



# District 4 Spot

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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To paraphrase a Broadway show tune: "What a year this has been!" During my 13-month term of office, I have witnessed some extraordinary levels of volunteerism among our fellow members in District 4. While most district presidents attend all or part of the quartet of regionals held in New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware, I also attended the entire NABC in Philadelphia as well as most unit annual meetings. I (along with District 4 Director, Craig Robinson) helped Harrisburg celebrate the "official" opening of its new clubhouse in Camp Hill, and represented the district at a new club opening nearby under the direction & management of Tim Levan. In all cases, the folks in charge displayed all the best characteristics of persons supporting this great game of duplicate bridge. If only more social bridgers and former duplicate players, also paraphrased, "Could see us now!" (a dollar to the first person who e-mails me with the shows from which these songs came). So here's my challenge, one that I make whenever I'm asked to speak to our members: EACH ONE REACH ONE! The average age of an ACBL member is over 70! If we who are active don't do something proactively, we simply won't have a game anymore. If each one of us reaches out to someone we know who is either a social bridge player or a player who may have left the game in the days when we weren't

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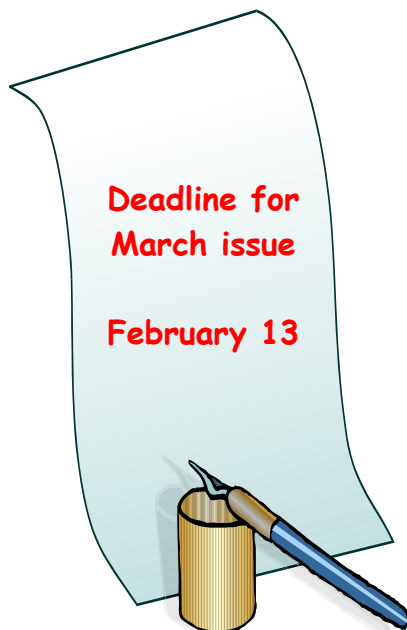
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## **DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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The following are the 2013 appointees to the Charity & Good Will Committees from District 4.

Charity: ***Bill Bauer, Warminster PA***

Good Will: ***Jeff Ruben, Wilmington DE***  
***Margie Spence, Fairport NY***  
***Andy Stayton, Newark DE***



### Report from the Board Meetings in San Francisco

In December of 2012 we will have Grass Roots month at clubs. Like other special games these pay 70% of a sectional rating. The cost is \$4.00/table and that money goes to the ACBL and then is returned to the District for promotional costs for GNT and NAP events. The District can use it to increase the prize awards, lower entry fees at District finals, promotional ads or flyers, etc. The event will next be in January 2014 and will then continue in January.

On the financial front the ACBL is estimating a profit of \$368,000 (~+2%) this year. There will be no increases in any rates for 2013! We anticipate some large capital projects progressing or ending in 2013:

- 1) ACBLscore+ is the new version of ACBLscore and it should be operational for parallel testing Q1 of 2014
- 2) Interactive Web-based learn-to-play bridge
- 3) On-line partnership desk
- 4) Redesign Tournament Directors structure and implement training program Q2 of 2014 rollout
- 5) Centralize data and develop better web tools

These projects should make the ACBL more valuable to every member.

'Mentor/mentee' games at clubs were upgraded to open status. I will propose that '8 is enough' games receive the same upgrade in St. Louis. These games are beneficial to newer players and we should encourage clubs to run them.

On the masterpoint front Regionals-at-Sea were upgraded from 80% to 100% of open status. Management argued that anyone can play in a Regional-at-Sea. I felt initially that a \$1637/person price tag made it restricted. I finally relented and agreed that cost of entry is

not restricted in the sense that age limit is in a senior event, etc. I argued for considerable masterpoint award increases in pair events based on the fact that in a 20 table pair game one has to beat 39 pairs to win the same award as a 20 table team game where a team only has to beat 19 other teams. I do feel that my argument is on very strong ground but some members of the committee are cautious about raising point awards.

Bad news for District 4. Management proposed legalizing one day NLM sectionals. It was soundly defeated. York, Camp Hill, and Philadelphia run these games currently. It seems that another District was majorly abusing this rule and now have spoiled it for everyone. I have stated for years that allowing units to have the right to run 52 sectionals per year is insane. It has been explained to me that no one comes close and not to worry about it. Well, so much for that argument.

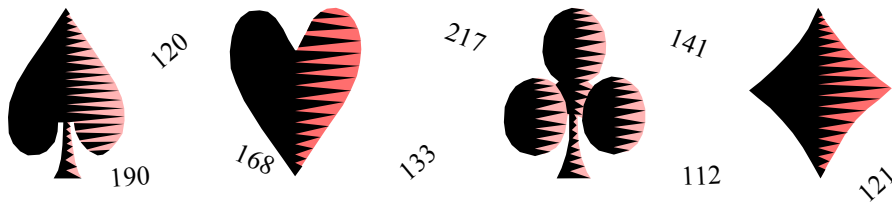
Some conduct and almost all ethic violations will now result in loss of masterpoints (replaced by placement points). So some cases of unethical conduct can now cause one to lose all masterpoints and all ranks (Life Master, Bronze LM, etc) that goes with those points. If the offender is ever allowed to play again they will receive placement points so that they are playing in the right event or the right strata. My advice, don't cheat!



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as warm and welcoming as we are now, we would **double our numbers!** Imagine going to your favorite local club game and seeing twice the usual number of tables in play! During this holiday season, reflect on how duplicate bridge has had a positive effect on your life. Then discuss your conclusions with everyone who will listen. If they don't play, tell them where they can learn the game. If they play socially, invite them to play as your partner at your local game. I will be forever indebted to Judy Argento, who invited me to join her 10 years ago at an under 200 masterpoint game. I hadn't played in probably 20 years. We ended up coming in first overall with a 72+% game! I was hooked, and have been playing ever since. Judy single handedly changed my life and how I spend my free time. You can have the same positive effect on someone else. Just say, "Please come and play bridge with me". This is my final message as your retiring president. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to give back some of my time to the game which has enriched my life in so many ways. God Bless You!

# ***From The Four Corners***



## **CENTRAL NEW YORK 112**

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After a slow start this year, our sectional table count picked up with increases on three of the last four events. Waterloo, our last sectional, almost doubled its table count. Our first event of 2013 will be held in Cicero on Jan 5-6. Please look ahead and plan on attending as many of our events as possible. Our locals work hard to stage these events, let's reward them with across the board increases next year. Sectional schedules and fliers can be found at our Unit 112 website or the District 4 website.

On a sadder note, one of our finest players, Bill Rock of Brockport, passed away this year. Bill had won multiple sectional championships over the past years as well as three straight overall titles.

The Unit Executive Committee for next year will be: President – Mike Mihevc; Vice President – John Gazak; At large – DeWitt Henricks; Secretary – Peg Clark; Treasurer – Warren Marsland.

Finally, Unit 112 will be committing a large sum of money to educational projects next year. If your local has an idea or a project related to bridge education, contact one of your board members to see if we can support you.

Enjoy the holidays and I look forward to seeing you again next year at the bridge table.



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It is with great sadness that I write these words. Dave Hall, an icon of duplicate bridge in Northeastern Pennsylvania, died this fall. Considered the Dean of bridge in Unit 120, Dave was always a perfect gentleman. He treated his partners with utmost respect, never berating or criticizing. On one of the few times that I played with Dave, he said to me "I don't care about your mistakes. I am only interested in mine." He was extremely generous to the game, even going so far as to purchase the current bridgemate scoring system used in several local clubs and at our sectionals. A Gold Life Master, Dave never missed a chance to play, traveling to

sectional and regional tournaments regularly, and up to a few days before he passed, at the local club level. It is estimated that Dave played bridge for more than 80 years. He would often say, "If I could not play bridge, I don't know what I'd do". RIP my friend. May you be blessed with 7 NT x and xx, vulnerable and making, for you, like that result, are alone at the top. Also passing from the local bridge scene was Margot Schwager. Sympathies to both families.

