

RUFFING IT

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Interesting hands? Humorous stories?
Inquiring minds want to know.
Drop us a note in the Bulletin Box on the table in the foyer!

Sunday, December 26

2:00 & 7:30 *Gold Rush* Swiss Teams

(C: 0-300; B: 300-750)

2:00 & 7:30 Open Swiss Tms
(0-2000; 2000+)

2:00 Side Game Series 2, Session 1

7:30 Side Game Series 3, Session 1

Monday, December 27

9:30 Side Game Series 1, Session 1

9:30 & 2:00 Stratified Open Pairs

2:00 Side Game Series 2, Session 2

7:30 Side Game Series 3, Session 2

7:30 Single Session Swiss Teams

Tuesday, December 28

9:30 Side Game Series 1: Session 2

9:30 & 2:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (6 8's)

2:00 Side Game Series 2 Session 3

7:30 Side Game Series 3 Session 3

7:30 Single Session Swiss Teams

Wednesday, December 29

9:30 Side Game Series 1, Session 3

9:30/2:00 *Gold Rush* Pairs

(C: 0-300; B: 300-750)

9:30 & 2:00 Stratified Open Pairs
(0-2000; 2000+)

2:00 Side Game Series 2, Session 4

7:30 Side Game Series 3, Session 4

7:30 Single Session Swiss Teams

Thursday, December 30

10:00 Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

Playthru (Finished by 5:00)



KO1: Sun. 2:00 & 7:30; Mon. 2:00 & 7:30
KO2: Mon. 2:00 & 7:30; Tues. 2:00 & 7:30
KO3: Tues. 2:00 & 7:30; Wed. 2:00 & 7:30

Masterpoint Averaging Where Permitted
Guest Speakers
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Stratification

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

Stratiflighted: A=3000+; X=0-3000



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I/N Schedule:

Sunday 2:00 & 7:30 *Gold Rush* Teams*

Monday - Tuesday 9:30, 2:00 & 7:30

299er Stratified Pairs Single Sessions

Wednesday 9:30 & 2:00 *Gold Rush* Pairs*

7:30 Stratified Pairs Single Session

Thurs.: 10:00 299er Strat. Swiss Teams

299er Pairs: 300/200/100

49er Pairs: 50/20/5

**Gold Rush*: B: 300-750; C: 0-300



NEWCOMER SCHEDULE

Where to Eat in Lake Geneva

Lake Geneva has several good eateries.

If you do not have a car, the *Grand Geneva Resort and Spa* offers some excellent choices for your lunch and dinner pleasure.

First, there is the *Geneva Chophouse*. Specialties of the house include chicken, steak, and seafood. The view from the restaurant is beautiful and the food is a fine match for it. The *Chophouse* is open for lunch Monday through Friday 11:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and dinner 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and dinner 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. A Sunday brunch is served from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Closed Sunday evenings.

Second, there is *Ristorante Brissago*, an Italian restaurant on the second floor of the resort. *Brissago* specializes in northern Italian cuisine. There is an extensive wine list, and the prices are moderate. The food is excellent. *Brissago* is open for dinner 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Closed Monday.

Last, there is *The Grand Café* in the hotel lobby, which offers casual café-style dining featuring sandwiches, burgers and a daily breakfast buffet. The *Café* offers bridge player specials daily. Watch the *Ruffing It* for more information on these. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and until 10 p.m. for dinner daily.

If you have a car or don't mind a short cab ride, here are some other excellent alternatives:

The Grandview at the Geneva Inn – This restaurant offers elegant, romantic atmosphere combined with fine gourmet dining featuring seafood, steak, pasta and daily specials. It is located on Highway 120 S. and is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Sunday brunch, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; dinner from 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 3:00 p.m. Sunday. An extensive wine list compliments the menu.

Club House Inn – Located at W3731 Club House Dr. on the north shore of Lake Como, this American restaurant features barbecue ribs, lamb chops, fresh seafood, and certified Angus steaks. It is open for dinner from 5:30 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Prices are moderate.

Houlihans Restaurant – *Houlihans* is located at 111 Center St. (at the Cove of Lake Geneva across from Geneva Lake.) It features the standard *Houlihans* menu with baked potato soup, steaks, fajitas, steaks, chicken, seafood, pasta, and is open for lunch and dinner from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. The bar is open nightly until 1:00 a.m.

