

Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

The question that I am asked the most about contract bridge is "How do you know what to lead?" I usually resort to an answer that I read in one of Charles Goren's books, "The best lead is ace from ace, king, queen."

Now this answer is quite good — in fact it has only one slight drawback. Most of us are not lucky enough to hold ace, king, queen in a suit when we have to make an opening lead. The answer to the original question is not easy. One must look at all the types of leads and decide which one to use at which time. If it were not for the human element in bridge, the game would become completely mechanical.

However some generalizations can be made. For instance a lead from a sequence is usually a safe lead. It may not win tricks but it usually doesn't give any away either. Here is an example from last week at the Acton Bridge Club.

Dealer is South, neither side is vulnerable.

North
S-743
H-Q 10 8 3 2
D-A 10 5
C-3 2

West East
S-10 9 2 S-K Q
H-J 5 H-K 7 6 4
D-K Q J 6 4 D-9 8 2
C-Q 9 8 C-A 7 6 5

South
S-A J 8 6 5
H-A 9
D-7 3
C-K J 10 4

The Bidding:
South West North East
1S pass 1NT pass
2C pass 2S All pass
South took a chance in bidding spades before clubs but the gamble paid off. It kept West from making a cheap diamond overcall.

West lead the heart jack, covered in dummy with the queen, East contributed the king and declarer won with the ace. After such a lucky fall of cards, declarer must quickly get out trump so he lead a low spade, won by East. East, rather mechanically returned a heart won by South. Now the trump ace caught East's king and a third trump took out West's last spade.

The diamond ace provided the one and only entry to three good hearts in dummy. After discarding a diamond and two clubs on dummy's heart, a club is led and the best that East can do is take his ace. Dealer lost only a club and a spade.

Imagine declarer's surprise when he looked at the other results on the same set of hands. 1 club by South—down 2; 3 spades by South—down 1; 2 spades by South—down 1. This last result occurred twice.

Of course you have spotted the reason. West's opening lead is the culprit. If West had just led from his diamond sequence the defence could take one spade, one heart, one diamond and two clubs at a minimum and more if declarer isn't careful.

Leads from sequences are usually quite safe — they don't give away tricks.

Last week at the Acton Bridge Club we had the largest turn-out of the year. There were seven tables in play so we used a Mitchell movement which produced winners in both the North-South and East-West direction. North-South: first, Harry Frost and Bill Hamilton; second, Bill Coats and Bob Dickson Jr.; third, Cam Sinclair and Gerry Reynolds. East-West: first, Gloria Coats and George Salty; tied for second, Mike Lorusso and Lloyd Kier with Pat Jeffares and Tom Waines.



ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS were selling admission tickets at Style Acres Ranch during the weekend at the horse show. Harding Price, area farmer, buys his admission ticket from Rotarians Bill Pendleton, Ted Pratt and Ralph Davies.

Provincial ambulance service sought by North Halton board

A special meeting to deal with ambulance services has been called by the North Halton Urban Board for June 22, when it is expected councillors from the North Halton communities will press for a provincially-operated service.

The Board is an informal group of delegates from Milton, Acton and Georgetown councils who meet regularly to discuss problems common to each town. Presently Georgetown is served by a volunteer ambulance group, Milton is serviced from Oakville by a private operator, and Acton calls on a

Guelph firm for ambulance aid. There is no formal agreement covering Nassagaweya and Esquesing townships although area operators have made calls in the townships.

The May meeting of the Board, held in Milton Fire Hall on Wednesday evening of last week, decided to call in Provincial M.P.P. George A. Kerr to discuss ambulance services. Esquesing and Nassagaweya Councils are also being invited to attend the meeting.

Members decided to compile a chart of ambulance costs over the last three years to show the M.P.P. Most councillors agreed

the present services were reliable but felt a provincially-subsidized service would be more fair.

The two townships have never belonged to the Board before, but will be invited to join. Another common problem which members felt should be discussed in June was garbage dumps, and a mutually-shared incinerator was suggested as a solution to each municipality's dumping problems.

Members wondered if the Ontario Water Resources Commission would give financial aid to a joint incinerator project.

