

Future of bridge - life masters to be



Debbie Suller, Joan Peterson, Mary Ann Romano and Sam Mehta enjoy pleasant company and good humor at last night's reception for 299er players.

Can you be trusted??

The Syracuse Regional will be entering territory never before explored at a regional tournament. On Saturday, coffee and soda will be available outside the playing area on the honor system.

The cost of coffee is \$1 a cup and each soda is also \$1. We already know that your partner seldom trusts you. The tournament would appreciate it if you could prove them wrong.

Bookstore reminder

The bookstore will be closing at game time on Sunday morning. Be sure to make your purchases early.

How to discourage new players

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by a newer player to the tournament committee.

"The other night in a side game, my partner and I were defending. On lead for the 11th trick, my partner lead a heart. Declarer called for a card from dummy then pulled one of his remaining cards. Exposing his two remaining cards he said something like "You get a spade." His partner then picked up dummy's cards and returned them to the board.

This happened so quickly that I did not see what declarer played at trick 11.

I realize that experienced players know what cards have been played. However for those of us who still look at the play trick by trick please have some patience until we become as good as you."

Grand slam is a sure thing

This hand (board 17) is from the Friday night pairs event. Larry Sunser was east at our table and his excellent play brought home a good grand slam.

Larry won the opening lead of the heart 8 with the ace

after playing the 9 from dummy. (Yes, the lead was not the best but the play of the jack from dummy would not provide us with a story.)

Dlr: North
Vul: none

♠ 62
♥ 10
♦ K98764
♣ 10863

♠ J8753
♥ J97
♦ AJ3
♣ A7

♠ AKQ1094
♥ AK4
♦ Q
♣ KJ4

♠ -
♥ Q86532
♦ 1052
♣ Q952

West	North	East	South
	pass	1♠	pass
2NT! (1)	pass	3♦!(2)	pass
4♣	pass	4NT	pass
5♥	pass	5NT	pass
6♣	pass	7♠	all pass

(1) opening hand in support of spades

(2) singleton

He then drew trump in two rounds and led a diamond to the ace followed by a diamond ruff. A club to the board allowed for another diamond ruff. Larry then cashed the heart king and ran spades ending in dummy. On dummy's last spade he threw the heart 4 and south was mercilessly squeezed keeping the heart queen and the singleton club queen. Larry now led a club off dummy and rose, scoring the last two tricks with the king and jack of clubs.