▲ *Kirsch's at the French Country Inn* – Located on Highway 50 overlooking Lake Como, this restaurant offers elegant gourmet cuisine. Signature dishes include Hibachi grilled Chilean sea bass, roasted Kona crusted Chateaubriand. There is an authentic New Orleans style brunch on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Otherwise, the facility opens for dinner Monday through Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Su-Wing Chinese Restaurant – Located at 743 North St., this Chinese restaurant opens at 11:30 a.m. (closed Monday) and offers dine-in, carry-out, and even a drive through pick up.

Popeye's – Located at 811 Wrigley Dr. across from Geneva Lake, this "in" place has an outdoor barbecue pit for rotisserie chicken, lamb and pork. It has great broccoli-cheese soup, good hamburgers, and interesting salads. *Popeye's* is open from 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Pizza Hut – Located at 801 Williams St., this well-known chain features its standard menu of pizza, pasta, salads, and bread sticks. Open from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Original Chicago Pizza Company - Located in downtown Lake Geneva at 150 Center St., 414-248-8544 has great pizza, reasonable prices, and fast service. Open at 11:00 a.m. daily, the restaurant serves both lunch and dinner. The prices are reasonable and the pizza is quite delicious.

The Red Geranium – Located next door to the Grand Geneva, *The Red Geranium* offers an excellent menu with a variety of selections including lamb, pork, beef, chicken and fish. They also feature a daily pasta special. The food is among the best in Lake Geneva. It is pricey for the area but well worth the trip. The appetizers are especially enticing. Be sure to leave room for dessert! Everything at *The Red Geranium* is delicious. Try to go here on a night when you have ample time between sessions. The service is laid-back and you will need the time for your dinner.



HANDS OF THE DAY BY MATT GRANOVETTER

Dealer: N
All Vul.

♠ A 2
♥ Q J 10 7 4
♦ K 5 4 3 2
♣ 2

♠ Q 8 7 6 5
♥ A K 9 8 5
♦
♣ 8 5 3



♠ J 10 9 4 3
♥ 6
♦
♣ K Q 10 9 7 6 4

♠ K
♥ 3 2
♦ A Q J 10 9 8 7 6
♣ A J

West	North	East	South
	1♥	2♥	6♦
pass	pass	pass	

Opening Lead: ♥K

Tannah Hirsch, of Travel With Goren, tells a sad tale, sitting East on today's hand, from a 50-cent rubber bridge game in New York. Over 1♥ he bid 2♥, Michaels, showing spades and a minor. South then put a jolt into the proceedings with a jump to 6♦. Perhaps West should have bid 6♠, taking out insurance, but he passed and led the king of hearts.

The sad story is that Tannah held the highest heart outstanding, the six. If he had held the 2, it would have been clear to West that Tannah held a singleton, because he would always follow suit with the higher of a doubleton. If Tannah held the singleton 3, there was a chance that declarer would make a mistake and follow with the 2, which would allow West to be sure that partner held a singleton 3. But following suit with the 6 gave West no help, and West was reluctant to continue with the ace of hearts, which he thought South might ruff.

West switched to a spade at trick two. It was a reasonable play. After all, where was the second heart going if South started with two of them? The answer is: on the ace of spades. But South did not rate to hold the singleton king, did he? Perhaps a compromise by West would be to lead a low heart at trick two. That way, if partner held a singleton, he could ruff the trick and if partner held a doubleton, the low heart lead would give away only one trick. This "compromise play" would not have been successful.

Ron Klinger, of Sydney, Australia, discusses an interesting idea in the April issue of Australian Bridge Magazine, in his "It's Your Lead" column. When you haven't a good lead against a low-level notrump contract (or 3NT for that matter), and your hand is weak, you want to find partner's suit. But to do so, you must review the auction and think about why partner did not make a bid.

This hand was played in the "Gold Coast Pairs." The North-South pair was playing weak notrumps, so the rebid of 1NT showed 15-17 points. West held a weak hand and could be sure that East held a good hand. So why hadn't he bid? One reason might be that his best suit was diamonds. But if you had to guess between leading a spade or a club, which would it be, and why? The club lead is a better chance, because if East held a spade suit, he might have overcalled 1♠ or doubled 1♥ for takeout. So Bruce Neill, our hero, led the 4 of clubs and defeated the contract when declarer misguessed diamonds. (Yes, a diamond contract may have been better, but declarer can make at least 120 in 1NT, despite the misguess in diamonds, after a traditional "when in doubt, lead a major" spade lead by West.)

