

The Official Newsletter of the Valentine Regional

Valentine Voices and Views



Saturday, February 18

2:00 Morning Side Game Series - Session 1

2:00, 7:30 Double Session Grassroots Fund Open Pairs – Three Strata (0-1,500, 1,500-3,000, Unlimited)

2:00, 7:30 Double Session Grassroots Fund Gold Rush Pairs – Three Strata (0-100, 100-300, 300-750)

Sunday, February 19

10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (2-Session Playthru with FREE LUNCH)

Monday, February 20

9:30 Morning Side Game Series - Session 2

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Open Pairs-Three Strata (0-1,500, 1,500-3,000, Unlimited)*

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs—Three Strata (0-100, 100-300, 300-750)*

2:00, 7:30 Double Session Bracketed Swiss

7:30 Stratified Open Pairs Series A -Session 1 of 2

Tuesday, February 21

9:30 Morning Side Game Series - Session 3

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Open Pairs-Three Strata (0-1,500, 1,500-3,000, Unlimited)*

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs—Three Strata (0-100, 100-300, 300-750)*

2:00, 7:30 Double Session Bracketed Swiss

7:30 Stratified Open Pairs Series A - Session 2

Wednesday, February 22

9:30 Morning Side Game Series - Session 4

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Open Pairs-Three Strata (0-1,500, 1,500-3,000, Unlimited)*

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs—Three Strata (0-100, 100-300, 300-750)*

2:00, 7:30 Double Session Bracketed Swiss

7:30 Stratified Open Pairs Series B- Session 1 of 2

Thursday, February 23

9:30 Morning Side Game Series - Session 5

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Open Pairs-Three Strata (0-1,500, 1,500-3,000, Unlimited)*

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs—Three Strata (0-100, 100-300, 300-750)*

2:00, 7:30 Double Session Bracketed Swiss

7:30 Stratified Open Pairs B - Session 2

Friday, February 24

9:30 Morning Side Game Series - Session 6

2:00, 7:30 Two-Session Stratified Swiss Teams (Mid-chart conventions allowed)

7:30 Side Game Open Pairs

More Strats Mean More Masterpoints! More Gold! Our Valentine To You!

Stratification: Unless otherwise specified: A: Unlimited, B: 0-2,000, C: 0-750

*Players' Choice: You may play any 2 of the 3 sessions, but you must specify which 2 when purchasing your entry.

Bracketed Knockouts: Random draw within the bracket. Brackets determined at the discretion of the Tournament Directors.

Events or strata may be combined due to insufficient attendance.

Mid-Chart conventions allowed in Swiss, KO Bracket 1 & in Flight A only events.

Masterpoint Averaging is in effect for all Pair Games and Swiss Team Events where permitted.

We adhere to ACBL Handicapping Practices. We handicap KO's when there's only one bracket.

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Suzi Subeck, Editor
Bob Young, Tournament Chairman

Thank you for not wearing fragrance!

We adhere to ACBL default
handicapping.

**Free Coffee and Snacks
Throughout the Week!!**



GNT District Final:

Immediately following this tournament

Saturday, 2/25-Sunday, 2/26

at the NB Hilton



Things to Do in Winter on the North Shore...

NORTHBROOK COURT

- AMC Movie Theaters
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Does Four Hearts score more than Four Spades on Valentine’s Day?



Pick Up Your Copy of our North Shore Restaurant Guide Outside the Playing Area!!



**Don't Forget
GNT's next
Saturday & Sunday
at the NB Hilton**



Tournament Information

Welcome from Bob ...

Welcome to the North Shore for the Unit 123 Valentine Regional.

We know it can be snowy and we know it can be cold, but what can be better than playing bridge indoors where it's warm? We have a full compliment of events including some that are new and exciting.

First, we are running Bracketed Swiss Teams on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Attendance at Regional Knockouts throughout ACBLland has been falling and several areas have found that Bracketed Swiss Teams are a good replacement for the KO's.

We are also running an across the evening Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday pairs game. We are trying to accommodate those that work but can get free in the evenings.

We hope you will play at this tournament and follow it up with play in the District Finals of the GNT on Saturday and Sunday at the Northbrook Hilton. The GNT's require pre-registration so be sure to sign up if you intend to compete.

