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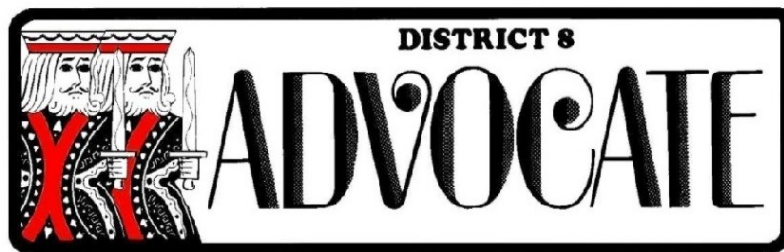
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ACBL Director's Report

by Georgia Heth, Morton IL

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Aloha from Hawaii, which was a wonderful site for the Fall Championships. The Hilton Hawaiian Village is a beautiful resort, even if outrageously expensive, and more reasonably priced food was available immediately around the site.

Smoking policies: Things became interesting on the first day of the tournament when Hawaii's new no-smoking law went into effect. Smoking was illegal within twenty feet of a work site, which even included the balconies of the guest rooms. In a way, this was a trial run for next year. All three nationals are being held at hotels in the Marriott chains, and all Marriott hotels will be nonsmoking next year. (Noone knew this would happen when the tournaments were booked five to seven years ago). The Bloomington sectional in January will be nonsmoking as well. This was known in advance, but the Interstate Center has become prohibitively expensive and a new site had to be found. The only alternative the organizers could find is non-smoking. This appears to be the wave of the future. Outdoor smoking is still allowed at most other sites, including the Illinois Education Association building in Springfield where we now hold the North American Pairs and Grand National Teams district finals.

District 8 NAPs: I only got to attend the first few hours of the North American Pairs District Finals but I was glad to see all of you in attendance. Congratulations to the winners, who get to go all the way to St. Louis for the National Finals. I hope the hometown advantage will be advantageous to our representatives.

Grand National Teams: It's less than six months until the 2007 District 8 Grand National Team Finals. We will be at the Illinois Education Association building in Springfield, and I have just been notified that Gary Schecter will no longer be directing the event for us. Chris Patrias will be the Director in Charge of this event next year. Gary has announced he is retiring from directing effective sometime early next year. I would like to thank Gary for his years of service to the ACBL and to District 8. I have worked with Gary as long as I have been involved in bridge, and it will not be the same without him. Maybe he will get to play with us once he is completely retired (he retired from his job with the State of Illinois some years ago.) Thanks again Gary, and best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

Hawaii Board meeting highlights:

- The only fee increase for 2007 was for tournament directors rates. These increased 4% for cost of living and 4% for catch-up (we are gradually working towards charging the full cost of tournament directors.) Half of the increase will be offset by a decrease in tournament sanction fees.
- The sale of the ACBL Product Store has been completed. Baron Barclay bought most of the inventory and will be the official supplier from now on. Hand records are still generated by the ACBL and are available from both Baron Barclay and the ACBL.
- We may be selling the ACBL headquarters building in Memphis. The Board voted to pursue an offer to purchase the building. If the sale occurs, we will lease back the building for approximately 20 months at a rate equal to or less than what it costs us to own the premises. During that time, we will decide where to relocate. No matter what rumors you may hear, there has been no decision on where our new headquarters will be.
- Clubs no longer must hold an annual charity game to maintain their sanction. If they do hold charity games, the proceeds from the first and every other game must go to the ACBL Charity Foundation. Proceeds from the other games may go to a local charity if desired.
- An attempt to allow tournament directors to serve on Unit and District boards as voting members was defeated. Management opposed this motion as it is against the personnel policies. It is seen as a conflict of interest since the Unit boards elect the members of the Board of Directors.
- Sample bylaws for districts were approved. These will be available on the website.
- Conditions of contest for the Mini Life Master Pairs at the Summer NABC were changed to make these six-session events.
- The Board of Directors will have a one-day educational program at the St. Louis meeting to update us on changes in the law and other relevant topics for members of boards of not-for-profit organizations. This is basically continuing education for board members. This was my motion and was more controversial than you would think.
- Changes were made to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations to clarify that only one district has jurisdiction for appeals hearings and to the regulations regarding Recorders.
- The board passed regulations for its own department.
- An attempt to form a third foundation was deferred to the St. Louis meeting. This motion attempts to replace the Charity and Education foundations with a new foundation that would take over these duties and promote bridge history and development. I believe that an alternate motion will be presented for the formation of a third foundation supporting the last two goals only that will coexist with the Charity and Education foundations.
- A request by the European Bridge League to offer ACBL masterpoints at their championships was denied. Their promotional materials that say ACBL masterpoints will be available are wrong.

Three months and counting ... until the North American Championships come to St. Louis, March 8-18, 2007. The St. Louis Unit has put up a website with information and links that might be useful to you if you plan on attending the tournament. The address is <http://biliken.wordpress.com>. I have only started exploring the site so far. I hope you find it useful. Also, if you are available to volunteer while attending the nationals, I know they could use the help. They will need help at registration, section tops, information desk etc.

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

See you in St. Louis,
-- Georgia.

On to St. Louis for Nine District Pairs



District 8 North American Pair finals

November 11 & 12, 2006 -- IL Education Assn.

Building, Springfield IL

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up in District 8's annual North American Pairs. The event, conducted in three separate flights, was open to all District 8 members who qualified in club-level NAP games earlier this summer.

The top two pairs in each flight won travel awards to St. Louis in March to represent District 8 in the national finals of their respective flights. The third-place pair in each flight also qualified for the national finals, but receives no ACBL travel award.

Flight A (Open Championship) -- 21 pairs:

- 1 - Gary Kessler - Dan Requard, Springfield IL
- 2 - Jim Davis - Dick Ellis, Kokomo IN
- 2 - Jack Bryant, St. Louis - Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL
- 4 - Mark Kessler, Springfield IL - Ed Schultz, Chesterfield MO
- 5 - Ned Horton - Mike Halvorsen, Champaign IL
- 6 - Glenn Smith - Norm Athy, St. Louis
- 7 - Tom Kniest, St. Louis - Karen Walker, Champaign IL
- 8 - En Xie - Jackie Sincoff, St. Louis



A1 - Dan Requard & Gary Kessler

Flight B (0-2000 masterpts.) -- 38 pairs:

- 1 - Gail & Jim Moon, Bloomington IL
- 2 - Linda Leinicke - Jerome Shen, St. Louis MO
- 3 - Richard Whitsitt, Rockford IL - Douglas Gugger, Freeport IL
- 4 - Dariel Richardson, Rochester IL - Larry Wilcox, Springfield IL
- 5 - Steve Hawthorne - Eunice Patton, Bloomington IL
- 6 - Terry Goodykoontz, Champaign IL - Leah



A2 - Dick Ellis & Jim Davis

Newell, Springfield IL

7 - Liz & Chuck Zalar, Springfield IL

8 - Jason Clevenger - Sasanka Ramanadham, St. Louis MO

9 - Larry Richardson - Tim Cull, Springfield IL

10 - David Jenkins - L. Jenkins, Rockford IL

11 - Doug McQuaid, Lebanon IL - Chris Shaw, Carlinville IL

12 - Jeannine Owen - Karla Hahn, St. Louis MO

13 - Donald Chase - Delano Sylvester, Lake St. Louis MO

Flight C (Non LM -- 0-500) -- 30 pairs:

1 - Dan Faulkner, Monticello IL - Gary Dell, Champaign IL

2 - Josh Kueker - Paul Holmes, Champaign IL

3 - Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO - Mary Jarrells, Wildwood MO

4 - Charles Ettelson - Jane Ettelson, St. Louis

5 - Mary Smith, Eureka MO - Joan Wieber, Ballwin MO

6 - Ron Vogel - Fei Dong, Peoria IL

7 - Praveen Jayachandran - Dan Bunde, Champaign IL

8 - Bev Upp - Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL

9 - Elizabeth Wilson, Urbana IL - Anne Thiede, Danville IL

10 - Charles Parker - Sandy Bigg, St. Louis MO

Sunday Side Game -- 10 pairs

1 - Al Wagner, Danville IL - Dennis Knoll, Catlin IL

2 - Fred Crockett, Danville IL - Bob Shair, Champaign IL

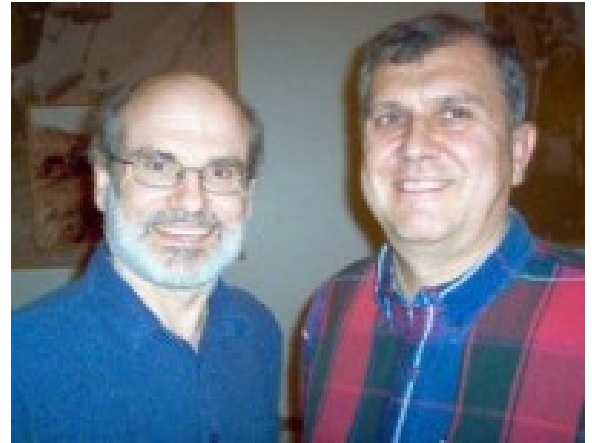
3 - Mary Hruby, Maryland Hts MO - Laura Scholten, St. Charles MO

4 - Marj Hanner, Springfield IL - Betty Primm, Athens IL

5 - Jay Shah - Linda Evans, St. Louis



A3 - Jack Bryant & Rod VanWyk



C1 - Gary Dell & Dan Faulkner



C2 - Josh Kueker & Paul Holmes

District 8's Top 100

Here are District 8's top masterpoint holders and their total career points as of December 7, 2006.

