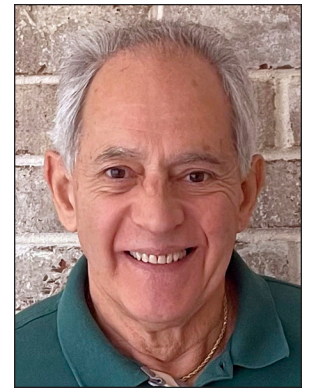




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Greetings! I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday season. If you were flying, I hope you were able to make the most of it! As we enter into the spring season, we can enjoy the warming weather. It has been a little chilly! We can come out of hibernation and participate in the abundance of available bridge tournaments, especially face-to-face. Online bridge is convenient, but it is nice to see the other players, and to learn from them.

We are working on logistics for our Unit's next sectional tournament, which will be held in late March 2024, in Pensacola. We will keep you posted, and anticipate an even bigger turnout than our sectional held last November.

Unit 219 clubs are providing Duplicate Bridge instruction to new members. Once our Unit 219 website is revamped and updated, we can advertise lessons to be held at individual clubs or online.

Each quarter, in this space, I would like to share some helpful hints for newer players or even experienced players in first-time partnerships. Here are a few to get you started:

Rule #1: Do not lie to your partner. For example, if your convention card shows 1NT with a point range of 15-17, find some bid other than 1NT if you have 18 HCP.

Rule #2: Trust your partner. Note: If your partner doesn't follow Rule #1, then Rule #2 is impossible to follow.

Rule #3: As a general rule, don't try to save your partner. If as a pair you cannot find a fit, cut your losses and get out of the bidding as soon as possible – UNLESS one of you has a really strong hand and an independent suit.

Rule #4: “ASBAF,” meaning “All Strange Bids Are Forcing.” If you don’t know the meaning of your partner’s bid and the next person passes, make yourself bid something (don’t pass). Your partner might have bid a convention you forgot, and the suit bid is not a “real” suit.

I certainly welcome your ideas about other “rules” to add to this list. In the meantime, enjoy playing bridge!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willie".