

# Getting to know duplicate bridge

It is often possible to end up in a poor contract after employing the machinery every player at competition should know: The Staymen Convention.

This convention is employed by the partnership who opens 1 no trump. It is used so that the pair may discover an 8 or 9 card major fit at the two level and decide on game or slam.

The convention is initiated, after the 1 no trump opener, by partner by bidding 2 clubs. This bid is artificial and asks the no trump bidder to bid his 4 card major. In the event the no trump bidder has none, he bids 2 diamonds (artificial saying no 4 card major). Now the hand could play at 3 no trump.

However, in today's hands, the two club bidder has 5 spades. When he hears that partner has no 4 card major, he bids 3 spades to alert his partner to the fact that 5 spades are present and that they have enough point values for a game try if partner has 3 spades.

The difficulty here is that not many players would bid 3 spades with north's holding and consequently, when south bids 2 diamonds (no 4 card major), no trump may be bid

by North-South for a poor result. This was the hand played by the Georgetown Duplicate Bridge players last Tuesday during the annual Mixed Pairs Club Championship.

**THE HAND:**  
Board No. 16  
Dir. W  
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North	S-98752	H-4	D-K752	Sp	S-J103	H-AK82	D-63	C-6432	
West	S-K6	H-QJ9765	D-J1098	C-5	South	S-AQ4	H-103	D-AQ4	C-KJ987

**THE ANALYSIS:**  
North-South should avoid the 3 NT trap (off the first 4 heart tricks) by conducting the following auction.

North	South
Pass	1NT
2C	2D
3S	4S

On the above sequence North's 2 C was non-forcing Stayman, so North must jump to 3 S on the second round this hand is much too good for 2 S, which can be passed). N-S can conduct a more scientific auction if they are playing forcing Stayman. Since South must find another bid after his Stayman response, North need bid only 2 S over 2 D. When South raises, North converts to 4 S, or perhaps 3 NT, which by implication asks South about his holding in the other suits. South, looking at two little hearts, should beat a hasty retreat to spades.

North-South winners and Mixed Pairs Champions at the Georgetown club were Roy Turton and Eileen Craig. Second place was held by Gloria and Bill Coats with third spot going to Steve Young and Lynne Christian.

East-West winners and runners up in the championship match were Bea McVicar and Brian Ayer, the former champs. Second place went to Julie and Dan Ioannidis and third place to John Flanagan and Judy Rivers.

The Georgetown Club invites all area bridge players to join us Tuesday evening for some interesting bridge.

The club meets at the Legion Hall on Mill Street. Game time is 7:45 p.m. Come and play bridge.

## Bylaw tackles fire concerns

Town staff are preparing a bylaw to deal with the storage of flammable materials near working and residential areas as outlined in the province's new fire code. Although the code has already been passed as part of the Ontario Fire Marshall's Act, a staff report endorsed by council Monday night says its fines for violations aren't stiff enough. They've been set at \$20, but town staff have suggested that if the town passes a bylaw of its own concerning using and storing flammable materials, it should back it up with fines of up to \$2,000.



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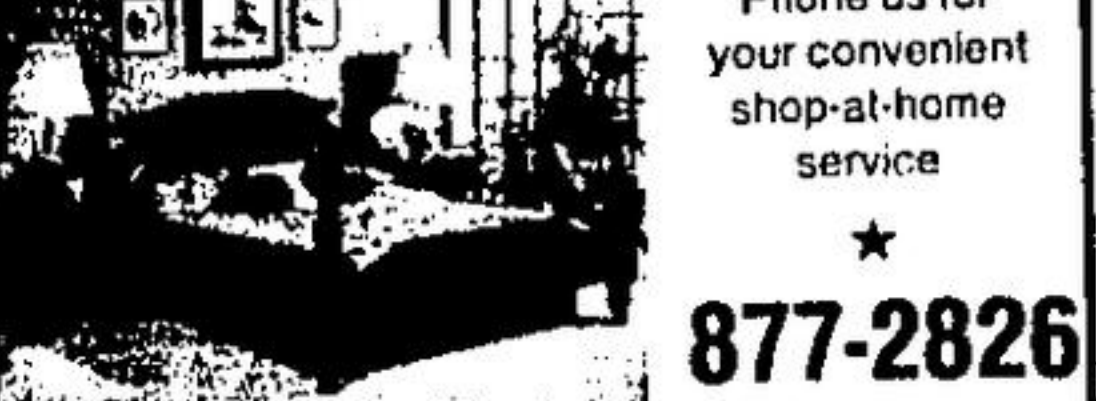
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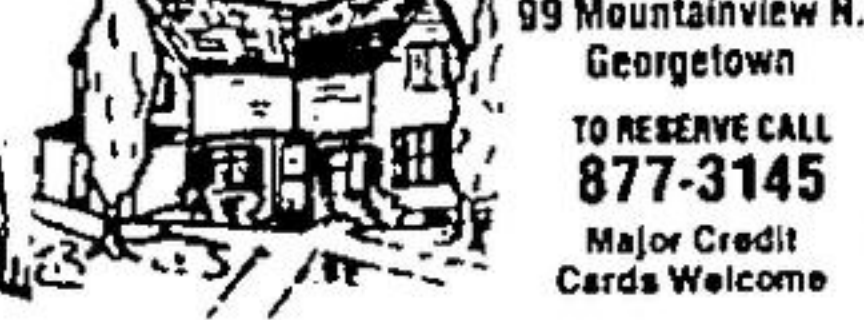
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