Unit 120 will again host the 2013 Wilkes-Barre Regional at the immensely popular Woodlands Inn & Resort the first week in March. Rooms are attractively priced at \$89, which includes a full made-to-order breakfast. The intermediate-newcomer speaker lineup includes Ray Raskin, Craig Robinson and Tom Weik. Several gold point opportunities are scheduled for the under 750 masterpoint crowd. The Woodlands is just minutes away from the Mohegan Sun, Pennsylvania's first casino, as well as an arena featuring the Pittsburgh Penguins' AAA ice hockey team. Plenty of nearby mall and specialty shopping and dining opportunities as well. For more details, visit the district website.



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Our Unit held the Annual Fall Sectional on September 28-30, 2012, in The Bridge Room. Barry Gorski was the Masterpoint winner.

The Unit is proud of members Barry Gorski and Albert Bingaman for winning the NAP qualifiers at the district level. They will go on to St. Louis in the spring to compete.

We have now settled into our new unit clubhouse, The Bridge Room At The Villa, 51 Seminary Road, Reading, Pa. 19605. We have lots of space and good parking. The building is handicap accessible.

The Unit held another Newcomer game on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, with four tables playing. This program headed by Anne Alderman, provides a place for our beginners to learn and grow and has been very well received. Our thanks to Anne and to the Intermediate people in our Unit who give so tirelessly of their time. The next scheduled game will be Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at which time there will be a brief lecture - Opening 1NT and Responses To It. This will be the Holiday party for the Saturday Morning Bridge group.

The Annual Hawley Quier Memorial Mixed Pair Game was played at the Bridge Room At The Villa on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> with 12 tables. It was the Unit's annual costume party. Doris Sharpe was the event coordinator. Great job, Doris! Winners of the event were Sue Wessner and John Schwartz.

Bridge lessons were offered at the Hamburg Public Library in September, at which point 12 new interested people took part.

An exciting bridge cruise is booking now. Royal Caribbean's New England trip from August 31 to September 8, 2013. If interested contact Brian Gibson /George Arnold @ 610-678-8740 . This is a great trip with a great price. All bridge games included at no additional cost.

Congratulations to the following people who have achieved new masterpoint milestones: Jr.

Master; Noreen Goodwin and Deborah Flint. NABC Master; Dr. Ed Katz. Silver Life Master; Greg Kiddy.

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Myrtle B. Quier Memorial Holiday Party, Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the YR Club. Pre-Pay and Pre-Sign is required.



**LEHIGH VALLEY 133**

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The unit held its annual Holiday Party at the Brookside Country Club, 89 were in attendance including the District President Walter Mitchell and his wife. The unit officers elected were Frank Kuebler, President; Charles Campbell, Vice President; Mimi Lengel, Secretary; and Dave Kresge, Treasurer. Two new board members were elected, Barry and Donalee Griswold. John Schwartz remains the unit Tournament Chairman.

The winners of the Unit's annual awards were as follows: 0 to 50 - Pat Saeger; 51 to 100 - Nancy Trabin; 101 to 300 - Joel Bees; 301 to 1000 - Charles Campbell; and open - Charles Campbell.

The unit will conduct a one day 299er Sectional on Sunday, January 13 at the Macungie Institute on Route 100. There will be two single session silver point pairs games at 10:30 and 3:00. Please see the ad on page 31.

Special congratulations to unit members Joel Bees and Bill Schadler who tied for first in the District Flight C North American Pairs. Special congratulation, also. to Bill Parks and Don McLean for becoming Diamond Life Masters, an outstanding achievement. It took awhile but Don finally attained the same rank as Bettie. Congratulations also go to Jane Havighurst for becoming a Silver Life Master. Please congratulate the units two newest Life Masters, Helena Yurconic and Deb Butz.

On December 2nd at the Lehigh County Senior Center, the unit will hold its annual memorial pairs game in memory of unit members who passed away during the year. Unfortunately this year there were five members who passed away, Louise Arnold, Ruby Aronsky, Barbara Gordich, Patricia Miller, and Lillian Tuskes.



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The Philadelphia Unit has been successful in finding a permanent site to host five of our six sectional tournaments. The new location is Bala Golf Club, 2200 Belmont Avenue, Philadelphia PA. Bala Golf Club is located near I-76 and City Line Avenue. The site is fairly easy



find and get to from any direction.

The September 7 – 9 Fall Sectional was held at the Fireman's Memorial Hall, Conshohocken, PA. The top players were Meyer Kotkin (Cherry Hill, NJ) with 18.86, Craig Robinson (Lansdale, PA) with 18.44, Jane Segal (Villanova, PA) and Howie Cohen (Philadelphia, PA) with 12.88.

The October 12 – 14 Sectional was held at the Knights of Columbus in Glenside, PA. Friday evening a "Pro-Am" game was run. The turnout for this event was very good and the event was a huge success mainly due to the efforts of Joan Brandeis. The Winners of the Pro-Am were Rose Loughname (Lafayette Hill PA) and L Irish Murphy (Pottstown PA). Doug Dye (Wynmoor, PA) with 13.50, Rich Richwarf (Philadelphia, PA) with 13.31 and Bob and Joann Glasson (Pennington, NJ) with 12.99 were the top masterpoint winners.

The above two facilities were a good to hold tournaments although each had their short comings. At any rate the hospitality at these tournaments were again great.

The Philadelphia Sectional Tournament Schedule for 2013 is as follows:

1. January 4 to 6
2. February 8 to 10
3. April 12 to 14
4. May 17 to 19 (\*Mays Landing, NJ)
5. September 6 to 8
6. October 11 to 13

Except as noted they will be held at Bala Golf Club

Elections for a third of the Unit 141 Board of Directors will take place during the January Sectional at Bala Golf Club, Philadelphia, January 4 to 6, 2013.

Mark your calendars for future **Valley Forge Regional Tournaments** at the DoubleTree by Hilton in King of Prussia, PA.

- June 17 to 23, 2013
- June 16 to 22, 2014

The Philadelphia Unit STAC games for 2013 are schedule for:

- April 15 to 21
- November 11 to 17

The District STAC will be held August 19 to 25.

**CENTRAL PENN 168**

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Hello there Unit #168 Members, the Holidays are upon us. Please plan to attend the Lancaster Regional Dec 3-9 at the Host Inn. These dates are different from previous years. This is a great opportunity for you to shop and Go for the Gold!

After you bring in the New Year, mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- Jan 25-27, 2013 Harrisburg Sectional at Park Inn by the Radisson, Mechanicsburg, PA

This is a new site for the winter Harrisburg Sectional.



- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 - Bridge Boardroom Non Life Master
- April 5-7, 2013 - Lancaster Sectional
- April 19-21, 2013 - Chambersburg Sectional

See you at the Tables ☺



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The year is flying by as usual, and it's almost time for our annual Dave Treadwell Sectional. This event, held at the Bridge Studio of Delaware, is scheduled for December 27 - December 31. Visit [www.bridge-studio.org](http://www.bridge-studio.org) for details. I always find the last week of the year, after the Holiday rush, to be a great time to play bridge. And it's a great way for players who need silver points to rack them up before the end of 2012. Hope to see you there!

