

SUNSHINE BRIDGE NEWS

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What?! Were They Thinking?

Log on to kibitzthepros.org and see how some of the world's top players make mistakes like the rest of us.

District NAP Finals are Around the Corner...



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK IN WASHINGTON

We are proud to announce the teams that will represent us at the finals of the Grand National Teams.



Flight C: Herbert Gould, St Pete; Martin Fleischman, Tampa; Lydia Jacobs and Mike Jacobs, both from St. Pete.



Flight B: Fernando Teson, Raphael Schreiber, Bob Soni, and Theo Lichtenstein, all from Tallahassee.



Flight A: Saul Gross, Miami Beach; Michael Wolf, Fort Lauderdale; Lee Buckstel, Boca Raton and John Lewis, Wilton Manors. They also represented District 9 last year.



Championship Flight: Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens; Richard Coren, Highland Beach; Michael Kamil, Spartanburg, SC; and Michael Seamon, Boca Raton.

TOP FIVE REASONS TO BE SURE YOU QUALIFY FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS DISTRICT FINALS

#5-You can win red points in qualifying club games.

#4-You can earn a Red or a Blue Ribbon Qualification by winning the district finals in your flight.

#3-You can win red AND GOLD points at the district finals.

#2-You can win double digit point awards by winning the district finals.*

#1-You will earn a financial subsidy to attend the National Finals of the event.**

To be sure you know which flight is yours, think or look back to your May 6th computer cycle (the points that showed up on the back of your June ACBL Bulletin). If you were a Non-Life Master with fewer than 500 masterpoints at that time, you can play in Flight C. If you had fewer than 2500 masterpoints at that time, then you can play in Flight B. All others are in Flight A.

Are you curious what happens after you qualify in a club game in June, July or August? You win the honor of playing in the district-wide finals on Saturday and possibly Sunday, October 29th and 30th. As we go to press, it hasn't been decided yet whether this will be a standard finals

event, or an Electronic Devices Only event. Don't worry, we'll tell you all about it, as soon as we know the details for sure. If you are curious, before you receive the Sept/Oct Sunshine Bridge News, check back at District9ACBL.org and we'll publish updates.

One last note: you are expected to be a resident of District 9 on June 1st, in order to be eligible to play in the District 9 NAP Finals. If you have any questions about your eligibility, start by reading the Conditions of Contest posted at ACBL.org. Two full pages address how to determine if you are eligible to play in the district you wish. Then continue by verifying your eligibility by writing to NAP Chair Shirley Seals at ShirleySealsFL@aol.com.

*Awards depend on several things, which are based on the number of pairs who enter the event. The winners of Flight C might win 10 or 12.50 or even 15 masterpoints (25% gold). The winners of Flight B might win 16 or 20 or 24 masterpoints, all gold. The winners of Flight A might win 24, 30 or 36 masterpoints, all gold.

**The Finals are scheduled for March of 2017 at the Kansas City Spring NABCs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL BRIDGE CLUBS

As you probably recall, District 9 is the home of a vast number of tables of club bridge throughout the year. In 2013, 13 of the top 50 brick-and-mortar clubs, by table count, were in Florida. In 2014, 14 of the top 50 were in Florida. In 2015? This time, ACBL only published the top 25 clubs by table count, in the Bridge Bulletin, rather than the top 50. Florida had nine of the top 25. However, being the inquiring minds that we are, your editorial board wanted to compare apples to apples, rather than apples to...half an apple, or to anything else, for that matter.

But how to do that? Some of you might know the answer, but we had to go to a trusted source at ACBL in Horn Lake to find out. There's a place at the ACBL web site that publishes table counts of clubs! It's very similar to the place that shows masterpoint races. If you're curious, it's at <https://web3.acbl.org/club-table-count/> and that address takes you to the current year. Who knew you could check to see how your own club is doing this year? Then you can reset the year to find info from previous years. You can do it by unit, by district, or by all ACBL.

Back to the original question. In 2015, how many Florida clubs were in the top 50 in table count? Twelve. Eleven of them were in the top 50 in 2014, as well. Special congratulations to Temple Sinai DBC in Delray Beach for finishing 32nd of all ACBL clubs in '15, making it into the

top 50 for the first time in at least three years. Special commiseration to the Hollywood BC, ending up 51st in 2015.

Here are our top clubs who finished 50th or higher, with their ACBL rank.

2-Jourdans BC, Delray Beach

4-The In-Between Club, Sarasota

7-Boca Raton DBC, Boca Raton***

8-The Villages DBC, Lady Lake***

9-Vero Beach Bridge Center, Vero Beach

11-Naples Bridge Center, Inc., Naples**

12-Fort Lauderdale BC, Fort Lauderdale*

18-Bonita Bridge @ Wiggins, Naples*

19-McGregor Point, Fort Myers*

32-Temple Sinai, Delray Beach*

41-Mandel JCC, Palm Beach Gardens*

46-St. Catherine DBC, West Palm Beach*

*table count increased from 2014 to 2015

**table count increased >500 tables from 2014 to 2015

***table count increased >1000 tables from 2014 to 2015

In case you're curious, five of these clubs are in Palm Beach County. As you might suspect, many/most/all of them have very active teaching programs with games that cater to newcomers to keep the beginning students coming through the door.

The race for table count for 2016 is very interesting. It shows you just how seasonal our attendance is. Eight of the top 10 clubs, when we checked for this article, are in Florida. That will change when some of our tables are lost to the clubs up north. No matter where you are, enjoy your club games!

LETTERS

After we published Linda Green's first article on Losing Trick Count, this was one of several emails she received. We hope you'll enjoy it – including Bettye's philosophical tag-line.

Linda, just loved your article. Made copies for my friends. I'm a 2 1/2 yr bridge player and just love the game. I read everything and your article just makes so much sense to me (hope it does to my friends). I can use all the help I can get and I can't wait to put it into practice.

Bettye Strother

Enjoy Life - It Has An Expiration Date

To Our Readers

All bridge authors are not created equal. While some are true experts, others write about things that are not universally accepted as gospel by all accomplished players.

PALM BEACH GARDENS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

August 22-28

PGA National Resort & Spa
400 Avenue of Champions
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
(800) 633-9150
(561) 627-2000

MON	11:00-1:00	Free Lecture by Bruce Lang
AUG	2:00	0-20 Relaxed Game (no entry fee)
22	2:00	Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 6)
	2:00 & 7:30	Mon-Tues Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Tues)
	2:00 & 7:30	A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
	2:00 & 7:30	Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
	7:30	Evening Side Fast Pair Series (1st of 6)
	7:30	Two Session Swiss Teams (cont 7:30 Tuesday)
TUE	10:00 & 2:30	Tues-Wed Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Wed)
AUG	10:00 & 2:30	Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
23	10:00 & 2:30	A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
	10:00 & 2:30	I/N Pairs (Single session games)
	10:00	Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5)
	2:30	Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
	2:30	Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 6)
	7:30	Evening Side Fast Pair Series (2nd of 6)
WED	9:15 - 9:45	Guest Speaker
AUG	10:00 & 2:30	Wed-Thurs Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Thur)
24	10:00 & 2:30	Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
	10:00 & 2:30	A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
	10:00 & 2:30	I/N Pairs (Single session games)
	10:00	Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 5)
	2:30	Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
	2:30	Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 6)
	7:30	Evening Side Fast Pair Series (3rd of 6)
THU	9:15 - 9:45	Guest Speaker
AUG	10:00 & 2:30	Thurs-Fri Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Fri)
25	10:00 & 2:30	Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
	10:00 & 2:30	A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
	10:00 & 2:30	I/N Pairs (Single session games)
	10:00	Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5)
	2:30	Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
	2:30	Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 6)
	7:30	Thurs-Fri Compact KO (1st of 2 sessions, cont'd Fri 7:30)
	7:30	Evening Side Fast Pair Series (4th of 6)
FRI	9:15 - 9:45	Guest Speaker
AUG	10:00 & 2:30	Fri-Sat Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Sat)
26	10:00 & 2:30	Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
	10:00 & 2:30	A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
	10:00 & 2:30	I/N Pairs (Single session games)
	10:00	Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5)
	2:30	Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
	2:30	Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 6)
	7:30	Thurs-Fri Compact KO (2nd of 2 sessions, cont'd)
	7:30	Evening Side Fast Pair Series (5th of 6)
SAT	10:00 & 2:30	Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
AUG	10:00 & 2:30	Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)
27	10:00 & 2:30	I/N Pairs (Single session games)
	10:00	Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5)
	2:30	Afternoon Side Game Series (6th of 6)
	7:30	Evening Side Fast Pair Series (6th of 6)
SUN	10:00	Gold Rush Swiss - 2 session playthrough
AUG	10:00	A/X/Y Swiss - 2 session playthrough

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bridgesense.com/D9PDIndex

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STRATA

Open Events
A=2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750
Florida Gold Strats:
300-750/200-300/0-200
A/X/Y Strats:
5000+/2500-5000/0-2500
299er Events
A=200-300, B=100-200, C=0-100
299er Strata May Be Changed at
Director's Discretion

All KOs and Saturday Swiss are
Bracketed (top bracket may be
handicapped). All other Swiss are
stratified by Masterpoint Average.

DIRECTIONS

From I-95, take Exit 78B onto
PGA Blvd., travel west 2
miles then turn left onto
Avenue of Champions.
From Florida's Turnpike, take
Exit 109 to Palm Beach Gardens
and turn right, 1 mile, turn left
into resort.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Naples Grande Beach Resort • 475 Seagate Dr, Naples, FL • 844-210-5931

September 26 - October 2, 2016

**MON
SEP
26**

11:00-1:00 Free Lesson for all players with Bruce Greenspan
2:00 0-20 Relaxed Game (no entry fee)
2:00 Charity Open Pairs (one session event)
2:00 & 7:30 Mon-Tues Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 3:00 Tues)
7:30 Charity Open Pairs (one session event)
7:30 Two Session Swiss Teams (cont 7:30 Tuesday)

**TUE
SEP
27**

10:00 & 3:00 Tues-Wed Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 3:00 Wed)
10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5)
3:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 5)
7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (2nd of 2, cont'd from Mon)
7:30 Tues-Wed Compact KO (1st of 2 sessions, cont'd Wed 7:30)
7:30 Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (1st of 5)

**WED
SEP
28**

9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
10:00 & 3:00 Wed-Thurs Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 3:00 Thurs)
10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
10:00 & 3:00 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 5)
3:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 5)
7:30 Wed-Thurs Compact KO (1st of 2 sessions, cont'd Thurs 7:30)
7:30 Tues-Wed Compact KO (2nd of 2 sessions, cont'd)
7:30 Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (2nd of 5)

**THU
SEP
29**

9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
10:00 & 3:00 Thurs-Fri Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 3:00 Fri)
10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5)
3:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 5)
7:30 Thurs-Fri Compact KO (1st of 2 sessions, cont'd Fri 7:30)
7:30 Wed-Thurs Compact KO (2nd of 2 sessions, cont'd)
7:30 Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (3rd of 5)

**FRI
SEP
30**

9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
10:00 & 3:00 Fri-Sat Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 3:00 Sat)
10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
10:00 & 3:00 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5)
3:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 5)
7:30 Thurs-Fri Compact KO (2nd of 2 sessions, cont'd)
7:30 Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (4th of 5)

**SAT
OCT
1**

10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 3:00 Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5)
3:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 5)
7:30 Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (5th of 5)

**SUN
OCT
2**

10:00 Gold Rush Swiss - 2 session playthrough
10:00 A/X/Y Swiss - 2 session playthrough

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A=300-750; B=100-300; C=0-100
A/X/Y Strats:
A=5000+; X=2500-5000; Y=0-2500
299er Events
A=200-300; B=100-200; C=0-100
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All Pairs Games Stratified by
Masterpoint Average of the Pair (both
players must fit under upper limit of
the event). All KOs and Sat. 2-Session
B Swiss are Bracketed. Other Swiss
Stratified by Masterpoint Average (all
players must fit under upper limit of
the event). Top Bracket of KOs May
Be Handicapped.

DIRECTIONS

I-75 to exit 107, go west on CR 896/
Pine
Ridge Road about 4 miles. Pine Ridge
Road becomes Seagate Drive; go less
than half mile into resort on the right.

RESERVATIONS

(844) 207-8544
Ask for the ACBL group rate or ask
for group code GACBL16. See listing
in calendar at www.FloridaUnit128.org
for link to make hotel reservations.
Our rate is not subject to the \$30/night
Daily Resort Charge. Our discounted
room rate is \$149 until the room block
is filled or until the cut-off date of
Sept. 1st, whichever comes sooner.



SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT 9 NAP FINAL

AT ST. PETERSBURG BRIDGE CLUB

9103 US Highway 19 N. • Pinellas Park, FL 33782

October 28-30, 2016

SECTIONAL

Friday Oct. 28	10:30 AM	Stratified Open Pairs Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
	3:00 PM	Stratified Open Pairs Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
Saturday Oct. 29	10:30 AM	Stratified Open Pairs Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
	3:00 PM	Stratified Open Pairs Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
Sunday Oct. 30	10:30 AM	Stratified Swiss – 2 session play through NLM Swiss – Play through

DISTRICT 9 NAP FINALS

Saturday Oct. 29	TBA	Round 1 – All Flights
	TBA	Round 2 – All Flights
Sunday Oct. 30	TBA	Round 3 – All Flights (if necessary)
	TBA	Round 4 – All Flights (if necessary)

NAP Finals will also be played on Electronic Devices (laptop, iPad, iPhone, other tablet or smart phone). Contestants may play at the St. Petersburg Bridge Club in Pinellas Park, at the Mandel JCC in Palm Beach Gardens, or via electronic means at various bridge clubs around Florida.

Final list of auxiliary sites will be published on the District 9 web site at District9ACBL.org.

CLUB QUALIFICATION IS REQUIRED

You must be a paid-up ACBL member, and a member of District 9 on the May 6th cycle, to participate in the District Finals.

Sectional Strata: A=2000+; B=750-2000; C=0-750 **All by average**

NLM Strata: A=200-500; B=100-200; C=0-100

Lunch during Sunday's Swiss Teams game.

Hotel: La Quinta Hotel, 5000 Lake Blvd., Clearwater 727-299-9800

For more information or Partnership requests:

Charles Gill 727-363-1136 cfgill@verizon.net

St. Petersburg Bridge Club is located just off I-275. From I-275, take Exit 28 and drive west on Gandy/Park approx 11/2 miles to US Highway 19 N. (34th Street). Turn north (right) on US Highway 19 N. 9103 is 3/4 mile up on the right in Mainlands Plaza.





SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT 9 NAP FINAL AT THE MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS

5221 Hood Road • Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

October 28-30, 2016

SECTIONAL

Friday Oct. 28	10:00 AM	Stratified Open Pairs & 0-500 Pairs
	2:30 PM	Stratified Open Pairs & 0-500 Pairs
Saturday Oct. 29	10:00 AM	Stratified Open Pairs & 0-500 Pairs
	2:30 PM	Stratified Open Pairs & 0-500 Pairs
Sunday Oct. 30	10:00 AM	Stratified Swiss – 2 session play through NLM Swiss – Play through

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0-500 Strata: A=200-500, B=100-200, C=0-100

Free coffee, orange juice, and snacks. Lunch included Sunday

Chairperson: J.R. Sanford

Partnerships: Carole Lazarou • (561) 712-5276 • bridge@jcconline.com

Local Hotels:

DoubleTree by Hilton • 4431 PGA Blvd • Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 • (561) 622-2260 • (561) 776-2828

Embassy Suites • 4350 PGA Blvd • Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 • (561) 622-1000 • (561) 691-3165
Hampton Inn • 4001 RCA Blvd • Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 • (561) 625-8880 • (844) 742-0073

Directions:

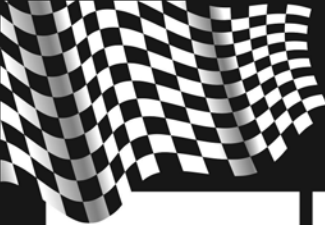
Take I-95 to PGA Blvd west (Exit 79B) and go west ½ mile to Military Trail and turn right (north). Go approx 1 ¾ miles to Hood Road and make a left. Go through the next light at Central Blvd and the JCC will be on your right just before the bridge.



The mission of the Mandel JCC is to build community and enhance connection to Jewish life.

5221 Hood Road, Palm Beach Gardens • JCCOnline.com





DAYTONA REGIONAL

November 7-13, 2016

Hilton Daytona Beach Resort/Ocean Walk Village
100 N. Atlantic Ave • Daytona Beach • (386) 947-8024

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A/X/Y Strats:

5000+/2000-5000/0-2000

I/N Events

A=200-300, B=100-200, C=0-100
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Top KO Bracket May Be
Handicapped. All Pairs Games
Stratified by Masterpoint Average of
the Pair (both players must fit under
the upper limit of the strat or event).
All KO's and Sat. 2-Session Swiss
are Bracketed; All Other Swiss are
Stratified by Team Masterpoint
Average

DIRECTIONS

From I-95 Northbound or
Southbound: Take exit 261 to
eastbound US 92, east through
business district to A1A. Turn left
(north) and hotel will be
approximately 1.2 miles on the right.

RESERVATIONS

Reservation code is BRIDGE
Our discounted room rate is \$109
until the room block is filled or
until the cut-off date of October
3rd, whichever comes first. 386-
254-8050

**MON
NOV
7**

11:00-1:00 Free Novice Lesson by Lynn Berg
11:00-1:00 Free Intermediate Lesson by Spike Lay
2:00 0-20 Relaxed Game (no entry fee)
2:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 6)
2:00 & 7:30 Mon-Tues Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Tues)
2:00 & 7:30 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
2:00 & 7:30 Florida Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
7:30 Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (1st of 6)
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**TUE
NOV
8**

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**WED
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NOV
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**SAT
NOV
12**

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10:00 & 2:30 Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs (Single session games)
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**SUN
NOV
13**

10:00 Gold Rush Swiss - 2 session playthrough
10:00 A/X/Y Swiss - 2 session playthrough



The Common Game

*Congratulations to Our
February & March Winners!*

APRIL WINNERS

Open Game - Most Points earned:

Mike Dalton - Palm Coast DBC

299er Game - Most Points earned:

Mark Baskir - Sagamore BC (NY)

Raymond Presti - Sagamore BC (NY)

Most Top Twenty Finishes Open:

Lee Atkinson - Ft Lauderdale BC

Most Top Twenty Finishes 299er:

Natalie Weinman - North Orlando BC

Attendance - Most Plays:

Renee Geist - Shrine BC (NJ)

MAY WINNERS

Open Game - Most Points earned:

Richard Taube - BC of Atlanta (GA)

299er Game - Most Points earned:

Natalie Weinman - North Orlando BC

Most Top Twenty Finishes Open:

Dottie King - Timuquana DBC

Most Top Twenty Finishes 299er:

David Goodwin - BC of Austin (TX)

Attendance - Most Plays:

Daniel Goodman - Clearwater BC

What is The Common Game?

The Common Game is a service offered through local clubs that provides bridge players the opportunity to compare their results with players at other clubs, playing the same hands, in Florida and across the country.*

What does it offer to clubs and players?

- Players can compare their results with players in Florida and across the country.
- Pro analysis of many of the interesting hands played
- Individual play analysis (if your club uses Bridgemates/BridgePads)
- Prizes awarded monthly, quarterly, and annually for both performance and attendance.
- New Contests coming soon.

How can you participate in the Common Game?

Enrolling in the Common Game is simple! Ask your club manager to contact us at 941-404-6600 or email us at

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District 9

President's Message

by Betty Sandifer

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By late May we have said farewell to our last seasonal friends as they returned to their homes up north. Those of us in Florida experience another hot summer and hopefully one with only heat and no storms or hurricanes.

If you will be playing at the NABCs in Washington, I hope you will also spend some of your time sightseeing our diversified and culturally rich US capital. While you are there, look for our 37 young players representing District 9! We are very proud to again be able to subsidize their expenditures, with your help, and allow them to represent District 9 at the Youth NABC in Washington, D.C. Hope the cards have all the faces you need to make your contracts. Most of all, our wishes are that you enjoy your time playing there, and to all our winners: congratulations!

The Southeasterns Regional at the Marriott in Coral Springs with 1525 tables was a great success. Our players were happy and enjoyed this new site and the wonderful hospitality extended to them by Unit 128. Our District 9 Regional in Tampa will take place after I have written this message to you. I hope many of you enjoyed it. How about celebrating July 4th playing bridge? If this reaches you before the Jacksonville tournament has ended, consider running on over there for some red and gold points. It's July 4-10 at the Jacksonville Marriott.

August 22-28 will take you to our Palm Beach Gardens Regional at the PGA National Resort & Spa, another wonderful venue.

What can we do to attract more Florida bridge players to participate in the NAP District 9 finals? We are open to suggestions. Please give us your feedback. Presently we are considering electronic games: each player plays with an electronic device, whether using a PC, Mac, iPad or iPhone playing the same boards at the same time at specified clubs. Would you enjoy playing in this new type of NAP District 9 finals?

Recently I attended a reception celebrating a player who surpassed 20,000 MPs. Also, I found out that though District 9 has over 21,000 members in the height of the winter season, only 19 players have over 20,000 MPs. Going down memory lane, I remember when our first goal, in our bridge career, was to obtain enough points to become a Life Master and from then on it was a matter of considering how much further we wanted to go on our bridge quest. Yes, all of us have dreams, whether they are achievable or not, I call them realistic and deferred dreams.

Mainly, my message to you is to enjoy yourself at the bridge table and keep those MPs coming your way.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "B" and a cursive "y".

REMEMBER

July 1-31

NAP Club Qualifying

August 1-31

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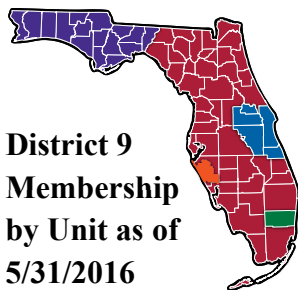
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18,448
District 9 Members!
(3% more than last year)



Unit	Name	Members
102	ACBL Unit 102	1153
128	Florida	13580
219	NW Florida	689
240	Central Florida	2085
243	Gold Coast	941
Total Members		18448



It has been almost three years since I “threw my hat in the ring” for the ACBL District Director from Florida. It has been an enormous privilege to work alongside so many talented and dedicated volunteers. Thanks to your support and confidence, I have had the opportunity to promote bridge both here in Florida and across North America. The goal has always been: More Players, More Play, Better Bridge (borrowing from TheCommonGame motto).

How have we done?

Year One: It was a bumpy road to say the least. There is a lot to learn about the complex internal mechanisms of the organization and the politics of ACBL governance. Florida’s 19,760 average membership is almost 12% of the ACBL membership but we only have 4% of the vote. Hence, over 13,000 of our members have no voice. In District 15 (the smallest district) each member has 6x the voting power as a Florida member. These inequities coupled with partisan politics and distractions of the annual ritual of electing a Board President leave the average viewer rightfully befuddled as to how the Board could ever “do the right thing” or “do what’s best for bridge.”

Year Two: We were buffeted by huge write-offs, impairment of assets, severe strain on our aging infrastructure, and fragility of

our beloved ACBLScore. We continued to re-arrange the proverbial deck chairs.

Year Three: Where are we now? ACBL membership has not grown significantly and the average age continues to increase ominously. We are financially less secure. Our TD ranks continue to lose significant talent. Member confidence has eroded due to our responses to three big challenges we currently face: Cheating, Technology and Financials.

However, there is real reason for hope:

We have acknowledged these realities and have committed to a strategic direction with action plans that address these issues. The risks are real. We must stay focused on the strategic priorities and not allow politics to distract us from our mission. We desperately need a new governance model that allows all members to be represented equally and that frees the Board to focus on what is best for the future of bridge, not just what is currently important in a particular geographic area.

I apologize for the “heaviness” of this message but I felt it was time for a self-assessment. You be the judge now and let me know how you feel.



For your enjoyment.



District Director Jay Whipple has invited our members who are celebrating rank changes to send him a note about their bridge experience. Read them here:

<https://sites.google.com/site/district9director/home/stories-from-rank-changers>

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Communicating



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How do these things happen?

I would like to congratulate personally 20 of our members who became Life Masters in the January cycle of masterpoint listings. When we sent you the March/April Sunshine Bridge News, the heading LIFE MASTER was inadvertently set in the wrong type size and color, so it was difficult to distinguish their rank from the people who achieved the last rank below Life Master.

Life Master

Leslie Avenir, Jacksonville
Catherine Binder, Clearwater
Alexa Canady-Davis, Pensacola
Robert D'Avanzo, Sarasota
Barbara Edelson, The Villages
Malvina Feinswog, Coconut Grove
Karen Gibson, Naples
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Robert Jacobs, Delray Beach
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Edward Listengart, Boca Raton
Rebecca Miller, Highland Beach
Shirley Passeri, Sun City Center
Monica Phillips, Key Largo
Dorothy Podhurst, Coral Gables
Susan Sachs, Islamorada
Gloria Supran, Boca Raton
Sue Wehl, Key Largo
Donald Weiss, Boynton Beach
Barbara Woltz, Miami

Now allow me to change hats for a moment. Besides having responsibility for the entire SBN, I also am the liaison for the Unit 128 section. Marshall Hall edits the 72% Club for me after I send him all the submissions. Imagine my embarrassment when I noticed we had misspelled **Frederick Lavin's** name -- twice in the same issue! Congratulations,

Frederick Lavin, on your 73.84% game with Elizabeth Young and on your 73.30% game with Robert Parlin in January at the Bridge Deck Club in Naples. We take the spellings directly from club print-outs, which presumably come from your ACBL membership. I don't know how we turned Lavin into the misspelled version, but if I had to guess, I'd say it has to do with the wonderful but dreaded autofill. We'll try not to do it again!

I'd like to thank you for telling me you liked my March/April Communicating column. I managed to compare myself to Harry S. Truman, told you to be sure to open the tabs on the side of your SBN so you won't miss pages two and three, and reminded you to tell our advertisers that you read about them in our pages.

Sometimes from comments I receive, I notice that not every one of our members is as aware as I am of the make-up of District 9. Allow me to tell you about it here. We are all of the state of Florida, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. We are divided into five very different-sized units. Broward County is a unit by itself (243); Orlando to Melbourne and Vero Beach is a unit (240); most of Sarasota County, with a little bit of Manatee County, is a unit (102); the panhandle is a unit, pretty much starting with Tallahassee and then including all of Florida that's in the central time zone (219); and all the rest is Unit 128. You may wonder why I'm telling you this. As a few of you have found out, when you tried to contact the SBN staff, it's always best for you to contact your own unit's liaison. You will find their names and contact info on page 13 of this issue.

This reminds me of one more thing I'd like to tell you. We follow an outline in the SBN. The tournament calendar, 12 whole months of

Please see page 27

What?! Were They Thinking...

by Kimberly Whipple, *Kibitz the Pros* Producer



So you just finished playing 27 boards and you're wishing you could have done better. Ever wonder how the pros would have played those hands? What line would they have taken to make that 3NT or how they would have bid that 6-5-1-1 hand? Well wonder no more. Just come *Kibitz the Pros*.

Kibitz the Pros is a new feature of The Common Game that allows you to hear the thinking of bridge professionals as they play Common Game hands. Each of the four pros is streamed (live feed) and recorded as they speak their thought process... what they are doing and why... as they play the hands. Players can watch the pros live or can watch the recorded videos on YouTube. "What a fantastic new venture! Imagine being able to get inside

the mind of an expert bridge player (in real time), and get feedback on each hand during the bidding and play. This is better than hiring a pro," says Champion player and *Kibitz* commentator Drew Cannell.

A team of National, International and Junior champions has volunteered their time to play Common Game hands and to provide us with the rare opportunity to get inside their heads and learn how they think. Another Champion player and *Kibitz* commentator, Daniel Korbel, says, "One of the most difficult things about bridge is that you have to learn a certain way of thinking about the game, and this is really hard to teach. Watching along with experts is an amazing way to absorb some of the thinking patterns by osmosis."

Kibitz is a unique and fun way to learn

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface. At the top, the text reads "Laura Ginnan 05/26/16 #8 East - TCG". Below this, the bidding sequence is shown: "3♦ Pass 3NT Pass Pass Pass". The card distribution is displayed for each player: D (Teaching Board 8) has 7♥, A♥, 9♥, 6♣, 4♣, J♦, 9♦, 7♦; W (slynk) has 10♠, 9♠, 8♠, 7♠, 6♠, 5♠, 4♠, 3♠, 2♠, A♥, K♥, Q♥, J♥, 10♥, 9♥, 8♥, 7♥, 6♥, 5♥, 4♥, 3♥, 2♥, A♣, K♣, Q♣, J♣, 10♣, 9♣, 8♣, 7♣, 6♣, 5♣, 4♣, 3♣, 2♣, A♦, K♦, Q♦, J♦, 10♦, 9♦, 8♦, 7♦, 6♦, 5♦, 4♦, 3♦, 2♦; S (canoos) has 10♠, 9♠, 8♠, 7♠, 6♠, 5♠, 4♠, 3♠, 2♠, A♥, K♥, Q♥, J♥, 10♥, 9♥, 8♥, 7♥, 6♥, 5♥, 4♥, 3♥, 2♥, A♣, K♣, Q♣, J♣, 10♣, 9♣, 8♣, 7♣, 6♣, 5♣, 4♣, 3♣, 2♣, A♦, K♦, Q♦, J♦, 10♦, 9♦, 8♦, 7♦, 6♦, 5♦, 4♦, 3♦, 2♦; N (algraves) has 10♠, 9♠, 8♠, 7♠, 6♠, 5♠, 4♠, 3♠, 2♠, A♥, K♥, Q♥, J♥, 10♥, 9♥, 8♥, 7♥, 6♥, 5♥, 4♥, 3♥, 2♥, A♣, K♣, Q♣, J♣, 10♣, 9♣, 8♣, 7♣, 6♣, 5♣, 4♣, 3♣, 2♣, A♦, K♦, Q♦, J♦, 10♦, 9♦, 8♦, 7♦, 6♦, 5♦, 4♦, 3♦, 2♦. The chat window at the bottom left shows the following messages: "slynk -> Table: start", "algraves -> Table: Draw?", "canoos -> Table: y", "algraves -> Table: looking from length", "algraves -> Table: Laura ... you are not streaming", "canoos -> Table: nope, our net card handle is", "algraves -> Table: oh", "3:07:42".

