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Queensland Teams

THIS year the Qld Teams appeared to be up on previous years at 25 teams, which was encouraging. The field was of high quality, but Kempthorne (Barry and Agnes, with Richard Ward, Lindy Vincent and Greer Tucker) swept all before them and had established a winning lead after 6 of the 8 matches, and won by 5 VPs from my team Wallis (Richard Wallis, Denise Dodd, Tony Jackman, Kaoru Anderson, Therese Tully).

We lost out at the end of the first day when beaten 12 IMPs (12-18 in VPs) by the Kempthorne team, whereas even a draw would have been enough to give us the title.

I played with Tony Jackman in this match, and this loss could be directly contributed to our failure to get to game on boards 24 and 27.

| | |
|----------|----------|
| Dir W | ♠ Q5 |
| Vul None | ♥ Q542 |
| | ♦ 965 |
| | ♣ AKJ7 |
| ♠ 1062 | ♥ K874 |
| ♥ K108 | ♦ 63 |
| ♦ AQJ742 | ♣ 108 |
| ♣ 9 | ♣ 108653 |
| | ♠ AJ93 |
| | ♥ AJ97 |
| | ♦ K3 |
| | ♣ Q42 |

On board 24, West's opening bid of 1D was passed around to Tony, who re-opened with a double. West rebid 2D and as I did not like my poor suit with no certainty of 4-card support I decided to go easy and underbid 2H as I feared that a 3D cuebid may get us too high. Tony hesitated for some time before passing. It looked like we may have stopped in time when I saw dummy, but alas, when I wanted the spade finesse to fail, it worked! 6 IMPs away.

On board 27, I again had what I thought was a difficult hand to bid properly without just simply bashing.

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| Dir S | ♠ KQ863 |
| Vul None | ♥ 103 |
| | ♦ KQ2 |
| | ♣ AKJ |
| ♠ A742 | ♠ 109 |
| ♥ KQ4 | ♥ 985 |
| ♦ 9 | ♦ A7654 |
| ♣ Q7653 | ♣ 1092 |
| | ♠ J5 |
| | ♥ AJ762 |
| | ♦ J1083 |
| | ♣ 84 |

West opened 1C; I doubled as a prelude to showing a good hand and Tony bid the obvious 1H. I now bid only 1S, as my suit was not very robust, and although Tony gave some thought to showing his diamond suit, (when I would have jumped to 3NT), he eventually passed and 1S was the final contract; 7 IMPs away.

■ Richard Wallis

Here are some hands as played by the Kempthorne team. This was Board 9 of Round 3:

| | |
|---------|---------|
| Dir N | ♠ 87 |
| Vul EW | ♥ AQ982 |
| | ♦ KJ3 |
| | ♣ 652 |
| ♠ A532 | ♠ K964 |
| ♥ 76 | ♥ J5 |
| ♦ A72 | ♦ Q1096 |
| ♣ A1043 | ♣ QJ7 |
| | ♠ QJ10 |
| | ♥ K1043 |
| | ♦ 854 |
| | ♣ K98 |

With Agnes & Barry Kempthorne EW, West declared 3S after NS competed in hearts and North led the S8. Declarer cashed the SA and SK, and led the CQ from dummy, which held. When clubs broke 3-3, West's last club allowed dummy to pitch a heart. South ruffed and the defence took one heart and played another. Dummy ruffed this and ran the DQ to the DK to endplay North - a diamond would sacrifice a trick in that suit while a heart would concede a ruff-sluff. 10 tricks made for +170.

With Lindy Vincent and Richard Ward NS a more vigorous auction saw East declare 4S. South led a heart and the defence cashed two tricks. There was no way to avoid a trump loser and a diamond loser for down one; +100 and 7 IMPs in.

Seasons Greetings

from the
QBA Management

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This was Board 10 of Round 5:

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|----------|---------|----------|--|
| Dlr E | ♠ QJ953 | | |
| Vul Both | ♥ 62 | | |
| | ♦ AJ | | |
| | ♣ QJ105 | | |
| ♠ 42 | | ♠ A10 | |
| ♥ AKJ7 | | ♥ 43 | |
| ♦ K10964 | | ♦ Q53 | |
| ♣ 62 | | ♣ AK9743 | |

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|--|--|----------|--|
| | | ♠ K876 | |
| | | ♥ Q10985 | |
| | | ♦ 872 | |
| | | ♣ 8 | |

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|----|----------|-----|----|
| W | N | E | S |
| | | 1C | P |
| 1D | 1S | 2C | 3S |
| X | P | 3NT | P |
| 4C | All pass | | |

With Richard and Barry EW South's preemptive raise caused problems. West offered to defend 3S doubled (likely one off), East offered to play 3NT, but West's concern about spade stoppers resulted in East declaring 4C. He won the spade lead, drew two rounds of trumps getting the bad news, and finessed the HJ. When this held, he cashed the HA & K to discard the S10, and led the D4 from dummy. 10 tricks made for +130.

With Agnes Kempthorne and Greer Tucker NS the final contract was 3NT. This had no chance on a spade lead and went two down for +200 and 8 IMPs in.

In the last round we lost 14-16; Board 24 limited the damage.

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|----------|---------|-----------|--|
| Dlr W | ♠ Q1052 | | |
| Vul None | ♥ A6 | | |
| | ♦ 65 | | |
| | ♣ AQJ82 | | |
| ♠ A74 | | ♠ J93 | |
| ♥ Q942 | | ♥ KJ10875 | |
| ♦ QJ73 | | ♦ 9 | |
| ♣ K9 | | ♣ 543 | |

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|--|--|-----------|--|
| | | ♠ K86 | |
| | | ♥ 3 | |
| | | ♦ AK10842 | |
| | | ♣ 1076 | |

Over West's weak notrump, a Pottage 2S (spades & a minor) by Agnes was raised to 4S by Greer. North won the heart lead and ruffed her other heart. A successful club finesse was followed by a spade to the king and West's ace. Any attempt to force declarer in hearts could be countered with dummy's last trump. When both defenders followed to a second round of spades declarer crossed to DA to repeat the club finesse and allowed the

defenders to take their remaining trumps separately; +420.

