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ARE YOU SUPERSTITIOUS? IT'S FRIDAY 13th!

Listed below are some card superstitions of which I was totally unaware until researching this subject.

- It is good luck to blow through the cards when they are being shuffled
- The luckiest seat is the one which faces the door; the most unlucky is that which has its back to the fire-place
- When cutting for deal, if you turn up the deuce of any suit, it is good luck
- The most unlucky card to hold in one's hand is the four of clubs
- When changing seats at the table you should always move in a clockwise direction; that is, from right to left
- Never pick up your cards with the left hand, or one card at a time
- It is very unlucky to sit cross-legged when playing cards (also bad for the circulation!)
- If your partner should lose a game or a trick, never say "Bad luck" or your luck will not change
- Friday is a bad day for card playing, while any thirteenth day of the month is considered unlucky
- It is said to alter the run of the cards if you turn your chair round three times or walk around it three times
- It is said to be bad luck if there is a dog in the room when playing (the Congress Cough and Butler Bark make it sound as though there are a lot of dogs in the rooms)

Whether you believe any of the above or not I hope this Friday 13th is a propitious one for all players.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

FRIDAY 13 JULY

Championship Events:

Butler Stage 3: Open, Women's, Seniors'
10.15 -12.00: 12.05-1.50
2.15 - 4.00: 4.10-5.55

Congress Events:

10.00 am ANC Swiss Pairs – Session
ANC Restricted Butler – Session
2.00 pm ANC Swiss Pairs – Session
Under 150 MP Pairs
7.30 pm Margery Kerr Memorial IMP Pairs
Session I

SEEING THE FUTURE

by Michael Courtney

Try this card play problem:

N
♠ 84
♥ AQ72
♦ Q102
♣ 10987

S
♠ K109
♥ J10963
♠ A86
♣ K2

(Board 15 - Round 8 - Butler Trials Stage 2 - directions reversed)

West leads the 5♦ so applying the rule of eleven, East holds one card higher. If you play dummy's 10 East will follow with the seven. So West has KJxxx and East a doubleton. How do you play INT?
Answer Page 3 (no cheating!)

OUR PENULTIMATE EXCERPT FROM MARK HORTON'S LATEST BOOK

By kind permission of Masterpoint Press, Toronto, the sixth excerpt from Mark Horton's latest blockbuster, *Bridge Master versus Bridge Amateur*, which will be published in July 2007.

“Defence

To be a good defender you need to be able to do many things. Communicate with your partner by means of a signalling method; listen to the bidding and use the information to help you with the opening lead; try and ascertain the distribution of declarer's hand and the number of points it contains. It sounds difficult but actually it's really not complicated – all it takes is the ability to count up to thirteen and a lot of concentration.

I'll start by looking at the area where the defenders can put declarer under pressure right from the start.

Opening Leads

A player who always made the best opening lead would undoubtedly win every prize the game has to offer.

Millions of contracts are won and lost on the opening lead every year. The secret of making good opening leads is to keep your ears open during the bidding and draw the right conclusions. If you can do it consistently you will rapidly become known as one of those defenders who hardly ever seems to make the declarer a present of the contract at trick one. Keeping in mind that good defending is often all about the giving and receiving of information a lot of thought has been put into how the opening lead can be best used to obtain it.

In these modern times the general view is that if you are leading from a suit headed by the AK then you lead the ace if you want partner to either encourage or discourage. If you lead the king you are asking your partner to tell you how many cards you have in the suit led. It is possible to extend this agreement down to suits headed by the KQ, the queen asking partner to give an attitude signal.

The British expert Tony Forrester made it very clear that the opening lead is one of the most dangerous moments for the defence. Although he would be the first person to make an attacking lead when the bidding called for it his golden rule was 'Don't lead away from a king if you have any decent alternative'. Following this rule has saved me a lot of tricks over the years and my files are not overflowing with deals where a contract that made would otherwise have been defeated.

Of course, there are exceptions to every rule – as you will see.

Generally speaking experts don't like leading trumps as it can concede a vital tempo and the combination of that and Tony's principle placed the master in an interesting situation on this hand:

Dealer: South
All Vul:

♠ 6
♥ K 8 7 2
♦ K J 6 3
♣ K 9 5 4

The opponents were a mine of information, bidding 1S- 4S, so given the restraints – don't lead away from a king and think twice before leading a trump – it appears to be an insoluble problem.

The amateur could do almost anything with this hand – if you take a poll at your club you are sure to get votes for all four suits.

If like the master you led a diamond then go to the top of the class for this was the full deal:

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

Of course he didn't simply close his eyes and hope for the best! He reasoned that if his partner held the queen of diamonds then leading that suit might set up two more tricks whilst a similar holding in either hearts or clubs would only establish one trick.”

