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Win a spring trip to Reno!



November 8 & 9
Interstate Center, Bloomington IL

Saturday: 1:00 & 7.00 pm – 2-session qualifying round

Sunday: 10:00 am & 3:00 pm – 2-session final Open side games (if attendance warrants)

The District NAP event is open to all District 8 players who qualified in any club-level game in any ACBL district this summer. **Qualified players must have a qualification slip!**

Flights: Separate events will be held in three flights: **A** (2000+); **B** (0-2000) and **C** (Non-Life Masters with 0-500 pts.). Eligibility for each flight is determined by your masterpoint holding as of June 1, 2003.

Entry fees: \$12 per session per person

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Directions: Interstate Center is at 2301 West Market Street. From I-55/I-74, take exit 160-B (Route 9/Market Street west). After the stoplight at Wiley Drive, the entrance to the Center will be on your right, across from the gas station.

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Win silver points at your local club

District 8 Sectional-at-Clubs October 27 - November 2

Plan now to play in your local club the week of October 27 in District 8's annual Sectional-Tournament-at-Clubs (STAC). All club games this week can award sectional silver points to winners and runners-up in three flights. In last year's event, almost 2000 players -- more than 60 percent of all District members -- won more than 3157 silver points in STAC games at their local clubs.

Masterpoint awards: In addition to the silver-point section awards at each site, each session (day & evening) will be scored across the District for overall awards. In last year's STAC, the biggest session was Tuesday daytime (253 pairs), which paid 15.02 silver points to the District winners.

Stratification: Open pair games will have three strata — **A:** 1500+; **B:** 0-1500; and **C:** Non-Life Master (0-500). Clubs can also run stratified novice pairs and victory-point team games.

Entry fees: Sanction fee is \$6 per table, so expect to pay an extra \$1.50 over your club's regular fee. Proceeds help fund the *Advocate* and other District 8 bridge activities.

Online results: District-wide results from each session will be updated daily on the STAC website: http://www.ilstu.edu/~mjtomia/district_8_stac.htm

Game sites: Call your club manager for details on the STAC games in your area. If you have other questions, call or write:
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Director, please

by David Stevenson, Liverpool, England



Dummy:

--
AK10
xx
AKQJ

West:

--
x
Jxxxx
xxx

South:

xxx
xx
Qxx
x

Question (from Illinois):

This is hand 24 of a 32-board match. South is in a long stew, and needs 7 more tricks to make his 3NT contract. He has already taken a losing heart finesse into your jack, and he now must decide if he should finesse again or play for a drop. Meanwhile, you are being called away from the table when play ends to perform a quick tournament-chair activity.

Declarer finally leads a club to dummy and you, in your haste, table your hand, expressing that you'll take the final three tricks with the heart queen and other of your good cards. The table scores down 1 and you run off on errands. Upon your return, declarer has rescinded his concession, stating that he can make the hand by running the clubs to strip your hand and then throwing you in with a diamond, forcing you to lead into the heart tenace. What score should be given?

Stevenson:

1. There is a very important principle here: if declarer had put his hand down and said "One off", then he has conceded three tricks and claimed the remainder. But when you put **your** hand down and say you are taking three tricks, declarer has not conceded. You are the one making the claim, and he either agrees to it (called "Acquiescence") or does not, and contests it. Why is this so important? Because the Law on Concession [Law 71] and the Law on Acquiescence [Law 69] are quite different.
2. Initially, declarer assented to your claim. Has he acquiesced? According to the Law, he has only acquiesced if he does not object, i.e., he does not change his mind before his side makes a call on a subsequent board or before the round ends. Well, from your story, they certainly have not called on the next board, and since you returned to the table, I presume the round has not ended. So, he was in time to change his mind, and he has not acquiesced to your claim.
3. Now it is up to the Director to judge your claim. In a contested claim, the Director tries to be equitable, but doubtful points "shall be resolved against the claimer" [Law 70A]. Might declarer have played it correctly to make it? Well, we know he was not going to repeat the heart finesse because he played a club before you claimed. Interestingly, on the run of the clubs you are going to have to pitch winners!
4. I think it may come down to the bidding. While you have not given it, you have quite a few high-card points left after some cards were played. Would declarer have a good idea from the bidding how strong you were?
5. It would be reasonable for the Director to give South the benefit of the doubt if East has shown strength, and allow South to make his contract. If East's strength is unknown, then I think the Director would feel that is too unlikely a line and rule one off.
6. While you may feel a little hard done by because you had some errands to run, you must remember that is not South's fault.
7. Finally, if the round had ended before South changed his mind, a different Law applies [Law 69B]. Now, Acquiescence has occurred, and may only be withdrawn if the player has acquiesced to a trick that could not be lost by any normal play. Here, the trick easily could be lost by normal play, so if the round had ended, then the result of 3NT going off would stand.

Do you have questions about bridge laws, a ruling you received (or made) at a tournament or club game, how to handle an ethical dilemma? David, who is very knowledgeable on North American bridge, will explain laws and proprieties, share opinions on specific cases and offer advice on any aspect of game direction. You can submit questions on his [web form](http://www.bridg@blakjak.com) or by email to bridg@blakjak.com. In your message, include a note that you're an *Advocate* reader from the U.S.

Charles Blair leads in worldwide play contest

Congratulations to District 8's own **Charles Blair**, who is the current leader in the international play contests offered on the Internet by expert Richard Pavlicek.

Blair's average score for the past six contests is the highest among more than 700 participants from around the world. The top 50 are listed on the [Play Contest Leaderboard](#). Blair, who lives in Urbana, is a professor of business administration at the University of Illinois.



If you haven't yet discovered Pavlicek's [homepage](#), one visit will probably convince you this is the best bridge site on the Internet. It offers a wealth of interesting -- and often humorous -- articles, lessons and quizzes. Also available are practice hands, system notes, bridge calculators, duplicate forms and complete reports from famous bridge matches.

The most popular and ambitious feature on the Pavlicek site is his monthly play or bidding contest. The September bidding contest just closed; you can read the analyses [here](#). A new, Hallowe'en-themed [play contest](#) is running this month and is open to all. The problems are tough, but the possible solutions are offered in multiple-choice format, so it's easy to participate.

