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Everything Counts In or Counting is Everything in Bridge by Jim O'Neil

Bridge

DECLARER PLAY: Counting

Good declarer play is simply a matter of counting. And more counting. And still more counting.

In fact, bidding and playing a bridge hand is little more than a series of counting exercises – and understanding how to act on the information we have gained from our counting.

When we remove our cards from the duplicate board, the first thing we do is count them. We count the number of cards in each suit. We count our high-card points. We count our distributional points, perhaps modifying our count as the auction progresses.

When the opening lead is been made, and dummy's cards placed on the table, we continue counting. We count tricks – our sure winners and losers, and our potential winners and losers. We review any clues from the bidding and opening lead – we count, as best we can, the opponents' high card strength and distribution. We develop a plan based on what information we have from counting.

As play progresses, we continue to count. We count the outstanding trumps, as well as the other suits. We count out the opponents' hands in an effort to better reconstruct the opponents' hands. We may modify our plan based on what we have counted.

After the last trick has been played, we count up the number of tricks won and lost, and enter the score on the score slip.

Time for the next hand – and more counting.

Before playing to the first trick:

It is important that we take a moment and think. And count. We shouldn't call for a card from dummy until we know how we are going to play the hand. Many contracts fail because of hasty play at trick one. Others fail because declarer failed to properly count.

1) Count our tricks.

We count sure winners and losers. Are there enough sure winners to make the contract? If not, we will need to try and develop more. Do we have too many losers? If so, we will need to try and get of those losers somehow.

There are a number of ways to develop more winners – by finessing, by establishing a long side suit, by trumping. And there are ways to dispose of losers – by taking a quick discard, or by holding up a winner.

2) Review the auction and opening lead for clues.

Every call made by an opponent gives us some information about that opponent's hand. Even a pass tells us something. This information may help us count out the opponents' hands.

As each trick is played, we can get a better idea of the opponents' hands. The more information we have, the better. We may have to guess how to play a particular suit, or which suit to play. It helps to have as much information as possible.

3) Develop a plan.

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Play high-low with an even number of cards in a suit and low-high with an odd number of cards. It will help partner count the hand.



(Everything Counts, continued from page 1)

Based on the count – our count of winners and losers, and our count of the opponents' hands – we plan the play of the hand. We should try to anticipate bad breaks, and come up with a plan that will cover as many contingencies as possible.

There may be several ways of developing extra tricks; our count of the opponents' hands may help us decide which line of play is best.

4) Play.

Now, and only now, is it time to play to the first trick.

Counting Winners and Losers

When dummy comes down, we count our winners. Are there enough tricks to make the contract? If not, (and this is usually the case) we must look for ways to develop more tricks. Extra tricks are usually won by establishing a long suit, or by finessing against an opponent's honors. In a suit contract, extra tricks can often be won by trumping losers in the shorter trump hand.

We also count our losers. Can the defenders take enough tricks to defeat us if we let them in? If so, we must try to find a way to set up tricks without letting them in.

Here is an example:

- 1) North (dummy):
 ♠ KJ65 ♥ 63 ♦ J42 ♣ AQ97
- South (declarer):
 ♠ AQ4 ♥ A2 ♦ KQT85 ♣ JT5

South is declarer in 3NT. (Assume the auction has gone 1NT-3NT) How should declarer plan the play if West leads a) the Spade Ten? b) the Heart Four?

We count our winners. 4 Spades, 1 Heart and 1 Club add up to 6 tricks. We need to find a way to get 3 more. We count our losers. On a Spade lead, we have only 1 quick loser – the Ace of Diamonds. On a Heart lead, we have many more losers – the Ace of Diamonds plus several (at least 4) Hearts.

There are two possible ways of developing the extra 3 tricks we need. First, we can attack Diamonds. After the Ace is knocked out, we can take 4 tricks in the suit – a total of 10 tricks. A second possibility is to take the club finesse. If the Club K is in the West hand we can take 4 Club tricks – with our Heart trick and 4 Spade tricks, this will give us the 9 tricks we need.

Which is best? That depends on the opening lead. If the opening lead was a Spade, the Diamond suit is a sure thing. We can keep leading Diamonds until the opponents win the Ace, then win any return and take the rest of our Diamonds. If instead we were to try the Club finesse, we could be set if the East wins the King and switches to hearts. We can now only take 4 Spades, 1 Heart and 3 Clubs.

If, however, the opening lead was a Heart, we cannot afford to go after Diamonds. We need to count our quick losers as well. If we lead Diamonds, the opponents will be able to win the Ace and cash at least 4 Heart tricks to set us. Our only chance is the club finesse. If it works, we will have our 9 tricks. If it loses, we will probably down 2 or more, but it is our only chance to make the contract. The full hand might be:

	North	
	♠ – KJ65	
	♥ – 63	
	♦ – J42	
	♣ – AQ97	
West		East
♠ – T982		♠ – 73
♥ – QT74		♥ – KJ985
♦ – A6		♦ – 973
♣ – K62 or 862	South	♣ – 843 or K43
	♠ – AQ4	
	♥ – A2	
	♦ – KQT85	
	♣ – JT5	

Playing Notrump is generally simpler than playing in a suit contract. There are extra *(continued on page 3)*

Upcoming WUMBA Tournaments

Appleton
April 2-4, 2004

Green Bay
May 21-23, 2004
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Woodruff-Minocqua
June 9-13, 2004

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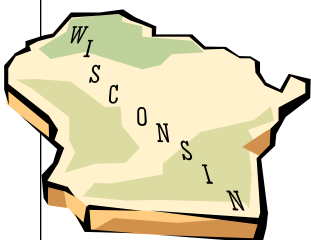
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considerations that come with a trump suit – whether to draw trumps or ruff losers, the possibility of winners being ruffed away, overruffs and trump promotions – are not present in a Notrump contract. Play in Notrump is usually a race – the declarer tries to set up and take enough tricks for his contract while the defenders try to set up and take enough tricks to defeat the contract.

