

Tidbit Update

Happy New Year
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At the beginning of the New Year, it is perhaps time to recap that the tidbits published to date are all so-called bridge idioms supplied to me by Barbara Rosenthal a disciple of the leading USA bridge teacher, Audrey Grant. While many are Barbara's own a number of them have been sourced from other leading bridge players and these sources are acknowledged where known.

The idioms are listed in the table below. The interpretation* of them has been my own using bridge hands from real life.

The first six in the table have already been published. A couple have been omitted altogether because they are no longer relevant.

Barbara Rosenthal's Idioms:

Tidbit	Idiom
1	Play the high card from the short side first
2	Bad hands go rapidly, good hands go slowly
3	Get the kiddies off the street unless there is something to ruff first
4	Clubs are for the golf course, diamonds are for your fingers
5	If it doesn't fit, quit!
6	Cover an honour with an honour, generally
7	Second hand low, third hand high (defending)
8	The one who knows goes
9	8 ever, 9 never, when contemplating a finesse
10	Don't let the danger hand in
11	Don't send a boy to do a man's job, when ruffing
12	Length is better than strength
13	"Law" of total tricks
14	Take your losses early in NT contracts while you still have stoppers in other suits
15	In NT count your winners first/in a suit contract count your losers
16	Try not to rebid a 5 card suit
17	Bridge belongs to the bidders
18	Support with support
19	Only lead an Ace if you have the King except against slams
20	Never lead away from an Ace in a suit contract.

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