

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are the dealer and bid One Club. Partner responds One Diamond. What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠AQ♥K108♦J742♣QJ93
2. ♠AJ♥AQ♦Q65♣KQJ962
3. ♠10♥AQ87♦KJ6♣AKQ75
4. ♠AJ53♥—♦A93♣KQ9653
5. ♠8♥A♦AKJ84♣KQ7642

1. One notrump. Though it is very normal to raise partner with four-card support — and it might therefore be argued that the proper rebid here is two diamonds — there are good reasons for preferring one notrump.

First, your hand is well-suited for notrump, and the balanced distribution is better shown by a rebid of one notrump. A raise in diamonds would imply distributional values, such as shortness in one or both majors, that you don't have.

Also, judging from the opponents' silence, partner may have a good hand and might be headed for game. If this is true, a nine-trick game in notrump is far more attractive than an 11-trick diamond game. Furthermore, if notrump is the best contract, your honor-card holdings in the majors will be protected on the opening lead with you as declarer.

2. Three notrump. You should not be willing to settle for less than game

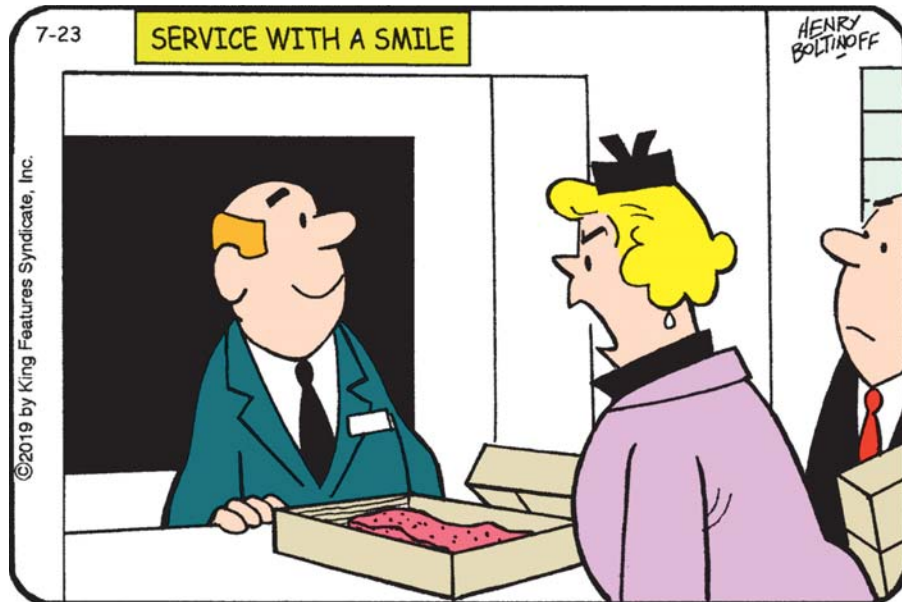
once partner responds to your opening bid. A rebid of either two notrump or three clubs would run the risk of partner passing, since neither of these bids is forcing.

3. Two hearts. The jump-shift in hearts forces partner to continue bidding until a game is reached, even though he might have only six points. Game, and possibly a slam, is highly probable in clubs, diamonds, hearts or notrump. These possibilities can best be explored after partner is first made aware of your strength via the jump-shift.

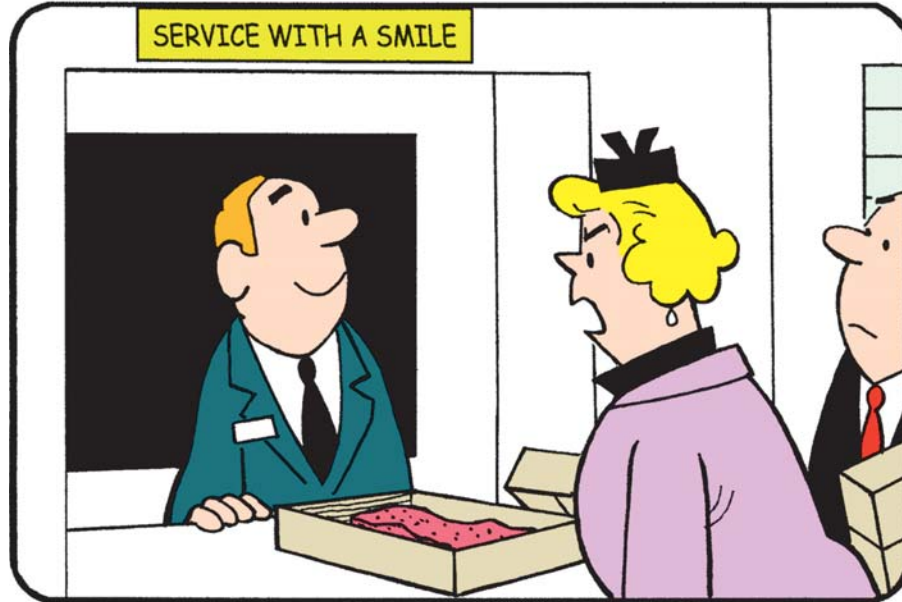
4. One spade. The best way to begin describing your distribution is to bid one spade at this point. Even though you have six clubs and only four spades, you can't afford to bypass the possibility of a 4-4 fit in spades. Depending on how the auction develops, you may later get to show your club length and diamond support and thus identify the three-suited nature of your hand.

