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CAMBODIA PROJECTS: 1014 UPDATE & EXCITING NEWS

Do read about our new Family Health Clinic which we will build & do save Thu June 19th in your calendar!

In 2012, Patti Lee, Barbara Seagram and a group of 50 docked in Phnom Penh. We had sailed along the Mekong River and we were armed with clothing, pens, notebooks, rulers, sharpeners, toys, pencils, stickers and anything else you can dream of. The others in the group had generously agreed to each bring an extra suitcase and they either filled it or we filled it with donations from others in Toronto and surrounding areas. Thanks to a bridge friend in Gravenhurst, David Bryce, Patti found out about a local Gravenhurst resident, Lisa McCoy. Lisa was known to have dedicated the last few years to being on the ground in Cambodia (Phnom Penh and in remote villages in the provinces of Battambang and Takeo) six months per year. Working with Lisa and a fabulous Australian volunteer, Pauline Johns, other groups had built two schools in Takeo province. Pauline and Lisa pay their own air, accommodation and meals so that all funds raised go to the cause and every penny is accounted for carefully.

We had discovered that there was a programme whereby we could arrange to buy bicycles for the children of Cambodia. \$50.00 per bicycle allowed the parts to be purchased in China and put together by a local bike seller in Cambodia. The children signed a commitment that they would continue going to school if they were given a bicycle and there was also a provision for maintenance of the bicycle should it need repair. All part of the \$50.00.

Our group, along with other friends from Toronto, purchased 40 bicycles and we took them to a falling down shack ½ hour outside Phnom Penh, which was named Banyan Learning Tree School. Lisa met us and escorted us there in a small tuk-tuk along the dusty roads of Phnom Penh and beyond. It was quite a ceremony as we presented the bikes to mainly children of landmine victims. It was all very uplifting but Patti and Barbara looked at each other and wondered how long this shack would remain standing. We inquired how much it would cost to build a permanent school and found that it would be \$24,000.00. We returned to Toronto determined to build a school. We raised \$40,000.00 that year so we also furnished all three schools and built a library at one of the schools also. **Patti visited in 2014, Barbara will visit in 2015.**

Since then, we remain committed to sustaining **FOUR** schools...paying teachers, librarians, paying for costs of electricity etc: Costs per year for sustaining all these projects: \$10,000.00 total. You can see that money goes a long way in this country.

We now have 580 students in our schools. There is a huge need in the remote villages for medical help. Many never see a doctor. One 4 year old girl recently was deemed to need heart surgery. Pauline took her to Bangkok at her own personal expense. The doctors there said that the surgery would have had to be performed when the child was one year old. The family had never ever seen a doctor. They returned home. The child is very ill. It is all so sad. We have therefore decided to build a **FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC**. It would be the first line of medical support for local families who do not have a doctor and who cannot travel to one. Our first guesstimate for building this project is approximately \$50,000.00.

Patti and Barbara are excited and optimistic about all of these projects and are holding our annual fundraiser for Cambodia on Thursday June 19th at 5 Glen Park Ave (Habonim Synagogue).

9.30 am: Seminar with Barbara Seagram 11.30 am: Lunch

12 noon: Presentation by Patti Lee with lots of photos of her 2014 trip to Cambodia, where she stayed a few weeks.

12.45 pm – 3.30 pm: Bridge game with extra master points (sectionally rated)

We will also have a **silent auction**. We would be so grateful if you could all help us to solicit donations for our silent auction...dinners at restaurants are the most popular...vouchers for anything you think would be popular; we would so appreciate your help with this.

The cost for attending is a donation of minimum of \$40.00 per person. (Tax deductible receipts will be issued). At the door, there will be a fee of \$10.00 per person to cover costs for the event. *These have to be kept separate as there is no tax receipt for the \$10.00*). If you are unable to attend, we would still welcome your donation & of course the tax receipt will still be issued.

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I PLAN TO PLAY IN THE GAME THAT AFTERNOON & MY PARTNER'S NAME IS

PUPPET STAYMAN

From 25 **MORE** Conventions You Should Know By Barbara Seagram & David Bird

When responder holds a five-card major opposite an opening no-trump bid, it is easy enough to find a fit by using a transfer response. Similarly, it is straightforward to seek a 4-4 fit in a major, by using traditional Stayman. In this chapter we will seek the answer to a different problem. How can you find a 5-3 fit in a major when, as responder, you hold a three-card major, bearing in mind that opener may have opened 1 NT or 2NT holding a 5 card major?

