



*Cincinnati Bridge Association*

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Patti English

I have been reading the best book....**How You Can Play Like an Expert** (Without Having to Be One) by Mel Colchamiro.

Well...actually ...I have been reading this book again! If you are not familiar with this book, it is a book of rules that you can apply while at the bridge table, so that you can play like the experts do. Now Mel says that the experts don't really need to apply these rules..."Experts just know. That is why they're experts". But you and I can be just as successful as the experts ...if WE apply these rules. And....there are a bunch of rules.....14 or 15....with about as many exceptions to the rules as there are rules! I made flash cards of the rules...well of the ones that I intend to remember. I think I will only be playing like a *half* of an expert because it is hard to learn ALL of Mel's rules and then ...what? The exceptions! Yikes!

So I thought maybe it would be a great time to share some of my rules. Let's call them...  
**Patti's Rules.**

**Patti's Rule of 1** - I like to sit in only one seat. East....because it is E....for English...that way I know where I am all the time. If I am made to sit in the other direction, I like to sit North....and I am not sure why!

**Patti's Rule of 2** - I would like to start a movement to outlaw 2 board movements! You play.... you sit...you sit; you wait....you sit and wait more than you play.

**Patti's Pencil Rule** - I always have to use a pencil to keep score....and NOT a mechanical pencil. A pencil with a good eraser and a sharp point is a must! Beware...if you borrow

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my pencil at the table.....you just might get your knuckles cracked!

**Patti's Arrival Rule** - I always arrive w-a-y ahead of time to night games. Since I moved to Mt. Adams, I can never rely on the traffic....is it flowing...is it backed up... how long will it take me? So sometimes I am at the 7:00 game by about....5:30! Makes for a really long night.

**Patti's Howell Rule** - This is the same philosophy as the Rule of 2....I would like to outlaw Howell movements. Why? Some say they make the game fairer! Fairer! I have trouble keeping my scores.....was I E/W ....or was I ...N/S? Minus here...plus there! I always have to keep my scores in rounds....and then mark..."playing E/W"....don't you know what I mean? Especially when stationary pairs just move the table card and not themselves!

**Patti's Fun Rule** - Always ...always have fun at the bridge table. That's my last...but my main rule. If I can't introduce myself to my opponents as 'Patti from Cincinnati'..and have fun with it.....why play at all?

**Cincinnati Fall Sectional and CBA Elections (OctoberBest 2008)**

OCTOBERBEST 2008 will be held October 24, 25 & 26 at the United Aerospace Workers Hall, UAW 647 (see Map on page 4) at 10020 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241. Highlights include:

- Elections for the CBA (see page 5)
- Changes to CBA Constitution (see page 7)
- DISTRICT 11 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FINALS, (see page 9) on October 25

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# Let Our Children teach Us

By Amit Raturi, Editor

Rachna Goyal has been playing some excellent bridge in Cincinnati - her team was in the semis of NA (B) teams in Las Vegas and she has won a lot of local events. But this column is not about winning. Sitting in the West seat in a Swiss team event, first answer what would you do.

	North	
	♠ xx	
	♥ Qxxx	
	♦ Qxx	
	♣ AQTx	
West		East
♠ AQJxxxx		♠ Txx
♥ KTxx		♥ Jxx
♦ K		♦ AJx
♣ x		♣ Jxxx
	South	
	♠ K	
	♥ Ax	
	♦ T98xxx	
	♣ K9xx	

South Dealer, None Vul  
 S      W      N      E  
 2D    3C\*    3D    Pass\*\*  
 Pass ?

\* Intended as takeout but not alerted by partner  
 \*\* Long (at least 20 second) hesitation

What call do you make with the West hand?

Rachna passed!!! When the deal was over, she said to her partner (her Dad!): "partner you barred me from bidding with your long hesitation!!" Rachna and her partner lost 10 IMPs on the board. But this was not a match I wanted to win after her principled action at the table. She is the winner in my books.

By the way, Rachna is 19 - what a fine example of our children teaching us!!

I look forward to being your editor and improving the Alert.

