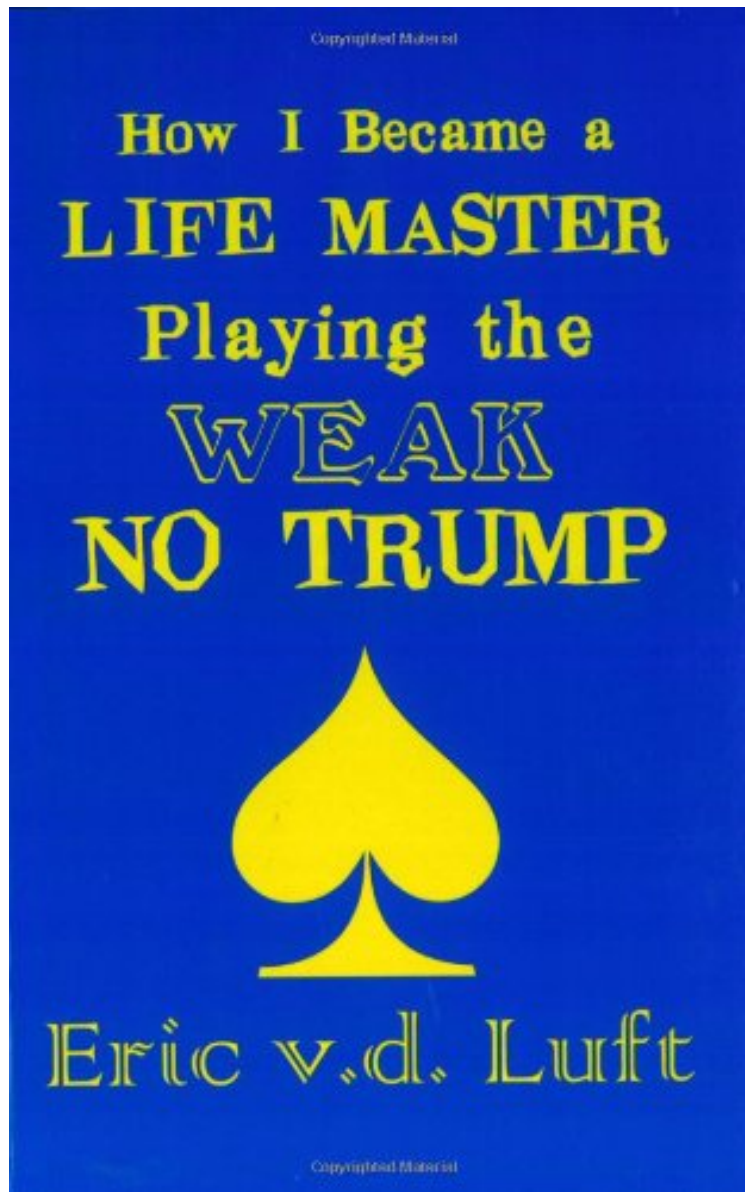


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Eric v.d. Luft : How I Became a Life Master Playing the Weak No Trump before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised How I Became a Life Master Playing the Weak No Trump:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. the book is worse than they suggestBy Robin HillyardHaving played the weak notrump and, more specifically, Kaplan-Sheinwold for most of my bridge career (I'm a Gold Life Master), I

was interested in this guy's take on it. I was particularly tempted by what I perceived as unfair, reactionary comments in the other reviews. Unfortunately, the other critical reviews were all well-justified. In fact, the book is worse than they suggest. Heaven forbid any aspiring player would actually read it and follow its practices. A lot of it is just plain wrong. For example, his advice to respond one spade to one heart with any 5+ point hand with four spades, regardless of whether it has heart support. Or to respond to 1C with 1H with: void xxxx AKQxxxxxx void (should such a hand ever arise). This kind of advice demonstrates an utter lack of comprehension of how to play bridge. Particularly alarming, and no doubt causing Kaplan and Sheinwold to roll in their graves, is this (from the back cover): "A comprehensive exposition of the Kaplan-Sheinwold bidding system, incorporating up-to-date aggressive methods." What incredible arrogant rubbish! There is no comparison between this book and Andy Stark's book (mentioned in other reviews). The latter is a serious attempt to discuss the best methods for playing (and defending) the weak no trump. Most of the former book's space is actually devoted to sequences that do not even start with 1NT.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good Bridge book By Ray Stwalley Good book, well written author uses the methods he advocates 3 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Better title "How to shoot Pigeons" By Claude W. Cain III, PhD I am a professional Bridge teacher and Professional player and have been for over 40 years. I have been playing the disciplined weak no trump (a la Kaplan-Sheinwold) for virtually all of that time and advocating it as an incredibly potent weapon. Mr. von der Luft is suggesting an approach that is great for intimidating weaker players at side games in Regionals and sectionals but would get a player killed against any decent competition, and I would love to play against him for money. Many fine players started playing the Weak No Trump in a disciplined manner at the international and National levels with great success because of this discipline, especially when it came to enable partner to double the opponents for substantial profit, regardless of the form of competition. Mr. von der Luft may have made Life Master. I will bet he did it AFTER the ACBL cheapened the masterpoint scale to the point where anyone could become a Life Master simply by sitting down at the table enough times, even to the point where the title lost its meaning and the ACBL "raised the bar" to 500 points from 300. Now the title means only that you know which table to go to when the round is called and probably can name the suits in proper order. I wonder if Mr. von der Luft knows what a reverse bid is...I have (unfortunately) met too many so-called Life Masters who cannot. Mr. von der Luft's book is like offering a loaded gun to a child to play. Spend your money elsewhere.

A comprehensive exposition of the Kaplan-Sheinwold bidding system, incorporating up-to-date aggressive methods. Advantages of this Aggressive Weak No Trump bidding system include: (1) A greater proportion of limit bids and a higher frequency of bids in general, improving communication between partners. (2) More accurate low-level descriptive bids, making it easier during the auction to envision the probable play of the hand and to find your best contract. (3) Increased use of preempts, making it more difficult for the opponents to find their best possible result in a competitive auction.

"Kaplan and Sheinwold ... might well turn in their graves over Luft's aggressive stance." --The Bridge World About the Author Eric v.d. Luft has been a Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League since 1995.