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## BIDDING QUIZ

by Bernard Magee

You are West in the auctions below, playing 'Standard Acoll' with a weak no-trump (12-14 points) and four-card majors.

(Answers on page 46)

### 1. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A 8 2  
♥ Q 9 7 6 5 4 3  
♦ 4  
♣ 4 3

West	North	East	South
?			

### 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K 9 8 7 4  
♥ 2  
♦ 6 4  
♣ J 8 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
?		1♠	Pass

### 3. Dealer West. Love All.

♠ K 4 3  
♥ K Q 7 2  
♦ Q 3 2  
♣ K 8 4

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
?			

### 4. Dealer North. Love All.

♠ A K 6 4  
♥ A J 6 3  
♦ 8 7 6 5  
♣ 5

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Dbl	Pass
?			

### 5. Dealer North. Game All.

♠ K 9 7 4  
♥ K 6  
♦ 8 3 2  
♣ Q 7 6 5

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Dbl	2♠
?			

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## NEW LAWS



The time for gripes, moans and groans is over. The World Bridge Federation has promulgated the new Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

In England, these take effect from August 2008 and the fully revised version of Duplicate Bridge Rules Simplified will be published just ahead of that date.

David Stevenson has already revised Introduction to Duplicate Bridge, which I include as an eight page centre fold pull-out as part of this issue.

It is now up to all of us who play, to fully acquaint ourselves with the rules and play in accordance with them.

## TUNISIA

Popular demand insists that I add a couple of extra fortnights at the Royal Kenz as I am restricting Bernard Magee's party to no more than 100 bridge players. See adjacent advertisement. Ring Tunisia First for one week deals.

## BACK COVER STORY



The cruise from Harwich to Nice has a large contingent of Bridge Players on board. Hosted by Bernard Magee, it will be a party for improvers, beginners, club players and those to do not even play bridge but like to be part of a group. Alison Nicolson is on board especially to help the beginners and improvers and there is a large Mr Bridge Team to make sure everyone feels involved. The special discovery price of £559 per person for a shared inside cabin includes the oil surcharge.

## THE GOOD NEWS

The 2009 Summer Cruise brochure is ready and it features all the usual Northern and Mediterranean favourites. By popular demand, a Round the British Isles Cruise has been added to Discovery's schedule. Phone ☎ 01483 489961 for yours, now.

## THE BAD NEWS

The recent huge increase in oil prices would seem to be going to be part of our lives, at least for the time being and there are the inevitable price increases.

## BETTER NEWS

Bernard Magee is hosting only the one cruise in 2009 – a repeat of this years Cruise to the Riviera bridge jamboree.

In addition to Early Booking Fares, there is a launch offer £100 off any 2009 cruise booked before 30 June 2008 and the usual 5% discount for all Discovery Club Members.

## DISCOVERY CLUB

If you receive a special offer in the post from Discovery, do remember you are still able to book with Mr Bridge. Just call ☎ 01483 489961 to ensure you are part of the exclusive Mr Bridge Party. ►



## DIRECTORY



The compilation of the Bridge Club Directory is now really underway but still so many clubs have not responded. On pages 44 and 45, I list all the clubs that have as at 5 May. I believe that a complete directory, kept up-to-date and published annually could be a major tool in revitalising bridge. Action... please.

### SUCCESS

Gentle Duplicates are continuing to be hugely popular. Rubber bridge devotees are really quite enthusiastic. Some have signed up for another weekend of the same, while others have left the weekend fully determined to join their local club. It's wonderful.

### HOW IT WORKS

A Gentle Duplicate Event costs £129 per person. The price includes two nights full board and six sessions of duplicate – numbers are restricted to a maximum of 36, nine tables.

Payment must be made in full at the time of booking, by cheque or debit card.

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17 – 19 Staverton Park  
24 – 26 Harben House  
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### NOVEMBER

7 – 9 Harben House  
21 – 23 Staverton Park  
28 – 30 Theobalds Park

These breaks are designed for those who want to try duplicate, those who are nervous and those on their own. There will be six bridge sessions, no seminars and no prizes.

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Staverton, Daventry,  
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## REALISM

In Michael Scarrott's story in this issue, about bridge in the twenty-fifth century, I have reduced the number of bridge players from 20 trillion to 20 billion to make the story closer to the truth.

