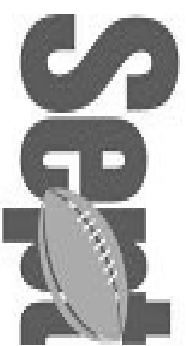


District **4** Spot



2010

DISTRICT 4 WINS GNT A

The team captained by Elliot Shalita of Elkins Park, PA won the Grand National Team Championship Flight A at the Summer NABC by defeating a strong squad from District 7. Playing also were Howard Cohen and Corey Krantz of Philadelphia, Douglas Dye, Wyndmoor, PA, Richard Olanoff, DeWitt, NY and Andy Kaufman, Smyrna, DE.



Another District 4 team was the winner in the Senior Swiss Teams. They were Ken Cohen, Rick Rowland, Neal Satten & Tom Weik.

A squad from Penn won the College Championship. The winners were: Kendrick Chow, Zhiyi Huang, Zhuo Wang and Naijai Guo.

Also, National winners were Eric Greco in the Spingold and Robert Levin in the Open Swiss Teams.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It's a bit hard to believe, but this is my final President's Message for the *4Spot*. There is still plenty of District 4 bridge to be played. Make plans now for the Lancaster Regional on November 1-7, and the World Bridge Federation Series and 16 day Philadelphia Regional October 1-16. Full schedules are available on the District 4 website.

The District 4 Player-of-the-Year awards for 2009 were presented at the Valley Forge Regional. Ken Cohen won the Dave Treadwell award (unlimited category). Ethan Kotkin won the Jeanne Fisher (0-2000 category). Ronald Hutchinson won the Jane Segal award (0 – 500 NLM category).

A couple of teams were very successful at the New Orleans NABC. The District 4 team of Corey Krantz, Doug Dye, Howie Cohen, Rick Olanoff, Andy Kaufman and Elliot Shalita won the Goldman Flight A Grand National Teams at the New Orleans North American Bridge Championships. Read Joann Glasson's article about it on the D4 website.

The team of Ken Cohen, Neal Satten, Rick Rowland and Thomas Weik started slowly but peaked at the correct time in the Truscott / U.S. Playing Card Senior Swiss Teams to win the four-session contest. It was the first NABC victory for Satten, Rowland and Weik, but the fourth for captain Cohen. How can such young men be eligible for a Seniors event?

Congratulations to all!

The TAP seminar was successful in Syracuse with 23 participants. There is still time to register for the October 2-3 TAP in Philadelphia. Register by emailing Mary Poplawski at mpoplawski@stny.rr.com. The cost is \$50 rather than the normal \$125.

Play Bridge and Have Fun!



Articles & Ads for the next
issue - December 2010 -
are due November 1.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CRAIG ROBINSON

The NAP qualifying games are done. What is the next step? Why should you participate?

Back during my working days, people would ask me 'what do you win (at bridge)?' I would answer "masterpoints". Then one year Elaine and I won the NAP District Final. At that time instead of \$700/person, first prize was air fare, hotel and 3 nights at the Spring NABC. So that year when people asked what did I win, I proudly replied "an all expense paid vacation to Buffalo in March".



But there was more to it than that. You get to represent your District at the National level. It is like the bridge Olympics without the torch. It is a good game, no card fees, and a fun time.

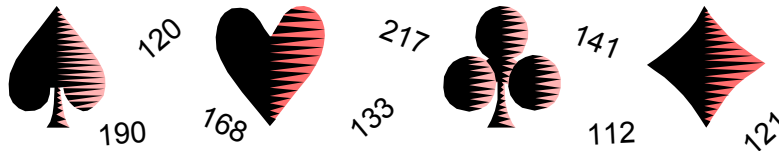
Flight A District Finals are in Allentown, October 23rd and 24th. Flight B District Finals will be held in Cicero NY and the Bridge Studio in Wilmington on September 25th. And Flight C will be held at clubs throughout the District on October 23rd. Likely locations are All Stars BC, Rehoboth Beach DE; Bridge Studio, Wilmington DE; Shore BC, Northfield NJ; Buxmont BC, Warminster PA; Harrisburg BC, Camp Hill PA; Wilkes Barre PA (see Ray Depew or Walter Mitchell); The Bridge Studio, Vestal NY; and possibly games in Syracuse and Rochester. Any club may run a game as long as they have five full tables of non-LMs less than 500 point players. Play, have a good time, win, represent your District in Louisville in March.

District 4 hit the trifecta in New Orleans. Our District GNT Flight A team won. Congratulations to captain Elliot Shalita, Howard Cohen, Doug Dye, Andy Kaufman, Corey Krantz and Richard Olanoff. It was truly a District team with players from DE, NJ, PA and NY. The team just got better and better as the tournament rolled on.

Then an all District 4 team won the Senior Swiss. Congrats to Ken Cohen, Rick Rowland, Neal Satten and Tom Weik. For Rick, Neal and Tom it marked their first National Championship. This team also represented the District well with members from units 121, 141 and 190.

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From The Four Corners



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In the last issue of this newspaper, my message dealt with the idea that playing duplicate bridge actually helps to ward off dementia. Little did I know when I wrote that column I would soon encounter a shining example at our recently-completed Liverpool Regional. Four lovely ladies—Nancy Trabold, Dolores Schwartz, Betty Bryan and Pat Reinhardt—from the Rochester playing area, each over 70 (I won't be any more specific because it isn't polite to ask a lady her age) played every single possible session of bridge—a total of 17 sessions—in the six and one-half days of that tournament. We're talking morning, afternoon and evening sessions. That meant they played over 400 hands! One of the foursome complained to one of the game directors that there was not

any game that they could play in on Saturday morning. That left them only with the boring options of "sleeping in" or "going to the mall."

As the days of the Regional tournament progressed, the tournament chair and co-chair approached me as Unit 112 President to use my computer and printer to put together a certificate designating them as recipients of a special Stamina Award for what they were accomplishing at this bridge tournament. I took the idea to the Unit 112 Board meeting on Saturday morning to get full unit board endorsement of this special award. The ladies were so thrilled to receive their special Stamina Award. I think they are an inspiration to all of us. It is hard for me to imagine that when I am the average age of these four lovely ladies that I will be able to play three sessions of bridge a day for several consecutive days.

The Liverpool Regional was a great tournament. Chair Gerry Radway and co-

chair Margie Spence and the chairs of the various tasks did a great job of organizing and conducting a smoothly-run event. On behalf of the entire Unit 112, I thank them for their efforts.

One last comment I want to share is that our unit this year has experimented with preparing a poster for display at local club games. The poster contains a listing of all the tournaments of the Unit for six months at a time. The first poster was well received and the second one has just been distributed to the clubs for display. If other units have some fresh ideas to try to promote attendance at unit sectionals, I would like to hear about them.



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Despite delightful weather in the Northeastern section of Pennsylvania, many of our directors report reduced table counts compared with recent years. Perhaps after such a brutal winter, our players welcome such a climatic change to enjoy the outdoors. There was one very big game, that which honored retiring director

Irv Lebovitz of the Wilkes-Barre JCC for his more than 10 years of service. So many people came out to honor Irv that the game had to be split into two sections, an open and a non-life master game. Quite fitting, really, since when Irv took over there was an average of three tables in the non-life master game which has since grown to 8-10 tables, and 4-to-5 at the open games on Mondays and Thursdays, which now frequently top 10 tables. George Marcy will direct the Monday and Thursday games, and Beth Rosenthal will oversee the Friday session.

