



District 4 Spot



WINTER 2005



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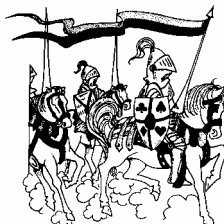
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEB KLINGER

As the New Year approaches, it's time to say good bye to the 2004 President of District 4, Leon Lyday. Leon is not only leaving the presidency but also our district. He and his wife have moved to Florida. They both will be greatly missed. Thank you, Leon, for a job well done.

The Red Rose Regional is over and the committee thanks you for attending our tournament. The Lancaster Regional committee, like all of our tournament committees, works hard to present an interesting and fun tournament for the attendees. The committees is in- major satisfaction for creased attendance. Let's work together to tournaments come make 2005 the year alive! I'll be looking for you at our sectionals and regionals.



The next Regional in Harrisburg Regional, ruary 6th, at the Hilton. The tournament chairpersons are Pam Murray and Bob Priest. Harrisburg will present a unique situation by offering two gold point side game series sessions at the Harrisburg Bridge Club. Since parking at the Hilton has always been a week day concern, this is being done for the convenience of the bridge players. Shuttle service will be provided for those staying at the Hilton. See you in Harrisburg. In 2005 make tournaments come alive in District 4!

BREAKING NEWS

District 4's
HAROLD JORDAN
Is honored as the 2005 ACBL
Goodwill Member of the Year
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DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CRAIG ROBINSON

It was great to get a chance to honor some outstanding individuals for their contributions to bridge at the Board meeting in Lancaster. The game's success depends so much on so many volunteers. We thank you, and hopefully will be able to recognize you properly in the near future.

The 2004 Charity awards went to **Fran LaBoeuf** and **Ralph Franklin**.

Fran served as Chair of District Charity and also has served as President and Business Manager of our New York Unit.

Ralph has run a game in the Philadelphia area for 30+ years with the proceeds going entirely to the Brotherhood of Old York Road Synagogue. The sum is nearly \$200,000. He also runs an annual charity game where all the entry fees plus donations are matched by Ralph and given to Cystic Fibrosis. This year the game raised \$2000.

The 2004 Goodwill awards went to **Tom** and **Alexis Ciconte**, **Beth Rosenthal** and **Tom Sakaguchi**.

The **Cicontes** earned the award for their tremendous teaching program which has helped the Delaware Unit achieve double digit growth the past few years. They also mentor some of their students. Tom, along with Harold Jordan, has started a bridge club to give players more opportunities to play.

Beth Rosenthal is the President of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Unit and has done a tremendous amount for the players in that area. She teaches, runs a club and has been Unit President for years.

Tom Sakaguchi has done so many things in the Philadelphia Unit for so long. He has been in charge of prizes, photography, unit championship games, and is an integral part of the Unit and District STaCs. If you need something done, ask Tom.

Harold Jordan won the ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year for 2005. This is a great honor and the ACBL will honor him at the Goodwill reception in Pittsburgh.

Congratulations to all those mentioned, and thank you for making bridge better in District 4!

The Treadwell Award was created this year to honor Dave and the individual who won the most masterpoints at Regionals and Sectionals within the District. **Rick Rowland** narrowly beat Jay Apfelbaum to win the first Treadwell award. It seems fitting that Rick's favorite and most frequent partner is Dave Treadwell.

See you in Harrisburg.

*Deadline for the Spring 4Spot
is March 1, 2005*

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From The Four Corners



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New Ranks: Junior – Patricia Podesto, Kingston; Alvin Schwartz, Kingston; Bernadine Luksic, Shavertown; Club – Eileen Benedetti, Stroudsburg; William Buchin, Weatherly; Jane Landau, Pittston; Anne Medrick, Frackville; Sectional – Louise Schlick, Wilkes Barre; Xenia Weigel, Lakeville; Joan Benedict, Pottsville; James Mazeika, Lake Ariel; Regional – Joseph Enis, Dallas; Betty Lyons, Tunkhannock; NABC –William Haynes, Cresco; Life Masters – Norman Dressler, Kingston.

The Unit is planning to host a Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP) in our area. The TAP program is one of the ACBL's most successful endeavors. Established in 1986 by Audrey Grant, it demonstrates successful methods of teaching the game of bridge and uses the ACBL's popular Bridge Series texts and teacher manuals in the

course. The teaching methods can be used with any teaching materials. Anyone who successfully completes this course will be listed on the ACBL's teacher web site. Any Club director, manager, player, or anyone else interested is invited to participate. We are planning on running the program on a weekend in the spring or summer of 2005. Please send Beth Rosenthal, beth@bridgelady.net, your name, address, phone number, and email address, if interested.

The Grand National Team qualifiers will be held at the Clarion in Scranton during our sectional May 13-15, 2005. This is a great opportunity for local players to participate... and perhaps win! Often there are very few teams in each strata (last year there were only 2 teams in one division!). Each winning team will then be eligible to participate at the Nationals in Atlanta and the District will partially underwrite the team's expenses. I urge each of you to run some team games between now and then

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for practice and encourage your players to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Several ACBL members from Northeastern and East Central Pennsylvania have expressed their interest in joining fellow bridge players on a Southern Caribbean cruise in March, 2005. The seven or eight-day trip will probably leave by air from Allentown and/or Avoca to either Ft. Lauderdale or San Juan. The estimated all-inclusive price tag is \$1,200. Before we put

together such a trip, we'd like to get an idea of how widespread interest really is. Call or e-mail Walter Mitchell, Director of the Steamtown Bridge Club; wsmitchell@finsvcs.com. Remember, there is no obligation.

Can you top this score? Jacquelyn Newman and Brian Holderness set their tournament opponents in a NT contract, doubled and redoubled, to the score of 4600.

Four club sessions are shutting down for the winter: Scranton Anthracite DBC Monday evening; Honesdale-Hawley DBC Wednesday morning session; Effort West End Bridge Club Thursday AM, and Scranton Center Club, Thursday afternoon.

Dave Hall, Dallas, has over 100 master points in the 366 Day unit race. He is closely followed by Ray DePew, Kingston.

Turkey Party Winners: 7 table open: 1ABC George and Stephen Mansour; 4 table Intermediate: 1A Walter Mitchell and Mary Zabresky, 1B Leonard and Barbara London. Temple Isreal Party Winners: 10 tables: 1A Ray DePew and Judy Argento, 1BC Tom Myers and Mary Louise Paolucci. West End Charity Game Winners: 8 Tables: 1A Judy Brown and Sue Saganich, 1BC David Bowen and Eileen Benedetti.

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Movin' on up (the ladder to Life Master): Junior - Evelyn Keller, William Moran, Marguerite Rumpf, Alan Seltzer, Diana Mulligan, Brian Snyder, Anne Alderman, John Alderman; Club - Greta Douglas, Paula Weber, Irene Williams, Icy Cohen, Jan Maniar; Sectional - Bernard Gillhoolley, Marlene Winkleman, Arnold Newman, George Stroup, Sue Wessner; Regional - Eva Spitale, Doris Sharpe; NABC Master - Sandra Gebhardt; Bronze - Travis Crump; Silver - Norman Wenger.

The Eastern Penn Sectional (the oldest sectional in the Northeast) was held September 24 - 26. Congratulations to the winners of the

Masterpoint races: Barry Gorski over 100 MP and Bernard Gillhoolley under 100 MP. On October 3 a B-A-M was held honoring the memory of Hawley Quier, advocate of bridge and founder of The Bridge Room of Reading. Flight A First place went to the teams of Christine Knittle, Bonnie Wenger, Norman Wenger who tied with Travis Crump, LaRue Wells, Robert Haley, Gail Weimer and Rodney Hilbert. Flight B first place was the team of Diane Mason, Sandra Gebhardt, Jean and Jack Gassert.

