

BEING A GOOD PARTNER

It is impossible to be successful at Bridge without the partnership being comfortable with each other and cooperating as a team. Each of the partners must encourage the other. Do not point out errors at the table. If both of you wish to discuss a hand wait until the session is over and do so with a copy of the hands in front of you.

Try to make it easier for your partner by improving your communications. When you bid a suit do so, not necessarily believing that you will always be the declarer in that suit, but suggesting to partner that if you are defending you will be delighted if partner leads that suit. (Overcalling with a suit headed by a Jack is not to be recommended).

Discuss with partner your system for **Leads** (top of a sequence, 4th highest from an honour), **Signalling** attitude to partners lead, count on Declarer's lead and Discarding. Be sure to watch your partner's cards carefully because he will be trying to give you information about his hand.

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SIGNALLING

There are numerous different ways of signalling to your Partner. You must discuss this just as you would bidding conventions.

Let's try attitude on Partner's lead. Most prefer High Encourages Low Discourages (HELD), others Low-likes High-hates. It does not matter which, so long as you have agreement.

Sometimes when Partner leads an Ace and Dummy is revealed it is pointless telling your partner your attitude to that suit because Dummy holds a singleton or the doubleton King in that suit and a continuation will give away a trick. In that case play a low card to suggest to partner to switch to the lower of the other suits (excluding trumps) or a high card for the higher of the other suits (a McKenney signal)

Next a Count of you cards when Declarer leads a suit. Tell your partner how many cards you hold in that suit High-even number, Low-odd (HeLo). There are often times when You hold an Ace in a suit which Declarer is trying to develop. If you could know when to play the Ace to cut the communications it would probably prevent Declarer making his contract.

Finally Discarding when you cannot follow suit. There are so many McKenney, Italian, Odds and evens, Revolving - learn about these and choose which one suits you the best

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DEALER- WEST / EAST WEST-VULNERABLE/ YOU ARE WEST

THE BIDDING :-	W	N	E	S
	1C	P	2C	4S
	P	P	X	ALL PASS

Partner leads CA

Hand 1 (North): ♠ 5 2, ♥ 8 6 5 4, ♦ K 9 7 6 2, ♣ K 6

Hand 2 (South): ♠ 8 3, ♥ A 3, ♦ A 10 5, ♣ Q 8 7 5 4 3

Hand 3 (West): ♠ K 6, ♥ K J 10 2, ♦ Q J 4, ♣ A J 9 2

Hand 4 (East): ♠ A Q J 10 9 7 4, ♥ Q 9 7, ♦ 8 3, ♣ 10

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DEALER IS SOUTH - ALL ARE VULNERABLE- YOU ARE EAST

THE BIDDING -	S	W	N	E
	1NT	P	3NT	ALL PASS

partner leads SpA

♠ 7
♥ 10 9 5
♦ A Q J 7 6 4 3
♣ 10 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 4 3
♥ 3 A Q 8
♦ 9 5 2
♣ J 3

♠ J 9 8 2
♥ 7 6 4
♦ 10
♣ A 9 6 4 2

♠ 5 Q 10 6
♥ 2 K J
♦ K 8
♣ K Q 8 5

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HOW WOULD YOU DEFEND THIS ONE?

DEALER IS SOUTH N/S ARE VULNERABLE - YOU ARE WEST

<u>BIDDING</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
	2C*	P	2D*	P
	2H	P	2S	P
	3NT	P	6NT!	P

You lead C6, which card do you play on the next trick?

♠ 8 2

♥ 10 8

♦ K 10 8 3

♣ 6 J 10 7 2

♠ K Q J 9 6

♥ 9 5 2

♦ 7 4

♣ 5 9 8

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 7 4

♦ J 9 6 5 2

♣ 4 3

♠ 10 5 3

♥ A K J 6 3

♦ A Q

♣ A K Q

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