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Beyond Stayman and Transfers - Other bids over a 1NT Opening

Use the following chart to determine whether we should be in game or partscore, and whether to play Notrump or a major suit:

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	Signoff (0-7 points)	Invitational (8-9 points)	Game-Going (10+ points)
No 4-card Major	Pass	Bid 2NT	Bid 3NT
At least 1 4-card Major	Pass	2C, then raise Major to 3 with fit or bid 2NT	2C, then raise Major to 4 with fit or bid 3NT
5-card Major	Transfer to Major, then Pass	Transfer to Major, then bid 2NT	Transfer to Major, then bid 3NT
6+-card Major	Transfer to Major, then Pass	Transfer to Major, then raise to 3	Transfer to Major, then raise to 4

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Over partner's 1NT opening, a bid of 2♣ is Stayman, 2♦ and 2♥ are transfer bids, 2NT is natural and invitational, and 3NT is to play. Stayman and Jacoby Transfers can help us locate an 8-card major suit fit, if there is one, and determine whether or not we belong in game. But what do other bids mean? What does 2♠ mean? What do 3-level bids mean?

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There are many different ways that these bids are played. A simple and effective way to play them.

A response of 2♠ can be artificial, showing a weak hand with a long minor suit (it should be a 6-card or longer suit). Opener should bid 3♣, no matter what his hand. Now Responder can pass if his suit is Clubs, or bid 3♦ if his suit is Diamonds which Opener must pass.

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♠ - 72 ♥ - 93 ♦ - J65 ♣ - K98432

Nine tricks in Clubs ought to be easier than 7 in Notrump. Responder should bid 2♠, and pass Opener's 3♣ rebid.

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Similarly, nine tricks in Diamonds ought to be easier than 7 in Notrump. Responder should bid 2♠, and this time correct Opener's 3♣ rebid to 3♦.

A response of 3♣ or 3♦ can show a hand with a good minor suit (6 cards long, with 2 of the top 3 honors.) and nothing else. This bid is invitational; Opener should go on to 3NT with a top honor in this suit.

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♠ – 72 ♥ – 93 ♦ – J65 ♣ – AQ8432

It probably doesn't matter whether Opener has 15 points or 17; 3NT will surely depend on whether or not Opener has the Club King.

A response of 3♥ or 3♠ can be natural and forcing, looking for a slam. Opener is requested to "cue-bid" controls (Aces and Kings).

A response of 4♣ is best played as the "Gerber" convention. Invented by expert John Gerber, this simply asks Opener how many Aces he has. Opener bids 4♦ with no Aces (or 4), 4♥ with one Ace, 4♠ with 2 Aces, or 4NT with 3 Aces.

A response of 4NT is not Blackwood (if we want to ask for Aces, we use Gerber), but "Quantitative". Responder should have a good 15 to 16 points, and interest in slam. Opener passes with a minimum, or bids 6NT with a maximum. (A response of 5NT shows about a good 19 to 20 points, and interest in a grand slam. Opener bids 6NT with a minimum, bids 7NT with a maximum.)

Now we can handle the balanced, or 1-suited hands. What about 2-suited hands?

While most of the time we will play in Notrump, or a Major suit after a 1NT opening bid, there are exceptions. Most hands which produce 11 tricks in a minor suit will produce at least 9 in Notrump. But what about hands which produce 12 tricks in a minor but only 11 in Notrump? With very good hands we may want to look for a minor suit slam. And, of course, there are still a few unbalanced hands which can make game in a minor but not in Notrump.

Some treatments which are generally standard:

Stayman, followed by a bid of 2 of a major over 2D shows a weak hand with both majors.

Stayman, followed by a bid of 3 of a major shows a good hand with both majors.

(Responder will jump in his longer major; with equal length, responder should transfer to Spades, then jump to game in Hearts).

Stayman, followed by a bid of a minor is natural and forcing.

(This usually shows a 4-card major and a 5+-card minor, and usually implies mild slam interest)

A transfer to one major, then a bid of the other major is invitational. (This promises at least 5-4 distribution.)

A transfer to a major, then a bid of a minor is forcing. (Again, this promises at least 5-4 distribution.)

The previous chart only covered balanced hands, or hands with one major suit. Let us fill in the chart to include minor-suit and 2-suited hands:

	Signoff (0-7 points)	Invitational (8-9 points)	Game-Going (10+ points)
Balanced, no 4-card Major	Pass	Bid 2NT	Bid 3NT
Balanced, at least 1 4-card Major	Pass	2C, then raise Major to 3 with fit or bid 2NT	2C, then raise Major to 4 with fit or bid 3NT
5-card Major	Transfer to Major, then Pass	Transfer to Major, then bid 2NT	Transfer to Major, then bid 3NT
6+-card Major	Transfer to Major, then Pass	Transfer to Major, then raise to 3	Transfer to Major, then raise to 4



Bridge is like golf... You have to stay on the ball and concentrate to be successful!!

