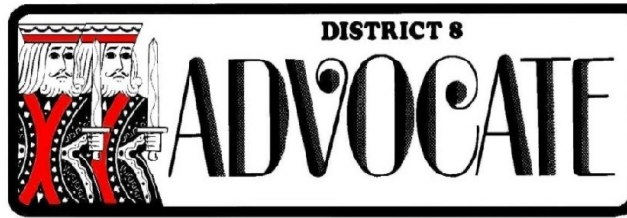


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# ACBL Director's Report

by Georgia Heth, Morton IL

District 8 Representative on the ACBL Board of Directors

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Hello everyone,

**Grand National Teams:** I hope to see many of you next month at the District GNT event (details are in this issue). I would appreciate getting RSVPs from those of you who know you are playing, but reservations aren't necessary to play.

This is a great event and a great chance to play in the national finals in Washington DC this summer. One team will qualify for each flight: C is less than 500 masterpoints and non-life master, B is less than 2000 masterpoints, A is less than 5000 masterpoints and there is an open flight. The event is 2, 3 or 4 sessions depending on how many teams enter each flight, but anyone who has to play more than two sessions will have qualified for the semi-finals and will win gold points, even in flight C. Each winning team that goes to DC for the finals will receive a travel award from District 8 to help cover your expenses.

We have yet another new site, the Riverton Eagles Club just outside of Springfield. We have signed a five-year contract with this facility for the GNTs, the NAPs and the Springfield Sectional, so this should be our last move for a while.

**Houston NABC:** The Board of Director meetings in Houston meeting seemed to have a brief agenda, but ending up running as long on the last day as a busy agenda does. We had both candidates for the World Bridge Federation presidency speak to us. Jose Damiani is stepping down after 16 years and a new era will begin. This will be my first meeting as a member of WBF Executive committee so I had to pay close attention. We also had a strategic planning session on Monday afternoon which was fruitful. We sent staff back to Memphis with some new programs to develop. The ACBL's involvement with Internet bridge was a major topic. We are also still trying to develop a new rating system that measures current skill.

Membership numbers are good. There is a net increase in membership of over 700 members for 2009 so far which is encouraging.

The new national event, the Platinum Pairs, was scheduled for the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Spring Nationals, starting in 2010. The Board of Governors passed a motion asking us to reconsider

this. I had voted for the schedule since no one on the board raised any objections and I truthfully have no expertise in this area. Once we passed it, I started hearing about the problems. The main one is that there is also a nationally rated four-session Open Pairs on the same Friday and Saturday, and it would be greatly diluted by running the Platinum Pairs at the same time. I had noticed this, but again, accepted the schedule proposed by the committee in charge of this matter. I am willing to admit I was wrong and should not have voted for this motion.

Appeals and Charges had two hearings and passed some small changes to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations. We will be considering the proposed penalty sections at the DC meeting (unless we get too many hearings again to have time.)

Unit wide games no longer have to use identical hands. We are one of the districts whose STACs do not use hand records and were cited frequently in the discussion on this matter.

Shortened Club Championships will be allowed, with games of 12-17 boards paying 60% of the awards for regular club championships. The online regular club championship overall award is capped at 6 masterpoints. The maximum award for the shortened championship is 4.5 masterpoints. I voted against this motion because I thought the award should be only 50%, not 60%

The motion to rename the Board of Governors was withdrawn, and the motion to have the ACBL required to maintain an extensive member database of all members with more than 5000 masterpoints or an NABC+ win, to archive major bridge events and to publish this information on our website was defeated. Much of this information may be available in the future as the ACBL is working on a new Encyclopedia of Bridge and may put some of its information on the website. The ACBL will also cooperate with any other organization that decides to take up these tasks.

Effective May 1, 2009, it is now a sponsor option at local, sectional and regional tournaments to stratify pair events based on the average masterpoints of the pair. It will be interesting to see how this works out. I know Unit 208 has been using it in the team games at their sectionals and it has been popular.

The ACBL is in negotiations to buy an existing building in the Memphis area to finish to our needs for our new headquarters. We should know in the next month or two if this is successful.

I look forward to seeing many of you May 3 and 4 at the Grand National Teams in Riverton IL.

-- Georgia

If you have questions or suggestions about ACBL Board actions or other bridge matters, please contact me at [gkheth@hotmail.com](mailto:gkheth@hotmail.com) or 917 S. Main St., Morton IL 61550-2419.

# The Rules of Bridge



"Six-five, come alive!" and "The five-level belongs to the opponents" are quoted so often by today's players that they've become a permanent part of our bridge lexicon. The source of this advice was the late Grant Baze of San Diego CA and his now-classic "The Rules of Bridge" article, first published in 1985.

The bridge world lost a great player and a unique personality when Grant died on January 11, 2009 at age 65. He rose to national prominence in 1984 when he became the first player to win more than 3000 points in a calendar year. It was the first of his three

Barry Crane Top 500 wins in a career that ended with more than 41,000 masterpoints. He won seven national championships and four international titles.

Grant was a regular at the St. Louis Regional every August and he often played on teams with District 8 players. He had a lightning-quick mind, and he talked and played bridge as rapidly as his brain worked. Although his high-speed bidding and play could occasionally seem brusque, he was a true gentleman and an enjoyable and entertaining opponent. He had an almost childlike sense of humor about bridge and he loved sharing stories. He had hundreds, and he would laugh so hard when telling them that he could barely finish.

In memory of Grant, reprinted below is his 1996 update to his original "The Rules of Bridge" article. Included after the article are links to more articles by and about Grant.

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## GRANT'S MESSAGE

### Baze on Bridge - Circa 1985

*December 2, 1996: My mother told me that George Bernard Shaw once said "I quote myself often. It adds spice to the conversation." With that thought in mind, this message is an article I wrote ten years ago; I have edited it somewhat, mostly elaborating, hoping to make it more clear.*

I believe the only inviolate rules of bridge relate to decorum and ethics. In fact, my objection to the word "rules," in a bridge context, is so strong that I prefer to use the word "guides." Guides are of a technical nature and are tools with which you approach the logic of a particular hand. Judgment, in particular, is not the selection of an appropriate guide; judgment is a synthesis of applicable guides modified by logic, common sense, experience, and intuition.

Choose to ignore some guides rarely. One guide relative to specific auctions is "Do not give an immediate raise of partner's second suit without four trumps." In my experience, violation of this guide invariably leads to disaster. Here is a selection of six important general guides, as opposed to specific guides.

- 1) **Your partner is your best friend.**
- 2) **Trumps speak.**
- 3) **The 5-level belongs to the opponents.**
- 4) **With 6-5, come alive.**
- 5) **Three notrump ends all auctions.**
- 6) **Aces, spaces, and His Majesty's faces.**

**1) Your partner is your best friend.** When you sit down to begin a session of bridge, be comfortable with yourself and your environment. Relax. View the entire playing area and meld yourself into it. Regard your partner with respect, affection, and tenderness. Remind yourself that for the duration of the session your partner is your best friend and that part of your responsibility is to make his life and his decisions as easy as possible.

Always root for your partner to do the right thing. If he misplays or misguesses, sympathize and console; he hurts worse than you. This not only makes the game more pleasant, it makes it more rewarding in a personal and practical way. Your partner will play better, you will play better, your results will be better, and you will more closely approach harmony with life and bridge. Although bridge is basically an exercise in straight-line logic, the great players have a metaphysical, almost mystical, relationship with the game and, in my opinion, appreciate it more for that reason.

Do not misunderstand this as a "Pollyanna" guide; if anything, it is "Machiavellian." The scorekeeper does not appear at the end of the session and say: "Grant, you played great. You get a 70% game. Your partner played badly; he gets a 40% game." At the end of a session, one score appears, and it reflects how you and your partner performed as a pair.

**2) Trumps speak.** If you have good trumps, especially unexpectedly good trumps, you should strive to bid in any auction. Should I bid the game or slam? Should I take the push? Should I take the save? Should I open the bidding? Should I overcall? In close decisions, when you own good trumps, the answer is "Yes."

Good trumps often tip close decisions into trivial ones. The reasons are several. First, good trumps are disaster insurance. Normally, the opponents can not destroy you if they can not gain trump control. Second, it is difficult for the opponents to know when they should be doubling if they do not have trump power. Third, the opponents will be much more inclined to take a push if they do not have trump cards. Fourth, the guide of total trumps, the principle of concentration, and (to a lesser extent) the principle of in-and-out evaluation are particularly valid in these situations.

The guide of total trumps applies (in this case) to competitive auctions in which the high-card strength is relatively even between the two pairs. "Relatively even" is not defined anywhere, but I guess it as

within an 18-22 high-card-point range. The guide tells us we should bid to a level equal to the total number of trumps we have between the two hands (e.g., with nine trumps in the partnership, we bid to the three-level). This guide pertains to trump length in the combined partnership hands.

The principle of concentration applies to hands that have the same distribution. This principle tells us that high cards concentrated in your long suits makes your hand stronger than high cards distributed at random amongst your suits, and much stronger than a hand where your high cards are concentrated in your short suits. As an example, AKxxx, Kxxx, xx, xx is a much better hand than xxxxx, xxxx, Ax, AK. This principle pertains to the importance of trump quality.

The principle of in-and-out evaluation says secondary cards in partner's suit and primary cards in outside suits is a better hand than primary cards in partner's suit and secondary cards in outside suits. Secondary cards (Queens and Jacks) not in partner's suit may be valueless, but if they are in partner's suit, they are almost certainly valuable. Primary cards (Aces and Kings) are likely to be useful whether they are in the trump suit or not. In other words, Qxx in partner's suit with an outside Ace is better than Axx in partner's suit with an outside Queen. The second derivative of this principle is that secondary cards in trumps are better than secondary cards in outside suits. This principle pertains to the importance of trump quality, as does the principle of concentration.

**3) With 6-5, come alive.** I once said, "with 6-5, keep bidding until somebody doubles. Either they double you, or your partner doubles them." I meant this as an exaggeration, of course, to stress the point that with huge distributional hands you bid a lot.

Balanced hands are defensive in nature. The offensive potential of a 4-3-3-3 hand is basically just a function of its power. This power is just as useful, often more useful, on defense. If the power is split between the partnerships, and all hands are balanced, the first pair to get to the three level loses (Providing the other pair has the common sense to defend). The law of total tricks clearly explains this concept.

Distributional hands, however, are offensively orientated. If you are 6-5, add an ace to the high-card-point total of your hand. Add another ace if you have twelve cards in two suits, and add a third ace if you have thirteen cards in two suits. Even then, your hand is stronger than the adjustment indicates.

Also, with distributional hands, there is a much greater chance of a double game swing if you defend. Here is another specific guide: "At IMP's or total points, never risk a double game swing." If you go down one when they were going down one, it is no big deal. This does not mean you randomly overrule partner's decision; if he is aware your hand is distributional and doubles the opponents anyway, you need a very good reason to pull his double.

The corollary to this guide is "with 6-4, bid more." In short, appreciate the power of distribution in competitive and constructive auctions. Temper with common sense and, in competitive auctions, with vulnerability. Please do not ignore that last sentence. Do not blame me if you go for 1700 because you kept bidding "until somebody doubled," when you have 6-5 distribution and no high cards, especially now that the powers that be have (inadvisably) changed the scoring rules.

**4) Three notrump ends all auctions.** In a decision auction, when one player bids 3NT, he is saying his hand is more suitable for NT than for suit play. He has secondary values, a double stop in some worrisome suit, no fit but much power, or whatever.

Additionally, 3NT is usually a good choice of contract. It requires only nine tricks, it is not susceptible to a bad trump split, and more than other game contracts, it will make in practice more often than it should make in theory. If the contest is matchpoints, there is another advantage to 3NT; 430 versus 420 will often be worth half a board to your score.

I want to reiterate an important point about the bid of 3NT. It is a slam-depressant for suit play. In slam-going auctions, a 3NT bid is trying to slow the auction down. The message it conveys is that the 3NT bidder has slow cards and no redeeming fit.

I will give what must be a good example, since I saw a very good player miss the solution at the table. Your hand is Jx, Axxxx, Axx, KJx. You deal, the opponents never bid, the vulnerability does not matter. 1H-1S-1NT-2C (New Minor Forcing)-2D-3C-your bid. You have no spade fit, no club fit, non-rebiddable hearts, and a diamond stopper. 3NT seems the right choice, doesn't it? Well, it is not. In fact, 3NT is a terrible bid.

You have serious doubt about the final contract. You have only a single diamond stop, good suit cards, what may be an acceptable fit in both partner's suits, and enough bidding space that you do not have to make a commitment.

In this sequence, Jack and one spade is an acceptable spade fit. I would rather bid 3S than 3NT, but the best bid is 3D. I will become hopelessly sidetracked if I pursue the auction of this hand further. I do want to note that if partner had bid 3D instead of 3C, 3NT by you would become a reasonable choice because it would describe your club holding.

**5) The 5-level belongs to the opponents.** Be very slow to jeopardize the possible plus position you create when you push the opponents to the five level. If the decision is close whether to push on, double them, or pass, then you should pass. If you push on and go for too much, or it is a phantom, or you double them and they make it, you have a terrible result. If you double them and beat them one, you may have gained little or nothing. If you pass, in most cases the worst that will happen to you is that you break even. This is almost analogous to a statement made by Daryl Royal: "If the (foot)ball is in the air, only three things can happen, and two of them are bad."

**6) Aces, spaces, and His Majesty's faces.** The standard 4-3-2-1 point count is wrong. It underestimates Aces, overemphasizes everything else, and does not factor in spot cards. Let us play rubber bridge. I will deal myself three Aces and a deuce, deal you four Kings, and deal the rest of the cards at random. You will go broke in a hurry. Same with two Aces versus four Queens, or one Ace versus four Jacks. The point is, the ace is the most important card in the deck by an enormous factor, much more than is reflected by the point-count system. I will digress for a moment to discuss the value of the picture cards.

An Ace represents power; not just trick-taking power, but control power, tempo power and conjunctive



power. Depending upon how many cards you have in the Ace-suit, you can take the Ace whenever you want. An Ace stands alone in its power; it does not need a companion card or care about position.

A King has control power, tempo power and conjunctive power. Each of these powers, of course, is less than the power of an Ace. The trick-taking power of a King, however, may be worth nothing. Without a companion card, the trick-taking power of a King may be strictly positional, and depend upon the location of the Ace.

Queens and Jacks have no tempo power and at best third- or fourth-round control power. Their primary power is conjunctive and, to a lesser extent, positional.

O.K., back to my theme. Voids and singletons are next in importance. I will limit this discussion to singletons; you can extrapolate the information to voids. The opponents cannot lead a Queen through your singleton. If you had the King instead of a singleton, the power of the King would be positional, and there would be no control left once the King was gone. The singleton retains power until that hand runs out of trumps; not only does the singleton retain power, it may be a source of several tricks, which is even beyond the power of an Ace.

Furthermore, partner's knowledge of the location of your singleton will help him in determining how the two hands mesh. I think singleton-showing bids are the biggest advance in bidding theory since I have been playing bridge. A singleton opposite my KQ10 -- how many NT can we play? A singleton opposite my three little -- what suit and how high can we fly?

Next in importance are Kings. They lead a suit, you win the Ace and lose a trick somewhere, and they run their suit or at least cash a trick or two. They cannot do that if you own the King as well. The King is not only a trick, it has real power as a control card.

Aces, singletons, and Kings are suit cards, indicating you should make a serious effort to play the hand in a suit. It is in suit contracts that the standard point count is most ineffective. I strongly suggest you adjust the way you evaluate your high-card points. Add a half point for every Ace. If it is clear the contract is going to be in a suit, add a full point for every Ace, and give negative weight to Queens and Jacks. Give positive weight to good spot cards, particularly for notrump contracts.

Choices of suit or notrump and selection of level are matters of judgment -- evaluation of the trick-taking potential and control power of a hand. In suit contracts and high level notrump contracts, tricks and controls are the true measures of the worth of the combined hands of a partnership.

