

District **4** Spot



2006 DISTRICT 4 GNT WINNERS

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FLIGHT B

MARK HAUSER, ANDY MUENZ,
CHRISTOPHER MARLOW, HOWARD KAHLENBERG,
ELLIOT SHALITA

FLIGHT C

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DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CRAIG ROBINSON

There will be quite a bit of to charity.
bridge in District 4 this summer. Beth Rosenthal is going to The Cherry Hill Regional has turn the Presidential reins of just concluded and Syracuse Unit 120 over to Walter and Harrisburg have a split re- Mitchell this summer. Beth regional July 25th through July has done so much for her unit. 30th (Harrisburg will start a day She runs duplicate games, earlier on the 24th). If that teaches, volunteers at their doesn't satisfy your bridge ap- tournaments, and runs the petite, you can go to the Sum- best meetings east of the Mis- mer NABC in Chicago, July sissippi. Maybe her greatest 13th through July 23rd. accomplishment was to ar-

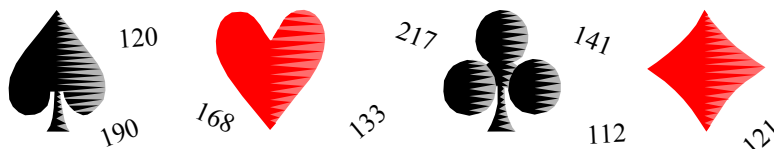
The Steamtown Regional range a TAP course held a held in March had an interest- year ago in Wilkes Barre. The ing event on Saturday. The course produced about 20 ac- Open Pairs was named in credited bridge teachers. The honor of Dave Meyer. life of this game that we play, Dave had been the chair will last only as long as we of the Regional held in keep getting new mem- Unit 120 forever until this bers. The ongoing year. Dave is also the results of the TAP leading masterpoint holder in course should keep the Unit and has done an awful bridge thriving in Northeast lot for bridge both in his unit Pennsylvania for years to and for the District. Dave has come. Thank you, Beth! a novelty sports business and The North American Pair is involved with a lot of the pro- qualifying games will be held motions at the Scranton/Wilkes at your local club throughout Barre Red Barons baseball the summer. Given that you games. In recent years bob- qualify, the District Finals will blehead dolls have become be held in October. Flights B popular giveaways at both & C will be in both Lakeville major and minor league games. NY and Wilmington DE on the So Dave gave everyone who 14th. Flight A will be held in played in the 'Dave Meyer Allentown the 28th & 29th. This Open Pairs' a Dave Meyer has always been my favorite bobblehead doll. He even event of the year. If you win, autographed mine. For those you actually get something be- of you who didn't get one, I sides masterpoints. The first might auction mine on Ebay in place winners get transporta- August and give the proceeds

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From The Four Corners



NORTHEASTERN PA 120

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New Ranks: Junior Master: Rita Conlon, Shavertown; Lois Bagley, Dalton; Mike Dudek, Scranton; Barbara Braithwaite, East Stroudsburg; Nancy Holmes, Scranton; Barbara Horwitz, Clarks Summit; Patricia Rosenthal, Dallas; Constances Stern, Kingston; Club Master: Val Harkins, Scranton; Lois Bagley, Dalton; Donald Clark, Stroudsburg; Barbara Hughes, Clarks Summit; Mildred Kline, Dalton; Mary Anne Hazzouri, Scranton; Jesse Savitz, Kingston; Rita Zymblosky, Clarks Summit; Marlene Chiavacci, Clarks Summit; Sectional Master: Margaret Kelly, Scranton; David Wessell, Clarks Summit; Harold Landau, Kingston; Neil McLaughlin, Scranton; Karen Wessell, Clarks Summit; Dann Davies, Clarks Summit; Evelyn Reles, Kingston; Regional Master: Mary Kernaghan, Stroudsburg;

Horty Shurtleff, Moscow, Robert Silverblatt, Kingston; Margaret Curfman, Wilkes Barre; Helene Elko, Larksville; John Flip, Shavertown; Allen Plotkin, Kingston; Jule Plotkin, Kingston; NABC Master: Constance Mitchell, Bear Creek; Life Master: Mary Paolucci, Wilkes Barre; Mary Ann Romano, Weatherly; Bronze Life Master: BJ Steiner, Auburn; Norman Dressler, Kingston; Silver Life Master: Susan Eisenberg, Lords Valley; George Marcy, Kingston.

Craig Robinson and Elaine Landow from Lansdale joined us this year for the Stroudsburg Patriotic Party and won the afternoon session in a very close contest. Seven Pairs had games of 58% or better. Craig is the District 4 Director at the ACBL Board of Directors and Elaine is responsible for the *District 4Spot*. Albert Shrive from Clarks Green and Barbara Miller from Bangor won the evening session with a 67% game.

Dallas Life Master Party the first place honors in the C directed by Beth Rosenthal – bracket. In the 99er game Bill open section overalls: 1AB Drean and Ieva Tracey were Sara Eisner and Edwin Utan, first in A with Joan Scribner 1C Iris Levy and Shirley Abel- and Marion Yocom placing first son. Non-life master section in B. Saturday evening had 1A Lois DeGennaro and Mary Stefan and Sylvie Basinski Brezinski, 1B Robert and placing first in A, Jack Berry Susan Silverblatt, 1C Leslie and Sue Wessner won in B, Dymond & Margot Schwager. and Joan Scribner and Brian

Mark your calendar for our Snyder placing first in C. The Fall Sectional October 6, 7, 8 Sunday Swiss team event was at the Kingston Independent won by Barry Gorski, Richard Fire Hall (see ad on page 25). Morgen, Bill Parks and Victor



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Our Spring Sectional tournament was held in May. On Friday afternoon Bonnie Wenger and Joanne Hollinger were first in A, Carl Cronrath and Betsy Davenney were first in B, and Pat Sexton and Tammy Cansler were first in C. Friday evening's honors went to Barry Gorski and Bill Parks first in A. Jack Berry and Sue Wessner first in B, and Robert Smink and Estelle Bogart first in C. Saturday's winners in the afternoon open game were Charles Gray and Tom Weik in A, with Robert Poole and William Mawhinney placing first in B, and Tammy Cansler and Pat Sexton taking

Quiros. Karen and Stan Yellin with Margaret and Doug White were first in B. J and Irene Schmehl with Reine Sadler and Charles Hintermyer were the winning team in C.

Our Annual Pro-Am Game was held in April. Nell Thompson pairing with Janice Repko took first place, with Chris Moran and Marlene Winkelman coming in second.

The following members have continued their advance in ACBL rankings. Junior Master: Joan Scribner, Lois Geiger, Anna Wardrop, Harriett Ullman and Sheila Walsh. Club Master: Edward Katz and Diana Mulligan. Sectional Master: Louise Zabinski, Lee Ernst, Brian Gibson, and Jan Maniar. Regional Master: Edith Mendelsohn. NABC Master: Lamar Thompson, Sue Wessner and Richard

Yiengst. Life Master: Larry Yoder, Victor Buck, and Ernestine Medeck. Bronze Life Master: Sandy Gebhardt, Bill Sedlis, and William Mawhinney. Silver Life Master: Lissy Stauffer. Congratulations to all.

Please plan to attend our upcoming Fall Sectional to be held in Reading at The Bridge Room Friday September 15 through Sunday May 17, 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 receive email notification of Unit games, Sectionals and any other special Unit events should send their address to bmbu121@yahoo.com.



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The unit will have its Fall sectional on October 27 to 29 at the Masonic temple in Allentown. The District Flight A NAP will be held in conjunction with the sectional. See the ad on page 24. Please note, the facility does not have a wheelchair ramp, therefore, those requiring the use of a wheel-

chair should contact the tournament chairman, Barbara Miller, 610-588-0181 or bsmiller04@fast.net. Accommodations will be provided.

Upcoming unit games are July 11, August 13, & September 12 all at the JCC. Check the unit website at lvbbridge.org for the dates and locations of the NAP qualifying games.

The unit annual party will be held on Sunday, November 19th at the Brookside Country Club. Else Gerbert is in charge of the arrangements.

Special congratulations to Marie Lychak for becoming LM as well as Bronze LM.

