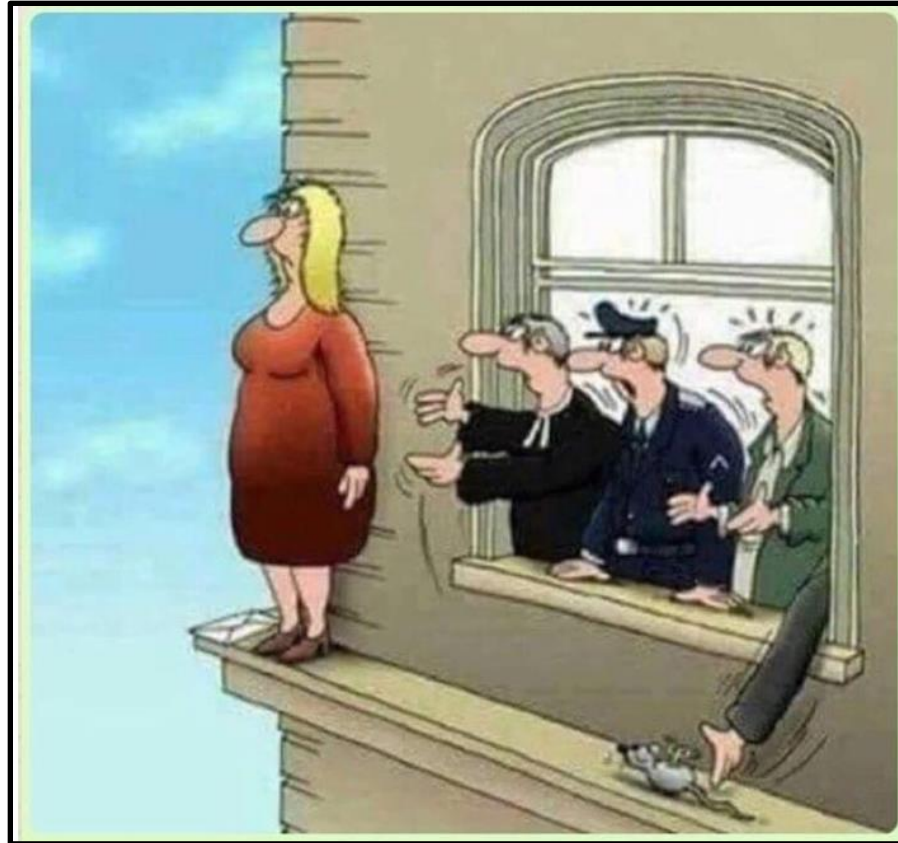
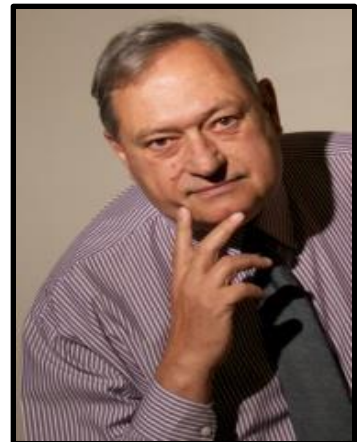


Matchpoint Bidding Tips – Part 1



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Time for a Joke

A young girl who was writing a paper for school came to her father and asked, "Dad, what is the difference between annoyance, anger and exasperation?"

The father replied, "It is mostly a matter of degree. Let me show you what I mean." With that, the father went to the telephone and dialed a number at random. To the man who answered the phone, he said, "Hello, is Melvin there?"

The man answered, "There is no one living here named Melvin." He hung up.

"See," said the father to his daughter. "That man was annoyed. Now watch...." The father dialed the number again. "Hello, is Melvin there?" asked the father.

"Now look here!" came the heated reply. "You just called this number! You've got a lot of guts calling again!" The receiver slammed down hard again.

The father turned to his daughter and said, "You see, that was anger. Now I'll show you what exasperation means."

He dialed the same number, and when a violent voice roared, "Hello!"

The father calmly said, "Hello, this is Melvin. Have there been any calls for me?"

Matchpoint Tip #1

Another Advantage of 2/1 GF

Playing 2/1
Game Forcing,
what do you
respond with
this hand?

South

♠J43 ♥KJ92 ♦AKJ ♣Q107 1NT*

North	East	South	West
1S	Pass	???	

You have a little more than just an opening hand - a good time to try NT instead of an 8-card fit in a major. Also, with no ruffing value in your hand (being the dummy in a ♠ contract), you should first bid 1NT*, which is forcing for one round. What would you then rebid if Partner rebid:

It'll make the same number of tricks as 4S.

Better than 4S (2 sluffs in dummy on Partner's ♠'s).

Partner will have 18-19 HCP's with at least 1 ♣ stopper.

2C	3NT
2D	4S
2H	4H
2S	4S
2NT	6NT

3C	6NT
3D	6S
3H	6H
3S	4D*
4S	6S

19 HCP's + your 15 HCPs = 34 HCPs.

Might play better here with 3 ♠ sluffs.

Cue bid, trying for 6S. 17+15 = 32 HCPs.

19+15 = 34 HCPs. Let's play a slam.

A Few More Jokes

A guy meets a sex worker in a bar. She says, “This is your lucky night. I’ve got a special game for you. I’ll do absolutely anything you want for \$50 so long as you can say it in three words.”

The guy replies, “Hey, why not?” He pulls his wallet out of his pocket and lays \$50 on the bar and says slowly, “Paint...my....house.”

Some men say they don’t wear their wedding band because it cuts off circulation. Well, that’s the point, isn’t it?

Why does a mermaid wear seashells?

Because she outgrew her B-shells!

Matchpoint Tip #2

Playing in a Major with No Fit

What should North bid with this hand?

NVul

South

♠AKQJ3 ♥54 ♦3 ♣KQ974

4S

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1S	Pass	1NT	Pass
2C	Pass	3C	Pass
???			

Partner's Hand:

North

♠2 ♥QJ32 ♦A62 ♣A8652

Unless you think you can bid and make 6C, bid 4S and lose the same 2 tricks. You'll score more points.

In 5C, you will lose 2 ♥ tricks (+400). If they don't take them, you will probably take all the tricks (+440). But in 4S, you will take the same 11 tricks, for +450. Even if the ♠'s break 2-5 or 5-2, you can draw 4 rounds of trumps and run your ♣'s. After they ruff, you'll still take 10 tricks (+420).

Playtime

