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Page 16, column 1, below the 1st deal, Katz's 2c bid is new Minor Forcing asking for 3 card spade support or a 4 card heart suit. It's partnership agreement which to show if you have both.

Auction p21 also Page 22 (Deal on page 21). North's pass is probably a forcing pass. South should double or go to 5H but not pass. Also, at IMPs, once they are already in game, close doubles are fine - just don't double them into game when it's close.

Page 45 Shafer. Nice article and quiz for leading against no trump - except **B** is wrong. The lead of the Ace asks partner to dump their highest card in the suit - that was in Helms' column recently. It's standard. The K of diamonds is the correct answer.

Helms, Sept 2015, p. 48

Page 46 Berg, column 3, there are only 3 answers to statement: 2D, 2H and 2S anything else is wrong.

Page 47 Helms, column 2, holding a 6+ ^{card} strong suit, it must be opened at some level. If you're between a 1 and 2 opener - pick one - don't pass.

column 3, because of the second suit (clubs), if the spades were better this hand would be opened 3 or 4 spades.

Page 48 Manley, bottom of column 2, top of column 3 - when to super accept transfers.

Page 49 Harrington, dealing with opponents' overcalls. (1), (2), (3) & (6) are the most important points.

Page 52 Cohen, third column, 1st full paragraph. Playing standard leads, the 2nd of the suit on opening lead, promises exactly a 4 card suit.

Page 54, you should have a reason for ducking in third or fourth seats. Don't risk losing your trick, it might even get ruffed.
Kautar gives one situation to duck in the second paragraph on page 54.
in 2nd column

Page 55, Boehm, 1st column, 1st paragraph. Lead the higher of touching honors on defense. Play the lower of touching honors as declarer.

Last paragraph. Play in tempo. Decide ahead of time whether to go up or duck.

Page 56, Bergen, after #5, he recommends basic Blackwood not key card, unless a suit has been bid and raised.

Page 65, Miller, doubles below 4S are for takeout, a double of 4S is a big hand without a big suit, a 4NT bid over 4S is a 2 suiter.