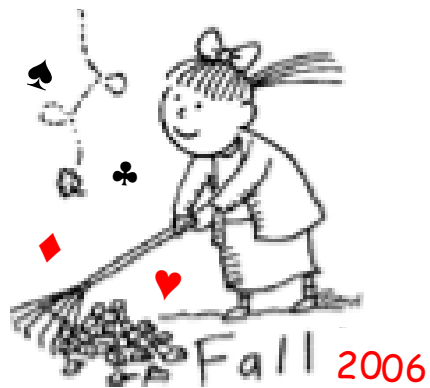


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DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CRAIG ROBINSON

"We are pleased to announce that the ACBL has entered into a long-term agreement with Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies.

Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies, a company founded in 1942 that, like the ACBL, is dedicated to providing professional service to bridge players, teachers, clubs, units and districts. Effective Sept. 15, 2006, the ACBL Product Store will close. The ACBL has sold its inventory and the publishing rights to certain books and has granted Baron Barclay licensing rights to use the ACBL logo on certain printed materials.

We are committed to making this a seamless transition. Baron Barclay will offer great service, a 10% discount to our members, and a more complete line of books, supplies and bridge-related products. The only real change will be that you will contact Baron Barclay for your needs: Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies-800-274-2221 - www.baronbarclay.com."

This message announced that the ACBL is going out of the bridge supply business. Members and clubs that have previously been getting products from the ACBL, must now deal with someone else. They

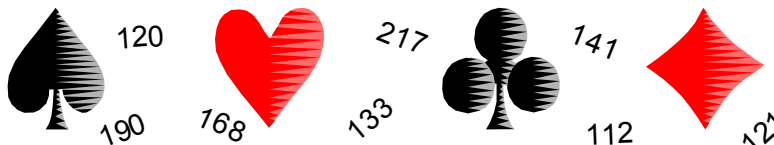
The USA1 Junior Team (Joshua Donn, Jason Feldman, Ari Greenberg, Joe Grue, John Kranyak, and Justin Lall) retained their World title by winning again this summer in Bangkok. On a more local note, Andy Kaufman, Smyrna Delaware, won the

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From The Four Corners



CENTRAL NEW YORK 112

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Our recent regional was a success. Thank you to all that came and played in Syracuse. Our Tournament chairman, Judy Butcher, and her committee did a fabulous job. Thanks Judy!!

We did have a problem with a major power failure on Saturday afternoon that continued until 11:00 PM. Many of you were extremely understanding of our "disaster". Our head director, Henry Cukoff, worked hard to determine the results of the events that were in progress - be sure to check your mapster-point records for those events. Anyone that has a problem concerning this tournament can contact me at Lois@rochester.rr.com before October 31, 2006.

Unit 112 was saddened greatly by the unexpected death of Burt Garrell. Burt was a beloved director for both our Unit and District for many years. He will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Donations can be made to

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the ACBL educational or charity foundations or the Michael J Fox foundation for Parkinson's Research or the American Cancer Society.

NORTHEASTERN PA 120

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New Ranks: Junior Master: Joan Diana, Pittston; Doris Mauer, Moosic; Ruth Orth, Sugarloaf; Club Master: Mike Didek, Scranton; Isabel Mitchell, Wyoming; Anna Niznik, Larksville; Marion Young, Clarks Summit; Clara Kelly, Honesdale; Sectional Master: Francine Alperin, Clarks Summit; Jane Landau, Pittston; Regional Master: Lois DeGennaro, Shavertown; Eugene Stec, Dalton; Jane Brady, Buck Hill Falls; Life Master: Marge Brown, Scranton; Bronze Life Master: Alan Fierverker, Shavertown.

Our annual unit party was held in August. New officers: Walter Mitchell, President; Nancy Trovato, Vice Presi-

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dent; Jean Olcese, Secretary; JoAnn Mauger, Treasurer. Newly elected Board of Directors: Ray Depew, Rosemary Fariel, Marth Curtman, Dann Davies, Sondra Kaufman, George Marcy, Susan Silverblatt, Thomas Olcese. Afternoon Open Overalls: 1/2A (tie) Mike Whitaker / Dave Hall & Ed & Lorraine Sharp; 3A/1B Rebecca Chick / BJ Steiner; 4A / 2B Gene Waltz / Arlene Andrews; 5A / 3B Art & Dinny Doyle; 4B Beth Rosenthal / Jane Chilson. Afternoon NLM Overalls: 1AB Anna Goetz / Joan Benedict; 2AB Peggy Yeager / Erna Beck; 3A Dann Davies / Nancy McAllister; 4A Walter & Connie Mitchell; 5A Shino Franquet / Margaret Curfman; 3B Bill & Ruth Orth; 4B John Filip / Welton Farrar. Evening Overalls: 1A Pauline Sirota / Ray Depew; 2A/1B Carole McCallum / JoAnn Mauger; 3A/2B/1C Tom & Jean Olcese; 4A Ed & Lorraine Sharp; 5A Mike Whitaker / Dave Hall; 6A/3B Arlene Andrews / Gene Waltz; 4B Jo McNally / Kathy Gilbert; 5B Beth Rosenthal / Jane Chilson; 2C Walter & Connie Mitchell.



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We have had several unit games in the past few months. The Milton Mendelsohn Unit Game was held on June 4. Janice Repko and Heather Bittenbender were first overall sitting East/West. Doris Sheeder and Myra Voigt were first North/South.

Our second annual Harrison Summer Picnic Unit Game was held on July 9. For the second year arrangements for the food was coordinated by Margaret White. Cooking the hamburgers and hotdogs was handled by Carl Cronrath, George Stroup and Doug White. This correspondent is voting for someone else to take over the event next year. In the bridge game following the food consumption, the overall winners were Susan and Deepak Khanna who were playing North/South. The East/West winners were Jana Estep and Larry Yoder.

Our August 21 Unit Game held in Pottstown had John Weishampel and Dick Hunsberger finishing first overall, playing North/South. Tom Weik and Sandy Gebhardt were first East/West.

Our last Unit Game was

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held September 5. Ruth Bingaman and Ann Boyd were first overall playing East/West. John Weishampel and Edgar Lloyd finished first N/S.

The following members have continued their advance in ACBL rankings. Junior Master: Ieva Tracey, Philip Presby, and Annie Menche. Club Master: Joan Scribner, Betty Hamilton, and Richard Tschiderer. Sectional Master: Bill Drean, Brian Snyder, and Richard Ludy. Life Master: Raquel Yiengst and former unit member Diane Mason. Silver Life Master: Evelyn Landis. Gold Life Master: Albert Bingaman. Congratulations to all.

By the time you read this, our Fall Sectional will have been completed. I hope that everyone was able to attend and that you had a great time.

Unit members who wish to receive email notification of Unit games, Sectional games, and any other special Unit events should send their email address to:

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The Unit will have its an-

nual meeting and holiday party on 19 November at the Brookside Country Club. Once again the affair will consist of a fabulous buffet lunch, the annual meeting, followed by a unit pairs game. Please contact Else Gerbert for tickets and details.

The unit will have its fall sectional at the Masonic Temple in Allentown on October 27, 28 & 29. In addition the District will have the Flight A NAP Finals on 28 & 29 October. Please see the ad on page 22.

Special congratulations to Beverly Dominy on becoming the unit's newest life master.

