

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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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

Where to Eat in Lake Geneva

Kent's Café. 526 Wells St., 414-248-8181: Multi-cultural menu features Chinese, American and Italian entrees. Daily specials. Open Tuesday-Saturday 6am-8pm, Sunday 7am-2pm, closed Monday. Prices are inexpensive.

Olympic Family Restaurant. 748 West Main St., 414-248-6541: American family restaurant serving pizzas, sandwiches. Open daily. Inexpensive. Open late on weekends.

Mars Resort. Hwy 50 West, 414-245-5689: Open daily at 11:30am. Overlooks Lake Como. Prices are inexpensive to moderate.

Papa Cory's Restaurant and Bar. N2062 Hwy. 120, next to Big Foot Beach State Park, 414-249-1511: Open Wednesday-Saturday 11am-10pm, Sunday 11am-9pm. Traditional cuisine features pizzas, pastas, ribs, chicken. Prices are inexpensive to moderate.

The tournament hotel restaurants often feature specials for players. Be sure to ask about them and check the boards in the foyer to see if they are announced there! These specials change daily and are usually quite good and reasonable.

The Board Room. 642 West Main St., 414-248-8323: Open daily 11am-midnight for pizzas, salads, sandwiches. Enclosed porch for outdoor dining. Tavern setting. Prices are inexpensive.

Tempura House. 306 Center St., 414-249-8822: Japanese cuisine including crab rangoon appetizers, Hibachi chicken, shrimp and steak. Some Chinese entrees. Reservations are suggested. Prices are moderate.

Su-Wing Chinese Restaurant. 743 North St., 414-248-1178: Open at 11:30am; closed on Mondays. Chinese cuisine. Dine-in, carryout, drive through pick-up. Inexpensive to moderate prices. Decent food.

Stein Steakhouse and Emporium. 999 North Bloomfield Rd., 414-248-7997: Open Wednesday-Sunday at 5pm. Steaks, ribs, seafood. Moderate to expensive prices.

Ristorante Brissago. Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, 414-248-8811. Regional Italian cuisine from Northern Italy. Extensive wine list. Open for dinner 5pm-10pm Tuesday through Sunday. Closed Monday. The menu has changed in the last couple of years. Service is spotty. Make reservations.

Original Chicago Pizza Company. 150 Center St., 414-248-8544. Thin, pan, and stuffed style pizza for dine in, carryout, or local delivery. Menu also features sal-

ads, sandwiches, appetizers. Open at 11am daily. Inexpensive and excellent.

Hogs and Kisses. 149 Broad St., 414-248-7447: Sandwiches, barbecue pork, burgers, salads, appetizers, "macho nachos" Prices are reasonable.

Harry's Café and Place. 808 West Main St., 414-248-3494: Open 6:30am daily. American cuisine, breakfast specials. Prices are inexpensive.

La Gustosa Pizza. 820 Williams St., 414-248-8514: Closed Monday. Carryout and delivery of pizza and sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Lake Aire Restaurant. 804 Main St., 414-248-9913: Breakfast served all day. Gourmet coffees, cappuccino, and espresso. Open 7am - 9pm Sunday through Thursday. Open till 10pm on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. Serves beer and wine.

Isabella's Victorian Coffee. 835 Geneva St., 414-249-9141: Vegetarian specialties including sandwiches, soups, and hot entrees. Fresh pressed vegetable juices, organic coffees and tea. Open 8am-6pm Monday-Thursday, 8am-9pm Friday, 9am - 9pm Saturday, and 9am-4pm Sunday. Prices are inexpensive.

The Grandview at the Geneva Inn, Hwy 120 S., 414-248-5690: Elegant, romantic atmosphere and fine gourmet dining including seafood, steak, pastas, and daily specials. Open for lunch 11:30am - 2:30pm. Champagne Sunday brunch 10:30am - 2pm. Dinner from 5pm Monday-Saturday, 3pm Sunday. Piano entertainment. Extensive wine list. Dressy casual attire requested. Prices are moderate.

Being in the Ballroom instead of the Forum makes eating in the Resort easier.

There are daily specials in the restaurants here. Please consult your daily bulletin for more information.

Thanks!!



HANDS OF THE DAY BY MATT GRANOVETTER

Dealer: W
E/W Vul.