The annual meeting/patriotic party was held in Stroudsburg in August. Walter Mitchell was re-elected President, Bill Haynes is Vice-President, and Joann Mauger returns as Treasurer. Secretarial duties are handled admirably by Jean Olcese. Directors elected for a two-year term include: Phyllis Brandes, Dann Davies, Ray Depew, Mary Beth Gower, George Marcy, JoAnn Mauger, Tom Olcese, Bill Orth, Kate Shumaker and Dave Wessell. Returning directors are Judy Argento, Marge Brown, Dinny Doyle, Sara Eisner, Bill Haynes, Tom Henson, Dave Meyer, Marlene Meyer, Walter

Mitchell and Beth Rosenthal.

A long-time teacher of bridge and former unit secretary, Sandy Johnson, is moving to State College. Countless students have been introduced to this great game and grown to love bridge because of Sandy's gentle demeanor and patient instructional methodology. She will be missed, and we wish her all the best in her new location.

We also grieve the passing of Lou Plotkin, who was honored at the Scranton JCC just days before his death, and, also, Helen Knowles.

Congratulations are in order for Jane Chilson, our most recent life master. Also noting significant milestones are Jeanne Fainberg, Gold Life Master; Dr. Alan Fierwerker, Felice Salsburg and Peggy Watters, Silver LMs; Mary Ann Romano and Dr. Jeremy Williams, Bronze LMs; Kim Michelstein, NABC Master; Karin Smith and Teri & Allan Trynz, Regional Masters; Barbara Musnuff, Anna Niznik and Rosemary Powell, Sectional Masters; Fran Heim and Ken Solomon, Club Masters; and Mary Sweeney, Junior Master.

Plan to attend our fall sectional, set for September 24-26 in Kingston. The date was changed because of the World Bridge Federation/District Regional in Philadelphia beginning

October 1. Please visit our website for up-to-date game results and announcements.

Remember, new players learn active ethics just as children learn behavior: by observation. So act like an adult at the bridge table.

May you make 7 NT XX!

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The unit will hold its Fall Sectional on September 17 though September 19 at the Greth Homes Building, 253 Snyder Road, Reading, Pa. 19605. Please note that this is our first sectional held at this building. Additionally, our game times have changed. There will no longer be evening games. Please check our website listed above or contact Louise Remley, our tournament chairperson. She can be reached at 610-478-9354 (H), 610-207-3294(C) or louiseremley@msn.com. Congratulations to Greg Kiddy for becoming a Bronze Life Master. Our unit is proud to announce that Deepak Khanna has achieved the rank of Diamond Life Master. What a wonderful accom-

plishment! Unit #121 wishes you the best!



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The unit was saddened by the passing of long time member Else Gerbert. Else was a Gold Life Master and a significant contributor to bridge in general and the unit in particular for many years. She was the Unit Treasurer and was the organizer of the annual meeting and holiday party for many years. Perhaps her most significant contribution was obtaining and retaining of new members for the unit through her directing of novice and intermediate games at the Senior Citizen Center and her directing of the games at the Lehigh and Brookside Country Clubs. She will be sorely missed.

Speaking of the annual meeting and holiday party, the party will be held once again at the Brookside Country Club on Sunday November 14th. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 with a pairs game to follow the luncheon and the annual meeting. Lori Bosis is in charge of the affair. The unit will hold its Fall sectional on

October 22 through October 24 at the West End Youth Center in Allentown. The Flight A District NAP will be held in conjunction with the sectional. Please see the ad on page 23.

Special congratulations to unit members Amal Chatterjee for becoming a Bronze Life Master and to Betsy O'Dell for becoming a Silver Life Master.



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This was third year that the Philadelphia Unit hosted the District 4 Summer Regional in Valley Forge at the Valley Forge Convention Center. This year the tournament was held in early July which was three weeks later than it normally would have been scheduled. The tournament drew 180.5 less tables than last year. It was a pleasure this year to hear positive and flattering comments about our tournament and the facility at the Valley Forge Convention Center even though the attendance was poor. It is appropriate to thank Joan Brandeis, Craig Robinson, Dennis O'Brien, Joann Glasson, Ala

Hamilton-Day, and Tom Purl for the preliminary work they did for the tournament. Although a few problems may have arisen during the tournament, they were addressed immediately and most everyone was satisfied. Next year these problems will be avoided. Note: if anyone has any suggestions or complaints concerning the Regional Tournament, please let me know.

Surveys were taken at this tournament two years ago concerning the starting times and types of events. A majority of the participants favored the earlier starting times (2-1) and the team games, especially the Knock-Out events. This year we added the "Golden Opportunity Pairs" which was a big attraction.

The tournament was successful by every count. The morning bagels and the evening hospitality were well received. Joan Brandeis was Hospitality Chairperson. Al Hamilton-Day, the new Intermediate Newcomer Chairperson, put together an excellent program for the players who have less than 300 master points. With the pre-game lectures and talks, prizes, trophies, etc. her time and effort were appreciated by all the IN players. Other members of

Unit 141 who contributed to making the Regional the success that it was were: Registration: Bobbie Gomer, Carol Craige (also Caddy Chairperson), Alan and Nina Cushner; Partnerships: Jerry Craige and Tom Purl; Prizes: Tom Sakaguchi, Bill Bauer and Gay Simpson; Daily Bulletin: Elaine Landow; I/N: Mitch Snyder, Dave LeGrow, Al and Nancy Pecarsky. The Head Director, Doug Grove, and his directing staff along with the Caddy Master, Jill Dorman and the caddies did an excellent job and also contributed to the success of this regional.

Mark your calendars for future Philadelphia Regionals at the Valley Forge Convention Center: August 22 to 28, 2011 (although this date might be changed, check future *4Spots*) and March 5 to 11, 2012 (Early because of the Philadelphia Summer 2012 NABC, July 12 to 22, 2012).

The top District 4 players at the 2008 Philadelphia Regional were: Ken Cohen (81.39), Rick Rowland (69.82), Thomas Weik (67.11), JoAnn Sprung (66.89) and Connie Goldberg (66.10).

The three top players at the Mays Landing Shore Sectional in May were Meyer Kotkin, (16.36), Ken Cohen and Bridgett Pitt with 13.73. The

pair events for the Intermediate / Newcomer at the Sectional were fairly attended. The Unit would like to see more IN players attend our sectionals.

There was a Sectional Tournament that was held at the Kimberton Fire House in Kimberton, PA in June. Since this Sectional was poorly attended, it is doubtful that this site will be used again in the immediate future. This was the third time that we used this site for a sectional tournament and the previous two tournaments were not well attended either.

Unit 141's next Sectional is the September (Summer) tournament scheduled for September 10 to 12, 2010 at the Crescent Shriners Temple, Westhampton, NJ. See ad on Page 13. The three round Handicap Knockouts will 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.

Do not forget the World Bridge Series that will be held at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Philadelphia from October 1 to 16, 2010. For those who do not wish to play in the World events, there will be Regional events at the Pennsylvania Convention Center running the

same time as the WBF events. And especially keep in mind next year's regional tournament in King of Prussia and the Philadelphia NABC in 2012 (July 12 to 22, 2012).



CENTRAL PENN 168

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Hello Unit 168 Members! I hope that you have had your fill of cookouts, water skiing, sunbathing, swimming and toasting marshmallows. With Fall just around the corner, here is what's on the agenda for Unit 168 Sectionals.

If you are in the chase for a 'Unit 168 Sectional Player of the Year Award', you will definitely want to mark your calendar for one of these Unit Tourneys: **Hagerstown Sectional** September 17-19 in Williamsport, MD. **Harrisburg Sectional** December 3-5 at the Harrisburg Bridge Club.

The Annual Unit Meeting is scheduled, at this point, to be held Sunday after the Swiss in Harrisburg on December 5th, check your local Clubs for more details and postings.

Also, the Dist 4 **Lancaster Regional** is a week later this

year, November 1-7, 2010 at the Host Inn in Lancaster. This is a great opportunity for you to "Go for the Gold".