PCBA 141

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The unit had its annual dinner meeting on April 23, 2006. The affair was well attended with 23 tables of members playing Bridge after the meeting and dinner. Jane Segal arranged the event and did her usual good job. Craig Robinson and Elaine Landow won the game and were recipients of the Sonny Jaspan Trophy; coming in second were Richard Morgen and Estelle Bogart, third, Ray Raskin & Claire Kern.

At the annual meeting the awards for 2005 for the "Ace of

Clubs” and the “Mini McKinney” were presented. The recipients of the “Ace of Clubs” awards were as follows: Alan Gross (Rookie), Sam Mehta (Junior Master), Eleanor MacDonald (Club Master), Jerome Weiland (Sectional Master), Gertrude Singer (Regional Master), George Dougherty (NABC Master), Ricki Rogers Gordon (Life Master), Joseph Murray (Bronze LM), Gloria Van Sciver (Silver LM), Arnold Selig (Gold LM), Rhoda Kauffman (Diamond LM), Joseph Livezey (Emerald LM), Charlie Gray (Platinum LM) and Ken Cohen (Grand LM).

The three top players at the new Sectional tournament held in May in Mays Landing, NJ were Ray Raskin, Art Korth and Betty Scull. As this was first time a sectional tournament was held near the shore area for over twenty years, it was well attended. The hospitality was great. Those players who did not go to Mays Landing, for whatever reason, missed a good tournament and opportunity. Hopefully, next year more players will take the time and opportunity to visit the Mays Landing site and have an enjoyable time.

On Saturday in both the September and October Sectionals, there will be a three round Handicap Knockout Team game. The first round will start at 10:00 AM. For players who enjoy knockout events, this will be a great opportunity for you to acquire easy masterpoints (silver).



CENTRAL PENN 168

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The three top players at the April Sectional were Dave Treadwell, Jay Apfelbaum and Pat Civale. The Intermediate/

At the Harrisburg Sectional, held February 3 to 5, the top

masterpoint winners were James Benson, followed by Rebecca Chick, H. Philip Monyer, Melvin Lubart and Kurt Kilhefner. At the Pennsylvania Dutch Sectional in Lancaster, held March 31 to April 2, the top masterpoint winners were Raymond Raskin, Selena and John Swanson, and Susan and Deepak Khanna. At the Chambersburg Sectional held April 28 to 30, four players tied as the top masterpoint winners: Timothy Smith, Stephen Fama, Ronald Orr and David Charleston. Melvin Lubart and H. Philip Monyer tied for second place as top scorers. Congratulations to these players and thanks to all players who support our Sectional tournaments.

As we go to press, plans are underway for the annual Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenny winners party, to be held in conjunction with the York Sectional. The names of our unit winners, as well as tournament winners from all of our Sectional tournaments, will be published in the next issue of our unit newsletter.

Cool off this summer at the Harrisburg Regional, July 24 to 30, at the Harrisburg Hilton - great bridge, warm hospitality, and buckets of red and gold points! (See pgs 11-12.)



DELAWARE 190

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Congratulations to Cindy Rowland, Barbara Rhoades, Melissa Jessup, and Gail Everett for winning the District 4 GNT - Flight C. And with that they win an expense-paid trip to the Chicago NABCs this summer. Also GNT champs are Dave Treadwell in the Open Championship and Christopher Marlow and Andy Muenz (Flight B) playing with out-of-towners. Unit 190 will be well represented at the NABCs.

Accolades to the DSBA Winners of the 2005 Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney awards: ACE OF CLUBS: Rookie - Aster Wu; Junior Master - Rhoda Meizel; Club Master - Marilyn Dunning; Sectional Master - Chien-Ping Kao; Regional Master - Leonard Thomas; NABC Master - Jim Chao; Life Master - Sarah Jastak; Bronze Life Master - Tom Ciconte; Silver Life Master - Ken Donovan; Gold Life Master - Lois Stuart; Diamond Life Master - Peter and Marie Filandro; Grand Life Master - David Treadwell.

MINI-MCKENNEY: Rookie - Aster Wu; Junior Master - Jane Drevo; Club Master -

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Marilyn Dunning; Sectional Master - Chien-Ping Kao; Regional Master - Leonard Thomas; NABC Master - Jim Chao; Life Master - Warren Gaskill and Judy Nicolaysen; Bronze Life Master - Tom Ciconte; Silver Life Master - Amal Dasgupta; Gold Life Master - Rick Rowland; Diamond Life Master - Peter and Marie Filandro; Grand Life Master - David Treadwell.

More plaudits go out to Delawareans who reached new Life Master strata! New Silver Life Master is Carmela Coleman; new Life Masters are Dorothy Hand and Barbara Rhoades.

Its never too early! Be sure to mark your calendars for the DIAMOND STATE SECTIONAL, October 13-16, 2006 - another DSBA Four-Day Sectional. March 26 - April 1, 2007 is the next Delaware REGIONAL and it will be held at the Downtown Doubletree Hotel (formerly the Wyndham Hotel) in Wilmington, DE.



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If the ACBL awarded the Purple Heart for bravery in the line of duty, Donna Bowser

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would get a medal. Within sight of the bridge club in State College, where she was to direct the Penn State Sectional Tournament in early May, her automobile was struck by an on-coming car, sending her to the hospital. Fortunately, her injuries were not grave and she went home the next day. What a way to start a tournament! Kudos to all the local players who kept their heads and got the event under way despite all the confusion, chaos, and concern. Our thanks especially to Mike Carroad, who came up from Maryland to carry on as director for the remainder of the tournament.

To keep the chronology straight, however, here are the results of our earlier "Spring Out of Winter" Tournament, held in Danville in March. Ed Bissell (State College) and Mary Ann Churba (Williamsport) won the masterpoint race with 13.32 silvers each, followed up closely by Kevin Burns and Jim McKewon (State College) with 13.17. Leaders of individual events are as follows: Friday Afternoon Open Pairs - 1A, Ed Bissell & Mary Ann Churba; 1B, Gene Waltz (Danville) & Arlene Andrews (Coal Township); 1C Maria Stahel (Williamsport) & Sue Pierce (Danville). Friday Evening Open Pairs - 1A, Susan &

Deepak Khanna (Shillington); 1B, Gene Waltz & Arlene Andrews; 1C, Jim Pierce (Danville) & Elizabeth Pierce (Wilmington, DE). Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs - 1A, Melvin Lubart (Hummelstown) & Philip Monyer (Middletown); 1B, Dawn Neidigh (Boalsburg) & Connie Bamer (State College); 1C, Vera Peters (Williamsport) & Betty Bennett (Montoursville). Saturday Evening Open Pairs - 1A/B, Jack Berry & Sue Wesner (Hamburg); 1C, Ann Carey (Williamsport) & Stephany Romano (State College). Sunday Swiss Teams - 1A, Deepak Khanna, Ray Depew (Kingston), David Hall (Shavertown), & George Marcy (Kingston); 1B/C, Tore Tverraen (Scranton), Jacquelyn Newman (East Stroudsburg), Jean & Tom Olcese (Shamokin);

Special thanks to David Winters (Williamsport), tournament chair, for keeping the troops in line.

Oh, they did it again - Ed Bissell and Mary Ann Churba also led the field at the Penn State Sectional with 12.47 masterpoints. Norm Deno (State College) came in second with 9.81; and Any Kleit (State College) was third with 8.11. Winners of individual events were: Friday Afternoon Open Pairs - 1A, Norm Deno & Don Hollinger (State College); 1B/C, Dave

Marcello (Williamsport) & George Lepley (Cogan Station). Friday Evening Open Pairs - 1A, Ed Bissell & Mary Ann Churba; 1B/C, Ruth Armstrong & Audrey Fon (Chambersburg). Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs - 1/2A, Ed Bissell & Mary Ann Churba; 1/2A-B-C, Andy Kleit & Joris Pinkse (State College). Saturday Evening Open Pairs - 1A/B, Gene Waltz & Arlene Andrews; 1C, Mike Musso & Prashanth Sriram (State College). Sunday Swiss Teams - 1/2A, Ed Bissell, Mary Ann Churba, Mike Musso, & Carol Reitz; 1/2A, Don Strickler (Boalsburg), Aubrey George (Pittsburgh), Barbara Mateer, & Dave Hoover (State College); 1B/C, Andy Kleit, Joris Pinkse, Norm Deno, & David Chen (State College).