The Annual Dinner Membership meeting was held November 14, 2004. The following were re-elected as Executive Board: President, Carl D. Cronrath; Vice President, Dorothy Williamson; Secretary, Janet D. Stevens; Treasurer, William DeCesare; and Board of Directors: Heather Bittenbender, Robert Heim, JoAnne Hollinger, Alan Seltzer, Doris Sharpe, Margaret White, Douglas White, and Wallace White. Awards presented were the Hartman which went to **Douglas White** while the Mini-Hartman went to **Richard Yiengst**. The Life Master Key was awarded to **Alfred Crump** and the Pro/Am victor was **Richard Yiengst**. Hall of Fame inductees are **Thomas Weik** and Barry Gor-

ski. Emerging victorious overall were: Flight A – 1st John Weishampel & Thomas Weik; 2nd Kathleen DelCorso & Barry Gorski; 3rd Sandra Gebhardt & Ellis Sokoloff; Flight B – 1st Marie Hadley & Fern Shelow; 2nd /3rd Dodie & George Stroup and Patricia Buch & Alan MaLachlan.

Our next Sectional will be President's Day weekend, February 18 through 21. Looking forward to seeing you there.



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The unit's annual meeting and holiday party was held on Sunday 22 November at the Brookside Country Club. The gala affair included a luncheon, unit annual meeting, and the unit championship game. Elected officers were Walt Bell, President; Robert Grover, Vice President; Else Gerbert, Treasurer; and Dolly Kaminski, Secretary. The unit championship game was won by Joe Asber & Don Swan, with John Schwartz & Gus Nigro coming in second. Else Gerbert did her usual fabulous job arranging and coordinating the affair. Approximately one-third of the unit's membership attended. The winners of the

unit's annual trophies were as follows: Enberg (Life Masters) - Don Swan; Foering (non LM with over 100 pts) - Dolly Kaminski; Seeley (non Lm over 49 less than 100) - Boris Heimbach; and the West trophy (less than 49 master-points) - Jeanne Kuebler.

This year both of the Lehigh Valley Sectionals will be held at the Schnecksville Fire Company which is close to I-78, Route 22, and the PA Turnpike. The spring sectional will be April 29 - May 1 and the Fall sectional will be October 22 - 24.

For the upcoming year, the unit pair games will be held on Tuesday evenings at the JCC. The unit website www.lvbabridge.org will list all of the unit games. You should have received a flyer in the mail. Julie Brooks has volunteered to organize a partnership program designed to pair up people for the various club games. Please give her your support in this endeavor to boost club games attendance. Cooperation from the club managers and directors is obviously necessary for the program to be successful.

The unit congratulates Warren Lazar on obtaining Bronze Life Master.



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Winter is here. Some of our players have gone to Florida. The remaining players are playing at the various clubs in the area. It seems our club games are getting smaller and smaller. People are passing away and there are no replacements for them. This leads me to believe that the only salvation is the teaching area. Bridge teachers are in a position to fill the ranks by encouraging their students to play duplicate bridge. I know for a fact that the classes which are taught by Bobbie Gomer, Jane Segal, Donna Morgen and some others are trying their best to supply players to the various clubs in the region. Bobbie has contributed her time and effort successfully. There is a duplicate game every Monday night at the Jenkintown Bridge Club with at least 12 to 15 tables of beginners. Jane Segal along with Fran Abramsom run a 'shuffle and deal' type of class every Wednesday morning with at least 7 to 12 tables. Donna Morgen teaches at one of the Y's. Steve Grossman, Marc Labowitz and Gus Koutzaros also teach. I am asking all member of Unit 141 to try their best to get people interested in playing bridge. Once

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they get started in a bridge issue that Lorraine Orie be-
class then it is up to the vari- came a Silver LM. Sorry,
ous teachers to get their stu- Lorraine.

dents to play at a club. It is up Our latest achievers are
to the rest of us to make sure Eleanor Alboum and Ed Pe-
that these new players are derson, who are now Gold Life
made to feel at home. Older Masters. Ann Belknap, Gwen
and more experienced players Landis and Pam Murray made
should be kind, respectful, hos- Silver Life Master. Our new
pitable to make these new Bronze LM's are Jo Good, Roy
players feel comfortable. We Grube, Carol Kenley and
need new faces. We need Donna Wagner. Glenn Beidel,
younger players. We need Tony McBeth, Kay Rogers
some new blood. Moore and Nina Nicolaisen

Here are some interesting are our newest Life Masters.
facts: The average age of Congratulations, all!

ACBL members is 65 to 69. Winners in non-Unit tourna-
The under 26 make up 1.4% of ments were Selena and John
the ACBL roster. It's been said Swanson first in the Saturday
that bridge is a fantastic type of Afternoon Pairs at the Susque-
brain exercise. It is also said hanna Sectional. They also
that this exercise is very won the Sunday Swiss playing
healthy and leads to longer with Sylvie and Stefan Basin-
living. Therefore, my friends, ski. The Swansons tied for 1/2
do your darndest to influence in the Masterpoint List with
people. Get them to join us in 13.23 points. The Basinskis
this very interesting game. tied for 6/7 with 8.58.

I wish you all a very healthy
and happy New Year.

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The Unit 168 web site is up
and running. You can get to it
via [http://web2.acbl.org/hosted/
units/unit168/index.htm](http://web2.acbl.org/hosted/units/unit168/index.htm). Let us
know your comments or sug-
gestions.

From our "Oops" Dept: We
neglected to note in our last

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Alice Lafferty and Karen
Diftenbach were first in Strat C
Friday afternoon at the Read-
ing Sectional.

At the Red Rose Regional
Wayne Lingle led all 168 play-
ers with 45.65 MPs. In the 0-
750 category, Wade Schaeffer
and Roy Grube were the top
Unit winners with 28.36 points.
Dodie and George Stroup
were first overall in the Inter-
mediate/Newcomer events
with 12.82 masterpoints.

Top Ten finishers on the
York Sectional Masterpoint

List were Kurt Kilhefner, who placed third with 15.59 points, Mel Lubart was fourth with 15.13 and John Kinnikin was in 8th place with 9.41 points.

In the District 4 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney races, we have several of our players in the lead as of September 30th. In the Mini-McKenney, Charles Pack is the leading NABC Master of the Year. In the Ace of Clubs race, Karen Diffenbach is first as the Junior Master of the Year. Glen Maneval is ahead in Life Master of the Year, and Nadine Soussa is leading the Bronze LM of the year category. John Swanson is first in the Diamond Life Master of the year standings.

Future tournaments are the Harrisburg Regional from January 31st to February 6th. The 0-200 York Tournament will be held on February 27th. The following month we have the Chambersburg Sectional from April 8th to the 10th, and the Lancaster Sectional April 15-17.

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DELAWARE 190

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Congratulations to our own Harold Jordan!!! Harold has been named the ACBL's National Goodwill Player of the Year. And congratulations also

to Tom and Alexis Ciconte!! At the Red Rose Regional in late October, Tom and Alexis were honored by District 4 and named as recipients of District 4's 2004 Good Will Award.

Unit 190 invites all District 4 players once again to a FOUR DAY SECTIONAL. The Blue Hen Sectional will be held February 25-28, 2005. Friday-Sunday events will be held at the DuPont Country Club and Monday events will be played at the Talleyville Fire Hall. The complete schedule can be seen on page 22 or accessed at our web site www.unit190.org. Please note that the Tournament Chair has been changed to Cindy Rowland at 302-571-1827 while Tom Grabowski, 302-239-3969, will handle partnerships.

