

Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Here is another interesting hand that occurred at the Spring Nationals held recently in Cleveland. I was playing with Bill Burns of Oakville when this one came up.

West dealt with East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
S-Void
H-A-K-6-5
D-4-3-2
C-10-7-6-5-3-2

WEST
S-Q-10-6
H-7
D-A-K-Q-9-7-4
C-A-Q-J

EAST
S-K-J-9-8-5
H-4-3
D-3-10-8-2
C-K-4

SOUTH
S-A-7-4-3-2
H-Q-J-10-9-8-7
D-2
C-9

with the club ace. Now he tried the diamond ace but the defence was through. South spread his hand and claimed the balance of the tricks.

Every heart that declarer has is higher than those held by East or West. After raking his spade ace, declarer can cross ruff the hand out and make 10 trump tricks.

Even if the defence leads trump, declarer can set up the club suit in dummy for discards. Five hearts doubled was an excellent result for North-South.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Helen Hyde and Dick Priest; second, Duke Wilson and Kay Campbell; third, Bob Dickson and Jack Coats.



AN OLD STUMP FENCE, provided added fuel for a grass fire over the weekend, eight of them on Sunday. (Staff Photo)

The bidding:

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| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| 1D | PASS | 1S | 2H |
| 4D | 5H | PASS | PASS |
| DBLE | ALL PASS | | |

There is an much to the play on this deal. West's opening bid is natural as is North's pass and East's bid of one spade. Most duplicate players would overcall two hearts with South's hand.

West has a very strong hand and must show it with a jump bid. What should North do? His hand has enough strength and distribution to support hearts. Should he settle for four hearts? The opponents would surely go on. How about six hearts? This would put the opponents to a guess at the slam level.

However, North settled for five hearts. This proved to be just right. East West can make five diamonds but not six and they cannot make five spades.

The five heart bid was meant as a sacrifice. That is, North did not really expect to make five hearts. A small set would be better than an East-West game.

West led the diamond king which won and followed this

At the Legion hall

Activities at Branch 197

By Charlie Thomson

Friday night's euchre saw Fred Kentner take first place and the steaks with a 64 while Gerald Tiberi and Sid Rankin carded 61's to tie for second and divide the steaks. Tiny Wells took home the bacon with the hidden score of 34.

Mixed euchre Saturday night saw a deadlock between Joan Taylor and Jill McLaren for top spot and the steaks. They each scored a 57. Marg Jordan got the bacon with a 44.

Del Jordan and Doris Morton each scored a 59 to tie for top and steaks in the men's winners. Yours truly hunched up the bacon with a 40 and it was lovely.

Clark Holmes of Georgetown won the monthly 50-50 draw in aid of Legion minor sports.

In sick bay this week are Norm Morton and Jimmy McKnight, both in Guelph General Hospital. Time on your hands? Go up and visit the boys.

Acton Branch's dart team were runners-up in the Legion Inter-county Dart Tournament in Burlington last Saturday.

Seven Legion branches were represented at the tourney from Georgetown, Burlington, Oakville, Brampton, Milton, Port Credit and Acton. The tournament was a round robin.

The six players on the Acton team were Gil Malcolm, Mike Davis, Bill Nicolak, Stan Collett, Frank Winters and Barney Ernst.

Give fire truck room

limit 500 feet - O.P.P.

The reporting week of April 6 to April 12 was one of moderate activity at the Acton Detachment. The town cruiser has patrolled 815 miles while the men worked a total of 184 duty hours. Two accidents were investigated, one of which involved three vehicles and injured a small child. One dozen motorists were issued traffic citations for various offences while nine more were warned.

The general occurrences were plentiful. However, most of them were of a minor nature, requiring little time to investigate. A break and enter, drunk, a liquor seizure and a report of malicious damage were investigated and charges have been laid as a result.

No court was held in Milton on Monday due to the Easter holiday weekend.

The past few days, the local fire department has responded to numerous alarms in the Acton area. It has come to the attention of the police that when the fire truck is proceeding to the fire, it is followed and sometimes overtaken by anxious people wishing to see the fire.

Section 79 (2) of the Highway Traffic Act states: "No driver of a vehicle shall follow a fire department vehicle when responding to an alarm at a distance of less than 500 feet."

If you wish to see the fire stay at least 500 feet behind the truck and when you arrive at the fire, stay out of the firemen's way and let them do their job quickly.