DSBA Board Members for 2012 - 2013 were elected at the Unit's annual meeting in September. Officers this year are Trina Williams, President; Bill Everitt, Vice-President; Bruce Gwaltney, Secretary; and Jess Stuart, Treasurer. Board Members are Kay Brown, Marie Filandro, Scott Freber, Peter Harris, Steve Herrmann, Julie Hockersmith, Harold Jordan, Mike Mocella, Richard Popper and Barbara Rhoades.

During October, our First State Sectional was held in Lewes, Delaware. It was the first time in a long time that Unit 190 held a sectional in Sussex County and it was a success with over 110 total tables. During 2013, this new annual sectional has already been scheduled for October 3 - October 5.

DSBA members are so pleased to learn that we will be able to give \$5,000 to the Ronald McDonald House. District 4 received funds from the ACBL Charity Foundation to allocate among selected charities, and invited units within the district to submit applications on behalf of a charity. Rick Rowland submitted Unit 190's application on behalf of the Ronald McDonald House and it was one of those accepted by the District. Thanks, Rick, for your efforts.

In an effort to promote bridge in Delaware, Unit 190 offered ten free bridge lessons to people interested in learning to play bridge. These lessons are taught by Julie Hockersmith, assisted by Barbara Rhoades, and are located at the Bridge Studio of Delaware. The lessons are averaging over ten tables each week, and many of the newcomers are quite enthusiastic and have indicated a desire to continue with lessons at the conclusion of the series.

Advancing through the ranks are new Life Masters - Barbara Cleary, Christine Matus, Perry Mitchell, Mary Skinner and Carla Wasniewski; Bronze Life Masters - Jeanne Marderwald, Anne Morris, Melody Owen and Patricia Sinex; Silver Life Masters - Rona Brenner, Gail Everett and Mark Henderson; and Diamond Life Master Randy Berseth. Congratulations to all!



**SUSQUEHANNA 217**

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Congratulations to Irene Harpster, our newest Life Master!

As the new year approaches, the dates have been finalized for the 2013 sectional tournaments for Unit 217. They are as follows:

- **Spring Out of Winter Tournament (Williamsport Bridge Club): April 5-7**
- **State College Tournament (Boalsburg Fire Hall): June 7-9**
- **Susquehanna Sectional Tournament (Williamsport Bridge Club): Sept. 27-29**

Since the printed results of our sectional bridge tournaments in Williamsport and State College are immediately available at the clubs, as well as readily accessible online, the outcome of the games will no longer be published in the *District 4Spot*. Because of the publication dates of this newsletter with respect to our tournament schedule, the reporting of the final scores is belated and does not offer timely information. The results of the State College Tournament in June are not published until September, the scores of the Williamsport fall tournament in September are found in the December issue, and the spring tournament scores are not available until the June "4Spot".

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season!



District 4 Membership by Unit as of 11/30/2012		
Unit Number	Unit Name	Total
112	Central New York	1101
120	Northeastern Pennsylvania	330
121	Berks-Montgomery	204
133	Lehigh Valley	296
141	PCBA - Philadelphia	2705
168	Central Penn	1034
190	Delaware	681
217	Susquehanna	139
Total Members		6490



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D4 Bidding Challenge Winter 2012

*Rather than soliciting outside experts to answer these problems I posted them on "Bridgewinners.com" which got me complete sets of answers from a number of experts as well as consensus answers from over 100 players in each case. I also got some useful comments, some of which I will summarize and some I will lift directly. Among the expert respondents were a number of former District 4 members: Kevin Bathurst, John Diamond, Josh Donn, Bobby Levin and Danny Sprung.*

*I regret to have to report the death on Oct 18 of faithful solver Bill Rock.*

Problem 1.

Imps, Neither VUL, Dlr E

South holds

**S - K H - AKQ10743 D - C - A9873**

West North East South

-- -- P 1H

P 1S 2D ??

4H 25 (6); 3C 21 (5); 3D 18 (4)

*There are only three reasonable answers.*

**Rowland:** 3C. Someone has to bid the club suit to get it in play.

**Greco:** 3D. Playing standard I must cuebid here to show some sort of huge hand. I will clarify this on my next bid if possible although this auction is getting muddled. Notice this should deny three spades since I did not use a support X but I could have four spades and a monster. I am just too strong to make a jump to 4H, although that might have some preemptive value if the opponents compete further.

**Filandro:** 4H. Sets trump unambiguously. Any diamond cue or club bid or jump could be interpreted as leaving spades in the picture, which is clearly not the picture I want to present. By the way, I firmly avoid offering clubs as trumps with the 2-card disparity of 7 - 5 hands. If both suits are 8-card fits, in clubs as soon as I ruff the opening lead, I am down to 4 trumps and will too often lose control.

Foster: 3D. Intended as a cue bid showing first round control of diamonds. Where are we going on this hand? Some number of hearts, I think. Why did I NOT open this (3 loser) hand with 2C, then bid hearts at my next turn?

Harris: 3C. I have a great hand that I want to describe. The major decision is whether 3C or 3D is best. Bidding 3C should show a second suit and a good hand. Partner could well have a good four-card club suit such as KQTX and if the auction becomes competitive or runs out of bidding space we might play in the wrong strain if I do not bid my clubs now. If I bid 3D, West may bid 5D and how do I show my hand? If I bid 3D now, I might not be able to show my clubs short of the 6-level. A 2H bid shows a good suit and a good hand, but does not show how good my hand is. Yes, I realize that some Norths may bash into 4H with their likely 8 tricks, but we might stay there when there is a slam. The possibility of the bidding going 3C, P, 3S, P **Robinson:** 3D. This is a problem for me, I am 7-5 and I have to be careful that partner doesn't get to choose clubs. I would try 3D planning to bid hearts over 3S or 4S or 3NT and 6H or 6C over 4C could lead to a future District 4 problem as to what to do next.

**Straguzzi:** 4H. Honestly, I would have opened a strong 2C; this hand has more than enough playing strength. As it is, I'm left struggling to decide how best to catch up. 3C? That should show extras, but not this much extra, not to mention the fact that it's not clearly forcing. 3D? Sorry, I'm too chicken to make a direct cue-bid with stiff king in support of my partner's spade suit. When I do, my partners have an annoying habit of "correcting" my later heart sign-offs. 4C? Um, maybe, though that seems really misdescriptive. Partner would have no reason to believe that hearts is the right strain if he's 1-3 in my suits. 4H, though unimaginative, gets across the salient points of my hand: a self-sufficient suit, and enough values for game opposite a partner who could dredge up a simple response. I don't much like it, but having chosen to open 1H, it's the best I can do.

*I usually agree with Nick in his analysis, but I do not think this is appropriate for a 2C opener. Oh, its got the playing strength, but 2C will make it very hard to convey to partner what cards are valuable and which not. And -*

*it does not have the defensive values that partner will expect. It would be easy to see the opponents making 6S against this hand, and partner in some competitive auction having no idea whether to double 6S or bid on.*

**Raskin:** 3D. This feels like a 30 point deck and, at a minimum, I would hope partner is aggressive if he has no values in Diamonds..

**Goldberg:** 3C. I want partner to know how to value his hand in case we have slam, or I bid 4H later and they bid 5D.

Cohen: 3D. Slam prospects are good. Most of east's values should be in diamonds. I am hoping partner does not bid NT.

Schmidt: 3C. This won't end the auction. Important to tell partner about my 2<sup>nd</sup> suit, before things get too high.

**Teukolskys:** 3C. Theorists may debate whether this can be passed, but in practice it's forcing. When I next jump in hearts, partner will know whether his cards are working for slam. And if he raises clubs, I'll bid 5D (Exclusion Keycard). If he bids 5H (0 or 3), I'll pass.