LAST CHANCE TOMORROW TO BOOK IN FOR THE WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY



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7.00 pm
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Terri Garbutt & Roz Trend enjoying the sights from the verandah of the Esplanade



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John & Heather Edmondson

Answer to "Seeing the Future"

A first point worth making is that *south has not bid hearts*. This means that we can execute Mahmood's BOLS tip and rise if the J♥ is not covered! West must cover with Kx, least South hold J10x. He must cover with Kxx, for South may hold Jx. Always remain aware of what you have concealed during the auction when you play the hand.

Beating the bare K♥ offside is important here, for if East wins an early heart his diamond return will leave declarer with no hope of a seventh trick. West will McKenny for his black Ace as he clears diamonds and four hearts and 2♦ will be declarer's lot.

While Zia's point (if they don't cover, play for the drop) is clear on the concealed heart suit in isolation, Teddy Horawicz found a far more elegant way to safety play against East's bare K♥. He won Blaine Howe's lead with dummy's ten (not risking his ace being dislodged by East's nine) and cashed the A♥. When Blaine now won his onside K♥ he had three choices - a spade, a diamond or a club. Whichever he chose would instantly provide the seventh trick.

RESULTS OF CONGRESS EVENTS

RICOH SWISS TEAMS LEADERBOARD AFTER SESSION 2

1	Peake	83 VP
2	Tishler	76 VP
3	Hopwood	72 VP

WALK IN PAIRS AM

1	Max Rowan-Robinson & Graeme Hillier	57.6%
2	Luba Klein & May Schonwolf	57.3%

DOG AID INTERNATIONAL PAIRS

1	Glynnis Steed & Lisa Glick	58.7%
2	Diane Chase & Tony Brand	57.9%

BUTLER STAGE 3 AFTER 9 ROUNDS

OPEN

Place	No	Name	Score	Imps
1	7	C Chua, S Hinge	170	126
2	1	I Del'Monte, S Burgess	154	42
3	10	T Lusk, K Miller	148	43
4	12	M McManus, M Ware	146	18
5	2	D Beauchamp, E Chadwick	145	9
6	11	R Klinger, M Mullamphy	139	14
7	9	P Gumby, W Lazer	138	1
8	6	S Hans, T Nunn	137	-1
9	8	Z Nagy, B Richman	136	-6
10	5	P Hainsworth, R Parker	131	-39
11	14	I Robinson, A De Livera	129	-38
12	3	N Ewart, B Howe	122	-56
13	4	B Neill, R Jedrychowski	121	-55
14	13	F Curtis, R Sebesfi	120	-58

WOMEN

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	2	G Tucker, M Millar	179	151
2	13	J Courtney, D Sharbanee	165	109
3	10	L Fuller, A Clark	164	85
4	7	R Kaplan, P Schroor	150	40
5	8	S Shilbury, J Touyz	142	16
6	11	J Prince, P Collett	141	25
7	14	K Moses, N Bashar	139	3
8	6	I Glander, M Scudder	135	-15
9	1	D Jones, M Leybourne	127	-61
10	5	D Greenfeld, W Driscoll	121	-54
11	9	D Munro, C Gardiner	120	-55
12	3	J Del Piccolo, C Combes	120	-91
13	12	R Green, M Jakes	117	-74
14	4	A Booth, L Shiels	115	-79

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BUTLER STAGE 3 AFTER 9 ROUNDS

SENIORS

Place	No	Name	Score	Imps
1	3	D Schokman, T Ranasinghe	166	106
2	4	R Hansen, J Hansen	157	63
3	6	J Brockwell, P Kahler	150	39
4	9	T Berger, E Berger	149	69
5	11	B Prince, D Pocock	148	37
6	10	G Atkinson, J Kahler	147	41
7	1	B Noble, G Bilski	144	22
8	2	J Beddow, E Melton	141	5
9	12	L Bedford-Brown, R Paterson	138	25
10	14	R Grenside, S Grenside	134	-8
11	13	D McCoull, K Glasson	132	-18
12	8	C Ross, M Berk	128	-47
13	5	A McCarthy, M Firth	105	-121
14	7	D Charters, B O'Hara	84	-213

RESULTS OF CONGRESS EVENTS

ANC SWISS PAIRS LEADER BOARD AFTER 7 ROUNDS

1	J Williams & A Sarten	139
2	N Rosendorff & A Braithwaite	138
3	K Dyke & S Tishler	135
4	A Peake & M Green	129
5	G Finikiotis & E Fanos	128
6	G Feiler & P Gosney	127
7	P Brayshaw & C Mulley	127
8	C Ritter & S Humphries	126
9	C Boylson & P Gill	126
10	K Beckham & Z Olszewski	125

ANC RESTRICTED BUTLER FINAL RESULT

1	Patricia King & Linda Watson	145
2	Richard Fox & John Aquino	129
3	Robert Wylie & Merleine Wylie	121

