

Chalk Talk # 9

Series of Three-Tip Talks

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<http://watsongallery.ca/bridge/bridge-index.htm> has more.

Bidding Tip-Pre-empts

One does not want to pre-empt oneself or one's partner with a hand that becomes just as valuable as an opener.

Avoid pre-empts in first or second seat when two-suited.

♠KJ10987 ♥A1098 ♦2 ♣32

What if you pass and partner opens 1♥? Your hand will likely make game opposite partner's minimum opener. Therefore, this hand is too strong to pre-empt with in 1st or 2nd seat.

Declaring Tip

If nonadjacent cards become equal during the play of the hand, discard the higher one as the defenders may not keep track of the lower cards. You have Q98 and the Jack and Ten are gone and you need a discard, so discard the Queen.

Defensive Tip-Discarding

When forced to discard on declarer's long suit, try to match any four-card suit in dummy.

dummy: ♠AK42 ♥--- ♦53 ♣A3

♠9763 ♥--- ♦974 ♣5

Keep your four ♠'s to match dummy.