10	♠ QJ93
Vul Both	♥ Q95	♥ 106
	♦ J9765	♦ AK102
	♣ AQ52	♣ J107
	♠ AK852	♠ 764
	♥ A3	♥ KJ8742
	♦ Q843	♦ —
	♣ 86	♣ K943

The SA is led. Hearts are shorter than you'd hoped (expected?) so you will need a non-trump switch to make but even one down won't be bad. The inevitable switch to the ace and another trump comes. You might still just do it if the diamonds are 4-4. You win the second trump in dummy and ruff a diamond after noting that there are potentially all the additional four entries that you will need to establish and enjoy the long diamond. The ace, queen and five of clubs (unblock that C9 from hand!) and one spade ruff. So after the trump switch, with 2-2 trumps, 4-4 diamonds and 3-2 clubs you scramble home. You apologise to the opponents as you write down 850 in the plus column. Yes, only Solomon would have refrained from doubling 5H on this auction.

A lucky "brilliantcy"

I was fortunate enough to have one kibitzer when this lucky opportunity to be brilliant came along. Look carefully at the line of play and you will see that it is largely an "automatic" one, yet the end-position it produced looked quite spectacular.

	♠ 10	♠ K93
	♥ QJ94	♥ K1053
	♦ J1096	♦ 753
	♣ J654	♣ KQ8
♠ QJ6542		
♥ 72		
♦ 82		
♣ 1093		
	♠ A87	
	♥ A86	
	♦ AKQ4	
	♣ A72	

Sitting South I opened 2NT and my partner, one BJDE, bid 3D. Over my 3H he bid 3NT and still thinking 3D was a transfer to hearts, I bid 4H. I do not know what BJDE intended by his 3D bid!

A diamond was led and I followed this "automatic" line. Win with the DK, cash the SA and ruff a spade. Now the HQ, covered by East's king, won by the ace and ruff my last spade. Cash the HJ and a diamond back to the DA to play another round of trumps.

So when East won his H10 this was the position. I have taken 7 tricks.

	—	
	—	
	J10	
	J65	
QJ		—
—		5
—		7
1093		KQ8
	—	
	—	
	Q4	
	A72	

Poor East could give me a *sluff and sluff* (I like that!) by cashing his last heart! That would leave me three more winners. Instead he exited a diamond and ruffed my diamond continuation. Now he was endplayed in clubs, when I ducked his CK. I'm sure my lone kibitzer was very impressed. But in fact was this not simply an "automatic" line of play? ■

George would welcome any comments on his articles. Email: jorj41@bigpond.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Spectators must not talk to players during a round.

Is There a Bridge God?

YES - Yes - Yesss! It happened on Tues night May 13 at QCBC. The big guns are there chasing the big \$\$\$\$. Just to name a few, there is Mike & Betty, Margaret & Maha, John & Susie, Richard & Barry, Greer & Agnes, Keith & Keith, Margaret & Robbie and the list goes on. We are playing duplicate pairs, known in Poland as "Tops & Bottoms"; in Russia they call this "Russian Roulette" with all the chambers loaded. OK, OK Hunt, get on with the story!

The four players involved are Marion Cooke and Jenny Cater (NS) and Bill Hunt and Paul Hooijkaas (EW). It was board 13 and the dealer was West, all vul.

Sitting West holding

♠AK987 ♥109432 ♦2 ♣AJ

I opened 1S and Marion, who hates to pass at the best of times and is never shy, bid 3D (weak pre-emptive jump). Paul passed, Jenny bid 3H (forcing I think), I passed and 3NT by Marion was passed back to me. I said to myself, "This contract is not going to make," so I doubled. Such bidding does not exist! And yes, low and behold the opposition stand it – all passed out. Has Christmas come early or what!

Partner obliges and leads a spade.

Dir W	♠ QJ10
Vul Both	♥ J
	♦ AJ9765
	♣ 1032
♠ AK987	♥ 432
♥ 109432	♦ Q
♦ 2	♣ 43
♣ AJ	♠ Q987654
	♠ 65
	♥ AK8765
	♦ KQ108
	♣ K

When dummy came down I thought, "Who can make what?"

Marion appears to have 1 spade trick, 2 heart tricks and 7 diamond tricks; 10 in all. This is making overtricks!

Having gone through the motion of counting how many winners you have and the opposition have, things do not look rosy! Once Marion gets the lead, she is going to rattle off lots of tricks. But why is the table shaking so much and declarer trying to pick herself up off the floor after seeing dummy?

Yeah, yeah, I have got it; declarer does not have a club stopper and we are going to get the whole full biscuit tin. Cash the

SAK, the CA, and partner plays the 9. We are playing high encouraging, being members of the old bridge school. Marion's world has just caved in around her, she no longer believes in the "Bridge God".