Free Press news in brief

—Many of the fireworks set off on the holiday were made in Milton.

—Black flies got a good crop of golfers and cottagers on the weekend.

—Next holiday is July 1 — Dominion Day.

—A large crowd enjoyed the annual display of fireworks at Campbellville Monday evening. There were quite a few there from this district.

—Ladies who are beginning to wonder how they'll look in the skimpy bathing suits this year: take note of the ad for a new "Slim for Summer" course at the Y.

—Few towns our size have as many flags flying for the holidays. The streets were gay with the regular big flags and many individuals put them out as well. In Milton, for instance, only one Union Jack was put up for Victoria Day, as far as the reporters could tell.

—Students who were offered free want ads didn't have much time to get them in last week. We're expecting more this week.

—It's a busy season for graduations and weddings. Please phone the Free Press to let us know about them. We want accounts and pictures, and just can't phone everybody.

—A subdivision dweller told his neighbor: "I'm thinking of becoming a bigamist. There's too much grass in this yard for one wife to cut."

—Next week, the grade 13 students are off school studying, and then their final exams begin on Monday, June 6.

—Every day at the Free Press we get news releases by the dozen — and few of them qualify as what we'd call "news". Not to Acton people, anyway. But one Wednesday slowed us down. It was in the Cree and Ojibway languages. A translation into English explains the story about Wilderness areas being preserved by the Ontario government. The largest and most remote of these is Cape Henrietta Maria the extreme north-eastern tip of Ontario separating Hudson and James Bays.

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County Council Briefs



During Tuesday's regular meeting of Halton County Council members:

- Tenders on vehicles purchased by the Road committee were approved with Elmwood Motors, Port Credit supplying a half ton pickup truck at \$1,146 and a double cab truck at \$2,150. Trafalgar Motors Co., Milton, was the successful bidder on a dump truck at \$2,575.35.
- Tentatively set the date for the annual Warden's dinner at October 26 and named a committee to plan the annual event.
- Approved the installation of oil heating at the old court house on Brown St., Milton, at the low tender price of \$2,611.06. The firm of Whitehead and Worthington was the successful bidder.
- Approved preparation of an auxiliary parking area for 55 to 60 cars at the county administration building.
- Accepted a recommendation from the road committee that the previous decision remain unchanged in regard to the claim of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Service for a new well, following road widening in front of their property. Opposition to this denial of responsibility was expressed at committee level by Nassagaweya Reeve W. Coulter.
- Agreed to hold a dinner for members of local councils on Wednesday, June 15. The dinner last year featured a talk on county government. This year

mayors and Reeves are to speak briefly followed by a question and answer period.

- Approved salary adjustments effective May 1 for 119 county employees.
- Endorsed the planting of 50 trees on the east, west and north edges of the County Administration building.
- Accepted the tender of Municipal Spraying and Oiling Co. for the application of bituminous material to some county roads in 1966. Tender price was \$22,615.75.

