



District 4 Spot

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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This is the last President's message before the all-important Philadelphia NABC July 12-22, and again I urge you to contact your local president and volunteer to help with registration, partnership, and prizes/awards. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! And while I mentioned them in my last message, the dates & units responsible bear repeating: Unit 112: July 14 & 15; Unit 120: July 20; Units 121 & 217 jointly: July 18; Unit 133: July 19; Unit 141: July 12, 13 & 22; Unit 168: July 21; and Unit 190: July 16 & 17. Volunteers who work for at least one hour before two or more sessions qualify for a free play.

The first of the district's four 2012 regionals came off without any apparent problems in King of Prussia/Valley Forge the last week in February, thanks to the able chairmanship of John Marks and his experienced team of volunteers. Mark your calendar now for Wilmington, DE (June 18-24); Liverpool, NY (July 31st-Aug 5); and the NEW DATE for Lancaster, PA (DECEMBER 3-9).

Regional attendees will notice new, laminated cards in bidding boxes. The board approved spending up to \$2,500 for the inserts, and D4 past president, Joann Glasson, ran more than 200 boxes through her home dishwasher! When you see Joann, please extend your thanks for this Herculean effort.

From all accounts, the recent District Grand National Teams competition, held in Kingston, PA in conjunction with a Unit 120 sectional, was well-managed and featured some excellent bridge by many of the top players in the district. Congratulations to all the winners: Open: Ken Cohen, Rick Rowland, Neal Satten and Tom Weik; Flight A: Al Shrive, Barry Cohen, Donald Dalpe, Dave Meyer, Richard Olanoff & Nick Straguzzi; Flight B: William Sedlis, Gregory Kiddy, Christopher Marlow and Douglas White; and Flight C: Joe Miller, Larry Kemmerer, Joel Bees and Wilam Schadler. All will represent D4 at the Philadelphia NABC. Good luck!

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- ♣ 133 - lvbabridge.org
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- ♠ 168 - web2.acbl.org/hosted/units/unit168/index.htm
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DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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There is no doubt that the Grand National Teams and North American Pairs are my very favorite bridge events. Probably because there is more at stake than masterpoints. If you win, you win money. Money brings out good competition; bridge players are competitive so that makes sense.

The first weekend in May, District 4 held their Grand National Team Championships for four flights in Kingston (suburb of Wilkes-Barre) PA. Unit 120, Northeast Pennsylvania, hosted the event and their players produced about 30% of the 32 table field (8-Open, 5-A 0-500, 13-B 0-2000, 6-C 0-500 non-LM). The teams played two sessions on Saturday to get down to 4 teams for play on Sunday when they switched to knock-out format. The four winning teams were:

Open - Ken Cohen, Neil Satten, Rick Rowland, Tom Weik

A - Al Shrive, Barry Cohen, Nick Straguzzi, Donald Dalpe, Dave Meyer, Richard Olanoff

B - William Sedlis, Greg Kiddy, Chris Marlow, Doug White

C - Joe Miller, Larry Kemmerer, Joel Bees, William Schadler



Each Team receives \$1000 plus entry fees plus \$400 to \$1200 more if they make it to the quarter-finals, semi-finals or finals. These teams are representing District 4 at the National level.

The North American Pairs club qualifying games begin at your club June 1st. You can win lots of extra points and the right to play in the District Finals in October. Again, Flight C 0-500 non-LM, will be held in any club that has 5 or more tables of eligible participants. Talk to your club manager and see if it is possible to have the game held at your club! First prize in the NAP is \$700/player, and free entries to the National Finals in St. Louis in March of 2013. Second place gets \$300/player and 3rd place gets \$100/player and all get free entries to the National Finals. For more information see Page 30.

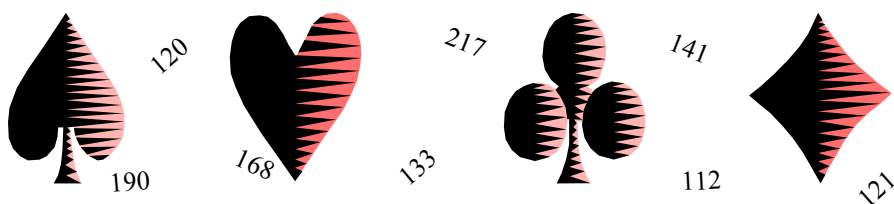
There are three kinds of bridge players:

(1) Those who can count, and

(2) those who can't.



From The Four Corners



CENTRAL NEW YORK 112

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Congratulations to all of our new Life Masters that were honored at our Waterloo Sectional. They include Dr. Bruce Altschuler, Dominic Colucci, Abra Dennis, Mai and Mart Liinve, Dan Marz, John Noronha, Murray Scott, Mary Jo Whitehead and William Port. Also honored were our Unit Trophy Winners. Bill Rock scored the hat trick winning the overall, team, and pairs trophy. Trophies were also presented to Dick Tuttle (NLM), Coby and Luke Valensa (Non-master), and Joshua Bieber (STaC).

Many thanks to Mary Miller, the Seneca Bridge Club, and all that donated to the success that we had at our Rainbow sectional. The final amount turned over to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier was \$2575.

We still need a few volunteers for July 14th and 15th in Philadelphia for the Nationals. Give us a hand staffing the volunteer desks and at the same time earn a free play. If you've never been to one of our National Tournaments, you're missing out on a great time. Contact me at or Dan Boye at skipbid2003@yahoo.com to sign up to help.

Margie Spence and staff are putting the finishing touches on plans for this summer's regional in Liverpool. Check out all the details on Page 22 or at <http://www.district4.info/syracuse/syracuse.htm>. The format has changed with most games being played in the 10am – 3pm time slots.

Last but not least, we have sectionals coming up in Watertown, June 9-10 (Page 38), and Rochester, July 7-8 (Page 40). Please make an effort to support these games. For more information on these games, see flyers in this issue of the *4Spot* or visit the ACBL Unit 112 website or District 4 website.



NORTHEASTERN PA 120

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"Save your mind. Play bridge", that's my new motto whenever I speak with anyone about the game we all love (& hate!). There is mounting evidence that the more active the mind, the longer cognitive impairment is kept at bay. So why not play (more) bridge? It's the only card game that combines arithmetic, teamwork and anticipation skills, along with the mental acuity to blend them all to effectuate a successful conclusion to each hand. Few people do all these things any better than **Ray Depew**, our longtime tournament chair who will be honored in June for attaining the rank of Diamond

Life Master. For the 10+ years that I have known Ray, I have found him to be selflessly devoted to the education and promotion of the game. He is willing to play with anyone; he shares his knowledge and expertise whenever asked, and he has been singularly focused on providing special opportunities for the intermediate/newcomer. Despite several ongoing health challenges, Ray is always on hand to set up and break down the tables and equipment at our sectionals, comes in early to make the coffee, then helps the newcomers find their places, move their boards, etc. While Ray may tell you "All I do is play bridge", we know better. He is the consummate bridge devotee who practices zero tolerance and active ethics. I have never heard him raise his voice in anger, and as a partner, he is self-deprecating to a fault. Were we all to follow Ray's ideal example of sportsmanship and voluntarism, the bridge world would be a better place. My hat's off to you, my friend. *(Please join Ray's friends and partners at a luncheon in his honor at Noon, June 21st at the JCC on S River Street in Wilkes-Barre. Reservations are required & may be made by calling George Marcy at 570-288-7018. Bridge starts at 1:15 p.m.)*

Congratulations to the team of Jill Fragin, Kim & Rich Michelstein and Carol Nogi for their performance in Flight C of the Grand National Teams. The group placed second in a very challenging field! The GNTs were stacked with excellent players, and were held in conjunction with a special Unit 120 sectional. (See District President's message for other flight winners.)

The unit annual meeting/patriotic party is set for July 1 in Stroudsburg. Cochairs Bill Haynes & Kate Shumaker have planned a sumptuous buffet with two carving stations and two sessions of bridge, all for just **\$20** for unit members (\$25 for non-members). The annual meeting is set for 12:15 p.m. with the first of two bridge sessions beginning promptly at 12:30 p.m. Reservations, which are required by June 26th, may be made by calling Bill at 570-595-3333 or e-mail to whhaynes@ptd.net or kateshumaker@yahoo.com.

We mourn the loss of longtime Unit 120 player Shino Franquet. A silver life master, Shino brought her Asian wit and spunky personality to many club games and sectionals throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. RIP w/7NT in hand.



BERKS MONTGOMERY 121

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The Annual Pro-Am Unit Game was played in the Bridge Room on April 15th. Pro Rebecca Chick and Am Lise Gerhard were the winners. Congratulations to both of them.

The Unit is continuing with the Intermediate/Newcomer program that started last year. Following a successful roundtable discussion and cold breakfast buffet, our newcomers were partnered with established players from our Unit who gave so graciously of their time. Our sincere thanks to the following for making this event such a success: Anne Alderman, Dr. John Alderman, Lee Ernst, Louise Remley, Emily Troutman, Marlene Winkleman, Dr. Phyllis Wintz & Louise Zabinski. Due to its success the Unit will host another event for Intermediate/Newcomers on Saturday, June 9th at 9:15am. There are continuing lessons available to our new players.

The Unit Individual Game will take place on June 10th in the Bridge Room. Please call Marlene or Brian S. for information or sign-up in the Bridge Room.

There will be a General Meeting for members of our Unit on Wednesday, June 13th, held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 1100 Berkshire Blvd., Wyomissing, Pa. at 11:00am. All members are urged to attend.

Our Unit has been asked to help at the Nationals in Philadelphia on Wednesday, July 18th. If

interested in helping please see Sue or Louise.

Anyone wanting more info on the Bridge-Casino Trip to Atlantic City, September 12-14 may call Sue Wessner for more details.

New ranks: Junior Master: Barbara Wilar; Sect Master: Christine Sgro; Regional Master: Mary Ann Moyer, Bill Schadler & Irish Murphy; NABC Master: Marlene Winkleman; and what an honor to tell our District how proud our Unit is of Tom Weik achieving Grand Master! Congratulations to all!!



