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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **BOB PRIEST**



My term has just begun or it's already 25% over. Depends on your perspective. When nominated, I was told by a former president, "Have a goal, have an agenda." Time is so short that you can get very little done if you don't know what direction you want to go. I have two agendas.

First, we need to stop doing North American Pairs year to year. We need to set a format, set locations. We need an event that year to year you know when qualifying events will be held, and where you can play them to qualify for Nationals. I want those District events local to every player on some occasions.

Second, I would like to see Regional bridge return to Atlantic City. To do so, probably means a split site Regional, and NY or Poconos makes the most sense. Investigation and discussion will determine the outcome.

Both these issues will be discussed by the Tournament Committee in Claymont. Further discussion at the Executive Committee will take place in King of Prussia. A formal proposal is expected to be discussed by the board in Liverpool.

Have an opinion? Talk to your board members, talk to your officers, write to the *District 4spot*. We are YOUR representatives. Both efforts are intended to address your needs. Your opinion is certainly welcomed.

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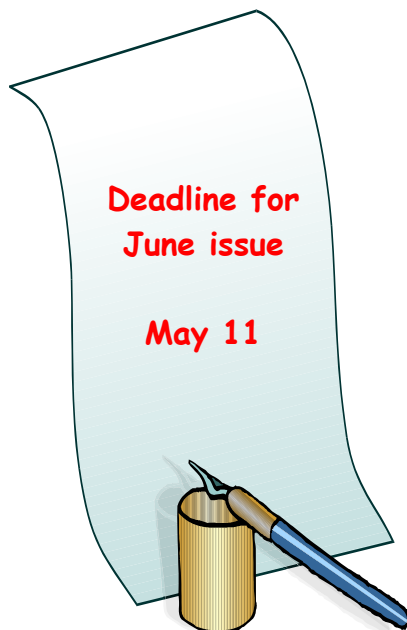
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- ♦ 121 - unit121bridge.com
- ♣ 133 - lvbabridge.org
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- ♠ 168 - web2.acbl.org/hosted/units/unit168/index.htm
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- ♣ 217 - unit217.nepab.com

DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Twenty-five years ago, Elaine and I won the District 4 NAP finals and the right to represent our District at the Spring NABC. So what! Well, at the time I would go to work on Monday and quite often people would ask 'how was your weekend?' This time I didn't have to say that I played bridge and when asked how I did, if things went well, I could say I won. Then the inevitable question, 'how much did you win?' Well, I won masterpoints and then I would have to go through the value of a masterpoint. But this Fall Monday I got to respond that we won an all expense paid trip to the Spring NABC in March in Buffalo. Some laughter and the response, 'what did last place get'?

To this day, my favorite events in District 4 are to play in the NAP and GNT District finals. The competition is good and the reward of representing our District is an honor as well as masterpoints.

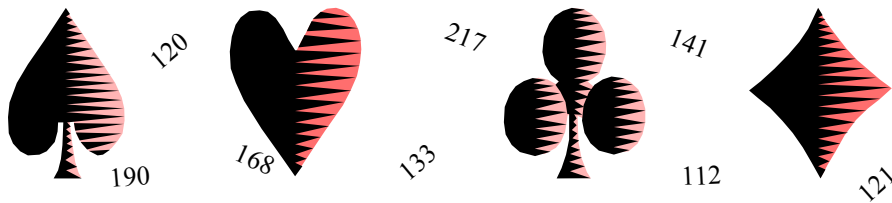
I have proposed a motion to the national Board of Directors to take the 'Grass Roots' money raised in January at the clubs and pay at least \$1000 to each of the GNT flight winners in each District to help fund their trip to the NABC. It also proposes that we add a fourth flight to the NAP so the masterpoint ranges in that event mirror the ranges in the GNT. I have no idea how much support my motion will get and I have no idea how the rest of the money needed to fund these 'motions' will be raised but it, hopefully, will make the events somewhat bigger and that would help fund them.

About five years ago, the Board of Directors unanimously passed a new event, 'the Platinum Pairs'. I had designed the event to hopefully and subsequently successfully, to make it the premier match point event in the ACBL. A couple years later, I made a motion to rename it for Norman Kay (again passed unanimously). It is now known as the 'Norman Kay Platinum Pairs'. Norman was not only a great player, he was a great ambassador for the game of bridge. His longtime partner, Edgar Kaplan, described him that at the table he was so nice to the opponents, 'I sometimes thought he was on their side'.

Now for step 3 in the Norman Kay Platinum Pairs. It is the only major championship that does not have a trophy for display at the museum at ACBL headquarters. By the way, if you ever get lost in Horn Lake Mississippi, plan to spend a few hours at the museum, they have a lot of great stuff. Now I would like to see if we can raise money to buy a trophy for the event. So, if you would like to pledge some amount just send me an email with your pledge to bod4@comcast.com. I will ask Unit 141 and District 4 if they would also pledge some amount. I checked two years ago and I got an estimate of \$7,000-\$10,000 but the price of silver has dropped since then. I will keep all participants involved as to how this project is progressing.

Plan to attend the Claymont DE (Wilmington) Regional March 31-April 6, King of Prussia June 16-22 and Liverpool NY (Syracuse) August 4-10. The District 4 GNT finals in Kingston Pa (Wilkes-Barre) May 3-4.

From The Four Corners



CENTRAL NEW YORK 112

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I'd like to welcome Mary Ryan, Jane Fuller, Phil Clark and Patricia Stadelmaier as new board members. Officers for 2014 include: Mike Mihevc, President; John Gazak, Vice President; Warren Marsland, Treasurer; Sandy Stockton, Secretary; and DeWitt Hendricks as Member At Large.

Congratulations to our trophy winners: John Vopel, overall trophy; Doug Ross, pairs trophy; Paul Cherin, team trophy; Dick Tuttle, non life master trophy; and Robert Valensa, non master trophy.

Unit 112 is paying particular attention this year to try to increase attendance of non-life masters at our sectional tournaments. The Unit's Intermediate/Novice chair, Mary Miller, is reaching out in advance of each sectional to the tournament chairs to offer assistance to hold a separate section at each tournament for 199er or 299ers. On Saturday morning of each tournament, we are holding mini-lessons targeted at this population, and we are sending email blasts to this population advising them of the tournament and the mini-lessons. We are also in the process of scheduling our first two "Learn Bridge in a Day" workshops. We're hoping this will be an exciting year in Unit 112!

A couple of positive developments on the sectional front. Ithaca will once again hold a sectional, scheduled for April 26-27. Then in May, the Rainbow Charity event will be held in Endwell. Thanks to the Broome-Tioga Bridge Association for sponsoring this year's event.

Hats off to RABA which held its annual Charity Team Game in September and raised over \$1100 for the Wounded Warrior Project.

On the Regional front, the Liverpool 2014 tournament committee has chosen to go with starting times of 10:00, 2:30, and 7:30. The afternoon sessions have been moved up 1/2 hour to accommodate player requests for more time to eat dinner before the third session.

The upcoming schedule is as follows: Apr. 12-13, Rochester; Apr. 26-27, Ithaca; May 17-18, Endwell; and May 31-1 Watertown. Please put these dates on your schedule and make an effort to bring along a novice or intermediate pair on Saturday to support our IN program.

Finally, on a sad note, long time Syracuse bridge player and SCBC board member Fred Peisel passed away. His contributions to CNY bridge go beyond his participation in promoting the growth of bridge in Syracuse. His expertise in playing the game, analyzing complex declarer problems and promoting the growth of bridge in CNY by partnering less experienced players will be remembered and appreciated. For more information about Fred and other Unit news, go to the unit website, <http://acblunit112.org/unitnews/>



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Lots of activity in Unit 120 recently!

Beth Rosenthal and George Marcy hosted a "pro-am" instructional team game in February. Result: 17 tables! A great learning experience for those who had never played in a team event, and an opportunity for the more seasoned players to share some sage advice and counsel.

Also of importance note that Beth, George and George Mansour now post both contracts and hand records of their weekly games on the ACBL Club Results page at www.ACBL.org. Beth also conducts beginning bridge lessons and has eight new students.

Fay Paccioli has set September 14th for the annual Architzel Memorial game. Check back in June for more details.

George Mansour has taken the reins as tournament chair with 13-year veteran Ray Depew stepping down. Walter Mitchell is partnership chair as well as GNT coordinator for the district.

GNTs are scheduled for the first weekend in May in Kingston, PA. See the D-4 website for details.

Ace of Clubs winners for 2013 include Diana Giallorenzi, Linda Churla, Jane Bovard, Ellen Preece, Lynn Gonchar, Jody Sorrell, Martha O'Connor, Stephen Tillman, Tom Myers, Annette Johns, & Ray Depew.

