

80-year-old still excels at bridge



WOODY BOYD

Alfred Sheinwold has been for more than four decades one of bridge's celebrated champions on this continent and abroad. Even at 80, he is shoulders above most in brilliant play, and his daily column has been one of the most popular features published in newspapers for more years than I can remember. Sometime back, I read one of his sage statements about a bridge player's most important qualities.

It was profound and well worth repeating for my readers.

"The successful bridge player's most effective weapons are judgment, technique and concentration, but a lapse in concentration can dull the sharp edge of judgment or nullify flawless technique."

Mario Franco, one of Italy's great stars of yesterday, tells a tragic story about one of Franco's world-renowned experts who lost his focus, and the momentous consequences he endured from such split-second negligence.

It was Cannes, 1960, the last day of play in the European Championship. Mario was partnered with his favorite, Pierre Albarran, against Roger Trezlet and Marcel Peters.

The play was a laydown for 13 tricks, but the bidding deserves interpretation as it was well-presented to describe each player's holding.

Roger's four-diamond call announced a leviathan-sized heart fit and first-round control. Few of the experts make such bids above the level of three that don't show an ace or a void. Four spades by South, said partner, I have a superb overall and I'm looking for more, otherwise I'd only have bid game in hearts. Five clubs by North was a second cue bid and promised a spade fit. Otherwise, he would have bid six hearts. Now, a grandy was on and perfectly natural. Fortunately, Mario didn't hold both the missing heart cards or he might have found that lead, giving his partner a ruff at trick one.

Now, to the ending and the declarer's descent to hell, for that is what it was, a faux pas call of capacious proportions. After Mario's lead and the dummy came into view, Marcel Peters took only a moment, exposed his hand and announced his line of play for the whole deck.

Mario	Roger	Pierre	Marcel
W	N	E	S
1♦	—	2♦	2♥
3♦	—	—	4♥
—	5♥	—	6♥
—	8♥	—	7♥
—	7♣	—	—
Passed out			
E/W Vulnerable			
♠ K 10 8 3 ♥ J 8 6 5 4 2 ♦ — — — ♣ A 7 4			
♠ 7 2 ♥ Q ♦ A K J 8 4 2 ♣ K Q 6 2			
♠ 8 5 4 ♥ 7 ♦ Q 10 9 3 ♣ J 10 9 8 5			
♠ A Q J 9 ♥ A K 10 9 3 ♦ 7 6 5 ♣ 3			

Mario W led Club K

Unfortunately he called for "a club," at trick one, and the contract was set. He had intended to say "club ace" but the words didn't come out like that and when a ruling was called for, the director determined in favor of the defense. His rationale was that with three options, the cards couldn't speak for themselves and though declarer's intention was obvious, his call had to stand. This was a fine line, as in a gentleman's game no claim to the contrary would have been made, but this was a championship of great proportions and there is a difference. Marcel apologized to his partner and graciously accepted the decision. The grandy would have netted them +1510. They lost the tournament by 1,040 points, as in those days results were determined by actual score.

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.

Helpful agencies: toll-free numbers

A number of agencies and government departments offer free information or advice on a wide variety of subjects of interest and service to older adults and their families. Following is a list of toll-free numbers. Operators will be happy to answer your questions or direct you to other proper information sources.

American Parkinson's Disease Association 800-223-2732
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Cancer Information Center 800-422-6237
Center for Independent Living 800-482-0222
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Lawyer Referral 800-968-0738
Legal Hotline for Seniors 800-347-LAWS
Medicaid Information (Social Services) 800-638-5414
Medicare Appeals 800-365-5899
Medicare Inquiry (Part B) 800-482-0445

AT&T Special Needs Center 800-233-1222
Alzheimer's & Related Disorders Center 800-621-0379
American Cancer Society 800-ACS-2345
American Council for the Blind 800-424-8566
American Diabetes Association 800-232-4372

Birmingham woman serves on EMS board

Margaret Lamont of Birmingham has been appointed to serve as a consumer representative on the Michigan Department of Public Health's Emergency Medical Services Coordination Committee.

Lamont is the chairman of the City of Birmingham's Emergency Medical Services Committee, which was established in the mid-1970s to organize the city's emergency medical services system. The committee now serves as a citizen advisory board on EMS issues.

As one of two consumer representatives on the Department of Public Health's 27-member emergency medical services committee, Lamont will counsel the state's Emergency Medical Services Division on the development of statewide EMS programs, policies and rules.

The committee's responsibilities include advising the department on vehicle standards for ambulances, patient care equipment lists and other quality assurance issues and coordinating the exchange of information on EMS programs throughout the state. In addition to her involvement in the EMS community, Lamont serves as secretary of the William Beaumont Hospital Board of Directors. She has been a member of the hospital's Board of Trustees since 1973, is a former president of Beaumont's Volunteer Services Committee and is an active volunteer at the Royal Oak hospital. Lamont's husband Gene is a retired sales manager.

County needs volunteers

The Oakland County Retired Senior Volunteer Program seeks volunteers 60 years and older to become involved with community agencies which need assistance. Varied opportunities are available throughout Oakland County.

Benefits include supplemental accident and liability insurance and mileage reimbursement. For further information contact Carol Heckman at 333-3716.

FASHION CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 28

Summer collection

Modeline summer collection from Europe available for private showings by Leah Fisher through Saturday, June 5. For appointment call Fisher at 363-5420.

At Le Metro

Informal modeling of intimate apparel and on-the-go-wear from Roslyn's noon to 2 p.m. at Le Metro restaurant in Applegate

Square on Northwestern Highway between 12 and 13 Mile roads in Southfield.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

Trunk show

Badgley Mischka fall trunk show of opulent day and evening pants, suits and dresses with representative visit 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and informal modeling 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Wednesday, June 2, in Couture Salon, Level Three, at

Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

At Stage & Co.

Informal modeling of casual wear by Benetton noon to 2 p.m. at Stage & Co. restaurant in the Boardwalk Shopping Center, Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple Road, in West Bloomfield.

Christian Dior

Trunk show of Christian Dior

bridal fashions through Saturday, June 5, at Exclusives for the Bride in Birmingham.

Chloe for fall

Chloe fall trunk show, of fluid pants, suits and dresses, with representative visit 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and informal modeling 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, June 4, in Couture Salon, Level Three, at Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

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Men, if you're within one month of your 18th birthday, it's time to register with Selective Service. It's simple. Just go down to your local post office, fill out a card and hand it to a postal clerk.

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May 20, May 27, June 3, or June 10, 1993

and call before 5 p.m. on the preceding Friday. (Messages may be mailed by the preceding Thursday)

Messages are only \$2.00 per line with a 3-line minimum. (There are five average words per line)

Photo opportunity: You may also choose to have your graduate's picture included. A photograph will add 12 lines to your ad and must be submitted with your message.

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