

C O N F E S S I O N

This is an E mail sent to Lynne Dutton urging her to return to bridge after the horrors of living in High River this summer.

Hi Lynne,

I had the pleasure of playing with Ron on Monday and you would have been gratified to see how many people were asking him about the well being of you and your family.

But you have to hurry back. Witness the mess I made of holding

A K Q 9 7 5 4 Believe it or not I opened this 2 spades!

9 5 4 3

8 3

Void

Like how many guidelines did I choose to ignore?

1. If you are going to preempt, go all the way. Two holding six; three holding seven and four holding eight.
2. Never preempt holding a four card major suit.
3. Do not preempt holding a genuine opening hand. Using a losing trick count, the hand has only 5 losers.
4. Even a Milton Work count gets up to 13, 9 plus 3 for the void and 1 for the doubleton.

The story gets worse, Ron replied 4 hearts and I sat there for seemingly twenty minutes before passing what turned out to be an ice cold 7 hearts contract.

Like I said, hurry back.

John Hinde

p.s. Please don't tell the Haggins about this fiasco, they will bar me from their bid and play game quicker than I could shake a stick!