Another example:

2) North (dummy):
 ♠ – 65 ♥ – KT3 ♦ – A642 ♣ – A962

 South (declarer):
 ♠ – Q94 ♥ – AQJ92 ♦ – K5 ♣ – K75

South is declarer in 4 Hearts. How should declarer plan the play after West leads The Jack of Diamonds?

A count of winners gives us 9 – 5 Hearts, 2 Clubs and 2 Diamonds. A count of losers gives us at least 3 and probably 4 – looking at the South hand, we see 2 Spade losers and one club loser, with a probable 3rd spade loser.

How can we get that 10th trick? There are several possibilities. First, East might Have both the A and K of Spades. By leading Spades twice toward the closed hand (that is, declarer’s hand), we can then get a spade trick for our 10th trick – one way to avoid our 4th loser. Another way is to attack Clubs. If Clubs divide 3-3, dummy’s last club will be our 10th winner – after drawing trumps we can go to dummy and discard a Spade on that good Club.

By far the best way is to try to trump a Spade in dummy. Because there are only 2 spades in dummy, we can trump our third spade. The spade ruff will be our 10th winner. No matter where the A-K of Spades are, or how Clubs divide, the ruff in dummy will provide us with an almost sure way of making the contract.

The full hand could be:

	North	
	♠ – 65	
	♥ – KT3	
	♦ – A642	
West	♣ – A962	East
♠ – AT872		♠ – KJ3
♥ – 76		♥ – 854
♦ – JT83		♦ – Q97
♣ – J4	South	♣ – QT83
	♠ – Q94	
	♥ – AQJ92	
	♦ – K5	
	♣ – K75	

*Bridge isn't a matter of
 life and death...
 It is far more
 important than that!*

Managing the play in a suit contract can be a little more complex than in Notrump. A trump suit offers extra security and more possibilities for avoiding losers. It is important to count both winners and losers. A good way to count losers is to focus on one hand – usually the long trump hand and/or the stronger hand.

Counting using clues from the auction

Every call we make tells partner something about our hand. And every call we make gives the opponents that information as well. It is important that declarer take whatever information is available from the opponents’ bidding, or lack thereof, and use that information to figure out where the outstanding cards are.

On many hands, the opponents’ will have remained silent. Little, if any, inferences can be taken from their bidding. Sometimes, though, even a pass can be revealing.

An example:

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Gotta race right down to the local club for the evening session!

We plan to come in first and want to finish in time!

- 3) North (dummy):
 ♠ – Q765 ♥ – 863 ♦ – AJ2 ♣ – KJ3
- South (declarer):
 ♠ – AKJ843 ♥ – J2 ♦ – KQ5 ♣ – 97

South is declarer in a 4♠ contract. West cashes the King and Ace of Hearts, and leads a third Heart to East's Queen, which South ruffs. Declarer now draws trumps in 2 rounds, West discarding a small Heart on the second round. How should declarer plan the play if:



Partner said we are going to be in the overalls tonight!

- a) the auction was:
- | | | | | |
|------|-------|----------|-------|--------------------|
| West | North | East | South | |
| 1♥ | pass | pass | 2♠* | *=13-16, good suit |
| pass | 4♠ | all pass | | |
- b) the auction was:
- | | | | | |
|----------|-------|------|-------|---------------|
| West | North | East | South | |
| pass | pass | pass | 1♠ | |
| pass | 3♠* | pass | 4♠ | *=limit raise |
| all pass | | | | |

A count of winners gives us 6 in Spades and 3 in Diamonds – one trick short of our contract. A count of losers gives us 4 potential losers – 2 Hearts and 1 Club for sure, with another potential Club loser.

After ruffing the third Heart and drawing trumps, the hands will be:

- North (dummy): ♠ – Q7 ♥ – none ♦ – AJ2 ♣ – KJ3
- South (declarer): ♠ – J843 ♥ – none ♦ – KQ5 ♣ – 97

Three rounds of Diamonds can be cashed, but the hand will come down to a guess in the Club suit. We will have to lead a Club toward dummy, and guess whether to play the Jack or King if West plays a small club. If West has the Queen, and East the Ace, we must play the Jack. If West has the Ace and East the Queen, we must play the King. (If West has the A-Q, either will do; if East has the A-Q, neither play will work.)

Is it a pure guess? Not if we remember the auction.

In the first case, West opened 1♥, and East passed. West told us he has an opening Hand; East told us he did not have enough to respond to an opening bid. If West does not have The Ace of clubs, he would have at most 9 points – the A-K of Hearts and the Queen of Clubs – not enough to open a 1 bid. Furthermore, East would have 6 points – the ♥Q and ♣A – easily enough to respond to West's bid. Therefore, West must hold the Club Ace. In this case, we must play the King. East's pass was very revealing.

In the second case, West did not open. With the A-K of Hearts and another Ace besides, it is very likely that he would have opened. Even if he did not open, he might have doubled or overcalled at his next turn. East almost surely has the Ace of Clubs. Our only hope is that he does not have the Queen as well. We should play the Jack and hope that this forces the Ace. In this case, West's passes were very revealing. The full hand:

Going for plus scores usually yields the best outcome in any event... but if you have to take a minus, keep it as small as possible.

	North	
	♠ – Q765	
	♥ – 863	
	♦ – AJ2	
	♣ – KJ3	
West		East
♠ – 2		♠ – T9
♥ – AK754		♥ – QT9
♦ – T74		♦ – 9863
♣ – A862 or Q862		♣ – QT54 or AT54
	South	
	♠ – AKJ843	
	♥ – J2	
	♦ – KQ5	
	♣ – 97	

It is not always possible to figure out the location of all the high cards. Sometimes the play comes down to a pure guess. But an educated guess is better than a pure 50-50 guess. And a sure thing(continued on page 5)

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Sunday 5:30 to 7:00

Monday 9:00 to 10:30

Convention Corner by Suzi Subeck

If you want to bid over your opponents' opening 1NT, one of the most convenient and simple methods to use is called **Cappelletti**. (Note: Some people call this **Hamilton** ... there is some confusion over who invented the convention and Hamilton is easier to spell when you put it on your convention card!) Here is how it works:

If you hold a hand with 15-17 HCP (*high card points*), you double. Partner generally passes this double for penalty. If his hand is too weak to sit the double, he simply bids his longest suit to play.

