

In this issue

[ACBL Director's Report](#)

[Youth Bridge Camp](#)

[Bridge with Larry Cohen](#)

Mixed raises

2009 Award Winners

[Dave Carter Top 100](#)

[Mini-McKenney](#)

[Ace of Clubs](#)

[Juniors & Sectionals](#)

Solvers Forum

[April column](#)

[April scores](#)

[June problems](#)

Unit News

[Northwest IL](#)

[Central IL](#)

[Northern IN](#)

[Greater St. Louis](#)

[So. IL-Paducah](#)

[Tournament calendar](#)

Tournament winners

[Carlinville IL](#)

[Peoria IL](#)

[Elgin IL](#)

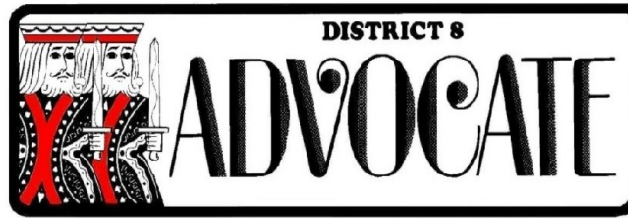
[Gilbertsville KY](#)

[St. Louis 199er](#)

Tournament ads

[CHAMPAIGN REG.](#)

[ROCKFORD REG.](#)



**April
2010**

**Published bi-monthly
by District 8, American Contract Bridge League**

Editor: [Karen Walker](#), Champaign IL

[PADUCAH REG.](#)

[Galesburg IL](#)

[Effingham IL](#)

[St. Louis](#)

[Back to page 1 \(GN
Teams\)](#)

[Welcome](#)

[Printable version](#)
**(condensed content
in Acrobat format)**

[Download a free
Acrobat reader](#)

**Become a fan on
Facebook**



[Back to page 1](#) | [Past issues](#) | [District 8 Homepage](#) | [Contact the editor](#)



ACBL Director's Report

by **Georgia Heth, Morton IL**

District 8 Representative on the ACBL Board of Directors

Hello, everyone --

Well, my trip to Reno was exciting – the plane was struck by lightning and a scheduled ten-hour trip ended up taking 18 hours, but at least I got there.

The Board of Directors meeting was interesting. On the first day, we spent several hours discussing goals for the ACBL. We also changed the policy on special games. This hasn't been much of an issue in District 8, but it has been a major bone of contention in various others parts of the ACBL. Special games will now be limited to the three fundraising months (Junior Fund in February, Charity Fund in April and International Fund in September) when a club can run unlimited games to benefit the fund of the month, and then one per month in the remaining nine months. When you add in the quarterly club championships, the club appreciation games, STACS, NAP qualifiers, GNT fundraisers and the nationwide games, there will still be plenty of special games. Masterpoint awards for the special games benefitting the Junior and International funds and the Charity and Educational foundations will pay 70% of sectional rating with a top possible award of six masterpoints.

At the request of the chairmen of two of our regionals, I made a motion to change the name of the event known as the Regional Side Game Series. This event used to be called the Continuous Pairs. After my motion was voted down in committee 1-9-1, it came to the whole board, where a lengthy discussion ensued. It was finally decided that we could just call it the Continuous Pairs and no motion was needed. So my motion was defeated 0-25. It was heralded as the first time a motion was defeated 0-25 and the maker got what they wanted. The whole process was enjoyed so much we did it on another motion soon after.

Membership is still rising and we are almost at 165,000 members. Management had feared the growth was propelled last year by the new requirements for life master for people who were not members as of December 31, 2009, but membership continues to grow, which is great.

A budget was finally passed for 2010 with a deficit of \$374,000.00. This is significantly higher than expected in November, but about \$250,000.00 was for non-recurring expenses and so the budget was approved.

An attempt to raise the minimum age for senior events failed, as did an attempt to require that all funds raised in charity games be sent to Memphis for distribution. This would have affected charity games to benefit a local charity. Instead, any club that raises money for local charities must prepare an accounting of all funds so raised and make it available for public inspection no later than February 28 of the next year.

Another new national event was created: the Super Senior Pairs, for ages 70+. The event will be held the last two days of the fall NABC, starting in Orlando. It will pay platinum points as an NABC+ event, but will not count towards the senior masterpoint races and will not qualify for Grand Life Master eligibility.

Monetary awards for the North American Pairs qualifiers who tie will be averaged between the pairs who tie, instead of using tie-breakers.

A motion from the Board of Governors to mandate that the regional two-session games at NABCs must have 26 or more boards per session failed. Those against the motion generally preferred to leave the decision between 24 and 26 boards to the local organizing committee and management.

All sanctioned games held at clubs, with the sole exception of STACS, will now count towards the Ace of Clubs masterpoint races. Previously, some other special games were not included.

New requirements for the ranks up to Life Master were enacted. These only apply to the people who are subject to the new requirements for Life Master – those who join or re-join after letting their membership lapse after December 31, 2009.

Karen Walker was reappointed to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee. I am not sure if she thinks this is a plus or not. She has sat on several hotly contested hearings. Those of you who have sat on this type of committee are probably familiar with Gary Blaiss, a long-time ACBL employee. He has been the keeper of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations for many years and was invaluable to me during the years I was chairman of the Appeals and Charges committee. He announced his retirement in Reno. We wish him well.

There will be a separate article on the Grand National Teams District Final, to be held on May 1 and 2 near Springfield, so I won't say much here except: **MAKE YOUR TEAMS AND GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN.** The finals are in New Orleans this year, which is a great place to visit. So far, I only have about six reservations and I am sure that there are more of you who plan to play in the best event we run. (Okay, so maybe I am not impartial.)

I hope to see many of you on May 1, then many more Memorial Day week at the Champaign regional.

-- Georgia

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

The Perfect Gift for your Grandchild



Youth Bridge Camp

A 5-day residential camp for students entering grades 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 in Fall 2010

Saturday through Thursday, July 3-8, 2010

Lake Williamson Christian Center, Carlinville IL

Tour Lake Williamson at www.lakewilliamson.org

Estimated cost: \$230 (includes a non-refundable deposit of \$30)

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Sponsored by Unit 223 of the American Contract Bridge League

For an application and more information, e-mail Mary Lattan-Shaw at mlattan@frontiernet.net

OR call 217-854-7331 (home) or 217-825-7248 (cell)



Dave Carter Top 100

Here are District 8's top masterpoint winners and the total points each earned during calendar year 2009. The list is named for the late Dave Carter of St. Louis, who won the national McKenney Trophy in 1954.

1. Jack Bryant, St. Louis MO -- 833
2. Will Engel, Freeport IL -- 819
3. James Melville, Springfield IL -- 788
4. Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 718
5. Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 665
6. Howard Piltch, South Bend IN -- 612
7. Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL -- 586
8. Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL -- 579
9. John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 570
10. Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN -- 536
11. Tom Kniest, University City MO -- 501
12. Alan Wienman, Morton IL -- 482
13. Rod Beery, St. Charles MO -- 465
14. Colby Vernay, Lacon IL -- 460
15. Sherry Wynn, Carpentersville IL -- 457
16. Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 444
17. En Xie, St. Louis MO -- 439
18. Jack Snyder, Rockford IL -- 425
19. Carol Hamilton, St. Charles MO -- 414
20. Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO -- 401
21. Alan Popkin, St Louis MO -- 395
22. James Feinstein, South Bend IN -- 392
23. Nancy Popkin, St. Louis MO -- 374
24. Dennis Spencer, St. Louis MO -- 357
25. Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL -- 351
26. Milton Zlatic, St. Louis MO -- 350
27. Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN -- 346
51. Bud Hinckley, South Bend IN -- 242
52. Dalton Darnell, Murray KY -- 239
53. Gary Kessler, Springfield IL -- 235
54. Mark Kessler, Springfield IL -- 234
55. Alma Karas, Batavia IL -- 231
56. John Antognoli, Clayton MO -- 228
57. Ralph Behrens, St. Louis MO -- 228
58. Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 228
59. John Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 226
60. Sandy Bigg, St. Louis MO -- 225
61. Sheldon Margulis, St. Louis MO -- 216
62. Louis Nimnicht, Crown Point IN -- 212
63. Donald Wertheimer, South Bend IN -- 212
64. Dave Bigler, Hobart IN -- 212
65. Daryl Fisher, Rolla MO -- 209
66. Sanford Becker, Chesterfield MO -- 206
67. Jay D Shah, St Louis MO -- 203
68. Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL -- 199
69. John Chmielowiec, Michigan City IN -- 198
70. Norman Athy, St. Louis MO -- 196
71. Diane Clark, Elgin IL -- 196
72. Gayle McLean, Bonita Springs FL -- 195
73. Bruce Gardner, Paducah KY -- 193
74. Audrey Danocup, Huntley IL -- 193
75. Fran Russell, Paducah KY -- 193
76. Stephen Zenk, Maryland Hts MO -- 192
77. Laurie Hamachek, Huntley IL -- 191

28. Kenneth Bland, St. Louis MO -- 338
29. John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN -- 322
30. Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 318
31. James Nunn, Chesterfield MO -- 314
32. Elaine Delaney, South Bend IN -- 308
33. Linda Leinicke, St. Louis MO -- 306
34. Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO -- 305
35. Steven Watson, Munster IN -- 300
36. Mrs. L. A. Jenkins, Rockford IL -- 299
37. Chris Benson, Le Roy IL -- 292
38. Dick Benson, Leroy IL -- 288
39. Karen Walker, Champaign IL -- 288
40. Lee Hastings, St Louis MO -- 266
41. Michael Slaven, Elkhart IN -- 265
42. Cappy Gagnon, Notre Dame IN -- 261
43. Jacqueline Sincoff, St. Louis MO -- 255
44. Denny O'Connor, St. Louis MO -- 255
45. John Seng, Champaign IL -- 254
46. Lena Howard, Elkhart IN -- 252
47. Sybil Brown, Rockford IL -- 251
48. Darrell Rotter, Roselle IL -- 251
49. David Jenkins, Rockford IL -- 245
50. Roger Lord, St. Louis MO -- 245
78. Irene Singleton, South Bend IN -- 191
79. Mark Ehret, St. Louis MO -- 189
80. Zach Freehill, Bloomington IL -- 186
81. Mark Boswell, Chesterfield MO -- 186
82. Karen Anderson, Batavia IL -- 183
83. Daniel Bunde, Urbana IL -- 183
84. Robert Wheeler, Florissant MO -- 182
85. Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL -- 181
86. Michael Halvorsen, Champaign IL -- 180
87. Allyson Wolfe, St. Louis MO -- 180
88. David Drennan, Granite City IL -- 180
89. Kay Korte, Woodstock IL -- 177
90. Leroy Boser, Elkhart IN -- 176
91. Richard Brummer, Effingham IL -- 176
92. John Diehl, Elgin IL -- 176
93. Elizabeth Freeman, St. Louis MO -- 175
94. Ralph Rotter Jr., Granite City IL -- 175
95. Mrs. D. Brosseau, Sleepy Hollow IL -- 175
96. Marilyn Croft, St Charles IL -- 175
97. Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL -- 174
98. Linda Wilkening, Springfield IL -- 174
99. Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN -- 173
100. Charles Clarke, South Bend IN -- 172

District 8 Mini-McKenney Race -- 2009

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 2009. Listed here are the top 15 point winners in each category in District 8 and the total masterpoints each player won during calendar year 2009. Congratulations to all!

Rookie of the Year (0-5 pts. on 1/1/2009)

1. Indra Gupta, Munster IN -- 70
2. Kevin Clarkin, Florissant MO -- 66
3. Dennis Abeln, Ballwin MO -- 56
4. Dennis David, South Bend IN -- 44
5. Bobbie King, St Charles IL -- 43
6. Sandra Meinz, Chesterfield MO -- 42
7. Roberta Millham, Wildwood MO -- 38
8. Peiyi Wang, Urbana IL -- 33
9. Samuel McInturff, Fort Wayne IN -- 33
10. Lynn Miller, Palm City FL -- 30
11. Odis Thomas, Winnebago IL -- 30
12. Regina Schlueter, Ferguson MO -- 29
13. Ken Schlueter, Ferguson MO -- 29
14. Jack Torney, Winnebago IL -- 26
15. Larry Christison, Springfield IL -- 23

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

1. Cookie Potter, Boca Grande FL -- 354
2. Charles Langley, Edinburg IL -- 104
3. Kimberly Grant, Fort Wayne IN -- 54
4. Louise Koenigsfeld, St Louis MO -- 52
5. Ron Deluca, Destin FL -- 46
6. David Fricke, St Charles MO -- 44
7. Jim Fitzpatrick, South Bend IN -- 41
8. Ralph Britton, Wentzville MO -- 41
9. Catherine Wright, Rockford IL -- 39

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

1. John Antognoli, Clayton MO -- 228
2. Sandy Bigg, St. Louis MO -- 225
3. Dave Bigler, Hobart IN -- 212
4. Donna Cart, Rockford IL -- 166
5. Kay Cohen, St. Louis MO -- 160
6. Terryl Francis, Glen Carbon IL -- 137
7. Julia Kelley, Batavia IL -- 134
8. Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL -- 133
9. Roger Dieringer, Elgin IL -- 132
10. Michael Ring, Urbana IL -- 130
11. Patricia Valiska, Highland IN -- 126
12. Richard Hastings, Bristol IN -- 126
13. David Hoevel, Fort Wayne IN -- 123
14. Ann Witt, Aurora IL -- 121
15. Thomas O'Reilly-Pol, St Louis MO -- 121

