

Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Well, last week it finally happened. We have had snow storms, ice storms, rain and fog in the past but the Acton Bridge Club carried on. However, last week's freezing rain really did it. Only two hardy souls from Acton showed up and no one from out of town even tried to get here. For the first time in eight years, the Acton Bridge Club did not hold a regularly scheduled game.

Quiz this week

Since I have not been playing any rubber bridge and since I missed my weekly duplicate bridge I just don't have a hand to write about so I thought I'd try a quiz instead. This quiz is very basic and covers several points that I stress in my bridge classes. Your partner opens the bidding one spade and your right-hand opponent passes. What do you respond with each of the following hands?

1. S-73H-AK9642D-7432C-Q
2. S-KJ83H-Q72D-A642C-Q3
3. S-J973H-K53D-872C-K53
4. S-Q108632H-VoidD-A9532C-107

Answers given

- Answers:
1. One no trump. In spite of your six card suit headed by the ace and the king, you cannot bid two hearts. Any response at the two level shows a minimum of ten points. Your partner may drive to game with only sixteen points and you will probably not make. It is more important to show the value of your hand rather than the best suit in your hand.
 2. Two diamonds. You want to support spades you will at your next opportunity. Your bid cannot be passed. Unfortunately a simple raise shows only 6 to 10 points and a jump raise shows 13 to 15 points. Since you hold 12 points you must make a temporizing bid.
 3. Two spades. Here the choice is between two spades and one no trump. Since your hand is worth only one positive response make it the one that will do your side the most good. You have found a trump suit between the two hands and it's up to you to tell your partner that you can support his spades.
 4. Four spades. This is the one bid that really confuses new bridge players. If a simple raise shows 6 to 10 points, how can a double jump raise show this poor hand? Highly distributional hands cannot be shown scientifically. All you know is that your partner has a spade suit

Township declines to pay bill

Erin Township Council received a letter from an area resident enclosing a \$12. snowblowing bill.

The letter explained blowing on the township roads was necessary in order to reach a lane the resident had been hired to clear.

No precedents

Clerk Elmer McKinnon was instructed to write a letter of appreciation for the service, but advising that council declined to set a precedent by paying the bill since the resident was not called in by the road department.

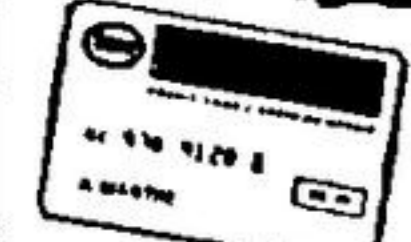
Road Superintendent Ed Bardou commented that the road crew would make a special effort at any time to clear a road in times of necessity. If residents would just contact the township office or himself.

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A letter from Eden Mills

By V. K. Barrow

Eden Mills, Ont.
24 May, 1968.

Dear May:

Thank you for your letter. How quickly they come these days. Spring here once more. Although it hasn't been a bad winter. I find that it averages out at about three really bad driving days a year. Though, of course, I do get away for a while at the worst time. So perhaps that's not a really fair estimate. I have just stowed the snow

shovel and snowshoes away, having left them on the porch until I'd cleaned out the shed. Optimistically, I put those snowshoes ready each year and each year seem to find easy excuses for not getting out with Gladys as we always plan in the fall.

One Saturday, though, I did go for a walk up the river with her and then into her house for a cup of tea. Irene Turner joined us and you may be sure we had a good old chat.

Buds swell

Everything is beginning to look

green again. One of the things I've particularly noticed here is the gradual swelling of the buds — especially in those two large maples down at the road. I didn't realize before how early they start. You can notice a change by about the third week in January — a good time of the year to see such encouraging signs.

I've finally thrown away all my poinsettia plants. But I had quite an interesting time with them. Last year I actually had one 'poinsett' for me. Thinking of how they grow in Florida I had set it out during the previous summer

in the sunniest spot I could find. So I tried it again, including a couple I'd received for Christmas.

When I brought them in last fall it looked as if I'd have about a dozen 'blooms', nary a one! I think it may have been because we had so little sun in November. Anyway, I spent the whole winter trying to find a window they liked. They got tall and lanky and, frankly, I'm glad to see the last of them.

Lovely here

It was so lovely around here yesterday morning — soft and rainy. There was a little rabbit huddled under one of the apple trees — hardly large enough leaves to offer much protection. It fixed me with an unblinking eye and when I moved away — the camera it also moved away — scuttered, is more the word.

Later in the day when the rain had stopped I saw a couple of them cropping the grass just outside dad's window. They are there quite often, and seldom move unless we deliberately walk in that direction.

Coming home from church last Sunday I stopped in to have a chat with Susie and Wilk Wilson. Their garden was looking shipshape. And they will be having the usual excellent show of roses next month. I am going to a baby shower next Tuesday. Another of the customs here is that when anyone marries or has a baby they make a collection through the village. My friends know I like to be included, so, if I'm away one or other will put up a dollar for me.

Do hope things go well with you, dear.

Love, Val.

Classifieds sell, hire

Response to classified advertisements in the Acton Free Press are praised by advertisers who really want to sell, rent, get help and other categories which make up the pages.

Last week three apartments were rented with the use of a small classified, a man was hired, a car sold, furniture sold and these were only a few of the successful advertisers contacted.

All reported several calls from interested buyers indicating the number of classified readers looking for bargains.

You may place an advertisement simply by phoning 853-2010 and asking for the classified department.

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