	Signoff (0-7 points)	Invitational (8-9 points)	Game-Going (10+ points)
5-4 in Majors	Bid 2C, then: 1) Pass 2 of Major, or 2) bid 5-card Major over 2D	Transfer to 5-card Major, then bid 4-card Major	Bid 2C, then: 1) raise Major to 4, or 2) jump in 5-card Major over 2D
5-5 in Majors	Bid 2C, then: 1) Pass 2 of Major, or 2) bid 2H over 2D	Transfer to S, then bid 3H	Transfer to S, then bid 4H
6-4 in Majors	Transfer to 6-card Major, then Pass	Bid 2C, then Major, then raise to 3	Bid 2C, then: 1) raise Major to 4, or 2) jump to 4 of 6-card Major over 2D
Semibalanced, 6-card Minor	Bid 2S, (relay to C), then pass or correct to Diamonds	With good suit, Bid 3 of minor. Otherwise, bid 2NT. (w/distribution, bid 2S,	Bid 3NT (if very distributional, jump in minor)
4-card Major, 5-card Minor	Pass	2C, then raise Major to 3 with fit or bid 2NT	Bid 2C, then: 1) Raise Major to 4 with fit, or 2) with no fit, bid 3 of minor, or 3NT
4-card Major, 6-card Minor	Bid 2S, (relay to C), then pass or correct to Diamonds	Bid 2C, then: 1) Raise Major to 4 with fit, or 2) bid 3 of minor	
5-5 in Minors	Pass	Bid 2S, then 3NT	
5+-card Major, 4+-card Minor	Transfer to Major, then Pass	Transfer to Major, then Bid Minor	

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The previous system of responses to 1NT Opening Bids is part of the "Standard American Yellow Card", or SAYC - probably the most commonly used system in North America. The system covers most of the hand types, but there are some gaps in the system.

There is no good way to bid this hand:

♠ - 2 ♥ - 93 ♦ - Q9832 ♣ - J8653

(3 of partner's better minor will almost always play better than 1NT, but in SAYC, there is no good way to get there.)

Or this one: ♠ - 2 ♥ - A3 ♦ - KJ932 ♣ - AQ873

(6 of a minor is likely if partner has good cards for us. How will we know?)

Or this one: ♠ - Q972 ♥ - 93 ♦ - K98432 ♣ - 6

(We'd like to play 2♠ if partner has 4 of them, and 3♦ otherwise, but in SAYC, 2♣ followed by 3♦ is strong. If you want to play 2♣ followed by 3♦ as weak, then what do we do with

♠ - AQ72 ♥ - K3 ♦ - AQ9842 ♣ - 6?)

Or this one: ♠ - A2 ♥ - Q3 ♦ - KQ9432 ♣ - K65

(If opener has the right cards, 6♦ could be laydown. If not, 3NT may be enough. How do we investigate without going past 3NT.)

Of course, we could play 3♣ and 3♦ as natural and forcing, but then, what about this hand?

♠ - 72 ♥ - 93 ♦ - KQ9432 ♣ - J65

(We want to play 3NT if partner has the Diamond A, but 3♦ otherwise. How do we find out? We can't have it both ways.)

This hand can be difficult to bid:

♠ - KT9872 ♥ - A3 ♦ - KJ4 ♣ - K6

(If Opener has the right cards, 6♠ could easily be there, if not 4♠ might be high enough)

Or this one: ♠ - KQ872 ♥ - A83 ♦ - K94 ♣ - A6

(We start with a 2♥ transfer, then what? How do we invite slam, and show only 5 spades).

So can this one: ♠ - KJ972 ♥ - Q983 ♦ - 32 ♣ - K65

(In SAYC, there is no way to distinguish between an invitational hand with 5 Spades and 4 Hearts. and an invitational hand with 5-5 in the majors) We could play that a bid of 2♣, followed by 2 of a major, is a invitational hand with 5-4 in the majors, but then what do we do with a hand like this?

♠ - JT972 ♥ - Q983 ♦ - 32 ♣ - J65

(Again, we can't have it both ways)

An Advanced system of responding to 1NT Opening Bids

Most Advanced players use a more complex system of responses to cover the more difficult hand types. Some of the tools include:

- 1) "4-Suited" Transfers - 2♠ and 2NT are transfers to Clubs and Diamonds respectively.
- 2) "Texas" Transfers - 4♦ and 4♥ are transfers to Hearts and Spades.
- 3) 3-level bids to show minor 2-suiters.

"4-Suited Transfers"

A response of 2♠ to a 1NT opening is specifically a transfer to Clubs. Responder promises a Club suit. Now Opener can:

- 1) "accept" the transfer, that is, bid 3♣ without a good holding in Clubs, or
- 2) "super-accept", by bidding 2NT, with a good Club holding. Usually this means the A, K, or Q.

If responder holds something like ♠ - 72 ♥ - 93 ♦ - J65 ♣ - KQ9432, he will bid 2♠ over 1NT.

If opener bids 2NT, responder can continue to 3NT, knowing Opener has the Club A. If opener bids 3♣, Responder will pass.

If responder holds a bad hand such as ♠ - 72 ♥ - 93 ♦ - J65 ♣ - Q98432, he can pass a 3♣ rebid. Or he can correct a 2NT "superaccept" to 3♣, which opener will pass.

A response of 2NT to a 1NT opening is specifically a transfer to Diamonds. Responder promises a Diamond suit. Now Opener can:

- 1) "accept" the transfer, that is, bid 3♦ without a good holding in Diamonds, or
- 2) "super-accept", by bidding 3♣, with a top honor in Diamonds.

Similarly, if responder holds something like ♠ - 72 ♥ - 93 ♦ - KQ9432 ♣ - J65, he will bid 2NT over 1NT. If opener bids 3♣, responder can continue to 3NT; If opener bids 3♦, Responder will pass. With a bad hand, responder can pass 3♦, or correct 3♣ to 3♦, which Opener will pass.

Now, playing this system has advantages and disadvantages. In addition to identifying responder's minor, allowing opener to "superaccept" with a fitting honor, it is also possible to distinguish between weak and strong hands with a 4-card major and a longer minor. With the strong hand, say ♠ - AQ72 ♥ - K3 ♦ - AQ9842 ♣ - 6, Responder can bid 2NT over 1NT, then bid 3♠. This shows a good hand with 4 spades and 5+ diamonds.

