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# On to Reno for nine District 8 pairs

## District 8 North American Pairs Final

**November 14, 2009 -- Eagles Club, Riverton 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 Reno NV 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.

A total of 192 District 8 members entered the event. The number of players by Unit:

Central Illinois: 77

St. Louis: 72

Northwestern Illinois: 19

Southern Illinois: 14

Northern Indiana: 10

Overall winners are listed below. Included are links to the hand records (afternoon and evening) and the recap sheets from both sessions in each flight. The recaps' board-by-board results are displayed in traveler-style format.

**Hand records:** [Afternoon](#) [Evening](#)



**FLIGHT A** (Open) -- 11.5 tables **Score recaps:** [Afternoon](#) [Evening](#)

1 - (left photo) **Jack Bryant**, St Louis; **Rod Van Wyk**, Alton IL

2 - (right photo) En Xie - Jacque Sincoff, St Louis

- 3 - Richard Riezman - Roger Lord, St Louis
- 4 - Alan Popkin & Nancy Popkin, St Louis
- 5 - Howard Schmid, Merrillville IN; Steven Watson, Munster IN
- 6 - Mark Ehret, St Louis; Lee Hastings, St Louis
- 7 - Jack Snyder, Rockford IL; Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL
- 8 - Tom Kniest, University City MO; Karen Walker, Champaign IL



**FLIGHT B** (0-2000) -- 22.5 tables    **Recaps:**    [Sec B: Aft](#)    [Eve](#)    [Sec F: Aft](#)    [Eve](#)

- 1 - (left) **Dan Faulkner**, Monticello IL; **Gary Dell**, Champaign IL
- 2 - (center) Dan Bunde - Michael Ring, Urbana IL
- 3 - (right) Ron Diehl, Effingham IL; Mark Daily, Charleston IL
- 4 - Randall Motchan, Bloomington IL; Steve Wulfers, Normal IL
- 5 - Mark Gilje - Sasanka Ramanadham, St Louis
- 6 - Dolores Hill, Chesterfield MO; Brenda Hoffman, St Louis
- 7 - Dennis Spencer, St Louis; Carol Hamilton, Saint Charles MO



**FLIGHT C** (0-500 non-LM) -- 14 tables      **Recaps:** [Afternoon](#)   [Evening](#)

1 - (left) **Martha Hanley**, Chesterfield MO; **Elizabeth Meter**, Wildwood MO

2 - (center) Karen Anderson, Batavia IL; Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL

3 - (right) Ralph Britton, Wentzville MO; William Maack, O'Fallon MO

4 - Paul Hartke - Lois Hartke, Effingham IL

5 - Jeff Ehrlich - Bob Derber, Springfield IL

6 - Linda McHoney - Barbara Stewart, Chesterfield MO

7 - Mary Fort - Martha Rowe, St Louis

# District 8's Top 100

Here are District 8's top masterpoint holders and their total career points as of November 6, 2009.

1	Howard Piltch, Osceola IN	18,450.51	51	Susan Perez, Md. Hts MO	4556.58
2	Colby Vernay, Lacon IL	17,402.87	52	Dalton Darnell, Murray KY	4504.57
3	Jack Bryant, St. Louis	15,390.76	53	Kent Feiler, Harvard IL	4496.09
4	Dick Benson, Le Roy IL	12,727.90	54	Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN	4410.01
5	Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN	11,813.79	55	Tony Astrologes, Florissant MO	4391.73
6	Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO	11,704.37	56	James Feinstein, South Bend IN	4385.50
7	Gary Kessler, Springfield IL	11,385.81	57	Mike Carmen, St. Louis	4362.84
8	Chris Benson, Le Roy IL	10,286.11	58	Tod Moses, St. Louis	4300.59
9	Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL	9910.26	59	Howard Schmid, Merrillville IN	4241.27
10	Tom Kniest, Univ. City MO	9334.64	60	Karen Erlanger, St. Louis	4180.72
11	Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL	9164.03	61	Lee Hastings, St Louis	4177.27
12	Roger Lord, St. Louis	9149.53	62	John Dicks, St. Charles MO	4148.13
13	Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN	8734.17	63	Joseph Chin, Highland IN	4125.70
14	Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL	8708.08	64	Bob Bainter, St. Louis	4111.02
15	Michael Slaven, Elkhart IN	8611.95	65	Larry Rabideau, St. Anne IL	4094.80
16	Larry Kolker, St. Louis	8475.21	66	Bobbie Holmes, St. Louis	3993.54
17	John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN	8427.13	67	Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO	3963.18
18	Rod Beery, St. Charles MO	8371.30	68	Alan Wienman, Morton IL	3959.55
19	Dave Fred, Granger IN	7697.66	69	Mic Weiss, St. Louis	3926.89
20	Karen Walker, Champaign IL	7647.89	70	Diane Shottliff, Rockford IL	3920.08
21	Milt Rosenberg, St. Charles IL	7581.17	71	John Burgener, St Louis	3878.64
22	Nancy Popkin, St. Louis	7376.34	72	Robert Hayes, Joliet IL	3863.11
23	Mark Kessler, Springfield IL	7087.08	73	L. Greenman, St. Louis	3803.65
24	Jacque Sincoff, St. Louis	6540.47	74	Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap IL	3794.17
25	Milton Zlatic, St. Louis	6454.52	75	June Singer, Chesterfield MO	3786.33
26	Ralph Behrens, St. Louis	6309.61	76	Robert Butz, Kankakee IL	3738.12
27	Alan Popkin, St Louis	6254.17	77	Donna Pedrotti, Md. Hts MO	3724.64
28	Eunice Garrison, Lk Worth FL	6237.43	78	Marcie Stauder, St. Charles MO	3719.74

29	Dan Requard, Springfield IL	6222.04	79	Don Define, St. Charles MO	3700.93
30	Will Engel, Freeport IL	5897.79	80	Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL	3698.00
31	James Davis, Kokomo IN	5846.45	81	Mark Ehret, St. Louis	3671.95
32	John Kinst, Batavia IL	5828.90	82	Paul Ellebracht, St. Ann MO	3657.90
33	Jack Snyder, Rockford IL	5801.42	83	Wayne Morris, Mt. Carmel IL	3633.34
34	Denny O'Connor, St. Louis	5734.33	84	Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN	3605.66
35	Kenneth Bland, St. Louis	5633.51	85	Stephen Brauss, St. Louis	3599.43
36	Marvin Shapiro, St. Louis	5607.43	86	Jo Echols, Paducah KY	3537.00
37	Jim Hammond, Kirkwood MO	5581.32	87	Richard Blumenthal, Cryst. Lk IL	3499.46
38	Carol Emme, Plainfield IL	5435.71	88	James Ward, Champaign IL	3471.51
39	Sheldon Margulis, St. Louis	5346.22	89	John Startzel, Cherry Valley IL	456.55
40	Harold Emme, Plainfield IL	5327.57	90	Nell Schneider, Chesterfield MO	3444.88
41	Richard Ellis, Kokomo IN	5289.71	91	Douglas Edwards, Almo KY	3419.28
42	John Chmielowiec, Mich. City IN	5146.03	92	Carol Schaffer, St. Louis	3375.88
43	Wes Adamczyk, Deerfield IL	5078.34	93	Rony Adelsman, South Bend IN	3360.67
44	En Xie, St. Louis	4773.42	94	James Carbaugh, Metamora IL	3353.12
45	James Melville, Springfield IL	4733.46	95	Judith Eaton, Carbondale IL	3299.56
56	Frank Yoder, Goshen IN	4729.66	96	Janice Condon, Rockford IL	3284.00
57	Rita Duncan, Somerset IN	4712.66	97	Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL	3234.28
48	Glenn Smith, Chesterfield MO	4653.12	98	Joseph Shull, New Haven IN	3231.19
49	Mike Halvorsen, Champaign IL	4646.05	99	Julia Rambo, Mayfield KY	3215.92
50	Irene Singleton, South Bend IN	4597.60	100	Eugene Condon, Rockford IL	3181.72



# Notrump Interference

***By Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL***

In many classes, I get asked, "Larry, what should we do when they use a convention (such as Cappelletti or DONT) against our Strong Notrump? There is no fast answer. To cope with interference, you need to do a little studying and memorizing. (Otherwise, be prepared for some accidents). You and your partner have to come to some agreements.

It is impractical (unless you are a world-class bridge pro) to try to memorize different schemes versus different methods. For example, to play System-A against DONT, but System-B against Cappelletti, and System-C against Brozel would be too much memory drain.

Here is a simple scheme to deal with any kind of interference -- you can choose parts or all of it. For a more complete (and more difficult scheme), click [here](#) .