## BUBBLE CAPTIONS

The response to the caption competition was just as enthusiastic as usual. I chose one per entrant and put as many as I could on pages 34 and 35 for you to read.



Marguerite Lihou, picture above, our very creative cartoonist, has chosen a short list of six. I have sent each of them a boxed set of my beautiful bridge pens. Congratulations and thanks to all those who took part.

**Partners were drawn from a hat.**

*Mr David Cherry, Derby.*

**That looks more like "bunny" than "dummy".**

*Mrs M E Thompson, Lancs.*

**I was looking for the Queen of Hearts.**

*Mrs Kate Hartley, Cardiff.*

**The EBU (Easter Bunny Union) advised "join a club".**

*Mrs P J Clark, York.*

**Has anyone seen the Hideous Hog?**

*Mrs H Oliffe, Essex.*

**He'd make a nice Goulash.**

*Mr Ken Payne, Herts.*

Entrants with captions for the latest cover should use the form opposite this page. Only one caption per person, and not more than seven words. Closes 20 June 2008.

## SNAIL MAIL



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## CHRISTMAS

Christmas this year will be celebrated at Denham Grove, which is set in its own extensive grounds (44 acres).

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2 Nov	Cruising
3 Nov	<b>ALEXANDRIA</b> , Egypt
4 Nov	<b>ALEXANDRIA</b> , Egypt Disembark and transfer to airport for flight home

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## TRAVEL AWARDS



I am proud to be associated with Discovery, named favourite niche cruise line at the 2007 Travel Awards.

## 2008 CRUISING

In addition to the voyage to the Riviera, there are two other summer cruises to be found in this issue. One is Aegean Odyssey advertised on the facing page, the other up to St Petersburg. Both have special prices from £999 per person sharing.

## SHARING

I try, with some success, to match single travellers to share cabins to make cruising an affordable option for those on limited budgets.

## JUNK CURE

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The Charity, Christians in Iraq, wishes to thank those who supported the day out in Bishops Waltham, hosted by Bernard Magee. The entire proceeds exceeded £6,800, which was sent to the charity.

## CHARITY BRIDGE

There are lots of lunches, teas and even dinner parties which are organised all over the country in support of charities both local and national. Please support them. A selection is listed for your convenience.

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## MEGAN



Megan Riccio, on maternity leave, has given birth to Annabelle, 6lbs 7oz. Mother and baby are doing well.

## APOLOGIES

Over the past few months I have fallen behind with my correspondence service. This is now up to speed. I prefer letters by post. If you do contact me by e-mail or fax it must – it really must – have your full postal address and telephone number.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Mr Bridge

## CHARITY BRIDGE EVENTS

### JUNE 2008

- 27 **DOWNHAM MARKET DISTRICT NURSES EQUIPMENT FUND**  
Northwold Sports & Social Club.  
10 am for 10.30. £12 inc lunch.  
Jean Wright ☎ 01366 383247  
Ray Waller ☎ 01842 827120

### JULY 2008

- 11 **MACMILLIAN NURSES.**  
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Liz Ambrose ☎ 01353 663179  
24 **SAMARITANS – CHESTER BRANCH.**  
Molly McBride ☎ 01244 675108

### AUGUST 2008

- 3 **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**  
St Georges Bridge Centre,  
Darlington. 2pm. £12.50. Lunch.  
☎ 01325 360340

### SEPTEMBER 2008

- 3 **GYDA.** Corn Exchange, Faringdon.  
£15 includes lunch.  
Steve Braithwaite  
☎ 01367 240929  
11 **HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL**  
Upwood Village Hall. £15. Lunch.  
Peter Somerfield  
☎ 01487 812167  
Chris Bruce ☎ 01487 812327  
24 **CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION**  
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Kay Brownlow ☎ 01480 880663  
25 **FARLEIGH HOSPICE.** £15. Lunch.  
Little Baddow Memorial Hall,  
Essex. 10.30am for 11am-4pm.  
Julie Renvoize ☎ 01245 258067  
27 **ST ANNE'S CHURCH, KEW**  
1.30 for 2pm-5pm. £12.50. Tea.  
Ian Lewty ☎ 0208 876 3681  
30 **SAM BEARE HOSPICE**  
Christ the Prince of Peace Church,  
Weybridge. 2-5 pm. £24 per table.  
Susan ☎ 01932 400009  
Claire ☎ 01932 855799