To speed up the movement she is about to say, "OK you two", how many club tricks do you want. I would say "6 will do", being a person with a very generous nature.

But wait! Oh No! I get this sick feeling in my stomach; my partner played the C9. Please, pretty please, let him have Q1098765 in clubs, but in the excitement of now looking at the next 6 club tricks, inadvertently played the 9 and not the 10. No such luck, this 9 was a true card and yes partner does have 7 clubs to the queen but his suit is now blocked. We do have 7 club tricks but can not get them.

This also means that we may be able to make 4S. Jenny might even double this for + 790 for the good guys. Them, being the bad guys, for 3 NT doubled, will get + 750 at least. Yes, 5D is one off. What a turn-over.

Jenny cracked the biggest smile that I have ever seen and I think the smile will be there for a long time to come. Marion too, was a happy and relieved vegemite for this club blockage. And yes, we keep coming back for more punishment. Well done, Marion & Jenny, I am pleased we were only "Tops & Bottoms" and not \$\$\$.

Happy Bridging and see you all next time.

■ Bill Hunt

Dir E	♠ 653
Vul NS	♥ J1087
	♦ K
	♣ J8532
♠ AKQ1092	♥ —
♥ K2	♦ A
♦ 53	♠ AQJ9642
♣ KQ6	♣ A10974
	♠ J874
	♥ Q96543
	♦ 1087
	♣ —

W	N	E	S
Richard		Tony	
1S	2H	1C ¹	1H ²
4NT	P	3D	P
6NT	P	6D	P
7NT	All pass	7C	P

¹ Precision

² Hearts and spades

Very scientific! Can't touch it-15 tricks later! As "they say" it's not a game, it's a shame. Well, there may be some luck involved but how come we see the same names winning most often?

Well, here's one reason why. My lapse (I prefer this to lack) in concentration cost us dearly on this board.

Dir E	♠ A43
Vul EW	♥ J9852
	♦ 1054
	♣ 92
♠ QJ10762	♥ 8
♥ 7	♦ AK10
♦ J9	♠ K632
♣ KJ107	♣ AQ864
	♠ K95
	♥ Q643
	♦ AQ87
	♣ 53

The H3 was led against 3NT by East.

Tony won my HJ with his ace. He could see 7 tricks. He needs the spade suit. If he leads the 8 from his hand (we know from the bidding he has a singleton), south will duck, I will win and return a heart. Now he has no hope. However he cleverly went over to dummy, lead the SQ and silly me played low. There is still hope if partner ducks and I wake up on the next spade, but the king hit the table and there was no return to save my skin and red face.

Still, this too will pass. We keep trying and will be back for more punishment and hopefully good decisions next year. Thank you GCBC.

■ Kathy Johnson

Gold Coast

In spite of all the construction of new buildings going on all around us, the Gold Coast Bridge Club held the annual teams congress over the weekend of June 28 & 29. There were 32 teams including 3 novice teams. All went smoothly under Alan Gibson's direction, the homemade goodies just kept coming, and it was nice not having to bring your own lunch. (I always forget.)

Lots of prize money was awarded, three each to the championship, plate, & consolation sections plus the best novice team & best club team. The Robson team of Mike Robson - Betty Lee and Richard Wallis - Tony Jackman (he kept saying he was Therese) never lost a match and were so far ahead of the field, it was really only the other places up for grabs. We were one of their victims.

This hand on Sunday afternoon against them was the most talked about hand that day and was bad luck and a lot of IMPs lost for us.

Honeysuckle Congress

THE traditional 2-day pairs at Buderim was changed this year to a 1-day pairs and a 1-day teams.

This seemed like a popular move as the numbers increased by quite a margin. Neville Francis and I played in the pairs on the Saturday but it's far too painful to discuss that day so we'll move along. Teamed up with Jim Wallis and Tony Bardon on the Sunday we felt we would do well.

Holding

♠A10942 ♥8 ♦AQ3 ♣AK73

partner opens 1H and the bidding proceeds; 1S; 2H - 3C; 3H - ?

Do you move? If so - where?

Dlr S	♠ J8765		
Vul Both	♥ 104		
	♦ K64		
	♣ QJ9		
♠ 3		♠ A10942	
♥ AKQJ96	N	♥ 8	
♦ J972	W	♦ AQ3	
♣ 62	E	♣ AK73	
	S		
	♠ KQ		
	♥ 7532		
	♦ 1085		
	♣ 10854		

Did you bid on? I didn't. With AJ10xx in spades I would have thought seriously about it, but partner has long hearts and a minimum hand, and my singleton spade is a big minus. At the other table Freda and Tom Swainston had no trouble and sailed into 6NT; it need not make, but it did; 13 IMPs away!

Once again partner opens 1H and you hold

♠A2 ♥Q9 ♦KQ102 ♣AK1092

You respond 2C. 2H - 3D; 3H - ?