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[Criticism of the Lawmakers](#) -- Grant shares his opinions about bridge laws and scoring.

[Barry and Me](#) -- Grant's retelling of the highs and lows of his partnership with the late Barry Crane.

[Grant's Tips](#) -- A dozen maxims for bidding, defense and declarer play.

[Farewell to a Champion](#) -- The *New York Times* bridge column pays homage to Grant.

# Dave Carter Top 100

Here are District 8's top masterpoint winners and the total points each earned during calendar year 2008. The list is named for the late Dave Carter of St. Louis, who won the national McKenney Trophy in 1954.

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1. Will Engel, Freeport IL -- 841
2. Jim Melville, Springfield IL -- 805
3. Josh Stark, Grayslake IL -- 688
4. Howard Piltch, Osceola IN -- 605
5. Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL -- 599
6. Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 586
7. Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 586
8. Chris Benson, Le Roy IL -- 569
9. Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN -- 558
10. Jack Bryant, St. Louis -- 553
11. Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL -- 549
12. Alan Wienman, Morton IL -- 461
13. John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 446
14. Tom Kniest, University City MO -- 408
15. Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 385
16. John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN -- 370
17. En Xie, St. Louis -- 356
18. Michael Slaven, Elkhart IN -- 351
19. Dennis Spencer, St. Louis -- 348
20. Kenneth Bland, St. Louis -- 345
21. John Seng, Champaign IL -- 344
22. James Feinstein, South Bend IN -- 343
23. Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 338
24. Dick Benson, Le Roy IL -- 338
25. Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO -- 337
26. Gary Kessler, Springfield IL -- 331
27. Colby Vernay, Lacon IL -- 322
28. Mrs. L. A. Jenkins, Rockford IL -- 307
51. Ed Schultz, Chesterfield MO -- 230
52. Audrey Danocup, Beloit WI -- 222
53. Sanford Becker, Chesterfield MO -- 220
54. Zach Freehill, Bloomington IL -- 220
55. John Chmielowiec, Mich. City IN -- 219
56. John Burgener, St Louis -- 219
57. Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN -- 217
58. Laurie Hamachek, Huntley IL -- 215
59. Karen Walker, Champaign IL -- 213
60. Irene Singleton, South Bend IN -- 205
61. Stephen Hawthorne, Bloomington IL -- 203
62. Douglas Edwards, Almo KY -- 199
63. F. R. Kellstrom, Chesterton IN -- 198
64. Janice Condon, Rockford IL -- 196
65. Thomas O'Reilly-Pol, St Louis -- 194
66. Judith Eaton, Carbondale IL -- 192
67. Karen Erlanger, St. Louis -- 189
68. Glafkos Galanos, Carbondale IL -- 187
69. Karen Coe, Ewing IL -- 185
70. Eugene Condon, Rockford IL -- 185
71. Jack Snyder, Rockford IL -- 184
72. Harold Legel, Crystal Lake IL -- 183
73. Norman Goldman, Chesterfield MO -- 182
74. Patrick Moos, Peoria IL -- 181
75. James Pelletier, Fort Wayne IN -- 179
76. Richard Riezman, St. Louis -- 179
77. Daniel Bunde, Urbana IL -- 177
78. Leah Newell, Springfield IL -- 177

29. Nancy Popkin, St. Louis -- 303
30. Roger Lord, St. Louis -- 285
31. Alan Popkin, St. Louis -- 282
32. John Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 278
33. Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 277
34. Jacqueline Sincoff, St. Louis -- 275
35. Cappy Gagnon, Notre Dame IN -- 271
36. Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL -- 271
37. Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO -- 268
38. Ralph Behrens, St. Louis -- 266
39. Richard Brummer, Effingham IL -- 263
40. Dalton Darnell, Murray KY -- 262
41. Steven Watson, Munster IN -- 261
42. Linda Leinicke, St. Louis -- 256
43. Richard Ellis Jr., Kokomo IN -- 249
44. Dave Bigler, Hobart IN -- 248
45. Rod Beery, St. Charles MO -- 244
46. David Jenkins, Rockford IL -- 242
47. Louis Nimnicht, Crown Point IN -- 241
48. Lena Howard, Elkhart IN -- 239
49. Fran Russell, Paducah KY -- 236
50. Milt Zlatic, St. Louis -- 234
79. Sharron Rosenberg, St. Charles IL -- 176
80. Carol Emme, Plainfield IL -- 176
81. Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN -- 175
82. Elaine Delaney, South Bend IN -- 175
83. Harold Emme, Plainfield IL -- 175
84. Teen Robertson, Mishawaka IN -- 174
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87. Mark Kessler, Springfield IL -- 171
88. Lee Hastings, St. Louis -- 171
89. Mark Boswell, Chesterfield MO -- 171
90. Robert Wheeler, Florissant MO -- 171
91. Ruby Nelson, Edwardsville IL -- 168
92. Judy Putzel, St. Louis -- 167
93. Leroy Boser, Elkhart IN -- 167
94. John Javella, Huntley IL -- 166
95. Sasanka Ramanadham, St. Louis -- 166
96. Sandy Bigg, St. Louis -- 165
97. Daryl Fisher, Rolla MO -- 165
98. Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN -- 164
99. E. B. Hale, Rolla MO -- 163
100. Claire Krukenberg, Charleston IL -- 162

# District 8 Mini-McKenney Race -- 2008

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The annual Mini-McKenney race recognizes the leading masterpoint winners in each player-ranking category. Your category is based on the number of points you held at the beginning of 2008. Listed here are the top 15 point winners in each category in District 8 and the total masterpoints each player won during calendar year 2008. Congratulations to all!

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## **Rookie of the Year** (0-5 pts. on 1/1/2008)

1. Jeanne Netherton, Ballwin MO -- 42
2. Henry Stern Jr., St Louis -- 41
3. Becky Hubert, St Louis -- 39
4. George I Markus, Clayton MO -- 38
5. Cheryl Prante, O'Fallon MO -- 35
6. David Mindrup, Glen Carbon IL -- 33
7. Shirley Koch, Schererville IN -- 32
8. Natalene Ferrari, Odessa FL -- 27
9. Ralph Ferrari, Odessa FL -- 27
10. Carol Cookson, Belleville IL -- 25
11. Shirley Coville, Springfield IL -- 24
12. Atul Hajela, Maryland Hgts MO -- 24
13. Norm Muller, Granger IN -- 24
14. Christopher Clarke, South Bend IN -- 21
15. David Shair, Rockford IL -- 21

## **Junior Master of the Year** (5-20 pts.)

1. Karen Drain, South Bend IN -- 49
2. Jackie Baker, St Louis -- 46
3. E Tim Carl, Elkhart IN -- 44
4. Daniel Baker, Urbana IL -- 40
5. Carol Kutak, Schererville IN -- 40
6. Joanie Aranyos, Elburn IL -- 34
7. Susan Kilo, St Louis -- 34
8. Patrick Oetting, Ft Wayne IN -- 33
9. Sharon Kolski, Elkhart IN -- 30
10. August Tomusk, Fort Wayne IN -- 28

## **Life Master of the Year** (300-500 pts.)

1. Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO -- 337
2. Dan Bunde, Urbana IL -- 177
3. Sandy Bigg, St. Louis -- 165
4. Gilda Singer, St Charles MO -- 149
5. Donald Valiska, Highland IN -- 141
6. Carol Warner, Fairview Hgts IL -- 141
7. Kay Cohen, St. Louis -- 137
8. Steve Singer, St Charles MO -- 136
9. Patricia Valiska, Highland IN -- 132
10. Chuck Briggs, Hobart IN -- 129
11. Linda Shaw, Geneva IL -- 128
12. Robert Riggs, St. Louis -- 126
13. Ruth Minish, Granger IN -- 123
14. Richard Hastings, Bristol IN -- 121
15. Karen Pickelsimer, Oakwood Hills IL -- 121

## **Bronze Life Master of the Year** (500-1000 pts.)

1. Mrs. L. A. Jenkins, Rockford IL -- 307
2. Cappy Gagnon, Notre Dame IN -- 271
3. David Jenkins, Rockford IL -- 242
4. Louis Nimnicht, Crown Point IN -- 241
5. Zach Freehill, Bloomington IL -- 220
6. Frank La Master, Indianapolis IN -- 194
7. Norman Goldman, Chesterfield MO -- 182
8. Patrick Moos, Peoria IL -- 181
9. Richard Riezman, St. Louis -- 179
10. Paul Quayle, Gilbertsville KY -- 173

11. Rob Kelly, Defiance MO -- 27
12. Richard Welc, St Louis -- 27
13. Susan Hillberry, Cherry Valley IL -- 25
14. Kenneth Bisson, Angola IN -- 23
15. Margie Evans, Fulton KY -- 23
16. Dan Simons, Champaign IL -- 23

**Club Master of the Year** (20-50 pts.)

1. Marilyn Croft, St Charles IL -- 113
2. Donald Klingsick, Edwardsville IL -- 108
3. Karen Anderson, Batavia IL -- 101
4. Susan Pensoneau, Collinsville IL -- 96
5. Shirley Logan, Springfield IL -- 83
6. Carol Sue McNaught, Auburn IL -- 81
7. Patricia Olafson, Rockford IL -- 73
8. Phillip Fultz, Benton KY -- 69
9. Ann Gruver, Ballwin MO -- 61
10. Jason Daming, Austin TX -- 61
11. Richard Gunderson, Earlville IL -- 59
12. Nancy Shaver, Springfield IL -- 57
13. Sara Fabick, Des Peres MO -- 57
14. Karsten Grove, South Bend IN -- 53
15. Sally Landrum, Marion IN -- 52

**Sectional Master of the Year** (50-100 pts.)

1. Karen Engle, Dardenne Prairi MO -- 120
2. Hatchie Greene, St. Louis -- 89
3. Jeff Ehrlich, Springfield IL -- 85
4. Ilse Grove, South Bend IN -- 83
5. Marilyn Kay Jenkins, Mt Vernon IL -- 79
6. Sharon Novotny, Granger IN -- 73
7. Sybil Brown, Rockford IL -- 72
8. Doug O'Leary, St Louis -- 64
9. Pamela White, Springfield IL -- 60
10. Becky Lagouros, Peoria Heights IL -- 59
11. Edmond Douville, Hobart IN -- 53
12. Ronald Greek, Galesburg IL -- 53

11. Judy Putzel, St. Louis -- 167
12. Claire Krukenberg, Charleston IL -- 162
13. Ray Lytle, Paducah KY -- 161
14. William Lindemann, Champaign IL -- 153
15. Jerome Shen, St. Louis -- 152

**Silver Life Master of the Year** (1000-2500 pts.)

1. Dennis Spencer, St. Louis -- 348
2. John Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 278
3. Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 277
4. Richard Brummer, Effingham IL -- 263
5. Steven Watson, Munster IN -- 261
6. Linda Leinicke, St. Louis -- 256
7. Lena Howard, Elkhart IN -- 239
8. Fran Russell, Paducah KY -- 236
9. Audrey Danocup, Beloit WI -- 222
10. Sanford Becker, Chesterfield MO -- 220
11. Laurie Hamachek, Huntley IL -- 215
12. Stephen Hawthorne, Bloomington IL -- 203
13. F. R. Kellstrom, Chesterton IN -- 198
14. Nancy La Master, Indianapolis IN -- 196
15. Glafkos Galanos, Carbondale IL -- 187

**Gold Life Master of the Year** (1000-2500 pts.)

1. Will Engel, Freeport IL -- 841
2. James Melville, Springfield IL -- 805
3. Alan Wienman, Morton IL -- 461
4. John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 446
5. Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 385
6. En Xie, St. Louis -- 356
7. John Seng, Champaign IL -- 344
8. James Feinstein, South Bend IN -- 343
9. Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 338
10. Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL -- 271
11. Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO -- 268
12. Dalton Darnell, Murray KY -- 262

13. Judith Greek, Galesburg IL -- 53
14. M Sharlene Morgan, Rolla MO -- 50
15. Jo Chorpening, Ellisville MO -- 49

**Regional Master of the Year** (100-200 pts.)

1. Thomas O'Reilly-Pol, St Louis -- 194
2. Don Malone, Sharon WI -- 160
3. Donna Cart, Rockford IL -- 149
4. John Antognoli, Clayton MO -- 142
5. Linda Wilkening, Springfield IL -- 121
6. Bev Upp, Bloomington IL -- 119
7. Janet Woodley, O'Fallon MO -- 118
8. Maureen Swihart, St. Louis -- 110
9. Michael White, Springfield IL -- 104
10. Harvey Laux, St. Louis -- 97
11. James Nunn, Chesterfield MO -- 94
12. Linda Evans, Chesterfield MO -- 87
13. Kenneth Prouty, Geneva IL -- 87
14. Robert Adler, Creve Couer MO -- 80
15. Phillip Kolski, Elkhart IN -- 78

**NABC Master of the Year** (200 - non-LM)

1. Dave Bigler, Hobart IN -- 248
2. Terryl Francis, Glen Carbon IL -- 151
3. Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights IL -- 150
4. Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL -- 148
5. Roger Dieringer, Elgin IL -- 138
6. Julia Kelley, Batavia IL -- 132
7. Praveen Jayachandran, Champaign IL -- 129
8. Roseann Stice, East Alton IL -- 111
9. Al Grant, Murray KY -- 109
10. Julia Torres, Florissant MO -- 95
11. Petie Hunter, Edwardsville IL -- 90
12. Ann Witt, Aurora IL -- 88
13. Dennis Moll, Bloomington IL -- 87
14. Katherine Freeman, Beloit WI -- 77

13. Richard Ellis Jr., Kokomo IN -- 249
14. John Chmielowiec, Michigan City IN -- 219
15. John Burgener, St Louis -- 219

**Diamond Life Master of the Year** (5000-7500 pts.)

1. Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL -- 599
2. Kenneth Bland, St. Louis -- 345
3. Nancy Popkin, St. Louis -- 303
4. Alan Popkin, St Louis -- 282
5. Jacqueline Sincoff, St. Louis -- 275
6. Ralph Behrens, St. Louis -- 266
7. Milton Zlatic, St. Louis -- 234
8. Ed Schultz, Chesterfield MO -- 230
9. Karen Walker, Champaign IL -- 213
10. Jack Snyder, Rockford IL -- 184
11. Carol Emme, Plainfield IL -- 176
12. Mark Kessler, Springfield IL -- 171
13. Denny O'Connor, St. Louis -- 157
14. James Davis, Kokomo IN -- 142
15. Eunice Garrison, Lake Worth FL -- 119

**Emerald Life Master of the Year** (7500-10,000 pts.)

1. Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL -- 688
2. Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 586
3. Chris Benson, Le Roy IL -- 569
4. Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL -- 549
5. Tom Kniest, University City MO -- 408
6. John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN -- 370
7. Michael Slaven, Elkhart IN -- 351
8. Roger Lord, St. Louis -- 285
9. Rod Beery, St. Charles MO -- 244
10. Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN -- 175
11. Larry Kolker, St. Louis -- 109
12. Dave Fred, Granger IN -- 20

15. John Scheibelhut, Notre Dame IN -- 72

**Platinum Life Master of the Year** (10,000+ pts.)

1. Howard Piltch, Osceola IN -- 605

2. Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 586

3. Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN -- 558

4. Jack Bryant, St. Louis -- 553

5. Dick Benson, Le Roy IL -- 338

6. Gary Kessler, Springfield IL -- 331

7. Colby Vernay, Lacon IL -- 322

# District 8 Ace of Clubs Race -- 2008

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The annual Ace of Clubs awards recognize the leading masterpoint winners in club-level games. Awards are made in each player category, which is determined by a player's total masterpoint holding at the beginning of 2008.

Listed here are the top point winners in each category in District 8 and the total masterpoints each player won in club games during calendar year 2008. Congratulations to these active and successful players, and thanks from all of us for your support of local bridge.