PCBA 141

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Philadelphia (Cherry Hill) hosted the Spring Regional in late June. The top five District 4 players at the Philadelphia Regional were David Treadwell (70.79 MPs, Unit 190), Donna Morgen (69.31 MPs, Unit 141), Victor Quiros III (68.96 MPs, Unit 141), Andy Kaufman (65.79 MPs, Units 190) and Jay Apfelbaum (60.71 MPs, Unit 141). The top three players will less than 2000 Master Points were Elliot Shalita (56.13) of Elkins Park, PA; Ala Hamilton-Day, (51.58) of Wallingford, PA and Ethan Kotkin

(50.82) of Cherry Hill, NJ. The top three with less than 750 Master Points were Elliot Shalita (56.13) of Elkins Park, PA; Ethan Kotkin (50.82) of Cherry Hill, NJ; and Glen Hoffing (38.77) of Shamong, NJ. The top Intermediate / Newcomer (less than 300 Master Points) players were Ethan Kotkin, Cherry Hill; NJ; Nancy Katz, Carolina PR and Glenn Reider, Concord, NH.

A special thanks to Joan Weinrott, PCBA Business Manager; Doug Grove, Head Director; Tom Sakaguchi, Prize Chairperson; Bobbie Gomer, Registration Chairperson; Jerry Craige, Partnerships Chairperson; Jane Segal, Hospitality Chairperson; Donna Morgen, Intermediate Newcomer Chairperson; Elaine Landow, Daily Bulletin Editor; Craig Robinson, District Representative; Harold Jordan, District President and other members of the Tournament Committee who worked hard to make this tournament enjoyable for the players. Others who also worked diligently for the District Regional were Carole Craige, Manny Grossman, Tom Purl, Mike Salton and Bill Bauer.

One reason for the successful tournament was the committee's hospitality each

evening after second evening session. Harold Jordan was the perfect host in the district suite.

The three round Handicap Knockout Team game continues to be scheduled to be held on Saturday at PCBA Sectional Tournaments. The first round will start at 10:00 AM. For players who enjoy knockout events, this will be a great opportunity for you to acquire easy silver points.

The Nominating Committee for the Unit will meet within a few weeks and nominate new officers for 2007 as well as 1/3 of the Board of Directors.

The October Section Tournament is scheduled for October 20 to 22, 2006. See page 29 for the ad.



CENTRAL PENN 168

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Unit President Frank Carden shared with me details of a recent charity game hosted by his club: On Sunday, July 16th, the Little Heskell Duplicate Bridge Club conducted the fourth annual two session Charity Swiss Team duplicate bridge game to raise money for Food Resources, Inc. Fourteen teams of four players each from Har-

risburg, Charles Town, Hagerstown, Chambersburg, and Frederick competed for over seven hours of duplicate bridge to take home master points and at the same time to raise money for Food Resources.

Since 1987 Food Resources, Inc. has served the area as a regional non-profit food warehouse from which other charitable organizations in the Frederick and Washington County area can obtain food to benefit the needy. Food is collected via local food drives and is purchased with Food Resources funds. Food Resources, Inc. distributes over 1.2 million pounds of food each year, and last year member agencies and the families they serve saved over \$2,500,000 on food purchases because of Food Resources, Inc. This is money that could then be used for other operating expenses of the various agencies. Over the past four years as a result of Little Heskell's bridge tournaments, Food Resources, Inc. has been able to provide over 4,000 pounds of food to local area organizations.

In Sunday's game in the A stratum first place went to Dick and Lois Taylor and Frank and Anne Carden. Second place finishers were Ronnie Orr, Tim Smith, Stephen Fava, and David Charleston. Rick Elbo,

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Jean Toth, and John and Selena Swanson came in third, and Elaine Rowe, Janet LaGrassa, and Howard and Lois Gilbert took fourth place. Finishing in fifth place was the team of Iris Yonetz, Helen Swanson, and Barbara and Vince Schoeck.

In the B stratum, Bill and Madeline Davis, Bob Back, and Al Shocket were first, and Ray and Sym Gallucci, Bob Munger, and David Abuhove were second. Third place in B went to Candy Greenway, Eddie Conner, and Tim and Hilda Sullivan. In fourth place in B and first in C was the team of Tom Janus, Marie Sullivan, Ken Zimmerman, and Ken Perschau.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all those who supported this worthy event.

Join us for our upcoming sectionals: the York White Rose Sectional, November 17-19 at the Springetts Fire Company, and the Harrisburg Sectional, December 1-3 at the Harrisburg Bridge Club.

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DELAWARE 190

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Join Delawareans and Unit 190 at the DIAMOND STATE SECTIONAL on October 13-

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15 at the Foulkstone Plaza. See page 10 for a complete schedule. District 4 Flight B and C Grand National Pair Events will be held on Saturday, October 14 during this Sectional.

Congratulations and Bravo: to Dave Treadwell for winning the most master points of any player at the Cherry Hill Regional in June; and to Andy Kaufman for winning the Bruce LM Pairs at the Summer North American Bridge Championships in Chicago in July; and to Alan Horowitz for placing 11th nationally in the 2006 Ace of Clubs "Club Master" category.

Accolades to members of Unit 190 who have reached new Life Master strata: Silver Life Master--Dorothy Heldt; Bronze Life Masters--Steve Chen, Anna Delapo, Clyde Hess, and Jackie Rosemary; Life Master--Carole Everitt.

In July THE Mike Lawrence paid a visit to downstate to teach. For non-Delawareans, he came to the Beach to teach. In two separate two-part lectures he awed DSBAers and even included quizzes and answer sheets with full explanations.

Attention all SNOW BIRDS!!! If you spend enough time in your second home, to warrant a change of address twice a year, you can use the ACBL's alternate address sys-

tem. Contact ACBL by e-mail addresschange@acbl.org or phone 800-467-1623 (to leave a message) or call 901-332-5586 ext. 1234 or 1218 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CST with both addresses and the dates you come and go. This will ensure that your Bridge Bulletin will be delivered to the proper address but will keep you in Unit 190 year round. This eliminates the transfers in and out of our Unit and cuts down on the paperwork and time involved in keeping track of members by the Units.



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Results from the Williamsport sectional will appear in the next issue—our deadline is too close to the event—but, meanwhile, let's all congratulate our unit members who have achieved significant advances in masterpoint standing: Carol Reitz and Jim McKeown (State College) have both accumulated more than 2500 masterpoints to achieve Gold Life Master rankings: what a credit to the quality of play in our (admittedly) small unit! And we're especially glad to wel-

come Betsy Eliot (State College) to the group of Life Masters, after she won her needed Gold (and then some!) at the Pittsburgh Labor Day regional. Well done! Betsy knew she had it by reaching the semi-finals of her bracketed K-O, but she and her partner held on to win first-place in the event. Now that's determination!





**ANDY KAUFMAN
WINS
NATIONAL
EVENT**

Andy Kaufman of Smyrna, DE (Unit 190) won the Bruce Life Master - 5000 Pairs at the Summer NABC in Chicago. He was playing with Mike Cassel of Roseville, MN. Congratulations, Andy.