We also grieve the loss of Dinny Doyle, longtime Unit 120 board member and friend to everyone.

How's your new year's resolution coming? That of "each one, reach one". Let's all help to grow our ranks by bringing one additional bridge player to ACBL membership this year. Let's make sure that this great game is able to sustain itself by doubling our member numbers.



BERKS MONTGOMERY 121

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We have been very busy with welcoming new players to our Unit. Lessons for beginners are continuing at The Wyomissing Public Library along with complimentary lessons before some of the games. The Newcomer program has produced many new faces, for which we are very glad.

The Myrtle Quier Annual Christmas Party was held on December 22nd, at The Bridge Room at The Villa. Winners of the event were Sue Wessner and Arthur Purcell. Many thanks to the coordinators of the event, Rebecca Chick and Dr. Hal Cohn.

The Souper Bowl Bridge Game, held on Feb 2nd at The Villa provided a wonderful display of homemade soup and desserts, along with a great bridge game. Winners of the event were Icy Cohen and Carl Ziegler.

Our Annual Pro-Am Unit game will be held on April 6th in the Bridge Room at 1:00pm. Come out for a day of food and fellowship!

Please mark your calendars for our Spring Sectional, May 16-18 at The Highland Of Wyomissing. For any questions regarding this event contact Eugene O'Brien, our tournament coordinator. Eobrien971@aol.com 610-921-1491

The Unit has endorsed a bridge cruise for 2015 which will happen on March 21, 2015, sailing to the Western Caribbean. No flying! If interested please contact Judy Sager, travel consultant and member of our Unit, judysager@verizon.net 610-670-8778.

We congratulate the following people for achieving new ranks with ACBL: Jr. Master: Barbara

Bender. Sheila Bornstein, Marjorie Shearer, Linda Snyder, Tom Swales, Joan Cohen, Ursula Pohl and Judy Sager; Club Master: Theresa Althouse, Sara Gainey, Tom Kimmel, Ralph Althouse, Joseph Kovach, and Susan Schmehl; Master: Nancy Machusick; Regional Master: Janice Norman; Advanced NABC Master: John Albright; Bronze Life Master: Nancy Berry. The Unit sends its congratulations to Albert Bingaman, Jr. for achieving the outstanding rank of Diamond Life Master.



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The unit will hold its Spring Sectional (assuming that Spring ever arrives) on 25 April through 27 April at the Lehigh County Senior Center. Please see the flyer on page 30.

The unit memorial charity game raised \$546.00 for its designated charity, the Senior Center. On Souper Bowl Sunday the unit's annual charity game raised \$353 and 97# of food for the 2nd Harvest Food Bank. The upcoming unit games are a pairs game on Sunday 9 March at 1:00PM at the Brith Sholom Temple in Bethlehem and a Swiss teams game on Sunday 23 March at 1:00PM also at the Brith Sholom temple in Bethlehem.

Special congratulations to Gwen Ritter and Bagisa Mukherjee for becoming Bronze Life Masters and special congratulations to John Schwartz for becoming a Gold Life Master.

The unit was saddened by the passing of members Ellie Morse, Mary Ann Chiavetta, Bill Schadler, and Marilyn Mathews, they will be missed.



PCBA 141

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Every year the Philadelphia Contract Bridge Association (PCBA) gives an award to the player from Unit who accumulates the most masterpoints at all five sectional tournaments during the calendar year. The award is presented in two categories and the players must be a member of Unit 141 at the time they play in the sectional tournaments.

The first category is the Jordan Trophy that is presented to the player in the Unit who accumulates the most total master points in the unit sectionals while being a member of the unit. The 2013 Jordan Trophy Winner was Ken Cohen, Philadelphia with 114.41 masterpoints. Runners up were Neal Satten, Wynnewood, PA with 98.99; Marty Rabinowitz, Narberth, PA with 85.45; Ray Raskin, King of Prussia, PA with 70.01; and, Mayer Kotkin, Cherry Hill, NJ with 65.59.

The second category is the Gough Trophy that is presented to the non-life master player in the Unit who accumulates the most total points in the unit sectionals and who started the year with less than 500 master points while being a member of the unit. Whether or not the player becomes a life master during the year is irrelevant. The 2013 Gough Trophy Winner was Tom Smith, Philadelphia with 20.25 masterpoints. Runners up were Linda Smith, Philadelphia with 20.04; Edward Kung, Philadelphia with 18.56; Bill Schlaepfer, Philadelphia with 12.50 master points; and, Kathy Fisher, Bryn Mawr, PA with 12.10.

Congratulations to both Ken and Tom.

The PCBA sectional tournaments are continued to be held at the Bala Golf Club in Philadelphia. The players who have attended the Sectionals during the past year gave high praises and accolades concerning the Bala facility. Hospitality is provided before the morning sessions and between sessions each day by the Hospitality Committee, namely, Allison Brandt and Wendy DeChadarevian. Bagels, cakes and coffee were served in the morning and pizza, hoagies and cheesesteaks were provided between sessions. Many thanks to Wendy and Allison for their time and effort they put into making the hospitality successful.

The Bala Golf Club is located off of I-76 (City Line Avenue or Montgomery Drive) and is easy to find from any direction. There is plenty of free parking on the grounds and valet parking is also available free of charge..

Bracketed Swiss Teams using pre-duplicated boards with hand records are being used for the Sunday team events. There are a few kinks that need to be ironed out in running this event; but they are being resolved.

At the October (Fall) Sectional Tournament held on October 11 to 13, 2013, Ken Chatzinoff, Cinnaminson, NJ, led all the other players with 20.85 master points; Meyer Kotkin, Cherry Hill, NJ and Corey Krantz, Philadelphia, PA were tied for second with 17.47; Jack Mendelsohl, Erdenheim, PA was fourth with 16.69; and, Al Bingaman, Reading, PA was fifth with 15.75.

At the January (New Year) Sectional held on January 10 to 12, 2014, Ken Cohen of Philadelphia led all the other players with 26.70 master points; Marty Rabinowitz of Narberth, PA was second with 26.67; Doug Dye, Wyndmoor, PA was third with 26.00; Craig Robinson, Lansdale, PA was fourth with 21.55; and, Neal Satten, Wynnewood, PA, was fifth with 21.45.

At the February (Winter) Sectional Tournament held on February 7 – 9, 2014, Ken Cohen of Philadelphia led all the other players with 20.27 master points; Rich Rothwarf of Philadelphia was second with 17.81; Corey Krantz, Philadelphia was third with 17.74; Rick Rowland, Wilmington, DE was fourth with 17.63; and, Doug Dye, Wyndmoor, PA and Andy Kaufman, Fort Washington, PA were tied for fifth with 17.22

The schedule of Sectionals for the rest of the year that will be held at the Bala Golf Club is as follows:

- The Spring Sectional will be held on April 11 – 13, 2014
- The Summer Sectional will be held on September 5 – 7, 2014.
- The Fall Sectional will be held on October 10 – 13, 2014.

The Annual PCBA Membership Meeting and the Sonny Jaspen Trophy Game will take place on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at Bala Golf Club.

The Unit 141 STAC's are schedule for Monday, March 10 to Sunday, March 16, 2014 and Monday, November 9 to Sunday, November 16, 2014. Units 112, 120, 133 and 190 will also participate in this STAC.

The following are important future dates to remember:

- 2014 Valley Forge Regional at the DoubleTree by Hilton, June 16 to 22.
- 2015 Valley Forge Regional at the DoubleTree by Hilton, June 22 to 28.
- 2016 Valley Forge Regional at the DoubleTree by Hilton, June 20 to 26
- The District 4 STAC, Monday, August 18 to Sunday, August 24, 2014.

Hope to see at all of these events.



CENTRAL PENN 168

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Hello again Unit 168 Members

Here it is....the Unit Calendar for the first part of 2014:

March 10-18th STAC at Clubs, This is a Great way to earn those Silver points at the Clubs. Grab your Pard and go for the silver.

March 28-30th Hagerstown Sectional.....NEW LOCATION....Hagerstown American Legion, 405 Northern Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742. Look for more information in *Bridge Bits* in early March.

Apr 25th - 27th - Chambersburg Sectional @ Rec Center

May 4th - 2 Session Swiss w/Dinner @ Fountainhead Country Club

May 10th - NLM tourney in Harrisburg

May 23-25th - Lancaster Sectional - Leola, PA

July 20th - 2 Session Swiss Charity - Hagerstown MD

Be sure to Check *Bridge Bits* for the details of the Events listed above.

If you would like to receive a hard copy of *Bridge Bits*, send your name and address to Kelly Zeller, 3825 Mt Pisgah Road, York, PA 17406 or if you prefer e-mail, kmzeller1@comcast.net.

