



# Let's Play Bridge

by bill coats

The reason that some bridge players use conventional bids is to enable them to reach contracts that natural bidding cannot reach. I have often mentioned the Stayman convention in this column. This convention is used to find a major suit fit after a no trump opening bid. There is, however, another use of the Stayman convention and this use is either not well understood or just not used by most players.

Here is an example which led to a top board at the Acton Bridge Club last week.

North dealt with East-West vulnerable.

NORTH  
S-A 8 5  
H-A K  
D-K J 8 5  
C-Q J 10 5

WEST  
S-K 8 6 3  
H-10 9 4  
D-Q 2  
C-K 7 6 4

SOUTH  
S-J 10 7 4  
H-Q 8 3 2  
D-10 8 6 3  
C-D

EAST  
S-Q 2  
H-J 8 7 5  
D-A 7 4  
C-A 5 3 2

The bidding:  
NORTH WEST SOUTH EAST  
1 N.T. PASS 2 C PASS  
2 D PASS PASS PASS

Opening lead — five of hearts. The bidding at most tables was on no trump by North — all pass.

With the lack of entries in South's hand, the usual result was down one or down two. At one table South bid two clubs. This is the Stayman convention and asks North to bid a four card major if he has one. If he does not have a four card major, he must bid two diamonds.

On this particular hand, South does not care what North bids. South will pass any bid of two diamonds, two hearts or two spades. The only place that South does not want to play this hand is at one no trump.

**Ducked**

The play was most interesting. North won the opening lead and immediately returned a low club. East ducked and West won the club with the king. West returned a heart won by North. North returned the club Queen covered by East and ruffed in dummy. The diamond ten was led and ducked to East who won with the ace. East returned a diamond which declarer won. The nine of trump provided access to dummy and allowed declarer to discard a spade on the queen of hearts.

Making four diamonds was a fine result when everyone else was going down at one no trump. All declarer lost was one spade, one club and one trump. What a difference a convention can make.

By the way if you decide to use the Stayman convention this way, make sure your single void is in clubs and not in some other suit.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: First, Jack Coats and Bill Coats; second Gwen and Pat Joffares; third, Betty Ashley and Jan Coats.

This week's winners, tie Rev. Pat Jeffares and Jim Eagan; Mrs. Kay Campbell and Harry Arbie.

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The report notes an increasing population, rising cost of health care in institutional settings and the recognition of the importance of preventative medicine as factors pressuring the health unit.

Highlighting current trends in health care, the report notes psychiatric hospitals admit only the most severely disturbed adults and others are being treated at home and referred for community nursing care.

**Population up**  
Population in Esqueping township has increased either 252 or 462 persons in the last year, depending on whether you accept 1971 figures released by the assessment office or the Government of Canada census.

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