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## **Rookie of the Year** (0-5 pts. on 1/1/2008)

1. George Markus, Clayton MO -- 27
2. Henry Stern Jr., St Louis MO -- 27
3. Natalene Ferrari, Odessa FL -- 27
4. Ralph Ferrari, Odessa FL -- 27
5. Shirley Koch, Schererville IN -- 26
6. Becky Hubert, St Louis MO -- 24
7. Shirley Coville, Springfield IL -- 23
8. Carol Cookson, Belleville IL -- 23
9. Atul Hajela, Maryland Hgts MO -- 23
10. Norm Muller, Granger IN -- 21
11. Christopher Clarke, South Bend IN -- 21
12. Arthur Loomstein, St Louis MO -- 20
13. David Mindrup, Glen Carbon IL -- 18
14. Kaye Kale, South Bend IN -- 18
15. Cheryl Prante, O'Fallon MO -- 17

## **Junior Master of the Year** (5-20 pts.)

1. Karen Drain, South Bend IN -- 44
2. Carol Kutak, Schererville IN -- 35
3. E Tim Carl, Elkhart IN -- 34
4. Sharon Kolski, Elkhart IN -- 25
5. Patrick Oetting, Ft Wayne IN -- 24
6. August Tomusk, Fort Wayne IN -- 24
7. Susan Hillberry, Cherry Valley IL -- 23
8. Daniel Baker, Urbana IL -- 22

## **Life Master of the Year** (300-500 pts.)

1. Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO -- 121
2. Richard Hastings, Bristol IN -- 90
3. Ruth Minish, Granger IN -- 86
4. Richard Gierat, Belvidere IL -- 83
5. Patricia Valiska, Highland IN -- 82
6. Donald Valiska, Highland IN -- 79
7. Kay Cohen, Saint Louis MO -- 78
8. Carol Warner, Fairview Hgts IL -- 69
9. Chuck Briggs, Hobart IN -- 69
10. Douglas Jonquet, Decatur IL -- 65
11. Donald Groch, South Bend IN -- 63
12. Linda Shaw, Geneva IL -- 63
13. Kathryn Chamberlain, Rockford IL -- 63
14. Daniel Chamberlain, Rockford IL -- 63
15. Douglas St John, Rockford IL -- 61

## **Bronze Life Master of the Year** (500-1000 pts.)

1. Cappy Gagnon, Notre Dame IN -- 217
2. Louis Nimnicht, Crown Point IN -- 139
3. Barbara Walczak, Munster IN -- 114
4. Jane Baker, Paducah KY -- 113
5. Mrs. L. A. Jenkins, Rockford IL -- 112
6. Zach Freehill, Bloomington IL -- 108
7. Krzysztof Jarosz, Edwardsville IL -- 102



9. Joanie Aranyos, Elburn IL -- 21
10. Richard Welc, St Louis MO -- 20
11. Margie Evans, Fulton KY -- 19
12. Dianna Nerren, Hickman KY -- 19
13. Jackie Baker, St Louis MO -- 18
14. Kenneth Bisson, Angola IN -- 18
15. Steven Wheeler, Highland IL -- 16

**Club Master of the Year (20-50 pts.)**

1. Marilyn Croft, St Charles IL -- 67
2. Donald Klingsick, Edwardsville IL -- 62
3. Shirley Logan, Springfield IL -- 62
4. Carol Sue McNaught, Auburn IL -- 58
5. Susan Pensoneau, Collinsville IL -- 54
6. Richard Gunderson, Earlville IL -- 46
7. Earl Anderson, Springfield IL -- 45
8. Karen Anderson, Batavia IL -- 44
9. Patricia Olafson, Rockford IL -- 40
10. Nancy Shaver, Springfield IL -- 40
11. Becky Groeninger, Springfield IL -- 37
12. Charlene Whitney, Winnebago IL -- 35
13. Chander Aiyar, Huntley IL -- 35
14. Karsten Grove, South Bend IN -- 33
15. Phillip Fultz, Benton KY -- 33

**Sectional Master of the Year (50-100 pts.)**

1. Ilse Grove, South Bend IN -- 62
2. Sharon Novotny, Granger IN -- 47
3. Jeff Ehrlich, Springfield IL -- 47
4. Doug O'Leary, St Louis MO -- 46
5. Pamela White, Springfield IL -- 44
6. Hatchie Greene, Saint Louis MO -- 42
7. Christopher Romaine, Springfield IL -- 35
8. Robert Herro, Rockford IL -- 35
9. Karen Engle, Dardenne Prairi MO -- 31
10. Marilyn Kay Jenkins, Mt Vernon IL -- 31
11. James Mc Chesney, Fort Wayne IN -- 31

8. Judy Putzel, Saint Louis MO -- 99
9. Norman Goldman, Chesterfield MO -- 98
10. Darrell Rotter, Roselle IL -- 97
11. Susan MacKinney, Lk in the Hills IL -- 88
12. Henry Hoffman, Bloomington IL -- 87
13. Larry Wilcox, Springfield IL -- 80
14. Patrick Moos, Peoria IL -- 75
15. Victor Papai, South Bend IN -- 74

**Silver Life Master of the Year (1000-2500 pts.)**

1. John Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 200
2. Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 199
3. Dennis Spencer, Saint Louis MO -- 173
4. F. R. Kellstrom, Chesterton IN -- 158
5. Lena Howard, Elkhart IN -- 153
6. John Burdon, Charleston SC -- 143
7. Marian Eggebrecht, South Bend IN -- 138
8. Sanford Becker, Chesterfield MO -- 133
9. Linda Leinicke, Saint Louis MO -- 128
10. Leroy Boser, Elkhart IN -- 117
11. James O'Connell, Valparaiso IN -- 114
12. Steven Watson, Munster IN -- 113
13. Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Granger IN -- 112
14. Paul Scherer, Mishawaka IN -- 110
15. Harold Legel, Crystal Lake IL -- 109

**Gold Life Master of the Year (2500-5000 pts.)**

1. James Feinstein, South Bend IN -- 231
2. Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 183
3. Irene Singleton, South Bend IN -- 173
4. John Chmielowiec, Michigan City IN -- 162
5. Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 139
6. En Xie, Saint Louis MO -- 138
7. Elaine Delaney, South Bend IN -- 134
8. John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 131

12. Martha Rowe, Saint Louis MO -- 30
13. Sybil Brown, Rockford IL -- 30
14. Robert Holdeman, Pocahontas IL -- 29
15. Stephen Cart, Rockford IL -- 29

**Regional Master of the Year** (100-200 pts.)

1. Donna Cart, Rockford IL -- 97
2. Michael White, Springfield IL -- 79
3. Linda Wilkening, Springfield IL -- 74
4. John Antognoli, Clayton MO -- 72
5. Bev Upp, Bloomington IL -- 64
6. Renee McNitt, Roscoe IL -- 64
7. Robert Adler, Creve Couer MO -- 63
8. Phillip Kolski, Elkhart IN -- 58
9. Jane Byram, Chatham IL -- 58
10. Thomas O'Reilly-Pol, St Louis MO -- 56
11. Rita Harmon, Springfield IL -- 54
12. Fred Wallitsch, St Charles IL -- 50
13. Bob Biarkis, Glen Carbon IL -- 48
14. Rhonda Berberet, Springfield IL -- 47
15. James Nunn, Chesterfield MO -- 46

**NABC Master of the Year** (200 - non-LM)

1. Dave Bigler, Hobart IN -- 165
2. Julia Kelley, Batavia IL -- 86
3. Roger Dieringer, Elgin IL -- 85
4. Terryl Francis, Glen Carbon IL -- 63
5. Katherine Freeman, Beloit WI -- 59
6. John Scheibelhut, Notre Dame IN -- 58
7. Ann Witt, Aurora IL -- 49
8. Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL -- 48
9. Christine Barker, Granger IN -- 48
10. Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton IN -- 44
11. Julia Torres, Florissant MO -- 43
12. Roseann Stice, East Alton IL -- 41
13. Cookie Arneson, Saint Louis MO -- 41

9. Janice Condon, Rockford IL -- 122
10. Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN -- 115
11. Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL -- 114
12. Howard Schmid, Merrillville IN -- 112
13. Eugene Condon, Rockford IL -- 112
14. Frank Yoder III, Goshen IN -- 100
15. Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO -- 99

**Diamond Life Master of the Year** (5000-7500 pts.)

1. Ralph Behrens, Saint Louis MO -- 121
2. Kenneth Bland, Saint Louis MO -- 115
3. Jack Snyder, Rockford IL -- 94
4. Denny O'Connor, Saint Louis MO -- 87
5. James Hammond, Kirkwood MO -- 79
6. Carol Emme, Plainfield IL -- 72
7. Jacqueline Sincoff, Saint Louis MO -- 55
8. James Davis, Kokomo IN -- 44
9. Milton Zlatic, Saint Louis MO -- 39
10. Eunice Garrison, Lake Worth FL -- 36
11. Dan Requard, Springfield IL -- 34
12. Ed Schultz, Chesterfield MO -- 26
13. Alan Popkin, St Louis MO -- 23
14. Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL -- 21

**Emerald Life Master of the Year** (7500-10,000 pts.)

1. Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 208
2. John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN -- 164
3. Michael Slaven, Elkhart IN -- 156
4. Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN -- 131
5. Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL -- 72
6. Roger Lord, Saint Louis MO -- 57
7. Larry Kolker, Saint Louis MO -- 29
8. Chris Benson, Le Roy IL -- 21
9. Dave Fred, Granger IN -- 14
10. Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL -- 13

14. Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights IL -- 41

15. Linda Mize, Florissant MO -- 40

11. Tom Kniest, University City MO -- 11

**Platinum Life Master of the Year** (10,000+ pts.)

1. Howard Piltch, Osceola IN -- 164

2. Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO -- 116

3. Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 89

4. Gary Kessler, Springfield IL -- 30

5. Dick Benson, Le Roy IL -- 19

6. Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN -- 16

7. Colby Vernay, Lacon IL -- 3

# Other Masterpoint Races -- 2008

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Each year, ACBL recognizes the bridge successes of Youth & Junior players (age 25 and under) and players who win the most points in sectional tournaments. Listed below are the District-wide rankings and points won in 2008 by our players in these categories.

## Youth & Junior Leaders

1. Thomas O'Reilly-Pol, St Louis -- 194
2. Praveen Jayachandran, Champaign IL -- 129
3. Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL -- 118
4. Ben Englert, Edwardsville IL -- 75
5. Daniel Baker, Urbana IL -- 40
6. Sam Katz, Bloomington IL -- 19
7. Brandy Fish, Belleville IL -- 17
8. Karna Desai, Urbana IL -- 13
9. Michael Goldstein, Watson IL -- 6
10. Andrew Fanoie, Notre Dame IN -- 6
11. Mitch Kline, Beecher City IL -- 3
12. Matthew Robb, St. Louis -- 3
13. James Ritz, Effingham IL -- 3
14. Jared Yoder, Marion IN -- 2
15. Amanda Noble, Edwardsville IL -- 1
16. Aimee Hoffbauer, Fremont IN -- 1
17. David Ridder, Griffith IN -- 1

## Sectional Point Winners

1. Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 136
2. Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 135
3. Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 129
4. Alan Popkin, St Louis -- 122
5. Nancy Popkin, St. Louis -- 115
6. Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 114
7. Jack Bryant, St. Louis -- 110
8. Will Engel, Freeport IL -- 110
9. Judith Eaton, Carbondale IL -- 108
10. Glafkos Galanos, Carbondale IL -- 108
11. Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO -- 102
12. John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN -- 98
13. Rod Beery, St. Charles MO -- 92
14. Dalton Darnell, Murray KY -- 91
15. Milton Zlatic, St. Louis -- 91
16. Kenneth Bland, St. Louis -- 90
17. James Carbaugh, Metamora IL -- 88
18. Tom Kniest, University City MO -- 88
19. Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO -- 87
20. Dennis Spencer, St. Louis -- 84
21. John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 82
22. En Xie, St. Louis -- 76
23. Ralph Behrens, St. Louis -- 76
24. Roger Lord, St. Louis -- 75
25. Richard Brummer, Effingham IL -- 73
26. Douglas Edwards, Almo KY -- 69
27. Lee Hastings, St Louis -- 68

28. Richard Riezman, St. Louis -- 64
29. Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL -- 64
30. John Seng, Champaign IL -- 62



# District 8 Solvers Forum -- April 2009

by Scott Merritt, Gaborone, Botswana

## 1. Matchpoints, EW vulnerable

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
		1S	2D
2S	DBL *	Pass	???

\* Responsive double (hearts & clubs)

What is your call as South holding: ♠QJ103 ♥92 ♦AKQJ742  
♣Void ?

Greetings from sunny Gaborone Botswana, where I am not letting Global Economic Armageddon put a damper on my spirits. Instead, my goal is merely to score more Forum Solver points than the current value of my retirement account! I have invited my teammates for the upcoming Bridge Congress in South Africa to join as panelists this month. While I love them to death, the caveman bidding that they know and love must be shelved, and bringing them to this forum is surely a good start.

Unfortunately, I didn't think that this first problem set the tone for a good set. Had this problem been elsewhere in the set, all of the panelists would have been complaining about this being a "100-percenter" or they would have said something about "not understanding the problem". So what that both opponents are bidding? You have an easy call and you should make it.

**Walker:** "3NT. It's easy to over-think problems like this, but when a hand is screaming 3NT this loudly, you might as well listen.

**Dodd:** "3NT. Yeah, they may run the first five (or eight!) tricks, but then again, they may not. Anything

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
3NT	100	9	56
3D	80	3	23
4D	70	1	2
5D	60	1	2
Pass	50	0	11
2NT	50	0	4
3S	50	0	2
4NT	40	0	2

else here is crazy. Passing is as likely as not to score minus 670, 3D is for sissies, and aiming for an 11-trick diamond game is like playing Russian Roulette with two extra bullets in the gun."

**Nelson:** "3NT. Perhaps I am playing in a novice game and can get away with 3NT. Then again, I know I am not, but quite certain lefty will lead a spade."

**Feiler:** "3NT. You need a good reason *not* to bid 3NT, and I don't think I have one."

**Spear:** "3NT. 5D may be the better game on many hands, but may have little chance. 3NT may be difficult to defend, and could make when 5D appears to be the better game. I can't bring myself to settle for a partscore."

I agree with the panel, 3N may not be right, but it certainly could be totally lay down or the opponents could misdefend. On the knowledge that you have, why not aim for the place that scores the highest? The timid members of our panel had something to say, it was just wrong.

**Paulo:** "3D. 3NT is tempting, especially at matchpoints, but to win this contract, I need a strong dummy or some miracle."

**Bridge Baron:** "3D. Bridge Baron doesn't want to put down AKQJxxx in dummy, much less defend with it; it would need a half-stopper in both clubs and hearts to bid 2NT. So diamonds it is."

**Rabideau:** "3D. I'm going to trust my vulnerable opponents and assume that partner is bidding mostly on distribution. And that usually means diamond tolerance (thereby diminishing our defensive possibilities) or a place to run."

Mr. Paulo seems to have taken his bashful pills this morning, Bridge Baron thinks you need stoppers for notrump and Mr. Rabideau trusts his opponents over his partner. I am unconvinced about playing a partscore in diamonds, but playing for game doesn't seem much better.

**Baker:** "4D. Rule of 9 (trump + trump honors + level) suggests leaving it in, but wild distribution suggests offense. If partner has any extras, 5D should make."

**Klemic:** "5D. Figuring the worst I would find is 1-5-2-5 shape. Pard should have tolerance, and bidding suggests I might even get 3-card support."

In most scenarios, at least someone would try and construct some sort of hand that is meant to show how partner could have a perfect hand and 5D is laydown and 3NT goes down. I am just not seeing it. With the soft values in spades over the opener and the seven diamond tricks, there just aren't many hands where diamonds will play better than notrump.

## 2. Matchpoints, both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1D
Pass	1NT	Pass	2D
Pass	3C	Pass	???

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
3H	100	4	26
5C	90	4	18
4S	90	1	2
4C	80	2	12
Pass	70	1	32
4NT	60	2	0
3NT	50	0	5
3S	50	0	2
3D	50	0	2
4H	50	0	2

What is your call as South holding: ♠3 ♥AK3 ♦A87642  
 ♣K64 ?