Dlr W	♠ 97643		
Vul NS	♥ A63		
	♦ J943		
	♣ 5		
♠ K108		♠ A2	
♥ KJ8742	N	♥ Q9	
♦ A7	W	♦ KQ102	
♣ 87	E	♣ AK1092	
	S		
	♠ QJ5		
	♥ 105		
	♦ 865		
	♣ QJ643		

Partner has long hearts and a minimum hand, the same as before. Have you enough to move this time?

I thought so. I couldn't think of a way to set hearts and then ask for controls, so I bid a direct 6H. This was not bid at the other table, so it was 10 IMPs to the good guys.

This time you have the spade suit.

♠AJ87654 ♥J4 ♦A73 ♣7

RHO opens 1H, you overcall 1S, LHO doubles, partner bids 2S and RHO bids 3H. Do you bid 3S or 4S, or something else?

Dlr S	♠ K10		
Vul Both	♥ 3		
	♦ KQ954		
	♣ QJ1085		
♠ AJ87654		♠ 932	
♥ J4	N	♥ A1085	
♦ A73	W	♦ 82	
♣ 7	E	♣ 9642	
	S		
	♠ Q		
	♥ KQ9762		
	♦ J106		
	♣ AK3		

If you bid 3S are you not going to bid 4S if LHO now says 4H? Of course you are so it's best to bid it now. Neville bid a direct 4S - I would have too. North felt he had to double and that was -200. Added to the -200 at the other table it was a very bad board.

Is my 2S too pushy? Should I have been warned off by such good defence to hearts? Well, it is the HA, and I do have a ruff in diamonds; I think I'll do the same next time. Just put it down to opponents good judgement.

On the Saturday, Neville and I kept meeting up with pairs of International Grand Masters from down south; that's our story anyway. On the Sunday we simply didn't play well enough to win. Well played the Mayers team - Adrian Mayers, Rosemary Crowley, Mavis Dakin and Richard Perry.

■ Andrew Pryde

DID YOU KNOW?

A board played after the North-South hands have been placed in the East-West pockets, and vice versa, is fouled not arrowswitched. (The wrong hand is Dealer's and most likely wrong hands vulnerable or not.)

1NT after an overcall of partner's bid eg 1H (1S) 1NT must be alerted if, by partnership agreement, it does not show a stopper in the opponent's suit.

Your Views on the Format of the QBA Bulletin

IN the March-April issue of this Bulletin, the editorial committee sought the views of readers on the type of format that they would like to see in future editions. Pleasingly, it can now be reported, that there was a robust response to this survey, several positive suggestions, and a strong indication of the directions in which the readership would like to see change.

Summarising these results briefly, there was solid support for several of the existing features, such as Competition Results, Directors' Corner, and the newly introduced President's Report. There were also strong arguments for several changes to the format - especially the inclusion of more news from individual clubs, biographies, historical and humorous articles, administrative overviews, a Letter to the Editor section, and some variations in existing emphases.

After reviewing the results of this survey, the editorial committee has made a series of recommendations for action to the QBA management committee, and it is to be hoped that many of the changes in format for which readers have argued, will soon appear as regular features in the QBA Bulletin.

Colin Masters

Chairman of the Editorial Committee

Don't be impressed by a player who boasts he has been playing for 25 years. After all, 25 years' experience may be no more than one year's experience repeated 24 times.

Ron Klinger



"We can take one more. Which of you plays bridge?"

25 Years Ago

WITH this issue, we embark on a more ambitious format for the Newsbulletin. Issued rather sporadically to date, we now hope to present it 4-5 times per year. It will be larger and cover a wider range of subjects. We plan to print sufficient so that all active members of affiliated clubs will be able to obtain a copy.

Its success will depend largely on you. We need contributions from clubs and individuals - club news of general interest, articles on any aspect of bridge and questions. If you have struck a problem, whether it be on administration, direction laws of bridge, or on play you can be sure that others will have met the same problem. Write to us; we shall refer it to the appropriate authority and publish the problem and answer (in addition to forwarding the answer directly to you). If you have comments, suggestions or criticisms on any aspect of administration, put them on paper, and we shall publish them, perhaps with some official comment.

We want this bulletin to be not merely the mouthpiece of the QBA, but a vehicle for exchange of views, and a forum for all clubs and players. We have collected the material for this issue; the success and interest of further issues is up to you. ■

Editorial by Judy Valentine - Nov 1977

Bowen

AFTER a period of over 25 years the Bowen Bridge Club members were hosts to a Pairs Congress on the weekend of June 27-29 that boasted 84 bridge players.

The players came from places ranging from Tasmania to the Tablelands. The President of the club, Mrs J Wright, was thrilled with success of the weekend and all visitors seemed to be very happy too.

