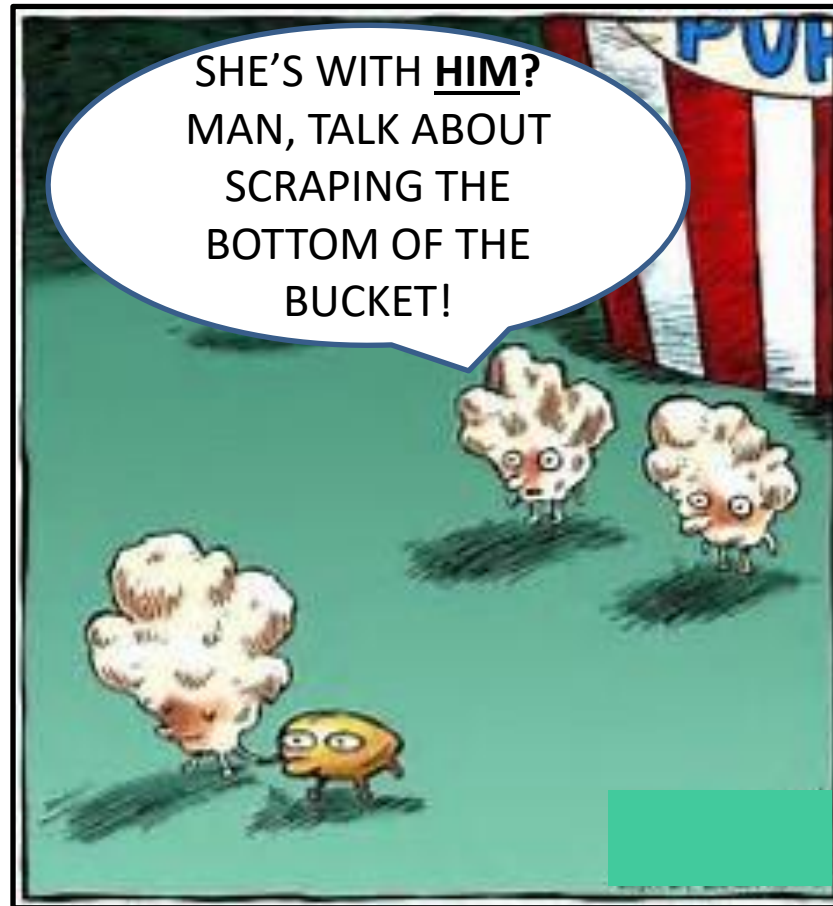


New Minor Forcing



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Time for a Joke

While laying in bed with my husband last night, he asked me what I'd most like to do to his body.



'Identify it' was apparently not the right answer.

FYI, 1 of a minor, 1 of a major, 1NT is the most common bidding sequence in bridge.

Using New Minor Forcing (NMF)

Used by a **Responder** with a 5⁺-card major and 10⁺ HCPs to check back for support with his partner, who he has rebid 1NT:

| <u>North</u> | <u>East</u> | <u>South</u> | <u>West</u> |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1D | Pass | 1S | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 2C* | |

North would alert the opponents – the club bid is artificial, asking about the majors.

South: ♠AJ872 ♥3 ♦K3 ♣KJ764

2C* in this case

- Responder bids 2 of the new minor – forcing for 1 round.

But he must have 10⁺ adjusted HCPs.

How does partner know you don't mean real clubs?

Opener's 1st obligation is to raise your major with 3 of them.

NMF is used by a passed hand but not in competition.

Because there are only 3 suits in bridge: hearts, spades and NT! With clubs, you would just pass 1NT, bid 3C* (weak) or raise NT.

His 2nd obligation is to bid the other major with 4 of them.



Responding to Partner's New Minor Forcing



#1 North ♠K76 ♥A843 ♦K5 ♣A532

Jump to show a little extra values.

3S

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1C | Pass | 1S | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 2D* | Pass |
| ??? | | | |

#2 North ♠K92 ♥QJ1062 ♦A85 ♣K2

This is a special case of NMF.

2S

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1H | Pass | 1S | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 2C* | Pass |
| ??? | | | |

#3 North ♠K4 ♥QJ65 ♦AK52 ♣984

2H

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1D | Pass | 1S | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 2C* | Pass |
| ??? | | | |

Responding After Your Own New Minor Forcing



#4 South ♠A10543 ♥AK ♦QJ4 ♣984

4S

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1C | Pass | 1S | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 2D* | Pass |
| 2S | Pass | ??? | |

#5 South ♠A10543 ♥43 ♦QJ4 ♣A84

You're in a 5-3 fit, so you might not be ruffing in the dummy.