More plaudits go out to DSBAers who reached new Life Master strata: new Diamond Life Master--Benito Garozzo; new Gold Life Master--Andy Kaufman; new Bronze Life Master--Pat Turk and John Smith; new Life Masters--Tom George, Donald Stauffer, Mike Wilson and Richard Collins.

The latest update of the standings for the David Treadwell Player of the Year Award has Unit 190's Rick Rowland in first place. Kudos also go to Rick Rowland for winning the most master points of any

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player at the recent Red Rose Regional in Lancaster. Congratulations Rick!

In September elections were held by the DSBA Board. New Officers are: President--Richard Popper; Vice President--Ward Schaumberg; Secretary--Mike Wilson; Treasurer--Tom Ciconte. The following Board Positions were also announced: Internet Results--Marie Grabowski; Membership--Lois Stuart; Partnerships--Tom Grabowski; Regionals--Susan Corbett; Sectionals--Denis Lasota and Cindy Rowland; State Tournaments--Rick Rowland and Anne Taylor; Sussex County Liaison--Anna DeLapo; Publications--Judy Nicolaysen; Past President--Kurt Engleman.

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Long-standing veterans of our "Hawaii in Pennsylvania" winter tournament will look in vain for Danville this year on the ACBL roster of upcoming events. Instead, "Spring Out of Winter" on the weekend of February 25-27 at our new venue at Shamokin Dam, where we hope to breathe new life and new energy into a new tournament theme. Co-chairs Cheryl Pehoushek

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and Dave Winters have found a great new site for our mid-winter tourney—the Quality Inn and Suites, right along Routes 11/15 at Shamokin Dam (about 15 miles south of the Route 15 interchange on Interstate 80). They have negotiated a very reasonable room rate of \$60 per night (single/double occupancy), guaranteed to all who make reservations (570-743-1111) prior to February 5, 2005. Game times will be 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday (open pairs); noon and 6:00 p.m. Saturday (open pairs); and 11:00 a.m. for the Sunday Swiss. A unit meeting will precede Saturday's game at 10:30 a.m. for officers and board members. In addition to providing coffee, soft drinks, and enticing snacks, the unit will also sponsor a hospitality suite after the Friday and Saturday evening sessions. A deli lunch will be available for purchase between sessions on Sunday. If you need a partner, give Nancy Baker a call (570-323-1742). Other questions about the tournament can be directed to Cheryl (probridge@earthlink.net) or Dave (davwnt@aol.com). See our ad on page 26.

Hope to see you at our new location!

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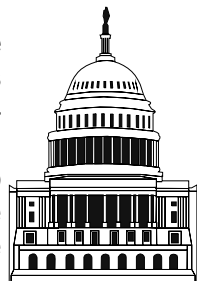


REGIONAL PREVIEW

HARRISBURG ♦ January 31– February 6, 2005

The Harrisburg Regional will start on January 31. In addition to the standard set of pairs events, we are holding six Knockout and two Swiss team events. One of the Swiss (Thursday) will be in a form not used before in District 4, and I believe not used on the east coast.

The Bracketed Swiss breaks the field into brackets, similar to a KO, but follows with a round robin of seven board matches within the bracket. ACBL directors have told me that this has been well received at small regionals (3-5 brackets per event), but problematic at large regionals. We will be running a Senior Bracketed Swiss, so each event is expected to have 3-5 brackets.



For those who work and can't arrive until Saturday, we give you an opportunity to take three shots for gold. We kick off a three round Bracketed KO at 9 am (followed by 1 and 7:30). In the eight team brackets, three of the four first round winners finish in the overalls. The afternoon sees the start of an A/X and O-2000 B game. Sunday has an A/X and O-2000 B traditional VP Swiss. These events will be concluded prior to 5:30 pm for those trying to get to Super Bowl parties.

We have Senior events every session starting Thursday and a full Intermediate/Novice program throughout, including lectures 45 minutes prior to every afternoon and evening session.

We look forward to seeing you in Harrisburg

Most free lessons are highly overpriced.

Harrisburg Regional January 31 – February 6, 2005

Harrisburg Hilton and Towers – One North Second Street, Harrisburg PA 17101
Harrisburg Hilton 717-233-6000

Bridge Room Rate: \$90 (1 to 4 people)

Tournament Co-Chairs: Bob Priest 717-772-3627 bpriest@pahouse.net

Pamela Murray 717-737-9858

Partnership Chair: Besty Davenry 717-234-2044

Partners guaranteed, if requested 1+ hour before game time

Full Intermediate/Newcomer Program

Full Section Top Prizes – all games, all strata

Intermediate/newcomer Party Friday between sessions

Expert lecture 45 minutes before every game

Stratified Events: 0-500, 500-1500, 1500+ except where indicated

Side Game Series Strata: 0-300, 300-750, 750+

Morning Side Game Series Strata: 0-100, 100-300, 300+ (**FREE** coffee before the game)

All 0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100, 0-200, 0-300 games are single session and flighted/stratified at the directors' discretion.

Trophy Pairs best percentage afternoon and evening are designated with an asterisk (*).

Tuesday 0-5 play **FREE** in all events 0-20 pay \$5 in all events. Friday 0-20 play **FREE** in all events.

Sunday 1:30 pm 0-300 Swiss Teams free.

Chartered conventions permitted in top bracket of KOs and A/X events only.

Playoffs for 5/8 in all prime time KOs immediately follow 2nd round. Tuesday and Thursday

Side Game Series 1:00 pm sessions held at Harrisburg Bridge Club.

Friday and Saturday – one-session entries in the two-session events will be permitted

One session BAM Teams Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm

Late Night Zip KO Friday Night only

Bracketed Swiss – divided into brackets of nine times – full round-robin

Daytime parking may be a problem – allow extra time, if lunchtime arrival

Harrisburg Hilton and Towers is a non-smoking facility, except in **The Bar** (anytime) or in the **Market Street Café** (after the restaurant has closed).

Mon. Jan. 31	Bracketed KO I continue Tuesday all day..... 7:30
	Stratified Kickoff Pairs..... 7:30
	0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100, 0-200, 0-300 Pairs..... 7:30
Tues. Feb. 1	Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)..... 9:00
	Stratified Open Pairs..... 1:00 & 7:30
	Bracketed KO II continue Wednesday 1 & 7:30..... 1:00 & 7:30
	Side Game Series (1 & 2 of 6)..... 1:00 & 7:30
	0-5*, 0-20*, 0-50, 0-100, 0-200, 0-300 Pairs..... 1:00 & 7:30
Wed. Feb. 2	Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5)..... 9:00
	Morning KO continue mornings thru Saturday..... 9:00
	Stratified Open Pairs..... 1:00 & 7:30
	Bracketed KO III continue Thursday 1 & 7:30..... 1:00 & 7:30
	Side Game Series (3 & 4 of 6)..... 1:00 & 7:30
	0-5, 0-20, 0-50*, 0-100, 0-200, 0-300 Pairs..... 1:00 & 7:30
Thurs. Feb. 3	Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)..... 9:00
	Bracketed Open Swiss Teams..... 1:00 & 7:30
	Bracketed Senior Swiss Teams..... 1:00 & 7:30
	Side Game Series (5 & 6 of 6)..... 1:00 & 7:30
	0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100*, 0-200, 0-300 Pairs..... 1:00 & 7:30
Fri. Feb. 4	Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)..... 9:00
	Bracketed KO IV continue Saturday 1 & 7:30..... 1:00 & 7:30
	Stratified Open Pairs..... 1:00 & 7:30
	Stratified Senior Pairs..... 1:00 & 7:30
	0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100, 0-200*, 0-300 Pairs..... 1:00 & 7:30
Sat. Feb. 5	Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5)..... 9:00
	One-Day Bracketed KO continue 1 & 7:30..... 9:00
	Flight A/X Pairs (X 3000)..... 1:00 & 7:30
	Flight B Pairs (Strat 2000, 1000, 500)..... 1:00 & 7:30
	Ramona Karlson Stratified Senior Pairs..... 1:00 & 7:30
	0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100, 0-200, 0-300* Pairs..... 1:00 & 7:30
Sun. Feb. 6	Flight A/X Swiss Teams (X 3000)..... 10:00
	Flight B Swiss Teams (Strat 2000, 1000, 500)..... 10:00
	Stratified Senior Swiss Teams..... 10:00
	0-50, 0-100, 0-300 Swiss Teams single sessions. 10:00 & 1:30