The proceedings began at 1.00 p.m. Saturday after Mrs. Ann McQueen, Deputy Mayor, officially opened the Congress and welcomed all the visitors.

Our overall winners were a pair who live in Townsville but are "Locals." They are Keith Ramsbotham and his cousin, Betty Hobdell (daughter of the late Elsie Walding.) Elsie was a very well known Bridge Club stalwart of many years ago and it's great to see her daughter carrying on the tradition. Jill Willcox and Mary Turner (daughter of one of the founding member of the Bowen Bridge Club - Margaret Beaton) won the Under-State category.

■ Lorraine Maltby

Barrier Reef Congress, Cairns 2003



QBA President, Keith McDonald, with Barrier Reef Pairs winners, Mike Robson & Betty Lee



Barrier Reef Teams winners, Neville Francis, Magnus Moren, Dennis Croft & Terry Strong

THE congress was held in the Tradewinds Esplanade Hotel from June 6 - 9. It was an ideal resort being situated close to the CBD and the many city restaurants, with views over the Trinity Inlet.

The congress was directed by Sean Mullamphy and assisted by Helen Thompson. Sean was an excellent Chief Director, well organised, cheerful at all times, always in command of the situation and a delight to work with.

It was a very happy and friendly congress

which ran smoothly. This was made possible by the help of Cairns Bridge Club members before, during and after the congress. Many extra prizes were given for both the Pairs and Teams events plus a Greatest Number of Slams Bid and Made - \$500.

Financially the congress was a success with all expenses covered and additional money handed back to the players in the form of additional prizes. The Cairns Bridge Club look forward to holding the 2006 congress. ■

Teacher's Corner



Joan Butts

ONE of the things I noticed most from my time working with Audrey Grant earlier this year, was the fact that the same principles apply everywhere regarding teaching and marketing of bridge. For successful teaching, the less complicated the material is, the better. And the material itself is less important than the way the teacher presents it. The teaching techniques used are what will make or break you as an effective teacher.

We may have the best material in the world, but if we can't make our students learn and take it on board for themselves, then we're wasting our time. Students learn *what* they want to, and *when* they want to. Don't be discouraged at the end of a lesson when it seems that your efforts have been wasted. The students will absorb it when they are ready.

With all this in mind, please come to a free **Joan Butts Teachers Certification** in August to learn about what makes a successful teacher. You don't have to be a teacher or indeed a good bridge player. All you need is enthusiasm and an interest in teaching bridge. Please call me at 3254 4795 or 0413 772 650 to book a place. The venue is the QCBC.

Day 1 Sat, August 30, 9.00am – 12.00

Content: **Teaching Methodology**

- Teaching the absolute and advancing beginner
- Simplifying a modern approach to competitive bidding
- Preparing students to play anywhere – bridge clubs, social games, online, golf clubs

Day 2 Sun, August 31, 9.00am – 12.00

Content: **Marketing Methodology**

- Handling a range of experiences in the same class
- Components of a successful pre-game bridge tip
- Techniques for bringing new students to clubs
- Techniques for keeping students playing after lessons

TEACHING MATERIAL available by Joan Butts

Student text: **"Play Bridge: a Workbook for the Absolute Beginner"**

- **Teachers Manual** to match the student text
- **A Guide By Your Side:** co-author Kathy Johnson: a summary/booklet for students to use at the table (like an old "cheat sheet").
- **Play Supervised Bridge:** for use after the beginners lessons in supervised classes. 80-page book contains 32 hands with analysis, and an explanation of play techniques. The hands match the chapters of "Play Bridge: a Workbook for the Absolute Beginner", both in bidding and play material.
- **Openings Other Than One Bids:** A four-chapter booklet to cater for the next set of lessons after supervised play. The four workshops cover: Strong Hands, Slam Bidding, Preemptive Bidding, & Weak Two's
- **Competitive Bidding:** A 4-chapter booklet, taken partly from Audrey Grant's "Doubles" book and "More Commonly Used Conventions", covering: Single-Suited Overcalls, Two-Suited Overcalls, Doubles, Applications of the Law of Total Tricks
- **The Two over One Game-Forcing System:** A 3-chapter booklet introducing experienced players to the basics of the system that has moved a step forward on Standard.
- **Partnership Defence:** Good material for one or two workshops for improving players
- **Common Mistakes Made at the Bridge Table and How to Correct them:** One or two workshops for the regular club player

MATERIAL BY AUDREY GRANT

I have supplies of these books, which are proven for teaching. They all come with Teachers Manuals and matching cards for the class to make up the hands from the lessons. (makes teaching A LOT easier, no more making up hands for the class, and the hands have been made up by top world players, eg Shawn Quinn, Bob Hamman, Fred Gitelman)

- **Club Series (beginners)**
- **Diamond Series (play)**
- **Heart Series (defence)**
- **Commonly Used Conventions**
- **More Commonly Used Conventions**
- **Doubles**

WORKSHOPS FOR CLUBS

I am available to come to your club to give any of the above material as workshops, or to train your own teachers in using the material.

