

The Hawkeyer

Prez Sez

By Bonni Newton

Spring Festival

Mar 30 through Apr 2

Linda Johnson. Chairperson
NOTE THE NEW TIMES ON FRIDAY:- Upon advice from our Tournament Director, we have changed our Friday start times to 10AM and 3PM. We hope this will improve our Friday PM Game. At our last tournament, Friday evening had a very disappointing turn-out. Linda is also bringing back—by popular demand—”EIGHT IS ENOUGH” a one session Swiss Team. So get your team together and enjoy. A big “Thank You” to Linda for all her great work in putting this Sectional together for us. Please check out our flyer online at www.bridgeunit216.org/Tournament-information/Tournament%20files/Currenttournamentwebpage.html

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Thanks to the “Fantastic” effort of Kate Reynolds and Barb Maas, there will be Knock-Outs every day and 5-days of Gold Rush Pairs. We also have a GREAT line-up of games for all the A-players. Kate has

spent a great deal of time, perfecting this playing schedule.

Your Unit Board at Work.

We are investigating the purchase of a defibrillator. With our aging population, this would be a great investment for our unit. We are hoping to work with the Corporation on this joint purchase.

Last past year, our finances took a small dip. We are working at tightening our belts. Both our Secretary and Treasurer have agreed to forego their \$200 stipend. A special thanks to Penny Rittgers and Carolyn Miller. We are also looking at cutting costs at our tournaments without compromising quality.

The Hawkeyer

One of our largest expenditures is the Hawkeyer. It is costing us approximately \$2,300 a year to produce and mail the Hawkeyer. We do not have the income to offset this expense. We all agree that Terry Swanson produces an absolutely “phenomenal” newsletter. In my opinion, the content of the Hawkeyer is on par with national publications and it maintains a very

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professional look. We certainly don't want to lose this publication.

Our solution is to join the electronic revolution. As always the Hawkeyer will be available online. Through the end of the year, the Gustafson/Byers Fund will pay for printing 150 issues in each of the following months: Apr., June, and Sept. This will save the unit approximately \$2300 per year. We hope this will only be a small inconvenience but will allow us to be more fiscally responsible. Thank you for your understanding.

Your Newbie Unit President,
Bonni Newton

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12 pm Free lesson
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9:00 Lesson
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Bonni Newton 778-0899

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12 pm (Open)
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Spring Festival

March 30, 2017

Thru

April 2, 2017

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!!You all come!!



Eliminate the Problem

By Pete Wityk

I am playing in a Sectional tournament matchpointed pairs with a regular partner against a pair that I don't recognize. With the opponents vulnerable, I pick up

♠KQ962 ♥AQJ ♦A85 ♣107

in 4th chair. After three **passes**, I open **one spade**. Over a **pass**, partner responds **two clubs** which is Reverse Drury (asking if I have a full opener which is shown by any rebid but two spades). Over another **pass**, I rebid **two diamonds**. The next chair **passes** and partner jumps to **four spades**. It continues, all **pass**. The auction has been

N	E	S	W
			P
P	P	1♠	P
2♣	P	2♦	P
4♠	P	P	P

The opening lead is the queen of diamonds and the following dummy appears

♠ A10853
♥ K8
♦ 107642
♣ K

Queen diamonds lead

♠ KQ962
♥ AQJ
♦ A85
♣ 107

I have gotten a favorable lead. So, I should look to keep the advantage this has given me. That means that I should take at least 11 tricks; possibly 12. The opening lead is probably from a sequence. Since the defenders are not using Rusinow leads, the queen – jack should be on my left unless the queen is singleton and the king on my right. I play the two from dummy, East plays the nine and I win the ace. I play the king of spades, which draws the seven from West, the trey from dummy and the four from East. Three rounds of hearts let me pitch dummy's king of clubs. I ruff the seven of clubs with dummy's ace of spades, which collects the deuce and five from East and West respectively. I draw the last trump by leading the five to my queen getting the trey of clubs from East and the jack of spades from West. I lead the ten of clubs, which is covered by West's jack, trumped in dummy with the eight and East plays the four. Now, I play the deuce of diamonds from dummy to East's trey, my eight and West's jack. West thinks for a long time, which is a good sign. Finally, West emerges from that study with the six of clubs. I ruff with the ten in dummy, East plays the eight



and I discard the five of diamonds from my hand. I am down to all trump and claim. The full hand was:

♠A10853	
♥K8	
♦107642	
♣	
♠J7	♠4
♥107542	♥963
♦QJ	♦K93
♣J965	♣AQ8432
	♠KQ962
	♥AQJ
	♦A85
	♣107

Post Mortem

Four spades making six for +480 was a cold top. There were several +450, but just as many +420. The +450s probably resulted from a club lead which I was lucky to avoid. East should have taken advantage of the 2♣ bid and doubled to suggest that lead. But, I don't understand the +420s.

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Forth Suit Forcing

By Bonni Newton

Your bidding with no opposition

Partner	You
1♣	1♥
1♠	??

At this point 2♦ is the fourth suit bid by your partnership. This bid is part of the FOURTH SUIT FORCING (FSF) convention. Per partnership agreement, this alertable convention is considered forcing for only one round, and for others forcing to game. I prefer forcing to game.

What does this say about the Diamond suit? NOTHING! If you held stoppers in the Diamond suit, you would bid notrump. 1NT (6-10); 2NT (11-12); 3NT (13-15)

Bidding the fourth suit asks partner for more information. "Do you have the diamonds stopped?" Or "Do you have 3 Hearts?" "Please tell me more about your hand so I can set the contract."

Consider holding either one of the following two hands during the preceding auction.

First hand:
♠K3 ♥QJ97532 ♦AT3, ♣3.
(10HCP, 3 distribution pts.)

Second hand
♠AJ3 ♥KQJT52 ♦A6 ♣Q7
(17 HCP, 2 distribution pts.)

The First Hand is not sure of game. The bidding thus far indicates a mismatched hand if

partner has only the black suits. I would prefer to make an invitational bid that partner may pass with a mismatch.

The second hand wants to be in game or more. I also want to show my length in hearts but need to make a forcing bid. Right now, you must be thinking "What does FSF have to do with these hands?"

Any bid of a suit that has already been bid by your partnership is not forcing. It might be invitational or strongly invitational, but it is never forcing. A NT bid is never forcing unless it is part of a convention. If the hearts are rebid at the 2 level, partner will think that you have a minimum hand (6-10) with 6 or more hearts. If hearts are rebid at the 3 level, your partner will think you have 6+ hearts and an invitational hand (11-12). If hearts are rebid at the 4 level, your partner will think you have 6+ hearts, a self-sustaining suit and no interest in Slam.

The Best Rebid for the First Hand
♠K3 ♥QJ97532 ♦AT3, ♣3.
(10HCP, 3 distribution pts.)
would be 3♥, an invitational bid. Partner may pass in the throws of a mismatch or bid 4♥ with 2 or more hearts. I hope she wouldn't bid 3NT, but she may deem that the proper contract. *(I probably would bid 4♥ over 3NT. I doubt very much if my hand would be useful in 3NT).*



The Second Hand

♠AJ3 ♥KQJT52 ♦A6 ♣Q7
(17 HCP, 2 distribution pts.)
presents a problem. There are enough points for a 4♥ bid but this hand could easily make 6 if partner has some hearts. Also the bid of 4♥ would take us past 3NT which might be the better contract. This hand would play well in NT as well as hearts, depending on partner's cards.

OH NO! Some might even bid 3♥ with both hands.
How is partner to know which hand you hold?

Proposed bidding for the two hands:

First hand
♠K3 ♥QJ97532 ♦AT3, ♣3.
(10HCP, 3 distribution pts.)