DISTRICT 4 MASTER SOLVERS CLUB

HENRY BETHE, DIRECTOR

One of the nice things about this set of hands is that I know all but one of the hands opposite, and therefore what worked and what did not. I will tell you at the end of each problem.

Less nice is so few answers from Solvers. There are about 6000 of you out there who get this magazine. Four of you sent in answers. I offer you all this: if you send in answers by e-mail, and your comments are interesting, I will quote you.

I have made a change in format. To save some ink, I will grade out of 20 rather than 100, so a "perfect" score will be 100.

HAND 1: MPs, N/S VUL

AK754, Q10, AQ754, 2

<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
			1♠
PASS	2♥	PASS	3♦
PASS	3NT	PASS	??
<u>Action Score Votes</u>			
	4♥	20	5
	4NT	17	1
	4♦	16	2
	Pass	15	7

In the 4Spot problem East, not South, bid 3D. For which both the editor and I apologize. The panel, who answered the problem above,

falls neatly into two camps: passers who think they have bid their all and those who think they still have a little in reserve. The reservists offer several approaches:

Ray Raskin: 4NT. I like my hand, especially the controls and the heart Q10 and want to make just one bid showing some extras and let partner decide. **Bob and Joann**

Glasson: 4D. The Q10 of hearts are lovely cards, but we think the best slam possibility is in diamonds. If partner cooperates we're delighted, but over 4 NT to play, we'll go quietly. **Dan Boye:** 4D. 3NT may well just make and possibilities of 4H or even 6D as better contracts. 3NT is gambling too much with stiff club. **T. Craig Robinson:** 4H. This hand is awfully good. 4H gets the message across about the club shortness, but fails to show all the pointed suit controls. Maybe partner will ask. **Joann and Danny Sprung:** 4H. This is not a good advertisement for 2/1, or any natural methods. This space-gobbling auction leaves us guessing. Partner's club stopper could be anything from Axx to KQJT. We are guessing to bid, and

4H seems like the right direction, especially with the 10 of hearts. A 5-2 fit could play quite well. **Varis Carey:** 4H. I would take the safe plus at imps, but a heart contract could be much better at matchpoints. *Please join me in welcoming District 4's newest Diamond LM to the panel. Bernie found time between directing to go over 5000. Well done!* **Bernie Gorkin:** 4H-

With the controls I have, I think that one move towards slam is warranted. Since I didn't bid 3H directly, I can't have 3 hearts and minimum values, so this has to show extras. **Connie Goldberg:** 4H. If partner now bids 4NT, 4S, or 5D, I pass. If I had a bit more I'd bid 4C, but 3D showed extras.

I think that, if you are going to move, 4H is the best try. It shows two features at once, the heart strength and the singleton club. 4D only shows one. The pass-ificists: **Ed Bissell:** Pass. My simulator assures me that this is a fine spot. After all, with Qx, AKxxx, Kxx, KQJ partner would have rebid 4NT- natural. I suspect that the simulation depends on the parameters given for partner's hand. My own parameters would be 12-16 HCP, fewer than 3 spades or 4 diamonds, 5 or 6 hearts, and either 4+ clubs or Qxx or better. As the **Sprungs** pointed out, partner has been end-

played by the auction into bidding 3NT with all such hands.

Roz and Saul Teukolsky: Pass. 3D showed my hand - there's nothing more to say.

Eric Greco and Brian Platinick: Pass. Of course anything could be right but what prevents partner's hand from being x Kxxxx Kx AQJxx. Also if I bid 4H, could partner misinterpret this as a 5-3-4-1 or 5-3-5-0 slam try?

On the other hand, what is to prevent partner having x AKJxx Kxx Q10xx? Partner almost had to bid 3NT with a reasonable club stopper and no support for either of your suits. **Ed Shapiro (and Richard Popper almost the same):** Pass. 3NT and matchpoints, and 3D did show some extras, besides shape. 4H, my second choice, might sound like a third heart and a prepared auction to show the club shortness. I would never splinter with 3-card support. I don't like 4D at matchpoints, since I don't like the likely follow-ups. *Writing a book on this problem, which I have edited severely, was* **David Better:** Pass. The problem is finding a sequence that gets us to the best contract. *He goes on to give examples where 3NT, 6D and 6H are best. He then rejects 4C, 4D and 4H as possible continuations and offers 5C is (an) interesting (possibility). (With no) suit*

agreed, it shouldn't be exclusion (Blackwood). (I)t probably does show something like this, and asks for partner's input. I would expect 5-3-5-0 for that bid. He concludes that slam is unlikely, and bidding over 3NT is too risky at matchpoints.

Eight bidders and seven passers - The bidders have it. And they would have been right! Partner's hand was S-xx H-KJ98xx D-Kx C-AQx. Partner had little in reserve for his initial game force and very good club stoppers. The fitting heart honors make his hand very good. If opener had a stiff heart and Kx of clubs, 3NT would be high enough. Both 6H (easily) and 6NT (tougher) could be made.

HAND 2: IMPs, NONE VUL

973, KQJ9742, 2, K5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	DBL	3♠*	??

*WEAK

Action	Score	Votes
4NT	20	9
4♥	14	4
5♥	12	2

There are the walkers:

Glassons: 4 hearts. We love the hand, but opposite a white takeout double, we could be in jeopardy at the five level. Partner would have to have the perfecto four aces to make a slam. *Well a grand slam anyway. Opening up the real issues are Greco:* 4H. Blackwood might be nice if 4NT

meant that, but since it doesn't, I can choose between 5H, double, and 4H. If I double and pull partner's 4 of a minor to 4H that should be a flexible 4H bid not a slam try, so it is between 4H and 5H. Since I could easily be off 3 aces I will settle for four. Also, notice the bidding isn't over yet.

Goldberg (and similarly Platnick, the Sprungs, Raskin and Popper): 4NT. I may be off 3 aces, but if so, they may make or be down one in 4S, a contract that I will not let them play anyway. *Greco says 4NT is not Blackwood; Goldberg says it is.*

Agreeing with Eric: Boye and similarly Better: 4H. Needs too exact for slam. If they bid on to 4S, clearly will bid 5H. Partner's need of 3 Aces is a bit much to ask as a guess. Unless you play some form of 4S as Blackwood since 4NT sounds like pick a minor. *Also agreeing with Greco, but more optimistic are Teukolskys:* 5H. Without bidding boxes, you can bid 4NT?? which is Blackwood. But with bidding boxes, 4NT is pick a minor. So we make the best invitational bid we can.

