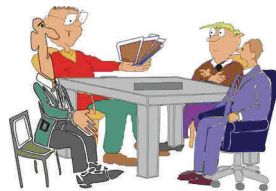


Sponsored by Unit 149

Tuesday, June 10

- 9:00 Morning Side Game, session 1
299er Pairs
Tuesday/Wednesday Compact KO, session 1
- 1:30 KO-A session 1
Gold Rush Pairs, session 1
A/X Pairs (X=0-2000, A=2000+), session 1
299er Pairs
Afternoon Side Game, session 1
- 7:30 KO-A session 2
Gold Rush Pairs, session 2
A/X Pairs, session 2
Single Session BAM
Evening Side Game, session 1
299er Pairs



Wednesday, June 11

- 9:00 Choice Pairs, session 1*
299er Pairs
Tuesday/Wednesday Compact KO, session 2
Morning Side Game, session 2
- 1:30 KO A, session 3
KO B, session 1
Choice Pairs, session 2*
299er Pairs
Afternoon Side Game, session 2
- 7:30 KO A, session 4
KO B, session 2
Choice Pairs, session 3*
299er Pairs
Single Session Swiss Teams
Evening Side Game, session 2



Thursday, June 12

- 9:00 Swiss Teams, session 1 (Th/Fr AM)
Morning Side Game, session 3
299er Pairs
- 1:30 KO B, session 3
KO C, session 1
Gold Rush Pairs, session 1 (B=300-750; C=0-300)
A/X Pairs, session 1
299er Pairs
Afternoon Side Game, session 3
- 7:30 KO B, session 4
KO C, session 2
Gold Rush Pairs, session 2
A/X Pairs, session 2
299er Pairs
Evening Side Game, session 3



Friday, June 13

- 9:00 Swiss Teams, session 2
Choice Pairs, session 1*
299er Pairs
Morning Side Game, session 4
- 1:30 KO C, session 3
Choice Pairs, session 2*
299er Pairs
KO D, session 1
Afternoon Side Game, session 4
- 7:30 KO C, session 4
Choice Pairs, session 3*
299er Pairs
KO D, session 2
Evening Side Game, Session 4

Saturday, June 14

- 9:00 Morning Side Game, session 5
299er Pairs
- 1:30 KO D, session 3
Stratified Open Pairs, session 1 B, C, D
(B: 1500, C: 750, D: 300)
A/X Pairs, session 1
Swiss Teams Qualifying
(2 days), session 1
299er Pairs
Afternoon Side Game, session 5
- 7:30 KO D, session 4
Swiss Teams Q, session 2
Stratified Open Pairs, session 2
A/X Pairs, session 2
299er Pairs
Evening Side Game, session 5

Sunday, June 15

- 9:00 Swiss Teams Stratified
Swiss Teams Q, session: 1st final
299er Swiss Teams
- 2:00 Swiss Teams Q, session: 2nd final
Stratified Swiss, Session 2
299er Swiss Teams
- A=3,000 +, B=750-3,000, C=0-750
299er Strats: 300/200/100

Tournament Chairman: Dennis Ryan
Partnership Chairman: Tom Kite
Editor: Suzi Subeck

Sudoku

Puzzle 1

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Puzzle 2

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All Things Wisconsin...

- 1) Frozen custard
- 2) Pizza cut into squares (not triangles) with a thin, firm crust
- 3) Mama Mia's Pizza locations
- 4) Friday night fish fries
- 5) Fish boils (more northern WI)
- 6) Miller Beer (macro brew)
- 7) Schlitz, Pabst, and Blatz Beers (historic beers of years gone by)
- 8) Lakefront and Sprecher Beers (tremendous local beers)
- 9) Brats

- 10) Tailgating
- 11) Driving slow in the left hand lane (often in big Buicks)
- 12) Deer Hunting
- 13) Up North (the most annoying phrase to me in all of Wisconsin)
- 14) "Tyme Machines" (slang for ATMs)
- 15) Packers football
- 16) German potato salad
- 17) Lutheran churches and taverns on every street corner
- 18) SummerFest and all other ethnic summer festivals
- 19) Weekend church festivals
- 20) George Webb's

Answers to Puzzle 2:

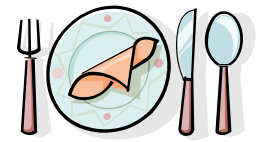
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Answers to Puzzle 1:

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Dining in Eau Claire



Classics Internet Cafe

2232 Otter Rd, Eau Claire, WI
715-830-0561

Outback Steakhouse

5020 Keystone Xing, Eau Claire, WI
715-552-5293

Monkey In the Middle Pizza Company

2402 Lorch Ave, Eau Claire, WI
715-552-3333

Jersey's Neighborhood Sports Bar & Grill Llc

2839 Mall Dr, Eau Claire, WI
715-552-5929

Stones Throw

304 Eau Claire St, Eau Claire, WI
715-552-5882

Taco John's

242 Water St. Eau Claire, WI
715-832-1149

Racy D'lenes Coffee Lounge

404 Riverside Ave, Eau Claire, WI
715-834-0000

Cafe 420

420 Washington St, Eau Claire, WI
715-833-9975

Pizza Hut West

1242 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI
715-834-1004

Taco John's

2001 Brackett Ave, Eau Claire, WI
715-834-0031

A & W Restaurant

4732 Golf Rd, Eau Claire, WI
715-833-8887

Subway

4304 Jeffers Rd, Eau Claire, WI
715-833-8801

Connell's II At the Airport

3800 Starr Ave, Eau Claire, WI
715-833-9400

Cicione's

120 N Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI
715-833-8939

Outback Steakhouse #4817

5020 Keystone Xing, Eau Claire, WI
715-834-1033

Nucleus the

405 1/2 Water St, Eau Claire, WI
715-834-7777

Old Country Buffet

2613 E Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI
715-834-7747

Dairy Queen

1160 Menomonie St, Eau Claire, WI
715-834-9323

Quiznos Classic Subs

2520 Golf Rd, Eau Claire, WI
715-834-7827

Taco John's

4800 Golf Rd, Eau Claire, WI
715-834-1991

Burrachos

5314 Prill Rd, Eau Claire, WI
715-834-1843

Sammy's Pizza Palace

416 S Barstow St, Eau Claire, WI
715-834-5565

Burgandy's Restaurant

1202 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI
715-834-3181

Dairy Queen

3057 N Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI
715-832-9787

Ole's South Side Tavern

2435 S Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI
715-832-9321

Oak Wood Bar and Grill

57650 State Road 37, Eau Claire, WI
715-833-0652

Red Lobster Restaurants

1019 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI
715-833-0184

Garfield's Restaurant & Eatery

4800 Golf Rd, Eau Claire, WI
715-832-2923

Seattle Pride Coffee Co

3027 N Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI
715-832-

Subway London Road Shopko Office

1005 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI
715-832-8848

Meet the USBF Officers ...



Born in Minneapolis in 1953, Howie Weinstein, USBF President, lived in Minnesota for his first twenty-six years, then on to Chicago until 2001, spending time in Florida and California before moving with his wife Cyndi to Omaha in 2012.

Howie designed computer systems for option clearing firms associated with the CBOE before finally joining many of his bridge peers in trading on the exchange floor from 1984 until his retirement in 2000.

For 15 years, Howie's regular partner was Steve Garner. Howie has captured many NABC firsts and seconds and in world championships has finished 2nd in the 2007 Bermuda Bowl, 3rd in the 2000 Olympiad and 3rd in the 1998 Rosenblum.

Howie has held key administrative positions -- previously chairing the ACBL Conventions and Competition Committee and presently chairing the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee. He is Vice President of the USBF and Chairman of the ITTC.

One of his favorite bridge experiences was at a Chicago NABC a few years ago, enjoying a glass of wine after the evening session with several others, noticing the nine players at the table represented nine different countries. He adds: "Thought that was very cool and reflected what the spirit and camaraderie of bridge should ideally represent!"

Howie is savoring his retirement -- playing lots of golf and table tennis and plays little bridge other than the NABCs, Trials, and occasional international opportunities.



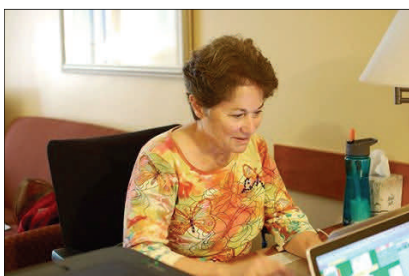
Sylvia Moss, USBF Vice President, retired recently from being a Senior Managing Director of Human Resources and Administration at The Blackstone Group, a private investment bank, whose main offices are located in New York City. She now lives in Florida, where she has more time for bridge.

Sylvia was taught to play bridge at the age of 16 by her brother, who needed a backup when his regular partner was unavailable. She loves the game and has won 7 NABC championships. She believes that bridge made her better at her job, and her job made her a better bridge player.



Cheri Bjerkan, USBF Treasurer, resides in Elmhurst, IL, with her husband, Jim. She is mother to two beautiful daughters and grandmother to several beautiful granddaughters.

Cheri has many NABC titles and most recently she won the Individual Gold medal at the 2013 SportsAccord Mind Games.



Jan Martel, USBF Secretary, lives in California with her many time Champion husband, Chip. Jan serves the USBF in many capacities, one of the most important being Chief Operating Officer. Jan organizes and runs the many USBC's held throughout the year.