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

1. Carol Hamilton, St. Charles MO -- 414
2. Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO -- 401
3. Cappy Gagnon, Notre Dame IN -- 261
4. Darrell Rotter, Roselle IL -- 251
5. Jay D Shah, St Louis MO -- 203
6. Gayle McLean, Bonita Springs FL -- 195
7. Stephen Zenk, Maryland Hts MO -- 192
8. Daniel Bunde, Urbana IL -- 183
9. Jane Ettelson, St. Louis MO -- 165

10. Harold Gebhardt, Edwardsville IL -- 33
11. M Julie Nelson, Granger IN -- 32
12. Karen Sapetti, Springfield IL -- 30
13. Marianna Weber, Edwardsville IL -- 29
14. Judy Grossnickle, Granger IN -- 28
15. William Maack, Ofallon MO -- 28

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

1. Becky Hubert, St Louis MO -- 94
2. Shirley Coville, Springfield IL -- 70
3. Randy Baker, St. Louis MO -- 67
4. Judy Pass, St Louis MO -- 64
5. Joanie Aranyos, Elburn IL -- 57
6. Henry Stern Jr., St Louis MO -- 56
7. Susan Kilo, St Louis MO -- 55
8. Jeanne Netherton, Ballwin MO -- 52
9. Susan Hillberry, Cherry Valley IL -- 51
10. Marie Bretzke, St. Louis MO -- 49
11. August Tomusk, Fort Wayne IN -- 49
12. David Mindrup, Glen Carbon IL -- 47
13. Daniel Baker, Austin TX -- 47
14. Patrick Oetting, Ft Wayne IN -- 43
15. Shirley Koch, Schererville IN -- 43

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

1. Michael Mitra, Lake St Louis MO -- 118
2. Charlene Whitney, Winnebago IL -- 116
3. Becky Groeninger, Springfield IL -- 99
4. Gregory Lyzun, South Bend IN -- 95
5. Chander Aiyar, Huntley IL -- 95
6. Sally Landrum, Marion IN -- 88
7. Earl Landrum, Marion IN -- 88
8. Karen Drain, South Bend IN -- 87
9. Earl Anderson, Springfield IL -- 79
10. Nancy Shaver, Springfield IL -- 72

10. Norman Goldman, Chesterfield MO -- 162
11. Richard Riezman, St. Louis MO -- 153
12. Nick Cordell, Yorkville IL -- 152
13. Claire Krukenberg, Charleston IL -- 148
14. Dariel Richardson, Rochester IL -- 142
15. Jerome Shen, St. Louis MO -- 139

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

2. Linda Leinicke, St. Louis MO -- 306
3. Steven Watson, Munster IN -- 300
4. Mrs. L. A. Jenkins, Rockford IL -- 299
5. Lena Howard, Elkhart IN -- 252
6. David Jenkins, Rockford IL -- 245
7. Bud Hinckley, South Bend IN -- 242
8. Alma Karas, Batavia IL -- 231
9. Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 228
10. John Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 226
11. Louis Nimnicht, Crown Point IN -- 212
12. Donald Wertheimer, South Bend IN -- 212
13. Daryl Fisher, Rolla MO -- 209
14. Sanford Becker, Chesterfield MO -- 206
15. Diane Clark, Elgin IL -- 196

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

1. James Melville, Springfield IL -- 788
2. Alan Wienman, Morton IL -- 482
3. Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 444
4. En Xie, St. Louis MO -- 439
5. James Feinstein, South Bend IN -- 392
6. Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL -- 351
7. Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN -- 346
8. Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 318
9. Elaine Delaney, South Bend IN -- 308
10. Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO -- 305
11. Lee Hastings, St Louis MO -- 266

11. Joyce McWilliams, Paris IL -- 69
12. Judy Grambo, Schererville IN -- 66
13. John Bernuy, Ballwin MO -- 64
14. Bob Derber, Springfield IL -- 63
15. Jackie Baker, St Louis MO -- 59

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

1. Sybil Brown, Rockford IL -- 251
2. Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL -- 199
3. Karen Anderson, Batavia IL -- 183
4. Marilyn Croft, St Charles IL -- 175
5. Judith Greek, Galesburg IL -- 162
6. Ronald Greek, Galesburg IL -- 158
7. Donald Klingsick, Edwardsville IL -- 152
8. Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO -- 143
9. Robert Quintin, St. Charles IL -- 133
10. Susan Pensoneau, Collinsville IL -- 123
11. Peggy Wallace, Vero Beach FL -- 117
12. Patricia Olafson, Rockford IL -- 115
13. Jeff Ehrlich, Springfield IL -- 109
14. Doug O'Leary, St Louis MO -- 105
15. Margaret Kiernan, Schererville IN -- 104

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

1. James Nunn, Chesterfield MO -- 314
2. Linda Wilkening, Springfield IL -- 174
3. Richard Bredemeyer, Ft Wayne IN -- 141
4. Helene Siegfried, St Louis MO -- 114
5. Barbara Stewart, Chesterfield MO -- 113
6. Bev Upp, Bloomington IL -- 108
7. Don McLean, Bonita Springs FL -- 98
8. Rhonda Berberet, Springfield IL -- 97
9. Patricia Benedict, Rockford IL -- 96
10. Michael White, Springfield IL -- 93
11. Phillip Kolski, Elkhart IN -- 90

12. John Seng, Champaign IL -- 254
13. Dalton Darnell, Murray KY -- 239
14. John Chmielowiec, Michigan City IN -- 198
15. Norman Athy, St. Louis MO -- 196

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

1. Will Engel, Freeport IL -- 819
2. John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 570
3. Jack Snyder, Rockford IL -- 425
4. Alan Popkin, St Louis MO -- 395
5. Nancy Popkin, St. Louis MO -- 374
6. Milton Zlatic, St. Louis MO -- 350
7. Kenneth Bland, St. Louis MO -- 338
8. Karen Walker, Champaign IL -- 288
9. Jacqueline Sincoff, St. Louis MO -- 255
10. Denny O'Connor, St. Louis MO -- 255
11. Mark Kessler, Springfield IL -- 234
12. Ralph Behrens, St. Louis MO -- 228
13. Sheldon Margulis, St. Louis MO -- 216
14. James Davis, Kokomo IN -- 146
15. James Hammond, Kirkwood MO -- 107

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

1. Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 665
2. Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL -- 586
3. Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL -- 579
4. Tom Kniest, University City MO -- 501
5. Rod Beery, St. Charles MO -- 465
6. John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN -- 322
7. Michael Slaven, Elkhart IN -- 265
8. Roger Lord, St. Louis MO -- 245
9. Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN -- 161
10. Dave Fred, Granger IN -- 119
11. Larry Kolker, St. Louis MO -- 98

12. Mary Parker, Eddyville KY -- 90
13. Jo-Ellyn Ryall, St. Louis MO -- 90
14. Karen Engle, Dardenne Prairi MO -- 82
15. Linda Seibert, Olivette MO -- 82

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

1. Jack Bryant, St. Louis MO -- 833
2. Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 718
3. Howard Piltch, South Bend IN -- 612
4. Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN -- 536
5. Colby Vernay, Lacon IL -- 460
6. Chris Benson, Le Roy IL -- 292
7. Dick Benson, Leroy IL -- 288
8. Gary Kessler, Springfield IL -- 235

District 8 Ace of Clubs Race -- 2009

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 2009.

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 2009. Congratulations to these active and successful players, and thanks from all of us for your support of local bridge.

Rookie of the Year (0-5 pts. on 1/1/2009)

1. Indra Gupta, Munster IN -- 59
2. Kevin Clarkin, Florissant MO -- 44
3. Dennis David, South Bend IN -- 40
4. Dennis Abeln, Ballwin MO -- 35
5. Bobbie King, St Charles IL -- 26
6. Samuel McInturff, Fort Wayne IN -- 26
7. Odis Thomas, Winnebago IL -- 26
8. Jack Torney, Winnebago IL -- 22
9. Lynn Miller, Palm City FL -- 19
10. Barbara MacPeek, Ballwin MO -- 18
11. Gloria Falcone, Schererville IN -- 17
12. Mel Bibo, Paris IL -- 17
13. Brenda Moore, Rockford IL -- 17
14. Mark Prosser, Florissant MO -- 17
15. Regina Schlueter, Ferguson MO -- 15

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

1. Charles Langley, Edinburg IL -- 54
2. Kimberly Grant, Fort Wayne IN -- 34
3. Jim Fitzpatrick, South Bend IN -- 33
4. Catherine Wright, Rockford IL -- 31
5. M Julie Nelson, Granger IN -- 31
6. Louise Koenigsfeld, St Louis MO -- 31
7. Ron Deluca, Destin FL -- 30

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

1. Donna Cart, Rockford IL -- 128
2. Dave Bigler, Hobart IN -- 126
3. Julia Kelley, Batavia IL -- 105
4. Richard Hastings, Bristol IN -- 102
5. Patricia Valiska, Highland IN -- 95
6. Roger Dieringer, Elgin IL -- 93
7. Ann Witt, Aurora IL -- 90
8. John Antognoli, Clayton MO -- 88
9. Kay Cohen, St. Louis MO -- 86
10. Sandy Bigg, St. Louis MO -- 82
11. Donald Groch, South Bend IN -- 81
12. David Hoevel, Fort Wayne IN -- 76
13. Julie Woods, Chesterfield MO -- 68
14. Linda Shaw, Geneva IL -- 68
15. Douglas St John, Rockford IL -- 66

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

1. Cappy Gagnon, Notre Dame IN -- 223
2. Carol Hamilton, St. Charles MO -- 176
3. Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO -- 175
4. Darrell Rotter, Roselle IL -- 165
5. Nick Cordell, Yorkville IL -- 107
6. Stephen Zenk, Maryland Hts MO -- 106

8. Judy Grossnickle, Granger IN -- 27
9. Karen Sapetti, Springfield IL -- 27
10. Stanley Zerman, Boca Raton FL -- 26
11. Kaye Kale, South Bend IN -- 26
12. Marianna Weber, Edwardsville IL -- 25
13. Harold Gebhardt, Edwardsville IL -- 22
14. Daniel King, Rockford IL -- 22
15. Mary Muller, Granger IN -- 21

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

1. Becky Hubert, St Louis MO -- 58
2. Shirley Coville, Springfield IL -- 56
3. Henry Stern Jr., St Louis MO -- 44
4. Susan Hillberry, Cherry Valley IL -- 43
5. Joanie Aranyos, Elburn IL -- 42
6. August Tomusk, Fort Wayne IN -- 41
7. Shirley Koch, Schererville IN -- 39
8. Norm Muller, Granger IN -- 37
9. Randy Baker, St. Louis MO -- 35
10. Patrick Oetting, Ft Wayne IN -- 34
11. Stephen Russell, Fenton MO -- 34
12. Sharon Kolski, Elkhart IN -- 33
13. Susan Kilo, St Louis MO -- 32
14. Jan Mackey, St. Louis MO -- 31
15. Atul Hajela, St. Louis MO -- 31

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

1. Gregory Lyzun, South Bend IN -- 77
2. Becky Groeninger, Springfield IL -- 70
3. Karen Drain, South Bend IN -- 69
4. Charlene Whitney, Winnebago IL -- 68
5. Michael Mitra, Lake St Louis MO -- 67
6. Earl Anderson, Springfield IL -- 60
7. Chander Aiyar, Huntley IL -- 53
8. Richard Gunderson, Earlville IL -- 52

7. Barbara Walczak, Munster IN -- 104
8. Jane Baker, Paducah KY -- 100
9. Jay D Shah, St Louis MO -- 100
10. Gayle McLean, Bonita Springs FL -- 98
11. Ruth Minish, Granger IN -- 93
12. Norman Goldman, Chesterfield MO -- 88
13. Susan MacKinney, Lk in the Hills IL -- 85
14. Douglas Jonquet, Decatur IL -- 85
15. Krzysztof Jarosz, Edwardsville IL -- 79

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

1. Alma Karas, Batavia IL -- 188
2. Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 169
3. Lena Howard, Elkhart IN -- 168
4. John Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 168
5. Dennis Spencer, St. Louis MO -- 161
6. Donald Wertheimer, South Bend IN -- 149
7. Diane Clark, Elgin IL -- 148
8. Marian David, South Bend IN -- 144
9. Mrs. L. A. Jenkins, Rockford IL -- 142
10. Steven Watson, Munster IN -- 139
11. F. R. Kellstrom, Chesterton IN -- 132
12. Leroy Boser, Elkhart IN -- 131
13. Linda Leinicke, St. Louis MO -- 131
14. Mrs. D. Brosseau, Sleepy Hollow IL -- 129
15. Louis Nimnicht, Crown Point IN -- 129

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

1. James Feinstein, South Bend IN -- 264
2. Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 226
3. Elaine Delaney, South Bend IN -- 221
4. En Xie, St. Louis MO -- 219
5. Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL -- 188
6. Irene Singleton, South Bend IN -- 160

9. Judy Grambo, Schererville IN -- 44
10. Nancy Shaver, Springfield IL -- 42
11. John Bernuy, Ballwin MO -- 41
12. Karsten Grove, South Bend IN -- 40
13. Betty Nowak, St Charles IL -- 39
14. Jill Mroczkiewicz, New Carlisle IN -- 34
15. Jackie Baker, St Louis MO -- 34

