



# MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



## The Longest Day

We are pleased to once again participate in The Longest Day, the Alzheimer's Association's major yearly fundraiser. Our Longest Day game will be held on Wednesday, June 22. The card fee for this game will be \$5.00. In addition, we will have a donation basket available for those choosing to make a contribution toward finding a cure for Alzheimer's. If you would like to donate by a check, make it payable to the Alzheimer's Association, put it in the basket or give it to any Board member and you will receive a receipt directly from the Association. All cash donations and all card fees will be given to the fight against this hideous disease.

We are always looking for material and suggestions for articles in the newsletter. Contact Jay Jacobs with your ideas: [jayjacobs44@gmail.com](mailto:jayjacobs44@gmail.com)

Members of the Bridge Club meet for lunch at 1:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Charley's. Contact Dorothy Johnson (803-443-5500) for details.

TEAM GAME, FRIDAY, June 10, 2022 At Houndslake Country Club

Put it on your calendars! More information will follow later in May. The game will be a perfect 12. Players with 2000+ points will have a handicap of 4, 651-1999 will have a 3 handicap, players with a 351-650 will have a 2 handicap and players with 0-350 will have a 1 handicap.

*The Guaranteed Partner Program is on hiatus for the summer. Please call Joanne Sheehan if you want to play in an Aiken Bridge Club game. Joanne will try to match you up with another player who also needs a partner.*

## Game Schedule May 2022

Monday 1:30 BBO	Wednesday 1:30 Lessie Price Center	Friday 1:30 BBO
2 - May OPEN PAIRS	4 - May Grass Roots OPEN PAIRS	6 - May OPEN PAIRS
9 - May OPEN PAIRS	11 - May Grass Roots OPEN PAIRS	13 - May OPEN PAIRS
16 - May OPEN PAIRS	18 - May Grass Roots OPEN PAIRS	20 - May OPEN PAIRS
23 - May OPEN PAIRS	25 - May Grass Roots OPEN PAIRS	27 - May OPEN PAIRS
30 - May OPEN PAIRS		

## BIDDING OVER OPPONENT'S 1NT OPENER

A number of conventions describe your hand after an opponent has opened 1NT. The simplest is “natural”, where you bid your long suit. Various conventions cater to two-suited hands with special bells and whistles to deal with one-suited hands. The problem is that some natural bids are lost along the way. Generally you can't cover all the possibilities (i.e., penalty double, long suit, two-suited hand) or must have a complicated system to do so.

Following is a summary of common overcalls over 1NT (*there are others but generally they are rarely used and/or not used at our club*):

<b>Bid</b>	<b>Natural</b>	<b>DONT</b>	<b>Cappelletti</b>	<b>Meckwell</b>	<b>Landy</b>	<b>Lionel</b>
Double	= strength / penalty	Long suit Ê	Penalty	One minor or both majors	Penalty	Spades & another suit Ð
2C	Clubs	Clubs + higher suit Ę	Long suit Í	Clubs + major	Both majors İ	Clubs & hearts
2D	Diamonds	Diamonds + major Ě	Majors Î	Diamonds + major	Diamonds	Diamonds & hearts
2H	Hearts	Hearts & spades Ę	Hearts + minor	Hearts	Hearts	Hearts
2S	Spades	Spades Ì	Spades + minor	Spades	Spades	Spades
2NT	Minors	N/A	Minors	Minors	N/A	N/A
3+ level	Natural – single suit – preemptive					
Ê	Requests partner to bid 2C, then pass or correct					
Ě	Partner passes with support or bids next lowest suit for overcaller to pass or correct					
Ì	Generally considered strong suit – double with spade rebid shows weak suit					
Í	Requests partner to bid 2D, then pass or correct, although partner can pass with 6 clubs					
Î	Response: 2H or 2S = 5 card suit; 3H or 3S = invitational promising at least 4 trump; 3C = strong 6+ club suit; pass = strong 6+ diamond suit; 2NT asks overcaller to bid better minor					
İ	Responses are not standardized, but these are the common responses: 3C = forcing, says nothing about clubs, asks Landy bidder to describe hand further – only forcing response 3H/3S = game invitations, often with 3 card support 2NT & 3D = natural and encouraging, but not forcing 2D = asks overcaller to bid longer/better major Pass = weak hand with club length					
Ð	Over the double, responder passes for penalty (10+ HCP) or bids 2C to play in overcaller's second suit					

*(continued from previous page)* In the above approaches, presume one-suited hands are at least 6 cards and two-suited hands are at least 5-5, although some partnerships make one or more of the following modifications: (a) 5 card suits are OK especially if they are strong and/or a major; (b) with a major and a minor, the minor might be only 4 cards, but the major should be 5 cards; (c) 4-4 is ok, especially when playing DON'T.