Shapiro: 5H: Simply quantitative At one time I would have "stayed fixed" with 4H, but as we now face more daring pre-empt, I'll try a more aggressive call. *But is quantitative what you want? You don't*

need winners, you need first round controls. Partner might figure out that three aces and a stiff spade is enough. But he may think two aces and a stiff spade and some extra high cards are enough. It is undignified in the age of Blackwood to reach a slam off two aces. Some experts accept simplicity. **Bissell:** 4NT. I drag out Blackwood, asking for aces.

*I was hoping for this! In the previous set Ed told us that 4NT would show a game going 5-5 in the minors. **Robinson with Carey and Gorkin:** 4NT. Let's see, if partner has 3 aces and a spade void (quite possible) 7 hearts is gin. I don't know what response shows 3 aces and a void, but at least I can find out if he has 3 first round controls and bid 6. FYI, the most common method is to play 5NT shows an even number and a void, jumps to the six-level show an odd number and a void. When trumps are known and the void is probably known, the six-level jump below the trump suit shows something extra in the suit bid. When the void is probably unknown, the jump shows a void in the bid suit. When trumps are unknown, a jump to 6C shows a void and an odd number of aces.*

I did check whether 4NT is Blackwood or minors with the oracle, namely Jeff Rubens at the Bridge World. The pro-

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nouncement was that this is one of many areas not specifically covered.

HAND 3: MPs, E/W VUL

Q852, 875, AQ, AKQJ

West	North	East	South
		1♥	??
Action	Score	Votes	
DBL	20	15	
PASS	10	0	
1NT	4	0	
2C	4	0	

*I was going to present this as a multiple-choice problem. Do you a) pass and when it goes 1S pass 1NT? b) double and when the bidding continues redouble 2D pass? c) bid 1NT and when it goes double 2D pass? d) other? Since I didn't, I can save a lot of precious space. Summing up for the entire panel is solver **Nick Straguzzi:** Double. While a four-card suit overcall is OK on occasion, this isn't the hand for it -- too strong and too much to describe. No 1NT without a stopper when the opening bid is a five-card major. So double. He does not mention passing. Perhaps it should be obvious that pass is out of the question as the panel is unanimous. One of the revelations that Al Roth made 50 years ago was that it is frequently not necessary to bid immediately. It is legal to, so to speak, check and raise just as it is in poker.*

Twenty years ago my then

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wife announced that she wanted to become a better player. I told her that the first thing she needed to do was practice passing every morning for ten minutes as she was brushing her hair. (I guess it worked. She won a Venice Cup in 1989.) The only risk in passing, really, is that partner will pass out 1H when your side can do better playing the hand. That should happen only if partner also has heart length or is very weak. My own experience is that any hand with three small in opener's suit should pass unless there are very good reasons to bid. Perhaps 18 HCP are a very good reason. The winning call here was pass. Partner had xx – 10xxx – 9xxxx – xx. They can make a partial and you go for at least 500 in anything. Unlucky, isn't it?

HAND 4: IMPs, BOTH VUL
KJ8764, 107, K, KJ95

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	1♦	PASS	1♠
PASS	2♣	PASS	??
	<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>
	2♥	20	10
	3♣	14	3
	4♣	13	1
	3♠	8	1

This is a VERY old problem. When I was first learning to play back in the bronze age

I kibitzed Ithaca's best player who picked up this hand. The auction started as shown. This was the call chosen by the player I was watching:
Shapiro: 3S. Invitational, and yes, I'd like at least the spade 10, too. 2H forces too far (after I make a black suit re-bid), so 3C would be my second choice.

Taking this second choice are **Greco Robinson and Gorkin:** 3C. Toughest hand of the set. 3 clubs is down the middle and clearly the percentage bid. If partner has Qx, Jx, AJxxx, A10xx you have missed a reasonable 4 S, but that's life. If partner has a questionable heart stopper with a doubleton spade he can bid 3H and you can bid 3S which he can raise on a doubleton. If you needed a swing you might try 3S or 2H fourth suit forcing.

A more urgent club raise comes from **Boye:** 4C. 2H is 4th suit so 4C - with excellent working cards in D and C, I think 5C is best shot for game. *Apparently willing to force a long way are* **Better** (and similarly **Raskin, Popper** and the **Glassons**): 2H. This is the best way to start a game force. If partner doesn't bid 2S, or 3C, I will try to show the 6th spade - and if partner isn't interested in that, go back to clubs.

Slam, and even grand slams, are too much in the picture here to treat this hand like a wimp. Good partners hold A, Ax, Axxxx, Axxxx.

*The next group wants to have their cake and ... In BWS a non-reverse 4th suit is a one round force, but only responder can pass, and then only after opener's simple preference to two of responder's suit, 2NT, or a simple rebid of either of opener's suits. For example, if opener bids 2N over 2H and responder continues with 3C, that is a game force. Thus in BWS both opener and responder must be very careful with non-reverse 4th suit bids: opener cannot make a passable bid with extra values, and responder cannot use 4th suit to invite when he will not pass some of opener's minimum rebids. **Bissell:** 2H. This is only a 1 round force. Slam in spades is still in the mix if opener has three-card support in a hand too strong to bid 2S. *I don't think that hand will be a problem no matter what you bid this round. The problems I see are stopping when partner has a limited hand with very short spades, and finding spades when partner has Qx or Ax.* **Goldberg:** 2H. I normally play 4th suit below 2NT is a 1 round force and frequently*

raise with 3 trumps, so this hand is no problem. But even if 2H is GF, I bid it. **Teukolsky:** 2H. Upgrading the hand in IMPs seems right. Should be able to get out at 4C if necessary. *I don't think so. Most sequences will result in a game force, e.g. when you bid 3C over 2NT, or 4C over 3D. That, in fact, is the nightmare bid by partner.* **Platnick:** 2H. This hand illustrates one of the big advantages of rebidding 1NT with a small singleton in responder's suit. Since partner didn't rebid 1NT, I would know he has either 5-5, 0-4-5-4, or extra values. I'll force to game. I plan to raise clubs ignoring the sixth spade unless partner shows support at some point. We could easily have a slam opposite void, Axx, AQxxx, QTxxx.

I think the game-forcers are optimistic. Unfortunately we do not have the agreement Brian likes, so partner can have a minimum 5-4 or even 1-4-4-4 hand. If partner is short in spades, we really have a 7 count, albeit an attractive one, and 3C looks like enough encouragement. If partner bids more we can get excited.

Partner had 0-2-6-5 with three aces. 3 S down one was undistinguished compared with 6C making 7 on

good minor suit breaks!

HAND 5: MPs, BOTH VUL

A85, A1094, J, 98732

West	North	East	South
	1♦	PASS	1♥
2♣	2♠	PASS	??

Action	Score	Votes
3♣	20	8
2NT	12	2
3♦	8	0
3♠	6	4
4♠	4	1

There are a number of questions in this auction. First, how good a hand does partner show? Do the "normal" rules for responding to a reverse apply? Is this a good hand? Can we pass? How soon? Does partner carry a gun? Raising those and other questions is

Shapiro: 3C: To show my sixth round control. I just don't like 3D, which I submit is non-forcing on this auction where partner doesn't promise full reversing values. I think 2N should show a real stopper. 3C is just a stall. His rebid may help me on the next round. I could accept pass of 2S, trying for a sure plus. I wouldn't consider that, however, unless partner has a known sense of humor (e.g., KQJxx, xx, AKQTxx).

