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Bridge



By ERNEST AND KAY CLINTON

NORTH
♠ K 7 6 4
♥ 4
♦ K 9 8 7 6
♣ J 8 4

WEST
♠ 195
♥ 6 3
♦ Q J 10 5 4 3
♣ 7 6

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ A J 10 8 7 5 2
♦ A A
♣ A 9 7

North-South Vulnerable
West Deals
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
pass pass 4 0
pass pass pass
West led the queen of diamonds.

The best "Text Book" opening leads by far are made in a suit headed by a three card sequence. Such leads combine the merits of a passive lead, usually good against a suit contract, with the temporal advantage of a successfully attacking lead.
However, in today's hand, West would have defeated the contract if he had led a club. The lead from a short suit is considered desirable only if you have three trump.
Declarer played a low diamond from dummy and East trumped. South unblocked the suit by playing the ace. East returned the king of clubs. South played low and the defense was helpless. A club continuation would cost a trick, so East played a spade to South's singleton ace.
South played the ace and a heart to East's king; the last trick for the defense.
Recent winners:
Community House, January 23, N-S (1) Ann Besingh, Lois Booth (2) Gertrude Erickson, Kay Holmes: E-W (1) Sandy Pennington, Linda Grube (2) Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gensman; Rita Grant, Lois Robertson. (Membership) (1) Harold Dodson, Paul McGowan (3) Larry Froberg, Dick Koenig (4) Jim Carr, R. Stewart.
Royal Bridge, January 17, N-S (1) Audrey Turnale, Lynn Ziegler (2) Dr. Max Parker, Ruth Biedfield: E-W (1) Ed Clarke, Verne Sternhill (2) Lee Main, Bernie Lacy. January 20, (1) Lynn Ziegler, Jerry Boutt (2) Sophia Acker, Bob MacDonnell. January 21, (1) Lee Main, Millie Hollis (2) Lynn Ziegler, Verne Sternhill. January 24, N-S (1-2) Judi Hartz, Shahan Kavanian; Lynn Ziegler, Jerry Boutt. Novice, January 23, (1) Joan Stauffacher, Jane McGarity.

MONDAY, 9:30 a.m., Novice game, first Monday of each month, Betty Pope, 644-2473.
BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., 400 E. Lincoln, Ed Clarke, MI 6-8794.
Southfield
CIVIC CENTER, Tuesday, 11 a.m., 26000 Evergreen, Joyce Krout, 642-9779.
THURSDAY morning, 10:45 a.m., 26000 Evergreen, Millie Hollis, FE 2-4871.
WEDNESDAY night, 7:45 p.m., 26000 Evergreen, Rose Schultz, 352-5595.
THURSDAY night, 7:45 p.m., 26000 Evergreen, Joyce Krout, 642-9779.
MAYFAIR, Friday, 8 p.m., Tel-Twelve Mall, Marian and Al Collins, 626-2109.

Troy
SOMERSET PARK, Friday, 8 p.m., Somerset Community House, Kay and Ernie Clinton, 626-0271.
THURSDAY, 11 a.m., Somerset Community House, Betty Pope, 644-2473.
FRIENDLY, Wednesday, Friday, 11 a.m., 2501 Somerset, Lullie Brunk, 646-0271, Joyce Krout, 642-9779.
Rochester
ROCHESTER, Oakland Room, Oakland University, Tuesday, 7:45 p.m., Fern and Bill Richmond, 651-6063.
West Bloomfield
WALLED LAKE, Monday, 7:30 p.m., OCC Keith School, 2800 Keith Road, Rosemary Casper, 363-3496.
ROYAL, 6666 Orchard Lake, Monday-Thursday, 7:45 p.m., Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11 a.m., Saturday, 1 p.m., Claude Wetmore 851-5440.

Down to earth

Amaryllis needs special attention to bloom annually

This is the time of year when you welcome flowering indoor house plants. Amaryllis is one variety, which once possessed, you will be hooked on for an annual repeat performance.
When the spike is in flower it is not unusual to have eight to 10 huge lilies—sometimes on two stalks. They can be eight to ten inches in diameter. The cost of the bulb is high, but compare its performance with its competitors—potted, flowering plant. With care you can carry an amaryllis over from year to year.
When you plant the bulb in a pot, select a container which will only allow about an inch margin beyond the diameter of the large bulb. Place pot chips in the bottom of the container for drainage. After placing the soil mix be sure that the bulb is one-half to two-thirds above the soil line. Water well by placing the planted pot in a basin of water for a thorough soaking by osmosis over night. Place near a sunny window.
When the flowers have faded, cut off the stem and fertilize at least every two weeks to feed the bulb for the next year.
In the summertime, remove the bulb and plant in a location where it will receive filtered sunlight. If you are in an apartment, keep up the fertilizing and find a likely spot for its good care.
In mid-September the leaves will begin to turn yellow, indicating it is "bedtime". Cut off all leaves to within an inch of the top of the bulb, repot, and store in a cool spot. Give some water once a month to keep the bulb from drying out completely.
In December or January the bulb will show signs of growth, water and bring into the warmth for another performance. If these instructions are followed there shouldn't be a disappointment in bringing the amaryllis bulb to flower again for years.
It is always interesting to discover "the roots" for new introductions of flowers and other categories of plants on the commercial market.
Many times, a noticeable number of introducers are people like "me and thee." As an illustration, Jean Goldner, wife of Al Goldner, our local nurseryman, was strolling through a field and saw a light pink Queen Anne's lace, wildflower. As it is ordinarily cream or white, Jean knew she had a treasure. Seed was collected and because of Goldner's professional training he knew it was a find. In the third generation from seed, a deeper pink is evident. Now the seed has been sent to the famous breeder, Claude Hope in Costa Rica.
There is a new chrysanthemum rust which has occurred in other countries and we are asked to burn plants which might show the following symptoms; light green spots on top of the leaves which turn brown and circular white pustules on the undersides. Notify your county horticultural agent if you find evidence of this problem in your garden.

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