## **They DOUBLE**

If they double 1NT (as a convention), don't even bother asking what the ALERT means. Just ignore them. I mean I-G-N-O-R-E! All your bids mean what they would have meant without the artificial double. If 2♥ would be a transfer, then it is still a transfer. If 2NT would be a transfer then it is still a transfer. Just pretend they passed.

[If they PENALTY Double 1NT, then just play ALL NATURAL -- no Stayman, no Transfers. Use XX as a rescue/runout]

## **They Bid 2♣**

You can also ignore all 2♣ overcalls. You double to say, "They stole my bid." So, double is Stayman. All other calls mean what they would have meant if the opponent had passed.

## **They Bid 2♦ or Higher**



If they overcall 2♦ or higher, I suggest you abandon transfers completely. Bid naturally (and if you know Lebensohl, you can use it). Play DOUBLE as "negative." It would take too long to explain exactly what qualifies as "negative." But, here is a simple explanation: It is not penalty. It is not purely showing the other major(s). It just means, "Partner, I have values to bid, but no bid I can conveniently make."

This scheme is not 100% complete, but it will help you cope with most situations with a minimal amount of memory strain. If you want a more thorough treatment, click [here](#) (but I warn you to be prepared for a headache).

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### [Marty Bergen's Secrets to Winning Bridge](#) (Beginner to intermediate)

By Marty Bergen. The first four titles in a series of 24-page booklets packed with good advice and examples. Available now are booklets on hand evaluation, modern doubles, 2-over-1 game-force system and the forcing notrump convention. Available for \$9.95 each (\$29 for all four, free shipping) from [www.martybergen.com](http://www.martybergen.com).

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# District 8 Solvers Forum -- December 2009

by Kent Feiler, Harvard IL



I just started a web page on my old-time, all-time TV favorite Dr Who. Does anyone remember these guys?

This is William Hartnell, the first Doctor. His shift was 1963-1966.

Forty-six years ago, in grainy black and white. Still, some of the evil, bad guys like The Daleks that they invented back then are still chasing the tenth Doctor around today, and the backstory for the Doctor that they began to build in 1963, now much elaborated, is still there.

## 1. Matchpoints, Both Vulnerable

West North East South  
Pass 1♦ 2♣ ?

As South you hold: ♠QJ1074 ♥K109873  
♦43 ♣Void

Action	Score	Panel	% Solvers
Double	100	11	71
2H	70	5	19
2S	60	4	0
3C	30	0	6
4C	30	0	3

What's your bid?

When you have a 6-5 hand, you expect the auction to quickly go flying into the sky, but most of our panelists had their doubts about whether that was going to happen on this hand.

MAYNE: 2S. Double or pass might be our last call. With them red at matchpoints, my partners pass this sequence a fair amount. 2S might land us in a 5-2 with a 6-3 heart fit, but 2H-4C-P-P is not a happy place to be either."

STRITE: Double. The only concern doubling here is when partner floats the double.

PAVLICEK: Double. Oh well; if this becomes a lead problem, I can take my bottom easily with the spade queen. Otherwise I'll be in good shape.

**MERRITT:** Double. I'm sure that this was passed out at the table but what else am I supposed to do but bid my hand?

**SPEAR:** Double. Then probably bid a minimum number of hearts at the 2, 3, or 4 level.

**DODD:** Double. Ever the optimist, my partners never pass here.

**RABIDEAU:** Double. We must start describing this "player" ASAP.

**If we're not going to try the negative double, what's Plan B?**

**PAULO:** 2H. A double would hide three cards, one spade and two hearts.

**KESSLER:** 2H. Bidding out your shape works really well for me.

**MILLER:** 2H. I am going to begin getting my shape out-- even if I'm light on high-card points.

**WALKER:** 2H. I can't bring myself to Pass, which lets them steal the contract, or to make a negative double, which may let them steal it doubled.

**FELDHEIM:** 2S. And hearts next.

**BRIDGE BARON:** 2S. With two suits of five or more cards, it bids the higher ranking.

**A double might end up hiding three cards, but a 2H bid may end up hiding five, all spades. I wonder if Karen and Manuel and Mark are planning to reverse into spades at any level necessary? That will certainly show the distribution, but partner, wild dreamer that he is, may be hoping for more than 6 high-card points.**

**There are times when we have to make a bid that might get us to the wrong contract, but 2S seems like it's almost guaranteed to do that. With equal length in the majors (such as 2-2) partner will always correct hearts to spades.**

**Scoring**

**Double was still the big winner in spite of lingering doubts about partner passing it.**

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This is Tom Baker, the fourth Doctor. He had the longest tour of duty of any of the Doctors, 1974-1981.

Every Doctor automatically included his past selves, but also brought something new to the character that their prior selves didn't have. In Tom's case, that was a sense of whimsy and fun. Even while busy saving the Universe (about once a month), he still had time to offer someone a jelly baby from the bag he always kept in his pocket.

## 2. Matchpoints, North-South Vulnerable

West      North      East      South  
 --      1♥      Pass      ?

As South you hold: ♠Q754   ♥Void  
 ♦KQ109653   ♣62

Action	Score	Panel	% Solvers
1NT	100	10	29
1S	70	7	51
2D	60	2	8
Pass	50	1	5
3D	40	0	7

What's your bid?

What kind of a world (a Bridge World) is it where you can't figure out how to bid your good 7-card suit. Let's see, 2D is game-forcing or close to it, 3D is a strong jump shift, 4D is a splinter, and for 5D, well we *don't* have a good enough suit for that.

WALSH: 2D. And rebid them to show a non-game force.

PAULO: 2D. With these quite different suits, I don't bid spades on my own.

That can work if partner rebids 2H, but if he bids anything else -- like 2NT, 3C or 3H - - then the auction becomes game-forcing and a diamond rebid might even be taken as a slam try. So most of the panel tried to sneak up on the diamond suit rather than confronting it directly.

STRITE: 1NT. This is our best path to a diamond part score.

SPEAR: 1NT. A diamond bid next will describe a weak hand with long diamonds.

**PAVLICEK:** 1NT. Then diamonds, hoping to be able to play in my long suit. Responding 1S, unless you get lucky, begins a road to ruin.

**WALKER:** 1NT. My goal is to play a diamond partscore.

1NT will likely get us out at 3D via auctions like 1H-1NT; 2H-3D or 1H-1NT; 2C-2D; 2NT-3D (regarding the second 2nd auction, the Bridge World Standard system used to play 2D as a convention called BART. I dunno if they still do, and even if not, partner will take us for a shorter suit and a few more high-card points. I don't see diamond bids being natural and non-forcing over strong bids by opener such as 2NT, 3C or 3H, so those auctions might get a bit confused.

**DODD:** 1NT. Anyone who bids 1S here should be sent to remedial bidding school.

Where is that school? I might want to enroll. And we have a few more students ready to sign up.

**WARWICK:** 1S. Not worth a 2-over-1 response, and I can show my diamonds later if need be.

**KESSLER:** 1S. I will correct anything but a spade raise to diamonds forever.

It might take forever, too, since your first diamond bid -- for example, 1H-1S; 2H-3D - will be taken as forcing, not necessarily showing much length in diamonds, and tending to show 5+ spades.

**NELSON:** 1S. Over 2H, bid 3D . . . and over 1NT, bid 3D.

Playing 1H-1S; 1NT-3D as long and weak sounds like a good convention to me, but I'm not sure BWS plays it.

**MERRITT:** 1S. I could start with 1NT, but I feel more comfortable bidding my hand naturally and passing 2H if that's the rebid.

**BRIDGE BARON:** 1S. BB will never bypass a 4-card spade suit to bid a minor.

That passing 2H part is bothersome. If you're going to pass 2H, how about starting with . . .

**FEILER:** PASS. If it doesn't get passed out in 1H, there won't be any doubt about what my future diamond bids mean, and if it does, the score sheet on this hand may be so littered with minus scores that even +80 or -50 might pick up a few matchpoints.

I wouldn't ordinarily put one of my own bids in the article, but nobody else bid it, and it has some things going for it.

## Scoring

How *do* you show your good 7-card diamond suit? Start with 1NT of course. Weak Jump Shifts anyone?



This is Peter Davison, the fifth Doctor, on duty from 1981-1984.

He had a cricket players' outfit including a flat bat, and he always had a piece of celery attached to his lapel. No one knows why. I remember one story that had a buffet (on a Luxury Space Liner) and Davison replaced his (possibly wilted) lapel celery with a fresh stalk from the buffet. Hmm, maybe that's a clue.

### 3. IMPs, Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Double	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	?

As South you hold: ♠Q93 ♥J9865 ♦Void  
♣K9862

Action	Score	Panel	% Solvers
3C	100	14	61
4C	70	5	8
5C	60	1	12
2NT	50	0	8
2H	40	0	8
2S	30	0	4

What's your bid?