If you hold a one-suited hand ... a six card suit preferably headed by at least one honor card ... you bid an artificial 2♣. Partner automatically responds with an artificial 2♦ asking you to name your suit. You bid two of your suit, and partner can now raise with sufficient values or pass it to play. If your suit is diamonds, you may simply pass 2♦.

The aforementioned assumes that LHO (*left hand opponent*) passes over your 2♣ bid. If LHO doubles that bid (usually as Stayman), partner may redouble to show seven or more HCP and support for all the suits, inviting you to further describe your hand by showing your single suit.

If you hold a hand that is 5-5 or longer in the majors, you overcall 2♦. Experts stretch this a bit and may be 5-4 or even 4-4, but in the beginning, it is best to guarantee at least five hearts and at least five spades. Over this, partner simply takes a preference to his longer (or stronger if both suits are of equal length) major.

If you hold a hand with at least five hearts and a five card or longer minor, you bid 2♥. Again partner may take a preference to hearts by passing, or he may bid 2NT to ask you to name your minor. 2♠, 3♦ and 3♣ by

responder are natural. He can then pass that, or bid a suit of his own to play.

If you hold a hand with at least five spades and a five card or longer minor, you bid 2♠. Bidding continues in the same manner as described over the previous 2♥ bid.

If you hold a hand that is 5-5 or longer in the minors, you bid 2NT. Again, partner takes a preference ... this time to his longer minor (*again, stronger minor if both suits are of equal length.*)

Cappelletti may also be used over 2NT (20-21 HCP) opening bids. Of course, your hand must hold more extreme distribution (6-5 or longer in your described suits) for this to make any sense.

Before you try to play this convention (*or any other*), be sure to memorize the responses and discuss how you plan to handle opponent interference. It is your responsibility to alert the opponents to these bids and to explain them correctly when asked.

*It is almost never right
to ask for aces
(Blackwood) with a
void in your hand!*

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District 13 Regional

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Sunday: 11:00 & 2:00

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Honor Play ... Part II ... by Stan Subeck

Perhaps the simplest part of honor combination play is declarer's play in fourth seat. **Declarer should play the highest of touching honors when winning a trick.** This play leaves each defender thinking his partner might hold the unseen honor card(s). This rule applies regardless of declarer's position of play to the trick.

There are a few situations where declarer might choose to break this rule. If declarer is known to hold a lot of high card strength and has a holding like AKQJ, he might want to win the King rather than the Ace. This can give RHO the impression that declarer has only the KQJ or KQ and that the opening leader might have the Ace or even the AJ. **Be aware of the opponents lead conventions.**

While I do not recommend playing Journalist (J denies - 9 or 10 shows zero or two higher) leads, many people do play this convention. These leads often reveal both opponents' holdings to you. Even though RHO often knows the opening leader's holding, you can still mislead LHO.

Another, more subtle, deviation from the general rule occurs when playing against better opponents and/or opponents who you play against regularly in your local club or at area tournaments, who actually remember your style of play from hand-to-hand or even from day-to-day. **When it can't possibly help the defenders to know your holding in a suit, you can "carelessly" win a lower touching honor.** This may make an astute opponent think you always win the lowest honor and he may be fooled by your "correct" play in a later hand or even in another suit during the same hand.

Declarer's position when leading from touching honors is completely different from a

defender's position. Declarer does not need to convey information to his partner. **Rather, he wants to conceal information from the defenders.** If declarer is leading an honor combination where the opponents hold a winner (e.g. KQJ) and he wants an opponent to take the trick, he should lead his highest honor.

Analogously, declarer should lead a lower honor when he wants his opponent to duck the trick. It is generally best to play the second or third best honor when trying to make the opponents duck. Playing anything lower will reveal your entire holding in the suit to both opponents.

Interestingly, these same rules apply when declarer is splitting honors in second or third seat. As an example, assume you hold KQJ9 of a suit and RHO leads the suit. If you play the King, LHO will win the Ace and may well continue the suit thinking you have guessed wrong from King-Jack doubleton. For example, if you are worried about a ruff from RHO, you should play the Jack, hoping LHO discontinues the suit, thinking you have the King-Jack and made the correct guess.

As a final note, it is important to plan ahead so that you can make the best play from the honor combinations you hold. You must be careful not to mislead the opponents by hesitating before splitting honors, thus causing the opponents to think you had a problem when you did not.

*(The final installment of **Honor Play** will deal with defenders' 2nd and 4th hand honor play. It will be included in the June online-only edition or the **I/N Newsletter**.)*

Letter to the Editor

Hi Suzi Subeck and District 13,

This note and question is directed to Jim O'Neil:

We have a small and growing club in Yorkville, IL. We do use bidding boxes. However, most all of the members dislike the use of the Skip Bid Card. We feel it opens more cans of worms than it closes. We would rather the bidding be made in a proper tempo and not open the door for possible shenanigans or expressions (unintentional) from LHO, or alerting partner to the Skip Bid Card user's type of hand. My question is: would it be permitted to remove the card, and with a every game announcement (both a sign at the sign-in desk and an announcement before start of play) that the Skip Bid Card has been removed from the bidding boxes? I have played at clubs where certain conventions were not permitted. It would seem to me that putting this card aside, would be a similar restriction.

Thank you for your time.

Bill Kingery

It is the overwhelming conclusion of the **I/N Newsletter** staff that while it is within your right as a club to block the use of the Skip Bid Card, you are not doing your membership a service by doing so. Since we are all expected to use the card at tournaments as well as at other clubs, it is best to learn to use it properly where we can get the most practice: the local duplicate game! The reason for the card is to keep improprieties from occurring. Proper use should protect everyone at the table from too long or too short hesitation situations.