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

1. Marilyn Croft, St Charles IL -- 92
2. Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL -- 82
3. Karen Anderson, Batavia IL -- 82
4. Donald Klingsick, Edwardsville IL -- 78
5. Margaret Kiernan, Schererville IN -- 76
6. Ilse Grove, South Bend IN -- 70
7. Robert Quintin, St. Charles IL -- 67
8. Shirley Logan, Springfield IL -- 66
9. Doug O'Leary, St Louis MO -- 65
10. Jeff Ehrlich, Springfield IL -- 65
11. Patricia Olafson, Rockford IL -- 65
12. Jane Byram, Chatham IL -- 60
13. Maureen Trubac, Granger IN -- 54
14. Susan Pensoneau, Collinsville IL -- 54
15. Paul Silberman, Mishawaka IN -- 54

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

1. James Nunn, Chesterfield MO -- 101
2. Richard Bredemeyer, Ft Wayne IN -- 83
3. Linda Wilkening, Springfield IL -- 78
4. Michael White, Springfield IL -- 63
5. Phillip Kolski, Elkhart IN -- 62
6. Patricia Benedict, Rockford IL -- 59
7. Bev Upp, Bloomington IL -- 55
8. Beth Curtis, St. Louis MO -- 50
9. Alfred Prus, Highland IN -- 49

7. Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 152
8. Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN -- 129
9. Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO -- 126
10. Frank Yoder III, Goshen IN -- 121
11. Charles Clarke, South Bend IN -- 115
12. Howard Schmid, Merrillville IN -- 114
13. John Chmielowiec, Michigan City IN -- 111
14. Eugene Condon, Rockford IL -- 101
15. Bobbie Holmes, St. Louis MO -- 100

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

1. Jack Snyder, Rockford IL -- 241
2. John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 150
3. Ralph Behrens, St. Louis MO -- 129
4. Kenneth Bland, St. Louis MO -- 124
5. Denny O'Connor, St. Louis MO -- 108
6. James Hammond, Kirkwood MO -- 77
7. Carol Emme, Plainfield IL -- 61
8. Harold Emme, Brentwood CA -- 61
9. James Davis, Kokomo IN -- 53
10. Jacqueline Sincoff, St. Louis MO -- 47
11. Eunice Garrison, Lake Worth FL -- 36
12. Milton Zlatic, St. Louis MO -- 29
13. Alan Popkin, St Louis MO -- 28
14. Marvin Shapiro, St. Louis MO -- 24
15. Nancy Popkin, St. Louis MO -- 15

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

1. Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 276
2. John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN -- 168
3. Michael Slaven, Elkhart IN -- 151
4. Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN -- 114
5. Dave Fred, Granger IN -- 95

10. Katherine Freeman, Beloit WI -- 49
11. Rhonda Berberet, Springfield IL -- 48
12. Robert Adler, Creve Couer MO -- 45
13. Jo-Ellyn Ryall, St. Louis MO -- 44
14. Stevie Holcomb, Springfield IL -- 44
15. Harvey Laux, St. Louis MO -- 44

6. Roger Lord, St. Louis MO -- 72
7. Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL -- 36
8. Larry Kolker, St. Louis MO -- 23
9. Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL -- 5
10. Tom Kniest, University City MO -- 4
11. Rod Beery, St. Charles MO -- 2

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

1. Jack Bryant, St. Louis MO -- 152
2. Howard Piltch, South Bend IN -- 126
3. Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 98
4. Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN -- 29
5. Chris Benson, Le Roy IL -- 15
6. Dick Benson, Leroy IL -- 12
7. Colby Vernay, Lacon IL -- 4
8. Gary Kessler, Springfield IL -- 1

Other Masterpoint Races -- 2009

Each year, ACBL recognizes the bridge successes of Youth players (ages 19 and under), Juniors (ages 25 and under) and players who win the most points in sectional tournaments. Listed below are the District-wide rankings and points won in 2009 by our players in these categories.

Junior Leaders

1. Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL -- 181
2. Thomas O'Reilly-Pol, St Louis MO -- 121
3. Praveen Jayachandran, Champaign IL -- 39
4. Ben Englert, Edwardsville IL -- 37
5. Peiyi Wang, Urbana IL -- 33
6. Matthew Robb, St. Louis MO -- 33
7. Brandy Fish, Belleville IL -- 12
8. Joshua Baiel, Wheatfield IN -- 8
9. Michael Goldstein, Watson IL -- 5
10. Karna Desai, Urbana IL -- 4
11. Adam Bohlmann Kunz, Maplewood MO -- 3
12. Yu-Ching Lee, Champaign IL -- 3
13. Stephen Kukielski, Troy IL -- 2
14. Swade Unkrant, Effingham IL -- 2
15. Brook Brumleve, Teutopolis IL -- 2

Youth Leaders

1. Joshua Baiel, Wheatfield IN -- 8
2. Michael Goldstein, Watson IL -- 5
3. Stephen Kukielski, Troy IL -- 2
4. Swade Unkrant, Effingham IL -- 2
5. Brook Brumleve, Teutopolis IL -- 2
6. Mitch Kline, Beecher City IL -- 2
7. Philip Kukielski, Troy IL -- 2
8. Rose McMillin, Eagerville IL -- 1

Sectional Point Winners

1. Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 158
2. Jack Bryant, St. Louis MO -- 153
3. Alan Popkin, St Louis MO -- 143
4. Nancy Popkin, St. Louis MO -- 141
5. En Xie, St. Louis MO -- 121
6. Rod Beery, St. Charles MO -- 121
7. Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 117
8. Tom Kniest, University City MO -- 114
9. Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 110
10. Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO -- 108
11. Milton Zlatic, St. Louis MO -- 107
12. Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO -- 102
13. Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 98
14. John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 97
15. Jack Snyder, Rockford IL -- 93
16. Kenneth Bland, St. Louis MO -- 91
17. John Seng, Champaign IL -- 90
18. Bruce Gardner, Paducah KY -- 88
19. Howard Piltch, South Bend IN -- 81
20. Roger Lord, St. Louis MO -- 76
21. Steven Watson, Munster IN -- 76
22. John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN -- 73
23. Larry Kolker, St. Louis MO -- 72
24. Jacqueline Sincoff, St. Louis MO -- 72
25. Carol Hamilton, St. Charles MO -- 72

9. Rachel Bierman, Dietch IL -- 1
10. Mallorie Vahling, Dieterich IL -- 1
11. James Ritz, Effingham IL -- 1
12. Lior Ben-Yehoshua, Huntington IN -- 1
13. Chenika Beck, Gary IN -- 1
14. Laura Weaver, Fort Wayne IN -- 1
15. Robert Hero, Crown Point IN -- 1
16. Laura Reimers, Effingham IL -- 1
26. Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL -- 70
27. Lee Hastings, St Louis MO -- 70
28. Ralph Behrens, St. Louis MO -- 69
29. Dalton Darnell, Murray KY -- 69
30. Mark Ehret, St. Louis MO -- 64

District 8 Solvers Forum -- April 2010

by Scott Merritt, Gabarone, Botswana

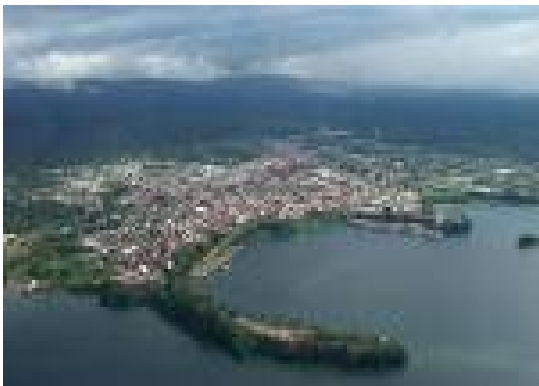


1. IMPs, nobody vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	1H	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding: ♠KQJ8 ♥754 ♦Q5 ♣Q876 ?

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
1S	100	9	77
2H	80	7	23
1NT	60	0	4
2S	40	0	1
Pass	40	0	1



Hello again all. I have accepted the challenge of creating a themed forum, as Kent and Tom have been shaming me. So for this month's forum, there will be 20 bonus points for anyone who can get all six questions right without the use of internet search or external assistance. The theme of this column is "places where Scott and his family may be assigned by the next time you read a post from me." I will give either the capital or country, and your job is to name the other one. I will throw in some helpful hints, and maybe a pretty picture of two, if that will help.

So we start with #1 (photo at left), and my current top choice. The capital is Malabo. This is a tiny Spanish-speaking African country with significant oil reserves. It's believed by some to have the most corrupt and brutal dictator in the world. Anybody guessing Nigeria will be docked a point, as they speak English and don't hold a candle to the corruption found here.

But speaking of corruption, this vote appears to be rigged! The panel only found twp calls to make on this problem. For those who used the heuristic of "support with support", you simply can't go too wrong:

Feiler: "2H. I'm hoping that the auction will continue and I'll either be able to double something or bid

3-no-tickets."

Dodd: "2H. This raise is 'moderately' constructive in Bridge World Standard. The alternative 1S is filled with flaws no matter what partner rebids. No way is this control-weak pile of junk worth an invitational limit raise."

Walker: "2H. With a limited hand; it's important to show 3-card support for opener's major right away. This hand is too soft for a 3-card limit raise (1NT, then 3H)."

Nelson: "2H. How much should one value lonely queens? If it were one ace, I would bid 1S; since it is not, I raise partner and give them a chance to revalue their hand."

Maybe I have missed something, and while I certainly agree that this hand is nothing to write home about, I can't help but count this as a limit raise. The diamond queen is a soft value, but the doubleton adds enough to counteract this. I just think that 1S is normal, and the panel supported me, with the box being the most direct and to the point.

Bridge Baron: "1S. Just barely too strong to make a simple raise of 2H. Plan to jump to 3H next round."

Paulo: "1S. If I raise to 2H, partner -- with; for example, Ax AQxxx xxx Kxx -- wins the contract, which would have been great! However, West -- holding xxx Jx AKJxxx xx -- overcalls 3D. To set this partscore, partner must lead spades (or clubs), but not hearts."

Matheny: "1S, followed by an invitational heart raise."

Feldheim: "1S. What's the problem? This hand is too good for 2H and 1NT, planning 3H is too unilateral."

Kniest: "1S. Where I live and set the defense if they now come in. To bid 1NT followed by 3H on this is sick. "

This just seems too simple to me. You can show partner where you live and plan to show a 10-12 point heart raise by starting with 1S. I still don't see what could be wrong about that.

And while I don't usually insert my own comments into the column, I simply make them when the column comes out to remind myself of what I was thinking, I think that I hit this nail square on the head.

Merritt: "1S. This hand simply isn't soft enough to only try 2H. I am sure that the 1S call at the table turned out poorly and this is the ultimate attempt to try and win the post mortem; but I am not buying."

Predicting the future was:

McNitt: "2H. This is a 9-loser hand. Show the heart support before the opponents bid 3D."

He may be on to something, as another panelist, who held this hand and prefers to remain anonymous, offered this up along with his other comments:

Deep Throat: "2H. After 1S on this hand (letting the opponents in cheaply with 2D), it went support double by partner, then 4D preemptive by RHO. The actual hand that was dealt doesn't mean any action is right or wrong, but it shows that after the 1S bid, active opponents can create an unwelcome problem."

2. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1S
2D	2H	5D	???

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
5H	100	8	65
5S	90	2	6
6H	80	0	11
Pass	70	4	12
DBL	70	0	10
6D	60	1	2
5NT	60	1	0

What is your call as South holding: ♠AKQ765 ♥753 ♦4
 ♣AJ7 ?



The second town in the second unnamed country is Maseru. It's one of a few land-locked nations that only border one other country.

You are a bit land-locked in this bidding problem, too. The opponents have made this a challenge, and the problem managed to elicit six different votes from the panel. Unfortunately, we are stuck on the first and most important question of this hand, namely: Would pass be forcing or not?

Dodd: "Pass. Forcing -- duh! Tempting to just try 5NT (pick a slam) but the possibility of this being misread would lead to a disaster. I'll let partner torture me with a 5H call, then bid slam and hope we're not off two aces."

Walker: "5H. This is *not* a forcing pass situation (North might have stretched to bid 2H in competition); so you have to do something. With two likely fits and a singleton diamond, double can't be right. Very close decision between 5H and 5S."

We run the gamut from "Forcing -- duh!" to the emphatic "*not*" forcing. While I tend to think that arguing with the editor is never a wise choice, I do not think that this is a forcing pass scenario for exactly the reasons that Karen suggests.

Bridge Baron: "Pass. Bridge Baron can't bring itself to double with no hope of a trump trick, but

secretly hopes for partner to double, planning to pass it out and collect at least 500 on average against a 5H game that seems about 33% to make."

Kessler: "Pass. This should show interest in bidding on-with no interest we would double. Interesting that partner and I have the same problem--bad trumps with a desire to support."

Spear: "Pass. A choice between an immediate 5H and a pass-and-pull slam invitational 5H. Both choices imply the singleton diamond to bid at the five-level. This is somewhat easier at matchpoints, where 5D doubled rates to be a bad score."

I am simply stuck for what to say here. Even if this is a pass-and-pull situation, would this hand qualify? You are on a control-rich, six-loser hand with a source of tricks, but how much would you need to make a freebid at the 5-level anyway? Given that this is a borderline pass and pull, and it is very unclear if this is a forcing pass, I had to score it down a bit. Other guesses included:

Feldheim: "6D. Pick a slam. A big bid, but you've been preempted. Everything is clouded and even if slam is not makeable, the opponents might well take the 7D 'phantom save'."