The panel was wildly split on this one, which again I thought was a no-brainer. There were a couple of bids that seem to be from the moon to me, starting with the one from Team Botswana:

**Diniar & Nancy Minwalla:** "4H. If partner has the ideal minimum of a seven-card club suit headed by the ace, a singleton diamond and nothing else, we might have a slam in clubs. Our lowest cuebid here is 4H, which shows club support, a heart control and slam interest."

I guess I play too many systems, but first, I would play this bid as a splinter. Second, pushing gently towards slam after both you and your partner made minimum non-forcing calls strikes me a bit odd. On the other hand, members of the panel thought inviting slam was too gentle on this sequence.

**Walker:** "4NT. Partner has seven clubs (or six very good ones), and if he has one ace, 6C should be a virtual claimer. No way I'm settling for less than 5C nor playing 3NT. 3H or 4S would show extra strength, but rate to be a wasted effort, as I can't imagine that partner will be able to bid anything other than 5C over either of those bids."

**Spear:** "4NT. By bidding 3C over 2D, pard rates to hold no more than one diamond. I have the perfect hand for a club slam. If I bid 4S, pard may not bid slam fearing a heart attack. He would expect me to just Blackwood with the AK of hearts. Spade lead?"

Call me a skeptic, but I just can't understand why a descriptive major-suit bid wouldn't work out just fine here. While I understand that slam may make, I would be more than happy to capitulate if partner told me that he wasn't interested. I do have to contest Mr. Spear's contention about not wanting to splinter.



**Feiler:** "4S. I think partner's 3C shows a bunch of clubs (6+) but not a good enough hand to bid 2C over 1D. All of which turns my hand into a gigantasaurous."

After looking at the panel's comments, barring that reference to a here-to-date undiscovered reptile, this would really seem to describe your hand and include partner at the same time. You wouldn't make this call without a heart control; it simply isn't possible. Others thought that starting with 3H might get you to a different contract:

**Strite:** "3H. 3NT is still in play."

**Nelson:** "3H. Do we have a 5C contract, or 6C or just 3NT? The sure way to find out is make a bid that sounds impossible. My bid should certainly show club support and an attempt to figure out how many clubs to bid. Partner doesn't need much for 6C."

**Paulo:** "3H. If partner has good clubs and a spade stopper, he should bid 3NT. If he is not strong enough, he can try 5C or give up with 4C."

This was how I saw the problem playing out, with 2/3s or more of the panel bidding 3H. After seeing the variety of calls, I still gave this one top marks, because it leaves open the possibility of investigating slam, while a straight 5C call does not.

**Matheny:** "5C. I like 1D-3C as natural and invitational to help solve this type of problem."

**Walsh:** "5C. My hand just got a lot better. I can cover five (!) of partner's losers, so I think it's worth a shot."

**Baker:** "5C. Figuring partner for good long clubs and not much else, 5C should be safe. Give partner AQxxxx of clubs and three small spades (neither opponent has bid them) and 6C is a favorite."

**Mayne:** "5C. As a solver, I'd bid 3H to match the expected field, but as a panelist, I don't see a slam and I can't stop short of game."

I do not disagree with any of that analysis, and even more give plaudits to Mr. Mayne for honesty, but no one answers well why this is a better call than 3H, which leaves open the possibility of 3NT. You only want to take 3NT out of the picture if you have a strong reason to believe that slam is likely. Unfortunately, it takes a staff member to point out, that slam just seemed to get a lot more likely, due to that blasted system that we play.

**Dodd:** "Pass. 3C is *not* forward-going in this auction, as Bridge World Standard and most 2-over-1 systems play 1D-2C as a one-round only force. About the best hand I can hope for from North is something like ♠Kxx ♥Qx ♦xx ♣AJxxxx, which is about 50-50 to make 3NT or 5C. Anything less and the odds go down considerably."

With less strength, wouldn't partner just pass 2D? Those silly system notes do say: "[Over a 1D opener] With 3-6 in the minors and invitational strength, responder's normal plan is 2C followed by 3C", but that doesn't preclude partner from holding a hand that will make game or slam here. I'm told that when this hand was played in "real life", partner held something like ♠854 ♥Q6 ♦3 ♣A987532. This 6-

count surely doesn't qualify for an invitational 2C-then-3C, yet it makes 6C virtually laydown. Change the club ace to the queen -- a 4-count -- and you want to be in 5C.

### 3. Matchpoints, EW vulnerable

West      North      East      South  
             2H        3C        ???

What is your call as South holding: ♠AJ754   ♥6   ♦AKJ63  
 ♣K5 ?

This is the first of our two challenging "profits from preempts" hands. For all of those times when you jam the auction and the opponents roll through you like you weren't even there, remember this month's Forum and how the whole world suggested that you should rip them off vulnerable at the 3-level with your 18 count and they still scored up 670. All of the panel can't be wrong, can they?

**Nelson:** "Double. Our partnership doesn't have a game. Certainly I can defend 3C doubled with not a lot from partners hand."

**Dodd:** "Double. This one seems well worth the gamble to score up the magic 200. Who knows? East may have stepped in it here, in which case we could get even more."

**Matheny:** "Double. I hate doubling with short trumps, but where are his tricks?"

**Feiler:** "Double. Is +200 too much to ask? It doesn't look like we have a game and I wouldn't know how to get to it if we did."

**Strite:** "Double. I like my chances for +200."

**Spear:** "Double. It is matchpoints, and I think the vulnerable opponents may have bid too much. It will be a nightmare if they make it, but a worse nightmare would be to pass and defend 3NT making."

**Walker:** "Double. I expected to make 2H. I can't let them play 3C undisturbed at matchpoints when I have this much."

**Mayne:** "Double. Yes, it's a pretty sick call and it gives up the vig of further action by West, but we're likely to beat it and it's our hand."

Some Solvers hoped this was a negative double, but it's pure penalty. After partner has shown a weak one-suited hand, there's no point in looking for a 4-4 fit in another suit.

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
DBL	100	10	42
Pass	80	1	11
3D	70	2	14
3S	60	1	14
3H	60	0	9
4H	60	0	4
3NT	50	0	5
4NT	50	0	2

I really do think that covers it. I am sure that you would rather that your minors were reversed, but they aren't. So cowboy up and double, and if this gets wrapped around your neck, suck on it and accept that it was only one board.

#### 4. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1D
2C	Pass	Pass	???

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
2D	100	6	70
DBL	90	3	14
Pass	80	5	26

What is your call as South holding: ♠A76 ♥94 ♦AK8765 ♣82 ?

After getting eight suggested calls on each of the first three problems, it was nice to have a problem with only three possible calls, each of which got substantial attention. In this "bidders' game", why did such a good number of our panel float this one out?

**Walker:** "Pass. No tricks, no majors, no negative double from partner, nothing to gain by walking back into this auction. There's no obligation to 'protect' partner by doubling or bidding on air, especially at this vulnerability."

**Paulo:** "Pass. Partner can have a penalty pass, but, if I double or rebid diamonds, the opponents will find some fit in a major suit."

**Baker:** "Pass. Partner might be sitting there with a stack begging for me to double, but if he's not and bids hearts, we're in trouble. With a holey suit, minimum values, and red v. white, go quietly."

**Dodd:** "Pass. If a negative double by North would require both majors, I might double to prevent us from being shut out of a hand that belonged to us. But in BWS, a negative double by North does *not* promise both majors, hence it is much more likely that *we* are the ones in deep doo-doo after a reopening double."

**Klemic:** "Pass. West wins. Pard *might* have a penalty double of 2C, but West could just as easily have a heavy 2C call. They could easily have a major-suit fit here."

I think that the editor and Mr. Klemic certainly have this 100-percent spot on. In the current bridge landscape, people will bid on anything. That means that the opponents are almost certainly not in a fit (there was no raise and you have such paltry high cards that East must have some), and your partner isn't that HCP heavy (he didn't bid at unfavorable vulnerability, which he would with a game going hand). I think that bidding can only get you into trouble, but the majority opinion is to not let this hand die out, so I ranked double higher than Pass.

**Diniar & Nancy Minwalla:** "Double. Partner may want to make a penalty double here so we must re-open with a double."

**Nelson:** "Double. Coming thru with the other half of the negative double....the re-opening double. Partner does have some stuff to defend on this auction."

**Spear:** "Double. I used to bid 2D with this, waiting for the perfect hand to double. Now I avoid seeing pard's look of disgust as they bid 3N over my 2D."

**Rabideau:** "Double. If partner isn't trap-passing, we may get too high (in 3 diamonds)."

While double certainly caters to partner trapping, what hand would he have where you would really get them? In the ideal scenario -- you reopen and partner executes his trap by passing -- when would East ever sit the double? It seems as though you have only managed to push them into a better contract. And to follow up on Mr. Rabideau's comments, I am a lot more worried about the opponents getting too high, like say their major suit game, than I am about us getting too high.

Another option is reopening with 2D, which doesn't even have the upside of the hypothetical trap pass.

**Mayne:** "2D. I'm not doubling with this, and I'm not passing with two small. Is there another option?"

**Strite:** "2D. Unfavorable, partner will bid 3NT on many trap pass hands, but I still don't feel I can sell out to 2C."

**Feiler:** "2D. Yeah, I know, I should reopen with a double, but that looks like it's going to be trouble about ten times for every time it works."

**Bridge Baron:** "2D. Pure simulation: -48.50 for Pass, -474.00 for Double, 92.50 for 2D."

At least the computer gives me some data; I just wonder if it has any second level thinking to it. This looks like an analysis of what would happen to 2C, 2Cx and 2D, assuming that the bidding would stop with my call. Unfortunately, I like going quietly the best on this hand, because I don't expect the bidding to end after any call we make at the 2 level.

## 5. IMPs, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1C	Pass	1S
4D	DBL	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding: ♠Q109843 ♥KQ973  
 ♦Void ♣A10 ?

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
4H	100	9	84
5D	80	1	0
5H	70	2	4
Pass	70	1	9
6H	60	1	0

The solvers really didn't have a problem with this one, it was just the know-it-all panel that couldn't all agree on the obvious bid. This is installment #2 in the "profits from preempts" section of

our column. The 4D call by West has deprived us of all the required bidding space that it would take to get our fairly decent two-suiter off our chest. Does the safe 4H call make sense?

4S	60	0	2
5NT	50	0	2

**Rabideau:** "4H. And the other choice is...? I know, I know: I'm about to find out."

**Mayne:** "4H. How is this a problem? Partner's double is a suggestion, not a mandate."

**Strite:** "4H. Nice preempt, opponents."

**Dodd:** "4H. How can I not show this distribution even in the face of a warning about wasted diamond strength? Anything higher is unwarranted (at this point) for the same reason."

**Matheny:** "4H. Pass could easily be right."

**Feiler:** "4H. I think this double is a strong suggestion that we not bid any higher, but I'm going to have to overrule partner with this hand."

**Baker:** "4H. We may have slam (I'd have bid 4H without the encouraging red double from partner), but without confirming a fit first, I'm not going to go leaping about just yet."

No one seems particularly happy with the choice, and pass or slam could easily be right, but I simply don't find the arguments for a jump very convincing.

**Walker:** "5H. Value bid showing lots of major-suit cards and slam interest. Partner's double absolutely promises extra values, so you can't bid a meek 4H with this much playing strength."

**Paulo:** "5D. Slam is possible in several strains. Even if game is our limit, the penalty (non-vul versus vulnerable) should not compensate."

**Spear:** "6H. The 5D cuebid may score well in the Master Solvers Club, but doesn't show the 5-card heart suit. 5H is not enough, and who knows what it shows?"

**Klemic:** "5H. Apologize later if pard has five diamonds with three winners, but odds are more likely that he just has extra values and no clear-cut action. A 5D cuebid would suggest either spades or spades and clubs, so I need to show the significant heart suit."

We have been preempted and I feel that these calls are trying to make up ground on a hand that we are in a losing position on. 6H seems to be shooting for a perfecta from partner and 5D is a completely nebulous cuebid, which will leave partner totally lost as to how to respond. 5H is something that may get your hand values and shape mostly right, but partner will still have a very uncertain bid in front of him and that is only if he can decipher what 5H is. I just don't believe that this is a situation where you can feel positive that slam is the 50-50 bet that you need to make the IMP scoring work out for you. You are guessing and have been warned against bidding.

Finally, Bridge Baron seems to have a problem in choosing which calls to consider on this one (which I think was a similar theme to problem 4):

**Bridge Baron:** "Pass. Spades are too weak to rebid 4S. Bridge Baron perhaps should be thinking about 4H, but isn't. Double is presumably 'card-showing', so let's see if this distribution is ordinary enough that partner has sufficient length in the suit doubled to sustain a penalty pass."

## 6. IMPs, Both vulnerable

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1D	Pass	Pass	???

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
DBL	100	11	42
1NT	90	2	28
1S	70	1	5
1H	60	0	4
Pass	60	0	7
2D	60	0	12
2H	50	0	2

What is your call as South holding: ♠AQ73 ♥AQ54 ♦K754  
♣6 ?

The second balancing problem of the set. You have an inconvenient unbalanced hand with just enough values to question if you will need to make a second call. The panel was pretty unanimous in support of a straightforward takeout double.

**Spear:** "Double. Best way to get to the right major, where there is the best chance for game. This hand is good enough to justify the risk of playing a hopeless club partial. (That is my story for defending this double in the bar.)"

**Walsh:** "Double. At worst, I pull 2C to 2NT."

**Baker:** "Double. Double, pray for a major to raise, bid 2NT over 2C (and hope partner didn't have xxxx) when you aren't that lucky. Too big for balancing 1NT, even if you have a spade in with the clubs."

**Strite:** "Double. I'd rather take the good shot of finding our major than jam 1NT."

**Klemic:** "Double. If you see the ugly auction Pass-2C-Pass, I'll bid 2NT suggesting a strong notrump and hope for the best. Almost any other auction I will be happy with."

**Nelson:** "Double. I have way too much to bid a meek 1S or 1H or even 1NT, so for starters I will double. Over partners clubs, I will bid notrump. If partner bids a major, YAY!"

**Dodd:** "Double. My education as a young bridge player included the lesson that one is not supposed to bid clubs when one's partner reopens with a double of 1D. I've not forgotten it to this day!"

**Walker:** "Double. Double and bid an ugly 2NT if partner is uncooperative enough to bid 2C. This hand is a little too heavy for a balancing 1NT over a minor. Pass would be a reasonable choice at

matchpoints."

As we have just that slight bit of extra values, I think the worry of a 2C response can be adequately covered by bidding 2NT, as many of the panelists suggest. These other panelists seem to create more of a problem with their first bid than the future problem that they would have if they just started with a double.

**Feiler:** "1S. One or more of the other three players will probably bid clubs. If it's partner, I can try 2H and not be too far off the mark."

**Mayne:** "1NT. We can still find the major, and unlike the doublers, I don't have to figure out what to do over partner's 2C bid. I'll tell pard I had the HQ in with my clubs."

**Rabideau:** "1NT. If my double produces a club bid from partner, I have nowhere to go, although I'm sure some will then Q-bid and pray. That, plus the lack of intermediates, causes me to downgrade a smidgen. I'm hoping we play system-on here. "

Thanks to all who sent in answers and comments to this set of problems and especially to our guest panelists for this issue. The list of top Solvers has been delayed due to my severe technical limitations. Check back soon to see the panel and Solver scores and the winners, who will be invited to join the June panel.

The six new problems for June are below. Please submit your solutions by **May 25** on the [web form](#).

June moderator: **Tom Dodd** [fieldtrialer@yahoo.com](mailto:fieldtrialer@yahoo.com)

## Solvers Forum -- June 2009 Problems

### 1. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1C	DBL
3C*	Pass	Pass	???

\* (Preemptive)

What is your call as South holding:

♠K6 ♥A1042 ♦AQJ10 ♣AQ6 ?

