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THE BRIDGE REPORT

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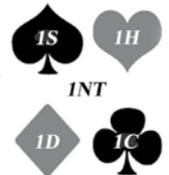
One of the biggest drawbacks in Bridge is the pace, not the speed of the game. Some bridge hands are rather obvious and do not take a lot of thought. Then, along come some others that make you sit up and take note. These are the gems that keep the game interesting.

By the way, play is supposed to take seven minutes per hand, i.e. three boards should take 21 minutes and then you move to the next table of opponents. Unfortunately, after other scores are marked in the traveler (score sheet), some people ask "How did we make out?". That is what slows the game, so up and out the window goes the seven minute plan. To avoid this, in some sanc-

tioned games - Peterborough has one per year - they have volunteers who pick up the score sheets and new traveler sheets are inserted into the boards for the next players after each hand or board. Maybe that's what we could do. Want to Volunteer?

Lately in our club, Stayman and Transfers have come up after a partner has opened No Trump. The principle behind Stayman and Transfers is to keep the big hand (No Trump) from being exposed and, **IF** you can answer, whether to remain in No Trump or a suit and also how high can you bid.

We are pleased to have some of our players back from the South. Join us Tuesdays or Fridays at the NKCC from 1 to 4 p.m. If you have any questions about bridge, feel free to contact me at 705-656-9401.



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