Jan's most recent accomplishment was winning the coveted Blackwood award. This award earns Jan a berth in the ACBL Hall of Fame!

IN DAYS OF OLD - Conventions from the Past by David King

It is often said that there is nothing new under the sun. That can be surprisingly true of Bridge. The term Informatory Double was developed for Auction Bridge in or about 1911 in the USA. It was so-called because its primary purpose was to “inform” partner of a specific holding, as opposed to a Business Double which was strictly for penalties. All the non-penalty Doubles of today really fall under the umbrella of the Informatory Double, in that they are describing some particular holding.

Even when the then standard weak NT (11+ points into today’s terms) was doubled (showing 14+ points) the situation was dominated by the idea of take-out. This probably explains why the name “take-out” has stuck, and superseded the word Informatory. In the 1920s, however, there was a school that thought a better title was the Negative Double. How about that! Indeed, it was usually the case that if you had opened the bidding with 1C, and left-hand opponent had overcalled 1D, then a Double from partner showed both 4-card majors. I wonder if Messrs Roth & Stone were aware. I suspect so: they used the word “Sputnik”.

A certain Mr E E Denison of Portland Maine did not like the idea of abandoning the low level Business Double so he developed his own idea of an “Informatory” or “Negative” Cue Bid. The bid of 2D in the above sequence would show both majors. Others took the idea further and used an immediate cue bid of any opponent’s simple overcall to ask opener to bid another 4-card, sometimes merely the longer, unbid suit. So the sequence:

1H(opening) - 1S(overcall) - 2S(cue bid)

would show holdings in both minor suits.

Those were the days, remember, before formal systems or conventions were so widespread, but it is salutary, and humbling, to find that people were exploring ideas that still seem *avant garde* to modern beginners. (Weak twos were common, if deprecated by experts, in the early 1920s.) This informatory cue bid is in use today, in a somewhat similar fashion. It shows “values”, which covers a multitude of sins. The older (or should I just say previous) idea of only using cue bids of opponents’ suits to show super fits and controls just did not happen often enough.

Another use of such a cue bid was in response to partner’s Informatory Double of a minor suit. This meant that responders only 4-card suit was the opponent’s, but the hand was too weak to bid 1NT, because even those 4 cards would not provide a stop, and there were no high cards elsewhere. It was usually 4333 shape and a virtual Yarborough. For example:

1D - Double - Pass - 2D.

The 2D bidder would be expected to hold exactly 3 poor cards in each major, and no Diamond stop even though having 4 or more. Any 4-card major, or even good 3-card major, would of course be biddable at the one level.

So if you think of a bright idea for a new use of Doubles, or Cue bids, or any other bid or sequence, check the archives. It is hardly possible to boldly go where no-one has already been.

About the UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION:

The UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION was formed in 2001, for the primary purposes of selecting and supporting United States teams in International Competition and supporting the World Bridge Federation in its efforts to obtain Olympic recognition for bridge. After making a significant effort to promote bridge as an Olympic Sport, including sending a team to the Salt Lake City IOC in 2002, USBF now focuses on selecting teams for International competition, by holding the United States Bridge Championships (aka the International Team Trials) for Open, Women, Senior and Junior teams, and on providing training and support for United States teams in International competition. The USBF was originally formed by the ACBL and the ABA. It now receives support for United States International Teams from the ACBL International Fund and ACBL Junior Fund. It is otherwise self-supporting, with support coming from membership dues, contributions and entry fees for the USBCs... as well as fees from its annual Regional (as this one!!)

Great Quotes

It's a heck of a lot harder to stay on top than it is to get there. - *Tom Kite*

Nothing goes down slower than a golfers' handicap. - *Bobby Nichols*

You know it is too wet to golf when your cart capsizes. - *Anonymous*

The reason The Road hole at St Andrews is the most difficult par 4 in the world is that it was designed as a par 6. -*Ben Crenshaw*-

I lost a ball in the rough today. I dropped another ball over my shoulder and lost it too. And while looking for that one, I lost my caddie.

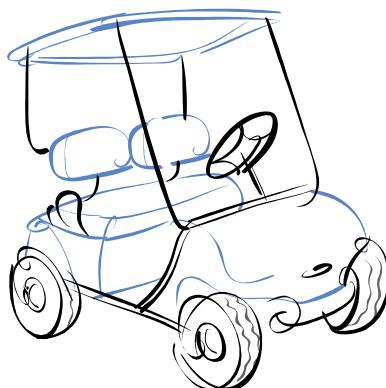
-*Jock Hutchinson on the 1926 US Open course conditions* -

If I ever reach a par 5 in two, they change it to a par 4. -*Fred Funk*-

Golfers just love punishment. And that's where I come in.

-*Peter Dye, Golf Course Architect*-

All About Golf...



I used to go golfing with my wife, but I refused unless she would get her own cart.