Partner	You
1♣	1♥
1♠	3♥

This is an invitational bid. Partner may pass with an ill-fitting hand. This bid is highly encouraging but can be passed. This would be a really good auction with the first hand, but not the second hand. With the

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second hand, I need a forcing bid. I need more information from my partner. I do not want partner to pass.

Fourth Suit Forcing (FSF) fulfills that need.

FSF is a forcing bid, when the fourth suit is bid. I advocate playing it as a game forcing bid.. If I indeed had a diamond stopper I could bid 1NT (6-10), 2NT (11-12) or 3NT (13-16 & no interest in slam) this leaves the 2♦ bid for a forcing bid (FSF). This bid is alertable since it says absolutely nothing about the diamond suit.

Second hand

♠AJ3 ♥KQJT52 ♦A6 ♣Q7 (17 HCP, 2 distribution pts.). With this second hand, I may bid 2♦ (FSF) saying partner "We need to be in game with this hand. Please cooperate and tell me more about your hand!"

Partner may bid 2NT with a diamond stopper, 2♠ with 6 clubs and 5 spades, 3♥ with 3 card heart support (delayed raise). Or even 3♣ with 6 Clubs, 4 spades, less than 3 hearts and no diamond stopper, or the least common 3♦ with 4 diamonds and no real stopper.

Over 2NT, 2♠, 3♦ and 3♣, my rebid would be 3♥ telling of my great length in hearts. Partner may not pass this bid. Since FSF is forcing to game, partner cannot pass below 4 of minor or game in the Majors and NoTrump. They must cooperate and bid something.

Over a 3♥ bid, I may cue bid my diamond ace and hope that partner can bid 6 Hearts with 1st or 2nd round control of Clubs.

Lets look at more hands

The Bidding:

Me	Partner
1♣	1♥
1♠	??

Hand 1

♠QJ ♥KT8732 ♦654 ♣Q3
Bid 2♥ Minimum-hand with 6-10 pts. and 6+ hearts

Hand 2

♠4 ♥KJ643 ♦AQT94 ♦J5
Bid 3D Invitational 11-12 points, some might handle this bid differently. Check with your partner.

Hand 3

♠75 ♥AKJ54 ♦652 ♣AQ7
Bid 2♦ (FSF). Which is Forcing to Game. If partner bids 2H-raise to Game. If partner bids 2NT, raise to 3NT.

Hand 4

♠52 ♥AQ8754 ♦K3 ♣AQ6
Bid 2♦ (FSF) 3♥ would be invitational and you hold a full opener. 4♥ you must have self-sustaining suit- If partner has just 1 or no hearts, this will not be a pretty contract. So start with the FSF. If partner bids 2♥ rebid 4♥ with no interest in slam. If partner bids anything else- bid 3♥.

There is one and only one auction where the bid of the fourth suit is not "Fourth Suit Forcing". This is the auction: Partner 1♣, you 1♦, partner 1♥, you 1♠. This shows a 6-

10 hand, partner may pass with 4 Spades or 3 very good ones. The forcing bid here is 2♠- a reverse by responder showing game values.

I hope that you will consider FSF an essential part of your bidding arsenal. May I suggest it also be Game Forcing.

People with small minds
talk about other people.
People with ordinary minds
talk about events.
People with great minds
talk about ideas.
People with warped minds
talk about bridge hands.

Up the ACBL Ladder (Jan. Feb.)

New Members:

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Bud Stowe

Diamond Life Master:

Ray Schoenrock

Never Give Up

by Rich Newell

In a recent Saturday club game my partner Doug Stark made a fine play after LHO preempted 2♥ which was raised 4♥. I started out with the K♣ and A♣ and Doug showed count playing the s7♣ and 6♣, so I continued with the Q♣ and he over ruffed dummy with the 10♥.

At this point holding the master trump some of us might be tempted to cash out and move on to the next hand, but Doug did not give up. How would you continue?

