

# BRIDGE IN THE CITY NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2023

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## Bridge in the City Incorporated

The State government department responsible for incorporated bodies is being very particular in their demands. I submitted a slightly modified version of the constitution from a sister club that was approved five years ago, but that wasn't good enough.

A new draft has been submitted, and it is intended to have the inaugural general meeting shortly after approval has been granted.

The incoming committee will consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four committee positions. If you are interested in representing your fellow players please let me know.

## Improve your bidding

The best bid in Standard American, and other strong no Trump systems, is the 1NT rebid. It's a beautiful call since it limits your hand while showing a lack of support for partner's bid suit.

Compare this to the auction

1H – 1S –

2C - ?

In Acol, where the NT rebid promises a balanced hand within a given point range, opener could have anything from 11 to 19 high card points for such an auction.

So, I suggest the following approach:

With 14+ points and a 5-4-2-2 shape rebid the second suit.

With a 5-5 shape, rebid the second suit.

Otherwise, with a weak hand, either raise partner with three card support or rebid 1NT. With this approach you will find that you can open weak hands and not get punished for it, while your final contracts will more often be at a manageable level.

**2023 Golden Bunny Swiss Teams**

**Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 12:30 pm**

**Nominations on the noticeboard or via the website.**

## Monthly Winners

### MONDAY MARCH PAIRS

- 1 Antonina Hayles & Terry Healey
- 2 Chris Barnwell & Stewart Kingsborough

3 Carmel & Norman Thompson

### FRIDAY MARCH PAIRS

- 1 Genevieve Donnelly & Antonina Hayles
- 2 Carmel & Norman Thompson
- 3 Chris Barnwell & Stewart Kingsborough

### FRIDAY B GRADE MARCH PAIRS

- 1 Jill Stone & Sue Wilksch
- 2 Sue Riddle & Nola Stone
- 3 Pam Bowman & Lois Glanfield

## Ruling the Game - Hesitations.

Bridge is a mind game, and you are supposed to think – to suggest otherwise is just wrong. Further, there will be occasions when no easy solution to your bidding problem occurs, so your choice of calls is only made after some deliberation. What then is the situation?

First of all, partner can bid after your hesitation. It's true that unauthorised information has been provided, and that this cannot be taken advantage of. Nevertheless, if partner has an obvious bid then that call should be made.

Should his action be queried by the opponents then the director should be called and he will ask that the auction continue, and the hand played. If the opponents still feel aggrieved, then the director should be called back and he will determine:

1. Have the opponents been damaged – usually not, in my experience.
2. Was the call subsequent to the hesitation not the obvious choice on the hand.
3. If the opponents have in fact been damaged and the call subsequent to the hesitation wasn't the usual choice then an adjusted score will be awarded.

## **2023 GNOT QUALIFYING**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Gold Masterpoints, winners get free entry to the State  
Under 1500 final.**

## I wish I'd said that (but Edgar Kaplan said it first)

*Edgar Kaplan was a top American Bridge player and commentator, and also editor of Bridge world. His comments during live Bridge broadcasts were legendary, some are listed below.*

"I don't know what North was thinking of doing, but it's just as well he didn't."

"Now that he's at the six level, he knows no more than he did before but there's less bidding space for making errors."

"I think he'll keep doubling them until he finally beats one."

"The difference between a brave bid and a foolhardy bid is largely a matter of result."

"Have you notice that Chagas has the capacity for winning a large number of tricks? It's a very useful attribute for a bridge player."

"That's unfair. North-South were just having a good time and suddenly East-West turned nasty and doubled."

"That computer has never gone down in its whole life. It doesn't know the feeling."

"Four hearts is a very good bid -- but on some other hand."

"This is a contract that would be justified only by success -- and I have a feeling that it will not be."

"Even on the vulnerability he might risk bidding just two spades. Of course, I wouldn't be saying that if two spades could go down 800."

"If you average South's bidding on this hand (one too many) and on the previous hand (one too few), he comes out just right."

"When in doubt, put the opponents on lead. Why should you make the mistake?"