Screenshot of video featuring Laura Ginnan, Australian Champion and co-founder of bridgediv.com

how to think about a bridge hand from every angle, by watching and listening to the experts as they “think out loud.” You will learn how they decide what lines to take on their defense and declarer play. You will learn how they think about the bidding, what each bid means and what inferences you can take from the bid; the importance of carding and how partnerships convey information about their hands; the importance of paying attention to everything that is going on and how to think about the distributions, both points and suit cards, around the table. For example, when multiple-NABC winner Sylvia Shi was dealt a hand with 6-5 in the minors (we’ve all been there) she had to decide how to bid over a 1NT opening by the opponents. She explained, “I have a few options here.... If I wanted to show the minors I would be bidding 2NT... actually I am going to do something a little unusual...I’m just going to bid 3 diamonds. The reason I am going to hide my club suit is that my diamonds are so good that even if we do have a club fit it will be ok if we play in diamonds. This way I keep a little something in reserve if the opponents end up playing the hand... I will have a little bit of a surprise for them.” (5/17, Bd #8)

In another game, when talking about carding in response to his partner’s 2 of diamonds lead, Daniel Korbel explained, “I don’t know if I can afford to waste the Q. If that’s a singleton I don’t want to play the Q and help declarer set up his ten. If I thought [my partner] had three diamonds I would definitely play the Q because now I can make it crystal clear to him that I have the QJ and he can continue the suit.” This type of commentary on a hand - from four experts – is an extraordinary resource for players who want to improve their game.

“*Kibitz the Pros* allows viewers to glean trade secret gems. Experts have time to expand on concepts that are top of mind and draw parallels to other aspects of the game.” Champion player Adam Grossack

If there is one continuous refrain heard from all of the experts, it is that

players always need to pay attention... to the bids, the carding, the play... And players need to be thinking about distribution. Watching these videos will show you how these top players glean information about the hand and how they use that information to make assumptions and draw conclusions. As they are playing, you will often hear things like, “He raised to 3 hearts with sort of a marginal hand... it’s funny that he did that with only 5 hearts so you wonder what his shape is. He maybe has shortness in spades. He may have a stiff spade. He probably has some diamond length behind me. That’s why he’s leading trump. Maybe he’s 5-4-3-1 with 4 diamonds” (Adam Grossack) and, “So partner has ace of hearts, QTxxx of spades ...so that gives declarer 6 spades to the AK and 4 hearts, 2 diamonds and 1 club” (Champion player and long-time



Common Game Analyst Allan Graves) and “[My partner] has 3 hearts, declarer has 2, [my partner] has 4 spades, declarer has 5... so declarer looks to be 5-2-4-2. And it looks like he’s going to need to ruff some diamonds. Hmmm. Should I go for the tap. No, I’m gonna go with stopping the ruffing of diamonds... cause I think that’s what this hand is about.” (World Champion David Berkowitz)

One of the most powerful aspects

of *Kibitz* is that players get to hear four perspectives on the same hand as each pro comments from their respective positions about what is going on and what they plan to do. Hearing all four perspectives provides a very unique learning opportunity. “Comparing different perspectives on the same deal is very useful – a partnership could watch the defenders’ live streams and see how each defender knows or can infer things about the full deal.” (Oren Kriegel, Junior Champion). In addition, Common Game players will be able to see how an expert played their (the player’s) hand no matter which seat they were in. What better way to learn than this?

Lest one thinks that *Kibitz* is all work and no play, all these pros have a great sense of humor and love to have fun while playing. “Another benefit is that I can critique my partner’s play of the hand,” says multiple-NABC winner Gary Cohler. “They are at my mercy. This can all be done in a humorous way,...from anywhere”, namely, for Gary, the local cigar bar. David Berkowitz was heard to say, “At this pace I think we’ll finish five hands at about 2 am, which is not bad because I am not teeing off until 10:00 tomorrow morning, in case anyone needs a tee time.” And when gently teasing his partner about his lead, Allan Graves commented, “So my partner made an unusual lead, to tell the truth ‘fourth from your longest and strongest’ is so passé. So all of you out there except my partner would have beaten this hand but I still like him anyway.” These guys and gals keep their viewers entertained.

In addition to learning and laughing with the pros, we also get to lose with them. Yes, they too occasionally overbid, make the wrong lead or misplay a hand. After going down on a hand, one expert player explained, “If I cash one spade I’m home. But I got ahead of myself and forgot what to do, which happens first board out of the slot.” Another player made it clear he made a mistake, saying, “Oh my goodness gracious. I shouldn’t have played a high spade at all.” It is heartening to know that

they, like we, make mistakes. They just make fewer of them.

An exciting possibility for this type of learning is that *Kibitz* could “help introduce non-bridge players to the game and may help expose young people in particular to bridge.” This new delivery mechanism may be the vehicle to show them how “interesting and challenging bridge is...overthrowing notions of bridge as an antiquated, old folks’ game.” Oren Kriegel. William Whipple, a non-bridge player who assists with the production of *Kibitz the Pros*, commented, “As a non-bridge player this streaming process has been very interesting. Seeing professionals talk through the hands and explain their thinking process has exponentially helped me understand bridge and specifically the bidding language. The pros are very talented and often surprise me with just how much they know about the cards in each individual’s hand ...I have started to enjoy watching these different personalities play the game. I believe this streaming/video logging has the potential to be huge in the community.”

Where can this great experience be found? Lots of places. First, there is the website (www.kibitzthepros.org) where players can find links to all the videos that have been produced. There are also links to “Outtakes” of funny moments, “Best Learning Moments” and “Testimonials”. The Common Game website (www.thecommongame.com) has a link to the videos on its home page banner.

Players can access the videos through the YouTube channel, *Kibitz the Pros*. And, on days that *Kibitz* games will be played, all Common Game players will receive an email with links to the live streams so they can watch these hands being played in real time. Common Game players will also be able to vote on which five hands (from the afternoon game) the experts will play.

Come and experience this new initiative of the Common Game. Come *Kibitz the Pros* and find out, “What?!... were they thinking?”

Reverses

by Larry Cohen

www.larryco.com



As my friend Marty Bergen says, he advises students to pray that reverses don't come up.

Basically, a "reverse" is when opener's rebid (2nd bid of the auction) meets both A & B:

- A) Opener's rebid is in a HIGHER ranking suit than his first suit
- B) Opener's rebid is at a HIGHER level than responder's response

Just those two simple lines are enough to make many of my students' eyes glaze over.

So, these are reverses:

1♣-1♥-2♦
1♣-1♠-2♦
1♣-1♠-2♥
1♣-1NT-2♦
1♣-1NT-2♥
1♣-1NT-2♠
1♦-1♠-2♥
1♦-1NT-2♥
1♦-1NT-2♠
1♥-1NT-2♠

In all auctions above, the last bid is made by the opener, of course. Each bid is natural and promises extra values (approximately 16/17+). Reverses are forcing one round--the responder can not pass. However, reverses are not forcing to game. Opener's jumpshift (a different topic), is game forcing.

Contrast these two auctions:

1♦-1♥-2♠ as opposed to 1♦-1♠-2♥.

On the first auction, opener (who jumped and changed suit) has to have 19+ -- his jumpshift is game forcing.

On the second auction, opener (who reversed) has to have 16/17+ -- his reverse shows extra values, is forcing one round, but not forcing to game.

All reverses should show unbalanced hands. With balanced hands, the opening is 1NT or 2NT, or the rebid is 1NT or 2NT. Reverses show that the first-bid suit is longer than the suit

reversed into. So, 1♦-1♠-2♥ would show not only 16/17+, but would indicate 5+♦ and 4♥.

After Opener's reverse:

As to the follow-ups, after, say 1♦-1♠-2♥, I recommend:

2♠ = 5+ spades, 1-round force
2NT = Forcing, but could be weak (responder can pass opener's next bid). Denies 5+ ♠
3♠ = Natural, GF
3♦ = Natural, GF (some decent values)
3♥ = Natural, GF 4 hearts
3♣ = Natural, good suit, GF
3NT = Natural, some extras, but no real slam interest.

The generic summary of the above treatment would be as follows:

After opener's reverse, responder's repeat of his suit=5+, one-round force

2NT=Potentially a weak sign-off type of hand
3-level=values, GF

I don't advocate "reverses" after a 2/1 auction -- so there is no such thing as opener promising extras (1♥-2♠-2♣ can be bid with a dead minimum). I prefer to think of reverses only when the auction starts 1-1 (any 1 opening and any 1-level response, including 1NT).

Reverses after negative doubles are a tricky topic. For example, is this a reverse?

West	North	East	South
-	1♣	1♠	Dbl
Pass	2♦?		

This, and other similar auctions have confounded bridge players and teachers for decades. If I had the perfect answer for you, I'd tell you--but I don't. My best suggestion is to consider these auctions as not promising extras. Certainly, if North's rebid was 2♥ (the suit that South surely has) it wouldn't be considered a reverse showing extras.

If you're a new player, be prepared to struggle with the concept of reverses. Consider them your enemy.

The Kibitzer is Shirley Wright

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Shirley: This hand comes from the Commongame, Board 15 at Gator Bridge in Gainesville, March 22, 2016. Try to find the errors made in bidding and play.

Dlr: South
Vul: NS

	♠ KQ85	
	♥ Q106	
	♦ AJ2	
	♣ 1053	
♠ J93		♠ A10642
♥ 32		♥ 9
♦ 1054		♦ KQ6
♣ AQJ62		♣ K974
	♠ 7	
	♥ AKJ8754	
	♦ 9873	
	♣ 8	

West	North	East	South
			3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led ♦4. Dummy played the ♦2, and East won the ♦K. East led the ♣4 to West's ♣J and West played the ♣A, ruffed with the ♥4. Declarer now led the ♥5 to the ♥10, ruffed dummy's last ♣ with the ♥A, and led the ♥K pulling the last trump from West.

Declarer led the ♠7, West following with the ♠2, and the ♠Q lost to the ♠A. East returned a low spade and declarer won, in dummy, but had no choice but to take the losing diamond finesse for down 1, losing two black aces and two diamond tricks.

Solution

Bidding: The 4♥ raise by North was an overbid. The hand is too balanced and does not have enough cover cards. It has good defense against spades. I agree with East's pass of 4♥.

East has nice defensive values, and plenty of potential losers in a spade contract.

Play: East made a major error by playing the ♦K (denying the queen) at trick 1. Understandably, it fooled her partner. Instead of a routine set by winning the ♦Q, returning a club, and getting another diamond lead, declarer can and should make the hand at this point. Note that if declarer had the ♠J, it is doubly imperative that a second diamond is led before a second club is played. South played the hand well, until he played the ♠Q on the 7. In theory, West cannot gain by ducking the spade if she had the ♠A, and could well lose a trick. West marks the ♦Q in the South hand, so the only remaining trick is a spade. And if West actually had the ♦Q, there is more urgency to take the ♠A. So declarer should place the ♠A with East, and needs two spade tricks to avoid the diamond finesse. Let us see what happens if declarer plays the ♣5 instead of an honor. Now the ♠7 loses to the ♠10. East is completely endplayed: A club lets dummy ruff getting rid of one diamond, and the ruffing spade finesse gets rid of the other. A low spade return is better, but declarer can win the ♠9 in dummy with the ♠Q and play the ♠K, felling the last spade higher than the ♠8 (the ♠J). So if that happens, declarer makes 2 spades, 7 hearts and one diamond. Note that West erred by playing the ♠2 on the first spade, rather than the 9. The hand cannot be made had West done that. But West presumed declarer had the ♦Q so was probably conceding the contract.

North-South wound up with 3/8 (37% in the commongame). A score of +620 would have been a top (8/8), 92% in the common game. All players made errors.

Key lesson: Be careful about defensive falsecards, as they can fool your partner as well as declarer. Sometimes you don't care, but it should have proved critical on this hand.

Daisy's Political Venture

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Daisy is my favorite bridge student/partner. Through study and focus, her game has improved at an impressive rate. Notably, her performance at the table is remarkably upgraded when she imbibes a caffeinated beverage. Even her bridge-related questions are enhanced while indulging a coffee-related drink. Daisy and I were eating lunch before today's game, accompanied by a bridge partnership comprised of two very outspoken women with wildly disparate political leanings. Farrah Wright is generally regarded as being more conservative than Prince von Metternich, while her regular companion at the bridge table, Ima Leftomax, resides at the other end of the political spectrum. Remarkably, they often find themselves in the club overalls when playing together. Go figure.

Hoping to avoid the folly of discussing politics before the game began, I attempted to direct Daisy's focus upon bridge, asking her if she had any bridge related questions. She shrugged her shoulders indifferently, then took a big swig of her Starbucks double latte. A twinkle suddenly came to her eyes, she sat up straight in her chair and asked, "When is it right to pull trump?"

Now that's an excellent query, the response to which will often determine the success or failure of declarer's goal. I was about to deliver my standard, if not somewhat haughty answer of, "Whenever there is absolutely, positively and unequivocally no reason not to do so." But before I could reply, Farrah leaned forward and almost pounded the table while speaking with resounding conviction, "Hopefully before the Republican Convention!" A moment later, Ima chimed in with similar intensity, "If not sooner!"

"Whoa," I mused to myself. These

women must be destined for a good game today as they certainly appear to be on the same page with regards to non-bridge-related matters. Just the same, I did not care to have Daisy distracted by matters that don't really pertain to our success at the bridge table. Making a mental note to address Daisy's excellent inquiry about when to draw trump, I hastily excused myself from the table and ushered Daisy to our assigned table.

As fate would have it, Daisy's first hand related to her earlier question regarding the issue of trump management. And there were other challenges to overcome in both the bidding and play. She quickly sorted the following hand:

♠ AKQJ109

♥ 7

♦ QJ109

♣ A7

As she reached for the bidding box in search of the 2♣ card, she was startled to find that her right-hand opponent had beaten her to the punch.

