

# Bridge veteran is a nice guy too



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Leonard Harmon is a well-medaled veteran of many world-class championships who lives in East Amherst, Long Island, with his lovely wife (from Southfield) Marion. Today Lenny may be caught on occasion playing in Manhattan some Monday night with friends, but other than that his expertise at the table is seldom paraded in this modern age of bridge.

Thirty-odd years ago, Lenny's name was in lights on the major bridge marquees of America. He was a member of the American team in the 1959 Bermuda Bowl and the 1960 World Team Olympiad. Coupled with these world-class accomplishments are many North American championships. Admittedly his greatest year was 1958 when he won the McKenny Trophy competing against the strongest field of United States players ever seated.

The ACBL doesn't give an award for "Mr. Nice Guy," but he would have won such a mythical tribute in a landslide for his gentlemanly manner and dignified presence at play or away from the table. He saves his sagacity for his favorites, but if you are lucky enough to be with him when he's moved to do so, you can learn an awful lot about this magnificent game from his scholarly tutorial discourses.

Many of Lenny's most notable achievements were in partnership with the brilliant Ivar Stukgrod, professor of mathematics at Northwestern University. It wasn't easy for either to keep even with their demanding professions (Lenny owned a very successful insurance agency in New York City) and the rigorous major tournament schedule of that era, but together they succeeded in capturing many of the laurels awarded in that period of bridge history.

Today's layout is one of the famous Harmon's Maxim Cum Laudes of contract bridge. The hand is devilish for two reasons. It isn't easy to bid and even harder to play at the 12-trick level. Confronted with a trump lead, not the spade suit which the opponents bid, the probability of success dissipates considerably.

With the spade lead, declarer has time to win the diamond king and still ruff two diamonds in dummy. As the cards are, this line of play is invincible as he only loses to the trump queen. With the disabulous heart lead, the second diamond ruff is gone and that loser must be attended to. This can only be achieved by finding the

N	E	Len	W
1♠	1♠	2♥	1♠
3♣	—	3♥	—
4♥	—	5♣	—
5♠	—	6♥	—

Passed Out

Both vulnerable

♠ A 7 2  
♥ A J  
♦ K J 10 9 7 6 5  
♣ —

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

♠ 8 5 4 3  
♥ J 10 4 3 2  
♦ A 8 3  
♣ —

♠ K Q J 10 8  
♥ Q 2 4  
♦ 5  
♣ Q 4 2

W. led ♥ 6

clubs right and then correctly guessing the card to play. The club honors must be divided or with East. If West has a winning honor, he must have a singleton trump so he can't eliminate dummy's last trump. Now you have seen 52, but Harmon had only the benefit of the dummy, his own and West's lead, yet his suspicion of the out cards position was clairvoyant, and he accomplished the task with deftness.

At trick one — the heart jack, winning the queen with the king. Now, a diamond to the king and dummy's club king. When East didn't play the ace, he pitched a diamond. West spade return was won in dummy and now the club jack. It mattered not whether East played his queen. If he didn't, a diamond is discarded. If he did, Lenny ruffs and re-enters dummy with a diamond ruff and then the club 10 for the other low-diamond loser.

You say lucky, and I say Lenny certainly was, but great players make their own luck and they do it usually by using their gifted skills adroitly.

Woody Boyd teaches local bridge classes and is a life master. He lives in Bloomfield Township. To leave a message for Boyd, from a touch-tone phone, call 953-2047, Ext. 1853.

# Area referral service can help with chores



RENEE MAHLER

had a stroke and I'm worried about his having to rake the leaves and shovel the snow in the winter. We don't want to leave our home but we don't know where to get help either.

A. Any person, 60 years or older, that lives in Western Wayne County can get low-cost outdoor and indoor chore service through the Senior Alliance Chore Referral Program. The Chore Referral Program will give you a list of workers who will do a variety of household tasks including leaf raking and snow shoveling.