Everywhere we went, she complained about how I bid or played some hand at last night's Duplicate.

It was too hard to concentrate on my swing!!

(Please don't tell her I said this!!)

The Order of the Bath by David King

The Bath Coup, well known for over 200 years, from the game of Whist, usually occurs at trick one. It is well worth declarer's and defenders' study.

The classic situation is when the defender on lead decides to lead the King from a holding of K Q 10 x, and maybe more. This is often a good lead. If partner has the Ace, then tricks can be cashed without setting up some for declarer. If declarer has the Ace, however, it all depends on the whereabouts of the Jack. Consider these four examples, one shown in each suit:

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	H x x x										
	D x x x										
	C x x x										
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A nod or a wink is not allowed!

First, the bad news. In the Spade situation, defender will no doubt regret the lead. Declarer will win with the Ace and still have the suit stopped, with the Jack in dummy. Too bad, but that is life. Let us ponder, however, the situations where dummy does not have the Jack.

The classic position is in the Heart suit. Declarer simply allows the King to win! This is the Bath Coup. If West continues the suit, then declarer takes two tricks. If defender changes suit, declarer likely gains a tempo, and the suit is still stopped. Although given the status of a coup, this is really just self preservation on declarer's part. Should the Ace win the first trick, then whenever East obtains the lead, a Heart continuation will allow West to win the remaining tricks in the suit. So as declarer, you do not have a difficult decision. Just do it! It is the defenders who are in difficulty.

Put yourself in West's position for the Diamond or Club situation. Let us assume, for the moment, that the King has been led and wins. What should West do next? If South has A J x, then a switch is advisable. If South has just the Jack (as in Diamonds), or just the Ace (as in Clubs), then a continuation is safe. How is West to know? The answer is that East must tell West. But how?

The opening lead of a King, particularly in No Trumps, should have told East that West also holds the Queen. It should also imply holding at least one of the Jack, or the ten. Holding neither, then West would often choose to lead something else.

Thus in the Diamond situation it is quite safe for East to overtake the King with the Ace and return the suit. In the Club situation, East simply plays the Jack, then West can safely continue. In the Heart situation East is unable to do either, and so plays a plain card. Conventionally, for some players, this is the lowest with 3 cards, a higher with two (or four), but this is a finer point. The key is that if East holds either the Ace or the Jack, it is played. If holding neither, then perforce East cannot play either. This is a typical example showing how the game of Contract Bridge depends to a great extent on negative inference. "No have, no can do!"

So, to summarise, the order of priorities for you as leader's partner, to counter the Bath Coup is: first, if the Jack is not in dummy and you hold the Ace, overtake the King and return the suit; second, if you have the Jack play it on the King, to show that declarer does not have it; and finally, with neither of these options available, try to show how many cards you hold in the suit.