This is from the ACBL website on Active ethics:  
*"Actively ethical players do everything possible in these situations to bring their opponents back to even terms -- to remove any possible disadvantage accruing to them from their side's failure to have a complete conventional understanding."*

## New Look for Alert?

We have made several changes to the format and content of Alert over the last 6 weeks. You may not like all of them...if so, please let us know. Participating actively in this process were John Burpee, Patti English, Rob Weidenfeld, Gayle Keaney, Pat Dutton and Adrienne Netherwood. My thanks to all of them!!

Three new ideas in this issue need your support. First, I would like to see as many submissions as possible for the bidding contest on page 7. The maverick running the contest (our very own Eugene!!) will score the answers and the top two point winners will WIN a FREE game at the club.

Second, we have added new features such as 0-5 Mini-McKinney leaders, columns on upcoming players, etc. I would like to hear from new players - if you make a good bid, find a cute play or defense, or even if you notice something unusual about this new found "crazy" bridge community, please drop me a line. I will write up your article for you, but please save the details of the hand, dealer, vulnerability etc.

Third, it would be nice to customize the Bridge humor column with our own anecdotes (*a la* Freeman & Eber, who published a whole book because Jan Weyant did not have a Qx for someone's runny nose!!). It would be great to present the Cooper road Menagerie to the world.

Our unit has 943 members, average age 67.3 years and with average membership of 18.7 years. About 60 new members join every year but we retain only 57% in year 2. Lets all work on improving that.

Look forward to hearing from you all [amit.raturi@uc.edu](mailto:amit.raturi@uc.edu)

## 2008 YTD Masterpoints 8-31-08

- 1 752.01 Norman Coombs
- 2 476.83 Matt Granovetter
- 3 449.51 William Higgins
- 4 446.50 Amitabh Raturi
- 5 421.54 Nancy Sachs
- 6 397.67 Adam Parrish
- 7 378.38 Pamela Granovetter
- 8 349.78 Frank Treiber III
- 9 339.26 Yauheni Siutsau
- 10 225.45 Lorna Davis

## Total Masterpoints 8-31-08

- 1 19680.95 Norman Coombs
- 2 10977.20 Tom Hodapp
- 3 9612.95 Matt Granovetter
- 4 6678.07 Nancy Sachs
- 5 6613.27 Marshall Tuly
- 6 6544.35 Bruce Parent
- 7 5078.12 Judy Cohn
- 8 4888.01 Pamela Granovetter
- 9 4227.61 Bill Coombs
- 10 3856.93 William Higgins

# A valuable lesson indeed!

By Rob Weidenfeld

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A while back A.J. Stephani, an active member of the CBA, submitted this deal as a great lesson hand for him. It is a great lesson hand for all.

Neither Vulnerable. South deals.

♠K86  
 ♥A1084  
 ♦A75  
 ♣K108  
 ♠972                ♠Q53  
 ♥J97                ♥5  
 ♦1043              ♦9862  
 ♣A654              ♣Q9732

♠AJ107  
 ♥KQ632  
 ♦KQJ  
 ♣J

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
		1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: ♣Ace

There are many skills necessary in order to be a complete player. One is inference. Sherlock Holmes once solved a mystery because he knew that a guard dog had not barked. Sometimes, at the bridge table, the only clue you have is that someone did not do something. The lesson should not be lost on those wishing to improve their defense at bridge.

The bidding requires some explanation. After North's forcing raise, South cue bids showing a first round control of spades. That usually shows an ace, but could show a void. When North bypasses clubs to cue bid diamonds, South knows the club ace is missing and signs off in six hearts.

After the lead of the club ace and a club continuation, South pitched a spade from hand and won the king in dummy. The hand depended upon finding the spade queen so declarer tried to gather as much information as possible. He rapidly played three rounds of trumps and West discarded what appeared to be two non-essential clubs. After playing three rounds of diamonds, ending in dummy he ruffed a club in hand. At this point he was down to three spades and one trump in each hand.

At this point, the declarer Joe Muenks, a fine player, took a few seconds for thought and played a spade to the king and finessed the 10 on the way back, making the slam. He then turned to East and said, "You had two chances to discard and held onto your spades. You acted like a man who had something to protect in the spade suit. That was my only clue so I used it." The beauty of bridge is that you may have no opposition bidding to guide you and no obvious clues from the play of the hand thus far, but inference is a very important part of the game. If A. J. had routinely and painlessly tossed a spade on the run of the trumps early, even the best declarers will go wrong.