Dye: 3C. Slam depends on the degree of partner's fit for clubs. If I don't bid them now I may not get a second chance. If West preempts to 5D, I will bid 5H and partner will have a very good picture of my hand.

Wachsman: 3D. My cuebid confirms that we are in a game forcing sequence and elicits more information from my partner.

Passer: 3C- forcing at least one round. But let's be clear – if it goes LHO 5D, Partner double, RHO P, I'm rebidding 5H. If you don't have the stomach for that, rebid 4H now!

*Lets get something clear to begin with: 3C is not forcing in normal natural systems. It shows extra values, and extra shape, but it is not forcing. 4C for most would be a splinter in support of spades, 4D the same. The great advantage of 3C is the Rothian one: If we survive this round of bidding either because LHO bids or because partner does, we will be in pretty good shape.*

*3D is clearly forcing. It will often be a good hand with spade support and no shortness – presumably stronger in that case than jumping directly to 4S. It might be looking for a diamond stopper for 3N, or might be a forcing hand that is not otherwise covered, such as a big one or two suiter in hearts or hearts and clubs. Obviously this is a possible bid if you think partner will be on the same wavelength.*

*The obvious alternative is 4H, which is a game force. But will it get partner to move forward with an appropriate hand? At the table it did not.*

*The BridgeWinners votes were 49 for 3C, 20 for 3D and 28 for 4H.*

Problem 2. Imps, N-S Vul, Dlr S

South holds

**S - H - KQJ875 D - J92 C - K974**

West North East South

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a) What would you do? (15 pts)

1H 15 (7); 2H 13 (6); P 6 (2)

*I have decided not to show comments here, or on part b for two reasons: there was little to say and it was highly repetitive.*

*The BridgeWinners poll was more sharply in favor of 1H: 70-37. Obviously this hand qualifies for an opening one-bid under the "rule of 20," that is high card points plus the length of the two longest suits add up to twenty. On the other hand, this hand will be really awkward in many auctions. The primary suit is not quite strong enough to insist on it. The defensive values are well below what partner will expect. If we wind up in 3N this hand may have no entry to the long hearts.*

*On the other hand it also does not fit 2H. For many it is too strong. Others dislike opening weak two's with a void, feeling that it misleads partner in valuing her hand. The two passers point this out, but say (rightly in my opinion) that if partner forces to game over 1H without a heart fit we are inviting disaster.*

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

1S 10 (9); 2S 6 (5); P 2 (1)

*A sharper division both here and on BridgeWinners in favor of 1S. On BridgeWinners it was 87-19. I think this is justified; many of the problematic auctions are simplified because spades outrank hearts. By the way, I think BridgeWinners is dominated by younger players, and for some reason they are more active opening bidders than we survivors of primordial bridge eras. I would open 2H on "a," 1S on "b."*

Problem 3.

IMPs, N-S Vul, Dlr E

South holds

**S - H - 73 D - AQJ1074 C - AK1052**

West North East South

-- -- 1S ??

2N 25 (8); 2D 22 (7)

*The argument, as you would expect, is between the 2D overcallers and the Unusual No Trump bidders. On BridgeWinners the 2N bidders had about a 2:1 majority.*

**Greco:** 2NT. The guessing will come later but certainly this start is clear.

**Rowland:** 2D. The bidding will never die. My partners and I agree that with suits of unequal length, a two suited call would never be longer in the higher suit. This has the advantage of partner with equal length opposite a two suiter always knows where to go.

**Harris:** 2D. I do not mind really strong overcalls. If it goes P,P,P it is probably ok. If the auction is competitive, I plan to rebid 3,4 or even 5C (depending on the auction). An initial double should show H. An initial bid of 4NT indicates good minors, but I can indicate a discrepancy in my suits by rebidding C. I trust that partner will not be disappointed by this overcall. A double to show points is ludicrous (unless we are as good as the famous Italians, which very few are).

**Robinson:** 2D - planning to bid 5C next time. This is better than using unusual NT because partner will always bid clubs with equal length.

**Straguzzi:** 2D. Boring perhaps, but bidding an Unusual 2NT with the intention of taking another call is very questionable, particularly when my diamonds are longer than my clubs. If the auction is at the four level when it comes back to me, I might regret this choice, but as of now my plan is unimaginatively to bid both suits.

**Raskin:** 2D. Hand is way too good and has too much defense to use Unusual NT, plus partner would never work out that you are 7/5. *Apparently Ray is math challenged. He thinks 0=2=7=5 is a possible distribution.*

**Goldberg:** 2NT. Showing my strength and distribution. I will bid 3D over a simple 3C preference by partner.

**Cohen:** 2D. I'll come alive on my next bid. If 4S comes back to me, I'll bid 5C next.

**Schmidt:** 2D. Following the rule that 2-suited bids always show equal or longer length in the lower-ranking suit. Willing to hazard 5C over a 4S raise. I'd bid 2N if the minors were reversed.

**Filandro:** 2D. Even though trick-wise I am "one trick short of game", a simple overcall is the best start. I do not fear that the auction will die because there are 26 HCP, 13 spades, and 11 hearts still to be heard from. *I think you have four losers - and that this is within one trick of game only in major suits. Last I heard, both clubs and diamonds were still under 18, and thus legally minors.*

**Wachsman:** 2NT. I like the unusual NT here as it both preempts the opponents as well as alerts my partner that I have the minors. When I bid again, my partner will have a clearer picture of my offensive strength.

**Teukolskys:** 2N. I'll bid diamonds at my next turn. But if my left-hand opponent jumps to 4S and this is passed around to me, I'll bid 4N. Partner should then strain to support diamonds, since I didn't bid 5C.

**Dye:** 2D. With unequal length and a self-sufficient diamond suit I will bid my suits in order rather than begin with an unusual 2NT. The auction is unlikely to die with the opponents owning the spade suit. My plan is to cuebid with room to do so (correcting 4H to 5C) or bid 5C over their 4S.

**Passer:** 2D. Then I'll rebid 4C (or 5C if necessary). No, I'm not worried I'll play in 2D - it can't happen on this planet! *This one I know the actual hand. Partner had S-109xx H-KQxx D-9x C-Qxx. The DK was offside, and 5C was easily down after the 6-5 hand was tapped twice - despite the fact that both minors broke 3-2. 5D is cold. In the World Championships both players bid 2N; both reached 5C. One was allowed to make when the defender switched to a heart after winning the DK. The other found the winning defense. I don't think one should make two-suited bids when the higher-ranking suit is longer. Partner will usually bid the cheaper suit with equal length, which will get you into the wrong denomination. So in practice I think you should overcall 2D, later show clubs as a second suit. But a slim majority of the panel and a significant majority of the Bridgewinners responders disagree with me.*



Problem 4.

IMPs, Both Vul, Dlr W  
South holds

**S - AKJ9752 H - AJ852 D - C - 6**

West	North	East	South
P	P	1N	??

1N = 15-17

You play "DONT", e.g. 2H would show both majors, Double a one suiter.  
If you play something else, explain how that would do better.

4S 25 (9); Double 15 (4); 2N 9 (1); 3S 6 (1)

**Rowland:** 4S. Yes, we might make a slam, but so might the opponents. Let the opponents sort things out at the five level. Good seven-card suits should always be trump. Folks who show a two-suiter are asking to go for a number.

**Greco:** 4S. Obviously I can't show both my suits and make a forcing bid so it seems clear to apply maximum pressure and bid 4S and make them guess. 2NT showing a super strong two-suiter but not both minors would help here. 3C asks, then 3D = both majors and 3 of a major = that major and a minor.