5. Four notrump. The number of aces partner has is the key to how many tricks your side can make with diamonds as trump. You therefore call upon Blackwood to extract this vital information from partner. If he shows no aces by responding with five clubs, you'll bid five diamonds; if he shows one ace, you'll bid six diamonds; and if he shows two aces, you'll bid seven diamonds.

Tomorrow: Just another day at the office.



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Box lid is moved. 2. Nametag is moved. 3. Hair is different. 4. Hand is moved. 5. Mouth is not open as wide. 6. Arm is not showing.

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General

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Income criteria will be applicable to all four categories. Applicants will seek scholarships after they obtain admission in the approved list of educational institutions.

Applications are required to be submitted online at SPDC portal — <http://spdcindia.gov.in/login/index.php>. Last date for submission of applications was extended till Oct 14, 2016. Nodal officer for SPDC is P. Bharadwaj, Deputy Secretary (OIA-II), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, Tel: 00-91-11-24197952, Email: dsoia2@mea.gov.in

Sastra Prathibha Contest: Science International Forum (SIF) Kuwait in association with UNIMONI Kuwait announced the commencement of registration for the 6th edition of the Sastra Prathibha Contest (VVM Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan). Sastra Prathibha Contest (VVM Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan) is a pan India and GCC Science Talent Hunt initiative by VIBHA in association with NCERT, HRD Ministry (Government of India) and the Department of Science and Technology (Government of India).

Sastra Prathibha Contest 2019-20 will be a two level contest. First level written examination will take place on Nov 7, 2019. A one-day science camp (Level II) will be organized on Jan 10, 2020 for the selected students from Level I contest, where the Sastra Prathibha title winners for the year 2019-20 will be selected. Winners of Sastra Prathibha Title will get the opportunity to visit prestigious research laboratories in India and also get the opportunity for personal interaction with top scientists in India.

Students from class 4 to class 10 are eligible to register under the categories Sub junior (Class 4, 5), Junior (Class 6, 7, 8) and Senior (Class 9, 10). Registrations for the same will be strictly through schools. Once the registration process is over, a Question Bank following the prescribed syllabus will be provided to the students. SPC will be a 80 question, one hour exam. 30 questions will appear from the question bank, 30 from existing syllabus, 10 analytical and 10 will be general questions. Those interested are requested to contact the science department HOD of respective schools.

SPC is the biggest and most prestigious contest of its kind in Kuwait, with the participation of more than 4500 students from the Indian schools in Kuwait.

Registration forms are available at the science department / SPC coordinator of the respective schools. Registration closed on May 15, 2019. For further updates on SPC Season VI, please follow www.facebook.com/sifkuwait, or email at info@sifkuwait.com

Islamic and Arabic courses: Islamic and Arabic courses are being offered at the Enlightenment into Islam Center starting from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Registrations can be done at the main office — Women's Committee in Qurtoba. For more information contact: 24322684, 25362693, 97743327 and 25362681.

Islamic classes in French: The Enlightenment into Islam is offering Islamic Classes in French for ladies. Timings 4:30 to 7 pm. Every Wednesday. Please register at the office (Women's Section), 2nd floor. For more information please contact us. Telephone 25362684, 99789954, 99507076, 97743327. Fax 25342573 (attention — Enlightenment into Islam)

Bridge game: Bridge tournament is being held every Sunday and Wednesday at 20:00 hours, played at the Graduates Club, next to Kuwait Engineering Society. Interested Bridge pairs or individual players please contact Mohammed Merchant, Tel: 24815622, 24841158, 99612287.

Sports

Chess Round Robin Challenge: Registrations are open for chess coaching and the Annual Round Robin Challenger Series. Send your name, Civil ID No., mobile number, age, rating to saviosgomes@gmail.com with CCR in the e-mail subject. No entry fee.

Kwt-Brits football supporters: A new football supporters website for British expats living and working in Kuwait has been set up by an Everton supporter, Trevor Powell. The Kuwait Brits Football Supporters Association (KBFA) site aims to provide contact information for supporters of each others' whereabouts and also in the future hopes to organise social events such as quizzes and even five-a-side matches on a home international teams basis. We need expats to register their support and hence we can then start to cast around for a suitable meeting venue. The site can be accessed at www.kbfa.co.uk.