Starting 2014, I would like to recognize all Milestone achievers, so if you or someone you know has attained a new status in the bridge world, please send me the information.

Okay, everyone at one time or another responds to partner with less than they should, whether it be points or number of cards in support of their suit, etc. Well, there is a valid explanation for this, according to the Bridge Glossary of terms, this is referred to as a **Courtesy Bid** - a bid made with a relatively weak holding to keep the auction open for partner. So the next time you do this and partner is not thrilled with your bid, tell them you were being courteous.

See you at the tables.

DELAWARE 190

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Hope you are all making plans to participate in our Delaware Regional which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Wilmington, located at 630 Naamans Road in Wilmington from March 31 - April 6. Our co-chairs Tom Grabowski and Judy and Bruce Gwaltney have planned a wonderful tournament with lots of bridge and hospitality. There will be special newcomer/intermediate events and lectures and Golden Opportunity Pairs (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the tournament). In addition to nightly hospitality after the game be sure to check for the location of the Hospitality Suite for additional hospitality Tuesday - Saturday evenings. A complete schedule of events is available at our Unit 190 web site, www.unit190.org.

Our annual DSBA State Swiss Teams will be held on Sunday, May 18 upstate at the Bridge Studio and on Saturday, May 17 in a downstate Delaware location still to be determined. As the date approaches, be sure to check the DSBA web site listed above for additional information.

During the past few years, the DSBA has made a concerted, successful effort to hold a variety of bridge events in the southern part of Delaware. Our unit games are now held in both an upstate and

downstate location, and a sectional tournament has been added downstate. Our 1st State Southern Sectional will be held this year from Thursday, July 24 - Saturday, July 26 at the Lewes Presbyterian Church in Lewes, Delaware. Hope to see you there!

Advancing through the ranks are new Life Masters: Lois Ewing, Toni Notarnicola and John Rubinsohn; new Bronze Life Masters: Liz Ashley, Barbara Cleary and Susan Herrmann; new Silver Life Master, Jane Malloy and new Gold Life Master, Jeff Ruben. Congratulations to everyone.



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We are certainly anxious for our annual ***Spring out of Winter Bridge Tournament*** to be held at the Williamsport Bridge Club from ***March 28-30***. It will be a great opportunity, after a long winter, to get together with bridge players from other areas. The other two Unit 217 sectional tournaments for 2014 will be the ***State College Tournament, June 5-7*** and the ***Susquehanna Sectional Tournament, September 12-14***.

The following members are the winners of the ***Unit 217 2013 Mini-McKenney Award*** and the ***Unit 217 2013 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Award***.

	<i>Mini-McKenney</i>	<i>Ace of Clubs</i>
<i>0-5</i>	<i>Dave Hall</i>	<i>Dave Hall</i>
<i>5-20</i>	<i>Marilyn Furry</i>	<i>Sally Manning</i>
<i>20-50</i>	<i>Mary Lisko</i>	<i>Mary Lisko</i>
<i>50-100</i>	<i>Janice Lindsay</i>	<i>Jill Anderson</i>
<i>100-200</i>	<i>Shirley Miller</i>	<i>Shirley Miller</i>
<i>200-300</i>	<i>Noreen Khoury</i>	<i>Noreen Khoury</i>
<i>300-500</i>	<i>Susan Nichols</i>	<i>Irene Harpster</i>
<i>500-1000</i>	<i>Jacqueline Humilovich</i>	<i>Nancy Smith</i>
<i>1000-2500</i>	<i>Judy Stein</i>	<i>Fred Gilbert</i>
<i>2500-5000</i>	<i>Sandy Gilbert</i>	<i>Sandy Gilbert</i>
<i>5000-7500</i>	<i>Jim McKeown</i>	<i>Jim McKeown</i>
<i>10,000+</i>	<i>Ed Bissell</i>	<i>Ed Bissell</i>

Please make every effort to attend our next tournament at the Williamsport Bridge Club. It's a great way to show your support for our unit and to ensure successful attendance at our unit sectionals.]

Anna Musser, a great lady and State College bridge player, passed away on January 31, 2014. Anna was a Life Master who brought her grace and laughter to the bridge games for many years. We will miss her.





World's Smallest Finesse

by Richard Pavlicek

Today's deal occurred in local club game. After North's one-club opening, East's overcall, and South's one-spade response, a typical competitive auction took place. East pushed on to five hearts with his freakish distribution and South elected to bid "one more for the road."

Contract: 5♠

♠ 5 4 2 ♥ Q J 10 6 ♦ J 5 ♣ K J 5 3	♠ A 10 6 3 ♥ 8 4 ♦ K 9 2 ♣ A Q 6 4	♠ -- ♥ A K 9 7 3 2 ♦ A 10 8 7 3 ♣ 8 7
	♠ K Q J 9 8 7 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 6 4 ♣ 10 9 2	

Lead: ♥ Q

E-W Vul



West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	5♠
All Pass			

From South's viewpoint it was likely that five hearts would succeed, since his hand might not take a trick on defense. Thus, as often happens in competition, the spade suit bought the contract.

West led the heart queen and continued the suit, South ruffing. Trumps were drawn in three rounds ending in the South hand and the club 10 was led. West covered with the king (this is better than the jack, as it leaves South in doubt as to the location of the remaining honor) and North's ace won. The fall of East's seven was duly noticed.

South next led the diamond king to East's ace and won the diamond return with the queen. Then came the club nine, covered by West's jack (best) and North's queen. The appearance of East's eight was a welcome sight.

In case you're not following all this, the club suit now consisted of 5-3 in West and 6-4 in North. South came to his hand with a trump to lead the club two. West followed with the three and declarer finessed the *four* -- call the "Guinness Book!" The club six then provided a discard for South's losing diamond and the contract was made.

By sharpening his finessing sword, South turned a deliberate "sacrifice" into a rewarding plus score. Remember this deal the next time you talk about "insignificant" spot cards.

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The ABC of Bridge

by Dave Wachsman

Dave Wachsman is a Gold Life Master with 16 Blue Ribbon Q's. He and his wife Janis represented District 4 in 1995 in both the open flights of North American Pairs as well as the Grand National Teams

In the field of sales, it is often said the ABC of Sales is Always Be Closing. While some marketing experts may disagree with that concept, virtually no bridge expert would dispute the idea that the ABC of Bridge is Always Be Counting.

Counting in bridge is all about seeking to visualize all four hands as if you are seeing a bridge hand in a newspaper. It begins with recognizing that 40 High Card Points (HCP) are distributed among four players and the better picture a player has of where the HCPs are, the easier it will be to defend or declare.

The Counting process begins with paying attention to the bidding. Bids made and bids not made convey information to the attentive bridge player. Counting helps to visualize the location of the HCPs as well as the likely position of key honor cards and suit lengths in the different hands. Since bidding occurs 100% of the time, let's focus on garnering information from the bidding.

The first step is to subtract your HCP from 40 to determine the amount of HCP the other three players have. Now pay attention to the bids that are made and estimate the HCPs of the other three hands. Recognize that bids that have well defined ranges are very helpful in this process of Counting. Suppose you hold the following: S - 8 6 3 H- 9 7 5 2 D- Q 8 C- 10 7 6 4. Your Right Hand Opponent (RHO) opens a 15-17 NT. You pass and Left Hand Opponent (LHO) invites to game by bidding 2NT. The opener declines the invitation by passing. ABC dictates the following thought process:

- The other three players have 38 HCP (40 - 2)
- My RHO opened a 15-17 NT and declined an invitation to game so RHO has 15-16 HCP
- My LHO invited to game so is likely to have 8-9 HCP
- If the opponents have about 24 HCP my partner has about 14 HCP (38-24)

The knowledge gained by applying ABC should help you in defending the 2 NT contract. ABC also entails analyzing bids made and not made so let us continue our thought process. LHO did not bid 2C Stayman. If LHO had one or two 4-card majors with 8-9 HCP, LHO would likely have bid 2C to ask for a major from opener. Thus ABC would indicate that LHO has no 4-card or longer major. Why is this relevant? You know that your partner has the bulk of the defensive HCPs and you would like to lead his suit. Your ABC analysis indicates he is more likely to have spade length than heart length so you lead the 8S. Whether or not your opening lead of the 8S works out, you can certainly justify your analysis.

Suppose you have the same 2 HCP hand as before and hear the following auction. RHO opens 1D and you pass. LHO responds 1H and your partner passes. Opener now jumps to 2 NT, which is followed by three passes. What does ABC tell you and what is your opening lead?

