



Jack



Oops! – Someone Made the Opening Lead When Her Partner Was Supposed To

Of all the director calls I have had, the one that seems to cause the most confusion is when the wrong person makes the opening lead. The cause of the confusion is that the declarer has a lot of options and listening to them can be overwhelming.

In this article I will tell you all of the declarer's options as well as a few other important things. Take your time and read all the options so that when it happens at your table, the director will not be the only one who knows what to do.

But first, remember this! As soon as the opening lead is made by the wrong person, STOP and CALL

For the following months we will be honoring those who have given extraordinary time, resources or talent to CBC. There are many of you. This month we are giving applause to both **Lee and Chris Webb**.

(If you would like to submit someone who qualifies for the above please write up their contributions and send to:
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A FEW
WORDS FROM
THE
PRESIDENT:

Hey, Y'all! Are you ready for some football??? Ho ly smokes— seems like the Super Bowl was just a couple of weeks ago! Tempus fugit!

I'm not gonna talk football here; we have lots of exciting things coming up this Fall at CBC; not the least of which is the "Learn Bridge in a Day" seminar on Saturday,

THE DIRECTOR. Do not take any other actions.

The first thing the director will ask is who the declarer is to make sure that he (or she) has a clear picture of who he needs to talk to. The next thing that he will do is ask the person who made the wrong opening lead if either declarer or dummy told her it was her lead. If so, the declarer will allow the incorrect leader to put the card back into her hand and let the correct opening leader make the opening lead. After that, play will continue just as if the wrong opening lead was never made.

If the answer to the previous question is no, the director will then tell the declarer his options. There are FIVE options and the declarer should listen to all of them before making her choice. Two of the choices involve letting the incorrectly led card stand as the opening lead and three of them involve requiring the correct opening leader make her lead. Here they are.

1) Declarer may allow the incorrectly led card to be the opening lead and have her partner lay down the dummy. Declarer plays second to the trick and dummy will play last. After that play resumes as normal.

2) Declarer may allow the incorrectly led card to be the opening lead and lay down her hand and let her partner play the contract. Everything proceeds as normal.

3) Declarer may refuse the incorrect lead and require the real opening leader to make the opening lead. She may require the real opening leader to lead the same suit that the incorrect leader



Let's begin with Lee. Lee has a full and demanding job as a NP for Midlands Orthopedics. She is also the president of our Unit for ACBL. Lee is a member of the GOOD WILL COMMITTEE at ACBL. If that is not enough, at the local level, Lee provides food for most of our events, including shrimp, massive and beautiful salads, sandwiches, elegant cheese boards and ice cream on the Sunday's that Chris directs. In addition she provides Prosecco for mimosas and other food items, keeps our blue planters fresh and seasonal, serves as our indoor maintenance committee chair. She is tireless in giving to CBC. Lee currently serves on our board and is a past president of the board. Currently, and for many years she has co hosted our Regional and our Sectionals and lately the FLM tournaments as well as some GNTS. I get tired thinking about all she does. Lee is a peace maker and wants us all to work toward the success and growth of CBC.

Chris is married to Lee in case you did not know. Chris has been a support to Lee for the Sectionals and Regionals. His ham for our Sectionals is the best! Chris is a director who handles this job with patience and professionalism. He is responsible for getting our Individual Games off to a good start following the

September 9. PLEASE, if you know of anyone who might be interested, get in touch with them—encourage them—post it (handouts available at our Director's Desk) on your bulletin board at work or church—mention it at a civic or social get together. Growing our Club is something we ALL should promote!

If the details haven't been posted at the time you are reading this... they will be soon. The ACBL is promoting a new "8 is Enough" format that lets us "stratify" players as 1's, 2's or 3's based on the current point totals of our members. This format will allow us to put together 8 is Enough teams much more competitively ...AND...ACBL will be awarding 150% masterpoints!!

led. TWO IMPORTANT THINGS. That requirement to lead the same suit only applies to trick one. If the opening leader wins the first trick, then she may lead whatever she wants. ALSO, if declarer does require the same suit to be lead, the incorrect leader can pick up her original lead and put it back in her hand and play whichever card she wants.

4) Declarer may refuse the incorrect lead and forbid the real opening leader from leading the suit that the incorrect leader led while she is on lead this time. That means that the opening leader cannot lead the suit that her partner incorrectly led while she's on lead the first time. If she wins the first trick, she still cannot lead her partner's suit. Once she loses the lead and gains it back, she can lead whatever she wants. IMPORTANT: If declarer chooses the option, the incorrect leader can pick up the card she led and put it back in her hand. Play continues as normal.