### 2. Matchpoints, both vulnerable

### 4. Matchpoints, both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1S
3C	DBL	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding:

♠AQ762 ♥A65 ♦K108 ♣82 ?

### 5. IMPs, none vulnerable

West	North	East	South
3C	4C*	Pass	4H
Pass	4S	Pass	???

\* (Majors)

What is your call as South holding:

♠Q5 ♥Q1042 ♦K6 ♣97652 ?

### 3. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1C
Pass	1S	2H	???

(System note: Double = 3-card spade support)

What is your call as South holding:

♠AQ5 ♥Void ♦AQ ♣AQ987652 ?

West	North	East	South
		2S	DBL
3S	DBL*	Pass	???

\* (Responsive)

What is your call as South holding:

♠7 ♥QJ52 ♦AK10743 ♣AQ ?

### 6. IMPs, both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1H	Pass	1NT*
Pass	3D	Pass	4D
Pass	4H	Pass	???

\* (Forcing 1NT)

What is your call as South holding:

♠K107 ♥Q6 ♦A7652 ♣865 ?





# Pair Fare

## *News from Northwestern Illinois Unit 239*

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## **New Life Master: Julie Kelley**

Julie grew up in Colorado and attended the Colorado State University. Lured by the chance to earn a living and travel, Julie became a stewardess for United Airlines for the next two and a half years. Julie then met her future husband and moved to Fox River Valley area of northeastern Illinois. She has resided in this area for the last forty-six years, where she and her husband raised three children, which included two girls and a boy. Her three children still live in the area and Julie now enjoys the company of her eight grandchildren.

Julie said that she began playing bridge in high school, but it wasn't until ten years ago she took a serious interest in the game. She and a friend decided to try playing in an Aurora game and Julie said she was completely lost. After taking three years of lessons first from Eli Scalzo and then from Betty Wade, Julie finally decided she was ready to play competitive duplicate bridge. Since then, Julie has earned the required points to become a life master. Julie earned this honor last fall, but it was two weeks after she won the needed silver points at a St. Charles STAC game that she realized she had met all the point requirements.

Julie credits Harold Legel as being a good partner and her mentor. Her suggestion to others: "Don't worry about becoming a life master, but concentrate on becoming a good bridge player." As an opponent of Julie on Thursdays in Elgin, I would say Julie has followed her advice well. When Julie not playing bridge, she might be at her home either putting a jigsaw puzzle or a quilt together.

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## **The Changing Scene**

New Junior Masters: Tanya Berley, North Aurora; Janice Koerner, Huntley; Linda Murphey, Rockford; Audrey Williams, Rockford; Georgia Jacobsen, Huntley.

New Club Masters: George Hess, Galena; Diana Jacobsen, Montgomery; Nels Jacobsen, Montgomery; Carolyn Rosene, St Charles; Patricia Tangorra, Rockford

New Sectional Masters: Eugene Gordon, Aurora; Linda Brubaker, Geneva; Dorothy Schoonover, Cherry Valley.

New Regional Masters: Robert Judd, Algonquin.

New Life Masters: Lynn Patterson, Lake in the Hills.

New Bronze Life Master: Richard Murdock; Glen DeVries, Aurora.

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## Upcoming tournaments

**Gatlinburg TN Regional** -- April 13 to April 19

[District 13 Regional](#) -- Lake Geneva WI -- April 20 to April 26

**Pioneer Sectional** -- Hendelmeyer Park, Effingham IL -- April 24 to April 26

**District 8 Grand National Teams** -- Springfield IL -- May 2 and 3

[299er Stars of Tomorrow](#) -- Rolling Meadows IL -- May 2 to May 3

**St. Charles MO Sectional** -- Blanchette Park -- May 15 to 17

[Illini Memorial Day Regional](#) -- Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign IL -- May 19 to May 25



# CIBA Digest

## News from Central Illinois Unit 208

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## 2008 Unit Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Winners

### ♣ Ace of Clubs

Points won in club games in 2008

#### 0 to 5 (on 1/1/08)

Natalene Ferrari, Odessa FL -- 26.62  
Ralph Ferrari, Odessa FL -- 26.62  
Shirley Coville, Springfield -- 23.39  
Karen Sapetti, Springfield -- 14.83  
Glenn Spencer, Peoria -- 11.34

#### 5 to 20

Daniel Baker, Urbana -- 21.82  
Dan Simons, Champaign -- 13.90  
Jean Motsinger, Savoy -- 12.97  
Freida Witters, Paris -- 10.07  
Barry Kurz, Peoria -- 8.81

#### 20 to 50

Shirley Logan, Springfield -- 61.65  
Carol Sue McNaught, Auburn -- 58.01  
Richard Gunderson, Earlville -- 45.53  
Earl Anderson, Springfield -- 45.14  
Nancy Shaver, Springfield -- 39.89

#### 50 to 100

Jeff Ehrlich, Springfield -- 47.05  
Pamela White, Springfield -- 43.98  
Christopher Romaine, Springfield -- 35.23  
Sara Ratterree, Springfield -- 25.86

### ♠ Mini-McKenney

Total points won in 2008

#### 0 to 5

Natalene Ferrari, Odessa FL -- 27.45  
Ralph Ferrari, Odessa FL -- 27.45  
Shirley Coville, Springfield -- 24.05  
Karen Sapetti, Springfield -- 16.14  
Karna Desai, Urbana -- 12.62

#### 5 to 20

Daniel Baker, Urbana -- 40.15  
Dan Simons, Champaign -- 22.60  
Jean Motsinger, Savoy -- 16.39  
Freida Witters, Paris -- 10.07  
Barry Kurz, Peoria -- 9.87

#### 20 to 50

Shirley Logan, Springfield -- 82.87  
Carol Sue McNaught, Auburn -- 80.54  
Richard Gunderson, Earlville -- 59.33  
Nancy Shaver, Springfield -- 57.07  
Earl Anderson, Springfield -- 49.36

#### 50 to 100

Jeff Ehrlich, Springfield -- 85.29  
Pamela White, Springfield -- 59.94  
Becky Lagouros, Peoria Heights -- 59.04  
Ronald Greek, Galesburg -- 52.88

Dennis Knoll, Catlin -- 25.59

**100 to 200**

Michael White, Springfield -- 79.17

Minda Wilkening, Springfield -- 74.46

Bev Upp, Bloomington -- 64.04

Jane Byram, Chatham -- 57.66

Rita Harmon, Springfield -- 53.82

**200 to 300**

Ann Schuyler, Bloomington -- 47.97

Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights -- 40.55

Donna Giertz, Champaign -- 39.84

Dennis Moll, Bloomington -- 35.61

Praveen Jayachandran, Champaign -- 32.35

**300 to 500**

Douglas Jonquet, Decatur -- 64.74

Jack Sanders, Champaign -- 52.42

Fred Roese, Springfield -- 49.42

Larry McLaughlin, Decatur -- 47.59

Peggy McLaughlin, Decatur -- 45.25

**500 to 1000**

Zach Freehill, Bloomington -- 108.41

Henry Hoffman, Bloomington -- 87.41

Larry Wilcox, Springfield -- 79.74

Patrick Moos, Peoria -- 74.67

Stanley Gutzman, Normal -- 69.15

**1000 to 2500**

John Burdon, Charleston SC, 143.08

Jeanette Sgro, Boca Raton FL, 88.86

Stephen Babin, Normal -- 88.03

Betty Primm, Athens -- 83.31

George Veenstra, Springfield -- 81.16

**2500 to 5000**

Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap -- 72.70

Betty Capodice, Bloomington -- 64.80

John Seng, Champaign -- 52.93

Larry Rabideau, Saint Anne -- 44.94

Alan Wienman, Morton -- 32.21

**5000 to 7500**

Dan Requard, Springfield -- 33.98

Judith Greek, Galesburg -- 52.88

**100 to 200**

Linda Wilkening, Springfield -- 120.83

Bev Upp, Bloomington -- 119.13

Michael White, Springfield -- 104.24

Jane Byram, Chatham -- 70.03

Marcia Bondurant, Champaign -- 62.89

**200 to 300**

Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights -- 149.62

Ann Schuyler, Bloomington -- 148.07

Praveen Jayachandran, Champaign -- 128.79

Dennis Moll, Bloomington -- 87.14

Barbara Bass, Princeton -- 62.19

**300 to 500**

Daniel Bunde, Urbana -- 176.55

Rich Pestien, Peoria -- 102.04

Margaret Stephens, Champaign -- 85.77

Randall Motchan, Bloomington -- 84.70

Peg Deutsch, Bloomington -- 83.92

**500 to 1000**

Zach Freehill, Bloomington -- 219.82

Patrick Moos, Peoria -- 181.40

Claire Krukenberg, Charleston -- 161.55

William Lindemann, Champaign -- 152.78

Henry Hoffman, Bloomington -- 140.69

**1000 to 2500**

Stephen Hawthorne, Bloomington -- 202.63

Leah Newell, Springfield -- 176.54

Stephen Babin, Normal -- 171.92

John Burdon, Charleston SC, 156.15

Ron Sholes, Springfield -- 143.25

**2500 to 5000**

James Melville, Springfield -- 804.81

Alan Wienman, Morton -- 461.28

John Seng, Champaign -- 344.02

Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap -- 135.45

Michael Halvorsen, Champaign -- 129.23

**5000 to 7500**

Lynne Feldman, Champaign -- 598.55

Lynne Feldman, Champaign -- 20.75

Karen Walker, Champaign -- 5.10

Mark Kessler, Springfield -- 2.93

**Over 7500**

Gary Kessler, Springfield -- 30.22

Chris Benson, Le Roy -- 21.29

Dick Benson, Le Roy -- 18.68

Colby Vernay, Lacon -- 2.63

Karen Walker, Champaign -- 212.75

Mark Kessler, Springfield -- 171.49

Dan Requard, Springfield -- 64.19

**Over 7500**

Chris Benson, Le Roy -- 569.05

Dick Benson, Le Roy -- 337.75

Gary Kessler, Springfield -- 331.27

Colby Vernay, Lacon -- 322.21

Visit the [ACBL Awards](#) page to view lists of the top ten Unit players in each category for 2008 and year-to-date 2009.

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## Make your plans now for the Illini Champaign Regional

We hope to see a great turnout of Unit members at our annual Memorial Day regional, coming up **May 19-25** at the Hilton Garden Inn. We have spacious playing facilities in the remodeled convention center, along with free parking, convenient restaurants and non-stop hospitality. A full schedule of events is [here](#).

**Hilton Garden Inn** reservations: Call 800-548-8690 or 217-352-9970 and ask for bridge rate (\$95 double) or [book online](#) (use group/convention code **BRDG09**). *Please reserve by May 12.*

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### Coming up on the Central Illinois Calendar

**May 2 & 3** -- District 8 Grand National Teams, Eagles Club, Riverton IL

**May 19-25** -- Illini Regional, Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign IL  
[Schedule](#)

**June, July & August** -- North American Pair qualifying games, Local clubs

**June 5 & 6** -- Worldwide Bridge Contest, Local clubs

**July 10-12** -- Twin Cities Sectional, Downs IL



# **Movin' Up:** Congratulations to these Unit members who recently advanced in rank:

## **Junior Masters (5 pts.)**

Mel Bibo, Paris  
Lynn Devore, Normal  
Joy Szmaj, Bloomington

## **Club Masters (20 pts.)**

Peggy Ashline, Springfield  
Charles Langley, Mechanicsburg  
Karen Sapetti, Springfield  
Freida Witters, Paris

## **Sectional Masters (50 pts.)**

Dan Baker, Urbana  
Patricia Carroll, Springfield  
Marlys Clark, Mahomet  
Sarah Bourland, Normal  
Bob Derber, Springfield  
Gary Huffman, Springfield  
Diane Nelson, Dunlap  
Susan Poludniak, Springfield  
Bob Szillagyi, Springfield

## **Regional Masters (100 pts.)**

Mary Alyce Keith, Chatham  
Sherry Wold, Springfield

## **NABC Masters (200 pts.)**

Marcia Bondurant, Champaign

## **Life Masters (300 pts.)**

Bev Upp, Bloomington

## **Bronze Life Masters (500 pts.)**

Marsha Kent, Springfield  
Larry McLaughlin, Decatur  
Peggy McLaughlin, Decatur

## **Silver Life Masters (1000 pts.)**

Bob Steigmann, Urbana

## **Welcome to new members:**

Cornelia Bannister, Springfield  
Richard Jack, Charleston  
Barbara Lary, Springfield  
Sara Rhoads, Seymour  
Ray Stanhope, Champaign



# THE HEART OF CLUBS

News from Northern Indiana — Unit 154

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## 70%+ GAMES

From Northwest Indiana Clubs:

Jim O'Connell, Valparaiso, and Paul Graegin, Dyer — 72.92% on January 9

From the Fort Wayne Clubs:

Don and Rose Ferguson — 72.50% on February 17

Marilyn Weisbach and Jack Spring — 71.74% on February 20

Manny Silverman and Judy Nelsen — 71.06% on February 24

Art and Julie Kupersmith — 73.38% on March 7

John Aumiller and Ken Koorsen — 75.00% on March 28

## Rising in the Rankings

*Junior Master:* Arlyne Filler, Highland; George Laflin, Kokomo; Linda McCarthy, Marion; Debbie McNagny, Fort Wayne

*Club Master:* Judy Grossnickle, Granger; Jim Fitzpatrick, South Bend; Kimberly Grant, Fort Wayne; Kaye Kale, South Bend; Julie Nelson, Granger

*Sectional Master:* Karen Drain, South Bend

*Regional Master:* Karsten Grove, South Bend; Earl Landrum, Marion; Sally Landrum, Marion

*NABC Master:* Barbara Piltch, Osceola

*Life Master:* John Scheibelhut, Notre Dame; David Hoevel, Fort Wayne; Rosemary Shafer, South Bend

*Bronze Life Master:* Rosemary Shafer, South Bend

*Silver Life Master:* Anna Marie Bonahoom, Fort Wayne

Congratulations to those who have advanced in rank!

## South Bend Club News

The club's mixed pairs Valentine's party yielded eight tables. First overall with 69.94% were Elaine and

Tim DeLaney, second with 63.69% were Lena Howard and Dick Hastings, and third with 61.01% were Anita Nunemaker and Jim Feinstein. Everyone enjoyed having a special, normally unscheduled Saturday game. The club is going to offer special games on Saturdays in the future, including Handicap Swiss Team events and Pro-Am Pairs.

