

Dear Members

Trivia

Do you ever think about the origin of words or practices? I have a book entitled 'Red Herrings and White Elephants' and would like to share the origin of some of the more obscure sayings/practices that we use every day. In particular in the 1500's in England

- Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May in the hope that they still smelled pretty good by June. However, as time moved on they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. **Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married**
- Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. **Hence the saying, 'Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water'.**
- Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small domestic animals lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. **Hence the saying - 'It's raining cats and dogs'.**

On Line Teams

The first round of the Highcliffe Duplicate Bridge Club Teams event started last Monday 25th May. There are five teams competing, the last match being on Monday 20th July. Do have a look at the club's website and follow the progress of the competition.

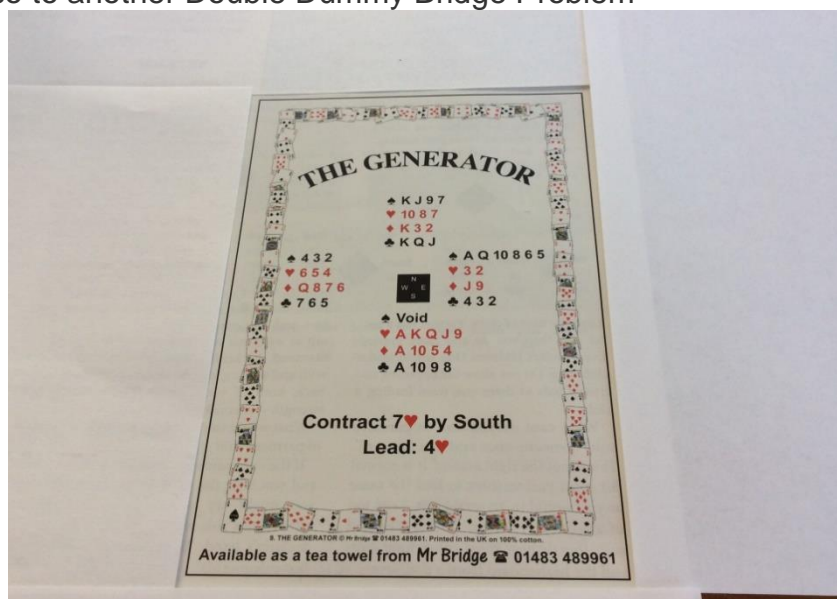
The Double Dummy Red Balloons solution

Newsletter No.8 included a Mr. Bridge tea towel challenge of making 3 No trumps from the hands displayed. I did not get any solutions from you but I know many of you would have found your way to making the contract. For those that are still trying to find the solution it is set out below:-

1. Duck the first and second rounds of hearts
2. East then leads a club which is taken in dummy and declarer crosses to hand with a spade for declarer to lead the singleton diamond
3. If West plays the 8 of diamonds, cover with the 9 from dummy losing to the 10.
4. Win the spade switch and, abandoning your remaining major-suit winners, cross to dummy with a club to drive out the Ace of diamonds.

If you do not hold up twice in hearts or if you do not manoeuvre East into winning one of the diamonds, West will get to run the hearts and take the contract down.

And so to another Double Dummy Bridge Problem



Prizes are still awaiting the first received solution – so please have a go.

And if the above does not appeal, have a go with the short quiz questions as set out below. A prize for the first correct answers that I receive to the golfer quiz and another prize for the bridge anagrams are waiting to be won.

For the Golfers	Question	Answer
(1)	Who will be captaining the Ryder Cup European team this year?	
(2)	What three birds are mentioned when you score under par?	
(3)	Golf was only recently admitted to the Olympics- who won the first gold medal?	
(4)	Who was the golfer who started his round in a major competition with more than the number of permitted clubs in his bag?	
(5)	Who has the nickname 'The Great White Shark'?	
For you all	ANAGRAMS BIDS/CONVENTIONS	
(1)	DOPEY AUNT BELL	
(2)	WOW BAD KITE	
(3)	TIMID VERB PEEP	
(4)	AVID JAM FORCES	
(5)	GET ONE VALUE BID	

That's all for now folks – I do hope you are enjoying our lovely weather given the lockdown situation still continuing. If you have any problems or just want to talk to someone – give me a call. I'm not going anywhere!!!

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