

Let's Play Bridge

By Bill Coats
One problem that often faces the average bridge player is not when to start bidding, but when to stop bidding. Many bridge players find that once the bidding is opened, it is hard to stop short of game. As a result, many hands are played that are doomed to defeat even before the first card is led.

It is difficult to lay down rules as to when the bidding should be stopped, but one generalization is this — when there is an obvious misfit between the two hands, drop the bidding early. This means if you have one good suit and your partner a different suit and you don't seem to be able to reach agreement as to which it should be in, then get out of the bidding as early as you can and try to make a small profit on the hand.

Observe today's hand, taken from last week's action at the Acton Bridge Club.
Dealer: North
Neither side vulnerable.

North		East	
S—Q 10 8 3	H—A K Q 10 5	D—4 2	C—J 10
West		South	
S—J 9	H—K 7 6 4	D—6 5	C—A Q 7 6 5 2 C-8
Bidding:		Opening lead, the jack of Spades.	

I think that if North is going to open the bidding, the Spades might be bid first. However, current bidding practice says that an inajor suit must have at least four points in high cards in it before it is considered biddable.

It might seem unusual that the stronger hand with the major suit should be the one that drops the bidding, but that is often the case.

Note that North's hearts do South a lot of good in the diamond contract, whereas South's Diamonds are useless to North in a heart contract.

The lead of the jack of Spades proved unfortunate for the defense. This lead assured an entry to dummy. Declarer covered the jack with the queen and when East played the king, the trick was won with the ace. Now a spade was led to the 10 and three good hearts were taken. Declarer discarded a Spade and two Clubs. South then tried a Club to the king, but with both the ace and queen in West's hand, this failed.

The contract just makes, with declarer losing two Clubs and two Diamonds. It is worth noting that in Hearts, only six tricks are available against good defense.

Bridge Tip: When an obvious misfit occurs between two hands, try to drop the bidding at an early stage. Don't try to outbid your partner.

As you play bridge, try to always consider what your partner would like to do, because "Bridge is a partnership game."

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With returns still not all in, the Acton branch of the Cancer Society totals its canvass receipts so far at \$1,200. Objective is \$1,500 and they're "very pleased". Anyone not contacted may leave donations at the Bank of Montreal, Denny's Insurance or Acton Home Furnishings.



BROOKVILLE SCHOOL won the trophy in the senior choir class for grades seven and eight from schools with seven rooms and over. A group of the happy singers admire the trophy after it had been presented. A large crowd of parents crowded into the Robert Little school auditorium for the music festival.

LIMEHOUSE

Work Begins on New School Missionary at Thankoffering

Work has started on the new six room school in the village. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, Fourth Line, on the arrival of a little daughter at Georgetown and District Hospital last week.

Also to Mr. and Mrs. Benno Spitzer on the arrival of a third little sister for Stephen, at the same hospital on Saturday.

Two Breakins One Attempt Net Little

Acton police investigated two breakins and one attempted breakin Monday morning after receiving reports from J. B. Mackenzie and Sons, Acton Creamery and Acton Legion.

At J. B. Mackenzie's, entry was made to the main building when a window was forced open and a small amount of change was taken from a container. At Acton Creamery entry was made through a rear window and a quantity of groceries stolen. An attempt was made to jimmy the side door at Acton Legion but police are of the opinion that thieves were frightened away before the door could be opened.

W.M.S. Thankoffering
The spring thankoffering meeting of Limehouse Presbyterian W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. A. W. Benton on Thursday evening with Rev. Robt. Duncan as guest speaker. Introduced

by Mrs. Gishy, he showed slides of British Guiana, where he was a school principal and missionary for some seven years. His pictures and remarks proved quite interesting and enlightening. Crowded conditions in the schools make teaching difficult. There is little occupation for graduates, as those wishing to enter professions are likely to leave for Britain or U.S.A. and not return. Vegetation is rank in the low, tropical country, but the good value is low making for poorly-fleshed livestock.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Mitchell, the vice-president, Mrs. Roughley was in the chair. In opening she asked for prayers for the president and read an appropriate Easter message. Mrs. Kirkpatrick read scripture from St. Mark 16, and Mrs. James Noble followed with prayer. Roll call was answered by a favorite verse of scripture.

Mrs. Bert Benton was at the piano for hymns and Mrs. Roughley accompanied Mrs. Karn for two vocal solos. Mrs. Sanford extended courtesies, and Rev. Duncan closed with the benediction.

The ladies served lunch afterwards.

Dancing at Ranch
Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy McDonald and Gail, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McDonald and Mr. Clifford McDonald all enjoyed an evening at Most Kenny's Ranch on Friday, celebrating anniversaries.

Darlene and Danny McDonald are recuperating at home following tonsillectomies in Georgetown last week.

Mrs. Poot is progressing favorably in Guelph General Hospital following surgery, the middle of last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Furey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. H. McArthur of Erin visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Martin of Vineland.

Congratulations to Mr. S. E. Griffin who celebrated his 92nd birthday on April 13 with a family gathering. Mr. Griffin enjoys good health and does farm chores every day. He has been an elder at Churchill United Church for a good many years and is very interested in community affairs.

All Pass Course
The Ballinlad United Church Young People all passed their St. John Ambulance first aid course. Well done, folks!

Guest speaker at Churchill on Sunday was Mr. M. Bolger. The junior choir sang for Palm Sunday.