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## Top 100 Masterpoint Earners in 2008

1. Howard Piltch, Osceola -- 605
2. Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne -- 558
3. John Aumiller, Fort Wayne -- 370
4. Michael Slaven, Elkhart -- 351
5. James Feinstein, South Bend -- 343
6. Joseph Chin, Highland -- 338
7. John Killeen, Mishawaka -- 278
8. Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka -- 277
9. Cappy Gagnon, Notre Dame -- 271
10. Steven Watson, Munster -- 261
11. Richard Ellis Jr., Kokomo -- 249
12. Dave Bigler, Hobart -- 248
13. Louis Nimnicht, Crown Point -- 241
14. Lena Howard, Elkhart -- 239
15. John Chmielowiec, Michigan City -- 219
16. Carol Mahoney, Kokomo -- 217
17. Irene Singleton, South Bend -- 205
18. Bob Kellstrom, Chesterton -- 198
19. James Pelletier, Fort Wayne -- 179
20. Dean Duncan, Mishawaka -- 175
21. Elaine Delaney, South Bend -- 175
22. Teen Robertson, Mishawaka -- 174
23. Leroy Boser, Elkhart -- 167
24. Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart -- 164
25. Charles Clarke, South Bend -- 160
26. Marian Eggebrecht, South Bend -- 159
27. Frank Yoder III, Goshen -- 157
28. Sara Marcus, Granger -- 148
29. Sara Grande, Mishawaka -- 143
51. Thomas Carpenter, Fort Wayne -- 113
52. Byron Parshall, Mishawaka -- 112
53. Chris Grande, Mishawaka -- 110
54. Suzanne Watson, South Bend -- 110
55. Alfred Prus, Highland -- 101
56. David Hoevel, Fort Wayne -- 101
57. Phillip Stephan, South Bend -- 101
58. Michael Clegg, Fort Wayne -- 99
59. Raj Kohli, Granger -- 92
60. Donald Groch, South Bend -- 92
61. Larry O'Maley, Fort Wayne -- 90
62. Constance Stevens, Highland -- 87
63. Victor Papai, South Bend -- 87
64. Ronald Peterson, Plymouth -- 87
65. Virginia Peterson, Plymouth -- 87
66. Joan Smith, Fort Wayne -- 85
67. Donald Ferguson, Fort Wayne -- 83
68. Sandy Craft, Fort Wayne -- 83
69. Ilse Grove, South Bend -- 83
70. Bud Hinckley, South Bend -- 81
71. Bob Hawley, Peru -- 81
72. Hugh Metzger, South Bend -- 81
73. Phillip Kolski, Elkhart -- 78
74. K. Koorsen, Fort Wayne -- 77
75. Richard Klitzke, South Bend -- 75
76. Carl Minick, Hometown -- 74
77. Rita Duncan, Somerset -- 73
78. Sharon Novotny, Granger -- 73
79. John Scheibelhut, Notre Dame -- 72



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| 30. James Davis, Kokomo -- 142          | 80. Rose Ferguson, Ft Wayne -- 72         |
| 31. Donald Valiska, Highland -- 141     | 81. Faye Anderson, Schererville -- 72     |
| 32. James Angell, Munster -- 140        | 82. Barbara Graegin, Dyer -- 71           |
| 33. Barbara Walczak, Munster -- 140     | 83. Paul Graegin, Dyer -- 71              |
| 34. Virginia Stipp, South Bend -- 139   | 84. Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton -- 71     |
| 35. Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Granger -- 135   | 85. Jack Spring, Fort Wayne -- 70         |
| 36. James O'Connell, Valparaiso -- 134  | 86. Mary Schumm, Munster -- 68            |
| 37. Patricia Valiska, Highland -- 132   | 87. Louise Tickfer, Granger -- 67         |
| 38. J. Cordas, South Bend -- 131        | 88. Grant Van Horne, Auburn -- 67         |
| 39. Paul Scherer, Mishawaka -- 131      | 89. Daniel Spain, Portage -- 66           |
| 40. Howard Schmid, Merrillville -- 130  | 90. Timothy Delaney, South Bend -- 66     |
| 41. Daniel Simon, South Bend -- 129     | 91. Charlotte Davis, Kokomo -- 66         |
| 42. Chuck Briggs, Hobart -- 129         | 92. Martha Hosinski, South Bend -- 65     |
| 43. Donna Simon, South Bend -- 126      | 93. Rosemary Shafer, South Bend -- 63     |
| 44. Norman Szewczyk, Lansing IL -- 124  | 94. Al Fenton, Plymouth -- 62             |
| 45. Ruth Minish, Granger -- 123         | 95. Charles Schultz, La Porte -- 61       |
| 46. Richard Hastings, Bristol -- 121    | 96. Marilyn Weisbach, Fort Wayne -- 60    |
| 47. F. A. Binder Jr., South Bend -- 120 | 97. Mrs. M. C. Knepper, Palmetto FL -- 59 |
| 48. David McNitt, Elkhart -- 116        | 98. Barbara Medlock, Granger -- 59        |
| 49. Mary Lou Clegg, Fort Wayne -- 115   | 99. June Glazer, Elkhart -- 59            |
| 50. Manuel Silverman, Fort Wayne -- 113 | 100. Marilyn Crank, Kokomo -- 58          |

**Mini-McKenney Race:** The top 3 in each category for 2008 are:

- 0 - 5 -- Shirley Koch, Norm Muller, Christopher Clarke
- 5 - 20 -- Karen Drain, E Tim Carl, Carol Kutak
- 20 - 50 -- Karsten Grove, Sally Landrum, Earl Landrum
- 50 - 100 -- Ilse Grove, Sharon Novotny, Edmond Douville
- 100 - 200 -- Phillip Kolski, John Hamilton, Joan Aldrich
- 200 - 300 -- Dave Bigler, John Scheibelhut, Wayne Carpenter
- 300 - 500 -- Donald Valiska, Patricia Valiska, Chuck Briggs
- 500 - 1000 -- Cappy Gagnon, Louis Nimnicht, Frank LaMaster
- 1000 - 2500 -- John Killeen, Patricia Killeen, Steven Watson
- 2500 - 5000 -- James Feinstein, Joseph Chin, Richard Ellis
- 5000 - 7500 -- James Davis, Wesley Adamczyk
- 7500 - 10,000 -- John Aumiller, Michael Slaven, Dean Duncan

Over 10,000 -- Howard Piltch, Bob Carteaux

**Ace of Clubs:** The top 3 in each category for 2008 are:

0 - 5 -- Shirley Koch, Norm Muller, Christopher Clarke

5 - 20 -- Karen Drain, Carol Kutak, Tim Carl

20 - 50 -- Karsten Grove, Edward Trubac, Judy Grambo

50 - 100 -- Ilse Grove, Sharon Novotny, James McChesney

100 - 200 -- Phillip Kolski, Joan Aldrich, John Hamilton

200 - 300 -- Dave Bigler, John Scheibelhut, Christine Barker

300 - 500 -- Richard Hastings, Ruth Minish, Patricia Valiska

500 - 1000 -- Cappy Gagnon, Louis Nimmicht, Barbara Walczak

1000 - 2500 -- John Killeen, Patricia Killeen, Bob Kellstrom

2500 - 5000 -- James Feinstein, Irene Singleton, John Chmielowiec

5000 - 7500 -- James Davis, Wesley Adamczyk

7500 - 10,000 -- John Aumiller, Michael Slaven, Dean Duncan

Over 10,000 -- Howard Piltch, Bob Carteaux

## **District 8 STAC**

The top 15 players from Unit 154 who earned the most masterpoints in the District 8 STaC games in February are:

James Feinstein, South Bend — 25.99

Richard Bredemeyer, Fort Wayne — 16.60

Donald Ferguson, Fort Wayne — 15.90

Sandy Craft, Fort Wayne — 15.47

Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka — 14.77

John Killeen, Mishawaka — 14.77

Howard Schmid, Merrillville — 14.01

Michael Clegg, Fort Wayne — 13.08

Mary Lou Clegg, Fort Wayne — 12.03

Sara Marcus, Granger — 11.51

Joseph McGuan, Munster — 10.61

Thomas Carpenter, Fort Wayne — 9.11

Barbara Walczak, Munster — 8.10

Marilyn Weisbach, Fort Wayne — 7.66

Jack Spring, Fort Wayne — 7.66

**Congratulations** to two of our Unit 154 players whose names appear in the April issue of the *Bridge Bulletin*.

**Dave Bigler** of Hobart placed **5th** in the ACBL Ace of Clubs contest for 2008. He also placed **12th** in the ACBL list of Mini-McKenney winners for 2008. Dave's masterpoints totaled 165 in the Ace of Clubs and 248 in the Mini-McKenney races. Dave's category was 200-300 mp.

**Cappy Gagnon**, of Notre Dame placed **18th** in his 500-1000 mp category in the 2008 Ace of Clubs. His total in that race was 217 masterpoints.

These are amazing accomplishments when you realize that there are 10,633 players in the 200-300 category and 23,458 players in the 500-1000 category! Very impressive!

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## In Memoriam



**Bob Krull** of Hobart was born on May 31, 1919 and passed away on January 27, 2009. He received a Civil Engineering degree from Purdue University, where he was a member of the Purdue Marching Band. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, WWII. Bob was a member of the Hobart Lions Club, Orak Shrine, and the Rusty Pipes (instrumental musical group). He owned and operated Krull & Son, Inc. with his sons and grandson. Krull & Son, Inc. (land surveyors) was founded by his father in 1914.

Bob was loved by all his fellow bridge players. He was easy-going and a friend to all, with never a negative word spoken. His ready smile and easy demeanor spread happiness and kindness wherever he went. He enjoyed the game of bridge and played often at the games in his home/office building. He had about 270 masterpoints. Players enjoyed his concerts in the park.



**Joe McGuan** of Munster died on March 14 at the age of 78. Joe was a graduate of Northwestern University and served as president of Albert Ramond & Associates in Chicago. Joe was an excellent water skier. He would wear a dress suit and could stay high enough above the water so that his suit was completely dry when he got off the skis. The last time he skied was at the age of 70.

Joe was an extremely good uncle and great-uncle to his nieces and nephews and was very generous. He would take his nieces and nephews to a lake at his grandparents' cottage where they would hunt quail. Joe was a Silver Life Master with about 1360 masterpoints. He loved the game and was helpful to beginners at the bridge table.



## **90th Birthday Celebrant**

Cathy Mason (left) of Portage -- our oldest club player -- became a nonagenarian on March 24. This momentous occasion was celebrated at a Calumet Township game.



# Greater St. Louis Bridge News

## News from Greater St. Louis Unit 143

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### *Overheard at the table:*

“Free Bid — all of them, once you pay your entry fee.”

“If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked and drycleaners depressed?”

“I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was going to blame you.”

*APRIL FOOL! [grin]*

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**Suzi Shymanski-Moore again President.** Soon after her resignation, Suzi said that she wished to rescind her resignation from the Board of Directors. At the February 11 Board meeting, a majority of the Board of Directors accepted her rescission. Many thanks to **Donna Pedrotti** for her work during the month she was Acting President.

**Mixed Pairs champs – again!** **Tom Kniest** and **Karen Walker** won the Rockwell Mixed Pairs three years ago at the Dallas Spring Nationals. After the first two qualifying sessions at the 2009 Spring Nationals in Houston, the pair was happy to qualify – but they were 88<sup>th</sup> in a field of 130. That was a lot of distance to make up -- but our conquering duo met the challenge. A 57% game in the afternoon session brought them to 29<sup>th</sup>. A spectacular 66.5% game in the evening earned them first place, about a third of a board above their nearest contender. Kudos to Tom and Karen!

**Board Renames Player of the Year Award.** At the March meeting of the Board of Directors, the Unit's most prestigious award was renamed in honor of the late **Ed Schultz**. It will now be known as the “Ed Schultz Unit Champion Award.” Along with the name change, the Unit will add a traveling trophy, funded by an anonymous donor.

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## TOURNAMENT WINNERS

**Winter District 8 StaC week.** Unit 143 had five players on the District 8 list of top ten point winners: **Tom Oppenheimer** (3<sup>rd</sup>), **Jack Bryant** (4<sup>th</sup>), **En Xie** (5<sup>th</sup>), **Denny O'Connor** (6<sup>th</sup>) and **Linda Lubeck** (8<sup>th</sup>).

**Saluki Swiss** was kind to these Unit 143 players who finished first in their flights:

Saturday, February 7:

Flt A: Jacqueline Sincoff and Sheldon Margulis, playing with Leonard Gross and Hugh Williams (Carbondale IL)

Flt B: James Nunn, Carol Hamilton, Jerome Shen & John Antognoli, who were also 2<sup>nd</sup> in A.

Flt. C: Harvey Laux, playing with Raymond Ford & Beverly Butler (Highland IL) and Bob Biarkis (Glen Carbon IL). They were also 2<sup>nd</sup> in B.

Sunday Feb 8: Nancy Popkin, Milton Zlatic, Alan Popkin & Tom Oppenheimer.

**Senior Pairs Game** -- Feb 23, held at Bridgehaven. Directed by Jim Hammond, twelve pairs competed in this ACBL-wide event. The winners were **Brad Stevens & Rod Van Wyk** (Flt A) and Harvey Laux & Bobby Riggs (Flt B & C).

**199er Championship** -- March 7, 2009. A total of 50 tables entered this sectionally-rated (silver MPs) event. The next 199er championship will be held on September 26, 2009. /Winners were:



Morning Flt A & B (34 tables):  
**Sandra & Marvin Meinz**



Morning Flt C: **Robert & Marlo Niehaus**



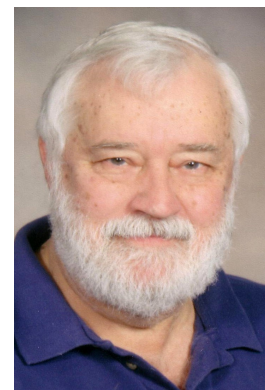
Afternoon Flt ABC: **Mark Ziegelman - Karen Pahuski**

## Club Corner



**“Necessity is the father of invention.”** After playing in his first national tournament in March 2007 in St. Louis, **Luke Lucas** (left) was inspired to become more involved with bridge. With a serious lack of opportunities to learn and play in his local area of Festus MO, Luke decided to offer bridge instruction in Jefferson County, which has led to the creation of two new bridge clubs.

*The saga:*



Luke passed the ACBL Directors' Exam on his first try in July 2007.

In August he obtained his teaching certificate for Easy Bridge. With workbooks supplied by Unit 143, all instruction has been free with the express goal of bringing Duplicate Bridge to the Jefferson County area, and to promote growth of Unit 143 and participation in ACBL-sanctioned events in the St. Louis metro area and beyond.

**Carl Clyne** (right) joined Luke in September 2007 to assist with the Easy Bridge instruction. The first classes were held in Festus in the fall of 2007.

The Twin City Bridge Club (TCBC) began 2/15/2008 at the libraries in Crystal City and Barnhart MO. The two groups were combined into one and currently meet on Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Jefferson County Library's Windsor Branch in Barnhart MO.

Two levels of bridge instruction are now offered: novice and intermediate. The novice level is being conducted at the Festus YMCA and runs on eight-week cycles. The first class there, three tables, was just graduated, and the next class will begin soon. The intermediate level is held at the Windsor Library prior to the regular club game. All instruction continues to be free.



Credit and thanks are due to the Jefferson County Library and Festus YMCA for providing the playing facilities without charge as a community service. Hospitality is the finest and is provided for by the free will support of the student and club membership.

With the first graduated class at the Festus YMCA, there now are *two* newcomer games per week – the one on Friday and also one on Monday. The current sanction is Newcomer 0-20 masterpoints. Luke Lucas is the club owner/manager/director and Carl Clyne is the assistant manager/co-director. The masterpoint level at the club is increasing weekly and they will soon have to apply for a higher-level sanction.

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## Unit Membership grows

Total members =1,074

- 215 Rookie
- 115 Junior Master
- 126 Club master
- 108 Sectional master
- 114 Regional master
- 60 NABC Master
- 65 LM
- 118 Bronze LM
- 105 Silver LM
- 30 Gold LM
- 11 Diamond LM

- 5 Emerald LM
- 2 Platinum LM
- 0 Grand LM

## Advances in Rank (as of March 3, 2009)

### NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Barbara Cook  
Mary Lois Gavin  
Karen Kaul  
Ken Schlueter  
Regina Schlueter  
Judith Weidinger  
Stanley Zerman

### NEW CLUB MASTER

David Bishop  
Carolyn Bower  
Betty Grogan  
Louise Koenigsfeld  
Arthur Loomstein  
Lauren Rice  
Ruth S. Sobel  
Joan T. Tobin

### NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Harriet Edwards  
Becky Hubert  
Susan Kilo  
Jan Mackey  
Lois Marshall  
Carlyn Myers

### NEW REGIONAL MASTER

Susanne Broddon  
Carol Layton  
Martha Rowe  
Cheryl Ward

### NEW NABC MASTERS

Beverly R. Dixson  
Jan Pass

### NEW LIFE MASTERS

Ted Baldwin  
Don McLean  
Clark Pollard  
Maureen Swihart  
Janet Woodley

### NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Sandy Bigg  
Jonathan Goldberg  
Naomi Orsay  
Arnie Schrier  
Jay Shah  
Melba Sorth  
Shirley Winkelhoch

### NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER

Norman Athy

## Upcoming Tournaments

May 15-17, 2009 -- Sectional in St. Charles

May 19-25 -- Illini Regional in Champaign IL

August 17-23, 2009 -- St. Louis Regional

September 26, 2009 -- [199er Championship](#) (sectional-rated)

October 16-18, 2009 -- Sectional in St. Charles





# Unit 223 Reporter

## News from Southern Illinois-Paducah Unit 223

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## 2008 Masterpoint Race Results

Results of the 2008 Masterpoint Races are now final. Awards were presented to the winners who were in attendance at the recent Sectional Tournament at Kentucky Dam Village . Awards for players not in attendance were being hand-delivered. Listed below are the top 3 places in Unit 223 in each category; also included is how our winners placed in the top 25 in each Category in District 8.

