



PLAY AND LEARN BRIDGE IN A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

## ALERT – NOVEMBER 26, 2018

### Stratford Success

Congratulations to the following local players who won their section at last weekend's tournament in Stratford.

- **Wayne Schroeder and Maike Zinabou**, 1<sup>st</sup> in A, Friday Afternoon NLM Pairs
  - **Mike Peng and Ted Boyd**, 1<sup>st</sup> in B, Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs
  - **David Wilson, Ross Driedger, Diane Bourdeau, and Adrian Record**, 1<sup>st</sup> in Sunday Swiss Teams 2
  - Bernice Muma, Ron Ellis, and **Donna and Stephen Carpenter**, 1st in Sunday Swiss Teams 3
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### Our Next Move

#### *Contributed by the Moving Team*

Well, the move within a move is upon us. As we speak, armies of volunteers are lifting and carrying, setting us up in the lower level of 2481 Kingsway Drive. Many thanks to Bill McDonald for organizing everything and everyone in sight.

Effective Monday November 26, we will be located in the lower level of the (former) Dare office building across Eighth Avenue from the Dare Warehouse where we have spent the last several months. Parking for our new location is copious on the south side of Ninth Avenue, and the entrance to the Dare office building is on the north side of Ninth Avenue. There is no Grand River Bridge Club sign on the outside of the building, but once you enter through the front door you will see ample signage directing you to our playing area. Basically, you will enter the atrium and take either the elevator or the stairwell (located to your right as you enter) down to the lower level.

All games, labs, and lessons are as normally scheduled throughout the week. The Christmas parties will be held on December 12, 13, and 14 as planned.

Meanwhile the renovations to our ground-floor permanent home are continuing apace, and we will move into our permanent home when they are completed – and if we're really lucky, that will be at the end of December. For now, the area is a construction zone with safety shoes and hard hats required, so we are not welcome to "drop in".

**BECAUSE DARE PRODUCTS ARE PREPARED IN NUT-FREE FACILITIES, IT IS A CONDITION OF OUR LEASE THAT WE DO NOT BRING NUTS IN ANY WAY, SHAPE, OR FORM INTO THE DARE BUILDING.**

**THIS INCLUDES ALL HOME BAKING. THANKS FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.**

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*From the Archives*

## **Scoring Differences Between “No Play” Boards, “Average” Boards, and “Passed Out” Boards**

- Sometimes, because of a late start or slow play, a table isn't able to play one of their boards. In terms of scoring, a “**No Play**” board simply erases the board from the computer's calculations for those pairs and the players' score is unaffected. This is also more or less what happens when a pair misses boards because they have a sit-out.
  - When a pair is assigned a score of “**Average**” on a board, perhaps because their table has fouled the board, then each pair is awarded half of the matchpoints available for that hand. This will affect their overall score. If, for example, they are doing well with a 60% game to that point, an average board will push down their percentage – and vice versa.
  - When a board is **passed out**, the players' scores for that board depend on what happens at the other tables. A passed-out board is a zero result, falling between the N/S pluses and the E/W pluses. If you are E/W when all the N/S pairs at the other tables are getting a plus, by passing out the board you would get a top and your opponents would get a bottom. And, of course, vice versa.
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## **Bridge Advice Found in a Rhyme and Adage**

# **THIS LITTLE PIGGY**

*This little piggy went to market.*

*This little piggy stayed home not wanting to leave a mess in the clubroom, the kitchen, or the washroom.*

**Don't leave for others something you can do yourself.**

**from MARS**

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## **Thinking Ahead to Avoid Being Endplayed**

*Contributed by Robert Griffiths*

Here's a hand from the recent Niagara tournament with interesting bidding and play issues.

**Board 2**  
 East Deals  
 N-S Vul

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|--|---|---|---|
| ♠ Q<br>♥ K J 9 7 5<br>♦ K Q J 7 6 3<br>♣ 5 | ♠ J 10 9 7 4<br>♥ Q<br>♦ A 9 5<br>♣ K 8 6 4 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">           N<br/>           W   E<br/>           S         </div> | ♠ 8 6 2<br>♥ A 8 6 4 3<br>♦ 8<br>♣ J 10 9 7 |
|--|---|---|---|

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|             |              | Pass        | 1 ♣          |
| 2 N         | Dbl          | 4 ♥         | 4 ♠          |
| All pass    |              |             |              |

East passed and South opened 1♣. Now West had a way to show his two suits with one bid, 2NT. This is the Unusual NT and, depending on how the partners have agreed to play the bid, means either the two minor suits or the two lower unbid suits. This pair had agreed that the bid would mean the lower unbid suits - hearts and diamonds.

