

RUFFING IT

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Interesting hands? Humorous stories?
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Sunday, December 26

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

(B: 0-300; C: 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** Prs

(B: 0-300; C: 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

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Guest Speakers
Daily Bulletins

Stratification

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

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



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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

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*R=Reservations B=Breakfast L=Lunch FFF=Friday Night Fish Fry SBR=Sunday Brunch
C=Cocktails Br=Beer E=Entertainment D=Dinner*

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HANDS OF THE DAY BY MATT GRANOVETTER

Dealer: S ♠ J 8 7 6 5
 None Vul. ♥ J 4 3 2
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A J 6

♠ 9 2
 ♥ Q 9
 ♦ K J 10 8 4 3
 ♣ K 8 2



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

♠ A Q 4
 ♥ A K 10 7 5
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ 9 5 3

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1♥
2♦	4♥	pass	pass
pass			

Opening Lead: ♠9

Alan Truscott once wrote that a winning finesse with a 5, with all hands following suit, is a world record. It can be tied, but cannot be beaten. Let's see how this worked on today's hand.

Norma Borin of Australia was South in 4♥. West led the 9 of spades, covered by the jack, king and ace. The ace-king of hearts dropped the queen and then a diamond was led. East won with the 9 and shifted to a low club, to the king and ace. Now for the world record.

Declarer called for the 5 of spades (I suppose if she had led the 6, 7, or 8, it would have been the same, but not nearly as esthetic). When East followed with the 3, declarer played the 4 and West the 2. The trick went: 5, 3, 4, 2. Another spade lead drew the ten, a diamond was ruffed and two spades cashed for two club discards, to make 12 tricks. Yes, a club opening lead would defeat the contract, but spoil all the fun.

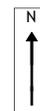
Above we saw a finesse with a 5. Here is a finesse with a 4, though only three players followed suit, not four. It all happened about 50 years ago, when Albert Morehead reached 6NT from the South position. With a poor choice of opening leads, West tried the ten of hearts.

Trick one went: ten, jack, queen, king. But more important, East showed visible signs of resentment when he played the queen, and Morehead figured this meant the 9 was with East, not West. And if this was so, it also meant that West had the remaining queens, otherwise why the dangerous lead? So Morehead led a diamond to the jack followed by the 8 of hearts. This trick went: 8, 9, ace, 7. Hang on tight now, the big finesse is coming.

Declarer returned to dummy via the diamond ace and led the 2 of hearts. It went: 2, 3, 4, show out. Now that's a finesse! The hand was just about over now, except for a little squeeze, strip and endplay. On the 4 of hearts West had thrown a diamond, and on the 6 of hearts West threw a club. So declarer cashed the king of diamonds and played three rounds of clubs, forcing West to lead from his queen of spades. This wasn't really necessary, since the fourth club was now high in dummy and there was no need to strip the diamonds. Perhaps Morehead was overly excited and a little off kilter from his unique heart finesse.

Dealer: S ♠ K 5 2
 Both Vul. ♥ J 8 2
 ♦ A J 6
 ♣ K 6 4 3

♠ Q 10 9
 ♥ 10 7
 ♦ Q 8 5 3
 ♣ Q 10 9 8



♠ 8 7 6 4
 ♥ Q 9 5 3
 ♦ 9 7 2
 ♣ 7 5

Opening Lead: ♥T
 ♠ A J 3
 ♥ A K 6 4
 ♦ K 10 4
 ♣ A J 2

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	2NT
pass	6NT	pass	pass
pass			

Feckless First Aid...

Ole staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy Sven. He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife Lena. He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step.

As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful.

Managing not to yell, Ole sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of band-Aids and began putting a band-aid as best he could on each place he saw blood. He then hid the now almost empty band-aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed. In the morning, Ole woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Lena staring at him from across the room.

She said, "You were drunk again last night weren't you Ole?"

Ole said, "Why you say such a mean thing?"

"Well," Lena said, "it could be the open front door, it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly...

