

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

A Zero Tolerance Club

April 2005

Double, Double, Toil and Trouble

David Cockcroft

(This is the first in a series of articles about the use of special doubles in competitive bidding situations.)

Repondez s'il vous plait!?

Every experienced bridge player is familiar with, and regularly uses, the "takeout" double and the "negative" double. This article deals with the "responsive" double which, though not as well-known, can be used in many situations to improve your competitive bidding.

When your partner has made a takeout double of an opening bid, and responder has raised opener's suit, you will seldom want to double for penalties—hence, the "responsive" double, which is actually a takeout double in response to your partner's takeout double. Consider the following auctions:

Example A:

S	W	N	E
1♠	X	2♠	X

Example B:

S	W	N	E
1♦	X	3♦	X

In both auctions East's double of North's raise is a responsive double, which communicates to his partner the following message: "I have support for all (or at least two) of the unbid suits and prefer that you choose the denomination." The responsive double normally denies a decent 5-card suit and shows sufficient high card points or playing strength to compete at the level required by partner's minimum response (*i.e.*, the 3-level in the above auctions.) The responsive doubler would hold something like: ♠ x, ♥ K x x x, ♦ K x x x, ♣ Q x x x for auction "A", or ♠ A J x x, ♥ K J x x, ♦ x x x, ♣ x x x for auction "B."

Using responsive doubles, one is free to use a direct suit bid in response to the takeout double to show more than minimum values. For example, in the following auction:

S	W	N	E
1♠	X	2♠	3♥

East's 3♥ bid can be used to show game invitational values: either (a) 10 HCP with a 5-card or longer suit (♠ x, ♥ K J x x x, ♦ K J x x x, ♣ Q x x x); or (b) 11–12 HCP and a balanced hand (♠ x x x, ♥ A Q x x x, ♦ Q J x x x, ♣ Q x x x).

A direct cue-bid can now be used for a game forcing hand (♠ x, ♥ A Q x x x, ♦ K J x x x, ♣ K x x x).

This is the purest and simplest form of responsive double which can be easily added to your competitive bidding arsenal. There is a place to mark on the back of the ACBL convention card under "Special Doubles" if you are using responsive doubles. A responsive double is not alertable. Try playing it through 2♠ or 3♦, or

OPEN GAMES

MONDAY	11:00 A.M.
MONDAY (0–49) *	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY (0–300)	9:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.
THURSDAY	11:00 A.M.
THURSDAY (0–300) *	7:00 P.M.
FRIDAY	7:30 P.M.
SATURDAY	12:30 P.M.
SUNDAY	1:30 P.M.

* Free mini-lesson at 6:30 p.m.

All games are stratified when possible.

All games are non-smoking.

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whatever level you and partner agree on. More advanced forms of responsive doubles will be the subject of a future article. ♠

MAKE TRAVEL PLANS

Check *The Bridge Bulletin* published by the ACBL or www.acbl.org for details on these and other upcoming tournaments.

UPCOMING NATIONALS (NABC)

July 21–31, Atlanta, GA
November 17–27, Denver, CO
March 30–April 9, Dallas, TX

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

April 11–17, Gatlinburg, TN
May 9–15, Oklahoma City, OK
May 16–22, Houston, TX
June 6–12, Jackson, MS
August 8–14, Tulsa, OK
August 15–21, St. Louis, MO
August 30–September 5, Richardson, TX
September 19–25, Tunica, MS
October 24–30, Mobile, AL
October 24–30, Bossier City, LA

NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

April 1–3, Hot Springs Village, AR
April 8–10, Metairie, LA (0–300)
April 15–17, Lake Charles, LA (0–300)
April 22–24, Pine Bluff, AR
April 29–May 1, Laurel, MS (+ District 10 GNT Finals)
May 5–8, Metairie, LA
May 12–15, Biloxi, MS
May 27–29, Montgomery, AL
May 27–30, Little Rock, AR
June 3–5, Mobile, AL
June 30–July 3, Metairie, LA
July 14–17, Baton Rouge, La
August 4–7, Lake Charles, LA
August 19–21, Huntsville, AL
September 2–5, Birmingham, AL
September 30–October 2, Metairie, LA (0–300)
September 30–October 2, Tupelo, MS
October 6–9, Moss Point, MS
October 28–30, Kimberling City, MO
November 4–6, DeGray, AR