LEHIGH VALLEY 133

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The Unit had a very successful sectional in April at the Lehigh County Senior Citizen Center, a great facility. We had 135 tables and the top masterpoint winners were Charlie Lom and Clarence Kofron. The Fall sectional will be held there on 10/19 thru 10/21 and will be in conjunction with the Flight A NAP. See the flyer on the district web site. The unit will host a 299er Sectional in January 2013. There will be more details shortly.

I do not know if this is any kind of a record, but on February 20, 2012 Muriel Lepley and Ruth Schaeffer were first in the Monday game at the Bethlehem Bridge Club. Their combined ages are 186 (I think Ruth is 97 and Muriel is 89). On Monday, May 7, they duplicated that fete at the same bridge club. Quite remarkable for two very nice young ladies.

Congratulations to the Lehigh Valley contingent of Joe Miller, Larry Kemmerer, Joel Bees and Bill Schadler who won the District Flight C GNT in May. Special congratulations to Bettie McLean for becoming Diamond Life Master and to Hilda Gibson and Karen Yellin for becoming Silver Life Master



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Circle the following important dates on your Bridge calendar for the 2012 Philadelphia Summer NABC: Thursday, July 12, to Sunday, July 22, 2012. Judging from all the accolades and positive correspondence that were received after the previous two Spring NABC's, this NABC will certainly be an event that you just cannot miss, even if it means missing the next two NABC's in this yearly time frame.

Although the NABC will be hosted in Philadelphia, it is, nevertheless, a District 4 function. The District officials and the 2012 Summer NABC Executive Committee would like to see and encourage full participation from all of the Units. Many volunteer workers will be required before and during the NABC to serve on the various committees, such as Registration, Partnerships, Awards and Prizes, Nightly Entertainment and Intermediate-Newcomer in order to achieve another successful tournament that the players will be talking about for years to come. Those members of District 4 who are interested in participating in this high profile event should contact either Joann Glasson (joanglasson@msn.com) or me. You can direct any comments or questions concerning the NABC to

Joann or me.

This was fifth year that the Philadelphia Unit hosted the District 4 Regional in King of Prussia; however, this was the second year we held the tournament at this location. Originally the Dolce Hotel and Resort Valley Forge, the name of the hotel was changed to DoubleTree by Hilton a month before the tournament. The tournament was held in late February, which is four months earlier than it normally would have been scheduled. The tournament drew 17 less tables than last year. At any rate, it was a pleasure this year to hear positive and flattering comments about our tournament and the facility at the DoubleTree even though the attendance was not up to par. At this time it is appropriate to thank Joan Brandeis, Joann Glasson, Ala Hamilton-Day, and Tom Purl for the preliminary work they did for the tournament. In 2013, we will be back to our normal dates, namely the day after Father's Day. Note: if anyone has any suggestions or complaints concerning the Regional Tournament, please let me know. Other than the attendance, the tournament was successful by every count. The morning bagels and the Friday evening hospitality were well received by the players. Joan Brandeis, Hospitality Chairperson, provided this terrific hospitality for the players. Ala Hamilton-Day, the Intermediate / Newcomer Chairperson, put together an excellent program with the pre-game lectures and talks, prizes, trophies, etc. her time and effort were appreciated by all the IN players.

Other members of Unit 141 who contributed to making the Regional the success that it was: were Partnerships: Tom Purl; Pre-Duplication: Tom Sakaguchi; Daily Bulletin: Elaine Landow (Editor); Ala Hamilton-Day (I/N Chairperson), Mitch Snyder, Dave LeGrow, Estelle Bogart and Joann Glasson. The Head Director, Doug Grove, and the directing staff along with the caddies did an excellent job and also contributed to the success of this regional.

Mark your calendars for future Philadelphia Regional Tournaments at the DoubleTree, June 17 to 23, 2013 and June 16 to 22, 2014.

Top five overall players at the 2012 Valley Forge Regional Tournament were: Ken Cohen (64.96), Rick Rowland (60.40), David Hoffner (60.19), Corey Krantz (60.16) and Meyer Kotkin (55.58).

The election of Unit Officers for the year for 2012 took place on February, 29, 2012 during the Valley Forge Regional. The current list of officers are: Unit President - Joann Glasson; Vice President - Mike Giesler; Secretary - Jay Apfelbaum, Treasurer - Phyllis Taxin and the Business Manager, John Marks.

The April (Spring) Sectional Tournament was held on April 13 – 15, 2012 at the Knights of Columbus, Glenside, PA. Donna Morgen, Havertown PA led all the other players with 14.95; Dick Morgen was second with 14.60 and Everett Young of Lafayette Hills, PA was third with 13.93. The Annual PCBA Membership Meeting and the Sonny Jaspen Trophy Game took place at tournament after the Afternoon Session on Saturday, April 14, 2012. Meyer Kotkin and Corey Krantz were winners of the Sonny Jaspen trophy.

The Unit 141 Shore Spring Sectional Tournaments was held on May 18 – 20, 2012 at the Oakcrest High School in Mays Landing, NJ. Karen Hoffner, Smithville, NJ led all the other players with 10.73. Tied for second through fifth were Vincent and pat Civale, Chesterfield, NJ; Meyer Kotkin, Cherry Hill, NJ; and Corey Krantz, Drexel Hill, PA with 8.59.

The PCBA "Late Summer" Sectional tournament will be held on September 7 to 9, 2012 at the Fireman's Memorial Hall in Conshohocken, PA and "Fall" Sectional tournament will be held on October 12 to 14 at the Knights of Columbus, Glenside, PA. Again there will be great hospitality at these tournaments.



CENTRAL PENN 168

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Hello again Unit #168 Members. Warmer days are finally here.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Unit events:

- June 29 - July 1 York Sectional - Springetts Fire Hall
- Aug 19 - York NLM Bridge Boardroom (Pre-registration required)
- Aug 20 - 26 STAC - Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (Silver pts)
- Sept 21 - 23 Hagerstown Sectional
- Dec 2 - GNT Swiss at Harrisburg Bridge Club - Annual Unit Meeting
- Dec 3 - 9 Lancaster Regional

Hope to see you at the Tables.



DELAWARE 190

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The Wilmington DE Regional is just around the corner, June 18 - June 24, at the Crowne Plaza on Naamans Road. Hope you are planning to attend. This is the same location as our 2010 regional, but the hotel name has changed.

ACBL President Sharon Anderson and her husband Roger will be in attendance from Monday, June 18th through Saturday, June 23rd. During their stay they will hold a listening session for bridge teachers and another for club owners / managers, to hear what members of these groups feel are critical issues that need to be addressed.

Please join us for our annual DSBA Swiss Team Championship. This event will be held at two locations. The upstate location is the Bridge Studio of Delaware - Sunday, June 10th at 11 a.m. The downstate Delaware game is Saturday, June 9th at 10:30 a.m., Ocean View Presbyterian Church in Ocean View, Delaware. Pre-registration is requested for this event by June 5, and additional details are available on the unit 190 website.

At the Philadelphia Nationals, I'm certain that Unit 190 members - and other players who knew Dave Treadwell - will want to make a special effort to play in memorial games in his honor. The Dave Treadwell Memorial KO Teams, sponsored by Unit 190, is Wednesday, July 18 - Thursday, July 19. The Dave Treadwell Memorial Pairs, a two-session stratified open pairs sponsored by his family members, is Sunday, July 15.

Congratulations to our members who are advancing in rank - Catherine Jones, Life Master; Nancy Steele and Edgar Taylor, Silver Life Masters; Barry Degler and Mary Jane Elliott, Bronze Life Masters and Marie Anzilotti, Tom Denny and Doris & Edward Jones, Gold Life Masters.

Kudos also to the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Unit 190 winners from 2011. Winning in both categories are Teresa Young (0-5), Don Steiner (5-20), Caroline Hughes (20-50), Pieter Vanbennekom (50-100), Leah Holmes (100-200), Judy Harrington (200-300), Peter Harris (500-1000), Randy Berseth (2500-5000), Lois Stuart (5000-7500), and Rick Rowland (7500-10000). In the Ace of Clubs, Mary Boyd

won the (300-500) and Lillian Schaube won the (1000-2500) category, and in the Mini-McKenney, Bitsy Klein won the (300-500) and Marie Anzilotti won the (1000-2500) category.

Special recognition to Anne & Monty Taylor, Unit 190 members who placed first in District 4 in the ACBL-wide International Fund Game on January 28. They posted a 69.79% game!



SUSQUEHANNA 217

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The "Spring Out of Winter Tournament" was once again well attended and enjoyed by both local players and visitors from surrounding areas. We sincerely appreciate the cordial atmosphere provided by the members of the Williamsport Bridge Club.

Results: Fri. AM: A/ Kevin Burns-Jim McKeon - B/ Virginia Marshall-Connie Bamer - C/ Russell Palkendo-Jim Messner: Fri. PM: A/ Mary Ann Churba-Ed Bissell - B/ Sue Pierce-Helen Shaffer - C/ M. Robin Chilson-Herbert Stratton: Sat. AM: A/ Kevin Burns-Jim McKeon - B/William Elgar-Bonnie Elgar: C/ Russell Palkendo-Robert Reed: Sat. PM: A/ Kevin Burns-Jim McKeon - B/ Jean Olcese-T. Olcese - C/ Russell Palkendo-Robert Reed: Sun. Swiss Teams: A/ Sarah Soster-Donald Strickler-Michael Anesko-Barbara Mateer - B/C Noreen Khoury, Susan Nichols, Nancy Pfeiffer, Jacqueline Humilovich.

Top Masterpoint Winners: Kevin Burns 15.29; Jim McKeown 15.29; Donald Strickler 11.31

Congratulations to Shirley Miller who has achieved the rank of Regional Master!

As tournament chairperson of the State College Sectional I would like to offer a final invitation to each of you to attend our tournament June 8-10. We are excited about our new location at the Boalsburg Fire Hall and eagerly look forward to seeing you there. Whether you are a novice or an accomplished bridge player, we are sure that you will find a terrific three days of bridge and hospitality. For details please check the June sectional tournament schedule on Page 37 or on the ACBL website.

