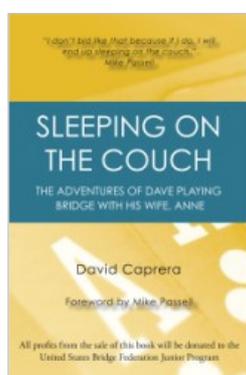


Sleeping on the Couch

The adventures of Dave playing bridge with his wife, Anne



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The author plays almost exclusively with his spouse and more often than not ends up “sleeping on the couch.” All the hands are from his monthly column in the local bridge region’s newsletter. Many of the columns feature only one hand rather than a deal where he discusses his actions and the thought processes behind them. Nevertheless the discussion featuring 2/1 GF, cue bidding and modern ideas is a good read.

This column featured a full hand:

Dealer W | Vul N-S

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Caprera, playing with his wife in a US regional teams event, was South. He could choose to bid 4♣, 4NT (both minors) or 3NT, while others might choose Pass, 5♣ or 4♥. Bob Hamman, one of the greatest players of all time, has a rule, “If you have a choice of reasonable bids and one of them is 3NT, then bid it.”

This is one of the last hands in the book and by now it is no surprise that the author chooses 3NT. The opening lead was the 7♠. When RHO won the spade Ace, he played the King, and when RHO continued with a spade, he said to his wife Annie “You aren’t going to like this result.” She promptly stood up and left the table.

A most enjoyable and humorous read. Note that all profits from the sale of the book are donated to the US junior bridge program. An extra encouragement to buy the book.