Contact me on **3254 4795** or **0413 772 650**.

Book Review

Pathways to Better Bridge Defence
Danny Roth

DANNY Roth is a British bridge teacher and prolific author. His books usually follow a theme that forces the reader to think about situations rather than follow some simplistic rule, and this one is no exception. It is aimed at the improving to intermediate player who wants to improve their leads and general defense. Readers of Roth's other books may already be familiar with his "seven roll – calls" that guide the student through the analysis of a bridge hand. These cover the distribution of cards and high card points among the four hands, and the number of "top tricks" available to both sides. Models like this seem to me to be better than just analysing a series of hands and drawing conclusions – no student can memorise the millions of bridge hands which may possibly occur, so they should learn to analyse for themselves.

The topics include card placing, defender's signals, interrupting the declarer's communication, making the most of trumps, and endplays. The style is to present a problem hand and invite the reader to form their own opinion before reading on. The analysis of each hand is thorough, and should be able to be followed by most levels of players.

There are many books available on defense, not too surprising as it is the most difficult part of bridge play. This does not purport to be a complete work on defense, but one which might change the reader's way of thinking about defensive problems. It should be suitable for those whose defense is in a rut and who want to break out.

Pathways to Better Defense is available from John Hardy for \$27.50 – phone 0409 786 050. ■

Senior Players

The QBA invites senior pairs to show an expression of interest to enter the Sydney Festival of Bridge, free of charge. The QBA gets complimentary entry for two pairs (one team).

Interested pairs to email qldbridge@pop.ozemail.com.au or phone **3855 3331**
Kim Ellaway by August 31

Letters

A GROUP of members, myself included, from Harvey Bay Bridge Club who have been attending most of the big Bridge Congresses over the past year have just returned from the Barrier Reef Congress, Cairns.

Being among so many overseas visitors was so impressive. The dignity and decorum of the players was only over shadowed by the professionalism of the director, Sean Mullamphy, and the convener, Mary Yeates. The Cairns Bridge Club should be very proud of their efforts.

While congresses like this are held bridge has a wonderful future in Australia.

Alf Dennis

Doyenne of Directors - Worldwide?

In a conversation at the Toowong Club recently, the sterling contribution of voluntary service to the club by Sylvia Gillies was mentioned. Sylvia was acknowledged as having served the club with distinction in the separate roles of club president, vice president, secretary and treasurer over some decades; and here she was, almost into her ninetieth year, and fronting up for another of her regular sessions as director.

"She is amazing," said one member, "but I hear that she is thinking of stepping down from that role soon."

"What a pity," said another member, "but then she must be one of the oldest active directors in the state."

"In the State?" said a third person. "I think she might be the oldest in Australia – even the world."

This is only an anecdotal claim, of course, but it would be interesting to hear if any other club in Queensland can match this record of performance.

Josephine Masters

PS For those who are interested, a photograph of Sylvia may be viewed on the Toowong Bridge Club link to the QBA website (www.qldbridge.com).

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 Thursday 7.30 pm
 Saturday 1.00 pm

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 Tuesday 7.30 pm

Enquiries for coaching & beginners' classes: 3371 2383

WEBMASTER

The QBA is seeking the services of a person with suitable experience to undertake the operation of the QBA Website (www.qldbridge.com). Individuals who are interested in this opportunity should contact Colin Masters (ph. 3371 1694), from whom further information is available.

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Coming Events

Aug 9-10	Surfers Teams
	Maryborough Pairs & Teams
10	Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)
	Toowong Novice Teams (0-99 MPs)
16-17	Rockhampton Teams
	Old Butler Pairs Championship (QCBC)
16	Townsville Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)
24	BBC Swiss Teams
29-31	Tully Pairs
30-31	Warwick Spring Pairs
31	Sunshine Coast Teams
Sep 6-7	Toowong Teams (inc Old Teams)
13-14	Brisbane Festival Pairs & Teams (QCBC)
	Townsville Teams
20-21	Caloundra Pairs & Teams
	Mackay Barometer Pairs
21	Surfers Paradise Birthday Teams
27-28	Gold Coast Butler Pairs
28	Noosa Teams
Oct 4	Tamborine Swiss Teams
5	Redlands Pairs
	Tamborine Novice Swiss Teams (0-99 MPs)

