Debate

I want the game, just like the game, we played in the good old days
You weren’t really hurt—When there was no alert
Bring back the good old days
When you could make a bidding choice
Based upon an opponent’s voice
So bring back the game, I want the game we played in the good old days

Let’s keep the game, in the modern frame, It’s much more fun this way
Keep the timing clicks—And the bidding box
Don’t throw it all away
Don’t rub your nose at our new inventions
Or say of our new conventions
So let’s keep the game in the modern frame, It’s much more fun this way

I want the game, just like the game, we played in the good old days
No one was afraid
When I smoked a cigarette
Bring back the good old days
You know, I’ve never seen a player jog
Just because I took a drag
So bring back the game, I want the game we played in the good old days

Let’s keep the game, in the modern frame, It’s much more fun this way
No smoke on my note—No more smell
of clothes
Dump the old ash tray
Now We’re not out there being mean
We just love breathing air that’s clean
So let’s keep the game in the modern frame, It’s much more fun this way (2)

Bidding Boxes: Bids are made with special cards.
Timing Clocks: Controls slow play.

Pass a Cue Bid
Qualify (Called "Q") from letter on Reap sheet
- Non-Qualifiers play in consolation.

What’s your No Trump Range
Just fill out a card
It’s not all that hard
And I’ll bid anyway that you say
Just keep on the shelf
No trump 10 to 12
And we’ll have an enjoyable day

What’s your No Trump Range
Twelve plus is what I say
You can’t really go wrong
If its weak or its strong
But 10 is where I say Noy (say it neigh-horse style)

You say that you might
Make an overcall light
And the nut might be four cards long
You say that it pays
It’d do no harm
Even if I’m really strong

What’s your overcall range
A lot more is what that I pray
If you bid like a clown
You are sure to go down
And you’ll be just sowing hay

Strong NT 15-18 High Card Points
Weak NT 12-14 High Card Points
Super weak NT 10-12 High Card Points
T Play for Hire
Just pay all my expenses, entry costs, and fees
And you’ll become life master, before you even see me

(Say) Play play with me? I can’t play for hire
You think that you’re an air head, haven’t got a clue
But if we play as partners, we’ll finish one or two
Just line up four pros just like me and get into the Swiss
Skip all the tough opponents, there’s no way we can miss

They say that if you play with me, it makes the game real cheap
Not So! Is what I tell them, in fact it’s PRETTY STEEP!!
Just call me any time you like, I’m not that hard to reach
My business is not timekeeper, the THING I do is teach!

Bridge Pros: Blubber Rubber
Swiss: An event where your team has 4-6 players.
To qualify for major awards you only have to play 50% of the matches.

Days of Bridge Class
On the first (sic) day of Bridge Class my teacher taught me
These lessons, they are not free
Two over one is forcing and
Three Clubs is preemptive
Four No trump is Knrard
The Grand Slam force (If No Trump) Double 6 is Lightner

On the seventh day of Bridge Class my teacher taught me, More lessons? Well guess what?
They are not free.

Keyword: A method of asking for Ace
Lightner: Double asking for unusual opening lead

Yarborough Pairs
- Are you playing in Yarborough Pairs?
Hearts, Spades, Clubs, and Diamonds to Spare
Pointless hands, eh why should I care
Are you playing in Yarborough Pairs?

- Change directions, I need a new chair
Hearts, Spades, Clubs, and Diamonds to Spare
I’m passing again, my hand’s really bare
Are you playing in Yarborough Pairs?

- Always defending, I never declare
Hearts, Spades, Clubs, and Diamonds to Spare
I have no honor, so better beware
Are you playing in Yarborough Pairs?
Yarborough (raised by lord Yarborough) is a hand with no card higher than a 9 (No Honor cards).

Nemesis
Bill Masterpoint is brilliant, at least it seems that way
Gets to the weirdest contrasts and finds the correct play
Its always gaimnt me and partner that Bill is at his best
Whenever I am sitting North, Bill’s sitting East or West
Bill’s bidding’s really simple, his style’s extremely bold
I’ve never seen him play a hand that was absolutely cold
I never learn, he’s doubled, it goes right to the end
I try my best to beat him but I always miscalculated
I invited Billy over, you may think I had guts
We even played for money, now I knew you think I’m Nuts
Bill brought his favorite partner, his confidence was high
And thanked me for the invitation to the old fish fry
I invited Bill by a mirror, the view was really grand
I could see ‘most every card in little Billy’s hand
So now the jinx is over, the game was so much fun
But for a couple of errors, I think we could have won, won, won
I think we could have won.

If Bill Masterpoint sat North or South I would not play against him.
Fish a term for a bad bridge player.
If you can see your opponent’s cards, there should be virtually no way to lose.

Trick Learnerick
To keep his fortune intact
Donald knows just how to react
He holds down his losses
With preemption clues
He calls it the NO! Trump contract
The young Doe just got off the wards
He fixed a man’s vocal chords
Nice work with his sounds
You’ve finished your rounds
It’s time that you pass your boards
Their clients were a real mix
Of people caught in a fix
Against two cereals dry
Class action they’d try
On case law of Total Tix

I really put both of my feet in
And seemed headin’ for a big beatin’
By the tone of the double
I knew it was trouble
Not takeout? I guess it is eat in.
It was a contest for the funnest skit
We practiced and practiced our wit
We arrived two minutes late
The judge was late
You missed! You four farst!

