



Unit 534 Chatter

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“FOURTH SUIT FORCING”

The “fourth suit forcing” convention is a powerful tool when used correctly (it is also ALERTABLE). The convention can either be played as forcing for one round or game forcing. Make sure that your partnership has agreed upon which variety (one round force, game forcing) prior to using the convention. My regular partnership uses the convention as forcing one round.

After three suits are bid, the fourth suit is forcing. Generally, this excludes the bid of 1 spade in the auction (no interference) 1 club, 1 diamond, 1 heart, 1 spade; most partnerships would play the 1 spade bid as natural and the jump to 2 spades as the fourth suit forcing bid. Again, make sure you have a partnership agreement regarding the aforementioned bidding sequence.

The primary purpose of the convention is to find a fit (generally in a major suit) or to play in a no trump contract. Therefore, after a sequence (no interference) of 1 heart, 1 spade, 2 clubs, the bid of 2 diamonds is “fourth suit forcing”. Partner’s first obligation is to bid spades with three card support. Lacking such support, partner would bid either 2NT or 3NT with a diamond stopper (depending upon HCP and whether or not the “fourth suit forcing” sequence is game forcing). Having neither three spades or a diamond stopper, partner would rebid either hearts (only promises five) or rebid the club suit (promises five).

One of the drawbacks to the convention is that the convention cannot be used with hands which don’t have at least invitational values (i.e. 10+ HCP) if playing one round force or with game values (i.e. 12+ HCP) if playing the convention as game forcing. Therefore, the following hand could not bid 2 hearts after the sequence 1 diamond, pass, 1 spade, pass, 2 clubs, pass, (???):

Spades: AKxxx
Hearts: xxxxx
Diamonds: xx
Clubs: x

Responder would have to take a preference and bid 2 diamonds.

Examples of “fourth suit forcing” auctions:

Example #1

Spades: xxx
Hearts: AKJxx
Diamonds: KQx
Clubs: Jx

Bidding Sequence (no interference) for Example #1:

North:	South:
1 diamond	1 heart
2 clubs	2 spades* (alerted as “fourth suit forcing”)

- North will bid either 3 hearts or 4 hearts with three card heart support (depending upon partnership agreement concerning the convention).
- North will bid 2NT or 3NT, depending upon the hand strength lacking three hearts but having a spade stopper.
- North will bid either clubs or diamonds to further describe a hand without either three hearts or a spade stopper.

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Recovery Room

Alice Jordan is still confined at Village Care due to painful spasms.

Pat Reinhardt is back home, resuming her normal activities.

Mary Lou Nadler is at Manor Care.

Flo McClanahan is confined to her home with 24 care.

Bob Ford is unable to attend bridge games regularly due physical limitations, etc.

UNIT 534 UNIT GAME FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2009

Regular Game Fee per person 6.00

RECEIPTS:

Total Tables in Play:	14.5
(# of tables x 4) Total # of Players:	58
Minus of Free Plays:	8
Net No. of players paid:	50
Total Regular Receipts:	300.00
Other Receipts	0.00
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EXPENSES:

Directors Fee:	87.00
Caddie Fee:	0.00
Site Rental	54.00
ACBL Sanction Fee:	18.13
Insurance + Other Expenses:	68.05
Total Game Expenses:	227.18

Total Food Expenses: 145.08

Grand Total All Expenses: 372.26

NET INCOME/(LOSS) (72.26)

November Birthdays

1	Mary	Faye
2	Muriel	Green
3	Evelyn	Guilliatt
3	Bill	Wellman
7	Courtney	Cheyne
7	Monty	Fisher
8	Kathryn	Reeves
9	Ruth	Wilmes
10	Geraldine	Anderson
17	Jeanne	Eberle
17	Georgene	Fletcher
20	Velma	Mallet
21	Kymber	Hoover
25	Joyce	Gaiser
28	Marion	Copp

Fourth Suit Forcing cont'd.

Example #2

Spades: xxxxx
Hearts: AKQx
Diamonds: KQx
Clubs: x

Bidding Sequence (no interference) for Example #2:

North:	South:
1 diamond	1 spade
2 clubs	2 hearts*
	(alerted as
	“fourth suit forcing”)

d. North will bid either 3 spades or 4 spades with three card spade support (depending upon partnership agreement concerning the convention).

e. North will bid 2NT or 3NT, depending upon the hand strength lacking three spades but having a heart stopper.

f. Partner will bid 3 hearts with four hearts (i.e. having a 1-4-4-4 distribution hand, opener would bid 2 clubs after 1 spade without sufficient points to reverse; since partner may have a 5-4 distribution in the major suits, the bid of 3 hearts should be forcing to either game in no trump or hearts/spades).