A page of links to Pavlicek's write-ups from all past bidding and play contests is [here](#). Click the "leaderboard" links and you'll find other District 8 members listed in the Top 50 for both contests.

District 8 Solvers Forum -- October 2003

by Tom Dodd, Boerne TX

1. IMPs, both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	Pass	3D	???

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
Double	100	17	80
3H, 4H	60	1	18

What is your call as South holding:
S-A52 H-AKQJ6 D-5 C-A964 ?

Nothing like starting off a set with an easy one. Once again, I actually expected a unanimous vote for the obvious takeout double, and but for our editor-in-chief, would have entertained thoughts of my clairvoyant abilities.

WALKER: "3H. An underbid, but at IMPs, partner will play me for a good hand for a red, 3-level overcall and he'll tend to stretch to game. Double rates to get you 3S, and then what? If you bid 4H over that, you might as well have overcalled 4H. If you choose to pass 3S, you'll be wishing you had just bid a direct 3H."

I can't understand the pessimistic nature of this call, or the reluctance to make a takeout double simply because I possess "only" a 3-card spade suit. With all the controls and playing strength South possesses here, especially red at IMPs, this sort of action begs to dump about 10 IMPs if North (who *is* a passed hand!) gets cold feet with minimal values and no heart fit -- something like Kxxx, x, xxx, KQxxx. The panel spoke out eloquently on this one:

KNIEST: "Double. Most flexible -- might get us to 3NT, or a big penalty, or spade or club contracts when they are right. 3H is a possibility, but one dimensional."

KESSLER: "Double. Automatic; you could be cold for 4S, 6S, 5C, or 6C and have no play for 4H or 6H. Bidding hearts makes it much tougher to find the right contract. Flexibility is usually the winner."

WILLIAMS: "Double. Give partner KQ in both black suits and we look like a favorite for 6 of something."

PAOLO: "Double. There are several strains and levels to play in, so it seems right to ask partner's opinion."

HINCKLEY: "Double, and then 4H over partner's 3S or West's 4D. This shows a flexible hand and likely a 5-card heart suit because I didn't jump to 4H over 3D."

2. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	1H	Pass	1S
Pass	2C	Pass	3NT
Pass	4H	Pass	???

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
Pass	100	7	63
4NT	80	5	17
5H	70	2	6
6H	70	2	2
5C	70	1	8
5D	60	1	4

What is your call as South holding:
S-J1083 H-K10 D-KJ83 C-AK6 ?

My very first thought when I viewed this problem was "Why did I put myself in this position with that knee-jerk 3NT rebid?" Okay, the actual thought was more colorfully worded, but this is, after all, a PG-rated column and had to be toned down for the censors.

Seriously, there were few complaints about the auction. Why would I eschew an easy fourth-suit-forcing call for an unimaginative jump when 2/3 of my strength lies in partner's two known suits? Luckily, we've been bailed out. Question is, now how do we get across to North that we have this much help for him, and at this level? Or do we simply pass and pray that the rest of the Souths in our section perpetrate the same unimaginative auction?

KESSLER: "Pass. Lack of controls is the problem. If the KJ of diamonds were the ace, I would bid. That is a huge difference."

MERRITT: "Pass. This is going to be an easy maker for pard, but what else are we supposed to try? My diamonds and spades are so soft that there can't be any future on this hand. I like to play that 3NT here is a suggestion, while using fourth-suit-forcing would make my 3NT a command."

Unfortunately, our fast-arrival auction suggests that we really want to play 3NT. It implies minimal values as well as significant cards in diamonds and spades. Most of the 4NT bidders offered no indication of what they intended their call to mean, except:

HUDSON: "4NT. A style issue. If partner's sequence doesn't guarantee extra values, I must pass; partner's hand could be something like Ax, AJ9xxx, x, QJ10x. But I'm assuming he *does* guarantee extras, and so he has something more like Ax, AQJxxx, x, QJ10x -- or perhaps slightly better. Using Blackwood will allow me to bail out at 5H if I get a response worse than the expected."

Presumably, he means that if North doesn't have the heart queen, he'll be allowed to pass 5H (two keycards without the heart queen, for those of you scoring at home). But the 4NT bidders assume that North will read this as Key-Card Blackwood for hearts. BWS would probably define 4NT as natural, since there's no agreed suit and there's been no slam interest shown by either partner. Many partnerships, though, agree this is Key-Card Blackwood for the last suit bid if the bid showed extra length. It's a good area for discussion with your regular partner.

FEILER: "5H. I'm not sure what this means, but it's at least forward-going. My other bids, 4NT and 5C, might be taken as natural."

Maybe North will figure this out and maybe he won't, but what's better, given that I've already botched this auction? Or maybe we should just take the bull by its horns:

STRITE: "6H. Six must be on as partner chose a delayed-reverse sequence. 4NT might get us to grand opposite a spade void and two keycards, but it might also get us to 4NT. I think 4NT is Roman Keycard Blackwood opposite partner's delayed reverse, but I won't strain the partnership."

I never knew there was such a thing as a "delayed reverse", but he's referring to the fact that partner chose to show the clubs instead of immediately rebidding his 6-card heart suit. Many pairs play this sequence (hearts-clubs-hearts) shows some extra values. This panelist is one of them:

KNIEST: "6H. Partner has shown a good 6-4, and I have 3 aces for him."

I think he means key cards, but you all get the picture by now. Partner's actual hand was A, AQJ643, 2, Q9754. Next time we'll all use the fourth-suit bid and avoid this headache.

3. Matchpoints, EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	1H	Pass	Pass
DBL	RDBL	2C	???

What is your call as South holding:
S-J10763 H-107 D-43 C-K1072 ?

A straightforward, if somewhat quizzical problem. Certainly, I'll be the first to

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
Double	100	12	42
Pass	90	1	32
2S	70	2	8

admit the vulnerability and form of scoring affected my choice of double here. Plus 200 rates a 9 out of 10 on the matchpoint seduction scale.

2H	60	2	18
3S	50	1	0

K. C. JONES: "Double. This is a great hand for the auction."

BERNHARD: "Double. I have a monster for passing (why did I pass?). They could be in big trouble. At least 500, I hope."