Have fun! Stay warm! Enjoy the great restaurants on the North Shore!

Thanks for coming and I'll see you at the tables!!

Bob Young, Tournament Chairman

Tournament Chairman: Bob Young
Hospitality: Adrienne Cohen
Valentine Views Editor: Suzi Subeck

No Smoking Policy:

No smoking is allowed in the convention center, lobby, washrooms, fire exits, or service areas. Smokers must go outside to puff.

Partnerships:

Singles should check in at the partnership desk 45 minutes before game time to allow those attending to arrange partnerships. The desk will be open prior to the morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. **Partners are guaranteed for all 99er events.** If no one is at the desk, leave a note or contact Les Kent in in person please.

Partnership Desk and Daily Bulletin:

Check the Partnership Desk for hand records, tournament schedules, area info, and your copy of the **Valentine Views**. A bulletin box on the desk is available for you to submit any interesting hands, amusing bridge-related stories, or puzzles for publication in the daily bulletins. If you become a new life master while at the tournament, please drop a note in the bulletin box. Include the event so we know how you went over the top.

Also check your *Daily Bulletin* for specific hospitality information for the weekend.

Recorder Slips, should you need them, are available from the directors.

Score Corrections:

For pair events, the score correction period expires at the start of the next session. For the last session of an event, the correction period expires after twenty-four hours or thirty minutes after the end of the tournament, whichever is earlier. See the director as soon as possible if you discover an error in your score. The appeal period for a director's ruling expires thirty minutes after the completion of the session.

Puzzle Page ... Five Logic Puzzles... Answers on Page 6

1. Four defensive football players are chasing the opposing wide receiver, who has the ball. Calvin is directly behind the ball carrier. Jenkins and Burton are side by side behind Calvin. Zeller is behind Jenkins and Burton. Calvin tries for the tackle but misses and falls. Burton trips. Which defensive player tackles the receiver?
 - A. Burton
 - B. Zeller
 - C. Jenkins
 - D. Calvin
2. A four-person crew from Classic Colors is painting Mr. Field's house. Michael is painting the front of the house. Ross is in the alley behind the house painting the back. Jed is painting the window frames on the north side, Shawn is on the south. If Michael switches places with Jed, and Jed then switches places with Shawn, where is Shawn?
 - A. in the alley behind the house
 - B. on the north side of the house
 - C. in front of the house
 - D. on the south side of the house
3. In a four-day period Monday through Thursday each of the following temporary office workers worked only one day, each a different day. Ms. Johnson was scheduled to work on Monday, but she traded with Mr. Carter, who was originally scheduled to work on Wednesday. Ms. Falk traded with Mr. Kirk, who was originally scheduled to work on Thursday. After all the switching was done, who worked on Tuesday?
 - A. Mr. Carter
 - B. Ms. Falk
 - C. Ms. Johnson
 - D. Mr. Kirk
4. Four people witnessed a mugging. Each gave a different description of the mugger. Which description is probably right?
 - A. He was average height, thin, and middle-aged.
 - B. He was tall, thin, and middle-aged.
 - C. He was tall, thin, and young.
 - D. He was tall, of average weight, and middle-aged.
5. Ms. Forest likes to let her students choose who their partners will be; however, no pair of students may work together more than seven class periods in a row. Adam and Baxter have studied together seven class periods in a row. Carter and Dennis have worked together three class periods in a row. Carter does not want to work with Adam. Who should be assigned to work with Baxter?
 - A. Carter
 - B. Adam
 - C. Dennis
 - D. Forest

9			3	7			1	
6	2			9				
		1				4		8
			5	3				
3	9		6		7		4	5
				1	4			
5		3				8		
				4			5	3
	6			5	3			4

Sudoku



The Modern Valentine

Be sure your cell phone is off in the playing area. Penalties will be assessed your cell phone rings ... whether you answer it or not!



The ACBL requires that you and partner have identically filled-out convention cards on the table at all times.

