

A comfortable partner for bridge



I am grateful for the circumstances that gave me the opportunity to rub elbows with a handful of men who are a part of my gallery of great people. A few of them have in time become close friends. The rest I hold in special reverence, even though I can't say that the events of my life allowed me more than a passing chance at enjoying their pleasures and personalities.

One was Jack Dreyfus, a man in many respects I hardly knew, yet a person in whose company I felt very comfortable. Jack was a very good bridge player and a favorite partner of many, for he handled his cards and the union profitably.

Silence was probably his only chastisement — I never heard a word from him but praise. In the two years we played, I can't remember a sensitive moment, even though that goes with the game. Sometimes two people just mesh well together, and that was our good fortune.

Jack has been accused of being "the best American player of gin rummy in history," and the Encyclopedia of Bridge supports that contention in print, even though I'm not sure whether he has dealt a hand in many years. I sometimes wonder what it might be like to skirmish with him at this favorite amateur pastime of mine, but then reality brings me back to my senses and I gladly pass on such a utopian hope.

It is unfortunate that the duplicate bridge world has never known this champion, for he would certainly capture a case full of match points fast. His natural ability, table presence and personality are well suited for this wonderful intellectual challenge, but stake play is his game, and away from the table his foremost love, medical research, comes first.

Jack established the Dreyfus Medical Foundation some 30 years ago because of an extraordinary series of events in his life which had a profound effect upon his health. Since then he has unselfishly given immeasurable energy and funding to this cause, yet much is still to be accomplished, and this takes a great deal of his time.

If today's hand from my scrapbook of well-played melodies was introduced at duplicate, approximately 50 percent of the field would be playing two no trump after a Stayman search was made for a major suit fit. Some wouldn't even get that far, and a few might go further. Fending the brilliance of declarer's play, eight tricks are there while difficult to find, but game in no trump has absolutely no play. Note with homage how Jack handled this hand one sunny afternoon at New York's celebrated Cavendish Club.

Jack	W	N	E
1NT	—	2♣	—
2♣	—	2NT	—
3♥	—	4♥	Passed Out

North/South Vulnerable

♠ A 3	♥ 10 8 6 4	♦ 5 6	♣ K 10 7 3 2
♠ 8 4 2	♥ K 7	♦ A Q 10 8 3	♣ A 9 5
W	N	E	
Jack			
♠ K Q 10 7	♥ A Q J	♦ K J 9 7	♣ J 8

W led ♠ 3

Jack's third call was audacious, but he knew his partner held four hearts and some quantity of high cards and his 17-plus exceptional middle card texture was monumental. North's final call displayed arrested development, but he obviously was spurred by declarer's reputation for performing miracles and hid the game with no comprehension that his partner would be playing a Moysen fit opposite his sub-minimal holding.

When the dummy was introduced, Jack quietly scolded himself for not passing two no trump. Appreciate that this was as good a stake game as one could play in, and it was being contested for the love of a lot of money. Nevertheless, declarer concluded the contract was remotely possible if he could hold his losses to a trump, a club and one diamond. He won the opening lead in his hand and immediately played a club, West ducking smoothly, and won by dummy's king. The heart finesse lost to West's king and at trick 4, 5 and 6, the diamond ace, the club ace and diamond 3 ruffed with dummy's heart 8. Now three rounds of spades ending in declarer's hand, and this was the position at trick ten.

♠ — — — —	♥ 10 9	♦ — — — —	♣ 10 7
♠ 7	♥ — — — —	♦ Q 10	♣ 9
W	N	E	
Jack			
♠ 10	♥ A J	♦ K	♣ — — — —

You can see the space and diamond are now ruffed in dummy and dummy's two clubs are ruffed in the closed hand, limiting the defense to the three losers Jack had consciously contemplated.

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younger students. What do you think? Am I too old or should I go ahead now that I have the time to go back to school?

A. By all means enroll in college right away. It is a wonderful idea and more and more older adults are taking advantage of this time in their lives to do the kind of things

they did not have time to do when they were younger. As far as older persons' abilities to learn and retain new things, studies have proved that most older adults can learn as well as younger ones. However, it may take a little more time and concentrated effort. It may take a little more time to learn something new, as compared to when the individual was younger but the learning capacity does not diminish. Often motivation, illness, learning style and simple lack of practice account for length of time it may take to learn and retain new information, but age does not make a significant difference on learning ability.

There is no reason not to finish your education. You will probably enjoy your classes more now than you would have as a youngster. You will be more relaxed and you have

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