Feiler: "5NT. This means I want to bid a slam but I don't know which one. At least that's what it means in the Forum; I dunno about with real live people."

I can't argue with any of the statements here, and I always like trying to push the opponents into a phantom save, but are any of these bids right? I have no idea. The "normal" bid won out again. Here is what they said:

Grande: "5H. It is likely that partner has a good if not exceptional heart suit. With the long side suit, it's clear we would rather play the hand than defend. 5H emphasizes the singleton diamond and partner may be able to bid six with a non-loser heart suit."

Strite: "5H. 5H seems about exactly what my hand is worth. If East doubles, I'll run to spades."

Kniest: "5H. I won't be pushed to six, but pard might have another bid if he can 'see' the stiff diamond."

Nelson: "5H. Partner would have to have almost solid hearts for a bid of six to be right. I'll bid 5H and if partner does have solid hearts, I am out of luck on this hand."

3. IMPs, both vulnerable

West North East South
1NT

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
4C	100	6	33
4D	90	0	3
4H	80	3	32
Pass	70	5	32

3S DBL* Pass ???

3NT	60	2	3
4NT	40	0	2
7C	20	0	1

* (Negative)

What is your call as South holding: ♠Q8 ♥Q102 ♦AQ97 ♣KQ42 ?



City 3 is Bandar Seri Begwan, or BSB for short. It's home to one of the historically richest men in the world.

In this hand, we have several very poor looking choices. Just like in the last hand, the opponents have been active and we now have a nasty guess. The majority of the panel took the low road and retreated to 4C.

Walker: "4C. Tempting to bid 4H, but that could be a 3-3 fit. Partner's double doesn't promise four cards in every suit."

Strite: "4C. Most flexible bid I can make. Partner will take out to 4D if he/she has the reds."

Paulo: "4C. To bid looks trivial. As for the clubs, if partner has overwhelming shape in the red suits, he can bid diamonds."

Matheny: "4C. An ugly problem. It could be right to pass, bid 4H. or start up the line with 4C. The first two choices are so 'final' that I'm going with the most flexible."

I like this option, as we are in a bad way and this bid seems to have the least downside. The other options that were suggested have very clear risks. The most aggressive are the possibilities of passing and trying a "gutsy" 3NT.

Spear: "Pass. I don't like it, but nothing to be done."

McNitt: "Pass ... and take my plus score. It could be big."

Bridge Baron: "Pass. Bridge Baron makes a penalty pass without even simulating here, as it considers the alternatives 'obviously' worse: 3NT with no spade stopper, 4H on a possible Moysian fit, or four of a minor leading, at best, to a struggle to a minor-suit game."

Feldheim: "Pass. Pass seems like the best chances for a plus score."

Nelson: "Pass. A plus is a plus is a PLUS."

Feiler: "3NT. Our opening 1NT was Crap-O-Rama and if the spade queen is junk, too, I don't like our chances at any game."

Kniest: "3NT. I'll make a game try. Can't pass at IMPs."

This seems like such a gamble that I just can't justify it as an answer to the problem. While it make work at the table, if you come back -400 or worse, you can't say that you weren't warned. I would just think that if you wanted to take a shot, and I have already suggested that this may not be the right hand for it, the best shot is 4H.

Dodd: "4H. Endplayed, so I may as well aim high. Partner could easily have five middling hearts on this auction, and I can't remember the last time I declared 4-of-a-minor and was anywhere near pleased with the result. Ditto for passing 3S, which is a likely plus 200, but a just as likely a minus 730."

Grande: "4H. Partner likely has four hearts. South has three fairly good hearts that can stop the force in spades, and there is a strong possibility that one or both minors will fit with partner."

Kessler: "4H. 4-3 fits build character."

4. IMPs, both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1S	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2H	Pass	???

* (Forcing NT)

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
Pass	100	8	46
2NT	70	8	33
3H	60	0	12
4H	50	0	2
3D	50	0	7
3NT	40	0	6

What is your call as South holding: ♠10 ♥Q82 ♦KJ1097 ♣QJ106 ?



This one may be a bit of a giveaway, but city #4 is Belize City. The subtractor comes out if you get that one wrong.

Which is also the case on this problem. You have two options, and again, unlike the normal me, I take the low road.

Spear: "Pass. I don't like it, but nothing to be done."

Walker: "Pass. All those high spot cards make this look like a notrump hand, but with no fits, no aces and no sure entries to my hand, this 9-count isn't worth a 2NT stretch."

Nelson: "Pass. I am NOT a 2NT bidder with this nine count. I pass and wait for a better hand."

Matheny: "Pass. The soft values in the minors make it unlikely we will miss game."

Paulo: "Pass. My spots are nice, but game seems unlikely, so I stop as soon as possible."

Bridge Baron: "Pass. Pure simulation: +51.75 average score in 2H. -43.00 average score in 2S. Bridge Baron won't bid 2NT or three of a minor without being about a king stronger."

This really seems logical to me. There is surely a big bonus for getting to the red game at IMPs, but this soft no-fitter again argues for discretion. Those who charge on suggest otherwise, and to remove suspicion, I will start with the player who held the hand in real life.

Seng: "2NT. What I bid at the table. Partner held Q98xx AKxx xxx K. She passed and the opponents kept trying to find out which minor they should be attacking. Made 11 tricks!!"

Kessler: "2NT. Red at IMP's, let's give it a shot. Not close."

Feiler: "2NT. Gets my full-bodied minor suits into the game."

Strite: "2NT. Chunky enough it feels right to stretch."

Dodd: "2NT. Another call influenced by the form of scoring. Despite the alarm bells in my head about not playing misfits in notrump, the spot cards sway me. Maybe East-West will defend like putzes [*ed. Note: "They did!!"*]. Maybe my counterparts are just as greedy. Maybe I should just move on to #5."

Kniest: "2NT. Look at all that body! Best description of my hand, and pard can still bid again -- particularly with a 5th heart."

Feldheim: "2NT. At IMP scoring, 2NT seems clear. I know this hand is a point light, but the possibility of game is too good to miss."

If you're really worried about missing a game, another possible advance is a raise to 3H. This panelist explains why the rest of the panel rejected that option:

Grande: "2NT. If partner has a better-than-minimum hand, passing would be a bad option, especially at IMPS. I don't like a heart contract because my minor suits serve as a source of tricks for notrump."

This is a close one, and a bit more challenging than Belize City.

5. Matchpoints, EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	1S	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3C**	Pass	3H

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
4H	100	12	47
4NT	70	1	16
5S	60	3	9
5H	60	0	1
6S	50	0	5

Pass 4C Pass ???

4S	50	0	26
4D	50	0	1
5C	30	0	1

* (Jacoby forcing raise) ** (Shortness)

What is your call as South holding: ♠AK104 ♥A ♦Q10 ♣1098654 ?



Our most intriguing option is to move to Praia, an island in the Atlantic almost exactly halfway between my current home and District 8. This is also one of the three middle-income countries in Africa, along with Botswana and Mauritius.

While Praia is our most intriguing option, this problem didn't do much to intrigue the panel. Partner has shown a void or singleton ace in clubs, so it sounds like game-on. Some of the panel just took the bull by the horns and jumped straight to Blackwood.

Spear: "4NT. Pard has to have a diamond control, so I must get to 7S when she has the AK of diamonds and the spade queen. I will be showing the AK of spades via Roman Keycard Blackwood, so pard has some chance to bid the grand without the diamond king (a 6-5-2-0 hand)."

I must admit that this logic thoroughly loses me. *Why* must pard have a diamond card? While the odds are slim that his hand is QJxxxx KQxx Jx A, would you fault his bidding so far? Other calls don't end the auction, so I simply don't see why this is worth the risk. The other call chosen by a minority was:

Walker: "5S. Asks for a diamond control. There's no point in continuing to cuebid when you have such an obvious way to locate the cards you need."

Feldheim: "5S. This is a question of partnership agreement. With cuebids in clubs and hearts, this should ask for second-round diamond control. If opener bids 6D (to show first-round control), then continue with 6H."

The problem that I have with this option is that the responses seem unclear to me. While 5S certainly pinpoints the need for diamond control, it also is a rare convention that could be handled just as well by continuing to cuebid. I would think that getting to a grand if partner holds QJxxx Qxx AKxx A is much harder after a 5S call than it is after the simpler 4H continuation. I just don't understand the advantage of this call over what the rest of the panel chose.

Bridge Baron: "4H. Showing additional heart control and pinpointing the diamond weakness. Partner should be able to take control. (3H was a bit rich for Bridge Baron's blood, though, it would have settled for 4S last round.)."

Paulo: "4H. On the way to slam, another cuebid showing that I miss a diamond control .Partner may hold QJxxxx KQx Jxx A."

Matheny: "4H. Still have slam interest but no diamond control."

Nelson: "4H. This bid should clarify I am looking for MUCH more....waiting to hear a 6D bid in order to bid 7S; otherwise, I will settle for 6S."

Dodd: "4H. One more try, then I quit. Appearances can be deceiving. Despite the 'perfect' fit, I have exactly five winners to contribute, and once we pinpoint the diamond situation, even a dimwit East will know enough to lead a trump and blow up the crossruff."

Strite: "4H. Highlighting the diamond problem, though partner must have a card there."

Feiler: "4H. Well, that should zero partner in on the diamond suit."

Kessler: "4H. Partner's hand is still unlimited -- other than not opening 2C -- so let's continue to describe our hand. Certainly partner will not bid more than 4S without a diamond control."

Kniest: "4H. Still below game and I'm still interested, but no diamond control. What's not to like about this bid?"

Mr. Kniest summed up in 18 words what it took me a whole page to say.

6. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

West	North	East	South
2H	Pass	4H	???

What is your call as South holding: ♠Q9863 ♥4 ♦AKQ87 ♣K10 ?

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
4S	100	10	28
DBL	80	4	54
Pass	70	1	18
4NT	60	1	4
5D	40	0	2



The final city in the tour of places people have never heard of is Georgetown, but unfortunately, the education isn't quite as rich as the namesake that you all know. Going to Georgetown would be as crazy as . . . well, jumping in at the 4-level on Qxxxx. Oh wait...

Kessler: "4S. Matchpoints make people do crazy things. I've gone down before. In order to show two suits, you also need to raise the level."

Feiler: "4S. 4H, of course, is a transfer!"

Strite: "4S. Partner never makes the right lead anyway."

Dodd: "4S. This is a lot easier call to make in a forum where you don't have to deal with the aftermath. The real problem will occur when it goes Pass-Pass-Double and it's my turn again. Gulp."

Walker: "4S. Standard gamble. Partner has never put down the hoped-for trump support when I've made this bid in the past; but I'll keep trying it until he does."

Kniest: "4S. Can't pass; they may be cold. And I may go for a number, but it's matchpoints."

Feldheim: "4S Wow! Anything could work, but I'm choosing to believe that if East's 4H is preemptive, partner should hold some spades. If not, well, on to the next board."

Paulo: "4S. If I double, we risk bypassing 4S when it is our only game contract, as in the following layout. West: xx AKQxxx x xxxx; North: Kxx x xxxx Axxxx."

Bridge Baron software was the only panelist who passed. The other possible calls -- 4NT (to show a two-suiter) and Double (three-suiter?) -- could work, but overall, our panel was nervous about going to the 5-level. The argument for the takeout double was offered by:

Grande: "Double. Partner will strive to bid spades if at all possible. If he doesn't, diamonds or clubs may very well be a better spot. I'll pass a 5C bid by partner."

Okay, so the panel seemed to hit on all the reasons for *not* making the 4S call, other than Mr. Dodd's suggestion that we bid this way for the Forum. Now, we get to the more sane among us. Oh wait, there weren't any! So next time you make an absolutely daft bid, send your partner back to this forum and explain that you are 100% sure that this is what the panel would have done after reading about this problem.

And for all of you who didn't manage to get any of the capital cities correct, stop reading about bridge and go pick up a Conde Nast. Come October when I write again, I will inform you where we are probably going and quiz you about six other capitals that figured they would be better off without me.

♠ Panel and Solver Scores

Thanks to all who sent in answers and comments to this interesting set. Leading all Solvers with perfect 600's were **Wally Hendricks** of Champaign IL and **Don Mathis** of Bland MO. They're invited to join the June panel.

The six new problems for June are below. This is the third of the six sets in the 2010 Solvers Contest. Your annual score is based on your best three submissions, so there's still time to join in. Please send your solutions on the [web form](#) by *May 31*.

Note: The web form comments box has a length limit, so if the form rejects your bids, you may need to condense your comments before you resend your answers. Please post your bids through the web form so they're included in our automated scoring. It's also helpful if you use the same email address for every submission during the year.

June moderator: **Kent Feiler** - kent@kentfeiler.com

Solvers Forum -- June 2010 Problems

1. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1C	???

What is your call as South holding:
 ♠QJ1043 ♥K6 ♦KQ43 ♣AQ ?

2. IMPs, none vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1S	Pass	2D
Pass	3S	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding:
 ♠Void ♥KQ75 ♦QJ8764 ♣AQ3 ?

3. IMPs, EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1S
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2D

4. Matchpoints, EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1D

Pass 1S Pass 2S

Pass 3C Pass ???

What is your call as South holding:
 ♠AJ7 ♥KQ106 ♦Q9753 ♣4 ?

5. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1C	1H	1S
2H	Pass	3H	???