If this were a perfectly normal reverse auction -- that is, without the intervening takeout double -- we'd all know more or less what the various bids meant. Does the double make any difference? Most panelists thought that it didn't, but their views on what the various bids meant were a bit askew.

MAYNE: 3C. 2S would be neutral or negative, We have to start by setting trumps.

KESSLER: 3C. 2NT would be wanting to get out.

FELDHEIM: 3C. I must assume that I can use 2H or 2NT to show a negative hand.

DODD: 3C. Forcing. Even after the takeout double, North's second call has to qualify as a reverse.



**PAVLICEK: 3C. Game-forcing as I play (the double does not change my reverse structure). Slam is in view, and I can even dream of a grand opposite a heart void.**

**WALSH: 4C. Seems like about what it's worth.**

**STRITE: 4C. I'll bid 5C next to get my strong support but no controls message across.**

**PAULO: 4C. My hand is stronger than it seemed before the auction.**

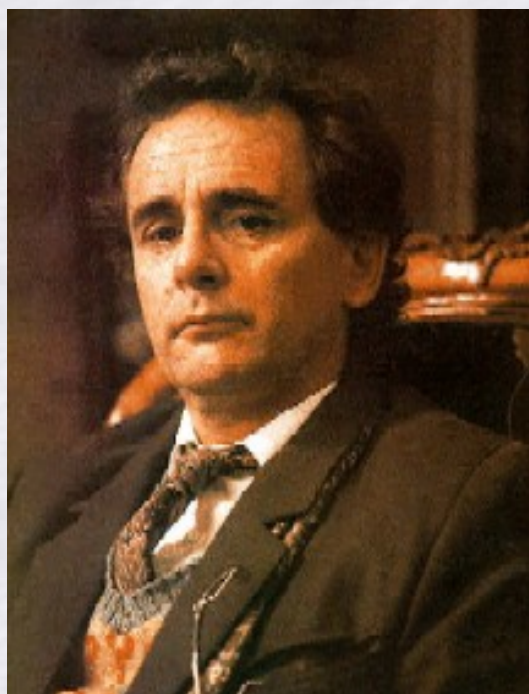
**RABIDEAU: 5C. I'm not going to try to stop on a dime (4C) Vul at IMPs.**

**ATHY: 4C. Should be okay after the reverse. 3C shows values if you have an understanding that 2NT is a weak relay, but in a competitive auction, I'm not sure if it's set in stone.**

**The 4C and 5C bidders have doubts about whether this is a reverse auction. There's another reason to bid 4C that the Panel usually misses. What we think a bid means isn't the important issue, it's what partner thinks. He may or may not think that 3C is forcing, but he'll certainly think that 4C is. 3C may win the post mortem in the bar, but 4C might win the hand at the table.**

## **Scoring**

**The panel said that this auction is a reverse and so standard reverse bidding applies.**



**This is Sylvester McCoy, the seventh Doctor, 1987-1990.**

**Before Sylvester got into acting, he was a magician and a vaudeville player, and some of that leaked over into his Dr. Who character. When he ran (as all the Doctors do), he held his hat on with one hand, his umbrella with the other, and generally skidded to a stop on one foot. The Time Lords (of which the Doctor was one) tended to be a stodgy group and if McCoy had a chance, he would have lightened them up a bit. A whoopee cushion or two in The Time Lords High Council Chamber would have done the whole Universe some good.**

As Sylvester was about to go into the 1990 year, the BBC decided, in its mysterious ways, to put the show into a "hiatus" (cancel it). It came back on seven years later.

#### 4. IMPs, Both Vulnerable

West      North      East      South  
--          --          3♣        ?

As South you hold: ♠K4    ♥Q7532  
♦AQJ107    ♣3

Action	Score	Panel	% Solvers
3H	100	9	26
Pass	80	7	38
3D	60	3	29
4D	40	1	2
Double	30	0	5

What's your bid?

As usual, it's tough to find the golden egg in our list of possible responses. Mostly, we just get the goose! Double, in practice, will operate about like transfer to spades and 3H may well get us to a 4H game with a gossamer thin trump suit. PASS could end the auction and if partner balances, it likely to be in spades again. 3D is fine except...that it's diamonds. Let's see what the panel does with these rotten eggs.

MAYNE: 3H. Double can succeed, but it's going to fetch a spade bid ,too.

KNIEST: 3H. 3D will win sometimes, enabling partner to bid 3NT.

PAVLICEK: 3H. Good texture. Oh wait; wrong suit, but I'll live by the sword. My next problem will be after Double, pass, pass.

SPEAR: 3H. If doubled I'll run to 4D.

STRITE: 3H, and then 4D when it goes Double-Pass-Pass

**Good luck with that strategy guys.**

KESSLER: Pass. I don't think I have a bid. If forced to bid, it would be 3D.

WALSH: Pass. If partner can't act we aren't missing much.

FELDHEIM: Pass. What's the alternative? The heart suit is too weak and double is impossible with a doubleton spade.

WALKER: Pass. A close decision between 3H and Pass. 3D isn't under consideration.

I understand the reasoning behind the other bids, but Pass mystifies me. The two most likely looking results are: (1) The opponents play in 3C or maybe 3NT by West, or (2) Partner balances with 3S. No happy endings there.

Speaking of happy endings, I'm going to defend the Cinderella of this problem, 3D. Poor 3D, I know you're only a minor suit, but minor suits need love, too! This is really a try for 3NT, our most likely game. Partner probably has a club stopper, so all he needs to bid 3NT is an excuse, and 3D might give him that. This should also reduce the number of unwanted spade bids partner vomits out. Finally, if the hand turns out to belong to the opponents in clubs, we can bump them up a level, and whether they end up in 4C or 3NT, we'll get partner off to the right lead. Do you feel better now, 3D? They don't call me Prince Charming for nothing, you know.



This is David Tennant, the incumbent tenth Doctor, 2006-Present

From a science-fiction point of view, the Dr. Who stories have become much more sophisticated over the years. The early stories tended to be the Doctor and his companions being chased by big, slimey monsters. Now they're about alternate universes, black holes, time paradoxes and sometimes even the devil. Big improvement.

The companions were also upgraded. The earlier ones were "screamers" -- i.e., their primary function was to wait for the horrible alien monster to sneak up behind them and tap them on the shoulder, after which they would let loose a shrill and very high-decibel scream. The new ones don't scream any more and are getting into time, space and alternate realities, just like the Doctor.

David's contribution to the Doctor's character is to allow him to show a little emotion. Dr Who began as a kids show, so the BBC didn't want any lovey-dovey hanky-panky going on, but now its become an adult show (probably because all the kids who used to watch it grew up!), so the Doctor can show the feelings he has for some of his companions, and his loneliness because he's the last of his race. It's as though the TV show itself started as a child, became an adult, then middle-aged, and will eventually be old.

## 5. IMPs, Neither Vulnerable

West      North      East      South

Action	Score	Panel	% Solvers
2NT	100	12	36

--      1♠      2♦      ?

As South you hold: ♠QJ ♥94 ♦KJ3  
♣QJ10986

What's your bid?

3C	70	2	37
Pass	70	3	5
3NT	70	1	8
2S	60	2	12
Double	40	0	2

**Once again we have a long suit that's not easy to bid.**

**MAYNE:** 2S. Awful, but is there a less awful action? Not strong enough for 2NT or 3C, and passing seems like it's shooting to low.

**SPEAR:** Pass. Hope to bid my clubs later.

**MERRITT:** Pass. If partner can't bid again, we are where we want to be.

**PAULO:** 2NT. If partner has only 5 spades, our best prospect should be in notrump. If he has 6+ spades, he can rebid his suit.

**WARWICK:** 2NT. Yuck. The good club spots are the only redeeming feature of this hand. At least the spades get full value.

**DODD:** 2NT. Close between this and 2S. The soft values and well-positioned diamond honors tilt the scales for me.

**WALKER:** 2NT. Limits my hand and shows the stoppers, which rate to be of more interest to partner than the club suit.

**PAVLICEK:** 2NT. Close between this and a conservative 2S, but I'll go long. Maybe not long enough, since a sub-minimum [ATxxx Axx xxx Kx] could produce game.

**NELSON:** 3C. I expect to hear a 3H bid, and now I'll bid 3NT (overbidding this hand, I know).

**RABIDEAU:** 3C. Let's overbid, keeping in mind the following excuses for the postmortem:

- Promotion of pointy-suit honors
- Getting a long, chunky suit into the picture
- It's IMPs

**WALSH:** 3NT. I feel lucky.

**I sympathize with the 3C overbid and especially with the 3NT bid. One thing I've noticed about 2NT contracts is that I never seem to make exactly 8 tricks -- it's**

either 9 or 10 or 7 or 6, so you might as well be in 3NT or 1NT. This could be a deep philosophical issue. Maybe 2NT isn't the brilliant, probing bid we thought it was; maybe it's just wimpy.



