

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

Masterpoint Averaging Where Permitted
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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Marilynn Charlson

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Partners provided 45 minutes before
game time.

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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

ABBEY RESORT & AVANI SPA, 269 Fontana Blvd., Fontana, phone: (262) 275-9000

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Features: Lake View, Outdoor Seating, Lunch, Dinner, Smoke Free, Handicap Accessible, Reservations Accepted, Vegetarian Dishes

Inspired by the atmosphere of the adjoining marina, The Waterfront Restaurant & Bar offers a beautiful harborside view to accompany your meal or beverage. The Waterfront's relaxed ambience provides a flavorful array of casual dining choices – sandwiches, salads, appetizers, and a kid's menu. In perfect accompaniment is an endless selection of drinks to suit your fancy and quench your thirst. The Waterfront touts eleven flatscreen televisions for viewing of your favorite sporting event as well as a venue for fun bar activities.

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Features: Lunch, Dinner

Evergreen Golf Club serves lunch every day during the golf season. Our famous Friday night fish fry is served in our Evergreen Room from January through November and is also served in our Bunker Bar & Grill during the summer season. Saturday and Sunday night dinners are offered in the Bunker Bar & Grill featuring steaks, barbecued ribs, and prime rib

▲ along with chicken and fish entrees, accompanied by our unlimited sumptuous salad bar. Evergreen Golf Club is legendary for its friendly customer service and outstanding value.

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HANDS OF THE DAY BY MATT GRANOVETTER

Dealer: W
N/S Vul.

♠ Q
♥ J 9 4 3
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K 10 6 4

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

♠ K 4 2
♥ K 10 7 2
♦ A Q J
♣ A J 3

West	North	East	South
pass	pass	3♠	3NT
pass	pass	pass	

Opening Lead: ♠T

Preempts work! They cause terrible problems for the opponents. They destroy their auctions by taking up all their bidding space. What fun. But I wonder if anyone has ever done a study of how many points are lost when your preempt pushes the opponents into the best contract, which they could not have arrived at by their own steam.

Today's hand from the final round of this year's Olympiad Open Pairs was a good example. At most tables, East opened 3♠ in third chair, forcing South into a corner. Of course, South bid 3NT. What else? West led the ten of spades to the queen and ace. East continued spades. At most tables, declarer held up till the third round, played the jack of diamonds to the king, and led the jack of hearts for a finesse. West won the queen, but declarer made nine tricks (one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs) for a score of 600 points. At some tables declarer won the second round of spades and eventually took the club finesse through East, the dangerous hand, for 10 tricks.

Here are some observations.

(1) If East held the ace of hearts, 3NT would be defeated three tricks.

(2) If East opens only 2♠, North-South will locate their 4-4 heart fit, which is defeated with a diamond ruff after East wins the spade lead and shifts to a diamond.

(3) If East opens 4♠, South will double and either collect 300 (if partner passes) or watch partner pull the double to 4NT; if South finds a pass of 4NT, East may lead a spade and North-South might score 630.

Dealer: E
None Vul.

♠ 4 3
♥ J 8 6 2
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ A K 6

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

♠ Q J 7 6
♥ A K 4
♦ Q 7 2
♣ 10 9 3

Opening Lead: ♠8

West	North	East	South
--	--	pass	1♣
2♠	double	pass	2NT
pass	3NT	pass	pass
pass			

One of the most satisfying moments in declarer play occurs when the opponents' distribution becomes an "open book." In other words, at some stage in the play the shape of both defenders' hands becomes known. Now the question is: What can you do with the information?

Nicola Smith of England was declarer on today's hand from this year's European Women's Teams

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and Tuesdays in Fall/Winter.

HAWK'S VIEW GOLF CLUB, W7377 Krueger Road
Lake Geneva, (262) 348-9900

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Lake Geneva , phone: (262) 248-1111

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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

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FUN AND GAMES

Great Expectations...

A police officer pulls a guy over for speeding.

Officer: May I see your drivers license?

Driver: I dont have one. I had it suspended when I got my 5th DUI.

