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AN OPENING BID

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An opening bid is the first bid made after the cards have been dealt. (Other than the call of a Pass.) An opening bid in one (1) of a suit says: Partner, I have better than an average hand. (13 or more points.) I'm giving you an idea of my strength and shape.

Experience has shown that a minimum of 13 points (TPC) is necessary for an opening bid in one (1) of a suit.

TO BID OR NOT TO BID

To determine if there is an Opening Bid, add up all the High Card Points (HCP) in the entire hand. Then add to that all the Distributional Points (DP) in the entire hand. If the sum - Total Point Count (TPC) - is 13 or more, then you have a bid. **Note: you do not need to have points in the suit bid.**

TCP = HCP + DP

Bidding Games 5 RESPONDER

The Responder is the partner of the Opening Bidder. You need six (6) points to respond to your partner's Opening Bid of *one of a suit*. If you have 6 or more points you **must** respond in a suit or No Trump.

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THE FIRST BRIDGE NUMBER: 13

Card 7 13 cards in each hand 13 cards in each suit 13 tricks in the deck 13 TPC for an opening bid

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WHICH SUIT?

With Total Point Count (TPC) of 13 - 20 you can open the bidding with one of a suit. But which suit?

Bidding theoreticians said: the longest. (In a 13 card hand the longest suit will have at least 4 cards.) That was easy enough.

Except of course if you have two suits of the same length. That is you have no longest suit. Then what?

These same theoreticians now said: bid the higher of the two touching suits. Spades/Hearts bid Spades; Hearts / Diamonds bid Hearts; Diamonds/Clubs bid Diamonds. This enables the team to find the right contract and exchange the most information while keeping the bidding at the lowest possible level.

You need not bid suits that are headed by Honor cards. You can open the bidding in a suit that has NO honor cards. **What is important in bidding is length**; do not worry about where the high cards are. Of course it is nice if you have Honors in the suit that you bid. But not required.

THE FIT

How many cards do you need in the suit that your partner bid, to make that suit trump?

If between you and partner you have lots of cards in a suit, you are deemed to have a FIT in the suit. And that suit should be trump. But what is *lots of cards in a suit?*

A good Fit is when you and your partner have at least Eight (8) cards in one suit. That is there will be 8 cards in your combined hands.

A Fit with 8 cards is called: The Golden Fit

If this suit becomes trump, then your team will have 3 more trumps than the defenders.

Note: all 8 cards do not have to be in one hand: a 4/4 Fit is where you and your partner each have 4 cards in the same suit; a 5/3 Fit is where one of you has 5 cards and the other has 3 cards. And there can even be 6/2 or 7/1 Fits. Statistically, the most common Golden Fit is 5/3. Of course if you have a Fit of more than 8 cards, then that is a super Golden Fit. That suit should usually become the trump suit.

ANOTHER BRIDGE NUMBER: 8

THE GOLDEN FIT

SUPPORT

Since you can open the bidding with a 4 card suit your partner will need 4 cards it that suit to support you. 4 + 4 = 8. This particular bidding system lasted for many years. But many players were frustrated because they need 4 cards to support their partner's opening bid of one of a suit. What to do?

Answer: FIVE CARD MAJORS

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MAJORS / MINORS

The Major suits are the two highest ones in the bidding order: Spades and Hearts.

The Minor suits are the two lowest ones in the bidding order: Diamonds and Clubs.

Majors are the more important suits in Bridge. Like baseball, in Bridge you want to play in the Majors, not the Minors. The salaries are greater.

It is crucial to find a Fit in the Majors. To make this easier someone suggested that when you open the bidding one of a Major, (1 - 4), this should indicate that you have at least 5 cards in that suit. If you do this, your partner will need only 3 cards to support you. (3 + 5 = 8) which is the Golden Fit.) This bidding system, known as *Five Card Majors*, is one of the cornerstones of Standard American Bidding (SAB).

SPADES and HEARTS = **MAJORS**DIAMONDS and CLUBS = **MINORS**

FIVE CARD MAJORS

Up to now you have been allowed to open the bidding in one of a suit as long as that suit had a minimum of 4 cards. From now on, your opening bid will have to take into account not only the number of cards in a suit, but also whether the suit is a Major (Hearts or Spades) or a Minor (Clubs or Diamonds).

