

Tournament



Bridge tournaments are becoming bigger and bigger in the Rogue valley. Medford Duplicate Bridge club sponsored its first bi-annual sectional duplicate tournament last week end and scores of players from northern California and Oregon gathered at Rogue Valley Country club for the various events. First rate players are always marked by their ability to concentrate on their hands, and this foursome didn't even glance up when the photographer's flash flared. Playing in the master pairs Sunday afternoon were (left to right) Mrs. Frank R. Baker, Medford; Mrs. Norman T. Davis, Grants Pass; Mrs. Gerald Patterson, Redding, Calif., and Walter Ensinger, Grants Pass. Only players who have earned 20 master points in tournament play under American Contract Bridge league rules were permitted to enter and 22 tables of players took part.



Two potential bridge fans who served as "pickup caddies" for the tournament were Jim Wise and Anna Richardson. Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Wise, and his father was one of the tournament chairmen. Anna is a daughter of the Sam T. Richardsons. The families are neighbors on Stratford way. The young people, pictured with the supply chest, ran errands and picked up score cards.



These two men were hard at work late Sunday afternoon tabulating scores on the huge official sheets provided for the purpose. William Pillsbury, Chico, Calif. (at left) was assistant tournament director and Gerald Patterson, Redding, was director. Their tools and equipment included a large supply of sharp pencils, cigarettes and pipe, ash trays and lots of strong coffee. Scoring a duplicate bridge tournament is an exacting and complicated business and there must be no errors.



A somewhat more relaxed atmosphere prevailed in the less important tournament events. A foursome composed of (left to right) Mrs. Harold Cloak, Mrs. Sidney Wolke, Grants Pass, Mrs. Louis Serruys, Klamath Falls and Mr. Wolke played in the Bartlett pairs tournament Sunday afternoon. The kibitzer is Paul McDuffee, Medford. The tournament opened Friday evening and continued through Saturday and Sunday, with the last of the players at the Country club until almost midnight. The tournament will alternate between Medford and Grants Pass, and will be played in the latter city next.



Leland Clark, president of the sponsoring club and co-chairmen of the tournament, posed between sessions Sunday with two of the winners. He is pictured congratulating Mrs. Neal S. Dunlap, Grants Pass, who with Mrs. J. S. Wolke (center), also of Grants Pass, won the women's pairs tournament Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Clark who also played in the tournament, is shown at right. Sunday morning the visiting players were guests at a breakfast sponsored by the Medford club.



Oblivious to the fact that almost everyone else had left the room after the end of the masters' pairs event Sunday afternoon, one table of duplicate aficionados huddled over the score pads and continued to brood over the game. Shown (left to right) are Mrs. John Dougherty, Mrs. Sam Van Dyke, Mrs. Walter Fisher, Roseburg, and Mrs. Alta Pruitt. An unidentified woman seated at the table behind this foursome lingered over a cigaret before considering other refreshment. Other players grouped on the terrace, in the dining room and cocktail lounge for lively "hash sessions." (Knackstedt photos)