Yes, he had actually opened the bidding with an artificial and strong 2♣ bid, which placed her beautiful hand in a different light. While suspiciously eyeing her opponent, Daisy considered her options. It appeared that she could make nine tricks in a spade contract without even breathing hard and that game would roll home if dummy provided as much as a single trick. However, in light of her opponent's strong opening bid, the expectation of dummy providing anything of value seemed rather remote. As such, she chose to bid the contract that she believed she could make, placing the 3♠ card on the table with a sense of conviction. Daisy's left-hand opponent doubled, conventionally showing a

weak hand, lacking either an ace or a king. Three passes followed and her LHO led the ♥10 against Daisy's contract of 3♠ doubled. This was the layout of the hand from Daisy's perspective in the South seat after the opening lead.

♠ 5
♥ 32
♦ 642
♣ 9865432

♠ AKQJ109
♥ 7
♦ QJ109
♣ A7

As I tabled my genuine yarborough (no card higher than a nine), I anticipated a distressed groan from Daisy. However, I was pleasantly encouraged when Daisy greeted the sight of dummy with a cheerful “Thank you, partner,” then called for a small heart from the dummy. East overtook his partner’s lead with the ♥J and continued with the ♥A at trick two, which Daisy ruffed with the ♠9. She quickly withdrew the ace of trump from her hand without facing it and held it in midair for several moments. While the opponents waited for her to display her card, Daisy abruptly returned the ♠A to hand. She then reached for her ever-present Starbucks’ container and took a hefty gulp. After a thoughtful pause, Daisy placed the ♦Q on the table.

When both West and dummy played low, East considered Daisy’s card for quite some time before playing his ♦K. He thought for an even longer time about his next play. However, his pensive exercise was in vain, as there was no effective defense to Daisy’s contract. The entire hand is in the next column.

Daisy’s reluctant refusal to start drawing trump at trick three was crucial to her success. Had she immediately pulled all of the opponents’ trump, she would have lost control of the hand when she eventually attempted to establish the two diamond winners that were necessary for her contract. (East would play a high heart, forcing Daisy to use her last trump. She would be unable to

North (dummy)	
♠ 5	
♥ 32	
♦ 642	
♣ 9865432	
West	East
♠ 8732	♠ 64
♥ 10984	♥ AKQJ65
♦ 753	♦ AK8
♣ J7	♣ KQ
South (Daisy)	
♠ AKQJ109	
♥ 7	
♦ QJ109	
♣ A10	

establish any diamond winners since East would cash his remaining high hearts when he regained the lead with his ♦A). By leaving the vital ♠5 in the dummy, Daisy provided East a Hobson’s choice of sorts upon winning his first diamond trick. Playing a high heart would allow Daisy to make an overtrick by ruffing it with dummy’s lone trump while discarding her ♣10. East was therefore compelled to play one of the remaining three suits at trick four. This benefited Daisy as it provided her the opportunity to develop nine winners before being mortally tapped-out in the trump suit.

Accompanied by a dispirited growl, East eventually played a spade at trick four. Daisy hastily drew the remaining trump before playing on diamonds. In the end, Daisy won six spade tricks, two diamonds and the ♣A, for a total of nine tricks and the fulfillment of her doubled contract.

Daisy was almost panting with nervous excitement. “Whew, thank goodness we had our little discussion about when to... and when not to... pull trump!”

Extremely pleased with Daisy’s exquisite performance on the previous hand, I eyed Daisy’s cup of latte and thought to myself, “Yeah...and thank goodness for Starbucks.”

Editor’s Note: These characters are of course fictitious (except for the author) and are in no way meant to represent beliefs of any or all our bridge players.

Just a Small Slip

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Here is a Board 72 from the semi-finals of the USBF Team Trials, COREN vs. FLEISHER. E/W vul.

♠ Q9
♥ K7432
♦ K106
♣ J32

♠ AK8432
♥ Q85
♦ –
♣ Q1054



♠ J65
♥ J9
♦ Q975
♣ 9876

♠ 107
♥ A106
♦ AJ8432
♣ AK

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1♠	2♦**	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

* strong
** transfer

West led ♠A, ♠K and continued with a third spade. How would you continue? It looks right to ruff in the South hand and pitch a possible diamond loser from North. Now if trumps split 3-2, there does not seem to be problem.

It looks like a diamond can be ruffed and suit set up. Declarer decided to draw two rounds of trumps ending in dummy with the K. Now he could have simply played a third trump and claimed. As long as diamonds split 3-1 or 4-0 in East hand, the diamond suit can either be set up with a ruff or finessed. However, declarer

left the third trump outstanding. Now, he led the ♦K. When West ruffed with his trump winner, and played a club, there was no way to take the diamond finesse or set up the suit and score a long winner.

There was almost no possible reason for this play. West could not really have a shape of 6-2-4-1, as the bidding and defense would have gone differently. So the only possible explanation is that declarer played too quickly and did not account for 4-0 diamonds with East having four.

In the other room N/S made +130 and with +50, FLEISHER won 5 imps. Had 4♥ made, the COREN team would have won 7 imps. The result of the match was 12 IMPs to FLEISHER. While there were many other key hands that could have swung the match, just a tiny bit more thought would save 12 here.

Editor's note: Congratulations to John Diamond and Kevin Bathurst, District 9 members on the DIAMOND team, winning the opportunity to represent the US in Poland later this year in the World Championships.



Play Hard Play Well

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Scoring All Your Trump

You reach a 6♥ contract without many values and with only an 8-card trump fit. Can you find a way to score 12 tricks?

Dummy hits and you see:

♠ AQT653

♥ 72

♦ A

♣ AK83

♠ 4

♥ AQJT84

♦ J863

♣ J4

LHO leads the ♠9. Plan Your Play!

Trusting the ♠9 to not be from the ♠K, you decide to not take that finesse and win with the ♠A at trick 1.

1: ♠9 A 2 4 (+1)

Entries on this hand are the key. We could try to set up the ♠ suit, but if they are 4-2, that will take too many entries while also drawing trump. Instead, let's try to score 12 tricks with ♣AK, ♦A, ♠A, and 8♥ tricks. We do this by shortening our trump and setting up an endplay, which requires the ♥K to be onside!

2: ♠3 ♠7 ♥4 ♠8 (+2)

Now, re-enter dummy and cash our winners.

3: ♦3 4 A 2 (+3)

4: ♣A 6 4 2 (+4)

5: ♣K 7 J 5 (+5)

Continue shortening our trump.

6: ♣3 ♣9 ♥8 ♣T (+6)

Also score two trump tricks by ruffing in the dummy.

7: ♦6 ♦5 ♥2 ♦9 (+7)

8: ♠5 ♠J ♥T ♦7 (+8)

9: ♦8 ♦T ♥7 ♦Q (+9)

Shorten our trump one last time.

10: ♣8 ♠K ♥J ♣Q (+10)

Now, exit with the losing ♦, leaving us with only ♥AQ – and let the opponents lead to us for the final two tricks, making 6♥.

Notice that this line of play allowed us to score all 6 of our trump tricks in hand without spending any of dummy's trump to take a finesse. This is a powerful and useful line of play to have in your bag of tricks.

The complete deal was the following:

♠ AQT653

♥ 72

♦ A

♣ AK83

♠ 98

♥ 96

♦ KT754

♣ QT52

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ KJ72

♥ K53

♦ Q92

♣ 976

♠ 4

♥ AQJT84

♦ J863

♣ J4

Avoiding Card Problems: Bidding and Playing

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"I saw that card, so you have to play it!" That's a refrain I hear fairly often—and it ain't necessarily so. The standards are different for cards played by the defenders and the declarer.

1. If you are defending and you hold a card so that your partner could see it if he were looking, it's a played card. It doesn't matter if an opposing player saw it.

2. For the dummy, a card is played if declarer calls it or touches it.

3. If declarer says something non-specific like "play," the lowest card must be played.

4. If declarer says "play anything," either opponent may designate which card should be played.

5. Declarer's card is deemed to have been played when it is held face up touching or nearly touching the table. Again, it's irrelevant whether or not an opponent saw it.

In commenting on Law 45, Played Card, Duplicate Decisions advises directors that any disputed situation should be resolved in favor of the side which "didn't cause the problem." And these are easy problems to avoid, really. Just don't touch a card or call one until you are sure of what you want. Play only at your turn. We often see a declarer lead a card from his hand and call one from the dummy before the LHO has played. Whoops! Now declarer is stuck with the card he called, even though he has, say, under-trumped.

It's also rare that a Director would allow a declarer to change his call: the standard of "incontrovertibly obvious," not

often achieved. You'll find an interesting discussion of this problem in the Rulings FAQ on the ACBL website: <http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/rulings/Changing-a-Called-Card-from-Dummy.pdf>.

You are within your rights in requiring that Law 45 be enforced. Don't let an opponent pout and whine something like, "Well, if you want to win that way—" as if his error were your fault. Just call the Director and let us do our job.

Similar difficulties arise with handling the bidding boxes. If players just wouldn't fumble with the cards before they choose the one to put on the table, there would be many fewer director calls. Again, there's a Rulings FAQ on the subject, which concludes with

Note: Many players have learned to say "mechanical error" whenever the director is called. Directors should be wary of accepting this self-serving statement without acting with due diligence. We do not accept "mechanical error" when the first call is Pass and the second call is 3♠. We should also look askance at hands that hold two long suits where it is possible the bidder was thinking about his second bid while making his first. The onus here is on the player to prove it is indeed a mechanical error, not an error brought about through distractions, fatigue, or mental carelessness.

Of course, there will be genuine mechanical errors. When you have pulled

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Lynn Berg has been an ACBL member for over 50 years, a club director for 40 and a tournament director for over 10. She's also done quite a bit of directing on cruise ships and is a teacher trainer for ACBL and for EasyBridge. Lynn says: "I am of the firm opinion that we can adhere to the rules, be completely ethical and still have a great time (and even win!). Civility and good humor go a long way at the table."

Preempts in the Majors

Using Losing Trick Count

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The losing trick count works well when we have ruffing potential, but when that does not exist, we use a better approach. Calculate partner's losers, deduct from 13, add on your winners. This gives you how many winners you can make in a hand.

Count losers by the number of aces, kings and queens missing in each suit. We only count the number of losers depending on the number of cards we hold in each suit.

A singleton ace = 0 losers.

AKxx = 1 loser

Jxx = 3 losers

AQxx = 1 loser

Qx = 2 losers

Kxxx = 2 losers

x = 1 loser

An unsupported Qxx = 3 losers QJx = 2 losers
losers Q10x = 2 ½ losers.

Using the LTC to preempt in a major

If your long suit is easy to determine, we then count "PLAYING TRICKS". Count 13 minus the number of losers.

e.g. ♠ 3 ♥ QJ109654 ♦ 9 ♣ J987. With ♥s as the trump suit, we have the following losers: 1♠ + 2♥ + 1♦ + 3♣ = 7 losers from 13 gives us 6 playing tricks. Open 3♥ and forget about points. When we preempt we use the Rule of 2 + 3, expecting to go down 2 vulnerable and 3 not vulnerable.

If you have a 7-card major suit with a side 4-card suit and a 6-loser hand open 4 of the major!

Use the LTC as your guideline as to whether to preempt in 1st and 2nd seat or not? Suit Quality is most important as the suits should have 2 of the top 3 honors, holding AK or KQ or AQ plus length.

Using the LTC for Weak Twos in a Major: in 1st or 2nd seat only

(Weak 2♦ openings, the LTC does not apply.)

When we open a Weak Two in a major, we either have an 8-loser or a 7-loser hand: no more than 8 losers, no less than 7 losers (too strong).

A) ♠ AQ7653

♥ 9

♦ 542

♣ 865 = 8 losers

B) ♠ 43

♥ KQJ843

♦ K75

♣ 32 = 7 losers

Responder requires ruffing potential or playing TRICKS.

Responder

e.g. ♠ 982

♥ 653

♦ AK76

♣ AK3

Should partner open 2♥, you have 4 playing tricks.

If opener has 8 losers, with example A:

Deduct 8 losers from 13 tricks = 5 playing tricks + our 4 tricks = 9 tricks = no game!

If opener has 7 losers, with example B:

Deduct 7 losers from 13 = 6 playing tricks + our 4 tricks = 10 tricks = game!

6/4 shapes might have 6 losers and are the same for weak jump overcalls. Too strong!

Therefore, my suggestion is as follows:

If you have a feature (either an outside ace or king) do not show the opponents what you have, BID GAME!

If you have a singleton in the hand (you cannot have two outside features, only one or the other) rather show the singleton, so responder can see if the cards are working tricks.

Self Sufficient Suits

Count the number of cards in your long suit. Add the number of honors in that suit.

The total is the SUIT QUALITY! If the suit is a major, try to insist on it as the trump suit.

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ANOTHER WINNER FIVE YEARS IN A ROW

In May/June, when we congratulated John Brady of Jacksonville for being the winner of more silver points in all of ACBL, five years in a row, we missed congratulating another five-time winner. Sanford Robbins of Pompano Beach has been beating out all the competition in the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs races in his category, every year for the past five years. In 2011, Sanford won the 50-100 level ACBL-wide with 259.87 masterpoints earned in club games. In 2012, he won the 300-500 level with 316.50 points. In 2013, he won the 500-1000 category with 385.27 points. In 2014 and 2015, Sanford won the 1000-2500 level, with 441.49 points and 488.69 points respectively.

When we realized our error in not taking notice of this phenomenal achievement, and had a great conversation with Sanford, here's what he told us: "I would describe myself as at best an average plus player with excellent attendance. I play almost every day and most days twice. I've also been lucky to have very good players as partners."

We asked him where he plays and who his favorite partners are. Look at this impressive list: "I play mostly at the Pompano club and the Ft Lauderdale Bridge Club, and sometimes at the Greek Church in Boca and Jourdan's in Delray. When I started in the summer of 2010, I knew no one and now, believe it or not, I have over 125 partners. I play with Ed Rauch three times a week, M.L. Steuer twice a week, and when here in the winter Mark Savedoff twice a week. Many others like Tom Lane, Ken Wagner, Steve Hudson, Mickey Levensohn, Gina Lohmann, Lynda Patten, Jake Maranz, Keith Gellman, Betty Trilliegi play with me once a week. Others fill in when the others are not available." It's totally clear to us that

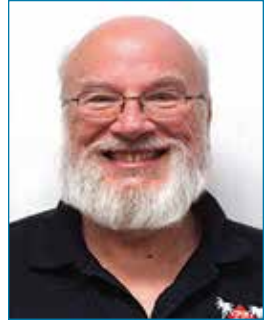


Sanford Robbins

Sanford most definitely is a great partner to have!