Board: A plastic device that contains the cards.
They are passed to the next table after each "Round".
Generally, you play 8-13 opponents, one on each round.
Law of Total Tricks: If you have 10 Diamonds and the opponents have 9 Spades, the total
tricks you could take in Diamonds plus those
that they can make in Spades is about 19. If
they can make 8 Spades, you should be able to
make 4 Diamonds.
Take out double ask partner to bid.
Four-four fit: You and partner each have 4
Spades, for example.

Psyching

I played a game the other night
Nearly got myself into a fight
Bid a Spade just like they teach
With points and spades, just two of each
My opponents just can’t take it
When I’m out there trying to fake it
And partner gets into a knot
When I’m bidding something I ain’t got
And director he just doesn’t like it
When I’m out there bidding Psychic

Well I really just lit up the joint
Bid One No, strong, without a point
With twenty-seven Steve bid three with a frown
And with all that stuff I still went down
This one’s true and it’s a whopper
I made Three no with no Spade stopper
And you know the thing that’s really cute
My opponents bid and raised the suit
Well I learned my lesson and changed my ways
I’m now true blue and yet it pays
And I play much more frequently
Cause now people want to play with me

My opponents found me tougher
Now that I am not a bluffer
And partners now give me full trust
Cause when I bid, I ain’t bust
And directors don’t think I am fooling
When they have to make a ruling

Psyching: Trick or psychological bids, trying to mislead your opponents-often misleading your partner in the process. Steve Glickman heard his partner open INT (15-18 points) and hold 27 points. He was about to bid 7NT, when he realized that there could not be that many points in the deck, so he bid only 3NT.

DI-DI Rector

You’re Partner’s Bidding’s quite efficient
Especially when insufficient
GREAT NEWS PARD! You are barred DI-Rector

DI DI Rector/12 Director where are you?

Jack’s noted as the greatest SCHMOOZER
Been known to sit upon a sofa
SPEED UP THE GAME! Make a claim DI-Rector

We had to seek investigation
The paa was made with hesitation
Did it entice the sacrifice DI-Rector

We’re so cool they made us sorry
New round’s here, the last is over
9 and 10? Let’s play ‘em again DI-Rector

The Queen of Hearts took some conniving
And fell face up during the auction
As you supposed, she was exposed, Director

Upon some further close inspection
The scores need just a WEE correction
The board’s reversed, we don’t come first DI-Rector

The “Director” is the referee.
Under the old rules, if you were already
overbid, and your next bid would get
partner to bid even more, you could legally
make an insufficient bid, which bared
partner. (That loophole has been closed.)
EG bid 4D after 45 was bid, so you could sign
off in 4 NT.

“Jack” sat on his only loser and said “The rest
are mine.”

Roving pair: To deal with half table, an
experienced pair is assigned this role because
d of the irregular movement they face. They
went to the wrong table to play the same hand
twice-as a no!
Exposed Card: Card faced illegally.
Reversed board: Incorrectly scored hand

Little Old Lady Blues

‘Twas the open pair final, ‘gainst two little old maids
I lean to my left, I see King third of Spades
Six No was declared by the hand on my right
I looked over her way(hey), there’s a wonderful sight

Her Spade holding was three to the Jack
I lead from my Ace, against slams attack!
She rue with the king, amazingly quick
And she made her six no, with a big overtrick

That opening lead sure turned to a flop
The ladies had scored an absolute top
When ake oh how in the world had she guessed
She replied with advice, keep your cards to your chest

She said honey oh honey
Keep your cards to your chest.

My hand: On lead S: A532
Dummy S:3K7
My partner’s hand: S: Q104
Declarer’s Hand: (Plays last): S:596
You lead the 2 of Spades against a slam,
and since in theory you would normally
lead the Ace or another suit (not low from the
Ace), the 100% normal play is low from the
dummy-not the K.

Hand Hog

You ain’t nothing but a hand hog (baby),
I’m dummy all the time (2)
I just can’t remember when you raised a suit of mine

When we play as partners (baby), our bidding’s a chore(2)

My one heart bid is a transfer to one spade

Yeh you opened, and I saw that you reversed (2)
But I can’t bid No Trump cause you ain’t bid it first
Well I bid Hearts first, and that was real nice
Yeh I bid Four Hearts, and that was real nice
Then you bid four Spades-you hog- as a sacrifice

You ain’t nothing but a hand hog (baby),
I’m dummy all the time (2)

When was the last time you raised a suit of mine?

Transfer: System where you bid the suit below
the one you hold-getting partner to bid it.
Reverse: (N): Open one Club and rebid 2
Diamonds, a higher suit at a higher level.
This is usually followed by a No Trump bid.
Sacrifice: Bidding to go down less than
opponent’s contract. Here it was against
partner!