This is Matt Smith, who will become the eleventh Doctor in 2010, and his beautiful companion Amy Pond, played by actress Karen Gillan.



The rheumy-eyed old gnomes at the BBC seem to be going for a youth movement. That's fine by me, but I'm a bit worried that they'll overdo it. If they have Amy say something like, "Omigod doctor, that was just like, so awesome!" I'd have to stop watching after 47 years! Well, we'll see what happens.

## 6. Matchpoints, EW Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	--	2♥	Double
Pass	4♥*	Pass	?
	* Minors		

As South you hold: ♠AJ10743 ♥J8 ♦AQ  
♣AK9

What's your bid?

Action	Score	Panel	Solvers
6C	100	4	17
5NT	90	4	0
4S	90	5	35
5C	80	6	32
5S	20	0	2
5H	40	0	4
4NT	40	0	10
Pass	40	1	0

Well, there's good news and bad news. The good news is that we have a whopping big hand in support of partner's suits. The bad news is those worrisome two small hearts.

**MERRITT: 4S.** I was going to double and bid spades. I started with a double, and now . . .

**KESSLER: 5C.** No heart control for slam. If I bid 4S, I would expect partner to pass.

**MILLER: 5C.** I've got a bad feeling about this one. With the preempt on my left, I'd be inclined to aim a little higher.

**WALKER: 6C.** Partner is forcing to the 5-level with iffy suits, so it's a good gamble that he has a heart control.

**DODD: 6C.** North must have something to justify his leap.

**STRITE: 5NT.** Pard is a good bet for a top heart, given his game force with only 6 HCP in his suits.

**FELDHEIM: 6C.** I'm holding half the deck. Even Tom Kniest would bid a slam on this one.

**It's easy to construct a hand where we're cold for a grand, but the auction may be too high in the stratosphere to find out. Another question is whether 6D might be better than 6C. I dunno, maybe a smidge, but there's another important point to be made on this hand . . . and we can find out about Tom Kniest while we're at it.**

**KNIEST: 5NT.** Let pard bid the slam. Silly for me to get the opening lead through dummy.

**PAVLICEK: 5NT.** It's hard to believe partner doesn't have a heart control in view of my minor tops, so we should have a slam. Just in case he has [ Void Kxx KJxxx QJTxx ], I'll try to dummy up.

**Yup.**

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If you haven't had enough Dr. Who information, here's a link to my new web page. It's still a week or so from being complete.

[The World's best Dr Who site \(He said modestly\)](#)

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♠ [Panel & Solver Scores](#)

♠ [February 2010 problems](#)

Thanks to all who sent in answers and comments to this interesting set. Leading

all Solvers with an impressive 590 was John Seng of Champaign. Runners-up, each with 570, were Linda Lubeck of Troy IL, Bud Hinckley of South Bend IN and Yassine (first name? last name?) of Paris, France. All four are invited to join the February panel.

The six new problems for February are below. Please submit your solutions on the [web form](#) by January 30.

February also starts the 2010 annual Solvers contest, so I hope you'll all give the new problems a try. Winners of the 2009 Solvers contest will be announced in the next issue.

Please note that the web form comments box has a length limit, so if the form rejects your bids, you may need to condense your comments and resend. You can send a backup email to the moderator if you like, but please post your actual bids through the web form so they're included in our automated scoring. It's also helpful if you use the same email address for every submission during the year.

December moderator: Tom Dodd -- [fieldtrialer@yahoo.com](mailto:fieldtrialer@yahoo.com)

## Solvers Forum -- December 2009 Problems

### 1. IMPs, both vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:  
 ♠AQ98 ♥A65 ♦J ♣KQJ107 ?

### 2. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:  
 ♠64 ♥AQJ4 ♦J10754 ♣72 ?

### 4. IMPs, EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding:  
 ♠K ♥AQ10 ♦J987 ♣KQJ65 ?

### 5. IMPs, both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1C	1H
DBL	2C	3C	???

What is your call as South holding:  
 ♠7 ♥Q86543 ♦K942 ♣AJ ?

### 3. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:

♠832 ♥Void ♦AKQ987 ♣AK43 ?

### 6. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:

♠QJ875 ♥K ♦K64 ♣J972 ?





# District 8 Solvers Forum



## Scores for December, 2009

How the Panel voted	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL	DBL	1NT	3C	3H	2NT	5NT	590
Tom Kniest, St. Louis	DBL	1NT	3C	3H	2NT	5NT	590
Larry Matheny, Loveland CO	DBL	1NT	3C	Pass	2NT	5C	560
Jack Spear, Kansas City MO	DBL	1NT	3C	3H	Pass	4S	560
Larry Rabideau, St. Anne IL	DBL	1NT	5C	3H	3C	6C	530
Toby Strite, San Jose CA	DBL	1NT	4C	3H	2S	5NT	520
Norman Athy, St. Louis	2H	1NT	4C	3H	2NT	5C	520
Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT	2S	1S	3C	Pass	2NT	6C	510
David Warwick, Adrian MI	DBL	1S	3C	3D	2NT	5C	510
John R. Mayne, Riverbank CA	2S	1NT	3C	3H	2S	5C	500
Mark Kessler, Springfield IL	2H	1S	3C	Pass	2NT	5C	500
Manuel Paulo, Lisboa, Portugal	2H	2D	4C	3H	2NT	4S	490
Adam Miller, Chicago IL	2H	1S	3C	3D	2NT	5C	480
Bill Walsh, Champaign IL	DBL	2D	4C	Pass	3NT	4S	470
Bev Nelson, Fort Myers FL	2S	1S	3C	4D	3C	4S	430
Bridge Baron, Potomac MD	2S	1S	3C	Pass	Pass	Pass	380

How the Staff voted	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Tom Dodd, Branchburg NJ	DBL	1NT	3C	Pass	2NT	6C	580
Karen Walker, Champaign IL	2H	1NT	3C	Pass	2NT	6C	550
Scott Merritt, Gaborone, Botswana	DBL	1S	3C	3H	Pass	4S	530
Kent Feiler, Harvard IL	DBL	Pass	4C	3D	2NT	5NT	470
How the Solvers voted (all Solvers who scored 400 or higher)	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
John Seng, Champaign IL	DBL	1NT	3C	3H	2NT	4S	590
Yassine, Paris, France	DBL	1NT	3C	Pass	2NT	4S	570
Linda Lubeck, Troy IL	DBL	1NT	3C	Pass	2NT	4S	570
Bud Hinckley, South Bend IN	DBL	1NT	3C	3H	3C	6C	570
Richard Brummer, Effingham IL	DBL	1S	3C	3H	2NT	4S	560
Chris Vandemore, San Francisco	DBL	1S	3C	3H	2NT	5C	550
Nigel Guthrie, Glasgow, Scotland	DBL	1NT	3C	Pass	Pass	6C	550
Steve Babin, Normal IL	DBL	1NT	3C	3D	2NT	5C	540
George Klemic, Bensenville IL	DBL	1NT	4C	3H	3C	6C	540
Doug Jonquet, Decatur IL	DBL	1S	3C	3H	3C	6C	540
Steve Hakanson, St Louis	DBL	1S	3C	Pass	2NT	5C	530
Glafkos Galanos, Carbondale IL	DBL	1NT	3C	Pass	2NT	4NT	530
Micah Fogel, Aurora IL	DBL	2D	3C	3H	3C	4S	520
Don Mathis, Bland MO	DBL	1S	3C	Pass	Pass	4S	510
Robert Sievers, Urbana IL	DBL	1S	3C	3H	2NT	5H	510
Fred Sandegren, Quincy IL	DBL	1S	3C	3D	2NT	5C	510
Larry Wilcox, Springfield IL	DBL	1S	3C	Pass	3C	4S	510
Steve Brauss, St Louis	DBL	1S	4C	3H	Pass	6C	510