James O'Sullivan Awards as at June 30 2003

Overall Position			WOOD	JAMES	48.68
FRANCIS	NEVILLE	135.87	WOOLLEY	CAROLYNE	46.76
JANZEKOVIC	DARKO	121.60	WOOLLEY	CHRISTOP	45.45
STRONG	TERRY	120.84	*State		
MOREN	MAGNUS	104.04	TORELLI	GHADA	49.37
MILLAR	MARGARET	98.06	HOBDELL	BETTY	40.25
ROBSON	MIKE	98.05	BROWN	FRANCES	37.28
CROFT	DENIS	97.91	BROWN	ALAN	36.94
SLOBOM	ROBERT	97.00	CHESSER	MARGARET	28.28
LEE	BETTY	93.65	State		
APPLETON	DAVID	90.31	SENDER	SYLVIA	50.40
Silver Grand			GOSNEY	PAUL	45.30
MILLAR	MARGARET	98.06	MOSCHNER	KEN	42.06
ROBSON	MIKE	98.05	DENNIS	ALFRED	40.67
JACKMAN	TONY	81.88	GULLEY	GEOFFREY	37.85
WALLIS	JAMES	80.58	*Regional		
HUNT	BILL	72.89	CLOUSTON	PATRICIA	24.47
Grand			KUBLER	LINDSAY	20.66
FRANCIS	NEVILLE	135.87	DAWE	KIRSTY	19.76
STRONG	TERRY	120.84	BAARDA	RENK	15.85
MOREN	MAGNUS	104.04	DAGNELL	VERA	14.70
CROFT	DENIS	97.91	Regional		
SLOBOM	ROBERT	97.00	DYER	GAYLENE	29.41
Gold Life			WELLS	PETER	27.69
DARLEY	MONICA	85.94	BRAGG	CHRISTOP	21.67
MOSES	LARRY	66.70	NOBLE	PETER	21.28
LACHMAN	ROSA	59.56	VANKAN	ESTELLE	20.61
SUMMERHAYES	JOHN	58.45	**Local		
MOREY	RICHARD	57.82	FEIGE	RENATE	31.74
Silver Life			FARNDEN	LYN	25.04
LARSEN	PATRICIA	75.51	TAYLOR	RAY	24.89
MORAWIECKI	ROMAN	71.85	HENNIG	ELAINE	23.50
AFFLICK	IAN	65.53	GULLEY	ANNE	22.60
MORRIS	JOHN	57.89	*Local		
LUCK	IVY	56.39	BARDEN	BIANCA	60.52
Bronze Life			HALE	PHIL	54.26
GOSS	BEVERLEY	59.60	TAYLOR	ROLAND	26.70
HUGHES	JOHN	55.08	INGLIS	PETER	25.62
ALLEN	GEOFF	52.53	MELDRUM	ELLEN	21.07
CARVILL	WENDI	51.78	Local		
SOLOMON	JANEEN	50.69	KAMALARASA	SANMUGAR	55.38
Life			HORAN	BRIAN	22.89
O'DEMPSEY	TERENCE	71.68	MARTHUR	ROBERT	22.69
DEAN	SANDY	67.67	STEFFENSEN	KEVIN	18.62
SAXBY	ELSPETH	58.52	BULLOCK	ANN	17.89
WALFORD	TONY	56.55	Club		
WALTERS	MARGARET	52.12	JAKES	MAUREEN	52.38
**National			POLLETT	PHIL	17.47
GEMMELL	GORDON	49.49	CONLAN	TERRY	17.35
MCPHEAT	JOAN	43.76	SCHOLZ	ESTRELIT	16.66
HORSFIELD	SETSUKO	37.40	O'DONOHUE	BARRY	16.06
TAYLOR	MARGARET	32.61	Graduate		
TROUGHTON	JEAN	28.61	SISSON	EDITH	13.55
*National			BRUCE	PATRICIA	7.91
JANZEKOVIC	DARKO	121.60	BRAMELD	CHRISTIN	7.86
MACLEOD	BRONWYN	68.49	RILEY	ROSLYN	6.93
HOENIG	MAHA	66.01	MACKINNON	ELIZABETH	6.82
CLAYTON	ALAN	63.46	Nil		
NICHOLS	ANN	62.47	BLOOMFIELD	CHRIS	14.28
National			TAYLOR	CORA	13.35
GIBSON	NEIL	68.59	BANNAH	JOAN	9.71
GIBSON	ELIZABETH	68.10	BANNAH	VINCENT	9.70
			TAYLOR	JIM	9.05

Results

Gympie Congress
12-13 April**Pairs**

- 1 A & D Maltby
- 2 D Trollope F Wang
- 3 S Regan M Jakes

B Section

- 1 P Maddigan S O'Brien
- 2 J Sexton S Boulter
- 3 C McDonald N Babbage

C Section

- 1 J Boxsell J Egerton
- 2 N & A Harington

Teams

- 1 R Crowley A Mayers
K Dawson A Kelly
- 2 C Reed D Stagg
P Hawkins N Babbage
- 3 M Winch A Smith
T Walford J Drake