Foster: Double. My spades are so much better than my hearts, so I will treat the hand as a one suiter in spades. Playing DONT, with partnership agreement, a double first, then bidding spades shows a stronger hand than simply bidding spades over the opponent's NT opening. Partner needs very little of the right stuff to make game in spades on this hand. She should reevaluate her hand after finding out that my suit is spades and realizing that I have a "good" hand, and show support with even minimal support if that is what she has.

Harris: 4S. This puts maximum pressure on the opponents. Are they likely to bid a minor at the 5 level? It is possible that if my bid is passed out or doubled that I could lose 1S, 3H, and 1C but that is extremely unlikely. Yes, the hand is a 2-suiter, but what a great disparity in my suits. If the opponents double on points, my second suit could provide the tricks for the contract (or even an overtrick).

**Straguzzi:** 3S. This is the sort of hand where it's easy to get yourself wrapped around the axle wrestling with what you're "supposed" to bid. Better instead to look at the big picture: we're vulnerable, my partner is a passed hand, and an opponent has advertised a strong, balanced collection. In the face of all this, here cometh I, proclaiming that I nonetheless want to try to take nine tricks in spades. This may be pre-emptive, but it's certainly not "weak" in any sense of the word. I must have cards. Bidding less is too cowardly even for me, and bidding more seems unnecessary: if partner is looking at an ace and the queen of spades, he darn well had better raise me to game. Should I try to get hearts in the picture? Neh. For one thing, I'm not sure how to do it without getting marooned somewhere silly, and for another, ace-king-jack-nine-seventh looks like a perfectly swell trump suit. Regarding the second half of the problem: Look, I'm sure somebody, somewhere, has a 1NT overcall structure that can show this hand-type. Heck, my regular partner, Barry Cohen, has nine billion ways to show both majors in various situations and combinations. (God help us when we get dealt minors.) But, so what? You don't get stuck in this situation very often, and when you do, bidding 3S is a reasonable way out.

**Goldberg:** 4S. I guess I could live with 3S, but not 2H, which can be passed.

Schmidt: Dbl. Planning to bid 3S over partner's 2C, but I'm really hoping to cue-bid LHO's minor. 2H followed by 3S would be a better description, but it's too risky. If LHO decides to pass 2H, partner and RHO are sure to pass also. Dbl gives LHO room to bid 2D.

Wachsman: 4S. Don't use "DONT" when it allows the opponents bidding room. 4S sticks it to the opponents and hides your secondary strength (hearts).

Dye: 2NT. As I recall, 2NT is not assigned a particular meaning in DONT (you bid 2C with both minors), and it is certainly not natural. Some play it as a big 2-suiter and that's what I have. In any event, this call will get partner's attention. Unless she bids hearts, I will continue with 4S.

**Teukolskys:** 4S. You're guessing - 2S or 3S could easily work better. This is a hand where you wish you were playing

Landy: bid 2C showing the majors and then bid spades (same theme as Problem 3). But hardly anybody plays Landy these days.

Passer: 4S. Bid what I think I can make. Why let the opponents find their fit for a sacrifice by first doubling INT? If a direct LHO 5D comes back to me undoubled, *then* I'll bid 5H.

**Filandro:** 4S. Vul at IMPs, I won't gamble playing in less than game on this shapely mountain. And I certainly am not open to a heart contract with a 2-card disparity in a 7 - 5 hand. Partner, with 1 - 2, 1 - 3, or 2 - 3 in the majors will prefer to hearts and I will be down to 4 trumps as soon as I ruff. Loss of control is a serious threat. As to a "DONT" 2H bid, no - no - no, because it is not forcing and I certainly will not allow 2H to be the final contract.



Cohen: 4S. This really doesn't look like a two suiter and anything else still leaves a lot of room for the opponents to bid.

**Raskin:** 4S. Can't take chance on partner passing a 2H bid when game is cold, so will bid what appears to be practical.

**Robinson:** 4S. Partner is incapable of making a right decision so I will bid what I can make.

*This approximate hand came up twice recently, once in the World Championships and once in a less severe setting. In the World Championships partner held S-10xx H-x D-J9xxx C-Axxx or something similar. Suits broke favorably, and without a trump lead 7S was cold. One of the players jumped to 4S and played it there with a trump lead. +680. The other jumped to 3S, played it there without a trump lead for +260. The second time partner held S-none H-Kxxxx D-Q10xx C-Qxxx. The opening 1NT included Q108xx of spades so 4S lost three spade tricks and a club. 6H, as you see, is cold. Dreaming about this hand was an unpleasant experience.*

*Steve Weinstein and Bobby Levin play 1N-2N is a strong two-suiter with hearts as the anchor suit; 1N-X-(P)-2C-P-2N is a strong two-suiter with spades as the primary suit. I like that idea. A couple of comments suggested double, since if partner passes you will be in great shape. Many emphasized that playing 2H as both majors is a bad idea with very strong playing hands as partner can pass.*

*I will try not to have so many freaks next time. It was only that Problems 1, 3, and 4 appealed to me when they came up, and the issues inherent in problem 2 seemed important. Josh Donn, who has transplanted himself from upstate NY to Las Vegas, found the consensus answers on all five problems. Among regular panelists Pete Filandro's 97 was best. Among solvers the consensus answers from Bridgewinners scored 96 with Barry Cohen close behind. I would have scored 85.*

Panel	1	2A	2B	3	4	Score
Josh Donn	4H	1H	1S	2N	4S	100
Kevin Bathurst	4H	2H	1S	2N	4S	98
Pete Filandro	4H	1H	1S	2D	4S	97
Eric Greco	3D	1H	1S	2N	4S	93
Connie Goldberg	3C	2H	2S	2N	4S	90
Rick Rowland	3C	1H	1S	2D	4S	90
Ros & Saul Teukolsky	3C	2H	2S	2N	4S	90
Steve Weinstein	4H	1H	1S	2N	X	90
Bobby Levin	3C	1H	1S	2N	X	86
John Diamond	4H	2H	2S	2N	X	84
Craig Robinson	3D	P	2S	2D	4S	77
Steve Bloom	3C	2H	1S	2D	X	74
Danny Sprung	3D	1H	1S	2D	2N	74
Ray Raskin	3D	P	P	2D	4S	71
Nick Straguzzi	4H	2H	2S	2D	3S	66
<b>Solvers</b>						
Bridgewinners	3C	1H	1S	2N	4S	96
Barry Cohen	3D	2H	2S	2D	4S	94
Lynn Harris	3C	2H	2S	2D	4S	87
Barry Passer	3C	2H	2S	2D	4S	87
Dave Wachsman	3D	1H	P	2N	4S	85
Bill Foster	3D	P	1S	2N	X	74
Bill Schmidt	3C	2H	P	2D	X	73
Douglas Dye	3C	2H	2S	2D	2N	71





## D4 Bidding Challenge Spring 2013

Answers to HBETHE@AOL.COM not later than January 15, 2013. Please format your answer as #. Last Name: Answer. Comment. E.g. 1. Bethe: 4H. I must be blind but I see no alternative. Put your full name somewhere in the e-mail.

Problem 1.

Matchpoints, N-S Vul, Dlr West, South holds:

**S - AK83 H - Q75 D - 96 C - A983**

West	North	East	South
P	P	P	1C
P	1H	P	1S
P	1N	P	??



a) Do you agree with 1S? (5 pts)

b) What now? (20 pts)

Problem 2.

Imps, Both Vul, Dlr North, South holds:

**S - K73 H - - D - K8743 C - AQ974**

West	North	East	South
--	P	1H	??

Would it make a difference if East were dealer?

Problem 3.

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

**S - KJ H - Q10973 D - 74 C - A1052**

West	North	East	South
1D	1S	P	??