1. What did the Buffalo say to his son?... Bye-son
2. Do dads always snore?... No, only when they are asleep!
3. **A Father's Day book never written:** "Fatherly Advice" by Buck L. Upson.
4. What do you call your dad when he falls through the ice?...A POPsicle!
5. How is the baby bird like its dad?...He's a chirp off the old block.
6. **Boy:** How do you like the drum set you got for your birthday? **Friend:** I love it! **Boy:** Why? **Friend:** Whenever I don't play it, my dad gives me 10 bucks!
7. **Dad:** Son, if you keep pulling my hair, you will have to get off my shoulders. **Son:** But, Dad, I'm just trying to get my gum back!
8. What did the father ghost say to the naughty baby ghost?...Spook when you're spooked to!
9. Why do fathers who golf take an extra pair of socks?...In case they get a hole in one!
10. **Dad:** How do you like fourth grade? **Son:** It isn't much fun. **Dad:** That's too bad. It was the best three years of my life!
11. **Boy:** I have a lot of my dad's genes. **Friend:** Really? I bet they don't fit.
12. **Boy:** I made a bad mistake today and gave my dad some soap flakes instead of corn flakes for breakfast. **Friend:** Was he mad? **Boy:** Yup. He was foaming at the mouth!
13. **Teacher (on phone):** You say Michael has a cold and can't come to school today? To whom am I speaking?...**Voice:** This is my father.
14. **Johnny's father:** Let me see your report card. **Johnny:** I don't have it. **Johnny's father:** Why not? **Johnny:** My friend just borrowed it. He wants to scare his parents.
15. What do you call two people who embarrass you in front of your friends?...*M0m and Dad!*
16. My Dad thinks he wears the trousers in our house, but it's always Mum who tells him which pair to put on!
17. Knock knock...*Who's there?...Canoe...Canoe who?...Canoe* help me with my homework please Dad - I'm stuck!
18. **Science teacher:** When is the boiling point reached?...**Science student:** When my father sees my report card!
19. **Son:** For \$20, I'll be good...**Dad:** Oh, yeah? When I was your age, I was good for nothing.
20. **Son:** Dad, do you know the difference between a pack of cookies and a pack of elephants?...**Dad:**... No.**Son:**... Then it's a good thing Mom does the grocery shopping!
21. **Dad:** You'll never amount to anything because you procrastinate...**Son:** Oh yeah? Just you wait!
22. **Boy:** What does your father do for a living? **Friend:** He's a magician. He performs tricks, like sawing people in half. **Boy:** Do you have any brothers or sisters? **Friend:** Yep, four half-sisters and a half-brother.
23. Dad, are bugs good to eat?" asked the boy. "Let's not talk about such things at the dinner table, son," his father replied. After dinner the father inquired, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy said. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."
24. Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins." "That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!" A nurse says to the second guy, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!" A nurse tells the third man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!" "That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!" The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask. "I work for 7 Up!"
25. One evening a little girl and her parents were sitting around the table eating supper. The little girl said, "Daddy, you're the boss, aren't you?" Her Daddy smiled, pleased, and said yes. The little girl continued, "That's because Mommy put you in charge, right?"
26. While flying from Denver to Kansas City, Kansas, my mother was sitting across the aisle from a woman and her eight-year-old son. Mom couldn't help laughing as they neared their destination and she heard the mother say to the boy, "Now remember – run to Dad first, then the dog."
27. On the day I received my learner's permit, my father agreed to take me out for a driving lesson. With a big grin, he hopped in behind the driver's seat. "Why aren't you sitting up front on the passenger's side?" I asked. "Honey, I've been waiting for this ever since you were a little girl," Dad replied. "Now it's my turn to sit back here and kick the seat."
28. My father was completely lost in the kitchen and never ate unless someone prepared a meal for him. When Mother was ill, however, he volunteered to go to the supermarket for her. She sent him off with a carefully numbered list of seven items. Dad returned shortly, very proud of himself, and proceeded to unpack the grocery bags. He had one bag of sugar, two dozen eggs, three hams, four boxes of detergent, five boxes of crackers, six eggplants, and seven green peppers.
29. A small boy was at the zoo with his father. They were looking at the tigers, and his father was telling him how ferocious they were. "Daddy, if the tigers got out and ate you up..." "Yes, son?" the father asked, ready to console him. " ...Which bus would I take home?"
30. A man and his eldest son went to have their photographs taken together, and the photographer said to the young man, "It will make a better picture if you put your hand on your father's shoulder." "H'm," said the father, "it would make a more natural picture if he put it in my pocket.
31. Yes, sir, our household represents the United Kingdom of Great Britain," said the proud father of number one to the rector. "I am English, my wife's Irish, the nurse is Scotch and the baby wails."

Puzzle Page ...

The Millersville car dealership decided to do something different this year and so had a grand New Year's morning sale. Since Millersville was a small community, their one dealership carried a larger selection of car manufacturers than most dealership. Pretty much any make you wanted was available, although some manufacturers you had to special order to get. At any rate, Ralph was quite pleased on his way home - he was the senior salesman for the dealership and he'd sold five cars that morning. Determine the full name of each person who bought a car from Ralph, and the make and color of each car sold.

- Joel didn't buy a new Kia but he did get a blue car.
- The Volkswagen was bought by Mr. Reynolds. A woman bought the white car.
- Rosemary didn't get the red Toyota. The one whose last name was Parker bought the black car.
- The three men bought, in no particular order, the gold car, the Kia, and the car that Mr. Montoya bought.
- Elliot bought the black car but it wasn't the Mercedes. Sally's last name was Harrison.
- The one whose last name was Gardner didn't buy the Subaru.

	Gardner	Harrison	Montoya	Parker	Reynolds	Kia	Mercedes	Subaru	Toyota	Volkswagen	black	blue	gold	red	white
Chris															
Elliot															
Joel															
Rosemary															
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Kia															
Mercedes															
Subaru															
Toyota															
Volkswagen															

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First Name	Last Name	Car Make	Car Color
Chris			
Elliot			
Joel			
Rosemary			
Sally			

To access these newsletters online, go to: <http://acbl-district13.org/RegionalHandouts.htm>. Daily Bulletins will be posted on the District 13 website shortly after midnight each night of the tournament. (Recognize that there can be connection problems that may cause a delay, but most of the time, this will be the case.)

Plan to attend the 2015 Chicago NABC! August 6-16



It will be a GREAT DEAL of FUN!

Upcoming 2015 USBF Championships:

2015

The exact dates and location of the 2015 World Championship has not been set, but we anticipate that it will be in September or October. The 2015 Open USBC will select USA2 for the Bermuda Bowl. The 2015 Senior USBC will select both teams for the Senior Bowl. The 2015 Women's USBC will select both teams for the Venice Cup.