**Ace of Clubs Awards** are presented to players who have accrued the most points at club level play:

**Unit Rank: Player: Points:**  
**District 8 Rank:**

0 – 5 Masterpoint Division:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carol Cookson, Belleville IL	23.30
8 <sup>th</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Mindrup, Glen Carbon	18.14
13 <sup>th</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lynn James, Centrailia IL	14.36
21 <sup>st</sup>		

5 – 20 Masterpoint Division:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Margie Evans, Fulton KY	19.30
11 <sup>th</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dianna Nerrern, Hickman KY	19.29
12 <sup>th</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steven Wheeler, Highland IL	16.49
15 <sup>th</sup>		

20 – 50 Masterpoint Division:

1 <sup>st</sup>	D. Klingsick, Edwardsville IL	62.42
2 <sup>nd</sup>		

**Mini-McKenney Awards** are presented for the most points accumulated in all venues; i.e. total masterpoints for the year.

**Unit Rank: Player:**  
**Points: District 8 Rank:**

0 – 5 Masterpoint Division:

1 <sup>st</sup>	David Mindrup, Glen Carbon IL	32.90	6 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carol Cookson, Belleville IL	24.89	10 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lynn James, Centrailia IL	17.42	21 <sup>st</sup>

5 – 20 Masterpoint Division:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Margie Evans, Fulton KY	22.84	15 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steven Wheeler, Highland IL	22.53	17 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dianna Nerren, Hickman KY	19.29	20 <sup>th</sup>

20 – 50 Masterpoint Division:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Donald Klingsick, Edwardsville		
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2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Pensoneau, Edwardsville 54.35  
5<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Phillip Fultz, Benton KY 32.58  
15<sup>th</sup>

50 – 100 Masterpoint Division:  
1<sup>st</sup> Kay Jenkins, Mt Vernon IL 30.92  
10<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Robt. Holdeman, Pochahontas IL  
29.33 14<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Jill Woolf, Carbondale IL 24.60  
23<sup>rd</sup>

100 – 200 Masterpoint Division:  
1<sup>st</sup> Bob Biarkis, Glen Carbon IL 47.65  
13<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Parker, Eddyville KY 37.71  
3<sup>rd</sup> Harold Simon 22.13

200 – 300 Masterpoint Division:  
1<sup>st</sup> Terry Francis, Glen Carbon IL 63.34  
4<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Ms Petie Hunter, Edwardsville 36.90  
18<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Smith, Marion IL  
35.87 19<sup>th</sup>

300 – 500 Masterpoint Division:  
1<sup>st</sup> Carol Warner, Fairview Hgts IL 69.33  
8<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Petrie, Mayfield KY 54.42  
17<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Darota Jarosz, Edwardsville IL 50.95  
23<sup>rd</sup>

500 – 1000 Masterpoint Division:  
1<sup>st</sup> Jane Baker, Paducah KY 113.26  
4<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Krszystof Jarosz, Edwardsville  
101.80 7<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Villa Aschenbrenner, Ledbetter 58.26

108.04 2<sup>nd</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Pensoneau, Collinsville IL  
96.37 4<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Phillip Fultz, Benton KY  
68.72 8<sup>th</sup>

50 – 100 Masterpoint Division:  
1<sup>st</sup> Kay Jenkins, Mt Vernon IL  
79.09 5<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Holdeman, Pochahontas IL  
45.00 17<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Carol Windland, Glen Carbon IL  
44.52 20<sup>th</sup>

100 – 200 Masterpoint Division:  
1<sup>st</sup> Bob Biarkis, Glen Carbon IL  
69.86 20<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Parker, Eddyville KY  
53.61

3<sup>rd</sup> Eric Bizzell, Beecher City IL  
53.59

200 – 300 Masterpoint Division:  
1<sup>st</sup> Terry Francis, Glen Carbon IL  
150.70 2<sup>nd</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Al Grant, Murray KY  
109.11 9<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Ms Petie Hunter, Edwardsville  
90.47 11<sup>th</sup>

300 – 500 Masterpoint Division:  
1<sup>st</sup> Carol Warner, Fairview Hgts IL  
140.82 6<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Florence Dick, Murray KY  
103.87 17<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Raymond Ford, Highland IL  
97.21 23<sup>rd</sup>

500 – 1000 Masterpoint Division:  
1<sup>st</sup> Paul Quayle, Gilbertsville KY  
173.47 10<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Ray Lytle, Paducah KY

1000 – 2500 Masterpoint Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Ralph Rotter, Granite City

IL 102.07 20<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Ruby Nelson, Edwardsville

99.26 22<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Fran Russell, Paducah KY 88.16

2500 – 5000 Masterpoint Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Julia Rambo, Mayfield KY

86.85 18<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Dalton Darnell, Murray KY

77.19 19<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Doug Edwards, Almo KY

68.91 24<sup>th</sup>

160.94 13<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Krzysztof Jarosz, Edwardsville IL

140.03 20<sup>th</sup>

1000 – 2500 Masterpoint Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Richard Brummer, Effingham IL

262.78 4<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Fran Russell, Paducah KY

236.68 8<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Glafkos Galanos, Carbondale IL

187.15 15<sup>th</sup>

2500 – 5000 Masterpoint Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Dalton Darnell, Murray KY

261.83 12<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> John Burgener, St Louis MO

218.94 15<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Doug Edwards, Almo KY

199.42 18<sup>th</sup>

**Special congratulations** to **Margie Evans, Donald Klingsick, Kay Jenkins, Bob Biarkis, Terryl Francis** and **Carol Warner** who were double winners, taking home first place in both the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Races for 2008. Quite an accomplishment!

The Unit 223 player winning the most points in 2008 was Richard Brummer, Effingham IL with a grand total of 262.78 for the year. To see complete and final lists in the Unit and the District, go to [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) and click on "Masterpoint Races" in the lower part of the screen.

## The McCord Trophy

Also presented at Kentucky Dam Village Sectional was the McCord Trophy, a handsome, engraved traveling trophy which is presented annually to the Unit 223 player who has won the most points at Unit 223 Sectionals. Judy Eaton of Carbondale IL earned 79.02 points during 2008 and won the difficult and prestigious McCord Race, repeating her victory for 2007. A complete list of McCord standings will be published in the next Advocate.

## Upcoming Tournaments

The next Unit 223 Sectional will be the **Pioneer Sectional Tournament**, to be held at Hendelmeyer Park Recreation Center in Effingham IL on April 24-26. The tournament has a new and exciting expanded schedule this year. For the first time, a three-day schedule is being offered. On Friday

evening, a new Open Pairs event will be offered at 7 P.M. Saturday, KO Teams (new event!) will be offered, starting at 9 A.M. And on Sunday, if enough novice players will attend, a 99er Swiss Team will be offered. Mark this tournament on your calendar now and plan to attend -- especially all you 99er players! Chairperson for this tournament is Kate Dickens (217-868-5462).

The **Paducah Champagne Regional** will be held at Harrah's Casino in Metropolis IL from Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Plan on attending as many events this year as you possibly can. Don't forget this tournament is renowned for its fine hospitality! Maxine Wynn (270-554-5719) is handling partnerships.



# Illini Regional Bridge Tournament

**Memorial Day weekend:**

**May 19-25, 2009**

**Hilton Garden Inn & Convention Center,  
1501 S. Neil (Rt. 45), Champaign, Illinois [Map](#)**

**Please join us for seven days of bridge and our special Illini  
hospitality:**

- **Wednesday: Seniors Day** -- \$2 off each session in the Blue Series Pairs or Compact KO for ages 65+.
- **Friday: Juniors Day** -- Full-time students age 25 and under play **FREE** in the Swiss Teams or Series Open Pairs. \$4 per-session student discount for all other events all week.
- **Saturday: Two-session Stratified Non-LM Pairs** -- winners receive a free entry in the Monday Swiss Teams.
- **Sunday: Barometer final** in the Flight A Strataflighted Pairs (1:30 & 7:30).
- **Sunday: Fighting Illini Fans Day** -- \$2 off your afternoon entry if you wear Illini orange and blue!
- **Monday: FAST Swiss Teams** -- playthrough with free continental breakfast & cash snack bar.
- **Novice/Intermediate Program:** 0-300 events Wednesday through Sunday. Expert speakers at 1:00 & 7:00, Wed. evening through Sun. afternoon.
- **Non-stop hospitality** -- Evening buffets, hotel hospitality suite, registration gifts,

## **Tuesday, May 19**

7:30 -- **Big Ten KO Teams** (continues Wednesday AM, Aft & Eve)

7:30 -- Play for the Pets Charity Pairs

## **Wednesday, May 20 -- Seniors Day**

♣ **\$2 off per session in the Blue Series Pairs or Compact KO entry for ages 65+.**

9:30, 1:30 & 7:30 -- Big Ten KO (2nd, 3rd & 4th sessions)

9:30 -- Charity Series AM Pairs (continues at 9:30 Thu-Sun)

1:30 & 7:30 -- Blue Series Open Pair (Wed-Thu)

1:30 & 7:30 -- **Rose Bowl Compact KO Teams**

7:30 -- One-session Swiss Team

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

## **Thursday, May 21**

9:30 -- **Orange & Blue AM KO Teams** (continues at 9:30 Fri/Sat/Sun)

9:30 -- Charity Series AM Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- **Chief Illiniwek KO Teams** (continues Fri Aft/Eve)

1:30 & 7:30 -- Blue Series Open Pair (Wed-Thu)

7:30 -- One-session Swiss Team

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

door prizes, champagne splits & glasses to section winners, *Daily Bulletin*, bridge bookstore, *more!*

- **Discounts** for full-time students age 25 and under.

## Four Bracketed Knockout Teams

(four sessions):

**Big Ten KO** -- 7:30 Tuesday & 9:30, 1:30, 7:30 Wednesday

**Orange & Blue KO** -- *Mornings*: 9:30 Thursday through Sunday

**Chief Illiniwek KO** -- *Primetime*: 1:30 & 7:30 Thursday & Friday

**OskeeWowWow KO** -- *Primetime*: 1:30 & 7:30 Saturday & Sunday

**Two Compact KO Teams** (two sessions, four-person teams, four 12-board matches):

**Rose Bowl Compact KO** -- 1:30 & 7:30 Wednesday

**Orange Krush Compact KO** -- 9:30 Saturday & Sunday

**Three Open Pair Series:** Enter any or all of the four sessions offered in each series. Play two or more sessions in any series to qualify for gold-point and overall awards (stratified).

**Charity Series AM Pairs** -- 9:30 am, Wednesday through Sunday (to benefit Champaign Co. Humane Society).

**Blue Series Pairs**---- 1:30 & 7:30, Wednesday & Thursday

**Orange Series Pairs** ---- 1:30 & 7:30, Friday & Saturday and 7:30 Sunday

## Three One-Session Swiss Teams:

7:30 Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday

## Novice/Intermediate Events:

## Friday, May 22 -- Juniors Day

♣ *Students age 25 & under play FREE in the Swiss Teams*

9:30 -- Orange & Blue AM KO (2nd session)

9:30 -- Charity Series AM Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Chief Illiniwek KO (3rd & 4th sessions)

1:30 & 7:30 -- **Strataflighted Swiss Teams** (Flt. A separate)

1:30 & 7:30 -- Orange Series Open Pair (Fri-Sat-Sun)

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

## Saturday, May 23

9:30 -- Orange & Blue AM KO (3rd session)

9:30 -- **Orange Krush Compact KO** (continues at 9:30 am Sunday)

9:30 -- Charity Series AM Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- **OskeeWowWow KO Teams** (continues Sun Aft/Eve)

1:30 & 7:30 -- **Two-Session Stratified Non-LM Pairs** (0-500 non-LM)

1:30 & 7:30 -- Orange Series Open Pair (Fri-Sat-Sun)

7:30 -- One-session Swiss Team

## Sunday, May 24 -- Fighting Illini Fans Day

♣ *\$2 off your afternoon entry if you wear Illini orange & blue!*

9:30 -- Orange & Blue AM KO (4th sess.)

9:30 -- Orange Krush Compact KO (3rd & 4th sessions)

9:30 -- Charity Series AM Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- **Flight A Strataflighted Pairs** (qualifying with barometer final)

1:30 & 7:30 -- **Stratified BCD Pairs**

1:30 & 7:30 -- OskeeWowWow KO (3rd & 4th sessions)

7:30 -- Barometer Final (2nd session of Flt. A Pairs)

7:30 -- Orange Series Open Pair (Fri-Sat-Sun)

## Monday, May 25 (*Memorial Day*)

**One-session 299er Pairs** (0-300 mps) --  
7:30 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

**Two-session Non-LM Pairs** (0-500, non-  
LM) -- 1:30 & 7:30 Saturday (winners earn  
a free entry in the Monday Swiss Teams)

**Two-session Stratified BCD Pairs**  
(separate point awards for 0-200 pairs) --  
1:30 & 7:30 Sunday

**Strata for all events:** A=Open A/X=3500  
B=2000 C=500 D=200

## Host hotel:

**Bridge rate** (\$95 dbl) and **free parking** at  
the Hilton Garden Inn, 1501 South Neil  
(corner of Neil & Kirby). Opened in fall  
2006, the hotel offers sleep-number beds,  
free wireless Internet, a heated indoor pool  
and fitness center. A wide variety of  
restaurants are within walking distance.

[Map with link for driving directions](#)

**Hilton Garden Inn reservations:** Call 217-  
352-9970 and ask for bridge rate (\$95  
double) or [book online](#) (use group code  
**BRDG09**).

**Homewood Suites reservations:** Bridge rate  
is \$109.95, which includes daily hot  
breakfasts and weekday dinners. Call 217-  
352-9960 and ask for bridge rate.

9:45 a.m. --- **Free continental breakfast.**

10:30 a.m. -- **FAST** Swiss Teams (stratified by  
team's average MP holding).

**On the road before 6:00 pm.**

**Chairman:** Karen Walker (217-359-0042)  
[kwbridge@comcast.net](mailto:kwbridge@comcast.net)

**Partners:** Hugh Williams (618-203-  
9566) [hrw1997@gmail.com](mailto:hrw1997@gmail.com)

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# ROCK IN ROCKFORD, IL REGIONAL

SPLIT WITH PADUCAH, KY

## June 22 – 28, 2009

### CLOCK TOWER RESORT

7801 East State Street – Rockford, IL 61108--815-398-6000  
 Reservation information on reverse side

#### ALL "PAIRS" EVENTS ----- MONDAY THRU SATURDAY JUNE 22 THRU 28

<u>Name of Events</u>	<u>When Events Are Played</u>						<u>Time Events Are Played</u>		
	JUNE						9:30 am	2 pm	7:30 pm
	22 MON	23 TUE	24 WED	25 THR	26 FRI	27 SAT			
<u>Stratified</u>									
Charity Pairs Game	X								X
Open "Choice" Pairs *		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Side Game No. 1 **		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Side Game No. 2 **		X	X	X	X	X		X	
Side Game No. 3 **		X	X	X	X	X			X
299er Pairs (single sessions)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

\* For overall Gold Point awards in "Choice Pairs" the same pair must play 2 sessions out of 3 sessions in one day.