Again, ABC says 38 HCP is divided among the other three players. RHO has 18-19 HCPs due to the jump rebid of 2 NT. LHO has about 6 HCPs due to the pass of 2 NT. Your partner has about



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DISTRICT 4 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

MAY 3 - 4, 2014

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The 2014 District 4 Grand National Teams Event will be conducted in one stage, a District Final, on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4, 2014 at the Independent Fire Hall, 166 S. Sprague Avenue in Kingston, PA.

No qualification from the club or unit level is required.

FLIGHT MASTERPOINT REQUIREMENTS

Masterpoint requirements for each player are as follows:

Open Championship Flight - unlimited

Flight A - 0-5000

Flight B - 0-2000

Flight C - NLM, 0-500.

DISTRICT WINNERS

The winning team from each Flight qualifies to compete in the National Finals at the Summer NABC in Las Vegas.

District 4 will reimburse each team that qualifies for and plays in the National GNT Finals for all entry fees as long as each team survives in the event, as well as \$1,000 per team for the first two days and an additional \$400 per day per team after the second day of the event

FOR CONDITIONS OF CONTEST AND FURTHER INFORMATION SEE THE DISTRICT 4 WEBSITE



DELAWARE REGIONAL

March 31 – April 6, 2014



Crowne Plaza Wilmington
630 Naamans Road, Claymont DE 19703
(302) 792-2700
Located at I-95 and Naamans Road – 15 minutes from Philadelphia Airport
FREE PARKING
Room Rate \$114 Single/Double – Reservation Deadline 3/1/14

SCHEDULE OF OPEN EVENTS

Monday March 31

7:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams I
(KOs continue 9 am, 1 & 7 pm Tues)
Stratified Charity Pairs

Tuesday April 1

9 am Stratified Morning Side Game Series
1 & 7 pm Bracketed KO Teams II
(KOs continue 1 & 7 pm Wed)
Open Pairs (2000+/0-2000)
Stratified Side Game Series I
Golden Opportunity Pairs (300-750/0-300)
7 pm Stratified BAM Teams

Wednesday April 2

9 am Stratified Morning Side Game Series
Compact Morning Bracketed KOs I
(KOs continue 9 am Thursday)
1 & 7 pm Bracketed KO Teams III
(KOs continue 1 & 7 pm Thursday)
Open Pairs (2000+/0-2000)
Stratified Side Game Series I
Golden Opportunity Pairs (300-750/0-300)
7 pm Stratified Swiss Teams

Thursday April 3

9 am Stratified Morning Side Game Series
Stratified Swiss Teams
1 & 7 pm Stratified Swiss Teams
Open Pairs (2000+/0-2000)
Stratified Side Game Series II
Golden Opportunity Pairs (300-750/0-300)

Friday April 4

9 am Compact AM Bracketed KO Teams II
(KOs continue 9 am Sat)
Stratified Morning Side Game Series
1 & 7 pm Bracketed KO Teams IV cont 1 & 7 PM Sat.
Stratified Pairs
Stratified Side Game Series II
7 pm Stratified BAM Teams

Saturday April 5

9 am Stratified Morning Side Game Series
Stratified Swiss Teams
1 & 7 pm Open Pairs
(Qualify w/barometer final)
Stratified B/C/D Pairs
Stratified Side Game Series II

Sunday April 6

10 am Bracketed Round Robin Swiss
7 rounds - Teams are split into brackets by avg masterpoints and play a round robin within their bracket. The top bracket is a Swiss event open to all teams upon request. Gold points awarded in each bracket.

NLM SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Stratified NLM Pairs

7:00 pm Monday

1 & 7 pm Tuesday - Saturday

Stratified NLM Teams

10 am & 2 pm Sunday

0 – 5 Pairs play free on Tuesday

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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TOURNAMENT NOTICES

Open Strats: 2000+/750-2000/0-750

Strat B/C/D: 1250-2000/750-1250/0-750

Stratifying all events by average

Mid-Chart conventions in separate Open and Top bracket KO events

Top bracket in KO's may be handicapped

NIGHTLY HOSPITALITY



2013 DISTRICT 4 MASTERPOINT RACES WINNERS



Mini-McKenney Race

0 to 5		
1.	Richard Lyden, Camp Hill PA	61
2.	Carl Ziegler, Kutztown PA	40
5 to 20		
1.	Terry Zeiders, Harrisburg PA	131
2.	Bill Kutrzyba, Philadelphia	85
20 to 50		
1.	Mary Simmons, Harrisburg PA	154
2.	Jeanne Lantzy, Palmyra PA	130
50 to 100		
1.	Karen Pollak, Exton PA	156
2.	Ellen Preece, Dallas PA	129
100 to 200		
1.	Jeremy Lynch, Millersburg PA	188
2.	Ricky Boyer, Mechanicsburg PA	151
200 to 300		
1.	Bruce Lang, Philadelphia	305
2.	Kathleen Harter, Mechanicsburg PA	186
300 to 500		
1.	Jonathan Forde, Geneva NY	189
2.	Arthur Goldfarb, Wynnewood PA	157
500 to 1000		
1.	Gary Hillenbrand, Lehighton PA	327
2.	Suzanne Goldberg, Harrisburg PA	249
1000 to 2500		
1.	John Dickenson, North Wales PA	529
2.	George Subt, Southampton NJ	373
2500 to 5000		
1.	Elaine Clair, Gwynedd Valley PA	484
2.	Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA	428
5000 to 7500		
1.	Cory Krantz, Philadelphia	705
2.	Barry Gorski, Reading PA	515
7500 to 10,000		
1.	Carl Berenbaum, Elkins Parks PA	449
2.	Melvin Lubart, Hummelstown PA	405
Over 10,000		
1.	Ken Cohen, Philadelphia	810
2.	Rick Rowland, Wilmington DE	736



2013 District 4 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Winners

0 to 5		
1.	Richard Lyden, Camp Hill PA	45
2.	Carl Ziegler, Kutztown PA	37
5 to 20		
1.	Terry Zeider, Harrisburg PA	65
2.	Bill Kutrzyba, Philadelphia	60
20 to 50		
1.	Jane Bovard, Waverly PA	77
2.	Mary Simmons, Harrisburg PA	73
50 to 100		
1.	Karen Pollak, Exton PA	95
2.	Charles Goldman, Havertown PA	92
100 to 200		
1.	Jeremy Lynch, Millersburg PA	105
2.	John Pino, Newtown Square PA	99
200 to 300		
1.	Bruce Lang, Philadelphia	98
2.	Kathleen Harter, Mechanicsburg PA	92
300 to 500		
1.	Robert Dewey, Fairport NY	115
2.	Kathleen Markley, Mechanicsburg PA	101
500 to 1000		
1.	Suzanne Goldberg, Harrisburg PA	210
2.	Stephen Tillman, Shavertown PA	159
1000 to 2500		
1.	Sheldon Per, Bensalem, PA	238
2.	Steve Valencic, Mechanicsburg PA	219
2500 to 5000		
1..	Elaine Clair, Gwynedd Valley PA	251
2.	David Abuhove, Falling Waters WV	225
5000 to 7500		
1.	Randall Berseth, Bear DE	245
2.	Phillip Monyer, Middletown PA	240
7500 to 10,000		
1.	Melvin Lubart, Hummelstown PA	202
2.	David Hoffner, Galloway NJ	174
Over 10,000		
1.	Selena & John Swanson, Mechanicsburg PA	352





Youth

1.	Samuel Amer, Newark DE	100
2.	Jack Gillispie, Elizabethtown PA	87

Juniors

1.	Joshua Whittaker, York PA	115
2.	Samuel Amer, Newark DE	100

Seniors

1.	Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ	45
2.	Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA	33

Barry Crane Top 500

1.	Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA	810
2.	Rick Rowland, Wilmington DE	736
3.	Corey Krantz, Philadelphia PA	705
4.	Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ	556
5.	John Dickenson, North Wales PA	539

Lifetime Top MP Holders

1.	Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA	22,459
2.	Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ	18,835
3.	Eric Greco, Wynnewood PA	15,801
4.	Selena Swanson, Mechanicsburg PA	13,814
5.	Daniel Boye, Farmington NY	13,706
6.	Charles Gray, Philadelphia PA	13,568
7.	John Swanson, Mechanicsburg PA	13,037
8.	Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ	12,293
9.	Ed Bissell, State College PA	11,609
10.	Thomas Weik, Reading PA	11,218



Masterpoints Won in 2013

147,119 Members won	6,072,594.83 points at Any level of play
13,866 Members won	562,347.97 points at Online Clubs
53,859 Members won	246,892.58 points at NAP Games at Clubs
6,933 Members won	27,249.89 points at Other NAP Games
13,737 Members won	46,000.98 points at GNT Games at Clubs
4,043 Members won	30,782.65 points at Other GNT Games
141,998 Members won	2,945,529.42 points at Club Games
75,237 Members won	332,488.40 points at STaC Games
64,422 Members won	546,139.82 points at Sectionals
54,138 Members won	1,051,786.14 points at Regionals
10,431 Members won	127,700.25 points at Regional Events at NABC
2,076 Members won	36,025.42 points at NABC Events (Not NABC+)
2,948 Members won	119,651.31 points at NABC+ Events