1	Colby Vernay, Lacon IL	15994.91	51	Irene Singleton, South Bend IN	4037.29
2	Jack Bryant, St. Louis	13390.00	52	John Dicks, St. Charles MO	3945.79
3	Dick Benson, Le Roy IL	11585.92	53	George Wolf, Oswego IL	3943.75
4	Gary Kessler, Springfield IL	10630.40	54	Diane Shotliff, Rockford IL	3826.62
5	Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN	10325.97	55	Howard Schmid, Merrillville IN	3820.51
6	Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO	9917.40	56	Larry Rabideau, St. Anne IL	3776.89
7	Chris Benson, Le Roy IL	8959.66	57	June Singer, St. Louis	3742.51
8	Roger Lord, St. Louis	8342.74	58	Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN	3734.91
9	Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL	8315.77	59	Karen Erlanger, St. Louis	3720.12
10	Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN	8230.34	60	Mic Weiss, St. Louis	3707.83
11	Larry Kolker, St. Louis	8215.05	61	Dalton Darnell, Murray KY	3705.09
12	Tom Kniest, St. Louis	8090.44	62	Sue Perez, Maryland Hts MO	3697.64
13	Michael Slaven, Elkhart IN	7689.77	63	L. Greenman, St. Louis	3677.09
14	Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL	7474.93	64	Bobbie Holmes, St. Louis	3642.48
15	John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN	7420.21	65	Wayne Morris, Mt. Carmel IL	3633.34
16	Dave Fred, Granger IN	7400.98	66	Marcie Stauder, St. Charles MO	3607.34
17	Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL	6950.22	67	Peggy Wald, St. Louis	3544.07
18	Karen Walker, Champaign IL	6856.72	68	Lee Hastings, St Louis	3542.73
19	Ed Schultz, St. Louis	6752.68	69	Robert Butz, Kankakee IL	3516.02
20	Mark Kessler, Springfield IL	6514.08	70	Will Engel, Freeport IL	3497.11
21	Nancy Popkin, St. Louis	6331.68	71	Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap IL	3454.71

22	Ed Weiss, St. Louis	5957.56	72	Don Define, St. Charles MO	3428.54
23	Eunice Garrison, St. Louis	5945.00	73	James Feinstein, South Bend IN	3397.03
24	Robert Giles, Marion IL	5874.02	74	John Burgener, St Louis MO	3364.48
25	Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL	5754.75	75	Donald VanBuskirk, Kennett MO	3351.24
26	Jacqueline Sincoff, St. Louis	5678.96	76	Donna Pedrotti, Maryland Hts MO	3341.81
27	Ralph Behrens, St. Louis	5575.12	77	Paul Ellebracht, St. Ann MO	3332.46
28	Milt Zlatic, St. Louis	5570.05	78	Jo Echols, Paducah KY	3273.67
29	James Davis, Kokomo IN	5426.31	79	James Ward, Champaign IL	3266.52
30	Marvin Shapiro, St. Louis	5411.86	80	Rony Adelsman, South Bend IN	3254.26
31	James Hammond, Kirkwood MO	5278.44	81	Mark Ehret, St. Louis	3228.09
32	David Bish, Leo IN	5261.86	82	Carol Schaffer, St. Louis	3182.12
33	Dan Requard, Springfield IL	5249.00	83	Joseph Chin, Highland IN	3163.21
34	Alan Popkin, St Louis MO	5138.13	84	John Startzel, Cherry Valley IL	3149.53
35	Denny O'Connor, St. Louis	5137.53	85	Jackie Tating, Princeton IL	3122.46
36	Jack Snyder, Rockford IL	5102.71	86	Nell Schneider, St. Louis	3107.32
37	Wes Adamczyk, Deerfield IL	5077.78	87	Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN	3105.77
38	Richard Ellis, Kokomo IN	4718.70	88	En Xie, St. Louis	3079.15
39	Ken Bland, St. Louis	4604.56	89	James Carbaugh, Metamora IL	3025.23
40	Kent Feiler, Harvard IL	4489.20	90	Richard Blumenthal, Crystal Lake IL	3016.36
41	John Chmielowiec, Mich. Cty IN	4462.97	91	Eleanoir Munson, Fort Wayne IN	3006.21
42	Sheldon Margulis, St. Louis	4438.57	92	Charles Fortney, Wheaton IL	2933.52

43	Glenn Smith, St. Louis	4358.73	93	Doug Edwards, Hardin KY	2894.24
44	John Kinst, Batavia IL	4327.41	94	Fran Scheifler, St. Louis	2888.71
45	Don Florida, Marshall IL	4303.49	95	Janice Condon, Rockford IL	2881.21
46	Frank Yoder, Goshen IN	4296.98	96	James De Serio, Peoria IL	2868.26
47	Tod Moses, St. Louis	4278.18	97	Julia Rambo, Mayfield KY	2835.76
48	Mike Halvorsen, Champaign IL	4131.57	98	Marie Goldner, South Bend IN	2772.45
49	Mike Carmen, St. Louis	4086.23	99	Stephen Brauss, St. Louis	2769.36
50	Gerry Schneider, St. Louis	4047.27	100	Jack Stauder, St. Charles MO	2761.89

Holiday gifts for bridge players

Still looking for the perfect gift for your friends and relatives who play bridge (or who would like to learn)? Here are some ideas:

[Learn to Play Bridge I & II](#) are two self-teaching software programs that make great stocking stuffers for anyone who wants an easy introduction to the basics. Best of all, both are **totally free** from ACBL. You can download them from the link above (both setup programs fit onto one CD) and give copies to everyone on your list.

Print out a copies of ACBL's quick-start [How to Play Bridge](#) page to go with your gifts.



[The New York Times 2006 Bridge Calendar](#) is a popular choice for players of all skill levels. It's a 112-page, spiral-bound weekly engagement calendar with clear plastic covers. Each of the 53 weeks features a world-class bridge hand with analysis by the late Alan Truscott.

[Official Encyclopedia of Bridge](#) is *the* bridge reference book. It's packed with information on conventions, card combinations, bridge terms, biographies, history and everything else you might ever want to know about bridge. This is the 6th edition, published in 2002. Hardcover, 1000 pages.

[Bridge Baron 17](#) is the newest update of one of the top-rated and most skilled bid-and-play software programs on the market. It features seven sophisticated levels of play, plus a deal generator, double-dummy solver, ACBL tournament deals, challenge hands, flow-chart bidding tutorials and a wide range of conventions. Winner of five World Computer Bridge Championships. Available for Windows and Mac.

You'll find lots of other gift suggestions on these shopping pages just for bridge players:

[Karen's Bridge Library Bookstore](#) features short reviews of recommended bridge books, along with an updated listing of the newest books and software (published in late 2005 and 2006). Books are grouped by skill level and can be purchased at discounted prices from Amazon.com by following the links.

The [Holiday Shopping Page](#) on the above site offers ideas and links for a wide range of bridge-themed gifts, including clothing, jewelry, bakeware and glassware, party accessories, software packages, electronic games, magazine subscriptions and other specialty gifts.

[Great Bridge Links](#) has put together a full directory of specialty products and online shopping sites for bridge players. You'll find links to unusual and hard-to-find gifts here, along with some special discounts.

District 8 Sectional at Clubs -- October 30 - November 5, 2006

More than 1200 District players won a total of 2924.10 silver points in District 8's annual Fall Sectional Tournament-at-Clubs (STAC). Overall winners in all flights at each session, plus side-game winners, are listed on the [District 8 STAC homepage](#).

Biggest session was Tuesday daytime, with 279 pairs entered at clubs throughout the District. The winners of that game, Charlotte & Jim Davis of Kokomo IN, won 15.44 silver points for their 71.06% game. Highest score from the week was a 78.13% game by M. Alig and Richard Hastings in the Thursday-evening session at the Elkhart IN club.

Other pairs who posted games of 70% or higher in open games were:

73.44% -- Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL & Jack Bryant, St. Louis -- Monday evening, St. Charles MO Bridge Club

70.43% -- Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN; Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN; Monday day, Monday Duplicate Bridge Club

70.00% -- John Aumiller & Larry O'Maley, Fort Wayne IN -- Tuesday day, 2's Day Aft B/C

The next District Sectional-at-Clubs will be held at local clubs the week of **February 2, 2007**.

