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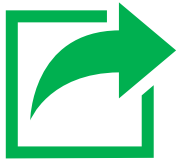
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ETIQUETTE & PROTOCOL @ THE BRIDGE TABLE

Above all, avoid any behavior that would make anyone (especially beginners) feel uncomfortable.

TABLE MANNERS

Cards should not be taken out of the board before all players are at the table.

Before you look at your cards count your hand and ensure that you have exactly thirteen cards.

Do greet your opponents at the table and treat them with respect and courtesy.

Do not indulge in post-mortems with your partner directly after a hand is finished. (Save it for after the game.) Not only could a post-mortem undermine partnership confidence, but it may communicate information to other players who have not played the hand at other tables.

Do not criticize partner. (Keep it to yourself until after the game. You will have cooled down by then.)...And you may also have figured out that you share some of the blame.

Do compliment your opponents for fine bidding or play. (Especially beginners)

Do not gloat! (It is ugly.) Be modest.

Do say 'Director Please' in a pleasant tone. Keep your hand up so that the Director can quickly determine who called. The **PLEASE** makes such a difference to the atmosphere in the room.

Do support your partner at all times. She/he is the only player in the room that is on your side!

THE AUCTION

Bidding boxes are designed to reduce the possibility of information being communicated between partners by voice intonation or other mannerisms such as eye contact. When using a bidding box, decide what your bid is going to be before reaching for or touching cards in the bidding box. An extreme example of this impropriety is when you touch a 2H card and then pull out a pass card.

Do not ask for information from your opponents unless it is your turn to bid.

Do not ask what a bid means unless you are intending to bid. Asking for explanation without bidding could in certain circumstances be construed as passing unauthorized information to one's partner. If one doesn't intend to bid, questions of the opponents, should be made after the auction has concluded.

PLAY OF THE HAND

Do say 'Thank you' to your partner when he/she puts the Dummy on the table. (Even though you may be disappointed!)

Do, when you are on opening lead, lead first and then write the contract on your score sheet.

Do not SNAP your cards down on the table.

Do not detach a card from the hand before it is your turn to play. Do not pull up a card, push it back into your hand, and then pull up another card. Nor should you detach a card and then replace it to play another card. Also do not detach your card before it is your turn to play and never rearrange your hand when you are out of a suit. All of these maneuvers provide additional valuable information to the declarer.

You have the right to inspect the cards that have been played on the current trick as long as your card remains face up. Once all cards have been turned over (face down) no one can ask to see the cards that were played.

At the end of a hand ensure that you do not mix up your cards until the result is agreed with the opponents.

North, when scoring the traveler, must present it to East West for their acceptance prior to folding and returning it to the board. The same applies when entering the result into Bridgemates.

Do not look at your opponent's or partner's cards after the hand has been played. In order to look, you **MUST** ask permission first.

BARBARA'S MONTHLY WORKSHOPS (SEMINARS) 9.30 -11.30 AM

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QUOTES

Bridge is a 52 card game. This simple statement is overlooked by many bridge players. All too often, the bridge player thinks of the game as a 13-card game...the hand he holds. Ira Corn

My trophies from the cinema are lined up, hidden in corners, lost, objects of little value in my eyes; I have been known to leave them behind in hotel rooms. Yet the smallest bridge trophy is a treasure. Omar Sharif