What is your call as South holding:
 ♠AJ98654 ♥Void ♦5 ♣108643 ?

6. Opening lead problem:

Matchpoints, both vulnerable

Pass 2NT Pass ???

West	North	East	South
2H	2S	3NT	DBL

* (Forcing 1NT)

All Pass

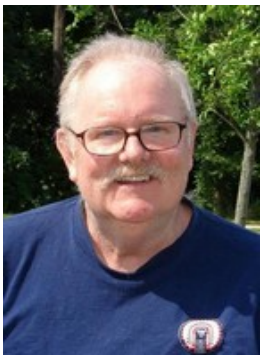
What is your call as South holding:

♠J8764 ♥KQJ ♦AQ985 ♣Void ?

What is your **LEAD** as South holding:

♠K8 ♥AJ76 ♦K82 ♣10985 ?

Thanks to Thomas O'Reilly Pol for Problem #1.



Pair Fare

News from Northwestern Illinois Unit 239

Editor: Roger Dieringer, 5 Lockman Circle, Elgin IL 60123
mrdier@wideopenwest.com

The Changing Scene

New Junior Masters: Mary Cichon, St. Charles

New Club Masters: Janice Koerner, Huntley; Roger Martin, Loves Park; Brenda Moore, Rockford

New Sectional Masters: Thomas McDonald, Batavia; Anita Bull, Crystal Lake; Laurence Fritzpatrick, Roscoe; Carolyn Rosene, St. Charles

New Regional Masters: Robert Larson, Roscoe

New Bronze Life Master: Robert Dekeyser, Rockford; Mary Jo Sergent, Rockford; Ann Witt, Aurora

Silver Life Master: Daniel Wynn, Carpentersville

Gold Life Master: Alma Karas, Batavia.\

On Sad Note: I regret to announce the passing of one of our long time members Harold Legel. Harold was well respected and will be missed greatly. Condolences to the Legel family and his many friends.

Elgin Valentine 299er Tournament - Feb. 12-14

Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up. The top ten masterpoint winners were:

- 1 5.08 Don Cohen, Oak Park IL
- 2 4.16 Leslie Garvey, Elkhart IL
- 3 4.16 Charles Langley, Edinburg IL
- 4 3.68 Sherilynn Spear, Naperville IL

- 5 3.68 Richard Spear, Naperville IL
- 6 3.48 Stephen Blitz, Fitchburg WI
- 7 3.48 Amelia Butzen, Fond Du Lac WI
- 8 3.37 Lisa Frese, Lake Barrington IL
- 9 3.18 Robert Quintin, St. Charles IL
- 10 3.18 Michael Morrice, Crystal Lake IL

Full results and a listing of all players who won masterpoints is [here](#).

Upcoming tournaments

April 09-11 -- [Carl Sandburg Sectional](#), Sandburg Mall, Galesburg IL

April 17 -- Annual Unit 239 lunch buffet and free bridge game. Holiday Inn, Elgin

April 12-18 -- [MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL](#), Gatlinburg TN

April 19-25 -- [DISTRICT 13 SPRING REGIONAL](#), Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva WI

April 23-25 -- [Pioneer Sectional](#), Hendelmeyer Park, Effingham IL

May 2-3 -- [DISTRICT 8 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS](#), Eagles Club, Riverton IL

May 14-16 -- [St. Louis Sectional](#), Blanchette Park, St. Charles, MO

May 25-31 -- [ILLINI REGIONAL](#), Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign, IL

June 21-27 -- [Rockford Regional](#), Clock Tower Resort, Rockford, IL



CIBA Digest

News from Central Illinois Unit 208

**Editor: Karen Walker, 2121 Lynwood Drive, Champaign
61821
(217) 359-0042 kwbridge@comcast.net**

2009 Unit Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Winners

♣ Ace of Clubs

Points won in club games in 2009

0 to 5 (on 1/1/09)

Mel Bibo, Paris -- 17.22
Gale Fixmer, Springfield -- 14.72
Larry Christison, Springfield -- 14.40
Ann Staats, Paris -- 12.60
Carolyn Vanek, Springfield -- 12.47

5 to 20

Charles Langley, Edinburg -- 54.40
Karen Sapetti, Springfield -- 26.78
Mark Beattie, Sherman -- -- 15.82
Pat Hobson, Springfield -- 14.03
Glenn Spencer, Peoria -- 13.46

20 to 50

Shirley Coville, Springfield -- 56.00
Martie Blazis, Springfield -- 25.70
Jane Blair, Paris -- 20.42
Jean Motsinger, Savoy -- 20.40
Dan Baker, Urbana -- 18.31

50 to 100

♠ Mini-McKenney

Total points won in 2009

0 to 5

Peiyi Wang, Urbana -- 33.39
Larry Christison, Springfield -- 23.13
Carolyn Vanek, Springfield -- 21.20
Mel Bibo, Paris -- 19.84
Gale Fixmer, Springfield -- 17.30

5 to 20

Charles Langley, Edinburg -- 103.70
Karen Sapetti, Springfield -- 30.09
Glenn Spencer, Peoria -- 22.96
JoAnn Schroeder, Bloomington -- 21.22
Mark Beattie, Sherman -- 20.92

20 to 50

Shirley Coville, Springfield -- 70.27
Dan Baker, Urbana -- 46.65
Martie Blazis, Springfield -- 31.39
Jean Motsinger, Savoy -- 30.70
Dawn Libera, Athens -- 24.98

50 to 100

Becky Groeninger, Springfield -- 70.36
Earl Anderson, Springfield -- 60.25
Nancy Shaver, Springfield -- 42.48
Bob Derber, Springfield -- 29.54
Joyce E McWilliams Paris -- 29.00

100 to 200

Shirley Logan, Springfield -- 66.31
Jeff Ehrlich, Springfield -- 64.91
Jane Byram, Chatham -- 60.13
Carol Sue McNaught, Auburn -- 52.12
William Wold, Springfield -- 47.56

200 to 300

Linda Wilkening, Springfield -- 78.29
Michael White, Springfield -- 62.67
Bev Upp, Bloomington -- 54.74
Rhonda Berberet, Springfield -- 48.48
Stevie Holcomb, Springfield -- 44.15

300 to 500

Fred Roese, Springfield -- 64.95
Peggy McLaughlin, Decatur -- 57.78
Ann Schuyler, Bloomington -- 55.72
Larry McLaughlin, Decatur -- 43.18
Margaret Stephens, Champaign -- 42.55

500 to 1000

Douglas Jonquet, Decatur -- 85.00
Cal Corbin, Champaign -- 72.61
Dale Harvey, Galesburg -- 66.73
Dariel Richardson, Rochester -- 61.52
Stanley Gutzman, Normal -- 52.97

1000 to 2500

Betty Primm, Athens -- 105.08
Zach Freehill, Bloomington -- 98.23
Henry Hoffman, Bloomington -- 90.78
George Veenstra, Springfield -- 90.20
Stephen Babin, Normal -- 80.65

Becky Groeninger, Springfield -- 99.35
Earl Anderson, Springfield -- 78.87
Nancy Shaver, Springfield -- 72.18
Joyce McWilliams, Paris -- 69.42
Bob Derber, Springfield -- 62.87

100 to 200

Judith Greek, Galesburg -- 162.46
Ronald Greek, Galesburg -- 158.28
Jeff Ehrlich, Springfield -- 108.82
Jane Byram, Chatham -- 101.09
Shirley Logan, Springfield -- 81.97

200 to 300

Linda Wilkening, Springfield -- 173.62
Bev Upp, Bloomington -- 108.47
Rhonda Berberet, Springfield -- 97.27
Michael White, Springfield -- 92.98
Stevie Holcomb, Springfield -- 78.67

300 to 500

Ann Schuyler, Bloomington -- 132.92
Michael Ring, Urbana -- 129.78
Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Hts -- 104.15
Bill Bulfer, East Peoria -- 91.24
Dennis Moll, Bloomington -- 82.73

500 to 1000

Daniel Bunde, Urbana -- 182.73
Claire Krukenberg, Charleston -- 147.55
Dariel Richardson, Rochester -- 142.43
Cal Corbin, Champaign -- 109.94
Roger Sokol, Minooka -- 109.27

1000 to 2500

Zach Freehill, Bloomington -- 185.89
Stephen Babin, Normal -- 163.08
Larry Wilcox, Springfield -- 157.37
John Weber, Watseka -- 149.82
Patrick Moos, Peoria -- 146.25

2500 to 5000

John Seng, Champaign -- 55.71
Larry Rabideau, Saint Anne -- 54.98
Betty Capodice, Bloomington -- 53.56
Alan Wienman, Morton -- 48.77
Leonard Kaufman, Peoria -- 42.99

5000+

Chris Benson, Le Roy -- 14.80
Dick Benson, Leroy -- 11.96
Colby Vernay, Lacon -- 3.58
Karen Walker, Champaign -- 3.51
Mark Kessler, Springfield -- 1.50

2500 to 5000

James Melville, Springfield -- 788.38
Alan Wienman, Morton -- 481.56
John Seng, Champaign -- 253.84
Mike Halvorsen, Champaign -- 180.34
Robert Butz, Kankakee -- 136.53

5000 to 7500

Karen Walker, Champaign -- 287.89
Mark Kessler, Springfield -- 234.00
Dan Requard, Springfield -- 12.17

Over 10,000

Colby Vernay, Lacon -- 460.39
Chris Benson, Le Roy -- 292.15
Dick Benson, Leroy -- 288.07
Gary Kessler, Springfield -- 235.23

Visit the [ACBL Awards](#) page to view lists of the top Unit players in each category for 2009 and year-to-date 2010.

Make 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 25-31** at the Hilton Garden Inn. We have spacious playing facilities in the convention center, along with free parking, convenient restaurants and non-stop hospitality. A full schedule of events is [here](#).



Bridge rate at the Hilton Garden Inn is \$95 double, with a **special rate of \$85** if you book three nights or more. Bridge rate at Homewood Suites is \$105 (includes daily breakfast and weekday dinners).

You can book either hotel by phone (Hilton --217-352-9970; Homewood -- 352-9960) or through the tournament's [online booking page](#). *Please reserve by May 12.*

Coming up on the Central Illinois Calendar



April 9-11 -- Carl Sandburg Sectional, Galesburg
[Schedule](#)

May 1 & 2 -- District 8 Grand National Teams, Eagles Club, Riverton

May 25-31 -- Illini Regional, Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign [Schedule](#)

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

June 4 & 5 -- Worldwide Bridge Contest, Local clubs

July 9-10 -- Twin Cities Sectional, Downs

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

Junior Masters (5 pts.)

Wayne Gonyea, Galesburg
John Howerton, Quincy
Victor Lary, Springfield
Virginia Long, Springfield
Sara Rhoads, Seymour
Carolyn Snell, Danville
Jo Ellen Tamen, Decatur

Club Masters (20 pts.)

Karna Desai, Urbana
Laura Plummer, Champaign
Ann Staats, Paris

Sectional Masters (50 pts.)

Peter Holm, Springfield
John Maloney, Mahomet
William Morgan, Mattoon
Cynthia Utley, Springfield

Regional Masters (100 pts.)

Life Masters (300 pts.)

Rhonda Berberet, Springfield
Judith Greek, Galesburg
Ron Greek, Galesburg

Silver Life Masters (1000 pts.)

Gary Schechter, Springfield
Roger Sokol, Minooka
Ivey Weaver, Bloomington

Welcome to new members:

Alice Bulinski, Springfield
Raymond Bulinski, Springfield
Frederick Juliano, Morris
Paul Lewis, Peoria
John Millar, Galesburg
Douglas Sutton, Springfield
Claire Treat, Galesburg



THE RECAP SHEET

News from Northern Indiana — Unit 154

Editor: Barbara Walczak, 1008 Melbrook Dr, Munster, IN 46321

(219) 923-2288

bawalczak@att.net

NEW MEMBERS

Mary Ann Filipiak, Michigan City; Carol Miller, Valparaiso; George Rebraca, Munster; Janet Troeger, Granger

RISING IN THE RANKINGS

Junior Masters: Douglas Jordan, Dyer; Sharon Snyder, Crown Point; William Peters, Fort Wayne

Club Masters: Joshua Baiel, Wheatfield; Anna Urick, Hammond

Sectional Masters: Dennis Sharp, Milford; Mary Adams, South Bend; Lillian Armentrout, Roanoke; Margaret Blauvelt, Fort Wayne; Shirley Koch, Schererville; Patricia Laing, South Bend; Carol Logan, Fort Wayne

Regional Masters: Gregory Lyzun, South Bend; Elaine Thompson, South Bend; Maureen Trubac, Granger