Since the sponsoring organization (ACBL) so highly recommends its use, we, too advise it.

Always say "thank you partner" when the dummy comes down ... and never frown. Your facial expressions give away information to your opponents!



That bid was hair-raising!

Mark Ganzer Seminar Info for the April 2004 District 13 Regional

Tuesday, April 20 - 2:20-2:45

Blest be the ties that bind: Strengthening your partnership skills

Wednesday, April 21 - 2:00-2:45

Bidding around: Winning decisions in competitive auctions

Friday, April 23 - 2:00-2:45

The defense never rests: Signal for success

You don't want to miss these lectures. They are scheduled between sessions to give you the opportunity to play both the 10:00 and 3:00 sessions and still be able to attend the seminars.

Mark is a highly respected bridge teacher as well as an excellent speaker.



Hula Hoops exercise the body while bridge exercises the mind.

Tournament Results...

Central States Regional - Lake Geneva - October, 2003

Monday Evening Stratified 299er Pairs (18 pairs)

2.68	1			Scott Chupack - J C Smyth, Gurnee IL
2.01	2			Paul Stunkel, Crystal Lake IL; Thomas Hardy, Huntley IL
2.26	3	1	1	Sylvia McConnell, Kansas City MO; Dianne Davis, Overland Park KS
1.70	4	2	2	Judie Hlavka - Dee Becker, Racine WI
1.27	5	3		Patrick Haverty, Woodstock IL; Jack Sanders, Crystal Lake IL
0.95		4	3	Ila Shah - Manu Shah, Oak Brook IL
0.79		5		Michael Schindler - Mary Schindler, Phelps WI

Tuesday Evening Stratified 299er Pairs (19 pairs)

2.83	1	1	1	Barbara Hulsmeier - Irene Barker, Louisville KY
2.12	2	2	2	Thomas Shepro, Fitchburg WI; Mary Shepro, Madison WI
1.59	3			Helen Donovan, Chicago IL; Gordon Jensen, Oak Brook IL
1.42	4	3	3	Barbara Walczak, Munster IN; Frank Sells, Highland IN
1.26	5	4	4	James Nuellen - Eleanor Nuellen, Hinsdale IL
0.88	6	5		Jan Michaelis, Oregon WI; Joan Jenson, Paw Paw WV
0.71			5	John Bruick - Nancy Bruick, Libertyville IL

299er Pairs (18 pairs)

2.68	1	1		Colette Novich, Chicago IL; Paulette Swofford, Highland Park IL
2.01	2	2	1	Barbara Walczak, Munster IN; Frank Sells, Highland IN
1.51	3	3		Roberta Levine, Winnetka IL; Muriel Goldberg, Highland Park IL
1.13	4	4		William Baker - Jane Baker, Milwaukee WI
1.19	5	5	2	Rose Ann Donzelli, Lombard IL; Lydia Wachal, Elmhurst IL
0.89			3	Jane McCaffrey, Hoffman Estates IL; Shelly Costello, Barrington IL
0.59			4/5	Lynne Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL; Douglas MacDonald, Evanston IL
0.59			4/5	Judie Hlavka - Marlene Nievin, Racine WI

Tuesday Morning Stratified 299er Pairs (19 pairs)

2.83	1	1		Thomas Shepro, Fitchburg WI; Mary Shepro, Madison WI
2.12	2			Jeff Cianci, Chicago IL; Steve Kolacki, Grayslake IL
1.59	3			Alan Johnston - Trudy Johnston, Bloomington MN
1.52	4	2	1	Linda Rough, Lake Zurich IL; Jeannette Chase, Lake Barrington IL
0.90	5			Gordon Jensen, Oak Brook IL; Helen Donovan, Chicago IL
1.14	6	3		Caralee Hopman - Ron Hopman, Huntley IL
0.95		4		William Baker - Jane Baker, Milwaukee WI
0.67		5		Roberta Levine, Winnetka IL; Muriel Goldberg, Highland Park IL
1.10			2	Rose Ann Donzelli, Lombard IL; Lydia Wachal, Elmhurst IL
0.83			3	Lynne Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL; Douglas MacDonald, Evanston IL

Wednesday Morning Stratified 299er Pairs (22 pairs)

2.97	1	1		Muriel Goldberg, Highland Park IL; Roberta Levine, Winnetka IL
2.23	2			Jean Jolin, Middleton WI; Melanie Kaplan, Naperville IL
1.67	3			Joe Rosplochowski - Marian Langer, Manitowoc WI
1.25	4			Jeff Cianci, Chicago IL; Bernard Schwartz, Wilmette IL
1.61	5	2	1	Joan Siavelis, Arlington Hts IL; Diane Treslo, Rolling Meadows IL
0.62	6/7			Alan Johnston - Trudy Johnston, Bloomington MN
1.20	6/7	3		Bonnie Goldberg - Genevieve Joyce, Racine WI
0.90		4		William Baker - Jane Baker, Milwaukee WI
1.19		5	2	Katherine Freeman, Beloit WI; James Knowles, Elgin IL
0.89			3	Bunny Kerr - Thomas Kerr, Pittsburgh PA
0.67			4	Barbara Walczak, Munster IN; Frank Sells, Highland IN

Wednesday Afternoon Stratified 299er Pairs (12 pairs)

2.26	1	1		Thomas Shepro, Fitchburg WI; Mary Shepro, Madison WI
1.70	2			Jeff Cianci, Chicago IL; Rose Ann Donzelli, Lombard IL
1.34	3	2		Jennifer Musson - Judie Hlavka, Racine WI
1.01	4	3		Cheryle Williamson - Susan Marsland, Chicago IL
0.67		4/5		Barbara Walczak, Munster IN; Frank Sells, Highland IN
1.12		4/5	1	Sandra Hetrick - Irma Larsen, Racine WI
0.84			2	Mary Knoll, Palatine IL; Jose Thomas, Addison IL

Thursday Morning Stratified 299er Pairs (30 pairs)

