

Think Trim plans Renewal Weekend

"Pamper Yourself" is the theme of the sixth annual Women's Renewal Weekend sponsored by Think Trim of Troy, May 14-16, at Forward's Conference Center in West Branch.

Lorraine Stefano, founder and director of Think Trim, said, "This weekend gives women a chance to get away from the worries and cares of daily life and just focus on taking care of themselves."

Throughout the weekend, a variety of workshops will be offered including Skin Care in the '90s, Aromatherapy for Everyone, Tai Chi Ch'uan - Meditation in Motion, Chair Dancing, Meditation, Rub Your Troubles Away, and Think Trim - Be Trim - Stay Trim. Also available will be an indoor pool, sauna and whirlpool.

Fee is \$225 and includes all workshops, meals and two nights lodging. For further information, call 689-3283 Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Program needs volunteers

Great Expectations is seeking volunteers for its pregnancy program.

Volunteers are needed to become a friend and support for a pregnant woman or a single parenting mother in a crisis situation. Volunteers must be 21 or older with knowledge and skills relating to pregnant women and parenting.

For further information, contact Michelle Leaphart at 646-4044.

All about Senator Nickelsnitcher



If you're good just because it pays to be good, you will be bad for bigger wages.

One of the lines of the light I've always had no doubts about was the recently defeated and extraordinarily notorious Senator Shifty M. Nickelsnitcher. Those of you who have been reading this column for ages will remember I reported his undoing in November of '90. Not that I cover politics on the Petomas, but Shifty was one of the capital's leading dealers and this qualified him to be some kind of bridge celebrity.

The game he and his extortion-oriented cohorts used to deal was classified and conducted behind the sealed cloakroom doors of the Senate sub-chambers. It usually started sharply at 2 p.m. each weekday and sometimes went on until the wee small hours of the morning if not interrupted by an important roll call from the floor that required their vote.

The stakes were stupendous, but that was a joke, as not one of these clowns ever carried cash. This required that a large sum of credits and debits be put on the cuff. In time, this became most unsatisfactory for the winners like Shifty, who was holding more than he expected to collect in I.O.U. issue.

This prompted the brilliant Senator Henry "Sometimes Honest" Slylywiser to suggest settlement should be reached each 30 days by drafting personal checks against the Capitol Hill secret bank that was financed by the public's tax dollars.

It should be noted that everyone's honor was on holiday and the winners were usually those who practiced deceit at its best. It even became necessary for the treasury department to assign one of their auditors to tabulate the score as, left unattended, it was disgracefully tampered with at will.

Naturally, Nickelsnitcher's loose use of ethics was the cause for many contentious moments, for in matters of money he was a flagrantly premeditated thief. But sometimes even one of the 10 most wanted gets caught, and in today's expose, Shifty was challenged for practicing tactics unbecoming his already blemished reputation.

It seems that a fellow senator felt that his rights had been seriously jeopardized and called in the attorney general for an opinion. Naturally, he wasn't schooled in tournament play direction, but the testimony given gave him the shivers.

The only strategic play known in bridge to be unethical, snotlogous and unscrupulous too got its name from the rock with bars on it in the middle of San Francisco Bay. Senator Nickelsnitcher didn't create the Alcatraz Coup, but no one in bridge history practiced it with such reckless abandon. Those villains who had been previously caught employing it have all been incarcerated for a life term, as the felonious proportions of its enactment warranted a sentence of that time's confinement.

The situation was this. It was two and a half hours past Shifty's high noon and he was still under its woody influence, which was conspicuous in his bidding and play. He had cut Slylywiser, and on the third hand had reached a precarious no trump grand slam. On these occasions, he would always call upon his cohorts to see him through such moments, and the payoff for such fraud required that Shifty divide his winnings with the other two colluders. Of course,

the fall guy was always the fourth, and in this instance that was the freshman Senator Clemson Cleanhonor. McCall seated west and paired with another of Shifty's buddies, Senator Subly Cunning Sabersnitcher.

Subly	Shifty	Cleanhonor	Slylywiser
3♥	4♥	-	4♠
-	4NT	-	5♥
-	5NT	-	6♥
-	7NT	-	Passed out
N/S Vulnerable			
♠ 632	♠ 1054	♠ J987	♠ QJ109865
♥ 732	♥ K	♥ QJ109865	♥ 62
♦ Q753	♦ 109	♦ K109	♦ -
♣ 874	♣ 10963	♣ A J84	♣ KQJ52
	W Shifty E		W led ♥ 2

As Shifty could see following the lead there were 12 easy winners, three spades, two hearts, two diamonds and five clubs. The 13th had to come from a successful diamond finesse or dropping the spade jack.

He won dummy's heart king and played two high spades from his hand. Next his heart ace pitching a small club in dummy. Then four clubs ending in dummy, but carefully preserving his club jack. Now the spade ace, and when the jack didn't appear, he blithely initiated deceit.

The diamond 10 was next played from dummy, and when East casually played the deuce, Shifty purposely put his club jack into play as nonchalantly as anyone possibly could. This brought forth the queen from West which set the contract, but, and this is the big one, Slyly in the same instance said, "No high diamonds, partner!"

With that, Shifty embarrassingly corrected his revoke by playing his diamond ace and in a generously forgiving tone apologetically suggested to West that he pick up his queen and play any diamond he wished. Of course, Clemson did, but it was obvious that he was unhappy. He restrained any attempt at redress at that moment. Of course, Shifty's trickery had located the all-important queen, but first he played his club jack and then a small diamond to dummy's nine, and 13 tricks were in.

When Cleanhonor suggested all wasn't on the up and up, the other two senators came to Nickelsnitcher's defense, and besides West wasn't required to play his queen that fast and therefore had no grounds for recourse. When the attorney general was summoned, he thought otherwise, but to date neither has debated this fierce issue before the courts.

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 963-2047, Ext. 1853.

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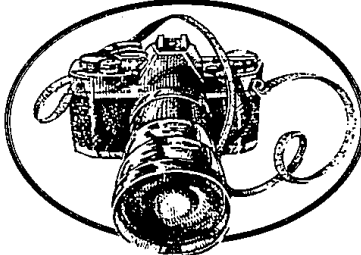
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