

Seniors seeking conference info



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Q. A white back I heard about another White House Conference on Aging that was to be held in Washington, D.C. There is a group of us that live in an apartment and we thought we would like to attend. I can't find any information about it and thought you could help.

A. You are absolutely right. There was talk about a 1993 White House Conference on Aging but plans have been put on hold for the time being. The majority of the planning and funding for the conference was to come through the Administration on Aging. However, the Older Americans Act has not been reauthorized as of yet. Consequently, plans are still up in the air. As soon as any information is forthcoming, the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging will announce the conference. Unfortunately, I have no other information to give you and we will all have to wait to see if the conference will indeed take place.

Q. My wife and I have just moved into the Auburn Hills area. We were very active and enjoyed the programs at our local senior center. Is

there one in Auburn Hills and how do I contact them?

A. There is a relatively new and very vital center at 1829 N. Secor Road in Auburn Hills. It is called, exactly enough, the Auburn Hills Senior Center and it is run under the auspices of the City of Auburn Hills and the Avondale School District. The center has a variety of daily and special events including cards, walking and over-80s clubs, home-delivered meals, trips to theaters, restaurants and other social events. The Auburn Hills Senior Center is also a meal site offering a hot nutritious lunch at noon, Monday-Friday. The suggestion donation, per meals is \$2 for people over 60 and \$3 for those under 60 years of age. A newsletter is published six times a year which lists all the programs and services offered by the center.

For additional information call the center at 370-9353, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Math skill helps bridge players



WOODY BOYD

Proficiency in mathematics and contract bridge requires considerable labor and handcraft of the mind. Those so determined and gifted progress with dispatch.

Jim White of West Bloomfield is not, to my knowledge, an exceptional young one, but his education and training in chemical engineering compelled him to develop a skill for manipulating numbers. He would be the first to tell you that this curriculum has benefited him immeasurably in his bridge-playing venture. Jim has been winning to duplicate as often as anyone, and as long as I can remember. This isn't solely his own doing, as his talented bride Evelyn, a fine player in her own right, has joined him in glory on endless occasions during the 26-year life of their partnership.

Both are avid and classical modernists in their bidding style, utilizing many of today's sophisticated conventions in harmony with a few they have developed themselves. Two of their favorite devices are the constructive diamond overall and the wide range no-trump sequence not vulnerable. As Jim says with conviction, "The bidding system employed by any successful pair should commence with the reflection that there is a tentative understanding that two and two make four." He will very quickly add to this that a player is somewhat at the mercy of circumstances, and success is in part a function of that. Both adhere to some wonderful commandments that are sage and, if practiced, successful. Plus scores are potent match-point results. Don't be in game unless there's a 60 percent chance of success. If in doubt, be where the field is. Take advantage of two suit fits and the kings and queens of defense win the crowns.

In today's hand, we see Evelyn employing the constructive one diamond overall at its best. She has sufficient H.C.P. to make an informative double at the one level, but her hand isn't shaped to support any new suit that Jim introduces. Therefore, a one diamond overall which says, partner, I have a good hand, but there's a flaw in me doubling to get you to bid. Jim's move to game could be quibbled, but he knew partner had good cards and the ability to play them well.

E	Evelyn	W	Jim
1♠	1♦	—	1♥
—	1♠	—	2♠
—	3♠	—	4♠
Passed Out			
N/S vulnerable			
♠ Q 8 7 5	♠ A 4	♠ A 4	♠ A 4
♥ A 9 8 7	♥ K Q 3 2	♥ J 4	♥ K Q 3 2
♦ K 8	♦ J 4	♦ J 4	♦ J 4
♣ Q 5 4	♣ K J 8 7 3	♣ K J 8 7 3	♣ K J 8 7 3
♠ J 10 3	♠ J 10	♠ J 10	♠ J 10
♥ 8 5 4	♥ K 9 6 2	♥ K 9 6 2	♥ K 9 6 2
♦ 10 7 3 2	♦ J 10	♦ J 10	♦ J 10
♣ 10 9 2	♣ A Q 8 8 5	♣ A Q 8 8 5	♣ A Q 8 8 5
	♣ A 5	♣ A 5	♣ A 5

After the club lead, the procedure needed to achieve a plus was a tenuous undertaking. There was a club, a heart and presumably two spade losers. (Note that with any other lead, which isn't likely, declarer has time to set the heart suit for a ruffing finesse against East in order to pitch the club loser.) Declarer won the lead in her hand and at trick (2), a diamond to dummy's king and a spade back to her king, pinpointing the trump ace. If East still held ace, jack or ace 10 of spades, there was no hope, so she was committed to the obligatory finesse, playing a low trump from each hand at trick (4), and the defense's expectation to set Evelyn was dashed as she hung up the spade ace. Her play gave the Whites a top board, even though the odds weren't 60 percent, but that's what success is all about — picking your spots to star.

Woody Boyd teaches local bridge classes and is a life master. He lives in Bloomfield Township. To leave a message for Boyd, from a touch-tone phone, call 953-2047, Ext. 1853.

FASHION CALENDAR

- FRIDAY, JAN. 29**
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- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3**
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