VALLEY Forge REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

DISTRICT 4, PHILADELPHIA, PCBA UNIT 141

JUNE 16 – JUNE 22, 2014

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON VALLEY Forge



Website: www.district4.info



Doubletree by Hilton
301 West DeKalb Pike
King of Prussia, PA 19406
(800) 222-TREE (610) 337-1200

Reservation cutoff date is May 16, 2014. After May 16 rooms may not be available and rate will be higher

For Hotel Information:
John Marks (215) 891-0602
Special Bridge Rate: \$119



Event Starting Times

10:00 AM and 2:45 PM

Evening Games 7:30 PM

Sunday Games 10:00 AM

Schedule Features

Kickoff Charity Swiss Teams on Monday at 2:00 PM
New Knockouts begin Monday Evening, Wednesday & Friday Mornings
Regional Compact KO Teams across 2 evenings—Tues-Wed & Thurs-Fri
Single Session Swiss Teams - Tuesday Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
KO Teams may be handicapped at discretion of the Head Director
MID CHART: Top Bracket in KO's & Sunday Swiss Teams Flight A/X
GENERAL CHART: For all other events

Daily Knockout Teams

Monday Kickoff Knockout Teams - (continues Tuesday).....7:30 PM
Tuesday Compact Knockout Teams.....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Wednesday—Thursday Knockout Teams.....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Friday—Saturday Knockout Teams.....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Saturday Compact Knockout Teams.....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Tuesday-Wednesday Compact Knockout Teams.....7:30 PM
Thursday-Friday Compact Knockout Teams.....7:30 PM

Open Pair Games

Monday Charity Open Pairs.....2:00 PM
Tues, Wed, Friday & Saturday Stratified or Strati-Flighted Pairs.....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Golden Opportunity Pairs10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Tues, Wed and Fri Golden Opportunity Pairs.....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM

Team of Four Games

Monday Charity Swiss Teams, single session.....2:00 PM
Tuesday & Saturday Compact KO Teams, two sessions, gold.....10:00 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Swiss Teams, single session2:45 PM
Tuesday-Wednesday Compact KO Teams, two sessions, gold7:30 PM
Thursday Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams, two sessions, gold.....10:00 AM
Thursday-Friday Compact KO Teams, two sessions, gold.....7:30 PM
Sunday Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams, two sessions, gold.....10:00 AM

Three Side Game Series (SGS)

Monday Eve-Tuesday, single sessions, SGS #1.....10:00 AM/ 2:45 PM/ 7:30 PM
Wednesday-Thursday, single sessions, SGS #2.....10:00 AM/ 2:45 PM/ 7:30 PM
Friday-Saturday, single sessions, SGS #3.....10:00 AM/ 2:45 PM/ 7:30 PM

Stratified Pairs & Teams will be by the average of the Pair or Team

I/N Events (0—5 MP Play Free on Tuesday!!)

Monday Charity I/N Pairs, single session.....2:00 PM
Tuesday—Saturday, single sessions.....10:00 AM/ 2:45 PM/ 7:30 PM
Tues, Wed. & Fri. Golden Opportunity Pairs (0-300/300+750).....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Thurs Golden Opportunity Swiss Teams (0-300/300+ -750).....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM

Tournament Highlights

- ♣ Terrific Hospitality Daily
- ♥ Pre-Duplicated Boards in Pair Events
- ♦ Two Daily Speakers
- ♣ Sunday Early Start and Finish

Tournament Chairman: John Marks (215) 891-0602 Email: jgmmarks@aol.com
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VALLEY FORGE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

ACBL DISTRICT 4, PCBA UNIT 141

JUNE 16—JUNE 22, 2014



REGIONAL WEBSITE: www.district4.info

Monday, June 16

Stratified Charity Swiss Teams, single session..... 2:00 PM
 Stratified Charity Open Pairs, single session..... 2:00 PM
 Charity 299er Pairs, single session..... 2:00 PM
 Mon – Tue Bracketed KO Teams – Round 1..... 7:30 PM
Continues with Rounds 2 – 4, Tuesday 10:00 AM, 2:45 and 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #1 (1st of 4 Sessions)..... 7:30 PM
 299er Pairs, single session..... 7:30 PM

Tuesday, June 17

Tuesday Compact KO Teams (4 players only)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 Strati-Flighted Open Pairs—(X: 0-3000/ A: 3000+)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Golden Opportunity Pairs - (C: 0-300/ B: 300+ -750)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 299er Pairs, single sessions..... 10 AM / 2:45 PM / 7:30 PM
 Mon-Tue Bracketed KO Teams—Rounds 2, 3 & 4..... 10 AM / 2:45 PM / 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #1 (2nd of 4 Sessions)..... 10:00 AM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #1 (3rd of 4 Sessions)..... 2:45 PM
 Stratified Swiss Teams, single session..... 2:45 PM
 Tues—Wed Evening Compact KO Teams (1st & 2nd Rounds)..... 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #1 (4th of 4 Sessions)..... 7:30 PM

Wednesday, June 18

Wed – Thu Bracketed KO Teams – Rounds 1 & 2..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 Strati-Flighted Open Pairs – (X: 0 – 3000 / A: 3000+)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Golden Opportunity Pairs – (C: 0-300/ B: 300+ -750)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 299er Pairs, single sessions..... 10:00 AM / 2:45 PM / 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #2 (1st of 6 Sessions)..... 10:00 AM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #2 (2nd of 6 Sessions)..... 2:45 PM
 Stratified Swiss Teams, single session..... 2:45 PM
 Tues—Wed Evening Compact KO Teams (3rd & 4th Rounds)..... 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #2 (3rd of 6 Sessions)..... 7:30 PM

Thursday, June 19

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams—(X: 0-3000/ A: 3000+)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Golden Opportunity Teams—(C: 0-300/B: 300+ -750)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 299er Pairs, single sessions..... 10:00 AM / 2:45 PM / 7:30 PM
 Wed – Thu Bracketed KO Teams – Rounds 3 & 4..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #2 (4th of 6 Sessions)..... 10:00 AM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #2 (5th of 6 Sessions)..... 2:45 PM
 Thu – Fri Evening Compact KO Teams (1st and 2nd Rounds)..... 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #2 (6th of 6 Sessions)..... 7:30 PM

Friday, June 20

Fri – Sat Bracketed KO Teams – Rounds 1 & 2..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 Strati-Flighted Open Pairs – (X: 0 – 3000 / A: 3000+)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Golden Opportunity Pairs – (C: 0-300 /B: 300+ -750)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 299er Pairs, single sessions..... 10:00 AM / 2:45 PM / 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #3 (1st of 6 Sessions)..... 10:00 AM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #3 (2nd of 6 Sessions)..... 2:45 PM
 Stratified Swiss Teams, single session..... 2:45 PM
 Thursday-Friday Evening Compact KO Teams (3rd & 4th Rounds)..... 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #3 (3rd of 6 Sessions)..... 7:30 PM

Saturday, June 21

Saturday Compact KO Teams (4 players only)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 Stratified Open Pairs, (0 – 750 / 750 – 2000 / 2000+)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 Fri – Sat Bracketed KO Teams – Rounds 3 & 4..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 299er Pairs, single sessions..... 10:00 AM / 2:45 PM / 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #3 (4th of 6 Sessions)..... 10:00 AM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #3 (5th of 6 Sessions)..... 2:45 PM
 Stratified Swiss Teams, single session..... 2:45 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #3 (6th of 6 Sessions)..... 7:30 PM

Sunday, June 22

Strati-Flighted Open Teams (Finish by 5:30 PM)..... 10:00 AM
 Flight A: 5000+ A/X: 0 – 5000
 Flight B: 0 – 3000 (Round Robin Brackets, 3 teams in each bracket earn gold points)

Championship Pair and Team events will be stratified as listed
 Open single-session events, including the side series are 0-750/ 750-2000/ 2000+
 299er pair games 0-5/ 20/50/100/200/300, stratified based on attendance.
 Stratification in all events will be based on the average for the pair or team. In any event or flight with an upper limit, no individual player's Master Point total may exceed that upper limit.

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Sanction Number R1406041

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TAP
TEACHER ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

JUNE 16th and 17th
Valley Forge Regional
Doubletree Hotel by Hilton
301 West DeKalb Pike

District 4 is subsidizing this program. The cost for the program is usually \$150, but District 4 members can attend for \$50.

The program will be taught by ACBL instructor, Carol Mathews.