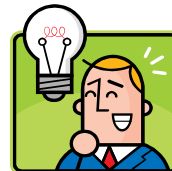


DID YOU KNOW ???

1742 - The first book devoted to Whist appeared - Edmond Hoyle's *Short Treatise* became a best seller.

1857 - The first game of duplicate Whist was played in London. It was the forerunner of modern duplicate bridge.

In 1937, the first recognized Bridge World Championships took place.





DELAWARE REGIONAL

June 18 – June 24, 2012



SAME LOCATION

Crown Plaza Wilmington
630 Naamans Road, Claymont DE 19703
(302) 792-2700

NEW NAME

Located at I-95 and Naamans Road – 15 minutes from Philadelphia Airport

FREE PARKING

Room Rate \$112 Single/Double – Reservation Deadline 5/19/12

SCHEDULE OF OPEN EVENTS

Monday June 18

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

Tuesday June 19

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 June 20

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 June 21

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)

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

Friday June 22

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
Stratified Pairs
Stratified Side Game Series II
7 pm Stratified BAM Teams
11 pm Late-Night KO Teams

Saturday June 23

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 June 24

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

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TO THE FALL PROBLEMS ON PAGE 15)*

BRIDGE STORIES FROM LONG AGO

I have a couple of stories from my earliest days as a player. I hope you will enjoy them.

THE HAND

When I was just starting to play duplicate bridge the best player in Ithaca was Walter May. He might have been the best player between New York City and Buffalo. Many of you presumably did not know Walter so I suppose I should take a moment to introduce him. In 1960, the time of this story, Walter was an Associate Dean of Cornell's School of Home Economics, the school from which, so the joke went, the desired degree was an MRS. He was good looking and in his early thirties. He is now a professional player based near Raleigh, NC and still married to the same woman. He has in the neighborhood of fifteen thousand masterpoints.

One of Walter's best qualities was his willingness, even eagerness, to share his bridge knowledge and teach aspiring players. With Cornell students he did this by participating in low-stakes rubber bridge games at the student union during lunch hour. I was told that he averaged about fifteen dollars a week. With lunch at the Home Ec cafeteria costing about seventy-five cents a day, this was a meaningful addition to his pay.

He had taken an attractive and eager-to-learn-bridge woman named Frances under his wing. From time to time, when I had no partner, I would kibitz them. Anyway, Walter picked up ♠KJ9865 ♥ none ♦K63 ♣K874. Frances opened 1♦; Walter responded 1♠; She rebid 2♣. I'm not totally sure what is right with Walter's hand today, and I certainly don't know what was right then, particularly since he had just given the two of us a lecture about opening 1♦ with longer clubs than diamonds but a minimum hand. In those days he also recommended opening 1♥ with four hearts and five diamonds and even 1♠ with four spades and five hearts and less than reversing values. (Later that year I would meet Jeff Rubens who definitely did not agree.)

In those "dark ages" of bridge a lot of the science we take for granted today had not yet been invented. Invitational jumps had just replaced forcing jumps in many auctions. The bridge-expert community, as defined by the Bridge World magazine, had not yet figured out how to replace the forcing jumps of Culbertson and Goren. "Fourth suit forcing" was just emerging from the womb as a usable tool. Splinter bids had at least a few years of gestation left.

I had just read about "false preferences," a mechanism where to keep the bidding open you give preference to partner's first suit when you really like the second better. A typical example might be ♠ J9543 ♥ Q5 ♦ AQ5 ♣ 963 after 1♥ - 1♠ - 2♦. You can't bid 2NT both because you are not strong enough and you have no club stopper. You certainly don't want to raise partner's second suit with only three. On the other hand partner can have anything short of a game force so you don't want to abandon hope quite yet. After all, this hand is a spectacular nine-count, all those honors in partner's long suits, not a six count with little likely help. The solution is 2♥; this allows partner another chance to bid.

Going back to Walter's hand, I was thinking of applying this principle and bidding 3♦ over 2♣

since that sounds more constructive than 3♣. My alternative thought was 4♣, but that seemed too much and might make it hard to find spades. Notice all this was going through my mind while I'm watching Walter stew. He was taking his time.

Eventually he emerged with a non-forcing 3♠. It went Pass, Pass, Pass. The opening lead was a heart, and dummy hit with ♠ none ♥J5 ♦AQJ85 ♣A109632. Not the dummy of his dreams, unless they are nightmares. The play was reasonably quick: he ruffed and led the ♠K, ruffed the second heart and tried the ♠J. The defense cashed the high trump (they split 5-2) and continued hearts. He discarded once, ruffed, and tried to cash two diamonds. The second was ruffed, and there were two more hearts to cash. He got a club at the end for four down.

I was enchanted. Even great players could get things wrong. A reasonable 7♣ contract played in 3♠: -400 instead of +2140. To his credit, Walter did not try to blame Frances for this undistinguished result.

But that is not the end of the story. About ten days later Frances, her family, and I were at Walter's house for a backyard barbecue. While we watched him grill burgers and chicken, the three of us were discussing bridge and giving each other hands we thought were problems. I asked about The Hand. He thought about it, and said, "3♠." Both Frances and I giggled. After about thirty seconds he realized he had been had, blushed, and said, "Well, maybe 4♣ is better."

I left Ithaca, and came back after about a year. Walter was still playing sporadically with Frances. I resumed playing at the club where it was the habit to go to a neighborhood bar after the game to get a beer and a burger and to discuss boards. Both Frances and Walter were in the group one evening. I asked again about The Hand. "3♠," came the familiar response. I was a smart Alec. "Consistency," I, the now eighteen year-old, pontificated, "is the hobgoblin of little minds." Walter was very good about it. He did not take a swing at me.

The Hand lay dormant for several years. Eventually I got another chance, though, and this time Walter looked at me suspiciously. Something nagged at his memory cells. Besides, by now fourth-suit was well established as the solution to all problems not amenable to a cue bid as the solution.

After some thought he said, "2♥, but 3♠ is certainly a reasonable alternative." It has been about forty-five years now since I last asked him. It is certainly time to try The Hand again. If I ever see him again.

P.S. I sent this section to Walter for comment. His response? "I have a habit of not remembering disastrous hands in which I was a participant."

JEFF'S PSYCH

I have had a number of bridge heroes over the years. Edgar Kaplan, certainly. Bob Hamman. Walter May. But one of the most important was -- and is -- Jeff Rubens. (Apparently heroism is generationally inherited. Jeff took a physics course from my father at Cornell; Jeff has told me that he was one of Jeff's heroes as a teacher.) Jeff was a senior at Cornell when I started there, and the unchallenged leader of the student bridge community. If you want to picture Jeff, conjure up your image of Sherlock Holmes. Lean, tall, a brooding expression, smart beyond all reasonable expectation. He should have worn a cape and carried an unlit pipe. He was far too far above me for me to ever dream of playing with him.

Jeff went on to get a PhD in Mathematics from Brandeis University and a long teaching career at Pace University. His bridge career includes being editor of the Bridge World for the last forty-five years, the first thirty or so together with Edgar. Also three national championships, participation in the Bermuda Bowl, early retirement from playing serious bridge and election to the Bridge Hall of Fame for contributions to the game.

Some years after he left Cornell Jeff needed a place to stay in Ithaca for a few days. He stayed at my parent's house. The "hotel bill" was playing with me in a sectional open pairs in Binghamton, NY. I was

excited and very nervous.

At some point during the evening session I picked up ♠ AKJxx ♥ none ♦ KQJx ♣ AQJx. We were not vulnerable, they were, and Jeff opened 1♠. From here on I will try to give you my mindset as the hand progressed.

Visions of glory began to dance before my eyes. I started my progress towards a grand with a gentle 2♣. I expected Jeff to bid 2♥ of course. I could then bid 3♠ forcing. To my surprise, LHO overcalled 2♦ and this was passed back to me.

I was too blinded to think. What this *should* have told me was that Jeff did not have six spades or four hearts or four clubs. (As it turned out he indeed had none of those things.) If I had listened maybe we would have collected 1100 from 2♦ doubled. In those days that double would have been penalty. Although probably not. Another possibility was to go ahead and bid 3♠.

It seemed to me, though, that Jeff might be void in diamonds and chosen not to rebid a very bad six card spade suit. Of course, if he had six spades and a void in diamonds he would have had to have either four (or more) hearts or clubs. Sometimes it is hard to add to thirteen. Anyway, I charged ahead, cuebidding 3♦.

Jeff bid 3♥. I could finally set trump with 3♠. Jeff bid 4♣. Oh good, I thought. He has heart values, which I knew, and the ♣K.

I tried Blackwood. This found one ace. For some reason I made a grand slam try with 6♥. It went pass-pass-pass. I collapsed under the table. What had I done wrong?

The opening lead was a diamond to the Jack and Ace. A diamond came back, which Jeff ruffed. He led out the three top trumps -- his RHO discarded on the third. I was ready to die. Jeff faced his cards conceding a trump.

It turned out I had done nothing wrong. Jeff had chosen to open a psychic 1♠ on an unconventional hand: ♠xx ♥AKQ10xxx ♦x ♣xxx. Notice, he did not have six spades or four clubs -- or *four* hearts. I do not to this day know why he chose to psych. Maybe just for amusement.

A Psychic Round

Now I had never psyched an opening bid in my still short bridge career. In fact, Jeff's psych was the first a partner had ever made with me. At that time, psychic opening bids were not uncommon. There was even a section of the convention card where you were supposed to indicate how often your partnership opened psychs: never, rare, frequent, controlled. I checked never.

So on to the board-a match on Sunday. You can tell that these stories come from a long time ago, before the advent of Swiss teams. I was playing with Frances. Yes, the Frances from the first story. We were playing three-board rounds. First board I was the dealer. I glanced over at my LHO who was deep in thought. He had apparently taken off his shoes to count his points. I looked at my hand, which as I recall had queen-jack seventh of clubs with maybe another queen.