WILLIAMS: "Double. Partner has some juice and I have 4 trumps. The only contract I have no defense against is 2D. I will take my chances."

ATHY: "Double. PURE PENALTY. On partner's redouble, this should cost them a fortune."

WALKER: "Double. Partner's redouble shows good suit *and* good hand. We have at least half the deck, I've got good clubs and we have a tap suit."

PAOLO: "Double. Having passed the first time, South has boxed the hand as a bad one; under the actual circumstances, it is a maximum. Double proposes to get the magical score (+200), when any game is unlikely."

I'll settle for +200 (more would be overkill), unless this auction gets duplicated at a bunch of other tables. Pass might even garner a two-trick set for a high score, and also carries less risk of a runout to diamonds, which explains the scoring elevation. The minority views:

MERRITT: "2S. I need to make a noise, and I have spades. I will feel comfortable after partner clarifies his hand. I am surely too light to bid more, and pass is cowardly."

KESSLER: "2S. If we had bid 1S the first time, we wouldn't have this problem. We do have a control, a 5-card major, and some shape."

STRITE: "2H. Shouldn't land us in trouble. Could easily land the opponents in trouble."

KNIEST: "2H. I understand the redouble to be competitive in hearts, and I think my hand might be of some use to him. Further, I'd rather defend at the 3-level."

Rose-colored glasses are not my style. If I thought for a moment that EW would actually consider the 3-level here, I might try 2S just to give them that nudge. But 2H, with virtually zero tricks to contribute, looks to convert a decent shot at a good score to a near zero in the hopes the opponents are nuts. And many of them are, which is why my +200 might end up as an average minus ... sure.

4. IMPs, both vulnerable

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

* (weak jump overcall)

What is your call as South holding:
S-KJ5 H-Q862 D-AKQJ94 C-Void ?

Three schools of thought exist here; the scientists, the bashers and the chickens ... er, cautious. Actually there was a fourth school (a closet basher, really), and I have to confess a great deal of admiration for being sneaky here:

WALKER: "4NT. If there was ever a hand that screamed for psychic Blackwood, this is it. We have to have at least 12 or 13 tricks once we get the lead, and this is the best way to convince the opponents you have 'balanced' values and keep East from choosing the brilliant heart lead. If you bid anything else that might pinpoint your club void or heart weakness -- cuebid, splinter bid, 2NT feature-

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
4C	100	7	4
6S	90	6	4
3C	90	1	19
4NT	90	1	0
4S	70	3	62
Other	60	0	11

ask, jump to 6S -- East won't have to be brilliant to find the heart lead."

Admiration, however, does not equate to actually choosing to be sneaky. Perhaps at pairs I might like this approach, but when you have to explain to teammates why you lost a match because you thought you could steal a hand, things get a little dicey and your former pals might think you'd be better off spending next weekend at the golf course.

For the bashers, the idea was the same -- to not suggest a lead. It might even work:

BERNHARD: "6S. Let them find the heart lead."

STRITE: "6S. A five or seven hand depending on the lead, so I bid six. LHO would double a grand for an unusual lead, making a heart start more likely. The off chance that pard has a heart stiff or the king makes six my choice."

That last sentence almost got me to change the scores, but not quite. I actually prefer an even slower approach than the splinter, knowing full well that if I do get to slam, they can lead anything and we'll still make the contract. But then, I've always been relatively conservative where slam bidding is concerned, especially at teams.

MERRITT: "4C. Let's hear what partner has to say. He'll cuebid if he has a heart picture."

Even if he doesn't, I'll try once more over a 4S rebid. It's highly doubtful we'll go set at the 5-level.

HINCKLEY: "4C. Splinter, catering to something like AQTxxx, x, xx, Jxxx. Is there a way to learn if partner has two quick heart losers? Not easily."

In the "olden days", a jump to 5H on this auction was an asking bid. With no first- or second-round control, North would bid 5S. With second round control, he bids a small slam, and with first-round control, a grand. Funny how the simple approach would work well here, except, of course, that the 5-level asking bids did pinpoint the most effective opening lead (assuming there was one) for the opponents. An interesting slow approach is this one:

KNIEST: "3C. If we have a slam here, it's because partner can self splinter in hearts after the cuebid. I don't know another intelligent way to get to slam. Blasting can work, but I don't know enough about the match to know if shooting is my best strategy."

The only problem with this approach is that the likeliest splinter you'll hear from North is in the other red suit. For the conservative folks:

WILLIAMS: "4S. Hope we make it. Of course, if partner has AQxxxx, x, xxx, xxx we have some play for 6. If partner's hand was that good, he might have overcalled 1S. Essentially, we need good spades and a 2nd-round heart control, and given the fact he overcalled 2S, he must have a stiff heart, as he shouldn't bid 2S with outside kings."

Well, most of us assume partner has something constructive for his red 2-level overcall at IMPs. However, having many fond memories of competing against Hugh and Kimmel (and the brothers Kessler) in many tournaments, I couldn't help but chuckle at this. It sounds like Hugh is still evaluating his hand with their old EHAA system (Every Hand An Adventure, where North could hold Qxxx of spades and out for this call). Those really were the good old days.

5. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	Pass
Pass	1D	Pass	1H
Pass	1S	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding:
S-Q108 H-AKJ75 D-J2 C-974 ?

Problems that generate a number of different answers are always fun to deal

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
2C	100	6	38
2S	90	3	17
1NT	90	3	6
2H	80	1	19

with, though not always pleasant to score. As a rule of thumb, the calls are categorized according to intention (conservative, invitational, forcing to game, etc.) and then scores assigned depending on number of total votes in each group, as well as the veracity of the comments.

2D	80	1	0
2NT	70	3	9
3H	50	1	4
Other	50	0	7

To the small plurality who chose 2C claiming it to be fourth-suit-forcing (they shall remain nameless unless it happens again!), note that Bridge World Standard states, plainly: "When responder is a passed hand, a third-suit or fourth-suit bid is **not forcing** unless it is a reverse." Of course, as a passed hand, this can only be New Minor Forcing (one round). It's clear that our panelists and solvers don't like the BWS treatment, so all the New-Minor-Forcing votes get the hundred.