Partnerships should discuss the following:

- (1) Is our convention on in the balancing position (vs. the direct position) – so after 1NT – pass – pass, what does my bid mean?
- (2) Is the convention on over weak 1NT openers – many partnerships play DONT over weak 1NT, regardless of what they play over 1NT openers
- (3) Is the convention on over 2NT openers? – some people play DONT over 2NT openers, regardless of what they play over 1NT openers
- (4) What do we do with 6-4 distribution? – most partnerships treat that as a one-suited hand
- (5) What do you do with a strong 5 card suit and a weak 4 card suit?

When opponents use Cappelletti, after 1NT – 2C – double, redouble = SOS for rescue. Pass and 2D are natural showing clubs and diamonds, respectively.

In general, when opponents double our 1NT, responder can use one of the following:

- (1) redouble for rescue or
- (2) play transfers by bidding the suit below their suit. If the responder's suit is clubs, then redouble, which is effectively a transfer to clubs. If responder lacks a long suit but is 4-4 in the majors, they transfer to 2C and then bid 2D, asking opener to choose between the majors. or
- (3) use 2C to ask for better minor and 2D to ask for better major or
- (4) use Brozel Rescue Bids (not commonly used), as follows:

Pass = to play

Redouble = one suited holding – relay to 2C and responder passes or corrects

2C = clubs and hearts

2D = diamonds and hearts

2H = natural with sufficient values in hearts

2S = natural with sufficient values in spades

2NT = both minors

3H = both majors

3S = spades and a minor

With the myriad of available choices, it is important to discuss which you are using with your partner.

## WORDPLAY

Cosmetic surgery to reduce the size of the derriere = rebut or rebuttal

Abate ire = temper temper

Override Donald = trump Trump

Rhett's servant = Butler's butler

Good behavior at the estate = manor manners

Underage digger = minor miner

Former resident loyalist = expatriate patriot

Lustful dumpling = wanton wonton

Diss Hieronymus = bash Bosch

Join cooking contest = enter entrée

Clandestine plan = hidden agenda

Religious leader pours wine = cantor decanter

Pay a bill = render tender

Purloin a pillar = steal a stele

Must be upright = can't cant

Singer's gait = cantor canter

Criticize a geographic region = diss orient

Refuse port entry to a freighter = embargo cargo

Cheap gas = bargain argon

Time together = our hour

Came in first = won one

Carry a see-saw = tote a teeter-totter

Paint with one's toes = feet feat

Canine ague = dog daze

Weird marketplace = bizarre bazaar

Inside front on your weak side = inferior interior anterior

Physical training for royal children = heir conditioning

Hurried to disappear = hied to hide

Predominantly eerie = mostly ghostly

Friendly rocks = nice gneiss

Very little windblown sediment = less loess

Shakespeare's deck = bard's cards

Clever young louse = nit wit

Metal dealer = magnet magnate

Tax an embankment = levy a levee

Left-handed preacher = sinister minister

Ait overrun by lagomorphs = coney island

Bawdy act in a stage play = obscene scene

Uneven road = coarse course

Male atop a two by twelve = man over board

Equine with a sore throat = hoarse horse

Not allowed to cut = never sever

Precluded from expressing anger = can't rant

Assist puppy birth = help whelp

Press for cleansing = urge purge

Group of geeks = nerd herd

Sick nematode = infirm worm

Reluctant to hate = loath to loathe

Denigrate a particular rock band = boo Who

Lazy demigod = idle idol

Chanting decorations = rapping paper

Shape wood used in structural framing = lathe lath

Remove jumps from bridge bidding system = exempt preempt

When to add a certain herb to a recipe = thyme time

Fronted a lease payment = lent rent

Fail to say "I do" = falter at the altar

Agreed on a selling price for firewood = accord for a cord

Loves eels = that's a moray

Change the prayer area = alter the altar

Kuala Lumpur riot = Malay melee

Previous head of religious order = prior prior

Scandinavian equine = Norse horse

Protest mother's sister playing poker = anti auntie ante

Runnin' Slav = rushin' Russian

Runnin' German = rushin' Prussian

Angry father = mad dad

Sneaky insect = sly fly

Humorous rabbit = funny bunny

Happy boy = glad lad

Unhappy boy = sad lad

Close fright = near fear

Depressed circus entertainer = down clown

Non-living center of a pencil = dead lead

Cool film = groovy movie

## FAST ARRIVAL

The faster a contract is reached, the weaker the hand that places the contract – conversely, the slower the approach, the stronger the hand. Sooo, a direct raise of 1 of a major to 4 of that major is generally a shutout bid with a weak hand. Likewise, in the following bidding sequence (opponents passing throughout): 2C – 2D – 2H or 2S, a raise to 3 of the major is a stronger bid than a raise to 4. Also, after 2C – 2D – 3C or 3D, a raise to 5 is a weaker bid than a raise to 4. The same applies over opener's reverse. A raise of one level is stronger than a jump to game, since the reverse is already suggesting we should be in game.