2015 Women's USBC

The 2015 Women's USBC will be held at the Bahia Mar Doubletree, Fort Lauderdale, starting on Sunday, April 12th and probably ending on Saturday, April 18th.

2015 Open USBC

The 2015 Open USBC will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, IL, starting on Friday, May 8th and probably ending on Sunday, May 17th.

2015 Senior USBC

The 2015 Senior USBC will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, IL, starting on Friday, June 5th and probably ending on Saturday, June 13th.

There really is such a thing as Scennie speak, dontcha know. Here are some examples...

1. **Dem, Dat. Dis & Dere:** Our Wisconsin dialect has mainly been influenced by the northern and central European language family. And because of this northern European influence, we tend to drop the "th" and replace it with a "d" - creating words like dis, dat, dem, dere, dese or dose.
2. **You's Guys/You's:** Here's one that I'm not really a fan of, but that you hear often around here, and especially at a greasy spoon dinner. No offense, but that's probably where I've heard it the most! The nice waitress comes up to the table and says "what can I get for you's guys today?" A true Wisconsinite, eh? Well, so are you when you ask for a "brat" instead of bratwurst for "supper".
3. **Stop 'N Go Lights:** I'm guilty of this one for sure, and I didn't really even know that people elsewhere say traffic lights!
Since red means stop and green means go, stop 'n go lights are a way better name. Technically, it could be stop, slow, 'n go, but yellow has become more of a - hurry up and get through it before it turns red - kind of light anyway.
4. **Up Nort':** This is where a lot of Wisconsinites go on vacation, go camping or go to hunt and fish. It's also a dead give away that you live in some part of the northern Midwest.
Up Nort' isn't a specific location, it's a state of being. In Wisconsin, you can always go Up Nort' - until you get to Lake Superior.
5. **Ya Know?:** This phrase enters my conversations multiple times a day. We mostly say it at the end of a sentence as a way to ask if the other person agrees or is understanding what you're talking about. Or we might say it at the very beginning of the sentence to let someone know you've had a thought in your head that you're about to share. Other people in the country have this expression in common with us, but I've heard it started here - and we have a very distinct way of pronouncing it..
6. **Bag:** In Wisconsin we pronounce bag or bagel like "bay-g" or "bay-gel." People from outside of Wisconsin will argue that you must say it with a short "a" sound so it starts the same as the word "bad". I've always said bag like "bay-g", and I've been in a few in depth discussions about it with non-Wisconsinites.

Hands of the Day from Matthew Granovetter

Dealer: South Vul: N-S

North
 ♠A 8 5 2
 ♥K J 7 4
 ♦10
 ♣A 10 7 4

West East
 ♠J ♠10 6 3
 ♥9 6 5 3 2 ♥Q 10 8
 ♦A Q 7 6 ♦9 8 5 3
 ♣Q 9 3 ♣J 6 2

South
 ♠K Q 9 7 4
 ♥A
 ♦K J 4 2
 ♣K 8 5

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1♣
pass	3NT	pass	4♣
pass	4♦	pass	4♣
pass	pass	pass	

Opening Lead: ♥2

One of the most popular conventions is the splinter bid. This bid shows a singleton or void and four-card or longer support for partner's suit. In today's hand, from a Bermuda Bowl, the normal splinter bid by North over South's 1♣ opening is 4♦. But North-South were using an advanced version of splinters, where the direct splinter shows a void in the bid suit, while a delayed splinter (3NT) shows an undisclosed singleton. After 3NT, South had the option of bidding 4♣ to ask partner where the singleton was. When North next bid 4♦, he revealed a singleton diamond.

Over 4♦, South saw wastage in diamonds. The king-jack of diamonds were, for the most part, valueless, so he signed off in 4♣. Where was his thinking flawed?

Picture South with the same hand and four little diamonds. South would say to himself: "Wow, I have nothing wasted in diamonds, and all my cards are working." Then he would cuebid 4♥, moving toward a slam.

The "wastage trap" occurs when the partner of the splinter bidder has wastage but also has extra values. Take away South's king of clubs and South would be right to sign off in 4♣. But here South must say to himself, "I have wastage, but I also have a full opening bid of working cards."

Six spades was bid and made at some other tables, after declarer ran the ten of diamonds to the queen and later ruffed out the ace of diamonds. Declarer was able to ruff another diamond in dummy and discard the club loser on the king of hearts.

Dealer: West Vul: None

North
 ♠8 7 5 2
 ♥10 7 2
 ♦J 2
 ♣A 9 7 3

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

South
 ♠A K 3
 ♥A J 9 6
 ♦K Q 7
 ♣K 5 4

West	North	East	South
pass	pass	pass	1♣
1♦	double	1♣	1NT
pass	pass	pass	

Opening Lead: ♠6

While playing OKbridge, I had just finished a 3NT contract, making, when someone sent me a message saying: "We beat 3NT on that one!" So now while playing the next hand I had to look at the previous hand to follow the play by play from the other table.