## A NEW POLICY FOR DEALING WITH "PSYCH" BIDS

Background: A psych bid is defined as any call that is a "deliberate and gross misstatement of honor strength or suit length." The ACBL permits psychs with limitations as defined by Law 40.

1. A player may not psych any artificial opening bid (e.g. Precision 1 Club, Flannery 2 Diamonds) or conventional responses to artificial opening bids.
2. A player is not permitted to alter his responses on the assumption that partner has made a psych bid.
3. Psychic controls are not permitted. For instance, a player may not make a psych response to a weak two opener which opener is not permitted to raise one level.

Excessive psyching leads to implied and concealed partnership understandings—a serious offense. Likewise, frivolous and unsportsmanlike psychs are totally against the spirit of the game.

In the late 90s the CBA established a policy on the use of psychs. Players were limited to one "use" per game.

The following was approved by the CBA Board as the new policy for psychs:

1. The CBA will establish a Log Book to be used at the Cincinnati Bridge Center. All reported incidence of psych bids in all games at the CBC will be entered in the Log Book. (Game directors at other locations are urged to establish and maintain a similar means of control).
2. All players who employ psych bids will be required to register. Their names will be kept on file in the Log Book. Failure to register and then psyching will result in a "0" on the affected board(s).
3. A player who uses psychs excessively or inappropriately as determined by the game director will be penalized. The amount of the penalty is solely at the discretion of the director.

In the CBA's Tuesday Night Open Game "excessive" use of any form of psych is defined as more than one per game, or more than a total of 4 at the bridge center in any month, and will result in a negative score adjustment and be referred to the unit Conduct and Ethics Committee. All game directors are urged to establish similar limits for their games.

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### *A New Policy for Psyches from page 3*

4. Representatives of the Conduct and Ethics Committee will review the Log Book at the CBC each month. This review will determine: 1) If game directors are using the Log properly. 2) Determine if any players are using psychs in a manner that is considered excessive when the records from all games are reviewed. In that case the Board will take appropriate action regarding that player's access to future games at the CBC.

While the Cincinnati Bridge Association recognizes that all club and game owners are free to set their own standards for play in accordance with the ACBL, we encourage them to follow the above policy.

**Responsibilities:** The CBA has the responsibility of adhering to the rules and policies of the ACBL. That means that psych bids are allowed in all games played in the Unit. It also means that the CBA must make every effort to see that the guidelines suggested by ACBL are followed within the Unit, i.e. excessive, frivolous or unsportsmanlike psych bidders are monitored and "controlled" where necessary. The CBA also has the responsibility of notifying the membership of this new policy.

The Game Directors have the primary responsibility of

maintaining control over the use of psychs in their games. This means establishing "levels of acceptability" in your games (i.e. how many psychs will you allow a player to make before it is considered "excessive?"); being aware of who the psych bidders are, monitoring the frequency and character of the psych bidding and determining penalties where called for.

Players who use psych bids have the responsibility of making sure they do not make excessive use of the practice, or to use it in such a fashion that their partner may reasonably believe the bidder has psyched, while the opponents would be left in the dark. He/She must not make frivolous or unsportsmanlike use of the practice, such as using psych against beginners or novice players.

The psych bidder's partner has the responsibility of treating all bids made by his partner as natural, and respond as if they were natural. If the opponents ask about a bid, and the psych bidder's partner thinks it could be a psych he must explain that possibility even though he must treat it as natural in his response.

Opponents of psych bidders have the responsibility of knowing what proper and improper psych bids are, and what to do when they believe an opponent has psyched against them, i.e. report their suspicion to the game director.

### *Cincinnati Fall Sectional from page 1*

## Cincinnati Fall Sectional Schedule

FRIDAY, 10/24

Stratified Future Pairs (stratified as warranted) 1 & 7 PM (A-200-300; B-50-200; C-0-50)

Strat. Open Pairs- (C-0-500; B-500-2000; A-2000+) 1 & 7PM

Compact Knockout: 1PM-1 & 2. 7PM-3 & 4.