Dealer: S
E/W Vul.

♠ 10 6 5 2
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ Q 3

♠ J 7 4
♥ Q 9 8 7 6 3
♦ 2
♣ J 6 4



♠ A K 8
♥ K 2
♦ Q 10 8
♣ K 10 8 5 2

Opening Lead: ♣4

♠ Q 9 3
♥ A
♦ A J 9 7 4 3
♣ A 9 7

West	North	East	South
			1♦
pass	1♥	pass	1NT
pass	pass	pass	

WELCOME TO THE GRAND GENEVA FROM THE TOURNAMENT CHAIR

Marilynn Charlson, tournament chairman, wants to welcome all of you to the beautiful Grand Geneva Resort and Spa for Milwaukee's Biennial Winter Regional. Be sure you take time to appreciate the incredible lighted decorations (the 12 nights of Christmas) as you approach the resort. It is festive and fun and will keep you in a happy holiday spirit.

The resort has many winter activities to offer. As the brochure states: skiing in Wisconsin just got better. At The Mountain Top at Grand Geneva Resort, one of Wisconsin's premier skiing destinations, you can downhill ski, snowboard, or cross-country. Whether you are a novice or expert, there's something for you. Glide down our 18 slopes, feel the thrill of the snowboard half-pipe, or explore 10 kilometers of scenic winding cross-country trails. There's even night skiing seven days a week, so that long after the sun goes down, the fun is just beginning.

Our Ski and Snowboard School offers quality instruction including a Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) Certified Director and over 80 instructors who share a love of teaching students how to ski. Our unique method allows individual students to spend as much time as they need on each skill so that they only progress to the next phase when they feel comfortable. We also offer a special program just for kids ages 6-14. The "Mountain Mites" lesson program stresses safety and gives kids plenty of time to practice what they've learned.

Moose Mountain Falls at Timber Ridge: Enjoy year-round, total family fun at our 50,000 square foot indoor and outdoor water park, located at Timber Ridge Lodge on the grounds of the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa. Barrel down our two 35-foot-high waterslides or relax along the Lazy River. There's never a chilly or rainy day inside the climate controlled portion of this playground, so you can relax in a tropical setting anytime—even after a day on the slopes. Passes to the water park may be purchased at the front desk by registered guests staying at The Lodge at Grand Geneva.

If there is anything that anyone on the tournament committee can do to make your stay or that of your family more enjoyable, please ask. We are here to serve you!

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. Betts Wolfe is the partnership chairman and she will do her best to arrange suitable match-ups. The desk will be open prior to the morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. **Partners are guaranteed one-half hour before game time.**

Hospitality and Information Desk: Check there for hand records, tournament schedules, and area information. Also, pick up your copy of "Ruff"ing It there 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.

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 Chairman: Marilynn Charlson
Partnership Chairman: Ev Schneider
Hospitality: Bill and Rene McFall
"Ruff"ing It Editor: Suzi Subeck

As they say on the airlines, "We know you have a choice of tournaments at this time of year. We're glad you chose us and we want you to have the best possible time while you're here. Thanks for choosing Lake Geneva this December!"

Have fun ... don't break any bones on the slopes ... and win lots of masterpoints at the bridge table!

Marilynn

FUN AND GAMES

Circle Flies...

A farmer got pulled over by state trooper Jon for speeding, and the trooper started to lecture the farmer about his speed, and in general began to throw his weight around to try to make the farmer uncomfortable. Finally, trooper Jon got around to writing out the ticket, and as he was doing that he kept swatting at some flies that were buzzing around his head. The farmer said, "Having some problems with circle flies there, are ya?"

Trooper Jon stopped writing the ticket and said, "Well yeah, if that's what they are. I never heard of circle flies."

So the farmer said, "Well, circle flies are common on farms. See, they're called circle flies because they're almost always found, circling around the back end of a horse."

The trooper said, Oh, and went back to writing the ticket. Then after a minute he stopped and said, "Hey, wait a minute, are you trying to call me a horse's ass?"

