

Pattaya bridge Club News-sheets 2003 Index

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Psychic Bidding (not allowed at our club).
Controlled Psyches (absolutely not allowed at our club).
A 1NT *opening must* have at least 2 cards in each suit.
The most (in)famous controlled psyches in Bridge history? (Bermuda Bowl, 1966).
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- 21 is ♠ AJ ♥ A86 ♦ AK94 ♣ AK83 a 2♣ opener?
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- 22 Partner has a Huge Balanced Hand.
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 The 2♦ Opening. – numerous options: -
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- 23 Deny a Four Card Major and bid it later?
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- 24 an opener?
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 Extended Stayman? – nobody plays it these days.
 a simple overcall guarantees 11+ points??
- 27 Don't make a take-out double with a two-suiter.
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- 28 To Stayman or not, that is the Question!
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 Simple Math(s).
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- 29 How Do You Expect Suits to Split?
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- 30 The Jump Rebid, Jump Shift and Reverse.
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 How Greedy are You?
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- 35 DOPI (Double 0 Pass 1).
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- 36 A New Suit at the three Level.
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 A new suit at the three level by responder who has not limited his hand is 100% forcing.
 4NT, Blackwood or Quantitive?
 7 points opposite partner's 1NT overcall.
 Bidding the opponent's suit.
 What do you open when 5-5 in the black suits?
- 37 No Game when Responder has 14 Points – Chuck's input.
 Bidding Opponent's Suit need not be alerted.
- 38 What is Acol? – It's not Dutch.

- Overcalls and Jump Overcalls.
 1♠ - 2♦ - 3♣ is game forcing.
 Responding 1NT to partner's 1♣ opening.
 Lead the A from AK?
- 39 Well Excuse Me for Bidding My Hand! (don't pass partner's game try).
 Transfers over 2NT.
 Negative Doubles at the Two Level.
 Push 'em Up and Double?!
 Play the big one you dummy!
 Redouble ! of 1NT.
 ♠KQ3 ♥9872 ♦K92 ♣A76 - Do You Open ?
 Open 1NT with a good 5-card major?
 Open 3♠ with ♠ AKQ10943?
 Pre-empt in 4th seat?
- 40 The Power of a Fit.
 A Two level response is 11+
 Inviting after a Transfer.
 The Jump Rebid.
 Responder skips a 4 Card Major and bids it later?
 Open a 4 Card Major playing Acol?
- 41 Inviting After a Transfer.
 Redouble ? Chuck says I should Go back to Disneyland.
 That ♦ slam, well bid or lucky?
 The Rule of Eleven – it's only against NT.
 Cover an Honour With an Honour?
- 42 You need close to an opening hand to overcall at the 2-level.
 Don't double when you can overcall 1NT.
 Super Accept? – a good game missed.
 A psyche followed by another (controlled) psyche! – gets you 'Chucked' out!
 A Direct Cue Bid at the 4 level – A big Hand!
 Rebid a 6 card ♠ suit or a 4 card ♥ suit?
 Mini Roman 2♦ Anyone? (The Disneyland duo).
- 43 Chuck Chuck out?
 Don't bid 3NT with no stopper in their suit!
 Super acceptance of a transfer (breaking the transfer after opening 1NT).
- 44 Classic Garbage (Stayman).
 Worth an Invitation after partner's 1NT?
 Low Level Penalty Doubles? – a comprehensive look.
- 45 Responding with game values.
 Passing partner's take-out or 'automatic' double?
 Denying a 4 card major.
 A 1NT rebid does not promise all suits stopped.
 The 2NT and 3NT rebids.
- 46 Stayman with a weak hand?
 The Killing Lead.
 Don't get too high (or bid NT) on a mis-fit.
 Accept the Invitation?
 A Jump Rebid?
- 47 At King Arthur's Court – three golden sovereigns.
 Raise partner's 1NT response to 2NT with a good 16+ points.
 Do not pass 12 counts with a good 5 card major.
 You need about 18+ points to raise responder's major to game.
 Bidding Over 1NT.
 Responding to Partner's Overcall.
 When Do You Need 5 Cards to Bid a Major?