Puzzle Answer:

4	7	2	3	5	8	9	6	1
3	5	9	6	4	1	7	8	2
1	6	8	9	2	7	3	4	5
6	2	3	4	1	9	5	7	8
5	4	1	7	8	6	2	9	3
9	8	7	2	3	5	6	1	4
8	9	4	5	6	2	1	3	7
7	3	5	1	9	4	8	2	6
2	1	6	8	7	3	4	5	9

Source: “Play Bridge with the Aces” by Ira Corn

Mike Lawrence of the Aces earned a star award for his play of today’s hand. The hand was played in an early round of a Spingold tournament. Study only the bidding, the lead and the North-South hands. Then develop a plan of play and compare it with Mike’s to see if you would have also earned an award.

Answer and full hand on page 9

Dealer East Both Vul

♠ Q 10
♥ A Q J 4
♦ K J 10 6
♣ J 7 5

♠
♥
♦
♣

♠
♥
♦
♣

♠ J 8 7
♥ 9 6
♦ A Q 5 4
♣ A 10 9 8

The Auction:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Opening Lead ♠4

Answers to Puzzle on page 4:

1. Answer: Option C
Explanation: After all the switching was done, Jenkins was directly behind the receiver. Calvin and Burton had fallen. Zeller remained in the rear.

2. Answer: Option C
Explanation: After all the switches were made, Shawn is in front of the house. Ross is in the alley behind the house, Michael is on the north side, and Jed is on the south.

3. Answer: Option D
Explanation: After all the switches were made, Mr. Kirk worked on Tuesday. Mr. Carter worked on Monday, Ms. Johnson on Wednesday, and Ms. Falk on Thursday

4. Answer: Option B
Explanation: Tall, thin, and middle-aged are the elements of the description repeated most often and are therefore the most likely to be accurate.

5. Answer: Option A
Explanation: Baxter should be assigned to study with Carter. Baxter cannot be assigned with Adam, because they have already been together for seven class periods. If Baxter is assigned to work with Dennis, that would leave Adam with Carter, but Carter does not want to work with Adam.

District 13 2016/2017 Grand National Teams

Saturday, February 25, 2017, 11:00 and TBA & Sunday, February 26, 2017, 11:00 and TBA

Hilton Northbrook, 2855 North Milwaukee Avenue, Northbrook, IL
Telephone: (847) 480-7500 Call for Bridge Rate!

The Championship Flight and Flight A events will take place over four sessions and will be concluded in a single weekend. ****In Flight B alone, there may be two teams remaining at conclusion of play on Sunday. These teams will be responsible to determine a final date and place (area club) at which to play their Final. The Coordinator will work with the teams to find suitable arrangements for Final.**** (See CoC on the District 13 website for more information.) Flight C will be a two-session Swiss Team event played to conclusion on Sunday only.

There will be no competition among flights. Players must choose the flight in which they plan to play.

Flight	Masterpoints	Club Qualifying
Championship	Unlimited	None
Flight A	Fewer than 6000 points	None
Flight B	Fewer than 2500 points	Determined by Unit
Flight C	Non Life Master and fewer than 500 points	Determined by Unit

Flight eligibility is established by **ACBL's September 2016 masterpoint cycle**. This information was produced on August 6, 2016 in Horn Lake, MS. **Masterpoints won after this cycle will not impact flight eligibility for these events.**

Players must reside in District 13. Each member of the team must be a paid member in good standing with the ACBL. Club qualifying may be required at the discretion of each Unit. A Flight B or C team may qualify under the rules of any Unit where a plurality of team members reside.

In addition, players who are currently, or have ever been in the past, members of another bridge organization, whether domestic (e.g., American Bridge Association) or foreign (e.g., Polski Zwiasek Brydza Sportowego), must submit information on their past and/or current ranking in that organization. Submissions must be in writing (email is fine) and must be received by the District GNT Coordinator or District 13 Director at the time of registration for the event. The information submitted may be used to assign a conversion to ACBL masterpoints for purposes of verifying flight eligibility.

****An entry in the CHAMPIONSHIP Flight is a commitment to play in the National Final. Entries in lower flights may play to conclusion before declaring intent. We understand your reluctance to commit in advance.****

GNT Coordinator:

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Registration:

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT.

