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By all accounts, this summer's NABC in Philadelphia was a great success. I conducted my own anecdotal survey of as many attendees as possible, and the response was unanimous: great format, helpful information, registration & partnership desk personnel, plenty of great restaurants nearby, generous hospitality, and a top-notch I/N program. And even Bill Gates showed up! On behalf of everyone from host District 4, many thanks to co-chairs Joann Glasson & John Marks and their team of crackerjack volunteers. Most attendees said they will definitely return to the City of Brotherly (& Sisterly) Love.

The team assembled by Tom Grabowski for the **Wilmington Regional** did a splendid job. Attendance was pressured presumably by the upcoming NABC in Philly, but that did not diminish the enthusiasm of those who played. NABC President Sharon Anderson was also on hand. Plaudits also go out to co-chairs Margie Spence and Mike McDermott for a highly successful **Syracuse (Liverpool) NY Regional**. Table count was up an estimated 35%, thanks in no small measure to the great volunteers and the influx of a large contingent of Canadian players.

As will be noted elsewhere in this publication and on the D-4 website, the **Lancaster** regional, usually scheduled for Halloween week, has been rescheduled for December 3 - 9 at the Lancaster Host. Always one of the most popular annual regionals in the Northeast/ Middle Atlantic area, the tourney promises top-notch hospitality, great speakers and a superb Intermediate/Newcomer program, all under the guidance of long-time co-chairs Deb and John Klinger.

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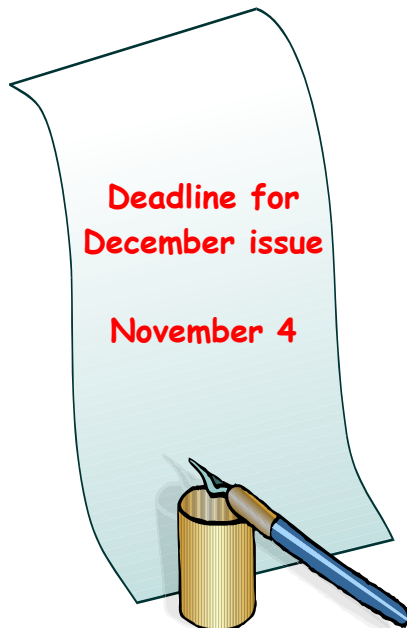
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JEFF RUBEN & ANDY STAYTON FROM DELAWARE WIN IBPA SPORTSMENSHIP AWARD

2012 IBPA Awards



John Simon Sportsmanship Award



Jeff Ruben & Andrew Stayton

The John Simon Sportsmanship Award is granted occasionally for acts of sportsmanship by bridge players that define how we all should act. This year there were two incidents at the North American Bridge Championships in Philadelphia in July that stood out.

Firstly, in the David Bruce 0-5000 Life Master Pairs, Jeff Ruben and Andrew Stayton, who had won the event, were checking their matchpoint scores against their estimates. They noticed that their score for one board greatly exceeded their estimate. Upon checking further, they discovered that the score for that board had been entered incorrectly, and furthermore, that the correct score would drop them from first to second place. They immediately reported the correction to the Tournament Directors.

Secondly, Debbie Rosenberg woke up in the middle of the night realising that her team in the Richard Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams had scored a board incorrectly, winning a full point rather than the correct half a point (board-a-match in the ACBL is scored as a point for a win on the board and half a point for a draw). The margin of her team's win was less than half a point. Rosenberg also immediately reported the error to the directing staff, dropping her team out of first place into second.

While it is true that these actions are covered in the rules of the game, the behaviour of Ruben, Stayton and Rosenberg is laudatory and shows that there is sportsmanship at all levels of the game.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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The Philadelphia NABC was a success thanks to the Tournament Chairs, Joann and John, their committee chairs, and a multitude of volunteers. The 11,913 tables were about 5% short of the ACBL estimate. I had thought we would approach the Washington DC total of 14,100 reached three years ago. Philadelphia averaged 8.17 sessions played per unique player, the lowest average of any NABC in recent memory and 1.63 sessions lower than the average of the last six summer NABCs. If we had met the average of 9.80 sessions, we would have had 14,250 tables. Why did the people come and not play?

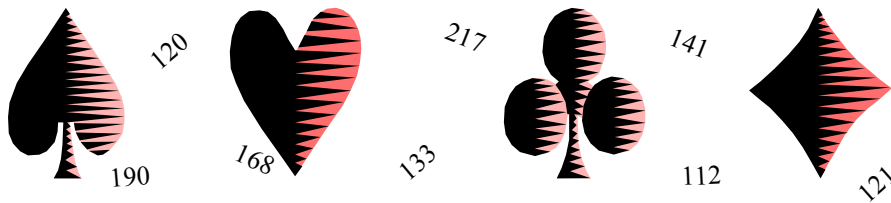
- 1) It is harder to play three sessions in one day with the 10 & 3 start times. Atlanta 2005, however, was 10 & 3 and they averaged 10.04 sessions per player
- 2) Philadelphia was expensive. ~\$183/night including tax may have caused people to shorten their stay or plan a shorter stay
- 3) There are a lot of sights to see and they are close to the hotel (unlike DC where they were not close). With the 10 & 3 schedule, players had to take off a session (or day) to be a tourist.
- 4) We are getting older, and the local players may have tired of the commute.

The NABC will be back in 2018, and we need to decide if we want to again request to deviate from the traditional 1 & 7:30 schedule. The 2018 NABC will be in the Spring, so sightseeing will be less of a problem, and if I remember correctly the room rate will be the same and, hopefully, we will still be getting older. But we need to continue to run great tournaments as we did this Summer.

I personally do not care about the starting times but there were certainly a lot of complaints about the 10 & 3 times. There were quite a few who do prefer the early times, especially those who enjoy a big dinner which works out better for those to have it after the second session rather than between sessions. The local players could use public transportation and still get home during daylight hours. The debate of starting times will continue for years to come at the local, district and national levels. If you care, let people know.



From The Four Corners



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Being Unit President has its occasional challenge but on the whole, it's easy when you have good people doing the majority of the work for you. I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered at the Philadelphia NABC. We had over 15 different unit members help staff the registration, prize, IN, and partnership desks.

Next, I'd like to congratulate Margie Spence, Mark McMillan and Geri Radway for a tremendously successful Liverpool Regional. Thanks to all their volunteers that helped everything run smoothly. Table count was up over 30% - the largest ever at Liverpool. Congratulations to Douglas Ross, Daniel Boye, and Phil Clark for tying for the overall point totals, with over 70 each.

Finally, the remaining Unit 112 sectional schedule includes Syracuse Fall Sept. 15-16, Rochester 299er Sept. 29-30, Binghamton Oct. 19-21, and Canandaigua Nov. 10-11. Please make an effort to support all of our unit sectionals. For more information, check out the Unit 112 website.



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What a year this has been for Unit 120! Under the chairmanship of **Ray Depew**, we hosted the District 4 Grand National Teams finals at the Kingston Firehouse; **Joann Mauger** stepped down as long-time unit treasurer, replaced at our annual meeting by former vice-president **Bill Haynes**. **Bill Orth** took over as VP. Kudos to Joann for her fierce guardianship of unit finances, which have grown considerably under her tutelage.

Mark your calendars now for the final sectional of 2012, to be held at the firehouse **October 5-7** (Flyer on the website) and the Wilkes-Barre Regional, set for the first week in March, 2013.

Lots of news to report about our members' successes at this great game. **Ellen Preece and**

Linda Walsh are now Junior Masters; Maureen Whalen is a club master; John Gindhart, Peggy O'Keefe & Judy Stillinger made Sectional Master; Regional Masters include John Brennan, Sally O'Connor, Lynn Gonchar, Naomi Meyer, Rosemary Powell, Tobi Gordon and Barbara Musnuff; Jill Fragin partied hearty upon attaining Life Master; and Mary Anna Whetstone, who has recently moved out of our unit, nonetheless stayed long enough to celebrate silver life master achievement.



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Our Unit held the Spring Sectional on May 18-20, 2012, in The Bridge Room. Tom Weik was the Masterpoint winner.

Unit games held recently were the Individual Game played June 10th with Nancy Berry as winner. On July 29th the Unit held the Annual Picnic. Winners of the game were Albert Bingaman and Barry Gorski.

The Unit is continuing with the Intermediate/Newcomer program that started last year. Anne Alderman, coordinator for IN partnerships, did a wonderful job of pairing our IN's with intermediate players for a "great day of playing" on Saturday, August 25th. Due to the success of these events, there will be another IN Saturday game in the Fall. Please contact Anne, pennyenna@aol.com for all the details or if you need a partner. Light breakfast will be served. The Unit thanks all those Intermediate players who came out to help our IN's along.

Bridge lessons are continuing at the Bridge Room and in some of our member's homes. Please contact any Unit Board member if interested in this program.

Our Unit helped out at the Phila. Nationals on Wednesday, July 18th. Twelve Unit members helped out for the day. It was a great experience for us. For some, our first brush with Nationals.

The Bridge-Casino Trip to Atlantic City, September 12-14, has very few seats left. Please call Sue Wessner for more details.

EXCITING BRIDGE CRUISE BOOKING NOW. ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S NEW ENGLAND TRIP AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2013. IF INTERESTED CONTACT BRIAN GIBSON /GEORGE ARNOLD @ 610-678-8740 . This is a great trip with a great price. All bridge games included.

Congratulations to the following people who have achieved new masterpoint milestones: Jr. Master; Evelyn Drezner, Dale Graeff, Doug Chaney. Sectional Master; Dr. Phyllis Wintz and Greta Dolinski. Regional Master; Leighann Tyson and Phil Presby. Bronze Life Master; Tom Spatz. Silver Life Master; Sue Wessner and Bill Sedlis.

Please mark your calendars for our Fall Sectional, September 28-30, 2012 held in The Bridge Room, located in The Greth Homes Building, Door F, 253 Snyder Road, Reading, Pa. 19605



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The Unit will hold its fall sectional at the Lehigh County Senior Citizen Center on 19 October thru 21 October. The District Flight A NAP Finals will be held in conjunction with the sectional on 20 and 21 October. Please see the flyer on page 43.

The unit will hold a one day 299er Sectional on 13 January 2013 at the Macungie Institute on Route 100. Mark your calendar accordingly. The unit is launching an ambassador program which is a modification of the Hilton Head Island Bridge Club Ambassador program. The program is designed to encourage, coach and mentor newer members to the local duplicate games. This program will stress the zero tolerance concept and be explained and implemented at the local club games and in particular the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday games at the senior center. This is a great program for new members and newcomers are encouraged to take advantage of it. Further details are available from Chuck Campbell and Frank Kuebler. The unit will hold its annual meeting/ party on Sunday 11 November at the Brookside Country Club. This annual affair which includes a sit down luncheon followed by a duplicate pairs game and is attended by approximately a third of our membership and subsidized by the unit. Please see Frank Kuebler or John Schwartz for tickets. The unit pro-am teams which is always a very popular event will be held on Sunday 16 September at the senior center. Pairs will register, the field will be divided in half and then will be randomly paired by the director.



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During the past three months there were no sectional or regional tournaments held in the Philadelphia Unit (141) or any important Unit Board level decision or meetings of any consequences. Since the only important event that occurred in Unit 141 was the 2012 Philadelphia Summer North American Bridge Champions (NABC), this column will be dedicated strictly to the NABC and the volunteers.

Currently, we have been receiving many compliments from the players and ACBL officials concerning the success of the 2012 Philadelphia Summer National. In addition, emails have been received stating how "great" this National was and thanking us for the great effort that our workers exhibited. In a few cases, it was even mentioned that this tournament was "one of the best Nationals ever". Although the NABC did not reach the projected attendance expectations, nevertheless it was an enjoyable and successful event.

Running an event of this magnitude is a massive undertaking and requires labor, cooperation, unselfishness and willingness of a great number of people. Our Chair-people and volunteers are to be commended for their participation, organization, attitude, leadership and contribution towards this National and for the efficient and proficient manner that you used in handling their position and responsibilities. It is only fitting that recognition be given to the workers who contributed a great deal of their time and effort towards making this NABC a huge success.

I believe we were able to assemble one of the greatest teams ever to manage, organize and run a NABC:

- The NABC Co-Chairs were Joann Glasson and me. We along with our District Director, Craig Robinson, started the planning for the NABC in April 2008. We presided over the various Planning Committee and Progress meetings prior to the tournament. Joann was instrumental in designing the banner and picking out the registration gifts (coolers) and T-Shirts. Joann also handled the Charity Program. Both Joann and I headed up the Volunteer Program and answered any questions and heard any complaints that the players may have had.
- The Finance Chairman, Rick Rowland, developed and established a working budget for each of the various committees and making sure that each committee stayed within their budget. Rick has paid our invoices to date; and, will eventually pay all of our bills and make settlement with the ACBL
- The Entertainment Chairperson, Pat Civale, did a yeoman's job of setting up the evening entertainment, such as, Casino night, Movie night and the Sing-a-Along on Friday evening; and providing Morning refreshments, donuts and bagels. Pat not only had to deal with the Co-Chairs and Finance Chair but also with other committee chairs, the hotel and the ACBL. Danny and Joann Sprung were very helpful by assisting Pat in organizing the Casino Night by soliciting volunteers for Black Jack dealers. Danny was the head dealer for the Casino Nights and instructed the other dealers.
- The Volunteer Hospitality Chairperson, Joan Brandeis, did an excellent job in our Hospitality suite making all the necessary arrangements for a proper and delicious lunch for all our volunteer workers each day of the NABC's
- The Intermediate Newcomer Chairpersons, Deb and John Klinger, set up the Intermediate/Newcomer program, worked and manned IN desk tirelessly throughout the tournament and saw the program through fruition. It is doubtful that better IN Program could have ever been developed for the NABC. This was the third time that John and Deb served as major chairpersons at the Philadelphia NABC.
- The Registration Chairman, Ray Depew and assistant, Judy Argento, took on the laborious task of overseeing the Registration Desk and providing Registration Gifts for the players who attended the NABC. They ran the Registration Desk flawlessly.
- The Partnership Chairmen, Dan Boye and Tom Purl, set up partnerships prior to the tournament and worked continuously at the partnership desk arranging new partnerships during the NABC. Both kept their cool in spite of morning frenzy at the Partnership desk. Dan was a Black Jack dealer on Casino night and a singer at the Sing-Along.
- The Information Chairperson, Bobbie Gomer, set up the Information Program and

faithfully sat at the Information Desk with her volunteers answering all the questions that were directed towards her staff. This was Bobbie's third time as Information Chairperson.

- The Prize Chairman, Tom Sakaguchi, worked diligently and continuously in the Prize Room giving out the awards for the players who had won a section top. This was the third time that Tom served in this capacity at a Philadelphia NABC.
- The Youth Program Chairperson, Allison Brandt and assistant Mike Giesler, developed and ran the Youth NABC Program successfully and breakfast panel show for the young players and their families.
- The Publicity Chairperson, April Uhlenburg, provide the publicity for the NABC and acquired sponsors to back our NABC events. April published advertisement for the tournament; sold T-shirts at previous NABC's; wrote articles for the ACBL Bulletin concerning the special events and features; and, put together the "Schedule and Restaurant Guide" souvenir booklet. April provided various other forms of advertisement, such as fliers, business cards, appliqués, etc.
- The Transportation and Parking Chairman, Everett Young, made the arrangements at nearby parking facilities for discounted parking spaces for the players during the tournament and provided the necessary information concerning public transportation. Everett started to work on the parking problems a year in advance and sat at the information desk every day during the tournament addressing any parking problems that were raised.
- The Restaurant Guide Chairman, Mike Giesler with the help of Allison Brandt, developed the elaborate Restaurant Guide of all the nearby restaurants in the vicinity of the Marriott. The Restaurant Guide was part of the Souvenir Program Guide
- The Pre-Tournament Chairperson, Elaine Landow, entertained the spouses of the ACBL District Directors (Representatives) who were tied up in meetings. Elaine set-up tours for the spouses and made arrangements for their lunches.
- The Tours and Special Events Chairperson, Arlyne Shockman, set up site-seeing tours for the players upon request.
- The Secretary, Bill Bauer, prepared and sent out the minutes of all our meetings and could be found at the Information Desk almost every day.
- The District 4 President, Walter Mitchell, helped out when and where needed.
- The Unit Volunteer Chairs, Mike Mihevc (Unit 112), Tom Henson (120), Sue Wessner (121), John Schwartz and Frank Kuebler (133), Patty Baseman (141), Andie Sheaffer (168), Barbara Rhodes (190) and Sue Pierce (217) solicited and obtained volunteers from their respective units to assist the chair people at the Registration, Partnerships, Prize and Intermediate-Newcomer Desks.
- All the volunteers, too numerous to mention by name, from all of our eight Units in District 4, who worked at our desks one or another during the tournament.

Along with the above aforementioned individuals and the many representatives from the Units throughout the District who attended the Planning and Progress Meetings, you can appreciate that it took a great number of people working together to bring this event to fruition. Therefore, I would like to express my sincere and special thanks to all of the above and to all the other players in District 4 who helped to bring the 2012 Philadelphia Summer NABC to a successful conclusion.

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Hey there Unit #168....What's happenin? There is some good stuff coming up this Fall so take a look and plan accordingly:

- Sept 21-23 - Hagerstown Sectional @ Williamsport American Legion
- Nov 2-4 - Harrisburg Sectional at the New and Improved Harrisburg Bridge Club. Come celebrate the Grand Opening of the newly built Harrisburg Bridge Club., Nov 4th -Sunday Swiss is the Annual Unit Meeting - Dinner is provided
- Nov 12-18 - STAC at Clubs
- Dec 3-9 - Lancaster Regional. Please note the Lancaster Regional date changes. This is a perfect time of year to co-ordinate your Bridge game with Holiday shopping. Those of you who finish getting ready for the Holidays early will have more time to play Bridge and socialize.

Come on out and support these Unit functions for 2012.

Hope to see you at the tables.



DELAWARE 190

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Unit 190 has upcoming sectionals to remind you about. The first is our annual Diamond State Sectional, scheduled for September 21 - September 23 at the Bridge Studio. New this year is our First State Sectional on Thursday, October 4 - Saturday, October 6. This event will be held at the beach in Lewes DE at the Lewes Presbyterian Church. Complete information about each of these sectionals is available at the DSBA website. And, a weekday sectional is set for October 29 through November 2. Check the Bridge Studio website for details.

October 14th is the date for our annual DSBA State Pairs. It will be held at two locations again this year - upstate at the Bridge Studio and downstate at The Glades Clubhouse in Rehoboth Beach. Additional information about these games is also on the unit website.

Members of Unit 190 were on two of the GNT teams representing District 4. Rick Rowland was on the Open Division team and Christopher Marlow competed with the Flight B team. Congratulations to both of them.

Kudos also to Andy Stayton and Jeff Ruben who recently placed second in the Bruce 0-5000 Life Master Pairs at the recent Philadelphia Nationals. What makes their story even more impressive is that at the end of the event they thought they had won, and only upon checking their scores did they discover and report a scoring error which placed them second. Great play and great sportsmanship!

As always, our players are advancing through the ranks. Our newest Bronze Life Masters

are Carol Hopson, Jeanne Marderwald, Melody Owens, Gail Petren and Alan Southmayd; Silver Life Masters are Marilyn Dunning, Ralph Gordy, Peter Harris, Mark Henderson and Christopher Marlow; Gold Life Masters are Robert Keeney and Mildred McConnell; and Amal Dasgupta is our newest Diamond Life Master. Well done!



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As summer draws to a close, we look back upon the results of the **State College Sectional Tournament** that was held for the first time at the Boalsburg Fire Hall in Boalsburg, PA. I am pleased to report that the new location provided a perfect site for our sectional and received extremely positive reviews from our local and visiting players. Many thanks to Susan Nichols and her hospitality committee as well as to all of the State College participants and Williamsport Bridge Club members who were so generous with their contributions of wonderful food items and monetary donations. The tournament would never have been so successful without all of your help. Also we are very appreciative of those players who traveled from other areas to join us. We were thrilled to have a total of 51.5 tables on Friday and Saturday plus 15 tables for the Sunday Swiss Team event. I am happy to announce that arrangements are being made to hold this sectional at the same location on June 7-9, 2013.

Results: Fri. AM: A/B Michael Musso-Jess Goodman, C Shirley Miller-Jill Anderson; Fri. PM: A/ Tudor Trifan-Carol Reitz, B/ Nancy Smith-Jacqueline Humilovich, C/ Shirley Miller-Jill Anderson; Sat. AM A/ Nancy Pakulski-Judy Stein, B/C Walter Hutton-Elaine Ziff; Sat. PM A/ John Swanson-Selena Swanson, B/ J Donald Hollinger-David Chen, C/ Neil Wallace-Joris Pinkse; Swiss Teams A/ Jim Mckeown-Kevin Burns-David Chen-Donald Strickler, B/ Nancy Smith-Jacqueline Humilovich-Susan Nichols-Nancy Pfeiffer, C/ Edward McCauley-Muriel Oswalt-Anna Magee-Irving Seltzer.

Top Masterpoints Earned: 1. David Chen; 2. Kevin Burns; 3. Jim McKeown

We now look forward to the **Susquehanna Sectional Bridge Tournament** to be held at the Williamsport Bridge Club from **September 7-9**. Please mark your calendars so that you don't miss out on this great chance to enjoy three days of great bridge and outstanding hospitality.



Did You Hear...

.....About the Elvis Presley coup? It's when your left-hand opponent leads from his A-Q around to your K-x: the King is no longer dead!





DISTRICT 4 MASTER SOLVERS CLUB
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Well, the column is back. About fifteen of you bothered to respond to the request in the March issue, but the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of my continuing. Thanks.

While I was away the 2012 Hall Of Fame vote came out, and the outcome truly irritated me. Not that I don't think Kyle Larson is deserving of the honor. He is. But there were at least three women nominated who deserved to be elected. So I thought I would invite some of the great women players I know to participate in the discussion. I expect they will add a lot. Those who responded are **Margie Gwozdzinski** who won the 1989 Venice Cup; **Karen McCallum** a World Women's Grand Master who has two Venice Cups and two World Women's Pairs on her resume; **Sue Picus**, a World Women's Grand Master with three Venice Cups and a McConnell Cup (the distaff equivalent of the Rosenbloom); **Kerri Sanborn** is another World Women's Grand Master who has won two Venice Cups, a McConnell, a World Mixed Pairs and two World Women's Pairs along with assorted other high finishes - wow; **Peggy Sutherland** won the Women's teams at the 2000 Olympiad and has assorted other high finishes in international competition.

As another piece of news, I have asked the couples who traditionally have answered as a unit, the Glassons and Teukolskys, to split up and submit separate answers.

Problem 1.

Matchpoints, N-S VUL, Dlr E
 South holds
 S K1074 H - A1073 D - A8 C - AJ6
 West North East South
 -- -- 1H 1NT
 P 2H* 5C ??

* transfer to Spades
 X 25 (15); P 10 (2); 5H 5 (0); 5S 5 (0)

This problem comes from a Flight A pairs some years ago and produced considerable discussion at dinner.
Filandro: X. East is not pre-sacrificing with 5 - 5 in hearts and clubs because, for all he knew, my presumed 2S acceptance was going to be passed out. East is typically 6 - 6 in his suits with 7 - 6 and 6 - 7 in the picture. As to the unasked question, "**Is Pass by me forcing?**" NO! A 1NT overcall does not promise 3 winners against all contracts. Would AKQJ QJx AKQ xxx have been enough to overcall 1NT? (LOL) I'd be -550, -650, or -750 even with that mountain.

White: 5S. Whatever penalty we can get is almost certainly insufficient if we have a game, and with West's pass and East's wild distribution we probably do. Pass would be better if it was forcing, but it isn't.

Shuster: P. Making a non-forcing pass with a sure beat may seem bizarre, but doubling has the specific message of discouraging partner from continuing on. Opposite many mundane hands for partner we are cold for 11 or 12 tricks. With a flexible hand, there is no reason to make the final decision by myself. The worst case scenario for doubling is it could dissuade partner from making his natural continuation - think AJ9xx, xx, KQTxx, x. Partner would surely pass a double, but passing will get you a 5D call and eventually to slam.

That is, of course, the key question. Would pass be forcing? The majority of the panel seems to believe that it would not. Obviously, if it is it seems clear to pass. You could not have a better offensive hand. There are so many doublers that I have cut out some repetitive comments.

McCallum: X. We could be making 5S, or even 6S - I have great offense that partner can't even imagine. But if I pass, I can't realistically count on partner to find a bid, and I can't bid 5S on my own - North may have nothing at all. East has something like --- KQJxxx x KQT9xx. So, we're going plus vs 5CX - it's probably down 2 or even 3 tricks unless LHO's hand fits well. With trumps breaking badly, we may have no game anyway. I can't afford to throw away a potential +500, and I might even get more than our game vs. 5C if LHO has a heart or two. Worrying about what we can make may be a fantasy - the better partner's hand is, the more likely we are to do serious damage to 5C or 5HX.

Sanborn: X. I have a great hand for spades, but that doesn't mean we can make the five level. I am presuming my rho

is 6-6 or 7-6, so declaring runs into bad breaks. I don't think that pass would be forcing and inviting partner to bid 5S, but if so, then that would probably be preferable.

Straguzzi: X. A forcing pass would be ideal, of course, but so would a winning Powerball ticket and both are pipe dreams. Let's say we were North instead of South. The auction starts as it does, followed by passes from South and West. Without being shown your cards, would you treat partner's pass as forcing? I sure wouldn't. Just because partner announced 16 random points (and we showed 5 spades) doesn't come close to making this "our" deal, even at these colors. This is still a very tough problem. Five spades is a bit of a flyer, but it could be right. Even a gutsy non-forcing pass could be the winning call, in case it coaxes partner into bidding once more with a distributional hand. But, assuming East isn't a complete madman, I have him set two or more tricks in my hand alone. It's too hard for me not to double.

C. Robinson: X. If my partner has as little as QJxxx spades isn't East's freakish heart/club hand going to crumble with me having double stoppers in both of his suits? So double may fetch 300-800 on hands when we can't make game. Now what does partner need to make 5 spades? AQxxx x Kxxx xxx on this hand I need to score 4 winners and 7 trumps which is unlikely but I also might get 800 by doubling. *Opposite that hand I cannot imagine not making 5S.*

Footman: X. 5S might make, or my partner might have a weak hand with round suit losers (and pointed suit) losers.

Are Footman's fears well founded? Filandro's idea of RHO's shape is expressed well. But in those two suits RHO has a maximum of eleven high card points. That accounts for about 27 altogether. If LHO had long diamonds and the balance of the points we probably would have heard a 2D bid. We did not. So I expect partner has a spade diamond 2-suiter. As little as AJ fifth of spades and five little diamonds is probably enough to make 5S. If partner is 6-5 slam is certainly possible. Summing up for me on the pass vs double issue is this thoughtful answer:

Gwozdziński: P. This should convey to my partner the purity of my holdings in hearts and clubs (*for a spade contract - HB*). Double would show wasted values, suitable for defending. The forcing pass is assumed in view of the vulnerability. Bidding out is wrong, because we need partner to have some sort of distributional monster to presume declaring when the bad splits are suggested by the bidding. Her failure to Texas lowers the expectation of long spades.

One thing the panel did not explore is whether doubling 5C sets up a force at the five-level. If it does, then after 5C-X-5H-P-P South could bid 5S. But it also does not discuss whether North can/should pull the double with extreme distribution if it goes 5C-X-P. This hand becomes much simpler if pass of 5C is forcing. With respect (and I do mean respect) to the two 5S bidders, why not bid 5H on the way? Which is what I would have done.

Problem 2.

Matchpoints, Neither Vul, Dlr E
South holds
S - 1092 H - KQ5 D - K92 C - K974

West	North	East	South
--	--	1D	P
1S	P	2D	P
P	X	3D	??

Pass 25 (15); Double 10 (2); 3H 5 (0); 3S 5 (0)

What is partner's double of 2D? Is it hearts and clubs too weak to double 1S, or is it a decent hand with spades (for sure) and heart and club tolerance. Could partner have, say, S-AQxxx H-Axxx D-x - C-QJx, or is a nine-count with 4-4 in hearts and clubs more likely? If it is the first, 3S stands out. If the second defending seems clear.

I'll save a lot of room here because almost everyone wrote something like this:

Shuster: P. Go partner! Good job pushing them up a level.

Gwozdziński: Pass. Tough problem. Partner has a bunch of spades and diamond shortness. Double, pass and 4C could all work. If I can do it quickly I choose my favorite call, and wait to see if partner can double again. I can't hang her for balancing.

Passer: P. Lead S10. I give partner 4-4-1-4 or 5-3-1-4. A law of total tricks hand: they have 9 D's, we don't have more than 8 of any suit. So I defend and hope it goes down.

McCallum: P. Do I hate my partner? I could get rid of him by bidding now. Perhaps double would be a little bit attractive if they were Vul, but there is little to gain vs NV opponents at Pairs scoring. FWIW, I might have made an aggressive takeout double of 1D, when it was safe to get into the bidding and we could compete intelligently - but I don't want to guess at the three level.

Sutherland: P. Partner may have a 9 count or 14 count, but it is most important not to punish partner for balancing. If partner has a lot of spade points we are probably not beating 3D.

Shapiro: Pass. I think double would earn me +100 at best. I don't hang partner by bidding at the 4-level or doubling after a simple competitive action at matchpoints. If partner has a decent hand, he has spade length, so if I were forced to bid, 3S would be my choice. I think my decision would be different at IMPs, depending on my partner's tendencies.

No panelist mentioned any alternatives except double.

Picus: X. I hate to hang partner for sticking her neck out, but I will double to show values.

Dye: X. Not strictly takeout, but pretty close. Double says I have high card strength and no clear direction. Partner undoubtedly has SPADES on this auction; if he has 5 of them my double may encourage him to bid them now. If partner is square and elects to pass my trump trick will probably be enough to beat them, maybe +300. *Now I would say this double was not strictly penalty, but close.*

Wachsman: X. Partner's pass after the 1S response and subsequent re-opening double clearly indicates spade values as well as likely shortness in diamonds. I will double to suggest diamond values in my hand as well as a desire to defend at matchpoints. I will respect my partner's final decision.

J. Glasson: X. East has a weakish hand with long diamonds and it sounds like West barely scraped up a response, so I like my hand for defending.

I think only Joann among the doublers has its meaning right. I think it is clearly penalty. That doesn't make it wrong to double. I don't think -470 will be frequent, and +300 should be just as common. The difference between +100 and +300 rates to be about as much as the difference between -110 and -470.

Harris: 3H. Tough problem. We may belong in 3S, but the problem is that if I bid 3S partner is likely to take another call. I think that 3H is the second best contract for us (in a 4-3 fit), and if it is doubled, we may now get into 3S. If partner had a hand with 4H and 4C or 5C and values, why was an initial double not forthcoming? I think that partner has 5S and 4H and could not act initially.

This I think begs to play in a 3-3 fit. Partner could easily be 5-3-1-4.

Problem 3.

IMPs, E-W Vul, Dlr N

South holds

S -none H - KJ1073 D - A1074 C - Q1082

West	North	East	South
--	P	1S	X
2S	2NT	3S	??

This hand is from a column in the November, 2011 Bulletin. In the answer to a reader it suggests that a takeout double is wrong with five hearts, and that the correct call is to overcall 2H. Now I was upset about this advice to "new players.", so I thought I would see whether other experienced players agree with me, that double by North is automatic!

A) Do you agree with double over 1S? If not, what?

Yes 10 (13); No-2H 6 (4); No-Pass 2 (0)

Shapiro. I don't hate the double, but it's an on-the-line proposition.

Picus: Yes. I agree with double. I have support for all the unbid suits and sufficient values. I won't be thrilled if partner passes the double, but I don't like any of the other alternatives.

Filandro: Yes. If partner has the balance of the points, we want to compete for the partial. More often, the opponents will bid to 4S and partner will have a weak hand with a long suit (or a double fit) and be able to take a favorable vulnerability sacrifice.

Raskin: Yes. I agree with the initial double even though it might cost us finding a 5/3 H fit. If I overcall with 2H we might lose the minors if one of them is the best spot.

Wachsman: Yes, I agree with the double as it shows both the values and distribution of a takeout double.

Harris: Agree with X? No, no, no. With a 5 card H suit we should bid 2H and we can later X to show D & C. Why should partner even dream that we have 5 decent H when we did not overcall 2H. We do have 3/top 5 honors in the suit. If we had KXXXX or worse, a double might be in order.

S. Teukolsky: No-2H. This is a matter of style. I prefer to bid a good 5-card major first, then hope to double later.

J. Glasson: No. I prefer a 2H overcall first, followed by a double later.

Is this really an option: 2H followed by double? I think that shows a much better hand. There is a real tension here between the fact that without some strength showing by partner this hand is not worth two calls, and the desire not

to lose the 5-3 heart fit. There is also the problem that unless partner has five spades in these "Lawful" times the auction will get back to you at 3S (or higher). Scary to double later when you force the auction to the four level! In any case, I win the argument with over 75% of the panel's votes.

B) What now? Discuss, please, the meaning of North's 2N.
Pass 15 (11); 4C 9 (4); 3NT 4 (1); Double 4 (1)

The artical also opined that 2NT was natural, and could not be for minors. I asked this question on Bridgewinners: what methods do you play after P-1S-X-2S? I got about 120 answers. One quarter would play 2N natural, one quarter as (weak) minors, and half as either "Lebensohl," "Transfer," or "two places to play."

Filandro: P. There are 3 possibilities. One is natural and invitational - 10 or 11 HCPs, balanced with spades well-stopped. I reject this as a very low-percentage occurrence. (So did East, who bid 3S vulnerable without inquiring as to the meaning of 2NT.) *How do you know East did not ask?* The remaining choices are Lebensohl or minors. Based on usefulness and frequency, I go with minors (4 - 4 or better is enough). The failure to make a responsive double indicates fewer than 3 hearts. Thus 3=2=4=4 is OK. Lebensohl would show 0-7 HCPs and a long suit. Give partner the middle of the range, say 3 or 4 HCPs, and he will not often want to force to the 3-level.

Gwozdziński: P. This is the one situation I do not play scrambling 2NT. Here it shows values 10-12 HCP, spade length/stopper(s). Light opening bids along with "garbage" raises (0-6) make these hands fairly likely, and partner rates not to have sufficient values to reopen with a second double.

Raskin: 4C. I would expect partner to have both minors. If he had H or H and a minor he could just bid H since my X of a S virtually guarantees my having H. A bid of 4C leaves the most room for him to describe his hand just in case we have had a disconnect.

Shapiro: Pass, as I think 2N is natural and shows values and spades. Of course, my partner can have a better hand than most of the field – we don't open dull, flat 11s and 12s and I'm willing to defend. Partner could have doubled 2S responsively with a hand that would make a bid by me here more attractive. If we open flat garbage, 2N may logically be for minors.

S. Teukolsky: 4C. Partner's 2N needs discussion, but many people play it as a weak takeout for the minors, reserving a responsive double for 7+ points.

C. Robinson: 4C. When I make a takeout double, I am not really looking for partner to play NT and he is unlikely to want to play NT when they have a fit and 1/2 the deck. I take 2NT to ask me to pick a minor and I am just going to bid 4C.

McCallum: 4C. 2NT is Lebensohl, suggesting a hand that wants to compete at the three-level without inviting game. It looks like we're saving, and I have a very suitable hand for competing all the way to the five level. We might even get lucky and make it! Double could certainly work out better than 4C, but I fear partner's pass - he'd expect more defense than this. I'm not brave enough.

R. Teukolsky: 3NT. This says, "Partner bid your best minor." 2NT is a weak bid showing willingness to compete, with emphasis on the minors. If partner passes 3NT, I'll find a new partner.

Greco: P. 2NT totally depends on agreement and without one I would see no reason for it not to be natural (I don't want to change the meaning of bids based on passed hand or not). Therefore, since I have minimum points and nothing to bid, I will pass and see what partner does.

J. Glasson: Pass. 2 NT, playing Lebensohl, asks partner to bid 3C so that the 2NT bidder can pass or correct to their suit to play at that level and not higher.

Straguzzi: P. I like to play that partner's 2NT is "Scrambling" (takeout). But, in standard 2/1 GF, I'm pretty sure it's natural and invitational. If so, I have nothing to say that my double didn't already show. Even if it was a Scrambling 2NT, I'd still pass, because in that case I don't like our chances to set four spades, much less three.

Rowland: P. 2NT should be natural and invitational, otherwise why not make a responsive double.

Goldberg: P. 2N sounds natural. Double would be responsive. So I pass.

Passer: P. 2N is 10 points and spades stopped. We don't own this hand.

Shuster: P. Absent discussion, 2NT is natural. I was just reading an old bridge world where Nickell - Freeman used a natural 2NT in this auction (and got to a making 3NT as a result). However, I prefer to play no natural 2NT calls in competitive auctions, so for me, this would show two places to play.

Foster: P. I've told my story with X. I take partner's 2 NT call as "pick a minor", but the four level is too high for me with my minimum values for the original take out double.

Dye: Pass. I lack the values for another call at this level. Failure to name my suit when I had a chance was poor. (In the absence of discussion, 2NT is natural and invitational. If partner intended his bid as takeout for the minors, perhaps he will continue with 3NT to clarify his intentions. If he doubles in passout seat, I have a real problem!)

Sanborn: P. In some partnerships, I play 2NT is just that - a 2NT bid. In others it would be Lebensohl, asking for 3C so partner can make a non-constructive bid at the 3 level. Given that I don't think that is standard, I think 2NT is just natural, so why would I bid anything? If it is the weak hand, let's just hope they have missed their likely game.

Sutherland: P. 2NT is probably natural since we play responsive doubles of 2 spades.

Footman: P. 2NT is natural. If my partner wanted to show the minors, he could bid a responsive double. Three spades is probably a pretty good contract looking at the E-W hands; looking at my partner's hand, not so much.

Obviously this is something that should be discussed: not only what 2N means here but also whether the meaning changes depending on whether the bidder is a passed hand or not. In the absence of discussion I think bids should be assumed to be natural if that is a possible interpretation.

Problem 4.

IMPs, Both Vul, Dlr S

South holds

S - none H - AKQ1082 D - AQ752 C - 96

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1H
3S	4C	4H	??

Do you

- a) Pass, and over 4S - X - P ??
- b) Double and over 4S - P - P ??
- c) Bid 4S (keycard for clubs) and over P - 4N(0 or 3) - P ??
- d) bid 4N showing a red 2-suiter and over P-5H-P
- e) Bid 5D and over P - 5H - P ??
- f) Other??

a: 17 (2); b: 25 (5); c: 10 (1); d: 22 (4); e: 22; (4); f: 10 (1)

Filandro: a-5H. I'm hoping that "Pass, then pull" applies here and will tell partner I have extras. If partner had bid 5H instead of doubling 4S, I would have known he had at least an opener and support (with a limit raise he would have bid 4H originally, not 4C). By the way, I do not bid 5D now because I treat these suits as if there were a 2-card differential. The hearts are as good as a 7-card suit. I don't want partner, with say, 3=1=3=6 to pass 5D. When I ruff the opening lead I will too often be down to an opponent's length in trump, not desirable at the five level.

Shapiro: a, 4N. Was my narrow choice - hoping to guess correctly on level after partner's rebid -- before seeing that, in our agreed methods, 4N would come very close to showing this shape. That makes my action even clearer, since pass and pull to 4N logically is stronger than the immediate bid, while showing roughly the same hand shape-wise. And I'll win at committee if someone objects to my bidding out my clearly planned sequence. Double of 4H would show an interest in defense - not this long, 100 honor suit.

I think pass then pull suggests extra shape but not great hearts. Yes, double of 4H should be initially a suggestion to defend, but double followed by pull should be extra hearts - at least in my simple minded view.

Greco: b-4N. I held the east hand in the Vanderbilt semi's. I would choose d-5S, but in reality I doubt that is what 4N would show or at the least I would not be so sure that partner would read it that way. In retrospect Zagorin's problem (he was South) would have been harder if I had bid a simple 4♠.

Shuster: b- 4NT. Then over 5C bid 5H, but 5S if partner bids 5 of a red suit. So there is a lot of meat here about the various possible meanings. For me, doubling here is akin to doubling an artificial 2-suited call - it says "Stay out of my way partner, I know what to do." It is trying to warn partner that you intend to double 4S for penalty so that partner doesn't act in front of you. However, when you don't double and instead bid on, that should show a stronger hand than a direct call, which would be competitive. So 4NT, 5C, 5D and 5H are all weaker than double followed by any of those calls. Knowing that, we still have a problem. Should this hand suggest one or both minors as well as hearts? I feel with AKQTxx you need to make a larger effort to make that suit trumps.

White: b-4NT. Now showing H&D with club tolerance. This problem should be tough to score, since C and D should not have the meanings ascribed to them, and I am not allowed to call "4N (H&D with club tolerance)".

McCallum: b). X & 4NT. The opponents have been very generous in allowing me the opportunity to emphasize the good hearts, and still suggest playing in a minor later.... I'm grateful. Partner's pass over 4S was forcing, suggesting that he thinks we can make something at the 5-level (or higher), so I won't be a bit surprised if we take all the tricks. I plan to follow with 5S over whatever he chooses at the 5-level, and hope he shows interest in

7. Perhaps I should just bid 7 on my own... Partner has something like Qx xx Kx AKxxxx. But I'd hate for that C AK to turn out to be KQJ. or AQJ

This is most of the Ithaca contingent:

S. Teukolsky: b, 5D. Your double should say "partner I wanted to bid more hearts", so this sequence paints a good picture of your hand. Despite the explanations, I wouldn't choose (d), which is the obvious choice. Maybe Meckwell have this level of detailed agreement, but it's beyond most partnerships. I would worry that partner wouldn't remember!

Passer: b - 5D. Double to show I would have rebid hearts; 5D to complete my description.

Footman: b-5D. I do not think my partners would understand "c" or "d" as suggested, and I think doubling 4H followed by 5D shows better hearts than passing and pulling the double of 4S or bidding 5D immediately. I certainly have better hearts.

Straguzzi: b; 5S. Partner's free 4C bid shows quite a fair hand, so I won't stop below slam (if it goes down, too bad) and I'd like to keep seven in the picture. I'd start with a double because, come on now, if it weren't a bidding panel wouldn't everybody automatically double 4H with this hand? Over West's 4S, partner's pass is forcing, so I suppose my next order of business would be to confirm first-round spade control with 5S. It could be right to jump to 6D instead, trusting partner to infer my spade void and bid seven if he has the minor-suit key cards I need. Another possibility is bidding 5NT over 4S to show two places to play, intending to convert clubs to diamonds -- that would seem to suggest very strong hearts and secondary, weakish (in context) diamonds, though I would be concerned that partner might think I have a spade loser (e.g. 1=7=5=0). I'm really not sure what's right, and I think it's a matter of style and partnership discussion. The one thing that's certain though is that if you double **and partner makes a forcing pass**, after having already shown values with 4C, your next bid must force to slam. If you choose anything he can pass, like 5D, you've erred.

J. Glasson: c. Bid 4S (keycard for clubs) and over P - 4 N (0 or 3) - Pass I would bid 5S to ask about Kings and let my partner know we have all the keycards. It is not possible for partner to have 0 and bid 4 C.

Raskin: d-5S. Showing H and D with a club tolerance. Over a 5H call by partner I would bid 5S.

Picus: (d)-5S. But only if I am 100% sure partner is on the same wavelength. Over 5H I will cue 5S and see how interested partner is before settling for the small slam.

R. Teukolsky: (d)-6H. You're forcing me to pick a bid I wouldn't make at the table. When partner bids 5H I'll try 6H. Partner's 4C bid is strong. I don't want to be embarrassed when partner shows up with the DK and CA!

C. Robinson: d-5S. Seems like a wonderful meaning for 4N though I don't know anyone who plays this, so as always I am hoping Henry Bethe is my partner. Now I venture on to 5S!

Guys: I would not understand 4N to mean that. But I was told that in this partnership that is what it would have meant. Or at least that is what South thought it would mean.

Sanborn: e-5N. Since you spotted me the 5H preference, I take it. Then I bid 5NT, pick a slam, I can't insist on my suit. Partner could be xx, xx, xx AKQJxxx.

Dye: (e) ... then 6C. The diamond finesse (if partner lacks the King) rates to work and partner should have a one-loser suit to suggest clubs as trumps at the 4-level. I do not not double, and then bid diamonds over their 4S, because I am always going to slam and a direct 5D shows a real suit, not maybe just a lead director. Similarly, I do not "pass and pull" partner's double because I will insist on slam, not merely invite one.

Goldberg: e, 5S. I would have bid 4S were it not RKCB for clubs, but this is fine. If partner has solid clubs he can bid 7C, otherwise I am willing to play 6C or 6H.

Rowland: e, 6H. Show my suits and play slam with a 30 point deck.

Foster: e-P. 5D first. If partner prefers to 5H, I will take into consideration how our game is going up this point. Bidding six is a possibility, but I would most likely pass the 5H. With this "3 loser" hand, why did I not open 2 C, then bid hearts, and possibly make it easier for partner to get us to the right level?

Gwozdzinsky: e-5S. I bid 5 D, and over 5H bid 5S trying for 7 raising 6C to 7 for choice of slams.

Harris: (d) 4NT (especially when it shows what I have (H & D with C tolerance). Over 5H, P would be correct with my hand. I would bid 6H if I had AK752 of D.

Schmidt: e. 5D, then P over 5H. I'm unwilling to play 4S with a spade void and undisclosed 6-5, so I might as well show my second suit. 5D shows extras, so if partner wants to stop at 5H, I have no reason to override. RHO's 4H may mean that LHO has Jxxx in hearts.

Wachsman: e) 5D. This bid recognizes the concept that bridge is a partnership game and I wish to involve my partner in the decision making process. If he corrects to 5H I will invoke the principle stated earlier - don't tell the same story twice; i.e. I will pass 5H.

Sutherland: 6C. I will just shoot it out. My partners seldom have the perfect hand. (I really doubt even Meckwell have an agreement in this auction.)

Rock: f other. 4S showing first round control of spades. We are not playing c. under the rules for this contest.

I'm sorry, Bill. As moderator I get to impose certain conditions from time to time, and this was one of those times.

As Eric said, this hand came up in the Vanderbilt semis. What I did not tell you is that the understandings I listed were South's; North believed that 4C showed a strong raise to 4H, and that 4S here would be RKC for hearts, 4N a substitution spade cue bid. Lots of confusion ensued. North held S-AKx H-J9x D-xx C-AK10xx. They ended in 6C down one with 7H making on the D finesse and a minor suit squeeze against South. My own choice would be b-5D. When I bid out over 4S the double should emphasize the heart quality and show a second suit. At least that is what I think.

Congratulations to Eric, Nick and Courtenay for their perfect scores. I would have gotten 65.

Panel	1	2	3A	3B	4	Score
Eric Greco	X	P	Y	P	b-4N	100
Nick Straguzzi	X	P	Y	P	b-5S	100
Connie Goldberg	X	P	Y	P	e-5S	97
Rick Rowland	X	P	Y	P	e-6H	97
Pete Filandro	X	P	Y	P	a-5H	92
Ed Shapiro	X	P	Y	P	a-4N	92
Ray Raskin	X	P	Y	4C	d-5S	91
Craig Robinson	X	P	Y	4C	d-5S	91
Karen McCallum	X	P	N-2H	4C	b-4N	90
Saul Teukolsky	X	P	N-2H	4C	b-5D	90
Kerri Sanborn	X	P	Y	X	e-5N	86
Roselyn Teukolsky	X	P	Y	3N	d-6H	86
Michael Shuster	P	P	Y	P	b-4N	85
Peggy Sutherlin	X	P	Y	P	6C	85
Sue Picus	X	X	Y	P	d-5S	82
Margie Gwozdzinsky	P	P	N-2H	P	e-5S	78
Joann Glasson	X	X	N-2H	P	c-5S	66

Solvers

Courtenay Footman	X	P	Y	P	b-5D	100
Bill Foster	X	P	Y	P	e-P	97
Barry Passer	X	P	N-2H	P	b-5D	96
Robert Hickes	X	X	Y	P	e-5S	82
Bill Schmidt	X	X	Y	P	e-P	82
Dave Wachsman	X	X	Y	P	e-P	82
Steve White	5S	P	Y	P	b-4N	80
Douglas Dye	X	X	N-2H	P	e-6C	78
Lynn Harris	X	3H	N-2H	P	d-P	73
Bill Rock	5S	P	Y	P	4S*	59

D4 Bidding Challenge Winter 2012

Answers to hbethe@aol.com not later than October 15, 2012. Please format your answer as #. Last Name: Answer. Comment. e.g. 1. Bethe: 4H. I must be blind but I see no alternative. Put your full name somewhere in the e-mail.

Problem 1.

Imps, Neither VUL, Dlr E
South holds
S K H - AKQ10743 D - C - A9873
West North East South
-- -- P 1H
P 1S 2D ??

Problem 2.

Imps, N-S Vul, Dlr S
South holds
S - H - KQJ875 D - J92 C - K974
West North East South
-- -- -- ??

- a) What would you do? (15 pts)
- b) What would you do with spades and hearts switched? (10 pts)

Problem 3.

IMPs, N-S Vul, Dlr E
South holds
S - H - 73 D - AQJ1074 C - AK1052
West North East South
-- -- 1S ??

Problem 4.

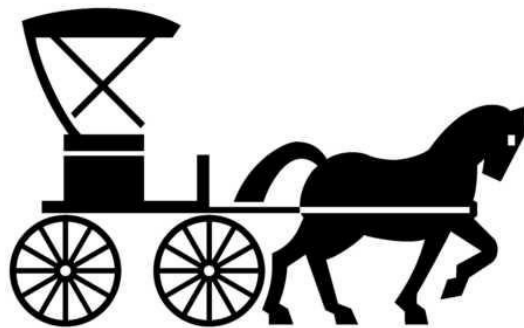
IMPs, Both Vul, Dlr W
South holds
S - AKJ9752 H - AJ852 D - C - 6
West North East South
P P 1N ??

1N = 15-17
You play "DONT", e.g. 2H would
Show both majors, Double a one suiter.
If you play something else, explain
how that would do better.



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Eleanor Alboum A/X Pairs (0-3000/ 3000+)	1 & 7:30 PM
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS (0-300, 300-750)	1 & 7:30 PM
Roseday-Wednesday Afternoon Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd)**	1 & 7:30 PM
Vera Maurer Stratified Side Game Series (1st & 2nd)	1 & 7:30 PM
Roseday Stratified Single Session B-A-M Teams	7:30 PM

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Wednesday/Thursday Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (1st & 2nd)**	9:00 AM
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Roseday-Wednesday Afternoon Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & Final)	1 & 7:30 PM
Wednesday-Thursday Bracket KO Teams (1st and 2nd) continues Thursday**	1 & 7:30 PM
Don Marlett A/X Pairs (0-3000/ 3000+)	1 & 7:30 PM
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS (0-300, 300-750)	1 & 7:30 PM
Vera Maurer Stratified Side Game Series (3rd & 4th)	1 & 7:30 PM
Headless Horseman Stratified Single Session Swiss Teams	7:30 PM

THURSDAY December 6, 2012

Wednesday/Thursday Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (3rd & Final)	9:00 AM
Thursday/Friday Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (1st & 2nd)**	9:00 AM
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (3rd)	9:00 AM
Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & Final)	1 & 7:30 PM
Straw Hat KO Teams(1st and 2nd) continues Friday	1 & 7:30 PM
Horse and Buggy BRACKETED Open Swiss Teams ***	1 & 7:30 PM
Pumpkin Patch Stratified Open Pairs	1 & 7:30 PM
Vera Maurer Stratified Side Game Series (5th and Final)	1 & 7:30 PM
Pickled Eggs Stratified B-A-M(single session)	7:30 PM

FRIDAY December 7, 2012

Thursday/Friday Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (3rd & Final)	9:00 AM
Friday/Saturday Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (1st and 2nd)**	9:00 AM
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (4th)	9:00 AM
Straw Hat KO Teams(3rd and final)	1 & 7:30 PM
Moonshine Weekend Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd)	1 & 7:30 PM
Road Apple A/X Pairs (0-3000/ 3000+)	1 & 7:30 PM
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS (0-300/ 300-750)	1 & 7:30 PM
Covered Bridge Stratified Side Game Series (1st and 2nd)	1 & 7:30 PM
Golden Mule Stratified Single Session Swiss Team	7:30 PM

SATURDAY December 8, 2012

Friday/Saturday Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (3rd & final)	9:00 AM
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (Final)	9:00 AM
Moonshine Weekend Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & Final)	1 & 7:30 PM
Saturday/Sunday Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd)	1 & 7:30 PM
The Dean Berger Flight A/X Pairs (0-5000/5000+)	1 & 7:30 PM
Farmer's Market Stratified B/C/D Pairs (0-750/750-1500/1500 - 2500)*	1 & 7:30 PM
Covered Bridge Stratified Side Game Series (3rd & Final)	1 & 7:30 PM
Saturday Night Stratified Single Session Swiss	7:30

SUNDAY December 9, 2012

Saturday/Sunday KOs (3rd & Final)	10:00 AM
Hoe Down Flight A/X Swiss Teams (0-5000/5000+)*	10:00 AM
Fall Harvest Stratified B/C/D Swiss Teams (0-750/ 750-1500/ 1500-2500)*	10:00 AM
<small>(All Swiss Teams will be seven 7 board matches with a half hour break)</small>	
<small>Lunch Tickets Sold Before Game</small>	

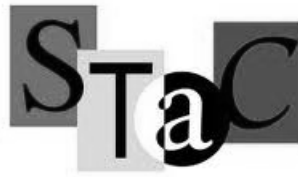
* Strats are determined by average master points

** Knock Outs with two brackets or less will be handicapped.

*** Top Bracket is available to all teams .All other brackets consist of eight teams.

Overall WINNERS for each bracket.

All Stratified Games (unless otherwise noted) are 750/2500/2500+



DISTRICT 4

Sectional Tournament at Clubs

October 1 - 7, Unit 190 (with District 6)

November 12 - 18, Units 112, 120, 133, 141, 190

November 12 - 18, Units 121, 168, 217

Check with your local club for scheduled games.

Which is the largest? (A) the number of legal bridge auctions, (B) the number of bridge deals, or (C) the number of feet to the nearest star.

Answer

(A) The number of possible bridge auctions is almost beyond comprehension, a 48-digit number! The number of possible bridge deals is in the octillions, a 29-digit number. To put these into perspective, consider that the number of feet to the nearest star is only an 18-digit number.



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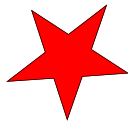
As this is my final message as D-4 president, I'd like to thank Secretary Bill Bauer, Treasurer Rick Rowland, members of the executive committee and our board for all their great work in making my year run seamlessly. My final request: please give my successor, Tom Weik, that same high level of volunteerism and support which has made our district one of the more highly respected in the ACBL.

DISTRICT 4 STARS



DELAWARE REGIONAL

June 18 – June 24, 2012



1	59.67	Corey Krantz, Drexel Hill PA
2	54.77	Meyer Kotkin, Cherry Hill NJ
3	53.33	Ken Cohen, Philadelphia
4	50.50	Tom Weik, Reading PA
5	48.87	Carl Berenbaum, Elkins Park PA
6	46.90	Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA
7	43.55	Rick Rowland, Wilmington DE
8	42.89	Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ
9	42.89	Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ
10	42.84	Michael Mayer, Cherry Hill NJ

Burt Garrell Regional *in Liverpool, NY* July 30–August 5, 2012



1	70.61	Phil Clark, Pittsford NY
2	70.61	Douglas Ross, Rochester NY
3	70.61	Daniel Boye, Farmington NY
4	66.33	Raymond Raskin, King of Prussia PA
5	58.63	Celia Austenfeld, Vestal NY
6	58.63	Joshua Bieber, Endicott NY
7	57.75	Mary Poplawski, Vestal NY
8	53.13	Donald Dalpe, Baldwinsville NY
9	51.89	Harry Nuckols, Vestal NY
10	51.75	Lois Sanders, Fairport NY



Philadelphia



1	242.06	Eric Greco, Wynnewood PA
2	121.98	Connie Goldberg, Merion ST PA
3	119.71	Richard Schwartz, Hawley PA
4	98.25	Donald Dalpe, Baldwinsville NY
5	90.29	Andy Kaufman, Ft Washington PA
6	86.07	George Krizel, Feasterville PA
7	84.00	Rich Rothwarf, Philadelphia
8	83.33	Carl Berenbaum, Elkins Park PA
9	81.21	Marilyn Reedinger, Philadelphia
10	79.99	Marty Rabinowitz, Narberth PA



District MP Race Leaders through August 6, 2012

	<u>Mini McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Bruce Lang	Graham Holroyd
5-50	John Pino	John Pino
20-50	W.F. Burns	Jeremy Lynch
50-100	Caroline Hughes	Lynn Gonchar
100-200	Joel Bees	Louis Scheffer
200-300	Dick Tuttle	Robert Dewey
300-500	Christina van Leeuwen	Ralph Collins
500-1000	Gary Hillenbrand	Edward Magee
1000-2500	Elaine Clair	Elaine Clair
2500-5000	Corey Krantz	Judith Groenenboom
5000-7500	Carl Berenbaum	Melvin Lubert
7500-10,000	Rick Rowland	Rhoda Kaufman
over 10,000	Ken Cohen	John & Selena Swanson

District 4 NAP Finals Schedule for 2012

FLIGHT A

FORMAT: Two qualifying session on Saturday, two final sessions on Sunday. Approximately 50% qualify for finals.

DATE: **Saturday & Sunday, October 20-21, 2012**

LOCATION: In conjunction with the Allentown Sectional

Lehigh County Senior Citizens Center
1633 Elm Street
Allentown, PA

See the Sectional Flyer on Page XX or the District 4 website for directions

SESSION TIMES: **Saturday, October 20**

1st session - 10:30am; 2nd session - 3:30pm

Sunday, October 21

1st final session: 10:30am; 2nd final session; TBA (approx. 3:30)
(These are the same start times as the sectional events.)

FLIGHT B

FORMAT: Two session final played at split sites. Players may play at either site.

DATE: **Saturday, October 27**

LOCATIONS:

The Bridge Studio
732-736 Vestal Parkway East
Vestal, NY
(607) 786 5569

See website for more info: <http://bridgevestal.com/>

The Bridge Studio of Delaware
1409 Foulkstone Plaza
Wilmington, DE 19803
(302) 479 5431

See website for more info: <http://www.bridge-studio.org/>

SESSION TIMES: 1st Session 11:00am; 2nd TBA (approx 3:30pm)

FLIGHT C

FORMAT: Two session final played at multiple sites.
ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY BOTH SESSIONS.

DATE: **Saturday, October 20**

LOCATIONS: This event will be played at multiple club sites as well as in conjunction with the Endwell (Binghamton) NY sectional. Check with your local club to see if the event is being held.

Session starting times will be posted by each club.



AWARDS:

The top three finishers in each flight are eligible to play in the national event. In the event that any of the top three pairs cannot attend the national event, they are replaced with 4th and lower placed finishers down the line. The three pairs in each flight that represent District 4 receive the following monetary subsidies to help pay for the trip:

1st - \$700 per player


2nd - \$300 per player

3rd - \$100 per player

All entries in the National Finals are free.

Each player must attend the national event to receive the award.





A Spot 4 the Advancing Player

by Jay Apfelbaum
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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.

In this article, we will discuss doubles - both low and high level. High level doubles start for most of us at the four level (sometimes at 4 Spades, sometimes all four level bids). Low level doubles are for everything that is not high level. We will offer some advice on which double applies to which situation.

We start with low level doubles. For most of us, there are only a few different kinds. Negative doubles show four card suits in one or both majors and enough strength to compete at that level. Responsive doubles do not show any specific suit; just the strength to compete after partner made a takeout double and the next player bid. Point showing doubles promise strength as well, but in this case enough to ensure we have the balance of power. Finally, there is the old-fashioned penalty double.

There are other kinds of doubles played by a few people. One is called snap dragon. This shows a tolerance for partner's suit along with our own suit. The idea is to find our fit safely by giving partner information about two suits and letting partner choose. Another has no particular name; it shows a high honor (Ace or King) in partner's suit and enough strength to raise.

With such a wide assortment of doubles, the problem for most pairs is deciding which one applies to any given situation. As there are literally thousands of these, that can be a problem. There is little sense to going over the obvious situations, so let us begin with a typical problem.

In our first example, we open and our left-hand opponent overcalls. Our partner doubles (negative) and our right-hand opponent raises the overcall to the next level. In this example, we have no bid worth making so we pass. After another pass, our partner doubles again. What is it? I confess that I want to look at my hand before deciding anything. However, partner is just showing the same hand as before except now with enough strength that this double promises the balance of power. For those unfamiliar with this term, it generally means we have at least 23 high card points between us. The opponents may not play a hand undoubled once we have promised the balance of power. So, this is not a penalty double at all. It is a "balance of power" double.

In our second example, we open in a major suit and our left-hand opponent passes. Partner raises to the two-level and our right-hand opponent passes. After we pass, our left-hand opponent enters the auction with a suit bid. In part 1, our partner doubles in the direct chair. In part 2, we double in the balancing chair.

In part 1, this is primarily a penalty double. Unless we have a hand that is very poor defensively (mostly Queens and Jacks) or unexpectedly longer trumps, I recommend a pass. On a percentage basis, I would pass at least four out of five times.

In part 2, this is primarily a strength double that suggests defending will be a better proposition than bidding on. There has to be some kind of defensive trump holding, but nothing that looks like a trump stack. This is a cooperative double. Our partner will pass this double unless his hand has an extra trump or so in support of our suit, shortness in the opponents' trump suit or very poor defensive values. In general, I will want two out of three of these conditions satisfied before I go back to our own suit. On average, I recommend leaving this double in just over half of the time.

In general, a double by either us or partner after our side has offered to stop in a low-level contract (for example: One Diamond - One No Trump - pass) suggests defending. It does not matter whether we have found a fit. For a

partner who responds One No Trump, be mindful that this auction does not deny holding a long Club suit. When the auction continues with the next hand bidding a major suit at the two level, it is tempting to show that long Club suit. I suggest that holding fewer cards in the major suit is a better sign for bidding and holding a high honor (Ace or King) with shortness an even better sign. If we are the one who responds One No Trump and pass after the overcall, be inclined to accept partner's decision to double.

The situation is different when partner opens One Diamond, we respond One No Trump and the next player overcalls a major suit at the two-level. A double by the opener strongly suggests defending, but it guarantees at least a sound opening bid. I would show a long Club suit on this auction if I have no more than a doubleton in the major suit overcalled and just about the whole value of my hand was in that suit. Something like K-Q-J-x-x or Q-J-10-x-x-x comes to mind. We may be playing this trump suit opposite a singleton, so interior spot cards (10's, 9's and 8's) are important. This sort of hand does not come up often, so this is a double that I will pass about nine or more times out of ten.

Keeping with the auction where partner opens One Diamond and we respond One No Trump, let us suppose partner passes and the player who passed over One Diamond now balances at the two-level. If that balance is in Clubs, our double is strictly for penalties. I would expect my partner to pass this bid just about every time. If that balance is in a major suit, our double shows a maximum hand (for high card points) and denies a fit (at most three cards) in diamonds. We will likely have three cards in the major suit to at least one honor, but three small cards can be enough if the honor strength in other suits is particularly well-suited for defense.

After we double, our partner should pass whenever he holds at least three trumps. There are always exceptions, but pass will be correct for at least 90% of all hands where we hold three trumps. Our partner should almost never leave the double in with only one trump, so the closer question is when partner has two trumps. My opinion is to pass when our distribution is 5-3-3-2 or 4-4-3-2 with a doubleton in the trump suit, but to bid when the hand has more distribution. I will consider a pass with slightly more distribution (5-4-2-2 with the four card suit in the unbid major suit) provided my defensive strength is questionable.

Most people understand that partner's double of an opponent's overcall of One No Trump is for penalties, but few seem to know when to take that double out and when to leave it in. I leave the double in unless I have a distributional hand with minimal high card points and partner's lead (my bid suit) is likely to be a poor choice. I estimate that I will leave the double in about four times out of five.

It is time to consider high-level doubles. When partner opens at the one level and the next player overcalls at the four-level or higher, our doubles are more about showing our high card points than showing support for an unbid major suit. I would suggest a minimum of ten high card points that include at least one reasonably certain defensive trick (non-trump Ace, King-Queen in one of either two unbid suits, or a trump trick). Of course, these defensive requirements can be lessened with extra high card points (thirteen high card points could be enough). These doubles are more balance of power doubles than anything else. As opener, I will convert these doubles to penalties whenever I have three or more trumps. I will almost always convert these doubles to penalties when I have two trumps so long as my hand contains at least two defensive tricks and no distribution that cries out to play this hand. Holding just one trump, I am more likely to take the double out. What I need is either an exceptionally strong and long trump suit or two suits of at least five cards each with high honors (Ace or King) in both so that a good trump fit will offer play for the contract I am bidding. I estimate this will happen about one time in four. I will almost always take out the double holding a void in the trump suit.

As a final point about doubles, we have to consider any double that takes place after we have established we have the balance of power. There are three choices available in these auctions: pass, double and bidding on. Bidding on states with some certainty that we can make our own contract. Passing expresses uncertainty about whether defending or bidding on is better. It will be up to partner to make the decision. Finally, doubling here does not suggest defending so much as it expresses doubt that we can make our own contract. As the partner, I would respect that double unless my hand was significantly better for offensive purposes than my bidding indicated.

Have you an auction you want me to discuss? Feel free to e-mail your question to the 4Spot along with your name and contact information. I will give you my opinion as soon as I can.





FOR NOVICES ONLY

by

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I've just returned from running a week-long Bridge Adventure in Warwick Center NY, and I admit to being stunned and shaken. There was a group of four women who were delightful and eager to learn more. They only played in their own little group and the four of them had agreed to not play notrump. They didn't like it and had trouble bidding and playing it, so they just dropped it from their repertoire. This is not a joke.

I've talked with some friends since I got back and here are some of their comments:

"How can you play bridge without notrump?"

"How does this work. I don't like it either."

"Is this legal?"

"Who are they? I want to play against them!"

"Is it even bridge if you don't play notrump?"

"I don't like spinach, but I eat it anyway."

"Can they DO that?!"

I talked to a few director friends, and we all agreed that legally, indeed, they can do that! You can't compel someone to bid notrump if they don't want to. We all also agreed that, in the interest of full disclosure, those ladies should inform the opponents (if they ever stray from their little group) when they first sit down that they don't bid or play notrump. They should be prepared for the same stunned amazement that we all felt when we first heard that, and they should be ready to tell people to just keep their questions and comments to themselves!!

Now, with that said, I enjoyed having them in my class enormously. They are extremely creative in their bidding to make up for the lack of notrump in their lives. They also declare like demons, because obviously they are in the wrong contract a huge majority of the time!!

By the end of the week, they were dipping their toes into the notrump pool, and I suggested to them that when they get home, they get on their computers, go to www.acbl.org, and **FIND A GOOD LOCAL TEACHER** who will unveil the mysteries of notrump. It will change their lives!!

Speaking of notrump, when we were playing practice hands, one came up where the bidding was a little strange. There was a 1NT opener, followed by a 3NT response. The pair ended up getting the highest score. It seems that opener had a 5-card spade suit, but had tucked one of her spades in with her clubs by mistake, causing her to bid notrump. The responder had a 4-card spade suit, and forgot about Stayman. A "cascade of errors," as my friend Shirley would say.

They were the only pair in 3NT...and with a 9-card spade suit that sure makes sense, no? Everyone else in the room made 4♠ for 620. The confused pair made 4NT, and got a top board with 630. (As my friend Nancy used to say, "There is no defense against bad bridge!")

I hope our Notrump Refusers are reading this today. Maybe that story will inspire them a little!!

Keep me posted with your unbelievable stories! mronemus@comcast.net



Tournament Schedule

Sept 7 - 9	Conshohocken PA	32
Sept 7 - 9	Williamsport PA	33
Sept 15 - 16	Cicero NY	34
Sept 21 - 23	Wilmington DE	35
Sept 21 - 23	Williamsport MD	36
Sept 28 - 30	Reading PA	37
Sept 29 - 30	Lakeville NY (0-299)	
Oct 4 - 6	Lewis DE	38
Oct 5 - 7	Kingston PA	39
Oct 12 - 14	Glenside PA	40
Oct 13 - 14	Fairport NY	41
Oct 19 -21	Allentown PA	42
OCT 20	NAP 2 SESSION FINAL, FLIGHT C	27
OCT 20 - 21	NAP QUALIFYING & FINALS, FLIGHT A	26
Oct 20 -21	Endwell NY	43
OCT 27	NAP 2 SESSION FINAL, FLIGHT B	26
Oct 29 - Nov 2	Wilmington DE	44
Nov 2 - 4	Camp Hill PA	45
Nov 10 - 11	Waterloo NY	46
Nov 26 - 30	Wilmington DE	47
DEC 3 - 9	RED ROSE REGIONAL, LANCASTER PA	21-22

SEPTEMBER 7 - 9



PCBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 7—9, 2012

FIREMAN'S MEMORIAL HALL
36 WEST ELM STREET
CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:00 STRATIFIED PAIRS (0-750; 750-2000; 2000+)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER (<500) PAIRS (0-50; 50-200; 200-500)

FREE PIZZA LUNCH

2:30 STRATIFIED PAIRS (0-750; 750-2000; 2000+)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER (<500) PAIRS (0-50; 50-200; 200-500)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00 STRATIFIED PAIRS (0-750; 750-2000; 2000+)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER (<500) PAIRS (0-50; 50-200; 200-500)

FREE SANDWICHES

2:30 STRATIFIED PAIRS (0-750; 750-2000; 2000+)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER (<500) PAIRS (0-50; 50-200; 200-500)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 FREE BAGEL BRUNCH

10:00 STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (0-750; 750-2000; 2000+)
(PLAY THROUGH WITH FREE LUNCH SERVED)

FRIDAY

FREE BREAKFAST GOODIES

FREE PIZZA AT LUNCH

SATURDAY

FREE BREAKFAST GOODIES

FREE SANDWICHES

SUNDAY

FREE BAGEL BRUNCH

FREE SALAD LUNCH

\$24.00 per pair per session

Strats may be combined based on attendance

STRATIFIED A = 2000+ B = 750—2000 C = 0—750 * NLM = 200—500 B = 50—200 C = 0—50
All events are stratified by pair average

Tournament Chairman: Meyer Kotkin guymath@comcast.net (856) 424-8149

Partnerships: Tom Purl tpurl@hotmail.com (610) 518-6790

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

I-76 West: From I-76 West, take exit 332 (PA-23/Conshohocken) and merge onto Matsontford Rd. Stay straight to Fayette St. Follow Fayette St. for approximately .3 miles and make a left on W. Elm St. Make your first right on Forrest St. and the hall is located on your right.

I-76 East: From I-76 East, take the I-476/PA-23 exit and follow signs for PA-23/Conshohocken. Make a right on Matsontford Rd. and stay straight to Fayette St. Make your first right on Forrest St. and the hall is located on your right.

I-476 South: Follow I-476 South to the I-76 exit (Philadelphia/PA-23/Conshohocken). Be sure to stay in your right lane and follow signs for PA-23/Conshohocken. Make a right on Matsontford Rd. and stay straight to Fayette St. Follow Fayette St. for approximately .3 miles and make a left on W. Elm St. Make your first right on Forrest St. and the hall is located on your right.

I-476 North: Follow I-476 North to the I-76 exit (Philadelphia/PA-23/Conshohocken). Keep left at the fork in the ramp, following signs for PA-23/Conshohocken. Then keep right at the fork to go on to Matsontford Rd. Make a right on Matsontford Rd. and stay straight to Fayette St. Follow Fayette St. for approximately .3 miles and make a left on W. Elm St. Make your first right on Forrest St. and the hall is located on your right.

Parking is available in the parking garage at the top of the driveway behind the firehouse. Additional metered parking is available at the corner of First Avenue and Forrest Street and on Hector Street.

SEPTEMBER 7 - 9

Susquehanna Sectional Bridge Tournament
Williamsport Bridge Club
1042 High Street
Williamsport, Pa. 17701
570-322-3035

Friday, September 7, 2012

Stratified Open Pairs 11:00 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs 4:00 p.m.
Strat A (1000+) Strat B (300-999) Strat C 0-299
0-99 Novice game (3 table minimum)

Chairperson:

Judy Stein 570-946-4749

Partnerships:

Vera Peters 570-368-1872
Connie Bamer 814-466-6767

Saturday, September 8, 2012

Stratified Open Pairs 11:00 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs 4:00 p.m.
Strat A (1000 +) Strat B (300-999) Strat C (0-299)
0-99 Novice game (3 table minimum)

Hospitality:

Susan Nichols
Nancy Pfeiffer
Sandy & Fred Gilbert
Ann Day
Marie Koch

Sunday, September 9, 2012

Swiss teams, first session 11:00 a.m.
Swiss teams, 2nd session TBA
Strats are based on teams average

General membership Meeting at lunch

Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Entry Fee: \$8.00, \$9.00 non-members & \$5.00 students

Director: Ron Geagley

"We are known for the best snacks anywhere"

SEPTEMBER 15 - 16



Syracuse Fall Sectional

September 15-16, 2012

CICERO FIRE FALL

Corner of Routes 31 and 11

Cicero, NY

Events Schedule

Saturday, September 15, 2012

11:00 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs

3:30 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs

Sunday, September 16, 2012

11:00 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams- Two Sessions

(Based on average master points)

Play through - pizza and beverage available for purchase)

STRATIFIED EVENTS: UNLIMITED/1500/500



Tournament Chairman: Robert Simard (315-656-3204; rsimard@twcny.rr.com)

Directions to the Tournament Site:

From the North: Take Route 81 Exit 30 Cicero. Turn right onto Route 31 West go second Traffic light. Fire hall is on the northwest corner of Routes 11 and 31.



From the South or the NY State Thruway Exit 36: Take Route 81 North to Exit 30 Cicero. Turn left onto Route 31 West to first traffic light. Fire hall is on the northwest corner of Routes 11 and 31.

Motels: Fairfield Inn: 3979 Route 31 West [(315) 622-2576] (five miles from site)

COMFORT SUITES, 5875 Carmencia Drive, Cicero NY - (315) 752-0150- syracs.com

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, 5860 Carmencia Drive, Cicero NY - (315) 288-5700 - hiexpress.com

SEPTEMBER 21 - 23

 **2012 Diamond State Sectional** 
 Wilmington, DE
 September 21 - 23, 2012

Foulkstone Plaza	Wilmington Delaware
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Schedule of Events

Friday, September 21, 2012

- 1:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
 Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)
- 7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
 Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

Saturday, September 22, 2012

- 1:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
 Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)
- 7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
 Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

Sunday, September 23, 2012

- 11:00 am A/X Swiss Teams (4000+/0-4000)
 and
 TBA B/C/D Swiss Teams (1250-2000/750-1250/0-750)

Pizza available for purchase between sessions

www.bridge-studio.org www.unit190.org

Note: Games and stratifications may be changed at the discretion of the director if necessary.

Directions to Foulkstone Plaza,
 1409 Foulk Road, Wilmington, DE 19803

Directly across Foulk Road from Brandywine High School

From the North via I-95 South: As you approach the Delaware State line, bear right onto I-95 South. Almost immediately (0.2 mi.), take exit 6 (SR-92/Naamans Road).

Bear right onto Naamans Road/ SR 92 West
 After 2.5 miles, turn left on to Foulk Road/ DE- 261
 Follow Foulk Road 2.0 miles to Foulkstone Plaza on the right.

From the North via US Route 202 South: Follow US Route 202 South. Turn left onto Naamans Road DE-92 East.

In 0.8 miles turn right onto Grubb Road
 In 1.4 miles turn right onto Foulk Road/ DE- 261
 Follow Foulk Road 1.3 miles to Foulkstone Plaza on the right

From the South via I-95 North: Follow I-95 North to Delaware Exit 8, US-202/ Concord Pike North.

Bear left on the ramp to US-202 North
 When ramp divides again, bear right to Foulk Road/ DE-261
 Follow Foulk Road 2.0 miles to Foulkstone Plaza on the left.


After turning into Foulkstone Plaza

Continue straight through the guard gate and straight to the rear of Foulkstone Plaza. Watch for the speed bumps!!!

The Bridge Studio is located in the last building # 1409 on the first floor.
 Look for the sign out front and park in the back corner of the plaza.

Tournament Chair: Carl Williams 302-697-7164	Partnerships: Tammy Holm 302-530-4652	Tournament Director Head Director Alan Hodesblatt
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ACCOMMODATIONS:

Quality Inn	4000 Concord Pike	302 478-2222	
Best Western	1807 Concord Pike	302 656-9436	
Homeswood Suites	350 Rocky Run Parkway	302 479-2000	
Courtyard	320 Rocky Run Parkway	302 477-9500	
Inn At Wilmington	300 Rocky Run Parkway	302 479-7900	

SEPTEMBER 21 - 23

HAGERSTOWN, MD SECTIONAL

SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2012

WILLIAMSPORT AMERICAN LEGION
WILLIAMSPORT, MD

Directions: The Williamsport American Legion is located approx. ¼ mile from Maryland exit 1 off I-81. Take exit 1, turn toward Williamsport. American Legion will be approx. ¼ mile on the left (Red, White, and Blue street sign – American Legion Dr.) across from the Williamsport Fire Hall. From points east & west, take I-70 to I-81 South. Exit 1 is approx. 2 miles south of I-70. From points north & south, take I-81 to Maryland exit 1.

Pairs games stratified by average masterpoints of the pair
Final stratification decision at discretion of director, if needed.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Stratified Pairs (1000/2000/2000+).....	12:00 p.m.
Stratified 499er Pairs (100/300/500).....	12:00 p.m.
Bridge Lecture.....	5:15 p.m.
Stratified Pairs (1000/2000/2000+).....	6:00 p.m.
Stratified 499er Pairs (100/300/500).....	6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22

Note morning / afternoon start times for Saturday

Stratified Pairs (1000/2000/2000+).....	10:00 a.m.
Stratified 499er Pairs (100/300/500).....	10:00 a.m.
Stratified Pairs (1000/2000/2000+).....	3:30 p.m.
Stratified 499er Pairs (100/300/500).....	3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

*****NOTE***: Swiss teams will be stratified by team average
except 749er strat cannot have any player over 749 masterpoints**

Stratified Swiss Teams (1250/2500/2500+).....	11:00 a.m.
Stratified 749er Swiss Teams (200/500/750).....	11:00 a.m.

Sunday Swiss is two session play through finishing @ approx. 6:15 p.m.

\$9 /ea / session - \$112 per 4-person team Sunday includes
hot meal provided by American Legion @ approx. 3:00 p.m.

Anyone having special meal needs (vegetarian, etc.) see Ronnie @ 11:00 a.m.

\$1 additional per session for non-ACBL / unpaid ACBL members

Co-chairs: Ronnie Orr (304) 279-0013 & Tim Smith (304) 279-4872

Holiday Inn Express 301-745-5644 & Country Inn & Suites 301-582-5003 @exit 5
Courtyard by Marriott 301-582-0043, SpringHill Suites 301-582-0011 @exit 5
Hampton Inn 240-420-1970 @ exit 9, Homewood Suites 301-665-3816 @exit 5

NON-SMOKING TOURNAMENT WITH HOSPITALITY BREAKS

SEPTEMBER 28 - 30

**2012 FALL SECTIONAL
BERKS MONTGOMERY BRIDGE UNIT #121
GRETH HOMES BUILDING
253 SNYDER ROAD
REAR LOWER LEVEL, DOOR F
READING, PA. 19605
610 478-9354**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS..... 10:00 A.M.
STRATIFIED 299'er PAIRS..... 2:30 P.M.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS..... 2:30 P.M.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS..... 10:00 A.M.
STRATIFIED 299'er PAIRS..... 2:30 P.M.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS..... 2:30 P.M.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**STRATIFIED BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS
BRACKETS TO BE DETERMINED BY DIRECTOR AT GAME TIME
FIRST SESSION BEGINS AT 10:30 A.M.
FOOD AVAILABLE BETWEEN SESSIONS**

STRATIFIED EVENTS

A= 2000+ B= 750-2000 C= 0 TO 750

STRATIFICATION OF 299'er EVENTS

AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR IN CHARGE

FOR PARTNERSHIPS PLEASE CALL:

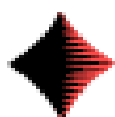
LOUISE REMLEY 610-478-9354 (Home) or (cell) 610-207-3294

louiseremley@msn.com

***PARTNERSHIPS GUARANTEED UNTIL 30 MINUTES BEFORE
GAME TIME***

****PARTNERSHIPS NOT GUARANTEED FOR SWISS****

OCTOBER 4 - 6



2012 First State Sectional October 4, 5, & 6, 2012



Lewes Presbyterian Church
133 Kings Highway
Lewes, Delaware 19958

Smoking is prohibited on church grounds.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 4, 2012

NOTE Special Times Thursday only!

12:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

6:00 pm ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game
Hosted by Dini Romito
GOLD points available!



Friday, October 5, 2012

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

Saturday, October 6, 2012

10:00 am A/X Swiss Teams (3000+/0-3000)

And

TBD B/C/D Swiss Teams (750-1500/300-750/0-300)

Lunch will be available between sessions

www.unit190.org

Games and stratifications may be changed at the discretion of the director if necessary.

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Tournament Director

Head Director
Alan Hodesblatt

OCTOBER 5 - 7

Northeast Pennsylvania Bridge Association Fall Sectional Tournament

October 5 to October 7, 2012

Independent Fire Company,
166 S Sprague Avenue - Kingston, Pa
(Wilkes-Barre)

Driving instructions from Route I-81: Take exit 170 (Rt 309); Take Route 309 to exit 4; Turn left on Rutter Avenue; Take Rutter to Pierce Street (Rutter becomes a one-way the other way) Turn right on Pierce Street. Drive to the end of Pierce Street (two blocks). Make a left turn on Wyoming Avenue (Route 11). Drive to 'Kingston Corners' (Intersection of Market Street and Wyoming Avenue) Turn right on to Market Street and watch for Sprague Ave. on the left.
From Route 11: Drive to Market Street in Kingston and turn west to Sprague Avenue on the left.

Excellent refreshments will be served at each session

Continental breakfast (pastry and coffee) Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Box lunches sold for between sessions on Sunday



Stratification subject to appropriate changes by the director. Average MP's used.

Friday, October 5, 2012

1:30 PM - Stratified Pairs
(0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)

I/N 199er 99er 49er

7:00 PM - Stratified Pairs
(0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)

I/N 199er 99er 49er

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

Saturday, October 6, 2012

10:00 AM Stratified Pairs
(0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)

I/N 199er 99er 49er

3:00 PM - Stratified Open Pairs
(0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)

I/N 199er 99er 49er

Sunday, October 7, 2012
Stratified Swiss Teams

11:00 AM & TBA
(0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)

Swiss Teams stratification based on average masterpoints of each team.