At the other table West also opened a weak notrump but North passed and East bid a 2D transfer. South's double showed diamonds and West chose to bid only 2H rather than super-accept.

North led a diamond against 2H and South switched to a club, enabling North to cash two winners there. West ruffed the third round of clubs and drove out the HA. When North led another diamond declarer discarded a spade from dummy to ensure 8 tricks. +110 and 11 IMPs in.

■ Barry Kempthorne

Festival Pairs

THE Festival Pairs, held on Saturday 14 September at QCBC, was a well organised event.

I was pleased to see the field divided at the start of play, with the top 6 or so seeded pairs being ineligible for the consolation. (The rank and file were also pleased).

Lunch time saw three different pairs having held the lead, with Charlie Howard and Kerry Wood taking it from Terry O'Dempsey and myself after our loss to Ralph Parker and Dave Parker. Charlie and Kerry were not headed after this, even with a small loss to Terry and me. After slipping down the field following lunch the penultimate round saw us up against the number 1 seeds Neville Francis and Andrew Pryde. Luck was with us as 4 of the boards were part-scores with 4 of the 5 boards going our way.

| | | | |
|----------|---------|---------|--|
| Dlr N | ♠ K86 | | |
| Vul NS | ♥ A85 | | |
| | ♦ J75 | | |
| | ♣ 10532 | | |
| ♠ 107432 | | ♠ QJ5 | |
| ♥ Q76 | | ♥ J4 | |
| ♦ 1098 | | ♦ AKQ | |
| ♣ 87 | | ♣ AKJ94 | |

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|--|--|----------|--|
| | | ♠ A9 | |
| | | ♥ K10932 | |
| | | ♦ 6432 | |
| | | ♣ Q6 | |

Board 21 saw Andrew (East) in 2NT. I led a small heart; Terry took the ace and the club return allowed Andrew to try the losing finesse. A heart continuation set up the suit and when Andrew tried to sneak the SJ around I went up with the ace and they went two down.

On board 24 (next column) Terry, North, opened 1NT (weak). Andrew bid 2S alerted as 4-5 or 5-4, spades and a minor,

| | | | |
|----------|--------|---------|--|
| Dlr W | ♠ J962 | | |
| Vul None | ♥ KQ74 | | |
| | ♦ AQ5 | | |
| | ♣ J9 | | |
| ♠ K | | ♠ A875 | |
| ♥ 98632 | | ♥ J5 | |
| ♦ 9 | | ♦ KJ842 | |
| ♣ K87643 | | ♣ A2 | |

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|--|--|---------|--|
| | | ♠ Q1043 | |
| | | ♥ A10 | |
| | | ♦ 10763 | |
| | | ♣ Q103 | |

9 - 13 points. I was doubtful this would make so I doubled; 2 down, but better defence would have taken it 3 down.

Even this surprising big win was not enough for us to overtake Charlie and Kerry, the eventual winners.

■ Jim Evans

Trust Partner

YOU are South in second seat, not vul. vs vul., minding your own business, and your hand is

♠ 1073 ♥ 764 ♦ J854 ♣ 743

Nothing special; seems to be one of those hands where your sole mission is not to revoke.

East opens a weak 1NT, you pass, pass, partner doubles (of course).

Vulnerable you might pass (it could be cheaper), but not vul you want to escape, so you bid 2D.

3C on your left, 6D from partner!!!!

| | | | |
|-----------|----------|--------|--|
| Dlr E | ♠ AKQ54 | | |
| Vul NS | ♥ AK9 | | |
| | ♦ KQ1062 | | |
| | ♣ — | | |
| ♠ 96 | | ♠ J82 | |
| ♥ 10532 | | ♥ QJ8 | |
| ♦ 3 | | ♦ A97 | |
| ♣ AQ10985 | | ♣ KJ62 | |

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|--|--|--------|--|
| | | ♠ 1073 | |
| | | ♥ 764 | |
| | | ♦ J854 | |
| | | ♣ 743 | |

West leads the CA.

Diamonds break 3-1, however spades break 3-2, so your contract makes as you discard a heart from your hand on dummy's long spade.

There must be a moral to this (or an article) somewhere.

(1NT doubled makes on a diamond lead).

■ David Anderson

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Ipswich

THE Ipswich Contract Bridge Club held its inaugural meeting and first game at the home of Bert de Wit. We had a nice rollup who were pleased to be welcomed to the ABF by President Mr Keith McDonald, who said he would be back for our first congress.

I feel this new club is completing the work of Dr George McCutcheon as the core members were part of the original Ipswich CBC formed by him in 1978. He did not play anymore at this stage but he wanted a bridge club in Ipswich.

I would like to thank Mr Tony Jackman particularly, for supplying us with cards, Mrs Kim Ellaway and the QBA for the scorers, bidding slips, etc, Marion Cooke, Toni Bardon, the QCBC and all the other people who helped. New members and visitors are most welcome. Enquiries to Jim Evans on 3202 1949.

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Cuppaidge's Column



George
Cuppaidge

An Instructive Hand

| | | | |
|----------|----------|---------|--|
| Dir E | ♠ Q872 | | |
| Vul None | ♥ J87 | | |
| | ♦ K2 | | |
| | ♣ QJ102 | | |
| ♠ 9654 | | ♠ KJ3 | |
| ♥ 643 | | ♥ 52 | |
| ♦ 5 | | ♦ AJ943 | |
| ♣ A9876 | | ♣ K43 | |
| | ♠ A10 | | |
| | ♥ AKQ109 | | |
| | ♦ Q10876 | | |
| | ♣ 5 | | |

| W | N | E | S |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 3C ² | P ³ | 1C ¹ | 1H |
| P | 3H ⁵ | All pass | 3D ⁴ |

¹ The consequence of opening all balanced hands outside the NT range, 1C.

