

BRIDGE: Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club members try their hands at reading the slams and setting up a strong opposition



MAKES CENTS

With furnace oil hovering around \$1.20 a gallon, The Herald decided to switch to gas heat last week for the composing room on the first floor and the press room in the basement of the building, Mike Kelly, of London's T.W. Johnstone Contractors, is shown here preparing The Herald's hook-up with the Union Gas connection, which the paper hopes will pay for itself within two years.

(Herald photo)

Before reading any further, cover all hands except the west hand.

What do you bid to start the auction? One spade? Two spades? Both are good starts. Suppose your start is one spade. Partner responds 2 hearts (a heart suit and 10-12 points). What now? 3 clubs by you is good for two reasons. Your partner is forced for one more round and you can describe your two-suited hand.

When partner bids 3 diamonds you are elated. Partner is bidding a new suit forcing. Partner must be encouraging. Now what? 4 spades? 5 clubs? Either should get the job done.

If you would have made these bids, you would have scored well last Tuesday at the Georgetown Duplicate Club. It is quite difficult to make the necessary inferences about your partner's hand when you can see only your own. Hindsight is a wonderful thing but it and 50 cents might buy a coffee. It certainly doesn't do one any good when bidding. This was the hand:

THE HAND:

Bd. No. 4
Dir. W
Vul. Both

S - K652	S - 6
H - AKQ7	H - J10984
D - 1062	D - AJ9
C - 92	C - K874

S - AQJ10973
H - —
D - 5
C - AQ1065

THE ANALYSIS:

Small slam can be made in spades and grand slam in clubs but it's difficult for west to pinpoint the key cards in East's hand. If West opens with a game-forcing two-bid (best), E-W will get to small slam in due course; the pair have a chance to reach 7-clubs if West opens 1 spade and the auction proceeds: W-1S, E-2H, W-3C, E-3D, W-4C, E-6C, W-7C. West's 3-C shows a hand of great strength so East's 3-D is a waiting bid, asking West to clarify his hand, and tends to show a diamond control.

When West rebids his clubs, East can infer partner is 6-5 in the black suits (with only 5-5 he should have opened 1-C) and take a shot at slam. From West's point of view, East is marked with a singleton spade and the K-C for his vigorous bidding and should have the A-D for his 3-diamond bid.

Note that once East has made a two-over-one response and West a change of suit at a higher level, a game force exists; both East and West can therefore bid slowly to show all their values.

North-South winners at the Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club last Tuesday were Kay Campbell and Reg Frid.

Tied for second and third place were Lynn Christian and Steve Young and Gus Flesch and Fred Allen. Harry Arbc and Jack Karamaker were fourth.

East-West winners were Archie Dash and Maureen Walker. Second place was secured by Enid Ashworth and Gundy Kistemaker. Third place went to Roy Tuton and Petar Gostovic and fourth

place was held by Bert and Flora Smith.

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Competitive bridge offers the challenge to any pair firstly to bid to the optimum contract. As this pair attempts to do so, their opposition, simultaneously, tries to interfere with the first pair's auction in an effort to prevent the aforementioned optimum contract.

In some cases, it is advantageous for the pair with the least strength to bid over the

stronger pair's final bid to prevent the best score.

I'm sure the above seems to be "Greek" to most. To help clarify this explanation consider today's hand.

TIE HAND

S - J 2	S - A 10 9 4
H - J 9 7 4 3	H - K Q
D - A 10 9 6 5	D - 8 7 3
C - 6	C - K Q 8 4

S - K 7 6 5
H - 10 5
D - 4
C - J 10 9 7 5 2

At the Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club last week, no less than five pairs in the north-south played this hand at the optimum contract of 4 hearts for a score of 620 and 9 matchpoints. One north-south pair was able to earn the top of 12 matchpoints by earning one overtrick in this same contract. Six other pairs were not as successful.

The reason for the six north-south pairs not being successful

was their opposition. Two East-West pairs bid 5 clubs over their opposition's heart contract. This earned one East-West pair a top as the North-South pair bid again and went down. Another East-West was allowed to play 5 clubs.

They too went down but North-South was only able to defeat 5 clubs two tricks. This earned the North-South only 8 matchpoints, decidedly less than the 9 earned by others.

The North-South winners at the Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club were Arthur and Lyanna Kwel. Second spot went to Duke Wilson and Mike Larusso followed by Jackie Forsell and Ron Glide.

The East-West winners were Gus Flesch and Fred Allen. Adrian and Betty Van Oss placed second and third went to Steve Hughes and Phylus Kumar.

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