### OCTOBER 2008

- 24 **CHESHIRE HOMES.**  
Hartford Village Hall. £13.00.  
Malcom Howarth  
☎ 01480 212910  
30 **IAIN RENNIE HOSPICE AT HOME**  
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### NOVEMBER 2008

- 3 **EAST SUSSEX HOSPICES.** (Rubber).  
Glyndebourne. 5.30-10pm.  
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6 **SOMERSET HOSPICE**  
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## If in Doubt, Get them Out – Draw Trumps

Popular folklore has it that those who forget to draw trumps end up sleeping on the Embankment (or, in America, under the Brooklyn Bridge). Why is it vital to draw trumps? Well, why do you choose a trump suit in the first place? You think you can make extra tricks by ruffing opposing winners. At the start of the play, the defenders have trumps as well – so they might ruff your winners. However, if you have chosen the trump suit wisely, you will have more trumps than they do. After a few rounds have gone, your side will have the only trumps left. Ruffing then becomes the exclusive privilege of yours, the declaring side.

'If in doubt, get them out.'

♠	K Q 7 6
♥	7 6 2
♦	6 5 4
♣	Q 7 5
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">N W S E</div> </div>	
♠	A J 4 3 2
♥	A K Q 4
♦	8 3 2
♣	A

You, South, play in 4♠. West leads the jack of clubs to your ace.

You have three diamond losers and, unless hearts split 3-3, a heart loser as well. This is no problem as you intend to ruff the fourth round of hearts in dummy. What must you do before that? You must draw trumps. If you fail to do so, someone short in hearts will ruff one of your top hearts. So long as trumps break 2-2 or 3-1 (a 90% chance), you will be able to draw the opposing trumps without drawing all of dummy's in the process.

Drawing trumps appeals even more if dummy cannot ruff anything.

♠	9 6 3
♥	A K 6
♦	J 9 8
♣	A J 7 3
♠	8 7
♥	10 4
♦	A Q 3 2
♣	K 9 8 5 4
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♠	K Q 4 2
♥	8 3 2
♦	5 4
♣	Q 10 6 2
♠	A J 10 5
♥	Q J 9 7 5
♦	K 10 7 6
♣	Void

You play in 4♥. West leads the eight of spades and East plays the queen.

To make this contract you must win at once and play three rounds of hearts. After that, you can knock out the king of spades and West's diamond winners. This way the trump suit works for you – your two long trumps will help to stop the defenders from making any club tricks once they switch to that suit.

If you delay drawing trumps, you will find that West ruffs a spade or East a diamond – or both.

♠	Q 7
♥	8 3
♦	J 9 8 3
♣	K Q J 10 9
♠	A 9 8 3
♥	J 6
♦	K 6 5
♣	8 5 4 3
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♠	K 10 4 2
♥	Q 10 4
♦	10 7 4 2
♣	6 2
♠	J 6 5
♥	A K 9 7 5 2
♦	A Q
♣	A 7

You are in 4♥ and West leads the five of clubs.

This deal, too, calls for drawing trumps with gusto. Do you see why?

You have only one entry to dummy – in clubs – and so must pull the missing trumps before you try to run the suit. If not, you will have no way back to the clubs if someone ruffs the third round.

You win the club in hand and, after cashing the A-K of trumps to confirm the 3-2 split, give up a trump. You lose at most two spades and a trump.

Is it ever right not to draw trumps? Yes, here are common reasons not to:

- 1 If you want to ruff in dummy but dummy is quite short in trumps.
- 2 If you need some trumps as entries.
- 3 You need short trumps as stoppers.

♠	K 6 3
♥	Void
♦	K Q 9 8
♣	K Q 9 7 3 2
♠	8 7 2
♥	A 10 6 4
♦	J 4 3 2
♣	J 5
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♠	9 4
♥	Q 8 3 2
♦	10 6 5
♣	A 10 8 6
♠	A Q J 10 5
♥	K J 9 7 5
♦	A 7
♣	4

You are in 6♠ and get a trump lead.