Problem 4.

Matchpoints, Neither Vul, Dlr S, South holds:

**S - K65 H - A52 D - AJ8732 C - 6**

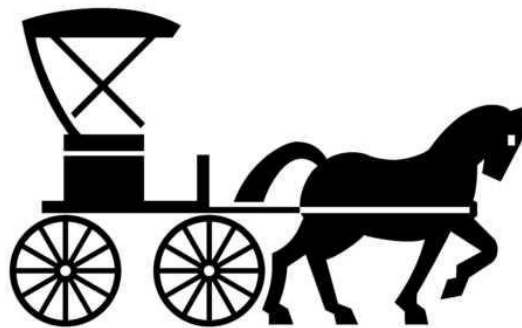
West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1D
P	2D*	4H	??

\*2D = LIMIT OR BETTER



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Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams.....9:00 AM

Bracketed KO Teams—Tues/Wed, Wed/Thurs, Thurs/Fri, Fri/Sat ....1:00 PM & 7:30 PM

### Pair Games

Monday Stratified Charity Pairs.....8:00 PM

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat AIX or Open Pairs.....1:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Tues, Wed and Fri Golden Opportunity Pairs.....1:00 PM & 7:30 PM

### Team of Four Games

Tuesday, Thursday Stratified Single Session B-A-M Teams.....7:30 PM

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday Single Session Swiss Teams.....7:30 PM

Thursday Bracketed Open Swiss Teams, 2 sessions.....1:00 PM

Sunday Flighted AIX Swiss Teams, 2 sessions.....10:00 AM

### Side Game Series

Stratified AM Side Game Series.....9:00 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Side Game Series.....1:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Friday, Saturday Side Game Series.....1:00 PM & 7:30 PM

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Tuesday through Saturday, single sessions.....9:00 AM 1:00 PM 7:30 PM

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Wednesday 49er Trophy Pairs.....1:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Thursday 99er Trophy Pairs.....1:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Saturday 199er and 299er Trophy Pairs.....1:00 PM & 7:30 PM

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Kickoff Bracketed KO Teams (continues Tuesday)	8:00 PM
Lori Kraus Stratified Charity Pairs (1500/1500+)	8:00 PM

### ROSEDAY December 4, 2012

Kickoff Bracketed KO Teams continue	9:00AM, 1:00 and 7:30 PM
Roseday/Wednesday Morning Bracketed Compact KO's (1st & 2nd)**	9:00 AM
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (1st) Continues thru Saturday	9:00 AM
Eleanor Alboum A/X Pairs (0-3000/ 3000+)	1 & 7:30 PM
<b>GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS</b> (0-300, 300-750)	1 & 7:30 PM
Roseday-Wednesday Afternoon Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd)**	1 & 7:30 PM
Vera Maurer Stratified Side Game Series (1st & 2nd)	1 & 7:30 PM
Roseday Stratified Single Session B-A-M Teams	7:30 PM

### WEDNESDAY December 5, 2012

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

### THURSDAY December 6, 2012

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

### FRIDAY December 7, 2012

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

### SATURDAY December 8, 2012

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

### SUNDAY December 9, 2012

Saturday/Sunday KO's (3rd & Final)	10:00 AM
Hoe Down Flight A/X Swiss Teams (0-5000/5000+)*	10:00 AM
Fall Harvest Stratified B/C/D Swiss Teams (0-750/ 750-1500/ 1500-2500)*	10:00 AM
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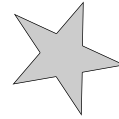
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### Tuesday, March 5, 2013

- 10:00 Anthracite Kick Off Bracketed KO Teams (2nd round of four)  
Mon/Tue Side Game (2nd session of four)  
Tue Compact KO (1<sup>st</sup> session of two)  
2:30 Anthracite Kick Off Bracketed KO Teams (3rd round of four)  
Mon/Tue Side Game (3rd session of four)  
Swiss Team (single session)  
Tue Compact KO (2<sup>nd</sup> session of two)  
7:30 Anthracite Kick Off Bracketed KO Teams (4th round of four)  
Tue/Wed Evening Compact KO (1<sup>st</sup> session of two)  
Side Game Mon/Tue Side Game 4th session of four)

### Wednesday, March 6, 2013

- 10:00 Wed/Thurs Side Game (1st session of six)  
Wed/Thurs Bracketed KO Teams (1st Session of four)  
Stratified Open Pairs (2000+) (0-2000) (1<sup>st</sup> of two)  
Gold Rush Pairs (300-750) (0-300) (1<sup>st</sup> of 2) Gold Points\*  
2:30 Wed/Thurs Bracketed KO Teams (2<sup>nd</sup> round of four)  
Wed/Thurs Side Game (2nd session of six)  
Stratified Open Pairs (2<sup>nd</sup> of two)  
Gold Rush Pairs (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2) GOLD POINTS\*  
7:30 Tue/Wed Evening Compact KO (2<sup>nd</sup> session of two)  
Side Game Wed/Thu (3rd session of six)

### Thursday, March 7, 2013

- 10:00 Wed/Thurs Side Game (4<sup>th</sup> session of six)  
Wed/Thurs Bracketed KO Teams (3<sup>rd</sup> round of four)  
Norman Kay Stratified Open Pairs (1<sup>st</sup> session)  
2:30 Norman Kay Stratified Open Pairs (2nd session)  
Wed/Thurs Side Game (5th session of six)  
Wed/Thurs Bracketed KO Teams (4th Session of four)  
7:30 Wed/Thurs Side Game (6<sup>th</sup> session of six)  
Thurs/Fri Evening Compact KO (1<sup>st</sup> session of two)

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Friday Saturday Bracketed KO Teams (1<sup>st</sup> round of four)  
2:30 David Treadwell Stratified Open Pairs (2nd session)  
Fri/Sat Bracketed KO Teams (2nd round of four)  
Fri/Sat Side Game (2<sup>nd</sup> session of six)  
Gold Rush Pairs GOLD POINTS\*  
7:30 Thurs/Fri Evening Compact KO (2<sup>nd</sup> session of two)  
Fri/Sat Side Game (3rd session of six)

### Saturday, March 9, 2013

- 10:00 Fri/Sat Side Game (4<sup>th</sup> session of six)  
Saturday Compact (1<sup>st</sup> session of two)  
Fri/Sat Bracketed KO Teams (3<sup>rd</sup> round of four)  
Dave Hall Stratified Open Pairs (1<sup>st</sup> session)  
2:30 Saturday Compact (2<sup>nd</sup> Session of two)  
Fri/Sat Bracketed KO Teams (4th round of four)  
Fri/Sat Side Game (5th session of six)  
Intermediate/Newcomer pairs  
Single Session Swiss  
Dave Hall Stratified Open Pairs (2<sup>nd</sup> session)  
7:30 Side Game (Thu/Fri/Sat series; 6th session of six)

### Sunday, March 10, 2013

- 10:00 & TBA A/X Swiss Teams 7 rounds of 7 or 8 rounds of 6  
B/C/D Swiss Teams  
A/X stratification 5000+ and 0-5000  
B 1000-2000 C 500-1000(LM) D 0-500 (NLM)  
Stratifications:  
A 2000+ B 500-2000(LM) C 0-500 (NLM)  
Intermediate/Newcomer:  
A 200-300 B 50(100)-200 C 0-50(100)

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## **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, I will be discussing low level doubles (the one or two level). While they are sometimes penalty oriented, for the most part they are designed to help a partnership find their own best contract or at least their best opening lead.