The answer is to use Puppet Stayman. We will describe it initially opposite a 2NT opening. Later we will see that you can use a similar method opposite an opening of 1NT. This does not affect your use of Regular Stayman or Transfers.

A 3} response to 2NT is **Puppet Stayman**. The opener rebids as follows:

3{	no five-card major, but at least one four-card major
3]	five hearts
3[	five spades
3NT	no four-card or five-card major

Before looking more deeply into the continuations, let's see how useful the convention can be.

West	East
[K Q 10 8 3	[J 9 2
] A 10 4	] 9 5
{ A Q 6	{ K 8 7 3
} A Q	} J 6 4 2

West	East
2NT	3}
3[	4[
all pass	

3NT is at risk on a heart lead and you would rather play in the spade game. East responds 3}, asking partner if he holds a five-card major. West's 3[response shows *five* spades and East raises to game in that suit. If West had responded 3{ instead, showing at least one four-card major but denying a five-card major, East would have bid game in no-trumps. If West had rebid 3NT, denying even a four-card major, East would have passed.

The convention is particularly useful when responder has a singleton and is worried that this suit may be under-protected:

West	East
[K 8 3	[2
] A Q J 7 3	] K 10 6
{ A Q 6	{ 10 8 7 3
} K J 5	} Q 10 6 4 3

West	East
2NT	3}
3]	4]
all pass	

3NT would not be a happy spot on a spade lead. East bids 3}, seeking a 5-3 heart fit, and is happy to strike gold.

HOW DO I LOCATE A 4-4 FIT?

The beauty of Puppet Stayman is that you can still find a 4-4 major-suit fit. When the opener rebids 3{, showing at least one four-card major, the responder still has the necessary space to locate a 4-4 fit. How does he do this? Over a 3{ rebid, the responder bids the four-card major that he does *not* hold! If a 4-4 fit comes to light, the opener can then bid the final contract, thereby becoming the declarer.

After 2NT - 3} - 3{, responder rebids in this way:

3]	shows a four-card spade suit
3[	shows a four-card heart suit
3NT	shows no four card major (he only had one or two 3 card majors and hoped to hear a 5 card major from opener)
4D	shows BOTH 4 card majors and asks opener to pick one.

West	East	West	East
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[A K 8 3	[Q 9 6 2	2NT	3}
] A 7 2] 9 5	3{	3]
{ A Q 6	{ J 8 7 4	4[Pass
} A 10 6	} K 7 5		

West's 3{ denies a five-card major but shows at least one four-card major. East shows his four-card spade suit by bidding 3] and West raises to game in [.

Let's swap East's red suits on that last deal and see how the method works.

West	East	West	East
[A K 8 3	[Q 9 6 2	2NT	3}
] A 7 2	] J 8 6 4	3{	4 {* (4 { says: "I have both 4 card majors." Opener must now pick the suit.
{ A Q 6	{ 9 5	All pass	No problem! West has a four-card spade suit and bids game in [.
} A 10 6	} K 7 5		

West	East	West	East
[K 4	[Q J 2	2NT	3}
] A Q J 4	] K 10 6 3	3{	3[
{ A J 9 3	{ 6 5	4]	all pass
} A Q 6	} 7 5 4 2		

West's 3{ denies a five-card major but shows at least one four-card major. East then bids 3[, denying spades but showing a four-card heart suit. Since West has four hearts too, he bids game in that suit. The club tenace (broken honor cards like AQ are called a tenace) will be protected by the opening lead coming from North into his }AQ6

Let's see now how the method works when East has two four-card majors:

West	East
[A J 3	[Q 10 9 4
] K Q 9 4	] A 10 6 3
{ A K 3	{ 6 5
} K 6 4	} 8 3 2

West	East
2NT	3}
3{	4{
4]	all pass

East's 4{ rebid shows four cards in both the majors. West bids 4] and becomes the declarer. Had East been the declarer, a lead through the }K might have spelled defeat.