Bill Johnson, Farmington MO	DBL	Pass	4C	3H	2NT	5C	500
Mike Tomlianovich, Bloomington IL	DBL	1NT	4C	Pass	3C	5C	500
Judy Eaton, Edwardsville IL	DBL	1S	3C	Pass	3C	5C	500
Wally Hendricks, Champaign IL	2H	3D	3C	Pass	2NT	6C	490
Bob Bernhard, New Smyrna Bch FL	2H	1NT	3C	3D	3C	4S	490
Ray Sigler, Trenton IL	DBL	1S	3C	Pass	2S	5C	490
Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN	2H	1S	3C	3D	2NT	4S	490
Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL	DBL	1S	5C	3H	2S	6C	490
Bill Rotter, Granite City IL	DBL	1S	3C	3D	3C	5C	480
James Sweatt, Metropolis IL	DBL	1S	3C	3D	2S	4S	480
Gary Dell, Champaign IL	2H	1NT	5C	3H	3NT	5C	480
Chris Grande, Mishawaka IN	DBL	1NT	2S	3D	2NT	4S	480
Dr. Warren L. Bosch, Elgin IL	DBL	2D	3C	3D	2NT	4NT	470
Tim Finkenstadt, Miami FL	DBL	1S	2H	Pass	3C	6C	470
Paul Soper, Sierra Vista AZ	DBL	1S	2NT	Pass	2NT	5C	470
Michael Ring, Urbana IL	2H	1S	2H	Pass	2NT	4S	460
J. C. Clement, Vaucresson, France	DBL	1S	5C	3D	3NT	6C	460
David Forrest, Kirkwood MO	2H	1S	3C	3D	3C	4S	460
Daryl Fisher, Rolla MO	DBL	1S	2H	Pass	3C	4S	460
Dan Baker, Austin TX	DBL	1NT	2NT	3H	3C	4NT	460
Amiram Millet, Tel Aviv, Israel	DBL	1S	5C	Pass	2S	4S	460
Mike Kenski, Eureka MO	2H	Pass	3C	Pass	3C	4S	460
Peiyi Wang, Urbana IL	DBL	3D	2NT	Pass	2NT	4S	450
Matt Farber, Fort Wayne IN	2H	1S	3C	3D	3C	5C	450
Bob Bainter, San Antonio TX	2H	1S	4C	3D	3C	6C	440

Thomas O'Reilly-Pol, St Louis	DBL	1NT	2NT	DBL	2NT	4NT	420
Jim Feinstein, South Bend IN	DBL	1S	3C	3D	DBL	5H	410
Tanya Rodich, Baltimore MD	DBL	3D	5C	3D	2S	4S	410
Jim Storch, Herrin IL	2H	2D	3C	DBL	3C	5C	410
Joan Aldrich, South Bend IN	3C	1S	3C	3D	3C	5C	410
Cappy Gagnon, Notre Dame IN	4C	1S	3C	3D	3C	5C	410
Ido Millet, Erie	4C	2D	3C	3D	3NT	5C	400

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# Pair Fare

## *News from Northwestern Illinois Unit 239*

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## **New Life Master: Rajahneen Dencker**

How could a girl growing up in Fort Dodge, Iowa end up with a name of Rajahneen? Before I could do the rest of the interview, I needed an answer to this question. Turns out Raj had an aunt who enjoyed a particular novel from an India author and convinced Raj's parents that Rajahneen would be an appropriate tag. Raj said she enjoys her uniqueness of her name.

Raj is married to Karl, who is President of District 8 and also directs the Thursday game in Elgin. They have two children, a son and a daughter, who live in the immediate area, and enjoy the company of their three grandchildren. The Thursday game usually has 15 to 17 tables and part of its success is the delicious food made and provided by Raj.

The Dencker's, due to Karl's job, have moved a lot. Raj said they have lived in Atlanta, Georgia, Denver CO, New Jersey, Winnetka IL and finally their present home in Lake in the Hills. Many years ago, while in Atlanta, they started taking bridge lessons. Raj said their instructor was as slow as molasses and as exciting as watching paint dry on a wall. They muddled through it and learned Goren Bridge. Then about ten years ago they got involved and hooked on duplicate bridge. Raj finally earned the few needed silver points at the Rockford Sectional this past September to earn the title of Life Master. Her advice to other players is that it's only a game, enjoy it and don't take it too seriously.

When Raj is not playing bridge, she might be involved with some her other interests. Raj and Karl enjoy live shows and they have season passes to four of the theaters in Chicago. Raj also does volunteer work for the food pantry at their church, and in the past also donated her time and talents to the Art Institute of Chicago and the local Boy Scout troop. At the present time, Raj is a delegate to our District 8 Board. Although bridge is one of Raj's passions, her life appears to be fulfilled by a variety of other interests.

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## **The Changing Scene . . .**

New Junior Masters: Ned Furst, Freeport; Jack Torney, Winnebago; Bart Machaj, Geneva; Joyce Nimocks, Rockford, Marilyn Wood, Geneva.

New Club Masters: Pamela Krisak, St. Charles; Judith Picus, Rockford; Marian Finnberg, Crystal Lake; Peder Finnberg, Crystal Lake; Bobbie King, St Charles; Janet Zimmerman, Huntley.

New Sectional Masters: Jayant Kadakia, Huntley; Susan Hillberry, Cherry Valley; Robert Larson, Roscoe; Raymond Paul, Rockford; Patricia Reed, Machesney Park; Mary Snyder, Cherry Valley; Vicki Vietti, Cary.

New Regional Masters: Chander Aiyar, Huntley, Naomi Cartwright, Huntley; Ron Carey, Rockford; Richard Gunderson, Earlville; Robert Lambert, Lake in the Hills; Mary Simonson, Sarasota, Fla.; Charlene Whitney, Winnebago.

New NABC Master: Tara Mufich, Rockford; Patricia Olafson, Rockford.

New Life Masters: Rajahneen Dencker, Lake in the Hills; Robert Fraser, Crystal lake

New Bronze Life Master: Shirley Rogers, Ft. Meyers, Fla.; Linda Shaw, Geneva; Susan Tunelius, Winnebago.

Silver Life Master: Nick Cordell, Yorkville; Estelle Von Zellen, De Kalb.

Gold Life Master: Kay Korte, Woodstock.

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## Tournaments:

Dec 26-29      [Milwaukee WI Sectional](#), Best Western Airport Hotel

Dec 26-31      [HOLIDAY REGIONAL](#) -- Sheraton Convention Center, Overland Park KS



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*News from Central Illinois Unit 208*

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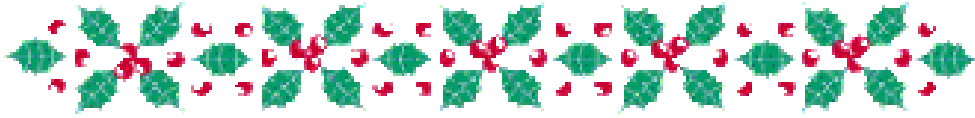
## ♣ Central Illinois' Top 100 ♣

Here are the top masterpoint holders in Central Illinois Unit 208 and their career point totals as of November 6, 2009. The first 16 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	17402.87	51 Janice Franz, Springfield	1670.72
2 Dick Benson, Le Roy	12727.90	52 Bernard Riley, Pekin	1643.25
3 Gary Kessler, Springfield	11385.81	53 Chloe Trautman, Champaign	1642.26
4 Chris Benson, Le Roy	10286.11	54 Ronald Simmons, Peru	1642.15
5 Karen Walker, Champaign	7647.89	55 John Weber, Watseka	1638.97
6 Mark Kessler, Springfield	7087.08	56 Martha Stutz, Springfield	1610.44
7 Dan Requard, Springfield	6222.04	57 Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy	1603.52
8 James Melville, Springfield	4733.46	58 Paul Lindauer, Varna	1583.51
9 Mike Halvorsen, Champaign	4646.05	59 Margaret Hansell, Champaign	1548.97
10 Larry Rabideau, Saint Anne	4094.80	60 Martha Neal, Mattoon	1540.94
11 Alan Wienman, Morton	3959.55	61 John Parsons, Springfield	1519.67
12 Robert Hayes, Joliet	3863.11	62 Sharon Ertz, Hull	1511.39
13 Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap	3794.17	63 Joyce Baehler, Peoria	1487.40
14 Robert Butz, Kankakee	3738.12	64 Michael Jones, Champaign	1474.35
15 James Ward, Champaign	3471.51	65 Bette Wright, Paris	1463.87
16 James Carbaugh, Metamora	3353.12	66 Stephen Hawthorne, Bloomington	1457.77
17 Betty Capodice, Bloomington	3131.79	67 Mark Daily, Charleston	1431.75
18 John Seng, Champaign	3081.04	68 Beverly Bakunas, Decatur	1422.33
19 Christine Carroll, Champaign	2940.42	69 Dorothy Lanphier, Mattoon	1414.13