Thanks to Ed Bissell and Kevin Burns, tournament co-chairs, for seeing us through an unexpectedly stressful weekend.

It's not too early to mark your calendar for Unit 217's Fall Tournament in Williamsport, slated for the weekend of September 22-24. Once again we'll gather at the Dudley Turner Bridge House (1042 High Street) and enjoy the hospitality of Peg Herz, tournament chair, and all the

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REGIONAL PREVIEW

HARRISBURG / SYRACUSE SPLIT REGIONAL

July 24 - 30, 2006

For those unfamiliar with the split site format, you will hardly realize there is a difference from a regular regional. In main event pairs games, first and second overall will be awarded across both sites. All other events and awards are site specific.

HARRISBURG PA



The tournament is being held at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers and features post game hospitality, free coffee and muffins for all morning games, including Sunday, a hospitality suite for all players - open late into the night; in short, all the little touches people have come to expect from a Harrisburg tournament. In addition, we offer a full intermediate/newcomer program run by Donna Bowser, an I/N party between sessions on Friday, I/N lectures, and a panel show to take your questions.

In addition to the usual lineup of main events, we have loaded the schedule with the maximum number of KOs time would allow, 8. For people spending the whole week, after the first two sessions of each KO, a new KO begins. For weekend warriors, we start new KOs at 9AM & 7PM Friday with another starting Saturday at 1 PM.

The Hilton is located in the heart of Harrisburg's Restaurant Row, so a nearly unlimited option on dining is available. The room rate is \$93 per room. Summer attractions include the Harrisburg Senators and nearby Hershey Park.

Contact Bob Priest for more information. 717-772-3627 or BPriest@pahouse.net

SYRACUSE / LIVERPOOL 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

Harrisburg Split Regional

Sanction RP0607050

Monday, July 24		Friday, July 28	
Stratified Charity Kickoff Pairs	7:00	Morning Side Game Series 4th Session	9:00
0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100, 0-200, 0-300 Pairs		** Stratified Senior Pairs	10:00 & 3:00
7:00		** Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 & 7:00
		Swiss one session	7:00
		0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100, 0-200*, 0-300 Pairs	1:00 / 7:00
Tuesday, July 25		Saturday, July 29	
Morning Side Game Series 1 st Session	9:00	Morning Side Game Series 5 th Session	9:00
Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 & 7:00	** Ramona Karlson Stratified Senior Pairs	10:00 & 3:00
BAM one session	7:00	** Flight A/X Pairs (X 2500)	1:00 & 7:00
0-5*, 0-20*, 0-50, 0-100, 0-200, 0-300 Pairs	1:00 / 7:00	** Stratified Flight B Pairs (Strat 1500,1000,500)	1:00 & 7:00
		BAM one session	7:00
Wednesday, July 26		0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100, 0-200, 0-300* Pairs	1:00
Morning Side Game Series 2nd Session	9:00	0-300 Pairs with computer assigned BAM Teams	7:00
** Stratified Senior Pairs	1:00 & 7:00		
Swiss one session	7:00		
0-5, 0-20, 0-50*, 0-100, 0-200, 0-300 Pairs	1:00 / 7:00		
Thursday, July 27		Sunday, July 30	
Morning Side Game Series 3rd Session	9:00	Flight A/X Swiss Teams Playthrough (X 2500)	10:00
** Stratified Senior Pairs	10:00 & 3:00	Stratified Flight B Teams (Strat 1500,1000,500)	10:00
Stratified Swiss Teams	1:00 & 7:00	0-50, 0-100, 0-300 Swiss (Single Sessions)	10:00 / 1:30
BAM one session	7:00	(All two session Swiss are seven seven board matches one twenty minute break - target completion time 5:15)	
0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100*, 0-200, 0-300 Pairs	1:00 / 7:00	(Boxed lunches will be available for purchase from the Hilton)	
Knockout Schedule		1:00	7:00
Monday July 24		I 1	
Tuesday July 25	I 2	I 3, II 1	I 4, II 2
Wednesday July 26	III 1	II 3, IV 1	II 4, IV 2
Thursday July 27	III 2	IV 3, V 1	IV 4, V 2
Friday July 28	III 3, VI 1(8 team brackets)	V 3, VI 2	V 4, VI 3, VII 1
Saturday July 29	III 4, VII 2	VII 3, VIII 1	VII 4, VIII 2
Sunday July 30	VIII 3 (10:00)	VIII 4 (2:00)	

Stratified events: 0-500, 500-1500, 1500+ except where indicated
Top Bracket of all KOs with two or fewer brackets will be handicapped
Morning Side Game Series strata: 0-100, 100-300, 300+
Under 300 MP games may be flighted and stratified at director discretion
All 0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100, 0-200, 0-300 pairs run as two single session events
Trophy pairs best percentage afternoon and evening (designated with an asterisk (*))
Tuesday all 0-5 play free in all events 0-20 \$6 in all events – Friday 0-20 free in all events
Sunday 1:30 pm 0-300 Swiss free for all
MidChart permitted in all top KO Brackets and in the A/X events
Events marked with ** First and Second overall will be determined across two sites
One session entries will be permitted in all two session pairs events

Full Novice/Intermediate Program

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Partners: Betsy Davenny (717) 234-2044 good until block sold.

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SYRACUSE DISTRICT 4 SPLIT REGIONAL

Every Day – Every Day – Every Day		Host Hotel: (Playing Site)
Morning, Afternoon & Evening Side Games	10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
Morning Knockouts	9:00 am	Holiday Inn – Syracuse / Liverpool
Tuesday, July 25th	7:30 pm	Address: 441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool, NY 13088
Opening Knockouts (1st rd.)	7:30 pm	Phone: (315)457-1122
Stratified Charity Pairs	7:30 pm	Rate: \$89.00/night, rate good until July 1, 2006
Wednesday, July 26th	9:00 am, 1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	Tournament Chairperson: Judy Butcher, (315)468-2854, jbutcher@qts.net
Opening Knockouts	9:00 am, 1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	Partnership: Gerry Radway, (315)559-1560, gradway@yahoo.com
Senior Stratified Swiss Teams	10:00 am, 3:00 pm	
Firecracker Knockouts (rd 1 & 2)	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
**Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
299 ^{er} Stratified Pairs (max 300mp)	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
(Single sessions)		
Thursday, July 27th	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
**Senior Stratified Pairs	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
Firecracker Knockouts (rds. 3 & 4)	10:00 am, 3:00 pm	
Patriot Knockouts (rds. 1 & 2)	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
Stratified Open Teams	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
299 ^{er} Stratified Pairs (max 300mp)	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
(Single sessions)		
Friday, July 28th	10:00 am, 3:00 pm	
**Senior Stratified Pairs	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
Patriot Knockouts (rds. 3 & 4)	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
Can-Am Knockouts (rds. 1 & 2)	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
**Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
299 ^{er} Stratified Pairs (max 300mp)	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
(Single sessions)		
Saturday, July 29th	10:00 am, 3:00 pm	
**Senior Stratified Pairs	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
Can-Am Knockouts (rds. 3 & 4)	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
Compact Knockouts	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
**Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
299 ^{er} Stratified Pairs (max 300mp)	1:00 pm, 7:30 pm	
(Single sessions)		
Sunday, July 30th	11:00 am, TBA	
Senior Stratified Swiss Teams	11:00 am, TBA	
Stratified Open Swiss Teams	11:00 am, TBA	
299 ^{er} Swiss Stratified Teams	11:00 am	
(1 Session, max 300mp)		
Masterpoint Stratification:	A 2500+	
	AX 0-2500	
	B 1000-1500	
	C 500-1000	
	D 0-500	
	Strat "A" 1500+	
	Strat "B" 500 – 1500	
	Strat "C" 0 – 500	

From Rochester / Buffalo: Take the NYS Thruway East to exit #37, turn left after tollbooth; hotel is on the right.

