

February 2016 ACBL Bulletin Notes

Page 26, Column 1, Goldberg's double is a support double showing exactly 3 spades. **Bottom of column**

Page 38, Column 3, Problem 4, Bridge Bulletin auction. East bids 2D not 2H as East has a good hand. It is strong enough to make a second bid. The second bid is of course hearts. **This is a responder's reverse, which shows an opening hand.**

Page 43, Column 3, Rigal & Cohen, 2S is a club raise - it's the 'impossible' spade bid. South would have bid spades on their first bid if they had 4 or more spades.

This bid is forcing, shows a good hand, and takes up only a little room. It does NOT necessarily show a spade stop.

Page 44, Lawrence, Column 2, second paragraph - leading from an ace is usually wrong against suit contracts. Column 3, first paragraph - lead trumps to prevent declarer from ruffing his losers/your winners.

Page 45, Sheter, (1) clear 3C preempt with 6 chunky clubs. (2) incorrect 3D bid - North needs full values to bid in the direct seat - this isn't even close. Column 3, 2nd paragraph - bid 3NT, you have a club stopper - don't need a heart stopper. You need to make a good bid - not a perfect one.

Page 46, Helms, 2nd Column, 1st paragraph. Don't wait to bid - bid at your first opportunity. suggestion of 2R. **Middle of 3rd col.**

Page 47, Berg, bottom of Column 1 / top of Column 2 - do not transfer / relay to a 5 card minor over partner's 1NT opener. second paragraph - garbage Staymen. **2nd col.** third Column, third paragraph - never bid 2NT over partner's Staymen bids.

Page 49, Harrington, 2nd Column, good analysis on hands 1 and 2.

Page 50, Challenge of the Monthly Five play analysis but dopey bidding by North. Don't double just bid 1Spade. Hoping partner will bid your 5 card major for you is against the odds. If you have five spades, it is unlikely that Partner is going to bid spades. You will likely lose a 5-3 spade fit, if you don't bid 1S. And if North bids 1S, South would bid 3H, a cue bid limit raise.

Page 52, Horton, Nice Jacoby 2NT auction, showing spade shortness and Q bidding. Like many dealers set up your long side suit (spades) to make your contract.

Page 53, Kauter, Third column, maximizing your chances to make your contract.

Page 54, Cohen, 1st column, 4th paragraph - in uncontested auctions, no new natural suits on the four level, column 3, set up tricks in your long side suits.

Page 55, Boehm, 1st two paragraphs and the last paragraph; hand evaluation is a lot more than counting high card points.

Page 57, Stewart, the play of the hand shows a dummy reversal - make the dummy good - not your hand. It also is an example of correctly violating the guideline of do not trump in the long hand.

Page 61, Kauter, problem 2. Take all your chances in the right order. Problem on p. 59

Page 65, Billy Miller, top of column 2 - force to game with a Q bid. Third column, answer to Linc. Too level overcalls usually show a 6 card suit

P. 67 Ron Brown Life Master
P. 69 Marion Collins Ruby Life Master

p. 81 - Daniel Jackson listed under
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