SATURDAY, 10/25

5X5 Swiss Team (Team MP average) 9AM

Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 PM

Stratified Future Pairs (s.a.w.) 1 & 7 PM

DISTRICT 11 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS 1&7PM

SUNDAY, 10/26

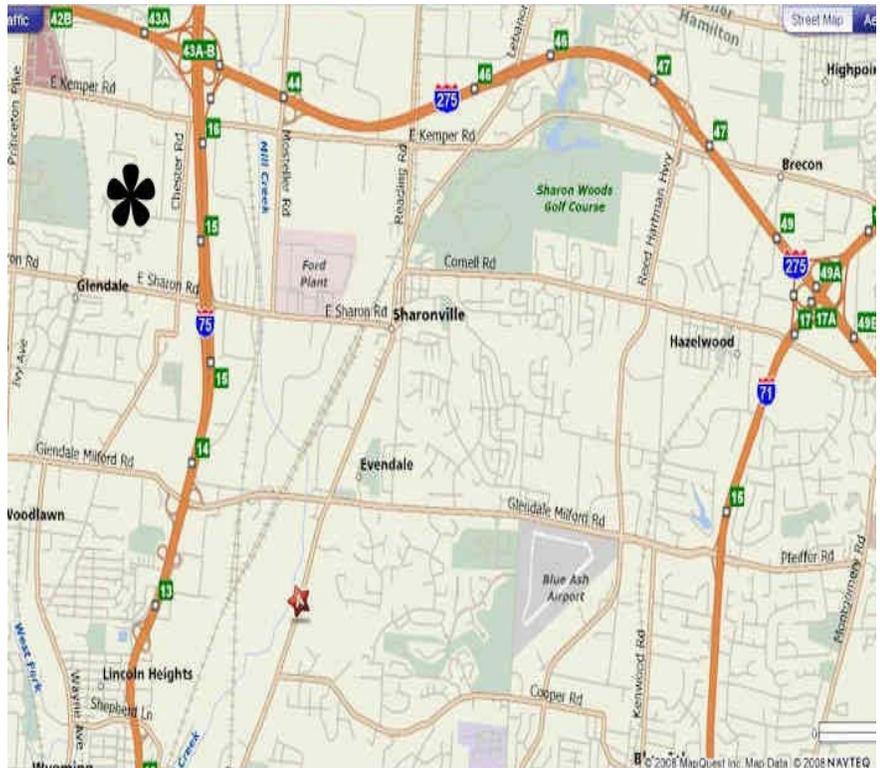
Bracketed Swiss Teams (play through) 10:30 AM (Team MP average. Stratified as warranted).

Single Session 199'r Swiss Team (play through) 10:30AM

FREE COFFEE, DONUTS & BAGELS - 10AM

### Location and Hotels

United Aerospace Workers Hall, UAW 647 (Red star on Map) at 10020 Reading Road., 45241 (North of Cooper). Hotels available on Chester Road (see flower symbol upper left of map)



## Nancy's Nasty #2

By Pat Dutson

Look at the following hands, the bidding, and the lead.

	♠ JXXX		
	♥ AKXX		
	♦ JXX		
	♣ AQ		
♠ QX		♠ XX	
♥ XXX		♥ XXX	
♦ KQX		♦ AXXX	
♣ XXXXX		♣ XXXX	
	♠ AKXXX		
	♥ QJX		
	♦ XXX		
	♣ KJ		

South	West	North	East
1S	P	2N <sup>①</sup>	P
4S <sup>②</sup>	P	P	P

① A Jacoby 2NT bid showing an opening hand and 4-card support.

② A minimum hand.

Opening Lead=King of diamonds

Decide if you want to be declarer, defender, and how you will play the hand. Check your answer against Nancy Sachs' suggestions at the end of the Alert.

### New Partnership Chairman New Game

Mike Lipp is the new partnership chairman  
for CBA

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468-4111 or 467-8054

Mike has also started a new game on Wednesday night with varying and interesting formats e.g. fast pairs, mixed pairs, barometer etc. Join him on Wednesday night and make this game a success! Remember...