"It's all those band-aids stuck on the hall mirror."

We Three Tortoises...

Three tortoises, Mick, Alan and Les, decide to go on a picnic. So Mick packs the picnic basket with beer and sandwiches. The trouble is the picnic site is ten miles away so it takes them ten days to get there.

When they get there Mick unpacks the food and beer. "Ok, Les Give me the bottle opener."

"I didn't bring it," says Les. "I thought you packed it." Mick gets worried, He turns to Alan, "Did you bring the bottle opener??"

Naturally Alan didn't bring it. So they're stuck ten miles from Home without a bottle opener. Mick and Alan beg Les to go back for it, but he refuses as he says they will eat all the sandwiches.

After two hours, and after they have sworn on their tortoise lives that they will not eat the sandwiches, he finally agrees. So Les sets off down the road at a steady pace.

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

Twenty days pass and he still isn't back and Mick and Alan are starving, but a promise is a promise.

Another five days and he still isn't back, but a promise is a promise. Finally they can't take it any longer so they take out a sandwich each, and just as they are about to eat it, Les pops up from behind a rock and shouts....

"I KNEW IT!.....I'M NOT FREAKING GOING!"

FUN AND GAMES

Nuggets of Wisdom...

1. If you're too open minded, your brains will fall out.
2. Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
3. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.
4. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
5. If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
6. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
7. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
8. It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
9. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
10. If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
11. Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
12. A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
13. Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.
14. Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
15. No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
16. A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
17. Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
18. Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
19. Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
20. There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.
21. Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.
22. By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.
23. Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.
24. Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world
25. Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

PUZZLE PAGE

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4	5			9	E		1				A		7	6	
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Answer to puzzle:

(no peeking)

"The most dangerous strategy is to jump a chasm in two leaps."

-Benjamin Disraeli

"I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places."

-Henny Youngman

"Being a woman is a terribly difficult task since it consists principally in dealing with men."

-Joseph Conrad

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

Final Qualifying Round from JennBridge by Jennifer Jones

Picking up the penultimate board of the third and final qualifying session of the World Mixed Pairs, I was pretty confident that we would be in good shape with a good round; not so sure with a bad round. We had to deal with an unusual bid and also make a critical decision in the play.

Board 25. Unfavorable vulnerability.

I had a nice hand and opened 1club after RHO passed.

♠ K109
♥ AKJ7
♦ A62
♣ K87

LHO then bid 2 clubs, described as a 2-suiter with spades. Partner, Bob bid 2 diamonds. RHO bid 2S and I bid 2NT. Pard bid 3D, and although we had a later discussion what our bids meant over this relatively unusual treatment, I bid 3NT.

♠ 54
♥ 432
♦ KQ10973
♣ A3

♠ K109
♥ AKJ7
♦ A62
♣ K87

Later, when we discussed the bidding, I noted that I thought Bob's 2 diamond, followed by 3 diamond bid showed weakness, as it would have over a Michaels cuebid. Therefore, I meant my 2NT bid as strength-showing. He thought his bidding showed 10 + points as it would have over an overcall and therefore took my 2NT bid as nothing more than a minimum. Check out your agreements with your partner!

A spade was led and RHO won and returned a spade to my king. I cashed the heart ace to get a look at the hand and RHO showed out. As LHO obviously had hearts and spades, I had to play the diamonds carefully--playing RHO for all of them. I led a diamond to the king and LHO showed out. I ran the 10 of diamonds, won the ace and went back to the board with the club ace to run the diamonds.

After reviewing this hand, and unable to accurately reconstruct it even with the hand records, I finally

realized that an odd thing happened on the run of the diamonds. Due to the lateness of the hour (and possibly due to the fact that Bob was studying the score handout, trying to calculate our percentage), dummy's cards weren't played properly and I only made two discards on the diamonds.