PUPPET STAYMAN WHEN PARTNER HAS OPENED 1NT

Since a strong 1NT opening may contain a five-card major suit, some players use five-card Stayman facing that opening too. You must have at least 10 HCP to do this, as you are at a higher level. The simplest method is to bid 3} in response to opener's 1NT opener. These are the opener's rebids after 1NT - 3{:

3{	No five-card major but at least one four-card major
3]	A five-card heart suit
3[	A five-card spade suit
3NT	No four-card major and no 5 card major

Over a 3{ rebid, responder again has the option of playing Puppet bids — showing the major he does not hold, so that the opener can become declarer.

Let's see some auctions that assume the Puppet method is being used.

West	East
[A J 2	[8 3
] K J 8 3	] A Q 6 4
{ K 7 5	{ 8 3 2
} A 10 3	} K Q J 5

West	East
1NT (15-17)	3}
3{	3[
4]	all pass

East's 3[shows a 4 card heart suit, so West knows of a 4-4 fit there. Thus he bids 4].

West	East
[Q 10 2	[8 3
] K Q 10 8 3	] A 6 4
{ A J 5	{ Q 8 3 2
} A 7	} K J 6 5

West	East
1NT (15-17)	3}
3]	4]
all pass	

East bids Puppet Stayman, intending to rebid 3NT over a 2{ or 2[response. When West shows a five-card heart suit, he raises to game.

West	East
[K 3	[Q 8 6 4
] A 10 4	] Q 7 6 3
{ K J 7 2	{ Q 8 5
} A 9 8 5	} Q 6

West	East
1NT (15-17)	2}
2 {	2NT
Pass	

East bids regular old-fashioned Stayman (you need 10 or more HCP to use Puppet Stayman after a ONE NO TRUMP opener and East only has 8 HCP hence regular Stayman) and West's 2 { response says two things. He holds no four-card or five-card major. He happens to also be in the lower-range for his 1NT opening. West therefore passes partner's 2NT rebid.

POCKET GUIDE TO DEFENSIVE PLAY AT BRIDGE

By Barbara Seagram & David Bird

Using the same format as *The Pocket Guide to Bridge*, this book provides a handy pocket summary of about two dozen basic concepts in defensive card play. In a concise but readable manner, it summarizes most of the material presented in *25 Ways to be a Better Defender* by the same author team. This is Barbara Seagram's 21st published book

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- The figure to focus on during the defence is the number of tricks you need at any given moment to defeat the contract. Defence is based on this figure.
- A player who hesitates during the bidding is likely to have a problem hand. Keep the hesitation in mind.
- Give your opening lead much consideration. The fate of many a contract is determined by that one card. Use the bidding as a guide.

LAOS FUNDRAISING 2014 – Held Wed. April 23rd

Laos is among the most impoverished countries in the world, still suffering from the bombing effects of the CIA backed 'secret' war of the 1960's and 70's. Millions of unexploded bombs still remain in the soils, especially throughout rural areas which is predominantly mountainous. It remains the most bombed nation (per capita) on this earth.

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Adopt A Village also constructs schools, provides permanent water supplies to villages without, builds toilets for every school they build, sponsors school children who cannot afford to go to school and sponsors new teachers during their apprenticeship years, prior to receiving a government salary. Donations toward these projects is also tax receipted and emails with pictures and accountability will be sent to each donor.

100% of your donation goes towards the projects, not to overhead! Should you wish more information about Adopt A Village in Laos, please browse our blog at <http://AdoptAVillageinLaos.wordpress.com>. **Scroll down to the updates for January 2014 and you will see photos of Patti Lee in the villages.**

A very special thank you to Lee Daugharty who is not only running the game but is donating \$2.00 per person of his own towards the cause. Regular card fees that day will be collected at start of the game.

Our annual fundraiser took place on Wednesday 23 April at 5 Glen Park Ave.

11.00 am: Luncheon (Barbara & Alex will cover the cost of lunch as our treat).

11.30 am: Presentation by Patti and Barbara with pictures of Laos from Patti's February 2014 trip to Laos.

12.00 noon: Bridge game in Lee's game.

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Also, when you are dummy, please refrain from detaching a card from dummy just because you assume that is what declarer will play. You MUST wait until it is called for. It is illegal to play a card without direction from declarer when you are dummy.





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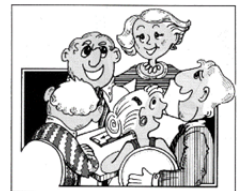
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