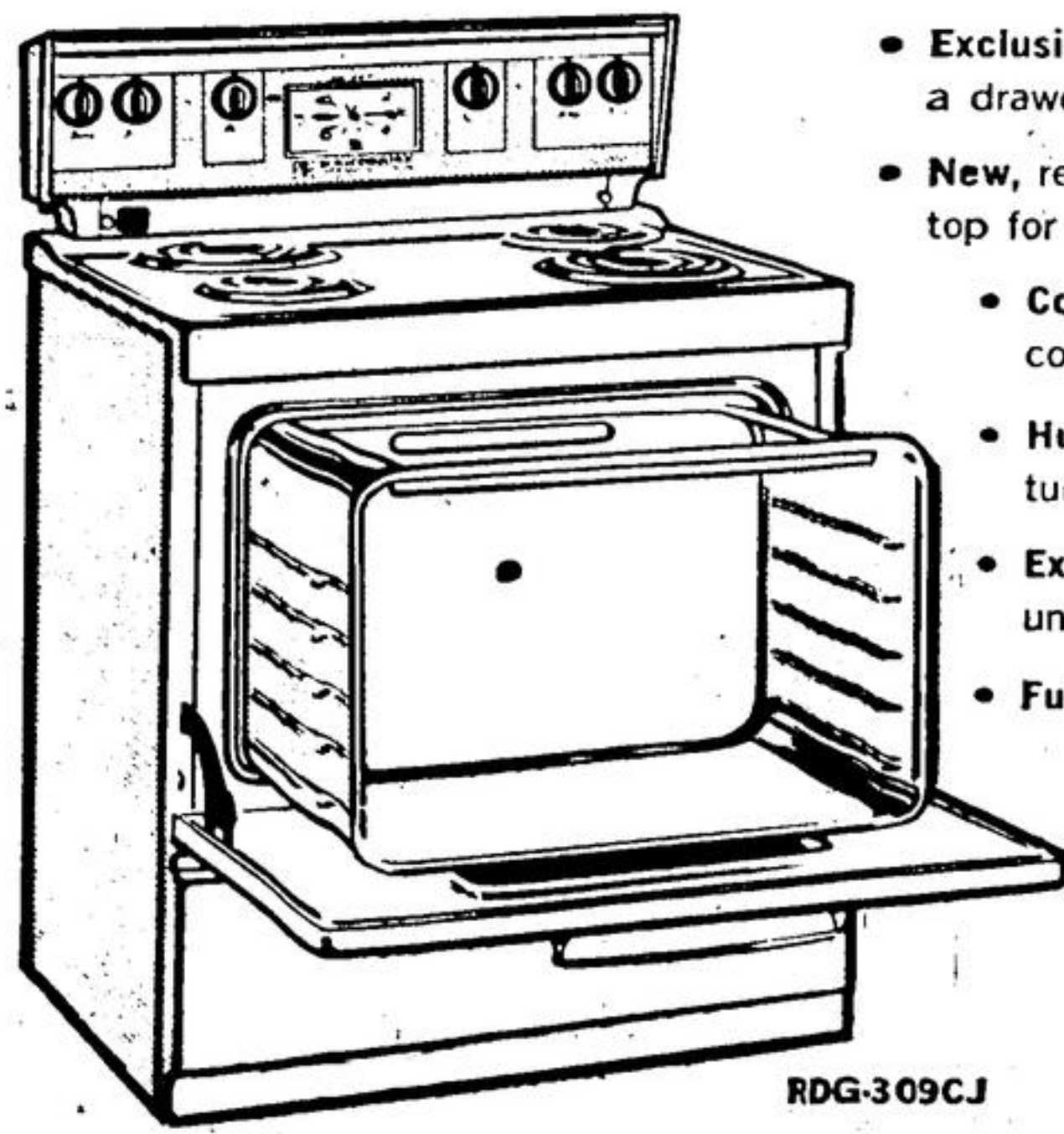
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Milking to count

Choose Dairy Princess June 23

The Halton Dairy Princess Competition has been completely revised. This year it is planned for Thursday, June 23, at the Oakville Chamber of Commerce Rural-Urban Night, to be held at Tom Hay's farm, Oakville. This decision was reached at the planning meeting conducted by the Halton County Milk Committee in the Agricultural Office, Milton, on Friday, May 13.

Contestants must be between the ages of 17 and 26 as of the date of the Canadian National Exhibition, and must come from dairy farms. This year they will participate in a milking competition, in addition to giving a three or four minute speech on the Dairy Industry in Halton County. Each contestant will receive \$35 in prize money, with the winner to represent Halton in the C.N.E. Dairy Princess Competition.

All contestants are to enter at the Agricultural Office or contact Ross Segsworth, Burlington, Chairman of the County Milk Committee or Mac Alexander, Norval, Chairman of the Dairy Princess Competition. Tentative plans for June 23 include a barbecue, followed by the Dairy Princess Competition

and an Old-Time Fiddlers' Competition. In previous years the Halton County Dairy Princess has been chosen at the Hornby Garden Party and the contest has not included milking of a cow. —Water levels in the Great Lakes are above normal.

TULIP TIME FASHION SHOW
AT
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Friday, May 27 at 2.15 p.m.
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