Officer: May I see the owners card for this vehicle?

Driver: Its not my car. I stole it.

Officer: The car is stolen?

Driver: Thats right. But come to think of it, I think I saw the owners card in the glove box when I was putting my gun in there.

Officer: Theres a gun in the glove box?

Driver: Yes sir. Thats where I put it after I shot and killed the woman who owns this car and stuffed her in the trunk.

Officer: Theres a BODY in the TRUNK???

Driver: Yes, sir.

Hearing this, the officer immediately called his captain. The car was quickly surrounded by police, and the captain approached the driver to handle the tense situation.

Captain: Sir, can I see your license?

Driver: Sure. Here it is.

It was valid.

Captain: Who's car is this?

Driver: Its mine, officer. Here's the owner card.

The driver owned the car.

Captain: Could you slowly open your glove box so I can see if theres a gun in it?

Driver: Yes, sir, but theres no gun in it.

Sure enough, there was nothing in the glove box.

Captain: Would you mind opening your trunk? I was told you said there's a body in it.

Driver: No problem.

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PUZZLE PAGE

		4		2				1
	3	9			6			7
5		7			4		2	
		6					7	
			2		7			
	4					8		
	5		3			7		9
9			6			5	1	
6				9		2		

"Never give a party if you will be the most interesting person there."

-Mickey Friedman

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Trunk is opened; no body.

Captain: I don't understand it. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license, stole the car, had a gun in the glovebox, and that there was a dead body in the trunk.

Driver: Yeah, I'll bet the liar told you I was speeding, too.

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Answer to puzzle:
 (no peeking)

8	3	2	5	6	4	1	7	6
4	8	3	6	7	2	5	1	4
9	4	5	2	3	8	1	7	6
2	7	4	5	1	6	3	8	9
3	1	9	8	2	5	7	6	4
5	3	2	6	9	4	8	1	7
6	5	1	7	8	3	4	9	2
7	2	3	9	5	1	6	4	8
1	8	6	4	7	2	9	3	5

Thanks for Coming to Lake Geneva!! From Tournament Chairman, Marilynn Charlson

Once again, tournament chairman, Marilynn Charlson, would like to thank you all for coming to Lake Geneva for the Milwaukee Winter Regional.

It is gratifying to see so many locals support our tournaments.

Lake Geneva is beautiful this time of year. The decorations all around the resort are truly special and once you come, you cannot stay away from this winter wonderland.

Thanks to the tournament committee for their excellent efforts.

Thanks to the McFalls for a great job on hospitality. Thanks to Suzi Subeck for her awesome daily bulletins. Thanks to Ev Schneider for her perfect job with partnerships.

Our lecturers were entertaining and informative. I thank them all.

The resort staff was amazing... and the ballroom is the best place in town to play... good lighting, festive, and comfortable for all.

Hope to see you when we return in two years... same dates, same place!!

Have a happy, healthy New Year!!

May all your fizzes work in 2011... and all your squeezes and coups work out as you wish.

Thanks again for coming!
Marilynn Charlson



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Championship. She won the spade lead in her hand and cashed the ace-king of hearts. When the queen-ten dropped, East was down to the 9-7, while dummy had the J-8. Nicola led a club to dummy and a low diamond to her queen, winning the trick. She then ducked a diamond to East, who won with the 9 and continued diamonds from her king-jack to dummy's ace.

At this point, declarer had 8 sure tricks, one spade, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds and 2 clubs, and she had lost one trick. But the hand was an open book: East was known to hold 1-4-4-4 shape while West started with 6-2-2-3. With this information, Nicola saw a sure thing. She cashed a second club honor and led a third club. Whoever won the trick would be end-played. If West won it (she did), she must lead from her ace-king-fourth of spades, giving Nicola a second spade trick. If East won it (West would have to unblock the queen for this to happen), she could cash another club trick and a diamond trick, but would then have to lead from the 9-7 of hearts into dummy's J-8.

Watch The Watch...