With a weaker hand, ♠ - Q972 ♥ - 93 ♦ - 9 ♣ - Q97632, Responder can start with 2♣ (Stayman). He will pass if opener rebids 2♠, or bid 3♣ over a 2♦ or 2♥ rebid.

So, unlike SAYC, a response of 2♣ (Stayman) to a 1NT opening, followed by a rebid of 3 of a minor is weak. Opener must pass. (One exception: 1NT - 2♣; 2♦ - 3♦ should be invitational; responder could have passed 2♦ if he only wanted to play 2♦!)

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The disadvantage of 4-suited transfers is that it gives up the natural meaning of 2NT - a balanced 8-9 point hand with no 4-card major. With these hands, we must start with 2♣, Stayman. Opener rebids a 4-card major if he has one, or 2♦ if he does not. So as not to miss any 4-4 major suit fits, it is imperative that Opener bid "up the line", that is, he must bid 2♥ if he is 4-4 in the majors.

The following sequences should illustrate why:

1NT - 2♣
2♦ - 2NT

Responder has an invitational hand. He may or may not have a 4-card major. Opener does not have a 4-card major, so there is no 4-4 fit. Opener passes with a minimum, or goes to 3NT with a maximum.

1NT - 2♣
2♠ - 2NT

Responder has an invitational hand without 4 Spades. He may or may not have 4 Hearts. Opener does not have 4 Hearts, since he did not bid them. There is no 4-4 fit. Opener passes with a minimum, or goes to 3NT with a maximum.

1NT - 2♣
2♥ - 2♠

Responder has an invitational hand with 4 Spades. He does not have 4 Hearts since he did not raise. Opener may or may not have 4 Spades. If he does not, he can bid 2NT with a minimum, or 3NT with a maximum. If Opener does have 4 Spades, he can pass with a minimum, or bid 4♠ with a maximum.

1NT - 2♣
2♥ - 2NT

Responder has an invitational hand with no 4 card major. He does not have 4 Hearts since he did not raise. He does not have 4 Spades since he did bid them. There is no 4-4 fit. Opener passes with a minimum, or goes to 3NT with a maximum.

Texas Transfers

The "Texas Transfer" is quite simple. A response of 4♦ to 1NT is a transfer to Hearts; a response of 4♥ is a transfer to Spades. It is the same as the Jacoby Transfer, except that it occurs on the 4-level, rather than the 2-level. This allows us to investigate slam a little easier.

1NT - 4♦ 1NT - 4♥
4♥ - 4NT 4♠ - 4NT

A bid of 4NT here is Blackwood. Of course, we could use 4♣, Gerber. But that won't help us locate the King or Queen of trumps. Playing Roman Keycard, we can set trumps, then ask for Key Cards.

1NT - 2♦ 1NT - 2♥
2♠ - 4NT 2♠ - 4NT

A bid of 4NT here is Quantitative. We are also showing a slam-invitational hand with a 5-card major. Opener can better evaluate his hand, then choose between game and slam, suit and NT.

Playing 2-level Jacoby and 4-level Texas allows us another way

to invite (Jacoby, then 4NT is Quantitative and Texas, then 4NT is Blackwood).

1NT - 2♦ 1NT - 2♥
2♥ - 4♥ 2♠ - 4♠

This sequence becomes mild slam tries. Opener can evaluate his hand. With a good trump fit and controls (Aces and Kings), he can move toward slam. Responder may hold the aforementioned:

♠ - KT9872 ♥ - A3 ♦ - KJ4 ♣ - K6

It is obvious that a 15-point hand like:

♠ - A643 ♥ - K94 ♦ - A52 ♣ - A73

Will provide a better play for slam than the 17-point:

♠ - J3 ♥ - QJ94 ♦ - AQ4 ♣ - AQJ2

After 1NT - 2♥; 2♠ - 4♠, Opener should consider going on with the first hand - it has trumps and controls, but should pass with the second.

3 level bids

We no longer need to use the 3♣ and 3♦ responses to show invitational hands like: ♠ - 72 ♥ - 93 ♦ - J65 ♣ - KQ9432. We transfer and bid 3NT if partner superaccepts, or pass if he does not. Nor do we need to use 3♣ and 3♦ to show strong minor one-suiters. We start with a transfer, then move over partner's response.

We also have 2 hand types which are difficult to bid: Weak minor 2-suiters like: ♠ - 2 ♥ - 93 ♦ - Q9832 ♣ - J8653

And strong minor 2-suiters like:

♠ - 2 ♥ - A3 ♦ - KJ932 ♣ - AQ873

So we use the 3♣ and 3♦ bids to show these hands.

3♣ shows a weak hand with 5 or more cards in each minor suit. Partner chooses by passing if he has better Clubs, or bidding 3♦ with better Diamonds.

3♦ shows a strong hand with 5 or more cards in each minor suit. Partner can bid 3NT with no good fitting cards, or move toward slam with good cards.

There are different ways of playing 3♥ and 3♠ responses. One of the best: 3♥ shows a game-invitational hand with 5 Hearts and 5 Spades. 3♠ shows a game-going hand with 5 Hearts and 5 Spades.

Now we can distinguish between 5-5, 5-4 and 4-5 Hands (that is, hands with 5 Spades and 5 Hearts, 5 Spades and 4 Hearts, and 4 Spades and 5 Hearts). We can also distinguish between weak, game-invitational, and game-going hands.)

Here are some examples:

1NT - 2♣
2♦ - 2♥

This shows a weak hand with 5 Hearts and 4 or 5 Spades. Responder would have passed had Opener rebid 2 of a major. Opener can now pass, or can bid 2♠ with 2 Hearts and 3

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Spades.