² Pre-emptive jump raise.

³ A very strange pass. Bidding over interference is a vital aspect of bridge. If your system of responding to an overcall is significantly different to that of responding to an opening bid, then at least it must be a system. I prefer, for simplicity, that it is the same system. Since South may hold as little as ♥KQ654 and an ace, discretion is important. (I want to open these too, not wait for the opponents, but you must be able to stop.)

North must raise but the question is how? 3H, without methods, is very murky. Is it just an essential, courtesy raise, or does it have stuff? Without artificial gadgetry, we have but two ways to bid 3H, directly or through double. A courtesy raise is conveniently made directly, along with any other bid of limited strength. Double (positive) establishes that the hand is yours. Any hand with game going values or a *real* 3H bid goes through double.

North's only problem is whether to treat this as a courtesy raise or a solid raise. Positively, he has 3 trumps (but only three) and the DK. His SQ is of probable value but the club values opposite a singleton or void are dubious. I would bid 3H. South has a clear 4H, even over the weaker raise.

⁴ Should South reopen for the part score? In view of North's pass South might well consider game is very unlikely and be happy that the opponents are playing a part score hand at the 3-level. You don't have to go overboard just because you hold a nice hand. The opponents may well hold the balance of power. It would be a big view to pass this one but it would be right opposite say Jxxxx, xx, xxx, KJx which is about as much as North can (should) hold for his pass.

⁵ Surely with so many undisclosed values North is now "obliged" to bid 4H. He didn't.

Deep Finesse will assure you that just 3H is cold on any lead, but there is a lot in the play and defence. My partner, Luc (West), got the defence off to the best start with the H4. Declarer won in hand and played a diamond to the king and my ace. I returned a trump.

Declarer now tried the DQ, ruffed by Luc. "If you want a ruff, lead a trump," was once a popular saying.

Luc knew my exact shape at this stage. Since I held 5 diamonds and had opened 1C my shape must be balanced and specifically 3-2-5-3. Declarer must be 2-5-5-1. He guessed correctly that a spade switch would establish a trick for declarer. The card he actually chose, a low club, worked worse however. I won the CK and hopefully returned one. Declarer passed the test, simply pitching his S10. I thought that perhaps a diamond return instead would have led him astray.

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His course is not at all hard to find on the strong assumption that I hold SK*. The spade switch from West was the one.

With the field in a very reasonable but virtually hopeless 4H, -140 was not a particularly good result.

* Declarer can win my diamond return cheaply, ruff a diamond, note my discard on the last trump and assuming I keep the SKJ and the last diamond, throw me in with the diamond.

The Operation Was Successful but the Patient Died - Again

| | | | |
|---------|--|---------|---------|
| | | ♠ AK64 | |
| | | ♥ Q962 | |
| | | ♦ A3 | |
| | | ♣ 1082 | |
| ♠ 85 | | | ♠ Q9732 |
| ♥ AJ10 | | | ♥ 75 |
| ♦ J85 | | | ♦ 9742 |
| ♣ K9653 | | | ♣ A4 |
| | | ♠ J10 | |
| | | ♥ K843 | |
| | | ♦ KQ106 | |
| | | ♣ QJ7 | |

| W | N | E | S |
|---|----|----------|------|
| P | 1C | P | 1H |
| P | 2H | P | 2NT* |
| P | 4H | All pass | |

*Do you have 4 hearts partner? West leads the S8 against your 4H. You play dummy's king as East encourages with the S9. What are your thoughts?

The contract is not a good one; there are two club losers and to hold your trump losers to one you will have to find an opponent with ace doubleton and lead the first round of trumps through him. Unlikely. But there may be another chance!

Even if there is no ace doubleton, you may be able to get two clubs away on the diamonds before they ruff in. That means making the perilous play of duck-

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ing a club before the opponents are in a position to draw a third round of trumps. At trick two you brazenly play a club to the queen and king. West returns the S5. You win in dummy and play a trump to your king and West's ace. Everything looks rosy when West returns the HJ to your queen as East follows. What now? It looks as though West is 2-3 in the majors making it likely that East has the hoped for Jxx in diamonds. If that is the case you can get away two of dummy's clubs and crossruff for 10 tricks. So you play the DA and finesse the D10. West wins his DJ, cashes his H10 and two down is your lot. You mournfully note that had you played the diamonds from the top you would have made your contract. Ah well, next case!

■ George Cuppidge

Surfers Novice Teams

TWENTY teams nominated compared with twelve last year. The increase can be attributed to two factors, firstly there were no other novice events with clashing dates this year, and to a lesser degree the MP rating was increased to 99.

The new Regional category brought in another 13 players, but included only one team of all Regional. There were again ten Nil Master competing, including one team of all Nil Masters. So, on this occasion, at least, there has been little overall change in the MP status of players, which must be a good thing for the future of the event.

Players at the lower end of the MP scale will also be encouraged to learn that the winning team was made up of three Local Masters and one Club Master.

This hand was played in 7H by three of the teams. A commendable effort for novices. Well done!

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|---------|---------|----------|--|
| Dlr E | ♠ 654 | | |
| Vul EW | ♥ A732 | | |
| | ♦ AK | | |
| | ♣ Q987 | | |
| ♠ Q1073 | | ♠ J82 | |
| ♥ 1096 | | ♥ 8 | |
| ♦ J8432 | | ♦ Q10975 | |
| ♣ 10 | | ♣ 6543 | |
| | ♠ AK9 | | |
| | ♥ KQJ54 | | |
| | ♦ 6 | | |
| | ♣ AKJ2 | | |

■ Eric Parsons



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| Pairs Championship | Saturday | 28 th December | 7.30 pm |
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Hervey Bay

HERVEY Bay's Congress was very successful event. This small club decided to try and expand its wings to a 2-day event after successfully holding two 1-day congress's previously. Visitors to the region were treated to magnificent weather for which this area is well renowned.