Oh no, officer. I have too much respect for law enforcement and police officers to even think about calling you a horse's ass.

Trooper Jon said, "Well, that's a good thing," and went back to writing the ticket.

After a long pause, the farmer said, "Hard to fool them flies though."

Army of the Lord...

Jack was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands.

The preacher grabbed Jack by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

Jack replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

The Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

Jack whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

A Straight Shooter...

A man goes into a bar and seats himself on a stool.

The bartender looks at him and says, "What'll it be buddy?" The man says, "Set me up with seven whiskey shots and make them doubles."

The bartender does this and watches the man slug one down, then the next, then the next, and so on until all seven are gone almost as quickly as they were served.

Staring in disbelief, the bartender asks why he's doing all this drinking. "You'd drink them this fast too if you had what I have."

The bartender hastily asks, "Wow, what do you have pal?"

The man quickly replies:

"I have a dollar."

PUZZLE PAGE

		8		4	F		2								
2	4	3	6	7	C	B	9	F	1		8		A		
9	D	5	E	A	1	8	2			6	7		C	F	
	1	C					E		3				2		
			C		4			1		B			8	3	A
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Fourth from your longest and strongest, Mabel... My coffee is getting cold waiting for you to choose!

Answer to puzzle:

(no peeking)

Special Christmas Carols...

Schizophrenia - Do You Hear What I Hear?
 Multiple Personality Disorder - We Three Kings Dis-oriented Are
 Dementia - I Think I'll Be Home for Christmas
 Narcissistic - Hark the Herald Angels Sing About Me
 Manic - Deck the Halls and Walls and House and Lawn and Streets and Stores and Offices and Towns and Cars and Buses and Trucks and Trees and Fire Hydrants and...
 Paranoid - Santa Claus Is Coming to Get Me
 Borderline Personality - Thoughts of Roasting On an Open Fire
 Personality Disorder - You Better Watch Out, I'm Gonna Cry, I'm Gonna Pout, Maybe I'll Tell You Why
 Obsessive Compulsive - Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells...

7	0	8	A	4	6	F	3	C	2	E	D	1	B	5	9
2	4	3	6	7	C	B	9	5	F	1	0	8	E	A	D
9	D	5	E	A	1	8	2	B	4	6	7	3	C	0	F
F	1	C	B	5	D	0	E	9	3	A	8	6	2	7	4
6	F	7	C	D	4	E	0	1	5	B	2	9	8	3	A
E	9	2	8	1	A	3	B	7	C	0	4	F	5	D	6
0	A	4	3	8	9	C	5	E	6	D	F	2	7	B	1
D	5	B	1	2	7	6	F	8	A	9	3	4	0	C	E
C	3	6	2	0	B	4	8	F	E	5	9	A	D	1	7
A	7	E	D	6	5	9	1	2	8	3	B	0	4	F	C
5	8	0	F	E	3	D	7	4	1	C	A	B	9	6	2
1	B	9	4	F	2	A	C	D	0	7	6	5	3	E	8
4	2	F	5	3	E	1	D	6	B	8	C	7	A	9	0
3	6	D	7	C	8	5	A	0	9	4	1	E	F	2	B
B	E	1	0	9	F	7	4	A	D	2	5	C	6	8	3
8	C	A	9	B	0	2	6	3	7	F	E	D	1	4	5

VIENNA VISION FROM JENNBRIDGE BY JENNIFER JONES

Here's a cute hand I picked up the other night, playing a few hands online with the Gib robots before I went to bed.

♠ Q
♥ A9
♦ AK9xx
♣ AQxxx

I opened 1D, my robot partner responded 1 heart. I jump shifted to 3 clubs and pard bid 3 spades, probably natural. Not having much luck bidding delicately with the robots, and just wasting time anyway, I jumped to 6NT. I got a spade lead and saw a suitable dummy:

♠ AJxx
♥ Kxxxx
♦ QJ
♣ Kx

♠ Q
♥ A9
♦ AK9xx
♣ AQxxx

It looked like an easy 12 tricks as I ducked the trick around to my queen. I played the QJ of diamonds and then started on the clubs which broke 4-2. About this time I noticed that there should be a squeeze for 13 tricks--LHO would need to guard spades and hearts while RHO needed to protect clubs and hearts.

But wait. Maybe I blew it.