From New York City or Watertown: Take route 81 to Exit 25 (81 southbound) or 25A (81 northbound) NYS Thruway. Get on NYS Thruway at exit #36 west. Exit Thruway at exit #37 (a very short distance!), turn left after tollbooth; hotel is on the right.

Events marked with ** 1st and 2nd overall will be determined across two sites.

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By popular demand, Mid-Atlantic Intermediate-Newcomer program again features pre-game lectures by CHUCK SAID, a Grand Life Master with 27,000 masterpoints. Hunt Valley's famous hospitality will continue to provide surprises and treats for all. Special "world renowned panel" at 6:45 p.m. Friday. Partners **guaranteed** one hour before all 300-and-under MP events. Friday's between-sessions party, hosted by the Maryland Bridge Association, welcomes all players with fewer than 100 masterpoints. Daily gifts to first-time duplicate bridge players.

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For information concerning host hotel or alternative housing, call Patricia Wilson.

Visit the MABC on the Web: www.mabcbridge.org

BALTIMORE MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL

All Bracketed KO events include 0-300 players



Monday, Aug. 14

Open Bracketed KOs..... 7:30
(Continues 9 am, 1 & 7:30 Tuesday)
Senior Bracketed KOs 7:30
(Continues 9 am, 1 & 7:30 Tuesday)
Stratified Open Charity Pairs 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Charity Pairs 7:30

Tuesday, Aug. 15

Ravens AM Side Game Series (1st of 5)..... 9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs..... 9 am
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7:30
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams 1 & 7:30
Hunt Valley Side Game Series
(1st, 2nd of 6) 1 / 7:30
Stratified Open BAM Teams 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs 1 / 7:30
0-5 Trophy Pairs (FREE TODAY)..... 1 / 7:30

Wednesday, Aug. 16

Prekness AM Compact Bracketed KOs 9 am
(12-board matches; continues 9 am Thursday)
Ravens AM Side Game Series (2nd of 5) 9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs 9 am
Stratified Senior Pairs 10:30 am & 3
Maryland Bracketed KOs..... 1 & 7:30
(Continues 1 & 7:30 Thursday)
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7:30
Hunt Valley Side Game Series
(3rd, 4th of 6)..... 1 / 7:30
Stratified Open BAM Teams 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs 1 / 7:30
0-20 Trophy Pairs 1 / 7:30
0-300 Bracketed Pairs 7:30
(Computer-assigned BAM teams — 2 chances to win!)

Thursday, Aug. 17

Ravens AM Side Game Series (3rd of 5) 9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs..... 9 am
Stratified Senior Pairs 10:30 am & 3
StrataFlighted Open Swiss Teams 1 & 7:30
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7:30
Hunt Valley Side Game Series
(1st, 2nd of 6) 1 / 7:30
Stratified Open BAM Teams 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs 1 / 7:30
0-100 Trophy Pairs..... 1 / 7:30
50/100/300 Swiss Teams 1 / 7:30

Friday, Aug. 18

Hunt Cup Bracketed KOs..... 9 am, 1 & 7:30
(Continues 9 am Saturday)
Ravens AM Side Game Series (4th of 5) 9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs 9 am
StrataFlighted Open Pairs 1 & 7:30
Stratified Senior Pairs 1 & 7:30
Orioles Side Game Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1 / 7:30
EXPERT PANEL SHOW 6:45
Stratified Open BAM Teams 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs 1 / 7:30
100/200/300 Trophy Pairs..... 1 / 7:30
Zip KOs..... 11:30

Saturday, Aug. 19

Ravens AM Side Game Series (5th of 5) 9 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs 9 am
Stratified Senior Pairs 10:30 am & 3
Weekend Bracketed KOs..... 1 & 7:30
(Continues 10 am & 2 Sunday)
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7:30
Black-Eyed Susan Pairs 1 & 7:30
A New Favorite Event! Gold Points! 0-300/300-750
Orioles Side Game Series (3rd, 4th of 4) 1 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs 1 / 7:30
0-50 Trophy Pairs..... 1 / 7:30

Sunday, Aug. 20

StrataFlighted Open Swiss Teams 10 am
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams 10 am
Open & Senior Swisses are 7 matches
playthru with a 30-minute lunch break
Stratified Open Pairs 10 am & 2
Single-session entries permitted
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs 10 am / 2
50/100/300 Swiss Teams 10 am / 2

- ❖ Open & Senior events stratified 0-500, 500-2000, 2000+
- ❖ StrataFlighted events A/X=3000+, 0-3000, and B/C separate 500-2000, 0-500
- ❖ 0-300 events stratified at director's discretion
- ❖ All times pm unless indicated otherwise
- ❖ Single-session pairs always accommodated
- ❖ Trophy Pairs best percentage of two sessions in single-session games (except 0-5)

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DISTRICT 4 MASTER SOLVERS CLUB

HENRY BETHE, DIRECTOR

I invited Joey Silver, a Canadian international and a good panelist elsewhere, to join us. We set a new record: over 7000 words from panelists and solvers. A couple of the problems achieved near unanimity: 3 and 5B. The others found less agreement. I have quite a lot to say about each, so you will get more of me and less of the panel this month. I hope you don't mind.

1. Matchpoints, E-W Vul

6 K109852 10865 Q7

West	North	East	South
--	1C	P	1H
2S	4D&	P	??

& SPLINTER: HEART RAISE, SHORT DIAMONDS

Answers: 4NT 20 (6); 4S 19 (5); 5H 15 (1);
5C 14 (0); 4H 6 (2)

*The main point of problem one was to have the panel and solvers appreciate just how good this 5HCP hand has become. A six!- card heart suit to the king, the queen of partner's long suit and a singleton in the opponent's suit. With one exception even the 4H bidders saw this. The exception was **Bill Rock**: 4H. I am glad I responded. The others **Jay Apfelbaum, Ray Raskin, Pete Filandro** said something like: "4H. I have a very good hand, but unless partner holds three first-round controls and one second-round control, slam will prove impossible. The five level could prove unsafe if partner has the wrong hand ... tempted to bid RKC, but a 5 Spade response would put me above my safety level." *Actually, I would like to give Rock 2 and the others 9 but they all made the same bid.**

*The rest of the panel made some sort of slam try. A large group ignored the problem of the 5S response to 4NT. This group included panelists **Dan Boye, Bob and Joann Glasson, Fred Neuburger, Richard Popper, Craig Robinson, Joey Silver, Danny and Jo Sprung** and solvers **Barry Cohen, Douglas Dye, Bill Foster, Harry Nuckols, Barry Passer, and Nick Stragguzzi**. To summarize about 500 words, "4NT. If partner has 1st round control in spades or diamonds to go with the heart ace and the club AK slam should be frigid." "The opponents 2S bid and partner's splinter mean that partner's points should all be working. The 5 level should be safe so I will explore slam." *One solver pleaded 'Don't print this answer. If my regular partner reads that I used Blackwood on a 5-count, he may have heart failure. He went on, "A grand is quite possible if partner holds three aces and a diamond void, but it will be tough to reach because [over the six-of-a-minor response] I'll have no way to ask about the CK - hardly the problem I envisioned when I picked up these cards." I will solve that problem for you. With, say, Axx, Axxx, none, AKxxxx opener should bid 6C over 4NT, showing an odd number of key cards, a void (known to be**

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in diamonds because of the splinter) and the CK. Whoopee. Problem solved. 1510 here we come. I have great sympathy for this group. One of them said, "Opener almost has to have 3 first-round controls." I agree. But all of those that don't have the embarrassing HQ.

The most popular other solution was to cue bid the singleton spade and hope that partner could take over. (Where is Steve Robinson with 4S as RKC when we need him?) This group includes: **Ken**

Cohen, Sam Ehrlichmann, Connie Goldberg, Eric Greco, Ros and Saul Teukolsky with **Bob Hickes, Steve White**: 4S. I would like to bid 4S as RKC. I can't risk 4NT, as 5S showing two with the Q would be disastrous. The hand is too good to sign off. Let partner use keycard." Having cut about 600 words to 20, let me suggest what is wrong with this approach. If partner does not bid Blackwood, the issue of how many aces we have may never get resolved. And if he does, and we are off a key card, partner may be scared of trumps. Our 5th and 6th trumps have not exactly been disclosed by the auction. I really am not sure which is the greater risk, that we cannot solve the hand if we do not bid 4N or that we get overboard when we do.