The program is a total of nine hours in three sessions:

Monday 9 am to 12:00 pm

Monday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tuesday 9 am to 12:00 pm

You must attend all three sessions to be accredited. At the end there is an open book test that will be graded by the ACBL.

To register for the TAP Course:

Name _____

Email Address _____

Mail this form with a check for \$50, payable to District 4, to:

Joann Glasson

130 King George Road

Pennington, NJ 08534



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Zero Tolerance? Again?

I'm excited that ACBL has declared this as the Year of Zero Tolerance. However, I must add a little dash of cynicism—Zero Tolerance has been around for a long time. Why do we need to announce a year dedicated to it? Why isn't it the law of the land? Why are newcomers not staying in many of our clubs?

As the Program Manager for Easybridge! nationwide, I work with teachers across the country to help them develop flourishing I/N games and programs. I hear all their sad stories (at times feeling like I should have a confessional!). Here's a sadly typical situation.

I got a call from a man who wanted to know if Easybridge! could help him slow the diminishing tablecount at his club. Some further questioning revealed that he had been giving lessons, but once the people started playing in the games, they left. Why? "Because the other players are nasty."

"Well," asked I... "Where are the directors? Aren't they doing their jobs?"

"Our directors are excellent," he said somewhat defensively. "They know every single rule."

Huh? "Do you have Zero Tolerance? How do your directors handle infractions?"

"Those people won't change. They are on the board of directors, they ARE the directors, and they run the club."

"Let me see if I've got this straight. You have games filled with nasty people, run by directors who think they are doing their job by giving rulings, games that are so unpleasant that no new people will return, and you actually think a different kind of lesson can grow your games?"

The conversation went downhill from there.

Here is the truth: Management, and by that I mean directors and boards, are 100% responsible for the tone and growth of the club. There is absolutely not the tiniest excuse for rudeness and unkindness to exist in a club. A company takes its culture from its CEO. A classroom takes its behavior standards from the teacher. A game takes its mood from the director.

The wonderful tournament director Charlie McCracken told me once that there was simply no excuse for a bad ruling. He said that we carry the law book with us, and there's always another director around to ask for help. He said that a director's *real* job is ensuring the pleasantness of the experience.

As a less-experienced player, your club owes you extra support and encouragement. As directors, club owners and managers, we should recognize that the future of our game depends on YOU.

What is your role in this? If you **ever** feel uncomfortable or intimidated, you should raise your hand and call the director. Tell him or her that you aren't able to enjoy the game because of the unpleasantness. What? You feel embarrassed doing that? Would you call a cop if you were being mugged? Well, this is the bridge equivalent of being mugged, and the director is the cop. If you *don't* call the director, you will just continue feeling miserable and may well leave. What have you got to lose?

And, salute and graciously thank the directors who make your games pleasant, fun, and great entertainment. You're lucky to have them.
Comments? Questions?



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(Continued from page 12, ABC of Bridge)

14 HCP (38-24). Sound familiar? Now ABC requires an examination of bids made and bids not made.

Your partner was silent throughout the auction. There was no spade overcall. There was no 2C overcall. There was no double of the final contract, which would have demanded a heart lead (dummy's first bid suit). A silent partner with 14 HCPs?

I actually had this problem in a social bridge game. I mustered all my courage and put the QD on the table as my opening lead. The ABC analysis worked as my partner had five diamonds that included the AKJ as well as the AH and two black Jacks. A club or a spade lead would have presented declarer with a fast 8 tricks and his contract.

Always Be Counting (ABC) is easier said than done. However, by practicing ABC each time you play, your ABC skills will improve as will your bidding, defense, and declarer play. When I play duplicate, I write COUNT inside my convention card to remind myself not to be lazy. So remember your ABC – Always Be Counting.



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.

People tell me there is nothing left for the advancing player. That is just wrong. Bridge theory is advancing all the time. If the advancing player does not keep up, they no longer advance. So, it is time to re-examine the 1NT overcall over a major suit.

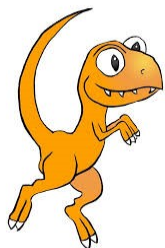
Most of the bridge world plays a five-card major system. Opening a major suit sets the partnership well on the way to finding a fit and playing at the right level. This means the minor suit opening is not well defined. That puts a burden on the opener's partner to compete on marginal hands. Note that a double is always easy when the opener's partner has values.

Let us consider an overcall of 1NT when the opening bid is in a minor suit. The next player has 15-18 high card points and a stopper in that suit. A 1NT overcall puts the partnership well on its way to finding their best contract. Even if the partner to the 1NT overcall has a poor hand, it is very likely the partnership will find a decent resting spot. Note also that the partner to the opening bidder has no obvious opening lead. The opening bidder could have as few as three cards in that minor suit, or as many as five or six.

Now consider an overcall of 1NT when the opening bid is in a major suit. The next player has 15-18 high card points and a stopper in that suit. However, it is much less likely the partnership will be in its best contract. The opening leader knows that the opening bidder has length in this suit; this makes the opening lead much easier. If the balance of power is against the overcaller, this could mean a substantial penalty even if no one doubles. Finally, with one of the major suits "taken", there is a lower probability of finding a safe resting spot at the two level.

It is safe to say that an overcall of 1NT is riskier when the opening bid is in a major suit compared to when it is in a minor suit. It is time to see if a better treatment is available.

Let us consider a "problem" hand. The opening bid is in a major suit. The next player holds four cards in the other major suit along with five or six cards in a minor suit. The hand is strong enough to justify an overcall, but not a double followed by bidding the long minor suit. An overcall of the minor suit runs a real risk of missing a 4-4 fit in the other major. A take out double will find the major suit, but runs the risk of playing in the wrong minor suit.



The answer to this is to play a convention known as "raptor." An overcall of 1NT over a major suit shows a sound minor suit overcall that happens to also have exactly four cards in the other major. A response bid of 2C asks for the minor suit. The "raptor" bidder will pass or correct to 2D. The "raptor" partner will bid the major suit with a fit. With invitational values, the "raptor" partner will cue bid the opener's major suit (looking for the "raptor" bidder's minor suit) or jump in the "raptor" bidder's major suit. A 2NT bid shows a strong hand. We bid our minor suit with a minimum hand, 3NT with a stopper, or whatever else would be descriptive (higher is stronger).

Finally, with a long minor suit and a weak hand, the “raptor” bidder’s partner can bid 2D or 3C. This shows no interest in playing in our minor suit.

Here is an example hand. The opening bid is 1S. We hold S - xxx; H - Q J10x; D - x; C - AK109x. We overcall 1NT. Partner has S - xxx; H - xx; D - Axxxx; C - QJx. Partner bids 2C, asking for our minor suit. Notice that if we double, we will find ourselves in a diamond contract for a poor score. We should make eight tricks with clubs as trumps.

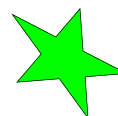
On the example hand, notice that if partner has something like S - QJ10x; H - xx; D - K109x; C - QJx, he can pass the “raptor” overcall. We get to play in 1NT (probably making) while those who overcall 2C will go down at least one trick.

By the way, I have no idea who came up with the name for this bid.

DISTRICT 4 STARS



1.	Eric Greco, Wynnewood PA	158.22
2.	Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ	95.10
3.	Connie Goldberg, Merion PA	62.58
4.	Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA	45.27
5.	Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ	39.55
6.	Tom Weik, Reading PA	34.39
7.	David Bort, Keedysville MD	30.64
8.	Ken Cohen, Philadelphia	30.03



District 4 2013 Winners for the most points accumulated in District 4 Events



David Treadwell Award

Ken Cohen

Jeanne Fisher Award

John Dickenson

Jane Segal Award

Bruce Lang





Tournament Schedule

March 10 - 16	Unit 141 STaC	
March 28 - 30	Hagerstown MD	26
March 28 -30	Williamsport PA	27
MARCH 31 - APRIL 6	WILMINGTON (CLAYMONT) DE REGIONAL	14
April 11 - 13	Philadelphia	28
April 12 - 13	Webster (Rochester) NY	29
April 25 - 27	Chambersburg PA	30
April 25 - 27	Allentown PA	31
April 26 - 27	Ithaca NY	32
May 2 - 4	Kingston (Wilkes Barre) PA	33
MAY 3 - 4	GNT	13, 33
May 5 - 11	Unit 112 STaC	
May 10	Camp Hill I/N	34
May 16 - 18	Wyomissing (Reading) PA	35
May 17 - 18	Endwell NY	36
May 23 - 25	Leola PA	
May 30 - June 1	Wilmington DE	37
May 31 - June 1	Watertown NY	

MARCH 28 - 30

HAGERSTOWN, MD -- SPRING SECTIONAL (NEW LOCATION)

MARCH 28-30, 2014

Hagerstown American Legion (301)-733-7676

405 Northern Ave, Hagerstown, MD 21742

Directions: Hagerstown's American Legion is on Northern Ave. between Pennsylvania Ave. & Leitersburg Pike. From points east & west, take I-70 to I-81 North. Take MD exit 9 east for ¾ mile to Pennsylvania Ave. south. Go 1.1 miles south turn left onto Northern Ave. The American Legion is about ¾ mile on right. From north & south take I-81 to MD exit 9. Alternate route from east take exit 32 off I-70 to Eastern Blvd. to Northern Ave.