It was opening night at the Orpheum and the Claude the Amazing Hypnotist was topping the bill. People came from miles around to see the famed hypnotist do his stuff. As Claude took to the stage, he announced, "Unlike most stage hypnotists who invite two or three people up onto the stage to be put into a trance, I intend to hypnotize each and every member of the audience."

The excitement was almost electric as Claude withdrew a beautiful antique pocket watch from his coat. "I want you each to keep your eye on this antique watch. It's a very special watch. Its been in my family for six generations."

He began to swing the watch gently back and forth while quietly chanting, "Watch the watch, watch the watch, watch the watch...."

The crowd became mesmerized as the watch swayed back and forth, light gleaming off its polished surface. Hundreds of pairs of eyes followed the swaying watch, until suddenly it slipped from the hypnotist's fingers and fell to the floor, breaking into a hundred pieces.

"Crap!" said the hypnotist.

It took three weeks to clean up the theater.

FROM JENNBIDGE BY JENNIFER JONES

Jennbridge: Planning the Auction

A reader who ended up in the wrong contract

asks: How would you bid this hand after your partner opens 1 spade and you respond 2NT (Jacoby--forcing spade raise)?

♠ AJxx
♥ x
♦ AKQJ9
♣ xxx

Partner bids 3 diamonds, showing shortness--probably a singleton. What now?

Answer: From the moment pard opens 1 spade, it is necessary to start planning the auction. Consider how the auction might proceed in different scenarios. If I held the hand in question, I would focus on maneuvering the bidding so that I could get the answer to the glaringly obvious question: **What does partner have in clubs?**

If partner has a club control, we are probably in the slam zone. If not, we'll sign off at game. How can I obtain the information I need?

After partner bids 3D, I would merely bid 3S, temporizing--we're already in a game force-- and wait for the expected 4 club cue-bid. Partner will almost surely bid 4 clubs with first or second round control, unless his hand is really terrible. I wouldn't bid 3H over 3D, because that would give partner the opportunity to bid 3S, and take him out of the position to cue-bid clubs. In short, it is critical to think ahead in the auction in order to be in the best position possible to obtain the needed information.

The other hand was Oxxxxx/Axx/x/AJx and would have cue-bid clubs given the opportunity. Diamond and heart cue-bids followed by blackwood would have landed the pair in a good spade slam which would have come home.

Jennbridge: Planning the Auction Part 2

A reader asks how we would bid this hand after partner opens a 15-17 notrump:

♠ AKQ10xx
♥ Kxxx
♦ Qx
♣ x

Interesting hand. It is another example of a hand where it is important to think through various auctions to figure out which one would be most likely to provide

the information I need.

Can I try to find the best major and also learn whether we have two quick diamond losers?

If I start with Stayman and get a 2 heart response, I can make a slam try by bidding 3 spades and hope the auction proceeds in such a way that I can learn about diamonds. Let's see--if I bid 3 spades (slam try with undisclosed shortness), partner bids 4 clubs and I bid 4 hearts, he should be able to detect my interest in the diamond situation. If partner bids 3 notrump, asking for shortness, and I bid 4 clubs, he will then be in a position to cuebid diamonds and the auction will proceed in an ideal manner. This ideal auction may be too much to ask for, however.

If I start with Stayman and get a 2 diamond response I will have problems. What would I bid next? Maybe try a 3 heart Smolen-type bid? This would work well if partner cooperates and bids 3S. I could then cuebid clubs and again be in a position to learn about diamonds. But what if he bids 3 notrump? Not a good position. Bob and I are able to start with stayman and then transfer at the 4 level: 1NT, 2C, 2D, 4H, 4S. Now I will have described my 6-4, but will be no closer to the information I need.

Time to consider transfer bids. What if I transfer to spades and then jump to 4 clubs--a splinter? Now partner will be perfectly placed to bid 4 diamonds and we can proceed toward slam with some confidence.

To me this sounds like the best plan and I would proceed accordingly.

