

March Madness "Hoop"la

Tournament Schedule



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 Sunday, March 12, 2006
 Suzi Subeck, Editor

Monday, March 6

1:30 Charity Foundation Stratified Pairs
 7:30 Education Foundation Stratified Pairs
 Education Foundation Bracketed Knockouts

Tuesday, March 7

9:00 Side Game Series I
 10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Senior Pairs
 1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs
 Side Game Series II
 7:30 Stratified Swiss Team 1-Session

Wednesday, March 8

9:00 Compact KO I (Sessions 1 & 2)
 Side Game Series I
 10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Senior Pairs
 1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs
 Side Game Series II
 7:30 Stratified Swiss Team 1-Session

Thursday, March 9

9:00 Compact KO I (Sessions 3 & 4)
 Side Game Series I
 10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Open Pairs
 1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams
 1:30 & 7:30 Side Game Series II
 7:30 Stratified Swiss Team 1-Session

Friday, March 10

9:00 Compact KO II (Sessions 1 & 2)
 Side Game Series I
 10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Senior Pairs
 1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs
 Side Game Series III
 7:30 Stratified Board-A-Match Team 1-Session

Saturday, March 11

9:00 Compact KO II (Sessions 3 & 4)
 Side Game Series I
 1:30 & 7:30 Stratiflighted Pairs, A/AX Plays Separately
 Stratified B/C/D Pairs, played separate from Flight A
 Compact KO 3
 Side Game Series III
 7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams 1-Session

Sunday, March 12

11:00 Stratiflighted Open Swiss Teams
 A: 3000+, AX: 0-3000 Play Separate
 Stratified B/C/D Swiss Teams
 B: 750-2000; C: 300-750; D: 0-300

Regional Knockout Schedule

	Monday	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday	Sat.
9:00am		A2	Com. KO 1	Com. KO 1	Com. KO 2	Com. KO 2
1:30am		A3	C1	C3	E1	E3
		B1	B3	D1	D3	Com. KO 3
7:30pm	A1	A4	C2	C4	E2	E4
		B2	B4	D2	D4	Com. KO 3
11:30p m					Zip KO	
7:30	One Session Events:	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	BAM	Swiss

Intermediate/Newcomer Program

(I/N) Events for 299er Players
 Pair Entries for I/N games are \$10.00/person/session
 All masterpoints are red points.
 ACBL members with 0-5 masterpoints play free.
 Guest Speaker Program. See Daily Bulletin for details.
Monday 7:30 I/N Stratified Charity Pairs
Tuesday through Friday
 1:30 & 7:30 Single Sessions
 I/N Stratified Pairs 0-20, 20-50, 100-200, 200-300
Saturday 1:30 & 7:30 Single Sessions
 49er Pairs Stratified 0-20, 20-50
 299er Stratified Pairs 0-100, 100-200, 200-300
Sunday 11:00 am & 2:00
 299er Stratified Swiss Teams,
 0-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300
 2 Single Sessions, More Points

Thanks for Coming... from Tom Sucher, tournament chairman

Tom Sucher, tournament chairman, wants to thank all of you for coming to Lake Geneva this March and making our tournament a success. We know you are not used to our having a Regional at this time of year, and we appreciate any changes you made in your schedules to come here for this one. The July tournament was moved from July to March to accommodate the Summer NABC. We hope you will all return to Chicago in July for that. It promises to be a great tournament and a lot of fun for everyone.

Thanks also to the tournament committee: Ron Johnston did an excellent job running the show. Everything always goes smoothly when Ron is at the helm. Angie Clark was wonderful with the Newcomers. The Intermediate/Novice program was great and everyone who attended the lectures learned something while being entertained. Carl Sharp made awesome matches at the partnership desk. Carl has the most difficult job at any tournament and he is the best around at it. Kay Hathaway was perfect with hospitality. The 50th anniversary party was something

different and required careful planning. Kay worked really hard to get it all done. Suzi Subeck did her usual with the *Daily Hoop-la*. She kept us informed as to new life masters, upcoming hospitality events, and even gave us some interesting reading material.

Thanks to all of the great workers and all of YOU for coming and spending this week with us in Lake Geneva. We look forward to seeing you again next year when this tournament returns to its regularly scheduled time in Arlington Heights. See you at the NABC!

Hand of the Day by Matthew Granovettor

Dealer: North
All Vulnerable

♠ A K 6 3 2
♥ 10 9 2
♦ Q 5
♣ 8 7 3

♠ 4
♥ Q 3
♦ A K 8 4 3
♣ K Q J 6 5



♠ J
♥ J 8 7 6 4
♦ J 10 9 7 6 2
♣ 2

♠ Q 10 9 8 7 5
♥ A K 5
♦
♣ A 10 9 4

Today's hand, from a European Team Championships, was a tough one for many aggressive North-South partnerships, who somehow had to stay low with their huge 6-5 spade fit and great controls. At one table, in the auction shown, West made the Unusual 2NT overcall to show the minors and North's 3♦ showed a game try in spades. East was veteran John Collings, of England. He threw a curve ball at South when he bid 4♣, his singleton. South, taking the bid as natural, deduced that his partner was short in clubs.