The Senior Alliance program will provide you with a list of three chore worker referrals. You may select the person you want, set up your own work schedule and arrange a payment plan.

Contact the Senior Alliance at 722-2830 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is also an answering machine and you may leave your name and telephone number. Your call will be returned promptly.

The Chore Referral Program is also looking for workers of any age to help seniors in the community.

If you are available to help, please call the Senior Alliance at the above phone number.

Finding the information you need concerning all types of housing for older adults can often be difficult. A very informative free booklet, published twice a year, is available in metro Detroit. Entitled Senior Living Alternatives, this booklet contains the latest information on nursing homes, assisted living facilities and retirement residences in Southeastern Michigan.

There is a listing of these homes by city, a description of their services and, of course, addresses and telephone numbers. Also included are sections on financial and legal matters, senior centers, local Area Agencies on Aging, and community services.

The booklet can be found in most hospital Discharge Planning or Social Service offices, libraries and senior centers. Or it may be ordered from Senior Living Alternatives, 300 Riverfront Park, Suite 1511, Detroit 48226. Postage and handling charge is \$3.

Renee Mahler is a gerontologist and the director of communications and admission at a Rochester Hills nursing facility. She is a former member of the Michigan State Commission on Services to the Aging.

To leave a message for Mahler, from a touch-tone phone, call 953-2047, Ext. 1869. Send your questions to her at the Observer & Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

## FASHION CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, FEB. 5

**Sweaterfest '93**  
Sweaterfest Spring '93, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Diane M, 100 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Featuring new collections of Robin Richman, Margaret O'Leary, Margareta and more. Create your own sweater or choose from the designers' own collections.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 6

**Bridal Expo '93**  
Bridal Expo '93, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Plaza Hotel, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. Bridal fashion show, copy of current issue of Brides Today magazine, exhibition of creative services for the bride, and taping of event to be aired on cable TV. Tickets \$5 in advance, or \$6 at the door. For ticket information call Frances Hines at 557-1510, Rita Williams at 297-2781 or Liz Tarver 350-5430.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 9

**Geoffrey Beene**  
Geoffrey Beene Spring '93 Collection, with special representative, through Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Designer Salon, second floor, at Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection in Troy. Informal modeling daily 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Cultural festival

1993 International Cultural Festival features fashion luncheons with an international flair presented by the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, and Ford Motor Co., joined with area retailers. Fashions by Jacobson's of Birmingham on Feb. 9, 16 and 23, in The Restaurant at the Ritz. Buffet and fashion show is \$15.75 per person, excluding tax and gratuity. For reservations or more information, call 441-2100.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

### Swimwear collection

Gotex cruise/holiday swimwear collection trunk show 1-6 p.m. at Roslyn's Intimate Apparel, Applegate Square, on Northwestern Highway between 12 and 13 Mile roads in Southfield. Informal modeling.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 11

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### At Jacobson's

Gotex cruise 1993 swimwear collection, with representative, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Active Sportswear at Jacobson's in Birmingham. Jim Hjelm Bridal Collection in formal fashion show at 7 p.m. in the Bridal Salon, lower level; call 645-8554 to RSVP.

## Tiffany's joins race for cure

This month, Tiffany fragrance counters throughout the United States are offering a gift set to raise funds to support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The gift set pairs a 3.4-ounce Tiffany Eau de Parfum spray with a vivid silk scarf created by Tiffany's master design staff. The scarf, a 26-inch square, features motifs signifying the "Race for the Cure," a series of fund-raising races held annually by the foundation in cities throughout America.

Tiffany has joined with the foundation to help in the "Race for the Cure" to eradicate breast cancer — a disease that is expected to afflict 1,500,000 women during this decade.

The gift set, priced at \$100, is available at Tiffany's in Troy and other Tiffany's stores, as well as stores where Tiffany fragrances are sold. The set also is available by calling Tiffany's toll-free number 1-800-626-0849.

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