Yes, I should have cashed the spade ace while I was on the board--A Vienna coup! Failing to do so created a position such that the squeeze wouldn't operate. Here are the last few cards as they **should** appear if you are alert and up to executing this great play.

(From The Bridge World Glossary: *Vienna coup*:
the cashing of one or more winners to avoid blockage in a squeeze position.)

♠ J
♥ Kxx
♦
♣

♠
♥ A9
♦ 9
♣ x

Having had the vision to cash the spade ace while on the board, then, when the last diamond is cashed, LHO hangs on to the spade king and discards a heart. Your spade has now served its purpose and you discard it from the board. RHO hangs on to his last club (in order to prevent the club in your hand from becoming a winner) and also throws a heart. Now the ace and king of hearts collect the remaining hearts, making your last heart on the board a winner, and you have all 13 tricks.

LHO: Kxxx/Qxx/xxxx/xx
RHO: xxxx/Jxx/xx/Jxxx

If you don't cash the ace of spades first (discarding a club), you don't have an effective discard from the board on your last diamond, whereas it is easy for the opponents to discard. (Try it--you'll like it!)

AN INTERESTING HAND AT THE CLUB BY BOB KLEIN FROM JENNBIDGE

Kathy and I were having a ho-hum game at the club Friday until the last hand of the day. With neither side vulnerable, I was dealer and picked up:

♠ K87
♥ AT5
♦ AKQ765
♣ J

I opened 1 Diamond. LHO passed, and Kathy bid 2 Clubs, a game force. How should I proceed?

I had several choices. I could rebid 2 Diamonds, 2NT, 3 Diamonds or 3NT. I decided that a NoTrump bid would be best, since I didn't want to bid diamonds and have partner bid NoTrump, which could wrong-side the contract. If I had been playing with Jenn, I would have bid 2NT since we discussed the pros and cons of bidding 3NT in this position and decided that it took up too much space. However, I hadn't played with Kathy in a long time, and decided to make the value bid of 3NT, which showed about 18-19 HCP. (I only had 17, but with the great suit and jack in partner's suit, I felt I could upgrade.) Now Kathy bid 4NT, inviting slam. Since it was the last board, and not much had been happening for us, I said "what the heck" and just took a shot and bid 6NT.

LHO led the Jack of Diamonds, not a good sign. When the dummy came down, I was looking at:

♠ JT
♥ Q642
♦ void
♣ AKQ9643

♠ K87
♥ AT5
♦ AKQ765
♣ J

Well, I wasn't going to make it by running diamonds, but I had a chance because Kathy gave me 7 good clubs. The suit looks solid, but because she had no entries outside, I had to hope clubs were 3-2 or there was a stiff ten, since I had to overtake the Jack to get to them.

Assuming the clubs ran, I had 11 tricks: 7 clubs, 3 diamonds and the Ace of hearts. The 12th trick had to be in spades, since if I lost a heart they would cash

the Ace of spades for down one. So I had to win trick one and immediately run the clubs, coming down to

♠ K8
♥ A
♦ AK
♣ none

and hope I could guess the spades.

Now psychology came into play. The clubs split 3-2, so I ran them. During the run of the suit, LHO played high-low in spades. I asked what their carding agreements were, and they said standard. So, should I believe this as an honest signal, assume he was trying to fool me, or just ignore it and flip a coin?

LHO was a good Flight B player. If he had been an expert, I would have had a real conundrum. He would know I wouldn't expect an honest signal, so he might just give me one, since I'd likely assume he was lying! I didn't think this opponent would play such a deep game, but would he try to fool me, or perhaps give an honest signal to help partner with discarding? Finally, I decided on the latter, ran the spade jack and was rewarded when he won it with the Ace. 6NT bid and made, for 8 out of 8 matchpoints.

An Unconventional Nativity...

In a small southern town there was a "Nativity Scene" that showed great skill and talent had gone into creating it.

One small feature bothered me.

The three wise men were wearing firemen's helmets. Totally unable to come up with a reason or explanation, I left.

At a "Quik Stop" on the edge of town, I asked the lady behind the counter about the helmets.

She exploded into a rage, yelling at me, "You darn Yankees never do read the Bible!"

I assured her that I did, but simply couldn't recall anything about firemen in the Bible.