March Board Minutes

Jo Blanchard

March 13, 2005. Margaret Kelly called the meeting to order. The attendees were Jo Blanchard, Norma Campbell, David Cockcroft, Mike Compton, Tommye Davis, Ann Ferrill, Ruth Gilliam, Dick Heil, Ann Lewis, Rick Lowens, Barbara Miles, and Bert Turner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rick provided a treasurer's report. The net income for February, 2005 is \$255. The total year-to-date net income through February, 2005 is \$4,963. This does not include the cost for the new computer which is approximately \$500 less a \$40 rebate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bert noted how important our directors' contributions are to our club's success. A committee was formed to determine how to recognize and show appreciation to our directors. The committee includes Norma, Ann, and Bert.

In an effort to show support for our fellow clubs' tournaments, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to close our club April 1, 2, and 3 for the Hot Springs Village Tournament. At the next Unit 161 meeting, attendees from our club have been asked to make a recommendation that the unit reimburse its member clubs for loss of income during times closed for tournaments sponsored by other Unit 161 member clubs. Another motion was made, seconded, and approved to close our club April 23 and 24 for the Pine Bluff Tournament.

Sometimes our big printer is slow printing. Carl will be asked to look at it before we consider replacing it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Margaret asked for updates on the club's current classes. Bert reported the director class is going well and the enrollees are scheduled to take the director test. The club will continue to pay for the test fee as members take the director test. Dick reported 23 have paid for the "Play of the Hand" class. Ann reported her class is scheduled to start this Wednesday and a per-

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lesson fee will be charged.

Status of our May Tournament was discussed. Mike asked for suggestions on caddies. Ann will check with her church group to see if they are interested. A \$300 flat fee with tips will be offered. Dick reported a half-page ad will be posted in the District 10 newsletter. The cost for the ad is \$200. Dick also reported mailouts to various nearby clubs have been printed and are ready to be mailed. The estimated cost for the printing and mailing is \$160 and \$180. Mike will form a food committee.

The meeting was adjourned. ♥

Tournament Report

Spring NABC, Pittsburgh, PA

- Allan Siebert & David Siebert—39th in Sliver Ribbon Pairs (104 pairs)

City of Five Flags Sectional, Pensacola, FL

- Kathy Miller & Marilyn Watt—5th in A in Open Pairs (44 pairs) ♦

Masterpoints Won at the Bridge House

Through March 27

Under 300

Total Masterpoints	Name	Points
Less Than 10	John Chapman	3.97
Less Than 50	Linda Goldsmith	13.44
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Less Than 300	Bill Jones	31.27
	Overall	
	Ruth Gilliam	37.47
	Bill Jones	31.27
	Betsy Berry	30.16
	Peggy Jett.....	28.21
	Ann Ferrill	27.28
	Helen Abbott.....	26.23
	Edna Savoy	24.28
	Lou Morris.....	23.87
	Tommye Davis.....	22.58
	Bernice McNutt	22.43

Tournament Schedules

The Bridge House will be closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 1-3, for the HSV Tournament and Saturday and Sunday, April 23 & 24, for the PB Tournament

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE CARD CLUB STAR-SPANGLED SECTIONAL

April 1, 2, and 3, 2005

Casa de Carta at the Ponce de Leon Center, Hot Springs Village

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

- 9:30 a.m. Open Pairs Play-through—2 sessions (0-750, 750-1500, 1500+)
 - April Fool's Pairs 0-99, 100-299—two sessions
 - Newcomers (0-20) Reduced entry fee
 - Stratified Side Games Each Session as needed (0-99, 100-299 and 0-750, 750-1500, 1500+)
- 1:30 p.m. Second Session—Pairs (Open and April Fool's)
 - Newcomers (0-20) Reduced entry fee
- 7:30 p.m. Pairs Games (0-99, 100-299 and 0-750, 750-1500, 1500+)
 - Bracketed Knockouts—Round #1