A list of all players who won masterpoints during STAC week is [here](#). The top 50 point-winners in the District and their totals for the week were:

1	35.94	Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL	26	13.10	Joan Parr, St. Charles IL
2	24.98	Marcia Darnell, Murray KY	27	13.08	Doug St. John, Rockford IL
3	22.51	Dennis Spencer, St. Louis	28	12.94	John Smith Jr, St. Louis
4	22.10	Bob Carteaux, Ft Wayne IN	29	12.61	Norma Cloyd, Paducah KY
5	20.79	Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN	30	12.11	W. Lowry, Springfield IL
6	19.54	Sheldon Margulis, St. Louis	31	11.78	Bobbie Holmes, St. Louis
7	19.50	Joann Knox, Metropolis IL	32	11.37	Lee Hastings, St Louis
8	18.24	Jack Bryant, Saint Louis	33	11.29	George Veenstra, Springfield IL
9	17.93	Fran Russell, Paducah KY	34	11.20	Doug Edwards, Hardin KY
10	17.68	Gary Schechter, Springfield IL	35	10.73	Edward Wang, St. Louis
11	17.47	Larry O'Maley, Ft Wayne IN	36	10.64	Karen Coe, Ewing IL
12	17.34	John Aumiller, Ft Wayne IN	37	10.63	Dalton Darnell, Murray KY
13	16.77	James Davis, Kokomo IN	38	10.47	S Hawthorne, Bloomington IL
14	16.71	L Jenkins, Rockford IL	39	10.42	Tom Carpenter, Ft Wayne IN
15	16.46	Zack Freehill, Bloomington IL	40	10.33	Elaine Shine, Fort Wayne IN
16	16.40	Joan Green, Springfield IL	41	10.33	Thelma VanPoppel, Decatur IN
17	16.15	John Kinst, Batavia IL	42	10.31	Bob Wheeler, Florissant MO
18	15.78	Lucille Driskill, Smithland KY	43	10.25	Leah Newell, Springfield IL
19	15.44	Charlotte Davis, Kokomo IN	44	9.97	Don Groch, South Bend IN
20	14.83	Dan Requard, Springfield IL	45	9.89	Susan Davis,

21 14.57 Colby Vernay, Lacon IL
22 14.18 Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap IL
23 14.18 Alan Wienman, Morton IL
24 13.80 Don Define, St. Charles MO
25 13.54 Gary Kessler, Springfield IL

46 9.83 Richard Hastings, Bristol IN
47 9.83 M. Alig, Elkhart IN
48 9.78 Nancy Moody, Marion IN
49 9.78 Connie Wright, Marion IN
50 9.61 Rich Haacke, Olivette MO



More Silver Points in February

District 8 Winter Sectional-at-Clubs -- February 2 - 8, 2007

Stratification: Open Pair games at your local club can offer three strata for masterpoint awards — **A:** 1500+; **B:** 0-1500; and **C:** Non-Life Master (0-500). Clubs can also run stratified novice pairs and victory-point team games.

Call your club manager for details on the special STAC games in your area. Note that the STAC week runs from Friday to Thursday.

STAC coordinator: [Mike Tomlianovich](#) (309-662-5832)

See the [Winter STAC](#) web site for conditions of contest and results (updated daily during STAC week).



District 8 Solvers Forum -- December 2006

by Tom Dodd, Branchburg NJ

1. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

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

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
2NT	100	8	44
Pass	90	6	20
3NT	70	3	32
3D	50	0	4

What is your call as South holding: ♠A9764 ♥KQ
♦A943 ♣K5 ?

In case you're wondering, yes, that's me, taken last week, shortly after our campus here went smoke-free. But enough whining about smoke-free workplaces. Plenty of meaty problems this month, so let's dive in:

MERRITT: "2NT. Maybe I am a bit strong, but A9xx and KQ tight in partner's suit make me cautious."

SOPER: "2NT. This seems to describe my hand well. If I want a swing, I pass and hope partner has a couple diamonds without enough points for game."

STRITE: "2NT. I see the points, but not the tricks. Matchpoints makes 2NT more palatable since I don't need to push to a thin game."

MILLER: "3NT. Seems easy. As a passed hand, partner also had the freedom to bid two hearts if he held something like Q AJxxx xxx QJxx."

FELDHEIM: "2NT. Surely no one is passing 2D doubled and if not, what's the alternative? 3NT is an overbid."

RABIDEAU: "3NT. An overbid but the nine of diamonds made me do it."

That same nine is what influenced my decision to pass. Go figure.

WALKER: "Pass. 3NT is an overbid and 2NT is an underbid, so I'll avoid that guess and take our 'sure' plus. I might have opened this hand 1NT, but this auction may work out fine for us. Knowing the kind of softball overcalls many players make here, this could be a bigger number than we expect."

Several other panelists (and a few solvers) also felt this problem could have been avoided by opening 1NT. While I've been known to open plenty of off-shape hands with a strong NT, including one with

a so-so 5-card major, I can't say this would be one of them, even in third seat. Perhaps if the hand had more quacks or the spade suit was 9xxxx. This hand simply looks better for suit play to bypass the major, and the KQ is a further warning signal. Perhaps we could have scored a decent penalty against 2D if we'd opened 1NT, but who's to say?

FEILER: "Pass. Remind me: why didn't I open 1NT? What auction was I hoping for? Anyway, if we don't have a game pass should work. If we do have a game, I'll have to hope partner can extrude a doubleton diamond honor from somewhere so we can smack 2D pretty hard!"

PAVLICEK: "Pass. I would have opened 1NT due to the lopsided nature. Now it seems best to hope for plus 300 versus no game our way. Any plus score may be good, as this hand will often go sour as declarer."

Seems to be a recurring theme. Those who would have opened an off-shape 1NT were unanimous in playing for the penalty. Unfortunately, the lack of tricks that influenced the decision to defend also cuts the same way on defense. Your 3 1/2 defensive tricks are a plus, but North is, after all, a passed hand, is likely short in diamonds, and the pass is so final. Still, it's better than anything we've got going.

Last word:

PAOLO: "2NT. First, West (with, e.g., xx xx KQTxxx AQx) can win seven tricks. Second, partner (with, e.g., KJ AJxxx x Jxxxx) is not good enough for game."

I truly hope those aren't the West/North hands (and North would likely bid a constructive passed hand 2H with five good ones and a partial spade fit). One slip on defense gives us a juicy minus, and we can make 9 or 10 tricks easy in either major. Bur make the heart jack the diamond jack, and it gets interesting.

2. Matchpoints, EW vulnerable

West North East South
 -- -- 1C ???

What is your call as South holding: ♠AQJ842
 ♥109642 ♦Q ♣J ?

Silly me. I had thought this would be close to unanimous in favor of Michaels. Suit quality aside, the hand just struck me as not worth a spade overcall planning to follow with a heart rebid if available. On the other side, I really would rather induce a spade lead if North were to end up on lead against, say, 3NT. Okay, it's a close decision, and the panel's split bore this out.

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
1S	100	7	54
2C	90	5	40
2S	70	2	4
3S	60	2	2
Pass	60	1	0

PAVLICEK: "1S. Too lopsided for Michaels, especially since partner will prefer hearts with equal length. The vulnerability makes it comfortable to bid again later up to 4H if necessary."

STRITE: "2C. We rate to declare, either to make or sacrifice, so I won't blast some number of spades and lose hearts in the process. I could live with 1S, too, but with little defense, I'll forego overcalling then bidding hearts."

PAOLO: "1S. Against the Michaels cue-bid, hearts are shorter and weaker than spades. On the other hand, if LHO declares notrump or diamonds, I want to suggest a spade lead. Besides, the vulnerability allows me to introduce hearts, later on, if it looks convenient."

NELSON: "2C. I can't describe a better spade suit than bid hearts, my hand doesn't warrant, I would rather block more bidding space and describe at least 9 or 10 cards in the majors...turns out I have eleven...what a bonus."

TAJFORD: "1S. I'd much rather have a spade lead, so I'll forgo the hearts, at least for now."

MERRITT: "2C. I have time to rebid my spades and show my hand. We have the vulnerability in our favor and yes, 10xxxx is a biddable suit. I am sure that there is a message in this hand that will severely punish the people that Michaels, but I'm doing it anyway."

Getting cynical at your age? Welcome to the club, Scott! I figure the stiff honors were going to punish us by "giving away" the distribution and allow East to pull off a miraculous slam. I wonder if this was a real or made-up deal. Hmm. Bottom line for me though, is that bidding twice shows more than I have. What's North to put me in if it goes something like (1C) - 1S - (3C) - Pass - (3D) and I chime in with 3H?

Preempting is okay if you follow the "modern" school, but I never like to leave potential big fits out in the cold. Of course, one panelist thought you really could have it both ways:

BERNHARD: "2S. Okay, not the book bid, but I need to show difference between suits. I'll bid hearts next up to 4, which should show this hand."

This is one of the reasons why we had some truly exciting sessions as partners. I sometimes long for the good old days!

3. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

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

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
3H	100	14	58
2H	70	2	16
2C	60	1	6
Other	60	0	20

What is your call as South holding: ♠AK102 ♥AQ4
♦KJ654 ♣3 ?

Finally an easy one -- straight out of a beginning primer (almost).

FELDHEIM: "3H. This seems like the classic way to describe this 4-3-1-5 hand."

BERNHARD: "3H. Should show this hand, almost a picture bid. Can not imagine anything else."

MILLER: "3H. Why did we rebid one spade instead of 2S (very modest stretch)? Now I am left with the options of missing game if I underbid or playing in 3H hearts opposite ♠Jx ♥10xxx ♦xx ♣KQ10xx? 'I reject your reality and substitute my own.' "

VONGSVIVUT: "3H. I assume 3H should be forcing, and try to show distribution to force to 3NT or 4 H."

WALKER: "3H. A rebid of 2H here should show some extra values, but this 17-count is much more than partner would expect. I wish 3H were just invitational, but it isn't, so I'll have my apologies ready if I've forced partner into a no-play game."