♠ A K Q 8 4
♥ K Q 7 6 3
♦ --
♣ A J 4

♠ 9 6 5 3
♥ A 8 2
♦ K 10 7 4
♣ 8 7



♠ J 10 7
♥ J 10
♦ A Q 8 2
♣ Q 9 6 5

♠ 2
♥ 9 5 4
♦ J 9 6 5 3
♣ K 10 3 2

West	North	East	South
pass	1♣	pass	1♦
pass	2♠	pass	3♦
pass	3♥	pass	3NT
pass	pass	pass	

Opening Lead: ♣8

Here's how they do it, folks! This hand is from the final of the 2002 Rosenblum Cup world championships between teams from Italy and Indonesia. At one table, North-South for Indonesia were playing Precision. North's 1♣ was strong, and 1♦ was negative. The rest of the bidding was natural. Unfortunately, South didn't know if his partner held four or five hearts and North didn't know if his partner held three hearts. So the eight-card heart fit wasn't found. Against 3NT, West led a club. Declarer won in hand and led a heart to the king. He then played the queen of hearts, pinning East's second honor. Well done. But West won found the diamond shift, so East-West took four diamond tricks to set the contract. Meanwhile, 4♥ was on ice. Your grandmother and mine might reach that contract but would the Italian world champs at the other table?

At that table, North opened the bidding 1♠. South responded 1NT and North bid 2♣, which is artificial and shows a very strong hand. South bid 2NT, de-

scribing (I think) a weak hand with the minors. North then bid 5♣. Yep, the final contract was 5♣, with the heart suit never mentioned at all.

East led a heart to West's ace and West returned a heart. North won and led the jack of clubs. East covered with the queen. Declarer won the king of clubs, led a club back to the ace and played a third club to the ten. But they broke 4-2 — terribly unlucky. Declarer now cashed three top spades and ruffed a spade, before conceding the rest of the tricks, for down three. So the Indonesians who played 3NT down one at the first table gained 3 imps on the board. That's how the experts do it. Tune in again for more in-depth studies on how they do it.

Dealer: East
All Vul.

♠ K Q 5 2
♥ A K J 10 4
♦ 4 2
♣ A 4

♠ J 10 6
♥ Q 7
♦ J 10 8 7 5 3
♣ J 6



♠ A
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ A 9 6
♣ K Q 9 8 3

♠ 9 8 7 4 3
♥ 5 2
♦ K Q
♣ 10 7 5 2

West	North	East	South
--	--	2♣	pass
pass	double	pass	2♠
pass	3♣	pass	3♠
pass	4♠	pass	pass
pass			

Opening Lead: ♣J

In life, we often think we need something different from what we really need. In bridge, this is true as well. The late Augustin Santamarina, of Argentina, was declarer on this hand. His partner pushed to 4♣ after East had opened with a natural 2♣ (playing a

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A Christmas Story for people having a bad day:

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure.

Then Mrs Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the liquor.

In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang, and irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?'

And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.



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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FUN AND GAMES ... OLDIES BUT GOODIES!!!

'Someone asked the other day, 'What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?'
'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed him. 'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?' 'It was a place called 'at home,'" I explained.
'Mom cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if his system could have handled it :
Some parents NEVER owned their own house, never wore Levis, never set foot on a golf course, never traveled out of the country or had a credit card.
In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears Roebuck. Or maybe it was Sears & Roebuck.
Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was because we never had heard of soccer... I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow)
We didn't have a television in our house until I was 16. It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God; it came back on the air at about 6 a.m. and there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people.

I was 21 before I tasted my first pizza, it was called 'pizza pie.'
When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers -- It cost 7 cents a paper, and they got to keep 2 cents. They had to get up at 6AM every morning.

On Saturday, they had to collect the 42 cents from their customers. Their favorite customers were the ones who gave them 50 cents and told them to keep the change. Their least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or most anything offensive.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it? MEMORIES from a friend :
My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it.. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to 'sprinkle' clothes with because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old.

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PUZZLE PAGE

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

Answer to puzzle:

(no peeking)

Windy City Limos:
the official carrier of
District 13 Bridge
Call 1-866-94-WINDY
or go to:
Windycitylimos.com



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

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How many do you remember?

Head lights dimmer switches on the floor.

Ignition switches on the dashboard.

Heaters mounted on the inside of the fire wall.

Real ice boxes.

Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.

Soldering irons you heat on a gas burner.

Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.

Older Than Dirt Quiz :

Count all the ones that you remember not the ones you were told about.

Ratings at the bottom.