All teams wishing to enter must provide notification by noon on February 18, 2017 by contacting:

Suzi Subeck, District 13 Director, (847)-509-0311 Home, (708) 927-6819 Cell, stansubeck@prodigy.net, or by registering on line at ***http://bridgeinchicago.com*** if and when it is available

Entering teams must have a written confirmation either by email or letter. No team without such a written confirmation should assume that entry has been verified. It is important to know in advance the teams entered. Captains should bring the confirmation with them to the site and be prepared to present it when buying an entry.

For more complete information, please consult your conditions of contest on the District 13 website at <http://acbl-district13.org/>

District 13 Spring Regional

April 3 - April 9, 2017

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Lake Geneva, WI

On Route 50, 1/2 mile East of Route 12

Call 262-248-8811/800-558-3417 on or before March 6th to ensure the Bridge Rate!

Monday, April 3

7:30 KO Teams I: Session 1

7:30 Single Session Stratified Pairs Side Game to benefit the Grass Roots Fund

Tuesday, April 4

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series I: Sessions 1, 2, 3 (single sessions)

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 KO Teams I: Sessions 2, 3, 4

2:00, 7:30 KO II: Sessions 1 & 2

Wednesday, April 5

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series I: Sessions 4, 5, 6 (single sessions)

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)

2:00, 7:30 KO II: Sessions 3 & 4

2:00, 7:30 KO III: Sessions 1 & 2

Thursday, April 6

9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series II: Sessions 1, 2, 3 (single sessions)

9:30 & 2:00 Stratified Daylight Senior Pairs

2:00 & 7:30 KO III: Sessions 3 & 4

2:00 & 7:30 Stratified Swiss Team

Friday, April 7

9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series II: Sessions 4, 5, 6 (single sessions)

2:00 & 7:30 KO IV: Session 1 & 2

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

Saturday, April 8

9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series III: Sessions 1, 2, 3 (single sessions)

2:00 & 7:30 KO IV: Session 3 & 4

2:00 & 7:30 Bracketed Swiss Teams

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

Sunday, April 9

10:00 Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (7 rounds)

Flight A/X/Y

B/C/D Stratified

* **Player's Choice: Player specifies which 2 sessions when purchasing entry**

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Intermediate & Newcomer Events 0-299er Masterpoints

0-5 ACBL members play FREE all week

Tuesday - Saturday

Single Session Games

at 9:30, 2:00

Stratified 299er Pairs

Mid-Chart for Top Bracket of the KO's & Sunday Flight A/X/Y Swiss Teams

Stratified Games: A: 2000+; B: 750-2000; C: 0-750

Stratiflighted Teams:

A: 5000+ X: 3000-5000 Y: 0-3000

B: 750-1500; C: 300-750; D: 0-300

Stratiflighted Pairs: 0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+

Gold Rush Pairs: 0-100; 100-300; 300-750

Newcomer Events: 0-5/20/50/100/200/300

Masterpoint Averaging When Permitted!



We adhere to ACBL default handicapping.
We handicap KO's when there is only a single bracket.

Fresh Fruit

Hospitality Suite!!!

Daily Bulletins

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Kibitzers: Golf, Tennis, Spa

Free Lunch with Entry on
Wednesday and Sunday



(continued from page 6)

The winning play is to refuse the heart finesse. If the heart finesse is taken, East wins and the hand is defeated because declarer can take only eight tricks (1 spade, 4 diamonds, 1 club and only 2 hearts).

Mike reasoned: Obviously West underled the A-K of spades. If West led from a five cards suit, the hand could not be made unless West also had the ♥K (1 spade, 4 diamonds, 3 heart and a club). However, if West had five spades and the ♥K, why he not opened the bidding after two passed?

If West had only four spades and the ♥K, then all plays would win. (West could not have both club honors because of his failure open the bidding.)

Mike concluded that his best chance for success requires an even division of spade suit and either or both club honors in the East hand. Aside from the inferences drawn from the bidding, the probability of developing three club tricks was better than developing three heart tricks.

Mike's reasoning guided him to the winning line of play. He rejected the enticing heart finesse and instead close the double club finesse.

He won the spade queen in dummy and played the ♣J, allowing it to ride to West's ♣K.

East-West could now take three more spade tricks, but Lawrence made his contract. He took one spade, one heart, four diamonds, and three clubs. (The fall of the club queen made the repeated finesse unnecessary.)