3H had better be invitational or we're all in trouble. You make a bid partner could have passed (1S) and after a further limiting bid by North, a jump now is highly invitational, but hardly forcing. No apologies necessary if North has a totally unsuitable hand (see MILLER's example). Ah well, it's only matchpoints and you'll at least be on par with all those who thought the hand worth a jump shift rebid anyway.

NELSON: "2H. 2C is NOT forcing, therefore I believe this is one way to invite, or I might make a daring bid of 2H which shows extra values and of course club shortness. I say daring as many people don't realize it shows extra."

PAVLICEK: "3H. With a borderline jump-shift my last turn, I won't soft-pedal any more. If this endplays partner into 3NT, so be it. A belated raise to 2H would show a little extra but not this much."

4. IMPs, both vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding: ♠8 ♥J84
♦AQJ9743 ♣A9 ?

A common nightmare problem, more often encountered when playing against proponents of forcing club systems. No direct diamond bid here will convey diamond length and strength, so we must compromise. Or must we?

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
1NT	100	9	42
2NT	80	3	20
3NT	80	2	4
2D	70	1	16
Pass	70	1	16
3D	50	1	2

PAVLICEK: "2D. Followed by 3D (natural invitation). I've had this agreement with partners for years (*Modern Bridge Conventions*, pg. 152). If your system won't let you show a real diamond suit here, it may be time to rethink the system."

I have the same agreement with many casual partners, but BWS is unclear as to how to show this hand type. And yes, I agree, BWS is about due for another overhaul.

The majority chose the tongue-in-cheek notrump call, at various levels. Personally, I like the underbid because the auction is unlikely to die here, and it gives us more room to maneuver in case North has a second suit or really good spades. Especially at IMPs, it's important not just to bid those red games, but to try, if at all possible, to end up in the *right* game.

MATHENY: "1NT. 2NT is the value bid but I'm worried about entries to the diamonds. If partner rebids spades I can bid diamonds naturally."

RABIDEAU: "1NT. Seems extremely conservative but we have misfits in at least two suits and the diamonds are not well located. If the auction isn't over, I'll get to bid my real suit."

Here's an interesting thought:

FEILER: "Pass. I hope West reopens. If he doesn't, I hope partner has good spades. If not, I hope a giant, flaming comet strikes the bridge table in mid-hand."

In my dreams, West always reopens and we get to bid our suit naturally. But what if 1S gets passed out? Even if you do get another chance, how will you ever convince North that you hold this much strength? I'm more concerned with explaining to my teammates why I missed an easy game at this form of scoring.

FELDHEIM: "3NT. Who knows what's right? Sure, the heart suit is open, but there was no negative double. The diamonds won't break, but partner may have a 10-spot. This is aggressive, but anything else seems insufficient. Banzai!"

TAJFORD: "3NT. A gamble, but hey, it's IMPs."

That rationale works well with some former teammates of mine from Northern Indiana (names withheld upon request) with whom I've won many a team event. They claim never to have bid a making partscore at IMPs -- they either score big making thin games or go down in flames. Yes, they scored the occasional +110, but almost always by accident. For the in betweeners:

BERNHARD: "2NT. Close between this and 1NT. Lefty may have three diamond tricks, so the hand is not as good as it appears."

MERRITT: "1NT. I must advance, and bidding A9 seems like a stretch. Anything more seems rich with my dreadful holding in support of partner."

C'mon Scott, go for the gusto! A9 may be a stretch, but that Jxx makes it mighty tempting to shoot for a heart game! (No, Scott was not a member of our Non-Making Partscore Team. That group hasn't played together since I left Indiana for Texas -- and now the East Coast -- in 1993.)

5. IMPs, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	1D	1H	2C

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
4D	100	5	44

2H Pass Pass 3H
 Pass 3S Pass ???

5D	90	3	20
4H	80	2	10
4S	70	2	12
4NT	70	1	8
6D	60	2	4
3NT	60	2	2

What is your call as South holding: ♠J72 ♥Q
 ♦AQ96 ♣AKJ108 ?

Question one: Is 4D forcing? It had better be or we could get dumped here. I contend that it is. BWS treats other high-level cuebids as game forces, though it is silent as to majors and minors. Many so-called "game forcing" bids are qualified as being forcing through 3NT or 4 of a minor. Here, however, I can't see North passing, especially at this form of scoring (3H was not some ubiquitous Western cue-bid, but a bona fide force in support of diamonds).

The fact that partner probably doesn't have a heart guard is more encouraging than not. Some took this inference to the extreme:

RABIDEAU: "6D. A two-over-one followed by a cuebid has to be forcing to game...doesn't it? Rather than risk it, I'll bid what I think we can make. Partner sounds rather minimal and probably lacks the heart ace (no cue or NT rebid) so that seven is unlikely."

I admire the courage to make that bid. It was my second choice, once I'd convinced myself that North couldn't possibly pass 4D.

PAOLO: "4D. Forcing. Partner's rebid shows that there are no lost values in hearts; so, a minimal opening like ♠AQxx ♥xxx ♦KJxx ♣Qx produces slam."

If only our partners could always produce perfect dummies like that one, bidding would be so much easier. But even the example hand requires a break or two to make slam because of the transportation issues. Still, I've played and made worse contracts, as have we all. One of the 4H bidders was concerned that she hadn't yet supported diamonds:

WALKER: "4H. I don't think I've shown a diamond fit yet, as 3H could have been just a stopper-search with a 13-count. 4H, however, should make it clear that I have a diamond slam-try. With partner holding no honors in hearts, it's hard to imagine an opening bid that doesn't give us a good play for a minor-suit game or slam. If partner can't cuebid the spade ace, I'll settle for 5D."

While I agree that 4H now affirms support for diamonds, I'm afraid North will read the second cuebid as showing a first-round control. I've been down that road before (as have most of us, I'd wager). Since we've all agreed that 4D is forcing here, then it stands to reason that 4H should show the ace or a void.

I really don't understand this:

MILLER: "4S. Ruffs will be in the correct hand, and how bad can partner's spades be? He refuses to bid NT and there are only 15 non-heart points out there for his opener! On the other hand, if partner has ♠AKQ10 ♥xxx ♦Kxxxx ♣xx and the slam rolls, am I supposed to cue 4H instead? Imps: leap into game, crawl to slam."

I can foresee some leaping when your teammates return and ask why you went for -100, or even a solid +620, in a secondary 4-3 spade fit when your counterparts scored an easy 1370. Finally, we have the invocation of the Exotic Convention:

FELDHEIM: "4D. If this is Minorwood, that's real good. If not, I'm sure this is maximum descriptive. I hope those who think 4D is passable are an endangered species :-)"

No, that's not a new bridge word. Minorwood is an agreement where, when you're in a "power auction", your bid of four of partner's minor (or your minor) is ace-asking. It would be real handy here if BWS and/or your regular partner played it -- and if you could agree on exactly what constitutes a "power auction".

6. Matchpoints, both vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding: ♠54 ♥K97543
♦1032 ♣Q5 ?

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
3NT	100	8	53
4H	90	5	12
3D	80	2	14
3H	80	1	7
Pass	50	1	12

My commercial for the set here: While I'm not 100% sure that 3D is a transfer in this auction (if North had reopened 1NT, 2D would be a transfer to hearts), I'm convinced enough to trot it out. I'll follow up with 3NT, due to the balanced hand nature of the hand. Otherwise, I'd be in (almost) full agreement with the 3NT crowd.

STRITE: 3NT. I imagine 3H shows this sort of hand, but Pard didn't reopen with a double, so I'm unenthused about hearts. Declaring from my side also rates to cost a trick or more. Partner could easily have a singleton heart with long diamonds."

RICHTER: "3NT. Partner may be holding even a singleton heart with good stop cards in spades and some 20-21 HCPs, or some 5-4-2-2 semi-balanced hand with stoppers in the spade suit. Either way, I do not like missing a vulnerable game, and with the club king and heart ace very likely in the East hand, 3NT then."

WALKER: "3NT. I have enough for game opposite what partner has shown (strong hand, long and strong diamonds, spade stopper). There's no way to investigate a heart game, as 3H would be a drop-dead bid here. Partner's spade stopper may be tenuous (Kx), so it's important to play the contract from his side."

Again, BWS is silent on a balancing 2NT. Too bad -- it's another agreement to check out with at least your regular partners. With my partners who don't play forcing club systems (there are still a few!), a balancing 2NT here says I would have rebid 2NT after a one-over-one suit response, nothing more. In this case, it's 18-20 HCP or so, with a guard in the overcalled suit. Long and strong

diamonds maybe, but certainly not solid ones (that merits a 3NT reopener).

An accurate prediction from our guest panelist from sunny Arizona (yes, I'm jealous, it's 31 here right now and supposed to snow tonight):

SOPER: "3H. This hand won't fit well with partner's, but we may still make game. I expect the votes to be fairly split on this one."

MERRITT: "3H. I would like to be in a heart game with partner declaring, but as the saying goes, you can't get there from here."

Sure you can Scott! If you're ever in the New York area and we have a game, 3D here is a transfer, don't forget!

NELSON: "4H. Would like to transfer, but want no misunderstandings....so I will bid 4H."

MATHENY: "4H. Would prefer the lead not come through partner's hand, but..."

I can see how 4D might be misinterpreted here, but I submit that a good partner will know it's a transfer to hearts. How could I possibly pass 1S and then suddenly find a hand worth a jump raise, bypassing 3NT and by inference, violating (gasp!) the Hamman Rule.

