

# 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* Prs

(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

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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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## 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

Whether you choose an elegant setting, rustic look, or a 60's era steakhouse, the foods of Lake Geneva area are all good. Hours of operation & availability of entertainment can vary. Please call ahead. The restaurants listed below are alphabetical in order.

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

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# HANDS OF THE DAY BY MATT GRANOVETTER

Dealer: N  
Both Vul.

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

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

♠ Q 10 9 8 7 5  
♥ A K 5  
♦ --  
♣ A 10 9 4

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

Opening Lead: ♦A

Today's hand, from the 2002 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 bid-ding 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.

Dealer: S  
Both Vul.  
♠ K Q 6 5  
♥ Q 4 3  
♦ A Q 6  
♣ 9 8 6

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	3NT
pass	pass	pass	

♠ A J 7 3	N ↑	♠ 10 8 4 2
♥ K J 8 5		♥ A 9 7
♦ K J 7 4		♦ 9 5 3 2
♣ 5		♣ 10 3

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

Opening Lead: ♠A

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Do you play the gambling 3NT opening? This is a very useful convention for showing a solid minor suit in one bid and preempting the opponents as well. South's 3NT opening on today's hand would have worked if it weren't for the fact that West was an old pro. He led the ace of spades against 3NT to see the dummy. The lead of an ace without the king against 3NT is generally a stupid move, but not when declarer has preempted. It gives you the chance to continue or make a killing switch. This is what West did. He shifted at trick two to the jack of hearts, the only card to defeat the contract.

If West shifts to a low heart, declarer can play low from dummy, hoping West holds the jack. East wins the ace and the best the defenders can do is cash another heart trick. If West shifts to the king of hearts, it's also finito for the defense. On the next heart lead, declarer can finesse West for the jack, or cover with the queen if the jack is led. But when West led the jack of hearts at trick two, declarer had no answer. He covered with the queen. East won the ace and returned the 9, giving the defense three more heart tricks for down one. Well done!

## **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.**

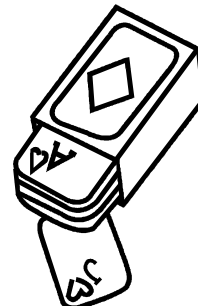
**Hospitality and Information Desk:** Check there for hand records, tournament schedules, and area information. Also, pick up your copy of "Ruff"ing It there each morning. A bulletin box on the desk is available for you to submit any interesting hands, amusing bridge-related stories, or puzzles for publication. 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**  
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Are you playing  
with a full deck?



# FUN AND GAMES

## **An Affair To Remember...**

A man returning home a day early from a business trip got into a taxi at the airport. It was after midnight. While en route to his home, he asked the cabby if he would be a witness. The man suspected his wife was having an affair and he intended to catch her in the act. For \$100, the cabby agreed. Quietly arriving at the house, the husband and cabby tiptoed into the bedroom.

The husband switched on the lights, yanked the blanket back and there was his wife in bed with another man. The husband put a gun to the naked man's head.

The wife shouted, "Don't do it! This man has been very generous! I lied when I told you I inherited money. He paid for the Corvette I bought for you. He paid for our new cabin cruiser. He paid for our house at the lake.

He paid for our country club membership, and he even pays the monthly dues!" Shaking his head from side-to-side the husband slowly lowered the gun.

He looked over at the cab driver and said, "What would you do?" The cabby said,

"I'd cover him up with that blanket before he catches a cold."

## **A Huge Headache...**

A lady walked into a pharmacy and told the pharmacist that she needed some cyanide. The pharmacist said, "Why in the world do you need cyanide?"

The lady then explained she needed it to poison her husband. The pharmacist's eyes got big and he said, "Lord, have mercy -- I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband. That's against the law! I'll lose my license, they'll throw both of us in jail and all kinds of bad things will happen. Absolutely not, you can NOT have any cyanide!"

The lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife. The pharmacist looked at the picture and replied, "Well, now. You didn't tell me you had a prescription."

## **Praise The Lord...**

During the service, the pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express praise for prayers which had been answered. A lady stood up and came forward. She said, "I have a reason to thank the Lord. Two months ago, my husband, Jim, had a terrible bicycle wreck and his scrotum was completely crushed. The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him."

You could hear an audible gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagined the pain that poor Jim experienced. She continued, "Jim was unable to hold me or the children and every move caused him terrible pain. We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation. They were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Jim's scrotum and wrap wire around it to hold it in place." Again, the men in the congregation squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Jim.