Which leads to two other possibilities: **Ed Shapiro**: 5H. Quantitative. Does 4D promise a spade control? The meaning of my 5H? Partner should quit with something marginal. I can't think of a hand without three aces or two and a diamond void on which he'd accept. I can't bid 4S, which must show first round control. **Bill Schmidt**: 5C. Hoping partner will bid 6C or 6H when he has the spade A, but sign off in 5H when he doesn't. At MPs, this can't be an offer to play 5C. This would be a good hand to be playing straight Blackwood, rather than RKC.

I like both of these bids, 5H better than 5C. But I am afraid partner would interpret 5H as asking for a spade control and 5C either as suggesting we play in clubs (with say, xxx, xxxxx, Ax, Qxxxx) or as showing a club control and *Desperately Seeking Susan*, that is to say a spade control. I think the possibility of confusion with either of these bids is greater than after 4S or 4N. I, your partner, actually held approximately the example hand, a 3-4-0-6 with three aces, the spade Q and the club J10. +510 was not a result that I found charming.

2. IMPs, Both Vul

North: J1082 none QJ54 K7632

South: 7 J8543 AK AJ1095

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1H
P	1S	P	2C
P	3C	All	pass

RESULT: +170

ASSESS THE BLAME, IF ANY: SOUTH; NORTH; SYSTEM

CONSENSUS: SOUTH 81%, NORTH 5%, SYSTEM 14%

Scoring: I summed the deviations from consensus, divided by 10 and subtracted from 20.

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Let me give you my own view first. South might bid 3D, but passing 3C is not the worst bid ever. First of all North might (should) view this as a try for 3NT, and if he does bid 3N South will have no idea whether to bid out. Second, look at how bad 5C is if partner has, say KQxxx x Jxx Qxxx. Even 4C will be in mild jeopardy. I think South should bid 3D, but pass is not criminal. I think North is blameless. So the balance of any blame should go to "bridge luck" in the sense that there is no way to tell that these 20 points provide good play for a slam! On the other hand, if South does bid 3D, North might bid 4H and this is properly interpreted as a splinter. That could lead to bidding the slam. I would blame South about 70% atimps, about 50% at matchpoints, which does not make my assessment right.

*There is a vehement group that blames South exclusively. Their answers receive a score of 16, since the deviations total 38. $38/10 = 4$: **Greco with Neuburger, Teukolsky, Goldberg, K. Cohen, Rock**: S-100%. No system is perfect, but passing 3C is one of the worst bids I have ever seen. I would leap to 6 before passing 3. Jxxxx of hearts is golden opposite what is likely to be a singleton heart. I would bid 3D and await further developments. Thankfully, North was sharp enough to raise with a 7-count. **Ehrlichmann with Sprung, Glassons**: S-100%. Not inclined to blame system due to a given hand. North's bidding is completely clear. South knows about the strong 9-card fit and about North's likely heart shortness, so should press on. **Passer, Hickes**: S-100%. Certainly North did his part. South should have at least tried for game. I had a hard time creating a 3C bid for North that would make 3D unsafe.*

*I do not understand this reasoning. Why does North get any blame if he could make no other bid? Anyway, these answers get 17. The deviations total 28: **Robinson, Filandro**: S-90%, N-10%. Slam is cold and they are in 3C so there is someone to blame. What else could North do? 4C? On the other hand South has a extra club, the knowledge partner is short in hearts. ... I reserved 10% of the blame for North who might have bid 1NT at his first turn to avoid a 3-card raise from South. North's spades are not suitable for the Moysian.*

*This one gets 19! **Raskin**: S-80%, System-20% - South has a lot of undisclosed extras on this auction and has to show them now. . **B. Cohen, Dye (17)**: S-70%, System-30%. Unfortunate hands for the system, but South could have at least salvaged game by bidding on over 3C; his final Pass is downright timid.*

Boye (16): S-75% N-25%. With Silver (15): S-70%, N-30%. North took a good action in showing about limit raise values with 3C. South has an easy 3D bid and it is my guess that N will bid 5. I believe tough to pinpoint enough to find the slam. I give North 25% because a 4C bid would get the partnership to 5C. However, that does not excuse South's timid pass over 3C.

*A few share the blame about equally between South and system: **Popper (15)**: S-60%, System-40%. and **Apfelbaum (14)**: S-50%, N-10%, System-40%. The first 3 calls are pretty automatic ... Pass of 3C reasonable, although*

3D is a better call. Would allow responder to bid 5C. Some hands are extraordinarily difficult to bid. **Stragguzzi, Schmidt (11):** S-40%, System-60%. South gets 40% because of his timid but not unreasonable pass. The auction suggests that North's short suit is hearts ... Primarily, though, this is a system fix. Chalk it up to One Of Those Deals.

A low scoring answer at 5 but it is well reasoned and deserves better. **Shapiro:** S-12%, System-88%. When weak suits are bid, partner devalues shortness, fearing a high card misfit. South might have tried 3D. I'd recommend not losing sleep over it -- this is simply a hand type that most systems don't handle well.

Nuckols(10): No blame. Neither partner could anticipate the perfect fit.

3. MatchPoints, Neither Vul

8 K8763 A10654 32

West	North	East	South
--	1S	P	1NT
P	3H	P	??

Scores 4D 20 (11); 6H 13 (1); 4NT 12 (1); 4H 9 (1)

As is frequently the case, Nick provides a thoughtful discussion of this problem.

Stragguzzi: 4H. This is an old dilemma. Is 4D natural, or a cue-bid in support of hearts? Conflicting principles are at play: "In an uncontested auction beginning at the one level, you can't introduce a new suit above 3NT" vs. "A forcing-1NT - responder's first rebid clarifies his hand type." I have no idea how to break this tie. I look forward both to the panel's insight and the 2007 problem where you give us 1-1-7-4 in the same auction.

The vast majority are convinced that, in 2006 at least, 4D is a cue-bid. **Apfelbaum, K. Cohen, Glassons, Goldberg, Greco, Raskin, Robinson, Shapiro, Silver, Sprung, Teukolskys, B. Cohen, Dye, Hickes, Passer, Rock, Schmidt, White:** 4D. *This group spent a lot of words saying "Obviously a cue-bid in support of hearts," or, "When I bid 5H next partner will know he needs a club control," and "Gee, I have never discussed this."* Silver added "Well worth an opening bid in support of hearts. Too good to bid only 4H." *Most were convinced that partner could not possibly think that they had a long diamond suit.*

There were two outliers: **Neuburger:** 4NT. There are 3 reasons not to bid 4D. First, you may pinpoint a club lead off the AK. Second, I hate playing 5-1 or 5-0 fits. Third, I don't know if we have an agreed upon bid asking for 2nd round club control. **Ehrlichmann:** 6H. OK, on this hand I'll blame the system. This sequence, 1S then 3H, takes up so much room it's disgusting. Not bidding 4D, this is not what it shows.

What I think is that 4D is either natural or a cue in support of hearts. Both. Partner, as in all such ambiguous situations, assumes it is natural. The subsequent correction to 5H will make all clear -- and if partner passes 5H we hope it makes after we pinheaded the club lead. Which is why I admire the chutspa of 4NT and the direct 6H: they have two

good chances. It might be cold, and if not, the opponents might not know which minor to lead so that my clubs go away on partner's spades.

4. Matchpoints, Both Vul

KJ9 AJ64 none AK8652

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1C
P	1D	P	1H
P	2H	P	??

Scores: 2S 20 (7); 3C 15 (3); 4H 15 (3); 3H 7 (0);
4D 6 (1)

Filandro: 4H. Papa Bear bravely says "I might make slam opposite KQ in hearts, a black queen, and 3-2 breaks in hearts and clubs." Baby Bear timidly says "I might fail in game opposite a 3-3-5-2 minimum." But Mama Bear says "4H is just right." Don't argue with Mama. *This answer is so good I just had to lead with it. Not that it is necessarily right, just good.*

My original thought with problems 4 and 5 was, as some panelists thought, to explore further the issues raised in problem 5 from the last set. This was not the actual companion hand but it seemed like a possible companion to a 1-3-6-3 nine count. I will start each set with the answers of the people who made the bid in the last issue.

