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The name of the game is bridge

and everybody can play

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Even though the name on the door reads "Farmington Bridge Club," the club has no membership roster and there are no dues.

And although the club is affiliated with American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), which signifies duplicate play, those who want to drop in for a game

of rubber bridge will be welcomed. "It's an open club. Anybody can play. We're open seven days a week," said Nadia Ideh who oversees the bridge playing with her husband Gabi.

"If you don't have a partner, I'll find you one," Mrs. Ideh said. "That's part of the service."

The Livonia couple who describe themselves as bridge addicts, turned their hobby to helping others sharpen

their game in the club that opened a month ago in downtown Farmington at 33316 Grand River.

Games start at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Instructions for novices are given on Tuesday evenings only.

"The definition for novices, according to ACBL, is anyone who has less than 20 (master) points. We include all the

kitchen bridge players and all those who have never played duplicate before in that definition," Mrs. Ideh said.

THOSE WHO have dropped in to play bridge at the new club run the full range of expertise, the directors said.

Some of the players are friends the Idehs met in tournament play. Others were former students of Ideh when he taught the game for Livonia's Parks and Recreation Department. Some are newcomers who came to inquire what it was all about and because reservations were necessary, stayed to play.

Reservations are only requested for the instructions, or if you come without a partner.

"Duplicate is not much more than rubber bridge except for the difference in scoring," said Ideh, who has earned the title Life Master through tournament play.

"But with one hand played by more than one set of people, it's the best way to learn new bidding techniques, become self critical, become aware of your mistakes; just sharpen your game by comparing it with others," he said.

"We have several master players who are still coming to learn. We're all still learning."

One of the keys to "still learning" is matching up players with various levels of expertise with the right kind of competition.

"That's my job and another part of the service," Mrs. Ideh said.

NADIA IDEH is a certified director now for ACBL. She said she earned that certification easily, "just by living with my husband."

Nadia Ideh, once owner and operator of Nadia's Boutique in the Village Mall, turned bridge director and moved across the street to oversee the play in the new Farmington Bridge Club.



RANDY BORSI/staff photographer

With that title and knowing what she called "the universal laws of bridge," she can be requested to judge a dispute or an offense, or place the penalty in a tournament.

The club is sanctioned to hold tournaments and give points through the six levels and 300 points leading up to becoming a master player.

She is adamant that no pressure be put on any player to earn points.

"But it very often happens," she said, "when they start to play regularly they fall in love with the game and just start pitting themselves against better and better players. It happens all the time."

"But there is no pressure put on anybody to do anything but enjoy themselves and hopefully learn a little along the way."

"It's not unlike chess where you can always find someone just a little better than you are," said Stan Hench, who has taken Ideh's old job of teaching bridge in Livonia now.

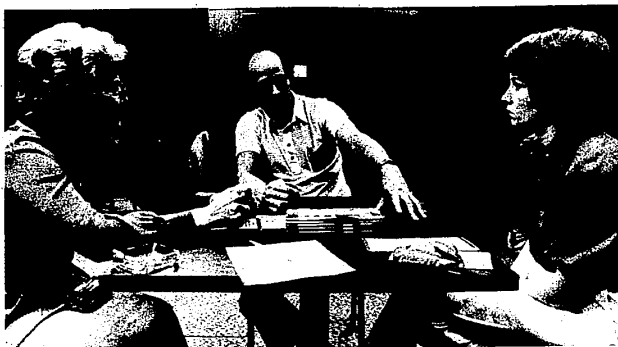
HENCH IS one of the regulars in the Farmington Bridge Club. He cites his biggest bridge achievement as the time he won 40 gold points in one tournament.

Hench was in a team-game tournament at the time with Doug Gopozal of Detroit and Jim and Charlotte Overman of Farmington Hills.

Hench was down his third try to cut down his addiction to bridge by playing "only five or six times a week now," adds that he knows no other pastime that costs only \$2 for an afternoon or an evening's play. "With the coffee and snacks thrown into the bargain," he added.

"You've got a lot of company," Ideh responded. "There are about 20 million bridge players in the U.S. now, playing at one level or another."

Novice players or singles who wish to make reservations are invited to call Mrs. Ideh at 471-1155.



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Gabi Nadia explains what went wrong in the last hand of duplicate played by his two students. The bridge director is flanked by Ann Dickman on his left and Jane Stanton on his right.

National Institute for Burn Medicine

Jaycees link awareness program with fund drive

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Posters and canisters are being placed about town this week asking for donations to the National Institute for Burn Medicine (NIBM) in Ann Arbor.

The fund drive is a project of Farmington Area Jaycees, in conjunction with Michigan Jaycees, and is headed up in this area by Richard Headlee Jr. and Tom Murphy.

"No money goal has been set. We just collect as much as we can," Headlee said. "But my personal goal is to give much more than we've ever given before and make our area the biggest contributors in the state."

Headlee's personal goal corresponds with a personal experience he had on meeting a young girl who was recovering from severe burns while he was visiting his younger sister in the hospital.

That was 10 years ago, but he says he doubts if he will ever forget her.

"I want to talk to you about what the burn center does and why people can do to prevent burns in conjunction with the fund drive," Headlee said.

"I want to talk to any group who will give me an audience and consider giving a donation to the only center we have of its kind."

BURNS and fires are the third leading cause of accidental death in the U.S. For children, burns and fires are the leading cause of death occurring in a home.

It wasn't until the late '50s that doctors gave too much attention to specializing in burn care, and when they did it was because of a scare of an atomic catastrophe. The concern grew, but it took until 1968 to found an institute to help the burned patient.

The NIBM is a non-profit health care support organization dedicated to raising and disbursing funds solely for the purpose of solving burn problems.

