

# Conclusion

Once while on vacation in Tel Aviv, Israel, I played a ball game with my two nieces, 5 and 8 years old. The game's main principle was 2 against 1. Naturally, my nieces teamed up against me and instantly lost. However, after a game or two, they started strategizing. Before each new game, they had a brief (and discreet) conversation. They would go over codes that they invented, thereby improving their partnership strategy against me. And what do you know? They started winning.

Similarly, **bridge is a partnership game**. You win together, lose together, and improve together. Try to spend time with your partner talking about bridge. For instance, discuss the concepts in this book. Many of the lessons contain conventions and tactics which require partnership agreements. To be effective, both players must be on the same wavelength. The mutual decision to play a new convention should not be taken lightly. Just as a solidly tested bidding or defense convention improves your game, it is also true that a partnership that plays too many conventions or plays conventions that are quite complicated may lose more than it gains. If you feel that you are not ready for a new convention, let your partner know. Communicate with your partner!

At all levels of the game, the key to success is a strong partnership. Two people working together, cooperating with a similar purpose of winning, playing good bridge, or just having fun makes this game we love so wonderful. Aspire to be part of a wonderful bridge partnership!