Five members of the panel and two solvers chose 2H. Here they are: **Goldberg, Ehrlichmann and Dye:** 2S. Playing BWS, 4H is a reasonable bid over 2H, although the possibility of partner having three to an honor and a stiff still remains. After 2S, if partner bids 3D or 3H I will bid 4H; over 3C I will gamble 3NT and partner should correct to 4H when he has four hearts ... I am going to give my partner a chance to describe further. We could play this hand in hearts, clubs, or notrump. **Popper, Silver and Schmidt:** 3C. Having limited my hand with 1H, even at matchpoints, I can afford to try for slam. **Shapiro:** 4H. With partner making a rather limited raise, I'll just bid game and give my opponents less info. It doesn't concern me if we're in a 4-3 fit, especially if we don't invite a diamond lead. **Glassons:** 4D. Splinter. Sounds like wastage in diamonds, but will splinter and give partner a chance to evaluate diamond holding. *Quite a range, isn't it. It is tough for me to imagine looking for slam in a BWS context, but I have little imagination.*

Among the others, several bid 2S: **Greco, Raskin, Robinson, Sprung, Teukolskys, Hickes, Stragguzzi:** 2S. Best give some idea of shape and let partner judge. Partner may have raised on 3 trumps and spade shortness and can now show club support ... 2S for now seems 100% ... To be followed by 4C if partner bids 3H. So much to show, might as well go low, and give partner room to describe his hand. Slam is not out of the picture. Don't understand auction—if responder weak and has 4 hearts, why bid 1D? Maybe partner has 6 or 7 diamonds and 4 hearts? *We play BWS, not Walsh, so partner with 4-5 in the red suits will respond 1D.* --over 3H I'll bid 4 ... 2S. When you can make a forcing third-round bid with a strong hand that shows 12 of your cards, that's usually the

right bid. Here I get to show all 13 -- a bonus!.

K. Cohen, Neuburger: 3C. Possible contracts are 3NT, 4H, or possibly 6C or 6H if partner has the top of his range with bad diamonds.

Apfelbaum with Boye, Nuckols, Passer, White: 4H. Asking too much to find the perfecto in partner's simple raise for anything higher.

Foster: 3H (invitational). Let's hope partner's judgment is good today! *If you are going to rely on partner's judgment, give her something to work with by bidding 2S or 3C. I do not want to suggest that those who bid 2H last time are crazy. But a large part of the panel assumed that partner would have 4 hearts, and behaved accordingly. Or they said bravely that they don't mind the prospect of playing a 4-3 fit. Well I love 4-3 fits. At the two level mostly. I am not too fond of 4-3 fits in game when a cross ruff is not in sight and my trumps are not strong enough to retain control. Oh, I can ruff diamonds, but I have too many clubs to anticipate ruffing clubs for long. Of course my partners have 3.98 hearts for the raise, so I bid 4H with complete equanimity.*

5. Matchpoints, Both Vul

KJ9 AJ64 none AK8652

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

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

SCORES 3C 10 (7); 2S 9 (0); 2NT 9 (1); PASS 8 (6)

Last month's 2D bidders were : **K. Cohen:** 2NT. Bidding the value of your hand. Partner is likely to have some Club help as he is known not to have 4 of either major and you have a likely source of tricks. **Raskin with B. Cohen, Rock:** 3C It is possible that I just got us out of our only making partial, but it might get us into a better spot if partner has something other than 6 or 7 middling diamonds. **Apfelbaum with White:** Pass. There is a chance at game, but at matchpoints the odds say to play for a plus score. **Robinson with Boye, Glasson, Popper, Neuburger, Silver, Dye, Filandro, Foster:** 3C. This hand looks familiar ... I am not willing to play this hand in diamonds without disclosing my extra length in clubs ... This hand is deteriorating. When the wing falls off an airplane, the flight objective changes ... Not content to pass with a void in diamonds. Maybe partner has a couple of clubs ... sequence shows a good 6-4 and 3C aims at the most likely plus score. Passing 2D is too big a position, as game is still possible ... Facing 6 - 9 HCPs and 6 - 7 diamonds, I think 3C will fetch a plus more often than Pass. **Passer:** 2N. Showing points and spades. That's what I have, n'est-ce pas?

A substantial group wanted to get out while the getting was good. A sample of comments: **Ehrlichmann, Goldberg, Greco, Shapiro, Sprung, Teukolsky, Nuckols, Schmidt, Hickes:** P. I would not bid 3C ... This is why partner with mediocre diamonds and good 3-card heart support should bid 2H. I'm not going to try for game, and we may be in the safest partial. If partner is 6-1 in the mi-

nors, diamonds figure to play better than clubs. A tough problem but it is a misfit so stay low. Bidding would only tend to be right if partner had club support as well, but playing matchpoints stay low.

I have no strong feelings on this hand, although I would probably pass. If partner's values are in diamonds they are of no use to me, and my high cards are likely to be helpful in a diamond contract. 2D is very discouraging. I would be MUCH more enthusiastic over 2C. Because I have no strong feelings I was generous in the scoring..

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

SCORES 3NT 10 (10); PASS 7 (2); 5D 6 (0); 3S 4 (2)

The 3D bidders from last month provided several answers: Teukolsky with Filandro, Passer: 3NT. Clear cut at any form of scoring. Raskin: 3S - 3NT might not be even close to making, but would prefer it played from partner's side. Robinson with Nuckols: P. If I were still in school, I would raise my hand and ask if I could go to the bathroom. 3NT? Where do I get tricks? 3S? Bid my pattern and let partner make a intelligent decision, or will he take this as a cue bid in support of diamonds? Pass? It isn't forcing. I pass. Hickes: 5D - --3NT might work if I can get clubs going, but won't get to partner's hand.

Almost everyone else tried the obvious, with varying degrees of enthusiasm. Including Apfelbaum, Boye, K. Cohen, Ehrlichmann, Greco, Neuburger, Popper, Shapiro, Silver, Sprung, and B. Cohen, Dye, Foster, Rock, Schmidt, Stragguzzi, White: 3NT. Not sure how we are going to make this ... Misfit or not this seems clear, too many points to pass. 3S seems ridiculous with KJx of spades. I might bid 3S with Axx ... Right or wrong, isn't this the right bid? No fit, but probably 26 or more hcp. There could be a better game (5C comes to mind), but probably no game that will score better ... Blindly, but it's the only game I'm going to consider. If partner has game values, I want to be in game ... Transportation may very well be a problem in the play of this hand ... May make game on power or by running clubs. We're not going to play a different contract at matchpoints ... Seems clear ... Because I have to bid something, and because hurling my bidding box at partner's head is frowned upon by the directors. This is turning into the "Groundhog Day" of bidding contests -- bidding the same hand over and over again.

I guess you have to bid 3N, but typical responder hands, in my view, will give you little play. Say a 3-2-7-1 with a major suit honor and good diamonds. Which is why I have promoted Pass and 5D. I hope you are all convinced now of the merits of responder bidding 2C.

Congratulations and thank you to Joey Silver, our guest, and to Doug Dye who had the highest score of anybody. I would have scored 89 this time.

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(Continued from DD's Rpt., page 3)

tion and lodging to the Spring NABC in St. Louis, the 2nd place pair gets free transportation, and the 3rd place pair gets free entries.