One player (no matter which partner they play with) seems to be making a habit of bidding skinny slams and making the contract.

| | | | |
|-----------|---------|--------|--|
| Dir W | ♠ 7 | | |
| Vul NS | ♥ 10652 | | |
| | ♦ J932 | | |
| | ♣ 10843 | | |
| ♠ AJ98632 | | ♠ 106 | |
| ♥ 43 | | ♥ AKJ8 | |
| ♦ AK10 | | ♦ 654 | |
| ♣ 9 | | ♣ A765 | |
| | | ♠ KQ4 | |
| | | ♥ Q97 | |
| | | ♦ Q87 | |
| | | ♣ KQJ2 | |

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|------------------|----------|------------------|---|
| W | N | E | S |
| 1S | P | 2C | P |
| 2S | P | 3NT | P |
| 4NT ¹ | P | 5NT ² | P |
| 6S | All pass | | |

¹ Roman Blackwood

² 2 odd aces

North led the D2 won by declarer with the ace followed by the H3 to the ace in dummy. The S10 was run, then the S6 won by the ace in hand and declarer exited to South's SQ. The D8 was won in hand and a heart to the king was followed by the H8 picking up South's queen and ruffed. Now declarer had the JH for his losing diamond.

Fortune sure favours the brave.

■ Les Bonnick

From Lockyer

At the end of play at the their 1-day pairs a diminutive lady asks her partner, 'Who is the big fellow giving away the prizes?' 'Oh, that's Keith McDonald,' she replies authoritatively, 'He's president of the Australian Bridge Federation.' After a moment's thought came the reply, 'If he stood to his full height do you think he could hear what I say?'

The Lockyer Bridge Club thanks Keith for his attendance, and hopes he enjoyed his 'day in the bush'.

John Baker

Young Bridge in Gympie



Ryan Tierney (front) with Reece Plate and Nelson Martoo of Gympie South State School

GYMPIE Bridge Club members, led by Jennifer Hollingworth are promoting bridge at Gympie South State School and with James Nash Year 8 Extension Plus

students. This is the sort of initiative required from clubs in Queensland, with the support of the QBA, to bring young people into the game.

Gold Coast Congress 2003

February 15-22



Entry forms can be downloaded from the QBA website or contact Kim Ellaway, QBA secretary

Coming Events

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Dec 28-30 | Tablelands Congress |
| Jan 5 | Old Senior Teams C'ship (Sunshine Coast) |
| 12 | Gold Coast Teams |
| 25-27 | Townsville Australia Day Pairs |
| 26 | Northern Suburbs Teams |
| Feb 2 | Toowing Swiss Pairs |
| 9 | Warwick Swiss Pairs |
| | Hervey Bay Teams |
| | QCBC Novice Teams |

Gold Coast Butler Pairs

BUTLER Pairs are becoming more popular lately with the new State Butler Pairs held in August. And so the Gold Coast Bridge Club held its Butler Pairs weekend on Sept 28-29. No team-mates to ask why you missed that vulnerable game, no reason to ask where the -1100 came from you, plus who needs overtricks!

Of the 21 tables, entries included 53 Life Masters of which 13 were Grand Masters, so of the 84 players only 31 were ranked below Life; a strong field. Play ran smoothly under Alan Gibson's direction; the homemade goodies were enticing all day and cocktail fare at the conclusion of play on Sunday ensured the completion of a pleasant weekend.

Agnes and Barry Kempthorne led most of the way; we certainly helped their cause. Although we won 12 of 14 matches, we had a maximum loss to them. One hand against them, board 16 on Saturday afternoon, shows one of our depressing results.

| | |
|---------|---------|
| Dir W | ♠ J8653 |
| Vul EW | ♥ 8 |
| | ♦ Q952 |
| | ♣ AQ3 |
| ♠ 4 | ♠ KQ97 |
| ♥ K1074 | ♥ A632 |
| ♦ J1073 | ♦ AK |
| ♣ 10952 | ♣ K64 |
| | ♠ A102 |
| | ♥ QJ95 |
| | ♦ 864 |
| | ♣ J87 |

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|----|---|-----|----------|
| W | N | E | S |
| P | P | 1C | P |
| 2C | P | 3NT | All pass |

Understandably, partner led the HQ, one of your horror leads, won with East's ace. A heart to the 7, a diamond to the ace and the DK. Now a heart to the ten and the DJ to my queen. I led a spade to the queen and South's ace who returned the ST to the East's king who played and heart to the king and cashed the DT. In the meantime, I'm frantically discarding on the hearts and eventually Agnes won her CK for the ninth trick. Yuk!

In another match, Tom Strong figures he always has me in a squeeze (yeah, right). On Board 21 the same afternoon, he was in 6NT on the following hand.

Partner led the S8 and I had to discard

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Dir N | ♠ Q94 |
| Vul NS | ♥ J9872 |
| | ♦ 83 |
| | ♣ A106 |
| ♠ A | ♠ KJ2 |
| ♥ A1065 | ♥ KQ4 |
| ♦ AK9542 | ♦ QJ10 |
| ♣ 75 | ♣ QJ84 |
| | ♠ 1087653 |
| | ♥ 3 |
| | ♦ 76 |
| | ♣ K932 |

| | | | |
|-----|----------|-----|---|
| W | N | E | S |
| 1D | P | 1C | P |
| 2H | P | 2NT | P |
| 6NT | All pass | | |

on those wretched diamonds. Partner said he would have led a club against 6D (aggressive leads against suit slams) but I would have been on lead. Would I have led the CA? Ask me tomorrow.