Bob, the co-author of this blog, points out that if we were to find a heart fit via Stayman, then we could very well make 7 by discarding our losers on the spades. Not finding a heart fit, however, it might work to just blast into 6 spades. As Zia (and Clint Eastwood) would say: **"Are you feeling lucky?!"**

In summary, I would think about the possible scenarios and probably choose the transfer followed by the splinter. Particularly if I were playing in a team game and had to account to my teammates. It's not always possible to do everything you would like during the auction and you usually have to choose which route has the greatest likelihood of success.

P.S. The reader who submitted this question recounts that at the table, Stayman was followed by a jump to 5S, which he, not knowing what to do with Jx - AQx - xxx - AKQxx, bid 6. It was an unhappy ending when the opponents cashed two diamond tricks.

Jennbridge: Prepping for Philly

Jenn and I went to Philadelphia to compete in the World Mixed Pairs, which is part of the world championships.

We decided to practice our matchpoint game on-line. We got into a matchpoint tournament and I picked up this hand:

♠ K75
♥ A92
♦ KJ85
♣ AQ3

Jenn dealt and opened 1 Spade. With a strong hand and 3-card support for a major, our approach is to bid 2 of a new suit to create a game force, then show our support the next round. So I bid 2 Diamonds, she rebid 2 Spades, showing a 6-card suit, and I bid 3 Spades. Jenn now bid 4 Spades, showing a minimum opener. What now?

I decided that with 17 HCP, a known 9-card or longer fit, and such good controls, there was a good chance we had the cards for slam. So I bid 4NT, RKC. She replied 5 Diamonds, showing one or four keycards. I bid 5 Hearts, which asked if she had the spade queen. She now made the nice reply of 6 Hearts, which showed the spade queen and also the heart king. What now?

We were missing a keycard, so we had to play at the 6-level. I decided that it was best to bid 6NT rather than 6 Spades. Jenn had the king of hearts, so I knew we had a second heart stopper. It was matchpoints so No-Trump scores more. But I would have made the same bid at IMPs, since it could have been important to have the lead come up to me with tenaces in both minors and we were missing an ace.

This worked out well, as I looked at:

♠ QJ10943
♥ KT
♦ AQ9
♣ 96

♠ K75
♥ A92
♦ KJ85
♣ AQ3

I got a heart lead, knocked out the ace of spades and scored 12 easy tricks. We got over 94% of the matchpoints. Note that 6 Spades will go down if they lead a club and the king is offside (it was).

Jennbridge: Searching for Matchpoints

Jenn and I were trying to make up some ground recently in the Great American Open Pairs when I picked this up in third seat, our side vulnerable:

♠ AK3
♥ 1087642
♦ AQ9
♣ 10

Jenn dealt and opened 1 Club. I bid 1 Heart and she rebid 2 Diamonds, a reverse. This is a nice hand, surely worth at least game and maybe slam, with uncertain direction. I didn't like my heart suit, so I made a forcing bid of 2 Spades. We hadn't discussed just what this meant after a reverse. We had agreed that anything but 2NT would be game forcing, and that the fourth suit was an artificial game force when needed, so it wasn't clear just what this meant. Jenn now rebid 3 Clubs. I tried 3NT (Hamman's Rule), but Jenn removed this to 4 Clubs. What now?

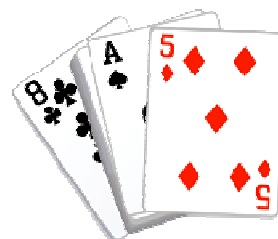
I considered what Jenn had for this sequence of bids. She didn't have much in diamonds, couldn't support hearts and didn't like no-trump. I decided that she had to have 7 or 8 solid clubs to have enough for a reverse, so I pictured her hand something like void/x/KJxx/AKQxxxxx. One thing was certain: she had to have a good hand to remove 3NT. So I decided to bid 6 Clubs. I was rewarded when the opponents led a spade, and she held:

♠ Q
♥ Q
♦ KJ42
♣ AKQJ943

♠ AK3
♥ 1087642
♦ AQ9
♣ 10

She made 7 easily by pitching her losing heart on my spades. We got 32.5 out of 38 matchpoints.