All the above three exceptions apply. If you draw trumps, you will lose a heart or two as well as the club ace (trump needed as a stopper). You will also be short of entries to set up the clubs (trump needed as an entry) and a trick short (ruff in short trump hand needed). Get out a pack of cards and try it.

Correct play is to win in hand and play a club to the king. Win the trump return in dummy, ruff a club, ruff a heart and ruff another club. Now you draw the last trump and enjoy dummy's winners.

The rule about whether to draw trumps is that you draw them unless you find a reason not to. *If in doubt, get them out.* ■





# Mr Magee,

# Keep Talking to ME!

## by Linda Saunders

**T**he subject matter contained in the various bridge magazines which regularly land on my doormat gives a clear picture of the diversity of tactics to be employed at the bridge table. Do readers of these magazines actually put all this advice into practice? As a relative newcomer to the game, much of it remains a mystery to me. I am beginning to see what fun can be had as a defender but most of my energy is taken up with improving my skills as a declarer.

### Acol Bidding

Since last summer, Mr Magee has been my constant companion, talking to me every day, regardless of his busy schedule. I have enjoyed every minute of these one-way conversations and am just starting out on my third journey through his Acol Bidding. Each time I play a hand, I see more and more within it. When I first began this program, I knew nothing about counting top tricks or looking for losers. Far from being boringly repetitive, I find new gems and my scores improve steadily. With the right partner, I should be able to put all this to good use at the bridge table. Having said that, I just love every part of the game, so winning or losing is of less importance than enjoying a fruitful bidding conversation and finding the best contract.

However, Mr Magee is not the

only star in my sky, and I have collected quite a number of bridge books.

### Josephine Culbertson

Being rather overwhelmed by the complexity of the game, I take comfort from the words of the legendary Josephine Culbertson in the Introduction to her *Contract Bridge Made Easy*, published over seventy years ago:

- Do not try to remember everything you have learned on every hand.
- Do not be ashamed of your mistakes.
- If you understand the fundamental principles, you should be able to handle 90% of situations that arise in bidding and play.

This former diva also cautions the reader:

- Never play from trick to trick; have a definite plan of play before you start!

Well, I remember my bridge teacher telling us to make a plan before starting out, but to be honest, at that time I had no idea what it meant. My head was too full of high-card points and the correct responses to no-trump bids.

### Declarer Play

Over the next few months, I began to see that experienced players had the ability to sum up the dummy and their hand in seconds before setting off. Would I ever reach such dizzy heights? That was when I noticed that my chum, Mr Magee, had brought out *Declarer Play*. Well, of course, I sent off for it immediately and started a new notebook to record my progress.

There are 120 hands in this package and I longed to reach chapter 9 on endplay and avoidance, but as I work in an orderly fashion,

I would have to be patient and play one hand each morning. Having now reached the particular chapter, I am still slightly fazed by it, but I know that, on repetition, the teaching will become clear. Within the basic information attached to the program, is a useful chunk on top tricks which I found invaluable. On every hand I see, I swiftly count the top tricks and work out how many more I need to make the contract, looking for opportunities to snatch the odd overtrick.

As I progressed through Mr Magee's *Declarer Play*, I encountered the notion of safeguarding my entries; getting stuck on the wrong

side of the table had often been my downfall in the past.

As a beginner, I found it enough of a headache to concentrate on my own cards. It was then pointed out to me that I needed to form a picture of all 26 cards in the partnership. I could see the sense of that. The last chapter of *Declarer Play* is entitled 'Using the Bidding'. Mr Magee cleverly teaches the clues given by all players at the table, enabling the declarer to form a pretty accurate picture of all four hands. I suppose this comes with experience and most people who have been playing for years would know it, but, for me, it helps to have these things spelt out.

### More Acol Bidding

Having spoken to Mr Magee in person, I understand that he is bringing out a continuation of each of the programs so far released, so he will be a part of my life for some years to come. I already have his *More Acol Bidding* and am beginning to dip into that. The losing trick count, two-suited overcalls, and weak twos provide endless pleasure for me! Having sampled the first program on declarer play, I look forward to the next one.