In the meantime, during those five years that Sanford was playing and scratching in all those clubs games, other players who live in the same southeast Florida bridge-playing areas also did well in the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs ACBL-wide races, some of them Sanford's partners. In 2011, Gordon Deckelbaum of Hollywood won 150.10 to come second overall in the 50-100 category. In 2012, Fred Beaudin of Boynton Beach, topped the 50-100 category with 157.57. In 2013, Edward Rauch of Fort Lauderdale won the 300-500 category with 366.76. In third place overall that year was the one and only west coast player we noticed, Paul Volpe of Fort Myers, with 188.54 points.

In 2014, Larry Lazarow of Highland



Edward Rauch

Beach was second in Sanford's 1000-2500 category with 394.17 while Kenneth Wagner Jr. of Hollywood was third with 367.42. Most recently, in last year's 1000-2500 race, Edward Rauch came in right behind Sanford with 417.10 points and David Schapira of Delray Beach was third with 356.47. There are many more highly successful club players in District 9, but these represent the ones that popped out at us when researching Sanford's wins.

If you're curious what's going on so far this year, go to ACBL.org, click on Races, and run around to your heart's content. After you satisfy your curiosity about the ACBL-wide leader board, you can always look at District 9, and even by your own unit. See page 11 for a reminder of the locations of the various units. This year, there are even more categories than before, as ACBL is posting the people who began the year with 1000-1500 masterpoints separately from the ones who started with 1500-2500. What used to be 2500-5000 is now 2500-3500 and 3500-5000.

Have fun competing in your own little corner of the masterpoint races.

Green

If the suit adds up to 10 or more, length plus the number of honor cards (not the HCP) the suit is self sufficient.

e.g. AKQJ32: 6 cards for length + 4 Honors = Total 10.

e.g. KQJ10652 or AQJ7432 or QJ1098532, and so on.

These are all self sufficient suits.

Count your losers.

Deduct from 13 to calculate your tricks.

Add on the winners estimated in partner's hand. The answer is the number of tricks you are likely to make.

e.g. Opener

♠ KQJ8765 ♥ K3 ♦ 2 ♣ A76 = 5 losers
subtract from 13 playing tricks gives you 8 playing tricks. When responder bids we expect 2 playing tricks so our 8 = their 2 = 10 tricks.

Opener

Responder

1 ♠

1NT

4 ♠ (shows a self sufficient suit)

If you have the 18/19 HCP balanced- the bid would be 2NT to show strength. Unbalanced- a jump shift in a new suit would show the strength.

This formula will also work if you have a trump fit.

Communicating

it, is in the very center of the book, pages 32-33. In the front of the book, we have our paid advertisers and all of our district news, plus fliers for regionals and district-wide finals of the two events that can earn you the chance to represent us at an NABC in ACBL-wide finals (and in most cases, a generous financial subsidy to do that). We have messages for you from our district president and our representative to the ACBL Board of Directors. We have articles designed to help you be a more thoughtful and knowledgeable bridge player, as well as to entertain you. Then we have the "unit pages", where each unit president talks to you and you will find news from around your unit. I hope you've enjoyed this tour of the SBN. Please remember to contact your own unit liaison about anything regarding your unit pages and news. For everything else, please contact me. I love to hear from you.

Berg

the wrong card, call the Director, even if your LHO has acted. It's not too late until your partner has bid. As long as there is clear evidence that yours was a "finger error," you'll be allowed to change it. For instance, you mean to open 2♠ with your AKJ972, but 2♥ is the bidding card which hits the table. The cards are adjacent in the box and there's no question about your intentions. The slip must be of your fingers, not your mind. Of course, if you change your bid, the opponent may also want to change his.

Fumbling around in the bidding cards and then passing, or even taking a bid out of the box and then replacing it with another, is a very bad habit. Your actions constitute unauthorized information for your partner and give away information to the opponents—a lose-lose proposition. Don't be surprised if the Director is called when you do this. The opponents have every right to protect their interests.

IF YOU RUN A SECTIONAL!

All changes to sanctioned sectionals require approval from the District 9 Tournament Committee as well as our District Coordinator, Patty Johnson.

If you change anything, whether it be your dates or the type of sectional or the location, or if you decide to cancel an already-sanctioned tournament, please let Patty Johnson know immediately by emailing her at pattyjohnson@centurylink.net. Information should also be sent to Shirley Seals, Chair of the Tournament Committee, at:

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From an ACBL Ambassador to the Far East

By Nella Molfetto

While being the wife of a U.S. Foreign Service Officer, I had the chance to visit many countries. The first country we visited was Hong Kong where at the first reception given in honor of our arrival, everyone came to ask me whether I played bridge. I answered "No" but then started to think about playing and sought out help in learning. It was known that King Road was where one could find all the shops where books were sold. Many bridge books were purchased by me and among them were Goren's books; I studied as much as possible and as fast as possible in order to learn and be able to play with all the people who asked me.



Nella with Charles Goren

In 1957 there was a bridge tournament at the Jewish Center in Hong Kong where I won second place, which encouraged me to keep on learning and improving in the game. Our next post was in Djakarta, Indonesia, where there was the opportunity to play with better and more experienced players and there was the opportunity to improve my game. After the post in Indonesia we went to Karachi, Pakistan. Now being a much better player, I was able to play with Nachi Hosmalali, sister of Zia, with whom my game was the best ever. At that moment I realized that teaching could be a possibility upon our return to the United States.

In 1958 we returned to the United States for a

short number of years where I took the Goren Bridge Teacher Association test and passed it. Then in 1970 there was an International European Tournament in Lido, Venice where I played against top players partnering with Pawlick Krstztof, Captain of the Polish Bridge Team. We won! One of the stories during this tournament was that I asked Pawlick and a friend to go to Catholic Mass with me, and they accepted. At the church, he took a Mass Book after Mass ended and he was told that he could not take it; but he said that if he did not take one his wife would not believe that he went to church. I played in the same tournament the following year but this time with an Italian, and we also won.

In 1969 we went back to Thailand and I started teaching bridge. Most of the people in the class were Foreign Diplomats, including the Afghan Ambassador who later on became the Afghan Prime Minister. An ACBL-sanctioned club was opened at the American Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand for Foreign Diplomats where the proceeds were given to the American Ambassador who used it to assist the poor people of the country. There was also a tryout for the Thai Team for a Far East Tournament in Shanghai, China which myself and Mrs. Poldi, from Australia, entered and ended up winning the entire tournament as first overall.

Upon our return to the United States, I taught at different places such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the Headquarters of the United States Department of Agriculture, all of which were very interesting opportunities. In 1980 we moved to Miami, Florida, where I was able to teach bridge at Miami Dade Community College for a while. Now I play as much as possible in Fort Lauderdale and Pompano and will continue to play as long as possible.

Tournament Attendees

Please summon a director should you encounter a deck of cards which is very far past its prime. Every once in a while we miss replacing a really icky deck, but we are happy to do it if we know about it at the time.

Please also call about bidding box cards that need to be replaced



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Our Annual Members Luncheon at Misty Creek Country Club was once again a lovely afternoon. The view from the playing room is delightful, and the service from the Club was exceptional. Our Award winners and new Life Masters were duly recognized, as were our many volunteers. I think a good time was had by all!

The Spring Sectional held at the In-Between Club was a successful event. We helped our Head Director, Harry Falk, to celebrate another birthday with all of his Sarasota friends. Pictures of the winners are included on the following pages.

I would like to ask again for volunteers to help out with our new teaching program at the Boys and Girls Club. If you are willing to get involved, please contact Iris Wilson at 941-377-3260.

We are also looking for volunteers to work at the NABC to be held in Orlando in November. Each Unit is responsible for staffing the various service areas on certain days. If you are planning on attending the tournament and would be willing to contribute a few hours of your time before the bridge sessions, please get in touch with Peter Cleaves at 941-928-1475, 941-952-9251, or pgcleaves@gmail.com.

I hope you are all enjoying the slower pace of summer in Sarasota. Try some new restaurants, go to the theater, visit some parks or gardens that you haven't been to in a while. Be sure to treasure your time at the bridge table, and contribute to the good times experienced by your partners and opponents.

Carol

Hope you're enjoying the lazy, hazy days of Florida summer. We thought we'd use this space to offer photo congratulations to winners recognized at the Annual Awards Luncheon April 24th, and the Spring Sectional, May 13-15.



New Life Masters, Bill McClure & Bob D'Avanzo



2015 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Winners: Les Bart, Ed Spear, Mike Gibson, Linda Patton, Vic Lawrence, Bob D'Avanzo, Marvin Greene



2015 Mini-McKenney Winners: Vic Lawrence, Mike Gibson, Linda Patton, Bob D'Avanzo, Gen Geiger, Terry McHenry, Les Bart, Jim Russell



NLM Winners, Flights A and B: Lois & Don Heasley, Barbara Mehnert, Linda Patton



NLM Winners, Flight C: Harry & Gayle Yaverbam, Michele Glazer, Norman Powers



Unit 102 President Carol Hamilton (center) congratulates Youth Program Volunteer Toni Kuxhausen and Coordinator Iris Wilson



Open Swiss Winners: Marietta Huggard, Gen Geiger, Terry McHenry & Gigi Simpson

We'd like to especially recognize Henry Trautwein, Naples, FL, who traveled with his teammates from Bonita Springs to play in (and win!) the NLM Swiss on Sunday. Henry is 17, has played bridge for about six years and has acquired more than 300 points, including



Paul Michaels, Vicky Mace, Jo Goodman & Henry Trautwein, NLM Swiss

all the necessary pigmented points toward Life Master. His dad tells us he also took several tops recently at the Fort Myers Sectional. Henry is planning to go to the Washington NABC and, as of yet, has not found a partner. So, if you know a youth player who wants to win in DC this summer, you can reach Henry and his dad, Lou, through the Naples Bridge Center!



Marvin Greene & Anne Runyan, NLM Pairs, Friday Afternoon



Ira Zucker, Roberta Shander, Craig Abbott & Jim Maxwell, Open Swiss



Sandy & Bill Nelson, Open Pairs, Friday Morning



Arnie Malasky & David Wicentowski, Open Pairs, Friday Afternoon



Sally Meckstroth & Arnie Malasky, Open Pairs, Saturday Morning



Suzan Lordi & Susan Gilbert, Open Pairs, Saturday Afternoon

Please welcome these new members of Unit 102:

**Kathy Auriemma
David Englehart
Carol Hubbard
Bonnie Jones
Mary Kehoe
Tore Lindgren
Frank Manno
Diane Maskol
Susha Owens
Anne Quarles
Amy Renninger
Les Lee Roland
Carrie Rosenthal
Paul Schafer
Gayla Schwartz
Michael Stransky
Quentin Walsh
Trudi Williams**

District Nine

JULY

Jul 1-31
NAP Club
Qualifying

JACKSONVILLE REGIONAL

Jul 15-17
Bonita Bridge
Sectional

Jul 15-17
Pensacola
Sectional

Jul 21-31
WASHINGTON
DC NABC

Jul 22-24
Orlando
Sectional

Jul 29-31
Villages 499er
Sectional

AUGUST

Aug 1-31
NAP Club
Qualifying

Aug 5-7
Ft Myers
Sectional

Aug 6-7
Deland 299er
Sectional

Aug 8-14
District 9
STaC

Aug 18-20
Palm Coast
Sectional

Aug 22-28

PALM BEACH GDNS REGIONAL

SEPTEMBER

Sep 1-30
GNT Club
Qualifying

Sep 2-5
St. Petersburg
Sectional

Sep 3-5
Melbourne
Sectional

Sep 9-11
Venice
Sectional

Sep 15-18
St. Petersburg 499er St. Petersburg 499er
Sectional

Sep 15-18
Daytona
Sectional

Sep 19-25
NABC Fund Raiser U243, 102, 219 240
Week

Sep 26-Oct 2
NAPLES
REGIONAL

OCTOBER

Sep 26-Oct 2
NAPLES
REGIONAL

Oct 1-31
GNT Club
Qualifying

Oct 6-8
Citrus Bridge
Sectional

Oct 7-9
Ft Walton Beach
Sectional

Oct 7-9
McGregor Point
499er Sectional

Oct 14
ACBL-Wide Instant
Matchpoint Game

Oct 14-16
North Orlando
Sectional

Oct 14-16
Clearwater
Sectional

Oct 16-18
Miami
Sectional

Oct 20-23
Sectional

Oct 21-23
Jacksonville
Sectional

Oct 17-23
U243, 102, 219 240
STaC

Oct 28-30
NAP Finals &
Sectional

NOVEMBER

Nov 1-30
GNT Club
Qualifying

Nov 4-6
Ft. Myers Sectional

Nov 4-6
Lake Park Sectional

Nov 4-6
Pensacola Sectional

Nov 4-6
St. Augustine
Sectional

Nov 7-13
DAYTONA
BEACH
REGIONAL

Nov 14-20
U219, 240, 243
STaC

Nov 18-20
Sarasota Sectional

Nov 22E
ACBL-Wide
Charity Game

Nov 24-Dec 4
ORLANDO NABC

DECEMBER

Nov 24-Dec 4
ORLANDO NABC

Dec 1-31
GNT Club
Qualifying

Dec 5-11
U128 STaC

Dec 9-11
Vero Beach
Sectional

Dec 12-18

FT
LAUDERDALE
REGIONAL

Dec 19-22
District 9
Charity Games

Dec 21E
ACBL-Wide
International Fund
Game #3

Tournament Calendar

JANUARY

Jan 1-31
GNT Club
Qualifying

Jan 2-8
**ORLANDO
REGIONAL**

Jan 12-15
Daytona Sectional

Jan 12-15
St. Petersburg
Sectional

Jan 13-15
Lake Park Sectional

Jan 20-22
Sarasota Sectional

Jan 16-22
U240, 243, 219 STaC

Jan 23-29
**SAN DESTIN
REGIONAL**

Jan 27-29
North Palm
Beach Sectional

Jan 27-29
Margret Bridge
Club Sectional

FEBRUARY

Feb 1-28
GNT Club
Qualifying

Feb 3-5
Fort Lauderdale
Sectional

Feb 3-5
Jacksonville
Sectional

Feb 3-5
Winter Haven SR/
NLM Sectional

Feb 3-5
McGregor Point
499er Sectional

Feb 6-12
Unit 128 STaC

Feb 10-12
Vero Beach
Sectional

Feb 13-19
**SARASOTA-
MANATEE
REGIONAL**

Feb 24-26
Sun City Center
Sectional

Feb 24-26
Orlando Sectional

Feb 27-Mar 5
**THE VILLAGES
REGIONAL**

MARCH

Feb 27-Mar 5
**THE VILLAGES
REGIONAL**

Mar 1-31
GNT Club
Qualifying

Mar 9-12
St. Petersburg
499er Sectional

Mar 9-19
KANSAS
CITY NABC

Mar 10-12
Rockledge
Sectional

Mar 17-19
Pensacola
Sectional

Mar 17-19
St. Augustine
Sectional

Mar 17-19
Venice Sectional

Mar 20-26
U102, 219, 240, 243
STaC

Mar 24-26
Ocala Sectional

Mar 27-29
Miami Sectional

Mar 30-Apr 1
Daytona 499ers
Sectional

Mar 31-Apr 2
Khatib
Sectional

Mar 31-Apr 2
Fort Myers
Sectional

APRIL

Apr 3-9
**SOUTH-
EASTENS
REGIONAL**

Apr 12-13
Deland
299ers Sectional

Apr 12-14
McGregor Point
199ers Sectional

Apr 14-16
Bradenton Sr/
NLM Sectional

Apr 19-21
Bridge Deck Sr/
NLM Sectional

Apr 21-23
Spring Hill
Sectional

Apr 21-23
Vero Beach
Sectional

Apr 28 - 30
**GNT Finals &
Sectional**

MAY

May 4-6
Palm Coast
Sectional

May 5-7
Sarasota Sectional

May 18-21
St. Petersburg 499er
Sectional

May 19-21
Naples Sectional

May 19-21
Orlando Sectional

May 26-28
Jacksonville
Sectional

May 29-Jun 4
**TAMPA
REGIONAL**

JUNE

May 29-Jun 4
**TAMPA
REGIONAL**

Jun 1-30
NAP Club
Qualifying

Jun 9-11
The Villages
Sectional

Jun 12-18
Unit 128 STaC

Jun 22-24
Bridge Deck
Sectional

Unit 128

President's Message

by Jeff Overby

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There are three exciting Regional Tournaments sponsored by Unit 128 in the next three months.

