

BRIDGE IN THE CITY NEWSLETTER October 2024

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Personnel Changes

Following recent resignations we have a new Monday Director, a new Club Secretary, and a new Committee Member.

Our Monday afternoon tournament director is now Antonina Hayles, the new Club Secretary is Moira Smith, and Graham Stucley has joined the Committee. Their contact details are on the website.

We thank Bob Thiele, Nola Stone, and Pam Bowman for their past efforts and wish them well in the future.

Plan Your Play

♠KQJ85

♥K6432

♦432

♣-

♠A

♥AJ10

♦KQJ9

♣AKQ65

You are declarer in 6NT on a club lead to East's ten. The tricks are there, but you need to play your cards in the correct sequence – it's easy to get locked in the wrong hand, as happened to more than one declarer last Friday.

Count your tricks – you should have three club tricks, two diamond tricks, two heart tricks, and five spades. And, if the spades don't break, you have chances of an extra diamond trick or, failing all else, the heart finesse.

So, at trick two you should attack the diamonds, driving out the Ace, and discarding hearts from dummy. They win the Ace and return a club.

You win in hand, take your spade Ace, your club and diamond tricks, cross to dummy's ♥King, and play on the spades.

Your contract will now succeed if the spades divide 4-3, if the ♦10 comes down in three rounds, or if the heart finesse works.

The Clubrooms will be closed on Monday October 28th.
The builders are in, should be finished by Thursday.

Revokes

When is a revoke established?

A revoke is established when the offender, or the offender's partner, has played to the next trick. It doesn't matter that an opponent has played, it's whether a member of the offending pair has done so. Note: A revoke at trick 12 is always corrected without penalty.

What happens when a revoke is corrected?

There is no penalty if declarer was the offender – dummy knowing one partner's cards is of no use.

If a defender was at fault then the card played in error stays on the table as a penalty card, to be played at the first legal opportunity whether leading, following suit, or discarding.

If the offender's partner obtains the lead while the penalty card is still exposed then declarer can ask that the suit be led or not led, in both cases the card being returned to the offender's hand. Otherwise offender's partner leads what he chooses, and the penalty card stays on the table.

What is the penalty?

If the offender wins that trick then the penalty is that trick, and one subsequent.

If the offender doesn't win that trick (including when partner wins the trick) the penalty is just the one trick if taken from that round or later.

An offender can never gain by revoking, so on occasion the penalty is to give the opponents the number of tricks had there been no transgression, since the regulation amount is inadequate.

I revoked, we didn't gain by it, why have we been penalised?

Because you've been a nuisance! To not impose a penalty would encourage mayhem.

They revoked, but we didn't gain anything from it?

The Laws these days are more concerned with regaining the status quo, rather than penalising – and a good thing too!

Bridge in the City Congress

We had a successful congress on September 22nd. Fifteen tables played, enough for an A Grade and B Grade sections, the winners were:

BRIDGE IN THE CITY CONGRESS - A GRADE

- 1 Therese Demarco & Lori Smith
- 2 Petter Carlmark & Bill Jensen
- 3 Julie Clark & Julie Roberts

BRIDGE IN THE CITY CONGRESS - B GRADE

- 1 Darrell Mitton & Dennis Reynolds
- 2 Chris Brady & Elizabeth Eccleston
- 3 Terry Earle & Antonina Hayles

The Best Deceptive Play Ever

The following hand is one that I read about many years ago. I do know that the European declarer won an international award for his play, if only I could remember his name!

All vulnerable, as dealer you pick up the following hand.

♠72
♥K987542
♦7
♣AJ3

You open 3♥, 3♠ bid on your left, pass, 4♠ on your right, all pass.

Partner leads the ♥Jack, and dummy comes down with:

♠ J1053
♥Q72
♦A532
♣107

Declarer plays low from dummy, as do you, Ace from declarer.

Next declarer plays the ♠King from hand, taken by partner's Ace.