For those not in the know, my passion for Mr Magee knows no bounds. I can't wait for his teaching on defence, so Mr Magee ... I know you are busy bee ... but please, please keep talking to me! ■







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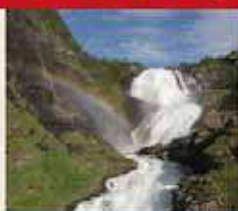
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# Throw a Loser on a Loser

**W**hen you have a sure loser, a neat way to keep trump control can be to throw that loser on another loser. Rather than ruffing and using up a valuable trump, you throw the certain loser and keep your trumps for later.

♠ K 4		
♥ 3 2		
♦ A 8 6 5 4 3		
♣ Q 7 6		
♠ 9 8 7 6		♠ 3 2
♥ A K 10 8	N W E S	♥ Q J 9 7 6 5
♦ Q 9		♦ K J 10
♣ A 4 3		♣ 8 5
		♠ A Q J 10 5
		♥ 4
		♦ 7 2
		♣ K J 10 9 2

Contract: 4♠. Lead: ♥A.

West leads out two top hearts. If you ruff the second, you will be down to four trumps. Then, with the club ace to knock out, you are in danger of losing trump control. With a sure diamond loser – there is no way to avoid it – you should throw a diamond on the second trick. Instead of ruffing the heart, you throw a loser away: a loser-on-loser play.

West has no answer: you can ruff a third heart in dummy or win any switch and draw trumps. With a trump left, you can safely knock out the club ace.

Ruffing at trick two puts you at the mercy of the trump break. You stop drawing after three rounds but, when you lose to the ace of clubs, they carry on leading hearts. You have to use up your last trump and, as West still has a trump but you do not, you go down.

You can use a loser-on-loser play rather than ruffing even in the short trump hand if someone threatens to overruff.

♠ 8 7 5 3		
♥ Q 5		
♦ A 7 6 4		
♣ A 4 2		
♠ 2		♠ 10 9 4
♥ A K J 8 6 3	N W E S	♥ 9 4
♦ Q 9 3 2		♦ J 10 5
♣ J 7		♣ Q 10 8 6 3
		♠ A K Q J 6
		♥ 10 7 2
		♦ K 8
		♣ K 9 5

Contract: 4♠. Lead: ♥A.

West, who has bid hearts, leads the ace, king and jack of hearts. East plays high-low with the nine and the four.

If you ruff the third round of hearts in dummy, East will surely overruff. With a club still to lose, you will be one down. A better idea is to throw a club from dummy. After you gain the lead on the next trick, you draw trumps and ruff a club in peace. By losing a heart instead of a club, you take a safe ruff instead of a risky one – a great swap.

Another type of loser-on-loser play you can use is to endplay a defender.

♠ K 8 7 4		
♥ K 9 5		
♦ A 7 3		
♣ 5 4 2		
♠ 9 6		♠ 3 2
♥ Q J 10 8	N W E S	♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ 9 8 5 4		♦ J 10 6
♣ K 7 6		♣ J 10 9 8
		♠ A Q J 10 5
		♥ A 6
		♦ K Q 2
		♣ A Q 3

Contract: 6♠. Lead: ♥Q.

You have eleven top tricks and the club finesse appears to be your only chance for a twelfth. Rather than taking it, you should consider giving up the lead. The opponents might make the wrong lead, or you might be able to endplay them.

To set up an endplay you first empty all the suits. You might take the heart ace, draw trumps, cash the heart king, ruff a heart and take three diamonds ending in dummy. Then you play a club, hoping that West wins. Alas, East plays the jack on the first round. If you let him win the trick, he plays another club; you have to finesse – and it loses.

Instead of ruffing the third heart, go for a loser-on-loser play. Having taken out the trumps and the top diamonds, cash the king of hearts and lead the nine:

♠ K 8		
♥ 9		
♦ Void		
♣ 5 4 2		
♠ Void		♠ Void
♥ J 8	N W E S	♥ 7 3
♦ 9		♦ Void
♣ K 7 6		♣ J 10 9 8
		♠ J 10 5
		♥ Void
		♦ Void
		♣ A Q 3

When East follows with a small heart, throw your low club. West has to win the trick and is endplayed. If he leads any red card, you ruff in dummy and discard the queen of clubs; if he leads a club, both your ace and queen make.

## Conclusion

Loser on loser plays can be tricky but the idea is simple. With a sure loser, consider throwing it on another loser if you think you might gain an advantage. ■



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