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THE BRIDGE REPORT

by Bob Sutton

Let's do a bit of catching up this time. In my previous articles, I commented on bidding one, two, three, and four of a suit. Except for the one bid, the rest are used to mess with your opponents, thereby disrupting their bidding and line of communication with one another at the lower bidding level.

Another point you may be wondering about is that after a no trump bid by your partner, do you bid *Stayman* or *Transfers*? We all know what they mean, don't we? The reason for this is to keep the bigger hand, or highest point hand, from going down on the table for all to see.

Another defensive strategy is to make an overcall, giving your partner the suit to lead when your opponents

have the suit contract. You do not have to tell your partner you have a good defensive suit if you lead with a no trump contract as that will be shown by your lead: fourth from your longest and strongest suit. Another point to help your memory: when you have an Ace, King on the table or in your hand, play the King, as you will always know the Ace is top card. Have fun! Next time, watch for a mistake.

If you would like to be a part of our Bridge group, come on over to the **North Kawartha Community Centre** and socialize, watch, learn, or play. We play on Fridays from 1-4 and on Tuesdays from 1-4.



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Editor's Note: *Stayman* is used to improve a contract when the responder has a weak hand. A *Transfer* convention is used to create an extra round of bidding for unbalanced hands.