North didn't feel that he had enough to come in with 3♠ but rather chose to show his values with a double, his intention being to show the two suits that West didn't have - namely spades and clubs. East hopped up with a 4♥ bid. His partner had suggested that he had five hearts and West thought that the 5-5 fit might be enough to either make 4♥ (it does make) or force N/S to guess at the four or five level.

South was having none of this and bid 4♠, the suit his partner had implied having. If either East or West had been sure that N/S would make 4♠, they likely would have bid 5♥ as a sacrifice, but by now neither side knew who has the game and who should sacrifice. So, 4♠ became the final contract.

West led his K♦, won in Dummy with the ace. Declarer played a spade to the ace, and the spades were drawn in three rounds. So far, Declarer has not lost a trick, but he can see one sure heart loser and two sure diamond losers – meaning he needs to bring in the club suit without loss to make his contract. With proper defence, the contract has no hope; there is a certain club loser as well as the three-red suit losers.

At this point, South led the 2♥ towards the Dummy and West, being certain that his partner had the A♥, had a mental lapse and ducked the lead, letting East win the A♥.

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| Board 2                              | ♠ 10 9  |   |  |
| East Deals                           | ♥ ---   |   |  |
| N-S Vul                              | ♦ 9 5   |   |  |
|                                      | ♣ K 8 6 4   |   |  |
| ♠ ---<br>♥ K J 9 7<br>♦ Q J 7<br>♣ 5 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">           N<br/>           W   E<br/>           S         </div> | ♠ ---<br>♥ 8 6 4 3<br>♦ ---<br>♣ J 10 9 6 |  |
|                                      | ♠ 6   |   |  |
|                                      | ♥ 10  |   |  |
|                                      | ♦ 10 4  |   |  |
|                                      | ♣ A Q 3 2   |   |  |

The contract was unmakeable until West ducked this trick, but now it can't be beaten because East has no diamond to return; he can get out with only a club or a heart. In either case, South takes West's last club, ruffs his last heart, and throws West in with a diamond. West can take two diamond tricks but then has to lead a heart, giving Declarer a ruff/sluff (Declarer can ruff in the Dummy and throw away his losing club from his hand). And, the icing on the cake, if West happened to have another club to lead that would mean that the club suit was splitting 3-2 and there would be no club loser.

Why should West know to play the K♥ on Declarer's first heart lead? He has to consider the very real possibility that his partner has no more diamonds. If that is so, he needs to get in right away, cash his diamond tricks, and then get out with a heart, avoiding the endplay. That way, South will get no club help and go down one.

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## Two More Workshops Left in 2018



**INTERMEDIATE** players should run, not walk, to sign up for the **When to Postpone Drawing Trump** workshop on **Saturday, December 1, from noon – 2:30 pm.** In addition to learning a very valuable aspect of declarer play (including dummy reversals), the participants will play 16 hands in a very relaxed and fun environment (in our new temporary space in the lower level of the former Dare administration headquarters). Come on down and have a good time playing bridge with friends (and potential new partners). Instructor: Malkin Howes. \$15 for members/\$20 for non-members

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Much of the time you don't have to have psychic powers to deduce where the missing queen of hearts is or whether a finesse will work. As long as you are paying attention to the cards and take the time to reason things out logically, you will be amazed at how often you can locate missing cards. Tom Ramsay will be your genial guide at his **Inferences** workshop, making you aware of hints and clues in the bidding and play you probably never noticed before. **Thursday, December 6, 9:00 am – 11:30 am.** Why not bring your lunch and plan to stay for the afternoon open game? **ADVANCED.** \$15 for members/ \$20 for non-members.

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*You can register for one or both of these workshops in person at the club, by calling 519-578-4434, by hitting **REPLY**, or by registering online [here](#).*

### **Coming Events**

Saturday, November 24, **Move to New Temporary Premises**

Tuesday, November 27, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm, **INTERMEDIATE Supervised Play (Competing Against Pre-Empts and the Rule of 7)**

Saturday, December 1, noon – 2:30 pm, **When to Postpone Drawing Trumps Workshop (INTERMEDIATE)**

Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm, **INTERMEDIATE Supervised Play**

Thursday, December 6, 9:00 am – 11:30 am, **Inferences Workshop (ADVANCED)**

Week of December 10, **Club Championship Games (except for Friday night)**

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 12-14, **Christmas Parties**

Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas), **No Game**

Wednesday, December 26 (Boxing Day), **No Morning Game**

We have fun in **spades**.  
We play with all our **hearts**.  
We treat our members like diamonds.  
We are now located at 2481 Kingsway at our **club**.

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