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Friday, October 13

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Stratified Womens Pairs (1pm)
Stratified 99er Pairs (1pm)
Stratified Open Pairs (1 & 7 pm)
Stratified 199er Pairs (7pm)

Saturday, October 14

1:00 & 7:00 pm ♠ single sessions

Strata-Flighted A/X Pairs (1pm)
Strata-Flighted B/C/D Pairs (1pm)
Stratified 99er Pairs (1pm)
Stratified Open Pairs (7 pm)
Stratified 199er Pairs (7pm)

1:00 pm & 7:00 pm playthrough

DISTRICT 4 NAP FLIGHT B FINAL

(0-2000, PREQUALIF. REQUIRED)

DISTRICT 4 NAP FLIGHT C FINAL

(0-500 & NLM, PREQUALIF. REQUIRED)

Sunday, October 15

11:00 am & TBA

Flight A/X 2 Session Swiss Teams
Strat B/C/D 2 Session Swiss

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Head Director: Sol Weinstein

Intermediate-Novice Schedule

MONDAY, Oct. 30
Kickoff 300/200/100 and 50/20/5 Pairs 8 pm

TUESDAY, Oct. 31
300/200/100 and 50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs 9 am
300/200/100 Stratified Golden Mule Pairs 1/7:30
50/20/5 Wagon Wheel Pairs 1/7:30
0-5 and 0-20 Trophy Pairs** 1/7:30
0-5 plays FREE all day

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 1
300/200/100 and 50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs 9 am
300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified
Brown and White Cow Pairs 1/7:30
49er Trophy Pairs** 1/7:30

THURSDAY, Nov. 2
300/200/100 and 50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs 9 am
300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified
Pumpkin Pie Pairs 1/7:30
99er Trophy Pairs** 1/7:30

FRIDAY, Nov. 3
300/200/100 and 50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs 9 am
300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified
Haystack Pairs 1/7:30
0-5 and 0-20 Trophy Pairs #2** 1/7:30
0-5 plays FREE all day

SATURDAY, Nov. 4
300/200/100 and 50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs 9 am
300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified
Milk Can Pairs 1/7:30
299er and 199er Trophy Pairs** 1/7:30

SUNDAY, Nov. 5
300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified
Sunday Picnic Pairs 10:30/2:30
300/100/50 Stratified
Corn-on-the-Cob Swiss Teams 10:30/2:30

*Stratified at Director's Discretion
**IN Trophy Pairs will use the best cumulative
percentage of afternoon and evening games.

All IN games are single sessions with guaranteed partners 45
minutes before game time.

Expert lectures 45 minutes before 1/7:30 games and
20 minutes before 9 am games.

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2006 LANCASTER RED ROSE REGIONAL OPEN SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Oct. 30
Kickoff Bracketed KO Teams (cont. thru Tues.) 8 pm
Lori Kraus Stratified Charity Pairs (1000/1000+) 8 pm

ROSEDAY, Oct. 31
Kickoff Bracketed KO Teams continue 9 am, 1 & 7:30
Roseday/Wednesday Morning Bracketed
Compact KOs (1st & 2nd)** 9 am
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (1st)
continues thru Saturday 9 am

Eleanor Albourn Stratified Pairs 1 & 7:30
Shoe Fly Pie Stratified Senior Pairs 1 & 7:30
Roseday-Wednesday Afternoon
Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd)** 1 & 7:30
Vera Maurer Stratified Side Game Series (1st & 2nd) 1 & 7:30
Roseday Stratified Single-Session B-A-M Teams 7:30
Dinner Bell Compact KOs First Session,
12 boards, continues daily thru Friday** 4:45 daily

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 1
Roseday/Wednesday Morning Bracketed
Compact KOs (3rd & final) 9 am
Wednesday/Thursday Morning Bracketed
Compact KOs (1st & 2nd)** 9 am
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series 9 am
Roseday-Wed. Aft. Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & final) 1 & 7:30
Red Rose Bracketed KO Teams (1st and 2nd)
continues Thursday* 1 & 7:30
Black Cat Stratified Pairs 1 & 7:30
Butter Churn Stratified Senior Pairs 1 & 7:30
Vera Maurer Stratified Side Game Series (3rd & 4th) 1 & 7:30
Pickle Eggs Stratified Single-Session Swiss Teams 7:30
Dinner Bell Compact KOs (2nd) 4:45

THURSDAY, Nov. 2
Wed./Thur. Morning Bracketed
Compact KOs (3rd & final) 9 am
Thur./Fri. Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (1st & 2nd)** 9 am
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (3rd) 9 am
Red Rose Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & final) 1 & 7:30
Straw Hat KO Teams (1st and 2nd) cont. Friday 1 & 7:30
Horse and Buggy Stratified Open Swiss Teams 1 & 7:30
Trick or Treat Stratified Senior Swiss Teams 1 & 7:30
Pumpkin Patch Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7:30
Vera Maurer Stratified Side Game Series (5th & final) 1 & 7:30
Headless Horseman Stratified B-A-M (single sess.) 7:30
Dinner Bell Compact KOs (3rd) 4:45

FRIDAY, Nov. 3
Thur./Fri. Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (3rd & final), 9 am
Fri./Sat. Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (1st and 2nd)** 9 am
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (4th) 9 am
Straw Hat KO Teams (3rd and final) 1 & 7:30
Moonshine Weekend Bracketed
KO Teams (1st & 2nd) 1 & 7:30
Road Apple Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7:30
Hex Sign Stratified Senior Pairs 1 & 7:30
Covered Bridge Stratified
Side Game Series (1st and 2nd) 1 & 7:30
Golden Mule Stratified Single Session Swiss Team 7:30
Dinner Bell Compact KOs (final) 4:45

SATURDAY, Nov. 4
Friday/Saturday Morning Bracketed
Compact KOs (3rd & final) 9 am
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (final) 9 am
Moonshine Weekend Bracketed KO Teams
(3rd & final) 1 & 7:30
The Dean Berger Flight A/X Pairs (0-3500/3500+) 1 & 7:30
Farmer's Market Stratified B/C/D Pairs
(0-750/750-1500/1500-2500) 1 & 7:30
Moo Cow Stratified Senior Pairs 1 & 7:30
Covered Bridge Stratified Side Game Series
(3rd & 4th) 1 & 7:30

SUNDAY, Nov. 5
Hoedown Flight A/X Swiss Teams (0-3500/3500+) 10 am
Fall Harvest Stratified B/C/D Swiss Teams
(0-750/750-1500/1500-2500) 10 am
The Amish Quilt Stratified A/B Senior Swiss Teams
(two strats, 2000/2000+) 10 am
(All Swiss Teams will be seven 7-board matches
with a 1/2-hour break)
Covered Bridge Stratified Side Game Series (final) 10 am

** Knockouts with two brackets or less will be handicapped.

All Stratified Games (unless otherwise noted)
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Monday, Oct. 23
Kickoff Open and Senior KOs 7:30
Continues 9 am, 1 & 7:30 Tuesday
Charity Stratified Open Pairs 7:30
Charity 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs 7:30

Tuesday, Oct. 24
Catch-a-wave Compact KOs 9 am
Two 12-board matches; continue 9 am Wednesday
Boardwalk Side Game Series (1st of 5) 9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs 9 am
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7:30
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams 1 & 7:30
Shorebirds Side Game Series (1st, 2nd of 6) 1 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30
0-5 Trophy Pairs 1 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs 1 / 7:30
0-5 players FREE today!