First is the Jacksonville Regional, starting July 4th. It is being held again at the Jacksonville Marriott, just off I-95 and Butler Blvd. The folks from that area are known for their outstanding hospitality. Don't miss it!

In August, Unit 128 returns to the PGA Resort. Guests can call in directly to the Reservations Department at 1-888-758-0945, weekdays from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM and weekends from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Please mention "Contract Bridge League" or the block code: 081216ACBL when making reservations or you won't get credit for the heavily discounted bridge rate.

The Naples Regional will be held September 26-Oct 2, but the room block is cut off weeks before the tournament, so don't miss out on the discount rates at the Naples Grande. The reservation telephone number is 1-844-207-8544 and the group code is GACBL16; you need this code to get the special rate

in bridge club activity in a limited capacity, nevertheless, we are delighted that we are the home of many extremely successful bridge clubs.

In 2015, there were 16 Unit 128 clubs that were in the top 100 ACBL bridge clubs in table count. Here they are:

Club	Tables
Jourdans Bridge Club	14222.5
Boca Raton DBC	11371.0
The Villages DBC	11266.5
Naples Bridge Center Inc	9936.5
Bonita Bridge at Wiggins	8526.5
McGregor Point BC	8172.5
Temple Sinai DBC	6673.0
Mandel JCC PBG	6280.0
St Catherine DBC	6147.0
DBC of Sun City Center	5179.0
St Petersburg Bridge Club	5143.0
Clearwater Bridge Center	4808.0
Khatib Bridge & Education Ctr	4454.5
Venice Nokomis DBC	4313.0
Tampa Bay Bridge Center	4158.5
Bridge Club of Naples	4044.0

Bridge is Great in Unit 128. Please encourage others to play bridge, support all the Regional Tournaments, and your local clubs. Your attendance at the tournaments improves the experience and increases the masterpoints for everyone!

Thank you for completing the after-tournament surveys. They help your Board plan future tournaments, improve the experience you have, and make changes, based upon your preferences.

While Unit 128 is responsible for the running of bridge tournaments, and only takes part

Congratulations to all 229 of our clubs who held sanctioned games in 2015.



Around Unit 128

Bruce Ohmann Clears 20,000-point Hurdle

Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club, founded in 1962, is proud to announce its first member to achieve 20,000 masterpoints. Bruce Ohmann, who has been an active member since 1965, was honored at a recent celebratory party and presented with a plaque to be permanently displayed in the club. Achieving 20,000 masterpoints is a remarkable feat that very few bridge players can even imagine. Mr. Ohmann's achievements include coming in third in the prestigious North American Bridge Championship (NABC) Blue Ribbon Pairs event and tying for third in the Senior Knockout. He has represented Florida twice as a member of the winning District 9 Grand National Team squad and eleven times by qualifying for the North American Pairs finals at the NABC level.

During his fifty years at Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club, Mr. Ohmann volunteered his services as treasurer for many

years and has also served as past president of its Board of Directors. Bruce is always more than willing to impart his knowledge to other bridge players and continues to support the club by volunteering for setup and cleanup for the club's two yearly sectionals. When asked what he felt about achieving 20,000 masterpoints, Mr. Ohmann replied, "I could have saved a lot of money by choosing another interest!"

Gainesville's Shopoff and Bleiweiss Win Inaugural 0-20 Pairs at Gainesville Sectional

Jon Shuster, Gainesville

Gainesville's own Karla Shopoff and Roxane Bleiweiss (pictured) topped the six pair field on Friday, March 4, at the Evelyn Kleinsasser Sectional in Gainesville. They scored 58% to edge out second place finishers Geraldine Nichols and Marcia Vera, also from Gainesville. The winners took home 0.95 masterpoints in their very first tournament. We highly recommend similar events for budding stars throughout District 9 to encourage new players to participate in our wonderful pastime with players of equivalent experience.



Bruce Ohmann receives Outstanding Achievement Award plaque from Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club Manager Jim Geary and District 9 President Betty Sandifer.



72% Club

80.60% Anne Lambdin/Kevin Gervase	Winter Haven DBC, Winter Haven
79.34% Claire Alpert/Marc Spellman	The Bidding Box DBC, Pinecrest
76.58% Sharlene Tyler/Arthur Jaffe	Solivita BC, Poinciana
75.69% Mike Dalton/Jonathon Robbins	Palm Coast DBC
75.30% Nancy Martin/Burton O'Dell	Plantation House DBC, Ponte Vedra
75.13% Rhoda Kratenstein/Cory Krantz	Boca Raton DBC
74.60% Carole Berliant/Mark Berliant	Hunters Run CC, Boynton Beach
74.31% Sandy McCay/David Rogers	Bridge Club of Naples
74.24% Nancy Kaplan/Ann Panzera	Pelican Bay DBC, Naples
74.21% Susan Gersony/Welton Gersony	Jonathan's Landing CC, Jupiter
74.14% Brian Block/Richard Jacobs	Abie & Jan's Bridge Studio, Palm Beach Gdns
74.09% Charlotte Glaser/Pat Peterson	Citrus Bridge Club, Hernando
73.75% Harold Domnitch/Sidney Puteska	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
73.47% Joan Schepps/Bob Karlan	Boca Raton DBC
73.02% Devorah Castor/Margot Plunkett	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
72.92% Katie & Gino Scalamandre	Bridge with Chef Alan, Miami Shores
72.69% Leon Arndt/Carl Dahl Jr	Sun City Center DBA
72.62% Sylvia Bookoff/Peter Levathes	Ballen Isles CC, Palm Beach Gardens
72.62% Molly Akawie/Helen Schoenblum	Coral Lakes BC, Boynton Beach
72.57% Patricia Black/Patricia Gallman	Winter Haven DBC, Winter Haven
72.55% Carol Rowland/Rudi Kastelic	St. Petersburg BC, Pinellas Park
72.51% Mike Dalton/Jonathan Robbins	Palm Coast DBC
72.38% Rhoda Prager/Sondra Schubiner	Boca Raton DBC
72.22% Dolores Bernstein/Peter Levathes	Ballen Isles CC, Palm Beach Gardens
72.16% Irwin Krull/Carl Smith	Temple Shaarei Shalom, Boynton Beach
72.16% Mike Dalton/Jonathan Robbins	Palm Coast DBC
72.13% Charlotte Kartsonis/David Miller	Nature Coast BC, Spring Hill
72.12% Mark Fitzmorris/Paul Jepson	Citrus Bridge Club, Hernando
72.12% Bud Dean/Andrew Garnett	St. Petersburg BC, Pinellas Park
72.02% Janet Colchamiro/Laurie Wolin	Grand Slam of Lake Worth, Boynton Beach

SUBMIT 72% CLUB GAMES

by email to: unit128sbn@gmail.com

All submissions must contain THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. the club's full name
2. the town in which the club is located
3. the director's name
4. the names of both partners
5. an electronic link to the club results for the day of the big game

No Club Name, No Club Location, No Listing, So Sorry.

No 72% games in a field smaller than six tables will be published. Please do not send us any.

ELECTION COMMITTEE RESULTS

The nominations for Unit 128 Board of Governors ended on May 20, 2016. Only the incumbents applied for the open position in Area 1, Area 2, and Area 7. Re-elected were Jeff Overby, Marshall Hall and Bruce Greenspan.

In Area 4, only Jeff Edelstein applied; in Area 5, only Howard Rothman applied. Per the Unit 128 bylaws they are automatically elected to the Board.

Congratulations to those re-elected and those recently elected.

In Area 3 two members of Unit 128 submitted a Declaration of Candidacy for the one open seat, so there will be an election at the Daytona Beach Regional between Shirley Seals, incumbent, Jacksonville Beach and Jon Schuster, Gainesville.

The rules for voting and a brief bio of the two candidates running for election will be featured in the next issue.

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Mini-McKenney Races U128

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Location	Points
1	Michael Waskew	Amelia Island 166.07
2	Jack Sieling	Pinellas Park 99.2
3	Albert Makem	Silver Springs 61.4
4	Russel Lilliston	Debary 59.32
5	Steve Wells	Cape Coral 53.93

Rank	Location	Points
1	David Larson	Palm Beach 309.17
2	Won Yang	Clermont 282.23
3	Patricia Booton	Fernandina Bch 234.89
4	Paul Jepson	Saint Augustine 232.83
5	Thomas Pinter	Palm Coast 227.67

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Location	Points
1	Dee Kirkbride	Delray Beach 134.5
2	Joel Von Spreckelsen	Land O Lakes 97.05
3	Debbie Schell	Naples 93.57
4	John Wilde	Tampa 91.14
5	Basil Hakki	Marco Island 83.59

1000 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Location	Points
1	Cookie Potter	Boca Grande 521.66
2	Connie Queller	Hudson 433.77
3	Lawrence Derito	Jupiter 423.65
4	Paul Freiberg	Naples 368.91
5	David Schapira	Delray Beach 359.36

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Location	Points
1	Georgelle Burns	Naples 105.15
2	Maria Hakki	Marco Island 83.38
3	Joyce Levin	Boca Raton 80.03
4	Athena Gordon	Tampa 77.81
5	James Riley	Clearwater 70.41

2500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Location	Points
1	Jay Whipple III	Boca Grande 808.93
2	Gabrielle Sherman	Delray Beach 807.99
3	Paul Street	Delray Beach 737.02
4	Roger Banks	Naples 525.32
5	Kimberly Whipple	Boca Grande 521.08

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Location	Points
1	Eileen Abramson	Palm Beach 156.51
2	George Murray	The Villages 136.7
3	Maryam Fraser	N Palm Beach 131.04
4	Deborah Bricker	Palm Beach 124.5
5	Trisha Muniz	Tampa 118.86

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Location	Points
1	David Rogers	Naples 662.79
2	Nancy Mitchell	Jacksonville 635.58
3	Vincent Grande Jr.	Jupiter 588.15
4	Sylvia Moss	Boca Raton 514.1
5	Donna Rodwell	Clearwater 459.21

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Location	Points
1	Mark Bruce	Ocala 250.78
2	Ann Buchholz	Ponte Vedra Bch 250.5
3	Pratapray Thacker	N Palm Beach 192.14
4	Amparo Angel	Key Biscayne 184.74
5	Ned Daughdrille	Hudson 172.39

7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Location	Points
1	Stan Tulin	Boca Raton 1,111.99
2	Craig Hemphill	Jacksonville 754.19
3	John Diamond	Boca Raton 662.5
4	Sally Meckstroth	Clearwater Bch 638.92
5	Harry Kaufmann	N Redington Bch 574.64

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Location	Points
1	Susan Elliott	Crystal River 219.31
2	Betsy Bunting	Naples 180.63
3	Howard Braun	Clearwater 179.57
4	George Elangical	Cape Coral 152.48
5	Edwin Hall	Deland 146.12

Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Location	Points
1	Eric Rodwell	Clearwater 2,216.34
2	Jeff Meckstroth	Clearwater Bch 1,953.48
3	Vincent Demuy	Palm Bch Gdns 1,763.58
4	Kevin Bathurst	Palm Bch Gdns 1,580.14
5	Michael Seamon	Boca Raton 1,550.69

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1. One must be a member of the ACBL, District 9, and Unit 128 in good standing.
2. All membership dues or service fees must be paid.