That said, several points of view exist here, any of which could be right. It *is* matchpoints, so a plus score is preferable:

KESSLER: "2S. Once again, open your good 5-card major and you will come out ahead more often than not. I think 2S at least shows you have some interest because you did not pass. There is no reason to jump around when partner does not need to have a good hand."

For what it's worth, I would have opened this hand as well. It's not everyone's cup of tea, but at matchpoints, first to bid often has the edge, so long as partners are on the same page of the playbook.

PAOLO: "1NT. Partner's third hand opening bid may be very weak, and 2C is not a (BWS) forcing bid, so North can pass with something like Axxx, x, Axxxx, Axx. Bet on the usual matchpoints' strain, fearing that the 2-level might be too high."

HINCKLEY: "2NT. Yuck! BWS says 2C isn't forcing here, so that's not an option (although I expect it will collect the top score due to this part of BWS not being well known)."

Even so, a jump here is too anti-positional, even if it is about right on values. One panelist was willing to risk a 3-3 fit:

ATHY: "2C. Fourth suit forcing (which it isn't, because of the initial Pass). It should show some stuff nonetheless. When partner is weak, he should open 1S if he can't pass 1H. Yes, that's one of the advantages of 4-card majors in 3rd and 4th seat. Even when this action gets me to the ever-popular 3-3 club fit, it may work out okay, with or without club leads. Hopefully, partner has a good hand and it will work out well (he did open 1D and rebid 1S)."

Hope springs eternal. I really pity all the 2C bidders if North raises.

FEILER: "2D. Playing 4th suit as a game-force is a bad convention. I have my choice of over-bidding, bidding notrump without a stopper in the unbid suit, or raising with 3-card support. I'll choose over-bidding; we may get too high but we should end up in the right denomination."

I'm not sure how a diamond preference is an overbid here, unless you meant to jump to 3D? Finally, we have the eternal optimist:

KNIEST: "3H. I don't think 4th suit is forcing after a passed hand. However, partner bid again over my 1H, so he should have a real opener. 3H should get him to bid the best game ... if there is one."

6. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	Pass	1D	???

What is your call as South holding:
S-K103 H-A10876 D-Void C-KJ965 ?

Bridge World Standard plays the unusual 2NT overcall as "split-range" -- either a weak, preempt-type hand, or a very strong hand that can raise partner's preference. Many of our panelists like this approach, too, and that

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
1H	100	10	44
Double	80	4	32
2NT	80	4	20

accounts in part for the heavy vote for 1H. The 2NT bidders prefer to use this bid with any hand strength, on the theory that it's often important to show both your suits early in the auction. That approach could well be the winner on this deal, but the split-range disciples win the vote.

Other	50	0	4
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I was actually torn between a takeout double and the simple 1H overcall. What swayed me toward 1H was that at least I'd get in one suit in case West ups the ante significantly in diamonds and I'm forced to try and figure this out at the 3-level or so.

KNIEST: "1H. I don't think I want to consider this a 2-suited hand when it can play spades very well. I'd like to hear everyone's natural rebid instead of jacking up the auction in the dark."

WILLIAMS: "1H, the only option. Double loses the spade suit, 2NT (showing 2 lower unbid) should never be bid with this type of hand, and of course, 2C is off the charts -- bad hand and a bad suit for a 2-level overcall."

And with the EHAA system, the suit is too *good* for a 3-level jump overcall. Sorry, I couldn't resist.

BERNHARD: "1H. Tough, if I double and they jump in diamonds, then the heart suit is lost. I have good support for the other suits, which argues for the double, but I'm still bidding hearts. Hands like this help my reputation as a hand hog." [*Finally, he admits it!*-TJD.]

HUDSON: "1H. Easy. 2NT would eliminate the possibility of playing in spades, and double is bad with a void and a 2-card disparity in the majors."

But you doubled with 5-3 in the majors on problem #1, so what's the big deal about the void? I'd rather double at the one-level with a void, since there's less chance of partner riding it out than at the 3-level. I agree with 1H, but double is not all that off-base here. Its only real flaw is that the bidding is likely to go 2D (or 3D) to your left, Pass, Pass -- or worse, a spade jump by partner after a raise -- and now you're really up against it.

MERRITT: "Double. I am sure that this is the wrong bid, but it surely pulls all the suits into play."

FEILER: "Double. I'm not assuming that I'll get lots of time to describe my hand. I'll take the one-shot description in case the auction gets high before it gets back to me."

At least the double might get us to clubs if that's our suit. Finally:

ATHY: "2NT. This was my action at the table when I held this hand, and I've fretted about the 1H overcall and the takeout double ever since. If you want to know how it turned out, email me athynk@aol.com."

Fret no more, Norm.

Thanks to all who sent in answers for this set. Congratulations to **Gareth Birdsall, Mary Lou Clegg, Micah Fogel** and **George Klemic**, who topped all Solvers. They're invited to join the panel for December.

We use [Bridge World Standard](#) as our bidding system here, but note that it is only a guideline. You don't have to study it to answer the problems. This column is more interesting if we can discuss how auctions are popularly played -- what you think a bid *should* mean in "mainstream" play, rather than what BWS expressly dictates. You can consult BWS if you want to know if a specific convention is available, but many of our problems deal with how you "read" an auction, how you evaluate your hand, how you think a good partner would interpret your bid. In those cases, just answer as if you were playing with an experienced player and the specific situation is undiscussed.