Wednesday, Oct. 25
Ocean Downs Compact KOs 9 am
Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am Thurs.
Boardwalk Side Game Series (2nd of 5) 9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs 9 am
Marlin Open KOs 1 & 7:30
Continues 1 & 7:30 Thursday
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7:30
Stratified Senior Pairs 1 & 7:30
Shorebirds Side Game Series (3rd, 4th of 6) 1 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30
0-20 Trophy Pairs 1 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs 1 / 7:30
0-300 Swiss Teams 7:30

Thursday, Oct. 26
Lighthouse Compact KOs 9 am
Two 12-board matches; continue 9 am Wed.
Boardwalk Side Game Series (3rd of 5) 9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs 9 am
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7:30
Stratified Open Swiss Teams 1 & 7:30
Stratified Senior Pairs 1 & 7:30
Shorebirds Side Game Series (5th, final of 6) 1 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30
0-50 Trophy Pairs 1 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs 1 / 7:30
50/100/300 Swiss Teams 1 / 7:30

Friday, Oct. 27
Ocean City Compact KOs 9 am
Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am Saturday
Boardwalk Side Game Series (4th of 5) 9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs 9 am
The Dunes Open KOs 1 & 7:30
Continues 1 & 7:30 Saturday
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7:30
Stratified Senior Pairs 1 & 7:30
Delmarva Side Game Series (1st, 2nd of 5) 1 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30
0-100 Trophy Pairs 1 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs 1 / 7:30
0-300 Swiss Teams 7:30

Saturday, Oct. 28
Boardwalk Side Game Series (final of 5) 9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs 9 am
Blue Crab Open KOs 1 & 7:30
Continues 10 am & 1:30 Sunday
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7:30
Stratified Senior Pairs 1 & 7:30
Delmarva Side Game Series (3rd, 4th of 5) 1 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30
200/300 Trophy Pairs 1 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs 1 pm
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Bracketed Pairs 7:30
w/computer-assigned BAM teams (2 chances to win)

Sunday, Oct. 29
Snack bar all day w/30-minute lunch break
StrataFlighted Swiss Teams 10 am
*A/X=0-3000, 3000+
and B/C/D=0-500, 500-1000, 1000-2000*
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams 10 am
Delmarva Side Game Series 10 am only
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs 10 am / 2 pm
50/100/300 Swiss Teams 10 am / 2 pm

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DISTRICT 4 MASTER SOLVERS CLUB

HENRY BETHE, DIRECTOR

I invited Steve and Betty Bloom of Duanesburg, NY to be guest panelists. They are both recent ACBL Grand Masters with a distinguished record together (and helped my son Paul get his silver points when he needed them). Their answers are separately identified when they disagree. This problem set did not work as well as I had hoped, so the next set will be a more normal one.

Your hand for Problems 1-4.

IMPs, Both Vul, Dealer East

♠10863 ♥KQ107 ♥AK102 ♣K

As you contemplate what to open, RHO opens 1♠

1. Would you (a) Double (b) Pass (c) other
Pass 20 (12) Double 14 (3) 1NT 11 (1)

I would pass without a great deal of thought, as would a majority of both the panel and the solvers. But there were a few dissenters:

Eric Greco for several: X. I believe it is right with such great offensive potential to act immediately as it might be hard to get in later. Over 2♣ I will bid 2♦, equal-level-conversion. If I do not play this, change my answer to pass. Over 3♣ I will bid 3NT. I don't need much for this to be right as East rarely has five solid spades. It is crucial to bid because after P-1NT-P-2♠ or P-1NT-P-2♦ we could be cold for a slam opposite x Axxxx Jxx Axxx and sell out to 2♠ which they might make! That is just not the right way to play imps in my opinion.

Ray Raskin: 1NT. I don't like double since we may not be able to recover as a partnership if partner has the wrong hand for the action. Pass is also a problem since I will never be able to describe this hand later. An off-shape 1NT is the most descriptive call and I'll live with the consequences if it turns out poorly.

For the plurality: **Fred Neuburger:** P. Second choice, Pass. If you double, you'll never know what LHO and partner have. **Sam Ehrlichman** with others: P. Too off-shape for double and way too many flaws for 1NT. **Ed Shapiro:** P. Automatic to me. A basic philosophy is that with a clear bid, make it instead of trapping. Pass with values only when there is no reasonably clear action. Pass over an opening bid may be the first step in the description of a good hand that had no clear action. As a corollary, later strong actions

imply at least some spade length. I'm confident about this, but I'll try to avoid giving partner a decision based on it. Here, nothing is clear over 1S, the shape precluding a double. **Ros and Saul Teukolsky**: P. This hand shows why equal-level conversion to 2♦ was invented. **Nick Straguzzi**: P. In my youth I made off-shape takeout doubles all the time; it took years before I concluded reluctantly that they are not only losing propositions, but big ones at that. Offshape 1NT overcalls seem to work out much better; check back with me in 10 years for a final verdict. But even so, here my hand has three mild flaws for 1NT -- not quite a spade stopper, not quite 16 points, not quite balanced..

2. Assuming you chose to pass, the auction continues:

West	North	East	South
--	--	1♠	P
P	2♣		

While RHO thinks, what do you plan to bid over 2♣ if he passes?

2♠ 20(11) 2NT 14(3) 2♦ 12(0) 2♥ 12(1) 3NT 10(1) P 8(0)

I will let a few people speak for the vast majority: **Steve Bloom**: 2♠. No action is comfortable, but the cue-bid seems easy. Any bid by partner, except 3C, will work out great. **Shapiro**: 2♠. Reopening bids cover a wide range, so you have to do something positive to get partner's attention. This strong action will imply spade length. Partner's range is very wide, and includes hands where he'll need all I have to scrape up a plus, so I plan to pass 3C. 2NT, invitational, is a very close second choice here, and I'd bid that without four hearts. Partner should strain to bid out his hand over the cue and I'll take the risk of getting too high. At match-points, I might consider passing 2C! **Harry Nuckols**: 2♠. This is far from perfect, but I am too good to pass, and I want a five-card suit for a new suit. If partner bids 3C, I shall pass. I raise 2NT to three (yes, I'm dreaming), and I raise a red suit bid to game.

Others joined **Betty Bloom**: 2NT. While I would worry about having a spade stopper (until dummy comes down) if partner raises, I will be more comfortable after other continuations than if I had bid 2S.

Some different ideas: **Neuburger:** 2♥ Partner has 10-13 HCPs, probably ♣AQxxx(x) and an unsuitable hand to double. **Raskin:** 3NT. Having boxed myself somewhat by not doing anything earlier, I would now gulp and bid 3NT as it seems the most likely contract to be in. **Pete Filandro:** P. As Sherlock said: "The dog did not bark." Partner did not balance with an intermediate 3♣, so he may have only a 5-card suit or perhaps a 6-card suit with only 9 - 11 HCPs. In either case, we may be at, or even above, our safety level.

My own choice would be 2♦ because (1) I think stiff King of clubs is not enough to really push, (2) it seems more flexible than 2H, and (3) I really do have too much to pass.

3. Actually, before you can act, East bids 2♥
Would you (a) Double, (b) Pass (c) other

X 20(15) 2♠ 13(0) 3NT 12(1) P 8(0)

Many echoed **Ehrlichman:** X. Yummy! *For a more thoughtful discussion we turn to* **Shapiro:** X. This is a strong action, is penalty-oriented (maybe not this strongly), and implies spade length. That means that partner can judge whether to double a runout to 2S with, say, honor-X and defense. Just having this information may let partner make a good decision. If it goes 2S by LHO, partner's pass will be forcing (here, I might wish it weren't.) **Straguzzi:** X. I need to show partner values, and doubling also lets me deny primary club support. In my world, this is penalty-oriented with hearts and cards, but not a pure penalty double (e.g., five good hearts and little else in a 7-point hand) - with that I'd pass and hope partner could reopen with a double. The downside to this call is that what might happen is what actually did happen: Partner, unwilling to act in front of me, will routinely pass a correction to 2♠, leaving me to guess blindly what to do. But it doesn't always happen that way.

Bill Foster: 2♠. When RHO steals my bid by bidding 2H, I would then bid 2S (Western cue). *Few would play this as a Western Cue. Most would play it as a good hand with club support.*

Raskin: 3NT. Why should I change the pattern now? Even though I think we have a positive score if we are allowed to defend 2H, once partner balanced with 2C it seems like I should get us to 3NT quickly so I will just bid 3NT now.