She jerked her Bible from behind the counter and ruffled thru some pages, and finally jabbed her finger at a passage. Sticking it in my face, she said "See, it says right here, "The three wise man came from afar."

Don't Have A Cow, Man...

The only cow in a small Kentucky town stopped giving milk. The people did some research and found that they could buy a cow just across the state line in Illinois for \$200.

They brought the cow from Illinois and the cow was wonderful. It produced lots of milk all of the time, and the people were very happy.

They decided to acquire a bull to mate with the cow to produce more cows like it. They would never have to worry about their milk supply again.

They bought the bull and put it in the pasture with their beloved cow. However, whenever the bull tried to mount the cow, the cow would move away. No matter what approach the bull tried, the cow would move away from the bull and he could not succeed in his quest. The people were very upset and decided to ask the Vet, who was very wise, what to do.

They told the Vet what was happening. "Whenever the bull tries to mount our cow, she moves away. If he approaches from the back, she moves forward. When he approaches her from the front, she backs off. An attempt from the side, she walks away to the other side."

The Vet thought about this for a minute and asked, "Did you by chance, buy this cow in Illinois?"

The people were dumbfounded, since no one had ever mentioned where they bought the cow. "You are truly a wise Vet," they said. "How did you know we got the cow in Illinois?"

The Vet replied with a distant look in his eye, "My wife is from Illinois"



Jailhouse Blues...

Three convicts were on the way to prison. They were each allowed to take one item with them to help them occupy their time while incarcerated.

On the bus, one turned to another and said, "So, what did you bring?"

The second convict pulled out a box of paints and stated that he intended to paint anything he could. He wanted to become the "Grandma Moses of Jail"

Then he asked the first, "What did you bring?"

The first convict pulled out a deck of cards and grinned and said, "I brought cards. I can play poker, solitaire, gin, and any number of games."

The third convict was sitting quietly aside, grinning to himself. The other two took notice and asked, "Why are you so smug? What did you bring?"

The guy pulled out a box of tampons and smiled. He said, "I brought these"

The other two were puzzled and asked, "What can you do with those?"

He grinned and pointed to the box and said, "Well according to the box, I can go horseback riding, swimming, roller-skating..."



BOOK REVIEWS FROM SALLY SPARROW'S BLOG SITE...

1. *Breaking the Bridge Rules: First hand play* by Barry Rigal

I start with this one because it is the first of a planned four-book new series on cardplay. Rules are made to be broken, and bridge is no exception. This book deals with situations where the player on lead – defender or declarer, at the start of the deal or in the middle – needs to do something that is ostensibly 'breaking the rules'. Not, obviously, the rules of bridge itself, but the well-trying adages that every player is taught – the rules of thumb that work in a lot of cases. Knowing when to break those rules is one of the marks of an expert player.

I am pretty good at breaking the rules, but alas, I am not the author of this book. Nor am I any sort of bridge expert. Here is a little bit about the author:

Barry Rigal (New York) grew up in the UK and is a professional bridge writer and commentator. He contributes regularly to various magazines, and is the head VuGraph commentator at World and European events.

2. *Bridge at the Enigma Club* by Peter Winkler

Robert Tischman is just looking for a game of bridge, but when a mysterious woman persuades him to play in a two-session event at the Enigma Club, he gets much more than that. This is a book that can be enjoyed on several levels:

- 1) as a fun bridge novel with lots of great deals;
- 2) as a glimpse of what the game might be like if technology were applied to it with more imagination;
- 3) as an exposition of the author's ideas on encrypted bidding and encrypted signals – bids and plays where in full compliance with the Laws of Bridge, partners can exchange information that cannot be deciphered by their opponents.

Consumer Warning: the methods represented in this book, though fascinating and ingenious, are illegal in many bridge jurisdictions. [This message will self-destruct in 5 seconds.]

Peter Winkler (Hanover, NH) is a former cryptographer who now teaches mathematics and computer science at Dartmouth College. He originated the idea of encrypted signals some twenty-five years ago, and has been fighting to legalize them ever since.