Panelist	1	2	3	4	5A	5B	Score
Joey Silver	4NT	70/30/0	4D	2S	3C	3NT	95
Eric Greco	4S	100/0/0	4D	2S	P	3NT	93
Ros & Saul Teukolsky	4S	100/0/0	4D	2S	P	3NT	93
Dan Boye	4NT	75/25/0	4D	4H	3C	3NT	91
Craig Robinson	4NT	90/10/0	4D	2S	3C	3S	91
Connie Goldberg	4S	100/0/0	4D	2S	P	P	90
Sam Ehrlichman	4S	100/0/0	6H	2S	P	3NT	86
Fred Neuburger	4NT	100/0/0	4NT	3C	3C	3NT	83
Ken Cohen	4S	100/0/0	4D	3C	2NT	3NT	79
Bob & Joann Glasson	4NT	100/0/0	4D	4D	3C	P	79
Ray Raskin	4H	80/0/20	4D	2S	3C	3S	79
Ed Shapiro	5H	12/0/88	4D	4H	P	3NT	73
Jay Apfelbaum	4H	50/10/40	4D	4H	P	3NT	73
Richard Popper	4NT	60/0/40	4H	3C	3C	3NT	69
Leading Solvers	1	2	3	4	5A	5B	Score
Douglas Dye	4NT	70/0/30	4D	2S	3C	3NT	97
Barry Cohen	4NT	70/0/30	4D	3C	3C	3NT	92
Barry Passer	4NT	100/0/0	4D	4H	2N	3NT	90
Bob Hickes	4S	100/0/0	4D	2S	P	5D	89
Nick Stragguzzi	4NT	40/0/60	4H	2S	2S	3NT	79
Bill Schmidt	5C	40/0/60	4D	3C	P	3NT	78
Steve White	4S	1/0/99	4D	4H	P	3NT	75
Harry Nuckols	4NT	0/0/0	4H	4H	P	P	69
Pete Filandro	4H	90/10/0	4H	4H	3C	3NT	67
Bill Rock	4D	100/0/0	4H	3C	3C	3NT	66
Bill Foster	4NT	20/0/80	4H	3H	3C	3NT	63

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Lehigh Valley Unit 133

*Sectional &
NAP Flight A Finals*

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Masonic Temple
1524 Linden Court
Allentown, PA

Friday, October 27

Strat Women/Open Prs 1:30
0-99 Strat Pairs¹ 1:30 & 7:30
Strat Open Pairs..... 7:30

Saturday, October 28

9:30am/2:30pm/7:30pm

KO Teams

Strat Open Pairs¹

0-99 Strat Pairs¹

NAP, Flight A..... 1:00 & 7:00

Sunday, October 29

10:00 & TBA

Stratified Swiss Teams²

0-199 Swiss Teams²

NAP Final, Flight A

¹ single sessions ² may play one session
Strats: 300, 1000, unlimited - 99er:
20, 50, 100 if enough tables

Partnerships

Ernie Roberts 610-767-7037

Else Gerbert 610-965-5180

Tournament Chair

Barbara Miller 610-588-0181

NAP Chair

Don Swan 610-867-7060

DIRECTIONS

FROM EAST (222 OR I-78): Exit at Rt. 222
N. to 15th Street. Left on 15th. 1 block to left
on Linden.

FROM West (I-476, 22 or 309): Rt. 22E to
15th Street Exit. 15th St. S to Linden. Right
on Linden for 1 block.

Master Solvers Club Fall 2006 Hands

Send answers to Henry Bethe,
hbethe@aol.com not later than August 1,
2006. I am making a modest change to
the conditions of this contest, namely that
we will use SAYC (Standard American
Yellow Card) rather than BWS as the
system. A write-up of SAYC can be found
at ACBL.org or on BBO. Please answer
in the following format: Sample Answer to
#1: "X. I have 15 points. I will worry
about club bids when they happen." Use
capital letters for suits, e.g. 1S not 1
Spade, and please do not use pard for
partner. Thanks.

The first four problems are designed
to explore thinking as a hand develops.
Please try to answer each part before
going on to the next..

Your hand for Problems 1-4:

IMPs, Both Vul, Dealer East

10863 KQ107 AK102 K

1. As you contemplate whether to open
1D, 1H or an off-shape 1NT, RHO opens
1S. Would you (a) Double (b) Pass (c)
other. If you plan to double, please ad-
dress what you would plan to do if partner
bids 2C or 3C.

2. Assuming you chose to pass, the auc-
tion continues:

West	North	East	South
--	--	1S	P
P	2C		

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

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

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

Finally, your partner's hand turns out

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to be Q, xxx, Q9x, AQ10xxx while East is 5-5-0-3 with SAKJ and the HAJ and West is 3-1-6-3 with the minor suit Jacks. Contemplate the result you got: 2S makes, while 3C is down two and 3N is cold your way. What could you, should you or your partner, have done differently?

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

West		East	
J5		AKQ1098	
K9854		none	
AK54		Q72	
Q5		AK106	
West	North	East	South
1H	P	2S*	P
3D**	P	3S	P
4D	P	5C	P
5H	P	6C	P
6NT	P	P	P

* STRONG: SAYS MY SUIT, YOUR SUIT OR NT

** DIAMOND CONCENTRATION, DENIES 2 OF TOP 3 HEARTS

A) Assess the blame between E and W.

B) Which was the worst bid in context



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other friendly folks who make the Williamsport club so special. Game times Friday are 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.; noon and 6:00 p.m. Saturday; and 11:00 a.m. for the Sunday Swiss. For more information, call Peg at 570-329-1444; or, if you need a partner, contact Doris Plotts at 570-323-2542. Hope to see you there!



SUMMER 2006

Northeast PA Bridge Assoc.

Unit 120



October 6-8, 2006

Independent Fire Co.
166 S. Sprague Ave.
Kingston (Wilkes-Barre), PA

Friday, October 6

Stratified Pairs¹ 1:30pm
I/N 199/99/49er 1:30pm
Stratified Pairs² 7:00pm
I/N 199/99/49er 7:00pm

Saturday, October 7

KO Teams (handicapped)
9:00am/1:30pm/7:00pm
Stratified Pairs² 1:30pm
I/N 199/99/49er 1:30pm
Stratified Pairs² 7:00pm
299er Pairs 7:00pm

Sunday, October 8

11:00am & TBA
Stratified Swiss Teams²

¹(0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)

²(0-300) (300-750) (750+)

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Look for our tournaments
the first weekends in
March, June & October

DIRECTIONS

FROM I-81: EXIT 170 (RT. 309) TO EXIT
4. LEFT ON RUTTER AVE TO PIERCE ST.
RIGHT TO END. LEFT ON WYOMING
AVE (RT 11) TO MARKET ST
(KINGSTON CORNERS). RIGHT TO SPRAGUE AVE ON THE LEFT.

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A Spot 4 the Advancing Player

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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 we will discuss some alternative responses after we open 1NT and partner makes a transfer bid. I propose an approach that permits the opener to express an opinion of his or her hand before the responder's next bid. The approach is called "super accepts" over major suit transfers and "pre-accepts" over minor suit transfers.

Super accepts allows the opener to show four card support for the transfer suit. The basic premise is that the partnership has a nine-card fit and can be more optimistic about game prospects. Also, the failure to super accept denies four-card support and permits the responder to be more conservative on borderline hands. Super accepting is done by

jumping to three of the transfer suit with a minimum hand, bidding a doubleton with a maximum, or bidding 2NT with a maximum and no doubleton. The advantage for showing the doubleton is that the responder can evaluate length in his side suits. For example, if the opener shows a doubleton club and the responder has four clubs, the responder can be optimistic about game because of the potential for club ruffs. Likewise, if the responder holds a doubleton club he will be less optimistic because there is less potential to ruff losers.

Pre-accepts allows the opener to express an opinion about playing 3NT based on the assumption that responder holds a six-card minor suit with two of the top three honors and little else. The choice is to bid the transfer suit or make the bid between the transfer and the transfer suit. For example, over 2S the opener could bid 2NT or 3C. 2NT is the bid between the transfer and the transfer suit.

The early proponents of pre-accepts chose the

"between bid" as the better hand, but I am convinced the better approach is to bid the transfer suit with the better hand. Consider the tactical position. If the opener bids the suit and the responder has a bad hand and passes, there is one less person in a position to enter the auction after the weakness is discovered. If the opener makes the in-between bid, the responder will bid the transfer suit with both the weak and invitational hand. That hand is hidden, and the defense will not know just how strong the hand might be.

Just one note for both approaches. Every response is alertable. This includes simply accepting the major suit transfer because that rebid denies four-card support.