3.53	1	1	1	Suzanne Friedman, Glencoe IL; Beth Staehlin, Wilmette IL
2.65	2	2	2	Barbara Walczak, Munster IN; Frank Sells, Highland IN
1.99	3	3	3	Martha Glos, Freeport IL; Glorja Kayser, Lena IL
1.49	4			Jeff Cianci, Chicago IL; Alice Quam, Deerfield WI
1.24	5	4	4	Bunny Kerr - Thomas Kerr, Pittsburgh PA
0.89	6	5	5	Linda Rough, Lake Zurich IL; Jeannette Chase, Lake Barrington IL

Thursday Afternoon Stratified 299er Pairs (20 pairs)

2.83	1			Marti Goldberg, Deerfield IL; Lois Mills, Highland Park IL
2.12	2			Patricia Reinartz, Milwaukee WI; Carol Herr, Greenfield WI
1.68	3	1		Barbara Walczak, Munster IN; Frank Sells, Highland IN
1.26	4/5	2	1	Joan Wilson - Dorothy Kelly, Janesville WI
1.05	4/5			Alice Quam, Deerfield WI; Jeff Cianci, Chicago IL
0.59	6/7			Jon Holtzman, Cambridge WI; Edna Barbour, Whitewater WI
0.95	6/7	3		Eleanor Langhenry, Arlington Hts IL; Sandra Hoette, Glen Ellyn IL
0.84		4	2	Pauline Steiner, Pawaukee WI; Nancy Meylor, Pawaukee WI

299er Stratified Pairs (12 pairs)

2.26	1	1		Helen Donovan, Chicago IL; Carmelita Blackman, West Des Moines IA
1.70	2	2	1	Barbara Walczak, Munster IN; Frank Sells, Highland IN
1.27	3	3	2	Daniel Chamberlain - Kathryn Chamberlain, Rockford IL
0.95	4	4	3	Judy Zimmermann - Joe Zimmerman, Green Bay WI
0.58			4	Michael Schindler - Mary Schindler, Phelps WI

Friday Morning Stratified 299er Pairs (23 pairs)

3.11	1			Carolyn Damon - Burton Lewis, Chicago IL
2.33	2	1		Paul Primeau - Mary Primeau, Hinsdale IL
1.75	3	2	1	Barbara Morgan, Park Ridge IL; Fred Johnston, Chicago IL
1.31	4	3		Deanna Sup, Libertyville IL; Barbara Stone, Ivanhoe IL
0.98	5			Karl Dencker, Lk In The Hls IL; Patrick Haverty, Woodstock IL
0.95	6	4		Dave Drewes - Fran Drewes, La Crosse WI
0.72		5		Stanley Dembinsky, Wadsworth IL; William Cape, Lake Forest IL
1.19			2	Rose Ann Donzelli, Lombard IL; Sharon Trube, Lisle IL
0.89			3	Barbara Walczak, Munster IN; Frank Sells, Highland IN
0.67			4	Irene Bolton - Marlene Frey, Brookfield WI

Friday Afternoon Stratified 299er Pairs (18 pairs)

2.68	1	1	1	Christine Weiler - Arlene Vuturo, Libertyville IL
2.01	2			Patrick Haverty, Woodstock IL; Karl Dencker, Lk In The Hls IL

