

Let's Play Bridge

Board number 8 produced varied results at the Acton Bridge Club last Monday night.

Dealer East.
Neither side vulnerable.

North		South	
S-A 1084	H-1093	D-975	C-1
West		East	
S-O 1976525-3	H-K 6	H-87543	D-1063
H-K 6	D-1063	C-1	C-10986
South		North	
S-K	H-A O	D-O J 4	C-A K O 5432

Bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2C 3S 4D
Pass 4C Pass 5C
Pass Pass Pass

The above bidding is the way it was bid the time my partner and I played the board. South does not have a true two bid since there are four possible losers. However, I know that many players do open demand bids that do not meet the standards of the bridge experts.

I was sitting in the west position. Now I realize that my three spade bid was not good, but with South opening a demand I wanted to block the exchange of information between North and South. Also I find that many players either will not double or will not leave in a double when they have a big hand. If South would leave in North's double, I would have gone down four tricks for minus 700 and a bottom board.

However South bid four clubs and North carried to five. One pair played the hand a 3 no trumps for a good score but top score went to one pair who were doubled at 5 clubs.

Overtricks are important at duplicate bridge, so South should worry about how to take twelve tricks, since the contract for eleven tricks is cold. There is only one sure entry to dummy and that is the club jack.

The opening lead was the queen of spades taken by the king in declarer's hand. Declarer now went to the board with the club jack and lead the ace of spades. This play is not likely to succeed. The three spade bid by west should tip off south that spades will break very badly. As it was east ruffed the spade ace and declarer was held to 11 tricks.

I would suggest that declarer should have taken the club jack, ruffed a spade to get back to south and drawn trump. Now south can lead the diamond queen, followed by the diamond jack. If the ace of diamonds is singleton or doubleton this will make the king an entry in dummy. If the ace is with west and not singleton or doubleton then west will be ended play. That is west must lead a spade and allow the ace to win or a heart giving south a "free" finesse or a diamond to the king in dummy. The only time this line of play fails is when east has ace and ten diamonds all together.

Learn to play the odds when planning your contract. In this example the odds are ace of spades not being ruffed at third round about 25% of the time in view of west's spade bid, heart finesse at third trick is 50%, A10XX of diamonds in east hand only about 10% of the time.

And so until next week enjoy your bridge and remember that bridge is a partnership game. This week's winners: first Mike Lorusso and his partner Bruce McQuarrie; second Duke Wilson, partnered with Boyd Garland; third Mrs. D. West playing with Mrs. E. Johnston.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Writer Airs Views On Closing By-Law

The Free Press. Dear Sir: An unsolicited note hopefully intended to be helpful to people deciding the issue of closing hour by-law. Restaurant operators do not decide to stay open prescribed, comfortable hours. They are open late evenings for people who want to eat there. Theatre operators aren't open in the morning so employees can go to work and home again with their social associates. They are open in the evening when people generally can go to the theatre. Transportation services operate when people want to be transported, no matter what hour.

Medical doctors are a fairly determined group of professional people and they open their offices and work at nights when people can go to see them. An astonishing percentage (above 90) of retail business in

County NDPs Elect New Slate

At the annual general meeting held in Oakville arena on Thursday night, November 29, over 100 members of Halton's New Democratic Party met to nominate and elect their executive for the coming year. The following members were declared elected: president, Patrick Clancy, Burlington; vice-president, Dennis Clark, Oakville; secretary, Sheila Spies, Oakville (Miss Spies is a daughter of Mrs. Kay Spies, campaign manager for Carl Rouleau, the N.D.P. candidate in the last federal election); treasurer, David Law, Oakville; organizer, Bill Cumpsty, Georgetown. Members at large are Bill Gilles, Oakville; Michael Heas, Oakville; James Adams, Georgetown and Murray Kernihan, Milton. Provincial delegate is Carl Rouleau of Oakville and alternate is Mrs. Audrey Gibson, Oakville.

Actonians Declined: All areas of the county were well represented. The members from Acton who were nominated declined, owing to the pressure of other activities within the party.

Members also heard reports from the outgoing secretary, treasurer, organizer and provincial delegate. Carl Rouleau, in his report on provincial affairs, told members that in view of the nature of the Throne Speech delivered in Queen's Park last week, an early election should be expected, perhaps around the end of January. Medicare, he felt, would be an election promise of all parties, but reminded his audience that the only effective Medicare Plan was the one put forward by the New Democratic Party. The plan submitted by the Liberals was hazy and confused and the Conservatives propose nothing more than the continuation of the present private insurance and P.S.I. coverage which is totally inadequate in view of present needs, he said. The word Medicare as used by the Conservatives to cloak this plan was a misnomer.

