More than 33 million play bridge

You cannot define talent. All you can do is build a greenhouse and see if it grows.

Three years ago Women's Wear Daily, one of our more popular national magazines, said there were more than 33 million active bridge players (who played at least once a week) in North America. The merican Contract Bridge League has some 400,000 members who play duplicate in club games, section-ais, regionals and national tournaments.

There are a couple of smaller associations like the ABA, but most of this game's play (party bridge) is among family and friends in the neighborhood. We have eight duplicate games on the east side which generate some 140 tables of play each week. The northwest side has many more games, too numerous to recount, but that is where the heart of duplicate play is located. At home play may be 10 or 12 times greater, but that is difficult to determine.

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One of Grosse Pointo's oldest and most respected party bridge games is Judy McMullin's Win Malchie Charity Bridge Marathon comprising a couple dozen of our loveliest fair ladies who play for fun and to support the Children's Home of Detroit. I'm not sure whether your ancestors had to come over on the Mayllower to be eligible for this game's rostor, but I know the play is above average, the compelition is considerable and attrition is minimal. Therefore, the same have been playing for years. One among them is my dear friend Emily Turner who has been a mainstay of the game since her move from Lake Forest de veras ago.

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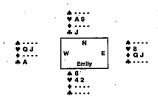
Unlike the duplicate troops who fortify their bidding style with a gallery of gadgets, this practical group side pretry much to the Stayman and Blackwood conventions, and this simplicity doesn't seem to affect their technique adversely.

A fortnight or so ago, Emily game me a hand she had played from their marathon that immediately became destined to appear here. She was sure I wouldn't like the bidding, as she said, "We keep it simple."

But I found it quite adequate under such competitive pressure. It was typically conflictive and East/West have an excellent save, even at the seven level, considering the vulnerability. As Emily went on, "I got to the unmaskeable spade small slam, but the defense faitered and allowed me to succeed."

I asked Emily to explain her play, which she willingly recounted. "As you can see I had a club end a heart loser and there was nothing I could do but play my high cards and hope the defense made a mistake and discarded a winner. I trumped West's club queen continuation at trick (2) and played three rounds of spades ending in my hand. At trick (6) rlayed the ace and then the king of diamonds. At trick (6) through (10) I played two more spades and heart king. At (11) West goofed by playing the heart jack on my least spade."

Let me diagram the position at trick (11)).



The preceding diagram clearly reflects what actually happened. West truly didn't gooff Emily had her in a squeeze when she plays her last spade siz. If West discards the club acc, dummy's heart acc and club fack would win trick (12) and (13), and if West throws the heart lack, Emily throws dummy's club jack and the heart acc, nine win the last two tricks. You see West had to play before dummy, and take note, marathon members, your Emily performed the simple but dramatic squeeze.

Congratulations, Mrs. Turner, you now qualify at the expert level.

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.

FASHION CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 23

At Saks

Wacoal Intimate Apparel Fitting Clinic with special representetive Sandra Krump 1-4 p.m. in
Intimate Apparel, shird floor, at
Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection in Troy, Company
Ellen Tracy Fashion Focus Bay
with special representative Karen
Riordan in Active Sportswear,
second floor.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

Peter Nygard
Peter Nygard Luncheon minishow featuring the Autumn '93
Collections for Missy and Petite
at noon in Designer Sportswear,
second floor, at Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection inTroy, Admission \$6 at the door.
For reservations, call 643-9000,
Ext. 317.

David hats
David personal appearance for hats 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Fashion Accessories, Level One, at Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

Cedars Sportswear
Cedars Sportswear Luncheon
min-show of contemporary
sportswear at noon in Contemporary
Sportswear, first floor, at
Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection in Troy. Admission
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call 643-9000, Ext. 317.

The Boardwalk
Informal modeling of fashions
from Zesa noon to 2 p.m. at Stage
& Co. restaurant at the Boardwalk shopping center on Orchard
Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

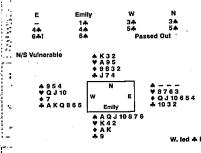
Area poet conducts workshop

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"For more information, call 6516975, 334-1810 or 693-7227. LaGattuta was an instructor at
for several years. Sho is author of
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ines," "The Dream Givers" and
her weekly radio program "Art in
the Ali*" is broadcast on WPON,
1460-AM, from Bloomfield Hills.



Model contest winner appears at F&M stores

'Mariana Molski, winner of the Elite Model Agency's 1992 "Look of the Year" sponsored by Alberto-Culver, will appear Saturday, Oct. 2, at F&M stores in Rochester Hills and Farmington Hills. She will visit 10:30 s.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rochester Hills store, 1250 Rochester Road, and 2-4 p.m. at the Farmington Hills store, 31005 Orchard Lake Road.

The high school sophomore is It years old and lives in Des Plaines, Ill. Crowned the world's most beautiful woman in 1992, Molski landed a \$150,000 contract with the Elite modeling

agency, effective as soon as she graduates.

Moleki's appearances are part of the Cosmopolitan Beauty Days demonstrations, which provide bundreds of tips on the latest trends and techniques in personal beauty care, through Oct. 3 at F&M stores. In addition, free make-up consultations, manicures and nail care, and hairstyling, as well as fregrence skin care and other product sampling, is provided at every F&M store 3-8 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.



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