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1.51	3			Carolyn Damon - Burton Lewis, Chicago IL
1.43	4	2		Paul Primeau - Mary Primeau, Hinsdale IL
1.07	5	3		Dave Drewes - Fran Drewes, La Crosse WI
0.80		4		Kathy Preziosi, Prospect Hts IL; Fred Blaumueller, Naperville IL
1.03			2	Jennifer Musson, Racine WI; Mary Fregien, Franksville WI
Friday Evening Stratified 299er Pairs (12 pairs)				
2.26	1	1	1	Mark Langer, Racine WI; Dabe Schatz, WI
1.70	2	2		Charles Johnson - Demaris Johnson, Aurora IL
1.27	3	3	2	Sharon Trube, Wheaton IL; Rose Ann Donzelli, Lombard IL
0.95	4			Scott Chupack, Gurnee IL; J.C. Smyth, IL
0.74		4/5	3/4	Bill Grisham - Vi Grisham, Algonquin IL
0.74		4/5	3/4	Barbara Walczak, Munster IN; Frank Sells, Highland IN
Saturday Morning Stratified 299er Pairs (18 pairs)				
2.68	1			Scott Chupack, Gurnee IL; Mark Dimberg, Evanston IL
2.02	2	1	1	Eleanor Nuellen, Hinsdale IL; Elana Dolgina, Skokie IL
1.52	3	2		Penny Carduff, Arlington Hgts IL; Joan Siavelis, Arlington Hts IL
1.14	4	3		Dee Becker - Judie Hlavka, Racine WI
0.85	5	4		Beth Staehlin, Wilmette IL; Suzanne Friedman, Glencoe IL
0.84		5	2	Gregory Smith, Olathe KS; Dennis Jennings, Libertyville IL
Saturday Afternoon Stratified 299er Pairs (14 pairs)				
2.40	1	1	1	Beth Staehlin, Wilmette IL; Suzanne Friedman, Glencoe IL
1.80	2			Byrl Malmanger - Pat Malmanger, Manitowoc WI
1.35	3			J C Smyth - Scott Chupack, Gurnee IL
1.43	4	2	2	Daniel Chamberlain - Kathryn Chamberlain, Rockford IL
1.07	5	3	3	Barbara Walczak, Munster IN; Frank Sells, Highland IN
0.80		4		Penny Carduff, Arlington Hgts IL; Joan Siavelis, Arlington Hts IL
Saturday Evening Stratified 299er Pairs (14 pairs)				
2.40	1	1	1	Joe Zimmermann - Judy Zimmermann, Fulton Missouri
1.74	2	2		Bill Grisham - Vi Grisham, Algonquin IL
1.35	3			Joe Nolan, Lafayette IN; Melissa Chester, Carmel IN
2.64	4	3		Steve Oshen - Julie Oshen, Glen Ellyn IL
1.74	5	4		Mark Dimberg, Evanston IL; Warren Harder, Crystal Lake IL
1.74			2	Ronald Niesing - Judy Niesing, Green Bay WI
Sunday Morning 299er Stratified Swiss Teams (14 teams)				
3.39	1	1		Michele Raffel, Jane Kornblut, Lesley Anixter, Jan Ratliff
2.54	2	2	1	Barbara Walczak, Frank Sells, Kathryn & Daniel Chamberlain
1.91	3			Geneva Carlson - Joan Wilson - Dorothy Kelly - Sylvia Sommerfeldt
1.43	4			Carolyn Damon, Margit Lindgren, Burton Lewis, Richard Frankovic
1.65	5	3	2	Judie Hlavka - Dee Becker - Irma Larsen - Jane Bryant
1.09		4/5		Judy Cohen - Helen Donovan - Denise Kadleck, Babette Brenner
1.09		4/5		Karl Dencker - Rajahneen Dencker, Patrick Haverty, Jack Sanders
Sunday Afternoon 299er Stratified Swiss Teams (14 teams)				
3.39	1	1		Karl Dencker - Rajahneen Dencker, Patrick Haverty, Jack Sanders
2.54	2			Carolyn Damon - Margit Lindgren - Burton Lewis, Richard Frankovic
1.91	3			Geneva Carlson - Joan Wilson - Dorothy Kelly - Sylvia Sommerfeldt
2.20	4	2		Judi Hechtman - Muriel Goldberg, Judy Filler, Roberta Levine
1.65	5	3		Judy Wagner - Bill Heimlich, Susan Radichel - Susan Zlotocha
1.58		4	1	Judie Hlavka - Dee Becker - Irma Larsen - Jane Bryant
1.19			2	Jagdish & Shobha Shah, Stella Sach - Etta Marcus
Labor Day Sectional - Skokie, IL - September, 2003				
Friday Morning Future Masters Pairs (15 pairs)				
1.53	1			Nanak Shukla, Glen Ellyn IL; Kanti Chandarana, Indianhead Park IL
1.15	2			Karl Dencker, Lk In The Hls IL; Patrick Haverty, Woodstock IL
1.13	3/4	1		Lynne Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL; Douglas MacDonald, Evanston IL
0.77	3/4			Marsha Morgan, Highland Park IL; Janice Hannsz, Kenilworth IL
0.85	5	2		Donald Wink, Wheeling IL; Betty Harre, Winnetka IL
0.64		3		Celeste Jacklin - Ann Witt, Aurora IL
0.48		4		Alan Reinberg, Highland Park IL; Walter Krueger, Glenview IL
Friday Evening 99er Pairs (12 pairs)				
1.36	1	1		Barbara Morgan, Park Ridge IL; Fred Johnston, Chicago IL
1.02	2			Daniel Cieslik, Chicago IL; Walt Werner, Arlington Hts IL
0.85	3	2		Louis Sharp, Libertyville IL; Patricia Sharp, Libertyville IL
0.80	4	3	1	Gail Shaps - Bradley Shaps, Northbrook IL
0.60		4	2	Penny Carduff, Arlington Hgts IL; Joan Siavelis, Arlington Hts IL
Saturday Afternoon 99er Pairs (21 pairs)				
1.79	1			Laurie Hamachek - Rachel Campbell, Elgin IL
1.43	2	1		Evelyn Holland - Joan Blim, Northbrook IL
1.07	3	2		Danna Dudnick - Solis Dudnick, Northbrook IL
0.80	4	3		Lesley Anixter, Highland Park IL; Cindy Alpert, Glencoe IL
0.86	5	4	1	Penny Carduff, Arlington Hgts IL; Joan Siavelis, Arlington Hts IL
0.65	6	5	2	Bob McDonnell - John Flershem, Palos Heights IL
0.50			3	Sharon Trube, Wheaton IL; Carol Cue, Montgomery IL
Sunday Afternoon 199er Pairs (28 pairs)				
2.28	1			Donna Olson - Gladys Ulrich, Plainfield IL
1.79	2	1		Arthur Levoff, Morton Grove IL; Arnold Goldstein, Glencoe IL
1.28	3			D Scofield, Skokie IL; Kerry Flom, Palatine IL
1.34	4	2		Paul Primeau - Mary Primeau, Hinsdale IL
0.72	5			Carole Gleason, Des Plaines IL; Eleanor Langhenry, Arlington Hts IL
1.20	6	3	1	Thomas Kozik, Glenview IL; Barbara Niehus, Highland Park IL
0.76		4		Laurie Hamachek, Elgin IL; Chere Morrison, Poplar Grove IL
0.90		5/6	2	Fred Blaumueller, Glenview IL; Kathy Preziosi, Prospect Hts IL
0.50		5/6		Bernard Chulew - Susan Zellin, Glendale WI
0.68			3	Celeste Jacklin, Aurora IL; Mary Payne, Naperville IL
0.51			4	Sandra Massel - Joan Chandler, Chicago IL
Sunday Evening Stratified 199er Pairs (27 pairs)				
2.28	1	1	1	Charles Becker, Chicago IL; Richard Powers, Arlington Hts. IL
1.71	2	2		Laurie Hamachek, Elgin IL; Chere Morrison, Poplar Grove IL
1.28	3			D Scofield, Skokie IL; Kerry Flom, Palatine IL
0.96	4			Richard Edholm - Sue Edholm, Libertyville IL
1.01	5	3		Jack Sanders, Crystal Lake IL; Laura Ingrassia, Wood Stock IL
1.01	6	4	2	Howard Shachter - Diane Shachter, Deerfield IL
0.89		5	3	Craig Wakefield, Des Plaines IL; Lynne Marley, Downers Grove IL
0.62		6		Johanna Strong, Winfield IL; Patrick Haverty, Woodstock IL
0.57			4	Kevin Litz - C.James Walsh, Chicago IL
0.43			5	Barbara Walczak, Munster IN; Frank Sells, Highland IN



Don't try to hit a home run on every hand... Just keep the ball in play!

