

# Duplicate bridge club

It is a difficult task for this article to attempt to lure bridge players of the home-style, rubber bridge variety to a duplicate game.

In the past couple of months an effort has been made to familiarize everyone with respect to the laws that govern the game and the duties of the director. In another task, allow me to demonstrate the difficulties that all players create for themselves.

I suggest that you study today's hand; the bids and the play and then assess your ability relative to what has happened to those who should know what they are doing. I can safely guarantee that whatever you think you might have done, you will not have a score of zero.

Study the hand. Decide what you would bid and what you would have made. Then measure your success with the table below.

The experts claim that N-S should play some number of no trump or some number of clubs. If you can make 3 NT with an over trick you score the best. 3 NT without the overtrick will score the second best. 2 NT, 3 NT down 1, 4 clubs and 3 clubs all score average plus.

Five clubs, 3 spades and 3 NT down 3 score average minus. 7 clubs scores a bottom. 4 hearts down 4 scores second bottom.

I'm not sure what the north-south pair that reached 7 clubs were attempting but I do know that they stole the bottom score. This simply proves that any bridge player should not feel inadequate because others play "duplicate". As you can see, duplicate players also are human and make errors.

This was the hand:

**THE HAND:**  
Bd. No. 11  
Dir. S  
Vul. None

S-KJ9632  
H-Q982  
D-J8  
C-Q

S-105  
H-K754  
D-109543  
C-KJ

S-  
H-A3  
D-AQ82  
C-A1098754

**THE ANALYSIS:**

N-S should play either a club partial or 3 NT with the opening lead the key to how each contract will fare. Against a club contract, the lead of a heart by West will allow declarer to score 11 tricks. The diamond 10 will hold South to 10 tricks since he will not make dummy's HQ.

The spade 10 opening will limit declarer to 9 tricks. 3 NT, not a desirable contract for N-S, has an excellent chance of making thanks to a highly favourable lie of the cards. Only a specific opening

lead plus a perfect defense is required to beat it and this is hard to find.

The North-South winners last Tuesday at the Georgetown club were Ed Hills and Ron Rockford followed closely by Bill Dlnan and Art Kwei. Harry Arbc and Marjorie Riches were third.

The East-West winners were Rob and Jeanne Colton. Blayne Hillock and Helen Hyde were second and John Flanagan and Piyush Kmar third.

The Georgetown Bridge Club invites all area bridge players to try their hand at the club. The Club meets at the Georgetown Legion Hall on Mill Street every Tuesday evening. Game time is 7:45 p.m. Come and play bridge.

# Children's 'helper' sought for award

Know someone whom you think has made a significant contribution towards improving the quality of life for youngsters in Halton?

The Halton Branch of the Association for Early Childhood Education is looking for the names of such an individual to receive the Third Annual Children's Service Pin Award.

The pin will be presented Oct. 21 at General Wolfe High School in Oakville with a dinner before. The presentation is not only to recognize

the recipient's achievements, but also to inspire others to continue their service to children. To nominate a local citizen, contact Gillian Burns at 878-8751.



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# BBB searching for better health spa

**Herald Special**  
Quality health clubs or "spas" as they sometimes are labeled can take plenty of effort out of your quest for physical fitness. Many clubs are comfortable facilities with running tracks, swimming pools, saunas, and specially-designed exercise programs and equipment that are tailored to your health needs.

Although there are plenty of reputable pay-for-play outlets available, there also are some gyms that can leave you breathless with misleading advertising and high-pressure sales tactics, advises Paul Tuz, president of the Better Business Bureau of Metropolitan Toronto. Before you sign any contract with a health club, the BBB suggests that you follow several simple guidelines to get the type of club activity most beneficial to your needs.

Health experts agree

that a resolution to "shape-up" should be a continuing commitment on your part. When searching for a health club, make sure the club has the facilities that you both need and enjoy - such as a swimming pool and sauna. If you like the facilities and club programs, you will tend to use them regularly, Mr. Tuz said.

Many health clubs offer fitness programs under a long-term membership arrangement for those with long-range exercise plans. Long-term memberships usually are less expensive than the pay-as-you-go or monthly fee. However, if you sign a

long-term contract you should figure on using the club regularly to get your money's worth.

When considering a membership, be sure to find out what the total membership costs are and when the money is due and payable. Also note whether the contract may be cancelled for a refund if your interest in the club wanes, you become ill, or you move out of the area, Mr. Tuz added.

Membership in a spa usually runs from around \$300 to \$400 per year. This fee may include special options for membership renewals at \$100 to \$200 on an annual basis. The fees, Continued on page 5

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