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## Bridge Hand

By J.J. SCHNEIDER, MD

The nice thing about playing bridge with people who know as little or less than you do is that you never have to feel chastised for dropping the ball; they probably won't even notice.

**NORTH**  
SKQ3  
H84  
DAJ109  
C7642

**EAST**  
S8  
HQ10963  
DK764  
CQJ9

**SOUTH**  
SAJ1097542  
Hnone  
DQ5  
CK85

**WEST**  
S5  
HAKJ752  
DB32  
CA103

rubber bridge  
none vulnerable  
North deals

The bidding was, to say the least, abysmal, although we can find little to quarrel about South's 4S bid... at the worst it can be called a "sporting try" there was, however, no sport in his play... only surrender.

West led the HK, declared ruffed, yanked a round of trump, and finessed the DQ. East grabbed the DK and shot back the CQ whereupon E-W snatched three quick club tricks for down one.

"Nice save," exulted North.

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# '71 Hunting Prospects Called Fair To Good

Prospects for Michigan's fall hunting seasons are generally fair to good for most species, according to the State Department of Natural Resources.

A roundup of observations by wildlife specialists indicate better - than - last - year prospects for grouse, quail, squirrels, ducks, quail, squirrels, and rabbits.

The outlook for deer is only fair. Bear hunting in the Upper Peninsula is expected to be good.

**FOR THE SOUTHERN** half of the Lower Peninsula, prospects are brightest for duck hunters. The favorable conditions of the northern half of the lower peninsula are even more favorable in the southern counties.

This year, the state is Michigan's traditional "pheasant country," but ringneck hunting is expected to be only fair. Prospects are brightest for the central and southwest counties.

Although southern Michigan deer numbers have been on the increase, hunting opportunities are limited by the fact that most of the land is privately owned. Highest deer concentrations are in the south-central counties.

Quail hunting should be fair in counties open to taking bobwhites: Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Shiawassee, Washtenaw, and Wayne.

Cottontail rabbit hunting should be fair to good through the winter in most of the lower peninsula, and snowshoe (varying hare) populations are normal in Michigan's northern counties.

Predictions are that fox squirrel hunting in the Lower Peninsula will be good, especially in farm woodlots in southern counties. No significant changes from last

year are reported for gray and black squirrels in the Upper Peninsula.

**BEAR HUNTING** in the lower peninsula will be the permit only in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Iosco, Kalkaska, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Oshtemo, Presque Isle, and Roscommon.

Improved hunting for grouse and woodcock are predicted for the northern half of the lower peninsula. A favorable winter and a better than average nesting season should pay off in more "pats" and "timber doodles," say department biologists.

Prospects are especially promising for duck hunters in this part of the state. Production of native ducks has been good, despite a prolonged dry spell. Rivers and streams, lakes, marshes, and potholes in the northern half of the Lower Peninsula, this coupled with flights of migratory birds, should make woodcock hunting especially

The deer situation in the

northern half of the lower peninsula will be about what is expected for the upper peninsula - only fair. David A. Arnold, DNR deer specialist, comments: "The winter didn't cause the problems here that it did farther north, but success will probably be near the level of a year ago, which was lower than for several years."

According to Arnold, deer populations are better in a band about 50 miles wide from Lake and Newaygo counties northeastward to Alcona and Alpena counties.

**IN THE UPPER** peninsula where the winter was favorable and nesting conditions were good, the ruffed grouse population appears to be up 15 to 20 per cent from last year when "pat" hunting was rated fair to good.

The native woodcock population is reported to be as high as it was in 1970 in the upper peninsula. This coupled with flights of migratory birds, should make woodcock hunting especially

rewarding above the straits in late September.

Success of duck hunting in the upper peninsula is largely dependent upon migrating waterfowl, and prospects are good. Reports from the prairie provinces of Canada and from Ontario indicate populations of most species are up from last year.

Deer hunting this year in the upper peninsula is expected to be only fair. Last winter was unusually severe in the better deer range and losses were significant. Effects of the winter will be felt by hunters in a lowered number of yearling bucks.

The UP's bear population is as high or higher than it was last year. This means that the special Sept. 10-Oct. 31 season, when hunting with dogs is permitted, should be successful. Archers can be optimistic about their Oct. 1-Nov. 14 bear season above the straits.

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