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**Bridge Hand**

By J.J. SCHNEVER, MD  
**Rhett Foxx**

Genile reader, it is with great trepidation that I introduce Rhett Foxx. He is about 50 years older than anybody you ever met and his joints are so arthritic he can scarcely move. But his vision and hearing leave something (no everything!) to be desired. He dates his bridge playing back to when Mr. Vanderbilt was an infant drooling on his bib and frankly, poor old Rhett's mind tends to wander, too. But some of the results he gets are...well, just look:

NORTH	WEST	EAST (Rhett)	SOUTH
SK 8762	S 4	S 103	SA Q J 95
H 63	HA Q 10	H 987542	H 3
DA K Q 105	D 6	D 98742	D 13
CK	CA Q 10 8 6 5 3 2	C none	C 3 0 7 4

OL: CA S W N E  
rubber bridge 1S 1D pass  
NS vulnerable 1S 5C 5S 5D  
North deals all pass

As usual, Rhett was dreamily studying his hand when North opened with 1 D; even Rhett could see that there

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were't many honor cards in his mit, so he just passed. South answered a spade and West, one of those new-fangled sacrifice bidding things jumped all the way to 5 C. He figured he'd make that bid over 4 S anyway, so why not now?

North unhesitatingly carried on to 5 S and Rhett came to life, he hadn't quite heard his partner's suit, but he'd sure heard that guy bid for 11 tricks all by himself; my goodness, though Rhett, N-S must be down a million at 5 S, so he doubled.

West cogitated for a long time over his opening lead...a trump? a heart? the singleton diamond to try for a ruff? There was much to be said for and still more against all of these, so he led the C A.

Dummy contributed the king and Rhett, who'd dropped off into dreamland awoke with a start at declarer's acerbic "your play, sir!" looked at the two club honors on the table, thought to himself how clever it was of his partner to trap dummy's king and ruffed! South played a small club and West bellowed in a voice of thunder that his blinking idiot of a partner had just trumped his winner.

Rhett was quite shaken by all this...not just, he thought, to trance for "hours" and then expect a fellow to keep up...not just at all. He glanced at the dummy, figured West was probably void in diamonds and led back a diamond.

No, by Jove! his eyesight had failed him again...he'd dropped the nine of HEARTS onto the table...well, they were the same color...ought to change that...make 'em orange or purple or something...oh well, too late now.

Declarer played the H K and West promptly cashed two heart tricks to doom declarer to defeat. Rhett allowed that he was sorry for his "mistake" but at least it hadn't cost the contract and that was what mattered, wasn't it?

Of course you can see easily that if Rhett had not both trumped his partner's ace and returned a heart, 11 tricks were there for the taking by declarer. South is still muttering about that one while Rhett says that it reminds him of a whilst game back before the Beer War when...but that's another story.

# IRS Answers Special Tax Situation Queries

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q I'm hoping to get a part-time job after school this fall. Is it true there's a form I can fill out to stop taxes from being taken out of my pay?

A Yes, you may avoid having federal income tax withheld from your pay if certain conditions are met and you give your employer a Form W-4E. Social Security taxes will continue to be withheld, however.

To avoid Federal income tax withholding you must have had no tax liability last year and expect none this year. Under the new tax law, you can earn up to \$1,752 before you will owe any tax.

If you meet these conditions, ask your employer for a Form W-4E. It will authorize him to stop Federal income tax withholding on your wages.

Q Are you allowed any credit or deduction for foreign income taxes paid while working overseas?

A Yes, you may either list the foreign income taxes paid with your other tax deductions or take a credit for such taxes paid. For details, obtain a free copy of Publication 514, Foreign Tax Credit for U.S. Citizens and Resident Aliens, by sending a postcard to your IRS district office.

Q I just got a letter from the local IRS office asking me to bring in my records on deductions. Can the fellow I got to prepare my return come with me?

A Yes, you may have the person who prepared your return come with you for the audit interview. Remember, however, that you are responsible for the accuracy of all items on the return.

Cancelled checks, receipts and similar records are most helpful in establishing the nature, date and amount of expense claimed. Taxpayers who have adequate records have little trouble when their return is examined.

Q After my father died, my sister and I began supporting our mother. Can we both claim her as our dependent?

A No, the dependency exemption for your mother cannot be claimed by both you and your sister. However, if either of you provided more than one-half your mother's total support and the other dependency tests are met, then that person can claim the exemption. Also, when two or more persons contribute more than half of the total support of a dependent, one of them who individually contributes more than 10% of it may claim the exemption if the other dependency tests are met. However, each of the other persons must file a written statement that he will not claim the exemption for that year.

Q I sold some trees on property I own to a lumber company. How do I handle this on my tax return?

A Such a sale is usually reported as a capital gain or loss. For details on how to handle this on your tax return, send a post card to your IRS district director and ask for a free copy of Publication 544, Sales and Exchanges of Assets.

The Department of Agriculture also has a publication on this subject. It is Handbook No. 274, "The Timber Owner and his Federal Income Tax." It is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for 35c a copy.

## WMU's Frosh Class Has 2-Day Meeting

Several Livonia students who will be attending Western Michigan University in the fall attended freshman orientation on the WMU campus recently.

The students registered, took placement tests, and became acquainted with the campus during their two-day stay.

Livonians who attended orientation sessions were Linda Strang, Gerald Simons, Kathryn King, Lindsey Canfield, Timothy Warner, Marian Umble, Karen Koopke, Diane Simpson, Robert Warner, Thomas Morell, Betty Schmitt, Rick Ducharme, Donna Spiker, Cristina Torres, Scott Little, William Morden, Robert Schrader, Mary Knipple,

## Livonian On Dean's List

Richard Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hobbs, 15610 Golfview, Livonia, was recently named to the dean's honor list at Kalamazoo College for the spring quarter.

Hobbs, a junior at Kalamazoo, is among those honorees who earned a 3.75 or better grade point average.

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