I contemplated choices with this hand. LHO had completed his addition and his body language suggested great satisfaction with the result. One possibility was obviously 3♣. This is what the field would do, at least those who do not pass. On the other hand, in BAM it doesn't matter what the field does. Only your opponent at the other table is important. Preempts tended to be much more conservative in those days, perhaps because "Fishbein," a defense in which a double of a three-level preempt was penalty, was the most common method over preempts. I sort of knew the opposing team's players. They were local, pretty good, older than average which at that time meant maybe in their fifties. How things change.

Finally I had a Eureka moment. In those days Jacoby Transfers were not as universal as they are today. Most people, and Frances and I were among them, played Stayman and otherwise natural in response to 1NT. Maybe, just maybe ...

I opened 1NT. LHO, visibly startled, did the hootchy-gootchy and passed. Frances, as planned, bid 2

♣. RHO passed. I did my thing. LHO was visibly perturbed, confused, distressed. "What's the range of your 1N opener?" he asked.

"Sixteen to eighteen," responded Frances. I told you this was the old days.

He turned to me. "What is 2♣?"

"Stayman," I said, truthfully. In those days Stayman usually promised at least game invitational values.

Eventually he passed, leaving a surprised Frances to play in Stayman. She turned out to have a balanced eight-count with a four card major that included ♣Kx. She went down one. Operation successful. The opponents could make game in one of the majors or no trump. LHO turned out to have had a balanced eighteen. Smoke was coming out of his ears.

The second board of the round passed off without incident, as long as you assume that continual mumbling about "young whippersnappers" and pitching two tricks as declarer through loss of concentration is not significant.

On the third board Frances was dealer and passed. RHO passed. I held a one-count with five-five in spades and diamonds and a doubleton heart. Only we were vulnerable. LHO had discovered that he did not have enough toes, and was searching for his pocket abacus.

How could I resist? I opened 1♥. This time he did a tango followed by a samba and several other dances. Apparently he had no way to show a strong 2♥ opener over an opening 1♥. He passed. Frances responded 1♠! RHO stolidly passed, apparently unaware of the table action (good for her), and I raised to 2♠. I did have a good hand in support of spades. At least it was better than for any other denomination.

This was too much for LHO. His double knocked some plaster off the ceiling. Frances passed. RHO knew she was supposed to do *something*, so she bid 3♣. I had done my all and then some. LHO bid an ominous 3♥. Frances thought about this and passed. RHO worked out that this showed hearts, but not the enormity of strength. She passed. So did I.

Frances led a high spade. Dummy came down with ♠ xxx ♥ 10x ♦ Jxx ♣ KJ10xx. Declarer won the Ace and played a club to dummy's ten. He was off on a diatribe about the "youth of the day." He ran the ♥10 to Frances' queen. She played a second club, which I ruffed. Declarer forgot to unblock the Ace from an original holding of AQx. I played a second spade, ruffed by declarer, and he eventually had to lose a diamond trick. His hand was ♠ A ♥ AKJ9xxx ♦ AQ ♣ AQx.

LHO was ungracious. He growled something further about young people, snatched his convention card and stomped off. His partner apologized, and left the table also. The next pair came to the table, and so did the assistant director who sat down to kibitz me. She looked at our convention card. I found out later this was to see what we had marked under psychs.

She watched for four rounds. Uneventful rounds where I played straight down the middle. "Maury would like to speak with you before you go to dinner." Maury Braunstein was the chief director. I went.

"Do you psych often?" he asked. I explained that these were the first two psychs I had ever perpetrated. I went on to tell him why. In addition to being one of the best directors ever, Maury was a pretty good player. He nodded in understanding, even laughing when I explained that, on the second hand, LHO was having trouble adding up his points. Maury had a brief lecture for me.

"Listen. As regards psychic openings, first mark your card 'rare' rather than never. Second, you have used up this year's allotment. Maybe next year's as well. Third, well third, I have heard good things about you. You have talent. But remember, not only are you supposed to have fun playing bridge, your opponents are also. There is nothing that spoils their fun more than having the opponent psych successfully..." He paused for effect. "Except having some kid psych successfully."

This was close to fifty years ago. I do remember opening one other psych since. Like those first two it was successful, and upset one opponent.

Psychs are fun. Successful psychs are even more fun. But they are very annoying to the opponents, and they backfire. Often. I leave you with Maury's most important lesson: Have fun playing bridge. But try to let your opponents and your partner have fun too.

Master Solvers September 2012 Problems

By popular demand the panel is back. The overall vote was about 14-1. 13-2 to have me continue as moderator. This only works if I get responses from the panel. So please send your answers to hbethe@aol.com not later than July 15, 2012. Please format your answer as #. LAST NAME: ANSWER. COMMENT. E.g. 1. Bethe: P. I told my story with 1NT. (That is not necessarily how I feel.) Put your full name somewhere in the e-mail.

NOTE THAT PROBLEM 3 HAS TWO PARTS, AND THAT PROBLEM 4 HAS AN UNUSUAL FORMAT.

Problem 1.

Matchpoints, N-S VUL, Dlr E - South holds

S K1074 H - A1073 D - A8 C - AJ6

West	North	East	South
--	--	1H	1NT
P	2H*	5C	??

* TRANSFER TO SPADES

Problem 2.

Matchpoints, Neither Vul, Dlr E - South holds

S - 1092 H - KQ5 D - K92 C - K974

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

Problem 3.

IMPs, E-W Vul, Dlr N - South holds

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

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

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

B) What now? Discuss, please, the meaning of North's 2N.

Problem 4.

IMPs, Both Vul, Dlr S - South holds

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

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

Do you:

a) Pass, and over 4S - X - P ??

b) Double and over 4S - P - P ??

c) Bid 4S (keycard for clubs) and over P - 4N (0 or 3) - P ??

d) Bid 4N (H&D with club tolerance) and over P - 5H - P ??

e) Bid 5D and over P - 5H - P ??

f) Other??



Special NABC Section



PARTNERSHIPS

by Dan Boye

District 4 is proud to be the sponsoring District for this Summer's NABC in Philadelphia. To maximize attendance there are two on-line partnership "desks" enabling players to find suitable partners for any event and/or day you wish to play.

The ACBL Homepage lists the Summer Nationals on the right hand side. When you click on the ICON you will be brought to a page where there is a "handshake". This handshake icon represents the partnership desk. When you click on the handshake you are brought to a partnership home page. Click on "National" at the top of the page and you will be directed to a "stepladder" effect which allows you to select the day, event, and your desired Masterpoint range for a partner. When you get to the final step the site will show a list of prospective partners for that day/event or it will indicate that no players have yet signed on for that day/event. You may list your name, email address, phone number and system you play. This information will be available for other players to view and allow them to contact you.

District 4 has our own virtual partnership desk. The District 4 website is www.District4.info. In the middle of the homepage you can click on the Philadelphia tournament. On the left hand side of the next page will be a partnership link. Click on Partner request and you will be directed to the District 4 partnership request format. Upon completion of this form and by clicking "submit" your information will allow the partnership Chairs (Tom Purl and Dan Boye) to file your request and it also makes your information available to others searching for partners.

If you have any questions you may contact Dan Boye at skipbid2003@yahoo.com. Please help ensure the success of District 4's NABC by "phollowing" your partners to Philly!



FOR NEW PLAYERS, JULY 13 - 15 IS THE BRIDGE BLAST WEEKEND!!!

by April Uhlenburg

If you know someone who has never been to an ACBL NABC tournament, bring them to the **Bridge Blast Weekend July 13th - 15th** in Philadelphia and make Philadelphia their first! You remember who brought you to your first tournament don't you? You never forget your first.

"Finessing is Fun in Philly" and the Philadelphia National will first and foremost be fun! In addition take advantage of the free and discount opportunities to play bridge, advance your bridge skills and make new friends with people of similar ability levels who share your passion for the game.

Admittedly there is a lot going on, but the ACBL staff makes it very easy for new players to get around and find the games that they are most comfortable participating in. We recommend new players arrive about 20 - 30 minutes before game time to avoid the crowds, meet up with a partner and acquire an entry. This should also allow time to get a coffee and use the restroom before game time.

The **Bridge Blast Weekend** includes:

- ♠ **FREE GAMES** for new players (0 - 5 pairs) on Friday, July 13th.
- ♥ A FREE 2-hour lesson with Audrey Grant "*Decoding the Maxims on Defense*" on Saturday, July 14th at 10 AM.
- ♦ An Intermediate and New Player Reception at 6:30 PM Saturday
- ♣ Casino Night Cabaret, Saturday, July 14 at 7:30 PM (mingle with players of all abilities at our Mock Casino offering real prizes).
- ♠ A FREE 2-hour lesson with Amy Nellissen "*Telling your Partner what to Lead .. Legally*" on Sunday, July 15th at 10 AM.

♥ Separate games for all skill levels (0 - 5, 0 - 20, 49er, 99er, 199 and 299 events)

For additional information on the Philadelphia Bridge Blast Weekend, Intermediate / New Player (I/N) events, and the Celebrity Speaker Series visit the District 4 website at <http://www.district4.info/philadelphia/INphilly.htm>

If you are looking to try your hand at tournament play prior to the NABC's there will be an I/N Sectional in Doylestown, PA Monday and Tuesday (June 4th and 5th). Visit <http://www.district4.info/Doylestown.pdf> for game times and location.



YOUTH BRIDGE NABC by Allison Brandt

Registration for the Youth Bridge NABC is now open to players age 19 or under with fewer than 5,000 master points! Register by July 1 at www.youth4bridge.org to receive a free gift. A partnership desk will be available for youth seeking a partner.

The Youth Bridge Events include:

- ♠ Youth pairs,
- ♥ "Cardrook" pairs (designed for less experienced players),
- ♦ Swiss Teams,
- ♣ A two-session National open pairs (qualifying and final) on Friday, and
- ♥ A National Swiss Teams on Saturday.

Entertainment will be provided on Thursday and Friday afternoon immediately following the afternoon playing sessions.

Visit the website at www.youth4bridge.org for more information or to register.



**TOP 10 REASONS TO COME TO THE PHILADELPHIA NORTH AMERICAN
BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS (NABC) JULY 12 - 22, 2012**

by *April Uhlenburg*

Here are 10 reasons why you should Bring a Friend and Come to Philly!