Partner plays the ♣King which wins, then a low club to your Ace. Hoping that partner can come up with a diamond trick you exit a trump, won in dummy, partner following suit.

Declarer leads the ♥7 from dummy and, knowing from the play at trick one that partner has the ten, you play low – shock, horror, declarer wins the ♥10, partner discarding! Declarer then claims ten tricks for his contract.

At trick one declarer correctly reasoned that the opening lead was a singleton, and with normal play West would get a heart ruff, hence the falsecard. What a play!

The full deal.

♠A9	♠72
♥J	♥K987542
♦10986	♦7
♣KQ9654	♣AJ3
♠KQ864	
♥A10	
♦KQJ4	
♣J8	

Everyone Should Play Fourth Suit Forcing

This is the bidding tool that everyone should be using, to make sure that they get to the correct game contract. Far too often players miss a slam, or play in 3NT with a single fourth suit stopper, when a major game poses no problems.

The bid of the fourth suit in an uncontested auction establishes a game force, so the bidding cannot stop below game level. It doesn't promise a holding in that suit, and gives partner the opportunity to:

- Bid No Trumps with a stopper.
- Show extra length (this is how you find 6-2 major fits),.
- Complete the description of a 5-4-4 or 4-4-4-1 hand.
- Indicate three card support for responder.
- Make a jump call with extra values.

Consider this hand from a recent Monday night session, where you hold

♠KQ94
♥A83
♦AK642
♣K

partner having opened 1♣. Nineteen points, definitely slam interest, you respond 1♦, and partner rebids 1♠ (You should only respond 1♠ with a weak hand, if your hand is worth two bids then 1♦ is the much better choice).

The auction has suddenly become much more interesting. However, partner may still have extra values, extra length, or even support for your diamonds. How do you find out? Bid 2♥, fourth suit forcing. And, to your surprise, partner rebids 2♠!

Now you know that partner has a six card club suit, and a five card spade suit (with equal length partner's opening call would have been 1♠).

So, call for Aces, partner shows two, and you can plan the play – at most two club ruffs in your hand to establish that suit, you can now count five spade tricks in partner's hand, six club tricks (Ace, King, and two ruffs), two red Aces, and the ♦K to spare.

No losers, bid the grand slam in spades!

Partner's hand:

♠AJ875
♥Q4
♦-
♣AJ10762

Need a Partner on Friday?

If you go to the website and complete the form an email will be sent to the regular players in your section letting them know.

Christmas Dinner

Maid of Auckland Hotel December 15th

Bookings through Stuart Tuck.

Fourth Suit Forcing P.S.

In the auction

1♣ 1♦

1♥ 1♠

I prefer to play the 1♠ call as natural, 2♠ being fourth suit forcing.

Also, you should be careful bidding five-five shapes with limited values where partner has inconveniently bid the other two suits – on the second round you should either bid minimum No Trumps or give preference to partner's first bid suit. You certainly don't want to game force on an obvious misfit.

Monthly Placegetters

FRIDAY PURPLE SEPTEMBER PAIRS

- 1 Chris Barnwell & Stewart Kingsborough
- 2 Jinny Fuss & Sue Martin
- 3 Genevieve Donnelly & Terry Healey

FRIDAY PINK SEPTEMBER PAIRS

- 1 Janet Hegarty & Janice Paltridge
- 2 Marlene Ryan & Pam Wood
- 3 Fernanda Ferreira & Dennis Miles

MONDAY SEPTEMBER PAIRS

- 1 Genevieve Donnelly & Terry Healey
- 2 Janet Faber & Dennis Reynolds
- 3 Glenda & John Marshall

Masterpoint Promotions

Peter Tuck Regional, Jenny Wishart Graduate, Lyn Mitchell Graduate,
Cynthia Brinkman National, Lynne Cotton Regional, Terry Healey Silver Life
Dennis Reynolds Silver National

Gawler Teams Congress

10:00 am Sunday October 20th

Elderly Centre, 14th St Gawler

Lunch provided.

Entries to David Anderson