In closing, here's a little Bridge humor: One of my favorite Bridge stories, playing with my husband. I was dealer and opened the bidding 2 hearts. My LHO turned to my husband and asked if my bid was Weak. My husband responded, without skipping a beat, NO! It's Pre-emptive....My Partner doesn't make Weak Bids!!! Everyone at the table exploded in laughter. The same person that asked the question about my bid, also wanted to know if my husband had a patent on that line, because he intended to use it himself. My husband has used this line several times, with the same result, laughter. Keep coming to the table and bring your sense of humor with you!



DELAWARE 190

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All of us in Unit 190 are so proud of Andy Kaufman and Rick Rowland who were on teams that won national events

in New Orleans. Andy was a member of District 4's winning Flight A Grand National Team and Rick Rowland was a winner of the Senior Swiss. What great accomplishments!

Annual unit elections and the membership meeting will be held in the Bridge Studio on Monday, September 13 at 5:45 p.m., with a membership game following at 7 p.m. Three unit members, Richard Popper, Ward Schaumberg and Anne Taylor, have completed eight years of service to the board and will be retiring in accordance with the unit bylaws. Sincere thanks to them for all they have done in support of bridge through the years. Thanks to all who have served and continue to serve on the board.

I also wanted to thank Mike Mocella who, as Intermediate/Novice chairman, ran a very successful DSBA Pro-Am game on June 21st. This was the second year for the event. Twenty-seven tables played - everyone seemed to have fun - and I'm sure we'll have enthusiastic participation again next year.

Our annual Diamond

State Sectional will be held September 24 - September 26 at the Bridge Studio of Delaware in Wilmington. Hope you can join us. The District 4 Flight B NAP will be held at this same location on Saturday, September 25th. Later this fall, Unit 190 has scheduled its annual DSBA Open Pairs on Sunday, November 14 at 10 a.m. also at the Bridge Studio. This is a two-session, sectionally-rated, black point event. See the unit website for additional information about these events.

And, as always, our players continue to rise through the ranks. Mary Boyd, Michael Klein, Barbara Natkowitz and Christine Sullivan are new life masters; Kathleen Bear, Josephine Coar and Audrey Hagedorn are new Bronze Life Masters; Patricia Burnore, Rojean Ellis, Warren Gaskill, J.M. McKenna, Patricia Turk, Paula Varrassi and Lee Wiley are new Silver Life Masters.

Congratulations to all!



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The members of the State

College Bridge Club would like to express their gratitude to all of the visiting players who supported the sectional tournament in June. Your participation ensured a successful and enjoyable tournament. Tournament chairman, Ed Bissell, organized the event, and Susan Nichols coordinated hospitality with the help of many enthusiastic club members. They deserve recognition for their commitment of both time and effort. Thanks to Connie Bamer and Vera Peters for once again arranging partnerships. The annual picnic hosted by Kevin Burns and Linda Martin was wonderful and greatly appreciated by all.

The first place finishers in each flight are as follows: *Friday Aft.* A/ Jess Goodman-Carol Reitz; B & C/ Timothy LeVan-Helen Shaffer: *Friday Eve.* A/ Barbara Mateer-Donald Strickler; B & C/ Russell Palkendo-Sue Pierce: *Sat. AM* A/Fred Gilbert-Sandy Gilbert; B/Jacqueline Humilovich-Nancy Smith; C/ Sophia Carney-Susan Nichols: *Sat. PM* A/Jim McKeown-Jess Goodman; B/Natalina Warner-Martha Strebel: *Sun. Swiss* A/Michael Musso-Donald Strickler-Jim McKeown-David Hoover B/Three

Way Tie for First: 1. Eleanor Lindstrom-Dolores Ritter-Jacqueline Humilovich-Norman Deno 2. Timothy LeVan - Helen Shaffer-Russell Palkendo-Sue Pierce(also 1/2 in C) 3. Jeanine Fagley-Barbara Marinak - Margaret Robinson-E.S. McCauley (also 1/2 in C): Top Masterpoint Winners were Jess Goodman (12.88) Donald Strickler (11.87) Jim McKeown (11.52) and Carol Reitz (10.71).

Special Congratulations to Helen Shaffer, a new Life Master, to Marjorie Winder who achieved Silver Life Master at the Wilmington Regional Tournament and to Steve Deutsch who became a Club Master.

The team of David Hoover, Dolores Ritter, Noreen Khoury, and Irene Harpster placed first in their Knockout event at the Philadelphia Regional Tournament. Also, Ed Bissell, Jim McKeown, and Marie and Peter Filandro won their bracket in a Knockout competition. Way to go!

We are looking forward to the **Susquehanna Sectional** at **Williamsport** on **September 10-12**. Make plans to attend this great tournament. Results will be available in the December issue of the *District 4 Spot*.

PCBA UNIT 141

Crescent Shriners Temple

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SEPTEMBER 10 - 12

FRIDAY, SEPT 10

Open Pairs1:30/7:30

Non-Master Pairs1:30/7:30

SATURDAY, SEPT 11

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

Non-Master Pairs..... 10/2:30/7:30

Open Pairs.....10:00 & 7:30

Flighted Open Pairs2:30
(A/X and B/C/D)

ALL EVENTS ARE SINGLE SESSIONS EXCEPT KO

SUNDAY, SEPT 12

Flighted Swiss..... 10:00
playthrough with a short break

Non-Master Swiss Teams . 10/1:30

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Virginia Beach Regional • Nov. 8–14, 2010

All Knockouts bracketed, random draw every round and include 0–300 MP players

Monday, Nov. 8

Educ Found Stratified Open Pairs.....	1:00
Educ Found Stratified Swiss Teams.....	1:00
50/100/300 Educ Found Pairs.....	1:00
Lake Smith Knockouts	7:00
<i>Continues 9, 1 & 7 Tuesday</i>	
Little Creek Side Game Series (1st of 5)....	7:00
50/100/300 Charity Pairs.....	7:00
<i>Evening pair games benefit Food Bank of Virginia</i>	

Tuesday, Nov. 9

Linkhorn Bay Compact KO	9 am
<i>Two 12-board matches, concludes 9 am Wed</i>	
Rudee Inlet Side Game Series (1st of 6)....	9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs.....	9 am
Lynhaven River Knockouts.....	1 & 7
<i>Continues 1 & 7 Wednesday</i>	
A/B Open Pairs (2000+/0-2000).....	1 & 7
Princess Anne GOLD POINT Pairs (300-750/0-300).....	1 & 7
Little Creek Side Game Series (2nd, 3rd of 5).....	1 / 7
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	1 / 7
<i>0-5 Players play FREE today</i>	
Stratified Side BAM Teams.....	7

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Crystal Lake Compact KOs.....	9 am
<i>Two 12-board matches, concludes 9 am Thur</i>	
Rudee Inlet Side Game Series (2nd of 6)	9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs.....	9 am
Broad Bay Knockouts	1 & 7
<i>Continues 1 & 7 Thursday</i>	
A/B Open Pairs (2000+/0-2000).....	1 & 7
Ocean View GOLD POINT Pairs (300-750/0-300).....	1 & 7
Little Creek Side Game Series (4th, 5th of 5)	1 / 7
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	1 / 7
Stratified Side Swiss Teams.....	7

Thursday, Nov. 11

Lake Holly Compact KOs.....	9 am
<i>Two 12-board matches, concludes 9 am Fri</i>	
Rudee Inlet Side Game Series (3rd of 6) ..	9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs.....	9 am
Stratified Open Pairs	1 & 7
StrataFlighted Swiss Teams.....	1 & 7
Stumpy Lake Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6) ...	1 / 7
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	1 / 7
Stratified Side BAM Teams.....	7