She continued, "Now, Jim is out of the hospital and the doctors say, with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with relief.

The pastor rose and tentatively asked if any one else had anything to say. A man rose and walked slowly to the podium.

He said, "I'm Jim and I would like to tell my wife, the word is "sternum."

# PUZZLE PAGE

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

Answer to puzzle:

(no peeking)

# World Mixed Pairs Final from JennBridge by Jennifer Jones

We had a below average and an average game in the final two sessions of the World Mixed Pairs and finished above average--in the top third of the field. Bob says we should be proud, as dozens of stellar pairs finished behind us, but I can't help feeling disappointed after our great start.

It was actually a fun event. We used screens in each session and used special World Bridge Federation convention cards. The men always sat North and West and the women South and East. In the 3 qualifying sessions we sat East-West and in the 3 final sessions we sat North-South. We never played the same pair twice.

I'm writing up hands on the flight home and will be posting some of my favorite hands from the finals. It seemed particularly tense in the last session as each pair was jockeying for position and each hand could mean the difference between several places in the standings. These two hands feature interesting card combinations.

## Board 4.

I opened one heart with:

♠ A104  
♥ AKQ74  
♦ 6  
♣ K642

Partner responded 2 hearts, constructive, showing 3 trumps, 8-10 points and 9 losers. As I had the right loser count and was looking for a good board I made a help suit game try of 3 clubs. Partner accepted by bidding 3 notrump. With my singleton I wasn't especially interested in notrump so I corrected to 4 hearts. A diamond was led and the dummy was not something to dream about:

♠ Q862  
♥ J106  
♦ A104  
♣ Q95

♠ A104  
♥ AKQ74  
♦ 6  
♣ K642

Barring some incredible luck I had two club losers and at least one spade loser, along with assorted

handling problems. I won the diamond ace and made what turned out to be a key play: a low spade to the ten which forced the king.

LHO continued diamonds which I ruffed. I started trumps by playing a heart to the jack and a heart back to my hand and my problems were compounded when LHO showed out on the second heart.

I next tried a club to the queen which lost to the ace. RHO returned the 9 of diamonds (diamond 10 left in dummy) and I paused to consider the play. If I ruffed, I would be left with fewer trumps than my RHO which couldn't be right, so I elected to pitch a losing club. LHO won the diamond and paused to consider the defense. He couldn't continue diamonds without giving me a ruff/sluff and was probably reluctant to return a club, so he exited with a low spade. I played low from the board and won the jack with the ace.

I couldn't afford to lose any more tricks with the remaining cards:

♠ Q8  
♥ 10  
♦  
♣ Q95

♠ 4  
♥ KQ  
♦  
♣ K6

I started thinking about the spades. What spade would RHO have played on the previous trick if she had started with J9x? As the jack and 9 were equals once the ten had been played, she probably would have played the jack, the card she was known to hold. Her in-tempo play and my partial count on the hand, however, caused me to strongly suspect that she started with the jack doubleton of spades. This meant that LHO started with K9xx of spades and I could finesse the 8. I therefore drew the remaining trumps, cashed the club king and led a spade to the 8, winning the last two tricks and scoring up my game! This was worth 82% of the matchpoints.

LHO held K953/9/KJ8753/73

RHO held J7/8532/Q92/AJ108

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## Board 11.

Playing 3 notrump with these cards I got a diamond lead:

♠ J963  
♥ KJ4  
♦ A5  
♣ A1082

♠ A4  
♥ AQ82  
♦ K83  
♣ Q954

With 8 winners available and only one more diamond stopper, the problem was how to play the club suit for at most one loser. Usually in this situation, it is right to lead the queen from your hand and then, if it loses, later lead toward the 10, a double finesse. This caters to the club honors being divided or LHO holding both honors, a 75% chance. Before starting on clubs, however, I decided to cash my 4 heart tricks to see if I could learn anything useful. Hearts broke 3-3 and on the 4th round of hearts LHO discarded the 3 of clubs!

Surely he wouldn't throw a club with anything useful in the suit, looking at A1082 in the dummy, so I decided to change my plan and play clubs differently. Accordingly I led a club to the ace and was rewarded when RHO followed with the jack and then the king on the second round of clubs. She started with KJ doubleton! Scoring 430 was worth 76% of the matchpoints.