I think the Doublers are clearly right, for the reasons given by the S men and not by those who were going for the throat. Double, imho, says I have strength, was forced to trap over 1♠, and I do not have good club support. Use your impeccable judg-

ment, partner. I will normally have 4 hearts, but could have 3 good ones and good spades.

4. If you Double or Pass, West bids 2S, passed back to you. What do you do now?

Double 20(8) 2NT 16(2) 3S 13(1) 3C 11(1) 3NT
11(1) Pass 10(3)

I demoted Pass because the sentiment was so strongly in favor of some action. But the arguments are fairly good: **S. Bloom:** P. Big headache here. I'll rule out alternatives. Not NT with no stopper. 3C with a singleton? I can't see much gain from a cue-bid or 3D. So, that leaves pass, or possibly double. Suppose I lead a trump. I can win the heart and play a second trump. That should hold declarer to one ruff in dummy. Five spades, one ruff, and the heart ace. Is there another trick? Quite possibly, so I can hardly double. Thus, a very reluctant pass.

Half the panel ignored partner's pass over 2♠ and doubled anyway. Speaking for them: **Nuckols:** X and lead a spade. I've been -670 before. **Ken Cohen:** X. This is far from automatic but is the percentage action. I have not gone minus 670 for a while in an IMP game. Are these experts or novices? 3NT is very lucky to make. 3 Clubs is very unlucky not to make. If Partner has one more Spade and one less Heart the X would have been more successful. You box yourself in on a very difficult hand when you pass 1♠ originally.

Some listened to partner's failure to act over 2♠, and drew, in my opinion, the proper inference: **Connie Goldberg:** 2NT. Not perfect, but I show strength, without the ability to double spades, partner can certainly act on some hands when it's right. **Shapiro:** 2NT. I owe partner another bid. Something has to be imperfect about my hand. I hope partner works out it's a weak spade stopper. Maybe partner will make a good decision with AQJ10xx in clubs and a partial spade stopper. I'll pass 3C. Reopening auctions are tough. **Neuburger:** 3C. Partner might have doubled 2S with xx in S.

Greco: 3S - this should suggest a partial stopper as I could bid 3D or 3H with no spade stopper at all. I know from my hand that 3N is the target game. So I bid what is most likely to get us to it when it is right. It is very important to play it from partner's side because the opening bidder will block the spades with 3 of the top honors. Over 3S partner should stretch to bid 3N with any reason in my opinion.

Doug Dye: 3NT. As the auction developed it seems more likely partner has great clubs and the diamond queen. Now I just need a spade stop.

Finally, your partner's hand turns out to be:

Q xxx Q9x AQ10xxx

while East is 5-5-0-3 with SAKJ and the HAJ and West is 3-1-6-3 with the minor suit Jacks.

Contemplate the result you got: 2S makes, while 3C is down 2 and 3N is cold your way. What could you, should you - or your partner - have done differently?

Nick wondered how I would grade an essay question. I won't, but I will quote a few. I think it is only right to lead off with the following dream: **Neuberger:** When I played this hand in 3NT the first time, a ♠ was led to the K and a low ♠ was returned. I played the 10, lost to the J and went down 2. When I played the same hand the second time, I played the ♠8, lost to the 9, and went down 2 again. The 3rd time, LHO just showed me his ♠J9 and a ♥. Down 2 again. The 4th time LHO led the ♠5, and the Q held. I crossed to the ♣K and failed to take the ♦ finesse. What I thought was ♣Jxx turned out to be Jxxx. Down 2 again. The 5th time we played 3♣. RHO led the ♠K and switched to the ♥A2, but LHO turned out to have two hearts. Partner cashed the ♣K, ruffed a ♠ and claimed 5 when the ♣J dropped!

Blooms: No. 3NT is quite lucky. At least I (Steve) didn't double 2S.

Filandro: Contemplating my result: -670. I remain confident in each of my actions for the next 1,000 times I hold the same hand with the same auction. As the bridge guru said: "If they don't make a doubled contract once in a while, you are not doubling enough." **Barry Passer** Well isn't that SPECIAL?! If you had been in notrump, here's what would have happened (pick ONE): (a) Partner does not have a spade honor, they run spades. (b) Partner has the KQ tight of spades, but no diamond Q. The opening spade lead kills dummy. (c) Most likely: Clubs split 4-2 or 5-1 with the J protected. (d) Opponent is not void in diamonds. The opening spade lead beats two spades as it should. In other words you should NOT have done anything differently! **Straguzzi:** Partner did nothing wrong. He must pass 2S, which I could be about to double with relish. 3NT is too hard to reach and is hardly cold on most layouts. If I was behind in the match I could see chancing my arm defending 2SX, but I doubt I'll do that very often since East is showing quite a strong playing hand on the bidding.

5. IMP Pairs, N-S Vul, Dealer West

West	East
J5	AKQ1098
K9854	none
AK54	Q72
Q5	AK106

West	North	East	South
1H	P	2S*	P
3D**	P	3S	P
4D	P	5C	P
5H	P	6C	P
6NT	P	P	P

* STRONG: SAYS MY SUIT, YOUR SUIT OR NT

** DIAMOND CONCENTRATION, DENIES 2 OF TOP 3 HEARTS

A) Assess the blame between E and W.

I gave a maximum of 5 points, subtracting 1 point for each 20% difference from the 66% average. So West 100% is worth 3, West 0% 1.

This hand was bid as shown by a world class pair in a world class event. 28 tables played the board, and only 10 bid the grand. This is their conversation as I would hear it: "1♥, I have an opening bid with 5+♥." "2♠. I have a strong spade hand, a strong hand with a spade suit and heart support, or a strong balanced hand with 5 spades." "3♦. I have concentrated strength in diamonds. Not necessarily length." "3♠. Spades is trump. I do not need help here!" "4♦. I have the Ace in my concentration." "5♣. I have a club control. I do not have hearts controlled." "5♥. I have a heart control." "6♣. I am interested in a grand." "6NT. My heart control is the King, not the Ace, and it is vulnerable to attack."

Answers ranged from West 100% to West 0%. I will quote a few.

Filandro: West 100%. East bid flawlessly in his attempt to reach 7♠. 3♠ clarified East's hand type to "My Suit", so 4♦ and 5♣ were cuebids.

Straguzzi: W 95%. It's hard to give a ton of blame here since reaching 6NT from the right side is inferior but hardly a disaster. East jump-shifted, showed his suit, and cue-bid twice, the second one clearly in search of a grand -- it's hard to see what else he could have done (correct to 7♠ on the theory that West had a fitting spade honor for 6NT, perhaps?) West, on the other hand, made two bad bids: 5H and 6NT. This one's easy.

Ehrlichman: West, 80%. A Blackwood-less auction, as East has created, is strongly suggestive of a heart void. Having already accounted for the minor suit Ace-Kings in the auction, West should realize that the

club Queen and spade Jack should be enough to give East what he is looking for.

Joann and Dan Sprung: 70% West. Nobody did anything terrible. East's 2S bid does not match what it is supposed to be, as it is easy to construct hands where 7C is very desirable

Neuburger: West 50%. E-W are in the second best contract. I blame both equally for not knowing what their bids mean but I suppose E was worse. 6NT must be pass or correct and 7S pays more. Was 7S cold, Henry? Clubs broke 6-1 when I played it!

Foster: West 30%. Getting to 6NT (which is cold) rather than 6S (which might make 7 the majority of the time) is not too terrible, is it? If there is any "fault", I would charge East a bit for the 3S bid. He already told that story with 2S, so he should bid 4C instead of 3S.