Restricted

- C & C Woolley
- J & J Steele

Qld Mixed Pairs
17-18 May

- 1 R Clayton A Smith
- 2 M Goodman T Jackman
- 3 D Janzekovic P Larsen

Plate

- 1 J & M Kent
- 2 N Francis & J Solomon
- 3 K Dawson A Kelly

Consolation

- 1 J & M Millar
- 2 I Halford M Radke
- 3 D & R Dick

Eastern Suburbs Novice
Pairs 31 May

- 1 R & R Matthew
- 2 S Cardinal N Clatworthy
- 3 C Newbery E Meldrum

Plate

- 1 A Chan L Kwok
- 2 M Owen J Kollisch
- 3 P Pollett P Wells

<50 MP

- 1 P Mann S Hall
- 2 G Wardrop P Lang
- 3 I Jesser R Brilliant

Best unpaired local pair

- B & R Bijker

Arana Congress
31 May-1 June**Pairs**

- 1 M Millar R Clayton
- 2 T Jackman D Anderson
- 3 P Larsen D Janzekovic

Plate

- 1 M Dyer J Hicks
- 2 A Griffin M Hoenig
- 3 C Howard K Wood

Consolation

- 1 R Ashman A Carta
- 2 G Gulley G Mitchell
- 3 C & C Woolley

Teams

- 1 R Crowley A Mayers
A Kelly K Dawson
- 2 I Luck J Malinas
G Malinas D Appleton
- 3 R Wallis I Halford
R Parker J Mills

Plate

- 1 J Broad C Martin
M Winch T Walford
- 2 H & R McLauchlan
N & A Tuxworth
- 3 B Singley J Rawson
A Carta R Ashman

Consolation

- 1 H Baker S May
P & M Carpenter
- 2 G Gulley T Lye
V Cran F Hoult
- 3 H Salzgeber L Haysom
R & R Matthew

QCBC June Congress 8-9 June

Pairs

- 1 R Ward B Kempthorne
- 2 R Morey D Janzekovic
- 3 R Parker P Hainsworth

Plate

- 1 S O'Brien P Maddigan
- 2 P Hale J Wood
- 3 B Blick L Shellshear

Teams

- 1 A Pryde P Gosney
R Parker P Hainsworth
- 2 D Brinkworth A Corkhill
D Cullen S Dean
- 3 I Afflick A Slater
B & A Kempthorne

Plate

- 1 J Power A Smith
D Grant-Frost B Carroll
- 2 P Maddigan S O'Brien
J Peach G Slack-Smith
- 3 P Hale J Wood
K Moschner P Wells

Barrier Reef Congress (Cairns) 6-9 June

- 1 B Lee M Robson
- 2 Uenaka Ueda
- 3 D Croft N Francis

Plate

- 1 R & K Ellaway
- 2 Whitaker Whitaker
- 3 Clayton Nichols

Consolation

- 1 Darley Ryan

- 2 Beresford Reynolds
- 3=Connolly Crowley
- 3=Calcino Murray

Teams

- 1 N Francis D Croft
M Moren T Strong
- 2 M Robson B Lee
J Summerhayes S Stevens
- 3 K & R Ellaway
M Taylor B Travers

Plate

- 1 Stoneman M Foster
P Andrews D Bayliss
- 2 K McDonald K Archos
L & K McNeill
- 3 Anderson R Scales
P Bruce BGibson

Consolation

- 1 McConachie B McConachie
N Silcock J Snowcon
- 2 Ruderman K Anderson
S & S Humston
- 3 Wilson P Creevey
R Thwaite D Rigano

Colin Stone Teams

Division 1 (Final)

- R Wallis T Tully N Francis
J Solomon D Appleton M Moren
defeated
I Afflick A Slater A Currie
J Kreczkowski B Healy

Division 2 (Final)

- K Moscher P Hale S Sender
D Eastman K Bedi C Bedi
defeated
C Collie L Edrich J Lovell
A Harburg A Corkhill

Honeysuckle Pairs & Teams 21-22 June

- 1 R Busch J McPheat
- 2 S Stevens J Summerhayes
- 3 B Hunt R Lachman

Plate

- 1 D Harris P Hawkins
- 2 B Featherston R Mackinlay
- 3 M Dakin R Perry

Consolation

- 1=L Pink B Stoddart
- 1=E & N De Chastel
- 3=A & L Bundesen
- 3=A & N Harington Adele & Nev

Teams

- 1 A Mayers R Crowley
M Dakin R Perry
- 2 A Pryde N Francis
J Wallis T Bardon
- 3 T & F Swainston
M & J Millar

Plate

- 1 C Mayers L Bourke
R Trollope F Wang
- 2 M Dyer G Rusher
S Stening A McKay
- 3 J MacLennan P Mitchell
P Henry E Gilliam