**Wednesday Night, 7 PM!!**

## Cooper Road Menagerie

*Vulnerable, doubled and down five (-1400) in an absurd contract, the Armenian turns to his partner - "Sorry I mis-sorted my hand and misplaced a card". "Only one card?" asked his partner.*

*We missed our exit on the way to a tournament and got there too late to play. My partner was nice about it though. "Not the first time I have been end played for lack of an exit card".*

*"I have been having a bad spell lately" apologized one bridge player after going down in a cold contract. "I don't know what it is pard, but it keeps getting worse and worse everyday". "Yes", said his partner with heartfelt sympathy. "Today you played like its tomorrow".*

*Sorry partner, I was going to lead my singleton but it was so small I could not see it.*

*There are three kinds of bridge players...those that can count and those that can't*

*I was riding with the Indian team in Pittsburg - destination was a restaurant that was kind of hard to find. Our driver, Madhu, took the second left turn after the exit instead of the third. Lost, we stopped at a nearby country club and got directions. Since we were late, someone spotted a McDonald's on the way as a backup. When we arrived half an hour late, captain Venky was irritated. "You guys are cutting it close you know; game time is 7:30 PM." Madhu was calm "Well, I forgot to rectify the count, took a finesse in clubs that worked, and then there was a show-up squeeze. But if you have not ordered for us, we will just execute the MerriMac coup".*

*The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table.*

*A well-balanced player makes up for his (her) inadequacy in the bidding with his (her) ineptitude in the play.*

*Here is a quote from US presidential candidate and owner of the highly respected Forbes Magazine -- Malcolm Forbes. "Playing bridge reflects intelligence. It's one of the really great pleasures of life. I think anybody who is missing bridge is missing so much in life. Don't make the mistake of missing out on the fun of bridge." So what is this quote doing in the humor column?*

## CBA ELECTION TO BE HELD AT FALL SECTIONAL

Election of five members to the Cincinnati Bridge Association Board of Trustees takes place at the Fall Sectional at the Cincinnati Bridge Center, October 24-26. Polls will open 45 minutes before all game times on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Candidates' petitions should be submitted to Barb Levinson or Patti English no later than October 5, so their names can be placed on the ballot. (A copy of the petition appears on the CBA website at [www.cincybridge.com](http://www.cincybridge.com).) Absentee voting instructions for members unable to vote in person follow.

1. Deborah Cummings, [dcummings14@insightbb.com](mailto:dcummings14@insightbb.com)
2. Everitt Kitchen, [ekitchen@fuse.net](mailto:ekitchen@fuse.net)
3. Barbara Levinson, [bsl@fuse.net](mailto:bsl@fuse.net)
4. Chris Schwartz, [momsmail@cinci.rr.com](mailto:momsmail@cinci.rr.com)
5. A. J. Stephani, [AJStephani@gmail.com](mailto:AJStephani@gmail.com)

Please check out the candidates' position statements' after Oct 10<sup>th</sup> on the website.

### Looking for a game?

Cincinnati Bridge Center Games  
Cooper Business Center, 2860 Cooper Road  
Telephone: 513-563-2218

#### Monday

11 AM	Deschappelles ( <i>Private</i> )	Pat Newman 513-469-7172
7 PM	Homestyle (1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon)	Bob VeVerka 513-772-5115

#### Tuesday

11 AM	Tuesday DBC	Annease Comer 513-281-2027
6:40 PM	Lecture & 0-50 Game	Tom Deddens 513-851-3857
7 PM	CBA Strat.	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue Bob VeVerka 513-772-5115
		2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Kay Mulford 513-631-8070
		4 <sup>th</sup> Tue Peggy Barrett 513-745-0075

#### Wednesday

11 AM	Homestyle	Kay Mulford 513-631-8070
7 PM	Alternative Forms	Mike Lipp 513-468-4111

#### Thursday

11 AM	Thursday Stratified	Agnes De Lany 513-777-2587
7 PM	Strat, Open & 299ers	Annease Comer 513-281-2027

#### Friday

11 AM	Finesse Club	Kay Mulford 513-631-8070
11 AM	NLM game	Rob Weidenfeld 513-933-9453

#### Saturday

1:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Stratified	Annease Comer 513-281-2027
	2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Stratified	Kay Mulford 513-631-8070

### ABSENTEE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Contact Joe Muenks, (513) 469-6446 or [jmuenks@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jmuenks@cinci.rr.com), to request an absentee ballot no later than October 14.
2. An individual must request an absentee ballot personally; no group requests will be honored.
3. One ballot and return envelope will be mailed to the member's address of record.
4. Once an absentee ballot has been issued, that member's name will be recorded as having voted.
5. Follow instructions included in the envelope.
6. Return envelopes containing more than one ballot will be declared invalid.
7. Only absentee ballots *received* by mail through Saturday, October 25, will be counted.