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
5. Coffee shops or diners with tableside juke boxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party lines on the telephone
- 8 Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
- 11.. TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning. (there were only 3 channels... [if you were fortunate])
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45 RPM records
15. S& H greenstamps
16. Hi-fi's
17. Metal ice trays with lever
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulb
20. Packards
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork popguns
- 23.. Drive-ins
24. Studebakers
25. Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young

If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older

If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age

If you remembered 16-25 = You're older than dirt!

See Spot Talk...

A guy is driving around and he sees a sign in front of a house: "Talking Dog For Sale."

He rings the bell, and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes around the house and into the backyard and sees a handsome Labrador Retriever sitting there.

"You talk?" he asks.

"Yep," the Lab replies.

"So, what's your story?"

The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young, and I wanted to help the government; so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.

I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running. But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I wanted to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security work, mostly wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

"Ten dollars", says the owner.

The guy says, "This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar. He didn't do any of that stuff."



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strong club system). So West led the jack of clubs. How would you play the hand and why?

Most players, I think, would play a top spade honor at trick two, hoping for a 2-2 spade break. Santamarina first led a diamond. East won the ace, cashed a high club and exited with a diamond. Declarer's position seemed to be the same as at the outset: He needed trumps to divide 2-2. Or did he?

On the lead of the 9 of spades from South, West followed with the 6, the correct play, since splitting the jack-ten would allow declarer to finesse on the next round. Declarer now realized that if East started with ace doubleton (A-10 or A-J), he would win this trick and lead a club, which West would trump with his remaining honor, producing a second trump trick for the defense. So Santamarina played low from dummy, because he needed 3-1 trumps to make the hand, not 2-2.

No Such Thing As A Free Lunch...

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch.

At the head of the table was a large pile of apples.

The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

"Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

Little Johnny wrote a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



I Wonder...

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are going dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

From the Gargoyle Chronicles by Phillip Martin:

Both sides vulnerable

♠ K J 4 3 ♥ K 10 8 6 5 2 ♦ -- ♣ K 8 5

Two passes to me. I open one heart, and LHO overcalls one notrump. Partner passes, and RHO bids five diamonds. If he isn't remotely interested in three notrump, there is a good chance he has a heart void. My best guess as to his shape is 4-0-7-2. I'm crediting him with four spades because of his unwillingness to pre-empt at his first turn. Partner probably has enough in high cards to raise to two hearts, since the opponents aren't sniffing at slam, so I suspect he has a doubleton and that there are five hearts on my left.

I pass, LHO passes, and partner doubles. Doubling five of a minor at matchpoints is seldom a good move, since some pairs will play in three notrump. If three notrump makes, the double has little to gain. And if three notrump makes *four*, a failed double could flip a top to a bottom. So partner must be fairly sure of his ground. He is probably doubling on natural trump tricks, assuming that if diamonds aren't running, three notrump won't be making either. Unless partner has three tricks himself, I'm going to have to contribute something, and that something is probably a spade trick. One thing I'm not leading is a heart. The risk that declarer is void and a heart lead will allow him to take a finesse he can't otherwise take is too great. A spade lead seems inadvisable as well. Let's say I'm right that declarer is 4-0-7-2, and let's give dummy a 3-5-2-3 pattern, as seems likely. If I give away a spade trick on the opening lead, declarer may be able to pitch one spade on the heart ace and another on the third round of clubs. If I give away a club trick on opening lead, however, that may not be fatal. Suppose declarer has jack doubleton of clubs opposite ace-queen third. A club lead gives him a third club trick, but he still can't dispose of all his spades. As long as the ace and queen of spades are not both behind me, I still have a spade trick. Of course, if dummy has the spade ace, partner must find a spade shift at some point to break up the squeeze. But that should be easy for him to see.

Which club should I lead? The eight seems like the best choice. If declarer thinks I don't have the king, he may hop with the club ace and pitch his club loser on the heart ace. He might even follow with a ruffing finesse in clubs against partner. I don't see how it can hurt to mislead partner. I want a spade shift when he gets in anyway, so misleading him may even prove to be productive. The eight of clubs it is.

♠ 10 9 5
♥ A Q J 9 3
♦ Q J
♣ A Q 2

♠ K J 4 3
♥ K 10 8 6 5 2
♦ --
♣ K 8 5

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1 ♥	1 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Double	(All pass)

Aha! 3-5-2-3. I called it! It looks as if my construction is correct. Declarer plays low from dummy. Partner wins with the jack; declarer follows with the nine. Declarer must have ten-nine doubleton and was hoping I had led from king-jack-eight third or fourth.