Again, the aforementioned sequence is subject to partnership agreement. Some partnerships would bid (no interference) 1 diamond, 1 spade, 2 clubs, 2 hearts (natural, and forcing); the sequence of 1 diamond, 1 spade, 2 clubs, 3 hearts would be considered “fourth suit forcing”, denying a hearts suit).

g. North will either bid clubs or diamonds to further describe a hand without either three spades, four hearts, or a heart stopper.

Having sufficient HCP for a possible slam, North must be careful not to close out the auction by making a non forcing response (i.e. 3NT).

Conclusion:

The “fourth suit forcing” convention can be a very useful tool when properly used. However, the partnership needs to discuss in detail what is forcing or non forcing to avoid misunderstandings in bidding sequences. The convention also ensures that “no trump” contracts are avoided when neither partner has a stopper in the fourth suit.

This mini-lesson is provided by Scott Campbell to help improve playing levels of all bridge players.

Membership Achievements

New Members: Sally Burrage and Cyrus Rezayat.
WELCOME TO UNIT 534!

New Junior Master: None reported.

New Club Master: None reported.

New Sectional Masters: None reported.

New Regional Masters: Monty Fisher, Philip Machamer.

New NABC Master: None reported.

New Life Master: None reported.

New Bronze Life Masters: None reported.

New Silver Life Master: Debbie Cameron.

New Gold Life Master: None reported.

Unit 534 General Membership Meeting

The annual Unit 534 General Membership meeting will be held at the Dec. Unit Game, Sierra Dawn-Hemet at 12:30 PM, followed by the monthly Unit Game.

A Unit 534 Board of Directors meeting will be held at 10:45 AM at Sierra Dawn. The incoming Board of Directors will elect officers for 2010. Results will be announced during the General Membership Meeting.

December Unit Game.

Sunday Dec. 13th 2009
Sierra Dawn-Hemet.

Signup is required.

Signup Deadline: Fri. Dec. 4th.

Sign up sheets at all clubs, or call
Dennis B. 951-764-9450.

Catered lunch at 12:00 Noon.

**General Membership Meeting:
12:30 PM**

Game at 1:00 PM

No Free plays accented.

**Daily club results on our web site:
www.acbldistrict22.com/534**

Club Masterpoint Leaders for October

Mon/Wed Sun City: 3.18 Kay/Don Bolin; 3.08 Cathy Garvin; 2.58 Doug Murphey; 2.51 Dona Seyfried; 1.95 Charlie Fox, Nickolae Gerstner; 1.70 Jim Eves, Cle Nelson; 1.54 Evelyn/Jack Guillatt; 1.52 Lois Bevins; 1.49 Berna Lord; 1.48 Helen Telford; 1.33 Kay/Monty Fisher; 1.12 Ed Oldham; 1.07 Ginny Carroll, Norma McGuire

Monday Hemet: 3.14-Karen Brandt; 3.14-Barbara Revels; 1.95-Karen/Duane McComb; 1.42-Martha Fenton; 1.42-Lola Davis; 1.40-Mary Terell; 1.31-Roger/Nancy Overholt; 0.84-Pauline Gilbert; 0.75-Marion Weingarten; 0.70-Bill Wellman/Ed Oldham/Kenneth Chia/Peggy Bailey; 0.68-Robert Judson/Robert Wiley; 0.62-Beverly/ay Hughes; 0.57-Carl Hoerberling.

Tuesday Hemet: Wm, Wellman-5.38; Karen & Duane McComb-4.29; Carl Hoerberling-3.00; Peggy Bailey-2.38; Charlotte Cross/Judith McManus-1.27; Nancy/Roger Overholt-.88; Itsuko Barton/Donna Guillaume .84; Lola Davis, Margo Olson, Mary E. Petersen & Robert Wiley .70; Sue Schulte-.54;LaVonne Wilson-.18.