♠AKQ
♥65
♦AK10652
♣52

♠T8652
♥AQ10
♦Q98
♣76

Holding the master trump meant if he could find me with a singleton, he would get in a second time to give me a ruff. After some thought, he guessed correctly to continue diamonds. When he got in with the A♥ on the next trick he followed

through with another diamond I ruffed for a top board.

Now look at my hand carefully and tell me where I went wrong. All I did was play out three top clubs and I am telling you that was a mistake. What should I have done differently?

♠J973
♥82
♦3
♣AKQ983

Doug was probably right to try diamonds because there were only four out as opposed to five spades, but what if I had held a singleton spade? That would leave LHO with four small spades, which in this day and age is not so taboo.

My mistake was playing the queen of clubs at trick 3! If I don't give up on this hand, I place the ace of hearts with partner and aim for a diamond ruff. The only way to send that message to an attentive partner is a suit preference signal – a low 3♣ at



trick 3. If Doug doesn't have the A♥, I don't see how we are getting another trick anyway. If I held a singleton spade, returning the 9♣ at trick 3 would be my best shot.

The whole hand:

♠J973	
♥82	
♦3	
♣AKQ983	
♠AKQ	♠4
♥65	♥KJ9743
♦AK10652	♦J74
♣52	♣J104
♠108652	
♥AQT	
♦Q98	
♣76	

Alfred Sheinwold Quotes

- It is not enough to win the tricks that belong to you. Try also for some that belong to the opponents.
- The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he's in.
- One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.
- A player who can't defend accurately should try to be declarer.
- Since the average person's small supply of politeness must last him all his life, he can't afford to waste it on bridge partners.
- A well-balanced player makes up for his inequity in the bidding with his ineptitude in the play.

Get Ready to Welcome (?) AI at the Bridge Center

by Herb Strentz



Except for being flummoxed when we've entered the wrong score for a board or the right score for a wrong board, most of the Norths at the Bridge Center have mastered the little pads that quickly tell us our results on a hand — whether it be a top of 100 or a low of zilch.

And we get impatient when the little screen tells us that the little machine is still trying to calculate what happened in the hand we misplayed — the euphemism for that is “Transmitting.”

All of which brings to mind the future generations of scoring pads and what they might offer as ACBL members cope with “artificial intelligence” or AI — the computer kind, not that of a sometimes loopy partner.

Most of us likely will be gone from the NSEW scene when AI — the capability of a machine to imitate intelligent human behavior — blossoms in full or dubious fashion at the bridge table.

We've been through enough technological change to know that eventually our little score pad will — to the delight of Silicon Valley — become “intelligent” enough to do far more than simply calculate scores. “How boring,” future machines will say of today's duties.

Consider this all-too-predictable future: Instead of

simply calculating the results of boards 1-27 at Table 3, all the scoring pads will be networked.

Not only will they record and transmit how you fare on the 3 spade contract on board 15, but across the Bridge Center each pad will know how each player fared on every single board played. While you're

AI — the capability of a machine to imitate intelligent human behavior

sweating your way through a questionable contract of 4 diamonds on board 22, the machine will be putting that in the context of how well you did on, say, the 12 boards already played and how likely it is that you'll do better on the 14 boards after 22.

Of course, the ACBL will be plugged into the network and have records of how well you played every ACBL-sanctioned hand you've ever held anywhere during your bridge lifetime.

Those of us who recall how we scoffed at actually seeing the person you're talking to on the landline phone should know that it's only a matter of time until our bridge lives are as recorded and out of our control as, say, our financial lives are tabulated today. (Checked your credit rating lately?)

And, of course, the advance of the machines to AI will be heralded for all the benefits it brings. For example, while North may still enter the outcome of a board, S, E and W will also have their pads to tell them how they're doing in the course of a game. All players will be blessed with the options of having their pads respond after each hand in ways that might be supportive, analytical or thoughtful — you know, intelligent.