\*\* In the Stratified Side Games (1,2 and 3) a player MUST play at least 2 sessions in the same event, to place overall or win Gold Points

#### BRACKETED KNOCKOUTS, COMPACTS AND SWISS EVENTS

	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THUR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>SUN</u>
9:30 AM		C*	C*				S
		A2	D*	D*			E
				E*	E*		E
					F*	F*	BELOW
2:00 PM		A3	H1	H3	N1	N3	
		B1*		L1*		S1*	
7:30 PM	A1 <u>7 pm</u>	A4	H2	H4	N2	N4	
		B2*		L2*		S2*	
		G**	J**	M**	R**	T**	

SUNDAY SWISS - 10 AM PLAY THRU SESSION - (Do Not Bring Food – FREE LUNCH PROVIDED)

\*2 Session Compact Knockout

\*\*1 Session Swiss

#### SUNDAY – JUNE 28

Stratified "Swiss Team" (play through) ---- 10 a.m.  
 (Do Not Bring Lunch – FREE SANDWICH LUNCH PROVIDED!!)

PAIR AND SWISS STRATIFICATIONS ON REVERSE SIDE



## PAIR AND SWISS STRATIFICATIONS

### STRATIFICATIONS

#### All Open Choice, Side Charity & Swiss Games

A = 2000 + points  
B = 500 to 2000 points  
C = 0 to 500 points

#### 299'er Pairs

A = 200 to 300 points  
B = 100 to 200 points  
C = 0 to 100 points  
Or as determined by Director in Charge

#### Bracketed Knockouts

Random draw within the bracket.  
Bracketed by team average & size  
of bracket to be determined by staff  
and subject to being handicapped.

#### Masterpoint Averaging

For all Swiss Team events.  
Example: Player #1 - 760 points  
Player #2 - 2,100 points  
Player #3 - 2,760 points  
Player #4 - 1,400 points  
TOTAL: 7,020 points

Divided by 4 is 1,755 points = B

### *All Family Friendly Tournament*

### HOST HOTEL

**Clock Tower Resort**  
7801 E State St  
Rockford, IL 61108

Standard 2 double beds \$65.  
Standard King/Queen \$65.  
1-815-398-6000

This resort offers an indoor & outdoor pool, tennis courts, workout room and 2 good restaurants. When making your reservation, ask them to mail you one of their brochures. Remember you can visit the new dinosaur "Jane" and play in the great Rockford Water Park. Plenty of activity for your non-playing spouse and children!!

Make reservations ***BEFORE May 22nd*** for guaranteed \$65 room rate.

When making reservation refer to: ACBL Unit 239 Bridge

Emergency Tournament Phone – 1-815-398-6000 – ask for Bridge Tournament desk

## HOSPITALITY EVERY DAY – EVERY NIGHT

### Continental Breakfast Tuesday thru Sunday

(8:30 to 9:15 am in the hospitality suite – #1702)

Hospitality Suite (#1702) open every day with a variety of food and drink!

### TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

General Chairperson – Karl Dencker – 847-458-8089 – [kdencker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kdencker@sbcglobal.net)  
Co-Chair - Douglas Gugger – 815-235-7566 – [d.a.gug@insightbb.com](mailto:d.a.gug@insightbb.com)  
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299'er Chairperson – Mary Jo Sergent – 815-874-4157 – [mjosarge@aol.com](mailto:mjosarge@aol.com)  
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Caddiemaster – Carolin Bohlin  
Dolores Witte – Volunteer Chairperson – 815-623-6167 – [spincasting\\_usa@charter.net](mailto:spincasting_usa@charter.net)

### Unit 239 Board of Directors

*Karl D. Dencker – President      Susan MacKinney, Treasurer      Doug Gugger – Vice President*  
*Mary Jo Sergent – Gene Condon – Ron Hopman – Jan Condon – John Pree*  
*Dolores Witte – Secretary*

### Coming Events ----- for email information – [bridgetourny@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgetourny@yahoo.com)

September 11 - 13, 2009 – Rockford, IL Classic Sectional – Clock Tower Resort  
November 27 -29, 2009 – Turkey Bowl Sectional – Aurora, IL – Prisco Community Center  
March 6 - 8, 2010 – Early Spring Sectional – Elgin – Elgin Community College  
June 21 – 27, 2010 – Rockin' Rockford, IL Regional – Clock Tower Resort

Read District 8 news in the ADVOCATE – <http://advocate.home.insightbb.com>

# Paducah Champagne Regional • June 22–28, 2009



Harrah's Riverfront Event Center  
Metropolis, IL • I-24 Exit 37 across from Paducah, KY

☆ 16 Regional Championships—9 KO—2 Swiss—5 Choice Pairs

☆ Side Game Series #1: Tue. & Wed. 9:30, 2 & 7 pm

☆ Side Game Series #2: Thur., Fri. & Sat. 9:30, 2 & 7 pm

- \*note:**
- a player must play in at least 2 sessions of the same side series to win gold points
  - both Swiss #1 and #2 will be stratified by team's average masterpoint holding
  - in stratified choice pairs, a pair must play in 2 and **only** 2 of the 3 sessions, must buy the entry for both sessions before the start of the first session to be played in, and must inform directors which 2 sessions they intend to play

**STRATA: C: 0-500 B: 500-2000 A: 2000+**

**Events other than side games—Regional Championships in blue type**

## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Harrah's** 800-427-7247, Mon. – Thurs. \$69 + tax, Fri. & Sat. \$179 + tax  
\$10 per each additional Person, Group Code: SO6ACB2

**Baymont Inn adjacent to Harrah's** 618-524-5678

Sun. – Thurs. \$45 + tax, Fri. & Sat. \$65 + tax, Group Code: ACBL

**Holiday Inn Express** at exit 37 off I-24, 618-524-8899

Mon. – Thurs. \$68 + tax, Fri. & Sat. \$79 + tax, Group Code: ACBL

Reservation Cut Off Date: May 25, 2008

Group Code used for discount at hotels

**Hosted by Unit 223**

**Entries:** \$12, \$2 Additional for non & unpaid ACBL members

### Tournament Chairs

Doug Edwards  
Tom Wynn

### Tournament Contact

Dalton Darnell  
270-753-5992  
marcia\_darnell@hotmail.com

### Partnerships Chair

Maxine Wynn  
270-554-5719  
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## MONDAY—JUNE 22

Charity Pairs (1 Session) 7 pm  
Bracketed KO #1 7 pm  
(cont. Tue. 9:30 am, 2 & 7 pm)

## TUESDAY—JUNE 23

Stratified Choice Pairs #1 9:30 am, 2 & 7 pm  
Bracketed KO #2 2 & 7 pm  
(cont. Wed. 9:30 am & 2 pm)  
B-A-M Teams (1 Session) 7 pm

## WEDNESDAY—JUNE 24

Stratified Choice Pairs #2 9:30 am, 2 & 7 pm  
Stratified Swiss Teams #1 9:30 am & 2 pm  
Bracketed KO #3 7 pm  
(cont. Thurs. 9:30 am, 2 & 7 pm)

## THURSDAY—JUNE 25

Stratified Choice Pairs #3 9:30 am, 2 & 7 pm  
Compact KO #1 9:30 am & 2 pm  
Bracketed KO #4 7 pm  
(cont. Fri. 9:30 am, 2 & 7 pm)

## FRIDAY—JUNE 26

Stratified Choice Pairs #4 9:30 am, 2 & 7 pm  
Compact KO #2 9:30 am & 2 pm  
Bracketed KO #5 7 pm  
(cont. Sat. 9:30 am, 2 & 7 pm)

## SATURDAY—JUNE 27

Stratified Choice Pairs #5 9:30 am, 2 & 7 pm  
Compact KO #3 9:30 am & 2 pm  
Bracketed KO #6 2 & 7 pm  
(cont. Sun. 10:00 & TBA)

## SUNDAY—JUNE 28

Stratified Swiss Teams #2 10 am & TBA



# Pioneer Sectional

April 24-26, 2009

Hendelmeyer Park

1906 S. 4th Street, Effingham IL

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## Friday, April 24

7:00 -- Stratified Open Pairs

## Saturday, April 25

9:00, 1:00 & 7:00 -- Knockout Teams

1:00 & 7:00 -- Two-session Stratified Open Pairs

1:00 & 7:00 -- Single-session 99er Pairs (if attendance warrants)

## Sunday, April 26

10:30 & TBA -- Stratified Swiss Teams

*Super dinner served between sessions.*

**Strata:** 0-500 / 500-1500 / 1500+

**Lodging:** Major chain motels located at interstate exits 159 & 160.

**Directions:** Take exit 159 from I-70/I-57. Go east on Fayette and turn south on 4th Street.

**Info:** Kate Dickens (217) 868-5462 Email: [cowper4@yahoo.com](mailto:cowper4@yahoo.com)

**Park District phone:** (217) 342-4415



# St. Louis Spring Sectional



**Blanchette Park Memorial Hall  
1900 W. Randolph  
St. Charles, Missouri 63301**

[www.unit143.org](http://www.unit143.org)

## Friday May 15, 2009

- |         |  |   |
|---------|--|---|
| 1:30 pm | Stratified Open Pairs<br>Stratified Intermediate/Novice Pairs**            | 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+<br>0-200 ( <u>Play vs. ONLY other 0-200 players</u> )                                  |
| 7:00 pm | One-Session Open Swiss Teams<br><br>Stratified Intermediate/Novice Pairs** | <b>NEW EVENT</b><br>Stratified (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)<br>0-200 ( <u>Play vs. ONLY other 0-200 players</u> ) |

## Saturday May 16, 2009

- |         |  |  |
|---------|--|--|
| 9:00 am | Bracketed Knockout Teams Round 1   |  |
| 1:30 pm | Stratified Open Pairs Session <u>1 of 2</u><br>Stratified Intermediate/Novice Pairs**<br>Bracketed Knockout Teams Round 2<br>Side Game | 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+<br>0-200 ( <u>Play vs. ONLY other 0-200 players</u> ) |
| 7:00 pm | Stratified Open Pairs Session <u>2 of 2</u><br>Stratified Intermediate/Novice Pairs**<br>Bracketed Knockout Teams Round 3<br>Side Game | 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+<br>0-200 ( <u>Play vs. ONLY other 0-200 players</u> ) |

## Sunday May 17, 2009: Swiss Team Events

- |           |   |  |
|-----------|---|--|
| 10:00 am  | Two-Session Open Swiss Teams  | Stratified (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)              |
| & 2:30 pm | Intermediate/Novice 299er Swiss Teams<br>(2 Single Sessions of 299er Swiss) | 0-300 ( <u>Play vs. ONLY other 0-300 Teams</u> ) |

**\*\*Intermediate/Novice Pairs games on Fri. and Sat. – afternoon and evening\*\***

**Terrific Hospitality after All Evening Sessions  
Beverages, Popcorn and Cookies at All Sessions  
Continental Breakfast & Hot Buffet Dinner on Sunday**

**Guest Speakers Friday at 12:45 pm & 6:15 pm and Saturday at 12:45 pm**

Directions – From I-70 take 5<sup>th</sup> St North 1.8 miles to Randolph, turn left, then 0.5 miles to Park

### Tournament Chairman

Mike Carmen 314-872-8439

### Partnerships

Mary Hruby 314-739-1574  
[mlhruby@aol.com](mailto:mlhruby@aol.com)

### Emergency Contact

Suzi Shymanski-Moore  
314-276-3517



# EDWARDSVILLE SECTIONAL

MAY 29 - 31, 2009

Knights of Columbus Hall-7132 Marine Rd(Hwy 143), Edwardsville, IL

## FRIDAY, May 29

1:30 pm Stratified Pairs (one session)  
{0-500, 500-1500, 1500+}  
7:30 pm Stratified Pairs (one session)  
{0-500, 500-1500, 1500+}

## TOURNAMENT MANAGER:

Ruby Nelson  
Phone: (618)659-9716  
Cell: (618)514-2293

## PARTNERSHIP:

Glenda Piek (618)656-3856

## SATURDAY, May 30

9:00 am, 1:30 pm, 7:30 pm  
Bracketed Knockout Teams  
1:30 pm Stratified Pairs (one session)  
{0-500, 500-1500, 1500+}  
7:30 pm Stratified Pairs (one session)  
{0-500, 500-1500, 1500+}

## DIRECTIONS:

Travel west on Hwy 143 (approx.  
2 miles off I-55.) Hwy 143 exit  
is 3 miles north of the I-55 &  
I-270 interchange.

## SUNDAY, May 31

10:00 am Stratified Swiss Teams  
{0-500, 500-1500, 1500+}  
(Dinner included between sessions)

## MOTELS: \*\*Bridge Rates\*\*

Comfort Inn  
Edwardsville, IL (618)656-4900  
Country Hearth Inn & Suites  
Edwardsville, IL (618)656-7829  
Maryville Econo Lodge  
Maryville, IL (618) 345-5720



# Ft. Wayne Sectional

## May 29, 30 & 31 2009

**Ft. Wayne Bridge Center**

**1930 Bluffton Rd.**

(260) 747-2647

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY May 29

Stratified Open Pairs

Single Sessions

1:00 PM    7:30 PM

\*Limited (200/100/50/ 0-20 & 0-5 MP's) Pairs

Single Sessions

1:00 PM    7:30 PM

#### SATURDAY May 30

**FREE - Continental Breakfast at 8:45 AM!**

Bracketed Knockout Teams (Random Draw)

9:00 AM    1:00 PM    7:30 PM

Stratified Open Pairs

Single Sessions

1:00 PM    7:30 PM

\*Limited (200/100/50/ 0-20 & 0-5 MP's) Pairs

Single Sessions

1:00 PM    7:30 PM

#### SUNDAY May 31

Open Stratified Swiss Teams (Play-thru)

10:00 AM

Stratified Open Pairs: A = 1500 +, B = 500-1500,  
C=0-500 Swiss Team based on Team average MP

\* Stratification possible

#### Intermediate/Novices

**Partners Guaranteed** for all 0-200 MP and under events if requested at least 1 hour before game time

#### Tournament Chairman

Bob Carteaux (260) 436-6510

#### Partnerships

Bob Carteaux (260) 436-6510

The ACBL *Zero Tolerance* policy for bad behavior will be in effect.

#### SMOKING POLICY:

This is a NON-SMOKING tournament with frequent breaks.

#### Hotel Information:

##### Pine Haven Motel

4905 Bluffton Rd.  
(260) 747-7502

3 minutes from playing site

##### Best Way Inn Motel

5718 Bluffton Rd.  
(260) 747-4950

5 minutes from playing site

##### Extended Stay Of America

8309 W. Jefferson Blvd  
(260) 432-1916

15 minutes from playing site

**Get your team together for the**

# ***District 8 Grand National Teams***

***May 2 & 3, 2009***

***Eagles Club, 7075 Old  
Decatur Road, Riverton***



***IL*** [MAP](#)

♠ **Saturday, May 2: 1:00 & TBA -- 2-session qualifying**

♠ **Sunday, May 3: 10:30 am (or TBA) -- Knockout finals**

Trips to Washington DC -- and regional-rated gold points -- are offered in the 2009 District 8 finals of this national team event. Any team of four, five or six District 8 members can enter in one of four separate flights:

**Championship:** Open

**Flight A:** 0-5000 masterpoints

**Flight B:** 0-2000

**Flight C:** 0-500 (non-LMs)

The winning team in each flight will receive a travel award from the District Board to play in the national finals in Washington DC, which begin on Wednesday, July 22, 2009.

**Your flight eligibility** is determined by the number of masterpoints you held on September 1, 2008.

**Directions:** Riverton IL is about 10 miles east of Springfield IL. From I-72, take exit 108 (Overpass Road) and go north to the stop sign at Old Route 36. Turn right (east) onto Old Route 36 and go about 1/4 mile, then turn right onto Old Decatur Road. The Eagles Club is on the left. [Google map](#) (with links for driving directions).

**Reservations requested:** Please notify GNT Coordinator **Georgia Heth** by phone (309-263-0242) or email ([gkheth@hotmail.com](mailto:gkheth@hotmail.com)) if you plan to play. In your message, indicate which flight you'll be entering.