Last word goes to our expert friend in sunny Florida (and yes, I'm still jealous; the temperature has dropped another 3 degrees into the 20s, but no, I do not long for a return to Texas):

PAVLICEK: "3NT. This should be a sound game. 4H could be better, but with no way to find out or right-side it (I don't think I'd win the postmortem for 3D delayed Jacoby), I'll go with the odds. My diamond holding is more promising for 3NT than my heart suit is for 4H."

Richard, you'd win the post-mortem. I agree that 3D is a transfer. Trust me; I argue for a living.

Have a happy and safe holiday season everyone. Next time you see me I'll have passed half a century. Ouch.

Thanks to all who sent in answers, and especially to our expert guest, **Richard Pavlicek**, who offered sound analysis and some interesting ideas you may want to discuss with your regular partner. Thanks also to our guest panelists -- **Arbha Vongsvivut**, **Boris Richter** and **Paul Soper**.

Topping all Solvers for this set was **Gary Collins** of University Heights OH, who scored a perfect 600. Close behind were **Greg Berry** of Sleepy Hollow IL and **Bob Carteaux** of Fort Wayne IN. They're all invited to join the February panel.

Joining us as moderator for the February issue will be Kent Feiler, who is taking over for the retiring Tom Kniest in our every-six-month rotation. Kent is a successful player and a talented and creative analyst, so we're looking forward to an interesting discussion. February also begins our annual Solver contest, so I hope you'll all give the new problems a try. Winners of the 2006 Solvers contest will be announced in the next issue.

The six new problems are below. Please submit your solutions by **January 22** on the [web form](#) or by email to:

Kent Feiler -- kent@kentfeiler.com

How the Panel voted (Panel/Staff Avg. -- 531):	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Bob Bernhard , New Smyrna Beach FL	2NT	2S	3H	2NT	5D	3NT	540
Harold Feldheim , Hamden CT	2NT	1S	3H	3NT	4D	4H	570
Larry Matheny , Loveland CO	Pass	2S	2H	1NT	5D	4H	510
Adam Miller , Chicago	3NT	1S	3H	1NT	4S	Pass	490
Bev Nelson , Fort Myers FL	Pass	2C	2H	3D	4S	4H	460
Manuel Paulo , Lisbon, Portugal	2NT	1S	3H	1NT	4D	3NT	600
Richard Pavlicek , Ft Lauderdale FL	Pass	1S	3H	2D	4H	3NT	550
Larry Rabideau , St. Anne IL	3NT	3S	3H	1NT	6D	3NT	490
Boris Richter , Pula Croatia	2NT	Pass	2C	2NT	3NT	3NT	460
Paul Soper , Sierra Vista AZ	2NT	2C	2H	1NT	4H	3H	520
Toby Strite , San Jose CA	2NT	2C	3H	1NT	4D	3NT	590
Oyvind Tajford , Eugene OR	2NT	1S	3H	3NT	5D	3D	550
Arbha Vongsvivut , Godfrey IL	3NT	3S	3H	1NT	4NT	3NT	500
How the Staff voted							
Tom Dodd , Branchburg NJ	Pass	2C	3H	1NT	4D	3D	560
Kent Feiler , Harvard IL	Pass	1S	3H	Pass	4D	4H	550
Scott Merritt , Abuja, Nigeria	2NT	2C	3H	1NT	3NT	4H	540
Karen Walker , Champaign IL	Pass	1S	3H	2NT	4H	3NT	550

Solvers Honor Roll (Average Solver score: 514)

Gary Collins , University Heights OH	600	Micah Fogel , Aurora, IL	550
Greg Berry , Sleepy Hollow IL	590	Jim Hudson , DeKalb IL	550
Bob Carteaux , Fort Wayne IN	570	George Klemic , Bensenville IL	550
Nigel Guthrie , Reading UK	560	Mason Myers , Chesterfield MO	550
John Seng , Champaign IL	560	Glenn Overby , Tilton IL	550
Dave Smith , Memphis TN	560	Glenn Smith , Chesterfield MO	550

Asher Axelrod, Jerusalem, Israel	550	Larry Wilcox, Springfield IL	550
Gary Dell, Champaign IL	550		

Solvers Forum -- February 2007 Problems

1. Matchpoints, both vulnerable

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

* Natural

What is your call as South holding:

♠A987542 ♥KJ4 ♦A3 ♣5 ?

2. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:

♠K92 ♥84 ♦K75 ♣KQ1085 ?

3. Matchpoints, EW vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:

♠103 ♥AQJ4 ♦KJ94 ♣QJ5 ?

4. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:

♠Void ♥8743 ♦A63 ♣AKJ1052 ?

5. IMPs, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	--	3S	Pass
4S	4NT *	Pass	???

* Two-suiter (any two suits)

What is your call as South holding:

♠Void ♥K8764 ♦Q98642 ♣K3 ?

6. IMPs, both vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:

♠AJ964 ♥6 ♦65 ♣Q8643 ?

Thanks for the problems above to Mark Leonard (#1, #2 & #3) and Bev Nelson (#5).



Pair Fare

News from Northwestern Illinois Unit 239

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Aaron Hanford: Life Master



Typifying American youth currently involved with bridge, Aaron Hanford is one of our Unit's latest Life Masters. Aaron attained his gold card during the Memorial Day regional in Champaign, playing with a pick-up partner in the knockout teams.

Aaron was born and raised in Rockford. He began playing bridge high school at the Illinois Math and Science Academy in Champaign, playing with a group of friends that ... "Well, we slightly amended the rules," Aaron laughs. In fact, his first regular partner was so enthusiastic about

playing with him that he gave up bridge entirely to play competitive Scrabble. But Aaron stuck it out, and took up duplicate seriously as a senior in college in Champaign in 2000 while majoring in math and linguistics there.

Aaron firmly believes that not enough is currently being done to involve young people in the game of bridge -- and that includes the efforts of young people themselves. He would like to see more and stronger programs to promote bridge education in the schools, especially efforts that could lead to competitive sanctioned games. "Perhaps a good place to begin might be with the young people we now hire as caddies at regionals," he suggests. "After all, they're already there, and most of them have already demonstrated an interest in intellectual pursuits."

Upcoming Tournaments in Unit 239

Year	Rockin' Rockford Regional	Elgin Spring Sectional	Elgin 299er Sectional	Rockford Classic Sectional	Aurora Turkey Bowl
2007	June 18-24	March 2-4	August 3-5	September 7-9	November 23-25
2008	June 16-22	March 7-9	August 1-3	September 5-7	November 28-30

2009	June 22-28	March 20-22	August 7-9	September 11-13	November 27-29
2010	June 21-27	March 19-21	August 6-8	September 10-12	November 26-28

Upcoming Tournaments of Interest Outside Our Unit

2006 Tournaments: Dec.26-30: Lake Geneva WI

2007 Tournaments:

Jan. 5-7: Bloomington IL

Feb. 2-8: District 8 STAC

Feb. 23-25: Peoria IL

Mar. 2-4: Ft. Wayne IN

Mar. 8-18: St. Louis NABC

Apr. 9-15: Gatlinburg

Apr. 23-29: Lake Geneva WI

Apr. 28: St. Louis 199er

May 22-28: Champaign IL

June 26-July 1: Des Moines IA

July 6-8: Bloomington IL

July 9-15: Chicago IL

July 19-29: Nashville NABC

Aug. 3-5: South Bend IN

Aug.13-19: St. Louis MO

Aug. 13-19: Green Bay WI

Aug. 31-Sept. 3: Skokie IL

Sept. 14-16: Peoria IL

Sept. 24-30: Ft. Wayne IN

Sept. 29: St. Louis MO 199er

Oct. 22-28: Lake Geneva WI

Oct. 29-Nov. 4: District 8 STAC

Nov. 10-11: Bloomington IL NAOP

Nov. 23-Dec. 2: San Francisco NABC

Event Winners: Aurora "Turkey Bowl," November 24-26, 2006

Friday afternoon Open Pairs:

A1 - Alma Karas - Yangling Zhang, Batavia IL

B1 - Earle Miller, Lisle IL; John Pree, St Charles IL

C1 - Donald Pauser - Dianne Pauser, Dixon IL

Friday Compact Knockout

1 - Bob Korte - Kay Korte, Woodstock IL; Harold Legel, Crystal Lake IL; James Ryan, Janesville WI

Friday Compact Knockout Consolation

1 - Jon Schwestka, Oak Park IL; Sally Gill, Bloomingdale IL; Robert Pooley, Aurora IL; Charlotte Schmidt, Plano IL

Saturday Knockouts

Bracket I: 1 - Jack Snyder, Rockford IL; Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL; Steven Sinkiawic, Roscoe IL; Kathleen Wagner, Madison WI

Bracket II: 1 - Jerzy Cygan, Wood Dale IL; Marian Krasowski, Prospect Hts IL; Lech Brzozowski -Tadeusz Szych, Chicago IL

Bracket III: 1 - Jeffrey Katz - Sheila Katz, Arlington Hts IL; J Kallenbach - V Motchanov, Adrian MI

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

A1/B1 - Zbigniew Muszynski, Roselle IL; Michael Omielski, Bensonville IL

C1 - Pamela Tietz - Gerald Tietz, Naperville IL

Saturday Afternoon 99er Pairs

A1 - Donna Cart - Stephen Cart, Rockford IL

B1 - Ole Birkelund - Mary Birkelund, Romeoville IL

Saturday Evening Open Pairs

A1 - John Kinst, Batavia IL; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL

B1 - Cherrolyn Woolwine, Naperville IL; Thomas Sucher, Roselle IL

C1 - Vladimir Reznik - Ken Pavlenko, Glenview IL

Saturday Evening 99er Pairs

A1 - Ole Birkelund - Mary Birkelund, Romeoville IL

B1 - Lynn Ulreich - John Ulreich, Frankfort IL

Sunday Swiss Teams

A1 - David Langer - Mark Ginsburg, Buffalo Grove IL; Mark Weisman, Glenview IL; Howard Engle, Highland Park IL

B1 - Yangling Zhang - Alma Karas, Batavia IL; Diane Clark, Elgin IL; D. Brosseau, Sleepy Hollow IL

C1 - Jon Schwestka, Oak Park IL; Sally Gill, Bloomingdale IL; Marilyn Keil, Hinsdale IL; Daniel Driggett, Glendale Hts IL

The complete list of all winners and runners-up is [here](#).