Friday, Nov. 12

Great Dismal Swamp Compact KOs.....	9 am
<i>Two 12-board matches, concludes 9 am Sat</i>	
Rudee Inlet Side Game Series (4th of 6) ..	9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs.....	9 am
Back Bay Knockouts	1 & 7
<i>Continues 1 & 7 Saturday</i>	
A/B Open Pairs (2000+/0-2000).....	1 & 7
Pungo GOLD POINT Pairs (300-750/0-300).....	1 & 7
Stumpy Lake Side Game Series (3rd, 4th of 6)	1 / 7
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	1 / 7
Stratified Side Swiss Team.....	7
Lose & Snooze Zip KOs	10:45

Saturday, Nov. 13

Stratified Side Swiss Teams.....	9 am
Rudee Inlet Side Game Series (5th of 6) ..	9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs.....	9 am
North Landing River Knockouts	1 & 7
<i>Continues 10 & 1:30 Sunday</i>	
A/B Open Pairs (2000+/0-2000).....	1 & 7
Kitty Hawk GOLD POINT Pairs (300-750/0-300).....	1 & 7
Stumpy Lake Side Game Series (5th, 6th of 6)	1 / 7
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	1 / 7
Stratified Side BAM Teams.....	7

Sunday, Nov. 14

StrataFlighted Swiss Teams	10 am & TBA
<i>7 matches with 30-minute snack break</i>	
Rudee Inlet Side Series (8th of 6)	10 am
50/100/300 Pairs	10 am

Team games stratified by average MPs

Stratified Events 2000+/750-2000/0-750

Strata-Flighted Swiss: A/X 5000+/5000,
B/C/D separate: 1500-3000/750-1500/
0-750 (No single player > 3000)

Side Series 2000+/750-2000/0-750
(1 sess events, best 2 sessions for overalls)

Single session pairs accommodated

All times are pm unless noted

Under 300 games are all single session
and stratified at director's discretion

<p style="text-align: center;">DISTRICT 4 MASTER SOLVERS CLUB HENRY BETHE, DIRECTOR</p>

D4 Bidding Challenge Fall 2010 Problems

Methods are 2/1 with "Walsh"

This column is an illustration of the problems of the editor. I have included all responses from both panelists and solvers, and left them unedited other than attaching names where necessary. I ask for answers in the following format: "**Bethe:** 2C. With a choice of cue bids - either 2C or 2D - I pick the one where I have values." That is, the name of the respondent followed by the bid followed by comments. I ask that bids be in the form of a number followed by a capital letter for the suit, that is 2C not 2 clubs and that this convention be followed throughout the comment. I ask that they avoid colloquial abbreviations such as pard or opps. (As an aside to solvers, if you have no comments you do not need to put your name in front of each answer, but I do appreciate your full name somewhere in the e-mail.) I also much prefer that the answers be grammatically correct with proper punctuation and capital letters where needed - and not where unneeded! I would also prefer answers to be in Times New Roman type, but not necessary.

Only three of the problems are included for space reasons. The other two will be in the next column as well as the three new hands.

1. IMPs, N-S Vul Dealer East

S- AJ3 H- A102 D- Q10 C- AKJ53

West	North	East	South
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1D	1S	P	??
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2C 20 (4); 2D 17 (1); 3S 15 (1); 4S 14 (0);
1NT 10 (1); 2NT 9 (0); 2S 6 (0)

RASKIN: 2D. Want to see if partner rebids S or bids NT before I bid a game or stop short of one. **GRECO:** 2C. It is tempting to bid 1NT but I am almost too good for that and I want to see what partner does. This bid will almost always contain exactly 3 spades so it seems clear. **Foster:** 2 D. If partner happens to have a diamond stopper, she might bid 2 NT. I think 1NT on the first call is better than the double. My regular partners would expect at least one four card major for the double. **Rock:** 2D. This shows my big hand and asks partner to describe his hand further with his first responsibility to show a diamond stopper if he has one. My partner did take a bid so he can't be broke. If partner bids 2NT, I plan to show my spade support by bidding 3S. If partner bids 3S, I will raise to 4. **B. Cohen:** 3S. I'll bid what I have, 3S. If I had 4 of them, I would bid 4S. **Harris:** 2D. I need a forcing bid. While 2C is forcing, partner might have a 4-3-4-2 bid and rebid 2H. I think that if partner does bid 2NT, that I will happily bid 3NT. If partner rebids 2H or 2S I will bid 4S. After a 3C bid, I will rebid 3D forcing. If partner rebids 3D it should show a partial stopper such as JXX and I will rebid 3NT. **Nuckols:** 2C. I shall not raise spades with only three, so I must cue bid to show a good hand. When I have a choice of suits to cue bid, I bid the one I have something in. I hope partner's next bid won't embarrass me. **Marlow:** 2C. Partner has values, so I want to be in game somewhere. I will cue bid to keep notrump in the picture. **GLASSONS:** 1NT - the value bid. We are showing a hand that was too good to overcall 1NT directly. **Douglas:** 2S, planning on 3S if opposition bids further. While I have a good hand, the D Q10 are of questionable value. I would guess that the other hands are distributional since everyone is bidding. I don't see game here and want to keep the level as low as possible. 2S might quiet the opposition quickly. **Straguzzi:** 1NT. Presumably I didn't overcall 1NT originally because I deemed this hand too strong. Perhaps it is, though with seven nominal losers I wouldn't fault anyone who took the low road. At any rate, I see no reason not to follow through with my original plan, the lack of a firm diamond stopper notwithstanding. Any immediate spade raise guarantees four, and a cue bid is pointless. If partner has any help in diamonds whatsoever, then almost surely we want to play NT from the strong hand's side. If he interprets 1NT as showing 12-14 balanced, then I have problems far deeper than this one call. **Wachsman:** 2NT. This is the most descriptive bid, showing 19-21 High Card Points with a likely 3-card spade holding. Partner should be able to place the final contract with a reasonable degree of certainty about the combined assets. **SHUSTER:** 2C. Given partner's free

bid, I am willing to force to game. I suspect we are heading to 4S, but if partner can suggest notrump, then we will try 3NT. I will probably have to re-cuebid clubs for partner to properly focus on his diamond holding. 2D would be natural here, but would be wrong even if it were a cue bid. **FILANDRO:** 3S. The value bid. I hope for 5+ spades from partner but won't be unhappy if it is a Moysian. **K. COHEN** 2C cue bid the opponent suit you have better values in to try for a possible 3NT contract. **Dye:** 2NT. This is the value bid, and aims at the 9 trick game. Hoping partner reads me for 3 spades, and rebids them with 5+ spades; I will raise partner's 3S to 4S.

I have little sympathy for the immediate NT bidders. The opponents bid diamonds, and you do not have a stopper. I have a lot of sympathy for the spade raisers, but not for 2S which seems like a serious underbid.

2. MPs, E-W Vul,

Dealer North

S- K1094 H- AQ9 D- AJ5 C- 763

West	North	East	South
--	1D	P	1S
P	2S	P	??