20 Dick Kemmerer, Peoria	2845.29	70 Loren Alexander, Kewanee	1412.46
21 Ron Sholes, Springfield	2705.37	71 George Veenstra, Springfield	1394.73
22 Richard Gibons, Princeton	2685.34	72 Bobbie Straker, Pekin	1378.44
23 Leonard Kaufman, Peoria	2626.39	73 J. Nanda, Charleston	1370.21
24 Laura Addison, Bloomington	2532.50	74 Shirley Judy, Urbana	1358.99
25 Deborah Avery, Champaign	2473.67	75 Arlene Drablos, Champaign	1345.23
26 Georgia Heth, Morton	2372.29	76 Carroll Drablos, Champaign	1339.55
27 Stephen Babin, Normal	2308.25	77 Phillip Wagner, Springfield	1324.52
28 Phyllis Collins, Springfield	2231.33	78 Stephen Borbely, Dewey	1306.36
29 Ned Horton, Champaign	2195.96	79 Zach Freehill, Bloomington	1301.83
30 Patricia Carrington, Champaign	2170.00	80 James Scott, Rantoul	1291.23
31 Elizabeth Zalar, Springfield	2126.12	81 Tim Cull, Springfield	1280.32
32 Fred Crockett, Danville	2076.13	82 Marilyn Stickel, Lacon	1277.83
33 Gail Moon, Bloomington	2066.32	83 Mary Allen, Peoria	1274.02
34 Carol Umbach, Havana	2056.11	84 Alan Stutz, Springfield	1255.01
35 Charles Zalar, Springfield	2028.08	85 Larry Richardson, Springfield	1253.18
36 Doris Foltz, Springfield	1967.49	86 Peg Lock, Decatur	1252.35
37 Martha Leary, Urbana	1956.62	87 Henry Hoffman, Bloomington	1241.09
38 Leah Newell, Springfield	1951.74	88 Sherry Steigmann, Urbana	1239.02
39 Marciann O'Brien, Decatur	1946.41	89 Martha Hobbs, Forsyth	1231.06
40 David Hanna, Springfield	1941.71	90 Terry Smith, Marseilles	1230.71
41 Betty Primm, Athens	1928.77	91 D. Atteberry, Mattoon	1218.19
42 Raymond Russ, Henry	1870.79	92 Lois Mott, Quincy	1202.38
43 Kris Maillacheruvu, Peoria	1857.64	93 Marjorie Hanner, Springfield	1186.96
44 Joanne Glazebrook, Washington	1843.67	94 Lisa Sievers, Morton	1176.87
45 John Kessinger, Decatur	1795.41	95 Sylvia Lowry, Springfield	1173.49
46 Carole Sholes, Springfield	1765.97	96 Larry Wilcox, Springfield	1172.73
47 Aldo Mancinelli, Decatur	1745.93	97 Duane Gronau, Bloomington	1159.53
48 Terry Goodykoontz, Champaign	1708.82	98 Patrick Moos, Peoria	1150.94
49 Mike Tomlianovich, Bloomington	1672.90	99 Mary Anne Parsons, Springfield	1143.51





## North American Pairs

Congratulations to everyone who qualified to play in the District 8 North American Pair finals in Riverton in November. Central Illinois players took the top three places in Flight B and will be representing our District in the national finals at the Spring NABC in Reno NV in March.

Congratulations to:

B1 - **Dan Faulkner**, Monticello IL; **Gary Dell**, Champaign IL

B2 - **Dan Bunde** - **Michael Ring**, Urbana IL

B3 - **Ron Diehl**, Effingham IL; **Mark Daily**, Charleston IL



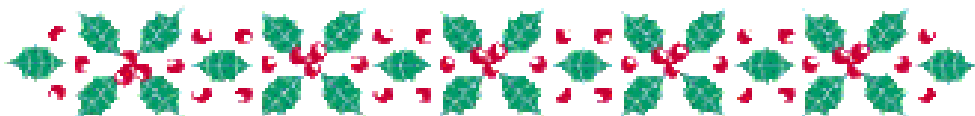
## Champaign bridge player wins international award

Congratulations to **Madhu Viswanathan** of Champaign, who has been honored with the Bharat Gaurav ("India Pride") award from the India International Friendship Society. The award is given annually to recognize special contributions in the promotion of India's heritage.

Previous award winners have included Mother Teresa and the former vice-president of India.

Madhu, who is a business professor at the University of Illinois, was honored for his work in developing marketplace literacy programs that help India's poor improve their consumer and entrepreneurial skills. Those social initiatives complement his research on subsistence marketplaces and his courses on business solutions for alleviating poverty.

He will receive the award in New Delhi, India on January 7 as part of Global Friendship Day.



# Illini Champaign Regional -- May 19-25, 2009

It's not too early to begin thinking about spring and our Unit's annual regional, coming up Memorial Day week in Champaign.

We'll again be playing in the spacious Hilton Garden Inn Convention Center and offering lots of extras, including a speakers program, entry-fee discounts, nightly buffets and a hotel hospitality suite for socializing after the game. Bridge rate is \$95 at the Hilton or \$105 at Homewood Suites. Take advantage of the special offer for Hilton reservations: \$10 off per night if you book for three or more nights.

You can check out the 2010 schedule and find links for making online hotel reservations on the [tournament schedule page](#) .



## Movin' Up

**Congratulations to these Unit members who recently advanced in rank:**

### **New Junior Master (5 pts.)**

Emily Hahn, Rochester  
Karla Krueger, Pleasant Plains  
Candy Morin, Petersburg  
Meg O'Leary, Decatur

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

Mel Bibo, Paris  
Joann Schroeder, Bloomington

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

Martie Blazis, Springfield  
Shirley Coville, Springfield  
Jerry Hinds, Morton

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

Charles Langley, Edinburg  
Carol Sue McNaught, Auburn  
Joyce McWilliams, Paris

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

Larry Seitzman, Peoria  
Dr. Thomas Vermeersch, Springfield

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

Linda Wilkening, Springfield

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

Caryl Harrison, Canton  
Mary Jones, Champaign

### **WELCOME to new members:**

William Allison, Leroy  
Richard Foley, Champaign  
Wayne Gonyea, Galesburg  
Emily Hahn, Rochester  
Doris Mabry, Decatur  
Carolyn Witmer, Mattoon  
Ralph Witmer, Mattoon



# THE RECAP SHEET

News from Northern Indiana — Unit 154

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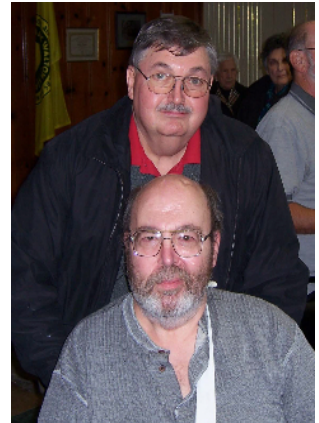
## WINNERS — PORTAGE, INDIANA SECTIONAL — OCT 16 - 18



Steve Watson of Munster and Lou Nimnicht of Crown Point placed first in the Saturday evening Open Pairs game with a 70.83% game!



Earl and Sally Landrum of Marion were the winners in the Saturday afternoon 299ers Pairs game — 69.00%.



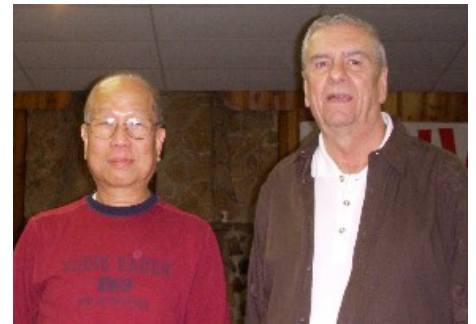
Roger Sokol of Minooka, IL and David Mitzit of New Lenox, IL — winners of the Saturday afternoon Pairs game with -- 63.43%



First place in the Sunday Open Swiss Teams were: Bud Hinckley, South Bend; Donald Wertheimer, South Bend; Frank Yoder, Goshen; and Philip Slatt, South Bend — earning 6.50 mp.



Howard Schmid, Merrillville, and Bob Kellstrom, Chesterton, placed first in the Friday evening Open Pairs — 63.10%.



Joe Chin, Highland, and Tom Hallum, Chicago, scored highest in the Friday afternoon Open Pairs — 67.63%.

### 70% + GAMES

Tom and Betty Poppas, Kokomo — 74.30% September

Steven Watson, Munster, & Lou Nimnicht, Crown Point — 70.83% October 17

Jim O'Connell, Valparaiso & John Chmielowiec, Michigan City — 72.02% November 17

### RISING IN THE RANKINGS

*Junior Master:* Sally Amico, South Bend; Ivey Ewing, South Bend

*Club Master:* Judi Bishop, Marion; Robert Grant, Fort Wayne; Pamela Mathews, Granger; Samuel McInTurff, Fort Wayne; Lynn Miller, South Bend

*Sectional Master:* Janice Chase, Kokomo; Jim Fitzpatrick, South Bend; Kimberly Grant, Fort Wayne; Jane Scott, Fort Wayne

*Regional Master:* Joan Aldrich, South Bend

*NABC Master:* Roger Lash, Angola

*Life Master:* Thomas Spackman, Monticello

*Bronze Life Master:* Donald Groch, South Bend; David Hoevel, Fort Wayne; Judy Jenkins, Fort Wayne; Donald Valiska, Highland

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## BRONZE LIFE MASTER

We welcome Don Valiska of Highland to the ranks of those players who have earned 500 mp or more. His dedication to the game and his skillful playing have put him in a category of the top 30% of all ACBL players.