"Mahmood gave himself some very good advice when he said STOP. But he paid no attention."

"It is always a good idea to make only six when you've missed a grand slam. The opponents don't know how good a result they have."

"The computer is living very dangerously today."

"He may bid and he may not. I believe that covers all possibilities."

"The defenders made two no trump so it was an accurate contract -- just played the wrong way."

"His pass over two diamonds was clearly conservative, but his pass over two hearts was more than conservative -- it was reactionary."

"In both rooms, just as East-West were about to go down one, North came to the rescue. The idea on a hand like this is to be generous and let your opponents go down."

"Well, he underled two aces on the last hand with ill effect, so this time he'll lead a club from ten-fourth. Twice burned, once shy."

"The South hand was too weak to pass in the Closed Room (Polish strong pass) and too strong to pass in the Open Room (10 points)."

"He's preserving his options to misguess the diamonds."

"South's bid implied: I have four spades, four hearts, six clubs and the rest are diamonds."

"They avoided the trap of bidding a slam on the second hand to compensate for the one they missed on the first."

"I don't understand how declarer made only five spades. I understand why he wanted to make only five spades: It wouldn't be so obvious then that he had missed a slam."

"To teach the opponents not to preempt against you, you must not only double them, you must also beat them."

"Some people bid three notrump over their partner's three-level suit bids on the theory that it's more dignified to go down in game."

"Twice doubled, twice made. The double seems to be the Good Housekeeping seal of approval in this match."

"I don't think anyone in this tournament can bid diamonds to show diamonds. We lost the club suit in the 1950s. Now diamonds are gone and hearts are sinking fast."

"Everything gets doubled in the Closed Room except when it goes down."

"If you want to bid naturally and still sound modern, just say your bid shows the suit below the suit above the one you bid."

"If North had the seven of clubs, declarer would go down. The trouble is you would have to give North the seven of clubs in the other room also."

"His lead was the middle from the top of nothing."

"In the old days, you had to grit your teeth and pass with the North hand. Now you can make a negative double with the result that you go down instead of the opponents."

"The computer has just bid a psychic. It shows you can't even trust a machine nowadays."

"East is wondering why he didn't pass one spade. So am I."

"East-West can make a singular number of hearts but not a plural number."

"I think Lauria was right. This way, whatever happens, it's his partner's fault."

"To open one notrump with a five-card major is not a misdemeanor but a felony."

"They make a game. It wasn't a good game but still they won't give it back on that account."

"Somebody said down one is good bridge. Making is perhaps better."

**State Wide Pairs, Monday Afternoon April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Red masterpoints, booklets provided**

## Hand of the Month.

Board : 28	S♠ AK8	Dir: W	Makeable Contracts					
	H♥ AT64	Vul: N-S		♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
	D♦		N	7	1	5	5	4
	C♣ AQT932		S	7	1	5	5	4
S♠ JT		S♠ Q942	E	-	-	-	-	-
H♥ J72		H♥ 9853	W	-	-	-	-	-
D♦ AKQ8432		D♦ 75						
C♣ 8		C♣ J76						
	S♠ 7653							
17	H♥ KQ							
11 3	D♦ JT96							
9	C♣ K54							

West frequently started proceedings by opening 3NT, showing a solid minor with little outside, for a variety of final contracts. These included:

- 3NT by West three down: North forgot to bid.
- 3NT doubled by West, down six - East forgot to bid.
- Several unfortunate 4S contracts.
- Just the one six clubs, for 12 tricks.

Can you see how to make 4 spades? The cards do sit kindly, in fact 11 tricks are there for the taking, while 13 tricks can be yours by careful play in a club contract.

## Prepayment Scheme

Bridge in the City now has its own prepayment scheme, where players make a prior payment, this is credited to their account, from which session fees are then deducted.

Players then get a weekly email advising them of their balance, while containing a link to an internet schedule of all their deposits and deductions.

Payments can be made either to the Director on duty, or else online into the following Bridge in the City bank account.

**BSB 805-050, account number 102-725-070**

Finally, when making an online deposit, please make sure that you give your name.