It will be necessary to have a minimum of 5 cards in a Major suit to open the bidding in that suit.

We will also see that it is sometimes necessary to open a Minor suit with only 3 cards in that suit. Let's consider the rules of the system called *Five Card Majors* as outlined below.

OPENING BIDS - 1 OF A SUIT

You must have a 13 to 20 Total Point Count (TPC = HCP + DP) to open the bidding in 1 of a suit. If you bid a 5 card Major ($1 \ge 0$ or $1 \lor$); that must be a suit with 5 or more cards.

If you have two 5 card Majors open the bidding 1 Spade (1♠). This is the higher ranking suit on the bidding scale.

If no 5 card Major, bid your longest Minor (1♣ or 1♦).

If the Minors are the same length (4 or 5 cards each), then open the bidding 1 Diamond (1♦). This is the higher ranking suit on the bidding scale.

If no 5 card Major and no 4 card Minor then bid a 3 card Minor.

With two 3 card Minors, (3 Clubs and 3 Diamonds), open 1 Club (1♣). This is the only exception to bidding the *higher ranking* suit on the bidding scale.

Never open a 2 card Minor or a 4 card Major.

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NO TRUMP OPENERS

So far we opened the bidding with 1 of a suit. But what about No Trump?

Can we open 1 No Trump with 13 HCP's and a whim? No! Whims sometimes produce good bids, but not good partnership synergy nor accurate bidding.

The requirements for an opening bid of 1 No Trump in Standard American Bidding (SAB) are:

15 - 17 High Card Points (HCP)

A Balanced Hand

In evaluating a hand for No Trump, Distributional Points are of no value; so do not count them. Count only HCP.

WHAT IS A BALANCED HAND?

No Singletons or Voids

One Doubleton maximum

There are only three possible shapes:

4,3,3,3 a very flat hand

4,4,3,2 one Doubleton only

5,3,3,2 can have a five card suit

WHAT IS A STOPPER?

A card, or a combination of cards which will *stop* the opponents from running a suit if they were to lead that suit. A Stopper in every suit is NOT needed to open the bidding1 No Trump. 1 NT could even be opened with a worthless Doubleton (a Doubleton without an honor).

It simply describes a balanced hand with the requisite high card points.

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An Old Wives' Tale ... or Not?

Bridge is not necessarily the remedy for insomnia.

Playing Bridge late at night and into the early morning hours can cause insomnia.

Remember, the best cure for insomnia is to get plenty of sleep.



BIDDING GAMES

We don't bid to hear ourselves talk. Bidding has purpose and direction. The purpose is the exchange of information; the direction is toward the Bonuses. That is where the high scores are. Bidding enables the partnership to determine what suit and how high to play each contract.

Bonuses

Bonuses are awarded to a team that bids and makes certain contracts: games or slams. Slams bid and made get larger Bonuses, Games bid and made get bonuses too.

There are five Game contracts in Bridge. 3 NT $4 \diamondsuit 4 \checkmark 5 \diamondsuit 5 \diamondsuit$

A team that bids and makes any one of these contracts gets a Bonus. If you bid 2♠ and make 5 there is no Bonus. If you bid 5♠ and are set there is no Bonus. If you bid 3 NT and make 4 you get a Bonus (plus a few more points for the overtrick).

Part Scores

Part Scores or Partials are contracts below the level of Game. Partials require less tricks to succeed, are more common, and score less.

When to Bid Game

A 1 NT opener with a minimum of 15 points, opposite a 10+ point hand is likely to produce nine tricks.

AN OPENING HAND opposite AN OPENING HAND:

An opening hand of 13 points, opposite an opening hand of 13 points is: 13 + 13 = 26 points between the two hands If there are 26 (or more) points between you and your partner, then game should be bid. This **does not mean that you are going to make every Game that you bid. If you do then you are not bidding enough Games.** Don't be a chicken, bid Game.