1. The Philadelphia National this July will be the closest ACBL National Tournament until Washington DC in the Summer of 2016.
2. The early schedule (10AM and 2:30, 3 or 4PM) simplifies travel by avoiding rush hour and enables locals to take public transportation to and from the event.
3. Casino Night Cabaret, Saturday, July 14th at 7:30 PM (mingle with players at our Mock Casino offering real prizes).
4. Visit the adjacent Reading Terminal Market or nearby Chinatown for a quick bite between sessions and numerous downtown dining establishments for a leisurely dinner.
5. New Players (0 - 5) MP play for free on Friday, July 13, 2012
6. Discount Parking at nearby lots and SEPTA public transportation senior discounts (with Medicare card).
7. Free lectures by Celebrity Speakers every day!
8. Attend, or even participate, in our Variety Show on Friday night July 20th!
9. A large comfortable lobby bar at the Marriott for post-game celebrations.
10. Bridge for all ages and abilities!



BRIDGE PLAYERS HAVE TALENT!!!

by *Walter Mitchell*



Are you a Karaoke champ? A stand-up comic? Do you play a mean guitar (piano, violin, etc.) or dance a wild tap routine? Well, here's your chance to show off that talent to a national audience!

District 4, your host for the Summer NABC in Philadelphia, will present a Cabaret Night July 20th. Emcee & producer Walt Mitchell has opened auditions to anyone, and the process is simple: just e-mail a sample of your "act" to waltermitc@aol.com no later than June 15th. The cast will be notified by e-mail and announced on the District 4 website around July 1.

Because of time limitations, your entire presentation should last no more than eight minutes. Questions? Call Walt at 570-709-0850.

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

Monday, July 30

Kickoff KOs (rd. 1) 3 pm
Stratified Charity Pairs 3 pm
Evening Side Game 7:30 pm

Tuesday, July 31

Kickoff KOs (rds. 2, 3 & 4) 10 am, 3 pm, 7:30 pm
Syracuse KOs (rds. 1 & 2) 3 pm, 7:30 pm
Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) 10 am, 3 pm
Lori D's Side Game Series (rds. 1 & 2) 10 am, 3 pm
Gold Rush Game (2 sessions) 10 am, 3 pm
99er Game (Min. 3 tables) 10 am, 3 pm
Evening Side Game 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 1

Syracuse KOs (rds. 3 & 4) 10 am, 3 pm
Rochester KOs (rds. 1 & 2) 10 am, 3 pm
Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) 10 am, 3 pm
Lori D's Side Game Series (rds. 3 & 4) 10 am, 3 pm
Gold Rush Game (2 sessions) 10 am, 3 pm
99er Game (Min. 3 tables) 10 am, 3 pm
Evening KOs (rd. 1) 7:30 pm
Evening Side Game 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 2

Rochester KOs (rds. 3 & 4) 10 am, 3 pm
Utica KOs (rd. 1 & 2) 10 am, 3 pm
Open Swiss Teams (0-2000, 2000+) 10 am, 3 pm
Judy B's Side Game Series (rds. 1 & 2) 10 am, 3 pm
Gold Rush Swiss Teams (2 sessions) 10 am, 3 pm
99er Game (Min. 3 tables) 10 am, 3 pm
Evening KOs (rd. 2) 7:30 pm
Evening Side Game 7:30 pm

Friday, August 3

Utica KOs (rds. 3 & 4) 10 am, 3 pm
Binghamton KOs (rds. 1 & 2) 10 am, 3 pm
Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) 10 am, 3 pm
Judy B's Side Game Series (rds. 3 & 4) 10 am, 3 pm
Gold Rush Game (2 sessions) 10 am, 3 pm
99er Game (Min. 3 tables) 10 am, 3 pm
Evening KOs (rd. 3) 7:30 pm
Evening Watertown Compact KOs (rd. 1) 7:30 pm
Evening Side Game 7:30 pm

Saturday, August 4

Binghamton KOs (rds. 3 & 4) 10 am, 3 pm
Ithaca Bracketed Round Robin Swiss
(no withdrawal) 10 am, 3 pm
Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) 10 am, 3 pm
Judy B's Side Game Series (rds. 5 & 6) 10 am, 3 pm
Gold Rush Game (2 Sessions) 10 am, 3 pm
99er Game (Min. 3 tables) 10 am, 3 pm
Evening KOs (rd. 4) 7:30 pm
Watertown Compact KOs (rd. 2) 7:30 pm
Evening Side Game 7:30 pm

Sunday, August 5

Stratified Swiss Teams 10 am
199er Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 10 am
Masterpoint Stratification – Team Average

Daily Gold Rush 750 pts & Under

These are two session events and gold is awarded to overall and section tops in the top strat

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for details regarding:

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Accommodations, bridge rate, Join
Priority Club, Reserving online
Directions to Playing Site
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Special Functions

Open Stratified Events

A: 2000+; B: 750-2000; C: 0-750

Open Pairs/Swiss

A: 2000+ x: 0-2000

Gold Rush Games

B: 300-750; C: 100-300; D: 0-100

199ers - 0-50, 50-100, 100-200

99ers - 0-20, 20-50, 50-100

Sunday A/x & B/C Swiss

(stratified by team average)

A/x: A: 2000+, x: 0-2000

B: 750-2000 C: 0-750

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DISTRICT 4 STARS

VALLEY FORGE REGIONAL
King of Prussia PA
February 27 - March 4, 2012




1. Ken Cohen	64.96
2. Rick Rowland	60.40
3. David Hoffner	60.19
4. Corey Krantz	60.16
5. Meyer Kotkin	55.85
6. Jane Segal	52.34
7. John Sheaffer	51.16
8. Neal Satten	50.54
9. Carl Berenbaum	50.31
10. Douglas Dye	48.58



Notes from King of Prussia



- ♠ 1061 Tables
 - ♥ 988 Players Attended
 - ♦ 869 Players Won Masterpoints
 - ♣ 5846 Masterpoints Awarded
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SPRING NABC

Memphis TN

March 15 - 25, 2012

- 1 204.35 Eric Greco, Wynnewood PA
- 2 87.71 Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ
- 3 75.14 Carl Berenbaum, Elkins Park PA
- 4 75.14 Barbara Kepple, West Chester PA
- 5 72.51 Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA
- 6 59.16 Peter Kyper, West Chester PA
- 7 48.25 Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ
- 8 35.89 Albert Shrive, Dalton PA
- 9 35.37 Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA
- 10 33.27 JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA
- 33.27 Danny Sprung, Philadelphia PA

District MP Race Leaders through May 6, 2012

	<u>Mini McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Graham Holroyd	Graham Holroyd
5-50	Sandy Tilney	John Pino
20-50	Jeremy Lynch	Myrna Shervin
50-100	Caroline Hughes	Lynn Gonchar
100-200	Joel Bees	Joel Bees
200-300	Patricia Jardin	Robert Dewey
300-500	Christina van Leeuwen	David Rife
500-1000	Gary Hillenbrand	Edward Magee
1000-2500	Elaine Clair	Robert Smink
2500-5000	Barbara Kepple	Rhoda Prager
5000-7500	Carl Berenbaum	Melvin Lubert
7500-10,000	Margie Gwozdinsky	Rhoda Kaufman
over 10,000	Ken Cohen	John & Selena Swanson



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!

In this article, we will examine what to bid when we do not know what to bid. By definition, these are situations where there is no prior agreement (or we forgot). When we are in that situation, the first thing to do is THINK.

When I get in that situation (too often), I review the auction. Thankfully, modern bidding boxes make that easy. I try to figure out what my partner has said so far. What clues do I have about his hand so far? I eliminate hands that he cannot hold, and try to imagine what I might do with what is left over. Sometimes the answer will present itself. Most of the time (unfortunately), it does not.

Sometimes I cannot be sure what my partner has, but it can only be one of two hands. In those cases, I try to make a bid that would be reasonable no matter which hand my partner holds.

When I cannot figure out what my partner has, I try to imagine what I can do to give my partner a chance to let me in on his secret. Usually, this means making a bid that takes up very little room. Partner will often straighten me out on his next bid.

Let us explore a few examples. We open 1NT (15-17 hcp). We are playing major suit transfers at the four-level (4 Diamonds transfers to 4 Hearts, for example), and our partner bids 4 Spades. We never talked about what this bid might mean. What do we do?

There are a number of possible hands for partner to hold, the most likely of which is a long spade suit and a desire to play in 4 Spades. However, there are many other possible hands. Our partner might mean this as an asking bid about our minor suits. He might be asking about slam holding a semi-balanced hand (4-4-3-2 or 4-4-4-1). The first thing to do is look at our own hand for any clues. If we started with a five-card spade suit, that would be a clue that our partner does not have a long spade suit. If we started with only two spades, that would be a clue that our partner does have a long spade suit.

The point is that we cannot be sure at this stage what our partner might hold. Note that we may not look at partner for any body language clues that might give us an idea. That would violate Law 16A. And for any “helpful” partners out there, using body language to tell the opener that you made a mistaken bid would only complicate their problem.

Let us consider our choices. Remember that we have to make a bid that will allow partner to clarify his hand without further confusion. 4NT might be interpreted as some kind of ace-asking bid. 5 Clubs, 5 Diamonds and 5 Hearts could just as easily further muddy the waters. That leaves 5 Spades. If our partner has spades, he will presumably pass (with a dirty look or two first). If he has any other kind of hand, his bid will make it clear what that hand is.

Before leaving this example, remember that we may not make any bid that is suggested by our partner’s body language (if there is any). Surely, 5 Spades would never be suggested. So, we are on safe grounds according to Law 16A.

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FOR NOVICES ONLY

by

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My friends have heard me say that everything I know I learned at the racetrack. My dad was a veterinarian and also owned a few racehorses and broodmares. You learn a lot hanging around those old-time racing folks, and a lot of it applies to bridge. Watch.

I overheard some people talking about how they were afraid to go to the partnership desk at tournaments and be saddled with someone sight unseen for the whole afternoon. Faithful Readers, this is the wrong attitude. Let me tell you a Life Lesson from the Racetrack.