4S 20 (2); 3H 18 (2); 3NT 17 (2); 2NT 17 (0);
3D 17 (1); 3C 10 (0)

GRECO: 4S. Unless partner is someone who goes out of their way to raise on 3 (which I think is terrible), then partner will almost always have a singleton here if they did raise on 3. Also, I don't have any convenient way to get to NT and from the right side. If I bid 3H and partner bids 3NT on xx in hearts then the lead is coming through me and I certainly can't grab NT on xxx in clubs. **RASKIN:** 3D Want to see if partner rebids S or bids NT before I decide strain and level. **Foster:** 2NT. If partner has four spades (she might NOT). I expect her to bid 3S, and I will of course bid on to 4 spades in spite of the club situation. **B. Cohen:** 4S If partner only has 3 spades, they likely have a useful shortage elsewhere. **Harris:** 3H. With 4-3-3-3 it might not be right to play in 4S. A game forcing 3H bid should be a value bid and not necessarily show 4H. Partner with a balanced hand can bid 3NT, otherwise we

will play in 4S. **Nuckols** 4S. Partner should have four card support, and I'm not going to dream up something exotic just because this is included in a set of "problems". **Marlow**: 3D -- Forcing. Not a great fit, but every other bid is a worse lie. **GLASSONS**: 3H. We are worried that we might be without a club stopper for NT. If partner bids no trump over 3 hearts we will be happy to play there. **Douglas**: 3NT. At MPs, I'll give partner the option of passing 3N and going for a top. I would like to ask partner about a club control or tell the about my heart control so that NT is safer but I don't know of a bid that is certain to convey this information. Also, the opposition might lead hearts (the other major "sometimes looks better" than minor suits) even if partner doesn't happen to have clubs controlled. **Straguzzi**: 3H. With 4-3-3-3 shape and eight losers, it wouldn't surprise me at all if no game was on. Even so, no red-blooded bridge player would dream of stopping in a part-score. 3H seems my most flexible option. Partner will treat it as invitational for now; if he bids 3NT, I'll pass, and over anything else (including a courtesy cue-bid in a minor), I'll bid 4S. Incidentally, I think 3D should be forcing here, though very few agree. **Wachsman**: 3C. This bid is not likely to be on the radar screen of your respondents, but I think it allows the partnership to reach the proper contract. The new suit is forcing for one round and gives opener a chance to more fully describe his hand. The 2S rebid limited the North hand and North's subsequent bid should clarify where North's values are. One final point is that the opening lead against the likely contract of 4S is going to be a red suited card, which should put South a tempo ahead of his competition. **Rock**: 3NT. Partner may only have 3 spades. I also have a balanced hand and partner should have a club stopper for his opening bid. **FILANDRO**: 3C. Without discussion, new suit bids are invitational "help suit" game tries. If we were in a game force (we are not), 3H would show a concentration of values inviting notrump. Besides, 3C is fortuitously low, allowing partner to bid 3S or 4S when holding 4 trumps, 3NT with a suitable maximum, and a forced/default 3D otherwise. Over 3D, THEN we can bid 3H to show heart strength toward 3NT. **K. COHEN**: 4S -.too strong for game try with opening bid, good spots, and fit for openers suit. 3NT could be right on some hands, but it would be taking a high risk position with xxx in Clubs. **Dye**: 3NT. This is purely a matchpoint action. With my tenance in hearts and extra HCPs, I will take as many tricks in NT as in spades with a heart lead. I hope partner has something in clubs and will pay off to an opening club lead if she does not. 2NT is not forcing, and any suit bid gives away more information than it figures to garner.

SHUSTER: 3H. I must try for 3NT with this shape, but the minor suit holdings suggest that it would be best played from partner's side.

I play that after a major suit raise by opener all bids by responder are forcing. In general I play that 2N is primarily an inquiry as to whether opener has four trumps. With four-card support opener bids three or four of the major, or can splinter. With three-card support opener does the appropriate thing at the three-level. I think other game tries should reassure partner that the trump suit is adequate. As to the claim that partner "should have four-card support," what is partner supposed to do with 3-4-5-1 distribution?

3. IMPs, Neither Vul, Dealer East

S- 62 H- J52 D- KQ104 C- AQJ9

West	North	East	South
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P	X	P	??
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2H 20 (6); 3D 14 (1); 3C 14 (0); 1N 8 (0); 2D or 2C 5 (0)

K. COHEN: 3D. This is a clear underbid, but Q bidding 2Hs to show more values leads to an impossible follow up bid. It is against my religion to underbid by 2 points, but this hand is an exception. Where are we going, and how do we stop in a minor part score if I start off with a value Q bid and partner bids Spades? **Lubart:** 2H in an endeavour to reach 3NT. **B. Cohen:** 2H. Seems right with my opening hand and no clear direction. **Harris:** 2H. The only bid that makes sense. 3C, 3D, 2NT, and 3NT are very misleading of my hand. If partner bids 2S, I will bid 3C. **Nuckols:** 2H. Partner is not a passed hand, so can have quite a good hand. If I had spades, I would bid them, so this should imply that I have minors (or will bid spades later to show a really good hand). If he bids 2S, I'll try 3D. I hope he's on the same wave length. **Marlow:** 2H. After 2S I will rebid 2NT, which should show the minors -- with any other hand I would have bid or jumped in notrump earlier. Partner could have rebid light, so I will respect a sign-off in 3 of a minor. **GLASSONS:** 2H. We are

planning to bid 3 clubs over 2 spades and will raise 2 NT to 3 NT.

Douglas: 2D. My cards are well-place behind opener which makes me want to bid more but I don't know enough about where to play the hand or a good idea of the partnership's values since partner could be light for the reopening double. I don't like 2H because that will make partner overrate their spade cards which are of lesser value in front of opener. If 2D gets passed out, we're at an ok level. If more bidding occurs, I can bid 3C. This overrates my diamonds but does bring clubs into the picture.

GRECO: 2H. I don't love it, but nothing seems clear on this hand. I will follow partner's likely 2S with 3C and hope for the best.

RASKIN: 2H. Does partner have a H card to give us a play for 3NT?

Straguzzi: 2H. Not much is appealing. Even after lopping off a queen or so for partner's balancing action, I'm still too strong for 1NT, and I lack a firm heart stopper for 2NT. Whichever minor I guess to jump-bid in will be the wrong one, bank on it. The cue-bid tells partner that I have opening-bid values, almost certainly balanced, and probably without a heart stopper. Best I can do.

Wachsman: 2H. The traditional cue bid in response to a takeout double is the most appropriate bid here, even if the takeout double is in balancing seat. Bridge logic should allow North to accurately picture South's hand as having the point count for strong action without the desired shape for an original takeout double.

Rock: 2H. My bid tells partner that I have some points but could not double without spades. Partner should describe his hand further including bidding 2NT with a H stopper or bid his best minor without one.

SHUSTER: 2H. I will try 2NT over partner's 2S. If it suggest I need heart help, I have that. If it is unusual, I have that too. If partner is unsure, he will assume I must have both. Perfect!

FILANDRO: 2H. It is true that in the pass-out seat partner could have a shaded double. Thus, it is also true that my cuebid (forcing to 2NT or suit agreement) may propel us to a non-making 4 of a minor. But 13 HCPs (12 of which are poised over any minor honor in the opener's hand) is too much to make an invitational jump - and I always guess the wrong minor anyway.

Foster: 2H. I have to make a forcing bid to show partner that I originally passed with close to an opening hand.

Dye: 2H. I must show the strength of this hand right away; the alternatives - 3C or 3D - share two flaws: they can be passed and they can be the wrong minor. If this is my lucky day, partner will bid 2NT which I can raise to 3NT. If partner punts with 2S, I can try 2NT myself; whether partner takes this as a shaky heart stopper or pick-a-minor we have a decent chance to land on our feet.

Please read Ken Cohen's response carefully. I vaguely prefer 3C, but I think 2H only postpones the problem and does not solve it. In addition, opposite balancing doubles bids should show at least an extra queen, as partner may well be stretching to keep the bidding open.

Problems 4 and 5 will be covered along with the two new problems in the next issue.