3. *Deadly Hold-Up* by Jim Priebe

Sounds ominous, doesn't it? Well, see for yourself. Art Fraser, the bridge-playing detective who made his debut in *Takeout Double*, has left Buffalo and moved his new family to Florida, where he is setting up as a private investigator. However, he's soon called back north to help the bridge authorities in Boston, where a robbery at the Fall Nationals has left one man dead and a whole lot of money missing. The local homicide cops are less than overjoyed to have Fraser involved, but they're also struggling to understand the ins and outs of the bridge tournament world. The two sides work out an uneasy arrangement as the mystery deepens.

Jim Priebe (Toronto) is a Canadian international bridge player and the author of two previous Art Fraser books, as well as two technical bridge titles. He is a retired executive, who divides his time between bridge, golf, and grandchildren.

4. *The Pocket Guide to SAYC* by Ned Downey and Ellen Pomer ('Caitlin')

Using the same format as *The Pocket Guide to Bridge*, this book will provide a handy pocket summary of the popular SAYC bidding system. In a concise but readable manner, it goes over the basic ideas of SAYC, which is the most popular natural system for online bridge players around the world. The contents are based on *Standard Bidding with SAYC*, by the same authors.

Ned Downey (Hawaii) and **Ellen Pomer** (Toronto) are experienced bridge teachers and partners in the 'Bridge Forum' web site. Ned is also teaches bridge via the Swan Games online playing site. Ellen is well-known on the Internet under her handle 'Caitlin', and regularly writes for various magazines on Internet bridge.



Bridge is a timed event. Please finish your rounds promptly and don't slow down game. Thank you.

You and your partner must have identically filled-out conventions cards on the table at all times.

Be sure you have your cell phones turned off in the playing area! There is a penalty if you do not!!



WinterFest

Chicago Sectional

January 28-30, 2011

Holiday Inn - Rolling Meadows Schaumburg
3405 Algonquin Road, Rolling Meadows

Friday, January 28

9:30 ACBL Charity Education Foundation
2:00 Stratified Pairs
7:30 Chicago Invitational Pairs **Qualifying Round**
(Matchpoint scoring)
Stratified Open Pairs

Saturday, January 29

9 :30 Pair/B-A-M Team-Scored Game
1:30 Chicago Invitational Pairs **Finals**
(Barometer scoring)
Stratified Open Pairs
5:30 Annual Dinner and Meeting
8:00 Stratified Board-A-Match Teams
Stratified Pairs

Sunday, January 30

10:00 Swiss Teams, Playthrough
Swiss Team Averaging
7 boards, 7 matches, 20 VP scoring

Events for I/N Players (0-300 Masterpoints)

Stratification:

0-100, 100-200, 200-300

Friday, January 28

9:30 Stratified Pairs
2:00 Stratified Pairs
7:30 Stratified Pairs

Saturday, January 29

1:30 Stratified Pairs
8:00 Stratified Pairs

Sunday, January 30

10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
(2 sessions)
More chances for Silver Points



Join us January 29 at 5:30 p.m.
for the Annual
CCBA Dinner and Meeting.

Send your check (\$20 per ticket)
made payable to the CCBA and a
SASE to Les Kent
2802 S. Briarwood Drive West
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
by January 22.

Tables of 10 may be reserved
if prepaid by January 22.

No SASE? Tickets will be held for
pickup at the tournament site.

Stratification:
A: 2000+
B: 750-2000
C : 0-750

Tournament/Dinner Chairs:

Carl Sharp, 773-483-3734
IBSharp2@sbcglobal.net

Suzi Subeck, 847-509-0311
stansubeck@prodigy.net

Partnerships: Carl Sharp
773-483-3734
IBSharp2@sbcglobal.net

Invitational Pairs: Adrienne Cohen
630-941-0581
dolly370@aol.com

Chicago Contract Bridge Association
630-235-4718 or
www.bridgeinchicago.com

Events may be combined depending on attendance.
Mid-Chart Conventions allowed in the Invitational Pairs and Flight A Only
Masterpoint Averaging when Allowed.

LINES THAT MAKE YOU SMILE

1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
2. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
3. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
4. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
5. Don't take life too seriously; no one gets out alive.
6. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
7. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
8. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
9. I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are just missing.
10. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
11. NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
12. God must love stupid people; He made so many.
13. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
14. Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
15. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
16. Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!
17. Wrinkled Was NOT One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up!
18. Procrastinate Now!
19. I Have a Degree in Liberal Arts; Do You Want Fries With That?
20. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
21. A journey of a thousand miles must, begin with a cash advance.
22. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
23. He who dies with the most toys, is nonetheless DEAD.
24. A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.
25. Ham and eggs...A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
26. The trouble with life is there's no background music.
27. The original point and click interface was a Smith & Wesson.
28. I smile because I don't know what the heck is going on.