BBC Novice Pairs 29 June

- 1 R Pollett G Martin
- 2 M Bower B Stuthe
- 3 R Brilliant I Jesser

Plate

- 1 H Stilling L Anderson
- 2 E Tooth K Pope

Qld Masters Pairs C'ship 6 July

Life & Grand

- 1 D Janzekovic R Morawiecki
- 2 R Parker P Hainsworth
- 3 R Lachman B Hunt

100 to National

- 1 R Ashman A Carta
- 2 E & N Gibson
- 3 C & K Bedi

< 100 masterpoints

- 1 M Stoneman J Bratko
- 2 B Carroll A Smith
- 3 P Lang G Wardrop

Mackay Pairs 5 July

- 1 R Lorraway J Dooner
- 2 V Carroll B O'Rourke
- 3 R Taylor D Ryan

Bowen Pairs 28-29 June

- 1 K Ramsbotham B Hobdell
- 2 B O'Rourke J Cammell
- 3 B Baldry J Robinson
- 4 B Atkinson N Knapman

Under State

- M Turner J Willcox

Lockyer Swiss Pairs 13 July

- 1 J & P Evans
- 2 P Hainsworth R Tait
- 3 R Fraser D McAdam

Plate

- 1 J Erlandson W Higgins
- 2 G Bobbermien A Hecksher
- 3 P Thomson T Tink

Gold Coast Congress 2004

February 21-28

Directors' Corner

WHY do some East-Wests just sit there and think they are entitled to be waited upon? I heard a not so funny story lately of an East or West player, on being prompted that she was dealer said, "Yes, I know, but I have nothing to write on." North had to then turn over the bidding slip to the unused side.

I have seen the other side of the coin. As a very new player I recall having the temerity to turn over the bidding slip. I was smacked on the hand by a formidable matron who said, with eyes flashing, "How dare you touch that."

Let's be adult about this. The QBA Regulations make North responsible for maintaining proper conditions of play unless East-West are stationary. They do not require North to do all the work, and this includes getting a new board at Swiss Pairs.

Here are a few of the questions I have received recently.

Q. 1D (1H) 1NT. The 1NT hand had 6-9 HCP but no stopper in hearts. Should 1NT have been alerted?

A. If, by partnership agreement, 1NT does not promise a stopper in the opponent's suit then 1NT must be alerted. Even when the announced system requires 1NT in the above sequence to have a stopper, a player may still use judgment. Perhaps even without a stopper, he may decide 1NT is his best response. Providing there is no secret partnership understanding, which includes one that has grown out of frequent aberrations, there is no problem.

Q. Does Extended Stayman¹ have to be pre-alerted?

A. The short answer is no. This form of pseudo² Stayman is common enough and players should not assume they know the meaning of an alerted call. QBA alerting regulations require prior attention to be drawn to unusual methods. Should you find yourself in a situation where you believe your opponents don't know that pseudo Staymans exist, pre-alerting would be active ethics.

¹ 2-level responses show 15-16 HCP: 2D, both majors; 2H, 4 hearts; 2S, 4 spades; 2NT, neither major.

3-level responses show 17-18 HCP: 3C, neither major; 3D, both majors; 3H, 4 hearts; 3S, 4 spades.

² One that does not show at least one 4-card major.

Q. Is it all right for a spectator to tell a player how he should have played a hand?

A. Law 76A3 is very clear: "During the round, a spectator must refrain from mannerisms or remarks of any kind (including conversation with a player)." The Laws define round as, "A part of a session played without progression of players." Law 8B says in part, "In general, a round ends when the Director gives the signal for the start of the following round."

Two points from the recent Club Director Exam:

There is no automatic one trick penalty "because a player has revoked". Once a revoke has been established, the director is only interested in restoring equity. A routine penalty, which may not be reduced in severity, must be applied. The plea of "We would have won those tricks anyway" does not lessen this penalty. Your patter as director might go like this:

Q. Are you satisfied that you have revoked or do we need to check? Usually the player agrees that he has revoked but sometimes you will need to sort out the facts yourself.

Q. Did you win the trick on which you failed to follow suit?

A. Yes, I won it in dummy or yes, partner won it.

Q. No, did you win the revoke trick in your own hand?

A. No.

Transfer one trick for the offending side winning the revoke trick or a later trick.

If further tricks have been won by the offending side after the revoke:

Q. Did you later win a trick with a card you could have played to the revoke trick?

A. Yes.

Transfer another one trick. At this stage, further tricks may be transferred if more damage has been caused to the non-offenders by the revoke.

It is not rare to be called to the table for an opening double. "I was trying to tell partner I had all the suits" sort of thing. More common are inadmissible doubles of partner's bid. Law 36 applies to these. Hiding on the previous page of the Law Book is Law 35, dealing with situations when one or more players make a call before attention has been drawn to the inadmissible double. The inadmissible double and all later calls are cancelled. The auction continues as though there had been no irregularity.

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