Panelist	1	2	3
Ken Cohen	2C	4S	3D
Pete Filandro	3S	3C	2H
Bob & Joann Glasson	1NT	3H	2H
Connie Goldberg	2C	3NT	2H
Eric Greco	2C	4S	2H
Ray Raskin	2D	3D	2H
Michael Shuster	2C	3H	2H
Solvers			
Douglas Dye	2NT	3N	2H
Bill Rock	2D	3N	2H
Lynn Harris	2D	3H	2H
Jane Havighurst	4S	4S	3C
Dr. Mel Lubart	1NT	4S	2H
Nick Straguzzi	1NT	3H	2H
Bill Coren	2D	3N	2H
John Weishampel	2NT	3D	1NT
Chris Marlow	2C	3D	2H
Harry Nuckols	2C	4S	2H
Bill Foster	2D	2N	2H
Donald Hill	4S	4S	2C
Barry Cohen	3S	4S	2H
R. Simard	1NT	3NT	2H
Tom Douglas	2S	3N	2D
David Wachsman	2NT	3C	2H

MASTER SOLVERS **DECEMBER 2010 PROBLEMS**

Please send answers no later than September 30, 2010 to hbethe@aol.com. Methods are 2/1 with "Walsh". I ask for answers in the following format: "**Bethe**: 2C. With a choice of cue bids – either 2C or 2D - I pick the one where I have values." That is, the name of the respondent followed by the bid followed by comments. I ask that bids be in the form of a number followed by a capital letter for the suit, that is 2C not 2 clubs and that this convention be followed throughout the comment.

1. IMPs, N-S Vul Dealer West

♠A10 ♥A102 ♦8743 ♣A763

West	North	East	South
P	1S	2D	??

Do you:

- (a) pass, and after P-X-P-??;
- (b) X and after P-2H P-??
- (c) bid 3C and after P-3H-P ??
- (d) other

2. IMPs, BothVul, Dealer West

♠K4 ♥A ♦AJ1085 ♣KQ763

West	North	East	South
3H	P	P	??
	♥	♠	♦ ♣

If you have not already responded, please answer #s 4 & 5 from the Fall problems

LEHIGH VALLEY FALL SECTIONAL & DISTRICT 4 NAP FLIGHT A FINALS OCTOBER 22-24, 2010

West End Youth Center
848 N. 20th Street
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FRIDAY OCT 22

single sessions

Strat Open Prs - 1:00 & 6:30
NLM <500 Prs* - 1:00

SATURDAY OCT 23

single sessions

Strat Open Prs - 1:00 & 6:30
NLM <500 Prs* - 1:00

SUNDAY OCT 24

10:30 & TBD - 2 SESSIONS

Strat Swiss Teams

NLM <500 Swiss Tms*

short break between sessions
lunch available to purchase

*SEPARATE IF 5 OR MORE TABLES - SINGLE SESSIONS
A 2000+; B 750-2000; C 0-750

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Partners: John Schwartz 610-391-0261

NAP FLIGHT A

(PREQUALIFICATION REQUIRED)

SATURDAY OCT 23 - 1 & 6:30 PM

2 Session Qualifier

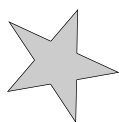
SUNDAY OCT 24 - 10:30 & TBD

2 Session Final

Info: Don Swan 610-867-7060

DIRECTIONS

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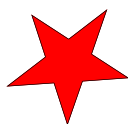
DISTRICT 4 STARS

2010 SUMMER NABC NEW ORLEANS

1. Eric Greco	301.82	6. Rick Rowland	108.91
2. Robert Levin	238.80	7. Neal Satten	108.83
3. Ken Cohen	133.54	8. Andy Kaufman	105.47
4. Tom Weik	128.91	9. Corey Krantz	103.50
5. Jill Levin	121.86	10. Elliot Shalita	96.87

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL Valley Forge PA July 12-18

1. Ken Cohen	81.39
2. Rick Rowland	69.82
3. Tom Weik	67.11
4. JoAnn Sprung	66.86
5. Connie Goldberg	66.10
6. Corey Krantz	54.96
7. Neal Satten	53.22
8. Ken Chatzinoff	52.26
9. Ray Raskin	50.56
10. Marilyn Reedinger	49.52



Notes from Philadelphia



- ♠ 1532.5 Tables
- ♥ 1295 Players Attended
- ♦ 1135 Players Won Masterpoints
- ♣ 8362 Masterpoints Awarded

UPSTATE NY REGIONAL
Liverpool NY August 2-8

1. Dan Boye	71.65
Doug Ross	71.65
3. Mary Poplawski	55.26
4. Roselyn Teukolsky	54.56
Saul Teukolsky	54.56
6. Harry Nukols	53.55
7. Donald Dalpe	42.43
8. Christine Urbanek	39.40
9. Jeff Francisco	39.30
10. Martin Hunter	38.94

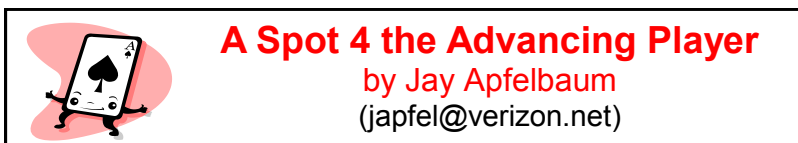


Notes from the Split Regional

	Upstate NY	Harrisburg
# of Tables	845	536.5
# of Players	626	494
Players won MPs	564	411
MPs awarded	4632	2587

HARRISBURG REGIONAL
New Cumberland PA Aug 2-8

1. Ken Cohen	89.15
Tom Weik	89.15
3. Neal Satten	67.09
4. Jim McKeown	38.28
Ed Bissell	38.28
6. Robert Priest	33.30
7. Ray Raskin	30.98
8. Ken Chatzinoff	30.10
9. Ron Orr	25.47
Timothy Smith	25.47



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 publisher. 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.

This issue we will discuss the Forcing 1NT response to a major suit opening bid. The basic description of this bid is that it describes any hand that cannot force to game and there is no other bid available to describe the hand. For the most part the Forcing 1NT is designed to give the partnership a decent chance at getting to a reasonable part-score contract and a small plus score. That leaves an incredible array of possibilities. That array can also lead to some very positive results. Let us begin by eliminating some of the more obvious hands. (NOTE: All auctions start with one of a major suit with a first response of 1NT.)

To begin, a forcing 1NT response will not have a four card spade suit because that can be shown at the one level. (Exception for those playing Flannery, showing four spades and five hearts, because opening One Heart denies a spade suit.) A forcing 1NT response will not have four card or longer support because these hands can be shown by one or more different conventional raises. A forcing 1NT will not have invitational values with a good six-card major suit because these hands are shown by an immediate jump shift to the other major suit.

The second bid by responder narrows the possibilities. For example, after the opener bids a minor suit at the two level the responder may retreat to two of the major suit. This shows 6-9 high card points plus two card support for the major suit. Bidding a new suit below the opener's suit at the two level shows a poor hand with a long suit (usually six or more). A bid of a new minor suit at the three level shows a mildly invitational hand with a good suit (usually six or more).

A simple raise of opener's second bid (whether or not a new suit) shows invitational values and enough support to be pretty sure of at least an eight-card fit. A jump raise of the opener's first bid suit to the three level shows three card support and game invitational values. Game forcing hands with three card support are shown by a

jump to four of the major suit.

Balanced hands with no major suit fit and invitational values are shown by bidding 1NT and then 2NT. Stronger hands rebid 3NT. Note that it is poor technique to jump directly to 3NT because the opener may have a distributional hand. The need to show that distribution may result in the partnership getting to a second best contract.

There are some finer points that the reader may find interesting. After the opener rebids two of a minor suit, the responder should raise with invitational values. Sometimes, however, the responder's hand is so strong in support that a simple raise just will not suffice. If the opener started with bidding One Heart, the responder could bid Two Spades on the second round. The bid cannot be natural because the responder would have bid One Spade earlier. And the bid cannot show support for the opener's heart suit because the responder would simply show that support. Therefore, the bid shows fabulous support for the opener's minor suit and a hand too strong to give a simple raise. This bid may help the partnership find a makeable game and so I recommend it for your bidding arsenal.