Suppose on board 22, you want an “analytical” response from your AI pad.

You might get: “Didn't you learn on board 11 to count to 13? What's the use of monitoring your play?” Or you might get, “Contract does not compute for this holding; enter what the real outcome was — couldn't possibly be down three.”

Or if you wanted a “supportive” response, your little machine might say, “I told you last week that it was time to get a new partner” or “Well, you are doing better, but only because 40

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Bridge House Fund Drive Update

By Ron Nielsen, President

Borrowing from construction contract language, we've "substantially completed" our fund drive to defray the cost of our new bridge center. While we anticipate additional gifts from snowbirds, it's time to celebrate our collective generosity! Here are the numbers:

Amount given by 9
board members: \$26,000
Amount added by
166 other players:..... \$46,440
Total to date: \$72,540*

On behalf of the Greater Des Moines Bridge House Board of Directors, a Big Thanks to all who have contributed!

**Includes one outstanding pledge to be paid in 2017*

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The hand as it played out was a textbook example of eliminating two side suits and throwing the opponents in the third side suit. The defenders can not unblock the diamond suit even on a club lead and can not avoid the throw in. I was lucky to get a top. But, a number of the E-W pairs who did not visualize a strip and endplay.



Ten Commandments for Bridge

- 1) **Keep your face smiling:** *Show a courteous attitude to everybody.*
- 2) **Keep your eyes on your own cards:** *Do not look at opponent's cards to see which part of hand he/she is pulling from so as to estimate the number of cards in each suit.*
- 3) **Keep your voice in the same tone:** *Do not put emphasis on some words.*
- 4) **Keep your head straight:** *Do not turn your head slightly to either side to show pleasure or displeasure to partner's bid.*
- 5) **Keep your arms always equally stretched:** *Do not put your signaling card in your partner's eyes.*
- 6) **Keep your energy in the game:** *Focus, focus, focus, otherwise you might pass your partner's takeout double.*
- 7) **Keep your mouth shut to all critiques:** *Do not criticize the auction during play.*
- 8) **Keep your tempo as uniform as possible:** *Avoid artificial hesitations: Bluffs are valuable in poker clubs, unethical in bridge clubs.*
- 9) **Keep your fingers in same position:** *Changing the position of your fingers may be taken as giving signals.*
- 10) **Keep your intelligence with you:** *Do not teach at the table.*

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percent is a good outcome for you these days."

There will be a "thoughtful" option as mentioned. But the default response might be "What's the sense of wasting my time when you

don't listen or remember my advice?"

Finally, each of these responses — in addition to the outcome of the contract — will be faithfully stored by the ACBL and accessible by every other ACBL member thinking of asking you to be a partner on a Swiss Team.

Don't Drop Defensive Tricks – Part II

By Toby White

This is the second article in a 3-part series on defense.

Here, we focus on defensive tactics when defending a suit contract, specifically with respect to the trump suit. The previous article covered general defensive principles (to minimize tricks given away) while the upcoming final article will provide a somewhat comprehensive overview of defensive carding methods. Below, I discuss 3 facets of defense relating to the opponents' trump suit:

1) **Whether or not to lead trump** – This is not a simple issue, especially on the opening lead when you have not yet seen the dummy tabled. Generally, if you think dummy will have shortness in a side suit, especially a suit where your side may have most of the high cards, it may be a good idea to lead trump. Then, later in the hand, you may be able to cash winners in this suit instead of having them ruffed in dummy.

2) A good declarer will make it a top priority to ruff as many losers in this suit as possible. He will typically do so early in the hand while this is still possible, so even if you can shorten the dummy trump suit by just one, you may be gaining a trick. In duplicate bridge, of course, this trick could be the

difference between a 75% score and a 25% score.

Of course, there are risks to this strategy as well:

First, declarer may have natural losers in the trump suit, and you leading that suit may erase this problem (e.g. – you may be finessing partner, or taking away declarer's guesswork about where certain intermediate honors lay).