Bidding is just like speaking a foreign language between partners.

Communication is the key.

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Sometimes I wish I could save my aces for a rainy day!

Bridge is all about the "C's":
Confidence
Concentration
Communication
Counting
Creativity
Card Combinations
Competition

299er Stratified Swiss Teams (16 teams)
3.94 1 Donald Dvorak, Donald Mason, Kerry Flom, D Scofield
2.99 2 1 William Artz - Kevin Litz - David Kuchar - Colette Novich
2.22 3 Barbara Morgan, Fred Johnston, Stewart Skolnick, Cathy Fashingbauer
1.66 4 Michael Strong - Johanna Strong, Mary Southwick, Robert Forbes
2.24 5 2 Fred Blaumueller, Kathy Preziosi, Carole Gleason, Eleanor Langhenry
1.91 3 1 Celeste Jacklin, June Gecan, Dorothy Whistler, Mary Payne
1.11 4/5 R Kerwin - Joan Bailey-Murray, Laurie Hamachek, Chere Morrison
1.11 4/5 Joan Siavelis, Penny Carduff, George Brandt, Elizabeth Sibbach
1.43 2 Rose Ann Donzelli, Carol Cue, Eleanor Nuellen - James Nuellen
Stars of Tomorrow Sectional - Northbrook, IL - October, 2003
Stratified 299er Pairs (28 pairs)
2.93 1 1 Judy Filler, Deerfield IL; Judi Singer, Highland Park IL
2.20 2 Cheryl Lapin, Northbrook IL; Shizuyo Chojnowski, Evanston IL
1.85 3 2 Kathleen Gleason - Jane Morrissey, Hinsdale IL
1.24 4 Frank La Master - Nancy La Master, Munster IN
1.39 5 3 Joyce Gibson, Dixon IL; Shirley Rogers, Oregon IL
1.04 6 4 Lynn Goldman - Lois Mills, Highland Park IL
1.05 5 3 John Pruitt, Naperville IL; Keith Farral, Lisle IL
0.59 6 Ellen Gross, Northbrook IL; Marshall Baum, Highland Park IL
0.79 4 Suzanne Friedman, Glencoe IL; Beth Staehlin, Wilmette IL
0.59 5 Elinor Patrick, Sun City West AZ; Betty Basler, Oregon IL
Stratified 49er Pairs (10 pairs)
1.13 1 Kathleen Youngberg, Northbrook IL; Kathleen Conway, Glencoe IL
0.85 2 Bradley Shaps - Gail Shaps, Northbrook IL
0.64 3 Irwin Krimke, Buffalo Grove IL; Charles Mann, Northbrook IL
0.48 4 June Gecan, Lombard IL; Dorothy Whistler, Elmhurst IL
0.80 1 Ann Witt, Aurora IL; Terri Martin, Oswego IL
0.60 2 Rose Ann Donzelli, Lombard IL; Joyce Russian, Arlington Hts IL
Stratified 299er Pairs (15 pairs)
1.82 1 1 Nancy Bruick - John Bruick, Libertyville IL
1.37 2 2 Martha Noyes - Rosede Olson, Chicago IL
1.02 3 3 Denise Kadleck - Helen Donovan, Chicago IL
0.77 4 Joyce Gibson, Dixon IL; Shirley Rogers, Oregon IL
0.58 5 Phyllis Seeman, Rockford IL; Arlene Snap, Loves Park IL
0.67 4 3 Laurie Hamachek - Rachel Campbell, Elgin IL
Knockout Teams Bracket A (6 teams)
7.27 1 Donna Cole - Jackie Barnett - Gale Luckman, Joyce Meitus
5.45 2 Elaine Rose, Maurice Champagne, Joe Durlak, Evanston IL; Linda Davis
Knockout Teams Bracket B (5 teams)
4.94 1 Paul Kubala Jr, Budd Goldstein, Shirley Mueller, William Reisenbuchler
3.71 2 Robert Fredricksen, Elaine Everett, Oksana Marchuk - Alice Mansell
Knockout Teams Bracket C (9 teams)
3.79 1 Fred Blaumueller, Kathy Preziosi, Eleanor Langhenry, Carole Gleason
2.84 2 William Artz - Colette Novich - David Kuchar - Kevin Litz
1.90 3/4 Phyllis Grossman - Robert Grossman, Danna Dudnick - Solis Dudnick
1.90 3/4 Lynne Rosenbaum, Alan Reinberg - Marsha Morgan, Janice Hannsz
299er Swiss Teams (24 teams)
5.15 1 Farlin Caufield, Thomas Hardy - E Kain Sr, John Novak
3.86 2 Nancy & Frank La Master, Barbara Walczak, Faye Anderson, Frank Sells
3.57 3 1 Judy Cohen - Denise Kadleck, Babette Brenner, Debbie Zelinsky
2.17 4 Ellen Gross - Cheryl Lapin, Marshall Baum, Shizuyo Chojnowski
2.68 5 2 Sue Ekman - Barry Ekman, Maurice Champagne, Joe Durlak
2.04 6 3 1 William Artz - Kevin Litz - Colette Novich, Paulette Swofford
1.53 4/5 2 Joyce Russian, Rose Ann Donzelli, Eleanor Nuellen - James Nuellen
1.32 4/5 Carolyn Damon, Rachel Campbell, Audrey Danocup Richard Frankovic
Fallfest Sectional - Milwaukee, WI, October, 2003
Friday Morning 199er Pairs (20 pairs)
1.90 1 William Baker - Jane Baker, Milwaukee WI
1.43 2 Kathy Beranek, Mishicop WI; Mary Southwick, Lisle IL
1.07 3 Joe Rosplochowski - Marian Langer, Manitowoc WI
1.09 4 2 Janet Bate - Beatrice Boyd, Milwaukee WI
0.60 5 Richard Gronquist - Le Ann Lehrer, Waukesha WI
0.67 6 L B Hardy - Judy Wagner, Waukesha WI
1.05 3 1 Sandra Hetrick - Irma Larsen, Racine WI
0.79 4 2 Nancy Meylor, Pewaukee WI; JoAnne Behling, Wauwatosa WI
0.48 5 Douglas Utter, Hartford WI; Nirmal Bafna,
0.59 3 Shirley Adams, Appleton WI; Cyann Martin, Neenah WI
Friday Afternoon 199er Pairs (20 pairs)
1.67 1/2 1/2 1 Daniel Chamberlain - Kathryn Chamberlain, Rockford IL
1.67 1/2 1/2 L B Hardy - Judy Wagner, Waukesha WI
1.07 3 Roger Resek, Milwaukee WI; Maxine Cohn, Glendale WI
0.80 4 Kathy Beranek, Mishicop WI; Mary Southwick, Lisle IL
0.67 5 Pat Rutherford, Brookfield WI; Janice Johnson, Milwaukee WI
0.82 6 3 2 Patricia Diel, Milwaukee WI; Betty Bertram, Wisconsin
0.61 4 Nancy Meylor, Pewaukee WI; JoAnne Behling, Wauwatosa Wisconsin
0.48 5 Phyllis Woods - Doris Clark, Milwaukee WI
Friday Evening 199er Pairs (8 pairs)
1.33 1 1 Michael Schindler - Mary Schindler, Phelps WI
0.88 2/3 2/3 Kimberly Davis, Milwaukee WI; Carl Eisenberg, Mequon WI
0.88 2/3 2/3 Susan Zellin - Bernard Chulew, Glendale WI
Saturday Morning 199er Pairs (20 pairs)
1.90 1 Margery Becker - Shirley Kritzik, Milwaukee WI
1.43 2 1 Michael Schindler - Mary Schindler, Phelps WI
1.07 3 Mary Southwick, Lisle IL; Kathy Beranek, Mishicop WI
0.96 4 2 William Baker - Jane Baker, Milwaukee WI
0.60 5 Roger Resek, Milwaukee WI; Ron Ramaker, Brown Deer WI
0.98 6 3 1 Jennifer Mussion - Elaine Howell, Racine WI
0.74 4 2 Morton Newald - Carolyn Newald, Mequon WI
Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs (28 pairs)
2.19 1 Margery Becker - Shirley Kritzik, Milwaukee WI
1.70 2 1 Susan Zlotocha - Mary Lou Findley, Hartland WI
1.23 3 Joe Rosplochowski - Marian Langer, Manitowoc WI
0.92 4 Mary Herzog, Elm Grove WI; Penny Hirsch, Milwaukee WI