North accepted slam when South jumped to 5♠, and West led the ace of diamonds. Dummy came down and South called for the director. When asked what the problem was, South said, "My partner should be short in clubs!"

Was this a case of misinformation by the East-West players? Not at all, since West had his Unusual 2NT bid and East had made a natural 4♣ bid as far as West was concerned. East's ploy was an old trick and worked well here. There was no way to make 12 tricks and even 11 tricks required an endplay on East or West.

Here's an interesting sidelight. At another table, North opened the bidding 2♠. East passed and South bid 6♠. West then made the most unusual of unusual notrump calls in history when he bid 6NT! Seven diamonds doubled went for 1100, not a good sacrifice, with 6♠ having no chance.

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2NT	3♦	4♣	5♠
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♦A

The Fish Father by Rikard Greenberg, Campanile housecat

The smell was out of this world: thick yellow clouds with a tangyfishy odor so strong that they could knock you down flat were hanging above as we entered the large building.

Welcome to the Yochanan Fish Factory everybody! This was going to be my designated residence for the next two months, courtesy of the Feline City Court and its presiding judge. As soon as I arrived, I got a 30 minutes crash course on the rules and regulations of the place as well as the critical subjects of fish cleaning and packing, I was issued a uniform, bedding sheets and sent on my way.

The following morning I was shown to my new task: to wash and prepare an endless supply of fish before it is cooked and sold as tinned "gefilte fish". The worst though was not being able to taste any of it! As for food, at the end of the day we had to queue up for a bowl of soup and some dried biscuits... yuk!

After a while I noticed that a few of my fellow inmates never showed up for dinner and yet seemed always in a jolly good mood in the evening. Undeterred by silly proverbs such as "Curiosity killed the cat", I tried to find out more and thanks to my newly found friends, Trill and Troll, a cheerful pair of Siamese who had the annoying habit of completing each other's sentences, I was introduced to Alfio, the Sicilian Chef in charge of the kitchen, a plump street cat with a wicked smile and a mad passion for gambling and card games.

I immediately seized the opportunity and shared with him my dream: to dedicate to him the soon-to-be opened "Fish-Father's Bridge Club", where all the inmates could learn and practice the game under my expert supervision. What was in it for me? Just a regular supply of


trout, sea-bass, mackerel and whatever else he could lay his hands on. An enthusiastic meoow and a strong paw-shake settled the deal.

Thanks to Alfio's influence I was excused from my job and I dedicated all my efforts in getting the club up and running. At the start it was pretty tough: I had a really hard time teaching bridge to a bunch of unruly cats who were attending my classes merely to escape their dreary jobs in the fish factory. The club evening tournaments became soon full of loud arguments which often turned into nasty fights between players. Looking at the awful rows taking place again and again, I could not help wondering how is it possible that a social game like bridge seemed always to attract all sorts of antisocial people!

At the end of the week we would have a "Management meeting" with Alfio to discuss the club's affairs and future plans and this would often lead to a few hours of very competitive bridge with myself and Alfio playing versus my valid assistants, Trill and

Dealer: S ♠ J53
 All Vul. ♥ J1096
 ♦ AQ104
 ♣ K9

♠ KT92 ♠ A87
 ♥ A73 ♥ 52
 ♦ 63 ♦ 875
 ♣ T632 ♣ J8754



♠ Q64
 ♥ KQ84
 ♦ KJ92
 ♣ AQ

Troll. This hand from our last session will show you that my game was still as sharp as ever:
 Opening Lead: ♦6

Things did not look too well: apart from the ace of trumps, I had probably three losers in the spade suit, unless I found AK of spades in East (West cannot have ♠AK as he would have led one) or I could somehow convince the opponents to play the suit for me.

I took the lead in dummy with the ♦10 and then played the ♥J from dummy, hoping that whoever had the ♥A would decide to play on spades, for fear that I might discard one on the diamonds. Unfortunately Trill took his ♥A and, after some thought, played back another diamond.

I took out trumps, making sure to remain in dummy and it seemed that all that was left for me to do was to hope that East held both ♠AK in order for me to get a spade trick and make the contract. Could you think of a better plan?

I quickly realized that I had a much better option: the chance of East holding both spade honors is only 25% (since half the time each opponent will have one honor) but if I played the ♠J from dummy, as if I held K10x in hand and intended to finesse for the ♠Q, East would surely play low with the ♠A in his hand to keep me guessing.

West would now win his ♠K and return a club or a diamond. Now I could play another spade towards the ♠Q and make a trick not only when both spade honors were in East but also when East had the ♠A, a much better chance!