Pairs stratified by average masterpoints of pair. Final stratification adjustments at discretion of director to better balance the game and maximize awards, if applicable.

FRIDAY March 28

Stratified Pairs (1000/2000/2000+)	12:00 p.m.
Stratified 749er Pairs (100/300/750)	12:00 p.m.
Stratified Pairs (1250/2000/2000+)	6:00 p.m.
Stratified 999er Pairs (100/300/1000)	6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY March 29

Note morning / afternoon start times for Saturday

Stratified Pairs (1000/2000/2000+)	10:00 a.m.
Stratified 749er Pairs (100/300/750)	10:00 a.m.
Stratified Pairs (1250/2000/2000+)	3:00 p.m.
Stratified 999er Pairs (100/300/1000)	3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY March 30

*****NOTE***:** Swiss teams will be stratified by team average
except 0-1250 GAME cannot have any player over 1250 masterpoints

Stratified Swiss Teams (1250/2000/2000+)	11:00 a.m.
Stratified 0-1250 Swiss Teams (200/500/1250)	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.

\$3 additional per session for non-ACBL / unpaid ACBL members

Tournament Chair: Ronnie Orr (304) 279-0013

For partnerships please try our new partnership site first which can also be found
at our District 4 website: <http://www.bridgefinesse.com/D4PDeskIndex>

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

MARCH 28 - 30

Spring out of winter Sectional Bridge Tournament

Williamsport, Pa 17701

Schedule of Events

Officially approved by ACBL

Friday, March 28, 2014

Stratified Open Pairs 11:00 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs 4:00 p.m.

Strat A (1000+) Strat B (300-1000) Strat C (0-300)

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Novice 0-20 Master points (3 tables minimum) 10:00 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs 4:00 p.m.

Strat A (1000+) Strat B (300-1000) Strat C (0-300)

Sunday, March 30, 2014

Swiss Teams, first session 11:00 a.m.

Swiss Teams, 2nd session TBA

Strats based on team average

General membership and Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. on Sunday

Entry Fee: \$9.00 for ACBL Members, per session
\$12.00 for Non Members, per session
\$ 6.00 for Students, per session
Free coffee, soft drinks, and snacks at all sessions

Location of Tournament

Williamsport Bridge Club
1042 High Street
Williamsport, Pa 17701
570 322 3035

For more information contact

Chairperson, **Mary Ann Churba, 570 321 0633**

Directions: From the center of Williamsport, travel west on High Street for 10 blocks. Bridge Club is on the Northwest corner of High and 6th Ave.

From the West, exit 220 at 4th Street exit. Continue into Williamsport. Stay on 4th Street to Rose Street.

Turn left on Rose Street to High Street, about 3 blocks. Turn right on High Street. Bridge Club is on the left about 3 blocks.

From the North (Rt 15) exit at Foy Ave/High Street. Continue East on High Street to corner of High St and 6th Ave. Bridge Club is on the left. For further help, call the Bridge Club on Monday or Friday 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Hospitality:

Sue Pierce
Nancy Pfeiffer
Ann Day
Marie Koch

Partnerships

Vera Peters 570 368 1872

APRIL 11 - 13



PCBA SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

APRIL 11-13, 2014

Bala Golf Club
2200 Belmont Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19131

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

- 10:00 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A = 2000+; B = 750 - 2000; C = 0 - 750)
0 to 5 MP GAME (No ACBL surcharge)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (<500)
2:30 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A = 2000+; B = 750 - 2000; C = 0 - 750)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (<500)

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

- 10:00 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A = 2000+; B = 750 - 2000; C = 0 - 750)
0 to 5 MP GAME (No ACBL surcharge)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (<500)
10:00 BRACKETED COMPACT KNOCKOUTS
& 2:30 (Handicapped if only one bracket)
2:30 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A = 2000+; B = 750 - 2000; C = 0 - 750)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (<500)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

- 10:00 BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS - BRACKETS BASED ON AVERAGE
& TBA MASTERPOINTS - TOP A/X BRACKET OPEN TO ALL (2 sessions)

Saturday

Bracketed Compact KO

Sunday

*2-Session Bracketed
Swiss Teams*

Free Valet Parking

Great Hospitality

Free Breakfast

Free lunch

And Snacks All Day

(menu varies)

\$24.00 per pair/per session - \$100.00 per team for Sunday swiss teams.

\$3.00 additional per person/per session for non or unpaid ACBL members.

Full-time students play free.

Strats may be combined based upon attendance. Stratification by average masterpoint holding.

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

Partnerships: Tom Purl tompurlatty@gmail.com (610) 518-6790

Directions

Bala Golf Club is located at 2200 Belmont Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19131, just off City Ave. (Rt. 1) and about a mile west of I-76. From Rt. 1, turn south on Belmont Ave. and go 0.6 miles to the Bala entrance on the right.

For more detailed directions, check Google Maps or check the unit website at www.philadelphiabridge.info.

APRIL 12 - 13

ROCHESTER SPRING SECTIONAL

APRIL 12-13, 2014

Webster Recreational Center

1550 Chiyoda Drive

Webster, NY

Entry Fees:

ACBL Members

\$9.00 per session

Non/Unpaid ACBL Members:

\$10 per session

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

10:15 AM – Lesson by Sally Hill
“Overcalls are Tricky”

11:00 AM STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

(Two Sessions)

STRATIFIED 299er PAIRS

(Choose One or Two Sessions)

3:30 PM STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

STRATIFIED 299er PAIRS

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

11:00 AM STRATIFIED OPEN SWISS TEAMS

(Two Session Play-through**)

STRATIFIED 299er SWISS TEAMS

(One Session)

Tournament Chairs:

Kathy Landon

585-586-1154

klandon@frontiernet.net

Sandy Stockton

585-865-8428

sandiack@frontiernet.net

DIRECTIONS: From Rochester: Take 490E to 590N to Rt-104E towards Webster. Exit at Phillips Rd, going North (left). Proceed 2 miles to Chiyoda Dr. on left.

From NYS Thruway (East of Rochester): NYS Thruway Exit 45 to 490E to 590N to Rt-104E towards Webster. Continue as above.

From the South and NYS Thruway (West of Rochester): NYS Thruway Exit 46 to 390N to Rt-104E towards Webster. Continue as above.

From the East (North of Thruway): Take 104W to Webster, exit at Salt Road, turn right. Go .2 miles and turn left on Mitcheldean Drive. Continue on this road, which becomes Chiyoda Drive.

Open	299er
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A: 1500+	100-300
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B: 500-1500	50-100
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C: 0-500	0-50
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****LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE - \$6.00 PER PERSON**

(Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches, Salads, Chips, & Beverage)

APRIL 25 - 27

CHAMBERSBURG SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT* April 25-27, 2014

Friday, April 25 (*Subject to change at director's discretion)

- 12:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (0-750; 750-1500, 1500 up)
Intermediate/Newcomer pairs (0-100, 100-300, 300-500)*
- 6:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000 up)
I/N pairs (0-100, 100-300, 300-500)*

Saturday, April 26

- 10:30 am Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000 up)
I/N pairs (0-100, 100-300, 300-500)*
- 3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000 up)
I/N pairs match play (0-100, 100-300, 300-500)*

Sunday, April 27

- 12:00 pm Two Session Swiss Teams with food. \$100.00 per team.
Stratified by team average at discretion of director

ACBL members with 0-5 points play free.

\$3.00 additional fee per session for non or unpaid ACBL members

Eugene Clarke Recreation Center, 235 South Third Street, Chambersburg, Pa,
17201

Session fees: \$9.00; Unpaid and Non ACBL members \$12.00

Contact Tom Silverwood (717) 261-0336; Bob Knuff (717) 263-0911

Mary Katzmman (717) 352-4809; Myrna Kinman (717) 762-9948;

Diane Shriver (717) 263-0311. Assisting Manager: Phil Davis (717) 352-8434

Partners: Alan Walter (717) 709-0949 or

http://www.bridgefinesse.com/D4PDeskIndex_

Hotels: Quality Inn, 1095 Wayne Ave. (717) 263-3400:

Directions: From I-81N, take exit 16 (US 30) west about a mile to Third Street. Turn left (south) two and one-half blocks (past Washington St.). Rec Center is on your right.