Shapiro West 4%. Very simply, east made a tightly defined, slam-oriented bid with the wrong hand. I don't think west can get it right here. I like his auction. 5H should imply second round control, since 4H could be bid with the ace, instead of rebidding the diamonds. I like the 6NT bid, playing partner for something like AKQTxxx, xx, x, AKx. Or even AKQxxxxxx, xx, --, AK. Either of those is more consistent with the auction than east's actual hand.

B) Which was the worst bid in context
5H 15(7) 2S 13(3) 3S 12(1) 6NT 9(3) 4D 7(2)

I have run out of room so I will quote one spokesperson for each nominee.

Teuks: 5H. At this level it should show first round control.

Goldberg: 2♠ was the worst among several bad choices made by East. 2♠ was misguided: if he starts with 1♠, it may go 1H-1S-2D-3C-3S-5C-5D-5H-6C-7S. This is a reasonable auction to me. The 3♠ call was bad also, you want partner to assess the 3rd round club control so you have to get in your club cue bids. East pre-empted himself again. After all 4♦ was just what he wanted to hear, he didn't plan ahead. Then over 4♦, he could have saved the day by bidding Blackwood, as the chances that his partner has the heart ace are diminished. Even with AK of diamonds and ace of hearts he may bid 4H for economy sake, to allow partner to Key Card him, he can show the king of diamonds later if a grand is in the picture. Finally over 5H (perhaps questionable), he could bid 5NT to give partner a chance to show the queen of clubs. It's hard though since when you start 2♠, you never know partner has 2 trumps.

K. Cohen: 3S is the worst bid. You must bid 4C, followed by 5C,

followed by showing your Heart void which you never got around to showing. You do not have the space to simply rebid what your Partner already knows what you have when you bid 2S. I do not understand the 5H bid or like the 6NT bid by West but East is much more at fault for never showing the Heart void by wasting space and not properly preparing the auction. I would actually give East more of the blame but I learned my lesson last month when I gave 100% to one player without understanding the scoring methods.

Filandro: 6NT. West made 3 bad bids. (1) He should have bid 5♦, not 5♥. (2) West should have bid 6♦ over 6♣ to show the ♦K and aid in partner's search for 7♠. (3) if East signed off in 6♠ over 6♦, then West could have bid 6NT if he deemed 6NT was the correct resting place. Since this is IMPs, 6NT was not an attempt to score +1440 versus +1430. It was an attempt for +1440 versus -100. Because East did not Blackwood after 4D, he should not be played for a singleton heart. Thus, 6NT would only be right if (1) East has 2 or 3 hearts instead of a void, (2) East does not hold the ♥Q, (3) the ♥A is offside, and (4) a heart is led. A pretty small parlay considering the downside.

Dan Boye: 4♦-3♦ in SAYC shows extra values and this appears to be a minimum unless this is a Meckwellian pair who will open every 10 count. Still never raising partner and subsiding in 6NT is a joke.

Freddy Neuberger, who is pessimistic, commented that when he played the hand clubs were 6-1, and 7♠ went down when he tried to ruff the third round of clubs. I have news for you Freddy. When I played it, diamonds were 6-0, clubs 7-0, and the opponents cross-ruffed the first 5 tricks. As you can tell from my interpretation of the auction I think West bid almost impeccably and East was mostly wrong. I think 2♠ was the worst bid, 3♠ second. I think West could have saved the day by bidding 6♦ over 6♣, but he probably thought that he had already shown the strong diamonds.

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misinformation, such as giving an opponent the wrong explanation of a bid, the director is not as well equipped as an expert player to make the best ruling. In order to keep the game moving, the director will make a ruling, usually in favor of the non-offending side if it appears there is some reasonable possibility of damage to the non-offending side from the actions of the offenders. The director will often consult with expert players before making such a ruling. However, if an appeal of this ruling is taken, expert players are able to apply their

<i>PANELIST</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5A</i>	<i>5B</i>	<i>SCORE</i>
JAY APFELBAUM	P	2S	X	X	0 W	6NT	90
BETTY BLOOM	P	2NT	X	X	90W	5H	93
STEVE BLOOM	P	2S	X	P	85W	5H	89
DAN BOYE	P	2S	X	P	90W	4D	81
KEN COHEN	X	2S	X	X	32W	3S	89
SAM EHRLICHMAN	P	2S	X	X	80W	2S	97
JOANN & BOB GLASSON	X	2NT	X	X	100W	4D	78
CONNIE GOLDBERG	P	2S	X	2NT	0 W	2S	90
ERIC GRECO	X	2S	X	3S	100W	5H	85
FRED NEUBURGER	P	2H	X	3C	50W	5H	82
RICHARD POPPER	P	2S	X	X	90W	6NT	93
RAY RASKIN	1NT	3NT	3NT	3NT	100W	5H	62
CRAIG ROBINSON	P	2S	X	X	95W	5H	98
ED SHAPIRO	P	2S	X	2NT	4 W	2S	90
JOANN & DANNY SPRUNG	P	2NT	X	X	70W	6NT	88
ROS & SAUL TEUKOLSKY	P	2S	X	P	80W	5H	89
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<i>LEADING SOLVERS</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5A</i>	<i>5B</i>	<i>SCORE</i>
DOUGLAS DYE	P	2NT	X	3NT	90W	6NT	78
PETE FILANDRO	P	P	X	X	100W	5H	86
BILL FOSTER	P	2H	2S	--	30W	3S	--
HARRY NUCKOLS	P	2S	X	X	65W	4D	92
BARRY PASSER	P	P	X	P	100W	4D	68
BILL ROCK	X	2NT	X	2NT	65W	4D	76
HOWARD SANDERS	1NT	2NT	X	P	80W	4D	66
SUZI STEFFENHAGEN	P	P	P	P	20W	2S	61
NICK STRAGGUZZI	P	2S	X	P	95W	5H	88

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bridge expertise to determine how players of the level of the player involved in the ruling should act in the absence of having received the unauthorized information or misinformation, as applicable. I don't want to get into a long discussion of how committees make their rulings and all of the factors that go into a given case; however, rulings are not made based on what the committee members themselves would do in a given situation, but the judgment of the committee on how the peers of the player involved in the ruling should act. The committees do make some mistakes in these cases, but committee mistakes are far less frequent than director errors in this kind of ruling. Let the National Appeals Committee continue to do this, and let the directors continue to do what they are good at!

Master Solvers Club Winter 2007 Hands

Please send answers no later than October 15, 2006 to hbethe@aol.com. Master Solvers uses SAYC (Standard American Yellow Card) which can be found at ACBL.ORG or BRIDGEBASE.COM

1. IMPs, neither Vul

♠4 ♥A ♦KQJ52 ♣AKJ952

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	1♠	P	2♣
2♥	2♠	4♥	?

2. MPs, Both Vul

♠109753 ♥K2 ♦K2 ♣K432

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	-	P	P
1♣	P	1♠	P
1NT	P	2♠	P
P	X	P	?

3. MPs, Both Vul,

♠10 ♥2 ♦A952 ♣AQ109432

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	1♥	1♠	2♣
2♠	P	P	?

4. MPs, N-S Vul

♠1073 ♥A8742 ♦KQ10 ♣Q2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
--	1♣	P	1♥
P	1♠	P	2NT
P	3♦	P	?