As you can see, the layout proved me right and Alfio was so delighted with my play that he treated us to a very tasty salmon steak!

West	North	East	South
Trill	Alfio	Troll	Me
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Jokes!

I'm Flying to New York

A beautiful young blonde boards a plane to New York with a ticket for the economy section. She looks at the seat in economy and then looks into the forward cabin at the first class seats. Seeing that the first class seats appear to be much larger and more comfortable, she moves forward to the last empty one.

The flight attendant checks her ticket and tells the woman that her seat is in economy. The blonde replies "I'm young, blonde and beautiful and I'm going to sit here all the way to New York."

Flustered, the flight attendant goes to the cockpit and informs the captain of the blonde problem. The captain goes back and tells the woman that her assigned seat is in economy. Again the blonde replies "I'm young, blonde and beautiful and I'm going to sit here all the way to New York."

The captain doesn't want to cause a commotion, and so returns to the cockpit to discuss the blonde problem with the co-pilot. The co-pilot says that he has a blonde girlfriend and that he can take care of the problem. He then goes back and briefly whispers something in the blonde's ear. She immediately gets up, says "thank you so much," hugs the co-pilot and rushes back to her seat in the economy section.

The pilot and flight attendant, who were watching with rapt attention, together ask the co-pilot what he said to the woman. He replies "I just told her that the first class section isn't going to New York."

Four Animals

A teacher asked her class, "What do you want out of life?"

A little girl in the back row raised her hand and said, "All I want out of life is four little animals, just

like my Mom always says".

The teacher asked, "Really and what four little animals would those be?"

The little girl said, "A mink on my back, a jaguar in the garage, a tiger in the bed and a jackass to pay for all of it."

The teacher fainted.

Thirteen...

A young man was strolling down a street in south London. As he passed a large building with a fence around it, he heard a group of people chanting "Thirteen, thirteen, thirteen" over and over again.

Curious, he tried to see over the fence, but couldn't. Then he spotted a knot in the wood, and put his eye to the hole.

He just managed to spy some old people sitting in deckchairs chanting, before a finger came out of nowhere and poked him in the eye.

As he staggered back, the old people started chanting, "Fourteen, fourteen, fourteen ..."

Top Ten most Polite Ways to Say Your Zipper Is Down

10 . The cucumber has left the salad.

9. Quasimodo needs to go back in the tower and tend to his bells.

8. You need to bring your tray table to the upright and locked position.

7. Paging Mr. Johnson... Paging Mr. Johnson..

6. Elvis is leaving the building.

5. The Buick is not all the way in the garage.

4. Our next guest is someone who needs no introduction.

3. You've got a security breach at Los Pantalones.

2. Men may be From Mars.....but I can see something that rhymes with Venus.

And the #1 way to tell someone his zipper is unzipped....

1. I always knew you were crazy, but now I can see your nuts.

Pest Control...

A woman was having a passionate affair with an inspector from a pest-control company. One afternoon they were carrying on in the bedroom together when her husband arrived home unexpectedly.

"Quick," said the woman to her lover, "into the closet!" and she pushed him in the closet, stark naked.

The husband, however, became suspicious and after a search of the bedroom discovered the man in the closet. "Who are you?" he asked him.

"I'm an inspector from Bugs-B-Gone," said the exterminator. "What are you doing in there?" the husband asked.

"I'm investigating a complaint about an infestation of moths," the man replied.

"And where are your clothes?" asked the husband.

The man looked down at himself and said . . . "Those little bastards."

Take Your Chances by Yves Campana

♠ K T 6 5 3 NT. West leads the K of hearts and you take the third heart.

♥ 4 3

♦ K T 7 5

♣ K 7 3

How do you play the diamond suit ?? If West has the diamond ace, the opponents take five tricks so East must have the diamond ace. Play the diamond queen and when East takes and plays say clubs, try the finesse on the diamond jack or knock the diamond jack out. You still have a chance for 9 tricks if West has four spades to the jack or if they break evenly.



♠ A Q 9

♥ A 5 2

♦ Q 9 6 3

♣ A 8 4

The full deal:

♠ K T 6 5

♥ 4 3

♦ K T 7 5

♣ K 7 3

♠ J842

♥ KQJT6

♦

♣ QT52



♠ 73

♥ 987

♦ AJ842

♣ J96

♠ A Q 9

♥ A 5 2

♦ Q 9 6 3

♣ A 8 4

Please plan to attend the 2006 Chicago Summer NABC at the Hyatt Regency Chicago from July 13-23, 1006.

The tournament committee under the expert direction of Jackie Addis and Marilyn Charlson has been working for SIX years to make this the greatest ever Nationals... and that is what it promises to be.

If you have never before attended a Nationals, you will not believe how much fun it is.

If you have attended one or more, we promise to make this one, THE BEST for YOU!!

For more information, go to:

<http://www.geocities.com/thesubecks@sbcglobal.net/>

Tournament Information

No Smoking Policy: No smoking is allowed in the convention center lobby, washrooms, fire exits, or service areas.