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3 NO TRUMP
25 Points (HCP)
(9 Tricks)

4 HEARTS or 4 SPADES
26 Points (TPC)
(10 Tricks)

5 DIAMONDS or 5 CLUBS
28 Points (TPC)
(11 Tricks)
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25 or 26 is the number of points you and your partner, combined, need to bid and make game in No Trump or a Major Suit respectively. You need a little more in a Minor Suit since minor suit games require an extra trick!

Editor's Note:

In the Winter issue of the I/N News, we will delve deeper into bidding. This should give you a good start and plenty to practice for the time being.

Famous Bridge Quotes from Celebritites

Bridge is too important to take seriously. Oscar Wilde

Next to Bridge all other forms of human endeavor shrink to insignificance. General George S. Patton

I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by starving hysterical naked bridge. *Allen Ginsberg*

'Tis a far, far better thing I do now, to play in 3 No Trump, than I've ever I done in 5 of a Minor. Charles Dickens

our time is bridge time is your time is bid time so viva sweet no trump *e e cummings*

I can always tell a good man by the way he plays Bridge; hard and long. *Mae West*

I didn't finesse. *Bill Clinton*

Old Bridge players never die; they just lose their finesse. General Douglas MacArthur

Bridge is Hell!

General William T. Sherman

Men will fidget at women who Bridge it. Dorothy Parker



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Intermediate/Novice Events

Monday 7:30 pm

I/N Stratified Charity Pairs Stratified Pairs 0-100, 100-200, 200-300

Tuesday through Friday 9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 pm

Single Sessions I/N Stratified Pairs 0-100, 100-200, 200-300

Saturday 9:30

Single Session 299er Stratified Pairs 0-100, 100-200, 200-300

Free Intermediate/Novice Dinner (Thursday between sessions)

Daily Speakers

Gold Rush Pairs: Friday & Saturday 2:00 & 7:30



Card Distribution

How do the cards in a particular suit divide between the Defenders?

This information is extremely valuable when playing the hand. It lets the Declarer make the right choice at the right time.

There is a Bridge Distribution Rule that will help us determine the most likely split in an outstanding suit.

The first part of the rule states: if the opponents have an ODD number of cards between their two hands, the suit will tend to split as evenly as possible.

Let us say the Defenders have 7 Hearts between them. Then since 7 is an ODD number, the Heart suit will tend to split 4/3. This 4/3 split is much more likely to occur than a 0/7 or 1/6 or 2/5 split. (see % Table below.)

The second part of the Bridge Distribution Rule states: if the opponents have an EVEN number of cards between their two hands, the suit will tend to divide unevenly. (Except in the case of 1/1.)

Thus if the Defenders have 4 Clubs between them, 4 being an even number, the club suit will tend to split 3/1, not 2/2.

DISTRIBUTION OF OUTSTANDING CARDS

Even number of cards	Odd number of cards	
2 cards will split 1/1 52% 2/0 48%	3 cards will split 2/1 78% 3/0 22%	
4 cards will split 3/1 50% 2/2 40% 4/0 10%	5 cards will split 3/2 68% 4/1 28% 5/0 4%	
6 cards will split 4/2 48% 3/3 36% 5/1 15% 6/0 1%	7 cards will split 4/3 62% 5/2 31% 6/1 6% 7/0 1%	

0-300 "I/N" Schedule Friday, November 9

9:30 a.m. I/N Stratified Pairs
2:00 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs
7:30 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs
Saturday, November 10
2:00 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs
7:30 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs
Sunday, November 11
10:00 a.m. 299er Stratified

Swiss Teams

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Intermediate/Novice Schedule

0-100, 100-200, 200-300

Friday, August 31

10:00 "I/N" Stratified Pairs 2:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

7:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

Saturday, September 1 2:00 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

7:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairss

Sunday, September 2

2:00 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

7:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

Monday, September 3

10:00 299er Stratified Swiss Teams (Stratified 0-100/100-200/200-300)

Milwaukee Fallfest Sectional

September 28-30, 2012

Sr. Camille Kliebhan Conference Center Bonaventure Hall – Cardinal Stritch University 6801 Yates Rd., Milwaukee, WI

Stratified 299er Pairs, 9:30 and 1:30 (separate sessions) Friday and Saturday

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Friday, Sept 21	Stratified Open Pairs	
	1:30 299er Pairs (Strat by Director)	
	7:00 299er Pairs (Strat by Director)	
Saturday, Sept 22	9:00 299er Pairs (Strat by Director)	
	1:30 299er Pairs (Strat by Director)	
	7:00 299er Pairs (Strat by Director)	



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Bridge Etiquette

DO NOT bid or play with special emphasis or use any inflection of the voice which would give partner information on the nature of your hand.