1NT - 2♣

2♦ - 2♠

This shows a weak hand with 5 Spades and 4 Hearts. Again, Responder would have passed had Opener rebid 2 of a major. Opener should now pass.

1NT - 2♣

2♦ - 3♥

This shows a game-going hand with 5 Hearts and 4 Spades. Responder would have raised a rebid of 2♥ or 2♠ to game. Opener now bids 3NT with 2 Hearts, or raises to 4♥ with 3.

1NT - 2♣

2♦ - 3♠

This shows a game-going hand with 5 Spades and 4 Hearts. Responder would have raised a rebid of 2♣ or 2♠ to game. Opener now bids 3NT with 2 Spades, or raises to 4♠ with 3.

1NT - 2♦

2♥ - 2♠

This shows a game-invitational hand with 5 Hearts and 4 Spades. Opener can now choose between Hearts, Spades, and Notrump, and between game and partscore.

1NT - 2♥

2♠ - 3♥

This shows a game-invitational hand with 5 Spades and 4 Hearts. Again, Opener can choose between Hearts, Spades, and Notrump, and between game and partscore.

1NT - 3♥

This shows a game-invitational hand with 5 Spades and 5 Hearts. Opener can choose between Hearts and Spades, and between game and partscore. Opener might even try 3NT on the rare occasion that he holds a maximum hand with 2-2 in the majors.

1NT - 3♠

This shows a game-going hand with 5 Spades and 5 Hearts. Opener can choose between Game in Hearts and game in Spades (or can try 3NT with 2-2 in the majors).

These additions make bidding over a 1NT opening bid much more accurate with several of the Hand types that SAYC does not handle well.

The previous chart can be updated to reflect this. (Changes to the previous chart are shown in **bold type**):

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Ms. Information

Dear Ms.,

At the recent Regional in Lake Geneva I held this hand:

♠xxxx ♥xxxx ♦xxxx ♣x

Partner opened 1NT (15-17 balanced). I chose to bid Stayman in case partner had a four card major. She didn't and when she responded two diamonds, I passed and hoped it was right. What should I have done? Partner was not pleased that I bid Stayman with no points.

Thanks.

Cheesehead in Green Bay

Dear Cheddar,

In modern theory, you are absolutely correct to bid Stayman on this hand. Your hand is bound to take more tricks in a suit contract than in NT.

Years ago, people did not bid Stayman without eight or more points. That time has long since passed.

Bidding the way you did is actually called "Garbage Stayman." That means that you bid Stayman even with a Yarborough. You can still have better hands ... That goes without saying. But when you just know 1NT will be a disaster, you need not play the hand there.

This bid is less than perfect when partner holds five clubs and two diamonds, but that's a risk you have to take to improve the contract. More times than not (three out of four it would seem), you will better the situation.

Ms.

0-199 "I/N" Schedule

Friday, November 9

10:30 a.m. I/N Stratified Pairs

3:30 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs , finished by 6:00

7:30 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs

Saturday, November 10

1:00 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs

6:30 p.m. SI/N Stratified Pairs

Sunday, November 11

11:00 a.m. 299er Stratified Swiss

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0-100, 100-200, 200-300

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Balanced, at least 1 4-card Major	Pass	2C, then raise Major to 3 with fit or bid 2NT	2C, then raise Major to 4 with fit or bid 3NT
5-card Major	Transfer to Major, then Pass	Transfer to Major, then bid 2NT	Transfer to Major, then bid 3NT
6+-card Major	Transfer to Major, then Pass	Transfer to Major, then raise to 3	Transfer to Major at 4-level
5-4 in Majors	Bid 2C, then: 1) Pass 2 of Major, or 2) bid 5-card Major over	Transfer to 5-card Major, then bid 4-card Major	Bid 2C, then: 1) raise Major to 4, or 2) jump in 5-card Major over 2D
5-5 in Majors	Bid 2C, then: 1) Pass 2 of Major, or	Bid 3H	Bid 3S
6-4 in Majors	Transfer to 6-card Major, then Pass	Bid 2C, then Major, then raise to 3	Bid 2C, then: 1) raise Major to 4, or 2) Transfer to 6-card Major at 4-level
Semibalanced, 6-card Minor	Transfer to Minor, (Bid 2S with Clubs or 2NT with Diamonds),	Transfer to Minor, then pass, or bid 3NT	Bid 3NT (if very distributional, jump to game in minor)
4-card Major, 5-card Minor	Pass	2C, then raise Major to 3 with fit or bid 2NT	Transfer to Minor, then bid Major (or Stayman, then raise to 4 or bid 3NT)
4-card Major, 6+ Clubs	Bid 2C, then 1) Pass 2 of major with fit, or 2) Bid 3C	Bid 2C, then 1) Raise Major to 3 with fit, or 2) Bid 2NT	Bid 2S, then bid 4-card major
4-card Major, 6+ Diamonds	Bid 2C, then: 1) Pass 2 of major with fit, or 2) Pass 2D, or 3) Bid 3D over 2 of other major	Bid 2C, then: 1) Pass 2 of major with fit, or 2) Raise 2D to 3, or 3) Bid 2NT	Bid 2NT, then bid 4-card Major
5-5 in Minors	Bid 3C	Bid 3D	
5+-card Major, 4+-card Minor	Transfer to Major, then Pass	Transfer to Major, then Bid Minor	

Did you know?