Partnerships: Singles should check in at the partnership desk in the foyer outside the playing area 45 minutes before game time to allow the partnership people time to arrange partners. **Carl Sharp** is in charge of partnerships and will do his best to arrange suitable liaisons. The desk will be open prior to the morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. **Partners are guaranteed for most 99er events.** If no one is at the desk, leave a note, or contact Carl in person please.

Hospitality and Information Desk: The Hospitality desk is located in the foyer outside the playing area. Check there for hand records, tournament schedules, area info, and your copy of the **March Madness Hoop-la** each morning.

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.

Hospitality hours for pick up of prizes and registration gifts will be posted on a sign in the foyer. Check it daily because the hours may change on a day to day basis.

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.

Tournament Committee:
Tom Sucher, Tournament Chairman
Carl Sharp, Partnerships
Kay Hathaway, Hospitality
Angie Clark, I/N
Ron Johnston, Director in Charge
Suzi Subeck, Daily Bulletin

Puzzle Page...

Jack and Cindy just got married! On their wedding day, they had four bridesmaids and four ushers in the wedding party. Instead being traditional and choosing a single color for their attire, the happy couple chose five different colors. Each bridesmaid wore a different color dress and each usher's tuxedo had a cummerbund and bowtie that matched one of the bridesmaids' dresses. They even had matching bouquets and boutonnieres. Determine the full name of each usher and bridesmaid (the last name of each bridesmaid begins with the letter P), and what color each wore.

1. The color of Toby's attire did not match Anne's dress. Sandy didn't wear purple. Sam O'Neill didn't wear green. Mark's last name wasn't Clark.
2. Brenda was part of the green couple. Ms. Purse didn't wear blue. The woman who wore red didn't have Price for a last name.
3. Toby's last name wasn't Clark, but he did wear purple. Mr. Right's color matched Ms. Park's dress. Daniel didn't match Anne.
4. Sandy's last name was Peters. Melody's dress matched Mr. Maguire's attire.
5. Daniel didn't wear green.
6. Anne wore red.

	Park	Peters	Price	Purse	Daniel	Mark	Sam	Toby	Clark	McGuire	O'Neill	Right	blue	green	purple	red
Anne																
Brenda																
Melody																
Sandy																
blue																
green																
purple																
red																
Clark																
McGuire																
O'Neill																
Right																
Daniel																
Mark																
Sam																
Toby																

First Name	Last Name	Color
Anne	Purse	red
Brenda	Park	green
Melody	Price	purple
Sandy	Peters	blue

Understanding Engineers - Take One

Two engineering students, one wheeling a bicycle, were crossing the campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?" The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want." The first engineer nodded approvingly, "Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't fit."

Understanding Engineers - Take Two

To the optimist, the glass is half full. To the pessimist, the glass is half empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Understanding Engineers - Take Three

A pastor, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers ahead of them. The engineer fumed, "What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!" The pastor said, "Hey, here comes the greens keeper. Let's have a word with him." "Hi George! Say, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The greens keeper replied, "Oh, yes, that's a group of blind firefighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free any time." The group was silent for a moment. The pastor said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight." The doctor said, "Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them." The engineer said, "Why can't these guys play at night?"

Understanding Engineers - Take Four

What is the difference between Mechanical Engineers and Civil Engineers? Mechanical Engineers build weapons, and Civil Engineers build targets.

Understanding Engineers - Take Five

The graduate with a science degree asks, "Why does it work?" The graduate with an engineering degree asks, "How does it work?" The graduate with an accounting degree asks, "How much will it cost?" The graduate with an arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

Understanding Engineers - Take Six

Three engineering students were gathered together discussing the possible designers of the human body. One said, "It was a mechanical engineer." Just look at all those amazing joints." Another said, "No, it could only have been an electrical engineer. Just look at the thousands of electrical connections in the nervous system!" The last one said, "Actually, it was a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?"

Understanding Engineers - Take Seven

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, you don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.

Understanding Engineers - Take Eight

An architect, an artist and an engineer were discussing whether it was better to spend time with a wife or a mistress. The architect said he enjoyed time with his wife, building a solid foundation for an enduring relationship. The artist said he preferred time with his mistress, because of the passion and mystery he found there. The engineer said, "I like both." "Both?" "Yeah. If you have a wife and a mistress, they will each presume you are spending time with the other woman, and you can go to the lab and get some work done."

Understanding Engineers - Take Nine

An engineer was crossing a road one day when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess." He bent over, picked up the frog and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will stay with you for one week." The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out in desperation, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you and do ANYTHING you want." Again the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, "What IS the matter with you? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess, and that I'll stay with you for a week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?" The engineer said, "Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog? Now that's cool!"

1956 Trivia... in honor of the CCBA's 50th Anniversary:

Unknown date

Eindhoven University of Technology founded in Eindhoven, The Netherlands

First hard disk (5MB) invented by IBM.