Mike applied several basic principles. He analyzed all available information deduced from the bidding. He counted his tricks and selected the plan most likely to succeed that was consistent with the bidding.

The complete deal:

♠ Q 10	♠ 9 6 3 2
♥ A Q J 4	♥ K 8 7 3 2
♦ K J 10 6	♦ 9 8
♣ J 7 5	♣ Q 2
♠ A K 5 4	♠ J 8 7
♥ 10 5	♥ 9 6
♦ 7 3 2	♦ A Q 5 4
♣ K 6 4 3	♣ A 10 9 8



Source: Australian Bridge Federation Newsletters by Ron Klinger

Whether to play $1\clubsuit=2+$ OR $1\clubsuit=3+$ (better minor)

$1\clubsuit$ showing 2+ clubs has always had a good following, but it fails to stand up under close analysis.

Consider this hand, and focus on the shape 4-4-3-2: $\spadesuit A864$, $\heartsuit A765$, $\diamondsuit J54$, $\clubsuit K6$

This exact shape, four spades, four hearts, three diamonds and two clubs is the only hand where you open $1\diamondsuit$ with three diamonds, playing better minor. Now look at these sequences when you open $1\diamondsuit$ in better minor:

$1\diamondsuit-1\heartsuit$	$1\diamondsuit-1\heartsuit$	$1\diamondsuit-1\spadesuit$
1NT	$1\spadesuit$	1NT

When you open $1\diamondsuit$ you will have only three diamonds if you are 4-4 in the majors (exactly 4-4-3-2). In these sequences you cannot be 4-4 in the majors or you would raise partner's major to $2\heartsuit$ or $2\spadesuit$ at once. Thus the partnership knows after opener's rebid how many diamonds opener holds, whether it be 3 or 4+. And it can only be three exactly if the bidding proceeds

$1\diamondsuit-1\heartsuit$	$1\diamondsuit-1\spadesuit$
$2\heartsuit$	$2\spadesuit$

In which case it doesn't really matter, since you've found your major suit fit. So opening $1\diamondsuit$ with 3+ is not so damaging. It is nice to know opener has 4+ diamonds at the point when they open $1\diamondsuit$, but you can still make a preemptive raise ($1\diamondsuit-3\diamondsuit$) or raise diamonds in competition with five-card support. Strangely this exact shape, four spades, four hearts, three diamonds and two clubs is also the only hand where you open $1\clubsuit$ with two, playing $1\clubsuit=2+$. However, if you open $1\clubsuit$ with 2+, you create all sorts of problems for yourself around the club suit. In many cases, you tie your own hands behind your back; for instance it becomes a risk to raise preemptively to $3\clubsuit$ with only five-card support and to bid $3\clubsuit$ in this sequence with only five-card support may find you in a seven-card fit:

$\spadesuit K2$, $\heartsuit 86$, $\diamondsuit 8764$, $\clubsuit AQ874$

$1\clubsuit$: ($2\heartsuit$); $3\clubsuit$

It could also be wrong to respond $2\clubsuit$ over a $1\heartsuit$ overcall!

$1\clubsuit$ is a much more frequent opening bid than $1\diamondsuit$, and you will have many problems in competitive auctions if you open the bidding in your shortest suit. Often you need to find your minor suit fit quickly in order to compete at the three-level and push opponents one level higher.

I asked Ron Klinger why he preferred better minor and he kindly replied:

"The incidence of $1\diamondsuit$ as exactly three is so small (below 2%) that one need not worry about it when supporting diamonds. I am not in favor of using $1\clubsuit$ as 2+ just to preserve transfers after $1\clubsuit$. Those who open $1\clubsuit$ with 4-3-4-2, 3-4-4-2, 3-3-4-3, 3-3-5-2 patterns, etc. lose the diamond suit too often in competition, and for the opening lead when the opponents buy the contract."