By Bob Klein



Jennbridge: Close Spade Games by Jennifer Jones

I found myself playing a couple of tough spade games at matchpoints in the All Western Regional in Santa Clara last weekend. Late in the game, and needing some extra matchpoints, you could say that I asked for a challenge by opening this hand 1 spade.

♠ KQ9654
♥ 10
♦ 10
♣ A10985

Partner bid 2H, I rebid spades and he jumped to 4S. I received the favorable lead of a diamond.

♠ 83
♥ QJ732
♦ AK763
♣ 7

♠ KQ9654
♥ 10
♦ 10
♣ A10985

I pitched my heart on the second diamond honor, *ruffed a heart*, played the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. Another heart ruff, club ruff, and heart ruff and I'm up to 8 tricks with these cards remaining:

♠
♥ QJ
♦ 763
♣

♠ KQ9
♥
♦
♣ 109

It is noteworthy that dummy's hearts are now high as RHO rose with the ace on the first heart trick and LHO's heart king had been played on the third heart ruff. I exited with the spade king and RHO won the ace. He returned a heart and I pitched a club as LHO ruffed with the jack. Now he has to lead into my Q9 of spades and I score them both. Plus 420 was worth 33 out of 38 matchpoints.

In the endgame, RHO held A10x, x, void, J and LHO held Jx, void, Jxx, void and they were helpless to prevent the execution of the trump coup. Even if RHO cashes his last club before exiting with a heart, I can still discard a club so that LHO gets on lead and has to lead into my Q9 of spades. They key was ruffing 3

hearts in my hand in order to achieve trump parity with RHO.

2. After I opened 1NT, partner transferred to spades, then jumped to 4H, showing 5-5 in the majors. I found myself playing 4S with these cards and a diamond lead.

♠ A9642
♥ A8654
♦ 2
♣ A6

♠ Q75
♥ Q10
♦ AK7
♣ KQ1095

I had no hint of trouble until I led a spade from my hand and LHO showed out. This wasn't good. RHO started with KJ1083 of spades! I won the ace and returned a spade. RHO won the king and returned a spade to my queen. Meanwhile, LHO had pitched a couple of diamonds and a club. I pitched a heart on the diamond king and started on clubs.

Both opponents followed to the ace and king of clubs, and when I played the queen (LHO following with the jack), I pitched a heart from the board and RHO started thinking. It seemed to me that he was getting agitated and I took note. He finally ruffed the club queen and these cards remained:

♠ 96
♥ A86
♦
♣

♠
♥ Q10
♦ 7
♣ 109

He reluctantly cashed the spade jack and exited with a heart. When I played the queen it held! I discarded my losing heart from the board on a good club and claimed. Plus 420 was worth 30 out of 38 matchpoints.

Bid 'em up, play 'em up and hope for good things to happen!

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.

One Liners ...

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather.. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

Sex is not the answer. Sex is the question. "Yes" is the answer.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

We live in a society where pizza gets to your house before the police.

Women might be able to fake orgasms. But men can fake a whole relationship.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.

Men have two emotions: Hungry and Horny. If you see him without an erection, make him a sandwich.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Children: You spend the first 2 years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 years telling them to sit down and shut-up.

Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly, and for the same reason.

My mother never saw the irony in calling me a son-of-a-bitch.

Having sex is like playing bridge. If you don't have a good partner, you'd better have a good hand.

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

Drive carefully... We want to see you back here in two years! Thanks for coming. Have a great New Year!!!

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)**

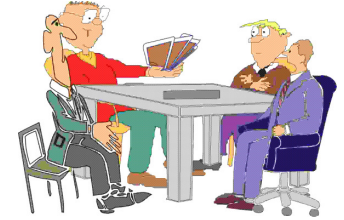
Sunday, May 1

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

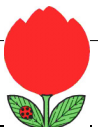
Newcomer Events: 0-5/20/50/100/200/300

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
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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 Związek 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

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.

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!