Jumps to game leave less room for slam investigation, implying an absence of slam values and discouraging additional bidding (of course that is not binding on the opener). The idea is that with a stronger hand, you want to leave bidding space. With a weaker hand, you bid what you think you can make or what seems like a good sacrifice.

## ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Sam is talking to his lawyer in jail. They are very upset because the judge has refused to grant bail. At the end of the conversation Sam is allowed to leave the jail. Why?

## WHICH HOUSE?

There are three houses built exactly the same. One is filled with cotton, the other with wood, and the third with iron. One day an arsonist sets them all on fire. The sound of sirens was growing louder at the scene. People were screaming. Which house did the ambulance try to put the fire out at first?

## ONE MORE JEWISH JOKE

Mr. Goldberg died so Mrs. Goldberg called the local newspaper to put in an obituary. Here's how the conversation went:

Newspaper: Hello, this is the obituary department.

Mrs. G.: My husband died and I want to put in an obituary. What does it cost?

Newspaper: We charge by the word.

Mrs. G.: Well then, just put in Goldberg died.

Newspaper: I'm sorry Mrs. Goldberg but we have a five word minimum.

Mrs. G.: In that case put in Goldberg died. Cadillac for sale.

## QUOTES (COURTESY OF LINDA KNOX)

Men are like linoleum floors. Lay 'em right and you can walk all over them for thirty years. – Betsy Salkind

The only reason they say “ Women and children first” is to test the strength of the lifeboats. – Jean Kerr

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.  
– Prince Phillip

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing.  
– Emo Philips

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself. – Harrison Ford

The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree. – Spike Milligan

Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror.  
– Jean Rostand

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars, but I was just as happy when I had 48 million. – Arnold Schwarzenegger

We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea. – WH Auden

In hotel rooms, I worry. I can't be the only guy who sits on the furniture naked.  
– Jonathan Katz

If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead. – Johnny Carson

I don't believe in astrology. I am a Sagittarius and we're very skeptical.  
– Warren Tantum (school photo album)

Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap. – Steve Martin

Home cooking. Where many a man thinks his wife is. – Jimmy Durante

America is so advanced that even the chairs are electric. – Doug Hanwell

The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone. – George Roberts

If God had intended us to fly, he would have made it easier to get to the airport.

– Jonathan Winters

I have kleptomania and when it gets bad, I take something for it. – Robert Benchley

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind: every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. – John Glenn

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked. – David Letterman

I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire. Dammit, I'm a billionaire. – Howard Hughes

After the game, the king and the pawn go into the same box. – Old Italian proverb

### **CASSANDRA, THE WONDER DOG**

Cassandra was the first dog Judy and I got together. As a Jack Russell Terrier, she had a number of idiosyncrasies. But she was incredibly smart, as exhibited by the following:

- (1) We lived in a development with a circular road approximately one mile around. I would often go for a walk and take her with me. Leashes were unnecessary, since traffic was minimal and she understood to stay out of the way of cars. Based on a number of factors, I always walked in a counter-clockwise direction. One time, I went for a walk without her. When she realized I was gone, she started in a clockwise direction, so she would meet me (rather than a counter-clockwise direction where she would have to overtake me). Then it hit me – she understood the concept of a circle.
- (2) When we cooked with certain pots and pans, Cassandra would immediately drink some water. This developed via a number of steps. Our smoke detector was near the kitchen, so when we cooked with these pots and pans, it would often set off the smoke detector. This, of course, would trigger a barking frenzy from Cassandra. (Jack Russells are notoriously spunky dogs, afraid of nothing. For example, while most dogs run in fear from a vacuum, our vacuum has teeth marks.) Once Cassandra started barking, it made her thirsty, so she would have to drink some water. She figured out the connection between those particular pots and pans and the need to drink water. Truly self-taught Pavlovian behavior.

## **ANSWER TO ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

Sam is visiting his lawyer, who had been arrested and jailed.

## **ANSWER TO WHICH HOUSE?**

Ambulances do not put out fires.