

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By BILL COATS

I can still remember a bridge tournament back in the early fifties where the word went around after the first session — "Did you see the Vienna Coup on board number 22?"

This is the position that the Vienna Coup holds for many bridge players. There are more difficult plays, there are more intricate plays but somehow the Vienna Coup has a special aura about it.

Very simply explained, the Vienna Coup is a simple squeeze play in which declarer deliberately establishes a trick for an opponent and then squeezes him out of it.

Well the other night in a rubber bridge game I played my first Vienna Coup. Here is how it all came about.

East dealt with neither side vulnerable.

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

WEST
S-9 8 4
H-Q J 8 4 2
D-9 5 2
C-A 9

EAST
S-Q J 6 2
H-A 10 9 7 6 3
D-K 7
C-5

SOUTH
S-A 5
H-K
D-Q 10 3
C-K Q 10 8 6 3 2

The bidding:
EAST SOUTH
PASS 1C
2H 3C
4H 5C
DBLE ALL PASS

WEST **NORTH**
PASS 1D
3H 4C
PASS PASS

Opening lead — Queen of hearts.

Distributional hands are often difficult to bid. As a rule I try to make it sound that I am being pushed into a contract.

I must admit that declarer had a little help from the opposition. On the opening lead, East went up with the heart ace. At this point East had quite a problem. He did not want to lead a spade into dummy's king-ten and he did not want to lead a diamond into the ace-jack. Why he didn't lead a trump I'll never know but he led a heart which set the stage for the Vienna Coup.

THE SQUEEZE
Declarer discarded a diamond and ruffed in dummy. A club was led and West won with the ace. At this point, with West showing up with the heart queen and the club ace it is almost positive that East holds the diamond king. Declarer only chance to squeeze East in diamonds and spades. Normally you cannot squeeze East by cards held by North. This is because North must discard before East. Whatever North discards, East discards in the same suit.

If South holds one of the threat cards, the squeeze will succeed. Let's see how it works.

DOESN'T MATTER
West returned a trump which was won by declarer. A diamond was led to the ace and by this act, declarer king as a winner. South's hand was re-entered with the spade ace. Declarer now played out

the trump suit. In his hand he kept the diamond queen and the spade five. In dummy the last cards were the spade king and spade ten. What two cards could East hang on to? It didn't matter. If he held on to the diamond king, then dummy's spades would take the last two tricks. If he held on to the spade queen and jack, then declarer's last two tricks would be the diamond queen, and the spade king.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Harry Arbic and Gloria Coats; second, Jim Egan and Pat Jeffares; third, Kate Coats and Bettv Ashley.

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 **EAST**
S-K 9 6 3 S-Q 2
H-10 9 4 H-J 8 7 5
D-Q 2 D-A 7 4
C-K 7 6 4 C-A 8 3 2

SOUTH
S-J 10 7 4
H-Q 6 3 2
D-10 9 6 3
C-9

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

Decision Delayed

Solandt Asks for More Time and Information

Omond Solandt, chairman of the Solandt commission studying the location of a new Pickering to Nanticoke power line has asked for more time and information before making a final decision.

Mr. Solandt told a Queen's Park press conference Thursday before a final route selection can be made the studies presented (to the commission) by Ontario Hydro must be substantially extended in scope and depth.

He asked Provincial Secretary for Resources Development A.B.R. Lawrence for additional time to prepare a study. He also asked in his letter of introduction to an interim report that the commission be given the responsibility of working on the new report.

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.

INVOLVE PUBLIC
Mr. Solandt also asked that Bruce Howlett be appointed to direct the study and write a report with his conclusions. Mr. Howlett appeared before the commission as an expert witness on the environmental factors in the power line location.

Mr. Solandt proposed that Mr. Howlett and members of the hydro staff working with him should begin to involve the public as early as possible.

"Long before any recommended routes are available for discussion it should be possible to involve the public in deciding on the factors that need to be considered in choosing the line and the weight to be attached to them", he said.

LACKS EVIDENCE
Mr. Solandt's 38-page report to Mr. Lawrence outlined the information obtained by the commission to date during its hearings. The topics included the need for facilities, choice of transmission system, underground transmission, major alternative routes, technical information, types of towers

planning process, and timing. In his conclusion he said the middle route selected by Ontario Hydro does not produce adequate evidence to support the view that it is the best available route.

He said the extensive studies by hydro made already must be supplemented by a much more widespread and systematic study of the entire area including but not limited to the four alternative routes described in the report.

DELAY
"I consider that Hydro has satisfactorily established the need for facilities, choice of voltage, reasons for rejecting any major undergrounding, and their need to continue the carefully controlled use of herbicides. All of these can, therefore, be accepted as a basis for the new study", he said.

Mr. Solandt said he recommended the further study with great reluctance since it will certainly delay the construction of the line for some time.

Since the end of World War II, more than 280,000igrants have helped turn South Australia into Australia's most industrialized state for its population.

Miss Mary Parker of Toronto visited for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruddell.

Get well wishes are extended to Mr. Fred Wrigglesworth and Murray Bridgen who are patients in the hospital. We want to see them up and around again.

—Mrs. J. Bellbody.

Ashgrove News

Well! Halloween has gone for another year and the rain kept away to let the children have their fun. Such spooky characters that came to our door, a very pretty pussy-cat, a fierce looking panther, two gun toting Westerners, one dressed as a rooster, a very dainty maiden in evening gown with pearls and ear-rings. Of course they all wore masks from which came titters and giggles as we tried to guess them. It was their night and they do enjoy it.

Mrs. Clifford Hunter and Mrs. John McNabb motored to Stratford and attended the two day Area W.I. Convention on November second and third.

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Retire As Caretakers

Mr. and Mrs. William Norton, who have served as caretakers at the municipal building for many years, have retired from the position.

The caretaking contract for the building is now handled by All Brite Janitor Service.

Improvements

A by-law, widening the road allowance at the Albert and Queen street highway approaches was passed by council Monday.

Council plans to round off the two corners, for better exit from and access to the highway.

Transient By-Law Up for Review

A new transient traders' by-law is under study by town council. The police department is recommending changes to improve a by-law which has been in effect for some years.



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TAKE NOTICE THAT

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on the proper form will be received by the undersigned at the Georgetown Municipal Building, 36 Main Street North, for the following Elected Offices for a two year term, 1973-74:

Mayor, Reeve Deputy Reeve & 2 Councillors

from each of the Three Wards,

2 Hydro Commissioners

2 Water Commissioners

1 Representative

for The Halton County Board of Education

and

1 Representative

for The Halton County Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

The period during which nominations for the above offices will be received is as follows: 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Thursday, November 9th, 1972, Friday, November 10th, 1972 and Monday, November 13th, 1972. Nominations cannot be made after 5.00 p.m. on Monday, November 13th, 1972. The Municipal Building is closed on Saturday, November 11th and Sunday, November 12th, 1972.

The name, occupation, address and office nominated for each candidate will be posted in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building as nominations are received and certified.

The nomination of candidates for the office of Separate School Representative on The Halton County Board of Education will be received by the Clerk and Returning Officer for the Town of Oakville at the Town of Oakville Municipal Building, 1225 Trafalgar Road on the same dates and times noted above.

It should be noted that this nomination procedure has been made mandatory by the Provincial Government pursuant to an Act Respecting Municipal Elections and, accordingly, there will be no nomination meeting as convened in the past.

Nomination forms and information relative to nominations may be obtained from the Clerk in his office at the Municipal Building upon request.

Dated this 25th day of October, 1972

G. D. PRITCHARD
Clerk and Returning Officer

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