Partner switches to the deuce of spades. The deuce? Unless partner is getting into the act with funny spot card leads of his own, it looks as though I'm wrong about declarer's having four spades. Declarer takes the ace, and I encourage with the four. Declarer plays the seven of hearts. Yes, I was indeed wrong about the spade suit. It now appears declarer is 3-1-7-2. That means he may be able to avoid a spade loser. He can play the heart queen, ruff a heart, club to the queen and ace, and pitch his last spade on the heart ace as partner ruffs in with what may be a natural trump trick.

I play the heart eight, declarer plays the jack, and partner follows. Instead of a low heart, declarer plays the heart ace. Partner ruffs with the seven and declarer overruffs with the nine. I play the six to reassure partner about the spade king. It appears my spade trick is now safe. Declarer plays the deuce of diamonds to the queen. I play the

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For Women Only!!

ADVICE FROM A RETIRED HUSBAND

It is important for men to remember that, as women grow older, it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger. When you notice this, try not to yell at them. Some are oversensitive, and there's nothing worse than an oversensitive woman.

My name is Henry. Let me relate how I handled the situation with my wife, Carol Anne. When I retired a few years ago, it became necessary for Carol Anne to get a full-time job, along with her part-time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we needed.

Shortly after she started working, I noticed she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from the golf club about the same time she gets home from work. Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner. I don't yell at her. Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table. I generally have lunch in the Men's Grill at the club, so eating out is not reasonable. I'm ready for some home-cooked grub when I hit that door. She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. But now it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner. I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves. I know she really appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed.

Another symptom of aging is complaining, I think. For example, she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. But, Boys, we take 'em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two, or even three days. That way, she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean). I like to think tact is one of my strong points..

When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods. She had to take a break when she was only half-finished mowing the yard. I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man.. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while. And, as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me, too.

I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Carol Anne. I'm not saying that showing this much consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible! Nobody knows better than I do how frustrating women get as they get older. However, Guys, even if you just use a little more tact and less criticism of your aging wife because of this article, I will consider that writing it was well worthwhile. After all, we are put on this earth to help each other.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Henry died suddenly on January 31 of a perforated rectum. The police report says he was found with a Calloway extra-long 50-inch Big Bertha Driver II golf club jammed up his rear end, with barely 5 inches of grip showing, and a sledge hammer laying nearby. His wife Carol Anne was arrested and charged with murder. The all-woman jury took only 10 minutes to find her Not Guilty, accepting her defense that Henry, somehow without looking, accidentally sat down on his golf club.

(This is from Marilyn Gates Horn posted on Carolyn Peters' Girls Only Facebook club!!)



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
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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.

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heart five. Partner wins with the diamond ace and shifts to the queen of spades. I overtake with the king and cash the jack. Annoyingly, but not surprisingly, partner follows.

Partner really should have led a *low* spade. On this particular deal, I can't think of any reason I would need to overtake the queen if I don't have the jack. But leading low from doubleton honors when there is no future in any other suit should be a matter of routine. It would inspire confidence to know I could trust partner to do that.

Anyway, we're out of tricks. Declarer finishes down two.

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

Obviously declarer could have finessed the club queen, either at trick one or at trick five, and held it to down one. Ducking at trick one seems right. He might have made this if I had led from king-jack of clubs. But he should have taken the finesse later. It's true that he would go down three if the finesse lost. But I doubt there is much difference between minus 500 and minus 800. He was apparently mesmerized by the eight of clubs. And it was an expensive mistake. Five diamonds doubled down one was the normal result. We would have received only seven matchpoints for plus 200. Plus 500 is a top. And it seems partner was right to double. Plus 100 would have been worth only three matchpoints.

Professor Jack (Jack's post-mortem commentator) wishes to inform me of a possible "misunderstanding" in the card play. I ask him to explain. "Leading the club eight is not right," he says. "From king-eight-five the systemic lead is the five." OK, Jack. Sorry.

It occurs to me that if declarer had held jack-nine of clubs instead of ten-nine, a club is the only lead (other than a bizarre king of hearts) to let him make it. That's a little too close for comfort. I can't imagine either major is really the percentage lead. But I have a feeling the field doesn't know that. It's scary to think how close we came to having a disaster.

Snow Job...

One winter morning a husband and wife in Denver were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through."

So the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through."

The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park...." Then the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplows can get through?"

With the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"

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!



