

Regional to be played at Hyatt

THE BRIDGE CROWD



WOODY BOYD

"There are toys for all ages and duplicate bridge is certainly one of them." — English proverb

I am reminded by those who have had the task that the planning and supervision of a successful major tournament is an extremely demanding stint. In recent years, the Vincent Remy Motor City Regional has been just such a task because the slippage in attendance has been dramatic at its past location. This prompted the MBA board, led by president Art Columbia of Farmington, to select a new site for Michigan's traditionally most prodigious red and gold point extravaganza.

The Hyatt Regency Dearborn, one of the posh spots in the Midwest, was the overwhelming hotel choice for this year's spiffy six-day playing affair. Dates have been changed to Tuesday-Sunday, Dec. 1-6, but it's expected that by '93 the customary October time again will be reinstated if the Hyatt can make the necessary arrangements.

In spite of his strenuous agenda, the board asked Art if he would again serve as tournament chairman. He graciously accepted, even though the demands in planning and management are numerous. Recently we visited regarding the coming occasion and he and MBA's board were bubbling with enthusiasm. As Art said, "I'll match Dearborn's Hyatt against the best. Twenty minutes from Metro Airport; a \$69-per-night special bridge room rate; 90-second elevated train ride to Michigan's second-largest swish shopping center; many exceptional restaurants within minutes' walking distance; sauna, exercise center and free parking, and a bunch more fun-bustin' things to do like historical Greenfield Village, Ford World Headquarters and the famous Dearborn Inn almost within sight of the Hyatt's front door."

I would expect that this will be Michigan's most-attended major event ever. It seems from what I've heard that a bevy of experts from the four corners of North America are expecting to participate. So, set the date to play in this one if it's the type of challenge that tickles your intellectual competitive fancy.

Good bridge is on occasion a spectacular bid or play, but more often than not it's superior judgment and excellent technique. Art's lovely wife Linda gave me today's wonder, which the president recently played at Farmington's bridge club in a connection. Test yourself with the advantage of seeing four hands. Then decide whether you or declarer would have done as well with only the dummy and your 13 to work with.

INSERT A

Unquestionably six no trump by Linda was a wee bit risky, but she loved her middle card texture and thought her partner could turn them to use to conquer what she had no way of knowing. West led the heart ace, which was favorable, but he was a devotee of playing aces against slams at his first opportunity. (Against suits it is a consideration, but not against no trump slams). The lead did offer Arthur a modicum of hope, but not much more. Without it, even the great Zia Mahmood might not have unraveled the only out card possibility, and even that would have necessitated defensive cooperation.

When East dropped the heart queen, Art went into confinement to consider the situation. Would West lead the heart ace if he held the jack in back of it? Not likely! At trick two West continued the

E	Art	W	Linda
2NT	3♦	—	3♦
3♦	3♦	—	6NT
Passed out			
N/S vulnerable			
▲ 53	▲ K 10 8 7	▲ J 6 4 2	
♥ A 9 8 7	♥ K 10 8 3	♥ Q	
♦ Q 6 4 2	♦ 10 8 7	♦ 7 3	
♠ 9 6 5	♠ Q 8	♠ J 4 3 2	
	Linda		
	W	E	
	Art		
	▲ A Q 9		
	▲ K 5		
	▲ K 10 7		
	W. led 7		

suit, playing the seven. After a perplexing 20 seconds, Art reached his decision. He needed two heart entries to dummy to successfully execute his plan, so he played the king and was rewarded. Again, he paused, but decided he was on the right track. West had four hearts and probably wouldn't have played the ace unless he had a potential setting trick like the diamond queen. If that premise was correct, he couldn't hold both black jacks protected and maybe neither. So he hit Art trick (3) dummy's small spade and successfully finessed East's jack. Trick (4) a further protection against the other minor queen singleton, he played the diamond ace, (5) and (6), the spade ace queen. (7), his last heart to dummy's ten. (8), the spade king pitching his diamond five. (9)-(12), dummy's club queen. A small club to his ten and the ace-king of that suit. His diamond king at trick (13) totaled a dozen. Lucky? Sort of, but also exceptional technique.

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High-risk people can get flu shots

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RENEE MAHLER

Flu season is coming and now is the time for all older adults to consider getting their shots as soon as possible. Flu shots are especially important for those whose health problems can lead to serious complications if they contract the flu.

High-risk people are more likely than others to require hospitalization if they suffer from flu. This year's vaccine protects against three viral flu strains, A/Texas, A/Beijing and B/Panama.

See your physician or call your local county health department for a flu shot. Many health departments offer flu shots at local senior centers. Immunization at senior centers normally costs \$30 for anyone under the age of 60 while those 60 and older can have the shots for free.

Q. My husband and I are going to move into a seniors apartment complex that is subsidized by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. My question is about our pet. We have an 8-year-old declawed cat that does not go outside. The people at the apartment never mentioned pets and I have been told that there is a law in Michigan that says seniors are allowed a small pet in their apartments. My husband is handicapped, and the cat means a great deal to both of us. Is there such a law that would allow us to keep our cat?

A. As a pet owner myself, I fully understand how important your cat is to you and your husband. In 1987 a federal law was passed concerning pet ownership in apartments that are subsidized with federal funds.

After checking with the apartments you are planning to move to and with MSHDA, I discovered that the federal law does not apply to your new residence. There is a clause in the lease you will sign that specifically says that no pets are allowed. This is perfectly legal.

Q. My mother lives in an Adult Foster Care Home in Waterford. We are very pleased with the care she is getting, but she was always a very busy and ac-

tive person and misses being with different people and doing a variety of things. Is there any place in the area that would provide a little 'excitement' for her?

A. Encore, a program sponsored by the Waterford Senior Citizen Program, is an Adult Day Care service which provides a caring and protective environment for frail older adults. It is a social program, and activities include day trips, exercise, and arts and crafts. Personal assessments, counseling and referral are also available. Transportation for people living within the Waterford School District, is offered at \$4 each round trip. The program runs Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The charge for a full day is \$30 per session. Half day sessions also are possible from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fees for the half day session are \$20 per day.

The Encore program accepts ambulatory individuals with Alzheimer's Disease, stroke, dementia and Parkinson's disease. Adult Day Care is a very effective way of giving care a respite from their daily and sometimes difficult schedule.

For additional information call 623-7202 Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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