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Windycitylimos.com



District 13 Spring Regional

April 25-May 1, 2011

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Lake Geneva, WI

on Route 50, 1/2 mile East of Route 12, Room rate: \$112 single or double + \$15 resort fee.

Call 262-248-8811/800-558-3417 by April 1.

Monday, April 25

7:30 Stratified Charity Pairs

Tuesday, April 26

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*** Pairs (Stratified)

Wednesday, April 27

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

9:30 & 2:00 Stratified Daylight Senior Pairs

2:00 & 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs

Thursday, April 28

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 Stratified Swiss Team

Friday, April 29

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

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 **Player's Choice*** Pairs (Stratified)

Saturday, April 30

9:30 Morning Zip Swiss (win-loss)

2:00 & 7:30 Stratified Pairs (0-2000/2000+)

2:00 & 7:30 **Gold Rush Pairs (B: 300-750; C: 0-300)**

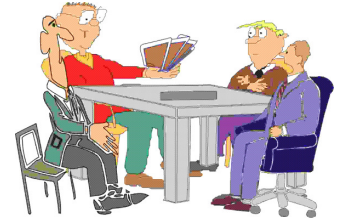
Sunday, May 1

10:00 Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (7 rounds)

Flight A and AX

B/C/D Stratified

* **Player specifies which 2 sessions when purchasing entry**



**Intermediate & Newcomer Events
0-299er Masterpoints**

0-5 ACBL members play FREE all week I/N events... ONLY \$7.00/session!!

Monday: 7:30

299er & 49er Pairs

Tuesday - Saturday

Single Session Games

at 9:30, 2:00, & 7:30

Stratified 299er & 49er Pairs

Sunday: 10:00 & 2:00

0-299er Swiss Teams:

300/200/100/50

2 separate sessions

Lynette Koskie, I/N Chairman



Fresh Fruit

Fri/Sat Hospitality

Daily Bulletins

Students play for half price with valid student ID card!

Kibitzers: Golf, Tennis, Spa



Tournament Chairman:

Marilynn Charlson

262-490-2644

email: mcharlson@wi.rr.com

Mid-Chart for Flight A Events & Top Bracket of the KO's

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

Stratiflighted Pairs and Teams:

A: 3000+ AX: 0-3000; B: 750-1500; C: 300-750; D: 0-300

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

Knockout Schedule:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
9:30		A2	Compact KO I		Compact KO II	
2:00		A3	C1	C3	D1	D3
		B1	B3			Compact KO III
7:30	A1	A4	C2	C4	D2	D4
		B2	B4			Compact KO III
One-Session Evening Games:						
7:30		Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss



District 13 2011 Grand National Teams

HOLIDAY INN, 3405 Algonquin Road, Rolling Meadows, IL

Telephone: (847) 259-5000

Saturday, March 5

12:00 and 7:00

Sunday, March 6

11:00 and TBA

The Grand National Team event will take place over four sessions and will be concluded in a single weekend. There will be no competition among flights. You must choose the flight in which you plan to play. There will be three stages of play within each flight with teams eliminated in each of the first two stages culminating in a two-team match in Stage 3.

Flight	Masterpoints	Club Qualifying
Championship	Unlimited	None
Flight A	Fewer than 5000 points	None
Flight B	Fewer than 2000 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 2010 masterpoint cycle**. This information will be produced on August 6, 2010 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. Players in Flight B or C must be certified by their respective Units. 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 resides.

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 and 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.

GNT Coordinator: Jeff Miller

876 Buttonwood Circle, Naperville, IL 60540

630-357-0308 (home); 630-548-0517 (office)

Email: Jmiller@newarc.com

Carl Sharp, Partnerships

312-497-4277 (cell); ibsharp2@sbcglobal.net

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

Registration:

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT.

All teams wishing to enter must provide notification by noon on February 25, 2011 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>

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.

Special "Half Red/Half Black" Point Team Game on Sunday

Sunday, March 6, 2011 – Stratified Swiss Team
11:00 A.M. Playthru—Open to new entries!