Tuesday Murrieta: 4.25 Marlene Koerner; 3.00 Patricia Hawkins; 2.75 Shirley Rubidoux; 2.39 Carolyn Waska; 2.25 Marge Denny; 2.17 Cleland Nelson; 1.92 Lloyd Scott/ Margy Jiran; 1.87 Edwin Oldham; 1.77 Harold Long; 1.69 Douglass Murphey; 1.67 Fran White; 1.64 Ruth Kile; 1.30 Joyce Gaiser; 1.27 Joyce Cellilli; 1.25 Mary Palmquist; 1.10 Frances Jackson/Rami Mina/ Charles Fox/Bob Jackson; 1.05 James Wooden/Troy Brown; 1.03 Ruth Brandt/Peggy Cowherd/Josephine Harring.

Wednesday Temecula: 3.22 Cleland Nelson; 3.11 Frances/Bob Jackson; 2.96 James Wooden; 2.74 Barbara McPherson; 2.72 Ali Selim/Mo Anvari; 2.69 Joyce Cellilli; 2.24 Wicker Gamble; 2.12 Joseph Eves; 1.89 Shirley Rubidoux; 1.68 Annabelle Salisbury; 1.64 Glenn Lavering; 1.63 Mary Palmquist; 1.62 Virginia Hoppe; 1.59 Fran White; 1.55 Chuck Savage/Harrison Marsh.

Thursday Hemet: 4.44-Karen/Duane McComb; 2.82-Marion/Mort Weingarten; 2.51-Mary Terell; 2.09-Robert Nye; 2.06-Itsuko Barton; 1.85-Martha Fenton/Grace Ford; 1.56-Carl Hoerberling; 1.53-Sue Goldberg/Charlotte Cross; 1.48-Karen Brandt; 1.46-Jean Kuchta/Beverly Hughes; 1.36-Kathleen/Donald Bolin ; 1.19-William Wellman; 1.16-Morgan Roberts; 1.11-Dorothy Pearson.

Thursday Temecula: 4.99 James Wooden; 4.88 Janet Gleason; 4.71 Joel Dreyer/Terri Combs; 4.68 Shirley Rubidoux; 4.67 Jamie Santistevan; 4.11 Marlene Koerner; 3.61 Donna Seyfried; 3.32 Anne Maxfield; 3.28 Barbara McPherson; 3.05 Carol Wood; 2.99 Bill Williams; 2.90 Cleland Nelson; 2.63 Annabelle Salisbury/Ruth Brandt; 2.45 Carolyn Waska; 2.26 Troy Brown; 2.23 Carl Krantz; 2.10 Lee Hart; 1.87 Rami Mina; 1.76 Joyce Cellilli; 1.50 Shirley/Del Gero; 1.40 Doug Vanderheide; 1.13 Fred Kunkle.

Thursday Banning: Bill Dimitt 4.79; Rosemary Dimitt 3.57; Carl Hoerberling 3.04; Marion Fawcett 2.90; Nancy Dickason 2.16; Jane Smith 2.10; Karen Brandt 1.20; Sid Herman .90; Mary Terell .90; Nancy Ford .90.

Friday Sun City: 4.62 Kenneth Chia; 3.96 James Wooden; 3.92 Donna Seyfried; 3.38 Charles Fox; 3.34 Janet Gleason; 3.26 Bill Williams; 2.35 Rosalie Kirston; 2.30 Larry Rambo/Dale Klinzing; 2.13 Peggy Cowherd; 2.06 Carol Wood; 1.98 Berna Lord; 1.80 Anita Kingsbury; 1.76 Cleland Nelson; 1.70 William Wellman; 1.59 Suzanne Raymond; 1.50 Helen Telford.

Saturday Temecula: 4.34 Virginia Hoppe; 4.34 Janice Pond; 3.44 Cleland Nelson; 3.13 James Wooden; 3.01 Fran White; 3.00 Reginald Fujimoto/Ali Selim; 2.41 Chuck Savage/Marilyn Rumsey; 2.25 Isaac Perez/Anne Burdick; 2.21 Ben Brock/Marsha Morris; 2.00 Harold Long/Charles Fox; 1.69 Rami Mina; 1.63 Mariko Kakimoto; 1.50 Bill Williams; 1.46 Peggy Cowherd;.