Don't forget the young people's car wash on Saturday, April 21 at Plouffe's Service Station, Ballinlad.

Time changes for Churchill United Church on Easter Sunday. Services will be at 10 a.m. for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bennie attended the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jackson of Erin.

Change Church Time
The quarterly meeting of the Churchill United Church was held on April 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Darm. The president, Mrs. F. McArthur, opened the meeting with a prayer. The devotions were given by Mrs. R. Denny who read an article on Lent and Mrs. H. Swackhamer who read from the Bible Luke 9: 31-62.

Frank Freeman read the minutes from the annual meeting.

Men tire themselves in pursuit of rest.

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—United Church Young People are planning a sunrise service and breakfast Easter Sunday.

—Replies have been received from about a dozen countries in the Rotary club collection of gifts, and several of the parcels have arrived already.

—Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. reopened the closed bake shop on Mill St. for a bake sale Friday afternoon. Results were good and everything was sold out before long.

—Alterations at the local police office have been completed and officers are enjoying the added room provided by a partition and new shelving.

—Will Easter this weekend be so crowded with activity that the true significance of the events become lost? We may regard Dominion Day and Labor Day as holidays, but surely Easter should have more stature.

—It was just 50 years ago that the Titanic struck an iceberg off the banks of Newfoundland and sank, taking with it the lives of 1,300 passengers. The number saved totalled 868. The passenger ship was on its maiden voyage at the time of the accident.

Adjucator Praises Singers

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Second place shield donated by the Sarah Martin Chapter I.O.D.E., Milton, was received by Brookville from Mrs. Bruce Frame.

The J. M. Denyes school received the grade four choir trophy donated by the Milton public school board which was presented by A. Cook, Milton. Second place shield donated by the Acton W.I. was presented by Mrs. G. Hargrave to the Bruce Street school.

In the senior choir division top place winners from Stewarttown received the White Oak Chapter I.O.D.E. trophy from Miss Daisy Folster, Acton, and second place winners from Speyside received the Campbellville W.I. shield from Mrs. Tom Manges.

Brookville school winners of the senior choir event in their division, received the Milton Hume and School trophy from Mrs. J. Vernon and second spot winners from the Robert Little school were presented the Georgetown Bank of Commerce shield by Mrs. Fred-Helson of Georgetown.

In the boys' changed voices choir event the M. Z. Bennett school cupped the Acton Home and School trophy which was presented by Mrs. C. F. Leather-

land and the second place shield donated by the Milton Rotary Club was presented to Brookville by inspector W. L. McNeill.

Wednesday Windup
Wednesday evening saw the Windup of the 1962 Halton Music Festival when only two competitions were held and winners of the previous day's choir events took part.

First place trophy donated by Miss Ruth Evans was presented by Mrs. G. W. McKenzie to Stewarttown school in the triple duet class. Second place shield donated by Ebenezer United Church was presented to Glen Williams by Mrs. Howard Savage.

In the triple trio class Robert Little school won the first place trophy donated by Milton Kinsmen Club which was presented by John Bell, Milton. The shield for second place was donated by Halton Music Festival Association and presented by Elmer Smith, Acton to J. M. Denyes school.

At the conclusion of the program adjucator Dr. Fenwick of Toronto, was presented with a gift by Miss M. Gemmell, for his work during the festival. Prior to the presentation Miss M. Z. Bennett, former principal in Acton, outlined Dr. Fenwick's background in music.

BALLINAFAD

Scout Auxiliary, 4-H Meeting Easter Cantata of Interest

The 6th meeting of the 4-H Girls' club was held at the home of Irene Keir on April 13. Roll call was answered by six girls. A supper dish containing vegetables, discussion was on cereals and bread and how cereals can be used for supper. Miss Beth McEnery kindly came and demonstrated the making of tea-biscuits. Each girl made a salad with materials brought from home.

Mr. Mike Bolger, Student Minister of Emmanuel College, was guest speaker on Sunday. These students are kindly helping Mr. Beaton while he is writing his exams as he hopes to be ordained this year. Church service will be at 11:15 o'clock next Sunday and for the Summer months.

The junior and senior choirs are planning a Cantata from "Darkness into Light" to be given Easter Sunday evening at 8 p.m. in Ballinlad Church.

Congratulations to Blue Mountain Teacher Mrs. R. Shortill and pupils in having the honor of

bringing home the trophy for union choirs. A gold medal was won by Billy Cudney and Larry White won the Silver Medal. Mrs. Kidney is the music teacher for this area.

The meeting of the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary was held in the church basement and opened with the promise. Reports of the convention held in Beantland were held over until next meeting.

Arrangements were made to meet jointly with the Cub and Scout Leaders. Several matters of business were discussed. Vice-president Mrs. Ruden presided in the absence of Mrs. Angus who is in Toronto Hospital undergoing treatment. Meeting closed with a social half hour.

Baptised Sunday

Baptised at Acton United Church Sunday morning were Valerie Dawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Leitch, John Cars, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cranston, Grace and Justine Lisa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derek Milnes.



SPEYSIDE SCHOOL won a shield when the senior choir placed second Tuesday afternoon during the music festival. Pictured above admiring the shield are Larry Dredge, Lianne Beer, teacher Garry Dawkins, Sharon Hume and John vanArragon. Competing in the festival were schools from Acton, Milton, Glen Williams, Stewarttown, Norval, Campbellville, Brookville and Speyside.

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