Conceptis Sudoku

The grid must be so completed that every row, column and 3x3 box has every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive

By Dave Green

	7		1	9		3		
6								2
	2			4				
8			4					7
			9 6 8					
4			3					5
	6					3		
9								1
	3		7	5				9

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

3	7	5	2	4	9	8	6	1
2	6	9	8	7	1	5	4	3
4	8	1	3	6	5	2	9	7
1	9	6	4	3	8	7	2	5
7	4	2	5	1	6	9	3	8
8	5	3	7	9	2	4	1	6
9	1	4	6	5	7	3	8	2
5	3	8	1	2	4	6	7	9
6	2	7	9	8	3	1	5	4

Difficulty Level ★★★

Challenger

By Louis MURER

				8
4				7
			8	25
	2			25
		9		27
17	18	22	27	30

DIRECTIONS:

Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
 ■ Horizontal squares should add to totals on right.
 ■ Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.
 ■ Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION.

Today's Challenge
 Time 2 Minutes
 58 Seconds
 Your Working
 Time ___ Minutes
 ___ Seconds

				30
9	9	9	9	36
8	6	8	6	28
7	7	7	7	28
6	8	6	8	28
30	30	30	30	30

Eugene Sheffer Crossword

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11
12					13					14		
15					16					17		
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ACROSS

- 1 Corn Belt state
- 5 Pear type opener
- 9 Lock
- 12 Role in "Evita"
- 13 Director Kazan
- 14 Rage
- 15 Energize
- 17 Espionage org.
- 18 Challah unit
- 19 Comes to oven
- 21 Used the starch, for short
- 24 Sugar or starch, for short
- 25 Yale students
- 26 Affluent
- 30 "Shark Tank" network
- 31 It's a dyeing art
- 32 Ballot marks
- 33 Catch some z's
- 35 Rind
- 36 Dog biscuit shape

- 37 A Marx brother
- 38 Borneo ape, for short
- 40 Earth
- 42 Lobbying org.
- 43 Bicycle support
- 48 Biblical boat
- 49 Sharif of film
- 50 Incursion
- 51 French article
- 52 Hawaiian coast
- 53 Harvard rival

DOWN

- 1 Trio after H
- 16 Turf
- 20 Curator's focus

- 2 French assent
- 3 WWII service-woman
- 4 Leg joints
- 5 Alpha follower
- 6 "Frozen" snowman
- 7 Knight's address
- 8 Model's runway
- 9 One who fights with fists and feet
- 10 A Great Lake
- 11 Pro votes

- 21 Exhausted
- 22 Goya's duchess
- 23 Bribes of a sort
- 24 Film fragment
- 26 Fade away
- 27 LAX info
- 28 Profound
- 29 Norwegian seaport
- 31 Thailand's capital
- 34 Very long time
- 35 Meager
- 37 That guy's
- 38 October birthstone
- 39 Scarce
- 40 Read quickly
- 41 Gumbo veggie
- 44 "As I see it," in a text
- 45 Small battery
- 46 Goose egg
- 47 HST follower

Solution time: 22 mins.

E	D	A	M	N	A	P	M	A	K	O	
S	U	R	E	C	U	R	E	I	H	A	D
C	O	P	Y	E	D	I	T	S	A	R	I
O	P	E	R	E	U	N	A	B	L	E	
A	L	A	S	P	L	A	U	D	I	T	
K	O	S	L	E	A	N	N	M	U	G	
W	E	D	I	D	I	T	R	A	R	A	
A	M	I	N	J	E	N	N	Y			
M	A	N	I	A	C	S	A	C			
A	V	O	N	A	C	C	R	E	D	I	T
R	E	N	T	B	L	O	S	S	O	M	S
X	R	A	Y	S	E	W	S	N	A	P	

Yesterday's answer 7-23

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CRYPTOQUIP

A V Y J A F N D O E F N Z Y D D
 L B D X B M X S Y K Y Q X Z Y D
 Y L X D X J E J F O B J B G K X S B J V B
 F G X Q X S I F M J V X S Q I ?
 I F N G Z B G E .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: GROUP OF FOLKS WHO COMPLETELY SUPPORT WISCONSIN'S PRO FOOTBALL TEAM: THE GREEN BAY BACKERS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals S

Word by Word

- Dog** (كلب) Kalb
 Every dog has his day.
 Lekuli kalben yawmah.
- Numbers** لكل كلب يومه
8224 Eight thousand two hundred twenty four
٨٢٢٤ Thamaniyat alaaf wa meatanwa arbaah wa esh-roon



OF COURSE I WANT TO BE GOOD ALL THE TIME... IT'S JUST A LOT OF TIME TO BE GOOD!