DO NOT use any winking, waving, shaking of the head, standing on the chair or other forms of body language to help partner decide what to bid or play.

DO NOT fall asleep at the bridge table. Sleeping or paying insufficient attention can be disconcerting to those who are still awake.

DO NOT indicate approval or disapproval of a call or play. Throwing things and cursing are in bad form. Gratuitous comments are also to be avoided.

DO NOT prolong the play unnecessarily. But just to play it safe keep food and drink nearby.

DO NOT hesitate, either in the bidding or in the play, in order to deceive the opponents. However, if there really is a problem, hesitation and even thinking is permissible.

DO NOT vary the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of distracting the other players.

DO NOT cry, moan, faint or die during the game. This does not enhance partnership longevity.

DO NOT use different designations for the same call (A Club, or I'll bid a Club or I think I'll bid, er, let's see, one Club, or Why not, make it a Club, etc. are incorrect. The only proper bid is one Club.

DO NOT lead the next trick before the previous trick is completed. If you won the trick, take it in before you lead the next trick.

DO NOT do anything that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to your partner or to the other players during the game. Save that for later.

DO enjoy and have fun.

(Editor's note: This is being summarized and reprinted from an earlier issue at the request of our readers.)



Mabel, you made a great lead. Why did you switch?

Sorry, Sue, when you didn't look happy, I didn't think you liked my lead!

Oops! Improper Etiquette Alert!

La Crosse Sectional, La Crosse, Wisconsin The Harry J Olson Center, 1609 North St., LaCrosse All 299er Strata: Stratified by tournament director

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Date	Time	Events		MINHESOTA Black
Friday	1:30 pm	299er Pairs		Mississee Wisconsin
November 2	7:00 pm	299er Pairs		Wisconsin MADIS
Saturday	9:00am	299er IMP Pairs		IOWA J
November 3	12:15pm	299er Pizza Party Mini Educational Session 299er Pairs		
	1:30 pm			
	7:00 pm	00 pm 299er Pairs		
Chairperson	Dave Melin	(608) 797-3587 <u>melind0908@aol.com</u>		<u>com</u>
Partnerships	Jim Stahl	(608) 784-0827 <u>jimjs1@yahoo.com</u>		

Wisconsin Holiday Sectional

Best Western Milwaukee Airport Hotel, 5105 S. HOWELL AVE. ~ MILWAUKEE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:30 AM Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session) 2:00 PM Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:30 AM Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session) 2:00 PM Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)

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And we post the Winter issue as on-line only.

Don't miss your chance to read through these publications. Visit the District site and have a look around it... you'll be glad you did!!