A large group is with **Greco:** 3C. Game forcing without a convenient bid. One should resist the temptation to

raise spades as can bid 3S over 3 of a red suit by partner and he should get the idea. Would bid 2NT with a club stopper so this should deny one. **Goldberg** adds that a delayed 3N should show a partial stopper. *I do not think 3C is a game force here. I think it is a waiting bid for partner to clarify the basis of the reverse. You could be intending to pass partner's next bid, for example 3D. Believing that 98xxx is a stopper are* **Teukolskys:** 2NT: After partner's likely 3D bid, we'll bid 3N. (Maybe West has AKJ10xx of clubs and partner or East has the singleton Q.) A direct 3N should be slightly stronger. We're not raising spades unless partner rebids them, because he'll be tapped on the opening lead.

Robinson: 2NT. Hoping for clarification of his hand. He might bid 3 of a major which I can raise to 4 and if he bids 3D, I can pass (I think).

I agree that you are allowed (by the laws) to pass, but should you with those two aces and the jack of diamonds? Then there are those who look no further than the major. **Raskin:** 4S - looks like the contract with the best shot at making and any sort of a cue bid might get us way out of reality. **Platnick with Better and Gorkin:** 3S. Toughest

problem of the set. The 3S call seems routine, but passing could easily win a lot of match-points. The play in 4S may come down to guessing if spades are 3-3 or 4-2 (if the overcaller has four spades, you are doomed). **Boye**: 3S. NOT bidding NT. Partner needs to allow for 3-card raise with a good 6 or 7-4. I will raise 4D to 5. **Gorkin** added a directorial comment: By the way, this is the type of hand that causes lots of problems with tempo. No one could bid this in tempo, so slow bids like 3S or 2N convey some burden onto partner. *Actually, speaking for the committee, I don't think so. This is not a garden-variety auction which partnerships will have discussed, so some thought is to be ex-*

pected. It is not clear why you are thinking, so there is no message content to the tempo break. The panel found five answers and mentioned two others (P and 3D) so the only real message content would be from a fast bid.

Shapiro's guess was pretty good. Partner held KQxx Kx KQ109xxx none, and there was a straightforward play for the 22 point diamond slam. There was no play for any spade contract as overcaller was 4-2-1-6 with solid clubs and the ♦A.



Panelist	1	2	3	4	5	Score
David Better	P	4♥	X	2♥	3♠	75
ED BISSELL	P	4NT	X	2♥	3♣	95
DAN BOYE	4♦	4♥	X	4♣	3♠	69
VARIS CAREY	4♥	4NT	X	2♥	3♣	100
BOB & JOANN GLASSON	4♦	4♥	X	2♥	3♣	90
CONNIE GOLDBERG	4♥	4NT	X	2♥	3♣	100
BERNIE GORKIN	4♥	4NT	X	3♣	3♠	80
ERIC GRECO	P	4♥	X	3♣	3♣	83
BRIAN PLATNICK	P	4NT	X	2♥	3♠	81
RICHARD POPPER	P	4NT	X	2♥	3♣	95
RAY RASKIN	4NT	4NT	X	2♥	4♠	81
CRAIG ROBINSON	4♥	4NT	X	3♣	2NT	86
ED SHAPIRO	P	5♥	X	3♠	3♣	75
JOANN & DAN SPRUNG	4♥	4NT	X	2♥	3♣	100
ROZ & SAUL TEUKOLSKY	P	5♥	X	2♥	2NT	79



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Strat B/C/D 2 Session Swiss

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Strat ACBL-Wide Senior Prs(12:30)
Stratified 99er Pairs (12:30 pm)
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Spring Hands for 4Spot Master Solvers Club

Unless specified, all bidding is Bridge World Standard which can be found at www.bridgeworld.com. Submit answers to Henry Bethe at hebethe@aol.com or mail to 108 Sheldon Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. New problems are encouraged. Responses are due by March 1, 2005. You are South.

HAND 1: MPs, E/W VUL

KQJ9754, K754, K, A

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♣	??

WARNING: 2 ANSWERS MAY BE REQUIRED. DO YOU (A) DBL, AND WHEN IT GOES P-2♣-P-? (B) BID 1S AND WHEN IT GOES P-2♦-P-? (C) BID 4♠ OR (D) OTHER

HAND 2: IMPs, NONE VUL

VOID, 109542, 1087632, K4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
PASS	1♦	PASS	1♥
PASS	2NT	PASS	??

PLEASE COMMENT ON THE 1♥ RESPONSE, IF YOU THINK FITTING

HAND 3: IMPs, N/S VUL

KQ87, AKQ82, Q5, A3

West	North	East	South
	PASS	PASS	??

HAND 4: MPs, BOTH VUL

VOID, AQ74, AQJ5, Q10943

West	North	East	South
			1♦
PASS	1♠	PASS	2♣
PASS	2♦	PASS	??

HAND 5: IMPs, NONE VUL

A4, AKQ9, 4, A76532

West	North	East	South
			1♣
PASS	1♠	PASS	2♥
PASS	3♦	PASS	??

Harold Jordan Named ACBL Goodwill Member of 2005!

Harold Jordan of Unit 190 has been named the ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year for 2005. The announcement was made in Orlando and Harold will receive his award during the NABC in Pittsburgh in the Spring. The following is the text of the letter that recommended him. It was written by Kurt Engleman, in collaboration with Craig Robinson and Tom Cicone.

"The Delaware State Bridge Association (Unit 190) has enjoyed much success in recent years and has the distinction of becoming the unit (of any size) with the greatest membership growth in the ACBL in 2003. While many have contributed to the good fortunes of the Unit, the driving force behind all its initiatives has clearly been Harold Jordan.

Harold was elected President of the Unit about 6 years ago. He quickly recognized that the Unit suffered the same plight as many, that is, an aging membership, precious few newcomers, and stagnate games. Harold used his creativity, knowledge of the game and technical expertise to help address these issues.

His initial efforts focused on improving the quality of the local games. He first authorized the acquisition of a duplimate machine to pre-duplicate boards for every game. This was a bold step because the "cost of entry" was substantial. In retrospect, the initiative proved to be highly successful. The Unit now enjoys a substantial increase in average table count and the players receive hand records after every game.

Secondly, Harold, along with

Millard Natchway and Doug Grove devised web movements for every number of tables possible. These movements create greater board duplication when there are a large number of tables, thus, the results are more representative. So now everyone plays the same 26 boards and gets hand records. The game now averages about 30 tables per week with an 8-10 table novice section. But the novice section is another story.

When Harold began as President of the Unit, there were no Intermediate / Novice sections at the local games. Worse yet, there were very few such players participating at any level at any location. So Harold asked the Cicones, Tom and Alexis, to teach beginner level bridge. He not only arranged the teachers but also found a viable location and convinced the Unit to underwrite the initiative by supplying bidding boxes, cards, tables, compensation, etc. Harold even went beyond. He provided technical support for Tom Cicone with ACBL Score and he also posted results on the website. He even baked banana bread for the students. Through Harold's

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FOR NEWCOMERS ONLY

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Why Are You Having So Much Fun?

I just got back from the NABC (North American Bridge Championships) in Orlando, and while in the interminable lines and layovers you encounter over Thanksgiving at any airport, I had lots of time to think. (Except when I was pulled out of line for a more thorough search...which makes me wonder: What is it about me that consistently triggers the higher-level security response. Is it the Middle-Aged Housewife look? The blonde hair—could they have guessed I'm not really a blonde—is this a terrorist characteristic? The decidedly unathletic body type? The huge, enormous carry on bag—certainly big enough for a bomb, but filled with Trip Survival Gear—a Cinnabon, a few books, a pillow? Somewhere along the line, I must have been flagged. I keep trying to tell them it ain't me they're looking for, but to no avail...)