LHO held: Q75/1093/J642/763

RHO held: K1082/765/Q1097/KJ

## Jennbridge: High or Low? By Bob Klein

Jenn and I were in Philadelphia playing in the World Mixed Pairs. We played 3 qualifying sessions, and managed to qualify for a 3-session final. We're off to a good start: we had a 60% game in the first session and are running fifth overall.

Here are two eerily similar opening lead problems that were very instrumental in our being able to qualify. I held one of them and got it right; the other one was held by a well-known Washington, DC expert who didn't. In each case, you hold a spade suit headed by the AKQ. Do you lead the ace or a low one?

1. You hold:

AKQ764  
654  
5  
Q42

You are in second seat, both vulnerable. RHO deals and passes. You open the bidding with 1 Spade. LHO doubles, partner passes, RHO bids 1NT, and everyone passes. Do you lead the ace or a low spade?

2. You hold:

AKQ75  
T86  
K76  
J5

You are in first seat, none vulnerable. You open 1 Spade. It goes pass, pass, 1NT by RHO. You pass. LHO raises to 2NT and RHO accepts the invitation with 3NT. Do you lead the ace or a low spade?

It turns out that in both cases, it was necessary to underlead the AKQ.

Consider the first hand. What do you expect the distribution of the spades to be? LHO doubled, so he is likely to have a singleton. RHO bid 1NT, so he is likely to have 4 spades. This leaves partner with a likely doubleton. Your hand has no outside entries. The plan is to have partner get in with something, then lead his other spade to you so you can run the suit. Your lead is rewarded in a different way. Dummy had the stiff ten, partner had J8 and RHO had 9532! So we took the first six tricks. Jenn signaled what she wanted me to shift to (she had an ace), so we took the first 7 tricks for down one, which got us 79% of the matchpoints.

Now consider the second hand. Again, what do you expect the distribution of the spades to be? RHO should have 4 spades for his 1NT balance; the remaining spades are likely to be 2-2. Your hand has a potential entry with the king of diamonds, but if LHO has the ace, you'll never get to use it. So a low spade again is indicated. Fortunately for us, and unfortunately for the DC expert, he chose to lead the ace, then the king, and found the spade suit to be T8 in dummy, J3 in partner's hand and 9642 in my hand, so once he led the ace, the spades blocked and couldn't be run for 4 tricks. The fourth spade trick was crucial, as I was able to set up 9 tricks without him ever getting in again. We got 89% of the matchpoints at a crucial time near the end of the last qualifying session.



# Laws of the Universe

1. Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease your nose will begin to itch or you'll have to pee.
2. Law of the Workshop: Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.
3. Law of probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
4. Law of the Telephone: When you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.
5. Law of the Alibi: If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.
6. Variation Law: If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now. (works every time).
7. Bath Theorem: When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.
8. Law of Close Encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
9. Law of the Result: When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.
10. Law of Biomechanics: The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
11. Theater Rule: At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.
12. Law of Coffee: As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
13. Murphy's Law of Lockers: If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
14. Law of Dirty Rugs/Carpets: The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich of landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness, color and cost of the carpet/rug.
15. Law of Location: No matter where you go, there you are.
16. Law of Logical Argument: Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.
17. Brown's Law: If the shoe fits, it's ugly.
18. Oliver's Law: A closed mouth gathers no feet.
19. Wilson's Law: As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.



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# Conservative From Bob Marheine (received after the October Central States Regional)

I'm not sure what story to tell here, but after being dispatched (by your team) in the first round of the Saturday Compact KO, we got to enjoy another 12 boards with even less tension than normal.

After a few boards, including our opponents missing a challenging, but very frigid small spade slam, it seemed a good time to see how difficult to make it on my opponents when RHO opened a strong club after partner's opening pass, both non-vulnerable.

I was holding xx / x / QJT986xx / xx. While this might only be a 3D call using the standard of making if partner produces 3 tricks, it doesn't rate to cause them much of a problem, most of the time.

Similarly, 4D would only seem likely to ensure they don't miss game, which seems very likely to make. So, I just bid 5D, and (literally) cheerfully invited them to guess what was right.

When RHO passed LHO's card showing double, not unreasonably, holding all 4 aces, and AKQ-6th of hearts, 3-6-3-1, we had a good sacrifice against their 6H, although partner, holding QT98 / xx / x / KJTxxx, and I weren't so sure.