I hope you'll all try the six new problems for the next issue (see below). Please submit your answers by **November 15** on the [web form](#) or by email to our December moderator:

Tom Kniest -- kniest@swbell.net

How the Panel voted (Panel/Staff Avg. -- 534):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Norm Athy, St. Louis	DBL	5D	DBL	4C	2C	2NT	540
Bob Bernhard, Smyrna Beach FL	DBL	4NT	DBL	6S	2C	1H	570
Kent Feiler, Harvard IL	DBL	5H	DBL	6S	2D	DBL	520
Steve Hakanson, St. Louis	DBL	Pass	Pass	4S	2H	DBL	520
Bud Hinckley, South Bend IN	DBL	5C	DBL	4C	2NT	2NT	520
Jim Hudson, DeKalb IL	DBL	4NT	DBL	6S	2NT	1H	540
Kimmel Jones, Euless TX	DBL	4NT	DBL	6S	2C	1H	570
Mark Kessler, Springfield IL	DBL	Pass	2S	4S	2S	1H	530
Larry Matheny, Bloomington IL	DBL	Pass	DBL	6S	1NT	1H	580
Bev Nelson, Fort Myers FL	DBL	4NT	3S	4S	2S	2NT	470
Manuel Paolo, Lisbon, Portugal	DBL	Pass	DBL	4C	1NT	1H	590
Larry Rabideau, St. Anne IL	DBL	Pass	DBL	4C	2C	2NT	580
Toby Strite, Hagendorn, Switz.	DBL	6H	2H	6S	2C	1H	520
Hugh Williams, Carbondale IL	DBL	Pass	DBL	4S	1NT	1H	560

How the Staff Voted:

Tom Dodd, Boerne TX	DBL	5H	DBL	4C	2S	1H	560
Tom Kniest, University City MO	DBL	6H	2H	3C	3H	1H	470
Scott Merritt, Arlington VA	DBL	Pass	2S	4C	2NT	DBL	520
Karen Walker, Champaign IL	3H	4NT	DBL	4NT	2C	2NT	500

Solvers Honor Roll (Average Solver score: 510)

Gareth Birdsall , Cambridge UK	570	Martha Leary , Urbana IL	560
Mary Lou Clegg , Ft. Wayne IN	570	Mike Giacaman , St. Louis	550
Micah Fogel , Aurora IL	570	Tad Hofkin , Aurora IL	550
George Klemic , Bensenville IL	570	Bill Rotter , Granite City IL	550

Charles Blair, Urbana IL 560 Bill Walsh, Urbana IL 550
 Wally Hendricks, Champaign IL 560 Dave Wetzel, Rantoul IL 550

Tied with 540: Rowen Bell, Chicago; Chick Fyffe, St. Louis; Robert Lambert, Warsaw IN; Dave McNitt, Elkhart IN; Fred Sandegren, Quincy IL; Oyvind Tafjord, Champaign IL; Mike Tomlianovich, Bloomington IL; Zoran Bohacek, Zagreb

Solvers Forum -- December Problems

1. IMPs, NS vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:
 S-A4 H-K D-AQJ532 C-QJ106 ?

2. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	1S	DBL	1NT
2C	2S	3C	???

What is your call as South holding:
 S-Q5 H-J82 D-J963 C-AJ96 ?

3. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:
 S-AQ9843 H-A965 D-2 C-K4 ?

4. IMPs, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
3D	DBL	Pass	4S
Pass	5C	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding:
 S-KQ8763 H-J752 D-43 C-J ?

5. IMPs, NS vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:
 S-K83 H-AQ832 D-KJ5 C-104 ?

6. Matchpoints, both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	--	Pass	1D
1H	DBL *	Pass	2C
2H	Pass	Pass	???

* (negative)

What is your call as South holding:
 S-A5 H-104 D-AQJ106 C-K1083 ?

Thanks to Bud Hinckley for Problem #6.



Pair Fare

News from Northwestern Illinois Unit 239

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Pam Eden: Life Master



Pam Eden, a member of the Bridge Center of Rockford, made Life Master in the last knockout session at the Rockin' Rockford Regional with her partner Dan Scroggins, her mentor Rich Whitsitt, and Rich Murray (of Milwaukee) as her team mates. They ended up coming in first in a Flight A event and earning almost 20 gold!

"This past year has been amazing," she recalls. "I've earned over 20 Silver Points during the last two STaC weeks (Oct. 2002 and Feb. 2003) playing with Flo Curry, Burt Moore and Rich Whitsitt. I won my very first Gold with Rich Whitsitt in last year's Instant Matchpoint Game and an additional 14+ playing my very first knock-out session with my partner Rich Whitsitt, Kathy Owens and Alice Robison as team mates at the Lake Geneva Regional in April 2003."

Pam comes from a card-playing family. "We played just about every card game except Bridge!" She was inspired to take up the game by her former employer Mike Abarbanel, and during the winter of 1994 she enrolled at Rock Valley College's adult education to start taking lessons. Her teacher was none other than Rockford's own Mary Belle Moss.

"Mary Belle made the lessons fun and challenging. She encouraged us to try duplicate at the Bridge Center, which I did in February of 1995". Pam hooked up with another new player, Flo Curry, who remains one of her favorite partners to date.

"Flo and I started playing in the Monday evening novice game and the Sunday afternoon open game. Sunday afternoons with Director Bill Smith were something else! Many a time we left swearing to never play again, but the next day we were on the phone setting up our next play date! We didn't scratch in the Sunday game for a year or more, I think, but every week we came away with tips that were generously shared by the veterans of the game. What a great group of people! I encourage all new players to try to play in an open game at least once a week. It's the best way I know to really improve your game."

Pam retired from the insurance business in 1999. She is very active in the Rockford club, including becoming a Director in 1998 and starting her own Thursday night game. She has served on the Board of Directors for the past year, has chaired the mentoring program for the past three years, and with her husband has published the club's newsletter and club directory for over two years.

In August of 2000, Pam was diagnosed with leukemia (CLL). Chemo-therapy, pain medications, and stress management allow her to cope with the disease. Pam says that, aside from decreased energy, she feels pretty good most of the time. She lives in Rockford with her husband of 18 years, David Brown (a U.S. Chess Master,) and Linda, their Jack Russell terrier.

When asked what she likes the most about bridge, a huge smile lights up her face. "Besides being the most challenging and fun game I've ever played, I am so fortunate to play at a top-rated club with the nicest people who are extremely competitive in a social setting."

Unwary opponents who arrive at Pam's table should remember how far she has come in a very short time. Remember what happened to Adam and Eve when they sat "East of Eden"?

Trevor and Rebecca Joike: Life Masters



The Rockford legal team of Trevor and Rebecca Joike (both are lawyers) has joined the ranks of Unit 239 life masters.

Trevor and Becky began playing bridge with friends when they were dating as fellow students at the University of Illinois in Urbana. Then life's tiny distractions (law school, careers, family) intervened.

