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These tips can save you a few minutes each round.  The can also lead to better partnerships by not being critical during the game and waiting until later to resolve issues.  For further reference: <http://www.omahabridge.org/Library/mh_BRIDGE_ETIQUETTE.pdf> |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  | Improved Declarer Play |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | | https://d2zhgehghqjuwb.cloudfront.net/accounts/8512/original/1441739443308-l3sjtfafldte29-8975f653214fcb92d040ee8c0556c5b1.png |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  | **Card Combinations**  As declarer, many times the ability to make our contract depends on playing one of the suits in a way that maximizes our chance to take tricks.  The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge by ACBL has a section on playing card combinations.  Here is a combination from the Encyclopedia that seems to occur frequently:              A Q 10              x x x We can maximize our chances of 2 tricks by leading a small card towards the 10.  If that wins or our right hand opponent rises with the K, we have our 2 tricks.  If it loses to the Jack, then finesse the 10.  The probability of taking 2 tricks is 76%. |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  | Demon Defense |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | | https://d2zhgehghqjuwb.cloudfront.net/accounts/8512/original/1441739443308-l3sjtfafldte29-8975f653214fcb92d040ee8c0556c5b1.png |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  | Opening Leads  Auction:                                  You hold:  N          E           S         W          S – J86  1S        P          1NT      P           H - K843  2S        P          3D        P           D – A72  3S all pass                                 C – J108  What do you lead?  In his book on Modern Bridge Defense, Eddie Kantar writes, “A spade lead is out of the question. Dummy may be void and partner may have the ace or king.  A diamond does not look right either.  Lead the Jack of Clubs, top of sequence.”  [www.kantarbridge.com](http://www.kantarbridge.com) |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  | Bidding Tips |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | | https://d2zhgehghqjuwb.cloudfront.net/accounts/8512/original/1441739443308-l3sjtfafldte29-8975f653214fcb92d040ee8c0556c5b1.png |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  | Plan Your Rebid  ​  You hold:  S – K9  H – AJ984  D – A97  C – KQ6  What is your bid? In his CD on Conventions, Mike Lawrence writes, “1NT is the correct bid.  The problem with 1H is that if your partner bids 1S you will be hurting for a rebid.  Over a 1S response, 1NT shows 12-14 HCP and 2NT shows 18-19 HCP.  Both bids are flawed.  To jump to 3H, you need a 6 card suit.”  [www.michaelslawrence.com](http://www.michaelslawrence.com)  The rebid issue is why more and more players are opening 1NT with hands that have a 5 card major if they have 15-17 HCP.  It is hard to show this range of high card points with a balanced hand if you do not open 1NT. |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  | Its the Law |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | | https://d2zhgehghqjuwb.cloudfront.net/accounts/8512/original/1441739443308-l3sjtfafldte29-8975f653214fcb92d040ee8c0556c5b1.png |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  | From the ACBL’s Duplicate Decisions with respect to Bridge Law 9:   * Any player may call attention to an irregularity during the auction period, whether or not it is their turn to bid. * Declarer or either defender may call attention to an irregularity that occurs during the play period. * Dummy may not call attention to an irregularity until after the play is concluded. * The Director should be summoned at once when attention is drawn to an irregularity. * Any player including dummy may call the Director after attention has been called to the irregularity. * No player shall take action until the Director has given their explanation.   Many mistakes are made by both new players and experienced players with respect to this law.  Some new players feel offended when the opponents call the director.  They would rather “work it out” at the table.  Experienced players may feel they know the law and can correct it themselves.  However, the law is clear and the director should be called whenever irregularities occur.  The director is not there to penalize either side, but to make the rectification of irregularities in accordance with the law and to protect the rights of both sides.  When the Director is called, the player should raise their hand and say in a normal tone of voice “Director please” at a volume sufficient to be heard given the circumstances.  Often players put too much emotion into the call and it is much better to call in a neutral tone of voice. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | | https://d2zhgehghqjuwb.cloudfront.net/accounts/8512/original/1440775799519-5p1hnccukncul3di-1c2e3f9c252ebd4ccbf478130024b967.png?1440775748?1441805809965?1441805843353 |  |  | | --- | | https://d2zhgehghqjuwb.cloudfront.net/accounts/105/original/1439320573341-g4ukrcyv20y919k9-8d13e68f5b77036a692ac63a979ee45c.png?1439999767 |  |  | | --- | | https://d2zhgehghqjuwb.cloudfront.net/accounts/105/original/1439320573341-g4ukrcyv20y919k9-8d13e68f5b77036a692ac63a979ee45c.png?1439999767 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |