



# District 4 Spot





**CRAIG ROBINSON**  
**WINS DISTRICT'S DAVE TREADWELL**  
**PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

1. Craig Robinson	341.46
2. Jay Apfelbaum	336.16
3. Ken Cohen	310.71
4. Rick Rowland	285.17
5. <b>Dave Treadwell</b>	278.51
6. Thomas Weik	236.96
7. Daisy Goecker	232.80
8. David Better	216.34
9. Meyer Kotkin	214.08
10. Daniel Boye	204.81



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## DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### CRAIG ROBINSON

Two years ago, the District 4 Board came up with the idea of a 'Player of the Year' award. They named it 'The Dave Treadwell Award' to honor the grand old man of District 4. Dave is getting close to the 25,000 point total now in his 94<sup>th</sup> year. The Player of the Year is defined as the person who wins the most points in District 4 Regionals, Sectionals, Grand National Team and North American Pairs events within a calendar year. The District 4 Board saw that what they had done was good, so they made it multiply. This year there will be three awards; one for the open category, one for players who start the year with 0-2000 points, and one for players who start with 0-500 points.

The 0-2000 award has been named in honor of Jeanne Fisher. Jeanne passed away last year after a battle with ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. Jeanne was certainly one of the finest women players in District 4, but the thing most people remember about her is that she never had a bad day. She always had a big

smile and something nice to say to everyone. We miss her, and it is great that she has been chosen to be honored with this award.

The 0-500 award has been named the Jane Segal Award. Jane has amassed many points as a player, but her real contribution to the game has been all she has done as a volunteer and for all those students who she has brought to the game. Jane has served on the Unit 141 Board for about 35 years. She has been Unit President, District President and every other volunteer position one could think of. Many of today's players are her former and present students and she richly deserves this honor.

Thanks to Jay Apflebaum for volunteering to calculate the standings of the players in contention for winning these awards. You can find the standings on the District website at <http://web2.acbl.org/hosted/districts/d4web/index.htm>. Attend our Sectionals and Regionals for the rest of the year and see if you can get on the 'leader board'!





# From The Four Corners



## CENTRAL NEW YORK 112

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I recently went to Sarasota for a Regional. I was able to spend some time talking with the President of the ACBL. We discussed our District and Unit situations. I mentioned that I had been encouraging all our players to bring their own cups with lids to assist with controlling spills. She thought it was definitely worth the effort since not only do spills ruin cards and bidding boxes, it also takes extra time that makes people late for the round and breaks concentration in the middle of hands. What a simple solution for a messy problem. I am again going to ask ALL players to consider bringing a lidded cup. Your beverage will stay warmer or cooler and everyone will not have to be running looking for paper towels.

Unit 112 congratulates all of the winners of the Ace of Clubs, Mini-McKenny and all of our Trophy races. We honored all the people that became life masters in 2005 at the January Sectional. This month we will be honoring all the people that achieved levels above Life Master.

We are busy planning the Syracuse Split Regional with Harrisburg this summer. We hope all of you will consider attending at either site. See page 29. Let Judy know if there is information you need. She will be glad to help.



## NORTHEASTERN PA 120

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New Ranks: Junior Master: Barbara Hughes, Clarks Summit, Carolyn Kaufer, Kingston, Sue Kluger, Kingston, Rita Zymblosky, Clarks Summit, Mildred Kline, Dalton, Marie Pilch, Wilkes Barre, Dale Sack, Skytop, Phyllis Brandwene, Kingston, Margaret Johnson, East Stroudsburg, Violet Kelly, Scranton; Club Master: Suzanne Pusateri, Clarks Summit, Emily Trunzo, Clarks Summit, Nancy Kaplan, Naples FL, Irvin Kaufer, Kingston, Ellen Meade, Dunmore; Sectional Master: Mary Kaiser, Wilkes Barre, Harty Shurtleff, Moscow; Life Master: Zelda Weiss, Kingston; Regional Master: Susan Silverblatt, Kingston, Jay Fryhover, Hawley; NABC Master: Patricia Peiffer; Life Master: Helen McCool, Pittston, Art



Doyle, Bartonville; Bronze Life Master, Thomas Myers, Bear Creek; Silver Life Master: Mary Law Meinelt, East Stroudsburg. The Stroudsburg Duplicate Bridge Club has found a home. The Tuesday night Bridge game in Stroudsburg has moved (hopefully, the final move) to the MINI MCKENNEY Players of the Year: Rookie-David Wessell; YMCA Youth Annex at 910A Ann Street (across from the old Ribbon factory) in Stroudsburg and changed the game start time to 6:45. We wish Carl and Mary Meinelt God speed in their relocation to North Carolina.

Junior-Dann Davies; Club-Margaret Curfman; Sectional-Joan Benedict; Regional-Mary Paolucci; NABC-William Haynes, LM-Thomas Myers; Bronze-Mary Law Meinelt; Silver-Raymond Depew; Gold-Frank MacEntee. The Steamtown Bridge Club has moved to a new location effective February 10th. The non-life master game will be held at La Cucina Restaurant, 600 S Blakely Street in Dunmore. Scheduled for the second Friday of each month, the session starts with a lesson at 11:30, lunch at Noon, ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge to follow. Partnerships are guaranteed, and reservations can be made by calling the restaurant at 341-8747. For further information, call co-directors Steve Mansour at 650-9684 or Walt Mitchell at 709-0850. The Hazleton Duplicate Bridge Club is no longer conducting bridge games. In the face of drastically reduced attendance the club managers decided to have the club's last game in 2005.

The Wyoming Valley Bridge Club mourns the deaths of two members. Louise Pasternak died on Thanksgiving and Rose Gerstein a few days later. Louise and her partner won the District 4 49er title some years ago. They represented District 4 at the Nationals in Orlando. Rose was an excellent player and was a Life Master since the 1960's. She passed away just days short of her 99th birthday. We also lost a good friend in Sheila McKeown who died after a courageous battle with cancer. Sheila started playing duplicate 12 years ago with her long time partner, Sandy Johnson, after she retired from a career in nursing. The bridge community has lost one of its longtime members Elvera Ryan who died at age 94. In recent years Elvera played exclusively at The Bridgelady's Duplicate Club in Dallas and Wilkes-Barre. The Bridgelady, Beth Rosenthal, runs three duplicate bridge clubs (including a star club), gives private lessons, runs a supervised play group and is President of the Unit 120 Board of Directors. Beth's accomplishments include becoming an ACBL Bronze Life Master and being awarded the ACBL District 4 Good Will Award in 2004. Wednesday, February 22 (a cold day in winter) 34 players (17 pairs) played in the Dallas



Club's regular weekly game. Monday, February 27 Beth expected 18 teams (72 players) at the Pioneer Club in Shavertown for a "pro-am" Swiss Team of Four Game. Beth is likely the best all around club owner/game director in our unit.

Mark your calendars for GNT to be held at the sectional tournament in Scranton at the Clarion May 5 - 7. See Page 11. For partners e-mail [Mauger@ptd.net](mailto:Mauger@ptd.net).



## **BERKS MONTGOMERY 121**

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Our Winter Sectional tournament was held in February. The weather cooperated this year so we had good attendance at all of the sessions. On Friday afternoon Carol Reitz and Ed Bissell were first in A, Maxine Hornberger and Norm Voigt were first in B, and Claire Cooper and Frances Rosenberg were first in C. Friday evening's honors went to Walter Bell and John Schwartz first in A. Bill Sedlis and Carl Cronrath first in B, and Marlene Winkleman and Louise Zabinski first in C.

Saturday's winners in the afternoon open game were Edgar Lloyd and John Weishampel in A with Edward Katz and Edward Van Hulst winning both the B and C brackets. In the 99er game Diana Mulligan and Lee Miller were first in A and B with Anna Wardrop and Dorothy Rapp winning in C. Saturday evening had

Kurt Kilhefner and Travis Crump placing first in A, Karen and Stan Yellin winning in B and Pat Sexton and Tammy Cansler first in C.

The Sunday Swiss team event was won by Dave Buckthal, Sandy Gebhardt, Ed Bissell, and Tom Weik. Nell and Lamar Thompson with Charles Gay and Greg Kiddy were first in B. Barbara and Arnold Newman with Evelyn Melchiorre and Mary Jo Cannizzarro were the winning team in C.

The Monday open pairs were won by Janet Stevens and Ellis Sokoloff. B was won by Doris Sharpe and Barbara Myers. Marlene Winkleman and Louise Zabinski were first in C.

The following members have continued their advance in ACBL rankings. Junior Master: Edward Katz, Dorothy Rapp, and Phyllis Wintz. Club Master: Martin Wessner and Louise Remley. Sectional Master: Elizabeth Jackson and Frances Rosenberg. Regional Master: Bernard Gilhoolley. NABC Master: Greg Kiddy. Life Master: Margaret White and Chris Moran. Silver Life Master: Travis Crump.

Our Unit suffered another death this past quarter with the passing of Richard Joyce.

Please plan to attend our upcoming Spring Sectional to be held in Reading at The Bridge Room Friday May 19 through Sunday May 21, 2006. Game Times will be 1:30 and 7:30 PM on Friday, 1:00 and 7:00 PM on Saturday, with the Swiss Team game starting at 10:30 AM on Sunday.

Unit members who wish to re-



ceive email notification of Unit games, Sectional games, and any other special Unit events should send their email address to [bmbu121@yahoo.com](mailto:bmbu121@yahoo.com).



### **LEHIGH VALLEY 133**

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The unit will hold its Spring sectional April 21 thru 23 at the Wescoesville / Lower Macungie Community Center on Route 222. Please see the ad on page 27. Unit members can contact Valerie Barber regarding help with the refreshments and hospitality. The Fall sectional will be held October 27 thru 29 October at the Masonic Temple in Allentown (also off Route 222) with the Flight A North American Pairs in conjunction with the sectional. Mark your calendars.

The Unit's Mini McKenney winners were: Rookie, Margaret Zimmerman; Junior, Shirlee Wiener; Club, Samuel Litzenberger; Sectional, Karen Yellin; Regional, Arnold Kritz; NABC, Brian Holder-ness; LM, Ernest Ridlon; Bronze LM, Stan Yellin; Silver LM, Walt Bell; Gold LM, Bettie McLean; and Diamond LM, Brian Mason.

The Unit's Ace of Club winners were: Rookie, Margaret Zimmerman; Junior, Shirlee Wiener; Club, Samuel Litzenberger; Sectional, John Weston; Regional, Martin Landau; NABC, Warren Lazar; LM, Ernest Ridlon; Bronze LM, Malcolm Dominy; Silver, Dave Kresge; Gold, Rhoda Prager; & Diamond, Brian Mason.

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### **PCBA 141**

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The following members of the Philadelphia Contract Bridge Association, Unit 141, were elected to serve on the unit's board of directors for a period of three years: April Hand Apfelbaum, Joan Brandeis (incumbent), Terry Coughlin (i), Elaine Landow (i), Donna Morgen (i), Tom Purl (i), Anne Raverby, Mike Salton and Everett Young (i). The unit officers for the year of 2006 are: John Marks, President; Jay Apfelbaum, Vice President; Elaine Landow, Secretary; Marie Trethaway, Treasurer and Joan Weinrott, Business Manager; all were incumbents.

Since the beginning of the year two sectional tournaments were held. The January tournament was well attended; however, the February tournament was not well attended and had to be curtailed because of the "blizzard". The turnout for January (335.5 tables) was our largest attended sectional in quite a while. The Sunday sessions of the February sectional for the team game were canceled because of the snow. The pending snowstorm also had an effect on the attendance for Saturday. The Intermediate Newcomer (IN) players attendance was very good in January, especially the Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon sessions. IN attendance in February was only fair but under the circumstances was a decent turn-



out. The Unit certainly would like to see more and more IN players attend our sectional tournaments.

The three top players at the January sectional were Jay Apfelbaum, Howard Cohen and Rich Rothwarf; the top players at the abbreviated February sectional were Travis Crump, and (tie), Howard Cohen, Gayle Goldstein, Claire Kern and Bob Killen

The top players at the January sectional for the IN events were (tie) Barry Frank and Joel Myers and (tie) Tamara Cansler and Patricia Sexton; for February were (tie) Nina and Alan Cushner and (tie) Sharon Gordon and Michele Saland.

The first tournament was held at our regular site, the Clarion Hotel in Cherry Hill; however, the second was held at the Holiday Inn in Bensalem PA. This was the first time we ever had a sectional tournament in this location. It was unfortunate that the tournament was not as well attended as initially hoped because of the weather. There were pros and cons from the players concerning the location and facility; but for the most part, the accolades outweighed the complaints. The Holiday Inn facility had plenty of room, parking at the door, and good lighting.

The next Unit 141 Sectionals will be held on April 28 to 30, 2006 at the Clarion in Cherry Hill and May 19 to 21, 2006 at Oakcrest High School in Mays Landing, NJ. (See the ads on page 28.) Do not forget the Philadelphia Regional (Cherry Hill), June 19 to 25, 2006. (See the ad on page 13.) Hope to see at both of

these events.



## **CENTRAL PENN 168**

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The First Annual Harry Taylor Memorial Game, held on Harry's birthday (February 10) was a rousing success, with 8 ½ tables of bridge and a Re-Gifting Raffle from which the Club made a large contribution to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Plans are already underway for our Second Annual Memorial Game.

Members of the White Rose Bridge Club and the Harrisburg Bridge Club joined together in a memorial service for Mike Fremont. Mike was a past president of White Rose and a past director at Harrisburg, and will be greatly missed by his friends.

The annual Unit Swiss Team Game (with free dinner for unit members between sessions) will be conducted on Sunday, May 7, 2006 at two sites: the Fountain Head Country Club, 13316 Fountain Head Road, Hagerstown, MD and at the Bridge Boardroom, 2109 Industrial Highway, York. Look for sign-up sheets at your local club.

The Bridge Boardroom in York continues to offer a robust schedule of classes and games, with special attention to developing players.

Upcoming Sectional Tournaments include Chambersburg, set for April 28 to 30, and White Rose (York), June 16 to 18. We are also looking forward to the Harris-

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burg Summer Regional, to be held July 24 to 30 at the Harrisburg Hilton. The Regional will feature eight knockout events, a full slate of Intermediate and Newcomer sessions, lectures by top players in our Region, and our unparalleled hospitality each night. Make room reservations now by calling (717) 233-6000.



### **DELAWARE 190**

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Unit 190 will present Annual Achievement Awards to four DSBA members each year; Each award will carry a \$100 cash prize. The awards to be given are Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. Eligibility for the awards will be based on masterpoint holdings at the beginning of the calendar year as follows: 1 - The Bronze Award will go to a Unit 190 member who has less than 500 masterpoints and is not a Life Master at the beginning of the current year. 2 - The Silver Award will go to a Unit 190 member who has less than 1,000 masterpoints. 3 - The Gold Award will go to a Unit 190 member who has less than 2,000 masterpoints. 4 - The Platinum Award will go to a Unit 190 member who has an unlimited number of masterpoints. In order to be eligible for the award a player must be an ACBL member in good standing throughout the year and a member of DSBA. The awards will be based on masterpoints won during the calendar year in the following

events: DSBA sponsored sectionals, District 4 Regionals run by DSBA, DSBA State Tournaments (currently Swiss Teams and Open Pairs) and the DSBA Summer Round Robin/KO's.

Get your Swiss Teams together. DSBA is hosting another Swiss Team Championship. It will be held on Sunday, May 21 at the Talleyville Fire Hall starting at 11:00 am and TBA. There will be a light lunch served between sessions. Pre-registration is required. Register online at [www.unit190.org](http://www.unit190.org) or call Rick Rowland at 302-571-1827.

The sixth annual DE Summer Round Robin/ Knockouts is scheduled for June, July, August, September and will be held in players' homes. Pre-registration is required for this four session event. Contact Rick Rowland or the DSBA Website (see above)

Accolades to DSBAers who reached new Life Master strata: new Gold Life Master--Elsie Disabatino; new Silver Life Master--Sigridur Kristjansdottir; new Bronze Life Masters--Jim Chao, Fran Fahsel, Gary Grulich, and Judy Nicolaysen; new Life Masters---Josephine Coar, James Kee, Jane Malloy Kendall, and Paul Silver.



### **SUSQUEHANNA 217**

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Even if you are still counting up masterpoints won at Danville, think how many more you can add by attending the Penn State



Sectional, May 5-7 in State College! Once again our tournament will be held at the Bridge Studio in Teaberry Ridge. The open pairs games Friday will begin at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m., and at 12 noon and 6:00 p.m. Saturday. The Sunday Swiss team event begins at 11 a.m., with a buffet luncheon between sessions mid-afternoon. If you need directions or a brochure call Ed Bissell (814-237-1043; [ecb1@psu.edu](mailto:ecb1@psu.edu)) or Kevin Burns (814-238-8407), co-chairs for this year's event. Carol Reitz (814-404-4535) will help you find a partner if you need one.

Results from both tournaments will appear in the next issue of the 4Spot.

On January 27 the Williamsport Bridge Club sponsored a special Unit Game and testimonial luncheon to honor seven years of service so generously given by the club's out-going president, David Lovcik. As members—and even occasional visitors to Williamsport—know so well, Dave has worked tirelessly to build and maintain the bridge community in our unit. At a time when club attendance and enthusiasm have been dwindling, Dave's sponsorship of Easybridge! games and lessons has kept numbers high at Williamsport. Almost twenty new members have joined the club through Easybridge! and another dozen participate in the special newcomer lessons that Dave gives on Monday nights. All of us are grateful for your efforts, Dave!

### Master Solvers Club Summer 2006 Hands

Unless specified all hands use Bridge World Standard (BWS). Submit answers to Henry Bethe at [hbethe@aol.com](mailto:hbethe@aol.com), or 108 Sheldon Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. You are South: Responses due by 5/1/06.

**Hand 1:** MPs, E/W vul

**6, K109852, 10865, Q7**

West	North	East	South	--
♣	P	1♥	2♠4♦ <sup>1</sup>	1
P	?			

<sup>1</sup> SPLINTER (HEART RAISE, SHORT DIAMONDS)

**Hand 2:** IMPs, Both vul

**South: 7, J8543, AK, AJ1095**  
**North: J1082, --, QJ54, K7632**

West	North	East	South	--
--	--	1♥	P 1♠ P	
2♣	P	3♣	ALL PASS	

RESULT: +170

ASSESS THE BLAME, IF ANY:

SOUTH; NORTH; SYSTEM

**Hand 3:** MPs, None vul

**8, K8763, A10654, 32**

West	North	East	South	--
1♠ P		INT		
P	3♥	P	?	

**Hand 4:** MPs, Both vul

**KJ9, AJ64, --, AK8652**

West	North	East	South	--
--	1♣	P	1♦ P	
1♥	P	2♥	P ?	

**Hand 5:** MPs, Both vul

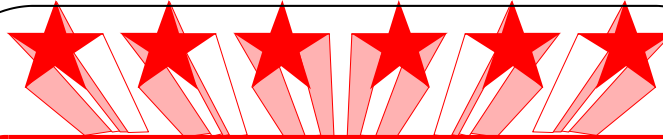
**KJ9, AJ64, --, AK8652**

West	North	East	South	--
--	--	--	1♣ P 1♦	
P 1♥		P	>> P ?	

A - WHAT DO YOU BID OVER 2D BY N?

B - WHAT DO YOU BID OVER 3D BY N?





**DISTRICT 4 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS**  
**Unit 120 NE PA SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

**MAY 5 – 7, 2006**  
**Clarion Hotel**  
**300 Meadow Ave. (I-81, Exit 184)**  
**Scranton, PA 18505**  
**570-344-9811**

**Friday, May 5**

Stratified Pairs ..... 1:30  
(0-500; 500-1000; 1000+)  
I/N 199er, 99er, 49er ..... 1:30  
Strat Open Pairs ..... 7:00  
(0-300; 300-750; 750+)  
I/N 199er, 99er, 49er ..... 7:00

**Sunday, May 7**

10:00 AM & TBA  
Stratified Swiss Teams  
(0-300; 300-750; 750+)  
**GNT 3rd round.....10:00**  
**4th & 5th if necessary ..... TBA**

**Saturday, May 6**

Strat Open Pairs ..... 1:30  
(0-300; 300-750; 750+)  
I/N 199er, 99er, 49er ..... 1:30  
**GNT 1st round..... 1:30**  
Strat Open Pairs ..... 7:00  
(0-300; 300-750; 750+)  
**GNT 2nd round..... 7:00**  
299er Pairs ..... 7:00



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you to know how much we value you, treasure you and how much we yearn to make your time with us an island of fun and learning in your week. You keep us on our toes, make us crazy, torment the heck out of us. You make us question the essence of the heart of our jobs. You keep us striving to be better so we can do our best by you. Now, just cut it out and learn your Reverse Drury!!

Let me know how we're doing! Email me at [mrone-mus@suscom.net](mailto:mrone-mus@suscom.net). And then I'll put YOUR name on the secret message board!!



# REGIONAL PREVIEW

## PHILADELPHIA ♦ June 19 – 25, 2006



Mark your calendar and reserve the following dates: June 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> for the Philadelphia Regional to be held again at the Clarion Hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ. This tournament site is conveniently located for players in the District as well as surrounding districts. There will be plenty of parking spaces available for players who choose travel back and forth each day; or, those who decide to stay over each night for the reasonable room rent rate of \$89.00 per night. The hotel staff again will be very helpful and will cater to the bridge players to satisfy their various needs.

All the guest rooms are equipped with coffee makers, microwave ovens and refrigerators. The hotel restaurant, "The Elephant and Castle Pub and Restaurant" will also be catering to bridge players.

Hospitality will be available after the evening session, Tuesday through Saturday, in the Post Room just off the lobby. The District President, Harold Jordon, will also host players in an open suite each evening. There will be registration gifts for all players. (Don't forget to register.) Awards and prizes will be given to players who at least win their section.

Many types of events are available to accommodate the levels of ability and wishes of the players. The Senior events on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will start at 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. These starting times were initiated six years ago in answer to the numerous requests that were received from the senior players over the years and have proven to be popular. Morning and Late Evening Events are available for those who cannot get enough Bridge.

A full Intermediate/Newcomer program will be provided and directed by Donna Bowser and I/N Chairperson Donna Morgen (Unit 141 and District 4). Experts that are attending the tournament will be giving informative instructions to the players before each I/N session. On Tuesday and Friday between sessions, all I/N participants are invited to a party.

All of us on the Tournament Committee are looking forward to seeing you again this year and certainly there are enough activities to keep the most avid bridge player occupied and enthused for the seven days.

**John G. Marks**  
Tournament Chair

DEADLINE FOR THE SUMMER 4SPOT  
IS JUNE 1, 2006



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Cherry Hill NJ • June 19–25, 2006

**CLARION HOTEL**  
**CHERRY HILL**  
 856-428-2300  
 1450 Rte 70 E. & I-295  
 Cherry Hill NJ 08034

Bridge Rate: \$89  
 Reservation cutoff date is May 20.  
 After May 20 rooms may  
 not be available and room  
 rate will be higher.

**Monday, June 19**  
 Bracketed KO Teams #1 (red/gold)..... 7:30 PM  
*Rds 2, 3 & 4 cont. Tues. at 9:1 & 7:30*  
*Includes 0–300 players*  
 Kickoff Stratified Open Pairs (red)  
 (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 7:30 PM  
 Kickoff Stratified 300/100/50  
 Intermediate-Newcomer Pairs (red)..... 7:30 PM

**Tuesday, June 20**  
 Bracketed KO Teams #1..... 9 AM, 1 & 7:30 PM  
 Morning Stratified Side Game Series (1 of 5)  
 (2000+, 0–2000)..... 9 AM  
 Early Bird Stratified 300/100/50 Pairs (red)..... 9 AM  
 Minimum Loss Stratified Open Pairs #1  
 (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 1 & 7:30 PM  
 Compact Bracketed KO Teams..... 1 & 7:30 PM  
*Includes 0–300 players*  
 Stratified Senior Pairs #1 (55+ years)  
 (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 1 & 7:30 PM  
 Stratified Side Game Series #1 (1 & 2 of 6)  
 (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 1 / 7:30 PM  
 Intermediate-Newcomer Pairs (single sessions,  
 stratified as needed) (all red)..... 1 / 7:30 PM  
 299er, 99er, 49er, Novice (0–20),  
 Newcomer (0–5), Newcomer Trophy Pts (Red Pt)  
*Free Newcomer Pairs (0–5) Today*

**Wednesday, June 21**  
 Morning Compact KO Teams #1  
 (1st and 2nd Rounds)..... 9 AM  
*3rd & 4th Rounds at 9 AM Thursday*  
 Morning Stratified Side Game Series (2 of 5)  
 (2000+, 0–2000)..... 9 AM  
 Early Bird Stratified 300/100/50 Pairs (red)..... 9 AM  
 Stratified Senior Pairs #2 (55+ years)  
 (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 10 AM & 3 PM  
 Bracketed KO Teams #2..... 1 & 7:30 PM  
*(Rds 3 & 4 continue Thurs. at 1 & 7:30)*  
*Includes 0–300 players*  
 Stratified Open Pairs #2  
 (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 1 & 7:30 PM  
 Stratified Side Game Series #1 (3 & 4 of 6)  
 (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 1 / 7:30 PM  
 Intermediate-Newcomer Pairs (single sessions,  
 stratified as needed) (all red)..... 1 / 7:30 PM  
 299er, 99er, 49er, Novice (0–20),  
 Newcomer (0–5), 49er Trophy Pairs  
 Stratified Board-a-Match Teams #1 (one session)  
 (Red) (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 7:30 PM

**SIDE GAME SERIES OVERALL AND  
 STRATUM "A" SESSION TOP AWARDS GOLD,  
 ALL OTHER AWARDS RED.**

**DIRECTIONS:**  
 From the North: New Jersey Turnpike to  
 Exit #4, then South on I-295 to next exit  
 Route 70 West.  
 From South: I-95 North to Ben Franklin  
 Bridge (I-676) — Route 30 to Route 70  
 East to I-295 — I-295 to Route 70 West.

**Thursday, June 22**  
 Morning Compact KO Teams #1  
 (3rd and 4th Rounds)..... 9 AM  
 Morning Stratified Side Game Series (3 of 5)  
 (2000+, 0–2000)..... 9 AM  
 Early Bird Stratified 300/100/50 Pairs (red)..... 9 AM  
 Stratified Senior Swiss Teams #1 (55+ years)  
 (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 10 AM & 3 PM  
 BPT PRICE MONEY BRIDGE INDIVIDUAL  
 Qualifying round..... 1 PM  
 Final and Consolation rounds..... 7:30 PM  
 Bracketed KO Teams #2..... 1 & 7:30 PM  
 (Rounds 3 & 4)  
 StrataRighted Open Swiss Teams (VPs) 1 & 7:30 PM  
 (A: 3500+, 0–3500) (B: 1250–2000,  
 750–1250, 0–750)  
 Stratified Side Game Series #1 (5 & 6 of 6)  
 (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 1 / 7:30 PM  
 Stratified 300/100/50 Swiss Teams  
 (single sessions)..... 1 / 7:30 PM  
 Intermediate-Newcomer Pairs (single sessions,  
 stratified as needed) (all red)..... 1 / 7:30 PM  
 299er, 99er, 49er, Novice (0–20),  
 Newcomer (0–5), Novice (0–20) Trophy Pairs

**Friday, June 23**  
 Morning Compact KO Teams #2  
 (1st and 2nd Rounds)..... 9 AM  
*3rd & 4th Rounds at 9 AM Saturday*  
 Morning Stratified Side Game Series (4 of 5)  
 (2000+, 0–2000)..... 9 AM  
 Early Bird Stratified 300/100/50 Pairs (red)..... 9 AM  
 Harvey Cohen Stratified Senior Pairs #3 (55+ yr)  
 (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 10 AM & 3 PM  
 Evelyn Levitt Bracketed KO Teams #3..... 1 & 7:30 PM  
*Rds 3 & 4 cont. Sat. at 1 & 7*  
*Includes 0–300 Players*  
 StrataRighted Open Pairs #1..... 1 & 7:30 PM  
 (A: 3500+, 0–3500) (B: 1250–2000,  
 750–1250, 0–750)  
 Stratified Side Game Series #2 (1 & 2 of 4)  
 (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 1 / 7:30 PM  
 Intermediate-Newcomer Pairs (single sessions,  
 stratified as needed) (all red)..... 1 / 7:30 PM  
 299er, 99er, 49er, Novice (0–20),  
 Newcomer (0–5), 300 / 200 Trophy Pairs  
 Stratified Board-a-Match Teams #2 (one session)  
 (Red) (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 7:30 PM

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**Saturday, June 24**  
 Morning Compact KO Teams #2  
 (3rd and 4th Rounds)..... 9 AM  
 Morning Stratified Side Game Series (5 of 5)  
 (2000+, 0–2000)..... 9 AM  
 Early Bird Stratified 300/100/50 Pairs (red)..... 9 AM  
 Evelyn Levitt Bracketed KO Teams #3  
 (Rounds 3 & 4)..... 1 & 7 PM  
 StrataRighted Open Pairs #2..... 1 & 7 PM  
 (A: 3500+, 0–3500) (B: 1250–2000,  
 750–1250, 0–750)  
 Stratified Senior Pairs #4 (55+ years)..... 1 & 7 PM  
 (2000+, 0–2000)  
 Stratified Side Game Series #2 (3 & 4 of 4)  
 (2000+, 750–2000, 0–750)..... 1 / 7 PM  
 Intermediate-Newcomer Pairs (single sessions,  
 stratified as needed) (all red)..... 1 PM  
 299er, 99er, 49er, Novice (0–20),  
 Newcomer (0–5) Pairs, 99er Trophy Pairs  
 Bracketed (0–300) Pairs/GAM (red)  
 (one session)..... 7 PM  
 Computer-assigned teammates, 2 chances to win

**Sunday, June 25**  
 StrataRighted Open Swiss Teams (VPs)..... 10 AM  
 (A: 3500+, 0–3500, B: 1250–2000,  
 750–1250, 0–750)  
 Stratified Senior Swiss Teams #2 (VPs) (55+ yr)\*  
 (2000+, 0–2000)..... 10 AM  
 Stratified I-N Swiss Teams (sing. sess.) (VPs)  
 (100–300, 50–100, 0–50)..... 10 AM / 2 PM  
 Intermediate-Newcomer Pairs (single sessions,  
 stratified as needed) (all red)..... 10 AM / 2 PM

\*NOTE there will only be a  
 30 minute break between sessions

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- b) Flight "A" StrataRighted Events Thurs. – Sun.)
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## Alexandria, VA, MABC Regional June 28–July 4, 2006

### Wednesday, June 28

“Redskins” Bracketed KO ..... 8:00  
*(continues 10:30, 3:00, 8:00 Thur)*  
 Charity Open Pairs ..... 8:00  
 Charity 300/200/100/50/20 Pairs ..... 8:00

### Thursday, June 29

Stratified Open Pairs ..... 10:30 & 3:00  
 Thursday-Friday Side Series  
 (single sessions) ..... 10:30/3:00/8:00  
 300/200/100/50/20 Pairs  
 (single sessions) ..... 10:30/3:00/8:00  
 0–5 Trophy Pairs (single ses) ..... 10:30/3:00

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“Wizards” Compact KO ..... 3:00 & 8:00  
*(Two 12-board matches per session)*  
 Two-Evening Stratified Open Prs ..... 8:00  
*(continues 8:00 Friday)*

### Friday, June 30

“Capitols” Bracketed KO ..... 10:30 & 3:00  
*(continues 10:30 & 3:00 Sat)*  
 Stratiflighted Open Pairs ..... 10:30 & 3:00  
 Thursday-Friday Side Series  
 (single sessions) ..... 10:30/3:00/8:00  
 300/200/100/50/20/5 Pairs  
 (single sessions) ..... 10:30/3:00/8:00  
 0–300 Bracketed Pairs/BAM ..... 3:00  
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 Stratified Open BAM Teams ..... 3:00  
 “Mystics” Evening Compact KO ..... 8:00  
*(Two 12-board matches, cont’d 8:00 Sat)*  
 Zip KO ..... 11:30

### Saturday, July 1

Jerry Machlin Flighted Prs ..... 10:30 & 3:00  
*Flight A qualifying & barometer final*  
*Flight B playthru with separate barometer*  
*game for section leaders*  
*(Flight A non-Qs receive 1 sess free entry*  
*for the 3:00 Sat-Sun Side Series OR*  
*the 3:00/8:00 Sat 2-session BAM teams)*  
 Stratified Open BAM Teams .... 3:00 & 8:00  
*(2-session, gold point event)*  
*(Open to Flt A non-Qs & new entrants)*  
 Saturday-Sunday Side Series  
 (single sessions) ..... 10:30/3:00/8:00  
 300/200/100/50/20/5 Pairs  
 (single sessions) ..... 10:30/3:00/8:00  
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### Sunday, July 2

“Nationals” Bracketed KO ..... 10:30 & 3  
*(continues 10:30 & 3:00 Mon)*  
 Stratiflighted Open Pairs ..... 10:30 & 3  
 Saturday-Sunday Side Series  
 (single sessions) ..... 10:30/3:00/8:00  
 300/200/100/50/20/5 Pairs  
 (single sessions) ..... 10:30/3:00/8:00  
 0–20 Trophy Prs (sngl sess) ..... 10:30/3  
 0–300 Swiss Teams ..... 3:00  
 Stratified Open BAM Teams ..... 3:00  
 “DC United” Eve Compact KO ..... 8:00  
*(Two 12-board matches, continues 8:00 Mon)*

### Monday, July 3

“Freedom” Bracketed KO ..... 10:30 & 3  
*(continues 10:30 & 2:30 Tues)*  
 Stratified Open Pairs ..... 10:30 & 3:00  
*(Unlim/0–2000 only)*  
 Cherry Blossom 750/300 Prs .... 10:30 & 3  
**GOLD POINTS!**  
 Monday-Tuesday Side Series  
 (single sessions) ..... 10:30/3:00/8:00  
 300/200/100/50/20/5 Pairs  
 (single sessions) ..... 10:30/3:00/8:00  
 0–50 Trphy Prs (single sessions) ..... 10:30/3  
 0–300 Swiss Teams ..... 3:00  
 0–300 Bracketed Pairs/BAM... ..... 8:00  
*Computer-assigned teammates.*  
*Two chances to win!*

Stratified Open BAM Teams ..... 3:00  
 Stratified Open Swiss Teams... ..... 8:00

### Tuesday, July 4

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams ..... 10:30  
*Swisses are seven 7-board matches*  
*with a 45-minute lunch break*  
 Stratified Fast Open Prs ..... 10:30 & 1:30  
*(5 minutes per board)*  
 Monday-Tuesday Side Series  
 (single sessions) ..... 10:30/2:30  
 300/200/100/50/20/5 Pairs  
 (single sessions) ..... 10:30/2:30  
 0–300 Swiss Tms (sgl sess) .. 10:30/2:30

All events are 24 board/session games.  
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 Side Series, two best sessions count toward  
 overall as an individual.  
 0–300 events stratified at director’s discretion.



# DISTRICT 4 MASTER SOLVERS CLUB

## HENRY BETHE, DIRECTOR

*This month I invited Steve Robinson of Washington, D.C. to join our panel. Scores this time are fairly high as problems 2 and 3 were virtually unanimous.*

1. IMPs, Both Vul, Dealer East

**KQ876 KQJ985 A8 none**

West	North	East	South
--	--	1NT <sup>1</sup>	2NT <sup>2</sup>
P	3C	P	3H
P	4S	P	??

<sup>1</sup> 11+ to 14

<sup>2</sup> Ostensibly "DONT": 2H would have shown both majors

A) Do you agree with 2NT. If not, What?

Scores: Yes 10 (9); No 5 (4)

*Whether you agree with playing "DONT" or not, you need some way to show an unusual hand over the opponent's opening 1NT, whatever the strength of the opening. In any case, in the context of this question, the "Ayes" have it by a narrow margin among the panel but a large margin among solvers.*

**Sam Ehrlichman:** Yes, if your agreement is that 2NT shows any powerful two-suiter. Bergen's original article on DONT ("Bridge Today", Sept. 1989), 2NT shows a powerful major-minor two-suiter and 3NT shows both majors. But I will assume for part B that your agreement is "any powerful two-suiter," since you've chosen to bid 2NT on this one. **Ken Cohen:** I agree because you have this monster 2 suiter. I am bidding at least game and slam is a possibility with the weak NT. I do not like the 3H bid as I would have jumped to 4H. I would not give my partner a chance to pass but the bid pays off because you hear a jump to 4S. **Ray Raskin, Richard Popper, Dan Boye, Bob and Joann Glasson:** Yes, we agree with 2 NT showing a big two-suiter. **Barry Cohen, Harry Nuckols, Steve White:** Yes. Only reasonable choice. **Bill Schmidt:** Yes. 2H would be non-forcing. **Bill Rock with Pete Filandro:** Yes. 2NT shows an unspecified strong two-suiter. This hand is too strong to bid 2H, which could be passed. Would like to be playing 2C or 2D showing majors so you could rebid 3H to show strength. You might double and then bid 3H but want to show both suits. **Nick Stragguzzi:** YES. ... I'd ask partner up front how he prefers to show strong two-suited hands. **Steve Robinson, Ros and Saul Teukolsky:** Yes. Must force to game.

**Craig Robinson:** No. I would double and then bid 4H over 2C, 2D, or 2H and 4S over 2S. If we have a slam, partner will have to bid it. **Eric Greco with Barry Passer:** Basically disagree. I don't DONT over weak NT. **Jay Apfelbaum:** No, I would bid 2H. The 2NT bid should show a really wild two-suited hand, most likely in the minor suits. Partner will assume minors, and choose the better fit. If Partner's choice happens to be Diamonds we will correct to Hearts, but Partner will think the choice is between Hearts and Clubs. Also, if my opponents take the auction to the five-level in a minor I will have to make a guess about competing without any real clue about the quality of Partner's fit. **Ed Shapiro:** No. Anything other than a pragmatic bid on a direct heart track (double or some number of hearts) in this fantasy is an odds-off view. Playing



primitive “natural,” 2NT shows a very strong hand, at least in playing strength, usually 2-suited. But here, in the context of DONT, partner will likely believe you’re showing minors and will take your heart bid over 3 of a minor in that context. Thus, 2N is both wrong and a partnership killer. **Douglas Dye:** No; 4H. Bid what I think I can make, rather than produce an obscure auction like the one presented here.

*This certainly qualifies as an extraordinary hand. As to what partner should expect when you bid 3H, I would say some big 2-suiter including hearts and a black suit, not necessarily both majors. With a major and diamonds you would have corrected to 3D. I believe that no matter what your basic methods over 1NT, you need a bid that partner will not pass. Partner will (should) pass a double with a few cards. Partner might pass an artificial takeout for the majors with weak hands short in the majors and long in the bid suit. I think 2N then 3H should be forcing!*

B) What now?

Scores: Pass 6 (5); 4NT 10;(3); 5C 2 (1); 5D 8 (1); 5S 8 (1); 6S 7 (2)

*Some answers reflect a belief that this hand has already been shown, including the fact that the two suits are majors.*

**Apfelbaum with Raskin, Greco, Glassons:** P. We were lucky that partner preferred Clubs. The correction to 3H clearly shows both majors and a wild hand. North already knows South has a freakish distribution. Otherwise, South would have bid 2H. However, North may be stretching to game based on that knowledge. He could have bid something else if he had a slam try. *As I said above, I think the only suit your partner knows you do not have is diamonds.*

*But I think any “cue bid” should support hearts, and partner needs a way to support your second suit strongly.*

**Shapiro:** P. I’m just happy that we have gotten to a playable spot. Slam could be on, or five, down. If partner (correctly in my view) is splintering in response to my heart cue-bid, we’re simply out of luck. I have no way to get back to hearts. As a matter of philosophy, it pays over the long run to assume that neither partner ever forgets our system. In case of incontrovertible proof of confusion, you just have to take a shot at something nonforcing and hope it’s right. The only corollary to this is that 6NT ends all auctions. **Nuckols:** P. I expect partner to have some length in spades. Good, but I need two of three key cards to make a slam, and I have no way of discovering if he has them. At the other table, I expect they’ll have a similar problem after a minor suit opening bid. **Filandro adds:** ... Partner could have cue-bid with interest, or, with interest but nothing to cue, could have bid 3S and allowed me to cue-bid with interest. Partner’s 4S is akin to the standard sequence 2C - 2D - 2S - 4S.

*Some answers seem to think that partner has shown some positive values.*

**Connie Goldberg:** 4NT. If partners shows an ace, I’ll gamble its in a major and bid a slam. **S. Robinson:** 4NT. Will bid a slam if partner has one ace. Too dangerous to cuebid a minor since we might not be on the same wavelength. 6 spades will make if he has one major-suit ace. **Ehrlichman, with Schmidt similar:** 4NT. It looks odd to bid Blackwood with a void. But the ace of clubs is a useful card, since it will allow us to dispose of a diamond. It would be nice to reach slam opposite Axxx x QJxx xxxx or the like, but I don’t think there’s a bid I can make that allows partner to evaluate correctly. The one bid I will not consider is 5C, since that is how I would have bid with a heart-club two-suiter. *Right on. Which shows the error of* **C. Robinson:**

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5C, and over 5H I would bid 6D. Over 5S, I would bid 6S. **Rock:** 5C. To show first round control and see what my partner bids over this slam try. *I think this runs the risk of being the final contract! If you are going to cuebid, then the following makes more sense:* **Teuks:** 5D. There's no perfect slam try with this hand, but 5D may get partner to ignore club strength **Passer:** 5D. Did my bidding already show both majors? If so I cuebid 5D. If North's 4S was not a preference, then I bid 6S (4NT should be to play, not Blackwood). *Not possible when you have shown a two suiter.* A good example of why I don't like crazy conventions! **Straggs:** 5D. ... Pass is more consistent (with 3H on the previous round); 5D is just my way of trying to catch up for my underbid the previous round, but it's not a call I am proud of. **Dye:** 5D. Trying to win the post-mortem. Since I don't know what my bids mean, how can I possibly know what partner's replies mean? If he thinks my sequence is invitational with both majors, then 4S shows decent values and my 5D is a cuebid confirming spades and inviting slam. If he thinks my bidding shows a forcing hand in hearts, then 4S is a splinter inviting slam and my 5D is a cooperating control bid. **K. Cohen with B. Cohen:** 5S. I hope partner would raise to a slam with a major suit Ace and, hopefully, the A of clubs K or Q of diamonds. I may get lucky if the weak NT hand has a normal club lead and partner's diamonds go away on my hearts. **White with Popper:** 6S. I expect partner has at least one major suit ace; let opening leader guess. If partner has both aces, he'll bid 7 (there's no chance he'll bid 7 with only the spade ace; I would have used grand-slam force if that were enough. I hope he won't consider 7 with just the heart ace). **Boye:** 6S. After the 4S call by partner there isn't an accurate way to find out if partner has a correct Ace. If I bid 5C, the defense benefits and is more likely to find the lead that could beat the slam. I simply raise.

*As I said above, I think 2NT followed by 3H showed a strong two suiter including hearts and not diamonds. Partner's 4S bid should mean "whichever your second suit, lets play at least game." I don't know how else he says that. I do not think that 4S is possible with no high card strength. I have given the movers a better score than the shakers because there are 8 of them and only 5 passers.*

*At the table the player doubled, and scored -180 when everyone passed and declarer won the HA and cashed his six card club suit. Partner held AJxx, x, QJxx, Jxxx. Teammates, who had saved for 300 in 5C, were not amused.*

2. IMPs, Neither Vul, Dealer North

**AK8 4 K10984 Q985**

West	North	East	South
--	1C	P	1D
P	1H	P	1S <sup>1</sup>
P	3C	P	??

<sup>1</sup> 4th suit forcing when followed by a bid at the 3-level  
Scores: 3S 15 (3); 4C 20 (8); 4NT 17 (2)

*Two panelists thought partner had shown a strong hand with good clubs and were willing to risk RKCB:*

**Greco (and similarly Glassons):** 4NT or whatever is Blackwood. Isn't this the easiest Blackwood bid you have ever seen. If partner shows all four we will bid 7, if not, 6 clubs.

*Almost all the rest, including all solvers, bid 4C with plaintive cries that "this is forcing!"*



*and not 4NT for fear that partner has only two key cards.*

**S. Robinson:** 4C. Actually I would bid 4D (RKC for clubs). Since 3D is forcing, 4D should be RKC. If you're not playing one-over-bids as RKC, you're still in the 1990's Four keycards – 7C; three – 6C two—5C. One should not cuebid if RKC will answer all questions. Partner has to have xx/Axxx/x/AKxxxx plus another honor. The problem with 4C is that partner might not have a spade control and how do you stop in five if partner has x/KQJx/x/AKJxxxx. **Goldberg, Nuckols:** 4C. If I could bid 4D kick-back, I would do that. Since I cannot, 4C, planning on cue bidding 4S over 4D or 4H. I think bidding 3S may seem ambiguous at this point. **Teuks:** 4C. Make sure partner knows what is trump! **K. Cohen, Popper with C. Robinson, B. Cohen, Dye, Rock, Schmidt:** 4C. Seems right. It is surely forcing, will tell partner I have club support, and invite him to start cue bidding. **Ehrlichman:** 4C. Lots of playing strength in clubs; 3NT is a severe understatement of the hand's power. I would bid 4C at matchpoints as well. **Apfelbaum (with Passer similarly)** adds: 4C. It can be a problem to describe a hand this good when there are no clear understandings. If I could be sure that Partner would understand 3D to confirm that 1S was fourth suit forcing, I would do that. *I, for one, would think that you had diamonds.* If partner would understand 4D to be RKCB for clubs, I would do that. 4NT is not a good choice. Partner might have only two controls, and then we cannot get to our best game, 5C. **Filandro:** 4C. ... Bidding 4C now will let me Key-Card in Clubs after partner's 4 of a red suit. *I think you can bid 4N, key card in clubs right now.* **White:** 4C. Set trumps. At least it's forcing. 4NT would not be Key Card. **Straggs:** 4C. ... I must show partner my excellent club support and no bid is better than a straightforward raise. Danny Kleinman suggests a useful rule in cases like this: when a partnership goes past 3NT to explore for a minor suit slam, a subsequent bid of 4NT by either partner is natural and an offer to play. Note that S-Qx H-Jxxx D-A C-AKJ10xx produces a near-cold 6C but a poor 3NT. **Raskin:** 3S, followed by a club raise to show the stiff H and interest in more. **Boye:** 3S. After 3S I expect partner to bid 3NT in exasperation. I will then bid 4C suggesting a slam. If partner can cue bid the DA I will bid Blackwood. If partner bids 4H I will bid 4S. **Shapiro:** 3S. A repeat of the 4<sup>th</sup> suit, forcing with probable values, if not true length in the suit, has become a standard part of 4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing auctions. I plan to bid more – this would be tougher at matchpoints – removing 3NT to 5C, strongly implying heart shortness. Fortunately, partner is an expert, so won't have delusions that my three-stepping it before bounding to the 5-level has anything to do with "fast arrival."

*Despite all of the comments above, I am not convinced that 4C is forcing. Yes, if partner had bid 1NT, 2C, 2D, 2H or 2S, 3C would be forcing. What would you do, however, with a normal looking 7 or 8 count with, say, a stiff heart and three clubs. All bids are fraught with peril here: 3D sounds like your own 6-4, 3H or 4H sound like hearts, 3S sounds like your own 5-6. Partner does not know that 1S was the start of a forcing auction, and 4C will not clarify. So I think the Gs are right. It is almost inconceivable that partner does not have at least 3 key cards (in clubs), and you should bid Blackwood. And I think all those who think 4D should be RKCB are even more right.*



### 3. IMPs, Both Vul, Dealer South

**AK8 K9874 106 A95**

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1H
P	2D	P	2NT
P	4D <sup>1</sup>	P	??

<sup>1</sup>3D would not be forcing

Scores: 4H 18 (1); 4S 20 (9); 4N 13 (3); 5D 17 (0); 6D 15 (0)

*This auction underscores one of the problems with the BWS agreement that "2/1 gf except after rebid." The issue here is partly why didn't partner jump shift immediately, and why didn't partner raise no trump?*

**Shapiro:** 4S. Easy. My 2NT bid – unless followed by unusually strong actions – shows less than a 1NT opening (probably without honor third in diamonds), and this hand is very sound within that range. So I cue-bid and hope partner does something right. Over 4NT (not Blackwood since no jump-shift), I'll continue with 5C. The failure to make a strong but not slam-forcing jump-shift here is meaningful, and my lack of a higher trump could be a negative. Just bidding six makes, hoping to get lucky opposite eight solid diamonds, but I'm gonna try to be a little more scientific. **K. Cohen:** 4 S. I am making a slam try again. Partner must have some kind of hand to bypass 3NT. It is not clear what 4NT by me is or what 4NT by partner would be. **C. Robinson:** 4S. This is a pretty good hand. **Apfelbaum, Boye, Ehrlichman, Goldberg, Popper, Raskin, B. Cohen, Dye, Filandro, Nuckols. Passer, Rock, Schmidt, Straggs, White** all offer versions of: 4S. I seem to have a fine hand for partner - rich in controls and good trumps in context. Hopefully, partner can take over. Anyway, I hope partner can do something other than bid 5D. Even if partner bids 5D (in tempo, I pray) I'm not quitting. *What slam try is partner supposed to make over 4S with, say,  $\times$  Ax KQJxxxxxxx? Which is why I agree with S.* **Robinson:** 4H. (RKC for diamonds -21st century bid. If I had good hearts, I wouldn't bid 2NT. We belong in slam, unless we're off two keycards. **Glassons with Greco:** 4NT or whatever is Blackwood here. Since partner breezed past 3NT, he must have slam interest and we like our controls. If partner shows 3 controls, we'll play 7D, if he shows only 2, we'll play 6 NT to protect the heart king. **Teuks:** 4NT. RKC Blackwood. (Since BWS forces partner to jump to 4D with a good hand, 4NT can't be natural - there has to be a way to ask for aces.)

*My two cents: 4N, imo, should be an attempted signoff and anything else a cue bid unless you play some version of kickback or "redwood". Most of the panel, who play 2/1 gf and some sort of conventional responses at the 3-level, are not prepared to deal with the issues in the BWS context of the rebid being nf and the failure to js to 3D on the first round. Diamonds are trump. You have too much to cue bid: first and/or second round control of all the side suits. When I was growing up I was taught that if you are in a clear cuebidding situation and you don't, it means you either have nothing or you have everything. I would have great sympathy for a direct 6D, and would understand 5D because with a control poor wonder you should try to signoff in 4N. If you are going to cuebid, I think 4H is better than 4S as otherwise partner may worry about losing the first two heart tricks.*

### 4. Matchpoints, E-W Vul, Dealer North

**95 Q KQ8742 AQ64**

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**DISTRICT 4SPOT**



West	North	East	South
--	1D	X	2NT <sup>1</sup>
P	3H	P	4C
P	4H	P	??

<sup>1</sup> Limit raise or better of diamonds

Scores: Pass 14 (0); 4NT 12 (1); 5C 20 (7); 5D 17 (5); 6D 7 (0)

*A good summary of what I believe is the real situation:*

**Dye:** PASS! Partner is 6-5 and suggesting hearts as a trump suit. As my 4C shows more than a limit raise and no spade control, partner would likely take a different action if short in spades; therefore, I assume two fast losers and elect to play in the best matchpoint spot. I expect AKJ10x or no worse than AK109x in hearts from partner; on latter layout we are OK for plus 420 if defenders get their diamond ruff in the hand with four trumps. **Ehrlichman:** 5D. First of all, partner is patterning out, not cooperating towards slam. I am sorely tempted to pass, it being matchpoints, but playing in the 5-1 instead of the 6-6 seems to be a pretty big position, and will work out badly if partner's heart intermediates are poor.

*The rest of answers are purely looking at slam prospects in diamonds.* **Raskin, Boye, Glassons, Filandro, Passer, B. Cohen, Nuckols, Rock, Schmidt, Straggs, White** all say approximately: 5D. Partner is clearly asking (begging?) for a second-round spade control. My answer is "Go Fish". I don't have a spade control, and 5C should show a second club control (although this hand is so good, I'm tempted to bid 5C anyway), so I have to settle for 5D. Playing with Mary, her 4H would have been RKC. 5D would be right then also. **Teuks:** 5D. Even in matchpoints, 5D making scores better than 6D down one on a spade lead. You've shown your extras with 4C, so it's up to partner to go on with a spade control. **Popper:** 4 NT; this can't be Blackwood here, and my best shot at getting partner to bid a slam with a spade control. **Greco, C. Robinson, Goldberg:** 5C. Partner with a spade control will bid 6D, unless very light, e.g. x, KJxxx, AJxxx, x but that would not make sense in light of the bidding. This seems like a clear bid as opposed to 5D as partner does not know with AJ10x of hearts that there are no heart losers. **K. Cohen:** 5C. Even though I do not have second round club control the only thing I care about is if partner has second round Spade control and he is forced to bid 6D on this Auction if he has it. **Apfelbaum:** 5C. I have a great deal better than a limit raise. I bypassed the spade suit last time, so this will be the second time to bypass it. I should be showing a very good hand with no spade control, but just about everything else. **Shapiro:** 5C. By a nose over 5D. Spades aren't controlled yet, and my 4C bid already has shown the "or better" hand, so this might be a bit pushy. If partner continues with 5S, we'll get to seven. I bid 5C, expecting the finesse to be on if we need to produce the second club control we'd be showing. But I'm really tempted to bid a "system-be-damned," DI-like, progressive 4NT. If partner could have bid 4H, natural over 2NT, I'd find different inferences here. But I bet a large percentage of the panel would consider it a splinter, maybe even rightly in our default system. **S. Robinson:** 5C. My bid should really be 5D showing two keys with the queen since 4H should be RKC for diamonds. However, I will cuebid my club which would deny a spade control but show extra values.

*There are two sensible cuebidding agreements: the Italian school, in which bypassing a suit*

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denies both first and second round control, and the American school, in which first round controls are bid before second. In the Italian school, partner's 4H bid would show both a second heart card AND a spade control – because you denied one. In the American school, both of you are looking for a spade control. All of these agreements should only apply when both partners know that they are in a cuebidding auction. If you think you are cuebidding and you subscribe to the Italian school, you should bid 6D. In the American school, I think 5D is enough. I submit that in this auction you may still be searching for the right game!

5. Matchpoints, Both Vul, Dealer North

**5 Q86 AJ10974 Q97**

West	North	East	South
--	1C	P	1D
P	1H <sup>1</sup>	P	??

<sup>1</sup> Promises 4+ clubs

Scores: Pass 9 (1); 1S 10 (1); 2C 17 (0); 2D 16 (3); 2H 20 (5); 3D 12 (3)

*Listen carefully to this man's analysis:* **Straggs:** 2D. An underbid, but from the opponents' silence it seems as though partner is short in diamonds and has extras. 4-4-1-4 is my guess. He's probably coming with a third bid, but if it goes all pass then 2D might be our best spot. *And then again, maybe not. If partner has only two spades and more than one diamond, and, therefore, 2-4-2-5 distribution, his spades are likely to be AK, AQ or possibly KQ. If partner has three or more spades he will have one or zero diamonds. Which suggests that the following bidders have their noses buried in their hand and are not trying to listen to partner (and the opponents) also:* **C. Robinson, Raskin, Nuckols:** 3D. 6-1 fits play fairly well. **Passer and similarly the Teuks:** 3D, invitational. With the Q's in partner's suits, this is worth more than 2D. Even if I hit a singleton D in dummy, I'm safe. **Filandro:** 3D. If partner passes with short diamonds, I'll rely on my diamond spots. The absence of spade bids by anyone increases the likelihood of partner's dreaded 4,4,1,4 shape, so treading lightly for now is the prudent course. Note: As the footnote to Hand 2 indicates, if I bid a 4th suit 1S now and my next bid is 3D (over partner's 2H "punt" or 2S "raise"), I will have created a game force to, most likely, an 11-trick contract. Too high!

*Taking individualistic views are:* **Boye:** P. I expect LHO to either bid 1S or make the classic 1 suited t/o double. Partner can then clarify # of clubs with a 2C rebid. If I get to act over a 1S call, I intend to bid 2D - showing 3H and 6D. **Greco:** 1S. If the system is as I think it is, over partner's likely 1NT bid I can bid a non-forcing 2D. Over anything other than 1NT this hand has gotten a lot better. *Like 3S maybe? More conservative but still looking mainly at their own hand are* **K. Cohen:** 2D. This is a book bid and any other bid is not. **Apfelbaum:** 2D. I have a good hand IF partner has a diamond fit. Otherwise, this is just another hand with a minimum rebid. I might be tempted to bid more at IMP's because of the game bonus. **S. Robinson with B. Cohen, White:** 2D. With six good diamonds, diamonds should be trump. Matchpoints is plus scores and partner would need two spade stoppers and diamond help to make 3NT. At IMPs I would bid 3D. **Rock:** 2D. See what partner does. If partner bids 2NT, I would then bid 3H.

*My own philosophy is to raise partner's opened or responded major with three card support, but not to raise a second suit without four. So while I think the following group shows better understanding of what to expect, I respectfully disagree with their conclusion:* **Gold-**

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**DISTRICT 4SPOT**



**berg, Glassons, Popper:** 2H. Showing a good 3-card raise because this is matchpoints. It's more flexible than 3D. I think it gets across my lack of a spade stopper, and gives partner room to rebid clubs. **Shapiro:** 2H. 2D with a partner who doesn't play 4-3 fits very confidently, but you owe me an expert partner. The extra high cards and shape make up for the relatively weak and short holding, and I like how major partials score on these hands. Keeping the auction simple can be a plus in itself. And you can now bid descriptively and aggressively if partner makes another move. **Ehrlichman:** 2H. Partner is unlikely to have more than one diamond. While we probably have an 8-card club fit and only a 7-card heart fit, that's not a lock, as partner could be 4-4-1-4. At matchpoints I'll risk the 4-3 in order to be in the higher-scoring strain. I hope that if partner has a good hand and moves on, he'll be savvy enough to bid 2NT instead of too many hearts. Likewise, if they compete in spades and partner chooses to compete with 3-4-1-5 shape, I hope he bids 3C and not 3H. *Why would he? He will expect 4-card support, Connie's comment notwithstanding.* **Dye:** 2H. Partner is unbalanced and will often have a singleton diamond. If partner cannot bid again, we rate to be in the best partial. Playing Walsh style (isn't that, in effect, a part of BWS? *No, bb.*) partner will expect no more than three hearts from a hand w/o invitational strength. **Schmidt:** 2H. 3D is tempting, but I don't want to encourage partner to bid a speculative 3NT, with no side entry to the diamonds.

*I think the choice is between 2C and 2D. You have a maximum for either bid, but partner is more likely to bid again over 2C as he will be encouraged by the fit. Also, we have at least 7 clubs, perhaps only 6 diamonds between us. I like playing with more trumps than the opponents. Strages makes a good point: the opponent's silence suggests that partner has some spade length and probably also extra high card strength.*

*Congratulations to Connie Goldberg on her perfect score (!) and to Bill Schmidt who had the best score among solvers with 97. I would have scored 80. Summer hands are on Page 10.*

Panelist	1A	1B	2	3	4	5	Score
Connie Goldberg	Yes	4NT	4C	4S	5C	2H	100
Ken Cohen	Yes	5S	4C	4S	5C	2D	94
Steve Robinson	Yes	4NT	4C	4H	5C	2D	94
Sam Ehrlichman	Yes	4NT	4C	4S	5D	2H	92
Richard Popper	Yes	6S	4C	4S	4NT	2H	89
Jay Apfelbaum	No	P	4C	4S	5C	2D	87
Ed Shapiro	No	P	3S	4S	5C	2H	86
Glassons	Yes	P	4NT	4NT	5D	2H	83
Ray Raskin	Yes	P	3S	4S	5D	3D	80
Teukolskys	Yes	5D	4C	4N	5D	3D	80
Craig Robinson	No	5C	4C	4S	5C	3D	79
Dan Boye	Yes	6S	3S	4S	5D	P	76
Eric Greco	No	P	4NT	4NT	5C	1S	71
Leading Solvers							
Bill Schmidt	Yes	4NT	4C	4S	5D	2H	97
Barry Cohen	Yes	5S	4C	4S	5D	2D	91
Nick Stragguzzi	Yes	5D	4C	4S	5D	2D	91
Bob Hickey	Yes	5D	4C	4S	5C	3D	90
Steve White	Yes	6S	4C	4S	5D	2D	90
Douglas Dye	No	5D	4C	4S	P	2H	87
Pete Filandro	Yes	Pass	4C	4S	5D	3D	85
Harry Nuckols	Yes	Pass	4C	4S	5D	3D	85
Bill Rock	Yes	5C	4C	4S	5D	2D	85





## FOR NOVICES ONLY

by  
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*Your mission, should you choose to accept it...*

I thought you might enjoy some insights into your bridge teachers' minds (what's left of them after you get through with us!). Here's some correspondence between some of us. Notice please how we struggle to remain sane. Notice how we are failing. We start with an email to me from one of my colleagues from out of state (who shall also remain anonymous). Inside the parentheses will be explanations. After all, you are coming into the middle of the movie.

*Dear Marti,*

*I saw "Mr. X" (another teacher we both know) when I was playing at the club the other night. He is a bridge teacher for the local government, as am I. He asked how my registration was shaping up. He mentioned that only one of his classes was a "go" with 15 signed up and the other ones only having eight or nine.*

*When I told him I had over 150 signed up, he got upset. He told me, "Yeah, but I do this for fun. For you, it's a JOB."*

*I asked, "And this is bad – why?"*

*"Well," said he, "you don't TEACH students, you COLLECT them. I'm a TEACHER! You're just an entertainer."*

*Well, Marti, I was sort of stunned. I just didn't have a comeback to that. I seem to be keeping all my students...and the ones of his that migrate eventually to me. I thought I was doing a pretty darn good job, but he got me thinking. Am I not focused enough on TEACHING? Should I be lecturing more? What do you think?*

Gee. Let's see here. 150 students balanced against 15. Returning students by the dozen. And she's worried she might not be TEACHING enough?! Concerned she should be "lecturing" more?! Honey, stop worrying and pat yourself on the back. Somehow you have stumbled on the magic ingredient that brings people back in droves:

We teachers need to give you students what YOU want, not what WE think you should have. Reverse Drury might make OUR fingers tingle, but maybe what YOU want is just a teensy hint of something new, and then two hours to practice and play play play, with us roaming around to give advice. Never mind that we've put together an incredibly fabulous two-hour lecture on Trump Echoes...if that isn't what you want, you'll vote with your feet! Edith McMullin once berated me, "Never try to



decide what's fun for other people. You'll always be wrong."

*Dear Marti,*

*I'm preparing my brochure for my next series of lessons and I wanted a favor from you. I've got a list of all the rules, counts and conventions I expect my players to know after their first 12 lessons. I like to give it to them the first night so they know what to expect. I wonder if you'd look over the list and see what you can add to it.*

Unbelievably, his list contained over 150 items, including (I'm not kidding here!) the difference between Drury and Reverse Drury. I'll tell you what – there was stuff on there that I had no idea myself what it was. I would imagine that all of his four students are VERY well-educated!! Personally, if someone gave me that list my first night, there wouldn't have been a second. I suspect that if most of you Novices had any idea how much there was to bridge, you might not have tackled this wonderful pastime. HA!! Fooled you, didn't we? (Oops. For those of you who haven't discovered the complexity yet, forget you read this.)

Next comes some comments posted to one of our Secret Message Boards.

*"I've come to love my students. I've given up valuing myself by how much bridge they are learning and instead have become committed to ensuring that the two hours I have them will be the best two hours of their week.*

*Never mind how much bridge they (don't) learn."*

Amen to that one. Let's face it...it takes a lot of strength to contain our desires to force feed (if necessary) bridge to you. **We** love this game in all its complexity. Why shouldn't you? To be strong to resist these urges to transmit all our arcane knowledge, enter our colleagues and our Secret Message Boards. Who else understands what we go through? Who else knows how much we want you to be happy and succeed. (The Boards are also where we post the names of Problem Students. We know who you are, ALL of you!)



*"How do I explain my confusion about my role. At first I thought I was 'just' a bridge teacher. Now I know that doesn't begin to describe it. I think I'm as much of an entertainer as teacher, coach and counselor more than instructor.*

*I've finally come to realize that if my students don't feel taller and more competent when they leave than when they arrived, that I've failed in my job."*

This pretty much sums up the feeling of all of us who are devoted to you...your learning, your fun, making sure the places where the circles of our lives overlap are wonderful for you.

So there's a little peek into the minds and souls of your tormented, struggling bridge teacher. I guess my column this issue is just a "thank you" to you students out there and a wish for

*(Continued on page 11)*





## 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.

This month, I will discuss the Lebensohl convention after we open 1NT. The partner of the opening bidder bids 2NT to force the opener to rebid 3C. It applies only when the next player overcalls 2D, 2H or 2S. It is easier to play 'systems on' after either a double or 2C overcall (double is Stayman). There are three major types of responding hands after partner opens 1NT: Signoff, Invite Game and Game Force. Lebensohl gives us a way to show all three types of hands.

Using Lebensohl, the way to signoff is to bid a suit at the two level (if the suit is higher than the overcall suit) or bid 2NT and then show the suit at the three level (if the suit is lower than the overcalled suit). For example, after an overcall of 2H the responder bids 2NT and then 3D to signoff in that suit. A direct bid of 2S is a signoff in that suit.

To invite in a higher suit, first bid 2NT and then show the suit at

the three level. For example, after an overcall of 2D the responder bids 2NT and then either 3H or 3S to invite game. A direct bid of either 2H or 2S would be a signoff. There is no way to invite in a "lower" suit.

To force to game, bid the suit at the three level.

There are two ways to ask opener about a four-card major suit and two ways to bid game in No Trump: directly and after first bidding 2NT. All four force to game. The way to ask about a four-card major is to cue bid opener's suit. If we cue bid immediately (e.g., 3H over 2H), we deny any help in that suit for No Trump purposes. If we bid 2NT first (e.g., 2NT and then 3H over 2H), we promise help. The same is true for 3NT. An immediate 3NT bid denies any help in the overcalled suit for NT purposes. If we bid 2NT first and then 3NT, we promise help.

It would only be fair to mention there is an emerging theory that reverses the way to signoff and force in three of a lower suit. An immediate bid of 3D (over 2H) is merely competitive, while first bidding 2NT and then 3D is forcing. My advice for the moment is to not use this alternative, but be aware that others might. So ask if it comes up.

Here is a schedule of responses and their meanings.



PARTNER HAS OPENED 1NT AND  
THERE IS A NATURAL 2H OVERCALL.

- 2S NATURAL, SIGNOFF  
2NT FORCES OPENER TO REBID 3C  
3C,3D,3S NATURAL, FORCING  
3H LOOKING FOR A 4-4 MAJOR SUIT  
FIT, NO HELP FOR HEARTS AT NT  
3NT SIGNOFF, NO HELP FOR HEARTS  
IN NT  
PARTNER HAS OPENED 1NT, 2H, 2NT,  
P, 3C, P, ?  
P, 3D NATURAL, SIGNOFF  
3H LOOKING FOR A 4-4 MAJOR SUIT  
FIT, PARTIAL STOPPER IN  
HEARTS AT NT  
3S NATURAL, INVITING GAME  
3NT SIGNOFF, AT LEAST A PARTIAL  
STOPPER IN HEARTS

#### 2005 District 4 MP Leaders

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**APRIL 28 - 30, 2006**

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Strat Women's/Open Prs<sup>2</sup> .....1:30  
Strat Non-Master<sup>1</sup> .....1:30 & 7:30  
Stratified Open Prs<sup>2</sup> .....7:30

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Handicap KO Tms .....10/2:30/7:30  
Strat Non-Master<sup>1</sup> .....10/2:30  
Strata-Flighted Open Prs<sup>3</sup> 10 & 2:30  
Stratified Open Pairs<sup>2</sup> .....7:30

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Strata-Flighted Swiss<sup>3</sup> ..... 11:00  
playthrough with only a 10 minute break  
Strat Non-Master Sws<sup>4</sup> .....11 & 2:00



<sup>1</sup> (single sessions -

A 50-200, B 20-50, C 0-20)

<sup>2</sup> (single sessions -

A 2000+, B 500-2000, C 0-500)

<sup>3</sup> (A 3500+, X 0-3500) separate  
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<sup>4</sup> (single sessions -

A 100-200, B 20-100, C 0-20)



**MAY 19 -21, 2006**

#### FRIDAY, MAY 19

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Strat Non-Master\* .....7:30

#### SATURDAY, MAY 20

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Stratified Open Prs<sup>1</sup> .....10/2:30/7:30

#### SUNDAY, MAY 21

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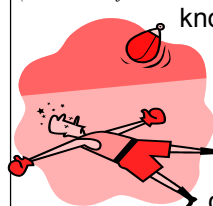
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knockout events. In fact, I am sure that the chairs of every ACBL regional will continue to do this. And let me also add that I think that knockouts should remain a significant portion of our regional schedules. But we need to do something at our regionals to continue to give players of all ability levels an enjoyable bridge experience, while at the same time trying to broaden what the experience is. Since all of us want our tournaments to have the largest possible attendance, perhaps the solution is for the ACBL Board of Directors to reinstitute some of the requirements concerning regional scheduling which have gradually been dropped over the years. For example, the Board could mandate that one day of each regional must be devoted exclusively to pair events. Alternatively, the board could provide some kind of incentive for such events; for example, qualification for a new national event that is something like the ribbon pair events available only in regional pair events. Or perhaps the league could have a special master point incentive for running fewer events at any given time.



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### **HARRISBURG & SYRACUSE TO HOST SPLIT REGIONAL JULY 24 - 30, 2006**

#### **HARRISBURG PA**

The Harrisburg Split Regional is being held at the Hilton in downtown Harrisburg, the site of our winter regionals. The room rate is \$93 per room. The Hilton is located in the heart of Harrisburg's Restaurant Row, so a nearly unlimited option on dining is available. Summer attractions include the Harrisburg Senators and nearby Hershey Park. We provide evening post game hospitality and a hospitality suite open to all. In addition to the pairs games ranked across both sites, we hold the maximum number of available KOs (eight separate events) and two Swiss Teams. We are also running a full Intermediate/Newcomer program with lessons/lectures before every session, a panel show, a I/N party with food and drinks and full section top awards for all sections all strata. Contact Bob Priest for more information. 717-772-3627 or [BPriest@pahouse.net](mailto:BPriest@pahouse.net)

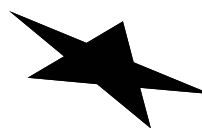
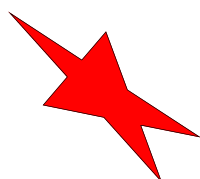
#### **SYRACUSE NY**

The Upstate NY Regional will take place at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool (Syracuse) NY. Room rates are \$89 before July 1. Contact Judy Butcher for more information. 315-468-2854, or [jjudy.butcher@gte.net](mailto:jjudy.butcher@gte.net)

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# DISTRICT 4 STARS



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<b>Platinum LM</b>	Charles Gray Philadelphia PA	Charles Gray Philadelphia PA
<b>Grand LM</b>	Ken Cohen Philadelphia PA	Ken Cohen Philadelphia PA



# Pointblank



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For many years, I have watched our Regionals change from having one event per day to multiple events per day. The initial change was to introduce flighted events. Separate senior events followed a few years after that and then stratified events appeared on the scene. For many years almost all events were either pairs or Swiss teams. Then the concept of bracketed knockouts was introduced and these have virtually taken over regional tournaments. Many tournaments have a new knockout event starting every day and the pair events have become tiny in comparison to them. Almost every day players of all ability levels can choose from among several different events to enter.

Many of these changes are good; players of all abilities like knockout events, and those of us who chair regional tournaments certainly have an obligation to provide bridge in the format that people want. Knockouts are one of the best forms of bridge competition; when you play against just one other team over the course of an entire session, the team which plays better will usually win (yes, you can

still win by being lucky). As a co chair of the next Wilmington Regional, we will provide more knockout events than we ever have before, and we hope a large number of you will attend next March.

However, not all of the changes have been good for bridge. Players who play in the lower brackets of knockout events have no opportunity to play against good players. It may not be fun to get beaten by experts, but it provides invaluable experience in improving your bridge. And the sheer popularity of knockouts has made pair events at many regionals so small that they don't always deserve to be called events. Further, our professional players play almost exclusively in the knockout and Swiss team events, so that even some of our Flight A events are not what they used to be. I would hasten to add that at least in this District, Lancaster and Cherry Hill still manage to run large events which are not knockout events.

I am sure that all the regional tournament chairs in the district will continue to schedule many

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## *Upcoming District 4 Tournaments*

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	SEE PAGE
Mar 31 April 2	Lancaster Unit 168	Continental Inn Lancaster PA	Eleanor Alboum 717-392-7709	
April 9-10	Delaware Spring NLM Unit 190	Talleyville Fire Hall Wilmington DE	Alexis Ciconte 302-571-9092	
April 17-23	STaC Unit 141	Clubs	John Marks 215-891-0605	
April 21-23	Lehigh Valley Spring Unit 133	Wescosville Comm. Center Wescosville PA	Barbara Miller 610-588-0181	27
April 28-30	Chambersburg Unit 168	American Legion Post 46 Chambersburg PA	Glenn Beidel 717-264-9143	
April 28-30	PCBA Spring Unit 141	Clarion Hotel Cherry Hill NJ	John Marks 215-891-0605	28
April 29-30	Ithaca Unit 112	VFW Hall Ithaca NY	Henry Bethe 607-257-7189	
May 5-7	Spring Fling Unit 120	Clarion Hotel Scranton PA	Ray Depew 570-287-1786	11
May 5-7	State College Unit 217	SEMECON Bridge Club State College PA	Ed Bissell 814-237-1043	
<b>MAY 6-7</b>	<b>GNT</b>	<b>CLARION HOTEL SCRANTON PA</b>	<b>Ray Depew 570-287-1786</b>	<b>11</b>
May 8-13	STaC Unit 112	Clubs	Marsh Macmillan 607-754-7913	
May 19-21	Reading Spring Unit 121	The Bridge Room Reading PA	Carl Cronrath 610-736-0962	
May 19-21	PCBA Shore Unit 141	Oakcrest High School Mays Landing NJ	John Marks 215-891-0605	28
June 2-4	Mohawk Valley Unit 112	Mohawk Valley Comm. Coll. Utica NY	Ann Smallen 315-853-6603	
June 2-4	Spring Fling Unit 120	Independent Fire Hall Kingston PA	Ray Depew 570-287-1786	
June 9-11	Thousand Islands Unit 112	Ramada Inn Watertown NY	Ruth Condon 315-788-4123	
June 12-18	STaC Unit 190	Clubs	Andre Heureux 703-683-8234	
June 16-18	White Rose Unit 168	Springetts Fire Co. York PA	Kelly Zeller 717-246-8034	
June 17-18	Finger Lakes Unit 112	Cooperative Extention Canandaigua NY	Mary Miller 585-394-7899	
<b>JUNE 19-25</b>	<b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	<b>CLARION HOTEL CHERRY HILL NJ</b>	<b>John Marks 215-891-0605</b>	<b>13</b>