Don and his wife, Pat, who also has recently become a Bronze Life Master, both graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1969. They taught each other to play bridge while in college, but then didn't play after that until retirement. For the first three years Pat and Don played exclusively with each other. However, they were advised to play with other people if they wanted to get better. In that way they would learn different conventions and different bidding styles.

Don says that bridge is a great retirement activity. His oftentimes other partner is Sue Mahn. She has this to add to his story: "Don is a good partner. He doesn't criticize or admonish his partner. He's a lot of fun! He likes to be wild — makes gutsy bids. I call them "IF" bids (intestinal fortitude). He is always ready to tell a joke. He is a good father, grandfather, and husband."

## CLAIM TO FAME

Some of our Unit 154 players have been mentioned in the *Bridge Bulletin*. In the October issue **Jo Ann Steigmeyer** of Granger (with her partner) was listed as the top scorer in District 8 in the Worldwide Bridge Contest held on Saturday, June 6 with a 64.10%.

In the November issue **Howard Pilch** of South Bend was recognized as #87 in the ACBL's list of the Top 100 Life Masters with 18,264.10 mp. Also, **Philip Slatt** and **Donald Wertheimer** of South Bend posted the highest percentage — 62.91% — from District 8 in the ACBL-wide International Fund Game held on July 24.

In the December issue **Bob Carteaux** of Fort Wayne was named 2nd Alternate to the ACBL Board of Directors from District 8 for the next three years.

Congratulations to the five of you for your achievements!



## NOVICE GAME GETS OFF TO A GOOD START

On Saturday, November 14, Community Bridge Club in Calumet Township (Gary) a Section B was added for the first time — comprised of novice players who have less than 50 masterpoints. Most of the 16 intrepid newcomers had never played in a duplicate game before, and many of those who had, had less than one masterpoint. Yet they came with the hope that this new experience would broaden their knowledge of bridge and that they wouldn't appear too unintelligent as the game unfolded.

This first game was the best of times, where the atmosphere was festive and smiles were the order of the day. The novices seemed pleased with their decision to participate in a duplicate game without the intimidation of competing in an open game. They appreciated the genuine and warm welcome they received.

The director was kept hopping as he busily and expertly fielded the many questions that came his way. Jim O'Connell, director, now presents a 15-minute mini-lesson prior to each game. The satisfaction of the new players is evident as they have returned on subsequent Saturdays.

Pictured here is one of the tables at the first novice game. The local newspaper sent a reporter for this special event and provided extensive coverage in the paper.

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## A STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE





# Greater St. Louis Bridge News

## News from Greater St. Louis Unit 143

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### **“The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.”**

Be wary when your opponent seems to have made a strange or even silly play. Think twice; be the ***second*** mouse.

For example: Opponents put you on the board when they did not have to, so now you can take a needed finesse.

Why did they do such a kindness? You might want to consider playing for the drop.

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**Unit officers:** The Unit 143 Board of Directors elected new officers. (Photos above, left to right): **Suzi Shymanski-Moore** continues as President. **Steve Zenk** becomes Vice President. **Jane Ettelson** becomes Secretary. **Bob Janis** continues as Treasurer. Thanks go to Donna Pedrotti, who remains on the Board, for her years of service as VP. Thanks also go to Bob Wheeler for his service as Secretary; Bob chose not to continue as a Board member.

**October Sectional:** October's Fall Sectional brought 348 tables for the 3-day event. 378 players won masterpoints. Team games were especially popular: 31 tables on Friday night's Swiss, 4 brackets on Saturday's KOs, 45 tables in Sunday's 2-session Open Swiss, as well as 14 & 13 tables in the two one-session 299er Swiss teams on Sunday.

**North American Pairs:** Unit 143 players enjoyed success at the District 8 NAP Finals in November. Flight A will be represented in the Reno NABC Championships by (first) **Jack Bryant** and **Rod Van Wyk**, (second) **En Xie & Jacque Sincoff**, and (third) **Richard Riezman & Roger Lord**. Flight C will also have 2 Unit 143 pairs in Reno: (first) **Martha Hanley & Elizabeth Meteer** and (third) **Ralph Britton & William Maack**. Congratulations to them all. By the way, Britton & Maack have fewer than 100 MPs COMBINED.

**Unit membership:** Unit 143 has 1104 members, as of November 2009. 761 members are ranked Rookie through NABC Master. 343 are ranked Life Master through Diamond Life Master. Five members are Emerald Life Masters and two are Platinum Life Masters.

**Congratulations** to the 16 following players who have advanced in rank during October 2009:

**New Junior Master (5 pts.)**

Wallace Burton  
Jo Ann Froehlich  
Paul Radzom  
Suzy Schoonmaker  
Carole Simon

**Club Masters (20 pts.)**

Gail Bunce  
John Hubert  
Karen Kaul  
Meena Khokha  
Jeanne Mudd  
Katy Mullins  
John Sant

**NABC Master (200 pts.)**

Linda McHoney

**Life Master (300 pts.)**

Honoree Allen

**Bronze Life Master (500 pts.)**

Jim Nunn

**Silver Life Master (1000 pts.)**

Gayle McLean

## Upcoming Tournaments

January 15-17, 2010 -- Sectional in St Charles, MO

March 27, 2010 -- 199er Championship. Maryland Heights, MO (St. Louis)



# Unit 223 Reporter

## *News from Southern Illinois-Paducah Unit 223*

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**Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday &**

**Prosperous New Year to all members of So  
IL/Paducah Unit 223 !**

**Dear Santa . . .**

I've been fairly good this year (won't say "perfect"! ) and I was wondering if you could consider the following gifts:

This year may the finesses I choose be the correct ones.

Let me always remember my manners, and remember also that bridge is – after all – only a game.

Help me find the proper defense and always notice my partner's signals to get me there.

Please help me also to notice my partner's first discard!!! (It's always so embarrassing to have to admit I didn't see that big diamond discard!)

And please, please, Santa, help me to not miss my partner's artificial bids this year.

If you could possibly stuff all this bounty into my stocking, I'd really appreciate it.

Oh, and P.S. -- Please also deliver these goodies to my fellow Unit 223 players.

Thanks, Santa!

-- Karen Coe

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**Congratulations** to the following players who have advanced in rank:

**New Junior Masters:** George Lynch, Edwardsville IL & Donna Swick, Newton IL

**New Sectional Master:** Steven Wheeler, Highland IL

**New NABC Master:** Pat Sexton, Benton IL

**New Life Masters:** Marry Parker, Eddyville KY & Bill Petrie, Mayfield KY

**New Bronze Life Masters:** Bill Petrie, Mayfield KY & Elaine Triebes, Glen Carbon IL

**New Silver Life Master:** Evelyn Pruitt, Paducah KY

## **McCord Trophy Leaders**

As of Nov 4, 2009, the McCord Trophy Race was really close and was being led by:

1. Dalton Darnell, Murray KY -- 38.9 points
2. Bruce Gardner, Paducah KY -- 38.16 points
3. Judy Eaton, Carbondale IL -- 37.96 points

## **Unit Census**

The Unit ended 2009 with a total of 411 members, 163 of whom are Life Masters. Highest ranked members of Unit 223 are Gold Life Masters, players who have 2500 or more points. We currently have 10 players who have achieved that rank.

## **Upcoming Sectionals**

**Dec 4-6**, Caseyville (Fairview Heights IL) Sectional – Ray Sigler's tournament will be held at the Steamfitters Hall. Ray can be contacted for info at (618) 224-9606.

**February 20-21**, Saluki Swiss Sectional -- This year's Saluki Swiss will be held in Carlinville IL at the Lake Williamson Christian Center. For more information, call Col. Chris Shaw or Mary Lattan at (217) 825-7248.



# Illini Regional Bridge Tournament

***Memorial Day week:***

**May 25-31, 2010**

**Hilton Garden Inn &**

**Convention Center,**

**1501 S. Neil (Rt. 45) -- Champaign, Illinois** [Map](#)

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

**Wednesday: Seniors Day** -- \$2 off each session in the Blue Series Pairs or Compact KO for ages 65+.

♣ **Friday: Juniors Day** -- Full-time students age 25 and under play **FREE** in the Swiss Teams or Open Pairs. \$4 per-session student discount for all other events all week.