I believe the first type of a low-level double is now known as the negative double. As bridge started to move increasingly towards requiring a five card suit to open One Heart or One Spade, it became necessary to have a tool that allowed a partnership to find a 4-4 major suit fit in the face of enemy opposition. Today, the negative double is one of the most popular conventions in the world, ranking behind only Stayman.

A second low-level double is the competitive double. This is really just an extension of the negative double. The goal here is to show enough high card values to justify competing for the contract, but without a suit worthy of bidding directly. The difference is that the doubler is not promising any particular suit.

A third low-level double is the support double. This is another needed agreement due to the primacy of five-card major suit bidding systems. After a minor suit opening bid, the responder will bid a four-card major suit when possible. It often happens that the next player will compete with a simple overcall. The opener may have three-card support or four-card support for the major suit. The way to show three-card support is to double, and the way to show four-card support is to raise to the two-level. An extension of this is the redouble to show three-card support when the next player doubles and to directly raise with four-card support.

All of these doubles were created to help the side that opened the bidding find their best contract. However, the overcalling side has its own uses for low-level doubles. Here are some of them.

A fourth low level double shows a raise with a high honor (Ace or King), with the raise denying that top honor. The purpose here is to make it easy for the opening leader to know whether to lead the overcalled suit. A typical auction is South-1 Heart; West-2 Diamonds; North-2 Hearts; East-Double; South-3 Hearts; all pass. If West held a diamond suit topped with the Ace and Queen, it is certainly useful to know that East holds the King. Likewise, it is just as useful to know that East does not hold a top honor if East raises to 3 Diamonds. Particularly at matchpoints, this information can be crucial to getting a reasonable score (the best opening lead).

A fifth low-level double has the peculiar name of snap dragon. It happens when the opening side has bid two suits and the partner overcalled the third suit. This bid shows marginal support for the overcaller's suit (typically a doubleton honor) plus the fourth suit. A fairly typical auction is South-1 Heart; West-2 Clubs; North-2 Diamonds; East-Double. East's double shows some modest support for clubs along with a reasonable spade suit. It allows the overcalling side to compete in either of the two unbid suits, depending on which suit is the better fit. Without this bid, the overcalling side will frequently miss their best fit because it is not safe to compete at whatever level will be required.

So, how can anyone tell what is a “new” double as opposed to what is the more traditional “old” double (meaning for penalties)? The answer lies in the context. After one side has shown limited strength, a double in the direct chair is likely to be for penalties. Here is an example: South-1 Heart; West-Pass; North-2 Hearts; East-Double; South-Pass; West-2 Spades; North-Double. A double in the balancing chair is more likely to show maximum vales and asking whether the partnership should bid one more or try to defeat that contract.

Dealer: South  
Vul: East-West  
Form: Matchpoints

West	North	East	South
---	---	---	1♠
2♦	2♠	Double	3♠
4♣	All Pass		

The auction without Snap Dragon doubles:

West	North	East	South
---	---	---	1♠
2♦	2♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

In the auction with Snap Dragon doubles, East has enough to double. If West cannot rebid his diamond suit, perhaps he can show a second suit. Either way, East has enough strength to compete. West has some spade length, so he knows that East must have something worth showing in a club suit. He bids 4 Clubs. Now, East-West has the plus score (150 or 600, depending on whether North-South insist on competing).

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plus the diamond honor. If West has a heart suit, he is likely to have at least six diamonds. If West has a club suit . . . well, that would be just too good to be true.

Here is a second example, this time highlighting the support double.

Dealer:	West	The auction with Support Doubles			
Vul:	Both				
Form:	Matchpoints	West	North	East	South
		1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
		Double	2♠	3♦	All Pass
		Two possible auctions without Support doubles:			
		West	North	East	South
		1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
		2♥	2♠	All Pass	
		West	North	East	South
		1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
		2♥	2♠	3♥	All Pass

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

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

Playing support doubles, East knows the partnership does not have an eight-card heart fit. His hand is strong enough to compete, and a bid of Three Diamonds is a standout. West must have at least four diamonds for his opening bid, and should be short in hearts. The play is easy enough, and if the defenders are not sharp this hand could easily make ten tricks.

Not playing support doubles, East does not know whether West has three or four card support. It may be correct to bid Three Diamonds, but the form of scoring makes it tempting to bid hearts. That contract has little chance, and defending a spade contract will also lead to a poor result compared to those who find their diamond fit.

Average Age of Membership as of 9/30/12		
Unit Number	Unit Name	Age
112	Central New York	70.9
120	Northeastern PA	72.2
121	Berks-Montgomery	72.2
133	Lehigh Valley	74.4
141	PCBA - Philadelphia	71.0
168	Central Penn	71.1
190	Delaware	70.8
217	Susquehanna	71.2
	District Average Age	71.1
	ACBL Average Age	70.2



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three aces which come to 11. Close enough for government work and North doesn't have to play it! South'll find another trick somewhere!

Well, the chances are good. BUT remember, we gave up fitnesses last year. Is there another way? There sure is.

South wins with the ♠A, draws trump and then cashes his ♥A. He then plays the ♥Q. If it's covered, dummy trumps and the ♥J provides a safe haven for dummy's last spade. Then you can take the club finesse for an overtrick.

If West plays low on the ♥Q, a spade is discarded. If East wins with the ♥K, then you can use the ♥J for a club discard. Do you see it?

A loser on loser play is a fine way to avoid finesses. The only way to go down is to take a not-needed finesse by leading a heart to the queen or a club to the queen. If the finesse loses, the defense can still cash a spade trick.

When one hand is void (North in hearts after the ace is played) and the partner has backed up honors, this is the signal to look for a loser on loser play. Sometimes this is called a “ruffing finesse.”

Once again, our New Year's resolution pays off. *No finesses until we're sure there's no other possible course of action.*

What shall we plan for next year, hmmm? Let me know your bridge New Year's Resolution. I need ideas.

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## *Tournament Schedule*

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### **MARCH 3 - 10 WILKES-BARRE PA REGIONAL 21-22**

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# DECEMBER 27 -31

## 2012 Dave Treadwell Sectional



December 27-31, 2012



*Bridge Studio of Delaware*

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/500-2000/0-500)
	2:00 pm	Flight A/X Pairs (3000+/0-3000) Stratified B/C/D Pairs (1000-2000/500-1000/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs
	7:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/500-2000/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/500-2000/0-500)
	2:00 pm	Flight A/X Pairs (3000+/0-3000) Stratified B/C/D Pairs (1000-2000/500-1000/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs
	7:00 pm	Bracketed Swiss Teams
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/500-2000/0-500)
	2:00 pm	Flight A/X Pairs (3000+/0-3000) Stratified B/C/D Pairs (1000-2000/500-1000/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs
	7:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/500-2000/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> 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	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am & TBA	2 single-session Strat Pairs(2000+/500-2000/0-500) 2 single-session Stratified NLM Pairs  <b>Farewell '12 Party: Door Prizes &amp; Lunch</b> Events will be scored single session (more MPs) 2-session commitment expected to party & play

