



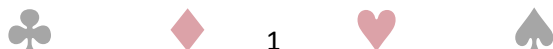
Pithy Sayings

For the Exciting Game of Bridge

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## Preface

This book is for all bridge players who actively seek improvement. They keep the game of bridge thriving and are the advanced and expert players of the future.

This book is the result of lessons<sup>1</sup> given on BBO<sup>2</sup> and of virtual club play during the Covid-19 pandemic. Warnism is a play on the words warnings and truisms. They should never replace personal judgment developed through books and experience.

The examples are problem hands that test a player's natural inclinations. They demonstrate warnings or truisms that serve as guides to better bridge. They are on bidding, declaring and defending. They will help improve the reader's game of bridge whatever system is played.

This book will also whet the reader's appetite for more explanations and more examples. Other titles are available as shown in Appendix A.

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<sup>1</sup> Thanks to Andy Melton, an advancing player from Calgary Alberta, for coining the term warnism. His notes of the conversations by phone while he played at a BBO teaching table led to several examples.

<sup>2</sup> BBO is Bridge Base Online. It is a popular free bridge playing site at <https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/>





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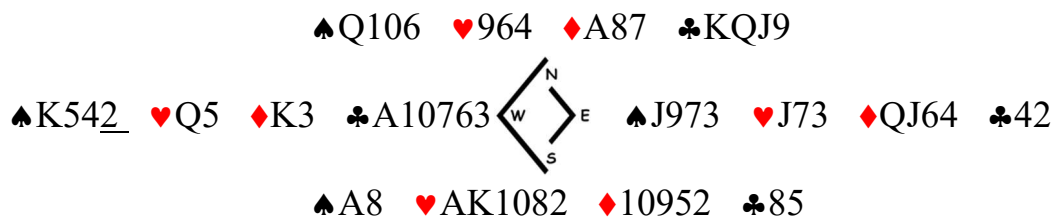
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### Example E.3: Killing the Entry

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W	N	E	S
1♣	P	1♠	2♥
2♠	3♥	all pass	

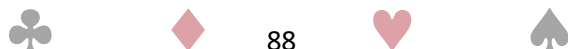
In the bidding, North does well to bid 3♥ not 4♥ with a four-triple-three hand. However, he opens the hand if in first seat.

West cannot lead a red suit, because the honour may win a finesse. He cannot lead the ♣Ace because he does not have the ♣King. Therefore, he leads a small spade.

The declarer has a coin-flip guess on the spade. The hand is more interesting if he guesses the ♠10. The ♠Jack forces the ♠Ace. The declarer cashes a top heart and leads a club to the dummy which West ducks once. South takes a heart finesse which West wins. West must knock out the ♦Ace as the entry to the club suit and the ♠Queen. He leads the ♦King. The declarer should duck a diamond once to disrupt defensive communication.

If you have enjoyed this book, you will enjoy the other books in the series. The examples are completely different across the different books. May you play enough bridge to become an expert.

Sampai Jumpa Lagi. Until we meet again. Ciao!





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