♣ **Saturday: Two-session Stratified Non-LM Pairs** -- winners receive a free entry for the Monday Swiss Teams.

♣ **Sunday: Barometer final** in the Flight A Strataflighted Pairs (1:30 & 7:30).

♣ **Sunday: Fighting Illini Fans Day** -- \$2 off your afternoon entry if you wear Illini orange and blue!

♣ **Monday: FAST Swiss Teams** -- playthrough with free continental breakfast & cash snack bar.

♣ **Novice/Intermediate Program:** 0-300 events Wednesday through Sunday. C & D strata in all events, Tuesday through Monday.

## **Tuesday, May 25**

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

7:30 -- Play for the Pets Charity Pairs

## **Wednesday, May 26 -- Seniors Day**

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

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

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

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

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

7:30 -- One-session Swiss Team

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

## **Thursday, May 27**

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

9:30 -- Charity Series AM Pairs

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

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

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

### Three Bracketed Knockout Teams

(four sessions):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Three One-Session Swiss Teams:

7:30 Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday

### Novice/Intermediate Events:

(continues Fri Aft/Eve)

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

7:30 -- One-session Swiss Team

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

### Friday, May 28 -- Juniors Day

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

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

9:30 -- Charity Series AM Pairs

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

1:30 & 7:30 -- **Stratified Swiss Teams**

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

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

### Saturday, May 29

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

9:30 -- Charity Series AM Pairs

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

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

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

7:30 -- One-session Swiss Team

### Sunday, May 30 -- Fighting Illini Fans Day

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

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

9:30 -- Charity Series AM Pairs

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

1:30 & 7:30 -- **Stratified BCD Pairs** (afternoon-  
only entries available)

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

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

**One-session 299er Pairs** (0-300 mps) --

7:30 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

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

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

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

## Host hotels:

**Bridge rate** (\$85/night for 3+ nights; \$95 for 1-2 nights) and free parking at the **Hilton Garden Inn**, 1501 South Neil (corner of Neil & Kirby). Opened in fall 2006, the hotel offers sleep-number beds, free wireless Internet, a heated indoor pool and fitness center. A wide variety of restaurants are within walking distance. [Map with link for driving directions](#)

**Hilton Garden Inn reservations:** Call 217-352-9970 and ask for bridge rate or [book online](#) (use group code **BRDG10**). *Special:* \$85 per night if you book for three or more nights.

**Bridge rate** (\$105 dbl) and free parking at **Homewood Suites** (adjacent to Hilton Garden Inn). Rate includes daily hot breakfasts and weekday dinners. Call 217-352-9960 and ask for bridge rate.

7:30 -- Side game

## Monday, May 31 (*Memorial Day*)

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

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

*On the road by 5:45 pm.*

**Chairman:** Karen Walker (217-359-0042)  
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**Partners:** Hugh Williams (618-203-9566)  
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# The Twin City Winter Sectional Welcomes You!



Sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League

**When: January 8-10, 2010**

**Where: UAW Local 2488  
10226 East 1400 North Road, Bloomington, IL  
(8/10ths of a mile west of Route 9 and Mitsubishi Motorway)**

## **Sessions Format:**

Friday afternoon stratified open pairs - 1:00pm  
Friday evening 99ers only pairs - 7:00pm (if attendance warrants)  
Friday evening stratified open pairs - 7:00pm  
Saturday afternoon 99ers only pairs - 1:00pm (if attendance warrants)  
Saturday afternoon & evening 2-session stratified open pairs - 1:00pm & 7:00pm  
(single session entries welcome!)  
Saturday evening 99ers only pairs - 7:00pm (if attendance warrants)  
Sunday stratified open swiss teams double session playthrough -10:30am (meal included with entry)

**Complimentary coffee and snacks**

## **Entry fees:**

**\$8 per session per person(Friday & Saturday)  
\$84 per team (Sunday) – meal included  
\$1 additional per session for non or unpaid ACBL members**

**Stratification: A:open; B<1500; C<NLM under 500**

**Tournament manager: Floyd Sherry,  
phone: 309-224-8299, email: sherry@mtco.com**

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**Hospitality: Ann Schuyler**

**Director-in-charge: Chris Patrias**

# St. Louis Winter Sectional



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

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



## Friday January 15, 2010

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

## Saturday January 16, 2010

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

## Sunday January 17, 2010: Swiss Team Events (Finished by 5:30 pm)

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

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

**\*\*Lunch Available for Purchase on Saturday\*\***  
**Terrific Hospitality after All Evening Sessions**  
**Beverages, Popcorn, and Snacks at All Sessions**  
**Continental Breakfast & Hot Buffet Dinner on Sunday**

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

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

### Tournament Chairman

Mike Carmen 314-872-8439

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Steve Zenk 314-845-2030  
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### Emergency Contact

Suzi Shymanski-Moore  
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## 299er Section Only

### January 8 – Friday

- 9 a.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 session Knockout  
Stratified Pairs
- 2 p.m. – 2nd of 3 session Knockout  
Stratified Pairs  
1<sup>st</sup> of 2 session Swiss Teams
- 7 p.m. – Final of 3 session Knockout  
2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 session Swiss Teams  
Stratified Pairs

### January 9 – Saturday

- 9 a.m. – Stratified Pairs  
1 session Swiss Team
- 2 p.m. – Stratified Pairs  
1<sup>st</sup> of 2 session Compact Knockout
- 7 p.m. – Stratified Pairs  
2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 session Compact Knockout

### January 10 – Sunday

- 11 a.m. - Combined Sections (299 and Open) Stratified  
Swiss Team play through.  
(FREE Sandwich Lunch Provided)
- 299 Stratification – Pairs, Knock Out and Swiss  
0 to 100 points = C  
100 to 200 points = B  
200 to 300 points = A

## Open To All Section

### January 8 – Friday

- 9 a.m. - Stratified Open Pairs  
Compact Knockout – 1 of 2 sessions
- 2 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs  
Compact Knockout – final session  
Swiss Team – 1 of 2 sessions
- 7 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs  
Swiss Team – final session

### January 9 - Saturday

- 9 a.m. - Stratified Open Pairs  
Bracketed Knockout A – 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 sessions
- 2 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs  
Compact Knockout – 1 of 2 sessions  
Bracketed Knockout A – 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 sessions
- 7 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs  
Compact Knockout – final session  
Bracketed Knockout A – final of 3 sessions

### January 10 – Sunday

- 11 a.m. – Combined Sections (299 and Open) Stratified  
- Swiss Team play through  
(FREE Sandwich Lunch Provided)
- Open Stratification – Pairs, Knock Out and Swiss  
0 to 500 points = C  
500 to 1500 points = B  
1500 plus points = A

## SNOW FLAKE SILVER ELGIN SECTIONAL

**JANUARY 8 – 10, 2010**

299'er games are subject to being combined with the Open Section, based on number of players. Tournament Directors decision

FRIENDLY GAME AND GREAT  
PLAYING AREA!

**Holiday Inn –**  
495 Airport Road – Elgin, IL 60123  
(Rts 90 and 31 North)  
Phone 1-847-488-9000 for \$79 rate

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# SALUKI SWISS

Saturday and Sunday, February 20 & 21, 2010

♠♥NEW LOCATION♦♣

LAKE WILLIAMSON CHRISTIAN CENTER

Three miles south of Carlinville, IL on IL-4

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All proceeds from the Saluki Swiss will support the five-day residential Youth Bridge Camp, July 3-8, 2010 at Lake Williamson 😊

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Saturday, 1:00 PM - 299'er PAIRS - Single Session - \$10 per person

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## CHOICE OF TWO OPTIONS FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

- "THE WALKIN" Saturday \*Swiss Team Double Session entry fees  
 \*1:00 PM and 7:00 PM  
 \*Includes supper 5PM-6:30PM in dining hall  
 \*\$33 per person
- Sunday \*Swiss Team Double Session entry fees  
 \*10:00 AM and after lunch  
 \*Includes lunch served at 1:15 PM  
 \*\$33 per person

- "THE PACKAGE" \*motel style lodging w/TV and telephone  
 \*use of Lake Williamson's recreational facilities  
 \*(Including Jacuzzi and indoor swimming pool)  
 \*Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast and lunch  
 \*entry fees for both Saturday and Sunday Saluki Swiss Double Session  
 \*10:00 AM and after lunch  
 (SEE PRICE OPTIONS BELOW)

	Payment Postmarked by Feb. 15, 2010	Payment Postmarked after Feb. 15, 2010
SINGLE	\$130	\$152
DOUBLE	\$124 per person	\$146 per person
TRIPLE	\$118 per person	\$140 per person

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Lake Williamson is an alcohol free campus. Tour at [www.lakewilliamson.org](http://www.lakewilliamson.org)  
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