There is a method of playing both $1\clubsuit=2+$ and $1\diamondsuit=2+$ that is enjoying great success that focusses more on point count than shape. This system is played by Pauline Gumby – Warren Lazer, and a similar method is also played by Griff Ware – Michael Wilkinson, who have made the Australian Open Team in both 2014 and 2015: Gumby Lazer style

- $1\clubsuit=2+$ and is either 17-20 balanced (even 5-3-3-2 with five diamonds)
- OR natural with long clubs. Rebid 1NT with 17-18 and 2NT with 19-20.
- $1\diamondsuit=2+$ all 11-13 balanced if you rebid 1NT including 5-3-3-2 with five clubs
- OR unbalanced with 4+ diamonds
- 1NT = 14-16 balanced

The notrump ranges are much tighter and more accurate, which is a great advantage, but you lose your minor suits.

A Remarkable Discrepancy by Zia (from 2011)

The world championships for the Bermuda Bowl (Open series), Venice Cup (women's series) and Senior Bowl will begin in a couple of weeks. For the first time in a very long while, the US will not be represented by the Nickell team. Instead, one of the United States' two teams will be the youngest it has fielded for a very long time. On today's deal from the trial to select the team, the contracts were different at both tables. You may say: "So what?" but I think you'll agree that the discrepancy between the contracts was remarkable even taking those variations into account. I'll show you just the East-West cards – see what contract you think you would have reached.

Game all, dealer South.

W

♠9

♥1076

♦AQ53

♣109872

E

♠A8653

♥AJ5

♦None

♣AKQJ6



At both tables there were two passes to North, who opened the bidding with one heart. When Justin Lall for the youngsters (OK, he is 29, but that is young in bridge terms) held the East cards he chose a conventional overcall of two hearts, showing five spades and five cards in a minor suit. He intended to bid again in the later auction to show the power of his hand – for the moment, he was content to give some indication of its distribution.

South passed and West bid 2NT, a request for East to show his minor suit. Lall might have jumped to four clubs with his extra values, or tried a cue bid of three hearts before revealing his minor, but such convoluted courses were not for him. He'd been asked to show his suit so he showed it in the most emphatic way he could, by jumping to six clubs.

Joe Grue, his partner, put down a pretty suitable dummy, but as was remarked after the event he didn't even need the six points he had. With North as expected holding the king and queen of hearts, and with trumps dividing 2-1 and spades 4-3, declarer would have made his slam if the ace and queen of diamonds had been the four and two respectively.

At the other table Fred Gitelman, not exactly an old-timer either though his accomplishments in the bridge world are legion, chose a different path. Over one heart he bid a simple one spade, hoping to show his strength as the auction developed. There was only one problem with this – the auction didn't develop, and he was left to play in his overcall. He made it, in fact he made a couple of overtricks, but he didn't make the US team.

Bid Hearts for Valentine's Day!!

A prince was put under a spell so that he could speak only one word each year. If he didn't speak for two years, the following year he could speak two words and so on.

One day, he fell in love with a beautiful lady. He refrained from speaking for two whole years so he could call her "my darling." But then he wanted to tell her he loved her, so he waited three more years. At the end of these five years, he wanted to ask her to marry him, so he waited another four years. Finally, as the ninth year of silence ended, he led the lady to the most romantic place in the kingdom and said, "My darling, I love you! Will you marry me?" And the lady said, "Pardon?"

Two antennae met on a roof, fell in love and got married. Their wedding ceremony wasn't fancy. The reception, however, was excellent.



Tom Swiftie: "She tore my valentine in half!" said Tom half-heartedly.

A woman was taking a nap on Valentine's Day afternoon. After she awoke, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a gorgeous and expensive diamond necklace for Valentine's Day! What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," he said.

That evening, her husband came home with a small package for her. Thrilled, she opened it and found a book titled "The Meaning of Dreams."

A Cub Scout found a frog that said, "Kiss me and I will become a beautiful princess."

The boy studied the frog, then put it in his pocket.

"Hey," the frog croaked, "how come you didn't kiss me?"

"I'd rather have a talking frog than a princess any day!"

Craig: Why do melons have to get married in churches?

Joe: Why?

Craig: Because they cantaloupe!

Justin: What did the boy candy say to the girl candy?

John: I haven't a clue.

Justin: "It's Valentine's Day and we're mint for each other."

Ben: What did one magnet say to the other magnet on Valentine's Day?

Finn: I have no idea. What?

Ben: "I find you very attractive!"

AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

2017 SUMMER NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Tentative Game Schedule

Thursday, August 17

3 PM Open Pairs (only Session)
8 PM F. Alberta Peterson Scholarship Game

Friday, August 18

9 AM Speedball Swiss Teams (Only Session) 5 boards, 5 rounds, and 5 minutes per board)
9 AM Side Game
1:30 & 7:30 PM Belsaw Open Pairs
1:30 PM Side Game
7:30 PM Side Game

Saturday, August 19

9 AM Morning KO Teams
(Registration by 7:30 PM Friday)
9 AM Side Game
1:30 & 7:30 PM Rex Watkins Men's Pairs
1:30 & 7:30 PM Christine P Jones Women's Pairs
(Flighted & Stratified)
1:30 PM Side Game
7:30 PM Side Game

Sunday, August 20

10: AM MEMORIAL SERVICE
1:30 & 7:30 PM Pauline Taylor Mixed Pairs
Championship (2 session play thru)
1:30 & 7:30 PM Women's Pairs (2 session play thru)
1:30 PM Side Game
7:30 PM Side Game

Monday, August 21

9 AM Morning KO Teams 2nd Round
9 AM AM KO Teams II (8 Team Flights)
(Registration by Mid-night Sunday)
9 AM Side Game
1:30 & 7:30 PM Victor Daly KO Teams-Championship
16 Team Flights-Registration by 7:30
PM Sunday
1:30 PM Side Game
7:30 PM Second Chance KO (Closed Event)
7:30 PM Side Game

Tuesday, August 22

9 AM Morning KO Teams – Semi-Finals
9 AM AM KO Teams II – Semi-Finals
9 AM Side Game
1:30 & 7:30 PM Victor Daly KO Teams
Semi-Finals/Finals
1:30 & 7:30 PM Second Chance KO
Semi-Finals/Finals
1:30 & 7:30 PM Open Pairs (2 session play thru)
7:30 PM Side Game

Wednesday, August 23

9 AM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
11 AM AWARDS CEREMONY & BRUNCH
3PM & 8 PM National Non-Mixed Pairs
3 PM Side Game
8 PM Side Game

Thursday, August 24

9 AM Side Game
9 AM Morning KO Finals
9 AM AM II KO Finals
1:30 & 7:30 PM P.W. Goode National Open Pairs
Championship (Flighted & Stratified)
1:30 PM Side Game
7:30 PM Side Game

Friday, August 25

9 AM PRO-AM/HAM Open Pairs
(AM's - U/600; HAM's - 600 – 1999;
PRO's- 0/2000)
9 AM Side Game
1:30 & 7:30 PM Will E. Richardson National Swiss
Teams (Flighted & Stratified)
1:30 PM Side Game
7:30 PM Side Game

Saturday, August 26

9 AM Board-A-Match (Only Session)
9 AM President's Pairs (Only Session)

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You clearly remember this board you watched in your favorite club last weekend. All three players at the table were the most competent Hogs in the club, the fourth was a newcomer with unknown skill from a distant country. You were in the South-West position seeing this:

♠ Q 8
♥ 9 7 4
♦ A K J 5 4
♣ Q 8 2

♠ A 10 9
♥ 2
♦ Q 10 8 2
♣ A K 10 9 3

East Hog No. 1 is the dealer and opens 1♥ – five card majors. South Hog No. 2 bids cautious 2♣ avoiding take-out double. You approve such a forethought knowing quite well that these days everybody in the North seat jumps in spades after any take-out double from partner.

West Hog No. 3 bids 2♦, pass from the newcomer in the North seat, 2♥ from East – a waiting bid as explained. Pass from South, West produces an invitational raise to 3♥, pass from North and East closes the bidding with 4♥.

South cashes two high clubs, North produces encouraging cards, East drops the Jack on the second trick and South continues with the ♣10 – a clear suite preference for spades. North ruffs and immediately exits with the Seven of Diamonds. Everybody around the table raised eyebrows but the contract was doomed the full board being:

♠ J 6 5 2
♥ 10 8 5 2
♦ 7 6 3
♣ 7 5

♠ Q 8
♥ 9 7 4
♦ A K J 5 4
♣ Q 8 2

♠ K 7 4 3
♥ A K Q J 6
♦ 9
♣ J 6 4

♠ A 10 9
♥ 2
♦ Q 10 8 2
♣ A K 10 9 3

Later in the evening you met the newcomer in the bar and invited him for a glass of Peter Michael's Au Paradis vintage 2012.



