

## **Ultimate Defence: Prologue**

When I first started playing bridge some 50 years ago the game (well, a least OUR game) was still in its infancy but we liked to pride ourselves on being good card players, and had confidence in our own ability as well as that of our partner. That is not an easy thing to do, to have confidence in our partner, is it? But we did realise that defence was such a difficult part of the game that we just had to try and work on it with a partner who was prepared to reciprocate. I believe our best results were achieved through really good fence.

In those days we knew ONLY two ways of signalling: Encourage/Discourage, and Count Signals. Things have changed somewhat since then, and I have developed many additional ways to help with defence.

I wrote the following chapters of "Ultimate Defence" some time ago. Unfortunately the only format I have kept is in PDF which I am unable to reconvert back to a version that I can edit. So I ask the reader for indulgence: there will be a number of typing erros and misspellings. I hope not too many inaccuracies in the analysis though.

I do hope that the chapters here will help the reader understand what good defence is about and how, with an understanding partner, you can reach the ultimate in defence ability. I suggest you read as few or as many, chapters at a time as you can manage.

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