The strange thing was that this 500 point sacrifice (everybody was relaxed and just pumped hearts, so I was allowed to pitch a spade on a club, following my 2nd club finesse, despite having to give up the lead THREE times), didn't win the board.

Facing the conservative (cowardly?) 3D overcall of a strong 2C opening, partners had all sorts of room to find hearts, and feature the RKC response of 5S by opener to responders 4NT ask to show ALL 5 Key Cards AND the TRUMP QUEEN, every one of his 21 HCP, all in one bid.

Unfortunately, partners tried the grand, and went minus. Of course, an early cash of the CLUB ACE should have allowed an 1100 point set, not just the 800 "off the top", more than the 980 available in hearts.

# I'm Giving Up Bridge from Peggy Kaplan's website

I'm giving up bridge - tonight's my last night  
It's Amen to Stayman, I give up the fight.

The insults and muddles are giving me troubles.  
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.

My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten  
Who's played and what's trumps  
And what's gone on my right!

So for now its all over - I'm off to the backwood  
I'm bidding good-bye to Gerber and Blackwood.

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain  
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.

I'm giving up bridge - tonight's a bad night.  
Declarer is horrid and nothing's gone right.

My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope  
And when s/he says "double," I know we're in trouble.

My points are not high, and I'm wondering why  
She kept on bidding right up to the sky.

We're in seven spades and all my hope fades  
When surprise, surprise, the high bidding pays

We're winning all tricks; the defenders feel sick  
And I have to admit my partner's a brick.

But I'm giving up bridge - tonight's my last night.  
Farewell to conventions - I give up the fight!

So I leave with few words but some that are true,  
Bridge is a game not for me but for you.

So be kind to your partners and don't mind their cheek  
For it's only a game - oh! ... and see you next week!

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.

## High School Inspiration

Every year, English teachers from across the country submit their collections of actual analogies and metaphors found in high school essays.

1. Her face was a perfect oval, like a circle that had its two sides gently compressed by a Thigh Master.
2. His thoughts tumbled in his head, making and breaking alliances like underpants in a dryer without Cling Free.
3. He spoke with the wisdom that can only come from experience, like a guy who went blind because he looked at a solar eclipse without one of those boxes with a pinhole in it and now goes around the country speaking at high schools about the dangers of looking at a solar eclipse without one of those boxes with a pinhole in it.
4. She grew on him like a colony of E. Coli, and he was room-temperature Canadian beef.
5. She had a deep, throaty, genuine laugh, like that sound a dog makes just before it throws up.
6. Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.
7. He was as tall as a six-foot, three-inch tree.
8. The revelation that his marriage of 30 years had disintegrated because of his wife's infidelity came as a rude shock, like a surcharge at a formerly surcharge-free ATM machine.
9. The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.
10. McBride fell 12 stories, hitting the pavement like a Hefty bag filled with vegetable soup.
11. From the attic came an unearthly howl. The whole scene had an eerie, surreal quality, like when you're on vacation in another city and Jeopardy comes on at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30.
12. Her hair glistened in the rain like a nose hair after a sneeze.
13. The hailstones leaped from the pavement, just like maggots when you fry them in hot grease.
14. Long separated by cruel fate, the star-crossed lovers raced across the grassy field toward each other like two freight trains, one having left Cleveland at 6:36 p.m. traveling at 55 mph, the other from Topeka at 4:19 pm. at a speed of 35 mph.
15. They lived in a typical suburban neighborhood with picket fences that resembled Nancy Kerrigan's teeth.
16. John and Mary had never met. They were like two hummingbirds who had also never met.
17. He fell for her like his heart was a mob informant, and she was the East River.
18. Even in his last years, Granddad had a mind like a steel trap, only one that had been left out so long, it had rusted shut.
19. Shots rang out, as shots are wont to do.
20. The plan was simple, like my brother-in-law Phil. But unlike Phil, this plan just might work.
21. The young fighter had a hungry look, the kind you get from not eating for a while.
22. He was as lame as a duck. Not the metaphorical lame duck, either, but a real duck that was actually lame, maybe from stepping on a land mine or something.
23. The ballerina rose gracefully en Pointe and extended one slender leg behind her, like a dog at a fire hydrant.
24. It was an American tradition, like fathers chasing kids around with power tools.
25. He was deeply in love. When she spoke, he thought he heard bells, as if she were a garbage truck backing up.