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Location	Points
1	Christopher Smith	Vero Beach 237.19
2	Trella Bromley	Jacksonville 228.39
3	Trixie Dorsett Germer	Naples 221.57
4	Caroline Tunkel	Fernandina Bch 195.41
5	Pamela Wolf	Lake Worth 187.49

2015 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

0 to 5 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Rank	Location	Points
1	Michael Waskew	Amelia Island 111.98
2	Jack Sieling	Pinellas Park 69.41
3	Russel Lilliston	Debary 46.71
4	Steve Wells	Cape Coral 39.53
5	Albert Makem	Silver Springs 38.32

5 to 20 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Rank	Location	Points
1	Dee Kirkbride	Delray Beach 86.24
2	Joel Von Spreckelsen	Land O Lakes 84.36
3	Debbie Schell	Naples 67.31
4	Marc Gellman	Wellington 67.18
5	John Wilde	Tampa 59.91

20 to 50 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Rank	Location	Points
1	Georgelle Burns	Naples 70
2	Joyce Levin	Boca Raton 64.89
3	David Long	Naples 57.72
4	Cheryl Macphee	Sun City Center 56.93
5	Jacqueline Giller	Naples 53.36

50 to 100 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Rank	Location	Points
1	George Murray	The Villages 107.16
2	Eileen Abramson	Palm Beach 85.36
3	Frank Pietro II	Fort Myers 83.95
4	Anne Runyan	Venice 72.7
5	Maryam Fraser	N Palm Beach 72.42

100 to 200 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Rank	Location	Points
1	Ned Daughdrille	Hudson 150.51
2	Mark Bruce	Ocala 126.97
3	Amparo Angel	Key Biscayne 124.23
4	Barry Fox	Lake Worth 112.95
5	Ann Buchholz	Ponte Vedra Bch 111.32

200 to 300 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Rank	Location	Points
1	Susan Elliott	Crystal River 138.08
2	George Elangical	Cape Coral 118.08
3	Edwin Hall	Deland 105.93
4	Betsy Bunting	Naples 94.82
5	Dorothy Brodka	Delray Beach 93.56

300 to 500 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Rank	Location	Points
1	Trixie Dorsett Germer	Naples 167.77
2	Pamela Wolf	Lake Worth 150.49
3	Etta Sklar	Sunny Isles Bch 145.46
4	Elaine Swanson	Coral Gables 140.32
5	Joel August	Boynton Beach 117.35

500 to 1000 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Rank	Location	Points
1	David Larson	Palm Beach 203.94
2	Jim Loffree	Naples 201.16
3	Thomas Santarelli	Naples 186.76
4	Anita McCloskey	Naples 171.72
5	Gregory Bardes	Tampa 165.37

1000 to 2500 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Rank	Location	Points
1	David Schapira	Delray Beach 356.47
2	Barbara Schorr	Boca Raton 289.27
3	Bonny Pacetti	Summerfield 270.24
4	Paul Freiberg	Naples 266.2
5	Ben Lew	Boca Raton 261.3

2500 to 5000 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Rank	Location	Points
1	Francine Feldman	Boca Raton 397.48
2	Larry Lazarow	Highland Beach 384.13
3	Roger Banks	Naples 364.76
4	Donald Margolin	Delray Beach 292.49
5	Marc Spellman	Miami 291.94

5000 to 7500 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Rank	Location	Points
1	Susan Elias	Coral Gables 333.97
2	Hank Parker	Bonita Springs 323.83
3	Charles Musgrove	West Palm Beach 313.77
4	Vincent Grande Jr.	Jupiter 311.38
5	Charlene Predmest	Delray Beach 308.27

7500 to 10,000 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Rank	Location	Points
1	Carolyn Sessler	Boca Raton 460.53
2	Harry Kaufmann	N Redington Bch 395.78
3	Janet Colchamiro	Delray Beach 361.65
4	Lita Talus	Boynton Beach 361.18
5	Bud Dean	Belleair 348.91

Over 10,000 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Rank	Location	Points
1	Sean Ganness	Miami 492.56
2	Elaine Katzman	Boynton Beach 333.91
3	Martin Baff	Naples 311.3
4	Barbara Sartorius	Palm Bch Gdns 302.92
5	Bernace De Young	Miami 254.17

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2. All membership dues or service fees must be paid.

The Villages
'500 NLM' SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT
July 29-31, 2016 (www.thevillagesdbc.com)

Savannah Recreational Center
1545 Buena Vista Blvd, The Villages, FL 32162

Friday and Saturday, July 29 & 30
Stratified '500 NLM' Pairs – 10AM & 3PM (all single session)

Sunday, July 31
Stratified Swiss Teams: 10AM – play through (Lunch included)

FREE Continental Breakfast daily --- FREE Afternoon Refreshments daily

Stratification
A (300-500) B (100-300) C (0-100)
Stratification based on Director's Discretion
Swiss Team Stratification based on team average

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DeLand Bridge Club 165 Deerfoot Road 32720

Sizzling Summer Silver 299er Days

Saturday August 7 Sunday August 8
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Games at 2:15 Single Session Pairs Saturday, Swiss Teams Sunday
Lunch provided Single session teams Sunday
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Saturday:	NLM & Open Pairs	10:00am & 2:30pm
Sunday:	Swiss Teams	10:00am - Play Through

Open Stratification: A: 2,500+, B: 750 - 2,500, C: 0 - 750

*NLM Stratification: Maximum 500mp's; Stratification determined by Director in charge
Swiss stratification based upon average*

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	NLM & Open pairs	2:30
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	NLM & Open pairs	2:30
Sunday	NLM & Open Swiss team	10:00
	2 session play through	TBA

Open Stratification: A-2500+, B-1000-2500, C-0-1000
Swiss teams stratification by average masterpoints

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August 18, 19, & 20, 2016

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Free Lessons
New/Intermediate
Thursday-Friday
9:15 AM

Thursday, August 18

Single Sessions

10:00 AM Open Pairs
299er Pairs

2:30 PM Open Pairs
299er Pairs

Friday, August 19

Single Sessions

10:00 AM Open Pairs
299er Pairs

2:30 PM Open Pairs
299er Pairs

Saturday, August 20

Swiss Teams Play Thru

10:00 AM Open (A, X)



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Strata

Masterpoints Averaged
For all Games

Pairs

A=2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750
Separate 0-299er
(Discretion of Director)

Swiss Teams

A=2500+, X=0-2500
Separate 0-499er (B/C/D)
(Discretion of Director)
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St. Petersburg Bridge Club Labor Day Sectional
9103 US Highway 19 N.
Pinellas Park, FL 33782
727-544-5040

September 2 to September 5, 2016

- Friday Sept 2 10:30 AM Stratified Open Pairs
 Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
- 3:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs
 Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
- Saturday Sept 3 10:30 AM Bracketed KO (Round 1 of 3)
 Stratified Open Pairs
 Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
- 3:00 PM Bracketed KO (Round 2 of 3)
 Stratified Open Pairs
 Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
- Sunday Sept 4 10:30 AM Bracketed KO (Round 3 of 3)
 Stratified Open Pairs
 Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
- 3:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs
 Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
- Monday Sept. 5 10:30 AM Stratified Swiss – play through
 NLM Swiss – play through

Strata: A=2000+; B=750-2000; C=0-750
NLM Strata: A=200-NLM; B=100-200; C=0-100
All Events Stratified by Masterpoint Average

Free coffee, orange juice and snacks at all sessions
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St. Petersburg Bridge Club is located just off I-275
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Friday, September 9

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs & 0-300 Pairs - Single Sessions

2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & 0-300 Pairs - Single Sessions

Saturday, September 10

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs & 0-300 Pairs - Single Sessions

2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & 0-300 Pairs - Single Sessions

Sunday, September 11

10:00 am Swiss Team Event Play through - Lunch Served

10:00 am NLM Swiss Team Event Play through - Lunch Served

Open Strata: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750 Novice 0-300

0-300 strats determined by Director-in-Charge depending on turnout
Swiss Team Stratification based on Average Number of Points per Team - 30 VP Scale

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Daytona Beach Fall Festival SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT September 15-18, 2016

Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club

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(386) 255-7744

Thursday, September 15

Stratified Open Pairs

Stratified Pairs (0-300)

(Lunch available at the club) ♥

10 AM. & 2:15 PM

10 AM & 2:15 PM

Friday, September 16

Stratified Open Pairs

Stratified Pairs (0-300)

(Lunch available at the club) ♥

10 AM & 2:15 PM

10 AM & 2:15 PM

Saturday, September 17

Stratified Open Pairs

Stratified Pairs (0-300)

(Lunch available at the club) ♥

10 AM & 2:15 PM

10 AM & 2:15 PM

Sunday, September 18

Stratified Open Swiss Teams

(Strata A and B only)

0-500 Swiss Teams

10 AM Play thru Lunch

Included

10 AM Play thru Lunch

Included

Strats for Open Pairs: A = 3000+ B = 1000-3000 C = 0-1000

Strats for 0-300: Discretion of Director

All pair games are single session. Swiss strata averaged.

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President's Message

As you have probably discerned by now, I am a voracious reader. When my husband and I are at our lake house (which was a fish camp before janitors became custodial engineers), I enjoy losing myself in mystery novels. You can imagine my delight when I learned of a newly published book – Sylvia's Bridge Mysteries. Permit me to give you a short tale.

"It was a dark and stormy night. There had been a goodly number of tables at the evening bridge game, but the players had seemed unusually restless and argumentative. As Manager, I remained to close the Club after the last patron departed. When I rounded the corner of the building on the way to my car, I found two of the Club's best players -- twin brothers Willie and Howie Cheatham -- face down on the ground with stab wounds in their backs. A "STOP" card had been placed in the hand of Willie's outstretched left arm. Howie's right hand held a pencil. I called 911, and the Police and detectives were on the scene in minutes. They spent months investigating the twin homicides, but the perpetrator(s) were never identified. A year or so later, however, whispers began circulating amongst Club members that the brothers were rumored to have been cheating. Methods included probable inappropriate use of the "STOP" card and manipulation of the pencil during bidding and play."

The moral of the story? Willie and Howie would probably be alive to this day -- perhaps not playing duplicate bridge, but still being able to see green grass beneath their feet -- if only their fellow Club members had gone through proper channels to express their suspicions. Stating that an individual cheats at bridge is a very serious allegation. As such, it must be made properly (not by saying to an individual, "you cheat") and with appropriate documentation. If you suspect someone of cheating, document your suspicions in writing with specifics as to when, where, and what you believe happened. Do this for each supposed incident. Present these written statements to your Club Disciplinary Chair, who will proceed from there. If your suspicions are incurred at a Tournament, present your written statement(s) to the Recorder for the Unit or District in which the Tournament is being held.

Remember to support upcoming Unit 219 Sectionals and the Regional

Pensacola Sectional, July 15-17, 2016
Ft Walton Beach Sectional, October 7-9, 2016
Pensacola Sectional, November 4-6, 2016

San Destin Regional, January 23-29, 2017

Bridge in the Panhandle

by Michelle Crane

“Hats off.”

For this issue of Sunshine Bridge News, I have been asked to list the names of players in Unit 219 who have attained the new-as-of-January-2016 ranks of “Ruby” Life Master and “Sapphire”



Life Master. Given the qualifications necessary, it is appropriate that we hold these folks in high esteem.

For RUBY, a player must be a Life Master with 1500 points, with at least 300 of those points being Gold, Red, Silver or Platinum. The players from our unit who have achieved this rank, which falls between Silver Life Master and Gold Life Master, are:

Wes Barnes (Pensacola)
Sally K. McArthur (Tallahassee)
Sue G. Boyer (Lynne Haven)
Duane A. Meeter (Tallahassee)
Margie Cash (Tallahassee)
Margaret V. Meeter (Tallahassee)
Edgar R. Casper (Tallahassee)
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JoAnn Coulter (Milton)
Richard P. Polangin (Tallahassee)
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Elizabeth R. Poor (Tallahassee)
Barbara Fantaski (Panama City)
Patti Poppell Thomasville, GA)
Nelda J. Fraser (Lynn Haven)
Pam Ramirez (Panama City)
Kathleen L. Fullerton (Pensacola)
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Ted C. Gardner (Pensacola)
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R. Philip Johnsen (Tallahassee)
Diane D. Stillman (Pensacola)
Keith E. Johnson (Destin)
Fernando R. Teson (Tallahassee)
Ruth Johnson (Miramar Beach)
Ginger Thomas (Tallahassee)
Willis B. Johnson (Miramar Beach)
B. Thompkins (Tallahassee)
Jackie Kendrick (Panama City)
Eric B. Tilton (Tallahassee)
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Linda C. Lee (Destin)
Larry R. Westholm (Pensacola)
Rowena N. Leiss (Panama City)
Steve Whitaker (Tallahassee)
Theo Lichtenstein (Tallahassee)
B. Williams (Panama City)
DeVerle T. Little (Tallahassee)
Margaret A. Wischmeier (Tallahassee)
Donald C. Little (Tallahassee)
Carolyn V. Wolf (Pensacola)
Thomas A. Marr (Fort Walton Beach)
Carmon Lee Woodley (Niceville)
Olivia P. Maynard (Micosukee)

SAPPHIRE Life Masters are players with 3500 points, with at least 700 points being Silver, Red, Gold, or Platinum, of which at least 350 points must be Gold or Platinum. This rank is between Gold Life Master and Diamond Life Master. The players from our Unit who have attained this rank are:

Hans Arkturk (Tallahassee)
Patrick C. Horton (Tallahassee)
Theri C. Andino (Niceville)
Sidney Kalishman (Pensacola)
Jeri F. Arnold (Fort Walton Beach)
Jeannine P. Law (Panama City)
Roberta L. Barnes (Pensacola)
Winston Legge (Pensacola)
Dorothy Brickler (Tallahassee)
Gayle P. Marr (Fort Walton Beach)
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 Jeannette A. Winters (Tallahassee)

“Hats Off” in recognition of all of these folks.

Also, “Hats Off” to our clubs for the donations raised to support local charities.

Pensacola DBC hosted a “Fools About Bridge Party” on April 1st to kick off a whole month of garnering both money and provisions for Manna Food Bank to help out the people



Fools About Bridge get their own cake...

who lost their homes in a series of tornadoes. Winners of the kick-off game were Betty Sheffield and Cheryl Walker in the Open Game, and Carl Lathrop and Cynthia Lalas in the 299er Game. The club was able to give Manna \$575 and a trunkload of food.

Tallahassee DBC held events at their club last fall to support Refuge House. \$1500 was given to this organization to help victims of

domestic violence. More recently, in February, \$801 was raised with table fees, a raffle, and an auction to support homeless animals, with the money divided between the Leon County Humane Society and the Animal Shelter.

“Hats Off” as well to Tallahassee DBC members Fernando R. Teson, Raphael Schreiber, Theo Lichtenstein and Dr. Bob Soni. They were winners in the District 9 Flight B GNT. They will represent our District in competition at the Washington D.C. NABC this July.



GNT District 9 winners: Dr. Bob Soni, Raphael Schreiber, Fernando R. Teson and Theo Lichtenstein

Finally, speaking of hats... Clara Wimberley won the prize (a free play) for having the Best Hat at Pensacola DBC’s annual Kentucky Derby Party. The bridge winners were Kay Huke and Roberta Barnes in the Open Game, and Laura J. White and Loretta Davis in the 299er Game. Apparently, the Mint Juleps were also winners...



70% Club

75.92%	Duane Meeter/Margaret Meeter
72.96%	Betty Sheffield/Dale Miller
72.62%	Keith Johnson/Virginia Waterfield
72.59%	Audree Newman/Jan Omley
72.22%	Patrick Horton/Amy Peterson-Reznik
72.11%	Donna Moore/Bruce Karlson
71.88%	Charles Christmas/Roy Forman
71.35%	Gayle Marr/Karen Couch
70.95%	Barbara Rauch/Robert Rauch
70.83%	Jon Scharf/Robert Dale
70.54%	Stuart Siegel/Bob Dale
70.37%	Gayle Marr/Lee Anderson
70.00%	Nancy Myers/Cyndi Collins

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We had lots of fun responses to the "Pet Peeves" note from last month. Many added to the growing list! Here's one of the most aggravating!



This hand gesture is often used in the middle of play or as the hand moves toward the bidding boxit clearly (and illegally) says to everyone who is awake at the table, "You really left me in a pickle, now what?" or "You forgot to signal, I can't pull a rabbit out of this hat!" or "I haven't a clue what your bid meant!" It may merely be thinking 'out loud' but it still is sending an easy to read message!

This one sends me into a tailspin! Hand/Fist 'dropping' on the table..... it conveys a humiliating message!



If your partner uses this tactic, you should find a new view to have across the table!

Need I say more on this subject? I hope not!