TUESDAY AFTERNOON I/N
SECTION G

A	B	C			
1.27	1	1	Dennis Price - Steve Spitzer, Burlington WI		67.36%
0.89	2	2	1 Robert Margolis - Sherry Margolis, Northbrook IL		59.03%
0.64	3		Sheila Stillman, Highland Park IL; Loretta Wexler, Skokie IL		54.86%
0.57		3	Thomas Krueger, Shorewood WI; Richard Krueger, Milwaukee WI		49.31%
0.58		2	Arlene Vuturo - Christine Weiler, Libertyville IL		45.14%

TUES AFT SIDE PAIRS 2 OF 3 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH SECTION H EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C			
1.96	1		Sidney Axelrod - Eileen Axelrod, Glenview IL	61.82%	1.96	1	1	Doug Fischer, Des Plaines IL; Cory Perkers, Chicago IL	62.69%
1.68	2	1	Carl Jones, Chicago IL; Lester Racker,	61.82%	1.37	2		George Urquhart - Janet Urquhart, Kenosha WI	58.69%
1.24	3	2	1 Ron Blouin, Blue Island IL; Jim Jurik, Oak Forest IL	56.84%	1.24	3	2	2 M Ellenstein, Chicago IL; William Neis,	53.56%
0.69	4		Pat Stuehler, Watertown WI; Marilyn Charlson,	54.74%	0.89	4	3	John McKee - J Lee Mullen, Barrington IL	53.23%
0.84		3	Albert Brockelman - Ruth Ruyle, Menomonie WI	53.79%	0.62		4	Don Malone, Wonewoc WI; Lynette Koski,	51.62%
0.87		2	Michael Cochran, Oak Park IL; William Buchman,	53.01%					

MORNING SIDE SERIES TUESDAY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH SECTION G EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C			
1.87	1	1	1 S Richard Dembinsky, Wadsworth IL;	66.37%	1.87	1	1	Steve Slinger - Christa Slinger, Randolph WI	58.33%
1.31	2		Barry Harper, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince	59.82%	1.31	2		Michele Foran, Oconomowoc WI; William	58.04%
1.04	3	2	John Pruitt, Baldwinsville NY; Cherrolyn	52.98%	0.94	3		George Urquhart - Janet Urquhart, Kenosha WI	55.36%
0.65	4		Michael Cochran, Oak Park IL; William Buchman,	50.89%	1.15	4	2	1 Harold Burns, Wilmette IL; Yvette Lewis,	49.11%
					0.81		3/4	2 Dianne Kiehl, Muskego WI; Marlene Backus,	48.81%
					0.68		3/4	James McKinney, Carol Stream IL; Mary O'Neill,	48.81%

TUESDAY AM 299ER PAIRS ONLY SESSION

SECTION H

A	B	C		
1.27	1		Joyce Sirota - Irene Beaudoin, River Forest IL	61.81%
0.89	2	1	Chris Gardner, Palatine IL; Sherilyn Sorem, Inverness IL	57.64%
0.64	3	2	Robert Margolis - Sherry Margolis, Northbrook IL	56.25%

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS 4.0 Tables

A	B	C		
1.98	1	1	Dennis Price - Steve Spitzer, Burlington WI	67.36%
1.49	2	2	Robert Margolis - Sherry Margolis, Northbrook IL	59.03%
1.11	3		Sheila Stillman, Highland Park IL; Loretta Wexler, Skokie IL	54.86%
1.05		3	Thomas Krueger, Shorewood WI; Richard Krueger, Milwaukee WI	49.31%

TUES AFT SIDE PAIRS 10.5 Tables

A	B	C		
3.19	1	1	1 Doug Fischer, Des Plaines IL; Cory Perkers, Chicago IL	62.69%
2.39	2		Sidney Axelrod - Eileen Axelrod, Glenview IL	61.82%
2.16	3	2	Carl Jones, Chicago IL; Lester Racker, Wilmette IL	61.82%
1.37	4		George Urquhart - Janet Urquhart, Kenosha WI	58.69%
1.71	5	3	2 Ron Blouin, Blue Island IL; Jim Jurik, Oak Forest IL	56.84%
0.76	6		Pat Stuehler, Watertown WI; Marilyn Charlson, Oconomowoc WI	54.74%
1.22		4	Albert Brockelman - Ruth Ruyle, Menomonie WI	53.79%
1.28		5	3 M Ellenstein, Chicago IL; William Neis, Richmond IL	53.56%
0.96		4	John McKee - J Lee Mullen, Barrington IL	53.23%

TUESDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES 10.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.03	1	1	1	S Richard Dembinsky, Wadsworth IL; Richard Edholm, Libertyville IL	66.37%
2.27	2			Barry Harper, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK	59.82%
1.94	3	2		Steve Slinger - Christa Slinger, Randolph WI	58.33%
1.31	4			Michele Foran, Oconomowoc WI; William Malesevich, Mayville WI	58.04%
0.96	5			George Urquhart - Janet Urquhart, Kenosha WI	55.36%
1.45	6	3		John Pruitt, Baldwinville NY; Cherrolyn Woolwine, Naperville IL	52.98%
1.48		4	2	Michael Cochran, Oak Park IL; William Buchman, Chicago IL	50.89%
1.15		5		Harold Burns, Wilmette IL; Yvette Lewis, Chicago IL	49.11%

TUESDAY AM 299ER PAIRS 4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.98	1			Joyce Sirota - Irene Beaudoin, River Forest IL	61.81%
1.49	2			Chris Gardner, Palatine IL; Sherilyn Sorem, Inverness IL	57.64%
1.11	3			Robert Margolis - Sherry Margolis, Northbrook IL	56.25%

TUESDAY EVENING SIDE SERIES 5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.28	1	1		W Harris Jr, Lombard IL; Robert Porter, Henderson NV	64.35%
1.71	2			Suzi Subeck, Glenview Nas IL; Stanton Subeck, Glenview IL	62.04%
2.12	3	2	1	William Neis, Richmond IL; M Ellenstein, Chicago IL	57.41%
1.59	4/5	3	2	Charlotte Thompson, Marathon FL; Howard Balfour, Park Forest IL	52.78%
0.84	4/5			David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL; William McFall, New Berlin WI	52.78%
1.19		3		John Shelton, Wilmette IL; Leon Teichner, Chicago IL	45.83%

MONDAY/TUESDAY KO

10 Tables

27.95	1			Howard Stern, Des Plaines IL; Michael Halvorsen, Champaign IL; Richard Blumenthal, Lk in The Hls IL; Greg Defotis, Lincolnwood IL	
19.57	2			Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL; Daniel Swartzman - Matthew Dyer - Carl Sharp, Chicago IL	
11.18	3/4			Paul Schroeder, Wind Lake WI; David Schudson, Waukesha WI; Doug Henry, New Berlin WI; Paul Karas, Greenfield WI	
11.18	3/4			John Russell, North Barrington IL; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Barry Harper, Regina SK; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY	

TUESDAY EVENING SWISS 8 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.73	1			John Russell, North Barrington IL; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Barry Harper, Regina SK; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY	52.00
2.13	2/3	1/2	1	Dennis Hawtin - Sandy Palmer, Shorewood WI; Seth Fogarty, Houston TX; Tom Fogarty, Chicago IL	49.00
2.13	2/3	1/2		Don Malone, Wonewoc WI; Lynette Koski, Waukesha WI; Marilyn Charlson, Oconomowoc WI; Pat Stuehler, Watertown WI	49.00

TUESDAY SWISS TEAMS 14 Tables

	A	B	C		
8.40	1			David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL; Samuel Miller, Glencoe IL; William McFall, New Berlin WI; Marc Passman, Skokie IL	101.00
6.30	2			Will Engel, Freeport IL; Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Chris Benson, Le Roy IL; Suzi Subeck, Glenview Nas IL; Stanton Subeck, Glenview IL	83.00
4.14	3/4			S Fuhrmann - Worth Vaughan - Diane Vaughan, Madison WI; Richard Dorfman, Oconomowoc WI	72.00
5.90	3/4	1		David Hudson, The Villages FL; Robert Lass, Chicago IL; David Raitt, Madison WI; David Vaclavik, Appleton WI	72.00
2.80	5			John Pereles - Jerry Duckler, Milwaukee WI; Charles Bantz, West Allis WI; Carolyn Hammond, Mequon WI	69.00
4.43	2	1		Al Glick, Northbrook IL; Norman Rosenstein, Winnetko IL; Jan Ratliff - Michael Stein, Highland Park IL	66.00
3.32	3			Paul Lindauer Jr, Varna IL; Carol Konrad, Neshkoro WI; Leonard Greene, Hamel MN; David Gronbeck, Minneapolis MN	64.00
2.78	4	2		Tom Fogarty, Chicago IL; Seth Fogarty, Houston TX; Sandy Palmer - Dennis Hawtin, Shorewood WI	61.00

Happy Birthday Bernice Larson!!

In celebration, there will be ice cream at 1:30 in the foyer outside of the playing area.