NABC Masters: Trudi McKamey, Portage; Suzanne Gerhold, South Bend

Life Master: Jennifer Koorsen, Fort Wayne

Silver Life Masters: Rita Duncan, Somerset; Thomas Carpenter, Fort Wayne

Gold Life Master: Virginia Stipp, South Bend

70% + GAMES

Dave Bigler, Hobart and Bob Kellstrom, Chesterton — 72.22% -- February 17

Trudi McKamey, Ogden Dunes and Dolores Keller, Valparaiso — 70.00% -- March 2

Jim O'Connell, Valparaiso and Bob Kellstrom, Chesterton — 74.00% -- March 4

70% + Games from South Bend

49ers: Ivey Ewing and Claire White — 73.81%

199ers: Norm Muller and Jim Fitzpatrick — 77.38%

George Cramer and Bill Blauvelt — 75.00%

Joseph Maguire and John Fremeau — 70.63%

299ers: Sherie Kolski and Phil Kolski — 71.53%

Open Pairs

Richard Mao and James Feinstein — 72.73%

Fred Binder and Byron Parshall — 72.22%

Sara Grande and Chris Grande — 72.08%

Philip Slatt and Donald Wertheimer — 71.88%

Lena Howard and James Feinstein — 71.73%

Marian David and Irene Singleton — 71.72%

Howard Piltch and Bud Hinckley — 71.36%

Ladora Sloan and James Feinstein — 71.30%

Tim DeLaney and Elaine DeLaney — 70.37%

Ruth Minish and Joan Tobler — 70.36%

Marian David and James Feinstein — 70.19%

ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS — 2009 — UNIT 154

0 - 5 — Indra Gupta, Dennis David, Samuel McInturff

5 - 20 — Kimberly Grant, Jim Fitzpatrick, Julie Nelson

20 - 50 — August Tomusk, Shirley Koch, Norm Muller

50 - 100 — Gregory Lyzun, Karen Drain, Judy Grambo

100 - 200 — Peg Kiernan, Ilse Grove, Maureen Trubac

200 - 300 — Richard Bredmeyer, Phillip Kolski, Alfred Prus

300 - 500 — Dave Bigler, Richard Hastings, Pat Valiska

500 - 1000 — Cappy Gagnon, Barbara Walczak, Ruth Minish

1000 - 2500 — Patricia Killeen, Lena Howard, John Killeen

2500 - 5000 — James Feinstein, Elaine Delaney, Irene Singleton

5000 - 7500 — James David, Richard Ellis

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

Over 10,000 — Howard, Piltch, Bob Carteaux

MINI-McKENNEY STANDINGS — 2009 — UNIT 154

0 - 5 — Indra Gupta, Dennis David, Samuel McInturff

5 - 20 — Kimberly Grant, Jim Fitzpatrick, Julie Nelson
20 - 50 — August Tomusk, Patrick Oetting, Shirley Koch
50 - 100 — Gregory Lyzun, Sally Landrum, Earl Landrum
100 - 200 — Peggy Kiernan, Ilse Grove, Joan Aldrich
200 - 300 — Richard Bredmeyer, Phillip Kolski, Alfred Prus
300 - 500 — Dave Bigler, Pat Valiska, Richard Hastings
500 - 1000 — Cappy Gagnon, Thomas Carpenter, Ruth Minish
1000 - 2500 — Steve Watson, Lena Howard, Bud Hinckley
2500 - 5000 — James Feinstein, Carol Mahoney, Joe Chin
5000 - 7500 — James Davis, Richard Ellis
7500 - 10,000 — John Aumiller, Michael Slaven, Dean Duncan
over 10,000 — Howard Piltch, Bob Carteaux

NEWS FROM FORT WAYNE



Jennifer Koorsen is Fort Wayne's newest Life Master. She played in a Regional at Hilton Head, SC in a knockout with Joe Shull. Tom Kelly and Jennifer's husband, Ken Koorsen, were the other half of the team. Jennifer got the gold points that she needed. It was the first event the team played in, and they came in first.

The following comments were contributed by Joe Shull, Jennifer's partner. "Our strategy was for Jennifer and me to play straight down the middle and take what was ours and let Ken and Tom worry about catching up, if necessary. We won mainly because Ken kept putting Tom in games and he made them all (seven games bid and made in 12 hands). Poor Tom was so exhausted that he didn't play the next day. We just went out to eat for a celebration at a nearby club on the bay.

"After we won the 1st championship Jennifer made Life Master. On our way to the hospitality room we saw Jeff Meckstroth, and Jennifer told him she made LM for which he congratulated her. She told him to be sure and tell Eric. Jeff said he would.

"There's a little back story here. Jennifer had met Jeff at the Fort Wayne regional while they were

both out smoking, and Jennifer, being Jennifer, asked him if he ever dreamed that he would be a big bridge star when he was young. He said that he had wanted to be a golf star when he was young. So they did have a ‘history’.”

Jennifer is in the front of the photo. The bald player in the painting, who is the partner of the person in the mirror, is Ken. Tom Kelly is the person you can see in the mirror. The painting is in Jennifer’s and Ken’s kitchen. Tom Kelly is the artist.

Fort Wayne Duplicate Bridge Club is purchasing 20 Bridge Mate 2's for computerized scoring. The manufacturer didn't have any available, so the players are anxiously awaiting their arrival.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB



We
are



very proud of our South Bend Bridge Club. We have over 160 members, 10 sanctioned games over 7 days a week (Saturday just recently added), a wonderful teaching staff, a lovely playing facility, a very active Board of Directors, and a website

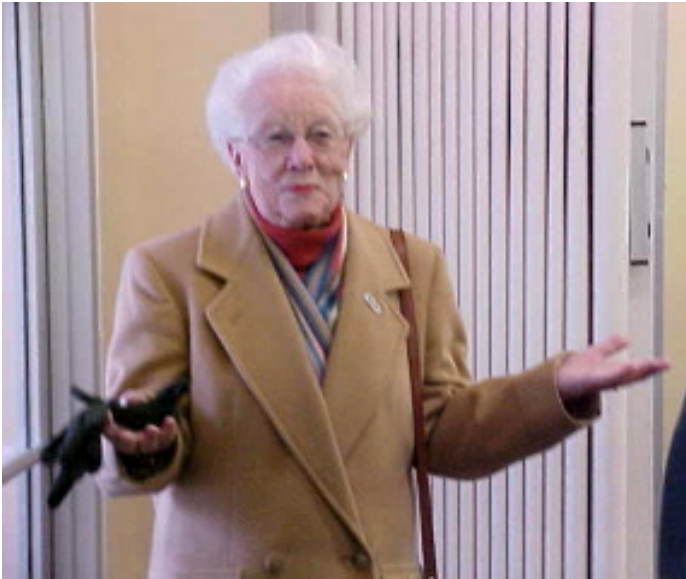
(www.bridgescore.com/sbbc) where players can find their scores, classes being offered, and a calendar of upcoming events. Some recent additions include a TV monitor mounted on the wall where players can see final scores entered without having to hover over the director, rearrangement of 20+ tables allowing room for novices and more seasoned players to play in two separate sections at the facility, and a very special “Wall” erected to honor people who have attained another level in bridge.

The “Wall” was an idea espoused by John Killeen and embraced by the Board members. The actual construction of the “Wall” was by Tom Hebron with help from our President, Paul Silberman. John Killeen and his wife, Tricia, did the information gathering so that Jo Ann Steigmeyer could put together the artwork to be placed in the separate frames embedded in the Wall. These frames list the honorees and their accomplishments. In between these honored spots Jo Ann has placed pictures of antique playing cards and, at the top of the Wall, Tom created a wooden replica of the ACBL logo and The South Bend Bridge Club in wooden script. What a

wonderful addition to the bridge center's decor!

The people in the photo who were the creators of the wall are: seated (left to right) — **Paul Silberman** and **Victor Papai**. Standing (left to right) are — **Tom Hebron, John Killeen** and **Jo Ann Steigmeyer**.

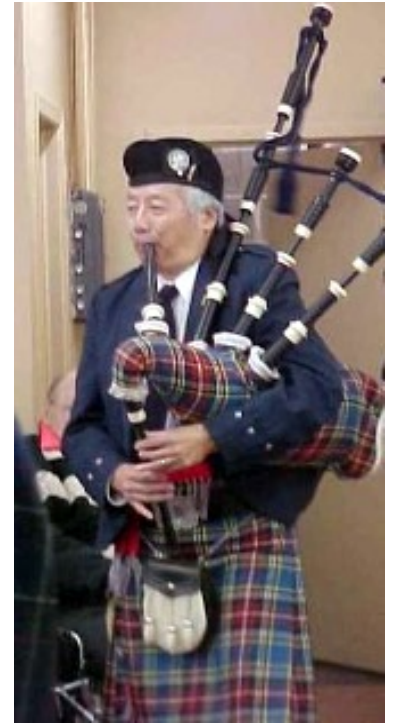
Our teaching program has brought many new members to the club and has enhanced the play of the game for veteran players. Right now we have an Advanced Defense Class presented by Tim DeLaney, a Beginning Class with Tricia Killeen, an Intermediate Class with Jo Ann Steigmeyer, an Advanced Class taught by Irene Singleton, and an ongoing class and sanctioned game combination especially for 49ers - 499ers given by Elaine DeLaney.



Martha Hosinski was caught unawares when she walked in to the Bridge Club on January 4th and found members singing Happy Birthday to celebrate her 90th Birthday.

Richard Mao, a member of the SBBC, serenaded her with his

bagpipes which made for an unforgettable day. Martha is one of the most “UP” persons in the club and we were delighted to have surprised her! All the members signed a book with personal wishes.



BARRY CRANE TOP 500

Following are the top 100 masterpoint winners from Unit 154 in 2009.

1. Howard Piltch, South Bend IN -- 612
2. Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN -- 536
3. James Feinstein, South Bend IN -- 392
4. Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN -- 346
5. John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN -- 322
6. Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 318
7. Elaine Delaney, South Bend IN -- 308
8. Steven Watson, Munster IN -- 300
9. Michael Slaven, Elkhart IN -- 265
10. Cappy Gagnon, Notre Dame IN -- 261
11. Lena Howard, Elkhart IN -- 252
12. Bud Hinckley, South Bend IN -- 242
13. Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 228
14. John Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 226
15. Louis Nimmicht, Crown Point IN -- 212
16. Donald Wertheimer, South Bend IN -- 212
17. Dave Bigler, Hobart IN -- 212
18. John Chmielowiec, Michigan City IN -- 198
19. Irene Singleton, South Bend IN -- 191
20. Leroy Boser, Elkhart IN -- 176
21. Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN -- 173
22. Charles Clarke, South Bend IN -- 172
23. Bob Kellstrom, Chesterton IN -- 172
24. Daniel Simon, South Bend IN -- 171
25. Marian David, South Bend IN -- 169
26. Howard Schmid, Merrillville IN -- 169
27. Donna Simon, South Bend IN -- 169
28. Frank Yoder III, Goshen IN -- 168
29. Sara Marcus, Granger IN -- 166
30. Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN -- 161
31. James Davis, Kokomo IN -- 146
32. Richard Bredemeyer, Fort Wayne IN -- 141
33. Chris Grande, Mishawaka IN -- 139
34. Sara Grande, Mishawaka IN -- 139
35. Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Granger IN -- 138
36. Thomas Carpenter, Fort Wayne IN -- 137
37. Ruth Minish, Granger IN -- 130
51. James O'Connell, Valparaiso IN -- 121
52. Manuel Silverman, Fort Wayne IN -- 119
53. Dave Fred, Granger IN -- 119
54. James Angell, Munster IN -- 117
55. Donald Groch, South Bend IN -- 106
56. Mary Lou Clegg, Fort Wayne IN -- 105
57. Margaret Kiernan, Schererville IN -- 104
58. David McNitt, Elkhart IN -- 101
59. Gregory Lyzun, South Bend IN -- 95
60. Teen Robertson, Mishawaka IN -- 95
61. Suzanne Watson, South Bend IN -- 95
62. Barbara Graegin, Dyer IN -- 91
63. Phillip Kolski, Elkhart IN -- 90
64. Rosemary Shafer, South Bend IN -- 89
65. Louise Tickfer, Granger IN -- 89
66. Mrs. M. C. Knepper, Palmetto FL -- 88
67. Victor Papai, South Bend IN -- 88
68. Sally Landrum, Marion IN -- 88
69. Earl Landrum, Marion IN -- 88
70. Karen Drain, South Bend IN -- 87
71. Richard Mao, Mishawaka IN -- 86
72. Michael Clegg, Fort Wayne IN -- 85
73. Constance Stevens, Highland IN -- 84
74. Larry O'Maley, Fort Wayne IN -- 83
75. John Scheibelhut, Notre Dame IN -- 83
76. Rose Ferguson, Fort Wayne IN -- 83
77. John Hamilton, Palm City FL -- 82
78. Robert Adams, South Bend IN -- 82
79. Martha Hosinski, South Bend IN -- 79
80. Rita Duncan, Somerset IN -- 78
81. Ilse Grove, South Bend IN -- 78
82. Opal Jost, South Bend IN -- 77
83. Byron Parshall, Mishawaka IN -- 77
84. Paul Graegin, Dyer IN -- 76
85. Richard Ellis Jr., Kokomo IN -- 75
86. Joan Aldrich, South Bend IN -- 74
87. Philip Slatt, South Bend IN -- 74

38. Ronald Peterson, Plymouth IN -- 130
39. Virginia Peterson, Plymouth IN -- 130
40. Chuck Briggs, Hobart IN -- 129
41. Timothy Delaney, South Bend IN -- 129
42. Paul Scherer, Mishawaka IN -- 128
43. Patricia Valiska, Highland IN -- 126
44. Richard Hastings, Bristol IN -- 126
45. J. Cordas, South Bend IN -- 126
46. Barbara Walczak, Munster IN -- 125
47. Donald Ferguson, Fort Wayne IN -- 124
48. Norman Szewczyk, Lansing IL -- 124
49. David Hoevel, Fort Wayne IN -- 123
50. Virginia Stipp, South Bend IN -- 122
88. Jack Spring, Fort Wayne IN -- 74
89. Christine Barker, Granger IN -- 73
90. Sandy Craft, Fort Wayne IN -- 73
91. Joseph Shull, New Haven IN -- 73
92. Sharon Novotny, Granger IN -- 72
93. Patricia Borchert, Elkhart IN -- 72
94. Patty Fred, Granger IN -- 71
95. Grant Van Horne, Auburn IN -- 70
96. Indra Gupta, Munster IN -- 70
97. Charles Schultz, La Porte IN -- 69
98. Trudy McKamey, Portage IN -- 69
99. Barbara Medlock, Granger IN -- 68
100. Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton IN -- 67

SILVER LIFE MASTER — TOM CARPENTER

Tom Carpenter started playing duplicate at the Fort Wayne club seven years ago. He had previously played noontime bridge at work for many years.