Hideous Hog
Liked to Play
Every Hand
His own Way!

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“You probably use reverse suit preference signals in your country” you started a friendly chat remembering the diamond switch after he ruffed the club. „Not at all!” he replied and added: “We do not use signals. We use our heads.” And presents his views of the board: “After the bidding and the first three tricks it was an open book, a double dummy problemless.

Declarer has solid hearts and one high card in spades. What else could he have for his opening bid? Then, if I attack spades, he should rise with ace, knowing quite well from the bidding where the spade king is lurking. And after cashing all his trumps South will be squeezed in diamonds and spades.

Therefore, you see, it was vital to cut communications with dummy in diamonds right now.”

“But what about East having six hearts and diamond void?” you object cautiously. „Without an entry to dummy declarer was bound to loose a spade trick otherwise.”

“Right!” he promptly replies. “My only concern was that partner might be 3-0-5-5 with the King of Spades but people usually use 2NT overcall for minors with such hands. A take-out double of 1 Heart is also possible. And if he is something like 4-1-3-5 there is no hope, but such hands call for take-out double, not 2 Clubs overcall.”

“I was little surprised at the end” he continues. “He did not cash the ace of spades before playing the third club. Obviously there is no way to beat 4 hearts unless I ruff the third club. Therefore I was pretty sure he has the King of Spades not the Ace. People sometimes go to bed with an Ace if playing with a partner who does not blindly follow suite preference.”

You realized it was time for a second glass of the famous Cabernet Sauvignon.



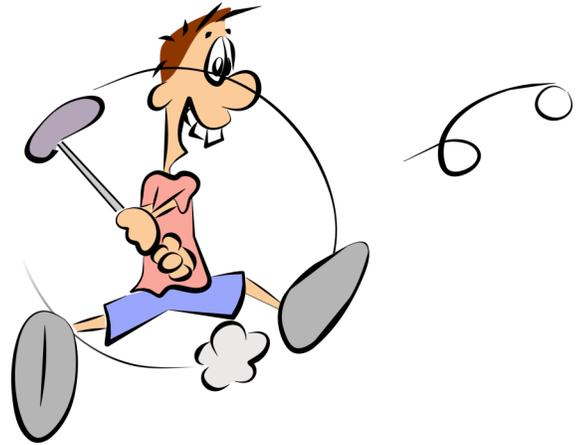
A Bunker Shot by Zia

The term “bunker shot” is not exclusive to golf. When a bridge player is in a perilous position, he can sometimes extricate himself with a delicate maneuver.

Today’s deal saw Robert Sheehan play a bunker shot of which Ernie Els would have been proud, and as his opponent I had to applaud his technique.

Love all, dealer North.

	N	
	♠	
W	♥AQ732	E
♠Q75	♦	♠109832
♥K96	♣AKQ109854	♥J105
♦QJ10973	S	♦K84
♣J	♠AKJ64	♣76
	♥84	
	♦A652	
	♣32	



Freak hands such as North’s do occur but advice on how to bid them is thin on the ground, and North chose to open with a game-forcing two clubs rather than a quiet one club. This auction ensued:

West	North	East	South
Zia			Sheehan
	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Double	3♥	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The obvious lead from the West hand is the “safe” Queen of spades that would have left Sheehan easy access to the three top tricks in his hand to go with dummy’s nine winners. After bidding such as this, though, it can often be a winning play to lead dummy’s long suit, so I chose Jack of clubs. Sheehan won in dummy and my partner contributed the seven. When Sheehan went into a profound study, I knew I had a good lead – declarer did not have the 6 of clubs to cross to his hand, nor the Jack of hearts because the play would be automatic if he did. Stuck in dummy, Sheehan would have to concede two heart tricks for one down.

Instead, declarer cashed dummy’s clubs, discarding various things from his hand, then he called for a low heart from the dummy and the defenders were fixed. Either of us could win the heart lead, but would have to return a spades or a diamond, giving declarer access to the winners in his hand, or a heart to the four winners in dummy. Out of the bunker and into the hole – no need even to putt.