Second, on some auctions, leading trumps may be too passive; thereafter, declarer will simply pull trumps and be able to freely run a side suit while pitching losers in the suit you should have led.

Third, leading trump will minimize the ability for your side to score ruffs in side suits that you or your partner may be short in.

Before the opening lead, the only information available is the auction. This should provide clues about whether the dummy is relatively short in trump and short in another suit (a clue to lead trump) or whether the dummy (or declarer) may have a running side suit (a clue to avoid leading trump). You should also look at your own hand and examine what other leads you can make; perhaps, you can



safely lead a top honor on trick 1, then view the dummy, and make your real lead on trick 2, albeit now with more information. Furthermore, even if you do not make the most optimal decision on opening lead, you might get another chance later in the hand when back in, at which time the right play should be much more evident. In fact, declarer may even tip you off (i.e., to lead trumps) if they've already utilized dummy's trumps for ruffs.

2) **How to get the most number of defensive ruffs** – When on opening lead, the best lead is often a singleton if you have one. Even if you do not find your partner with the Ace in that suit, she may get in later on (before trumps are pulled) and give you the ruff you wanted. Many top players also often lead the top of worthless doubletons (e.g. – '8' from 8-3); if your partner has just one trick-taking honor in this suit,

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you may have the timing to score a ruff later on, and unlike the singleton case, much of your competition will have not exploited this opportunity.

Sometimes, you can give your partner ruffs by simply leading out your long/strong suit. This often works well when partner did not support your suit, such as when you make a pre-emptive bid but partner does not further pre-empt the auction in that suit. Then, you might take a chance and lead out your Ace, watch the spot cards, and then perhaps know that a second lead in that suit will produce the desired ruff.

On rare occasions, you and your partner will each be short in a different suit, and if you both have a few honors to get back and forth, you can run off several ruffs before declarer gets back in to reestablish control (upon which you have already won the hand). A very important tip that many begin-

ning players do not know: *when giving your partner a ruff in a suit you have several cards in, use the opportunity to give suit preference as to which suit you want returned.* For example, if trumps are spades, and you are leading diamonds (which partner will ruff), if you want a club returned, lead a low diamond but if you'd prefer a heart, lead a high diamond.

3)When to ruff in (late in the hand) when holding master trump(s) – This issue is typically more clear cut. However, many players still needlessly delay getting in there with their high trump (as it is human nature to save a good thing rather than cede one's power). First, if you have just a single trump left, but it is the highest one remaining, a good declarer will usually not be leading out the trump suit anymore. Rather, they will be running off winners in a side suit; if so, you should trump in as soon as possible, so that declarer will

not be able to pitch as many losers in other side suits. If you wait even one trick too long, your chance to cash your remaining winner may disappear.

4)Second, you may hold two trumps late in a hand, one of which is the highest one remaining. The same principle as just described still applies, but now, you have even more opportunity to do damage; that is, you can ruff in with one of your trumps (even if it has to be the highest one), and then lead the other one, thus taking two additional trumps out of declarer's arsenal, one in each hand. There was a hand recently where Jim Swanson was kibitzing me where I failed to do this, and instead of setting declarer two tricks for a top board, we set her only one for an 'average-minus.' When the hand ended, he immediately identified my error, which I appreciated, as next time, I will be significantly less likely to hoard my assets.

Combined Pts. to Take Tricks

How many combined pts (by me and my partner)
do I need to go to the next bidding level?

21 pts. will usually get you 7 tricks.

22 pts. will usually get you 8 tricks.

23-24 pts. will usually get you 9 tricks.

25-26 pts. will usually get you 10 tricks.

29-30 pts. will usually get you 11 tricks.

33-34 pts. will usually get you 12 tricks.

37+ pts will usually get you 13 tricks.



Has anyone Kept Records Like This?

