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Easy Lessons in AUCTION BRIDGE

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ARTICLE No. 16

An interesting experiment is being tried out by a local group of auction players. They meet once a week and each player keeps track of another player's losses by bad bidding or bad play. Before the loss is entered, the losing player has a right to justify his bid or play and the other three players decide whether or not he lost and the number of points. At the end of the game all four players settle up their lost points with one another on the same basis as their trick score, so that it is very much to their advantage not only to play well themselves but also to be on the lookout for bad bids or plays by the others. The writer has never heard of a better way to learn auction. About one hand in three causes a discussion, so that practically every point of the game comes up for analysis during an evening's play. There are two drawbacks, neither of them serious: First, that the discussion takes too much time; and second, that too much criticism may cause hard feelings among the players. These objections can be met by limiting the discussion of any one hand to two or three minutes and by an agreement that the arrangement terminates whenever any of the players lose their tempers. The writer would most strongly recommend a trial of this system to those players who play with one another fairly often. It will not only improve your play but also add to the zest of the game. Try it out and if any bids or plays come up that cause a serious difference of opinion, refer them to the writer and they will be published in these articles. Here are two hands which were submitted for analysis by the local group who are trying out the system:

Hand No. 1

Hearts—A, Q, 8, 3 : Y :
Clubs—A : A : B :
Diamonds—A, 4 : Z :
Spades—A, 9, 8, 7, 5, 4

No score. Z dealt and bid one no-trump. What should A now bid with the foregoing hand? A should pass and open his spade suit. It is almost a certainty that he can defeat the no-trump bid. In this way he can score penalties and also his 100 aces. Any other bid with this hand is unjustifiable.

Hand No. 2

Hearts—A, 4 : Y :
Clubs—A, Q, 9, 8 : A : B :
Diamonds—J, 8, 3 : Z :
Spades—Q, 8, 6, 4

Hearts—8, 3 : Y :
Clubs—10, 7, 2 : A : B :
Diamonds—A, 4 : Z :
Spades—A, J, 9, 5, 3, 2

No score. Rubber game. Z dealt and bid no-trump. A two hearts, Y two spades, B three hearts, Z three spades, A four hearts, and Y four spades. B opened the jack of hearts, and Z won the trick with the ace of hearts. Z now led the queen of spades and A played the seven. How should Y now play the hand? When A played the seven of spades Y knew that there were only two spades missing, the king and the ten. If B should hold both of them, he is bound to win one trick. On the other hand, if B held the king alone Y would gain a trick by playing his ace. The play is really a guess, but Y should play the ace of spades, hoping to drop the singleton king. If he doesn't, then he should play for the clubs and try to set a thirteenth club in Z's hand before he loses the ace of diamonds. If Y plans his play in this manner he should only lose one spade, one heart, and one club trick, and therefore score game and rubber. As a matter of fact, B did hold the king of spades alone. If Y failed to play the ace of spades, B would have won the trick and led a heart, which A would have won. The latter would now lead a diamond. Y must now lose a diamond and club trick, so would fail to make his contract by one trick. This is a very instructive hand and should be carefully studied.

Answer to Problem No. 9

Hearts—7, 2 : Y :
Clubs—10, 6, 3 : A : B :
Diamonds—K, 8, 7 : Z :
Spades—J, 8, 7, 5, 3

Hearts—A, K, Q, 9 : Y :
Clubs—K, Q, 8, 7 : A : B :
Diamonds—A, 10, 9 : Z :
Spades—K, 10

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one no-trump, A and Y passed, and B bid two spades. Z bid two no-trump, A and Y passed, and B bid three diamonds. Z now bid three hearts, A passed, Y bid three no-trump, and all passed. A opened the six of clubs. How should Z figure out the cards held by his opponents, both from the bidding and the opening lead of the six of clubs? How should he plan the play of the hand so as to score three odd, game and rubber? Z should figure B with at least five spades and five diamonds. If that is so A probably has only two diamonds and one spade. This conclusion is strengthened by the fact that he opened his club suit in preference to either of his partner's suits. On the first club lead B falls to follow suit, discarding a diamond. Z should now be able to figure out B's probable holding: Spades—A, Q, 9 and two small; diamonds—Q, J and three small; and three hearts. If this analysis is correct he can go game by winning the first club trick in his own hand with the seven of clubs and leading the king of clubs. A must win this trick, and it makes no difference what suit he leads back, Z must make game. Suppose he leads diamonds. Z must win the trick with the ace in his hand and lead the king of spades. B must win this trick and should then lead hearts. Z should then win the trick and lead two more rounds of hearts, taking all the hearts out of B's hand. On the third round of hearts he should discard a spade from Y's hand. He should then lead the ten of spades, which B must win with the queen. B must now lead either diamonds or spades, so that in either event YZ will lose only one more trick. Played in this way, YZ should lose only one club, two spade, and one diamond trick, thus scoring game and rubber.

SECTION D NOTES

The presidents' council and luncheon of Section D, held last Friday at West Athens at the home of Mrs. Spangler, was attended by Mrs. Gordon L. Groves, counselor, Mrs. H. B. Linderman, Mrs. A. F. Welton, and Mrs. W. K. Weber.

Mrs. Groves, counselor, attended the Barton Hill P-T last Wednesday, and on Thursday conducted an election at the Ninety-fifth Street School in Los Angeles.

The membership conference held last Thursday in Los Angeles was attended by Mrs. H. B. Linderman, vice-chairman, and Mrs. J. H. Sprout and Mrs. Bonham, chairmen respectively of Narbonne and Harbor City Parent-Teacher Associations.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, of Hermosa Beach, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Cone of 267th street.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hipple of San Pedro were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. A. Pirner of Oak street.

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BRIEF NEWS

A combined business meeting will be held Monday evening, Jan. 25, by the officers and teachers of the Keystone Gospel Sunday School and the officers of the Christian Endeavor Society.

Rev. W. Bertram Stevens of the Episcopal Church will administer the rite of confirmation on Sunday evening, Feb. 21, at 7:30. A class for children is being held

at the Sunday School hour in charge of J. H. Milburn. The rector, Rev. F. E. Buck, will have charge of the class for adults. All those wishing to attend may hand their names to Mr. Buck on Sunday morning.

All who ever lived in Kansas are called to meet for a great picnic reunion all day Friday, Jan. 29, in Long Beach.

The Iowans and Illinoisans of the west coast are looking forward to the mammoth picnic reunions held each winter. The Illinoisans will celebrate the birthday of Lincoln

with a picnic reunion in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, with all the usual picnic attractions. The Iowans of all the west will hold their picnic Saturday, Feb. 27, and if rainy that date, one week later. They will meet in Lincoln Park, Los Angeles, and expect 100,000 Hawkeyes to rally round the counties.

The largest gathering of its kind will be the twelfth annual Canadian midwinter picnic and the third annual American Tourist Association reunion, to be held at the Exposition Park and Coliseum, Los Angeles, on Saturday, Feb. 6, all day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sprout and family, of West Chestnut street, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pitts of Gramercy place, Los Angeles.

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