I came down to these cards:

♠ 10
♥ KJ
♦
♣ K

When I led a club to my king, LHO showed out. She had discarded several hearts and the queen or jack of spades. I had to decide whether to cash out for 10 safe tricks or to go for the endplay for the extra trick. LHO rated to have the remaining spade honor, but if RHO had it, holding myself to 9 tricks would net a pathetic score. This situation, (trying to decide whether to go for a top and risk a bottom) is not for the faint of heart. I finally decided I had to go for it so I closed my eyes (not really) and played the spade. LHO won and led into my heart tenace. Making 5 the hard way. After the game I was rather surprised that plus 660 didn't score better than 68%, and only now realize that making 5 would have been relatively easy if we had kept better track of the cards (6 diamonds, 2 hearts, 2 clubs and a spade).

LHO (South): QJ876/Q109865/void/Q5
RHO (North): A32/void/J854/J109642

All was well that ended well, as we played in the finals starting later that evening.

School Smarts...

A college pizza delivery boy arrived at the house of Mr. Smith. He delivered the pizza to his trailer. After giving it to him, Mr. Smith asked: "What is the usual tip?"

"Well," replied the youth, "this is my first trip here, but the other guys say if I get a quarter out of you, I'll be doing great."

"Is that so?" snorted Mr. Smith. "Well, just to show them how wrong they are, here's five dollars."

"Thanks," replied the youth, "I'll put this in my school fund."

"What are you studying in school?" asked Larry.

The lad smiled and said: "Applied psychology."

HANDLING DIFFICULT SITUATIONS FROM JENNBRIDGE

Here is the first of two hands from the final qualifying session of the World Mixed Pairs where we had to deal with unusual bids:

Board 4, All vul.

♠ A10763
♥ A
♦ AJ3
♣ AQ83

I was rather enamored with this hand, especially when partner opened 1 diamond, but then RHO overcalled 1NT, alerted as unusual, for the two lower unbid suits!

Well, this throws a wrench in the bidding. My only forcing call is double, so that's what I do.

LHO bid 2 hearts, partner passed and RHO bid 3 clubs. These bids were alerted and complex explanations were forthcoming, but I wasn't really very interested as I was busy thinking about what slam to bid. At this point we were in undiscussed territory and I wasn't about to make a bid I thought was forcing only to have a bidding accident. I couldn't really show my spades and so I just bid what I thought I could make...

Six notrump!

A heart was led and Bob put down this dummy:

♠ K9
♥ Q73
♦ KQ87652
♣ 6

♠ A10763
♥ A
♦ AJ3
♣ AQ83

That 7 card diamond suit was a beautiful sight, and a quick count of my tricks revealed that I had 11. A successful club finesse would land the contract, but as this was a qualifier for a world championship match-point game, I studied the hand for overtrick possibilities.

After the run of the diamonds these cards were left, RHO having discarded the queen of spades along with 2 hearts and 3 clubs.

♠ K9
♥ Q7
♦
♣ 6

♠ A107
♥
♦
♣ AQ

I took the club finesse, lost a spade at the end and claimed my 1440 for 82% of the matchpoints. Before I learned of the good score, however, I worried a little about not taking a club finesse, then leading a spade to the 9, and claiming all 13 of the tricks. This would have been a disaster, however, if RHO started with the unlikely holding of QJ of spades.

LHO (South) held: J8542/6542/109/52
RHO (North) held: Q/KJ1098/4/KJ10974

Great Truths Learned During Childhood...

- * No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- * When your Mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- * If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- * Never ask your 3-year-old brother to hold a tomato.
- * You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- * Reading what people write on desks can teach you a lot.
- * Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- * Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac.
- * Never hold a dustbuster and a cat at the same time.
- * School lunches stick to the wall.
- * You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- * Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts. No matter how cute the underwear is.