■ Kathy Johnson

Warwick

THIS year the Warwick Spring Pairs congress was scored as Butler pairs playing fifteen 8-board matches. To give you an idea of the competition here are a few hands. How about the very first hand we played on the Saturday.

| | |
|----------|------------|
| Dir N | ♠ K97 |
| Vul None | ♥ AK10832 |
| | ♦ Q |
| | ♣ 543 |
| ♠ 82 | ♠ AQJ105 |
| ♥ 65 | ♥ J |
| ♦ AJ97 | ♦ 10865432 |
| ♣ K10982 | ♣ — |
| | ♠ 643 |
| | ♥ Q974 |
| | ♦ K |
| | ♣ AQJ76 |

| | | | |
|----------|----|----|----|
| W | N | E | S |
| P* | 1H | 5D | 5H |
| 6D | P | 5S | X |
| All pass | P | P | X |

* What is going on? Wonder what partner is thinking? West puts down dummy thinking, another 119 boards to go with this wild lady - 6DX East +1090 and 14 IMPs - WOW!


Try bidding this hand with your regular partner, particularly if you play a strong NT.

| | |
|--------|----------|
| Dir S | ♠ — |
| Vul EW | ♥ Q653 |
| | ♦ K42 |
| | ♣ KQJ975 |
| ♠ 8542 | ♠ AKJ76 |
| ♥ 942 | ♥ 87 |
| ♦ QJ73 | ♦ 10986 |
| ♣ 63 | ♣ 84 |
| | ♠ Q1093 |
| | ♥ AKJ10 |
| | ♦ A5 |
| | ♣ A102 |

This is a perfect hand for those who play exclusion - an easy road to 7H. For standard bidders, they wonder which ace and which kings are missing. 5H may be the limit. The datum on this hand was +510. One interesting auction arrived in 6NT which was doubled by East who thought she was on lead with the ace and king of spades. Sadly West did not find a spade to lead so -1230. A really silly double even if you were on lead. How would you feel if they now run to 7H. More to the point would East's heart survive the assault?

Finally, there was one hand that Sandy Dean derived enormous amounts of pleasure from by defending 2CXX by East and getting 2200 from us. I mean to say, when friends can do this to you..., but we all keep coming back. With the lavish food supplied it is a weekend to expand the waistline if not the bridge skills! Hope to see you in Warwick next year.

■ Neville Francis



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Cheryl
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2003 Gold Coast Congress February 15th – 22nd

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The Gold Coast Bridge Club and the Surfers Paradise Bridge Club warmly welcome visitors to their club sessions, so why not get in some early practice at either of these two clubs. Once again if you need assistance in this area please do not hesitate to contact me.

In closing I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of the QBA and the Gold Coast to wish all Bridge players, their partners and families a very happy Christmas and an extremely profitable 2003.

Cheryl

Cheryl Simpson,
QBA Marketing Officer.
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DID YOU KNOW?

Players are required to pre-alert their opponents prior to the start of play about any unusual treatments of self-alerting calls and any unusual two and higher level opening bids. Not only must unusual methods be listed on your system card but attention must be drawn to them verbally.

This is not an exhaustive list: unusual meanings for cuebids, doubles and redoubles; unusual two and three level openings; canapé bidding; unusual methods over opponent's 1NT or strong club openings.

Reviews

Points Schmoints Interactive CD Marty Bergen

THE interactive CD has become a popular concept recently with over a dozen products on the market. Marty Bergen now presents his highly popular book "Points Schmoints" as a CD. The text is exactly the same in the sample chapters I checked so it appears nothing has been added. The difference is that, where the book would provide a diagrammatic situation and then tell the reader the appropriate response, the CD poses a question for the reader to answer by choosing from among the available alternatives. This is a better learning method because it forces the reader to think about the problem before reading on.

The material is designed for players who have been playing for a while, but have not got beyond the point count methods used universally when teaching the game. These simplify the game for the beginner, rightly so, but there is a lot more to bridge than that.

As an example, one of Marty's gems is the "rule of twenty". If you pick up

♠KQ54 ♥A873 ♦6 ♣K1064

Do you open? A point counter may not open if their minimum is 13 HCP. The rule of twenty is: add the length of your two longest suits to your HCP, and if it is twenty or more, open the bidding. In the above example there are 12 HCP and add four and four for a total of twenty – open this hand.

How about this one?

♠KJ5 ♥A875 ♦Q75 ♣Q64

12 HCPs plus four plus three equals 19 – don't open.

It seems like pretty good advice although maybe some will disagree. The product is nicely presented with an attractive, easy to read and use interface. Navigation is simple and when you leave a session, next time you open up it starts where you left off. Marty's style is to offer minimal explanation, and most of the time this works well. Sometimes I felt as though a little explanation of his answer was warranted. However, a customer wrote to me and said, "The style is light and humorous, but the material is solid, starting with the fundamentals." All in all it is a worthwhile product for those looking to expand their bridge horizons beyond the strictures of point count.

Points Schmoints CD is available from John Hardy for \$60.50
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Denise
Dodd

When to Bid, When to Pass Ron Klinger

ELY Culbertson is alleged to have said "It is a miracle to me that, in all the literature of bridge, there is not a single chapter on "how to pass". Here is that chapter and more.

In his award winning "Points Schmoints!" Mary Bergen advocated the Rule of 20 for borderline openings in 1st and 2nd seats. Audrey Grant students are also familiar with this method. In Ron Klinger's excellent new book, he adds a dimension to the Rule of 20, High cards + Length + Quicks Tricks. (HLQT – Highly Cutie Count). As always, judgment is paramount and guidelines are just that.

Some of the illustrated hands come from top level bridge, including the 2000/1 World Championships, the Venice Cup, and the 2002 National Open Teams with comments relating to players' decisions to bid or pass. I found this particularly helpful.

Klinger also advocates the modern approach to responding. "It usually pays to respond with 5 HCPs unless the hand is really terrible".

| West | East |
|--------|--------|
| ♠ 6 | ♠ KQ75 |
| ♥ AJ54 | ♥ 632 |
| ♦ AK54 | ♦ 87 |
| ♣ QJ75 | ♣ 9643 |

| | |
|----|-------|
| 1D | 1S! |
| 2C | Pass! |

This is a small triumph but 2C is an improvement on 1D.