**NOTE: All NLM Pairs will be stratified at game time based on attendance.**

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# JANUARY 4 - 6

	<p><b>PCBA</b> <b>SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT</b> <b>JANUARY 4—6, 2013</b> <b>Bala Golf Club</b> <b>2200 Belmont Avenue</b> <b>Philadelphia, PA 19131</b></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 4</b></p> <p><b>10:00 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A = 2000+; B = 750—2000; C = 0—750)</b> <b>STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (&lt;500)</b></p> <p><b>FREE PIZZA LUNCH</b></p> <p><b>2:30 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A = 2000+; B = 750—2000; C = 0—750)</b> <b>STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (&lt;500)</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 5</b></p> <p><b>10:00 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A = 2000+; B = 750—2000; C = 0—750)</b> <b>STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (&lt;500)</b></p> <p><b>10:00 BRACKETED COMPACT KO</b> <b>&amp; 2:30 (Handicapped if only one bracket)</b></p> <p><b>FREE SANDWICHES</b></p> <p><b>2:30 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A = 2000+; B = 750—2000; C = 0—750)</b> <b>STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (&lt;500)</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 6</b></p> <p><b>10:00 STRATIFIED DUPLI-SWISS TEAMS (2 Sessions)</b> <b>&amp; TBA STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER TEAMS (&lt;500)</b></p> <p><b>FREE SALAD LUNCH SERVED BETWEEN SESSIONS</b></p>	<p><i>Fabulous New Location</i></p> <p>New Event on Saturday <i>Bracketed Compact KO</i></p>  <p>New Event on Sunday <i>2 Session Stratified Dupli-Swiss</i> With Duplicated Boards</p>
<p>\$24.00 per pair per session ♣ Full time students play free ♣ Strats may be combined based upon attendance All stratification by average masterpoints Stratified Pairs: A=2000+ B=750-2000 C=0-750 ♣ Non-Life Master: A=200-500 B=50-200 C=0-50</p>	
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<p><b>Directions</b></p> <p>Bala Golf Club is located at 2200 Belmont Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19131, just off City Ave. (Rt. 1) about a mile west of I-76.. Off Rt. 1, turn south on to Belmont Ave. and go 0.6 miles to the Bala entrance on the right.</p> <p>Check Google Maps for more detailed directions or check the unit website at <a href="http://www.philadelphiabridge.info">www.philadelphiabridge.info</a>.</p>	



# JANUARY 5 - 6



## Syracuse Winter Sectional

January 5-6, 2013

Cicero Fire Hall

Corner of Routes 31 and 11, Cicero, NY

### Events Schedule

#### **Saturday, January 5, 2013:**

11:00 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs

3:30 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs

#### **Sunday, January 6, 2013:**

11:00 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams- Two Session play-through  
(Based on average master points)

#### **Food:**

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

**Stratified Events:** Unlimited/1500/500

**Information & Partnerships:** Bob Simard 315-656-3204 (rsimard@twcny.rr.com)

#### **Directions to the Tournament Site:**

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

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

#### **Motels:**

Fairfield Inn: 3979 Route 31 West [(315) 622-2576

Comfort Suites, 5875 Carmencia Drive, Cicero NY - (315) 752-0150 - syrcs.com

Holiday Inn Express, 5860 Carmencia Drive, Cicero NY - (315) 288-5700 -

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# JANUARY 13



♠♥ LVBA 299-er SECTIONAL ♦♣

SILVER POINTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2013

Schedule: Two one-session pair games

1st Session: 10:30

2<sup>nd</sup> Session: 3:00

Don't be caught napping and miss this event!



**Location:** Macungie Institute  
510 East Main Street (Main Street is Route 100 in Macungie)  
Macungie, PA 18062

**Card Fees:** \$15 per player for both sessions. \$8 per player for one session. Play two sessions and save a dollar! (Non-ACBL members will need to pay \$1 extra per session.)

**Contact:** John Schwartz (610-737-1042 or [schwartz3NT@gmail.com](mailto:schwartz3NT@gmail.com))

**Partnership:** Frank Kuebler (610-866-3961 or [frank.kuebler@rcn.com](mailto:frank.kuebler@rcn.com))

**Stratification:** All participants must have fewer than 300 masterpoints. Stratification will be based on the average masterpoints for the pair. The strats are intended to be:

C: 0-50

B: 50-200

A: 200-300

(The strats may be modified based on actual attendees.)

**Other Info:**

- **Parking:** There is a parking lot for the Macungie Institute behind the building. There is also street parking. If at all possible, park on the same side of route 100 as the Institute (that is, the west-side). It's a busy road and you would need to very careful crossing it from the other side. The building is handicap accessible.
- There are a number of fast food and casual eateries in Macungie for lunch. We will also be taking orders for Subway prior to the morning session and will deliver them to the playing site.
- There will be coffee and tea available throughout the day. There will be bagels and/or donuts prior to the morning session.
- The Macungie Institute is an old school house converted to a community center. Hence, the pictures at the top!

# **JANUARY 25 - 27**

## **Harrisburg PA Sectional New Site**

Park Inn by Radisson, 5401 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg PA 17050  
(Just off Routh 581 - 7 miles West of Harrisburg)  
\$79 Bridge Rate (717) 697-0321  
(7 day cancellation necessary to avoid charges)

**January 25-27, 2013**

### **Friday, January 25**

Stratified Pairs (0-1000, 1000+)	1:30
Stratified 299er Pairs (0-50, 50-100, 100-300)	1:30
Stratified Pairs (0-750, 750-1500, 1500+)	7:00
Stratified 499er Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-500)	7:00

### **Saturday, January 26**

Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1000, 1000+)	10:00
Stratiflighted Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-500)	10:00
Stratiflighted Pairs (0-750, 750-1500, 1500+)	2:30
Stratiflighted Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-500)	2:30
Trivial Pursuit party in Hospitality area	7:30

### **Sunday, January 27**

A/X Swiss (0-3000, 3000+)	10:00
BCD Swiss (0-300, 300-500, 500-1000)	10:00
6 rounds of 8 boards with 30 min. break (est. completion 5:00)	
Food provided on break	

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

Chair: Robert Priest (717) 579-5665  
Partnership: Andie Sheaffer (Open) (717) 581-1003  
Dorothy Disney (0-500) (717) 697-4189

# ***FEBRUARY 3***

**Sunday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013**

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

Games for all levels!

0-50 Newcomers! Beginners Only!

0-100,100-200,200-NLM(500)

Stratification may be adjusted based upon attendance

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)

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# FEBRUARY 8 - 10



## PCBA SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

**FEBRUARY 8—10, 2013**

**Bala Golf Club  
2200 Belmont Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19131**

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

#### **FREE PIZZA LUNCH**

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

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

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

#### **FREE SANDWICHES**

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**10:00 STRATIFIED DUPLI-SWISS TEAMS** (2 Sessions)  
& TBA **STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER TEAMS** (<500)

#### **FREE SALAD LUNCH SERVED BETWEEN SESSIONS**

### *Fabulous New Location*

*New Event on Saturday  
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# FEBRUARY 22 - 24



## 2013 Blue Hen Sectional

Wilmington, DE  
February 22 - 24, 2013



**Bridge Studio**

**Wilmington  
Delaware**

### Schedule of Events

#### Friday, February 22, 2013

- 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, February 23, 2013

Flighted Two-Session Stratified Open Pairs with Barometer  
Final Regional Rating **NEW!!!!** Flight A Open; Flight B  
0-2000 (Director may convert either to play through with  
barometer second session if attendance is low)

- 1:00 pm Qualifying Session
- 7:00 pm Barometer Final (non qualifiers play in stratified open)
- 1:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)  
Side game Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)
- 7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)  
Side game Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

#### Sunday, February 24, 2013

- 11:00 am A/X Swiss Teams (4000+/0-4000)  
B/C/D Swiss Teams (1250-2000/750-1250/0-750)  
30 minute lunch break  
Pizza available for purchase between sessions

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*Note: Stratifications may be changed at the discretion of the director to  
accommodate the participants if necessary.*

### Directions to:

**Bridge Studio  
Foulkstone Plaza  
1409 Foulk Road  
Wilmington, DE 19803**  
*Directly across Foulk Road from Brandywine High School*

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302-562-8758

**Partnerships:**  
Julie Hockersmith  
302-743-0170

**Tournament Director**  
Head Director  
Alan Hodesblatt