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0-99 Strat Pairs¹

NAP, Flight A 1:00 & 7:00

Sunday, October 29

10:00 & TBA
Stratified Swiss Teams²
0-199 Swiss Teams²

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FOR NOVICES ONLY

by

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Okay, let's say you're going on a trip to a big football game at Penn State. You've never been there, but you know it's somewhere to the northwest, and someone told you it takes about three hours to get there. Friends are waiting with a tailgate party. Fun and frolic await. You jump in your car, back out of the driveway and tear down the road. You drive an hour, stop to look around and realize you have no idea where you are. In fact, you have no idea how to get there. You just got in the car and started driving. Not only are you lost, but you're gonna be late. Will the ribs be gone?

Don't you have a map? Oh, wait...yes, you do. It, however, is in the glove box, which you never bothered to open. You've set out on a journey to a place you don't know the location of, with no plan, no navigator, and just a vague idea of the direction.

So did you think an angel

would guide you there? Did you expect to see heavenly signs?

That doesn't make sense, does it?

Then why, tell me, why do people start playing a hand of bridge without a plan? I see it all the time. Plop, the dummy comes down, and the declarer calls a card and starts playing. Either they think a whole lot faster than I do (always a real possibility!), or they've just backed out of the driveway without checking the map. If it's the first possibility, quick thinkers, I'm in trouble. The second? I've just been given a top board. Thank you.

I'm spending the next three months at our club doing intensive lessons on *Getting Rich and Famous by Playing Notrump*. I had plans to do fancy stuff, like 2-way Squeezes, Puppet Stayman, exotic goodies. But I very quickly realized that the best way I can serve my students is to teach them to read (and

draw) a map.

So here are some points for your consideration.

First of all, analyze the opening lead. Is it from a 4-card suit? A 5-card suit? Once the dummy comes down, you should know where all five honors in the led suit are. This is a huge help in planning your trip. For example: You open 1NT, everyone else passes. The opening lead is the ♠J. You hold ♠A 5 3 2 and when dummy comes down you see ♠K 4. You should know that the opening leader has ♠J 10 9 x or ♠J 10 8 x. If he had the ♠Q, he'd have led differently. You now know where every spade in the deck is. Don't you? Will this affect your plan? Darn tootin'.

Second, how many tricks do you have without giving up the lead. If you've got what you need, for heaven's sake take the darn tricks and get on with your life. If you're short, **now** the hard work begins. Is there a danger hand? Do you need to hold up? Is there a hand which is safe to finesse through? Do you have to take a finesse (finesses are for peasants and children!), or can you create a more effective plan? Did the bidding give you any clues?

Another core concept: In what order should you take your tricks? Do you need to strip the danger hand of an entry before setting up a suit? Do you need to play out a long suit to get the opponents to make a helpful discard?

I can't begin to list all the considerations here. But I've got terrible news for you. To play bridge successfully, you've got to **think**. Not only that, but you've got to **plan**. So many of my students come to me asking to learn a new convention. They think that a new convention will improve their game. Folks, this makes about as much sense as my absolute conviction that a new color lipstick will make me look 25 pounds thinner. Attention to basics is what makes for a spectacular game. Stopping before playing to trick one, whether you are a defender or declarer is what makes a winner. Count your tricks, make your plan. If you can do all this, you'll at least get close enough to Penn State that, if the car breaks down, you'll be able to hitch a ride!

Email me with any questions you have, stories you want to share. My new email address is **mrone-mus@comcast.net**.



A Spot 4 the Advancing Player

by Jay Apfelbaum

This is a continuing series of articles written for the advancing player. I welcome any questions or suggestions about future articles. Please send them to the editor. Who knows? You may be mentioned in a future article! Since beginning this series, I have been asked about several conventions. Keep asking! Your questions give me direction about what the next article should be about.

One of the truly thorny bidding problems at matchpoints comes from the need to find good part-score contracts. The responder may want to bid on a very poor hand so the partnership can find a better part score contract. Sometimes the opener will have a very strong hand, but the responder still will want to stop short of game. This month, we will discuss what to do when the opener bids 1C or 1D, the responder has a poor hand but decides to bid 1H or 1S, and the opener rebids 2NT. We will also discuss how the responder can show slam interest.

For our purposes, we will suppose that the opening bid

is 1C, the responder bids 1S, and the opener rebids 2NT. Responder has two conventional choices, 3C and 3D, and a number of natural bids. The 3C bid is the one to remember when the responder has a particularly poor hand. This bid forces the opener to rebid 3D. Responder can pass this bid or rebid 3S to show a long spade suit and no game interest. The relay to 3D is useful when the responder holds something like four spades and six or more diamonds with no more than four high card points. The 3S rebid is useful when the responder holds six or more spades and no more than four high card points.

The responder bids 3D to check for a major suit fit. This bid works something like Stayman. The opener's first duty is to show a heart suit (unbid major), failing which he shows three card support for spades. The opener rebids 3NT to deny holding a four card unbid major suit or three card support for the responder's suit.



The convention allows a responder to show slam interest with or without five cards in the major suit he bid at the one level. The 3C relay bid is the key. Holding a hand with a five card or longer major suit, the responder makes a natural bid directly over 2NT. With a four card major suit, the responder bids 3C and then bids three of the unbid major suit (slam try in Clubs) or 3NT (slam try in Diamonds). With an even stronger hand, the responder bids 3C and then bids 4C or 4D.

Here is a schedule of bids and responses:

1C - 1S - 2NT - ?

3C - Forces opener to rebid 3D. Responder may pass, signoff in three of his original suit, or make a slam try in a minor suit.

A sample 3C auction:

1C - 1S - 2NT - 3C - 3D - ?

P - Signoff in diamonds

3H - Slam try in clubs (other major always slam try in clubs) with only four card spade suit

3S - Signoff in spades

3NT - Slam try in diamonds (3NT always slam try in diamonds) with only four card spade suit

Continuation of 3D auctions:

1C - 1S - 2NT - 3D - 3H?

3NT - Responder has five card spade suit

4S - Signoff

1C - 1H - 2NT - 3D - 3H?

3NT - Responder has four card heart suit, should have four card spade suit

4H - Signoff



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LM-5000 pairs at the Chicago NABC. The 'mini' Spingold, 'mini' Blue Ribbon, and 'mini' LM Pairs have become very popular. It is great to see a player from District 4 win. Congratulations, Andy!

This & That

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♥ One area of bridge that is often misunderstood is the claim. Players are often reluctant to claim because they fear a confrontation with the opponents. However, claims are a very beneficial part of the game. No one enjoys watching declarer play out the hand when they have the rest of the tricks. Claims also speed up the game allowing you to spend time on other, more interesting hands.

Here are some claiming guidelines: As declarer, when claiming, always show your whole hand to the opponents. State the number of tricks you intend to take. Of course, be sure to mention any outstanding trumps, and whether you plan to draw them as well as any proven finesse. As defender, take your time, look at declarer's hand, and don't be hurried into accepting the claim until you are satisfied that the opponents are entitled to those tricks. If you wish to dispute the claim, call the director.

Once a claim is made, all play must cease. It is against the rules to suggest the declarer play it out. In the event of a dispute, the director will decide the number of tricks for each side.

♠ Now, for a bridge tip. Here is a convention that we think all partnerships should adopt. Novices can play it just as well as World Champions. The convention's name is Keller. Named after the legendary Helen Keller, this convention requires that both partners are mute while at the bridge table. This doesn't mean you can't bid, answer an opponent's question or call a card from the dummy. What it does mean is that you are not to say anything to your partner at the table! If you see a way they could have made another trick or wonder why they just went for 1100, bite your tongue!