A study shows that playing bridge can boost your immune system. The finding were presented a few years ago at a meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in New Orleans. University of California biologist, Marian Diamond (ironic name, don't you think?) conducted an experiment showing that individuals have an increased number of immune cells after a game of bridge. Playing bridge stimulates a gland that produces white blood cells, which patrol the body in search of viruses and other invaders. Dr. Diamond said that bridge is an ideal activity to study humans. Bridge players must plan ahead, use working memory, show initiative, and keep many items in sequence.- mental challenges involving the dorsolateral cortex. A little bridge may go a long way to improving your health!

Bridge Quotes:

"More crimes are committed in the play of the trump suit in one session than those recorded in one day in the average city of under 50,000 population." Alfred Sheinwold

"If life were a bridge game, you'd be a permanent dummy!"
Mr. Dithers to Dagwood

"Admittedly the supply of poor partners greatly exceeds the demand." Victor Mollo

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Stratified 299er & 49er Pairs

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2 separate sessions

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The Principle of Fast Arrival

When you and your partner are already committed to at least one game, the faster you bid game, the less you hold. For example:

West	East
1♦	2♣
3♦	?

East has shown 11+ points and West has promised 17-18 points with a good six-card diamond suit. The points are there for a game, but what about a slam? If East bids 5♦, using the principle of fast arrival, it would show less of a hand than a raise to 4♦. Let's say this is East's hand:

♠ 83
♥ K97
♦ Q96
♣ KQ953

East has nothing extra for his two club response, so East quickly bids five diamonds. This discourages West's ideas of bidding slam on this hand.

But if East held:

♠ 73
♥ A76
♦ Q85
♣ AK964

East has some extras, so now the right bid is four diamonds, leaving room for West to ask for aces with Blackwood.

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Tips from Zia in "Ask Zia"

The best way to be sure suits don't become blocked is to play high cards first from the hand that is shorter in the suit.

As defender, be aware that you may need to overtake your partner's winner to unblock a suit.

Singletons and Voids are no use unless you have plenty of trumps! Don't add points for short suits without adequate support for your partner's suit.

The best times to pre-empt with less than the usual requirements are:

If you are non-vulnerable

If you are first or third to speak

When you are vulnerable, or when you are second to speak, your pre-empts should be up to strength.

If the high cards in your hand are in partner's long suits, this suggests that you should bid aggressively, trying to buy the contract.

If the high cards in your hand are in suits bid by the opponents, this suggests that you should not try too hard to play the hand.

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Friday, January 25

10:30 I/N Stratified Pairs

3:30 I/N Stratified Pairs

8:00 I/N Stratified Pairs

Saturday, January 26

1:30 I/N Stratified Pairs

8:00 I/N Stratified Pairs

Sunday, January 27

11:00 I/N Stratified 299 Swiss Teams

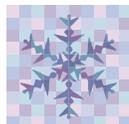
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November 30-December 2, 2007

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Saturday 299er Pairs 9:00, 1:30

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Ripon, WI Sectional, January 25-27, 2008

Royal Ridges, (920) 748-7095

1 Westgate Drive, Ripon, WI 54971

(Highway 23/West Fond du Lac Street)



Date	Time	Event
Friday January 25	1:30 P.M.	199er pairs
Chairperson	Lee Prellwitz	(920) 748-2536
Partnerships	Rob Webster	(920) 748-4114

0-5 Masterpoint holders play free!

Trophies for 199er Pair winners!!

Wisconsin Holiday Sectional

December 27-30, 2007

Tommy Thompson Center-Wisconsin State Fair Park
640 S. 84th St. West Allis, WI. 414-266-7000

Schedule Of Events

Thursday, December 27

10:00 AM Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)

2:30 PM Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)

Friday, December 28

10:00 AM Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)

2:30 PM Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)

Saturday, December 29

10:00 AM Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)

2:30 PM Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)

Sunday, December 30

10:00 AM Stratified 299er Swiss Teams
(2 session event)

Strata: 299er Games 0-100/100-200/200-300

Tournament Chair (contact for information): Barbara

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Tournament Results:

Central States Regional, October 22-28

Monday Eve 299er Pairs (5 tables)

2.12 1 1 Carol Konrad, Neshkoro WI; Susan Hartenbach, Butte Des Morts WI
1.67 2 2 1 Inez Petersen, Vernon Hills IL; Robert Judd, Algonquin IL
1.25 3 3 2 William Baker - Wayne Carriveau, Burlington WI
0.94 4 3 Louise Lane, Winnetka IL; Norman Rosenstein, Winnetko IL

Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs (8 tables)

2.54 1 1 Karen Sarsfield, Hinsdale IL; Nona Rathsack, Park Ridge IL
1.67 2/3 2/3 1 Barbara Hammes, Racine WI; Dodie Macvicar, Franksville WI
1.67 2/3 2/3 Avonel Manges, Basalt CO; Susan Marsland, Chicago IL
1.07 4 4 2 Nanci McKeon - Joan Carlson, Inverness IL
0.80 5 5 Shirley Mitchem - Edward Gordon, Fox Lake IL

Tuesday Evening 299er Pairs (3 tables)

1.84 1 Rosemary Elchlepp - Terry Shepard, Cedar Rapids IA
1.38 2 William Baker - Wayne Carriveau, Burlington WI

Wednesday Afternoon I/N Pairs (13 tables)

3.25 1 1 1 Ellen Katz, Riverwoods IL; Lorraine Spike, Mt Prospect IL
2.44 2 2 Jane Shlimovitz - Jack Shlimovitz, Mequon WI
1.83 3 3 2 Karen Anderson - Thomas McDonald, Batavia IL
1.37 4 4 3 Robert Bartlett - Mary Ellen Bartlett, Oak Grove MO
1.14 5 5 Judy Anderson - Bunny Hultman, Chicago IL
0.77 6 6 Elizabeth Hughes, Minneapolis MN; Margaret Rich, St Paul MN
0.82 4 Mary Warren, Wheaton IL; Carolyn Satrum, Downers Grove IL