THANK YOU
TO THE ELECTORS OF ACTON FOR THE SUPPORT ACCORDED ME AT THE RECENT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
Season's Greetings
Sincerely,
Roy Goodwin

ACTON GROUP Wolf Cub - Boy Scout News

"A" PACK

An unexpected short meeting last Monday night prevented the Pack from carrying out their full special program of games. Difficulty in getting Akela's "new" key to work in the front door lock was encountered and assistance from Group Committeeman G. Haggitt opened the way into the hall.

Two "new chums" became Wolf Cubs as they made their promise before Akela and The Pack. Danny Arsenault and Gordon Williams were the successful boys to be invested.

Six competition was started with points being awarded for attendance, dues and inspection. During the games of the evening the Tawny Six seemed to come out on top for the night with a total of 33 points. In second place was the Yellow Six with 27 points, third, Red Six, 24 points; fourth, White Six, 22 points and in fifth, the Blue Six with 19.

Next week - a continuation of the Six competition and another investiture.

For the past three weeks special articles dealing with Cubbing have been contained in this column. This week we will switch to the Scout section of the group and evaluate "12 Good Reasons Why Your Boy Should Become a Scout."

1. SCOUTING FILLS A BOY'S SPARE TIME - With healthy occupations in healthy company.
2. SCOUTING GIVES A BOY CHARACTER - Which is essential to success in any career.
3. SCOUTING IS TRAINING IN CITIZENSHIP - We are out to make good individual citizens.
4. SCOUTING GIVES A BOY OPPORTUNITIES OF SERVICE - For God and his neighbor. This is the basis of religion.
5. SCOUTING MAKES A BOY HANDY - His hobbies are useful at home as well as interesting to himself.
6. SCOUTING GIVES A BOY A SENSE OF HONOUR AND LOYALTY - He will not let you down or tell a lie.
7. SCOUTING TEACHES A BOY SELF-RELIANCE - So that he can fend for himself and help other people.
8. SCOUTING GIVES A BOY HEALTH - Through open-air exercise and self-care he gains a sound mind in a healthy body.
9. SCOUTING FINDS A BOY'S NATURAL GIFTS - And so helps to find square holes for square pegs in the choice of career.
10. SCOUTING GIVES A BOY HAPPINESS - Through cheery comradeship and the enjoyment of nature.
11. SCOUTING WIDENS A BOY'S HORIZON - By correspondence and direct contact it develops association with boys of other countries.
12. SCOUTING WILL MAKE A MAN OF YOUR BOY - And the sort of man you would wish him to be.

L.O.L. Life Membership Given Bro. A. Leishman

An honorary life membership was presented to Bro. Allan Leishman at the last meeting of L.O.L. 467. Bro. Harry Price conducted the election of officers and Bro. Roy F. Nightingale was elected the installation. When the business session had closed a very enjoyable lunch was served by Bro. Ken McDonald. A cheque has been sent to the Orange and Free Blue Delegation at Richmond Hill. A list of Brothers included: Bro. Allan Leishman, 1st Lecturer; Bro. Ray Agnew, 2nd Lecturer; Bro. James Vick, 3rd Lecturer; Bro. Alex. Green, 4th Lecturer; Bro. Harry Price, 5th Lecturer; Bro. Roy F. Nightingale, 6th Lecturer; Bro. Ken McDonald, 7th Lecturer; Bro. Harry Turpin, 8th Lecturer; Bro. Ralph Barber, 9th Lecturer; Bro. Ken McDonald, 10th Lecturer; Bro. Harry Turpin, 11th Lecturer; Bro. Ralph Barber, 12th Lecturer. Other Brothers included: Bro. Allan Leishman, Bro. Harry Price, Bro. Roy F. Nightingale, Bro. Ken McDonald, Bro. Harry Turpin, Bro. Ralph Barber, Bro. Alex. Green, Bro. Ray Agnew, Bro. James Vick, Bro. Allan Leishman, Bro. Harry Price, Bro. Roy F. Nightingale, Bro. Ken McDonald, Bro. Harry Turpin, Bro. Ralph Barber, Bro. Alex. Green, Bro. Ray Agnew, Bro. James Vick.

"Pop" Bottle Ideal Fire Extinguisher

A soft drink bottle containing carbonated beverages is the handiest, least expensive fire extinguisher for small fires in your car or home. Chief Clement said the carbonation in a pop bottle is pressure enough to squelch any small paper, wood or textile type of fire. Simply shake it up and poke a small hole in the cap of the bottle, then spray the contents toward the base of the flames, he said. This type of makeshift extinguisher is not suitable for oil, grease or electrical fires, however. It's still wise to have a regular extinguisher.

Thank You

Ratepayers of Nassagaweya

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the voters of Nassagaweya township who supported me in the recent election on Monday, December 3. And may I take this opportunity to wish you the compliments of the season.

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