The Forcing 1NT is a very inaccurate method for getting to a great part score contract. However, that very inaccuracy can provide opportunities when the opposition enters the auction. The opposition will often not be in a position to know if your side has found a fit or not.

When the strength is evenly divided between two partnerships, there is a real chance the opponents will enter the auction. If they do so with a double, the next hand may redouble to show extra values. The opener will usually have 16 or more high card points for this redouble and the responder will usually have at least 9 or 10 high card points. The message here is that the opposition might be in trouble and we might have enough high card strength to extract a healthy penalty.

If the opposition overcalls, a double by the responder in the direct chair tends to show length in the suit overcalled. It also denies a fit for the opener's suit or suits. As much as anything else, this kind of double suggests the hand is a misfit and we should let the opposition struggle with it instead of bidding on. On the other hand, a double by the responder in the pass out chair tends to show extra strength rather than anything in particular in the oppo-

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sition trump suit. The reason for the difference is the relative strength of having length behind the bidder compared to having it in front of the bidder. A double by the opener in either position tends just to show extra strength.

There are a number of players who will rebid 2NT after the opposition comes into the auction. In general, this is losing bridge. With invitational values a double is best because that at least promises the balance of power. This gives the opener maximum room to make a winning choice. That could mean leaving the double in or bidding again with a distributional hand. The opener can always bid 2NT if his hand suggests that as a good choice. A 2NT bid by the responder is better used to compete in a minor suit where the responder is not sure which suit is better.

Consider this example: the opener starts with One Spade and then rebids Two Clubs after our Forcing 1NT. The next hand interferes with Two Hearts. If we hold five or six diamonds and four clubs we may want to compete in one of these minor suits. The problem is that we cannot be sure which one is best. The opener might have two three-card minor suits, or possibly five clubs and only one diamond. Bidding 2NT tells the opener our hand so that he can make the right choice every time.

(Continued from DD rpt, page 4)

In the college championship, the University of Pennsylvania sent two teams, one of which beat Yale for the championship. The winning team members were Naijia Guo, Zhiyi Huang, Zhuo Wang, and Kendrick Chow. Congratulations to this group.

Also winning was Eric Greco a member of the winning Spingold Team and Robert Levin a member of the winning Open Swiss Teams.



If you are traveling to the World Series of Bridge in October on a daily basis, look into using the SEPTA train. It stops at Market Street East which is about 1 ½ blocks from the Marriott and Convention Center. If you are 65, the cost is \$1 each way compared to parking of \$20 and up. Entry fees for the Regional are \$12/session.

The last District Regional of the year will be in Lancaster the week of November 1-7. This is the oldest and largest tournament in District 4 and figures to be a great time again. Hope to see you there!



Lancaster Red Rose Regional

November 1-7, 2010

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LANCASTER RED ROSE REGIONAL: OPEN SCHEDULE

MONDAY Nov. 1	FRIDAY Nov. 5
Kickoff Bracketed KO Teams (cont. thru Tues.)..... 8 pm	Thursday/Friday Morning Bracketed
Lori Kraus Stratified Charity Pairs (1500/1500+)..... 8 pm	Compact KOs (3rd & Final)..... 9
ROSEDAY Nov. 2	Friday/Saturday Morning Bracketed
Kickoff Bracketed KO Teams continue..... 9 am, 1 & 7:30	Compact KOs (1st & 2nd)**..... 9
Roseday/Wednesday Morning Bracketed	Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (4th)..... 9
Compact KOs (1st & 2nd)**..... 9 am	Strew Hat KO Teams (3rd & final)..... 1 & 7:30
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (1st)	Moonshine Weekend Bracketed
Continues thru Saturday..... 9 am	KO Teams (1st & 2nd)..... 1 & 7:30
Eleanor Albom Stratified Pairs..... 1 & 7:30	Road Apple Stratified Open Pairs..... 1 & 7:30
Shoe Fly Pie Stratified Senior Pairs..... 1 & 7:30	Hex Sign Stratified Senior Pairs..... 1 & 7:30
Roseday-Wednesday Afternoon Bracketed	Covered Bridge Stratified Side Game
KO Teams (1st & 2nd)**..... 1 & 7:30	Series (1st & 2nd)..... 1 & 7:30
Vera Maurer Stratified Side Game	Golden Mule Stratified Single Sess. Swiss Team..... 7:30
Series (1st & 2nd)..... 1 & 7:30	Dinner Bell Compact KOs (Final)..... 4:45
Roseday Stratified Single Session B-A-M Teams..... 7:30	SATURDAY Nov. 6
Dinner Bell Compact KOs First Session,	Friday/Saturday Morning Bracketed
12 boards, continues daily thru Friday**..... 4:45 daily	Compact KOs (3rd & final)..... 9
WEDNESDAY Nov. 3	Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (Final)..... 9
Roseday/Wednesday Morning Bracketed	Moonshine Weekend Bracketed KO
Compact KOs (3rd & final)..... 9 am	Teams (3rd & final)..... 1 & 7:30
Wednesday/Thursday Morning Bracketed	Saturday/Sunday Bracketed KO Teams
Compact KOs (1st & 2nd)**..... 9 am	(1st & 2nd)..... 1 & 7:30
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series..... 9 am	The Dean Berger Flight AX Pairs
Roseday-Wednesday Afternoon	(0-5000/5000+)..... 1 & 7:30
Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & final)..... 1 & 7:30	Farmer's Market Stratified B/C/D Pairs
Red Rose Bracket KO Teams (1st & 2nd)	(0-750/750-1500/1500-2500)*..... 1 & 7:30
continues Thursday..... 1 & 7:30	Moo Cow Stratified Senior Pairs..... 1 & 7:30
Don Marlett Stratified Pairs..... 1 & 7:30	Covered Bridge Stratified Side Game
Butter Churn Stratified Senior Pairs..... 1 & 7:30	Series (3rd & 4th)..... 1 & 7:30
Vera Maurer Stratified Side Game Series	Saturday Night Stratified Single Session Swiss..... 7:30
(3rd & 4th)..... 1 & 7:30	SUNDAY Nov. 7
Headless Horseman Stratified Single	Saturday/Sunday KOs (3rd & final)..... 10 am
Session Swiss Teams..... 7:30	Hoe Down Flight AX Swiss Teams
Dinner Bell Compact KOs (2nd)..... 4:45	(0-5000/5000+)..... 10 am
THURSDAY Nov. 4	Fall Harvest Stratified B/C/D Swiss Teams
Wednesday/Thursday Morning Bracketed	(0-750/ 750-1500/1500-2500)*..... 10 am
Compact KOs (3rd & final)..... 9	(All Swiss Teams will be seven 7 board matches with a half
Thursday/Friday Morning Bracketed	hour break) Lunch Tickets Sold Before Game
Compact KOs (1st & 2nd)**..... 9	Covered Bridge Stratified Side Game Series (Final)..... 10 am
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (3rd)..... 9	*Strats are determined by average masterpoints
Red Rose Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & final)..... 1 & 7:30	**Knockouts with two brackets or less will be handicapped
Strew Hat KO Teams (1st & 2nd)	***Top bracket is available to all teams. All other brackets consist
continues Friday..... 1 & 7:30	of eight teams. Overall WINNERS for each bracket.
Horse and Buggy Bracketed Open	All Stratified Games (unless otherwise noted)
Swiss Teams ***..... 1 & 7:30	are 750/2500/2500+
Pumpkin Patch Stratified Open Pairs..... 1 & 7:30	Zip Knockouts at 11:30 Wednesday through Saturday night
Vera Maurer Stratified Side Game Series	Mid-Chart conventions allowed in
(5th & final)..... 1 & 7:30	top bracket of KOs and Flight A events.
Pickled Eggs Stratified B-A-M (single session)..... 7:30	
Dinner Bell Compact KOs (3rd)..... 4:45	