On the chapter on overcalls, he gives sound advice on the differences between overcalling and doubling which still brings some players to grief. (8-15 range for an overcall). However, this does not mean that a takeout double is 16+ which tends to confuse novices no end. Chapter 7, "Takeout Doubles" (a) Minimum doubles. These are usually in the 12-15 point range. "*With classical shape, they can be weaker*".

This is an interesting book for a range of players as it reflects the modern standard bidding approach. It might even keep serial psychic openers out of the books as they can now legitimately open without their rigid 13 HCPs.

The Power of Shape

Ron Klinger

TERENCE Reese, legendary bridge player and writer said, "Players who count points and don't take note of distribution are a menace."

Ron Klinger is so sure that shape, or the lack of it, is paramount that he advocates the possibility of playing in notrumps when a 4-4, 5-4 even 6-4!! fit exists in a major suit.

West

East

♠ K52

♠ A4

♥ AQ72

♥ KJ853

♦ 873

♦ A42

♣ A92

♣ 863

Many pairs would finish in 4H which is almost without hope. If East knew West had a 4-3-3-3, East would have chosen 3NT.

This book is not limited to the bidding. Successful play and defence is often linked to a knowledge of the pattern of the opponents' hands and this book covers both in detail.

Both books are well designed, with bigger print, numerous example hands, boxed summaries and essential quizzes.

\$26.95 each or a special Christmas offer of \$50 for both, postfree.

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Letters

Re Ivy Luck's article in your last issue.

I am the Congress Secretary for my club and am concerned at the increasing difficulty in enticing restricted players to participate in our open competitions, a difficulty apparently experienced by many other clubs.

It has proved successful to divide the field into Masterpoint Ranking from the start, yes, barring top level players from dropping down into a lower section after a shocker (it happens) and therefore not rewarding mediocrity, at the same time, only permitting the lower sections to place in their section or overall thereby rewarding players who have played well above their ranking.

I would point out that the Championship level of prize money is far greater than the sections below which diminishes the further you drop down. I firmly believe this to be the fairest possible outcome for all levels of players.

Janet Wallis

James O'Sullivan Awards at September 30 2002

Overall Places

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| FRANCIS NEVILLE | 175.91 |
| WALLIS JAMES | 166.99 |
| KONIG SIEGFRIED | 163.63 |
| PARKER RALPH | 157.69 |
| JACKMAN TONY | 153.41 |
| STRICKLAND TREVOR | 148.54 |
| CROFT DENIS | 144.24 |
| STRONG TERRY | 143.12 |
| JANZEKOVIC DARKO | 142.01 |
| HAINSWORTH PETER | 135.84 |

Grand Masters

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| FRANCIS NEVILLE | 175.91 |
| WALLIS JAMES | 166.99 |
| KONIG SIEGFRIE | 163.63 |
| PARKER RALPH | 157.69 |
| JACKMAN TONY | 153.41 |

Gold Life Masters

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| CROFT DENIS | 144.24 |
| LEDEN PETER | 115.81 |
| KELLY ADRIENNE | 103.28 |
| PRITCHARD JOHN | 94.93 |
| AIKIN CORAL | 81.16 |

Silver Life Masters

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| STRICKLAND TREVOR | 148.54 |
| AIKIN MICHAEL | 93.34 |
| MCLAUCHLAN RICHARD | 88.66 |
| MCLAUCHLAN HELEN | 83.96 |
| DARLEY MONICA | 82.61 |

Bronze Life Masters

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| AFFLICK IAN | 109.56 |
| MELCHIOR LEN | 83.48 |
| LUCK JOHN | 81.20 |
| GREEN ROSEMARY | 75.84 |
| JOHNSON JOSEPHIN | 71.45 |

Life Masters

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| GOSS BEVERLEY | 90.22 |
| CARVILL WENDI | 82.07 |
| BARNETT PHILIPPA | 68.89 |
| HUGHES JOHN | 58.69 |
| FOSTER MARGARET | 58.32 |

**National Masters

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| DEAN SANDY | 92.32 |
| SAXBY ELSPETH | 70.76 |
| BICKERTON DORRIE | 40.25 |
| AUER YVONNE | 38.98 |
| ROBINSON JOY | 38.13 |

*National Masters

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| WALFORD TONY | 90.12 |
| O'DEMPSEY TERENCE | 83.39 |
| DAKIN KEITH | 57.67 |
| JOHNSON JANET | 51.87 |
| DOUGHERTY JEANETTE | 51.38 |

National Masters

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| MACLEOD BRONWYN | 78.90 |
| JEWELL GWENDA | 69.65 |
| TURNER DAWN | 69.29 |
| SANDERSON LYNDON | 60.56 |
| BELL JILL | 59.59 |

*State Masters

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| HARRIS DAVID | 80.57 |
| REGAN SANDRA | 67.08 |
| ASHMAN ROBERT | 45.86 |
| HILLE PATRICIA | 43.23 |
| LIGHTBODY SUE | 41.34 |

State Masters

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| JANZEKOVIC DARKO | 142.01 |
| MILLAR JOHN | 64.36 |
| OSMUND JAMES | 61.84 |
| LEUNG JULIA | 41.60 |
| LOTH CAROL | 39.51 |

*Regional Masters

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| FOARD PATSY | 29.55 |
| BAARDA RENK | 27.17 |
| SMITH LANNING | 22.53 |
| BARTHOLOMEW TESS | 18.48 |
| POWER JUDITH | 18.04 |

Regional Masters

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| CHESSER MARGARET | 42.24 |
| EVENSEN TOVE | 36.31 |
| CLOUSTON PATRICIA | 35.18 |
| SMITH STUART | 33.47 |
| WISMER STUART | 26.58 |

**Local Masters

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| CROFT VIVIENNE | 50.83 |
| HOBDELL BETTY | 42.78 |
| HATCHER DANIEL | 34.29 |
| GULLEY GEOFFREY | 32.35 |
| SENDER SYLVIA | 29.97 |