WEDNESDAY OPEN PAIRS 14.5 Tables / Based on 37 Tables

A	X		
16.45	1	1	J Hanley, Glendale WI; Larry Sherkow, West Bend WI 60.76%
12.34	2		Barry Harper, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK 57.37%
9.25	3		William McFall, New Berlin WI; Jerry Poliquin, Gurnee IL 57.13%
6.94	4	2	Henry Kensler, Kenosha WI; N Heinitz, Racine WI 57.08%
5.48	5		Mark Ginsburg - David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL 56.49%
4.70	6	3	Elaine Everett, Downers Grove IL; Barbara Subak, Northbrook IL 55.57%
4.11	7		Michael Berggren, Salt Lake City UT; Tamas Szabo, Brookfield WI 53.98%
3.66	8		Robert Lass, Chicago IL; David Hudson, The Villages FL 53.82%
3.51	9	4	Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL; Daniel Swartzman, Chicago IL 52.55%
2.87	10/11	5	Paul Lindauer Jr, Varna IL; Lynette Koski, Waukesha WI 51.86%
2.87	10/11		Jan Stimpert, Waukesha WI; Steven Picus, Mequon WI 51.86%

WEDNESDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS 24.5 Tables

B	C		
7.91	1	1	Thomas Krueger, Shorewood WI; Richard Krueger, Milwaukee WI 61.78%
5.93	2	2	Barbara Schuelke, Menomonee Falls WI; Melodee Curtes, Hartford WI 58.55%
4.45	3		Cyann Martin, Neenah WI; Carol Konrad, Neshkoro WI 58.00%
3.34	4		Charlene Whitney, Winnebago IL; Patricia Olafson, Rockford IL 57.36%
2.64	5		Jennifer Musson - Dee Becker, Racine WI 57.14%
2.98	6	3	Gail Salinger, Riverwoods IL; Mady Elman, Highland Park IL 55.86%
2.36	7		Mary Spyers Duran, Shorewood WI; Joanne Behling, Wauwatosa WI 55.09%
2.24		4	Jim Jurik, Oak Forest IL; Ron Blouin, Blue Island IL 53.97%
1.82		5	Harold Wolfram - Roseann Wolfram, Saint Joseph MI 53.69%
2.28		6	William Shunas, Chicago IL; Catherine Westbrook, Winnetka IL 53.59%

MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES OVERALL 17.00 Tables

6.37	1/2	Richard Edholm, Libertyville IL	123.31%
6.37	1/2	S Richard Dembinsky, Wadsworth IL	123.31%
4.70	3/4	W Harris Jr, Lombard IL	117.22%
4.70	3/4	Robert Porter, Henderson NV	117.22%
2.26	5/6	David Gronbeck, Minneapolis MN	101.80%
2.26	5/6	Leonard Greene, Hamel MN	101.80%

AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES OVERALL 19.25 Tables /

6.62	1/2	Marilyn Charlson, Oconomowoc WI	114.24%
6.62	1/2	Pat Stuehler, Watertown WI	114.24%
3.72	3/4	Eileen Axelrod, Glenview IL	111.82%
3.72	3/4	Sidney Axelrod, Glenview IL	111.82%
4.67	5/6	Doug Fischer, Des Plaines IL	108.69%
4.67	5/6	Cory Perkers, Chicago IL	108.69%

WED OPEN PAIRS 2 OF 2 SESSION

		NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION E	EAST-WEST		
A	X			A	X	
3.21	1	1	Henry Kensler, Kenosha WI; N Heinitz, Racine WI 62.79%	3.21	1	Michael Berggren, Salt Lake City UT; Tamas Szabo, Brookfield WI
2.25	2		William McFall, New Berlin WI; Jerry Poliquin, Gurnee IL 59.21%	2.25	2	Robert Lass, Chicago IL; David Hudson, The Villages FL
1.61	3	2	J Hanley, Glendale WI; Larry Sherkow, West Bend WI 58.52%	1.87	3	1 Paul Lindauer Jr, Varna IL; Lynette Koski, Waukesha WI
1.12	4		Mark Ginsburg - David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL 57.08%	1.31	4	2 Bruce Bengtson, Park Ridge IL; Donald Schramek, Chicago IL
0.64	5		Martin Morris, Wheeling IL; Carl Jones, Chicago IL 55.87%	0.64	5	5 Jan Stimpert, Waukesha WI; Steven Picus, Mequon WI
0.94	6	3	William Higbee - Colleen McCabe, Madison WI 54.13%	0.94	6	3 Elaine Everett, Downers Grove IL; Barbara Subak,
0.65	4		Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL; Daniel Swartzman, Chicago IL 50.83%	0.65	4	4 Frank Heilbronner, Milwaukee WI; Robert