Monday ProAm Pairs - 32.0 Tables

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C Names
MPs
                          A B
                                                                           Score
                                      Donna Matulis, Las Vegas NV; Carolyn Koehler, Indian Head Pk IL
9.80
                                                                                                         65.13%
7.35
                                      Jan Ratliff, Highland Park IL; Valerie Solon, Forest Park IL
                                                                                                         61.32%
                                      Allan Jonas, Aurora IL; Richard Stern, Chicago IL
                                                                                                         60.69%
5.51
                          3
                           4 3
                                      Carol Crossman, Wheaton IL; Barbara Feig, Chicago IL
4.13
                                                                                                         60.60%
3.10
                          5
                                      Robert Jackson, Wood Dale IL; June Dostal, Naperville IL
                                                                                                         60.51%
                          6 4
                                      Pamela Tietz, Naperville IL; Eric Neumann, Downers Grove IL
2.99
                                                                                                         60.33%
                              5/6
                                      Sandy Golden, Chicago IL; Simone Birndorf, Highland Park IL
1.96
                                                                                                         59.87%
                                      Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL; Mary Berg, River Forest IL
1.96
                             5/6
                                                                                                         59.87%
                                      Norman Segal - Howard Shachter, Deerfield IL
2.31
                                                                                                         56.07%
1.73
                                     Richard Granroth, Highland Park IL; James Williard, Arlington Hts 49.37%
1.30
                                      Gerald Landy - Les White, Chicago IL
                                               Tuesday Morning 299er - 5.0 Tables
MPs
                            3 2 1 Names
                                                              Score
2.12
                                    Margaret Duggan, Palos Heights IL; Jo Hannan, Orland Park IL
                                                                                                         56.43%
                            1 1
1.67
                            2 2 1 Pamela Galligan, Bartlett IL; Marcia Conarty, North Aurora IL
                                                                                                         54.73%
1.25
                            3 3 2 Steve Brown - Caryl Brown, Highland Park IL
                                                                                                         54 48%
                                   Yusaku Hayashi, Northfield IL; Kimi Fresco, Riverside IL
0.89
                            4 4
                                                                                                         53.82%
0.94
                                 3 Robert Margolis - Sherry Margolis, Northbrook IL
                                              Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs - 22.0 Tables
MPs
                      3 Names
                          Howard Shachter - Diane Shachter, Deerfield IL
                                                                                                         58.46%
7.91
                      2 Robert Bednar, Palos Hills IL; Eric Neumann, Downers Grove IL
5.93
                                                                                                         57.95%
                      3 Leslie Miller - Kathleen Miller, Arlington Hts IL
3.34
                      4 Ted Pristash, Grays Lake IL; W Sommerfield, Wales WI
                          Carolyn O'Brien, Lake Forest IL; Janet Brandt, Elgin IL
2.64
                                                                                                         54.87%
                      5 Patricia Sullivan, Chicago IL; Steve Beicos, Westchester IL
2.26
                                                                                                         54.83%
                          Frank Amrine - Jo Ellen Amrine, Louisville KY
                                                                                                         54.71%
1.39
                      6 Sally Haessig - John Haessig, Stevens Point WI
                                                                                                         54.43%
                                             Wednesday Morn 299er Pair - 3.0 Tables
MPs
                 A B C Names
                                                                            Score
                         Steve Brown - Caryl Brown, Highland Park IL
                                                                                                         61.00%
1.84
                 1 1
                         Carolyn Rosene, St Charles IL; Mary Cichon, St Charles IL
1.38
                                                                                                         55.00%
                                             Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs - 19.0 Tables
MPs
                 3 Names
                                                                             Score
                1 Howard Shachter - Diane Shachter, Deerfield IL
                                                                             58.27%
7.17
                 Diana Federl, Willowbrook IL; Pat Patel, Glen Ellyn IL
2 Gordon Coons - Linda Coons, Wheaton IL
5.38
                                                                             58.20%
4.03
                                                                             55.61%
3.02
                 3 Kathleen Miller - Leslie Miller, Arlington Hts IL
                                                                             54 97%
2.39
                 Robert Quintin, Saint Charles IL; Michael Morrice
                                                                             54.60%
2.72
                   Sammye Axelrood - Richard Axelrood, Highland Park IL
                                                                             54.54%
2.06
                 4 Peggy Doherty - Emmett Doherty, Three Rivers MI
                                                                             54.48%
                 5 Patricia Sharp - Louis Sharp, Libertyville IL
                                                                             54.40%
2.20
1.70
                 6 Ginny Dimond - Mike Dimond, Elmhurst IL
                                                                             54.13%
                                               Thurs Morn 299er Pairs - 4.0 Tables
MPs
       1
            1
                   Jo Hannan, Orland Park IL; Margaret Duggan, Palos Heights IL
                                                                                       60.42%
1.98
1.49
            2
                   Kimi Fresco, Riverside IL; Yusaku Hayashi, Northfield IL
                                                                                       57.64%
                                                                                       52.78%
                   Anna Neumann, Downers Grove IL; Fred Spitzzeri, Naperville IL
                                                Fri Morn 299er Pairs - 4.0 Tables
MPs A
              C Names
           1/2 1/2Nancy Pitz - Karen Sandberg, Wheaton IL
1.74
1.74
           1/2 1/2Anna Neumann; Fred Spitzzeri
           3 Alice Leuffgen; Rolland Wakeman
1.11
                                   Friday Gold Rush Pairs - 31.0 Tables / Based on 32 Tables
MPs 7
        3 Names
10.39
        1 1Patricia Sharp - Louis Sharp, Libertyville IL
        2 2Robert Bednar, Palos Hills IL; Larry Lapalio, Hinsdale IL
7.79
5.84
        3 Leslie Phelps, Vero Beach FL; Jo Baillie, Marco Island FL
4.38
         4 Charles Johnson - Demaris Johnson, Aurora IL
        5 Liz Peterson - Jim Peterson, Lake Forest IL
3.70
         6 Richard Edholm, Libertyville IL; S Richard Dembinsky, Wadsworth IL
3.63
        7 Charles Wiggins Jr, Indianhead Park IL; Lynn VanPoucke, Elgin IL
2.98
2.77
        8 4Marion Tuttle, Palatine IL; Judith Polo, Westmont IL
2.19
        9 5Donald Schenk - Jim Koerber, Lansing MI
6Gordon Coons - Linda Coons, Wheaton IL
1.88
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Upcoming Tournaments (advertised within)