Performance Evaluations

- (1) "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock bottom.....and has started to dig."
- (2) "His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of morbid curiosity."
- (3) "I would not allow this employee to breed."
- (4) "This employee is really not so much of a 'has-been', but more of a definite 'won't be'."
- (5) "Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap."
- (6) "When she opens her mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet."
- (7) "He would be out of his depth in a parking lot puddle."
- (8) "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."
- (9) "He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."
- (10) "This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot."
- (11) "This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts, the better."
- (12) "Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together."
- (13) "A gross ignoramus - 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus."
- (14) "He certainly takes a long time to make his pointless."
- (15) "He doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier."
- (16) "I would like to go hunting with him sometime."
- (17) "He's been working with glue too much."
- (18) "He would argue with a signpost."
- (19) "He has a knack for making strangers immediately."
- (20) "He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room."
- (21) "When his IQ reaches 50, he should sell."
- (22) "If you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one."
- (23) "A photographic memory but with the lens cover glued on."
- (24) "A prime candidate for natural deselection."
- (25) "Donated his brain to science before he was done using it."
- (26) "Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming"
- (27) "Has two brains: one is lost and the other is out looking for it."
- (28) "If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week."
- (29) "If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change."
- (30) "If you stand close enough to him, you can hear the oceans."
- (31) "It's hard to believe that he beat 1,000,000 other sperm to the egg."
- (32) "One neuron short of a synapse."
- (33) "Some drink from the fountain of knowledge;..... he only gargled."
- (34) "Takes him 2 hours to watch 60 minutes."
- (35) "The wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead."



Exuberance in the Mixed Pair Finals from JennBridge

The Rosenblum Cup has started in Philadelphia and there is extensive Vugraph coverage on Bridge-base.com. Here are a couple more hands from the World Mixed Pairs Finals.

Board 8.

Bob opened 1 heart and I responded 1 spade with:

♠ AQJ62
♥ Q75
♦ 10
♣ KQ103

He now surprised me by jumping to 3 hearts—good hand, good hearts. I bid 4 notrump and learned that he had 4 key cards. As I had a great hand and we had all of the controls plus the queen of trumps, I bid 5NT, ostensibly asking for kings, but encouraging partner to bid 7 hearts with an undisclosed source of tricks. I was disappointed when he bid 6 hearts, but not quite ready to give up. Where could his points be? If he held the king of diamonds, surely he would have shown it. Lacking the king of diamonds, surely he had the king of spades! With typical exuberance (aggressiveness?) I therefore jumped to 7 hearts.

He didn't seem dismayed as a heart was led and I tabled the dummy:

♠ AQJ62
♥ Q75
♦ 10
♣ KQ103

♠ Void
♥ AK10962
♦ A94
♣ A984

He won the heart in his hand, cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade to his hand, and ruffed the last diamond with the heart queen. He ruffed another spade to his hand, drew trump and discarded his possible losing club on the ace of spades. Bidding and making 7 was worth 76% of the matchpoints.

LHO held: K974/J8/K87/J652

RHO held: 10853/43/QJ6532/7

With all of these great boards, you might be tempted to ask: "Why didn't you make it into the top 10?" Don't Ask.

Board 19.

At favorable vulnerability I picked up as South:

♠ 72
♥ 102
♦ KQ72
♣ KQ1042

Hating to be at the mercy of another expert pair, who could certainly bid accurately without interference, I thought briefly about opening 3 clubs before I passed in first seat. I couldn't restrain myself, however, when the bidding tray came back under the screen containing a 2 club opening bid by RHO.

I overcalled 3 clubs! LHO passed, indicating that his pass showed values. The bidding tray was out of sight for a while and when it emerged, it revealed plenty of action. Bob had jumped to 5 clubs and RHO had bid 5NT! Now LHO had a problem as this was likely undiscussed territory. Trying to look unperturbed, he thought for a while and then jumped to 7 hearts.

Bob led a club and this East hand was put down:

♠ AKJ8
♥ AQ543
♦ A105
♣ A

A nice hand, but they had to lose a diamond and we scored up 92% of the matchpoints. Bob made a nice bid of 5 clubs with: Q1094/6/983/87653.

LHO (West, the declarer) held:

♠ 653
♥ KJ987
♦ J64
♣ J9

Since he had already shown values with his pass, his bid of 7 hearts might best be described as a case of Irrational Exuberance! Good to be on the right side of those two pushy grand slams.