*Local Masters

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| FOSSES SHARON | 55.77 |
| DICKISON IAN | 54.30 |
| SCHMALKUCHE PENNY | 36.03 |
| CARTA ALESSAND | 31.42 |
| MOSCHNER KEN | 30.99 |

Local Masters

| | |
|---------------|-------|
| CARROLL BRUCE | 31.27 |
| MITCHELL GARY | 23.07 |
| MITCHELL JUDY | 23.07 |
| PETERS BILL | 23.00 |
| GULLEY ANNE | 20.61 |

Club Masters

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| WOTHERSPOON TERE | 24.28 |
| INGLIS PETER | 23.39 |
| HENNIG ELAINE | 23.28 |
| TAYLOR RAY | 20.16 |
| CHAPMAN ROSS | 18.72 |

Graduate Masters

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| HALE PHIL | 20.96 |
| MAY SUSIE | 14.38 |
| MITCHELL SANDRA | 13.94 |
| SHELBOURN RODNEY | 13.32 |
| PAWLYSZYN ROMAN | 12.80 |

Nil Masters

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| PERRY RICHARD | 21.64 |
| MCARTHUR ROBERT | 16.12 |
| MASLEN PEERAPAN | 12.28 |
| RAWARD NEIL | 11.91 |
| MUKHERJEE SUNIL | 11.47 |

Results

QCBC Festival Congress 14-15 Sept

Pairs

- 1 K Wood C Howard
- 2 T O'Dempsey J Evans
- 3 R Parker D Parker

Plate

- 1 D Cullen A Carta
- 2 Y Kilvert R Ashman

Teams

- 1 R Parker D Parker
P Hainsworth T Bardon
- 2 T Jackman D Dodd
D & K Anderson
- 3 N Francis D Croft
M Moren T Strong

Plate

- 1 D Cullen A Carta
P Loveday J Egan
- 2 M Corner J Gardiner
L Ranke J Rohde

Mackay Barometer Pairs 21-22 Sept

- 1 M Sounders T Goodsall
- 2 R Lorraway J Dooner
- 3 E White C Tait

Noosa Swiss Teams 29 Sept

- 1 T Jackman D Dodd
M Robson B Lee
- 2 J Bell K Dakin
A Smith T Black
- 3 P Barnett D Harris
R Green L Sanserson

Plate

- S Regan H Cramer
- L Smith S McCulloch

Novice

- J Coop J O'Connell
- K Taylor N Rowley

Mackay 1-day Teams 12 Oct

- 1 N Bryce P Woodward
J Crowley M Swanton
- 2 M Darley D Ryan
K Poole N Martin

QCBC Swiss Pairs 10 Nov

- 1 P Gill R McLauchlan
- 2 P Larsen D Janzekovic
- 3 M Kent D Croft

B Section

- 1 J Cater J Summerhayes
- 2 I Afflick T Strickland
- 3 A Smith P Hainsworth

Qld Pairs Championship 19-20 Oct

- 1 T Hutton T Jackman
- 2 T Tully R Wallis
- 3 L Moses R Touton

Plate

- 1 T Strong G Toon
- 2 R Ashman Y Kilvert
- 3 H Billing E Willey

Consolation

- 1 I Afflick T Strickland
- 2 J Kostyrka V Vella
- 3 D Cullen G Rusher

Novice

- 1 J Hildebrand B Williams
- 2 L Anderson H Stilling
- 3 E Meldrum M Owen

Qld Graded Teams Championship 27 Oct

Life & Grand

- 1 I & J Luck
P Collins U Ridgway
- 2 N Francis D Croft
T Strong B Hunt
- 3 R Ward L Vincent
M Cooke R Ellaway

State - National

- 1 R Ashman Y Kilvert
A Carta P Gosney
- 2 B Macleod D Eastman
T O'Dempsey J Evans
- 3 R & M Graham
J & N Dellaca

Nil - Regional

- 1 K Male J Dillon
D & M Holmes
- 2 G & J Mitchell
G McCarthy T McCormack

Hervey Bay Congress 26-27 Nov

Butler Pairs

- 1 A & D Maltby
- 2 M Dale A Madsen
- 3 R & H McLauchlan

Plate

- 1 A Wyer H Maitland
- 2 W Choy-Show M Watson
- 3 B Theodore H Faulkner

Swiss Teams

- 1 A & D Maltby
R & H McLauchlan
- 2 G Kellerman R Davenport
A Bonnick M Williams
- 3 W Choy-Show M Watson
J Carmody M Kerr

Plate

- 1 R Graham D Davidson
R & S Carpenter
- 2 F Leahy P Skender
J Taylor J Hayward
- 3 H Maitland A Wyer
J Wallace E Watson

Gympie Graded Pairs 13 Oct

National* - Grand

- 1 M Lamont P Buch
- 2 R Green L Sanderson
- 3 L Marshall B Mitchell

Regional - National

- 1 N Pye E Laming
- 2 J Coop J O'Connell
- 3 N Holloway D Borchardt

Novice

- 1 D Bazzan M Bazzan
- 2 M Daines R Manester
- 3 M McKee B McKee

Northern Suburbs Butler Pairs Nov 2-3

- 1 A & B Kempthorne
- 2 K Wood C Howard
- 3 D Appleton P Hainsworth

Plate

- 1 B Hunt R Lachman
- 2 J Serdiuk F Witsenhuysen
- 3=S Dean J Hicks
- 3=M Outridge M O'Malley

Consolation

- 1 M Exton T Jackman
- 2 E & N Gibson
- 3 D Croft J Dennis

Surfers Novice Teams 3 Nov

- 1 N & M De Mestre
G & R McMahon
- 2 E Scott J McKennan
M Clarke L Walsh
- 3 V Roland M Smith
D Allom R Webb

Consolation

- 1 P Jessep N Raward
G Brameld G Skeates
- 2 R & V Huntley
J Jones C Roach

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January

Dec 28-30 Tablelands Pairs & Teams
 5 Qld Seniors' Teams (Sunshine Coast)
 12 Gold Coast Teams
 25-27 Townsville Australia Day Pairs
 26 Northern Suburbs Teams