Sunday Canyon Lake: 5.00 Joyce Cellilli; 4.33 Jim Wooden; 3.48 Loi Bevins, Marguerite Jungles; 2.81 Hal Long, Ed Oldham; 2.67 Jean Wooden; 2.60 Phil Meacham, Cecil Leach; 2.00 Jim Eves; 1.13 Anita Kingsbury, Sandi Norgaard; .65 Del/Shirley Gero.

UNIT GAME MASTERPOINT WINNERS - October 11, 2009

3.54 Dale Klinzing/William Wellman; 2.66 Harold Long/Edwin Oldham; 1.99 Mo Anvari/Ali Selim; 1.77 Cecil Leach/Philip Machamer; 1.24 Reginald Fujimoto/Anita Kingsbury; 0.90 Josephine Harring/Shirley Rubidoux; 0.89 James Wooden/Troy Brown; 0.79 Frances/Bob Jackson; 0.68 Geraldine Fettig/Jean Wooden; 0.63 Joyce Cellilli/Carol Wood; 0.44 Del/Shirley Gero; 0.44 Helen Telford/Anne Maxfield; 0.42 Donna Seyfried/Lois Bevins; 0.30 Fran White/Caryn Villalon; 0.30 Mary Palmquist/Suzanne Raymond; 0.25 Beatrice Corley/Patricia Reinhardt.

Stellar Games

Level A 2500 + MP: None Reported.

Level Ax 750-2500 MP: 77.00 %-Berna Lord/Helen Telford, 73%- Peg Bailey/Bill Wellman; 71.25 %-James Wooden/Bill Williams 70 %-Cathy Garvin/Doug Murphey,

Level B: 300-749: 67.92% John/Elaine Putman.

Level C: 100-299: 70.56%-Barbara Revels; 66.67% Shirley Rubidoux/Barbara McPherson; 63.43% Don Weber/Dick Joos; 62.04 %-Cecil Leach - Philip Machamer.

Level D: 0-99: 61.31 %-Marguerite Price/Pat Cruz.

Ask The Director For a Free Unit Game Play (if you are a paid up member of Unit 534).

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<u>Nov-09</u>				
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
1	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
2	Mon	12:30	Club Championship	Simpson Center-Hemet
5	Thur	12:15	Club Championship	Simpson Center-Hemet
7	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
8	Sun	1:00	Unit Game	Civic Hall-Sun City
8	Sun	CLOSED		Canyon Lake POA Bldg
9	Mon	CLOSED		Webb Hall-Sun City
11	Wed	12:30	Club Championship	Civic Hall-Sun City
11	Wed	CLOSED		Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
12	Thur	6:15	Charity Pairs	Sun Lakes-Banning
14	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
15	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
20	Fri	10:00	Fall Sectional	Webb Hall-Sun City
21	Sat	10:00	Fall Sectional	Webb Hall-Sun City
22	Sun	11:00	Fall Sectional	Webb Hall-Sun City
20	Fri	CLOSED	In deference to sectional	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
21	Sat	CLOSED	In deference to sectional	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
22	Sun	CLOSED	In deference to sectional	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
25	Wed	12:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
26	Thur	CLOSED	THANKSGIVING	Simpson Center-Hemet
26	Thur	CLOSED	THANKSGIVING	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
26	Thur	CLOSED	THANKSGIVING	Sun Lakes-Banning
28	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
29	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
Nov. 26-Dec. 6: NABC in San Diego Manchester Hyatt Hotel				
<u>Dec-09</u>				
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
7	thru 13		Western Conference STAC at Most Clubs	
5	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
6	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
7	Mon	12:30	Club Membership	Simpson Center-Hemet
8	Tues	1:00	STAC Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center
10	Thur	1:00	STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
10	Thur	12:15	Club Membership	Simpson Center-Hemet
10	Thur	6:15	Club Championship	Sun Lakes-Banning
11	Fri	11:00	HOLIDAY PARTY	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
11	Fri	12:00	STAC Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
12	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
13	Sun	1:00	Unit Game	Sierra Dawn-Hemet
			Catered Lunch at 12:00 Noon	
			GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 12:30	
			No "Free Play" passes accepted.	

299'er Sectional
Aug. 27-28-29, 2010
Civic Hall
Sun City

Fall Sectional
Nov. 20-21-22, 2009
Webb Hall
Sun City

Summer Sectional
May 21-22-23, 2010
Comm. Rec. Center
Temecula

Nov. 8 Webb Hall Sun City UNIT GAMES Dec.13th Sierra Dawn-Hemet