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Always be polite and friendly at the bridge table ... You make more friends that way... and friends make for future partners!



I'll tell Dad... Mom's gonna be late again... She's playing a slam and she can't decide which way to finesse the queen of trump.

Table of bridge tournament results including categories like Future Master Teams, Stratified Future Master Pairs, Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs, Saturday Night 199er Pairs, Sunday Flight D/E/F Swiss Teams, Madison Sectional, Milwaukee Sectional, Friday Morning 199er Pairs, Friday Afternoon 199er Pairs, Saturday Morning 199er Pairs, Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs, and Saturday Evening 199er Pairs. Each entry lists scores and names of participants.

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Upcoming Tournaments

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 Eau Claire Sectional, October 8-10

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Sunday Morning 199er Pairs (11 pairs)

1.52	1			Bill Heimlich, Waukesha WI; Susan Radichel, Hartland WI
1.14	2			Alice Wagner, Milwaukee WI; Larry Wagner, Plano Texas
1.19	3	1		Maxine Cohn - Ronald Cohn, Glendale WI
0.89	4	2		Daniel Chamberlain - Kathryn Chamberlain, Rockford IL
0.98		3	1	Shirley Adams, Appleton WI; Cyann Martin, Neenah WI
0.74			2	Michal Dajwowski - Andrzej Dajwowski, Joliet IL

Sunday Afternoon 199er Pairs (10 pairs)

1.43	1	1	1	Daniel Chamberlain - Kathryn Chamberlain, Rockford IL
1.07	2			Bill Heimlich, Waukesha WI; Susan Radichel, Hartland WI
0.74	3/5	2/4		Maxine Cohn - Ronald Cohn, Glendale WI
0.74	3/5	2/4		Mary Lou Findley, Hartland WI; Judith Goetz, Milwaukee WI
0.76	3/5	2/4	2	Douglas Utter - Jay Eggener, Hartford WI

Future Master Swiss Teams (11 teams)

3.18	1			Thomas Hardy - Tom Jorgensen - E Kain Sr, John Novak
2.85	2	1	1	Patrick Haverty, Karl Dencker - Rajahneen Dencker, Jack Sanders
2.14	3	2	2	William Artz - David Kuchar - Kevin Litz - Colette Novich
1.60	4	3		Pat Rutherford, Janice Johnson, Richard Gronquist, Barb Dettmering,
1.20		4		Bill Heimlich, Susan Zlotocha - Susan Radichel, Mary Herzog



Why do they always bid the making grand on two finesses against me?

Three Tips on Handling The Cards by Suzi Subeck

The first lesson in bridge is to "breast your cards." You never want an opponent to be able to see your hand. Hold your cards as close to your chest as possible to avoid this unnecessary misery. Someone once accurately assessed, "One peek is worth a thousand finesses!"

The second lesson in bridge is to count every hand face down to be sure you hold exactly 13 cards. This small inconvenience will prevent serious problems from occurring later in the deal. If you do not hold 13 cards, the director can remove the board before anyone has looked at his hand, and compare it to the hand records, therein correcting the discrepancy before the start of bidding.

The third lesson happens during play situations. Always place your cards face up, flat on the table with nothing obstructing the view of any player. Leave them there, face up, until the winner of the trick turns his card face down; then you do the same. After the cards are faced down, they may not be turned face up again. (Of course, you may ask the opponents about turning up the last trick only, but technically, they are not obligated to permit this.) You don't want to make a habit of missing the plays. It is much better to concentrate and train yourself to remember the cards that have been played.