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**BRIDGE ETHICS AND THE LACK THEREOF**

Probably one of the most underdeveloped arts in bridge is that of passing. A lot of people, at least those who abide strictly by the rules feel that all passes are the same. However, with an experienced partnership it is possible to be much more explicit than this. For instance a slow hesitant pass can indicate almost an opening bid allowing partner to enter the auction without risking a murderous double from the opponents. On the other hand a quick hard PASS informs partner that you are completely destitute of any values and that he may bid at his own peril, understanding that you will clobber him should he be too ambitious. By using voice changes and changes in timing you can inform partner of your holding within a point or two on any given deal.

In addition to this there is the slow pass, not designed to convey information to your partner rather, its purpose is to intimidate your opponents. The value of this in your bidding repertoire is obvious. For instance suppose you open 1 Spade, the opponents on your left overcalls 2 Diamonds and partner responds 2 Spades. The opponent on your right passes. You have a bare minimum for your opening bid a five card Spade suit and no defense against a Diamond contract. A quick pass might reassure your opponent and he would go on to three Diamonds. However, if you sit and think trying to look like a person contemplating a four bid and then pass slowly your opponent with a good diamond suit and no defense against Spades will in all likelihood will not make the winning bid of 3 Diamonds, fearful of pushing you to game.

Voice intonations and timing need not be limited to passing, a ONE HEART bid tells your partner that you are just short of the requirements for an opening two bid while a one heart bid indicates a minimum opening bid. Timing also can be important, with an experienced partnership the longer the interval between the bids the more powerful the hand, or suit. This can be left to partnership preference, however, it is obvious that a workable system wouldn't be too hard to evolve.

Rules regarding insufficient bids state that you must make your bid just sufficient or your partner will be barred from the auction. Sitting opposite a "void in your suit—rescue at any cost" partner, subtle means must be employed. For instance you are sitting with 13 Clubs and your partner opens with 2 Clubs; bid 1 Club. When your opponents draw your attention to this—bid 7 Clubs. Your partner will probably have an epileptic fit but at least you're in the proper contract.

Other devices can be used to keep partners in line. One of these is called the forcing-lead director. This is relatively simple. During the auction you become aware that partner must lead a certain suit in order to set the contract. Rather than take any chance you excuse yourself on some pretext and go to the nearest phone, call your partner, and tell him what to lead. This is absolutely forcing.

Another useful gimmick is the forcing pass. With a stubborn partner head shaking, frowning and rapid passes usually aren't enough, to be absolutely sure you kick your partner under the table as you pass. This, in addition to being forcing, also inflicts much deserved punishment on your partner and is a form of relief for your frustrations.

Remember in bridge, winning is the important thing, not how you do it. This being the case the old axiom "a peek is worth two finesses" should not be forgotten. Unfortunately most players restrict their uses of peeking to the play of the hand. This is quite obviously a weakness and should be rectified. For instance suppose you are sitting West, North is the dealer. You hold S 5 4 3 2, H 4 3 2, D 4 3 2, C 4 3 2 when you notice South gloating over the following hand, S A K Q, H A K Q J, D A K Q J, C A K. Most players would feel that fate had been unkind to them and the cause was lost. However, the really sharp player will immediately open 2 Clubs, a forcing bid. North whose hand is completely devoid of values will demand a new deal as you have bid out of turn.

There are hundreds of other tricks which every bridge player should have in his repertoire but which I'm sure most of you will be able to think up for yourselves. The above suggestions allows you to remove a lot of unnecessary conventions from your bidding and still convey the necessary information to your partner.  
Good Luck and Merry Christmas.

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**On a Canadian Whim**

Once again the Yuletide season has crept in, as usual unawares, among the piles of books. Yet it is a time of optimistic planning, most of them wishful thinking. It was in this spirit of wishful thinking that I fell into a thought or hope.

The continuous blare of music suddenly ceased from the radio. It was news time.

"This is John Killaway reporting with the latest news: The president, Jack Canuck yesterday kicked off at the annual Grey Cup game in Vancouver and later presented the trophy to John Holson, captain of the Rough Riders, this year's victors. Incidentally John Holson was chosen the most outstanding player of the game, although the sports writers covering the game were unanimous in their belief that he was given that award as he is the sole American player in Canadian football. Meanwhile in the Federal District of Ottawa, thousands of fans were out to greet their hometown champions.

This morning the President flew to Moncton to participate in the official opening of the newly built Macdonald Causeway linking Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Ceremonies will begin at 4 p.m. and this station will cover this historic opening.

Canadian Motor Company President, Walter Syminko, reported today that this year's sales of the compact new Beaver IV surged to a record high. He attributed the new sales to the opening trade of Canadian made, cars in United Europe. This European sale topped last year's American market by 22,000 so far, bringing up annual production well over the two million mark. Walter Syminko proudly attributed Beaver IV's popularity in Europe to its 350 horsepower all weather engine and rust-proof body, which is ideal for Europe as well as North America.

Monseigneur Breboul of Fort Chipawana in Northern Quebec reported that his pupils responded much better in English than in French. This is quite miraculous, as English was just introduced little less than a year ago according to the new act of the Canadian Constitution making English the official language in Canada.

In Congress today the leader of the Yukon Conservatives proposed a bill for curbing the inflow of immigration into Canada saying: that Canada's 85 million population has absorbed all available land and he feared a similar population problem as the United States is now facing, might hit Canada. The Bill passed unopposed through the House of Representatives. But in the Senate the two Senators from Quebec and the two from Ontario combined to include a clause for no discrimination against American immigrants. Their action had a considerable significance since it was the second time these Senators united in action. The first case being of course just after the adoption of our Constitution when the issue of Flag and Anthem was agreed on unanimously under their guidance.

In local news Police Chief, Harry Knowland reported that the four laned trans-Canada highway was now inadequate for present day traffic.

The University of New Brunswick Administration disclosed early today that a new record of enrollment of 5,400 students has

been reached. This record at the same time lowered the male-female ratio down to 2-1.

Taking a look at sports briefly, In the Olympics held in Rome, Italy—the United States took the lead again today with a sparkling swim win by Bill Warner, in the two hundred yard free-style. This gives the U.S. 25 gold medals. Canada is second with 24 and Australia is third with 22.

Briefly recapping last night's N.H.L. hockey scores: Montreal Canadians 5, Winnipeg 2; Vancouver 6, Quebec City 1. Tonight Toronto plays in Calgary.

Now for the weather summary valid till midnight. Mainly sunny and unseasonable cool for December. High 60, low 50.

And now the Canadian Network is pleased to present Vice-President Louis Page with a special message concerning next week's Republic Day celebrations.

Fellow Canadians, tomorrow in a week, marks the end of the first year of the Canadian Republic. It will earmark a great milestone for us Canadians who have thirsted for unity and independence for so long. Therefore I feel it is appropriate that . . .

I turned the radio off. This was too much to believe. Yet was it a bad dream?



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