5) Declarer can refuse the incorrect lead and tell the real opening leader to lead whatever she wants (including the suit her partner incorrectly led). However, if declarer chooses that option, the incorrectly led card must remain on the table as a penalty card to be played at its first legal opportunity whether leading, following suit, or discarding.

A lot of options! Be sure you know what they are so you can make an intelligent choice.

NEXT MONTH, MORE TIPS FROM JACK.

COVID closure. Twice a month on Sundays' Chris gave a mini lesson prior to the games. He developed quite a following after he taught a 2/1 class last year. In addition, Chris currently serves as our Treasurer which is no small job. You can see Chris and Lee at tournaments as partners and you know when he is having a bad day! Oh, least I forget, Chris has a full time job with the IRS!

Forgive this writer should I have left out anything they do for CBC.

Let's all applaud these two for their service to CBC!




What a summer party we had this past Friday. 14.5 tables or 58 players! Our main room was full and the food was outstanding. Thanks to Chris for his BBQ and beer, Lee for her beautiful salads, wine and ice cream/cookies, Laura for potatoe salad and slaw.. CBC appreciates all the effort you and your helpers made.

! The game will remain on the 3rd Thursday of the month; and will continue to kick off at 5:30 with a potluck supper. This game has been a roaring success and I expect that to continue; the game will be more competitive; and we will compete for extra masterpoints... YIPPEE!

Check your emails for more new and exciting CBC opportunities. Any time we offer new games/classes, etc., we never know exactly how they will be received by our membership. As we "roll-out" some new and different things, PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER ON-LINE. That applies to all of us—it is very important that we all take the time to sign up for activities we plan to participate in at CBC. Thanks

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NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

Play well in your district and compete
in the Louisville NABC finals!

You Qualified in a Club Game - Now What?

Flight A: October 28 in Charlotte, NC
Flight B: October 29 in Charlotte, NC
Flight C: Three sites -
September 9 in Atlanta, GA
October 19 in Winston-Salem
October 28 in Charlotte, NC

District level champions will win a monetary award to be used
for the competition at the 2024 Spring NABC in Louisville.

Flight Requirements:
A: (Open)
B: (less than 2,500)
C: (NLM with less than 500)



A FEW MORE WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT... REGARDING COVID:

I would imagine that most of you have read an article or seen a report on tv regarding the current uptick in COVID cases. CBC sent a notice recently...indicating that a member who attended our Summer Party on August 25 tested positive for COVID the next day.

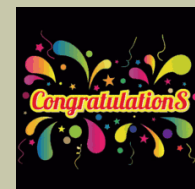
No one can predict the future; but I want to remind all members: If you are not feeling well or you have any symptoms (cough, sore throat, congestion, sneezing, fever), please stay at home. Colds, influenza, COVID are all contagious. The fact that duplicate bridge is a game played in "close quarters" and we share boards, bidding boxes, tables and chairs makes it extremely important that we all act responsibly in this regard. It's been recommended to me (by a medical professional) that it is probably time for everyone to have testing kits at home to use if symptoms arise. You may want to consider that...I am!

CBC has enjoyed a wonderful recovery since lockdown closed us for 16 months. Please be proactive in helping us keep our doors open!

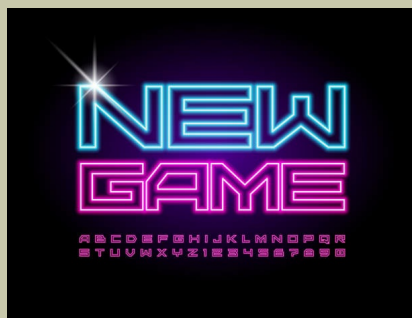
for your cooperation.

Good Luck to all who are headed to Charlotte...be brilliant! As always, I hope to see many of you soon and often at CBC!

Judy



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We have a NEW GAME! Every second Tuesday at 12:30 we offer a 4 Is Enough game, so on Tuesday Sept 12, will be our first game. Get a partner and sign up! Let's make it another successful bridge day at CBC. This is a partnership game. Example: two B's can partner. a 3 and 1, two C's or or any variation that does not exceed 4 total in the partnership.

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