

Getting to know duplicate

Bridge buffs handle the 'phantom save'

In an earlier article, the "phantom save" was introduced. A "save" occurs at a special time when, for example, the north-south arrives at a contract of 4 spades vulnerable to earn plus 620 points.

To prevent the north-south pair from scoring the above, east-west, not vulnerable, might bid 5 clubs. In this contract, east-west may very well be unsuccessful and allow the north-south pair to defeat their contract by a number of tricks.

Even if the north-south pair doubles the east-west bid and

defeats it by three tricks the score the north-south pair would earn is 500 points. This is a "save" for the east-west pair since north-south was prevented from earning the 620 they would have received for the 4 spades; a saving of 120 points. The "phantom save" occurs

when east-west makes a bid that loses more points than north-south would have made had they been allowed to play their bid contract.

This phenomenon occurred in today's hand played by the Georgetown Bridge Club members. This was the hand.

Bd. No. 7
Dir. S
Vul. Both

S - Q6
H - AQ8
D - KQJ103
C - 1076

S - AJ732
H - K96532
D - 9
C - 5

THE HAND

S - K965
H - J104
D - 65
C - QJ93

S - 104
H - 7
D - A8742
C - AK842

THE ANALYSIS:

Game cannot be legitimately made by either side, but some strong sounding bidding might stampede N-S into taking a "phantom save" over E-W's

5-D contract. It's extremely difficult for E-W to judge their combined strength accurately enough to stop below game level. A possible auction may be:

South	West	North	East
P	1-D	P	2-C
Dbl 3-C	P	3-S	5-D
P	P	P	

Although South should pass, shown the full extent of his hand on the second round, some players may persist with 5-S. This is a costly decision for it trades a plus score for a minus score. E-W can come to only 10 tricks if the defenders collect their spade tricks at the start, while 5-S should go down 3 tricks.

North-South winners at the Georgetown Club were Arthur Kwei and Petar Gostovic. Second place was awarded to Kay Campbell and Mike Lorusso who won over third place Bert Smith and Cam Sinclair by a half point.

East-West winners were

Rick Hoffman and Bill Sheryer with second going to Bob Clarke and Ron Glide. Third was Jack Krane and Grant Real.

The Open Pairs Club Championships at the Georgetown Club will be held Nov. 17. The club Christmas Party will be held Dec. 22.

The club extends a welcome to all to come and play bridge. The club meets every Tuesday evening at the Legion Hall on Mill Street in Georgetown. The game starts at 7:45 p.m. and we guarantee everyone a game. Don't worry about bringing a partner. Come and play bridge.

Caledon bridge club

Results of the Caledon Bridge Club, October 28: N.S. 1. Marlene McFadden and Ken Pearce, 2. Archie Dash and Danny Ioannidis, 3. Grace and Jack Wilkinson. E.W. 1. Tanya Blatnick and Jim Paterson, 2. Bob Cureton and George Marr, 3. Maureen Walker and Steve Young. Results of Oct. 29: N.S. 1. Anne Reid and John Franklin, 2. Shirley and Bob Austin, 3. Jim Paterson and Bob Dickson. E.W. 1. Gay Simmons and Jack McFadden, 2. Ruth and Hugh Mulligan, 3. Gene Gillespie and Bobbie Morrow.



OFF TO HAWAII!

It's never too late to leave the continent. Jim and Jessie Fisher (centre) have won a trip for two to Hawaii with \$3,500 spending money. The Georgetown couple have never travelled outside of the continent and look forward to the prize they won Thursday in a Zellers Canada-wide sweepstake. Congratulating them are Gord Finney (left), general manager of the Georgetown Zellers outlet in the Market Centre, and Bob Perkins, district manager. Mr. Fisher is a farmer who raises thoroughbred horses and some beef cattle. At age 80, he can remember when Georgetown didn't have any hydro and the Georgetown Market was just fields. "I plowed the field across the road just to help a man out once," he said.

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