Intermediate-Novice Schedule

MONDAY, Nov. 1	WEDNESDAY, Nov. 3
Kickoff 300/200/100 and 50/20/5 Pairs..... 8 pm	300/200/100 and 50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs..... 9 am
TUESDAY, Nov. 2	300/200/100 Stratified Golden Mule Pairs..... 1/7:30
300/200/100 and 50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs..... 9 am	50/20/5 Wagon Wheel Pairs..... 1/7:30
300/200/100 Stratified Golden Mule Pairs..... 1/7:30	0-5 and 0-20 Trophy Pairs**..... 1/7:30
50/20/5 Wagon Wheel Pairs..... 1/7:30	THURSDAY, Nov. 4
0-5 and 0-20 Trophy Pairs**..... 1/7:30	300/200/100 and 50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs..... 9 am
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 3	300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified Pumpkin Pie Pairs..... 1/7:30
300/200/100 and 50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs..... 9 am	99er Trophy Pairs**..... 1/7:30
300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified Brown	FRIDAY, Nov. 5
and White Cow Pairs..... 1/7:30	300/200/100 and 50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs..... 9 am
49er Trophy Pairs**..... 1/7:30	300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified Haystack Pairs..... 1/7:30
THURSDAY, Nov. 4	0-5 and 0-20 Trophy Pairs #2**..... 1/7:30
300/200/100 and 50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs..... 9 am	SATURDAY, Nov. 6
300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified Pumpkin Pie Pairs..... 1/7:30	300/200/100 and 50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs..... 9 am
99er Trophy Pairs**..... 1/7:30	300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified Milk Can Pairs..... 1/7:30
FRIDAY, Nov. 5	299er and 199er Trophy Pairs**..... 1/7:30
300/200/100 and 50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs..... 9 am	SUNDAY, Nov. 7
300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified Haystack Pairs..... 1/7:30	300/100/50 Stratified Corn-on-the-Cob
0-5 and 0-20 Trophy Pairs #2**..... 1/7:30	Swiss Teams..... 10 am / TBD

*Stratified at Directors 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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Where are they from?

Often you can tell someone's background from by their bids. For example, when the bidding has gone Pass-Pass-Pass and the 4th person opens 3NT, you can safely ask where they served when they were in the military. When this was first pointed out to me, I wasn't sure whether or not my leg was being pulled, but I started asking. Sure enough, military. And, interestingly, it seems to work more than it should.

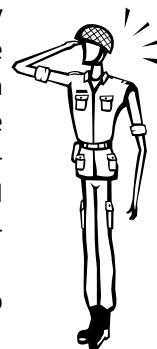
Do I recommend this? Not sure. Those of you who use this bid, let me know about your experiences.

Personally, I like using the Rule of 15 (aka Cansino Count) in 4th seat... add your HCP and the number of spades in your hand. If it comes to 15, open. If not? Don't. The concept behind is that once you open in 4th seat, it's like pulling your thumb out of the dike... everyone will get in the act. That means you either need control of the spades (so you can open spades usually) or you've got a nice rebid.

But don't ignore the Military 3NT. If it was good enough for General Eisenhower, it might be worth exploring.

Next we have the (in)famous "short club", where if you open 1♣ and your partner has a complete bust, they must bid 1♦ "so you don't get stuck in clubs" in case you're short. Now honestly. This bid is a tip-off the people are from the Suburbs and not used to Big City Bridge. They actually think that the opponents are going to pass out a 1♣ bid. And so what if they do? If the 1♣ Opener's pard passes, the opponents should have the bid. Right?

Last but not least, here's an amazing one for you. Here's the bidding (I saw this with my own eyes):



W	N	E	S
	1♥	P	1N
P	2♥	P	3♥
P	4♥	all (finally) pass	

Now. Before guessing where these people are from, answer the following questions:

1. How many points does North have?
2. How many hearts does North have?
3. How many points does South have?
4. How many hearts does South have?

Answers: North has 12-14/15 points and 6 hearts. South has 6-9 HCP and no more than 2 hearts.

And our next question. What would possess South to bid 3♥? Did he find a King on the floor? Discover another heart tucked in with his diamonds? None of the above. He thought he should let his partner know he had 8 points.

Moving on to North. He thought he had ended the auction with his 2♥ bid. I asked him why he went to 4♥ after his partner's squirrely bid. Answer? "Well, we weren't vulnerable, so why not."

How far did they go down? Two. What a surprise!!

Please let me hear from you about your crazy bidding experiences and your news of the weird. Our game is the greatest, and astonishing things happen.

2010-2011 DISTRICT 4 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

First place winners in all flights each receive \$700 subsidy to participate in the Finals at the Spring NABC in Louisville. Second place receives \$300 each and third place is \$100 each towards participation at the National level.

FLIGHT A

Two day semi-final & final event, **October 23 & 24, 2010** in conjunction with the Lehigh Valley Fall Sectional. See Page 23.

FLIGHT B

Held at two sites on **September 25, 2010**. It is a two session playthrough. It will be held at both the Bridge Studio in Wilmington, DE and the Lakeville Fire Department Banquet Hall in Lakeville (Rochester) NY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FLIGHTS A OR B CONTACT DON SWAN AT 610-867-7060

FLIGHT C

Flight C will be a two session playthrough **October 23, 2010** to be held at clubs throughout the District. Any club may join. Clubs should contact Bill Bauer (215-675-7574). Check with your local club.

Upcoming District 4 Events

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	SEE PAGE
Sept 10-12	Rochester Fall Unit 112	Lakeville Fire Co. Lakeville NY	Charles Adrion 585-244-8384	13
Sept 10-12	PCBA Summer Unit 141	Crescent Shriner's Temple Westhampton NJ	Jay Apfelbaum 215-336-6421	
Sept 10-12	Susquehanna Unit 217	Williamsport Bridge Club Williamsport PA	Mary Ann Churba 570-321-0633	
Sept 17-19	BMBU Fall Unit 121	Geth Homes Building Reading PA	Louise Remley 610-478-9354	
Sept 17-19	Hagerstown Unit 168	American Legion Williamsport MD	Ron Orr 304-274-1338	23
Sept 24-26	Syracuse Fall Unit 112	Cicero Fire Hall Cicero NY	Robert Simard 315-656-3204	
Sept 24-26	Fall Unit 120	Independent Fire Hall Kingston PA	Ray Depew 570-239-3056	
Sept 24-26	Diamond State Unit 190	Bridge Studio Wilmington DE	Trina Williams 302-697-7164	
SEPT 25	NAP, Flight B	Cicero NY Wilmington DE	Don Swan 610-867-7060	31
OCT 1-16	WBF PHILADELPHIA	MARRIOTT HOTEL PHILADELPHIA PA	John Marks 215-891-0602	31
Oct 22-24	Lehigh Valley Fall Unit 133	West End Youth Center Allentown PA	Rene Rodriguez 610-395-6504	
OCT 23	NAP, Flight C	Clubs	Bill Bauer 215-675-7574	
Oct 23-24	Binghamton Fall Unit 112	Endwell Fire Stateion Endwell NY	Brion Keller 607-770-6772	
OCT 23-24	NAP, Flight A	West End Youth Center Allentown PA	Don Swan 610-867-7060	31
NOV 1-7	RED ROSE REGIONAL	HOST RESORT LANCASTER PA	John Klinger 717-394-0171	29
Nov 12-14	Finger Lakes Unit 112	TBA	Mary Miller 585-394-7899	