**NOTE:** The mail is sometimes slow, so please allow ample time for your ballot to be received.

## VOTING IN OCTOBER? WE HOPE YOU ARE!

What....in October you say? At the Octoberbest Sectional you will be voting to elect five Board of Trustee members...AND on a new constitution.

**Background Information:** Last year, Sandy Orr and her Future Planning and Policy Committee...consisting of Bill Higgins, Frank Lichtenberger, and Jerry Fink presented the Board of Trustees with a recommendation to replace our existing Constitution. Their purpose was to not only bring the Constitution up to date, but also clarify and simplify the Articles within. Our current document was written in 1971 and amended many times. They researched, reworked, rehashed and finally revised our Constitution to reflect the needs of our organization as it is today. The Board of Trustees studied the committee's proposal, adding...subtracting... and revamping, until we came up with a document that we feel reflects research and recommendations. The proposed Constitution has been reviewed from a legal standpoint and has been scrutinized and approved by ACBL.

The overall wording of the proposed revised constitution simply clarifies and modifies the existing Constitution and Bylaws. There are no changes to the Articles of Incorporation.

The CBA held a party on Saturday, September 13th and recognized the 2007 Jerry Steuernagle Award Recipients

### SANDERSON and POTTER ORR

This award is presented to duplicate bridge players best exemplifying the principals of ethics, kindness, and high character in bridge.

## Bidding Contest

### Yauheni Siutsau

Answers will be given points based on a 10 point scale and top 2 point winners (maximum 50 points) will earn a free entry to a club game of their choice. All decisions are based on a MATCHPOINT game. Please email your answers by December 1, 2008 to: [amit.raturi@uc.edu](mailto:amit.raturi@uc.edu) or [yauheni.siutsau@gmail.com](mailto:yauheni.siutsau@gmail.com)

1. Sitting W with Qxx, xx, Ajxxx, xxx you hear the following auction:

N dealer, NS Vul

N	E	S	W
1H	P	1S	P
2C	2D	3D	?

(a) Pass (b) Double (c) 4D (d) 5D

2. Sitting W with KTxx, Axx, xxx, KTx, you hear E Dealer, NS Vul

N	E	S	W
	1D	1S	?

(a) 1NT (b) 2 NT (c) 3NT (d) Double (e) Pass (f) 2S

3. Sitting W with QTx, xx, AJxxx, Axx E Dealer, Both Vul

N	E	S	W
	1C	D	?

(a) Redouble (b) 1D (c) 1S (d) 1NT (e) 2NT (f) 3NT

4. Sitting S with KQxx, KQJx, T, xxxx, W Dealer, None Vul

N	E	S	W
			1D

1H P ?  
(a) 1S (b) 2D (c) 2H (d) 4D (e) 4H

5. Sitting N with Qxxx, Qx, 987xxx, x E Dealer, NS Vul

N	E	S	W
	1H	1NT	2C

?  
(a) Pass (b) 2D (c) 2S (d) 2NT (Lebensohl...followed by 3D)  
(e) Double (Stayman or negative by agreement)

## 0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Leaders

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Carol Vradelis  | 6 John Morgan      |
| 2 Norah Clark     | 7 Chris Corbett    |
| 3 Jean Sturtevant | 8 Dean Campbell    |
| 4 John Altman     | 9 Robert Verville  |
| 5 John Altman Jr  | 10 Gregory Harding |

## Book Review by Gayle Keaney

### Monster Book of Basic Declarer Play by Dave Huggett & Stephen Cashmore

(available in the CBA library or through Baron Barclay's for \$18.95)

The back cover of this book says "two experts discuss 240 deals in which very basic techniques bring home the contract...gives beginners the chance to practice counting up tricks & losers, planning the order in which to play the cards...working out where extra tricks are to come from."