Here are the super accept rebids after 1NT - 2♥ (showing spades):

- 1NT - 2♥ 2♠ Shows two or three card spade support
- 2NT Shows 4-3-3-3 distribution with four spades and maximum values (Responder may re-transfer at three or four level. 3NT is an offer to play in that contract.)
- 3♣ Shows a doubleton in the suit bid, four-card trump support and maximum values.
or
3♦ (Responder may not re-transfer by repeating the heart suit, but may do so by bidding 3NT.
or
3♥ Responder signs off by bidding 3♠.)

Here are the pre-accept rebids after 1NT - 2♠ (showing clubs)

- 1NT-2♠ 2NT Denies honor third or better clubs, or a hand that offers poor play for game opposite a good six card club suit
- 3♣ Shows honor third or better clubs, or a hand that offers reasonable play for game opposite a good six-card club suit



NOTICES

Charity Games



The District 4 Charity Games will be held on Monday, August 7th & Tuesday, November 14th. All club managers are encouraged to support the ACBL charities by participating in these special games. Don't forget to return the entry form to Margaret Bloodworth at the ACBL. The games can be held either as a morning/afternoon session and/or as an evening session. Extra points, extra fun – and all for the benefit of local and national charities! Any questions contact Andie Sheaffer (andie.sheaffer@comcast.net).



NAP - North American Pairs

District 4 Semi-Finals & Finals

Prequalification at club level required

Flights B & C (split sites)

October 14, 2006

Wilmington, DE
(Diamond State Sectional)
Lakeville, NY
(Rochester Fall Sectional)



Flight A

October 28-29, 2005

Allentown, PA
(Lehigh Valley Fall Sectional)

Winners get to compete during the 2007 Spring NABC in St. Louis with air and hotel paid for the first place finishers. Second place gets airfare while third gets entries paid.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DON SWAN AT 610-867-7060



Articles and/or announcements for the Fall 4Spot (October 1) are due by September 1, 2006



PCBA UNIT 141 SECTIONALS

Clarion Hotel

Route 70 & I-295

Cherry Hill, NJ

856-428-2300

ROOM RATES: \$89 - MENTION TOURNAMENT



SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2006

FRIDAY, SEPT 8

Stratified Open Prs¹ 1:30
Strat Non-Master** 1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Open Prs¹ 7:30

SATURDAY, SEPT 9

Handicap KO Tms 10/2:30/7:30
Strat Non-Master* 10/2:30/7:30
Strata-Flighted Prs² 10 & 2:30
Stratified Open Pairs³ 7:30

SUNDAY, SEPT 10

Strata-Flighted Swiss² 11:00
PLAYTHROUGH
Strat Non-Master Swiss** 11 & 2



OCTOBER 20-22, 2006

FRIDAY, OCT 20

Strat Women's/Open Prs¹ 1:30
Strat Non-Master** 1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Open Prs¹ 7:30

SATURDAY, OCT 21

Handicap KO Tms 10/2:30/7:30
Strat Non-Master* 10/2:30/7:30
Strata-Flighted Prs² 10 & 2:30
Stratified Open Pairs³ 7:30

SUNDAY, OCT 22

Strata-Flighted Swiss² 11:00
PLAYTHROUGH
Strat Non-Master Swiss** 11 & 2

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

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

¹ (A 2000+) (B 750-2000) (C 0-750)

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

³ (A 2000+, B 750-2000, C 0-750)

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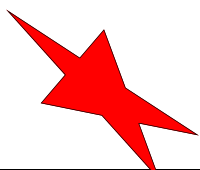
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DISTRICT 4 STARS



2006 SPRING NABC - DALLAS		
1.	86.57	Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA
2.	70.41	Martin De Bruin, Egg Harbor Twp NJ
3.	62.82	Eric Greco, Philadelphia PA
4.	58.54	Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA
5.	55.76	Elaine Landow, Lansdale PA
6.	53.99	Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA
7.	38.00	Cetin Okcuoglu, Moorestown NJ
8.	36.79	Jane Segal, Villanova PA
9.	36.61	Jay Korobow, Levittown PA
10.	35.38	Betty Scull, Egg Harbor Twp NJ

STEAMTOWN REGIONAL - SCRANTON March 13 -19, 2006

1.	Craig Robinson	42.50
T2	Jay Apfelbaum	41.97
T2	David Treadwell	41.97
4.	Raymond Depew	32.70
5.	Judith Argento	30.77
T6	Neal Satten	28.67
T6	Ken Cohen	28.67
8.	Beth Rosenthal	27.53
9.	George Marcy	27.14
T10	Daisy Goecker	26.73
T10	David Better	26.73

Steamtown Notes



♠ 672 Tables

♥ 467 Players Attended

♣ 440 Players Won
Masterpoints

♦ 3,714 Masterpoints
Were Awarded

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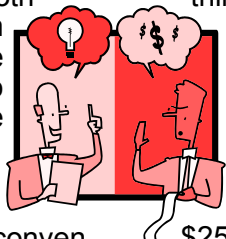
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Since my last article, we have had three District events, the Cherry Hill Regional, the Scranton Regional and the Grand National Teams. The latter two were held in Scranton, and I must congratulate Ray Depew, Beth Rosenthal, and all of the members of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Bridge Association for the wonderful job they did in running both tournaments. I can only hope that more people will go to Scranton for future events there. Although many players in the District perceive it to be inconveniently far away, the local players do a wonderful job in making us feel welcome when we visit. And, interestingly enough, going back to my last article, I would note that the tournament had no team game on Saturday, yet attendance was just as good as it was earlier in the week.

One of the most enjoyable bridge events in Delaware is our Summer round robin. You can play long matches against other teams in the comfort of players' homes.

Unit 141 also runs a round robin (the Solomon Teams). I would encourage the other units in the District to run these events. It's an excellent way to promote team games and the social aspects of our great game.

Somehow, the ACBL managed to lose \$700,000 during 2005. Although a loss was budgeted, the saddest thing about this is that apparently, as late as the Denver NABC, management of the league was not aware of the magnitude of the pending loss, and in fact was off by \$250,000 on its estimate. Craig Robinson's report to us states that major changes are being implemented to allow management to have a better handle on the financial status of the league. Obviously, such changes are important, but the Board of Directors will now need to tread a fine line between properly monitoring management to see that the major changes work, while at the same time avoiding falling into the trap of past boards which have tried to micro-manage the league.



Upcoming District 4 Tournaments

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	SEE PAGE
JULY 24-30	HARRISBURG SPLIT REGIONAL	HILTON HARRISBURG PA	Bob Priest 717-579-5665	12
JULY 25-30	UPSTATE NY SPLIT REGIONAL	HOLIDAY INN LIVERPOOL NY	Lois Sanders 585-425-2492	13
August 5-6	Rochester Summer Unit 112	Interfaith Cntr at SUNY Genesco NY	Lois Sanders 585-425-2492	
August 6	Bridge Boardroom 199er Unit 168	Bridge Boardroom York PA	Marti Ronemus 717-699-5222	
August 11-13	Oswego Unit 112	Knights of Columbus Oswego NY	Diana Laurent 315-343-0905	
August 19-20	Charity Unit 112	TBA	Robert Simard 315-656-3204	
AUGUST 21-25	DISTRICT 4 STaC	CLUBS	John Marks 215-891-0605	
September 8-10	PCBA Summer Unit 141	Clarion Hotel Cherry Hill NJ	John Marks 215-891-0605	29
September 9-10	299er Unit 112	Lakeville Training Cntr Lakeville NY	Lois Sanders 585-425-2492	
September 15-17	Cicero Fall Unit 112	American Legion 787 Cicero NY	Robert Simard 315-656-3204	
September 15-17	Easter Penn Unit 121	Bridge Room Reading PA	Carl Cronrath 610-736-0962	
September 22-24	Hagerstown Unit 168	American Legion 202 Williamsport MD	Ronald Orr 304-274-1338	
September 22-24	Susquehanna Unit 217	Bridge House Williamsport PA	Peg Herz 570-287-1786	
September 24-25	DE State Prs Championship Unit 190	Talleyville Fire House Wilmington DE	Rick Rowland 302-571-1827	
Sept 25 - Oct 1	STaC Units 168 & 217	Clubs	Glenn Beidel 717-264-9143	
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