Wednesday Evening 299er Pairs (7.5 tables)

1.96 1/3 1/3 1/2 William Baker - Wayne Carriveau, Burlington WI 59.54%
1.96 1/3 1/3 1/2 Mary Warren, Wheaton IL; Carolyn Satrum, Downers Grove IL 59.54%
1.96 1/3 1/3 Lydia Wachal, Elmhurst IL; Elaine Vandenburg, Hinsdale IL 59.54%
1.07 4 4 Carol Konrad, Neshkoro WI; Susan Hartenbach, Butte Des Morts WI 57.92%
0.80 5 George Brandt, Palatine IL; Elizabeth Sibbach, Hoffman Estates IL 52.50%
0.94 3 Barbara Gossrow, Springfield IL; Leslie Garvey, Elkhart IL

Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs (11 tables)

2.97 1 James Roth, Arlington Hts IL; Fred Dix, Arlington Hgts IL
2.23 2 1 1 Kandy Ginsburg, Highland Park IL; Lorraine Spike, Mt Prospect IL
1.67 3 2 2 Sharon Thomas - Patricia Ryan, Springfield IL
1.48 4 Carol Konrad, Neshkoro WI; Susan Hartenbach, Butte Des Morts WI
1.20 5 3 3 Eugene Trieglaff, Wild Rose WI; Barton Blum, Waupaca WI
0.90 6 4 4 Barbara Gossrow, Springfield IL; Leslie Garvey, Elkhart IL
0.68 5 Mary McIntyre - J McIntyre, St Paul MN

Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs (8 tables)

2.54 1 Linda Scheible - Michael Scheible, Kenosha WI
2.26 2 1 1 William Odell, Sturgis MI; Linda Odell, Sturgis MI
1.70 3 2 Cyann Martin, Neenah WI; Shirley Adams, Appleton WI
1.27 4 3 Margaret Rich, St Paul MN; Elizabeth Hughes, Minneapolis MN
1.10 5 4 2 Diane Marus, ; Jim Jurik, Oak Forest IL
0.83 5 3 William Baker - Wayne Carriveau, Burlington WI

Saturday 299er Pairs (10.5 tables)

2.97 1 1 Marlene Backus, Brookfield WI; Dianne Kiehl, Muskego WI
2.23 2 T Sheagren, Glenview IL; Richard Spengler, Peoria IL
1.67 3 Theresa Schneider - Marsha Boysen, Northbrook IL
1.25 4 Duane Fowler, Marquette MI; Karen Anderson, Batavia IL
1.52 5 2 Shirley Adams, Appleton WI; Cyann Martin, Neenah WI
1.58 6 3 1 Edward Grant, Chicago IL; Diane Marus,
0.95 4 Michael Kramer - Vicki Kramer, Addison IL
1.19 5 2 Pat Zur, Two Rivers WI; Richard E Garrow, Manitowoc WI
0.89 3 Cookie Robertson, Glencoe IL; Merle Styer, Highland Park IL
0.67 4 Solomon Tam - Raymond Shum, Chicago IL

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Sunday Morning 299er Swiss Teams (8 tables)

- 2.54 1 1 Sybil Brown - Patricia Olafson, Rockford IL; Katherine Freeman, Beloit WI; Mary Simonson, Sarasota FL
1.91 2 J Thomas Johnson - Barbara Chasnoff, Park Ridge IL; Diane Boger - Steve Boger, Buffalo Grove IL
1.43 3 Richard Edholm - Sue Edholm - Jan Nichol, Libertyville IL; Susan Carney, Vernon Hills IL

Sunday Afternoon 299er Pairs (8 tables)

- 2.54 1 Richard Edholm - Sue Edholm - Jan Nichol, Libertyville IL; Susan Carney, Vernon Hills IL
1.91 2 Lois Scaife - Eugene Bolzan - Hazel Connor - Greg Pattinson, Chicago IL
1.43 3 Dianne Kiehl, Muskego WI; Marlene Backus, Brookfield WI; Ronald Cohn - Susan Zellin, Glendale WI
1.86 1 William Cummings, Monticello MN; Rebecca Anspach, Saint Paul MN; Paul Primeau - Mary Primeau, Hinsdale IL

Darien 299er Tournament, October 6-7

Saturday 299er Pairs (12.5 tables)

- 2.32 1 Brandon Buzzell, Naperville IL; Betty Tilton, River Forest IL
1.81 2 1 James Roth, Arlington Hts IL; Fred Dix, Arlington Hgts IL
1.36 3 2 1 Lynn Ulreich - John Ulreich, Frankfort IL
1.02 4 3 2 Solomon Tam - Rebecca Wernis, Chicago IL
0.76 5 4 Theresa Schneider, Northbrook IL; Mary Schultze, Union MI
0.58 6 Roger Dieringer, Elgin IL; Karen Pickelsimer, Oakwood Hills IL
0.57 5 Richard Steck, Chicago IL; Bindiganavel Srivatsan, Elk Grove Villa IL
0.77 3 Simon Zhang - Guo Dong Gao, Aurora IL
0.64 4 June Gecan, Lombard IL; Dorothy Whistler, Elmhurst IL

Saturday Compact KO (8 tables)

- 2.73 1 George Brandt, Palatine IL; Elizabeth Sibbach, Hoffman Estates IL; Mary Walters, Oak Park IL; Jorie Malelo, Boca Raton FL
2.05 2 Stephen Bell, Warrenville IL; Michael Sittinger - Shelia Sittinger, Lombard IL; Robert Kucaba, Downers Grove IL

