

Fine player, she likes a challenge



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I have always endeavored to be a lady, but not one who listlessly goes about, scarcely caring where, and cannot tell what's what. This will never be my intention. That is the significant reason I sought many challenges, and bridge is assuredly one. It immediately stimulated my interest, satisfied my desire for diversion and served my pride. For that, the game has made me thankful. A career and a family, I have as much as I want, and being so fortunate, I am especially grateful.

I have put Lynne Schaefer's recent brief into this columnist's singular lingo, but what you have perused portrays her most candid feelings about life. She is to be commended, for Lynne is a very fine player, happily married, with a successful career and soon to be a mother.

We first met some five or six years ago when she and now husband Steve Landen were going arm in arm. At that stage, Lynne's game was in development, ably aided by Steve who for years has been one of Michigan's exceptional experts. Today they are pleasantly neighbored in West Bloomfield, and when her job as vice president of Wayne State Administrative Services allows her the hours you might easily see her partnered with any one of her many favorites.

The list is naturally topped by Steve, but the likes of such "who's who" in Michigan bridge as Mark Molsen, Suzy Burger and Dennis Kneale are extraordinary players too. With a gratifying smile she acknowledges that her play on the victorious '89 Spring National Women's Team was the high mark to date in her game, but Steve says, "It's just the beginning."

I have made it a point to observe Lynne's game from the fifth seat on two or three occasions this past year, and I am duly impressed. As a performer, she would have to be ranked among Michigan's half dozen best women players. As a partner, she is supreme. Only Marilyn Maddox, among the top girls, would in my opinion match her. She's modest and firm, she's deliberate yet forthcoming, and she's extremely well trained and knowledgeable. Such blandishments are a pleasure to mention when measuring her table presentation, which I consider foremost.

Today's hand I witnessed her play one evening recently at the Bridge Connection in partnership with her consort. It isn't a candidate for the 100 best hands ever played, but it's indicative of her quiet way of handling a subtle bit of trouble.

Four cards has no play off a trump, a diamond and two clubs unless you can see four hands, and even then it's precarious. So our fair declarer's decision to play no trump in spite of holding three of Steve's suit was clairvoyant but subsidized by sound judgment with a perfect fit. She had much company as eight of the 12 tables were playing her game contract, but only one other, South, brought it in. Some were

E	Lynne	W	Steve
—	1NT	—	2♦
—	2A	—	2NT
—	3NT	Passed Out	Jacoby transfer

Both Vulnerable	♠ A K 8 7 6 ♥ Q 5 ♦ 10 9 5 ♣ 7 6 4	♠ J 5 4 ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ 6 4 3 ♣ J 10 3 2
♠ Q 3 ♥ J 9 8 7 ♦ A 8 7 2 ♣ A Q 5	Steve W Lynne E	
	♠ 10 9 2 ♥ A K 10 4 ♦ K Q J ♣ K 9 B	W, led ♦ 2

down two, but Lynne found 10 winners against a substantial defense.

Before you read on, take a second look at the out card arrangement and see if you can find the simple but expedient play. Lynne won the diamond king and at trick (2) played the spade 10, and West popped with the queen, which was the correct play. Otherwise, he is end played at trick (7). Our lovely declarer let West's queen hold. She did this to keep the dangerous defender, East, off lead, full well realizing that if spades were (104) with East (28 percent probability) the club ace had to be there too.

East played the diamond ace. And another won by South's jack. At trick (5), Lynne continued spades and was pleased to see West had a second. Tricks (6-8) three more spades, East pitching two hearts. Lynne was squeezed, but so was West. Declarer tossed two clubs as did West, who also pitched his last diamond to protect the heart jack.

At trick (9), dummy's heart queen. At (10), a club to her singleton king and West's ace. Darling, I agree, but Lynne had an excellent read on the opponents cards, and the end play was on as poor East at trick (11) had to lead a heart back to declarer's ace, king, 10. Is there anyone who wishes to challenge this lovely lady's technique? I thought not.

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 953-2027, Ext. 1853.

FASHION CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

At Madeline

Sansapelle resort and early spring collection for 1993-94 through Friday, Oct. 8, at Madeline, 6614 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills.