Minamata disease discovered

Answers to Yesterday's Trivia Question:

NBA: Philadelphia Warriors; NFL: New York Giants; World Series: New York Yankees; Masters: Jack Burke Jr.

We hope you have enjoyed our journey back to the "good old days!" The quizzes and facts and figures were to get you all in the spirit for last night's anniversary party. Thanks for helping us celebrate!

Kay Hathaway, hospitality chairman

Harriette Buckman, ACBL President, has suggested that we make Friday, July 14th, local spirit day at the Nationals. She is asking that anyone who helped support the tournament by purchasing a T-shirt please wear it to the game that day. The sea of colors will be a great promo for the next ten days! Thanks to all of you for your support. Stand up and be counted in this public display of enthusiasm.

Jackie Addis and Marilyn Charlson, NABC co-chairs, want to remind everyone that they are still selling decks of Nationals playing cards (1.50 per deck individually or 1.20/deck in lots of 12.) They are also selling signed and numbered limited edition NABC logo posters, perfect for framing (see exhibit in the selling area outside the playing area any time during this tournament). These posters will make great souvenirs of the upcoming event. They are priced at \$25 each and come in handy, easy to transport tubes. The third NABC article for sale are the aforementioned T-shirts. If you want to get in on the July 14th promotion, you can purchase a shirt for the measly price of \$6.00. Proceeds from all sales go to benefit the 2006 Summer Nationals. Your support is greatly appreciated! Thanks in advance!!

Bridge Player Menu Specials in the Grand Geneva Coffee Shop...

Sunday: Lunch: 1/2 chicken apple salad and bowl of soup

Dinner: Beef stroganoff served over pasta

Lunch: \$8.95; Dinner: \$10.95

CCBA Check Cashing Policy... In keeping with the ACBL policy, the CCBA will accept ONE check a day/person for up to \$500. There are NO exceptions.

A blind man enters a Ladies Bar by mistake. He finds his way to a bar stool and orders a drink.

After sitting there for a while, he yells to the bartender, "Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?"

The bar immediately falls absolutely quiet.

In a deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, sir, I think it's just fair - given that you are blind, that you should know five things:

- 1 - The bartender is a blonde girl.
- 2 - The bouncer is a blonde girl.
- 3 - I'm a 6 feet tall, 220 lb. blonde woman with a black belt in karate.
- 4 - The woman sitting next to me is blonde and is a professional weight lifter.
- 5 - The lady to your right is a blonde and is a professional wrestler.

Now think about it seriously, Mister. Do you still wanna tell that joke?"

The blind man thinks for a second, shakes his head, and declares, "Nah. Not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times."

Three Surgeons...

Once there were three surgeons engaged in conversation. They got on the topic of their occupation and each stated who they liked to operate on.

The first doctor said, "I like to work on electricians."

"Why?" the others replied.

He answered, "When you open them up, they are all color coded so you know where everything goes."

The second doctor said, "I like to work on librarians."

"Why?" the other doctors asked.

He replied, "Librarians are all organized in a sophisticated pattern."

The third doctor said, "Well, I like to work on lawyers."

"Lawyers?!" replied the others surprised.

"Yes, Lawyers" he stated.

"But why?" they asked him.

"Well, they are gutless, they have no spine, and their heads and butts are interchangeable."

Stay...

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the Super Wal-Mart Shopping Center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me?" "Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty blonde young lady, gave me a strange look and said, "Why don't you just put it in park?"

You Just Can't Fool Them Flies

An old farmer was hauling a load of manure when he was stopped by a state trooper.

"You were speeding," the cop said. "I'm going to have to give you a ticket."

"Yep," the farmer said as he watched the trooper shoo away several flies.

"These flies sure are terrible," the trooper complained.

"Yep," the farmer said. "Them are circle flies."

"What's a circle fly?"

"Them flies that circle a horse's tail," answered the farmer. "Them are circle flies."

"You wouldn't be calling me a horse's rear, would you?" the trooper angrily asked.

"Nope, I didn't," the farmer replied. "But you just can't fool them flies."

FINAL MORNING SIDE SERIES 32.75 Tables / Based on 22 Tables

7.84	1/2	Robert Morris, Houston TX	128.36%
7.84	1/2	Steven Norwich, Barrington IL	128.36%
5.50	3	John Kinst, Batavia IL	126.21%
6.53	4/5	George Bleskacek, Eau Claire WI	124.75%
6.53	4/5	Arthur Flashinski, Wausau WI	124.75%
3.67	6	Will Engel, Freeport IL	124.41%