How should these hands be bid?**West is the dealer on # 1-12**

1. KQ876 3
 AK943 J52
 J3 AK97
 2 AJ643

2. A2 KQ864
 Q92 J10865
 76 AJ4
 AK9873 Void

3. J2 A9765
 98 AK732
 AQ8 J
 AK9873 42

4. J32 KQ974
 K6 A9542
 AQ7632 8
 K2 A3

5. 32 QJ8765
 2 KQ3
 AK843 5
 KQ987 432

6. Void Q98654
 J32 A87
 AK843 6
 KQ962 J54

How should these hands be bid?**West is the dealer on # 1-12**

7. KQ943 A52
 8 KJ976
 AQJ642 73
 3 AJ6

8. 832 AK754
 AKJ853 4
 872 5
 A KQ7643

9. AQJ62 5
 KQ9843 A2
 Void J876
 J2 KQ8542

10. 64 AK832
 32 KQ7654
 AQ2 5
 AK8742 3

11. 43 AQ965
 J2 73
 K87 AQ9542
 AKQ1042 Void

12. AQ864 732
 3 KQ98
 7 Q432
 AQ9652 43

ANSWERS

1. 1S 2C
 2H 3D * FSF
 3H 4H

2. 1C 1S
 2C 2H
 3C 3H
 4H P

3. 1C 1S
 2C 2H
 2N 3H
 3N P

4. 1D 1S
 1N 3H
 4S P

5. 1D 1S
 2C 2S
 3C P

6. 1D 1S
 2C 2S
 3C P

7. 1D 1H
 1S 2C
 2S 4S

8. 1H 2C
 2H 2S
 3H 3S
 4S

9. 1H 2C
 2S 2N
 3S 4H

10. 1C 1H
 2C 2S
 2N 3S
 3N or 4H

11. 1C 1D
 2C 2S
 3D 5D

12. 1C 1H
 1S 1N
 2S P



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H KJ10
D 642
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S Q10874
H A54
D 10 3
C 432

S K52
H 98732
D 9875
C A

S A63
H Q6
D AKQJ
C 9875

S N
1N 3N

Declarer should try the S Jack in case West has underled his S KQ. Too bad. It doesn't work. South should duck till round three when he wins Ace Spades. On the third round of suit, however, West knows she is knocking out declarer's stopper. It is imperative that West now show partner where his entry is. It is in Hearts. On third round of Spades, West should lead the QUEEN of Spades to knock out the Spade Ace.

This says: "I am knocking out declarer's last stopper. Now my Spades are good. In order to get me in later, my entry is in Hearts. The HIGHER ranking of the two remaining suits."

If West's stopper was in Diamonds, he would lead back the 4 to drive out last stopper. This is specifically when you are defending No Trumps.

West leads his fourth best spade against 3NT.

BARBARA'S LATEST BOOK WON BOOK OF THE YEAR 2018 PLANNING THE PLAY: THE NEXT LEVEL



Barbara's first book in this series (also co-authored by David Bird) won Book of the Year Award by the American Bridge Teachers' Association: Planning the Play of a Bridge Hand.

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Books are available from Lee or Wayne at their excellent Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and evening games at Temple Sinai Synagogue @ 210 Wilson Ave. or from Stephen or Josee at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 2737 Bayview Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays. OR order by email from Barbara

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REBIDS BY THE OPENER WITH FOUR CARD SUPPORT

Axxx
x
AQxxx
Jxx

DUMMY POINTS

When you have support for partner's suit & know you will become dummy: With 3 card support, use the 3-2-1 method: 3 for a void, 2 for a singleton and 1 for a doubleton.

With 4 card support, use the 5-3-1 method: 5 for a void, 3 for a singleton and 1 for a doubleton.

You open with 1D (this hand fulfills the Rule of 20) and Partner responds 1S. You must raise to 2S only. You have a minimum hand. You are going to be dummy though so count your singleton (dummy points) as 3 points because you have 4 card support.

With
Axxx
x
AKxxx
Qxx

You open 1D. Partner responds 1S. Counting dummy points, you now have 16. You should raise partner to 3S.

Axxx

AKxxx
KJxx

You open 1D. Partner responds 1S. Counting dummy points, you now have 20. You should raise partner to 4S.

OUR CAMBODIA PROJECTS



In 2011, Patti Lee, Barbara Seagram and a group of 50 docked in Phnom Penh. We were armed with clothing, pens, notebooks, rulers, sharpeners, toys, pencils, stickers, and other school supplies. Our group and other friends from the Toronto area donated 40 bicycles to a school outside of Phnom Penh. We went there in a small tuk tuk along the dusty roads in the countryside outside of Phnom Penh to find that the school was a one-room shack with a cement floor and no desks or chairs. The bikes were given to the children, 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. After we returned to Toronto, they sent us an estimate of \$24,000. We became determined to build the school. We raised \$40,000 that year. Two other groups had also built schools, so with our funds, we not only built our school, but we also furnished

all three schools and built a library at one of the schools. We now sustain FIVE schools in remote villages (in the provinces of Takeo & Battambang) and have 16 employees, all Khmer (Cambodian) We pay teachers, librarians, the cost of electricity, etc. The cost to sustain all five schools is approximately \$40,000.00.

We also have outreach programmes for victims of landmine accidents and we currently have several water projects in place. Building toilets in remote villages has become of great importance for the women to prevent sexual abuse and allow young girls to be able to attend school during menses.

**If you are able to help us with fundraising, we would be so grateful. Cheques can be sent to:
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OUR LAOS PROJECTS

This faraway land captured Patti's and Barbara's hearts in 2012. Here you will see villagers in a very remote village who have just received water filters for the first time. Until now, they have had to boil their water (did you know that even if you boil the water, it would have to be re-boiled later on in the day or it becomes contaminated again). A water filter is provided for every family in the village and a lesson on sanitation/hygiene. The filters last for over 20 years, with very little care and maintenance.

