

# Announcing five card suit in bid

Most bridge players today use a system of thought called five card majors. This system, simply put, means that any time one opens the bidding with one of a major suit, he announces opening values and a five card suit.

In the event that one has an opening hand but no five card major, he bids one of his better minor. The partnership understanding is that when partner opens one of a minor, the bid

may be artificial land asking if the team member sitting opposite this one minor opener has a four card major. This way an eight card major fit can be found at a low level. However, as always, this rule sometimes should be broken. Note today's hand.

**THE HAND:**  
 Bd. No. 5  
 Dir. - N  
 Vul. N-S

S - Q 10 3  
 H - 10 6 2  
 D - K Q 3 2  
 C - K J 6

S - J 5 2  
 H - 8 3  
 D - J 8  
 C - Q 10 9 8 5 2

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

S - A K 9 7  
 H - A Q 5  
 D - 7 6 5 4  
 C - 4 3

**THE ANALYSIS:**

Even the most avid proponents of 5-card majors should consider opening the East hand with 1-S instead of 1-D for several reasons:  
 1. East wants a spade lead if N-S buy the hand.  
 2. The auction handles much

more easily should partner respond 2 clubs.

3. East's concentration of high cards is immediately defined.

As the cards lie, 3NT, which is not a good contract, can be made but few pairs will get this high except by sheer momentum. E-W are more likely to play a diamond, spade, or notrump partial. The distribution is so favorable for E-W that East, as declarer, can actually take 10 tricks in either spades or notrump with double-dummy play against any defence.

The North-South winners of the Georgetown Bridge Club's

weekly game were Bill Dinan and Arthur Kwei. Second place went to Elsie Whitham and Norma Maynard followed by Steve Young and Lyn Christian.

The East-West winners were Lyanna Kwei and George Powell. Second place was won by Fred and Muriel Allen with third going to Jackie Forsell and Ron Glide.

The Georgetown Bridge Club offers their facilities to all interested bridge players. The club holds their game every Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. sharp at the Legion Hall in town. Come and play bridge.



## Cops' new man at helm

Staff Sergeant Les Graham picked up the paperwork where Staff Sergeant Ron Southgate had left it. The new head of the Criminal Investigations Bureau for the Halton regional police is now on his own. Sgt. Southgate is starting up an internal affairs bureau dealing with complaints against police and within the force. Sgt. Graham was formerly a detective with the Criminal Investigations Bureau in Burlington. The bureau investigates criminal matters to try and solve them. Sgt. Graham has six detectives working with him.

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