

System cards, a scrutiny (or quiz?)

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In order to impress others with who your friends are, you refer to them in a conversation by their first names. In the bridge world you will say Jeff, Alfredo, Geir if you ever met them at the table. Giorgio would be OK; some might think Belladonna, others Duboin, but so what?

And on your system cards you naturally follow that trend; you fill the card with names rather than try to describe your methods in normal language. Let us try to find out if you know what your opponents mean.

The following is a collection from cards at the Junior European in Albena with a few additions from here. (The cards here seem superior, so far they are all in English, mostly typed or printed)

In this quiz, how many of the gadgets, conventions, methods can you identify and define? Be specific.

I have included some easy ones to make you happy.

Blackwood and Bergen, modified or reverse?

Cappelletti is perhaps easy, and Drury, but are Two-Way Drury, Reverse Drury and Toronto?

Flannery and Gerber may slip by, but are you familiar with Gazilli, Garozzo, Ghestem and Granovetter? Not to mention Eide, Ekren and Fisher.

Josephine (nobody mentioned her husband) and Jacoby we know, but what about Jordan?

Kaplan is an old friend, but I'm not so sure about Kantar's contributions. Kokish?

Landy, the increasingly popular Multilandy, Lavinthal, Lebensohl, perhaps even transfer Lebensohl are well known, and maybe Lebel – in France. And Lightner of course...

Michaels is an early friend of most, and his leaping brother will soon be, but are Manfield and Muiderberg?

There were a couple of Ogust users. Don't let them down.

Raptor, Ripstra and Rubensohl?

Rosenkranz, the pillar of strength, and his Romex are for the well-read, Timbuktu perhaps for the well-travelled.

Smith, Reverse Smith? It is very likely that your opponents have a different opinion.

Truscott had several ideas; I wonder which is the one referred to?

Wolff and Walsh we may have vague ideas about, but does anyone know Weissberger?

Albarran is famous, at least in France, but who the ... is Amanda???

When we run out of names, we introduce terms (expressions, concepts?). How welldefined are Standard, Last Train, Kickback,

Courteous, Frivolous, Serious, and Turbo?

Surprisingly, in spite of the World status of these championships, no new code names have popped up here from Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Africa or South America.

We may provide explanations later — until then, it's up to you.

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