My father was 100% pure Irish. While he was 4th generation from the Auld Sod, the Irish are not easily assimilated, as the Norse, Romans, English and many others have discovered. While he was a very sensible and practical man, he had a strong mystical streak.

Thusly, none of us was particularly startled when one morning at breakfast he announced that Grandmother Connor had come to him in a dream and told him to buy a horse today. There was a big horse sale being held in Harrisburg, and when he looked at the list of horses to go under the gavel that day he spotted one called Duffy's Bet. Aha! "Duffy's" was the name of his favorite bar!! And...in the dam's pedigree was a mare with "Connor" in her name. Could the signs be any clearer? Daddy couldn't go to the sale that day, so he sent his partner in crime, our Uncle Dan, off to the sale to buy the horse...sight unseen.

Duffy ended up being one of the most interesting horses we ever had. First, he was so laid back that we kids could hang on him and adorn him with hats and scarves. We could even ride him bareback with no bridle. Trust me that is not common in a racehorse! After every race we would give him a jelly donut and a soda. He was a gem.

His race career was equally amazing. One year he raced 14 times, came in 1st eleven times, and the others he placed either 2nd or 3rd. Dad not only made money from the purses he won, but the REAL cash came from the betting window. Even with his astonishing record, Duffy always went off at very long odds. Why? He was (this hurts to say) just plain ugly. Racehorses are gorgeous creatures, but not Duffy. He was blah brown with a splat of white on his face. He had a very un-noble head, biggish ears, and no matter how much we brushed and groomed him, he never really gleamed. (Even decorating his hooves with nail polish didn't help.)

Also his performance in the post parade (right before the race, the horses strut their stuff for the audience) was pretty pathetic. He would hang his head down like he was looking for loose change and usually he'd stumble a little as he lumbered toward the starting gate, ears flopping.

The first half of every race, he'd be poking around back of the pack, showing no interest whatsoever. Then, in the backstretch his ears would pop up, his body tense, and he'd finally start HIS race, coming on like a mud slide. He was quite the stress-inducer, because his wins were always by a nose or a head, and several times, a photo. But he won. And won. And won.

The bridge lessons from this story are myriad. First, the obvious one...do not be afraid to take a

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partner sight unseen! But there are more subtle ideas at play here. How about this one:

Don't discount a hand just because it's ugly. Here's a dilly that came up yesterday. You, (not vul opposite vul) South, pick up ♠J72 ♥97543 ♦K852 ♣4. The temptation is to view this as a "hit the snooze alarm" hand. But as Tom Smith, trainer of Sea Biscuit said, "Every horse is good for something."

West opened 1♠. Pard made a takeout double. East then bids 2♠. What should you do? Yes, you only have 4HCP, BUT you've got that singleton. And five hearts. You trust your partner. You know pard has four hearts, so you've got a 9-card fit. BUT you're off the hook! The points appear to be evenly spread around the table. You're heading into the homestretch. What to do, what to do!

The top boards went to the Souths who put their money down on their ugly little horse and bid 3♥. Here's what pard held: ♠5 ♥AQJ10 ♦AJ109 ♣J1098. You and pard only have 17 HCP between you, but look!! The most you're going to lose is 1 spade, maybe 1 heart, maybe a diamond and a club. With a break in a red suit, you've got game! And you weren't going to bet on that hand! Shame! Being not vul and having a True Belief in the Law of Total Tricks carries the day. And a willingness to take a chance on that ugly horse.

Well, that's my story and I'm stickin' to it. How about you? Wussup? Are your horses coming in? Let me know...I actually want to hear!

(There's a P.S. to this story: My father told us that he had heard from Grandma Connor again, and she had told him to sell Duffy, that he was going to go lame. So Duffy went into the sale and was bought by a Canadian. We all gave Pop the silent treatment for weeks. We LOVED that horse! Duffy did indeed go lame. The Canadian turned him out to eat grass for a few months, and then the Duffster recovered and came back to set the track record for Aged Pacers. HA!)

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One more example. Suppose we open 1 Club and our partner bids 3 Spades. Some people play this as a long spade suit and overall weak values. Others play this as a singleton spade with terrific club support and game forcing values (splinter bid). Just another example of our partner doing his best to confound us, as we never discussed what this bid was supposed to mean.

This is a case where our partner could have either of two hands. We will have to look at our hand to figure out a bid we can make that will give our partner the chance to clarify his holding. Suppose we hold: S - A x x; H - K Q x; D - J x; C - K J x x x. Here, our choice is easy. We bid 4 Spades. If our partner has long spades, we will be in a reasonable contract. If our partner has a singleton spade, he will know that we hold the Ace of Spades and (probably) no ace in either hearts or diamonds. Our partner will know what to do.

Not every hand is so easy. Suppose we hold: S - x; H - A J x x; D - K x x; C - K Q x x x. Now, if our partner holds a long spade suit passing could be our last chance for a plus score. If our partner holds a singleton spade with strong club support, we should be bidding 4 Hearts. In cases like this, it is better to pass. The odds strongly favor our partner holding a long spade suit. If we assume that the opponents hold eleven spades between them, it is likely that one of them would be showing that spade suit.

If you finish this article with nothing else, know that passing one of these bids is probably the wrong choice. This gives your partner no opportunity to clarify his holding. And it gambles everything on your guess being correct. That is poor odds.

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Monday, July 2

Stratified Educational Foundation Pairs	1:30
Stratified Educ. Foundation Swiss Teams	1:30
Educational Foundation 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	1:30
Thomas Jefferson KO	7:30
<i>Continues 9:30, 1:30 and 7:30 Tuesday</i>	
Stratified Charity Pairs/Baltimore Side Series (1 st of 5)	7:30
Charity 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	7:30

Tuesday, July 3

Martha Washington Compact KO	9:30
<i>Two 12-board matches; concludes 9:30 Wed.</i>	
Allegany (Morning) Side Series (1 st of 5)	9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300	9:30/1:30/7:30
0-5 Players FREE TODAY	
Stratified Daylight Pairs	10:30 & 3:00
Abraham Lincoln KO	1:30 & 7:30
<i>Continues 1:30 and 7:30 Wednesday</i>	
Open Pairs 0-3000/3000+	1:30 & 7:30
Potomac River GOLD POINT Pairs 0-300/300-750	1:30 & 7:30
Baltimore Side Series (2 nd and 3 rd of 5)	1:30/7:30
I/N Swiss Teams 50/100/300	7:30
Stratified Board-A-Match Teams	7:30

Wednesday, July 4

Abigail Adams Compact KO	9:30
<i>Two 12-board matches; concludes 9:30 Thurs.</i>	
Allegany Side Series (2 nd of 5)	9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300	9:30/1:30/7:30
Daylight Tidal Basin GOLD POINT Pairs 0-300/300-750	10:30 & 3:00
Open Daylight Pairs 0-3000/3000+	10:30 & 3:00
James Monroe KO	1:30 & 7:30
<i>Continues 1:30 and 7:30 Thursday</i>	
Stratified Fast Pairs	1:30 & 4:30
Baltimore Side Series (4 th and 5 th of 5)	1:30/7:30
I/N Swiss Teams 50/100/300	7:30
Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30

- Open events, including Side Series, are stratified 0-750/750-3000/3000+ unless noted otherwise
- Stratifications determined by average MPs for the pair or team
- Top two brackets of KO may be handicapped at director's discretion
- Under 300 MP and single session events stratified at director's discretion

Thursday, July 5

Dolley Madison Compact KO	9:30
<i>Two 12-board matches; concludes 9:30 Friday</i>	
Allegany Side Series (3 rd of 5)	9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300	9:30/1:30/7:30
Stratified Daylight Pairs	10:30 & 3:00
Jerry Machlin A/X Swiss (0-5000/5000+)	1:30 & 7:30
Jerry Machlin Bracketed Fit B Swiss	1:30 & 7:30
<i>No player over 3000 MPs. Eight-team brackets by masterpoints; 3 teams in each bracket win gold</i>	
Calvert Side Series (1 st and 2 nd of 4)	1:30/7:30
Stratified Pairs	1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Board-A-Match Teams	7:30

Friday, July 6

Mamie Eisenhower Compact KO	9:30
<i>Two 12-board matches; concludes 9:30 Saturday</i>	
Allegany Side Series (4 th of 5)	9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300	9:30/1:30/7:30
Stratified Daylight Pairs	10:30 & 3:00
Andrew Jackson KO	1:30 & 7:30
<i>Continues 1:30 and 7:30 Saturday</i>	
Open Pairs 0-3000/3000	1:30 & 7:30
Great Falls GOLD POINT Pairs 0-300/300-750	1:30 & 7:30
Calvert Side Series (3 rd and 4 th of 4)	1:30/7:30
Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30
I/N Bracketed Pairs 0-300	7:30
Computer Assigned BAM Teams <i>Two Ways to Win!</i>	

Saturday, July 7

Stratified Swiss Teams	9:30
Allegany Side Series (5 th of 5)	9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300	9:30/1:30/7:30
Stratified Daylight Pairs	10:30 & 3:00
Teddy Roosevelt KO	1:30 & 7:30
<i>Continues 10:30 and TBA on Sunday</i>	
Open Pairs 0-3000/3000+	1:30 & 7:30
Chesapeake Bay GOLD POINT Pairs 0-300/300-750	1:30 & 7:30
Frederick Side Series (1 st and 2 nd of 4)	1:30/7:30
I/N Swiss Teams 50/100/300	7:30
Stratified Board-A-Match Teams	7:30

Sunday, July 8

Nadine Wood A/X Swiss (0-5000/5000+)	10:30 & TBA
Nadine Wood Bracketed Fit B Swiss	10:30 & TBA
<i>No player over 3000 MPs. Eight-team brackets by masterpoints; 3 teams in each bracket win gold</i>	
<i>Two Session Swiss Events are seven 7-board matches with short lunch break</i>	
Frederick Side Series (3 rd and 4 th of 4)	10:30/2:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300	10:30/2:30

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All KOs bracketed, random draw and include 0-300 MP players.