Tournament Chairperson:
Ray Depew

Partnerships: Ray Depew
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www.district4.info

www.nepab.com

and at

bridgelady.net

GREAT SNACKS AND HOSPITALITY



OCTOBER 12 - 14



PCBA

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 12 - 14, 2012

Knights of Columbus

235 Limekiln Pike

Glenside, PA 19038

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

10:00 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A - 2000+; B - 750-2000; C - 0-750)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (<500)

FREE PIZZA LUNCH

2:30 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A - 2000+; B - 750-2000; C - 0-750)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (<500)

7:00 PRO-AM (non Life-Master) PAIRS (Pre-Registration Required)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

10:00 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A - 2000+; B - 750-2000; C - 0-750)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (<500)

10:00 BRACKETED COMPACT KO
& 2:30 (Handicapped if only one bracket)

FREE SANDWICHES

2:30 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A - 2000+; B - 750-2000; C - 0-750)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (<500)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

10:00 STRATIFIED DUPLI-SWISS TEAMS
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER TEAMS (<500)

2nd Annual

Jane Segal Pro-Am

Friday, October 12

Pre-Registration Required

Contact Joan Brandeis

(215) 884-4076

jobflowers@comcast.net



New Event on Sunday

Stratified

Dupli-Swiss Teams
Swiss Teams With Duplicated
Boards and Hand Records

\$24.00 per pair per session ♦ Full time students play free ♦ Strats may be combined based upon attendance
All stratification by average masterpoints
Stratified Pairs: A=2000+ B=750-2000 C=0-750 ♦ Non-Life Master: A=150-300 B=50-150 C=0-50

Tournament Chairman: Meyer Kotkin guymath@comcast.net (856) 424-8149

Partnerships: Tom Purl tpurl@hotmail.com (610) 518-6790

DIRECTIONS

From the East: Take PA Turnpike West to Exit 339, Fort Washington. Take PA Route 309 South to Easton Road and exit in Glenside. Take a left turn onto Easton Road to Route 152 (Limekiln Pike). Go north on Limekiln Pike to Knights of Columbus on right.

From the West: Take PA Turnpike East to Exit 339, Fort Washington. Then follow above directions.

From the South: Take Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) West to Route 1 North. Exit at Broad Street. Go north on Broad Street and take a left onto Stenton Avenue and then a right onto Ogontz Avenue. Stay on Ogontz Avenue to Limekiln Pike (Route 152). Go north on Limekiln Pike to Knights of Columbus on right.

From the North: Take PA Route 309 South to Easton Road exit in Glenside. Take a left turn onto Easton Road and a left on Route 152 (Limekiln Pike). Go north on Limekiln Pike to Knights of Columbus on right.

OCTOBER 13 - 14



Entry Fees:
ACBL Members: \$9 per session
Non-members: \$10 per session
\$4 discount under age 25

DIRECTIONS:

From Rochester: Take 490E to exit 25 / 31F. Head east on 31F. At Turk Hill road (stop light) 31F briefly heads north across the bridge (on Turk Hill) before turning East again. Continue on to the VFW building on the north side of Macedon Center Road, about 0.7 miles.

From NYS Thruway: Take NYS Thruway to Exit 45. Go north on NY 96 for about 2 miles to Turk Hill Road. Turn north on Turk Hill Road and follow it for about 4.7 miles. Turn right (east) on Macedon Center Road / 31F. Continue on to the VFW building on the north side of Macedon Center Road, about 0.7 miles.

Rochester Bridge Fall Sectional

**Saturday & Sunday
October 13-14, 2012**

**VFW Building
300 Macedon Center Road (31F)
Fairport, NY 14450**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

11:00 AM

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2 Sessions)

STRATIFIED 299er PAIRS (Choose 1 or 2 Sessions)

3:30 PM

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (Continues)

STRATIFIED 299er PAIRS (Continues)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

11:00 AM

STRATIFIED OPEN Swiss Teams (2 Session Play-through)

STRATIFIED 299er Swiss Teams (1 Session)

Food: 2 Slices of Pizza & Pop will be available on
Sunday for \$4.00 / person

RABA ANNUAL
MEETING WILL BE HELD
PRIOR TO GAME ON
SATURDAY

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Stratifications

Open	299er
A: 1800+	100-299
B: 600-1800	60-100
C: 0-600	0-60

OCTOBER 19 - 21

♠♥♦♣ **Lehigh Valley Fall Sectional Oct. 19-21, 2012** ♠♥♦♣

SILVER POINTS

There will concurrently be the NAP Flight A district 4 pairs event Sat./Sun.

Friday October 19

1:00 pm and 6:30pm

Stratified Open Pairs

0-500 (NLM) Pairs*

Single sessions

Saturday October 20

10:30am and 3:30pm

Stratified Open Pairs

0-500 (NLM) Pairs*

Single sessions

Sunday October 21

10:30am – with short break

Stratified Open Swiss Teams

2 session playthrough

OR

0-500 (NLM) Swiss Teams*

single session at 10:30

There will be a short break for lunch on your own
on Sunday (no arranged lunch on-site).

Free coffee/snacks throughout

Strats: A=2000+, B=750-2000 C=0-750

(NLM 100, 300,+) if separate NLM game.

If no separate NLM game, then A=2000+,

B=500-2000, C=0-500 NLM

Games marked * will be merged into the

Open Events if fewer than 4 tables.

NLM < 500 is Non-Life Master fewer than 500MP.

Stratification by average masterpoints.

Lehigh County Senior

Citizens Center

1633 Elm Street

Allentown, PA

This site is handicap accessible.

The parking lot is in the rear of the
building off Fairview St.

From PA Turnpike: take Allentown - Lehigh Valley exit. Go East on Rt. 22 to 15th Street exit. At end of ramp, make a right. This is Mauch Chunk Rd/15th Street. In a very short distance, bear right to continue on 15th street. Continue south on 15th street. About 3 blocks after Hamilton Blvd., make a right onto Fairview. The parking lot is on your left at West St. and Fairview.

From New Jersey using route 22: Continue west to Allentown exits. Take the 15th Street Exit. At the end of the ramp, turn left (south). You are now on Mauch Chunk Road/15th Street. Pick up the directions above.

From New Jersey using Interstate 78. Stay on 78 until it also becomes route 309 going North. Take the Hamilton Blvd. exit towards Allentown. This is also route 222. Follow Reading directions below.

From Reading: take route 222 into Allentown. Make a right onto 17th Street. In a couple of blocks, at a 4-way stop, make a left onto Fairview. The parking lot will be on your right.

Card fee: \$8 per player per session (\$9 for non-ACBL members)--Cheapest around!

Director: Marc Labovitz

Chairperson: John Schwartz 610-391-0261

Partnership Contact: Joe Miller 610-351-4166 or jmiller8327@gmail.com PARTNERS GUARANTEED.

LEHIGH VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION-- UNIT 133

OCTOBER 20 - 21

UNIT 112 Binghamton SECTIONAL Endwell, NEW YORK

OCTOBER 20 & 21, 2012

Saturday and Sunday Broome West Senior Center
2801 Wayne Street, Endwell, NY

DIRECTIONS to the Broome West Senior Center in Endwell, NY:

FROM THE WEST: on Route 17, take Exit 67 N (Endicott) to Rt. 26 N. 1 mile, turn right at the third traffic light (yield) onto Watson Blvd. 0.7 miles, turn right onto N. Seward St. You will turn left at the corner onto Wayne St. and the Senior Center is just ahead on the left.

FROM THE EAST: on Route 17: Take Exit 69 (Endwell). 1.4 Miles take ramp to Hooper Rd, 0.2 miles (2nd traffic light) turn left onto Watson Blvd. 0.2 miles turn left onto N. Avenue B, then take first right onto Wayne St. Senior Center is on the right near the end of the street.

SATURDAY, Oct 20, Two single sessions	11:00AM and 4:00 PM	Stratified Open PAIRS Unlimited/750/300 pair avg	Great FREE Food All Day Long
	11:00AM	Newcomer (0-99)	\$5 per Newcomer, one session
NAP Flight C Final is a two session event	11:00AM and 4:00 PM	North American Pairs Flight C Final. Pairs must be prequalified in local club games in June, July or Aug 2012	\$20/person fee – send check made out to “Broome-Tioga Bridge Association” to Mary Poplawski, 600 Princeton Dr, Vestal, NY 13850. Call Mary by Oct 14 at (607) 797-3729 or email (mpoplawski@stny.rr.com) to sign up. Prepayment is required to ensure attendance.

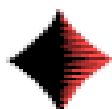
SUNDAY, Oct 21	11:00 AM	OPEN SWISS TEAMS, 2 sessions	Free Breakfast Goodies & Coffee!
		Stratified by team average Unlimited/750/300	Pizza Lunch is \$3 for 3 pieces plus drink & Dessert

Entry fees per person per session:
\$9 for ACBL members
\$10 for non-ACBL members
\$5 for students (with student ID)
\$5 for Newcomer (0-99)

PARTNERSHIPS and Tournament CHAIR:
Mary Jo Whitehead (607) 634-4108 (mwhitehead@stny.rr.com)

OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 2

2012 Fall Mid-Week Sectional Oct 29 – Nov 2, 2012 The Bridge Studio of Delaware



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs
2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs
7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs
2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs
2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs
7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs
2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs
7:00 pm Bracketed Swiss Teams²

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 am Abbreviated Open & NLM Pairs¹
12:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs

Tournament Notices:

Strats for all Open Pair games (2000+, 1000-2000, 0-1000)

All NLM Pairs stratified based on attendance.

²Bracketed by average team MPs based on registrations.

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NOVEMBER 2 - 4

Harrisburg Bridge Club Grand Opening Sectional

Harrisburg Bridge Club, 349 N 21st St, Camp Hill PA 17011

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November 2-4, 2012

Friday, November 2

Stratified Pairs (0-1000, 1000+)	2:00
Stratified 299er Pairs (0-50, 50-100, 100-300)	2:00
Stratified Pairs (0-750, 750-1500, 1500+)	7:00
Stratified 499er Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-500)	7:00

Saturday, November 3

Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1000, 1000+)	10:00
Stratiflighted Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-500)	10:00
Grand Opening Celebration	2:15
Stratiflighted Pairs (0-750, 750-1500, 1500+)	3:00
Stratiflighted Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-500)	3:00
Stratiflighted Pairs (0-500, 500-2000, 2000+)	7:30

Sunday, November 4

A/X Swiss (0-3000, 3000+)	10:00
BCD Swiss (0-300, 300-500, 500-1000)	10:00
6 rounds of 8 boards with 30 min. break (est. completion 6:00)	
Food provided on break	

All Games, flights set by high player MP, strata by average MP

Chair: Robert Priest (717) 579-5665

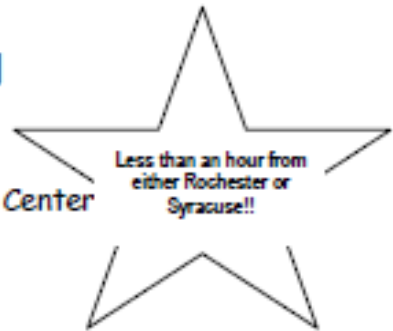
Partnership: Andie Sheaffer (717) 581-1003

NOVEMBER 10 - 11



Finger Lakes Sectional November 10-11, 2012

Seneca County Office Building, Senior Center
DiPronio Drive, Waterloo, NY



Events Schedule

Sat. 11:00am 299er Pairs (Stratified: 200-300; 100-200; 0-100)

Open Pairs 2 session event (Stratified 1500+; 300-1500; 0-300)

Sat. 3:30pm 299er Pairs (Stratified: 200-300; 100-200; 0-100)

Continuation of Open Pairs

Sun. 11:00 am Stratified Swiss teams (stratifications based on average team masterpoints; A=1500+; B=300-1500; C=0-300). There will be a short dinner break with refreshments provided at NO COST!!!

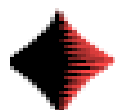
****As long as there at least 3 tables, we will also hold a separate 299er Swiss Team**

Directions: NYS Thruway Exit 41(Waterloo exit); go 4 miles south on Route 414, turn right on North Road, go 3/10 mile and turn left on DiPronio Drive (Note - if you get to Routes 5&20, you passed North Road)

Lodging: Holiday Inn, 2468 Route 414, Waterloo (315) 539-5011; Microtel Inn and Suites, 1966 Routes 5 & 20, Seneca Falls (315) 539-8438 (both hotels are within one mile of the playing site)

Information & Partnerships: Mary Miller (585) 394-7899
mary.miller028@gmail.com or Walt Gable (315) 568-2538

NOVEMBER 26 - 30



2012 NLM Holiday Sectional

November 26 - 30, 2012



The Bridge Studio of Delaware

1409 Foultz Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, DE 19803

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

12:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs
7:00 pm Stratified NLM Pairs

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

12:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

12:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs
7:00 pm Stratified NLM Pairs

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

12:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs
7:00 pm Stratified NLM Teams

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 am¹ Stratified NLM Pairs
12:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs

SILVER POINT BONANZA

¹ Not much time between sessions so bring a sandwich if staying for the afternoon.

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