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.

Adopt A Village in Laos, a registered Canadian charity (83699 1001 RR0001), has made a significant positive difference in the health of the lives of the rural villagers with financial support from so many amazing sponsors. To date, over 3,500 water filter systems (for over 20,000 people) have been distributed, and received hygiene training. This means that 40 villages have received filters. The villagers are ecstatic

and when speaking to the many villages we have supported, we are told that the percentage of those suffering from diarrhea and other illnesses caused by water borne bacteria, has dropped to almost zero. In fact we are told that diarrhea is no longer of any concern to the many families that have received these systems.

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RESPONSIVE DOUBLES

You hold these cards and you are sitting South: KQ852 Q10864 83 7

W	N	E	S
1C	1D	2C	?

What will you bid? If you bid a new suit in response to partner's overcall, it promises a decent quality 5 card suit of your own and 10 or more points, including distribution.

If you are not a passed hand, that should be forcing, in my opinion, but that is a partnership agreement. In any case, you do not have the right hand for bidding a new suit...not enough points and besides, if you choose to bid Spades, partner will have some Hearts but not Spades and if you bid Hearts, partner will have Spades but not Hearts.

Enter the Responsive Double. When you would like to enter the auction but do not have a clear cut course of action, make a Responsive Double when opponents have opened and raised that suit and your partner has either overcalled or doubled.

With above hand, bid "Double" and partner will know that you are showing both unbid suits and approximately 8 or more points including distribution.

W	N	E	S
1C	Dbl	2C	?

And if instead the auction had gone:

Double will also say..."Pick a major, partner." You only need to be 4-4 in the majors to use this double in this scenario.

If the auction has gone: You are South on all hands.

W	N	E	S
1D	Dbl	2D	?

and you have this hand: J743 KJ98 83 Q92

Make a Responsive Double. You don't care which suit partner chooses to bid and this way, you say it all in one bid.

But if you have: K6 QJ982 84 95

and the auction is the same:

W	N	E	S
1D	Dbl	2D	?

Bid 2H as you do not wish to tell partner to choose. You have a clear cut choice. Double would say you have support for both majors.

If the suit bid and raised is to the 2 level, you can use the Responsive Double with 8 points (incl distribution) but if it is at the 3 level, you should have 10 or more points. If you have:

Q6 7 AQ865 KJ762

W	N	E	S
2H	2S	3H	?

If the auction goes

Double. This is a Responsive Double. Once again, you want to get into the act but you don't know which suit to pick. Partner must pick his better minor or go back to his suit if he hates both minors.

NOTE:

W N E S

1D Dbl 1S ? This is NOT an opening bid and a RAISE so Double here would NOT be a Responsive Double. It will be a Penalty Double.

You and partner must agree on how high you play Responsive Doubles. We suggest that you play this through 3S.

W N E S

1S Dbl 3S ? Bid 4H if you have four Hearts. If you make a Responsive Double here, you will be at least 4-4 in the minors and because of the level to which you are driving partner (to the 4 level), you will now need to have at least 11-12 points or more.

CLASSES OUTSIDE TORONTO WITH BARBARA BARBARA'S CLASSES

LONDON, ON BRIDGE CENTRE 10 November dbryant@hurontel.on.ca

WESTSIDE BRIDGE ACADEMY, HOUSTON, TEXAS 1 December bertonstott@comcast.net

REGIONAL AT SEA: Galveston – Galveston, TX Dec 2-9 **SOLD OUT**

CHARLESTON REGIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT: Dec 27. stevefolliboy@aol.com

JUPITER HILLS CLUB: Private club: Jan 11

THE HILLSBORO CLUB: Private club: Jan 16-18

STUART BRIDGE CLUB, STUART, FLORIDA: Jan 19. Sally Swing: swingl@bellsouth.net

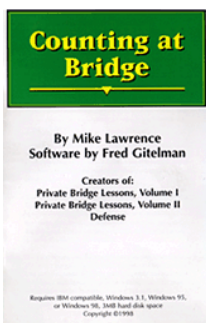
JOHN'S ISLAND CLUB, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA : Private club: Jan 21 & 22

NAPLES: ROYAL POINCIANA GOLF CLUB: Private club: Jan 26

SUN CITY CENTER: Jan 31: Sue Batt suebatt5@gmail.com

THE OAKS IN OSPREY: Private club: Feb 1

THE BRIDGE ACADEMY: DURHAM, NC. Mon. Feb 4: henry@bridgeacademync.com



COUNTING AT BRIDGE SOFTWARE (only works on a PC)
now available from & **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** by Barbara
Regular price: \$45.00 + tax.
Special price: \$40.00 only + postage (if you are not picking up)

Counting at Bridge is superb. It gives you a genuine feeling of being at the table. As you play through a hand, Mike Lawrence provides you with multiple questions. These are questions that bridge players have to learn to ask and then to answer. The answers will help you play a hand.