Unlike most other books written on declarer play, this one has been designed for the reader to PRACTICE planning the play rather than just blah-blah read about it. It is supposedly for the beginner of less than 1 ½ years - but I beg to differ. After 3 years of playing (yes, badly, but playing never-the-less), I am finding this book to be a really good learning tool .

It is divided into 3 sections of 80 hands. First there are no-trump deals, then suit deals and then a mix. Each section gradually builds up in difficulty with subsequent hands building on previous ones. Each right-hand page presents 2 deals showing North & South hands, the contract and the opening lead. Ok, now PRACTICE! Then turn to the next page and see how you did... or didn't!!

For a couple of weeks this book will be displayed as you enter the club so you can take a look and see if it's one you'd like to own.

## Online Learning Points

Steve Moese & Mike Purcell have put together a great collection of learning points. Thirty plus free pointers on how to improve your game. Check it out at [www.cincybridge.com](http://www.cincybridge.com) by clicking on Online Learning Points on the left - read the one titled "Like Reading Tea Leaves" to start....and Mega Hands I and II...they have over 32 anecdotes and learning points here now...its like reading a book for free!!

## LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY SALE... Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Library Sale will take place during our OctoberBest Sectional on October 24-26. Come prepared to buy some used books and DVDs cheap. Proceeds are used to purchase new books for the club library. The sale will also be an opportunity to buy holiday gifts for the kids... we will have plenty of the BIDittle (it was awarded an A rating by the Bridge Bulletin -- see July 2008 edition) game on hand at a special 10% discount. And our own Howard Ringel will be autographing his recent book Plan Before You Play which will also be offered at a 10% discount.

DONATIONS... we are looking for your no-longer-used books, tapes, DVDs etc. Put them to good use!! If the library doesn't already have your book etc. we will add it to the catalogue. Or maybe your copy is in better shape and can replace the library's copy. Or your donation can be added to the library sale and help provide funds for new purchases.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT... these new books have been ordered for the library and may be in by the time this newsletter comes out: Audrey Grant's Better Bridge Series:

*Bridge Basics 1: An Introduction*  
*Bridge Basics 2: Competitive Bidding*  
*Bridge Basics 3: Popular Conventions*  
*Opening the Bidding*  
*Doubles*

Book's recently reviewed with praise by the Bridge Bulletin: *Misplay These Hands with Me* by Mark Horton "...takes the wrong line of play... 59 deals presented...takes the reader into various scenarios, some quite funny"  
*The Lone Wolff* by Bobby Wolff (Rated A++) "...largely an insider, pull-no-punches account of life at the top in bridge"  
*A Great Deal of Bridge Problems* by Julian Pottage (Rated A++) "177 quizzes... grouped by 12 themes...progressively more difficult...wonderful crop of problems...a delight to work through"

Other books:

*Moments of Truth at the Bridge Table* by R. Jayaram "analyzes deals in recent major bridge tournaments...unravels thought processes of key players involved"  
*Learn to Play Winning Bridge* by David Bird "A complete illustrated guide to the game including history, the greatest bridge players, the world championships, important matches & famous deals, explaining the rules of the game and strategies for successful play, with 500 color illustrations... at 3 levels of play"

## **CBA Officers**

Patti English, President  
Potter Orr, Vice President  
Adrienne Netherwood Treasurer  
Bob VeVerka, Rec Secy/Membership Chm  
Sandy Orr, Unit Executive Secretary

## Nancy's Answer

If you chose to defend, you chose wisely young grasshopper.

After winning the first diamond trick with the king of diamonds, West should continue with the queen of diamonds, and then his third diamond. East is now on lead after winning the ace of diamonds.

Counting the high card points, East knows that West has at most a king or queen in his hand. He also suspects that West has 2 spades and that the outstanding spades are divided 2-2. East then considers his/her options:

1. If West has the king of spades, he/she will always get it if South doesn't have 6 spades.
2. If West has the King of clubs, it can be easily finessed or ruffed if South has three clubs.
3. But, if West has the two trumps with the queen, how can we win the trick?

After considering further the third option, East should lead the thirteenth diamond. This "uppercuts" South because if he doesn't ruff or ruffs with a small spade, West over-ruffs with the queen of spades. If South ruffs with the ace or king of spades, West's queen is promoted and becomes the setting trick.

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