70% Club

78.83%	Ken Farrar & Patricia Johnson	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
74.60%	Barbara & Bob Gasser	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-50
74.31%	Gwen Miller & Anne Mckenzie	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
73.93%	Warren Frost & Vern Schlemmer	Titusville Duplicate Bridge Club
73.81%	Helen Cox & Kathy Douglas	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
73.21%	Barbara & Bob Mercer	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
73.00%	Henry Schmerler & Sandra Hesse	The Quail West Duplicate Bridge Club
72.92%	Helen Cox & Kathryn Douglas	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
72.11%	Ann Piper & Lyn Buford	Riomar Club Bridge
72.02%	Ellyn Marshall & Joan Mc Cormick	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
72.00%	Francine Ambrosino & Patricia Johnson	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
71.83%	Celia & Harold Philllips	Vero Beach Bridge Club
71.62%	Joan Mc Cormick & Prue Robertson	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
71.15%	Julia Bomalaski & Martha Pehlke	Wickham Park Senior Center
70.84%	Marybeth Lindung & Jack Linduna	The Vineyards Duplicate Bridge Club
70.72%	Candace Griffey & Susan Mayo	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
70.69%	George Bleskachek & Nancy Marquardt	Vero Beach Bridge Club
70.64%	Joanne Machette & Bob Schives	Vero Beach Bridge Club
70.52%	David Seares & Richard Robinson	Wickham Park Senior Center
70.44%	Nancy Paul & Nancy Briggs	Vero Beach Bridge Club
70.39%	Clarice & Richard Helfand	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-299
70.26%	Tom Johnson & DonMarshall	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-299
70.24%	Barbara Metzler & Carole Shelby	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
70.23%	Jamie Portell & Charo Segura	Vero Beach Bridge Club
70.12%	Rob Colton & Jan Ward	Vero Beach Bridge Club

Unit 240 Managers and Directors

70% games are very special. If you have players with that percentage or higher, you can email a copy of the results to Jan Greene at jnjgreene@bellsouth.net. The names of the players and their percentage will be in the Sunshine Bridge News. Include the date, your name and the name of your club. If you have a website please give that address as well.

ACES TAKE FACES

by Monty Page

The subject of this diatribe, err ..., article, is an old, well known nursery rhyme, “Aces Take Faces”. The main idea is that the full power of aces is not realized unless they capture opposing honor cards.

The following deals are all from actual play, club games, at match points. I'm confident you'll spot a common theme. With both vulnerable,

♠ KQ103
 ♥ A9
 ♦ 963
 ♣ K987
 ♠ AJ8
 ♥ Q873
 ♦ KQ85
 ♣ Q2
 N
 W E
 S
 ♠ 762
 ♥ 6
 ♦ AJ742
 ♣ AJ105
 ♠ 954
 ♥ KJ10542
 ♦ 10
 ♣ 643

West	North	East	South
1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♦	Dbf ⁽²⁾
2♥ ⁽³⁾	2♠	3♥ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass
4♥ ⁽⁵⁾	All Pass		

(1) 11-14

(2) Lead directing. Hey, we see worse bids than this every day.

(3) After the double, promises 3+ hearts.

(4) Competitive, NOT inviting game.

(5) Accepting the “game invitation.”

North led the $\spadesuit 6$ (the 9 was too valuable), South won the ace, capturing only the 10. South switched to a spade, but it was too late. Declarer won the ace, and discarded dummy's two spade losers on the $\heartsuit KQ$. If South had covered dummy's 10 with the jack, she'd have lost her diamond trick, but gotten back two spade tricks in return. Down one was well above average for E/W.

We're not interested in the bidding, I think we can all agree it was not too good. The point here is that intermediate players often say, "But partner, I had to take my ace, dummy had a singleton". The sad thing is that South probably never realized that best defense would hold declarer to seven tricks. Of course that double

induced a diamond lead, ensuring at least 8 tricks for declarer. Lest you think this is a rare case, let me show you some more. With neither vulnerable,

♠ KQ87
♥ Q10
♦ 865
♣ KQJ4

♠ —
♥ 987652
♦ 43
♣ A10732

N
W E
S

♠ J95
♥ KJ3
♦ QJ109
♣ 865

♠ A106432
♥ A4
♦ AK72
♣ 9

West	North	East	South
	1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♥
3♥	3♠ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4♥ ⁽³⁾
5♣	Pass	5♥	6♠
All Pass			

(1) 11-14

(2) After overcall, $3+\spadesuit$. If only $3\spadesuit$, probably a max.

(3) Control bid, in theory denying controls in clubs or diamonds.

Luckily for E/W, East got off to a \heartsuit lead, as a heart lead gives declarer her 12th trick. Declarer drew trumps, finishing in dummy, led a \clubsuit toward her hand, and West hopped up with the A. This set up three discards, which declarer used to get rid of dummy's three red suit losers.

This is the continuing theme: When the singleton is led, West **MUST** play low. When she played the ace, she captured declarer's ♣4. This is known as “beating air”. It's true, if she had played low (actually, she should cover the ♣9 with the ten, as she must hope her partner has the ♣8; but it probably won't matter, as declarer is unlikely to let the ♣9 ride), she'd have lost her club ace. In return, she prevents declarer from taking three discards.

In fact, it is BECAUSE dummy holds a singleton that West must duck.

Watch more closely: If West covers the ♠9 with the 10, declarer will win the jack. She's still looking at a ♦ loser and a ♥ loser. She can get rid of the ♥ loser by leading the ♠K and letting it ride. Now West gets her ♣A back, and declarer still has a diamond loser. Declarer can pitch one of dummy's diamonds on the ♠Q, but cannot get

rid of both of them. Alternatively, declarer can ruff three ♣ in dummy, but must still lose a ♦ and a ♥. No matter how she wriggles, she must lose two tricks if West ducks the first club.

Let's see, play low and lose the ♣A, but win two tricks. Or, take the ♣A, and let the slam make. Seems easy to me. By the way, does it really matter if West loses her ♣A and declarer makes 13 tricks instead of 12? No, it's a bad score either way. To avoid the bad score, E/W must beat the slam, and that won't happen if West uses her ace to capture declarer's ♠K.

But wait, there's more. With N/S vulnerable,

	♠ 76	
	♥ A 10 7 3	
	♦ 82	
	♣ K J 8 7 5	
♠ K Q 8 2		♠ A 9 5 4
♥ 4		♥ K Q 8 6 2
♦ A K J		♦ Q 7 6
♣ A 6 4 3 2		♣ Q
	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W<div>E</div>S</div> </div>	
	♠ J 10 3	
	♥ J 9 5	
	♦ 10 9 5 4 3	
	♣ 10 9	

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♠			

E/W vaulted into 6♠, and North led a trump. Declarer won the trump in hand, and led a heart toward dummy. North fell from grace, rising with the ace (capturing the deuce), and now the slam could not be beaten. If North had played low, declarer would have been unable to set up enough heart tricks to discard all of her ♣ losers, and would have gone down. After North took the ♥A, declarer got two ♣ discards on the ♥KQ, a third on the fifth ♥ after the suit broke 4-3, and ruffed a ♣ in dummy.

North was worried about declarer having a singleton ♥. In fact, it is exactly that situation which makes it important for North to duck the first ♥. If declarer has a second ♥, she can return to her hand to lead another toward dummy, and since North can do nothing to prevent declarer from making both of dummy's honors, she can take her ♥A then. If declarer started with a singleton ♥, playing low holds declarer to ONE ♥

trick (plus the fifth ♥) while playing the ace gives her the ♥KQ (for two discards).

After the hand, West said it was a good thing she took her ace, since declarer turned up with a singleton, because if she'd ducked, she'd have lost it. Finally, with both vulnerable,

	♠ A 10 9 7	
	♥ A 9 8 6 3 2	
	♦ 9	
	♣ 6 3	
♠ 5 2		♠ J 6
♥ K Q		♥ J 10 7 5
♦ 7 4 3 2		♦ Q J 8 5
♣ 10 8 7 5 2		♣ A J 9
	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W<div>E</div>S</div> </div>	
	♠ K Q 8 4 3	
	♥ 4	
	♦ A K 10 6	
	♣ K Q 4	

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	4NT
All Pass			6♣

Declarer played the hand poorly, but as usual, the last error is the worst, and it is East's defense in which we're interested. Declarer won the lead of the heart king in dummy, drew trumps in two rounds, and cashed the ♦AK, discarding a ♣ from dummy. She then ruffed a ♦ in dummy, and led dummy's last club ... drum roll, please ... and East rose with the ace, capturing declarer's ♣4. Making six.

Look what happens if East ducks. Declarer still has two clubs and one diamond, but only one trump remaining in dummy, down one. But partner, I had to take my Ace, or I'd have lost it! Of course, if dummy had still had the second club, it would not have mattered whether East rose with the ace or not; it was the singleton that made it important for East to duck, forcing declarer to play her remaining clubs from her hand.

South can perhaps be forgiven for misplaying the hand, as she's a Flight C player with around 200 master points, but East has well over 6000 master points. After the hand was over, East said she would never duck that ace with a singleton club in dummy.

I'm sure I should finish with some sage advice, but I've lost inspiration.

Orlando Sizzling Summer Sectional



July 22 – July 24, 2016
Orlando Metropolitan Bridge Center

Friday, July 22

10:00 a.m.

499er Pairs - **Single Session** (Stratified by average)
(0-100/100-300/300-500)
Open Pairs - **Single Session** (Stratified by average)
(0-750/750-2500/2500+)

2:30 p.m.

499er Pairs - **Single Session** (Stratified by average)
(0-100/100-300/300-500)
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(0-750/750-2500/2500+)

Saturday, July 23

10:00 a.m.

499er Pairs - **Single Session** (Stratified by average)
(0-100/100-300/300-500)
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Add \$3 extra per session for unpaid and non ACBL members
Events stratified by average MPs unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, July 24

10:00 a.m.

Swiss Teams – Play Through (Master points Averaged)
(A = 2500+, X = 0 – 2500)
(Separate 0 – 499er)

Lunch is provided for Swiss Teams

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Saturday and Sunday Schedule

Stratified Open Pairs and 499er Pairs--10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Monday Schedule

Swiss Teams 10 a.m.--2 session play through

Entry Fees

\$12 single session--\$15 non-ACBL members

"C" 0-750, "B" 750-2000, "A" 2000 (pairs/teams averaged)

Swiss Team--\$100 includes catered barbecue lunch

Directions from I-95: Exit 188 Pineda Causeway east to Wickham Road. Turn right and go 2.9 miles. Turn left into Wickham Park after the college; 2nd building on your right

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At our Unit 243 board meeting in April, we settled on our Coral Springs December 12-18, 2016 Regional schedule. Call 888-236-2427, for Marriott rooms starting at \$155. The schedule is in the ACBL website, with our newest event, the flight B/C pairs (stratified as B=1,500-3,000 and C=0-1,500) highlighted in blue. At the Dec. Regional, I came across one newcomer, Ellen Adler, and at the same hotel in March/April for the Southeasterns, saw Marty McClain, an intermediate, and decided to profile them.

My interview questions were as follows: When did you originally learn duplicate bridge, and, if many years ago, what drew you back in? How long are you currently playing, and how many points do you have now? Are you retired or still working and what was, or is, your profession? What are your goals in duplicate bridge? When was your first regional, and how did you do? What advice would you offer other bridge players?

Ellen Adler's responses: I learned to play bridge when I lived in NYC in the early 1970's. Last June I retired as a Florida speech pathologist. I've just started playing again at the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, having resumed lessons last summer. I currently have 3.44 points, 0.89 of which were earned winning E-W in the 0-20 game at the December 2015 Regional. My advice is don't get discouraged by a bad game. It's a learning process, and helping you to continually grow "brain cells."

Marty McClain's responses: I learned in law school in 1977, and stopped around 1987 when my career took over. I returned to bridge in 2010, as something to do to get my mind off work. I am a working attorney, so the Quick Tricks evening and Saturday afternoon games are ideal for me. I have just over 200 points. My first regional was two years ago, and found it interesting enough to continue on this journey, although my primary goal is to exercise my mind. My advice is don't be discouraged by results, and care more about your mistakes than your partner's.

All the best,

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Swiss Teams on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month thru August at 1pm

Evening Games on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays at 6:30pm. Saturdays at 7pm.

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Mentor Night - every other Wednesday Evening at 6:30pm. July 13th is the next Mentor game. Please pre-register with Rosemary Boden (rosemary@ftlbc.com)

8 is Enough Swiss Teams on the other Wednesday Evenings. July 6th is the next game.

Upcoming Events

Monday, July 4th at 11:30am – 4th of July BBQ and Game

July 3-9 - Red Points (NAP +\$1 additional card fee)

Wednesday, July 14 at 12:30pm - ACBL International Fund Game

Monday, August 8th at 11:30am - Summer BBQ

August 8-13 - Silver Points (STaC +\$1 additional card fee)

Sep 1-5 - Annual Labor Day Tournament

Hollywood Bridge Club

We are offering in addition to our normal club activities, supervised play on Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30pm with either David or Sedat.

Pompano Bridge Club

Whew! Just in time for summer, we replaced one of our air conditioning units, which finally died after many years of service. It is now pleasantly cool in our clubhouse. Why not beat the heat by joining us for the coolest game around.

We have Open Games seven afternoons per week (12:30pm Monday thru Saturday; 1:00pm Sunday). In addition, we have 0-750 Games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at 9:30am. Friday evening's (7:00pm) game has been changed from a weekly team game back to Open Pairs for the duration of the summer.

Come celebrate our country's Independence Day on Monday, July 4th. We will host a traditional cookout before the game, with the grill being manned by Ed Rauch. The cost is \$6.00 (or bring a dish and eat for free!)

More good eats! We will have a "pot luck" luncheon on Saturday, August 6th. Again, the cost is \$6.00 (or bring a dish and eat free). Keep an eye on our website: www.pompanobridge.com for other special events throughout the summer.



Ellen Adler



Marty McClain

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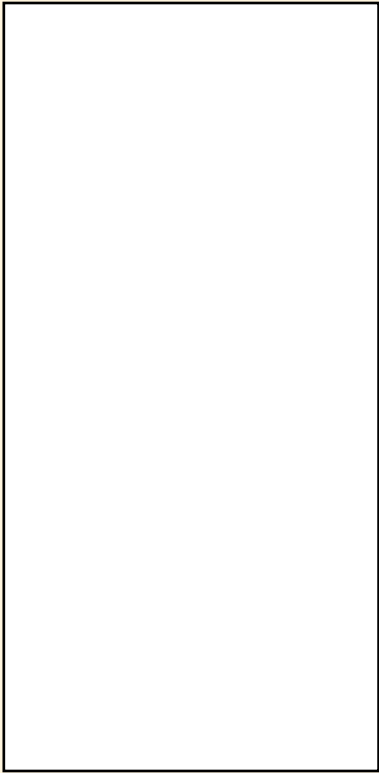
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