When I was declarer, I received a low diamond lead, which I won in dummy with the jack. That gave me two entries to finesse hearts twice and that's how I scored nine tricks (two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs).

But at the other table, West led a spade. Declarer won the first trick with the king, led to the ace of clubs and ran the ten of hearts to the king. West returned a spade to the ace and declarer tried to sneak through a diamond to the jack. But West went up with the ace of diamonds on the lead of the 7 and returned a diamond. Declarer was stuck in his hand and had to lead hearts out of his hand, for down one.

At least we don't call it a "sack" like people from the southern U.S.

7. **Real Quick:** When you hear Wisconsin folks ask you for a favor and then add "real quick" or "really quick" to the end of it, we aren't talking about speed. We're simply trying to make it seem like the favor is no big deal.

For instance, someone might ask, "Can you stop at da store real quick before you come home? I got a meatloaf in da oven."

8. **Once/One Time:** Have you ever wondered why we say "come here once" or "let me see dat one time"? It's about sounding less aggressive or like you're not demanding too much. It's yet another way we get the friendly vote.

9. **Bubbler:** I've been made fun of a time or two for asking where the bubbler is when I was outside of my home state. Most people will refer to it as the drinking or water fountain. If you're interested to know more about this specifically, my husband has written some great insight into the real reason why we call it a 'bubbler' in Wisconsin and who else does too. Check it out!

10 **'N So:** You've probably heard this before, 'n so? Which is simply a reduction of the phrase "Isn't that so"? My classic Wisconsin grandma and her sisters use this expression a lot. In fact, I think I've heard them say all 10 of these words and phrases!

So - dere ya go, eh? 10 silly things we say in Wisconsin!

Tournament Information:

No Smoking Policy: No smoking is allowed in or around the playing area, lobby, washrooms, fire exits, or service areas.

Partnerships: Singles should check in at the partnership desk 45 minutes before game time to allow the partnership people time to arrange partners. The desk will be open prior to the morning, afternoon, and evening sessions.

Hospitality and Information Desk: Check there for hand records, tournament schedules, and area information. A bulletin box on the desk is available for you to submit any interesting hands, amusing bridge-related stories, or puzzles for publication. 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.

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.

Answer to Puzzle on page 9

red	Toyota	Harrison	Sally
white	Mercedes	Gardner	Rosemary
blue	Subaru	Montoya	Joel
black	Kia	Parker	Elliot
gold	Volkswagen	Reynolds	Chris
Car Color	Car Make	Last Name	First Name

Each partnership must have two identically filled-out convention cards on the table at all times.

Turn off your cell phones!

Penalties will be assessed if phones ring in the playing area ... whether or not they are answered!



Upcoming 2014 District 13 Tournaments

Jun 26-29	Woodruff WI	sectional
Jul 7-13	Northbrook IL	Regional
Jul 25-27	Fitchburg (Madison) WI	sectional
Aug 4-10	STaC D13	STaC
Aug 14-16	Marquette MI	sectional
Aug 18-24	Milwaukee WI	Regional
Aug 29 - Sep 1	Skokie IL	sectional
Sep 19-21	Three Lakes WI	sectional
Sep 27-28	Darien (Chicago) IL	IN event
Oct 20-26	Lake Geneva WI	Regional
Nov 7-9	La Crosse WI	sectional
Nov 7-9	Lombard IL	sectional
Dec 8-14	STaC D13	STaC

**Upcoming Speaker Program:
Jade Barrett of the Great American Bridge Circus
will speak one day
and his teammate, Vinny, will speak
the next.**

HOSPITALITY:

After tonight's evening session, we will have small sausages in the playing area.

**Congratulations Mary Seymour,
Our Newest Life Master!!**

WED-THUR KO I

9 Tables				
17.48	1	Suzi Subeck, Glenview Nas IL; Stanton Subeck, Glenview IL; Sharon Anderson - Roger Anderson, Eagan MN		
12.24	2	James Nikstad - James Golz, Wausau WI; Avery Haak, Oak Park Hts MN; Yonsey Karasek, Hayward WI		
6.99	3/4	Judith Strobush, Amery WI; Larry Johnson, Minneapolis MN; Jeff Dziuk, Maplewood MN; Teresa Sackett, Saint Paul MN		
6.99	3/4	Mary McIntyre - Margaret Rich - Alice Goetz, St Paul MN; Mary Seymour, Mendota Heights MN		

THURSDAY EVE SWISS

5 Tables					
	A	B	C		
2.28	1			G S Jade Barrett - Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Anne Dawson, Delhi LA; Donna Wood, Vista CA	56.00
2.12	2	1	1	Mary McIntyre - Margaret Rich - Alice Goetz, St Paul MN; Mary Seymour, Mendota Heights MN	45.00