The Changing Scene . . .

New Junior Masters: Karen Anderson, Batavia; Mrs. Lon Behr, Rockford; Sybil Brown, Rockford; Donna Cassavoy, Huntley; Karen Flood, St. Charles; Laurence Klemm, Sleepy

Hollow; Pamela Krisak, St. Charles; Mrs. Malou Nelson, Green Valley AZ; James Newberry, Elburn; Loretta Oehler, Rockford; Norman Rice, Clermont FL; John Stoner, Poplar Grove; Sharon Stoner, Poplar Grove

New Club Masters: Wanda Burgard, Cherry Valley; Eugene Gordon, Aurora; Robert Herro, Rockford

New Sectional Masters: Barbara Burda, Huntley; Donna Cart, Rockford; Tom Dearing, Geneva; Elizabeth Gale, Rockford; Paul Grossenbacher, Roscoe; Robert Lightbody, Rockford; Tom Prucher, St. Charles

New Regional Masters: Paula Demlow, Sandwich; Julia Kelley, Geneva; Mary Larson, Belvidere; Douglas St. John, Rockford

New Life Masters: Robert Erwin, Rochelle

New Silver Life Masters: Darlene Simonovich

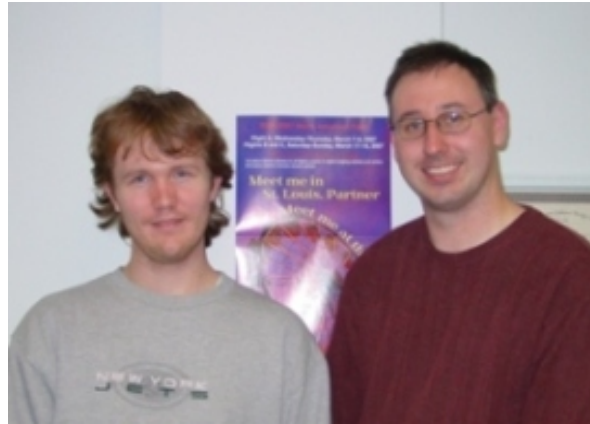


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News from Central Illinois Unit 208

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(Left photo) **Bill Lindemann Sr., Bill Lindemann Jr., Gary Dell & Dan Faulkner.** (Right) **Josh Kueker & Paul Holmes**

SIX new LMs in Champaign

The Champaign club has been celebrating with non-stop Life Master parties this fall as six of our local players made Life Master. **Bill Lindemann Sr.** got his gold card at a fall sectional in Terre Haute, just a few months before his son, **Bill Lindemann Jr.**, went over by getting his last silver points at a Sectional-at-Clubs game in November. Originally from Alabama, Bill Sr. is retired and Bill Jr. is a programmer for the Institute of Personality and Abilities Testing in Champaign.

Partners **Gary Dell** and **Dan Faulkner** won all their gold and black points a few years ago. They

went over by placing in a silver-point event during Sectional-at-Clubs week in late October. Both are professors at the University of Illinois -- Gary in psychology and Dan in agriculture.

University of Illinois student **Josh Kueker** made LM when he and partner **Paul Holmes** finished second in Flight C of the District 8 North American Pair finals in November. Paul, who is from New Zealand, is a UI graduate student in accounting. He made LM earlier this fall by winning his last black points in a club game at Bridge at Ginger Creek in Champaign.

North American Pairs

Congratulations to all everyone who played in the District 8 North American Pair finals in Springfield in November. Our Unit pairs placed first in all three flights and took second place in another. They all won travel awards to play in the national finals at the Spring NABC in St. Louis in March. Congratulations to:

A1 - Gary Kessler & Dan Requard, Springfield IL

B1 - Gail & Jim Moon, Bloomington IL

C1 - Dan Faulkner, Monticello IL - Gary Dell, Champaign IL

C2 - Josh Kueker - Paul Holmes, Champaign IL

New site for the Illini Champaign Regional

It's not too early to begin thinking about spring and our Unit's annual Memorial Day regional, coming up **May 22-28** in Champaign. A full schedule of events is [here](#).

We have a new site this year -- the **Hilton Gardens and Homewood Suites**, both on the site of the old Chancellor Hotel, where the tournament was held from 1993 to 2005. Both hotels are new construction and the convention center has been completely remodeled.

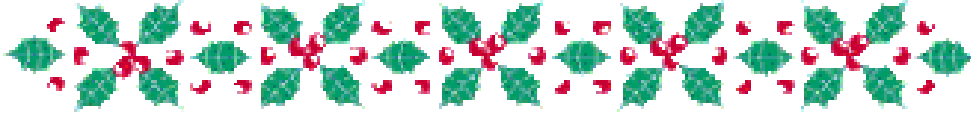


♣ Central Illinois Top 100 ♣

Here are the top masterpoint holders in Central Illinois Unit 208 and their career point totals as of December 7, 2006. The first 17 players on the list are ranked in the top 100 of all players in District 8 (see the [District Top 100](#) list in this issue).

1	Colby Vernay, Lacon	15,994.91	51	Aldo Mancinelli, Decatur	1540.84
2	Dick Benson, LeRoy	11,585.92	52	John Kessinger, Decatur	1534.77
3	Gary Kessler, Springfield	10,630.40	53	Bernard Riley, Pekin	1526.87
4	Chris Benson, LeRoy	8959.66	54	Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy	1520.83
5	Karen Walker, Champaign	6856.72	55	Carole Sholes, Springfield	1479.88
6	Mark Kessler, Springfield	6514.08	56	Joyce Baehler, Peoria	1474.35
7	Lynne Feldman, Champaign	5754.75	57	Mike Jones, Champaign	1463.87
8	Dan Requard, Springfield	5249.00	58	Martha Stutz, Springfield	1461.84
9	Don Florida, Marshall	4303.49	59	Bette Wright, Paris	1457.77
10	Mike Halvorsen, Champaign	4131.57	60	Mike Tomlianovich, Bloom.	1456.06
11	Larry Rabideau, St. Anne	3776.89	61	Martha Neal, Mattoon	1427.11
12	Robert Butz, Kankakee	3516.02	62	Dorothy Lanphier, Mattoon	1412.46
13	Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap	3454.71	63	Loren Alexander, Kewanee	1375.30
14	James Ward, Champaign	3266.52	64	Thelma Cheneler, Peoria	1356.79
15	Jackie Tatting, Princeton	3122.46	65	Stephen Borbely, Dewey	1299.17
16	Jim Carbaugh, Metamora	3025.23	66	Janice Franz, Springfield	1291.78
17	Jim DeSerio, Peoria	2868.26	67	John Parsons, Springfield	1288.67
18	Betty Capodice, Bloomington	2652.37	68	Melvyn Regal, Peoria	1281.44
19	Alan Wienman, Morton	2597.91	69	Paul Lindauer, Varna	1265.43
20	Laura Addison, Bloomington	2456.21	70	Helen Kramp, Cantrall	1264.92
21	Leonard Kaufman, Peoria	2427.05	71	Phil Wagner, Springfield	1262.04
22	Richard Gibons, Princeton	2327.99	72	Bev Bakunas, Decatur	1257.60
23	John Seng, Champaign	2301.25	73	John Weber, Watseka	1243.20
24	James Melville, Springfield	2272.13	74	Mark Daily, Charleston	1224.16
25	Ron Sholes, Springfield	2205.99	75	Shirley Judy, Urbana	1223.79
26	Debbie Avery, Champaign	2204.45	76	Arlene Drablos, Champaign	1211.66
27	Georgia Heth, Morton	2066.87	77	Terry Smith, Marseilles	1204.01
28	Phyllis Collins, Springfield	2049.76	78	Carroll Drablos, Champaign	1197.39
29	Ned Horton, Champaign	2041.71	79	Bill Langendorf, Champaign	1192.09
30	Gail Moon, Bloomington	1961.79	80	Sharon Ertz, Hull	1170.15
31	David Hanna, Springfield	1888.61	81	Lois Mott, Quincy	1157.79
32	Carol Umbach, Havana	1888.19	82	Martha Hobbs, Forsyth	1156.14
33	Pat Carrington, Champaign	1829.87	83	Mary Allen, Peoria	1156.04
34	Fred Crockett, Danville	1818.11	84	Alan Stutz, Springfield	1154.96
35	Doris Foltz, Springfield	1800.96	85	Chloe Trautman, Champaign	1140.80
36	Martha Leary, Urbana	1784.03	86	Peg Guertin Lock, Decatur	1138.82
37	Kay Jackson, Ridge Farm	1780.27	87	Leah Newell, Springfield	1129.51
38	Joyce McEldowney, Dunlap	1763.34	88	D Atteberry, Mattoon	1120.14
39	Elizabeth Zalar, Springfield	1743.52	89	Lisa Sievers, Champaign	1116.97
40	Stephen Babin ,Normal	1739.52	90	Margaret Hansell, Champaign	1115.81
41	Marciann O'Brien, Decatur	1723.95	91	Bobbie Straker, Pekin	1114.93
42	Kris Maillacheruvu, Peoria	1688.04	92	Mary Hickman, Decatur	1110.81