"We attended an open game in Rockford in 1998," recalls Becky. "But we came in bottom and were afraid to go back. Still, we played social bridge with friends from Minneapolis, who persuaded us to play in novice events in the Chicago Nationals three years ago. It was beginners' luck, but we did so well there that the directors eventually asked us to 'play up' so that someone else could win. That led to novice games at the Bridge Center of Rockford, where we eventually tackled open games again." Going against the grain of the usual bridge pattern, they became life masters at a sectional, because they needed silver points.

Bridge notwithstanding, Trevor and Becky have been married for 38 years. Their daughter Michele is a Chicago attorney, who is now working on a Ph.D and an LLM degree. Their son Trevor is a financial analyst in Minneapolis. Their shared interests include taking long driving vacations, ballroom dancing, and attending theatrical events in Chicago.

Trevor was born in Chicago, where he lived on the "south side" until college. He began working at age 12, cleaning a church, selling shoes, doing factory work for Container Corporation, and selling tickets for the CTA subways. He received his BS degree in electrical engineering at UI and his law degree from American University in Washington, D.C. He has worked as a patent examiner at the US Patent Office, and as a patent attorney for several law firms. He is now with a large general-practice firm (Schiff, Hardin & Waite in the Sears Tower) and takes the train to work daily from Woodstock — a five-hour round trip. His interests include golf, roller coasters, reading novels, crossword puzzles, and roller skating.

Becky was born in Alton, IL, and received a degree from UI in rhetoric before attending William Mitchell College of Law. Some of her training came in night school while Trevor babysat. She worked for a small general practice firm in Minneapolis. Her interests include taking classes outside her field, bowling ("but that was when my knees were better,") reading, haunting library book sales and used book stores, and bargain hunting. Because of Trevor's rigorous commute, she takes care of family errands, financial transactions, and housework. "Christmas is very important to us," Becky declares. "I put up seven trees, garlands, villages, and decorate every room. We have an annual open house for about 100 before a Cotillion Christmas dance. We attend Christmas concerts and plays, and always have our family visit."

"I love puzzles, and a bridge hand is like a puzzle for me," asserts Trevor. "I use higher math in my patent law practice. Some of the inventions contain algorithms that I have to work through."

"Trevor and I always play together because we still play the way we learned in college in the '60's," chimes in Becky. "I cling to our non-system because I can bid or lead or discard whatever strikes me as the best thing at the time. I view bridge as a thinking game, not something with rigid rules. And I don't mind giving up winning more often in order to play my own game."

"I have never read a bridge book," Becky confesses, almost proudly. I have started a few, but find right away that I would rather wash the dishes than read it." "And I have never even started one," adds Trevor.

Both now enjoy playing in open games, and they do so, together, as often as Trevor's hectic schedule will allow. But both also recall their "novice game days" with great nostalgia. "I liked playing in novice games," Becky admits. "Novices are usually friendlier, nicer, and humbler."

The Joikes' attitudes toward bridge are hardly the majority view. But they have found both a philosophy and a system that works for them. Perhaps their undeniable success at the game has come because they both bring to it an age-old legal dictum: "The defense never rests."

Club gold-point event

The Olympia DBC in Palatine will be holding a Swiss team event on Monday, October 13 at 11 a.m. This is an upgraded club championship, which pays 1/4 gold points. The club is located in the Tamarack Center at 55 Greeley Street, about 2 miles west of Arlington Park race track. For more information, call Sue at 847-398-3440.

The Changing Scene . . .

New Junior Masters: Norma Anderson, Somonauk; Florence Callea, Rockford; Beverly Hecht, Rockford; Patricia Reed, Machesney Park; Dr. Richard Wehrle, Rockford; Barbara Worden, Rockford.

New Club Masters: Bishnu Dutta, Rockford; Lewis Kelley, Rockford; Lee Morrison, Poplar Grove; Kenneth Prouty, Batavia; Marilyn Wallen, Rockton; Ann Witt, Aurora.

New Sectional Masters: Richard Gierat, Belvidere; Vi Grisham, Algonquin; Jack Sanders, Crystal Lake; Ruth Sprouse, Woodstock.

New Regional Masters: Betty Basler, Oregon; Joann Carter, Machesney Park;

New NABC Masters: E. J. Kain, Huntley; Shirley Rogers, Oregon; Bernie Sexton, Dixon.

New Life Masters: Pamela Eden, Rockford; Kathy Owens, Caledonia; Robert Pooley, Aurora.

New Bronze Life Masters: Lucy Adolphson, Rockford.



CIBA Digest

News from Central Illinois Unit 208

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♣ Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Leaders (through Sept. 6)

Category	Ace of Clubs (# pts. won)	Mini-McKenney (# pts. won)
Rookie (0-5)	Norma Cowley, Peoria (12)	Linda Heinkel, Princeton (23)
Jr. Master (5-20)	James Doyle, Urbana (22)	Jim Melville, Springfield (138)
Club Master (20-50)	Barbara Pickering, Springfield (28)	Michael Lee, Champaign (150)
Sect. Master (50-100)	Frank Tirsch, Springfield (75)	Frank Tirsch, Springfield (75)
Reg. Master (100-200)	Dave Short, Champaign (32)	Aaron Hanford, Champaign (55)
NABC Master (200-300)	Stan Gutzman, Normal (29)	Madhu Viswanathan, Champaign (115)
Life Master	Hank Hoffman, Bloomington (37)	Margaret Hansell, Champaign (109)
Bronze LM	John Parsons, Springfield (59)	Will Engel, Urbana (251)
Silver LM	Betty Primm, Athens (78)	Ron Sholes, Springfield (167)
Gold LM	Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap (53)	James Carbaugh, Metamora (116)
Diamond LM	Colby Vernay, Lacon (5)	Colby Vernay, Lacon (484)

Visit the [ACBL Unit Awards](#) page to view lists of the top ten Unit 208 players in each category (final results for 2002 and year-to-date for 2003).

Club Directors Update Course

If you're a club director, make plans now to participate in this popular -- and free -- ACBL course at the 2004 [Illini Regional](#) in Champaign.

This workshop will help you update your knowledge of bridge laws, alert regulations, effective use of ACBLScore and other aspects of directing games and managing your local club. It's designed for experienced club directors, but aspiring directors and other interested players are welcome.