3S

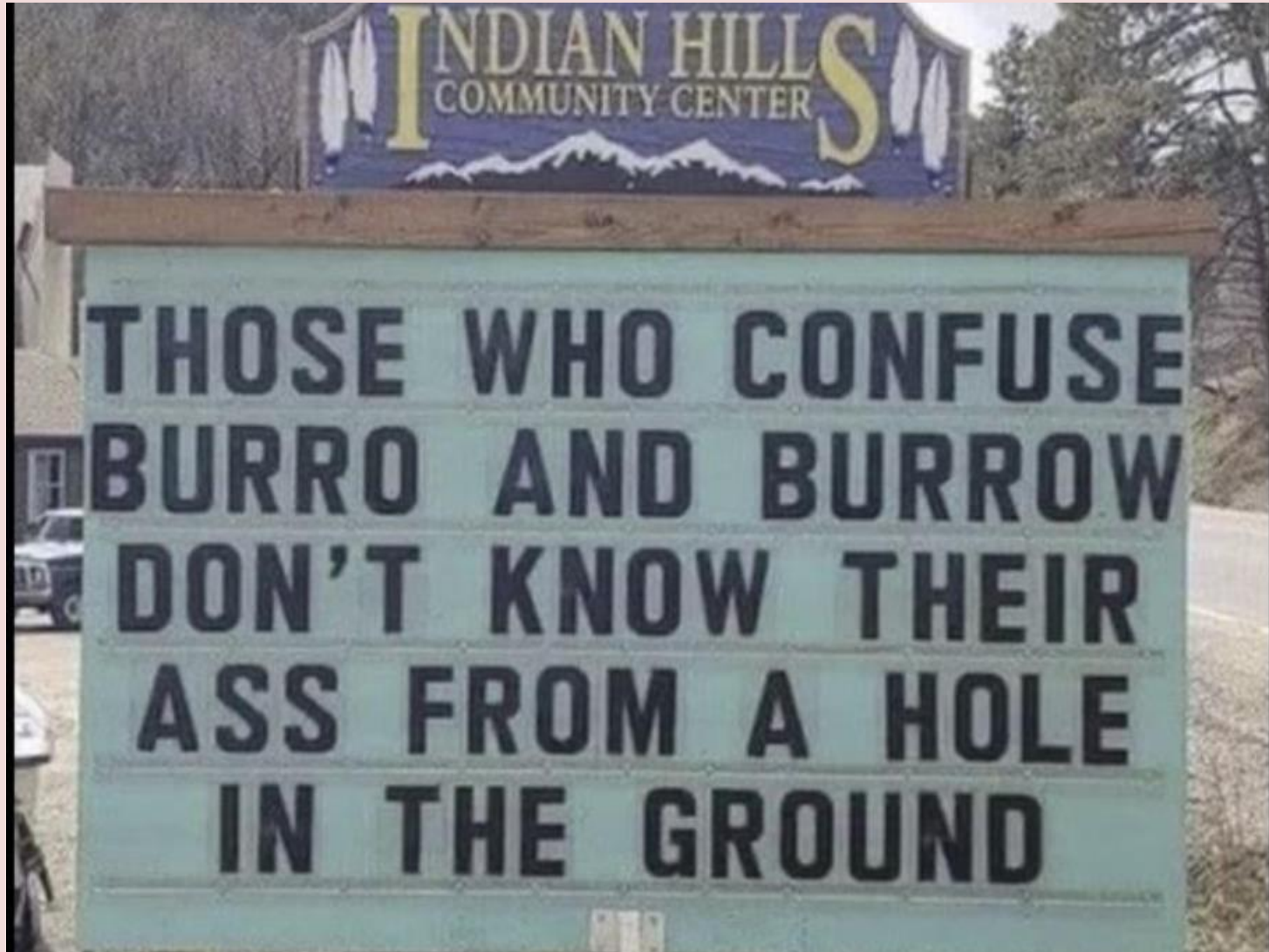
| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1H | Pass | 1S | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 2C* | Pass |
| 2S | Pass | ??? | |

#6 South ♠A10543 ♥AK ♦QJ4 ♣984

3NT

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1C | Pass | 1S | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 2D* | Pass |
| 2H | Pass | ??? | |

One More Joke



Some Special Situations



#7

| | | | | | |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|------|-------|------|
| South | ♠A10543 ♥AK ♦QJ4 ♣984 | North | East | South | West |
| | | 1C | Pass | 1S | Pass |
| | | 2C | Pass | ??? | |

This is also New Minor Forcing.

2D*

#8

| | | | | | |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|------|-------|------|
| South | ♠KQ43 ♥43 ♦4 ♣J109743 | North | East | South | West |
| | | 1D | Pass | 1S | Pass |
| | | 1NT | Pass | ??? | |

This is part of the NMF convention – let me out in my long minor!

3C*

#9

| | | | | | |
|-------|----------------------|-------|------|-------|------|
| South | ♠43 ♥AKJ52 ♦42 ♣Q984 | North | East | South | West |
| | | 1C | Pass | 1H | Pass |
| | | 2NT | Pass | ??? | |

3C* and 3D* are both NMF, but
 3C* = clubs may be a suit we can play in at a higher level and
 3D* = we're playing in my major or NT.

3C*

Is That a Trick Question?



Partner will have a minimum hand like this. If the **♦** finesse loses, he'll even go down in 3H.

South ♠Q9743 ♥QJ43 ♦J3 ♣Q3

#1 North ♠J2 ♥AK97 ♦AQ972 ♣109

One of the best benefits of NMF is not having to bid 3H with a hand like this.

Pass

| <u>North</u> | <u>East</u> | <u>South</u> | <u>West</u> |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1D | Pass | 1S | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 2H | Pass |
| ??? | | | |

#2 North ♠J82 ♥QJ2 ♦K2 ♣AQ984

Pass

| <u>North</u> | <u>East</u> | <u>South</u> | <u>West</u> |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1C | Pass | 1H | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 3D | Pass |
| ??? | | | |

South ♠5 ♥K863 ♦QJ109653 ♣3

Partner will have a minimum hand with only 4 ♥'s and long ♦'s. 1NT goes down (and 3H, unless the opponent's ♥'s are 3-3).

Playtime