It attacks these problems through support of patient care, research, teaching and prevention.

It is proud of its 11-year record of giving 84 cents of every dollar of its funds directly toward achieving those goals. The remaining 16 cents is spent to maintain the environment conducive to these activities.

As for NIBM's prevention and public awareness departments, Headlee said, "I've seen the films and heard the tapes. I want to bring these to any organization, class, group, club, business who'll give me anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour on their agenda."

HEADLEE and Murphy are relatively new Jaycees who chose to head up the drive as their first community project for the organization.

Headlee said he felt he wanted to contribute to the fact that Michigan Jaycees, along with Michigan Firefighters, give NIBM almost 25 percent of its annual budget each year.

Murphy chose the fund-drive as a project because "I was so surprised to learn the number of people, especially

children, who are burned accidentally every year," he said.

That number can hit up to 2 million annually. Seventy thousand of that number will require hospitalization and about 9,000 of that number die as a result of their injuries.

The co-chairmen say they hope to work mostly in the area of preventing burns in conjunction with the fund drive, through their newly devised two-man speakers bureau.

The two have ready assistants in David Markham and Howard Headlee. The two younger men are both members of Troop 1044, sponsored by Church of the Latter-Day Saints of Jesus Christ in Farmington Hills, working toward their goal of becoming Eagle Scouts.

"It wasn't any trouble getting them interested in the burn center once they got to know what we were talking about," Headlee said.

"They'll be out asking merchants to allow us to put a canister or a poster, or both, in their place of business."

"And they are both doing their homework. They'll be able to answer any question put to them about what the burn center does and how it is funded."

PERSONS WHO wish to make a direct contribution can send a check made payable to Farmington Area Jaycees and marked National Institute for Burn Medicine, to Farmington Area Jaycees, P.O. Box 33, Farmington 48924.



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East Indians dance on Ethnic Sunday

Exotic eyes, graceful hands and Hindu temple rhythms will fill the stage of the International Institute on Sunday, March 7 when a festival of classical and folk dance of India highlights the East Indian Sunday at the International Institute 2-4 p.m.

The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit is located at 111 E. Kirby across from the Detroit Institute of Arts in the heart of Detroit's Cultural Center.

"The East Indian Ethnic Sunday is the latest in a series of monthly Ethnic Sundays presenting the culture of a different country in an entertaining afternoon," said Mary Ball, executive director of the institute.

In addition to the one-hour dance performance, samples of Indian cuisine will be served, provided by Mrs. Harinder Bagga, Mrs. Bhajan Tuteja and the Indian children of the Burton International School of Detroit.

VIDYANJALI Dance Troupe of Michigan will present a full program of classical dances that dramatically retell age-old tales. Originally danced in the Hindu temples of India, the dance has been a form of religious expression in India for centuries. Indians believe it is the gift of the Lord Brahma, the Creator of the Universe.

The dance troupe is directed by Sudha Chandra Sekhar of Oak Park. Mrs. Sekhar came to Michigan from India, where she was renowned as a performer of the revered classical dance style called Bharata Natyam.

The Vidyajali Troupe is comprised of Mrs. Sekhar's star pupils — Sri Vidya Chandra Sekhar, her 13-year-old daughter who has studied and performed the dance since she was a toddler, and Kumari Tina Makin of Birmingham. Both dancers have performed in India, where they received exceptional reviews.

There are 11 other dancers perform-

ing, including Mrs. Sekhar's other children, 7-year-old Anjali and 3-year-old Anandini.

The dance style is characterized by intricate hand and eye movements, torsion motion and rapid footwork. Dancers have bells strapped to their ankles so that sound will accentuate the stamping of their feet.

The menu of Indian food that will

complete the Ethnic Sunday includes samosa, a potato-filled dough triangle with mint sauce, meatballs and curry sauce; puri chholei, which is bread and chick peas, and gulab dharun and jalebi, which are Indian pastries.

THE COST for the afternoon including food is \$5. Advance reservations are necessary by calling the institute at

871-8600. The cost is \$4 for International Institute members.

The next Ethnic Sunday on March 21 is "Ireland: Land of Saints and Scholars and Castles Too." An Argentinian Ethnic Sunday is planned for April 25. An International House Tour is scheduled for May 16, and a German Wine Tasting will take place May 23.



Three members of Vidyajali Dance Troupe are Farmington Hills residents, and they are all in the front row: Pranathi Reddy (at left), Sunita Murthy and Shobita Manpalli. The dancers are students of

Sudha Chandra Sekhar, a master of classical Indian dance, who heads up East Indian Ethnic Sunday this weekend in International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit.

'Favorite Pet Contest' benefits Humane Society

Farmington Area Jayceettes launched a Favorite Pet Contest with the distribution of entry distributed this week to all area veterinarian clinics and pet supply stores.

"All that is needed to enter is a photo of your favorite pet along with a \$1 entry fee," said Joann George, speaking for the contest sponsors.

Deadline entry date is Wednesday, March 31.

All photo entries will be on display from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 3, in the Big Boy restaurant on Orchard Lake and 10 Mile roads.

Select your favorite pet and give a small donation to cast your vote," she said.

All proceeds from the contest are earmarked as a donation to the Oakland Humane Society. The winner of the contest will be determined by the top dollar amount given in the pet's name.

Prizes to the winning pets' owners will be furnished by area merchants.

To participate, \$1 and one photo (no larger than 3-by-5 inches) is to be mailed to Farmington Jayceettes, Favorite Pet Contest, in care of Jan Snyder, 28205 Kiltarton, Farmington Hills 48018.

The entry should include the pet's name, the owner's name, address and phone number.

Photos will not be returned.