SATURDAY EVE SWISS 10 Tables

	A	B	C	
3.03	1			Martin Harris, Chicago IL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Sara Parks M D, Owensboro KY; Ken Gee, Regina SK
1.99	2/3			Suzi Subeck - Stanton Subeck, Olympia Fields IL; George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL
2.43	2/3	1		Barbara Bender - Gwen Rotter, Milwaukee WI; Marlene Benzuly, Highland Park IL; Adrienne Kamp, Skokie IL
1.82	4	2		G Belleson, Villa Park IL; Janet Maynier, Melrose Park IL; Marilyn Charlson, Oconomowoc WI; Thomas Sucher, Roselle IL
1.97			1	Marie Topp - Bryan Clarkson, Wales England; Paul Lindauer Jr, Varna IL; Linda Mitchell, Cambridge ON

SATURDAY MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES 11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.19	1			George Bleskacek, Eau Claire WI; Arthur Flashinski, Wausau WI	60.88%
2.39	2			R Kemmerer, Milford OH; James Carbaugh, Metamora IL	59.95%
2.88	3	1		Alden Senior, Winnetka IL; Jan Soule, Chicago IL	59.49%
1.37	4			Vernon Nelson - Jerome Kraszewski, Waukesha WI	56.71%
2.58	5	2	1	James Wing - Mildred Wing, Naperville IL	54.17%
1.94	6/7	3	2	John Soule - Philip Lapalio Jr, Chicago IL	53.47%
0.69	6/7			Eleanor Seaman, New York NY; Gerald Szymiski, Westmont IL	53.47%
1.45		4/5	3	Patricia Blakeslee - David Blakeslee, Western Springs IL	52.31%
1.07		4/5		Raymond Root, Grand Junction MI; Elaine Bowers, University Park FL	52.31%
1.09			4	Karen Krueger - Jerome Krueger, Green Bay WI	52.08%
0.92			5	Joanne Behling, Wauwatosa WI; Nancy Meylor, Pewaukee WI	50.69%

MORNING SIDE SERIES 5TH OF 5 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION D	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			1			R Kemmerer, Milford OH; James Carbaugh, Metamora IL 59.95%
			2	1		Alden Senior, Winnetka IL; Jan Soule, Chicago IL 59.49%
2			3	2	1	James Wing - Mildred Wing, Naperville IL 54.17%
3	1	1	4			Eleanor Seaman, New York NY; Gerald Szymiski, Westmont IL 53.47%
4	2	2		3		Raymond Root, Grand Junction MI; Elaine Bowers, University Park FL 52.31%
	3	3				Joanne Behling, Wauwatosa WI; Nancy Meylor, Pewaukee WI 50.69%
	4			2		

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAMES SERIES 11.0 Tables

	A	B	C	
2.97	1			Jerald Wendt - Nancy Wendt, Whitewater WI 66.29%
2.23	2	1	1	Sam Hull - Barbara Hull, Lake Forest IL 62.16%
1.67	3			J Gerlach - Mary Gerlach, Whitewater WI 61.23%
1.25	4			Jennifer Musson, Racine WI; Linda Scheible, Kenosha WI 56.59%
1.43	5	2	2	Marlene Backus, Brookfield WI; Dianne Kiehl, Muskego WI 56.07%
0.74	6			David Vietti - Vicki Vietti, Cary IL 55.14%
1.07		3		James Murvihill, Chicago Heights IL; Claire Murvihill, Chicago IL 52.76%
0.95		4		Marva Anderson, Burr Ridge IL; Jane Norman, Indianhead Park IL 50.00%

SIDE GAME SERIES 3 OF 4 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION A	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1	1	1	1			Jerald Wendt - Nancy Wendt, Whitewater WI 66.29%
2	2		2			J Gerlach - Mary Gerlach, Whitewater WI 61.23%
3			3			Jennifer Musson, Racine WI; Linda Scheible, Kenosha WI 56.59%

4	Nance Booty, Naperville IL; Ann Witt, Aurora IL	53.87%	4	Joanne Behling, Wauwatosa WI; Nancy Meylor, Pewaukee WI	53.19%
			1	Marva Anderson, Burr Ridge IL; Jane Norman, Indianhead Park IL	50.00%
			2	Barbara Mattes, Milton WI; Virginia Zabsky, Trevor WI	49.83%
			1	Roz Ament - Helen Simon, Highland Park IL	43.79%

SAT STRATIFLIGHTED A/X PR 1ST OF 2 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION B	EAST-WEST		
A	X		A	X	
1	Steven Norvich, Barrington IL; Eddie Wold, Las Vegas NV	58.34%	1	Daniel Levin, Aurora IL; James Dressler, Rolling Meadows IL	54.28%
2	1 Bill McKenna, Darien IL; Frank Pancoe, Glen Ellyn IL	57.85%	2	David Yang, Chicago IL; Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL	54.17%
3	2 Bill Drewett - Kenneth Zuckerberg, Chicago IL	54.62%	3	1 R Fogel - Phyllis Fogel, Lombard IL	51.49%
4	Richard Jahn, Glenview IL; Kerry Smith, Milwaukee WI	52.98%	4	Michele Foran, Oconomowoc WI; William Malesevich, Mayville WI	50.81%
			2	Judy Riehs, Buffalo Grove IL; Jacqueline Carpenter, Chicago IL	49.27%

