

## ***Back Through the Pack* - Book Review**

Decades ago Richard Darvas and Norman Hart produced a bridge classic entitled *Right Through the Pack*, where every card in the deck had the opportunity to play a key role in the play of a hand. Consider this the sequel, *Back Through the Pack*, 52 intriguing deals from British author Julian Pottage (Squeeze Books, Vivisphere Publishing of Poughkeepsie, New York). Once again, every card has the opportunity to play a pivotal role, even the one card Charlie Brown in

“Peanuts” once compared himself to, the lowly deuce of clubs.

The book is much a study of the eternal vigilance required at the bridge table. You never can tell what seemingly unassuming card is going to make the big difference in the play of the hand. It isn't always the high cards. A variety of low spots may play an important role when it comes to arranging an uppercut in the trump suit, preserving an exit card for an endplay, maneuvering a crucial unblocking play, or drawing a subtle inference.