Sunday Pro-Am (14.5 tables)

- 4.17 1 Harriette Buckman, Lincolnwood IL; Pamela Tietz, Naperville IL
3.13 2 James Diebel, Wood Dale IL; Karen Sarsfield, Hinsdale IL
2.35 3 Robert Jackson, Bensenville IL; Robert Lass, Chicago IL
1.76 4 Claude Vogel, Chicago IL; Lee Vickman, Highland Park IL
1.32 5 Angie Clark, Glenview IL; Dennis Larson, Woodstock IL
1.04 6 George Klemic, Bensenville IL; Elizabeth Wilson, Urbana IL

Saturday Morning 299er Pairs (13.5 tables)

- 2.42 1 1 Theresa Schneider, Northbrook IL; Mary Schultze, Union MI
1.82 2 Leonard Dubin, Skokie IL; Honor Mogul, Northfield IL
1.36 3 Gunilla Flater, Highland Park IL; Jim Peterson, Lincolnshire IL
1.02 4 John Dawson, Willowbrook IL; Jonathan Fry, Oak Park IL
1.43 5 2 Richard Steck, Chicago IL; Bindiganavel Srivatsan, Elk Grove Villa IL
0.61 6 Janet Chien, Woodridge IL; John Steiner, Wheaton IL
1.36 3 1 Grace Tampa - Claudia Dunn, Wheaton IL
1.02 4 2 Lynn Ulreich - John Ulreich, Frankfort IL
0.77 5 3 Raymond Shum - Wai Tan, Chicago IL
0.45 6 James Roth, Arlington Hts IL; Fred Dix, Arlington Hgts IL
0.57 4 Barbara Salerno, Lombard IL; Missy Bishop, Elmhurst IL

Labor Day Sectional, Skokie, August 31-September 3

Friday Morning 299er Pairs (14 tables)

- 2.42 1 1 1 Sam Hull - Barbara Hull, Lake Forest IL
1.82 2 2 2 William Kooser - John Jencks, Wheaton IL
1.19 3/4 3/4 Ann Shewman, Lombard IL; Judith Ann Bittner, Hinsdale IL
1.19 3/4 3/4 Bette Mathews, Glen Ellyn IL; Pamela Tietz, Naperville IL
0.77 5 Gunilla Flater, Highland Park IL; Jim Peterson, Lincolnshire IL
0.85 6 5 Carol Duffy - Marilyn Richards, Wilmette IL
0.91 6 3 Marilynn Rivkin, Chicago IL; Susan Wellek, Northbrook IL
0.68 4 Alice Leuffgen, Indian Head Pk IL; June Dostal, Naperville IL
0.51 5 Michael Burns, Morton Grove IL; William Shunas, Chicago IL

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Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs (13 tables)

2.32 1 1 1 Michael Stein - Gerald Schwartz, Highland Park IL
1.74 2 J Thomas Johnson - Barbara Chasnoff, Park Ridge IL
1.43 3 2 2 Judy Anderson - Bunny Hultman, Chicago IL
1.07 4 3 Pamela Tietz, Naperville IL; Bette Mathews, Glen Ellyn IL
0.80 5 4 3 Diane Kelley, Chicago IL; Louise Lane, Winnetka IL
0.55 6 Linda Scheible - Michael Scheible, Kenosha WI
0.67 5 4 Michael Burns, Morton Grove IL; William Shunas, Chicago IL
0.48 6 Mary Warren, Wheaton IL; Karen Anderson, Batavia IL

Friday Evening 299er Pairs (8.5 tables)

1.92 1 1 1 Lawrence Wolfson, Schaumburg IL; Gemo Staranczak, Schaumburg IL
1.44 2 J Thomas Johnson - Barbara Chasnoff, Park Ridge IL
1.08 3 Ralph Warble, Naples FL; Fred Dix, Arlington Hgts IL
0.81 4 George Brandt, Palatine IL; Elizabeth Sibbach, Hoffman Estates IL
1.22 5 2 2 Louis Sharp - Patricia Sharp, Libertyville IL
0.91 3 3 Ann Degerstrom - James Degerstrom, Oak Brook IL
0.68 4 Gail Shaps - Bradley Shaps, Northbrook IL
0.57 5 Carolan Klapper, Highwood IL; Sue Holbert, Evanston IL

Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs (16 tables)

.62 1 1 1 Roberta Goodall, Northfield IL; Patricia Gillis, Northbrook IL
1.97 2 2 Barbara Mack, Northbrook IL; Charlotte Katz, Wilmette IL
1.47 3 3 2 Hazel Connor - Greg Pattinson, Chicago IL
1.11 4 4 3 William Kooser - John Jencks, Wheaton IL
0.92 5/6 5/6 Pearl Freedman - Betty Zucker, Skokie IL
0.73 5/6 5/6 4 Linda Odell, Surgis MI; William Odell, Surgis MI
0.54 5 Inez Petersen, Vernon Hills IL; Robert Judd, Algonquin IL
0.66 6 Ann Degerstrom - James Degerstrom, Oak Brook IL

Saturday Evening 299er Pairs (7.5 tables)

1.82 1 Barbara Schwartz - R Schwartz, Morton Grove IL
1.52 2 1 Diane Boger - Steve Boger, Buffalo Grove IL
1.02 3 Ralph Warble, Naples FL; Fred Dix, Arlington Hgts IL
1.28 4 2 1 James Pockross - Michele Pockross, Wilmette IL
0.84 5/7 3/4 2/3 Judy Rolfe - Susan Schaumberger, Highland Park IL
0.44 5/7 Karen Pickelsimer, Oakwood Hills IL; Mary Walters, Oak Park IL
0.84 5/7 3/4 2/3 Joan Piolet, Boca Raton FL; Relli Miller, Lincolnwood IL
0.54 4 Ilse Bridges, Winnetka IL; Iliana Rozemberg, Northbrook IL