New Scoutmaster 1st Acton troop

Assistant Scoutmaster Ross Budgett has accepted the Scoutmaster's post with the 1st Acton Troop following the resignation of Scouter Henry DeVries.

Mr. DeVries resigned because of personal commitments.

The new scoutmaster had the scout soccer team out practicing Saturday and claims his 10 to 13 year-olds are going to be a hard aggregation to beat.

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Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

By Denis Gibson



Roy Swan, president of The Acton Minor Baseball Association has made arrangements for an all-star team out of this year's bantam house league to play exhibition games against a team chosen from the Milton house league. There is also a possibility that Campbellville will form a team and perhaps a small league can be organized.

Acton will be holding another registration, at the arena from 9 until 12 on Saturday April 26, and if enough interest is shown, an inter-town league may be organized for novice and pee-wee as well.

Fans will be interested to know that Wayne Marshall, who got his start as a referee and lineman in Acton is being called upon to officiate several final series' games in both the O.M.H.A. and the O.H.A.

Wayne, who is now a member of the Guelph Referees' Association, refereed games in the O.M.H.A. "AAA" bantam and midget finals between Toronto and Sarnia.

In addition, he has been kept busy hopping around from St. Catharines, to Galt, to Montreal, where he has been acting as linesman in both the O.H.A. Junior "A" final between the Montreal Junior Canadiens and the St. Catharines Black Hawks, and the Eastern Canada Allan Cup Final between Galt and Victoriaville, P.O.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EXPRESS THANKS

Dear Sirs:

The executive of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society would like to thank you for the excellent coverage and photos you gave us for our Family night at the High School.

Despite the nasty weather, we had a good crowd, due to the fine advertising. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Joan Ford, Sec'y.

the world of ...

OUTDOORS

with ART HAWES

Top score this week at Maple Rock Shooting Range was 25 straight, Jim Coulson setting the pace. Other scores were Tom Dearing, Bill Miller and Jim Boose 22, Gord Johnston 16 and a visitor, John Winters, also got 16 in his first try at trap shooting.

A meeting is being held this week to set the date for the annual Breckon shoot at Appleby trap club. The annual competition is between the four trap clubs in Halton.

PUBLIC HUNTING AREA BEING DEVELOPED ON BRUCE PENINSULA

One of the larger projects being undertaken by the department of lands and forests in Lake Huron Forest District involves development work on the future Johnson Harbour Public Hunting Area on the Bruce Peninsula.

The trails in this area will be cleared of windfalls and encroaching shrubs to provide easier access. To provide food and cover for ruffed grouse, deer and rabbit, birdsfoot trefoil and red clover will be sown on the areas of deeper soils that are free of heavy grass competition.

Plans for stream improvement work on Willow Creek in the Johnson Harbour area are pending until more information is gathered on what can be done to improve the conditions for trout in this excellent stream. It is felt by the fish and wildlife staff, that a limited amount of work can be done to construct resting pools.

In other areas the placement of gabions or breakwaters to restrict and accelerate the flow of water will provide the riffles used as food production areas as well as spawning areas. Where necessary and desirable, the clearing of trees from certain areas, followed by cultivation and seeding to desirable grasses will stabilize the bank, as well as narrow and deepen the stream to provide better trout habitat.

Habitat improvement work is also planned for the Puslinch Tract, located just east of Hespler. Approximately 9,500 trees and shrubs are to be planted to provide food and cover for wildlife. This project is a continuation of work which commenced several years ago.

14 weekend fires keep brigade on hop

Even the Indians would have been confused by the variety of smoke signals which wreathed through blue Spring skies over the weekend.

But for Acton Firefighters the signals spelled out 14 grass fires, most of them in Nassagaweya township but a few in Erin and Esqueping townships as well.

The Acton brigade was running from Friday when they answered one call until Monday morning. There were four fires on Saturday, eight on Sunday and another Monday at noon.

Fire Chief Mick Holmes said most of the fires were caused by people burning grass off and flames got out of control.

Neighboring brigades were just about as busy rushing to blazes. Erin, Milton, Georgetown and Rockwood firefighters reported a heavy demand for their services.

After the weekend was over firefighters breathed a collective sigh of relief.

Although forest fires sometimes start from unusual means such as bottles acting as magnifying glasses or high-tension wires igniting fuels, most are due to simple carelessness in the use of smoking materials, campfires or debris-burning fires.

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