



BRIDGE WITH MR. GERSHOWITZ by Chuck Duke

When I first began playing bridge with Mr. Jerald Gershowitz, He gave me a write-up of his system, and that GAVE ME FITS. He said, don't worry, we can discuss the meaning of each bid.

And, over the next few weeks, that is exactly what we did.

One by one, we discussed what each opening bid meant. How'd this go? The example that follows might give some hint.

Jerald asked me, if you open two diamonds, is it weak or no?

He said, just let me know now what you'd LIKE it to show.

I replied, I like Roman, you know, a three-suiter, a treatment taught to ME by an experienced tutor.

A hand with four-four-four-one, or four-four-five-O,

Can be described to a tee by those in the know.

JERALD said, I know YOUR Roman, but that's not for us,

I reject it for the reasons I now shall discuss.

Any system should consider frequency of use.

I hope this explanation if not too obtuse.

Jerald said, the odds of being dealt four-four-four-one,

Are only 2.99, and that is NOT a ton.
And, even if you add hands of 0-five-four-four,
The percentage increase is only 1.24.
Therefore, as any rank novice can plainly see.
The percent likelihood of YOUR Roman is only 4.23.
4.23 percent is only about one board per session.
He said, my method is better, let me give you a lesson.
The Roman hand shape should be five-four-three-one, OK?
The charts I've given to you show this is the best way!
Five-four-three-one occurs at a 12.93 percent rate,
Over three times as often as YOUR Roman, which I hate.
He said, MY version of Roman should make a big hit!
You can still show your singleton and still find your fit.
I said, but Jerald, is learning all the follow-up bids hard?
He said, don't worry, I'll write them on our convention card.
Yes, Jerald's bidding theories are sometimes hard to follow,
And when you forget them, the results are hard to swallow.
What was memorized in December to be JERALD'S way,
For an occasional partner, can easily fade away by May.
Yes, Jerald has a very analytical mind; myself I repeat.
STILL, acquiring one-thousand Master Points is no easy feat.
Silver Life Master is a goal many bridge players set.
But, the majority of bridge players are not there yet.
HOWEVER! JERALD, with all his CHARTS and BOOKS on his shelf,
Would be a GRAND Master, if only he could play with himself.

Some Things

by Jerald Gershowitz

Some things seem snorious,
Others uproarious.
Some are like a furious
Others just porious.

And some are glorious
If not notorious.
Some things just floorious
When they don't worrious.

They stretch and bendorious...
They're of so sensorious.
They reach and futhorious
And send us asoarious.

The wind whistleorious,
The music sonorious.
And all's happiforious...
It touch and restorious.

Some things make muchmorious,
Others vainglorious;
Some just dropporious
While we're asnorious

Give Me One of Those, Please

by Jerald Gershowitz

Yes, I would like a woman...
for me.

Oh yes...simple as a caress,
A loving woman
in a dress...
for me.

And I would ask for quality
and accept duality
...for free
And all that I ask
is for a woman to pass her time...
with me.

O yes, so lovingly natural, and delicate,
The touch and the smile
so effeminate.

Yes, oh yes!
Reserve me a woman
Light, kind-hearted and happy, yes,
Ever so happy...
to be...
with me.