He has been playing duplicate almost exclusively in Fort Wayne at Fort Wayne Duplicate Bridge Club. Over the years, he played in three Indiana non-Fort Wayne sectionals and one national. The national was in New Orleans, where he received the gold points required for Life Master level.

Tom's early mentor, Dick Sullivan, was instrumental in advancing his bridge skills and enjoyment of the game. He enjoys partnering with many different partners and helping newer players at the club. The Fort Wayne Duplicate Bridge Club's friendly players and atmosphere continue to make playing duplicate bridge a pleasurable pastime.

Tom was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was an engineering manager and system engineer, retired from Magnavox/Raytheon in Fort Wayne. Family time remains his highest priority. He is married to his wife, Bonnie, for 48 years. He has three children — Billy (deceased), Susan, and Christa and two grandchildren.

Congratulations, Tom, on earning 1000 masterpoints in a short seven years!



Greater St. Louis Bridge News

News from Greater St. Louis Unit 143

Editor: Sheryl Finkenstadt, St. Louis MO sheryl@finkenstadt.com

Overheard at the table:

“Before the game, it is like herding cats to get them to sit down. Once the game has started, it is like herding turtles to get them to move.”

“Don't think too long -- unless the 4 diamonds are 6-0.”

“What are you complaining about, partner? I led my singleton as you told me at the last table. How was I to know that it does not apply to the trump suit?”

“We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing.”

“The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table.”

APRIL FOOL! Bridge may be just a game, or even an addiction, but it is one that entertains us all. What would our lives be without it?



Tom Oppenheimer wins 2009 Ed Schultz Unit Championship Award

In 2009, the Unit renamed the former Player of the Year Award in Ed Schultz's memory. This award is given to that unit member in good standing who has won the most masterpoints in unrestricted Unit-sponsored events in a given calendar year.

The award is designed to promote the participation of the players in Unit143-sponsored events and to recognize an individual's achievement in those events. This reflects loyalty and dedication and, of course, a great deal of skill.

Tom Oppenheimer received the memorial trophy from Beth Fay, Ed's wife, at the recent

January Sectional.

199er Championship Tournament -- March 27, 2010

The tournament brought 63.5 tables to Maryland Heights Community Center -- 41.5 for the morning session and 22 in the afternoon. Jane Ettelson, tourney chair, praised her colleagues for their invaluable help – and the players for having such a good time.



Morning session



**Morning Flt A:
Paul Radsom & Steve Russell**



**Morning Flt B & C:
Kathy Botney & Lauren Rice**



**Tournament Chair Jane Ettelson (center)
congratulates Kathy and Lauren**



**Afternoon Flt A & B:
Louise Koenigfeld & Atul Hajela**



Afternoon Flt C: Trish & Dick Lazeroff

District 8 StaC

Results from the District 8 Sectional-at-Clubs found five Unit 143 players placed in the top 10 of the District's masterpoint winners:

- (1) Arbha Vongsvivut
- (2) Debra Romero
- (7) Donna Pedrotti
- (10/11) Richard Riezman & Roger Lord.

70+% games at local clubs are possible!

A baker's dozen of pairs, including 4 married couples, enjoyed really great games in the past two months. Congratulations to:

- Jackie Baker & En Xie (70.59% on 3-25-10)
- Joyce Weinstein & Sue Perez (70% on 3-16-10)
- Arbha Vongsvivut & David Drennan (81.25% on 3-4-10)
- Karen & Tom Engle (72% on 2-27-10)
- Marv & Sandy Meinz (70.83% on 2-24-10)
- Norman Athy & Carol Hamilton (73% on 2-22-10)
- Louise Ellebracht & Lee Hastings (73.10% on 2-15-10)
- Bill & Sheryl Finkenstadt (71.53% on 2-10-10)
- Susan Kilo & En Xie (73.36% on 2-9-10)
- Don Chase & Del Sylvester (70.92% on 2-3-10)
- Don & Regina Hauser (72.22% on 1-29-10)
- Sue Perez & Judy Eaton (70.83% on 1-29-10)

Unit membership

Unit 143 now has 1116 members: 53% below 100 masterpoints, 15% above 100 MPs but not yet life masters, 26% life masters who are not yet

gold LM, and 5% gold LM or above. Well-deserved congratulations go to the 40 following players who have advanced in rank, as of March 1, 2010.

New Junior Masters

Nadia Alul
Tom Engle
Roxy Kesler
Anne McAlpin
Michael Monaldi
Tina Rosemann
Jane Wolfe

New Regional Masters

Randy Baker
Charles Bretzke
Jack Maram
Marvin Meinz
Jeanne Netherton
Judy Pass
Robert Rohne
Richard Welc

New Club Masters

Mary Cornwell
Marda Gatewood
Jan Greenberg
Robert Griffin
Dan Hass
John Millham
Helene Mirowitz
Chris Newman
Karen Pahuski
Mark Prosser

New NABC Master

Suzy Seldin

New Life Masters

Helene Siegfried
Barbara Stewart

New Bronze Life Masters

Lois Kanefield
Ruth Nabor
Roseann Stice

New Sectional Masters

Ralph Britton
Atul Hajela
Cheryl Prante
Ulrike Schlafly
James Simpson

New Silver Life Masters

George Bogacki
R.A. Etkorn
Jo Ann Moore
Richard Riezman
Laura Scholten

Upcoming Tournaments

May 14-16, 2010 -- [Sectional Tournament](#), Blanchette Park, St. Charles MO

August 9-15, 2010 -- [Regional Tournament](#), Renaissance Hotel (next to the airport)

September 25, 2010 -- 199er Tournament. Maryland Heights, MO

October 15-17, 2010 -- Sectional Tournament. Blanchette Park, M



Unit 223 Reporter

News from Southern Illinois-Paducah Unit 223

Editor: Karen Coe, 12761 Webb Hill Rd., Ewing IL 62836
(618-435-4200) finesse002002@yahoo.com

2009 Masterpoint Race Results

First Place in the Ace of Clubs Race:

- 0-5 Points – Linda Brofka, Marion IL
- 5-20 Points – Ron Deluca, Destin FL
- 20-50 Points – Dianna Nerren, Hickman KY
- 50-100 Points – Marilyn Storch, Herrin IL
- 100-200 Points – Donald Klingsick, Edwardsville IL
- 200-300 Points – Ann Smith, Marion IL
- 300-500 Points – Terryl Francis, Glen Carbon IL
- 500-1000 Points – Jane Baker, Paducah KY
- 1000-2500 Points – David Drennan, Granite City IL
- 2500-5000 Points – Julia Rambo, Mayfield KY

First Place in the Mini-McKenney Race:

- 0-5 Points – Sharon & George Halsey, O'Fallon IL
- 5-20 Points – Ron Deluca, Destin FL
- 20-50 Points – David Mindrup, Glen Carbon IL
- 50-100 Points – Marilyn Storch, Herrin IL
- 100-200 Points – Donald Klingsick, Edwardsville IL
- 200-300 Points – Mary Parker, Eddyville KY
- 300-500 Points – Terryl Francis, Glen Carbon IL
- 500-1000 Points – Carol Warner, Fairview Hgts IL
- 1000-2500 Points – Bruce Gardner, Paducah KY
- 2500-5000 Points – Dalton Darnell, Murray KY

Full results for the 2009 Unit 223 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs (the top 10 players in each category) can be found by visiting www.acbl.org and clicking on Masterpoint Races. Current standings for the 2010 masterpoint races are at the same location. The rank in which players compete each year is

determined by the points they possess on Jan 1.

McCord Trophy for 2009

The McCord Trophy Race is for most points accumulated by a Unit 223 Player at Unit 223 Sectional Tournaments. The top players in the McCord Race for 2009 were:

1. **Dalton Darnell**, Murray KY – 52.05
2. Bruce Gardner, Paducah KY – 44.59
3. Doug Edwards, Hardin KY – 40.30
4. Judy Eaton, Carbondale IL – 37.96
5. Ron Brockman, Paducah KY – 33.70
6. Tom Wynn, Paducah KY – 28.40
7. Ron Diehl, Effingham IL – 27.91
8. Sandra Lemon, Mayfield KY – 24.13
9. Larry Lemon, Mayfield KY – 24.13
10. Gayle Edwards, Hardin KY -- 24.09
11. Maxine Wynn, Paducah KY -- 24.03
12. Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL – 23.38
13. Ray Sigler, Trenton IL – 23.37
14. Ron Brotherson, Paducah KY -- 22.93
15. Brenda Gagnon, Paducah KY -- 22.55
16. Janet Brotherson, Paducah KY -- 22.46
17. Bob Cundall, Collinsville IL -- 22.16
18. Dean Stow, Paducah KY – 22.13
19. Glafkos Galanos, Carbondale IL – 21.31
20. Doug McQuaid, Lebanon IL -- 19.79
21. Richard Brummer, Effingham IL – 18.16
22. Carol Warner, Fairview Hgts. IL – 17.98
23. John Burgener, St. Louis MO -- 17.92
24. Leonard Gross, Carbondale IL -- 17.73
25. Julia Rambo, Mayfield KY & Hugh Williams, Carbondale IL – 16.82

Advances in Rank

Congratulations to the following Unit 223 Players who have advanced in rank:

New Junior Masters:

George Ballhausen, Red Bud IL

Mary File, Edwardsville IL

Janet Little, Wood River IL

Pat Peak, Effingham IL

Pamela Pearson, Marion IL

Robert Travis, Worden IL

Judy True, Wood River IL

Jay Winter, Edwardsville IL

Dawn Wood, Glen Carbon IL

New Club Masters:

Linda Badgley, Edwardsville IL

Linda Brofka, Marion IL

George & Sharon Halsey, O'Fallon IL

Josh Rich, Alton IL

James Storch, Herrin IL

New Sectional Masters:

Carol Cookson, Belleville IL

Ron Deluca, Gilbertsville KY

Raynetta Earp, Paducah KY

Terry Sharp, Mt. Vernon IL

Barbara Wachter, Metropolis IL

New Regional Masters:

Marilyn Storch, Herrin IL

New NABC Masters:

Eric Bizzell, Beecher City IL

New Bronze Life Masters:

Beverly Butler, Highland IL

Doris Holzhauser, Centralia IL

Welcome

Since December 2009, we have gained the following new members. Please make them feel welcome.

Teresa Abert, Godfrey IL

Barbara Constance, Belleville IL

Alsandyra Essien, East St. Louis IL

Mary File, Edwardsville IL

Glenda Klingsick, Edwardsville IL

Janet Noble, Belleville IL

Carol Phillips, Godfrey IL

Judith & Roger Pifer, Glen Carbon IL

Our Unit's current total membership stands at 419.

Pioneer Sectional Tournament



Illini Regional Bridge Tournament

Memorial Day week:

May 25-31, 2010

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 per session in the Stratified Open Pair or Rose Bowl Compact KO for ages 65+.

♣ **Friday: Juniors Day** -- Full-time students age 25 and under play **FREE** in the Swiss Teams or 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 for 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. C & D strata in all events, Tuesday through Monday.

Tuesday, May 25

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

7:30 -- Play for the Pets Charity Pairs

Wednesday, May 26 -- Seniors Day

♣ *\$2 off per session in the Open Pairs or Compact KO 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 -- **Stratified Open Pair** (single-session entries available)

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

7:30 -- One-session Swiss Team

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

Thursday, May 27

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

9:30 -- Charity Series AM Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- **Chief Illiniwek KO Teams**

Expert speakers at 1:00 & 7:00, Wed.
evening through Sun. afternoon.

♣ **Non-stop hospitality** -- Evening buffets,
hotel hospitality suite, registration gifts, door
prizes, champagne splits & glasses to section
winners, *Daily Bulletin*, *more!*

Three Bracketed Knockout Teams

(four sessions):

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

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

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

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

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

Orange & Blue KO -- *Mornings*: 9:30
Thursday and Friday

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

Stratified Pair Events: Single-session
entries are available in *all* two-session pair
games.

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

Two-session Stratified Open Pairs -- 1:30
& 7:30, Wednesday through Saturday.

Two-session Strataflighted Pairs (Flight A
separate from Flights BCD) -- 1:30 & 7:30
Sunday. *Barometer final* in Flight A.

Three One-Session Swiss Teams:

7:30 Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday

(continues Fri Aft/Eve)

1:30 & 7:30 -- **Stratified Open Pair** (single-
session entries available)

7:30 -- One-session Swiss Team

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

Friday, May 28 -- 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 -- **Stratified Swiss Teams**

1:30 & 7:30 -- **Stratified Open Pair** (single-
session entries available)

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

Saturday, May 29

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

9:30 -- Charity Series AM Pairs

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

1:30 & 7:30 -- **Stratified Open Pair** (single-
session entries available)

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

7:30 -- One-session Swiss Team

Sunday, May 30 -- Fighting Illini Fans Day

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

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** (afternoon-
only entries available)

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

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

Novice/Intermediate Events:

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
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

Two host hotels:

Bridge rate (\$95 double) at the **Hilton
Garden Inn**. *Special offer:* \$85 per night if
you book for three nights or more (rate will
be adjusted when you check in). Opened in
fall 2006, the hotel offers sleep-number beds,
free wireless Internet, a heated indoor pool
and fitness center.