Anyway, I digress. While I was in Orlando, I had an especially rewarding experience. ACBL marketing and education departments are putting together a new program where Newcomer players will have three days of workshops and games, just for them and all

free. We were sort of “testing” it in Orlando. On Sunday, I ran a morning workshop “Long Suits—Better than Money” covering play techniques. This was followed by an afternoon supervised play game where the players could call me over for questions and advice (if they knew about my two 42% games last week, they wouldn't ask me anything except directions to the bathroom!). It was terrific!! We had a very nice turnout, especially considering it was the first time for this event.

One thing keeps coming back to me repeatedly...the observation that you Newcomers seemed to be having more fun than anyone else at the Nationals. We were fortunately in our own room, because with all the laughter, we surely would have incurred wrath. I wonder why this is. There's no question you Newcomers are as competitive as the Open players. You are just as eager to win masterpoints, although many of you are confused about pigmented points. (You're not alone!) You're just as intense when you bid and play. You enjoy your postmortems with the same verve as do your more experienced counterparts. You love looking at the

hand records and examining alternatives. So just why is it that you seem to be having more fun. Hmm. Here are a couple thoughts.

1. You still think this is just a game, not a career choice. (During the Holiday time of year it's easy to spot the Newcomers...they are in the malls shopping and in the store buying ingredients for cookies. Open players do all their shopping on-line at 3 a.m., don't cook any major meals, get rid of visitors after a couple hours—all so they can get back to their REAL job...at the bridge club.)



about being wrong. The point of the discussions you have aren't centered on who was right or wrong, but more on "Where did the train that hit me come from?"

This is not to say that Open players aren't having fun or are grumpy and accusatory. Not at all. It just seems that you Newcomers are having more fun than anyone in the joint. Whatever you're doing, don't stop!!

(P.S. Mark your calendars. In Pittsburgh you will have **3 FULL DAYS** of workshops and special games with Audrey Grant, Barbara Seagram and yours truly. And all

FREE!! What a deal!!)

2. You can still have fun, even if you don't win. A well-played hand, even by an opponent, is a pleasure, the social interaction is exciting...especially at a tournament with all those NEW friends-to-be.

(P.S.S.S. If you have any thoughts on why Newcomers seem to be having so much fun, email me at mrone-mus@suscom.net. I'd love to hear what you're thinking. And...see you in Pittsburgh.)

3. The game itself is your focus, rather than the win or loss. How the bidding went, the mysteries of the lay of the cards, is where your attention is. This is hard to verbalize, but the pleasure for many of you is still in the process rather than the outcome. Do you know what I mean?

4. And this one, I think, is the biggie. You aren't so positive you are right that you feel it necessary to castigate your partners and opponents

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leadership, the Unit has supported 300 students of which roughly half have gone on to become ACBL members. The Unit now boasts one of the largest Intermediate / Novice games in the District.

Through Harold's creativity and bold initiatives, the Unit has prospered. It is now looking for new ways to sustain the momentum that Harold started.

Harold didn't stop at the Unit level. He and Susan Corbett were tournament chairs for the Wilmington Regional and they along with their committee just completed a very nice Regional that was enjoyed by all.

And of course, his technological expertise and creativity know no bounds. He designed and maintains the Unit 190 and Bridge Studio websites. The Unit 190 website is among the most comprehensive unit sites and can be accessed via the ACBL website or directly at www.unit190.org.

Lastly, Harold Jordan is much more than a bridge guru. Although soft spoken, you can put a gold frame around everything he says. He listens well to others and is highly respected by all who know him. He is a devoted spouse and father of two. Moreover, he is an outstanding bridge player, a perfect gentleman at the table, and a delight to play against if you don't mind losing. If every unit had a Harold Jordan, the ACBL would have 250,000 members. No one is more deserving of the Goodwill Member of the Year award. It is an honor to recommend him."

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Strata-Flighted Open Prs[#] ..2:30

SUNDAY, JAN 9

Strata-Flighted Swiss[#] 11 & TBA
Strat Non-Master Sws* 11 & TBA

* (single sessions—A 100-300, B 20-100, C 0-20)
** (A 1250+; (B 500-1250) (C 0-500)
¹ (A 1500+; (B 500-1500) (C 0-500)
[#] (A 3000+; (X 0-3000) separate
(B 1000-1500) (C 500-1000) (D 0-500)



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12
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Stratified Non-Mstr Prs¹**

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2 Session play through with break

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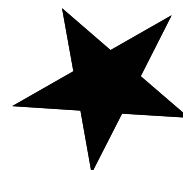
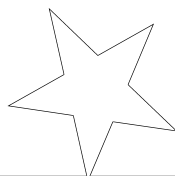
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DISTRICT 4's 2004 NEW LIFE MASTERS (THROUGH 12/1/2004)

Lynn Ackerman, Pittsford NY	Barry Love, Berwyn PA
Judith Albert, Cherry Hill NJ	Glenn Maneval, York PA
Stephen Albert, Cherry Hill NJ	Donald Mayer, Ocean City NJ
Lewis Allen, Rochester NY	Anthony McBeth, Harrisburg PA
David Amsterdam, Wayne PA	Carole McCallum, Newfoundland PA
Robert Back, Charles Town WV	John McDermott, Endicott NY
Glenn Beidel, Chambersburg PA	Ian Milnes, Mechanicsburg PA
Barbara Berg, Narberth PA	Samuel Moffett, Philadelphia PA
Lynne Brooks, Chester PA	Kay Rogers Moore, Mechanicsburg PA
Cortland Brovitz, Naples FL	Joseph Murray, Cherry Hill NJ
Matthew Brown, Syracuse NY	Richard Muse, Hornell NY
Patricia Burnore, Ocean View DE	Thomas Myers, Bear Creek PA
Justine Capcara, Mountville PA	Jacquelyn Newman, E Stroudsburg PA
Preston Carlisle, Ogdensburg NY	Nina Nicolaisen, York PA
Margaret Clark, Fairport NY	Judith Nicolaysen, West Chester PA
Murray Cohen, Pompano Beach FL	Nancy Palumbo, North East MD
Richard Collins, West Chester PA	Michael Perlson, Penfield NY
Janice Copeland, Villanova PA	Gladys Pfaff, Philadelphia PA
Alfred Crump, Wyomissing PA	James Pierce, Danville PA
Travis Crump, Wyomissing PA	Sue Pierce, Danville PA
Les Dichter, Columbus NJ	Carol Poritz, W. Palm Beach FL
Orrin Dillabough, Medford NJ	Andrew Pubrick, Wallingford PA
Norman Dressler, Kingston PA	Shirley Rab, Atlantic City NJ
Jane Dunlap, Wayne PA	James Rachiele, Galloway NJ
Edwin Eckerson, Marmora NJ	William Roeder, York PA
Dorothy Ehling, Lahaska PA	David Rose, Philadelphia PA
Stephen Emerson, Bryn Mawr PA	Gerald Ruth, York PA
Robert Erwin, Phoenixville PA	Margo Ruth, York PA
Frances Fahsel, Pilesgrove NJ	Frederick Schillinger, Ocean City NJ
Barbara Friedman, Cherry Hill NJ	Virginia Schuerger, West Chester PA
Louis Fuhrmann, Endicott NY	Arlyne Shockman, Philadelphia PA
Sue Gaffney, Rochester NY	John Shoesmith, Cinnaminson NJ
Warren Gaskill, Newark DE	Beverly Shubert, Ocean View DE
Thomas George, Kennett Square PA	Cynthia Silk, Philadelphia PA
Gregory Giles, Penfield NY	Donna Snyder, Earlington PA
William Goldman, Ambler PA	Ann Southmayd, Newark DE
Elio Grissani, Elkins Park PA	Margie Spence, Fairport NY
Roger Hallowell, Douglassville PA	Sheila Sporkinedel, Absecon NJ
Jeanne Harris, Newark NY	Donald Stauffer, Kennett Square PA
Audrey Harrold, New Holland PA	Muriel Stauffer, Kennett Square PA
Paul Henning, Harrisburg PA	Leon Tomaszewski, Boothwyn PA
Charles Heritage, Milford DE	Tim Trissler, New Cumberland PA
Fern Herman, Langhorne PA	Thomas Turner, Shepherdstown WV
Milton Hilliard, Westminster MD	Michael Walsh, Baldwinsville NY
Robert Howell, Fairport NY	Douglas White, Downingtown PA
Sarah Jastak, Wilmington DE	Dick Wilson, Rochester NY
Carole Jones, Columbus NJ	Mike Wilson, Wilmington DE
Ellen Kelley, Margate City NJ	Harriet Winchell, West Chester PA
Dolly Klee, Rochester NY	John Wright, Gladwyne PA
Carolyn Landi, Bushkill PA	Nicholas Yovnello, Monroeville NJ