WED GOLD RUSH PAIRS 2 OF 2 SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH SECTION F EAST-WEST

B	C		B	C	
1.81	1	Charlene Whitney, Winnebago IL; Patricia Olafson, Rockford IL	61.26%	1.81	1 1 William Shunas, Chicago IL; Catherine Westbrook, Winnetka IL
1.27	2	1 Kenneth Prouty, New Berlin WI; Michael Cochran, Oak Park IL	58.93%	0.91	3 3 Diane Marus, Brookfield WI; Dennis McCann, Chicago IL
0.91	3	2 Monica Ansay, Oconomowoc WI; Suzanne Haidinger, Wales WI	51.12%	0.63	4 4 John Shelton, Wilmette IL; Michael Shelton, Winnetka IL
0.63	4	Mary Spyers Duran, Shorewood WI; Joanne Behling, Wauwatosa WI	50.88%	0.36	5 Margaret Kiernan, Schererville IN;
0.36	5	William Parsons, Pewaukee WI; Adrian Claire Murvihill, Richfield, Waukesha WI	50.68%		

WEDNESDAY AFT SIDE GAME 5.0 Tables

A	B	C	
2.28	1		Stanton Subeck, Suzi Subeck
2.12	2	1	Marilyn CharlsonPat Stuehler,
1.59	3	2	Jerry Jackson, Ronald Bredemann
0.98	4		Ronald - Beverly Lampe
1.97		3	1 Richard Edholm, Lawrence Wolfson
1.48		2	Cory Perkers, Chicago IL; Doug

WED MORN SIDE GAME

WEDNESDAY MORN SIDE GAME 4.0 Tables

A	B	C	
2.12	1		Robert Porter, Henderson NV; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL 57.64%
1.97	2	1	S Richard Dembinsky, Wadsworth IL; Richard Edholm, Libertyville IL 56.94%
1.48	3	2	Marilyn Wescott - William Little, Racine WI 52.08%

WED EVE SIDE GAME 4.0 Tables

A	B	C	
2.12	1	1	Robert Kruger, McHenry IL; Irene Bolton, Waukesha WI 65.97%
1.39	2/3	2/3	Suzanne Haidinger, Wales WI; Monica Ansay, Oconomowoc WI 57.64%
1.39	2/3	2/3	Diane Marus, Brookfield WI; Dennis McCann, Chicago IL 57.64%

WEDNESDAY EVE SWISS TEAM 13 Tables

A	B	C	
3.49	1		Eileen Axelrod - Sidney Axelrod, Glenview IL; Mark Ginsburg - David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL 60.00
2.62	2		Suzi Subeck, Glenview Nas IL; Stanton Subeck, Glenview IL; Jerry Jackson, Wood Dale IL; Ronald Bredemann, Crystal Lake IL 53.00
1.96	3		Barry Harper, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY 50.00
2.58	4	1	Phyllis Fogel - Ron Fogel, Lombard IL; John Pruitt, Baldwinville NY; Cherrolyn Woolwine, Naperville IL 49.00
1.10	5		James McKinney, Carol Stream IL; Jerry Poliquin, Gurnee IL; William McFall, New Berlin WI; Mary O'Neill, Lisle IL 48.00
1.94		2	Leonard Greene, Hamel MN; David Gronbeck, Minneapolis MN; Paul Lindauer Jr, Varna IL; Carol Konrad, Neshkoro WI 41.00
1.97		3	1 Leon Teichner - James Ryan - William Shunas, Chicago IL; Catherine Westbrook, Winnetka IL 38.00

Happy New Year Everyone!!