The course will be presented from 8:30 to 12:30 on Friday and Sunday mornings (May 28 & 30, 2004) at the Chancellor Hotel in Champaign. Those who complete both sessions will earn continuing-education certificates **and** receive \$5 discounts on their Sunday Open Pair entries at the regional.

In Memory

We were saddened by the loss of **Ron Nell**, 72, of Peoria, who died in September. For many years, Ron and his wife Cathy were active supporters of Peoria bridge clubs and Central Illinois tournaments. Ron retired in 1999 after 30 years as vice-president of operations and design for Jumer's Castle Lodge. He was also active in local theater productions and served as organist and choir director for his church.

Our sympathies also go out to Lee Thurber of Champaign on the death of his wife, Marilyn, and to Dewey Gronau of Farmer City on the death of his wife, Betty.

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

New Junior Masters (5 pts.)

Geraldine Burke, Serena
Wayne Caldwell, Springfield
Rebecca Cooper, Normal
Charles Eberle, Springfield
Eric Gettleman, Normal
Evelyn Moon, Decatur
William Morgan, Mattoon
Lane O'Connor, Normal
Maggie Stephens, Champaign
Irene Wen, Urbana
Bettie Winslow, Springfield

Club Masters (20 pts.)

Earline Bacon, Springfield
Barbara Bass, Princeton
Andrew Bono, Springfield
Harold Bruninga, Springfield
Marlys Clark, Mahomet
Rita Harmon, Springfield
Mary Alyce Keith, Chatham
Phyllis Lowrey, Springfield
Jean Reilly, Springfield
Marshall Susler, Springfield
Blanche Wonnell, Springfield

Sectional Masters (50 pts.)

John Cralley, Normal
Alan Evans, Springfield
Roy Hostetler, Pekin
Robert Logsdon, Marshall
Tom Willson, Champaign

Regional Masters (100 pts.)

Joe Franz, Springfield
Doug Jonquet, Decatur
Randall Motchan, Bloomington

NABC Masters (200 pts.)

Leo Comerford, Charleston
Shirley Fuesting, Mattoon
C. A. Harrison, Charleston

Life Masters (300 pts.)

Craig Billner, Pekin
Ann Brock, Paris
James Nixon, Galesburg
Larry Wilcox, Springfield

Bronze Life Masters (500 pts.)

Henrietta Crain, Normal
Dewey Gronau, Farmer City
Eunice Patton, Bloomington

"Double Trouble" -- a bridge verse from Donn Miller of Decatur:

Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble
When I made that foolish double.
Is that a redouble I see before me?
The question is to be or not to be.
What could have been a cold top
Was for my opponents, for me a flop.
There are a hundred ways to double.
Ninety nine of them cause trouble.
A double is the same as a fumble
In that it starts a downward tumble
Just say the simple word "pass"
And make your partnership last.



Greater St. Louis Bridge News

News from Greater St. Louis Unit 143

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New Life Masters



Steve Hakanson

I was introduced to duplicate in Nebraska in 1989 and played just a few times. I didn't play again until moving to St. Louis in 1994, when I played again a few times and dropped out. Bev Miller re-introduced me to duplicate in 1998 at the regional and this time I got hooked and have played several times a week since. Most of us are unaware of how many new people Bev has introduced to Unit 143; I'm not sure myself but there are a lot.

I have always made it my #1 rule to have fun and I have been lucky enough to have some good partners who are also fun. Mike Pierce, Bev Miller, Bill Kauffman, Jason Clevenger, Bonnie Couch and Linda Leinicke have been part of a great pastime. Linda L. and Marie Bolego have also been very helpful teaching carding and the 2/1 system in general and I am grateful for that.



Carole Zang

When I think of my history as a bridge player, victories and triumphs take a back seat to friendships and fun. My brother taught me the game when he returned from service after World War II, and none of his friends had made it home yet. Later, when my husband was in the Marine Corps during the Korean War, a couple named Helen and Jan Vandersluis invited us to their home for an evening of bridge. After a few hands, Jan threw in his cards and announced that we really needed lessons. He provided them patiently.

Then the years of child rearing, finishing my education and a career took over my life. When I resumed playing, my dear friend, Addie Lissner, gave lessons to my husband (my favorite partner) and me. In Paducah, a team game with Betty Szoko and Marilyn Bogacki provided my last needed gold points. So that's it! Friendship, fun and caring people.



Bonnie Couch

I'm a third-generation bridge fanatic. I learned the game from my parents and grandparents as a teenager. I took a refresher course in 1996 and soon realized that the world of duplicate bridge required new skills. I have worked at it tenaciously and finally achieved my goal. I wish to thank Erv Pazdera, Louise Ellebracht, Doug Moore, Sue Rechter, Steve Hakanson and JoAnn Moore for their help and friendship.

Retiring Board Members



Linda Powers

I have been on the Board of Directors of Unit 143 for the past nine years. During that time period I served as Publicity chairperson, President for two years, and for six years as the Intermediate/Novice chairperson. While serving as President, I was fortunate that St. Louis hosted a National and I had the opportunity to meet players from across the country. I know my most enjoyable time on the Board has been spent with the I/N group of players and trying to make the game of bridge more rewarding and fun for them. Patti Shine and I chaired two I/N tournaments a year and they were always great fun and a big success. Thanks to all of you that have supported me during these years and I encourage you to consider serving as a board member in the future and give back to the game that has given so much pleasure to you.



Patti Shine

I have been on the board for 7 years. During my term of office I have worked with Linda Powers with the I/N group of players hosting tournaments twice a year. Through my efforts the Audrey Grant teaching series appeared on Charter Cable. My most rewarding experience was teaching children how to play bridge. Teaching and interacting with them kept me on my toes. I taught classes at MICD, Kehrs Mill Elementary and Crestview Middle School. I will continue teaching a class at Crestview Middle School after our October sectional.



Mic Weiss

I served 3 years on the board of directors. I was vice-president this past year. I was hospitality chairman for all sectionals and one regional during my term of office. My term was enjoyable and rewarding.