DISTRICT 4 STARS



2004 FALL NABC - ORLANDO

- 1 216.17 Eric Greco, North Wales PA
- 2 115.74 Susan Yates, Rochester NY
- 3 115.74 Daniel Boye, Syracuse NY
- 4 108.13 Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ
- 5 103.33 JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA
- 6 101.75 Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ
- 7 93.39 Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA
- 8 78.93 Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA
- 9 70.65 Raymond Raskin, King of Prussia PA
- 10 67.02 Marsha McElroy, Mount Laurel NJ

RED ROSE REGIONAL LANCASTER, PA October 25-31, 2004

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|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Rick Rowland | 99.54 |
| 2. Meyer Kotkin | 91.57 |
| 3. Marty Rabinowitz | 89.10 |
| 4. Ken Cohen | 88.51 |
| 5. Mitch Snyder | 64.63 |
| 6. Dave Treadwell | 63.47 |
| 7. Jay Apfelbaum | 60.37 |
| 8. Ed Bissell | 56.58 |
| 9. Susan Khanna | 56.04 |
| 10 Deepak Khanna | 56.04 |

Lancaster Notes



♠ 2426 Tables

♥ 1787 Players Attended

♣ 1591 Players Won

Masterpoints

♦ 13,458 Masterpoints

Awarded

Northeast PA Bridge Assoc.

Unit 120

Spring

March 4 - 6, 2005

Independent Fire Co.

166 S. Sprague Ave.

Kingston (Wilkes-Barre), PA

Friday, March 4

Stratified Pairs¹ 1:30pm

I/N 199/99/49er 1:30pm

Stratified Pairs² 7:00pm

I/N 199/99/49er 7:00pm

Saturday, March 5

KO Teams (handicapped) . 9:00am

KO Teams (2nd session) . 1:30pm

Strat Open Pairs² 1:30pm

I/N 199/99/49er 1:30pm

KO Teams (3rd session) . 7:00pm

Stratified Pairs² 7:00pm

299er Pairs 7:00pm

Sunday, March 6

Strat Swiss Teams². 11 & TBA

¹(0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)

²(0-300) (300-750) (750+)

Tournament Chair:

Ray Depew 570-287-1786

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Other Unit 120 Sectionals: May

13-15, June 3-5, Sept. 30-Oct 2

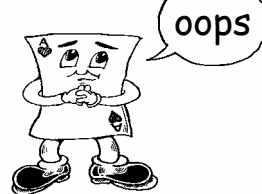
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FROM I-81: EXIT 170 (RT. 309) TO
EXIT 4. LEFT ON RUTTER AVE TO
PIERCE ST. RIGHT TO END. LEFT ON
WYOMING AVE (RT 11) TO MARKET
ST (KINGSTON CORNERS). RIGHT TO
SPRAGUE AVE ON THE LEFT.

**RICK ROWLAND
WINS FIRST ANNUAL
TREADWELL AWARD**

In a close race, Rick Rowland of Greenville, DE has won the 1st annual Treadwell Award named in recognition of District 4's Dave Treadwell. This award was established to honor the District 4 player who wins the most master-points in a calendar year in sectionals and regionals in the District.

A close second was Jay Apfelbaum, Philadelphia followed by Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA, Marty Rabinowitz, Narberth PA, and Dave Treadwell, himself.



We are happy to report that *Marietta Eilenberger* of Unit 120 is alive and well contrary to what was printed in the introduction to "Pocono Partner" by Jo McNally in the Fall 4Spot.

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*"It's what you learn after you
know it all that counts."*

John Wooden

There is significant reluctance, particularly among tournament organizers, to do something at their upcoming tournament that's significantly different from what they've done in the past. Perhaps this is best explained by the desire to know what to expect... Or the fact that they believe they know it all.

But running the same tournament as last year, at least in District 4, seems to be leading us down the slippery slopes of smaller and smaller turnouts. What should you do when you have a product that's not selling anymore? Maybe learn what your customers actually want! Maybe we didn't know it all?

Most otherwise clear-thinking folks would look at me curiously if I suggested at a sectional tournament committee meeting that we should:

1. Change the session times

to late in the morning and early in the afternoon;

2. Serve an expensive catered lunch during a brief break between sessions that was included in the entry fee;

3. Shorten the bridge sessions so everyone could leave by 5 pm

4. Require pre-registration (you've got to know how many lunches to order)

5. Give away door prizes and trophies

Nonetheless, using a model from Marti Ronemus in York, PA – that is exactly what Tom & Alexis Ciconte did for

one day of U190's NLM sectional in December. The result? 41 tables. This is a better turnout that we have seen at a standard open sectional for a long time.

There's no reason to think that the same five steps are going to solve the problems of our regular sectionals – though some might prove helpful. But it is clear that we should start thinking about what the customers want before designing the product.



Upcoming District 4 Tournaments

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	PAGE
2005 Jan 7-9	Syracuse Winter Unit 112	American Legion Post Cicero, NY	Robert Simard 315-656-3204	
Jan 7-9	PCBA New Year's Unit 141	Clarion Hotel Cherry Hill, NJ	John Marks 215-891-0602	27
JAN 31 - FEB 6	HARRISBURG REGIONAL	HARRISBURG HILTON HARRISBURG, PA	ROBERT PRIEST 717-579-5665	13
Feb 11-13	PCBA Winter Unit 141	Lulu Temple Plymouth Mtg, PA	John Marks 215-891-0605	27
Feb 12-13	Rainbow Unit 112	American Legion Post Cicero, NY	Robert Simard 315-656-3204	
Feb 18-21	Winter Unit 121	The Bridge Room Reading, PA	Janet Stevens 610-372-5429	
Feb 25-27	Spring Out of Winter Unit 217	Quality Inn & Suites Shamokin Dam, PA	David Winters 570-321-0766	26
Feb 25-28	Blue Hen Unit 190	DuPont CC/Talleyville Wilmington, DE	Cindy Rowland 302-571-1827	22
Feb 27	199er Unit 168	Bridge Boardroom York, PA	Marti Ronemus 717-699-5222	
Mar 4-6	Spring Fling Unit 120	Independent Fire Co. Kingston, PA	Ray Depew 570-287-1786	30