By Lester Cadell

On Nov. 11, 2015, Mercy Properties announced closure of Mercy Park Apartments. I lived 18¾ years—longer than any other place.

I attended the Iowa girls' high school basketball state tournaments for 72 consecutive years. During that time I accumulated lots of material concerning that sport. I had a state tournament program for every year, beginning in 1943. There were girls' basketball yearbooks for all years the Athletic Union printed them. Also, many statistical information books printed yearly primarily for the press, called *Hoop Scoop*. During the 1940s I made six scrapbooks from newspaper clippings concerning girls' basketball. There were piles and piles of peach-colored Sunday Register sports sections. I wasn't able to cut those up and put them in scrapbooks because of back to back news items.

When I decided to move to Beavertdale Estates, the collection was in a wide bookcase that was too large for my new home. Also, there were lots of items in boxes in a storeroom. There was no storeroom at Beavertdale Estates. Downsizing was making it necessary to regard my girls' basketball rec-

ords as my survivors would if I died. Those survivors would throw them away!

So I decided to call the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union to ask if they would want what I had. When I explained the situation to the receptionist, she did not hesitate. She said, "We want what you have." Then she asked how much there would be, suggesting perhaps five boxes. I told her there were at least that many. I packed eight copy paper boxes

When the Athletic Union van came, they told me I would be granted complimentary admission the 2016 state tournament, my 73rd consecutive, and they made good that promise last Mar.

I am a natural record keeper. I have bridge records, too. My first duplicate bridge game was on Oct. 30, 1964. I did not play as frequently as I do now. Currently, I play three times a week. In 1964 there was no computer at bridge games and no stratification. Beginners played against the toughest experts. It wasn't until May 1965 that I finally scratched and had a tiny fraction of a master point to my credit. I wrote it

all down in a notebook: Date, Partner's Name, Bridge Club Name, Number of Tables, My placing, Amount of Master Point Award. It wasn't until August 1965 that I was able to make a second entry, but there were three more that month.

I have recorded in three spiral-bound notebooks 46 pages of winnings. I also kept a separate page for each partner, showing date, amount won and grand total. I have won master points with 132 different partners. With 68 of those the amount is less than 1MP.

Each time I play I have with me a summary of winnings in my convention card with all 132 partners' names, total amount won the that partner, and a partner ID number (1 to 132) E.g., if your partner number is 73, it means you are the 73rd person with whom I've won points. I played duplicate from Oct. '64 to Jan. '84. I dropped out and didn't return until Oct. 2004.



Blow into town for our...

Spring Festival

March 30-April 2, 2017

Greater Des Moines Bridge House
8529 Hickman, Urbandale, in the Cobblestone Shopping Area.

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Tournament
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NEWER PLAYER EVENTS

Strata: A 200-300, B 100-200, C 0-100
Events held if sufficient attendance

Friday, March 31

10:00 am *NEW TIME
3:00 pm *NEW TIME

Saturday, April 1

10:00 am
3:00 pm

Open Events

Thursday, March 30 7 p.m. Stratified pairs

Friday, March 31
10:00 am Stratified pairs *NEW TIME
3:00 pm Stratified pairs *NEW TIME

Saturday, April 1 Light brunch at 9:30 a.m.
No fooling: Eight is Enough is back.

10 a.m. Team Game: Eight is Enough (Teams of four cannot have more than 8 points) *Anyone with 1500+ mp = 3 points, 500-1500 mp = 2 points, and players with less than 500 mp = 1 point. (single session)*

3 p.m. Stratified pairs (single session)

Strata for pairs events: A 1500+, B 750-1500, C 0-750

Table fees: \$9/person/session for ACBL members; \$12 for non and unpaid ACBL members

Sunday, April 2 10 a.m. Two session Strata-flighted Swiss Teams

Flight A (Strata: A 2000+ AX 0-2000) Flight B (Strata: B 500-750 C 200-500 D 0-200)

(2 session play-through \$96/team; includes lunch)



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