From I-81S, take exit 14 (Wayne Ave.) west by northwest to Fourth Street. Right on Fourth Street to Liberty Ave. (about a mile or so). Left on Liberty Ave. to Third Street. Right in Third Street. Rec Center on your left.

From the West: Take US 30 which becomes Queen Street one way east to Third St. Right on Third St. one and one half blocks to Rec Center on right.

APRIL 25 - 27

♠♥♦♣ **Lehigh Valley Spring Sectional April 25-27, 2014** ♠♥♦♣

SILVER POINTS



Free coffee and snacks throughout



Friday April 25

1:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs
0-500 (NLM) Stratified Pairs

6:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs
(strats: 0-300, 1000, unlimited)

Saturday April 26

10:30 am

Stratified Open Pairs
0-500 (NLM) Stratified Pairs

3:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs
(strats: 0-300, 1000, unlimited)

Sunday April 27

10:30 am – with short break

Stratified Open Swiss Teams
two-session playthrough
OR

10:30 am single session

0-500 (NLM) Stratified Swiss Teams

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

Stratification by average masterpoints:

Open: C=0-750, B=750-2000, A=2000+
0-500 (NLM): 0-100, 300, 500 non-life master
Unless noted above

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 St.

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 second 4-way stop, make
a left onto Fairview St. The parking lot will be
on your right.

Card fee: \$9 per player per session (\$12 for non-/unpaid ACBL members) - Best value around!
Director: Marc Labovitz Chairperson: John Schwartz 610-737-1042
Partnership Contact: Joe Miller 610-351-4166 or jmillerq827@gmail.com
PARTNERS GUARANTEED for pairs events (at least 20 minutes prior to game)—no standby
for NLM game. Check with Joe for teams.

LEHIGH VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION--UNIT 133

APRIL 26 - 27

Ithaca Bridge Sectional at Kendal of Ithaca. (New Location!)

Ithaca Bridge Sectional at Kendal of Ithaca. (New Location!)

2230 N Triphammer Rd.

<https://kai.kendal.org/living/DrivingDirections.aspx>

Saturday April 26 at 11 AM and 3:30 PM

A/B/C stratified , 99er's (3 table minimum)

Lunch break-please no food is allowed into venue!

Sunday, April 27 at 11 AM

Stratified Swiss teams (strata based on team average MP)

Lunch included!

Complementary bagels, coffee, tea and water.

Easy access from Rte. 13, ample parking

For more information or partnerships, call Ellie O'Connor
607-592-7594, 607-387-5538 or elocon53@gmail.com

Northeast Pennsylvania Bridge Association Sectional Tournament

And

District 4 Grand National Teams – Qualifying Round

(May 2nd– May 4th 2014)

Northeast Pennsylvania Bridge Association Sectional Tournament

Partnerships: Walter Mitchell Jr.

(570) 709-0850 walter@mitchellfinancial.com

STRATIFICATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY DIRECTOR

Friday, May 2nd, 2014

10:00 AM – Stratified OPEN Pairs

(0-750) (750-1500) (1500- OPEN)

I/N 299er 199er 99er 49er

3:00 PM - Stratified Pairs

(0-750) (750-1500) (1500+)

Saturday, May 3rd, 2014

12:30 PM - Stratified Open Pairs

(0-300) (300-750) (750+)

I/N 299er 199er 99er 49er

Sunday, May 5th, 2013

11:00 AM and TBA - Stratified Swiss Teams (0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)

District 4 Grand National Teams Qualifying Round Saturday, May 3rd, 2014

First Session

REGISTRATION CLOSING 12:15 - (OPEN LEVEL and A)

REGISTRATION CLOSING 1:15 - (STRATS B & C)

START TIME - Second Session 7:00 PM

START TIME OPEN and A First Session 12:30

START TIME STRATS B&C First Session 1:30

Sunday, May 4th, 2014

START TIME 9:00 AM - Third Session (OPEN LEVEL)

START TIME 10:00 AM-Third Session (Strats A, B & C)

START TIME TBA - Fourth Session

(if necessary)

NOTE TIME CHANGES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

STRATIFICATIONS SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE

CHANGES BY THE DIRECTOR Swiss team bases on average
masterpoints of each team



Visit our website for updated schedules and events

WWW.DISTRICT4.INFO

www.nepab.com

WWW>BRIDGELADY.NET

Independent Fire Hall

166 S. Sprague Avenue, Kingston Pa. 18704

Route 81, Exit 170B



For customized directions go to

www.randmcnally.com

and enter your starting address and the destination
address above.

MAY 10

Harrisburg NLM Sectional

Saturday May 10 @ 12 Noon

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

Two session NLM (0-500) pairs, play through.

Stratified by average 0-100, 100-300, 300-500

Two 24 board sessions estimated completion 7pm

All Points Silver - Preregistration is requested

Refreshments 11:15 am

A light meal will be provided between sessions.

Prepaid \$50/pair At the Door \$60/pair

Questions call Linda Ivanoff (717) 234-8154 linda.ivy@comcast.net
mailto:fthr_bob@yahoo.com

Partnership call Dorothy Disney (717) 697-4189

Harrisburg NLM Sectional Registration (Saturday May 12 Noon Harrisburg BC)

Name _____ ACBL Number _____

Partner _____ ACBL Number _____

MAY 17 - 18

UNIT 112 Rainbow Sectional Charity Tournament Endwell, NEW YORK May 17 & 18, 2014

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

Directions to Broome West Senior Center in Endwell:

FROM THE EAST or WEST: on Route 17, take Exit 67 N (Endicott) to Rt. 26 N; continue straight onto McKinley Ave for 1 mile; turn right at the third traffic light (yield) onto Watson Blvd.; go 0.7 miles, turn right onto N. Seward St. You will turn left at the corner onto Wayne St. and the Senior Center is there on the left.



SATURDAY, May 17	11:00AM and Two single sessions 4:00 PM	Stratified Open PAIRS Unlimited/1000/300 pair avg	Great FREE Food All Day Long
	11:00am and 4:00pm	0-499 pair avg	
SUNDAY, May 18	11:00 AM	OPEN SWISS TEAMS, 2 sessions	Free Breakfast Goodies & Coffee! Pizza Lunch is \$3 for 3 pieces plus drink & Dessert
		Stratified by team average Unlimited/1000/500	

Entry fee per person per session:

- \$9 for ACBL members
- \$10 for non- or unpaid ACBL members
- \$5 for students (with student ID)
- \$5 for Newcomer (0-99)

PARTNERSHIPS:
Brion Keller (bkeller@stny.rr.com)
(607) 770-6772

Tournament CHAIR:
DeWitt Henricks (dhenricks@stny.rr.com)
(607) 748-4231

This Tournament will raise funds for the charity: Broome County Office of Aging. This group provides meals, activities and social events for many senior citizens in Broome County.

MAY 30 - JUNE 1

2014 Wilmington Sectional **May 30 – June 1, 2014**

The Bridge Studio of Delaware

1409 Foulk Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, DE 19803

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 30

9:00 am	Stratified Open Pairs (Open/2500/1250) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹
1:30 pm	Flight A/X Pairs (Open/5000) Stratified B/C/D Pairs (3000/2000/1000) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹
7:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (Open/2500/1250) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹

Saturday, May 31

10:00 am	Stratified Open Pairs (Open/2500/1250) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹
2:00 pm	Flight A/X Pairs (Open/5000) Stratified B/C/D Pairs (3000/2000/1000) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹

Sunday, June 1

11:00 am 2 sessions playthru	Flight A/X - Two Session Swiss (Open/4000) Strat B/C/D - Two Session Swiss (2500/1250/500) Pizza will be sold between sessions
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¹NOTE: All NLM Pairs stratified based on attendance.

The Bridge Studio of DE, Foulkstone Plaza
1409 Foulk Road, Suite 101, 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-495 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 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 on the right, # 1409, and on the first floor, Suite 101.

There is plenty of parking all around the building.

Tournament Chair:

Harold Jordan
302 584-0213
harold@bridge-
studio.org

Partnerships:

Carole Everitt
302 528-2680
evertread@yahoo.com

Tournament Director

Head Director
Alan Hodesblatt
ahodesblatt@excite.com

NEARBY ACCOMMODATIONS:

Holiday Inn	4000 Concord Pike	302 478-2222
Best Western	1807 Concord Pike	302 656-9436
Homewood Suites	350 Rocky Run Parkway	302 479-2000
Courtyard	320 Rocky Run Parkway	302 477-9500
McIntosh Inn	300 Rocky Run Parkway	302 479-7900