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

- 9:30 a.m. Open Pairs Play-through—2 sessions (0-750, 750-1500, 1500+)
 - Memorial Pairs (0-99, 100-299—two sessions)
 - Newcomers (0-20) Reduced entry fee game
 - Round #2 of Knockouts
 - Stratified Side Games Each Session as needed (0-99, 100-299 and 0-750, 750-1500, 1500+)
- 1:30 p.m. Second Session—Pairs (Open and Memorial)
 - Round #3 of Knockouts
 - Newcomers (0-20) Reduced entry fee
- 7:30 p.m. Pairs Games (0-99, 100-299 and 0-750, 750-1500, 1500+)
 - Bracketed Knockouts—Final Round (if needed)

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

10:30 a.m. Strati-flighted Swiss Teams (A=2000+ and AX=0–2000, B=500–1000 and C=0–500,) D=199er (0–49, 50–99, 100–199 as needed)

For information: Marilyn Biegler (biegler@cox-internet.com) or Connie Fitch (fitchhsv@ipa.net). Partnerships: Sheila & Andy Cosby (501-915-9827; scosby@cox-internet.com).

PINE BLUFF SOUTHERN PINES SECTIONAL

April 22, 23, and 24, 2005
Royal Arkansas Hotel & Suite, #2 Convention Center Plaza, Pine Bluff

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

1:00 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs (one session)
7:00 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs (one session)

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs (play through)
3:00 p.m. Second Session
8:00 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs (one session)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

10:00 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams

Stratification for all events: A = 1000+, B = 300–999, C = 0–299

For information: Sam Cheesman (870-536-1992; pwc@arkansas.net) or Joy Hudson (870-382-4779; fritzhud@seark.net). Partnerships: Roy Murtishaw (870-534-5503; roymrtshw@peoplepc.com) or George McKeown (870-879-3140; mckeown@seark.net). ♣

Listen Listen Listen

AI Childs

Listening to what the opponents are telling you will improve your score.

Sitting North you hear this auction:

E	S	W	N
P	P	1♦	?

What action do you take? (See the hands opposite.)
Good players pass, as no bid describes the hand.
Double would show at least 3 cards in each unbid suit.

An overall should show 5+ cards. Remember, partner can add and subtract and should take action if the bidding dies.

Partner, a passed hand, now bids 1♠; West passes. Count—partner has less than 12 HCP. Will 24 HCP make game without a fit? Not likely, so you pass and East bids 2♦; two passes follow. How many spades do you think partner has? He could have opened 2♠ with 6. If you elect to pass and defend you will get a good score. Here are the hands:

♠ J 5
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ 10 6 4
♣ K Q J 8

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

♠ K 10 9 6 4
♥ J 9 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ A 6

Another hand. Sitting South you hear the auction go:

E	S	W	N
1♥	P	P	2♦
X	?		

What do you know? East has extra values for his double and support for spades and clubs or a good hand with long hearts. Pass is the right action to take. Here are the hands:

♠ Q 6 4
♥ 10 7
♦ A K J 7 4
♣ K 8 6

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

♠ J 8 3
♥ K Q 5 4
♦ Q 8 6
♣ J 9 4

To be continued next month . . . ♠

Computer Advances

Thank you to Art Pfeifer and Ann Lewis for donating the flat screen monitor for our computer, and a second round of thanks to Art for spearheading the purchase of our new computer.

Carl Gray has agreed to accept the newly formed Computer & IT Support position. (Tip for the computer illiterate: "IT" stands for Information Technology.) ♥

Congratulations to Ann Lewis, our newest Life Master

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