43	Charles Zalar, Springfield	1646.05	93	J. Nanda, Charleston	1107.18
44	Betty Miller, Mattoon	1619.30	94	Wayne Dyer, Kankakee	1099.56
45	Margaret Ferguson, Peoria	1613.54	95	Sylvia Lowry, Springfield	1086.33
46	Joanne Glazebrook, Washington	1613.06	96	George Veenstra, Springfield	1084.52
47	Richard Schnepf, Springfield	1580.19	97	Margaret Marko, St. Joseph	1079.99
48	Betty Primm, Athens	1565.38	98	John Burdon, Washington	1060.98
49	Raymond Russ, Henry	1558.78	99	Tim Cull, Springfield	1051.40
50	Ronald Simmons, Peru	1557.00	100	Larry Richardson, Springfield	1048.64



Movin' Up

Congratulations to these Unit members who recently advanced in rank:

New Junior Master (5 pts.)

Dawn Libera, Athens

Club Masters (20 pts.)

Alan Bell, Decatur

Joe Krause, Bloomington

Evelyn Moon, Decatur

Roger Paul, Bloomington

Jean Roese, Springfield

Sectional Masters (50 pts.)

Jane Byram, Chatham

Ramesh Chaudhuri, Normal

Carol Costello, Springfield

Christopher Romaine, Springfield

Michael White, Springfield

Regional Masters (100 pts.)

Rebecca Baum, Springfield

Dan Bunde, Champaign

Sandy Dayton, Mahomet

Fei Dong, Peoria

Norma McNulty, Edwards

Dennis Moll, Bloomington

Life Masters

Gary Dell, Champaign

Josh Kueker, Champaign

Dan Faulkner, Monticello

Paul Holmes, Champaign

Julie Hubbard, Springfield

Marsha Kent, Springfield

Bill Lindemann Jr., Champaign

Bill Lindemann Sr., Champaign

Silver Life Master (1000 pts.)

Jim Scott, Rantoul

Sherry Steigmann, Urbana

WELCOME to new members:

Peg Broderick, Springfield

Robert Carroll, Urbana

Yu-Ching Lee, Urbana



Illini Regional Bridge Tournament

Memorial Day weekend:
May 22-28, 2007

NEW site, two brand-new hotels:

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

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

- **Wednesday: Seniors Day** -- \$4 off your 2-session Open Pairs entry for ages 65+.
- **Friday: Juniors Day** -- Full-time students age 25 and under play **FREE** in the 2-session Stratified Pairs!
- **Saturday: Barometer final** in the Flight A Strataflighted Pairs (1:30 & 7:30).
- **Sunday: Fighting Illini Fans Day** -- Prizes, drawing for Illini football tickets, \$2 off your afternoon entry if you wear Illini orange and blue!
- **Monday: FAST Swiss Teams** -- playthrough with free continental breakfast & cash snack bar.
- **Novice/Intermediate Program:** 0-300 events Wednesday through Sunday. Expert speakers at 1:00 & 7:00, Wed. evening through Sun. afternoon.
- **Non-stop hospitality** -- Evening buffets, hotel hospitality suite, registration gifts, door prizes, champagne splits & glasses to section winners, *Daily Bulletin*, [Daily Web](#)

Tuesday, May 22

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

7:30 -- Play for the Pets Charity Pairs

Wednesday, May 23 -- Seniors Day

♣ **\$4 off 2-session Open Pair entry for ages 65+.**

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

9:30 -- Charity Side Series AM Pairs

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

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

Thursday, May 24

9:30 -- **Orange & Blue KO Teams** (continues Friday AM, Aft & Eve)

9:30 -- Charity Side Series AM Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Thu-Fri Side Series Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Strataflighted Swiss Team

[Bulletin](#), bridge bookstore, *more!*

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

Bracketed Knockout Teams:

Big Ten -- 7:30 Tuesday & 9:30, 1:30 & 7:30 Wed.

Orange & Blue -- 9:30 Thursday & 9:30, 1:30 & 7:30 Friday

Chief Illiniwek -- 9:30 Saturday & 9:30, 1:30 & 7:30 Sunday. *Dorner-Meyer trophies to winners in bottom bracket.*

OskeeWowWow Compact KO (two sessions, four 12-board matches) -- 1:30 & 7:30 Sunday

Side-Game Series: Enter any or all sessions. Play two or more sessions in any series to qualify for overall awards (gold points).

Charity Side Series AM Pairs -- 9:30 am, Wednesday through Sunday (to benefit CATSNAP, a local cat rescue center)

Thu-Fri Side Series ---- 1:30 & 7:30, Thursday & Friday

Sat-Sun Side Series ---- 1:30 & 7:30, Saturday & Sunday

Novice/Intermediate Pairs:

299er Pairs (0-300) -- 7:30 Wed., Thu., Fri. & Sat.; 1:30 & 7:30 Sunday

Easybridge Pairs (0-100) -- 1:30 Saturday

Strata: A=Open A/X=3000 B=1500 C=500 D=200

[Daily Bulletins](#) from the 2006 Illini Regional.

Host hotels:

Bridge rate (\$89.99 double) and **free parking** at the brand-new Hilton Garden Inn and Homewood Suites, 1501 South Neil (corner of Neil & Kirby). Rate includes continental breakfast.

Both hotels are new construction, located

(Flt. A separate)

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

Friday, May 25 -- Juniors Day

♣ *Students age 25 & under play FREE in the Stratified Pairs.*

9:30 -- Orange & Blue KO (2nd, 3rd & 4th sess.)

9:30 -- Charity Side Series AM Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Open Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Thu-Fri Side Series Pairs

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

Saturday, May 26

9:30 -- **Chief Illiniwek KO** (continues Sunday AM, Aft & Eve)

9:30 -- Charity Side Series AM Pairs

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

1:30 & 7:30 -- Flight BCD Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Sat-Sun Side Series Pairs

1:30 -- Easybridge Pairs (0-100)

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

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

Sunday, May 27 -- Illini Fans Day

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

9:30, 1:30 & 7:30 -- Chief Illiniwek KO (2nd, 3rd & 4th sess.)

9:30 -- Charity Side Series AM Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Sat-Sun Side Series Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- **OskeeWowWow Compact KO Teams**

1:30 & 7:30 -- 299er Pairs (single sessions)

7:30 -- Board-a-Match Teams

Monday, May 28

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

10:30 a.m. -- *FAST* Swiss Teams

(stratified by team's average MP holding).

On the road before 6:00.

Chairman: Karen Walker (217-359-

on the same site (opened in fall 2006).
Facilities include a heated indoor pool and
fitness center. Homewood Suites rooms
have kitchenettes. A wide variety of
restaurants are within walking distance.

[Map](#) [Driving directions](#)

Reservations: 217-352-9960 (Homewood
Suites) *or* 217-352-9970 (Hilton Garden
Inn) and ask for bridge rate. *Please reserve
by May 12.*

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Greater St. Louis Bridge News

News from Greater St. Louis Unit 143

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'Tis the Season

Having just got through the ordeal of Thanksgiving with a minimum of overeating and family squabbling, I think of the original meaning of the holiday, before it became the rest day before the biggest shopping weekend of the year. The Pilgrims, who were outcasts running for their lives, had a big hoedown to give thanks to God for all his blessings. These people had just survived a horrific year, and had lost something like a third of their original number to starvation, exposure and disease and still found something to be grateful for. Sort of puts things in perspective for me. So as we get ready for our various holidays, take time to be grateful for three things every day. If you played bad bridge, at least you weren't working. If you were working, at least you got paid. If you got stuck in traffic, you weren't at home listening to your teenagers crab at you. Well, ok, that one is so Me. Be grateful for the problems you have.

Speaking of grateful . . . the committee chairpersons would be so grateful for any help you can provide during the upcoming national tournament in St. Louis, March 8-18. Volunteers are needed every day before every session. We also need help planning events and cleaning up after the whole event is over. So I'm sure you can pencil in some time to come and help. To make it easier, Sheryl (Finkenstadt) added a link to the home page of unit143.com. It is highlighted in yellow. It says "Your Help Is Needed, click here"

As a thank you, the unit provides a hospitality suite for the volunteers of that day. So between sessions you can go up and have a drink and snack and relax in a lovely suite. If you would like to help but don't know your availability, you should still call to get your name on the list and someone will work with you on the schedule. So please call Mary Lou Weyerich at 314-991-5658 or email her at weyerich@swbell.net. Be sure to thank her for taking this task on, because our thanks are the only pay she gets.