FLIGHT A/X PAIRS

8.0 Tables / Based on 20 Tables					
	A	X			
10.50	1			Phil Schwarz - Judy Schwarz, Lakeville MN	56.69%
6.90	2/3			Michael Cassel II, Roseville MN; Barry Purrington, Eagan MN	56.00%
6.90	2/3			S Fuhrmann - Bob Esser, Madison WI	56.00%
5.71	4	1		Adam Gewiss - Duane Oyen, Eau Claire WI	55.66%
3.50	5			Dave Hoffman, Oronoco MN; Carol Cummings, Owatonna MN	50.71%
4.28		2		Rochelle Andress, Green Bay WI; Jane Dupont, Oneida WI	49.29%
3.21		3		Don Radosevich, Manitowoc WI; Bruce Kaiser, Sheboygan WI	48.22%

THURSDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

11.5 Tables

	B	C		
5.44	1		Sally Haessig - John Haessig, Stevens Point WI	57.92%
4.08	2	1	Carolyn Pfeiffer - Lee Schultz, Arbor Vitae WI	57.64%
3.06	3		Stacy Dibbell, Bismarck ND; Susan Thiess, Eau Claire WI	54.31%
2.30	4		Lynne Castoldi, la Quinta CA; Sandy Fisher, Plymouth MN	54.01%
1.81	5		Joseph Ambrose, Inver Grove MN; Mollie Freier, Marquette MI	53.86%
1.65	6		Robert Bonine, Mendota Heights MN; Richard Plaisance, Eden Prairie MN	53.02%
2.39		2	Jack Weinert, Sturgeon Bay WI; Norma Jorgensen, Green Bay WI	52.88%
1.79		3	Mary Ann Romberg, New London WI; Joyce Young, Green Bay WI	52.57%

FLIGHT A/X PAIRS 2ND OF 2 SESSION

SECTION G

	A	X		
3.34	1		S Fuhrmann - Bob Esser, Madison WI	64.56%
2.34	2		Michael Cassel II, Roseville MN; Barry Purrington, Eagan MN	56.87%
1.77	3/4	1	Adam Gewiss - Duane Oyen, Eau Claire WI	55.22%
1.42	3/4		Carol Rynders, Saint Paul MN; Jean Boettcher, Minneapolis MN	55.22%
0.67	5		Phil Schwarz - Judy Schwarz, Lakeville MN	54.40%
1.24	6	2	Rochelle Andress, Green Bay WI; Jane Dupont, Oneida WI	52.75%
0.89		3	Judyann Terrault, Powers MI; Michael Sabin, Minocqua WI	48.35%

THURSDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS 2ND OF 2 SESSION

	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION H	EAST-WEST			
					B	C		
1.81	1		Lynne Castoldi, la Quinta CA; Sandy Fisher, Plymouth MN	62.08%	1.81	1	Stacy Dibbell, Bismarck ND; Susan Thiess, Eau Claire WI	59.80%
1.27	2	1	Carolyn Pfeiffer - Lee Schultz, Arbor Vitae WI	57.56%	1.27	2	Gary Smith, Saint Paul MN; Dave Drewes, La Crosse WI	54.37%
0.91	3		Joseph Ambrose, Inver Grove MN; Mollie Freier, Marquette MI	55.70%	0.91	3	Janet Sebranek - Jill Bleskachek, Eau Claire WI	53.51%
0.79	4	2	Jack Weinert, Sturgeon Bay WI; Norma Jorgensen, Green Bay WI	55.17%	0.63	4	Fern McCoy - Marlene Tremblay, Hayward WI	52.84%
0.36	5		Mary Ann Romberg, New London WI; Joyce Young, Green Bay WI	55.13%	0.36	5	Roman Rommelfanger, Manitowoc WI; Michael Callahan, Minneapolis MN	52.49%
					0.99	1	Mary McDougall, Eau Claire WI; Maura Nash, Eau Claire WI	51.50%
					0.69	2	Liz Riesen - Dick Riesen, Madison WI	49.66%

Baseball Season...

A couple of Yogi Berra's team mates on the Yankees ball club swear that one night the stocky catcher was horrified to see a baby toppling off the roof of a cottage across the way from him. Yogi dashed over and made a miraculous catch - but then force of habit proved too much for him. He straightened up and threw the baby to second base.

The other day was Take Your Daughter To Work day. The Cubs had a fun time, played a little scrimmage against their daughters. Unfortunately they lost, 15-3.

One day, the Devil challenged the Lord to a baseball game. Smiling the Lord proclaimed, "You don't have a chance; I have Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, and all the greatest players up here". "Yes", snickered the devil, "but I have all the umpires."