Monday, Aug. 13

Educational Foundation Pairs	1:30
Educ. Foundation Swiss Teams	1:30
Educ. Foundation 100/200/300 Pairs	1:30
Kickoff Knockouts	7:30

Continues 9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 Tuesday

Stratified Open Charity Pairs	7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Charity Pairs	7:30

Tuesday, Aug. 14

0-5 MP pair players FREE today

Fort McHenry Compact KOs	9:30 am
<i>12-board matches, continues 9:30 am Wed</i>	

Ravens AM Side Series (1st of 5)	9:30 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs	9:30 am
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams	10:30 am & 3
Terrapin Knockouts	1:30 & 7:30

Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Wednesday

Open Pairs (0-3000, 3000+)	1:30 & 7:30
Black-Eyed Susan GOLD RUSH Pairs I (0-300 red, 300-750 gold)	1:30 & 7:30
Hunt Valley Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6)	1:30 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	1:30 / 7:30
0-5 Trophy Pairs	1:30
Stratified Open Swiss Teams	7:30
100/200/300 Swiss Teams	7:30

Wednesday, Aug. 15

Preakness Compact KOs	9:30 am
<i>12-board matches, continues 9:30 am Thur</i>	

Ravens AM Side Series (2nd of 5)	9:30 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs	9:30 am
Stratified Senior Pairs	10:30 am & 3
Maryland Knockouts	1:30 & 7:30

Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Thursday

Open Pairs (0-3000, 3000+)	1:30 & 7:30
Black-Eyed Susan GOLD RUSH Pairs II (0-300 red, 300-750 gold)	1:30 & 7:30
Hunt Valley Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6)	1:30 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams	7:30
100/200/300 Swiss Teams	7:30

- ✦ Expert Panel Show at 6:40 pm Friday
- ✦ Stratifications determined by pair or team masterpoint average
- ✦ Senior and Side Game events stratified 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
- ✦ Black-Eyed Susan Pairs pay gold points for overall awards and section tops. 0-300 MP stratifications are red points for overall awards and section tops.

Thursday, Aug. 16

Inner Harbor Compact KOs	9:30 am
<i>12-board matches, continues 9:30 am Friday</i>	

Ravens AM Side Series (3rd of 5)	9:30 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs	9:30 am
Stratified Senior Pairs	10:30 am & 3
A/X Swiss Teams (0-5000, 5000+)	1:30 & 7:30
Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams (no player over 3000 MPs)	1:30 & 7:30

Eight-team brackets by masterpoints;

3 teams in each bracket win gold

Stratified Open Pairs	1:30 & 7:30
Hunt Valley Side Series (5th, 6th of 6)	1:30 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Open Swiss Teams	7:30
100/200/300 Swiss Teams	7:30

Friday, Aug. 17

National Aquarium Compact KOs	9:30 am
<i>12-board matches, continues 9:30 am Sat</i>	

Ravens AM Side Series (4th of 5)	9:30 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs	9:30 am
Stratified Senior Pairs	10:30 am & 3
Hunt Cup Knockouts	1:30 & 7:30

Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Saturday

Open Pairs (0-3000, 3000+)	1:30 & 7:30
Black-Eyed Susan GOLD RUSH Pairs III (0-300 red, 300-750 gold)	1:30 & 7:30
Orioles Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6)	1:30 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams	7:30
100/200/300 Swiss Teams	7:30

Saturday, Aug. 18

Stratified Open Swiss Teams	9:30 am
Ravens AM Side Series (5th of 5)	9:30 am
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs	9:30 am
Stratified Senior Pairs	10:30 am & 3
Weekend Knockouts	1:30 & 7:30

Continues 10 & 2 Sunday

Open Pairs (0-3000, 3000+)	1:30 & 7:30
Black-Eyed Susan GOLD RUSH Pairs IV (0-300 red, 300-750 gold)	1:30 & 7:30
Orioles Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6)	1:30 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Open Swiss Teams	7:30
100/200/300 Swiss Teams	7:30

Sunday, Aug. 19

<i>Swiss 7 seven-board matches w/ 30-min break</i>	
A/X Swiss Teams (0-5000, 5000+)	10 am
Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams (no player over 3000 MPs)	10 am

Eight-team brackets by masterpoints;

3 teams in each bracket win gold

Orioles Side Series (5th, 6th of 6)	10 am / 2
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	10 am / 2
50/100/300 Swiss Teams	10 am / 2

NAP

North American Pairs

INTRODUCTION

The NAP is a major, national pairs event sponsored by the ACBL. It started in 1978 and was originally called the Grand National Pairs. NAP is a grass-roots event that is played in three stages and culminates at the spring NABC, where representatives from all 25 ACBL districts compete.

Players attempt to earn qualifications at local clubs throughout the summer. Eligible players then compete at the district level in the fall. Winners at the district level earn a place at the national finals in the following spring.

What	Club Qualifiers	District Finals	NAP Final
When	June, July, August	October	March
Where	local clubs	District site TBD	Spring NABC

The event is played in three flights:

Flight A	Open to any District 4 player
Flight B	Open to any District 4 player with fewer than 2,000 masterpoints
Flight C	Open to any District 4 player who is a non-life master with fewer than 500 masterpoints

CLUB QUALIFICATION

A player must qualify at a local club to be eligible to play in the District finals. Club qualification games are played at local clubs during June, July, and August. Each club decides when to run its NAP qualifying games, so check with your clubs for the schedule. You can qualify in more than one flight and play in any flight for which qualify, as long as there are no playing time conflicts at the district level. Qualifying at the club level is on an individual basis □ that is, if you qualify with one partner at a local club, you may play with anyone else at the District finals as long as both players are from District 4 and have qualified at a local club qualifying game. The club level qualification games award both black and red points.

DISTRICT FINALS

The District finals take place in the fall, usually October, with the exact date and site to be determined by the NAP coordinator. The District finals determine which pairs will

advance from each flight to the NAP finals. The District finals award gold points in all three flights. Note that some districts in the ACBL also have optional Unit level championships; District 4 does not.

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

1st Place	\$700 per player
2nd Place	\$300 per player
3rd Place	\$100 per player

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

NAP FINALS

The NAP finals take place in March of the following year at the spring NABC (Nationals). District winners from around the country compete against each other for the national title. All 25 districts are represented and, over the years, winners have come from each of those districts.



District 4

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JUNE 1 - 3, 2012

Northeast Pennsylvania Bridge Association Fall Sectional Tournament

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Friday, Sep. 30, 2011

1:30 PM - Stratified Pairs
(0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)
I/N 199er 99er 49er

7:00 PM - Stratified Pairs
(0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)
I/N 199er 99er 49er

**PLEASE NOTE TIME
CHANGES FOR SATURDAY
Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011**

10:00 AM Stratified Pairs
(0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)
I/N 199er 99er 49er
3:00 PM - Stratified Open Pairs
(0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)
I/N 199er 99er 49er

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011
Stratified Swiss Teams
11:00 AM & TBA
(0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)
Swiss Teams stratification based on average masterpoints of each team.



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JUNE 1 - 3, 2012

2012 Wilmington Sectional

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 1

9:00 am	Stratified Open Pairs (Open/1500/500) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹
1:30 pm	Flight A/X Pairs (Open/3000) Stratified B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹
7:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (Open/1500/500) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹

Saturday, June 2

10:00 am	Handicapped Bracketed KO's Stratified Open Pairs (Open/1500/500) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹
2:00 pm	Flight A/X Pairs (Open/3000) Stratified B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹
7:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (Open/1500/500) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹

Sunday, June 3

11:00 am 2 sessions playthru	Flight A/X - Two Session Swiss (Open/3000) Strat B/C/D - Two Session Swiss (1500/750/300) Pizza will be sold between sessions
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¹NOTE: All NLM Pairs stratified based on attendance.

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McIntosh Inn	300 Rocky Run Parkway	302-479-7900



JUNE 4 - 5, 2012



Silver Points for All Winners!!

Game Times Each Day:

10:00 am and 2:30 pm

4 single session events

Each session you play will give you an additional chance to win our 2 gift certificates for a 2 night stay with breakfast at the Philadelphia Marriot during the National Bridge Tournament in July

Plenty of free parking

Free coffee, donuts and bagels served each morning at 9:00 am

Lunch available for purchase

Learn about playing at the National Bridge Tournament in Philadelphia

Pine Run

0-100 MP Sectional Tournament

June 4—5, 2012

777 Ferry Road

Doylestown, PA 18901

Tournament & Partnership Chair:

Jane Ball beginbridge@gmail.com

Tournament Director:

Bill Bauer



PARKING & DIRECTIONS

Parking will be available at the Shrine of Czestochowa. A thirty foot statue of the Madonna and child marks the entrance to the Shrine. A shuttle will take you to Pine Run. It is only 100 yards but it is not possible to walk. A small number of designated parking spaces will be available for handicapped parking on the grounds of Pine Run.

From the North: Take Route 202 South to Route 313. Turn right onto Route 313. In 3 miles turn left onto Ferry Road. The Shrine is approximately 2 miles down Ferry Road on the right-hand side.

From Norristown/Montgomeryville: Follow Route 202 through Montgomeryville to Chalfont. At Chalfont traffic light—turn left onto Route 152 North. Go 1/4 mile to Park Avenue. Turn right onto Park Avenue. At first stop sign (3 way intersection) make right turn onto Ferry Road. Follow Ferry Road approximately 2 miles to Shrine entrance on left.

From the PA Turnpike at Willow Grove: Follow Route 611 North. (approaching Doylestown stay left and take 611 Bypass). Follow Route 611 to exit for Route 313 (Dublin). Take exit for Route 313 and make a left onto 313 West. At 2nd traffic light make a left onto Ferry Road. The Shrine is approximately 2 miles down on Ferry Road on right-hand side.