- Passing a negative double?
 Playing Acol, I only open a 4 card major with a good 16+ points - read why.
- 48 At King Arthur's Court – Whirlwind, the hunting hawk.
 A Minor Suit Fit?
 Negative free bids are not standard.
 A Good Slam Missed by Nearly Everybody.
 Don't pre-empt with an outside 4-card major.
 Two(!) Chinese Finesses.
 Worth a Vulnerable Pre-empt?
 Is It Forcing? – Reverses, Jump responses and rebids etc.
 Bid Your Hand Just Once.
 An Endplay.
- 49 An Interesting Hand All Round.
 Raise 1♠ to 2♠ or 3♠ holding ♠10753 ♥KQ4 ♦J94 ♣A75 ?
 Discards in Defence - Lavinthal (aka McKenney).
 A Silly NT contract (two weak doubletons).
 Preference.
 Raising Partner's Pre-empt – what is 3♠ - 5♠?
 Garbage Stayman.
- 50 At King Arthur's Court – the pet goldfish.
 The Power of the good 4-4 Fit (can be better than 5-4).
 Inviting after partner opens with a Weak Two (Ogust).
 When LHO Redoubles.
 How Many Points for Stayman?
 bid 1NT or 2♥ when partner opens 1♥ and you have ♠965 ♥Q93 ♦K964 ♣A53 ?
 Overcall or Double or What? (bid 1NT).
- 51 Bid over partner's 1♣ opening if you possibly can.
 How many ♣'s?
 A difficult slam to Bbid? – play splinters.
 The Law of Total Tricks.
 Outgunned 5-1? – Maybe, but I'm not down and out! 1♦ - 1♥ - 3♦ - 3♥ is forcing!
- 52 At King Arthur's Court – what colour hat?
 Devalue a hand with a void in partner's suit.
 Jump rebids show good six card suits.
- 53 At King Arthur's Court – two black pebbles.
 Unauthorised Information.
 Bid Your Hand Just Once.
 Balancing.
 Pass partner with a singleton?
 Raising partner's 3♣ pre-empt to 4♣ is not ace-asking!
- 54 At King Arthur's Court – which door?
 Raising Partner's Pre-empt.
 7 good cards – bid 4♠ opposite partner's opener.
 1♥ - 2♣ - 3♣ - 3♥ is invitational (3-card support) unless you play 2/1.
 Inviting to game in competition.
 Occasionally a 5-3 fit is better than 4-4 (when you can ruff with the short trump hand).
 When NT is better than a 5-3 Fit.
- 55 Passed Hand Bidding.
 Don't pass partner's 1♣ with ♣ shortage.
 Your next bid after transferring.
 1NT response must have a stopper in all the unbid suits??
 A new suit by a limited hand is weak.
 At King Arthur's Court – he's my son.
 Don't bid 4♥ and why 4♥ failed.
- 56 Bidding Game With No Support?

- Take advantage of the possession of the ♠ suit.
 When you know that the opponents are in an inferior contract, do not double.
 When RHO bids Your Suit.
 Your opening 1NT MUST be within your allotted range +-1 (and NO singleton).
 Raising Partner's Pre-empt.
- 57 Once is Enough – don't bid your hand twice.
 Twice, OK. But three times?
 Your Rebid Having Transferred.
 About Super-Accepts.
 Splinters really are worth mastering.
 When Partner Doubles.
 Raising Partner's Pre-empt.
- 58 Find a forcing bid.
 A take-out double needs to be playable in the other three suits.
 3NT is usually better than 5 of a minor.
 A two-level response after an intervening double (it's weak).
 A two-level response after an intervening double.
 Passing Partner's Better Minor?
 Transfer with a weak hand?
- 59 6NT scores more than 6 of a minor.
 One does not have to rebid if RHO intervenes.
 Stayman etc when RHO intervenes?
 Defending against RHO's take-out double.
 Opener is 5-4 and partner responds 1NT.
 You don't always have to bid as high as 'The Law' allows.
- 60 That Law Again.
 All the Aces and all the Kingsmen.
 The strip and throw-in.
 Splinters really do work.
 Five of a Minor is rarely the best contract.
 1♠ - 1NT - 3♣ is forcing.
- 61 The 2♣ opening.
 The jump in partner's major when he negative doubles.
 Double with 6 top 'trumps'? No!
 The Strong Jump Overcall (playing traditional Acol).
 The Strong 2♥/♠ (playing traditional Acol).