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION C	EAST-WEST		
A	X		A	X	
1	Larry Cohen - Adrienne Cohen, Elmhurst IL	59.02%	1	1 Lynn Patinkin, Libertyville IL; Betsy Downs, Chicago IL	60.44%
2	1 Joseph Chin, Highland IN; George Goewey, Chicago IL	54.47%	2	2 R Kemmerer, Peoria IL; James Carbaugh, Metamora IL	57.16%
3	2 Mark Patton, Dubuque IA; Michael Kolacki, Chicago IL	53.02%	3	Bobbie Carrick - Wayne Carrick, Long Grove IL	54.44%
4	Samuel Miller, Glencoe IL; Barbara Saben, Northbrook IL	48.95%	4	Jerry Jackson, Wood Dale IL; Earle Davis, Glenview IL	54.01%
3	Zbigniew Muszynski, Roselle IL; Michael Omielski, Bensonville IL	48.86%			

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NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION D	EAST-WEST			
B	C	D		B	C	D	
1		Gilbert Fox, Auburn IN; Kazi Farooqui, Grayslake IL	62.33%	1		Jerry Poliquin, Gurnee IL; Robert Shapley, Chula Vista CA	63.14%
2	1	1 Richard Steck, Chicago IL; B. P. Srivatsan, Elk Grove Villag IL	57.05%	2		Kyun Ja Chung, Madison WI; Donald Penberthy, Sun Prairie WI	58.49%
3		Charles Alexander, Northbrook IL;		3	1	Carole Chiang - Chao-Wang Chiang, Rapid City SD	55.77%
4		Elizabeth Volpe, Skokie IL	56.42%	4	2	Sandy Palmer - Dennis Hawtin, Shorewood WI	53.85%
5	2	Joanne Park, Waunakee WI; Sandi Park, Madison WI	54.34%	5		Henry Williams, Lisle IL; Naoko De Witt, Mount Prospect IL	52.88%
6		Raymond Root, Grand Junction MI; Romuald Mindak, Elmwood Park IL	53.13%	6		Wesley Hanson, Milwaukee WI; Steven Picus, Mequon WI	52.40%
				3		Thomas Ohlgart, Brookfield WI; Burton Lewis, Chicago IL	50.32%
				1		Steve Spitzer - Dennis Price, Burlington WI	49.68%

THURS-SAT SIDE SERIES 21.25 Tables / Based on 10 Tables

4.90 1/2 Michael Scheible
 4.90 1/2 Linda Scheible
 3.26 3 Jennifer Musson
 3.61 4/5 Nancy Wendt
 3.61 4/5 Jerald Wendt
 2.54 6/7 David Raitt
 2.54 6/7 Jim Mulbrandon

SATURDAY COMPACT KO - BRACKET A 10 Tables / Based on 18 Tables

10.73 1 Eric Gettleman, Normal IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Paul Holmes, Champaign IL; Alan Wienman, Morton IL
 8.05 2 Samuel Lowell, Talent OR; Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV; Martin Caley, Montreal QC; Rita Ellington, Aventura FL
 5.90 3 Robert Oslin, Chicago IL; Muhammad Abedi, Hanover Park IL; Paolo Ranaldi, Eau Claire WI; John Koch, Saint Cloud MN
 4.83 4 J Hanley, Glendale WI; Joan Stein, Milwaukee WI; David Schudson, Waukesha WI; Doug Henry, New Berlin WI

SATURDAY COMPACT KO - BRACKET B 15 Tables

7.11 1 Patricia Braun - David Juberien, Arlington Hts IL; Robert Stackhouse, Indianapolis IN; Sandra Andreen, Willowbrook IL
 5.33 2 Daniel Driggett, Glendale Hts IL; Philip Lapalio Jr - John Soule, Chicago IL; Elaine Bowers, University Park FL
 3.91 3 Craig Wakefield, Des Plaines IL; Lynne Marley, Downers Grove IL; Jean Faeth, Hinsdale IL; Robert Dolan, Oak Park IL
 3.20 4 Denise Kadleck - Judy Cohen, Chicago IL; Bonnie Franklin - Paulette Swofford, Highland Park IL

SATURDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION - BRACKET AA 4 Tables / Based on 8 Tables

4.49 1 Gerald Gitles, Chicago IL; Michael Edwards, Rock Island IL; Paul Stern, Oak Creek WI; Michael Huston, Joplin MO

SATURDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION - BRACKET BB 7 Tables

4.04 1 Mark Frueh, Naperville IL; Mary Grummons - Milo Grummons, Warrenville IL; Yonsey Karasek, Hayward WI
 3.03 2 Judy Miller - Harold Miller, Belvidere IL; Les Morrison - Chere Morrison, Poplar Grove IL
 2.22 3 Barry Ekman - Sue Ekman, Skokie IL; Karl Dencker - Rajahneen Dencker, Lk In The Hls IL