JUNE 8 - 10 , 2012

State College Sectional Bridge Tournament June 8-10, 2012

NEW LOCATION
Boalsburg Fire Hall
113 East Pine Street
Boalsburg, PA 16827

Friday, June 8, 2012

Stratified Open Pairs 11:00 AM
Stratified Open Pairs 4:00 PM

Saturday, June 9, 2012

Stratified Open Pairs 11:00 AM
Stratified Open Pairs 4:00 PM

Sunday, June 10, 2012

Swiss Teams 11:00AM (Stratification based on team average)
2 sessions with luncheon between sessions

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

Complimentary drinks and delicious snacks are provided for each session

Entry Fee: Fri./Sat \$8.00 per session per person (\$1.00 extra for non-members of ACBL) Sunday Swiss: \$90.00 per team including luncheon

Director: Marc Labovitz

Chairperson: Jacqueline Humilovich (814-237-5534) psu4814@comcast.net

Hospitality: Susan Nichols

Partnerships: Connie Bamer (814-466-6767) and Carol Reitz (814-238-8195)

Directions: Boalsburg is just east of State College on *Business Rte. 322*. Approaching from the West on Business Rte. 322 make a right at the light onto N. Church St. Then make a left onto E. Pine St. Fire Hall is on the left. From the East, on *Business Rte. 322* make a left at the light onto N. Church St. Then make a left onto E. Pine St.
From Williamsport: Take US-220S to PA-477/Salona. Turn right and then make left onto Nittany Valley Dr. Take slight right to I-80W/US220S. Take exit 161 towards I-99S. From I-99S take Exit 73 onto US-322E. Take PA-45W Oak Hall/Boalsburg Exit. Keep right on ramp toward Boalsburg. Merge onto Boalsburg Pike. Turn left onto US-322BR/Boal Ave. Make right at light onto N. Church St. and left onto Pine St.
From Altoona: Take I-99N. Take Exit 73 onto US-322E and follow directions above.

JUNE 9 - 10, 2012

54th THOUSAND ISLANDS SECTIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

June 9,10, 2012

Ramada Inn, Watertown, NY

Rooms for Bridge Players \$75, Call by May 28, 2012

(315-788-0700; Exit 45 off I-81)

Events Schedule

Saturday, June 9, 2012

10:00 am Open Pairs (1st of 2 Sessions)

3:00 pm Open Pairs (2nd of 2 Sessions)

Sunday, June 10, 2012

11:00 am Swiss Teams (1st session of 2 session game)

Play through half hour break

Sandwiches available for purchase at the break both days.

Stratification: A—1000+, B—300-999, C—0-299, Newcomer's 0-99

Swiss Teams (average masterpoints), A—1000+, B—300-999, C—0-299

Entry Fees: \$9.00 per session for ACBL member

\$10.00 per session for non-ACBL-member

Partnerships: Eileen Bleibtrey 315-782-5165,
Maureen Gough (315-788-7621),

Tournament Chair person: Maureen Gough (315-788-7621),

Club Manager: Debbie Suller (315-654-4419)

JUNE 28 - JULY 1

YORK SECTIONAL

Springetts Fire Company

3013 East Market Street

York, PA

717-755-3171

June 29th, 30th & July 1st 2012

Come and Experience York's Hospitality

Friday, June 29th

Stratified Pairs (1000,1500,1500+)

Noon & 6 PM

Stratified 499er Pairs (100,300,500)

Noon & 6 PM

Saturday, June 30th

Marian Heffner Memorial Pairs

Breakfast Casserole & Donuts Served Before the Morning Session

Inexpensive Lunch Items Sold between the Session Break

Stratified Pairs (1000,1500,1500+)

10:00 AM & 2:30PM

Stratified 499er Pairs (100,300,500)

10:00 AM & 2:30PM

Sunday, July 1st

Please Note : All Stratified by Team Average

Breakfast Casserole & Donuts Served in the Morning

Stratified Swiss Teams (1000,2000,2000+)

11:00 AM

Stratified 499 Teams (100,300,500) **Single Sessions**

11:00AM & 2PM

Short Break between Sessions - **Pizza Party!**

\$9.00/Session - All Strats Subject to Attendance

\$1 add'l for non or unpaid ACBL mbrs.

Chair: Kelly A Zeller 717-880-1338

kmzeller1@comcast.net

Partnership - Debbie Klinger 717-394-0171

dhklinger@epix.net

JULY 7 - 8, 2012

Rochester Summer Sectional

Webster Recreation Center
1350 Chiyoda Drive
Webster, NY

Tournament Chairs
Sue Powell
585-288-7876

Mary Lou Lawson
585-265-3718
bridgeteacher@frontiernet.net

SATURDAY, JULY 7

11:00 AM STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS
(Two Sessions)

STRATIFIED 299er PAIRS
(Choose One or Two Sessions)

FREE One Session: Newplicate 0-5 MP

3:30 PM STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS
STRATIFIED 299er PAIRS

Entry Fees: ACBL Members:
\$9.00 per session
Non-members: \$10 per session

\$4.00 discount for students
under age 25

SUNDAY, JULY 8

11:00 AM STRATIFIED OPEN Swiss Teams
(Two Sessions)

STRATIFIED 299er Swiss Teams
(One Session)

	<u>Open</u>	<u>299er</u>
A - 1500+		100-299
B - 500-1500		50-100
C - 0-500		0-50

No Lunch Provided
One-Hour Break Between Sessions

DIRECTIONS: From Rochester: Take 490E to 390N to Rt-104E towards Webster. Exit at Phillips Rd, going north. (left) Proceed 0.2 miles to Chiyoda Dr. on left.

From NYS Thruway (East of Rochester): NYS Thruway Exit 43 to 490E to 390N 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 0.2 miles and turn left on Mitcheldean Drive. Continue on this road, which becomes Chiyoda Drive.

AUGUST 12, 2012



Non-Life Master (0-500) Tournament & Party

Games for all levels

0-50 Newcomers! Beginners Only!
0-100, 100-200, 200-NLM(500)
Door Prizes!!

Sunday, Aug. 12th

10 - 11 Brunch
11 - 2 Silver Point Game
2 - 2:45 Social Buffet
2:45 - 5:45 Silver Point Game
(Dessert Buffet during second game)

Bridge Boardroom, 2109 Industrial Highway, York, PA 17402
Cost: \$25, includes all food, beverages, entries. You can't spend more!

Reservations Required!! We need to know how many to cook for! No money needed till day of event. Just email to edjsiii@yahoo.com or phone 717-755-9505
Register early! We don't want to have to turn you away.

SEPTEMBER 7 - 9



PCBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 7—9, 2012

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

FREE PIZZA LUNCH

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

FREE SANDWICHES

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 **FREE BAGEL BRUNCH**

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

FRIDAY

FREE BREAKFAST GOODIES

FREE PIZZA AT LUNCH

SATURDAY

FREE BREAKFAST GOODIES

FREE SANDWICHES

SUNDAY

FREE BAGEL BRUNCH

FREE SALAD LUNCH

\$24.00 per pair per session
STRATIFIED A = 2000+ B = 750—2000 C = 0—750 ♦ NLM = 200—500 B = 50—200 C = 0—50
Strats may be combined based on attendance
All events are stratified by pair average

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

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

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

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

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

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

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

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

SEPTEMBER 7 - 9

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

Friday, September 7, 2012

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

Chairperson:

Judy Stein 570-946-4749

Partnerships:

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

Saturday, September 8, 2012

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

Hospitality:

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

Sunday, September 9, 2012

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

General membership Meeting at lunch

Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. Sunday

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

Director: Ron Geagley

"We are known for the best snacks anywhere"

SEPTEMBER 15 - 16



Syracuse Fall Sectional

September 15-16, 2012

CICERO FIRE FALL

Corner of Routes 31 and 11

Cicero, NY

Events Schedule

Saturday, September 15, 2012

11:00 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs

3:30 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs

Sunday, September 16, 2012

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

(Based on average master points)

Play through - pizza and beverage available for purchase)

STRATIFIED EVENTS: UNLIMITED/1500/500



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

Directions to the Tournament Site:

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

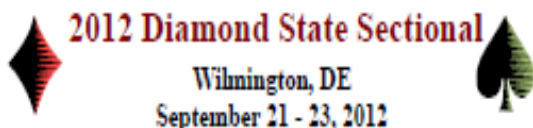
From the South or the NY State Thruway Exit 36: Take Route 81 North to Exit 30 Cicero. Turn left onto Route 31 West to first traffic light. Fire hall is on the northwest corner of Routes 11 and 31.

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

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

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

SEPTEMBER 21 - 23



2012 Diamond State Sectional

Wilmington, DE
September 21 - 23, 2012

Foulkstone Plaza

Wilmington
Delaware

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 21, 2012

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

Saturday, September 22, 2012

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

Sunday, September 23, 2012

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

Pizza available for purchase between sessions

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

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

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

Directly across Foulk Road from Brandywine High School

From the North via I-95 South: As you approach the Delaware State line, bear right onto I-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 straight through the guard gate and straight to the rear of Foulkstone Plaza. Watch for the speed bumps!!!

The Bridge Studio is located in the last building # 1409 on the first floor.

Look for the sign out front and park in the back corner of the plaza.

Tournament Chair:
Carl Williams
302-697-7164

Partnerships:
Tammy Holm
302-530-4632

Tournament Director
Head Director
Alan Hodesblatt

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Quality 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
Inn At Wilmington 300 Rocky Run Parkway 302 479-7900



SEPTEMBER 21 - 23

HAGERSTOWN, MD SECTIONAL

SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2012

WILLIAMSPORT AMERICAN LEGION
WILLIAMSPORT, MD

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

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

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21

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

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22

Note morning / afternoon start times for Saturday

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

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

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

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

\$9 /ea / session - \$112 per 4-person team Sunday includes
hot meal provided by American Legion @ approx. 3:00 p.m.
Anyone having special meal needs (vegetarian, etc.) see Ronnie @ 11:00 a.m.
\$1 additional per session for non-ACBL / unpaid ACBL members
Co-chairs: Ronnie Orr (304) 279-0013 & Tim Smith (304) 279-4872

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

SEPTEMBER 28 - 30

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

STRATIFIED EVENTS

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

STRATIFICATION OF 299'er EVENTS

AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR IN CHARGE

FOR PARTNERSHIPS PLEASE CALL:

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

louiseremley@msn.com

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

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