Sunday Afternoon 299er Pairs (16 tables)

2.62 1 1 1 Solomon Tam - Raymond Shum, Chicago IL
1.97 2 2 2 William Odell, Surgis MI; Linda Odell, Surgis MI
1.47 3 3 3 Keith Meyer - Marci Meyer, Long Beach IN
1.11 4 4 4 Greg Pattinson - Hazel Connor, Chicago IL
0.83 5 5 Frances Leavitt, Lincolnwood IL; Mary Cieslik, Park Ridge IL
0.62 6 Karen Pickelsimer, Oakwood Hills IL; Mary Walters, Oak Park IL
0.83 6 5 Iliana Rozemberg, Northbrook IL; Kay Swanson, La Porte IN

Sunday Evening 299er Pairs (5 tables)

1.51 1 David Raitt, Madison WI; Charles Becker, Pittsboro NC
1.13 2 Karen Pickelsimer, Oakwood Hills IL; Mary Walters, Oak Park IL
1.24 3 1 William Shepherd - Christopher Robinson, Chicago IL
0.93 4 2 Nancy Shuma - Richard Shuma, Glenview IL

Monday Morning 299er Swiss (8 tables)

1.82 1 1 1 Nancy Bruick - John Bruick - Donna Kenski - Joseph McCormack, Libertyville IL
1.20 2/3 2/3 Michael Hagerty, Arlington Hts IL; Thomas Brandt - Robert Franklin - Gilbery Powell, Park Ridge IL
1.20 2/3 2/3 George Shelton - John Shelton - James Pockross - Michele Pockross, Wilmette IL

Monday Afternoon 299er Swiss (6 tables)

1.61 1 Gerald Tietz - Pamela Tietz, Naperville IL; Bette Mathews, Glen Ellyn IL; Ken Svehla, Downers Grove IL
1.21 2 1 Michael Hagerty, Arlington Hts IL; Thomas Brandt - Robert Franklin - Gilbery Powell, Park Ridge IL

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Upcoming Tournaments

Fallfest Sectional, Lombard, IL, Nov 9-11

Mad City Sectional, Madison, WI, Nov 30-Dec 2

Holiday Sectional, State Fair Park, WI, Dec 27 - Dec 30

Ripon Sectional, Ripon, WI, Jan 25-27

WinterFest Chicago Sectional, Arlington Heights, IL, Jan 25-27

District 13 Spring Regional, Lake Geneva, WI, April 21-27

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Milwaukee Fallfest, Glendale, September 28-30

Friday Morning 299er Pairs (8 tables)

- 1.92 1 1 Suzie Potter - Donald Potter, Milwaukee WI
1.44 2 2 Beatrice Boyd - Janet Bate, Milwaukee WI
1.28 3 3 1 Monica Ansay, Oconomowoc WI; Suzanne Haidinger, Waukesha WI
0.81 4 Eleanor Seaman, New York NY; David Raitt, Madison WI
0.96 5 4 2 Josephine Honzik, Fox Point WI; Maripat Shaw, Shorewood WI
0.72 5 3 Christine Balistreri, Mequon WI; Cheryl Lutz, Port Washington WI
0.54 4 Barbara Schnoll, Milwaukee WI; Linda Jacobson, Mequon WI

Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs (8 tables)

- 1.82 1 Eleanor Seaman, New York NY; David Raitt, Madison WI
1.52 2 1 Marcia Kleinerman, Land O Lakes WI; Kris Stephens, West Bend WI
1.19 3 2 1 Christine Balistreri, Mequon WI; Cheryl Lutz, Port Washington WI
0.89 4/5 3/4 2 Anna Biederwolf - Patricia Shea, Racine WI
0.75 4/5 3/4 Winona Wilson, Thiensville WI; Judith Goetz, Milwaukee WI
0.67 3 Suzanne Haidinger, Waukesha WI; Monica Ansay, Oconomowoc WI

Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs (8 tables)

- 1.82 1 1 Carol Konrad, Neshkoro WI; Janice Rich, Green Lake WI
1.37 2 L Hardy, Waukesha WI; James Vagourdes, Milwaukee WI
1.02 3 Thomas Didelot - Jay Eggener, Hartford WI
1.19 4 2 1 Pamela Davis, Egg Harbor WI; Penny Schultz, Ephraim WI
0.89 5 3 2 Suzanne Haidinger, Waukesha WI; Monica Ansay, Oconomowoc WI
0.64 4 Kris Stephens, West Bend WI; Marcia Kleinerman, Land O Lakes WI
0.67 3 James Karolewicz - Kathy Karolewicz, Mequon WI

Saturday Morning 299er Pairs (8 tables)

- 1.82 1 1 John Pereles, Milwaukee WI; Mark Harrington, Mequon WI
1.22 2/3 2 1 Linda Jacobson, Mequon WI; Mitchell Jacobson, McQuon WI
1.20 2/3 Margery Becker - Shirley Kritzik, Milwaukee WI
0.89 4/5 3/4 2 Anna Biederwolf - Patricia Shea, Racine WI
0.80 4/5 3/4 Ron Ramaker, Brown Deer WI; Ronald Cohn, Glendale WI
0.51 5 Carol Konrad, Neshkoro WI; Janice Rich, Green Lake WI
0.67 3 Christine Balistreri, Mequon WI; Cheryl Lutz, Port Washington WI

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