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.

A Woman's Dictionary...

Argument (ar*gyou*ment) n. A discussion that occurs when you're right, but he just hasn't realized it yet.

Airhead (er*hed) n. What a woman intentionally becomes when pulled over by a policeman.

Bar-be-que (bar*bi*q) n. You bought the groceries, washed the lettuce, chopped the tomatoes, diced the onions, marinated the meat and cleaned everything up, but he "made the dinner."

Blonde jokes (blond joks) n. Jokes that are short so men can understand them.

Cantaloupe (kant*e*lope) n. Gotta get married in a church.

Clothes dryer (kloze dri*yer) n. An appliance designed to eat socks.

Diet Soda (dy*it so*da) n. A drink you buy at a convenience store to go with a half pound bag of peanut M&Ms.

Eternity (e*ter*ni*tee) n. The last two minutes of a football game.

Exercise (ex*er*siz) v. To walk up and down a mall, occasionally resting to make a purchase.

Grocery List (grow*ser*ee list) n. What you spend half an hour writing, then forget to take with you to the store.

Hair Dresser (hare dres*er) n. Someone who is able to create a style you will never be able to duplicate again. See "Magician."

Hardware Store (hard*war stor) n. Similar to a black hole in space-if he goes in, he isn't coming out anytime soon.

Childbirth (child*brth) n. You get to go through 36 hours of contractions; he gets to hold your hand and say "focus,...breath...push..."

Lipstick (lip*stik) n. On your lips, coloring to enhance the beauty of your mouth. On his collar, coloring only a tramp would wear...!

Park (park) v./n. Before children, a verb meaning, "to go somewhere and neck." After children, a noun meaning a place with a swing set and slide.

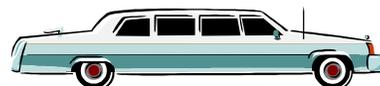
Patience (pa*shens) n. The most important ingredient for dating, marriage and children. See also "tranquilizers."

Waterproof Mascara (wah*tr*pruf mas*kar*ah) n. Comes off if you cry, shower, or swim, but will not come off if you try to remove it.

Valentine's Day (val*en*tinez dae) n. A day when you have dreams of a candlelight dinner, diamonds, and romance, but consider yourself lucky to get a card.



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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!

SUNDAY OPEN SWISS TEAMS

14 Tables / Based on 20 Tables

	A	X		
10.50	1		Doug Henry, New Berlin WI; David Schudson, Waukesha WI; Paul Karas, Greenfield WI; Paul Schroeder, Wind Lake WI	123.00
7.88	2		Barry Harper, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY	118.00
5.91	3		Will Engel, Freeport IL; Chris Benson, Le Roy IL; Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL	117.00
4.43	4		Suzi Subeck, Glenview IL; Stanton Subeck - Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL	111.00
5.02	5	1	Boris Sheyman, Buffalo Grove IL; Dennis Skinder, Chicago IL; Serge Bondar, Wheeling IL; Evgeny Drapkin,	102.00
3.77		2	David Hudson, The Villages FL; Robert Lass, Chicago IL; Pat Stuehler, Watertown WI; Patricia Cosgrove, Waukesha WI	87.00
2.82		3	Bryan Delfs, Pleasant Prairie WI; Todd Fisher, Chicago IL; Jan Ratliff - Michael Stein, Highland Park IL	77.00

GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS

6 Tables

	B	C		
3.96	1		Milo Grummons, Warrenville IL; Denise Kadleck - Susan Bass - Judy Cohen, Chicago IL	116.00
3.18	2	1	Michael Cochran, Oak Park IL; Brian Werner - Gregory Ward - Layton Kinney, Chicago IL	90.00

We were disappointed by yesterday's attendance. Please call all your friends and tell them what a nice tournament they are missing.

See you at the tables!!

Remember Bernice Larson's birthday party on Wednesday!!

**Congratulations to Judy Cohen, New Life Master,
from Morton Grove, IL!!**