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August Regional

2003 Braggin' Rights

The 2003 Braggin' Rights Contest was held at the St. Louis August Regional. This year, St. Louis teams won Flight A and Flight B, with the Kansas City team winning Flight C. Congratulations to:

Flight A winners **Alan & Nancy Popkin, Milt Zlatie, Denny O'Connor & Tom Oppeheimer.**

Flight B winners **Patti Shine, Sasanka Ramanadham, Wojciech Golik & Eryk Gozdowski.**

More winners:



Win-an-Entry Pairs --

Deborah & Marvin King



Wednesday Swiss, Flight A -- Donna Pedrotti, John Samsel, Sue Perez, Arba Vongsvivut



Flight D, Sunday Swiss -- Charles & Jane Ettelson, Larry Shine, Charles Baker



2nd KO, Bracket 4 -- Barbara Simpson, Steve Zenk, Mark Ludwig, Linda Brazier, Bob Wheeler



1st KO, Bracket 5 -- Patti Disbrow, Mary Rassieur, Betty Freeman, Elizabeth Wood

In Memory

We were saddened to lose Mary Ann Arnold and Dan Deutsch.

Mary Ann lost her battle to cancer on September 18. Mary Ann worked at Southwestern Bell for over 30 years and raised a family of six children at the same time. She lived most of her married life in St. Charles. Long time friend and bridge partner Dottie Sealy stated, "Mary Ann was a passionate lover of the game of duplicate bridge and excelled at the game."

Dan passed away May 25, 2003. He played at all the local club games and was always a pleasant partner. The Thursday before he died, he and Beth Percich finished first at her game. We extend sympathy to his family, friends and many bridge partners who will miss him.

Club Updates

Donna Coker's **Sunday evening 6:00 pm** game will return to Brentwood Community Center starting October 5 and will continue every Sunday except for St. Louis Sectional dates (no game October 19).

Donna's **Wednesday 10:30 am** game will be an extension of Mark Ehret's game at Olivette Community Center starting October 1.

Donna's **Thursday 6:30 pm** game at Olivette Community Center is now on the "Endangered Species" list. If attendance does not pick up soon, she will reevaluate keeping this game open.

STaC Games

Silver point week will be held October 27 through November 2. The Unit 143 Board of Directors voted to subsidize the additional cost of this event again this year. So come and play and "try your luck at winning BIG SILVER POINTS" at regular club fees.

Congratulations to ...

new Diamond Life Master **Rod Van Wyk**; Silver Life Master **Linda Powers**; and Bronze Life Masters **Anita McKay & Bob Wheeler**.

Visit the Unit 239 website: www.unit143.org

MIDWEST TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

- Oct** 01-31 Club Appreciation Month special games, Local clubs
 03-05 **Hammond IN Sectional**, Best Western Inn ([Don VanBuskirk](#))
 10-12 **See the Leaves Sectional**, IDOT Building, Springfield IL ([Liz Zalar](#))
 10-12 **Southeastern IL Sectional**, Community Center, Robinson IL ([Jay Coleman](#))
 17-19 **St. Louis Fall Sectional**, Blanchette Park, St. Charles IL ([Mike Carmen](#))
 20-26 CENTRAL STATES REGIONAL, Chicago IL ([Schedule](#))
 27-02 **District 8 Sectional-Tournament-at-Clubs Week**, Local clubs
- Nov** 08-09 **District 8 North American Pair finals**, Interstate Center, Bloomington IL
 14-16 Fallfest Sectional, Lombard IL
 15 **St. Louis 199er Sectional**, Chesterfield MO
 24 ACBLwide Charity Game, Local clubs (Monday eve.)
 20-30 FALL NABC, New Orleans LA
 28-30 **Turkey Bowl Sectional**, Aurora IL
- Dec** 05-07 Mad City Sectional, Madison WI
 26-31 DISTRICT 15 HOLIDAY REGIONAL, Kansas City MO
- Jan** 09-11 **Twin City Sectional**, Bloomington IL
 16-18 **St. Louis Winter Sectional**, Blanchette Park, St. Charles IL ([Mike Carmen](#))

Complete schedule of ACBL tournaments: <http://www.acbl.org>

District 8 Tournament Coordinator: [Chris Patrias](#), 515 Chesapeake Court, St. Charles MO 63303
 Phone: 636-928-8610



St. Louis Fall Sectional

Blanchette Park Memorial Hall, St Charles
MO

Friday, October 17th

1:30 pm -- Stratified Open Pairs (NLM-500, 500-1500, 1500+)
Stratified Intermediate/Novice Pairs

7:30 pm -- Flight A/X open Pairs (0-3000, 3000+)
Stratified BCD Pairs (0-200, 200-750, 750-1500)

Saturday, October 18th

9:00 am -- Knockout Teams (continues at 1:30 & 7:30)

1:30 & 7:30 pm -- Two-session Stratified Open Pairs (NLM-500, 500-1500, 1500+)
Single-session Stratified Intermediate/Novice Pairs
Single-session Side Games

Sunday, October 19th

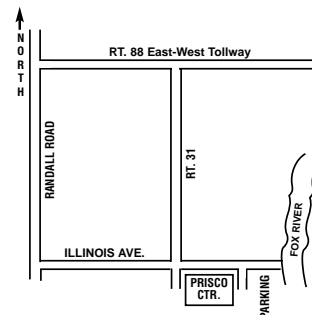
10:00 am & TBA -- Stratified Swiss Teams (NLM-500, 500-1500, 1500+)

- Terrific hospitality after all evening sessions.
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- Continental breakfast – Sunday 9:00 am
- Meal between sessions of Swiss Teams

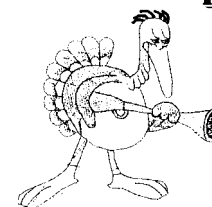
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With Consolation
7:00 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs
Last Session Compact Knockouts
99er Stratified Pairs

Saturday, Nov. 29

9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Handicapped Knockout Teams
1:00 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 99er Pairs
7:00 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs
99er Statified Pairs

Sunday, Nov. 30

11:00 a.m.
Brown Bag Stratified Swiss Teams
(Bring your own lunch and save time and \$\$)

Stratifications:

A 1000 plus
B 300 - 1000
C 0 - 300

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30 minutes before game time, please!!