# 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
<b>One-Session Evening Games:</b>						
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](mailto:Jmiller@newarc.com)

Carl Sharp, Partnerships

312-497-4277 (cell); [ibsharp2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ibsharp2@sbcglobal.net)

## 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](mailto: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.

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

## 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!



MONDAY OPEN PAIRS 1 OF 2 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION E	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C
2.68	1		Barry Harper, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince 66.67%	2.68	1	Michael Berggren, Salt Lake City UT; Tamas Szabo, 60.42%
1.87	2/3	1	Al Glick, Northbrook IL; Sheldon 58.07%	1.88	2	1 J Hanley, Glendale WI; Larry Sherkow, 58.56%
1.61	2/3		David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL; William McFall, 58.07%	1.34	3	Michele Foran, Oconomowoc WI; William 56.71%
0.94	4		Martin Morris, Wheeling IL; Carl Jones, Chicago IL 57.29%	1.32	4/5	2 1 Dennis Skinder, Chicago IL; Louise Lane, 52.08%
0.54	5		Suzi Subeck, Glenview Nas IL; Stanton Subeck, 53.91%	0.74	4/5	Ronald Lampe - Beverly Lampe, Monona WI 52.08%
1.31		2	Sandy Palmer - Dennis Hawtin, Shorewood WI 53.70%	0.94		3 Bryan Delfs, Pleasant Prairie WI; Todd Fisher, 51.39%
0.94		3	Marshall Baum, Highland Park IL; Serge Bondar, 52.61%	0.92		4 2 Danna Dudnick - Solis Dudnick, Northbrook IL 50.23%
0.87		4	Judith Freeman - Theresa Schneider, 47.92%			

MONDAY MORNING SIDE 1 OF 3 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION H	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C
1.59	1		S Richard Dembinsky, Wadsworth IL; 55.21%	1.59	1	Robert Porter, Henderson NV; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL 59.58%
1.11	2		John Russell, North Barrington IL; Valentin 53.33%	1.49	2	1 R Paul Urbanick, Chicago IL; Iliana Rozemberg, 57.50%
1.04	3	2	Susan Radichel, Hartland WI; Bill Heimlich, Waukesha WI 52.50%	1.04	3	2 Leonard Greene, Hamel MN; David Gronbeck, 54.58%
1.03		1	Barbara Schuelke - Robert Schuelke, 47.92%	0.72		2 Chris Gardner, Palatine IL; Sherilyn Sorem, 49.58%
0.72		2	Cheryl Lutz, Grafton WI; Christine 47.08%			

MONDAY EVE SWISS TEAM 9 Tables

A	B	C				
2.88	1		Suzi Subeck, Glenview Nas IL; Stanton Subeck, Glenview IL; Kerry Smith, Milwaukee WI; Carol Rushman-Melli, Thiensville WI 52.00			
2.16	2		Will Engel, Freeport IL; Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL; Chris Benson, Le Roy IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL 51.00			
2.43	3/4	1	David Hudson, The Villages FL; Robert Lass, Chicago IL; David Raitt, Madison WI; David Vaclavik, Appleton WI 47.00			
1.42	3/4		Rene McFall - William McFall, New Berlin WI; David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL; George Bleskachek, Eau Claire WI 47.00			
1.82		2	Ronald Lampe - Beverly Lampe, Monona WI; Pat Stuehler, Watertown WI; Marilyn Charlson, Oconomowoc WI 44.00			
2.12		1	Harold Burns, Wilmette IL; Yvette Lewis - Donald Schramek, Chicago IL; Bruce Bengtson, Park Ridge IL 39.00			

MONDAY EVENING SIDE 2.5 Tables

A	B	C				
1.97	1		John Pruitt, Baldwinsville NY; Cherrolyn Woolwine, Naperville IL 65.00%			
1.48	2		Irene Beaudoin - Joyce Sirota, River Forest IL 57.50%			

MONDAY MORNING SIDE 7.0 Tables

A	B	C				
2.58	1		Robert Porter, Henderson NV; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL 59.58%			
2.43	2	1	1 R Paul Urbanick, Chicago IL; Iliana Rozemberg, Northbrook IL 57.50%			
1.82	3	2	S Richard Dembinsky, Wadsworth IL; Robert Fox, Deerfield IL 55.21%			
1.37	4	3	Leonard Greene, Hamel MN; David Gronbeck, Minneapolis MN 54.58%			