I would like to wish everyone a lovely holiday season, and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Y'all Play Nice Now,
Marie



Unit 223 Reporter

News from Southern Illinois-Paducah Unit 223

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Seasons Greetings to Unit 223 players

The calendar year is winding to a close. Some of us are eyeing our masterpoint totals and the masterpoint races lists and wishing Santa would stuff just a few more points in our Christmas stockings!

Only one more sectional tournament to go in Unit 223! Far out in front, leaders in the McCord Trophy race again this year for most points won in Unit 223 Sectional tournaments are Judy Eaton and Glafkos Galanos -- fine players and a tough pair to beat!

Some clubs have already held their holiday parties, but many of us are still looking forward to parties at our local clubs. One highly appropriate (and reasonably priced) gift to consider for your partner and opponents is the gift of kindness. With a bow to the "hat lady", "y'all play nice now!" and try to make it last year long.

I'm sitting at my keyboard, lifting my cup of eggnog in a toast to all my fellow Unit 223 players, and wishing you a Happy Holiday and many masterpoints in 2007. Hope to see you across the table in '07.

Shower of Silver

In the recent District 8 Fall STaC, 1,206 Players won 2,924.10 silver points at local bridge clubs. Unit 223 Players scoring in the top 25 Masterpoint for total masterpoints won during the week were:

Marcia Darnell, Murray, KY – 24.98
Joann Knox, MetropolisIL – 19.50
Fran Russell, Paducah, KY – 17.93
Lucille Driskill, Smithland, KY – 15.78

Congratulations to the following players who have advanced in rank:

New Junior Master: Pam Fee, Paducah KY

New Club Masters:

Eric Bizzell, Altamont IL

James Reid Brazier, Moro IL
Barbara Hamilton, Waterloo IL
Kay Jenkins, Mt. Vernon IL
Charles Schafer, Effingham IL
Mary Willenborg, Effingham IL

New Sectional Masters:

Kaye Plocher, Highland IL
Steve Schoeffler, Edwardsville IL
Jill Woolf, Carbondale IL

New Bronze Life Masters:

Daniel Arendell, Smithton IL
Jan Harrison, Lexington SC

New Silver Life Master: Brenda Gagnon, Paducah, KY

Welcome to the following new members who have recently joined ACBL:

Brandy Fish, Belleville IL
Jane & William Herman, Effingham IL
Kevin Kohler, Maryville IL
Louise Lafont, Brookport IL
Thelma Lawrence, Brookport IL
Janet Lenzo, Marissa IL
Terry Sharp, Mt. Vernon IL
Marilyn Waggoner, Highland IL

Masterpoint Races: The year is drawing to a close for chances to win masterpoints at club level and Sectional tournaments. Top masterpoint winners at the Robinson IL Sectional were Marcia and Dalton Darnell of Murray KY with 8.34 points. One more tournament remains on the Unit 223 Calendar: the new sectional to be held in Swansea / Belleville on December 8-10.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend these Upcoming Unit 223 Sectionals:

Bill Harrison Memorial Sectional Tournament -- December 8-10, Belleville/SwanseaIL.

Tournament Chairmen: Ray Sigler (618) 224-9606 & Carol Warner (618) 632-9652. Partnership: Mary Johnson (618) 222-1558. This is a new tournament and the last chance to win Silver points in 2006.

Saluki Swiss Sectional Bridge Tournament -- Jan. 27th and 28th, 2007, Mt. Vernon IL.

Tournament Chair: Karen Coe (618) 435-4200 or finesse002002@yahoo.com for partnership requests. Swiss will be offered both days with Side Pairs available on Saturday (and Sunday if demand warrants).

Flyers for both Sectionals can be viewed in this newsletter and also at www.acbl.org.

MIDWEST TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

- Dec.** 26-31 HOLIDAY REGIONAL, Westin Hotel at Crown Center, Kansas City MO ([Ad](#))
26-30 HOLIDAY REGIONAL, Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva WI ([Ad](#))
- Jan.** 05-07 Twin City Sectional, Tri-Valley School, Downs (Bloomington) IL ([Dennis Moll](#))
12-14 St. Louis Winter Sectional, Blanchette Park, St. Charles IL ([Mike Carmen](#))
27-28 Saluki Swiss Sectional, Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon IL ([Karen Coe](#))
- Feb.** 02-08 **District 8 Sectional-at-Clubs**, Local clubs ([Online results](#))
09-11 West Allis WI Sectional, State Fair Park
10-11 Owensboro KY Sectional
16-18 Louisville KY Sectional, Best Western Brownsboro Inn
16-18 Davenport IA Sectional
23-25 Warren Tatting Memorial Sectional, Hult Health Center, Peoria IL ([Bernie Riley](#))
26 ACBL-wide Seniors Game (Ages 55+; daytime session), Local clubs
- March** 02-04 Elgin IL Sectional, Elgin Community College ([Karl Dencker](#))
02-04 Fort Wayne IN Sectional
02-04 Kentucky Dam Sectional, Gilbertsville KY
08-18 **SPRING NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**, St. Louis MO ([Schedule & information](#))
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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

Twin Cities Winter Sectional

January 5-7, 2007

Tri-Valley Middle School, Downs IL

(east of Bloomington -- exit #142 off I-74)

Friday, January 5

1:00 pm -- Stratified Pairs

7:00 pm -- Stratified Open Pairs

99er pairs (if attendance warrants)

Saturday, January 6

1:00 & 7:00 pm -- Two-session Stratified Pairs (single-session entries welcome)

Single-session 99er Pairs (if attendance warrants)

Sunday, January 7

10:30 am playthrough -- Stratified Swiss Teams

- *Complimentary coffee and snacks all sessions.*
- *Dinner served on Sunday*

Entry fees: \$8 per person per session on Friday & Saturday.
\$84 per team on Sunday (includes dinner).

Strata: A: Open; B: <1500; C: <Non-LM under 500

Tri-Valley School is east of Bloomington and north of I-74. From I-74 take exit #142 to US 150 and East Washington Street.

Tournament manager: Dennis Moll (309) 663-4719 dennismoll@verizon.net

Partners: Mike Tomlianovich (309) 825-5823 mjtomlia@yahoo.com



St. Louis Winter Sectional

January 12 - 14, 2007

Blanchette Park Memorial Hall, St. Charles MO

Friday, January 12

1:30 pm -- Stratified Open Pairs -- NLM-500, 500-1500, 1500+
Stratified Intermediate/Novice Pairs (0-300)

7:30 pm -- Flight A/X open Pairs -- 0-3000, 3000+
Stratified B & C Pairs -- 0-500, 500-1500
Stratified Intermediate/Novice Pairs (0-200)

Saturday, January 13

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

1:30 pm -- Single-session Stratified Open Pairs -- NLM-500, 500-1500, 1500+
Stratified Intermediate/Novice Pairs (0-200)
Side Game

7:30 pm -- Single-session Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified Intermediate/Novice Pairs (0-200)
Side Game

Sunday, January 14

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

NEW: Separate Swiss Team event for 0-299 players

- Terrific hospitality after all evening sessions.
- Lunch buffet on Saturday for all KO team players.
- Guest speakers -- Friday at 12:45 and 6:45; Saturday at 12:45
- Continental breakfast served at 9:00 a.m. Sunday
- Hot buffet served between sessions of the Sunday Swiss Teams

Directions: From I-70, take 5th Street north 1.8 miles to Randolph, turn left, then 0.5 miles to park entrance on the right.

Chairman: Mike Carmen -- 314-872-8439 macarmen1@sbcglobal.net

Partnerships: Mary Hruby -- 314-739-1574



Saluki Swiss

January 27 & 28, 2007

Holiday Inn Convention Center
222 Potomac Ave., Mt. Vernon IL

Saturday, January 27

1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Swiss Teams (one-day event)

1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Pairs (if attendance warrants). Evening session open to new entries.

Sunday, January 28

10:00 & TBA -- Stratified Swiss Teams (two-session playthrough)

10:00 & TBA -- Two-session stratified Pairs (if attendance warrants).

Flights/Strata: A (1500+) B (500 – 1500) C (0 – 500)

- Hospitality and cash bar after the Saturday-night session.
- Sunday entry includes dinner.
- Prizes to the teams scoring the most VPs over both days of the Swiss (by flights).

Host hotel: Bridge rate at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn -- (618-244-7100) -- is near the intersection of I-64 and I-57. Free breakfast, indoor pool and exercise room.

Info: Jay Coleman (618-563-9927) franklincoleman@hotmail.com
Karen Coe (618-435-4200) karenann4200@yahoo.com

Warren Tatting Memorial Sectional

February 23-25, 2007

Hult Health Center, 5215 N. Knoxville Road,
Peoria IL

Friday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 24

1:00 & 7:00 -- Two-session Stratified Pairs (one-session entries
welcome)
99er Pairs if attendance warrants

Sunday, February 25

10:30 am -- Two-session Stratified Swiss Teams
Sandwich lunch served during the break.

Strata: A-Open B-Under 1500 C- Non-LM (under 500 pts.)

Hospitality after the evening sessions on Friday &
Saturday.

Free snacks served every session.

Entry fees: \$8 per player per session. Extra charge on Sunday for
lunch.

Nearby motel: Red Roof Inn, 1822 W. War Memorial Drive (309-
685-3911)

Info & partnerships: Bernie Riley (309) 251-1151
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And your District 8 tournament chairmen:

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