Labor Day Sectional, Skokie, IL, August 31-September 3 3 Lakes Sectional, 3 Lakes, WI, September 21-23, 2012

Milwaukee FallFest Sectional, Milwaukee, WI, September 28-30

Central States Regional, Lake Geneva, WI, October 22-28, 2012

LaCrosse Sectional, LaCrosse, WI, November 2-4, 2012 FallFest Sectional, Lombard, IL, November 9-11, 2012 Winter Sectional, Milwaukee, WI, December 27-29, 2012

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2012-2013 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS C (0-500) Non-Life Masters

To determine Masterpoint holding, Masterpoints will be as of the June 2012 masterpoint cycle (processing through May 6, 2012) The North American Pairs final will be a four-session event to be held at the St. Louis, MO 2013 Spring NABC. The three top pairs will be offered the right to play in the tournament at the National level.

Qualifying—Club Level: Qualifying in the clubs in June, July and August (in accordance with ACBL conditions of Contest) **District Level**: In order to play at the District Level a pair must qualify in their local clubs during the qualifying period of June-August. A person or pair may qualify more than once. The District tournament will be a one day, two session event on 9/15/12 Wisconsin State Fair Park, Tommy Thompson Youth Center, 640 South 84th Street, West Allis, WI Two Sessions (12:00 and TBA)

Note: There will be a parking fee of \$5.

Tournament Chairman: Sandy O'Brien (262) 781-0700 sandy@jim-obrien.com

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Saturday Morn 299er Pairs - 8.0 Tables MPs A B C Names 2.54 1 Dianne Pauser - Donald Pauser, Dixon IL 1Marcia Conarty, North Aurora IL; Pamela Galligan, Bartlett IL 3 3 2Paul Dynowski - Nancy Williams, Chicago IL 1.43 3Marcia Brody, Northbrook IL; Carole Shulman, Highland Park IL 1.07 0.80 Virginia Jach, Oak Lawn IL; Charlotte Abernethy, Griffith IN 4Burt Herman - Elaine Herman, Oak Brook IL Saturday Gold Rush Pairs - 21.0 Tables MPs Names 7.67 1 1Samuel Sirko - Alex Teixeira, Chicago IL 60.51% 5.75 2 2Emmett Doherty - Peggy Doherty, Three Rivers MI 59.67% 4.31 3 3Frank Hsieh - Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL 56.59% 3.24 4 4Daniel Cieslik, Chicago IL; Walt Werner, Arlington Hts IL 56.29% 2.56 5 5Jim Koerber - Donald Schenk, Lansing MI 56.18% Sally Landrum - Earl Landrum, Marion IN 2.19 6 55.10% 6Virginia Jach, Oak Lawn IL; Charlotte Abernethy, Griffith IN 54.62%