## BRIDGE

## Choosing the right overcall

Overcalling is a fact of life in the duplicate bridge world. It allows a player to bid a weaker-fhan-opening hand to show his or her partner some values. It is only used after an opening bid and is understood by the users partner to be a weaker hand than an opener, usually 6 to 12 points.

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Now, at this point, two thoughts are used. Some pairs will use a weak jump overcall over an opening bid showing partner a weak hand and a long suit. Others will show a strong jump overcall showing partner an opening hand. Depending on the type of game, the partnership plays will dictate the sequence of the bids on today's hand.

This was the hand played by the Georgetown Bridge Club last Tuesday. Note the use of both types of overcalls. THE HAND:

Bd. No. 11 Dir. S Vul. 0

> S-KQ H-7 D-A832 C-AQJ863

S - A 10 7 S H - K Q 6 5 3 D - K 8 C - 5 4 S

S - B 6 3 2 H - J 10 9 8 4 2 D - J 9 7 C - -

S-J94 H-A D-Q1054 C-K10972

THE ANALYSIS:

Assuming West opens 1 H. North should leap to 3 C if N-S are using strong jump overcalls; if N-S are employing weak jump overcalls. North should bid only 2 C. Even if the auction dies there, N-S are probably in the right contract, and if South shows any spark of life, North can show his strength by making a gametry. North should not make a take-out double.

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Doubling one major with only three-card support for the other major is bad enough, but should be avoided like the plague with two-card support. Regardless of how North treats his hand, his side should get to 5-C, which depends on declarer guessing the diamond position. Not all N-S's will be allowed to play 5-C, however, for some East's will sacrifice

This goes for two if West plays carefully. North leads K-S, declarer wins, ruffs a club in dummy and leads trumps. South takes the ace and does best by playing a spade to partner's queen to allow him to exit with a club. Declarer ruffs and throws South on play with a spade, forcing him to open the diamond suit or concede a

North-South winners of this week's contest at the George-town Bridge Club were Elsie Whitham and Norma Maynard followed closely by Harry Arble and Jack Karsmaker. Third place went to Kay Campbell and George Sargent.

East-West Winners were Ed Hills and Ron Rochford. Second place was held by Muriel Allen and Steve Hughes and third going to Jackie Forsell and Ron Glide. A new member, Ron Jeffrey and his partner, placed fourth.

The Georgetown Bridge Club extends a welcome to all area bridge players to come and enjoy a competitive game of bridge. The Club meets every Tuesday night on the second floor of the Legion Hall on Mill Street. Game time is 7:45 p.m. Come and play bridge.

## NHAMR counting dollars

Although the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded raised about \$650 through four bingos held at the Norval Junction, its board of directors has decided the amount raised is not worth the effort of some 20 volunteers.

According to the Association's latest newsletter, the board voted against holding more bingos, noting that its team of volunteers, headed by Ed Schmeler, spent more than 250 hours on the four-night project. The board thanked its volunteers for their hard work.

Other funds have come recently from the staff of the Georgetown Post Office, who held their annual fund-raising baseball game in September and collected \$2,100 for the Association's summer recreation programs.





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