February

2 Toowong Swiss Pairs
 9 Warwick Swiss Pairs
 Hervey Bay Teams
 QCBC Novice Teams (0-99 MPs)
 15-22 QBA Gold Coast Congress

March

2 Maryborough Butler Pairs
 Dalby Swiss Pairs
 7-9 Proserpine/Whitsunday Pairs
 9 Toowong Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)
 Sunshine Coast Pairs
 15-16 Qld Team Trials - Stage 1
 Rockhampton Pairs
 16 Surfers Novice Swiss Pairs (0-99 MPs)
 Arana Teams
 22-23 Qld Team Trials - Stage 2
 23 Toowoomba Novice Pairs
 29-30 Qld Team Trials - Stage 2
 30 Townsville Pairs
 Northern Suburbs Pairs

April

6 Coolum Pairs
 12-13 Qld Senior Team Trials
 Gympie Pairs & Teams
 13 Redlands Novice Teams
 18-21 Townsville Pairs & Teams
 20-21 BBC Pairs & Teams
 25-27 Cleveland Bay Diggers Pairs & Teams
 26-27 Qld Senior Team Trials
 27 Anzac Teams (QCBC)
 Gold Coast Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)

May

2-5 Mackay Pairs & Teams
 Toowoomba Pairs & Teams
 7 Colin Stone Teams commences
 10 Surfers Paradise Swiss Teams
 17-18 Qld Open Mixed Pairs (Toowong)
 24-25 Caloundra Teams
 25 BBC Swiss Pairs
 31-Jun 1 Arana Pairs & Teams
 Goondowindi Pairs
 31 Eastern Suburbs Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)

June

6-9 Barrier Reef Congress (Cairns)
 8-9 QCBC June Congress
 15 Toowong Graded Pairs
 21-22 Sunshine Coast Honeysuckle Pairs
 22 Cleveland Bay Novice Pairs
 28-29 Gold Coast Teams Congress
 Bowen Pairs
 29 BBC Novice Pairs

July

5 Mackay Pairs
 6 Qld Graded Pairs (QCBC)

11-18 ANC Butler Pairs Championships - Darwin
 12 Caloundra Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)
 13 Coolum Teams
 Lockyer Pairs
 19-20 Noosa Butler Pairs
 20-25 ANC Interstate Teams
 26-27 Bundaberg Pairs

Moreton-Bribie Pairs & Teams

August

2-3 Reliable Carriers Pairs (Cleveland Bay)
 2 Mackay Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)
 3 Sunnybank Pairs
 Northern Suburbs Novice Teams (0-99 MPs)
 Toowoomba Swiss Pairs
 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
 Qld 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

September

6-7 Toowong Teams (inc Qld 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

October

4 Tamborine Swiss Teams
 5 Redlands Pairs
 10-12 Tamborine Novice Swiss Teams (0-99 MPs)
 Cairns Congress
 11 Dalby Pairs & Teams
 12 Mackay Teams
 Cleveland Bay Teams
 Gympie Graded Pairs
 Arana Novice Teams (0-49 MPs)
 18-19 BBC Pairs (inc Qld Open & Novice Pairs)
 25-26 Magnetic Pairs Congress (Townsville)
 Hervey Bay Pairs & Teams
 26 Queensland Graded Teams (QCBC)

November

1-2 Northern Suburbs Pairs
 Cleveland Bay Pairs
 2 Central Qld Teams (Mackay)
 8-9 Surfers Paradise Novice Teams (0-99 MPs)
 9 Bowen Coral Coast Teams
 QCBC Pairs
 15 Toowong Novice Teams
 Townsville Novice Teams (0-99 MPs)
 Eastern Suburbs Teams
 16 Gold Coast Novice Teams (0-99 MPs)
 22-29 Queensland-Wide Pairs
 23 Qld Seniors' & Youth Pairs C'ship (Surfers)
 Coolum Graded Pairs
 Mackay Novice Teams (0-99 MPs)
 30 QCBC Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)

QBA Council Meetings:

January 30, March 27 (AGM), May 29, July 31, September 25, November 27

Directors' Corner

THE subject matter of two articles written recently for club newsletters is worth repeating here.

Time is precious. It is discourteous to use more than your fair share at the bridge table.

Why are slow tables slow? Quite often it is because of the endless post mortems. How many points did you have, I wanted a club lead, you should have doubled. Everything stops while the debate rages on. How bidding should have gone, how the contract could have been made, defeated, what someone should have done. At fast tables, post mortems are short and things are kept moving. Scoring done, new board in place, cards out and counted, all ready for the auction to start. Are you always at the last table to finish? Unduly slow play is subject to penalty under Law 90 B 2.

Making a claim, when you know who's going to win the remaining tricks, is a great way to save time. Disputed claims often have the opposite effect, so don't be pressured, by the exasperated sighs and wriggles of opponents, into making a claim if you aren't certain. Detail the order in which you are planning to play the remaining cards. Mention in particular how you are going to deal with any

outstanding trump and whether any finesses are to be taken.

Prolonging play unnecessarily to disconcert opponents is a breach of etiquette. Law 74 B 4.

The second subject concerns displays of obvious indecision before playing to a trick. Deliberation is one thing, pulling a card out and putting it back, pulling a card out and putting it back is different. It is so annoying, and possibly damaging to your side. What about those hesitating pencils? Out to the bidding slip and back, out to the bidding slip and back. More than one opponent has called out of turn because they assumed a pass was written.

I often want to tell dummies to keep their hands in their laps until told to play a card. Hands hovering over the cards could be seen as suggesting that a certain card be played. A serious No-No for dummy.

Indecisive players merit the same treatment. Decide what card to play, bid to make, and then do it. Why tell the opponents that you have a difficult choice of call or play? It's usually not too hard to work out the problem and there is a risk of unauthorized information being available to partner.

■ Jan Peach

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