

Have confidence in your partner

"Trust your partners and they will be true to you. Treat them greatly and they will repay you." — Emerson

Within the seven levels allowed a partnership to describe high-card content and shape, exemplary technique and judgment are mandatory if maximum bidding effectiveness is to be achieved. The consequences if you're not precise are most often consequential. Many of "the old school" of standard American devotees argue that complex systems used by the modern stalwarts have smothered the use of judgment. Not so, but recognize that abuses can destroy bidding systems and ultimately the partnership.

If you have total confidence in your partner's ability, a series of well-timed bids tells much. Here are two examples of what I mean.

| Sitting south you hold: | The bidding | S | W | N | E |
|-------------------------|-------------|----|---|----|---|
| ♠ A K 10 8 8 | | 1♠ | — | 1♥ | — |
| ♥ Q | | 1♠ | — | 2♥ | — |
| ♦ Q 10 9 | | 3♠ | — | 4♠ | — |
| ♣ 8 7 6 4 | | | | | |

After North's third call, you know this about partner's hand: (1) At least 17-plus H.C.P.; (2) Shape is 3451 or 3460; (3) None of your points is wasted. Slam should be investigated by asking for aces.

| Sitting south you hold: | The bidding | S | W | N | E |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----|---|----|---|
| ♠ A 9 7 | | 1NT | — | 2♠ | — |
| ♥ A 4 | | 3NT | — | 4♦ | — |
| ♦ A 8 6 | | | | | |
| ♣ Q J 10 9 5 | | | | | |

| Barbara | W | N | E |
|---------|----|-----|---|
| 2♠ | 2♥ | — | — |
| 2NT | 3♥ | — | — |
| DBL | — | 4NT | — |
| 6♠ | — | — | — |

After North's third call, you know this about partner's hand: (1) He transferred you to hearts and bid diamonds twice. He must be at least 5-5 in the red suits with strong interest in slam as he passed up a no trump game; (2) Your three aces should guarantee 12 tricks. If you bid six diamonds, you may be missing a grand. 4NT in this sequence would be ace asking.

Barbara Frank of Southfield is a very trusting partner whose wonderful personality is supplemented by many fine attributes. She is a lady in every way who is well trained and disciplined with an exceptional 40-some years of playing experience. Add to all of that she is a grand-mama of a pretty famous Michigan bridge family. Both her husband and celebrated daughter Judy Rankin of New York became life masters in '69, just a few months behind Barbara. Today she holds the enviable total of some 1,700 master points, which places her high on the Michigan list. Of course, daughter Judy has gone beyond her mother's finest dreams, nudging the 10,000 mark. In fact, Judy is classed as a world master and certainly is one of North America's foremost women players.

Here's a hand from one of our games that epitomizes the garlands I have laid at Barbara's feet.

| N/S Vulnerable | ♠ 62 | ♥ 32 | ♦ Q J 10 4 3 | ♣ J 10 5 3 |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | W | N | E | |
| | Barb | | | |
| | ♠ K 10 | ♥ A K 4 | ♦ A 9 8 | ♣ A K Q 7 2 |
| | ♠ Q J 10 9 8 5 | ♥ Q J 10 4 3 | ♦ A 9 8 | ♣ A K Q 7 2 |
| | ♠ 8 4 | ♥ 7 6 | ♦ K 7 5 | ♣ A 9 8 |

W, led ♥ Q

Four no trump by North on his third turn to bid was unusual for the minors as it was obvious from the bidding that there was a strong possibility of such a fit. Barbara's six club call was aggressive but motivated by confidence that North had something. Unfortunately, not much. True, she was lucky to find the diamond honor on side, but West might have bid again with that card in his arsenal. With clubs behaving, declarer had no trouble getting to dummy twice which won for her two hearts, a heart ruff, five diamonds and five clubs.

Much can be said for the defense cashing its spade ace against a slam, but West had visions of defeating the contract and abstained from that play.

Woody Boyd teaches local bridge classes and is working toward becoming a life master. He lives in Bloomfield Township.

FASHION CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Help the needy

Twenty percent discount on purchase of one regularly priced summer item with each donation of clean used article of summer clothing through July 31 at Hunter-Cross clothing store, 265 Main in Rochester.

MONDAY, JULY 13

Trunk showing

Infants and children's knit out-

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THURSDAY, JULY 16

Autumn collection

Donna Karan Autumn '92 Collec-

tion with informal modeling 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Designer Salon, second floor, Sak's Fifth Avenue-Troy. Also, Friday, July 17.

Little girls

Florence Eiseman Fall '92 Collection Show "Style Starts Small," a selection of separates and dresses for little girls, noon to 7:30 p.m. in Children's Store of Jacobson's in Birmingham. Eiseman representative will be on hand.

Alumnae presents pancake meal

The Oakland County Alumnae of Delta Zeta sorority will meet at 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 13, for its annual pancake breakfast at the home of a

Birmingham member.

All area members are being invited to the breakfast, to be followed by installation of officers for the

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- Treatment schedules

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Wednesday, July 15
Novi Hilton
21111 Haggerty Road
1-275 at 8 Mile

OR

• 7 - 9 p.m.
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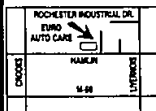
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