



**Women Gamblers Now on Increase, Expert Declares**

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New York—UPI—These days when a homemaker talks about a full house she may be discussing cards. Not kids.

The number of women gamblers is on the increase, reports John Scarne, a well-known authority on card games, the nation's gambling habits and the financial gains and losses involved. Poker faces, four to one, now belong to women, he said, and some of the girls are more skilled than the men at the game.

Scarne estimated that close to \$2 billion changes hands annually among women gamblers, and their annual losses in poker run approximately \$100 million.

"I know of women who drop \$200 or \$300 a week," said Scarne. "Here in New York, I would say there are 80,000 women playing poker one, two, sometimes three nights a week."

How do they cover their losses?

"Well, some of them don't have to . . . they can afford it," said Scarne. "But a lot of household budgets are being wrecked. I know of one woman who ran up a \$7,500 debt before her husband found out. What could he do when he discovered the mess . . . nothing but borrow money to pay off the debt."

Scarne, who said most of his mail now is from women, said poker has outrun bridge as woman's favorite card game because bridge "taught them about cards. A good bridge player knows a poor one; but women think poker is more a game of chance."

Scarne figured that feminine gamblers are on the increase because more women work, so have more money; some gamble to escape boredom; others have only one goal—the winnings.

"And all are following the gambling instinct which each of us has," said Scarne. "Only woman's seems to be stronger. Look at the way they gamble on the selection of a husband."

Women, used to talking their way past many a trouble spot, use the chatter technique instead of the standard poker face to bluff at cards. "Their bluffing is verbal rather than physical," said Scarne.

**Society**  
**Veterans Receive Auxiliary Prizes**

Camp White—Veterans holding high score for the last month's play received prizes at the last meeting of Camp White Veterans Bridge club. The prizes were furnished by the American Legion auxiliary of Medford. First prize went to Thomas Randall, second to Walter Humes and third to William Hickey.

Play last Friday night was for master points. North-south winners were Mrs. William Kennedy and Roy Pruitt, first 179 points; Mrs. Richard Milestone and Ray Wise, second, 152 points; Mrs. Frank R. Baker and William Hickey, third, 149½ and Jack Harris and Fred Stevens, fourth, 148.

East-west winners were the Paul McDuffees, first, 166½ points; Mrs. George Dean and Mrs. Fred Purdin, second, 165; Mrs. Harold Jeffrey and Dr. Dean, third, 148½; Mrs. Josephine Clark and Mrs. Oda Thomason, fourth, 142½.

Mrs. Fred Rehling and Mrs. Berg Marten served refreshments following play.

**Club Announces Dude Sibley As Caller for Dance**

Grants Pass—Cavemen Square Dance club has planned a Valentine dance for Saturday, February 9 at the KP hall in Grants Pass. The hall is located over Helmer's Furniture store on Sixth street in Grants Pass. Dancing will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Dude Sibley of Cottage Grove will be the caller. Mr. Sibley is one of the region's best known and popular callers, and is expected to draw a large attendance.

The club announces that all square dancers are invited to attend. Potluck refreshments will be served.

**Pocahontas Plan Memorial Service**

Pocahontas will conduct a memorial service in honor of the late Mrs. Fred Beck at a meeting set for Friday, February 8, at 8 p.m. in Redman hall. The charter will be draped in Mrs. Beck's memory.

Jack Dooms, team captain, has set a team practice for tonight at 7:30 o'clock at Redman hall.

All measurements for cakes and cookies should be level. Even a small variation can cause failure.

**Meeting Held by Episcopal Guild Monday Evening**

Shady Cove-Trail — St. Martin's Episcopal guild met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Glenn Anderson of Trail. The president, Dale Sawyer, Shady Cove, presided.

Mrs. Earl Baker Jr., of Riffles-on-the-Rogue, Trail, was admitted as a new member. After a business meeting the program chairman, Mrs. Ranaid Axtell and the secretary, Mrs. Frank Dolenshek, conducted a discussion of interest.

The next meeting will be March 4 at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Dolenshek, Trail. Each member is asked to take sandwiches and cookies; salad and coffee will be furnished by the hostess.

Episcopal church services will be held Sunday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music room of the Shady Cove school. A coffee hour will follow the service.

**CALENDAR**

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Thursday  
6:30 p.m. — Adarel Chapter OES, Jacksonville, Masonic hall.  
7 p.m. — Altrusa club, home of Mrs. Val Findley, 1327 Reddy ave.

7:30 p.m. — Unity Truth Center, room 203, Holly Theatre bldg.

7:30 p.m. — Royal Neighbors of America, Pythian building.  
8 p.m. — Phoenix PTA, grade school gymnasium.

8 p.m. — Phoenix Neighbors of Woodcraft, Grange hall.  
8 p.m. — Southern Oregon Stamp club, home of Mrs. Mabel Houck, 607 West Eighth st.

Friday  
10:30 a.m. — Valleyview Extension unit, at schoolhouse.  
11 a.m. — Unity Truth Center, room 203, Holly Theatre bldg.

12:30 — St. Elizabeth's guild, St. Mark's church.  
1 p.m. — Phoenix Garden club, Community club.

1:30 p.m. — FOE auxiliary past presidents, home of Mrs. Jack Weber, 2437 Barbara st., Ashland.

2:30 p.m. — Jefferson PTA, school cafeteria.  
2:30 p.m. — Roosevelt PTA, at school.

Perk up a meal with this pretty salad. Fill drained canned cling peach halves with a mixture of chopped golden walnuts, dates and softened cream cheese. Serve on crisp lettuce. No dressing needed.

Keep hard-cooked eggs ready in the refrigerator for quick preparation of dips to use with potato chips or crackers when friends drop in unexpectedly.

Cooked turkey should be stored in the refrigerator. Separate the stuffing from the bird, and wrap or cover each individually before refrigerating.

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