Partners can work at perfection



If you're part of a couple, be the best you can at being the perfect mate. If that works well, you may wish to try it at the table, too. Many who have become pairs for life have also become exceptionally successful a playing bridge.

Bert and Bonilo Ward, whose property has Elizabeth Lake frontage, have been playing this favorite from game of our since we first put a man on the moon. Together, they play bridge well—with meticulous merit and remarkable repose, such an example of effective communication and mutual respect is, in my been winning a ton of master points for years.

As could be expected, bridge is only one that many priorities, for they enjoy a wondrous, fornfilled, bury life. General Motors was the impetus which motivated this only one of their many priorities, for they enjoy a wondrous, fornfilled, bury life. General Motors was the impetus which motivated this lovely corn-hunker couple to come to Cakland County. We are all the better for it. Their vibrancy has made in many fulfilling activities. One of her most gratifying has been teaching bridge at the Village Ciub on Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills, where her lessons are in great demand.

The Wands were early endmirers of Edgar Kaplan's and Affred Sheimwold's unique bidding system, and they play it as well as almost any partnership I know. K.S., for you who aren't familiar with it, is based upon a system of weak no trumps (12-14 H.C.P.), weak opening this.

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There are many excellent features to the system, but its best results are attained by partnerships who continuously play together, as it contrasts with standard American but encompasses many similar bidding gadgets.

Today's hand, a Picasso example of the Wards' proficiency at playing K.S., was played at Dave and Judy Buskirks' Saturday-evening Summit Mall game.

Bonnie	<u>w</u>	Bert	<u>E</u>
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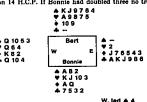
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A word about the articulate bidding which propelled the Wards to the heights of heaven with only 22 H.C.P. Aggressive, yes, but that is why good-judgment-coupled high cards in the right places often judging steps above the so-so. Any contract that has a play for success has my blessing. What you are witnessing in the bidding is an example of supreme confidence in each other's ability to describe shape and high-rest contract accused.

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Let me go through it with you. Bonnie's second bid accepted the transfer as she had at least three spades. Bert's shape was so unusual he considered slam a possibility, knowing that partner was limited to no more than 14 H.C.P. If Bonnie had doubled three no trump, she



would probably be showing most of he strength in the minors. When she didn't, Bert was encouraged. North, therefore, use bid clubs, and when Bonnie cue bid diamonds, she was continuing to indicate slam might be possible in the majors. Otherwise, she could have signed off at five spades. He too could have signed off at five spades but instead cue bid the heart suit. Six hearts confirmed the heart suit too, and if Bert preferred spades, he could bid it. Bert's pass seemed right and turned out to be the best spot to play alam.

When the dummy came into play, it was obvious to Bonnie there was much to be done. It was logical for her to conclude that minors were heavy on her right and the missing majors on her left. She therefore played dummy's low spade, which was abruptly ruffed, and East returned a small diamond.

No point in going down at trick (2), even though there was much to be said for concluding the king was with East. But she had dummy's spades for pitches and fortunately played the ace. At trick (3) her heart king and her good judgment was rewarded when East showed out. Now both major sait finesses were exposed, and our lovely declarer was home with 12 winners.

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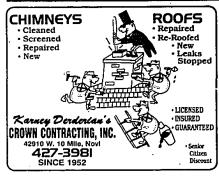
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