THURSDAY, OCT. 7

The Boardwalk

Fashions from Chico's informally modeled noon to 2 p.m. at Stage & Co. restaurant at The Boardwalk shopping center on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

Time for organizations to submit holiday cards

We're already getting calls at the Observer & Eccentric's five offices, from charitable organizations asking when and how to submit Christmas cards for the books with sample cards we will have on display at our local offices.

A special story about the cards runs annually on the front page of Suburban Life. This year the story will appear Thursday, Nov. 4. On that date, each of the five O&E offices also will have a book available, filled with samples of cards that have been submitted, including details on how to order them.

To have your charity or nonpro-

fit agency included in the sample books, send five copies of each card offered, to the following address: Ethel Simmons, Oakland County Suburban Life Editor, The Observer & Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Cards and ordering details must be submitted by Thursday, Oct. 14.

Readers who want to buy Christmas cards that benefit charitable organizations can stop into an O&E office — in Birmingham, Rochester, Farmington, Livonia or Plymouth — after Nov. 4 to look at the holiday books.

For more information call Simmons at 901-2576.

Weiss teaches family life courses

Dr. Richard A. Weiss, M.S.W., who has a certificate in couples and families, will teach several courses on family life issues in Southfield.

"Increasing Self-Esteem" will be presented 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, "Living Together Before Marriage," 6:30-9 p.m. Mon-

day, Nov. 1, and "Stepfamilies Stepping Ahead," Monday, Nov. 8. All courses will be conducted in Room B-103 at Southfield Lathrup High School, on 12 Mile east of Evergreen.

For more information, call Nancy Enright at 746-8712.

Headlee supporting annual Heart Walk

Richard Headlee of Farmington Hills is honorary chairman of the second annual American Heart Walk at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak.

The general public and corporate walking teams are being invited to the 10K noncompetitive Heart Walk sponsored by the American Heart Association of Michigan. Families, friends and co-workers will warm up with aerobics and then walk the course with media, sports celebrities,

school teams, corporate teams, jump ropers, heart researchers and even zoo animals.

Headlee is active in a variety of issues at the state, local and federal levels. "Six years ago I had a heart transplant," he said, "and it was successful because of heart research funded by the American Heart Association. I want to encourage regular walking as one type of exercise to help prevent heart disease."

The American Heart Walk in metro Detroit is one of 22 in Michigan and one of hundreds to be held across the country. To sign up for the walk, as an individual or as a corporate walking team, call the American Heart Association of Michigan at 557-9500.

Michael V. Howe of Grosse Pointe Farms is chairman of the American Heart Walk. "We anticipate that there will be 2,000 walkers this year," he said. "We

hoped to raise more than \$200,000 for the fight against heart disease, which is still by far the No. 1 Killer of Michigan residents."

Howe pointed out, "Fifty-five percent of Michigan adults do not exercise regularly, which is a major risk factor for heart disease. This American Heart Walk not only funds research and community education programs, but it also helps Michigan children get up, get out and start walking.

their chance of developing heart problems.

Beaumont exercise physiologist Tom Berg will describe types of exercise and other physical activities that can help women in "beating the odds."

Women, heart disease is topic of free program

A free program on women and heart disease, sponsored by William Beaumont Hospital, will be held 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, in Classroom A, at the hospital, 44201 Dequindre in Troy.

To register call 1-800-633-7377.

"Beating the Odds: Women and Heart Disease" is the second of five free programs offered by Beaumont through a "Women and Well-Being" health series. Upcoming programs will focus on hysterectomy alternatives, preparing for parenthood and breast

cancer.

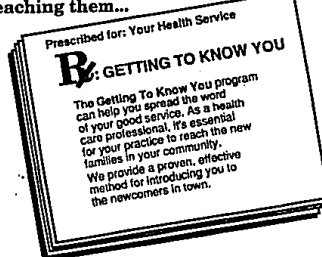
Beaumont cardiologist Dr. David Forst, and clinical nurse specialist Debra Brait will discuss how heart disease in women differs from heart disease in men, risk factors for heart trouble, and how women can avoid or reduce

their chance of developing heart problems.

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