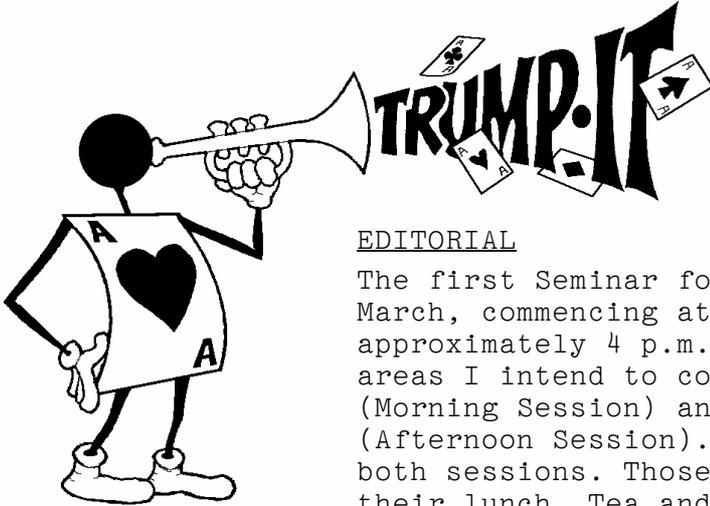


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EDITORIAL

The first Seminar for 1988 will be held on Sunday, 13th March, commencing at 10 a.m. and finishing at approximately 4 p.m. The Seminar is on bidding and the areas I intend to cover are Competitive Bidding area (Morning Session) and Opener's and Responder's second bids (Afternoon Session). Detailed notes will be provided at both sessions. Those attending are reminded to bring along their lunch. Tea and coffee as usual, will be provided by the club.

Beginner's Classes start this week and we are hoping to see new faces enrol as members at the completion of the 10 week course.

Over the past year I have printed the "Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 1975 Edition" through the Trump-It. The World Bridge Council has now revised these Laws and implemented many changes where penalties were too harsh or the Law was open to abuse. All these changes will be printed over the months to come and will apply to club play the week following publication through the Trump-It.

The first change is simple and one which should have been thought of in 1975. I call it the "Director's Nightmare" - always being called to the table at least 10 times per session during a congress event. It is the Opening Lead Out of Turn. Up until the Law changed this year, declarer had four options.

- (1) He could accept the lead from the wrong hand and see the dummy first before he played to the trick.
- (2) He could ask that the same lead come from the correct hand on lead, whereby the offender could replace his card in his hand and play any card in that suit.
- (3) He could ask the offender to place the card back in his hand and forbid the correct hand on lead to lead that suit.
- (4) He could allow the correct person on lead, to choose any lead he wished, including the suit led from the wrong hand, but the card led in error was to sit on the table until such time as the suit was led or the opponent could no longer follow suit.

Many times the lead from the wrong hand would penalise declarer who may choose the wrong option.

To avoid this the Law has changed for the better. All persons making an opening lead must put their card face down on the table and may not turn the card over until instructed by partner or declarer. The result - no more opening leads out of turn. Hurrah!!! Old habits are hard to change, I know this as I have forgotten many times during the Gold Coast Congress week, however, it will eventually become automatic.

Judy Valentine

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SOME HANDS FROM THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS

The 27th. Gold Coast Congress, run under the auspices of the Queensland Bridge Association, attracted 188 tables of pairs and 110 tables of teams in this our Bicentennial Year.

The venue - the famous Gold Coast makes this Congress one of the most popular in Australia with players travelling from all parts of Australia to attend. The late start of 8:15 p.m. allows anyone wishing to enjoy a relaxed evening dining out to do so. As the Convention Area at the Chevron is being redeveloped, the Congress will be held at the Hilton International, Surfers Paradise for next year. In the early days of this congress, when but a handful of players

attended, the QBA held small parties after play at night. As the numbers increased, the QBA was forced to abandon the parties due to numbers rather than cost however, this year as a mark of nostalgia the parties were again held. Three hostesses were given the job of organising parties of about 30 people at a time, a job I don't envy them.

Walk into any room where bridge players are assembled and you will hear, each in turn, relate his tale/s of woe. Jessica and I are no different. Let me tell you one of ours.

Pairs Qualifying 1

Hand 1

Dlr. N	A43	
Nil Vul.	62	
	KQJ53	
	542	
KJ10965		void
3		AKQJ87
A102		8
1063		AKQJ98
	Q872	
<u>Jessica</u>	10954	<u>Judy</u>
	9764	
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How I wished I was playing Standard American when I looked at my cards. Life would have been a breeze. After an auction where Jessica showed me she had a 6-carded spade suit, preference for my clubs, no more than a singleton heart and 1 ace, I elected to play 6C thinking her ace was probably the spade ace. Ho! Hum! A complete bottom board for us. The rest of the field had reached at least 6H (brave people) and many had reached 7C.

Every one of my beginners would have reached 7C by the following auction.

- | | <u>North</u> | <u>East</u> | <u>South</u> | <u>West</u> |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| (1) Game forcing, showing no more than 3 losers. | NB | 2H (1) | NB | 3D (2) |
| (2) Positive showing 2 top controls bidding aces before kings. Shows either ace or king of diamonds. | NB | 3C (3) | NB | 3S (4) |
| | NB | 7C (5) | NB | NB (6) |
| (3) Second suit, at this stage showing 5 hearts and 4 clubs. | | | | |
| (4) Showing ace or king of spades. This bid clearly shows that West has the ace of diamonds and king of spades. If west held the ace of spades re must bid the spade ace first. Likewise the king of spades would have been shown before the diamond king. | | | | |
| (5) Partner, take your pick between 7C and 7H. Shows suits of equal length, otherwise the bidding would have progressed in a slower way. | | | | |
| (6) I prefer clubs. | | | | |

My second tale of woe comes out of the Chevron Pairs event held Saturday morning. This event is a "fun" session where regular partnerships are frowned upon if they play. Jessica and her husband played together and I partnered one of our team mates. Every pair in our section (even those suffering from a massive hangover) reached 6S on this collection of cards - all except my partner and I who played in a "safe" 4S. My partner had never heard of reverse bidding. Here is the hand -

J10xx	AQ92	Our Bidding went -	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
A	92		NB	1C	1H	2D
AKxxx	xx		2H	2S (1)	NB	4S (2)
982	AKQJ5	(1) Reverse bid showing 16+ points 4 spades and probably 5 clubs.				
		(2) "With my 15 points in support partner, I think you are capable of making game."				

The whole truth of the matter is that partner did not believe me - he believed the opposition. Trust in partner is the prime element to success and it doesn't matter what pairs event you are involved in, whether it be tennis, skating or bridge, you must trust that partner is as capable as you are. With minimum points I had 3 other choices. (1) to rebid my club suit (2) to support partner's diamond bid (3) to pass.

I really enjoyed the game of bridge with my team mate despite missing the only slam on the day.

The Congress ended, on Saturday night with a Dinner Dance and the presentation of major trophy winners for the week.