You will be asked (part way through a hand)... "Who has the Diamond Queen?" You get to guess. You will then be told if you are correct or not. Then an explanation will be given as to how you should have known who had that missing Queen.

Highly recommended by Barbara & Alex for all levels of players.

MURPHY'S LAWS OF BRIDGE by Joe Blatnick

You won't feel fulfilled until you've learned the "Idaho transfer"-transfer the blame to partner.

No matter how long you agonize, you still have to play a card.

You're probably right if you think you're doing something wrong.

Just when you put that bad result behind you, someone mentions it again.

BARBADOS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT: FEB 10-17, 2019

SEVEN NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING ALL YOUR MEALS & DRINKS

USD \$1,120.00 PER PERSON (DBL. OCC.) \$1435.00 SINGLE OCCUPANCY

EXTRA NIGHTS: \$160.00 USD per person DBL OCC. or \$205.00 per person SGL OCC.

New government hotel levy: \$17.50 per person for week or \$35.00 per person if single.

Please pay hotel bill by cash to avoid 5% surcharge on credit card payments

HOTEL: BARBADOS BEACH CLUB

MAXWELL COAST ROAD, CHRIST CHURCH **This hotel is sold out. See below.**

OR STAY AT SUNBAY HOTEL ACROSS THE STREET (NOT ON BEACH) \$1,050.00 USD PER PERSON (DBL. OCC.) or \$1,365.00 SINGLE OCCUPANCY / EXTRA NIGHTS: \$150.00 per person DBL OCC. or \$195.00 per person SGL OCC.

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL RATE

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AFTERNOON TEA, DINNER & LOCAL DRINKS ARE ALL INCLUDED. HOUSE WINE WITH DINNER. MANAGER'S COCKTAIL PARTY. TAXES INCLUDED. GRATUITIES NOT INCLUDED. TRANSFERS TO & FROM AIRPORT INCLUDED. BRIDGE COMMITTEE PICKS YOU UP @ AIRPORT & TAKES YOU BACK TO AIRPORT!

BOOK YOUR OWN AIRFARE (NOT INCLUDED). NOTIFY ROGLYN OF YOUR FLIGHT PLANS.

BRIDGE EVENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. Average: \$15.00 USD per session. All bridge is optional.

This is a smaller tournament. Very friendly and fabulous. It will be sold out so book now.

Highly recommended by Barbara Seagram & Alex Kornel.

Barbados is Barbara's homeland for MANY generations (almost 4 millennium!)

The rate is so excellent that you cannot afford not to do this trip. Get away from the winter!!

Barbara Seagram & Alex Kornel will be attending the tournament in 2019. There will be THREE free seminars given by Barbara while there. Alex will also be available to go over hands anytime.

ACBL Master Points will be awarded to ACBL members.

The Barbados Bridge League is in the process of seeking full ACBL membership as well which will upgrade the number and type of points to be issued.

TO BOOK: Contact Roglyn Hinds roglynhinds@gmail.com or 246-231-0149



11 Feb: 9.30 am: Individual
11 Feb: 7.00 pm: Pelau Pairs # 1 session
12 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
12 Feb: 7.00 pm: Pelau Pairs # 2 session
13 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
13 Feb: 3.00 pm: Rum Pairs
14 Feb: 9.30 am: Team Game # 1 session
14 Feb: 1.00 pm: Team Game # 2 session
15 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
15 Feb: 7.00 pm: Barbados Pairs # 1 session
16 Feb: 9.30 am & 3.00 pm: B'dos Prs # 2 & 3

*My name is Barbara Seagram & I am a bridge player, author and teacher. I was born and raised on this beautiful island in the Caribbean. The Barbados Bridge Committee do a wonderful job running this delightful bridge tournament in February each year. Imagine \$1,120.USD per person to spend a week at a hotel on a beach in Barbados in February, including all meals and drinks. They even pick you up at the airport! The players are friendly, the sun shines forever and the island beckons. You cannot afford to not go! It is a very special island and I invite you to visit and enjoy all its magic.
barbaraseagram@gmail.com*

There is no significance to the names Pelau Pairs etc: It is just a designation to distinguish one event from another. Average cost per session is \$15.00 - \$ 16.00 USD.