

# BRIDGE

Most tournaments players have played the strong two bid in favor of the weak variety. The use of suit openings of two (other than clubs) is a preemptive bid; it promises a six-card suit and a range of 6-12 high-card points.

Partnerships use a variety of forcing responses and the opener's rebid requires partnership agreement.

The hand in the diagram was dealt at a local club game recently. Brian Khousser of Birmingham held the South hand. Her partner preempted two spades. The two trump response was a forcing bid. Ms. Khousser was asking for a feature. The diamond response had to be the king for South held all the other honors.

**WEST**

AKQJ764  
K94  
AQJ7  
AKQ

**EAST**

AKQJ764  
K94  
AQJ7  
AKQ

**SOUTH**

AKQJ764  
K94  
AQJ7  
AKQ

West led the queen of hearts.

The Blackwood convention assured the possession of all four aces. Ms. Khousser could now count 13 winners: six spades, five diamonds and two aces and bid the grand slam.

**Recent winners:**  
Community House, Nov. 1, Sec. A-S (1) Mr. and Mrs. Paul Van Roekel (2) Mike Crane, Harold Dodson; E-W (1) Joel Hegner, Bob Schieferstein (2) Mitch Chandler, Vince Oliver; Sec. B-S (1) Dr. Daniel Goodman, Dr. David Gunders (2) Margie Lewan, Ed Co. E-W (1) Shelly Kormmiller, June Hartz (2) Mr. and Mrs. Jack Malstrom.

**Nov. 3, (1-2) Tina Wilson, Helen Williams; Col. and Mrs. G. R. Johnston (3) Kay Kantor, Edith Rykin; November 5, S-S (1) Lorrie Sereny; Jules Stross (2-3) Marie LaPrise, Marie Stemmler, Chris Lidstrom, Lotte Lee; E-W (1) Helen Williams, Jo Brannock (2) Christel Wahl, Jo Asmann.**

**Somerset Park, Nov. 5, S-S (1) Judi Hartz, Joan Bury (2) Jim Rowe, Ray Stultz; E-W (1) Elaine Khousser, Martha Sewell (2) Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ward.**

## BRIDGE GAMES

**Birmingham**  
COMMUNITY HOUSE, Monday, 7:45 p.m.; 2nd S. Bates, Kay, Ernest Clinton, 626-0771.

**Novice game, Monday, 9:30 a.m. Betty Pope, 644-2473.**

**BIRMINGHAM - BLOOMFIELD, Wednesday, 9:45 p.m., 400 E. Lincoln, Ed Clark, 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, PE 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 Mail, Marian and Al Collins, 626-2107.**



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**SOMERSET PARK, Friday, 8 p.m., Somerset Community House, Kay and Ernest Clinton, 626-0271.**

**FRIENDLY, Wednesday, Friday 11 a.m., Somerset Community House, Lulu Brunk, 646-0271, Joyce Krout, 642-9779.**

**Rochester**  
**ROCHESTER, Tuesday, 7:45 p.m., Oakland University, Fern and Bill Richmond, 661-6063.**

**West Bloomfield**  
**WALLED LAKE, Monday, 7:30 p.m., Keith School, Rosemary Casper, 363-3496.**

## Build garden around green

There is an old saying with garden profusion: "A garden is not good if it is finished."

Here are some tidbits I have picked up in recent meanderings. "There is a garden in a garden with minimal bloom. There should be various climas points in the season. The Japanese build a garden around green. For them, an accent is always planted by itself. The Japanese like to be sure that maples are placed so that the sun is behind them to assure an exotic view at sunset."

I would say, summarizing the above paragraph, that an interesting green garden (with a good ratio of evergreens for winter interest, not forgetting their various possible profiles) and green plant material which will give interest by texture and flowers.

Have accent areas which will give a splash of color. These could be expressed by perennials, well chosen. Annuals will have their role but not be dominant. These guidelines will give a home gardener a well-balanced target to shoot for toward a beautiful, restful garden in the four cycles of the year.

Many people have become acquainted with Bromeliads as house plants. They have thick leaves which means to water sparingly. In many of the species the flowers are in simple or branches clusters. The bracts are colorful. Most of those grown indoors are epiphytes which means that they can perch on rocks or on trees, gaining their sustenance from rain and leaf mold gathered around their roots. However, after flowering they seem to "fall apart" in appearance in the middle of the plant.

You will notice that there are often offsets attached to the mother plant. Repot these future independent plants. Bromeliads like to be near a sunny window and like a temperature between 70 and 80 degrees F.

You probably lower the temperature in your house at night and bromeliads like the change of temperature. If you have the variety which has a vase formation in the center, be sure to always have some water in the vase. If that plant refuses to flower, seal the plant in a paper bag with an over-ripe apple for one week.

The escaping gas from the over-ripe apple, ethylene, will cause the initiation of flower buds. Watch that ethylene gas near house plants. They don't like it as a rule.

Hold off on late pruning of any evergreens until Holiday time unless you have window boxes. They will look all dressed up with cuttings of evergreens

in them. If the location is in an appropriate place you may enjoy placing some Italian lights among the boughs after Thanksgiving.

When you pull up annuals, long since frozen, do not shake off soil as you toss them in the compost as soil has the bacteria to hasten the break down of compost.

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