**DISTRICT
STaC
December
4-10, 2006
at clubs**

NOTICES

Charity Game

The next District 4 Charity Game will be held on Tuesday, November 14th. Check with you club for time and sessions. Any questions contact

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NAP - North American Pairs

District 4 Semi-Finals & Finals

Prequalification at club level required

Flights B & C (split sites)

October 14, 2006

Wilmington, DE

(Diamond State Sectional)

Lakeville, NY

(Rochester Fall Sectional)



Flight A

October 28-29, 2005

Allentown, PA

(Lehigh Valley Fall Sectional)

Winners get to compete during the 2007 Spring NABC in St. Louis with air and hotel paid for the 1st place finishers. 2nd place gets airfare while 3rd gets entries paid.



Articles and/or announcements for the Winter 4Spot (January 1) are due by November 27, 2006



PCBA UNIT 141 SECTIONALS

Clarion Hotel

Route 70 & I-295

Cherry Hill, NJ

856-428-2300

ROOM RATES: \$89 - MENTION TOURNAMENT



OCTOBER 20-22, 2006

FRIDAY, OCT 20

Strat Women's/Open Prs¹ ... 1:30

Strat Non-Master** . 1:30 & 7:30

Stratified Open Prs¹ 7:30

SATURDAY, OCT 21

Handicap KO Tms. 10/2:30/7:30

Strat Non-Master* . 10/2:30/7:30

Strata-Flighted Prs² 10 & 2:30

Stratified Open Pairs³ 7:30

SUNDAY, OCT 22

Strata-Flighted Swiss² 11:00

PLAYTHROUGH

Strat Non-Master Swiss** . 11 & 2



NEW YEAR'S

JANUARY 5-7, 2007

FRIDAY, JAN 5

Strat Women's/Open Prs¹ 1:30

Strat Non-Master** 1:30 & 7:30

Stratified Open Prs¹ 7:30

SATURDAY, JAN 6

Handicap KO Tms. 10/2:30/7:30

Strat Non-Master* 10/2:30/7:30

Strata-Flighted Prs² 10 & 2:30

Stratified Open Pairs³ 7:30

SUNDAY, JAN 7

Strata-Flighted Swiss² 11:00

PLAYTHROUGH

Strat Non-Master Swiss** 11 & 2

* (single sessions - A 50-200, B 20-50, C 0-20)

** (single sessions - A 100-300, B 20-100, C 0-20)

¹ (A 2000+) (B 750-2000) (C 0-750)

² (single sessions - (A 3500+) (X 0-3500) separate
(B 1250-2000) (C 750-1250) (D 0-750)

³ (A 2000+, B 750-2000, C 0-750)

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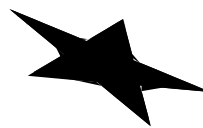
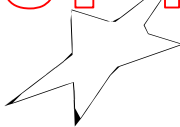
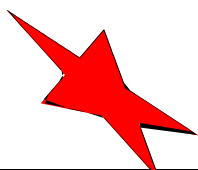
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2006 SUMMER NABC - CHICAGO	
1	100.18 JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA
2	87.16 Eric Greco, Philadelphia PA
3	75.98 Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA
4	75.00 Andy Kaufman, Smyrna DE
5	70.41 David Better, Southampton PA
6	67.57 Douglas Ross, Rochester NY
7	64.54 Daniel Boye, Syracuse NY
8	64.11 Danny Sprung, Philadelphia PA
9	54.07 Marie Filandro, Wilmington DE
10	54.07 Peter Filandro, Wilmington DE

DISTRICT 4 SPLIT REGIONAL July 24 - 30, 2006

UPSTATE NY

1.	Daniel Boye	51.78
2.	Douglas Ross	44.82
3	Sam Maitra	43.88
4.	Richard Olanoff	43.11
5.	Fred Neuburger	42.91
6.	Robt. Cannizzaro	42.77
7	Mary Poplawski	41.87
8.	Harry Nuckols	41.05
9.	Burton Garrell	37.79
10	Virginia Garrell	36.18

HARRISBURG

T1	Meyer Kotkin	59.42
T1	Jay Apfelbaum	59.42
3.	Robert Priest	55.79
4.	Ed Bissell	51.23
5.	Preston Carlisle	35.30
6.	Jay Cohen	34.15
7.	Jim McKeown	33.53
T8	Robert Waddell	30.95
T8	Edward Key	30.95
10	Melvin Lubart	30.42

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The National Appeals Committee is comprised of volunteer expert level bridge players from all geographic parts of the ACBL. Its primary function is to hear appeals of director rulings in national events.

Law 92 of the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge grant players a right to appeal directors' rulings, and Law 93 provides the procedure for appeals. The

Laws do not specify that a committee must be available to hear appeals, but allow appeals to be heard by the Chief

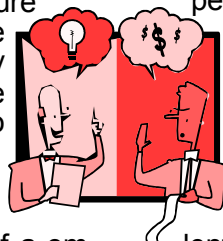
Director. However, if a committee is available, appeals on matters other than those dealing with the Laws or regulations must be referred to the committee. The committee cannot overrule the director on a matter of the Laws or regulations, but may do so on other matters. Thus, for example, a ruling concerning the penalties applied for an opening lead out of turn deals solely with the Laws, and is not appealable. The Laws do not specify how committees are to be formed,

and many members of the ACBL Board of Directors have wanted to have the committees at NABC's consist of tournament directors. In fact, that is already how committees are formed at NABC's for appeals which come from Regional Events.

At its summer ACBL Board meeting, a motion to eliminate the National Appeals Committee failed by just one vote! Craig Robinson voted to retain the current structure. Here's why that is the right decision. Tournament

directors do an excellent job setting up bridge tournaments, keeping them moving on time, posting results, and making rulings at the table concerning matters of law. However, most tournament directors are not expert bridge players and have chosen to channel their skills into directing rather than playing. Thus, when a director has to rule on a matter involving unauthorized information, such as a hesitation by partner or partner's failure to alert, for example, or on

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Upcoming District 4 Tournaments

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	SEE PAGE
October 6-8	Wilkes-Barre Fall Unit 120	Independent Fire Hall Kingston PA	Ray Depew 570-287-1786	Last 4Spot
October 13-15	Rochester Fall * Unit 112	Lakeville Training Grnds Lakeville NY	Warren Marsland 585-442-8753	
October 13-15	Diamond State * Unit 190	Bridge Studio of DE Wilmington DE	Denis Lasota 302-235-5822	10
October 20-22	PCBA Fall Unit 141	Clarion Hotel Cherry Hill NJ	John Marks 215-891-0605	29
October 27-29	Binghamton Fall Unit 112	St. Andrews Comm Cntr Vestal NY	Mary Poplawski 607-797-3729	
October 17-29	Lehigh Valley Fall * Unit 133	Masonic Temple Allentown PA	Barbara Miller 610-588-0181	22
OCT 30 - NOV 5	RED ROSE REGIONAL	HOST RESORT HOTEL LANCASTER PA	John Klinger 717-394-0171	11
November 17-19	White Rose Unit 168	Springetts Fire Co. York, PA	Kelly Zeller 717-246-8034	
November 18-19	Finger Lakes Winter Unit 112	TBA	Mary Miller 585-394-7899	
December 2-4	DE NLM Holiday Unit 190	Bridge Studio of DE Wilmington DE	Harold Jordan 302-584-0213	
DEC 4-10	DISTRICT STaC	CLUBS	John Marks 215-891-0605	
December 11-17	STaC Unit 190	Clubs	Andre Heureux 703-683-8234	
December 29-31	Wilmington Unit 190	Bridge Studio of DE Wilmington DE	Tom Ciconti 302-571-9092	
* NAP EVENTS (See Page 28 for more information)				