FRI-SAT KO - BRACKET 1 12 Tables / Based on 22 Tables

24.53 1 Joyce Sillins - Glenn Eisenstein, New York NY; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL
 18.40 2 Rod Beery, Lincoln NE; Sheldon Margulis, Saint Louis MO; Jeffrey Miller, Naperville IL; Brad Carmichael, Madison WI
 12.27 3/4 Suzi Subeck - Stanton Subeck, Olympia Fields IL; Stacy Jacobs - George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Shannon Cappelletti, Aventura FL; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL
 12.27 3/4 Martin Harris, Chicago IL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Jaroslaw Piasecki, Buffalo Grove IL; Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI

FRI-SAT KO - BRACKET 2 11 Tables / Based on 14 Tables

14.48 1 Kathleen Wagner, Madison WI; Steven Sinkiawic, Roscoe IL; Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL; J Randy Rea, Fitchburg WI
 10.86 2 Richard Whitsitt - L Jenkins - David Jenkins, Rockford IL; Douglas Gugger, Freeport IL
 7.24 3/4 Eugene Dille, Crystal Lake IL; Mark Raymond Ganzer, Barrington IL; Adrienne Kamp, Skokie IL; Marlene Benzuly, Highland Park IL
 7.24 3/4 Lynne Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL; David Hudson, Mt Prospect IL; Michael Strong - Johanna Strong, Winfield IL

FRI-SAT KO - BRACKET 3 10 Tables

9.75	1	John Otto, Winfield IL; William Storoe, Warrenville IL; Charlotte Schmidt, Plano IL; David Booth, Aurora IL
7.31	2	William Artz - Colette Novich - David Kuchar - Kevin Litz, Chicago IL
4.88	3/4	Robert Coffey - Douglas St John, Rockford IL; Richard Gierat, Belvidere IL; Dolores Witte, Roscoe IL
4.88	3/4	Wende Dallain - Gerard Dallain, Oak Park IL; Charles Johnson - Demaris Johnson, Aurora IL

SAT EVE SIDE GAME SERIES 4 OF 4 SESSION

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION A	EAST-WEST			
				A	B	C		
1			David Vietti - Vicki Vietti, Cary IL	61.25%	1	1	Jim Mulbrandon, Verona WI; David Raitt, Madison WI	73.75%
2			Daniel Chamberlain - Kathryn Chamberlain, Rockford IL	58.33%	2		Eleanor Seaman, New York NY; Chuck Chang, Evanston IL	58.75%
3			Steve Oshen - Julie Oshen, Glen Ellyn IL	53.75%	3		Jerald Wendt - Nancy Wendt, Whitewater WI	53.33%
	1		Bill Nelson - Jeri Nelson, Neenah WI	48.75%		2	Paul Primeau, Hinsdale IL; Karen Hatteberg, Marietta GA	51.67%
	2	1	Inez Petersen, Vernon Hills IL; Robert Judd, Algonquin IL	45.00%		1	Robert Blakely - Laurie Blakely, Franklin WI	49.58%
						2	Roz Ament - Helen Simon, Highland Park IL	41.67%

SAT EVE SIDE GAME SERIES 8.0 Tables

A	B	C		
2.54	1	1	Jim Mulbrandon - David Raitt	88.50
1.91	2		David Vietti - Vicki Vietti	73.50
1.43	3		Eleanor Seaman - Chuck Chang	70.50
1.07	4		Daniel Chamberlain - Kathryn Chamberlain	70.00
0.80	5		Steve Oshen - Julie Oshen	64.50
1.34		2	Paul Primeau - Karen Hatteberg	62.00
1.12		3	Robert Blakely - Laurie Blakely	59.50
0.83		4	Bill Nelson - Jeri Nelson	58.50
0.84		2	Inez Petersen - Robert Judd	54.00

Many of us "Old Folks" (those over 50, WAY over 50, or hovering near 50), are quite confused about how we should present ourselves. We're unsure about the kind of image we are projecting, and whether or not we are correct, as we try to be nice, and conform to the fashions the designers in NYC, California, and/or Paris... inflict upon the world.

So, I made a sincere study of the situation, and here are the results. I don't want to burst your bubble, but despite what you may have seen on the streets, the following combinations DO NOT go together, and thus, should be avoided :

1. A nose ring and bifocals
2. Spiked hair and bald spots
3. A pierced tongue and dentures
4. Miniskirts and support hose
5. Ankle bracelets and corn pads
6. Speedo's and cellulite
7. A belly button ring and a gall bladder surgery scar
8. Unbuttoned disco shirts and a heart monitor
9. Midriff shirts and a midriff bulge
10. Bikinis and liver spots
11. Short shorts and varicose veins
12. In-line skates and a walker