Bridge rate (\$105 double) at **Homewood
Suites**. Rate includes daily hot breakfasts
and weekday dinners.

Both hotels are located at 1501 South Neil
(corner of Neil & Kirby). Parking is free, and
a wide variety of restaurants are within
walking distance. [Map with link for driving
directions](#)

Reservations: [Book online](#) (use group code
BRDG10) or call 217-352-9970 (Hilton) or
352-9960 (Homewood) and ask for bridge
rate.

Pairs)

7:30 -- Side game

Monday, May 31 (*Memorial Day*)

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

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

On the road by 5:45 pm.

Chairman: Karen Walker (217-359-0042)
kwbridge@comcast.net

Partners: Hugh Williams (618-203-9566)
hrw1997@gmail.com

ROCK IN ROCKFORD, IL REGIONAL

SPLIT WITH PADUCAH, KY

June 21 – 27, 2010

CLOCK TOWER RESORT

Karl Dencker, General Chairman

7801 East State Street – Rockford, IL 61108--815-398-6000

Reservation information for \$65 rate on reverse side

ALL "PAIRS" EVENTS ----- MONDAY THRU SATURDAY JUNE 21 THRU 27

<u>Name of Events</u>	<u>When Events Are Played</u>						<u>Time Events Are Played</u>		
	JUNE						9:30 am	2 pm	7 pm
	21	22	23	24	25	26			
	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	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, SWISS & FAST PAIRS 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* A2	C* D*	D* E*	E* F*	F* N3	<u>S</u> E <u>E</u> <u>BELOW</u>
2:00 PM		A3 B1*	H1	H3 L1*	N1	N3 S1*	
7:00 PM	A1	A4 B2* G**	H2	H4 L2* M**	N2 R**	N4 S2* T**	

JUNE 27th SUNDAY SWISS - 10 AM PLAY THRU SESSION - and - FAST PAIRS (2 session) Game
(On Sunday Do Not Bring Food – FREE LUNCH PROVIDED)

*2 Session Compact Knockout

**1 Session Swiss

SUNDAY – JUNE 27

Stratified "Swiss Team" (play through) ---- 10 a.m.

NEW: Fast Pairs (2 session) Game – for those that don't like a Swiss Team Game
(Do Not Bring Lunch – FREE SANDWICH LUNCH PROVIDED!! More of our hospitality!)

PAIR AND SWISS STRATIFICATIONS PLUS KNOCKOUT BRACKETING ON REVERSE SIDE

PAIR AND SWISS STRATIFICATIONS PLUS KNOCKOUT BRACKETING

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

This resort offers an indoor & outdoor pool, tennis courts, and workout room.
When making your reservation, ask them to mail you one of their brochures.

Standard 2 double beds \$65.

King \$65. (when available)

1-815-398-6000

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 June 15th 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

FREE Continental Breakfast Tuesday thru Sunday

(8:30 to 9:15 am in the hospitality suite – #1702 – Sunday 9 to 9:45 a.m.)

Daily Hospitality Suite (#1702) hours will be posted with a variety of food and drink!

At the end of every evening session FREE SPECIAL FOOD AND DRINKS!

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

General Chairperson – Karl Dencker – 847-458-8089 – kdencker@sbcglobal.net
Partnership Chairpersons – Gene Condon – 815-633-4979 – condoneugene2@aol.com
and Don Malone – 262-736-9434 – lonemonad@gmail.com
Hospitality Chairperson – Douglas Guggler -
299'er Chairperson – Mary Jo Sergent – 815-874-4157 – mjosarge@aol.com
Ron Hopman – Playing Area Chairperson – 847-659-1780 – ron.hopman@comcast.net
Dolores Witte – Volunteer Chairperson – 815-623-6167 – spincasting_usa@charter.net

Unit 239 Board of Directors

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

Coming Events ----- for email information – bridgetourny@yahoo.com

September, 19 – 21, 2010 - Rockford, IL Classic Sectional – Clock Tower Resort

November, 26 – 28, 2010 - Turkey Bowl Sectional – Prisco Community Center - Aurora, IL –

January 7 – 9, 2011 - Snow Flake Sectional – Holiday Inn – Elgin, IL

March, 11 – 13, 2011 - Early Spring Sectional – Holiday Inn – Elgin

June, 20 – 26, 2011 - Rockin' Rockford, IL Regional – Clock Tower Resort

Read District 8 news in the ADVOCATE – <http://advocate.district8acbl.com>

PADUCAH, KY. CHAMPAGNE REGIONAL
JUNE 21-27, 2010
AT HARRAH'S METROPOLIS, METROPOLIS, IL.
SPLIT WITH ROCKFORD, IL.

16 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS—9 K.O.—2 SWISS—5 CHOICE PAIRS

SIDE GAME SERIES # 1: MON. 7:00 & TUE. & WED. 9:30 2:00 & 7:00

SIDE GAME SERIES # 2: THURS. FRI. & SAT. 9:30 2:00 & 7:00

***note* a player must play in at least 2 sessions of the same side series to win gold points**

***note* both Swiss # 1 and Swiss # 2 will be stratified by team's average masterpoint holding**

***note* in a stratified choice pairs championship, 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 the directors which 2 sessions they intend to play**

STRATA: C 0—500 B 500—2000 A 2000+

EVENTS OTHER THAN SIDE GAMES

MONDAY—JUNE 21

- 1) SIDE SERIES # 1 BEGINS 7:00 P.M.
- 2) BRACKETED K.O. # 1 7:00 P. M. CONTINUES TUE. 9:30 2:00 & 7:00

TUESDAY—JUNE 22

- 1) STRATIFIED CHOICE PAIRS # 1 9:30 2:00 & 7:00
PLAY IN 2 AND ONLY 2 OF THE 3 SESSIONS
- 2) BRACKETED K.O. # 2 2:00 & 7:00
CONTINUES WED. 9:30 & 2:00
- 3) B.A.M. TEAMS 7:00 P.M. (1 SESSION)

WEDNESDAY—JUNE 23

- 1) STRATIFIED CHOICE PAIRS # 2 9:30 2:00 & 7:00
PLAY IN 2 AND ONLY 2 OF THE 3 SESSIONS
- 2) STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS # 1 9:30 & 2:00
- 3) BRACKETED K.O. # 3 7:00P.M. CONTINUES THURS. 9:30 2:00 & 7:00

THURSDAY—JUNE 24

- 1) SIDE SERIES #2 BEGINS 9:30 A.M
- 2) STRATIFIED CHOICE PAIRS # 3 9:30 2:00 & 7:00
PLAY IN 2 AND ONLY 2 OF THE 3 SESSIONS
- 3) COMPACT K.O. # 1 9:30 & 2:00
- 4) BRACKETED K.O. # 4 7:00 P.M. CONTINUES FRI. 9:30 2:00 & 7:00

FRIDAY—JUNE 25

- 1) STRATIFIED CHOICE PAIRS #4
9:30 2:00 & 7:00 PLAY IN 2 AND ONLY 2 OF THE 3 SESSIONS
- 2) COMPACT K.O. #2 9:30 & 2:00
- 3) BRACKETED K.O. #5 7:00
CONTINUES SAT. 9:30 2:00 & 7:00

SATURDAY—JUNE 26

- 1) STRATIFIED CHOICE PAIRS # 5
9:30, 2:00 & 7:00 PLAY IN 2 AND ONLY 2 OF THE 3 SESSIONS
- 2) COMPACT K.O. # 3 9:30 & 2:00
- 3) COMPACT K.O. # 4 2:00 & 7:00
- 4) B.A.M. TEAMS 7:00 (1 SESSION)

SUNDAY—JUNE 27

- 1) STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS # 2
10:00 & T.B.A.

CHAIRMEN: TOM WYNN, DOUG EDWARDS & DALTON DARNELL PARTNERSHIPS
MAXINE WYNN (270) 554-5719
twynn401@comcast.net
TOURNAMENT CONTACT
DALTON DARNELL (270) 753-5992
marcia_darnell@hotmail.com

Harrah's METROPOLIS

Phone: 1-800-427-7247

Mon.-Thurs. \$69 + tax 1 OR 2 PERSON S

\$10 EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON

GROUP CODE: SO6ACBL RESERVE BY MAY 22

Baymont Inn Adjacent to Harrah's

Phone: 1-618-524-5678

MON.-TH. \$45 + TAX 1 OR 2 (\$10 ADD.)

**FRI.-SAT. \$65 + TAX 1 OR 2 (\$10 ADD.)
GROUP CODE: ACBL RESERVE BY MAY 21**



St. Louis Spring Sectional



www.unit143.org

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

Friday May 14, 2010

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

Saturday May 15, 2010

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

Sunday May 16, 2010: Swiss Team Events (Finished by 5:30 pm)

- | | | |
|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 10:00 am | Open Swiss Teams | Stratified (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+) |
| &TBA | Intermediate/Novice 299er Swiss Teams | <u>0-300</u> (Play vs. ONLY other <u>0-300</u> Teams) |

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

****Lunch Available for Purchase on Saturday****
Terrific Hospitality after All Evening Sessions
Beverages, Popcorn, and Snacks 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 5th St North 1.8 miles to Randolph, turn left, then 0.5 miles to Park

Tournament Chairman
Mike Carmen 314-872-8439

Partnerships
Steve Zenk 314-845-2030
unit143pship@gmail.com

Emergency Contact
Suzi Shymanski-Moore
314-276-3517



Get Away to the Great St. Louis Gateway to the West Regional

August 9 – 15, 2010

Terrific Hospitality after each Evening Session

Renaissance Hotel

9801 Natural Bridge Rd. • St Louis, MO 63134
One mile from airport • Free parking
Shuttle available

Toll free: 888-340-2594 • Special Bridge Rate

Five Bracketed KOs (4 sessions each)

- BK01: Mon Aug 9 (7 pm) & Tues Aug 10 (9 am, 1 pm, & 7 pm)
BK02: Tues Aug 10 & Wed Aug 11 (1 pm & 7 pm)
BK03: Wed Aug 11 & Thurs Aug 12 (1 pm & 7 pm)
BK04: Thurs Aug 12 & Fri Aug 13 (1 pm & 7 pm)
BK05: Fri Aug 13 & Sat Aug 14 (1 pm & 7 pm)

Two Two-Session Morning Swiss

- 2-Session Swiss 1: Wed Aug 11 & Thurs Aug 12 at 9 am
2-Session Swiss 2: Fri Aug 13 & Sat Aug 14 at 9 am

Four One-Session Stratified Evening Swiss

- Tues ♦ Wed ♦ Thurs ♦ Fri at 7 pm
0-750/750-2000/2000+

The Mary Hruby Strati-Flighted Sunday Swiss

Sun Aug 15 at 10:30 am & TBA (*Finishes by 6 pm*)

Flt. A: 0-3000/3000+

Strat B/C/D: 0-300/300-750/750-2000

Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs:

Ten Single Sessions

Tues ♦ Wed ♦ Thurs ♦ Fri ♦ Sat
1 pm & 7 pm

Stratified throughout

1-20, 20-100, 100-200

Director in Charge: Chris Patrias

Tournament Chair

Mike Carmen 314-872-8439

Partnerships

Steve Zenk 314-845-2030

unit143pship@gmail.com

Regional Side Game Series

Series 1: Mon Aug 9 (7 pm) &

Tues Aug 10 (9 am, 1 pm, & 7 pm)

Series 2: Wed Aug 11 (1 pm & 7 pm) &

Thurs Aug 12 (1 pm & 7 pm)

Series 3: Fri Aug 13 (1 pm & 7 pm) &

Sat Aug 14 (1 pm & 7 pm)

Series 4: Wed, Thurs, Fri, & Sat at 9 am

(***Series 4 is a Charity Event***)

Stratified throughout 0-750/750-2000/2000+

Can play in only 1 or more games of a series.

Must play in 2 games of same series for gold.

Two-Session Open Pairs

Fri Aug 13 (1 pm & 7 pm)

Strat 0-750/750-2000/2000+

Sat Aug 14 (1 pm & 7 pm)

Flight A Unlimited

(Qualifying with Barometer Final)

Strat B/C/D 300/750/2000

Two-Session Fast Pairs

(*Finishes by 6 pm*)

Sun Aug 15 at 10:30 am & TBA

WWW.UNIT143.ORG

**Get your team together
for the**

District 8



Grand

National Teams



May 1 & 2, 2010

*Eagles Club, 7075 Old Decatur Road,
Riverton IL [MAP](#)*

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

♠ **Sunday, May 2: 10:30 am (or TBA) -- Knockout finals**

Note: Depending on how many teams are entered in a flight, the event may be completed in one day (Saturday only).

Trips to New Orleans -- and regional-rated gold points -- are offered in the 2010 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 New Orleans LA in July.

Your flight eligibility is determined by the number of masterpoints you held on September 1, 2009.

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 (gketh@hotmail.com) if you plan to play. In your message, include the names of your team members and indicate which flight you'll be entering.