

Getting to know bridge

Last Tuesday was a special event at the Georgetown Bridge Club. The Georgetown members competed in a Team of Four game for a trophy awarded annually for this event.

The scoring of this game is unlike the regular game. In this game one wins, loses or ties each board played. This type of scoring usually creates a certain amount of aggressiveness in bidding and play.

The two teams who were aggressive in the bidding and bid slam each failed to guess the suit of spades for a loss. The two teams that played for the King to drop were the winners. This was the hand.

THE HAND
Bd. No. 16
Dir. - W
Vul. - E-W

S - A Q 10 7 6 5 4 2
N - H - K
D - 5
C - 10 8 5

S - J 3
H - J 5 3 2
D - Q 9 6 4 2 W
C - 9 2

S - K
E - H - A 10 9 7 4
D - K 8 7 3
C - 7 6 4

S - 9 8
H - Q 8 6
D - A J 10
C - A K Q J 3

THE ANALYSIS

After West passes, North should open 4 S (3 S would show a 7-card suit), and that should end the auction. South should consider slam, but this would require North to have only one loser in the majors and this seems optimistic.

It would appear that declarer should lose a heart and a spade (taking the finesse is the correct percentage play when missing three to the King), and this is what would happen if East cashes the H-ace at trick one. But if East makes the more normal lead of a club or a diamond, North is presented with an alternate line.

The idea is if the player with the S-King has 3 clubs, declarer can get rid of his heart on the fourth club. North may lead to the S-ace at trick two planning to run the clubs and reap an unexpected bonanza when the S-King falls - making seven and a bundle of points.

The first place team and the trophy winners was team 7; He Mikkelson, H. Hansen, R. Clarke and R. Raymond. The second place team was team 5; P. Gifford, G. Powell, I. Sireti and R. Turton. Tied for third place were teams 4 and 8; E. Ashworth, B. Slater, R. Glide and P. Kumar; Fred Allen, Gus Flesch, B. Cote and M. Allen.

The Novice section played as well with Frank and Pat Ball winning overall. The Novice Night is held at the Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club every second and fourth Tuesday in the month. All games are scheduled to start at 19:45 h. (7:45 p.m.).

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