



District 4 Spot

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **BOB PRIEST**



The District 4 tournament Committee met in Claymont, DE to discuss several issues that would impact all our members.

First was North American Pairs. District 4 has probably the most inclusive Flight C conditions in ACBL. We pick our winners in a game contested across the entire district. Nothing here changes.

This is not possible in Flights A and B, where a maximum of two sites are permitted. A proposal was submitted and approved by the committee to rotate A and B around the District on a five year cycle. Flight A final would be contested 3 years in Philadelphia/Wilmington, one year North and one year West. Flight B would be contested at two sites 4 Years Philadelphia/Wilmington, 4 years North and 2 years West.

Second, we discussed returning regional bridge to Atlantic City. Harrisburg offered to give up the single Split-Site Regional tournament we are permitted annually in 2017 to permit a spring Scranton/Atlantic City Split-Site tournament. The offer was accepted and is being investigated.

The Executive Committee will be discussing both issues in Valley Forge, with full Board discussion expected in Liverpool. If you have input you wish added to the discussion, please contact one of your local unit members of the District 4 Board.

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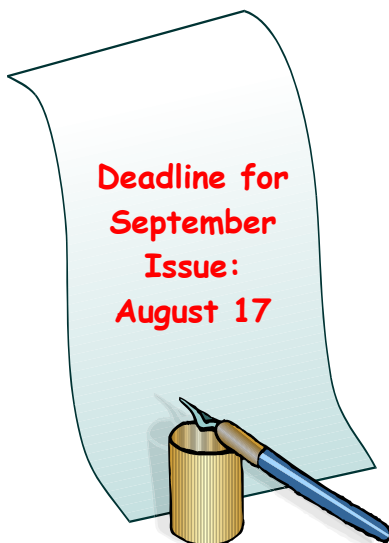
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Unit Websites

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- ♦ 121 - unit121bridge.com
- ♣ 133 - lvbabridge.org
- ♥ 141 - philadelphiabridge.info
- ♠ 168 - web2.acbl.org/hosted/units/unit168/index.htm
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DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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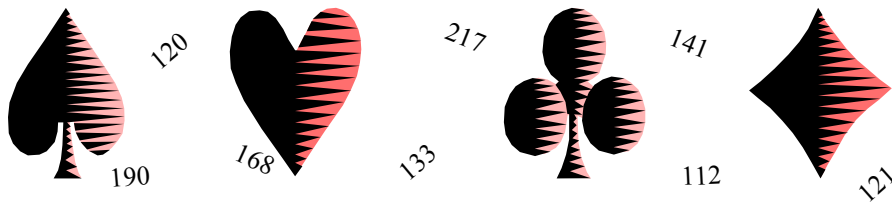
Twelve years ago, when I first was elected as your district director I had some specific ideas in mind for improvement. First was to raise the senior age of 55 to something higher.

In 2002 if you had a 20 table senior game and a 20 table open game at a sectional the senior game, because of its restriction, was rated at 80% of the open game (for masterpoint awards). On the surface the open game was awarded 5.00 MPs for 1st overall and the senior game was rated at 4.00. But the open game also got credit for the tables in the senior game so 1st was 8.33. Given that the senior game paid less than half of the open game why would anyone play in the senior game? There were two answers to this question. The senior often was played at 10 & 2 and the open game at 1 & 7. Those who preferred the 10 & 2 schedule had to play in the senior game. With the change to the earlier starting times at many sectionals, senior games dropped in popularity. The second reason was easier to understand. The better players opted for the event with more MPs, therefore, the senior game became 'easier' to win. But MPs eventually win out and more and more moved to the open games and the senior games have become almost extinct except in NY (D3 & D24) and in Florida where they believe 'senior' to be a badge of honor. Dave Treadwell died at age 97 having never played in a senior game. He wanted it raised to a more reasonable age because even in 2002 roughly 90% of our membership was 55 or over. I was able to get a 'Super Senior' event added to the NABC schedule where the eligibility is at least 70.

Another idea I considered was to have an NABC in Las Vegas and one in the Orlando area every year. The third one per year would bounce around from place to place. My logic was that these are our most popular locations (don't show this to anyone from Toronto) because they are fun spots and less expensive than many of the places we go. There were some problems with this plan. In D4 we get an NABC every ~6 years. That number would skyrocket to ~18 years. Locals make up ~15% of the tables at an NABC. Also, the volunteers in Orlando and Las Vegas would wear out. So I bought that logic and abandoned my NABC plan.

I believe if we cancelled the Regionals in Las Vegas and Orlando that would save the volunteers we have and we would only have to add a few. At the Memphis NABC we got to see many of the ACBL employees doing the work of volunteers and doing it well. I would think some of them might enjoy going to Las Vegas or Orlando to fill out the volunteer staff. We would still get 15% locals at the Orlando NABC; Las Vegas would be hard pressed to reach that number. A member of D4 once told me he budgets \$2000 per year to attend NABCs which he thought would cover two per year but inflation in airfare and hotel rates haven't heard of near 0% inflation. So maybe having Las Vegas as an option would get him to more NABCs and offset a smaller than usual number of locals. I also believe that our NABC meeting staff could do a better job negotiating with a hotel that we went to every year (there might actually be an employee there that they recognize).

From The Four Corners



CENTRAL NEW YORK 112

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Congratulations to DeWitt Henricks and his staff for hosting a successful Rainbow Tournament at Endwell May 17-18. He and his staff raised over \$1,100 for the Broome County Office of the Aging. Also Congrats to Ellie O'Conner and the people at the Ithaca Club for reinstating their sectional after giving it up two years ago. This came as good news as Watertown decided to cancel their June Sectional. We're nearly half way through the 2014 schedule with four more tournaments remaining: Rochester, July 12-13; Rochester, Oct 11-12; Binghamton, Oct. 18-19; and Waterloo, Nov. 8-9. Please put these dates on your calendar and make every effort to support these venues.

Our Regional staff has been busy planning this year's Regional at Liverpool (Aug. 4-10). This year, in addition to expanded hospitality offerings, Patti Lee, renowned Canadian Bridge Teacher and Director, is offering a Seminar on "inferences" on Tuesday, August 4th from 1-4pm. Check our website for further information. For more information on Liverpool, visit the District website.



NORTHEASTERN PA 120

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Lots of activity among Unit 120 members since our last installment. Our unit sent both Flight B and Flight C pairs to represent District 4 at the Nationals in Dallas: George Mansour/Walter Mitchell (B) and Ellen Preece/Lynn Gonchar (C). The team of Helen Tanski (capt), Lee Fett, Barbara Musnoff & Doreese Torrey took second place honors in Flight C of the Grand National Teams competition in May in Kingston. (See other flight winners elsewhere in this 4spot.) Bill Burns & Leslie Sloan (see above) wrested control of the Jeanne Liese Trophy during the Spring Unit Party with a two-session average score of 64.06.

Board elections will be held at the Patriotic Party July 27th in East Stroudsburg. Please RSVP Bill Haynes at whaynes@ptd.net. Event features two sessions of bridge wrapped around a bountiful buffet for just \$20!

Peggy George, age 96, of Hawley, died on March 20. Peggy was one of Honesdales long time players and played in the Honesdale game over 20 years. She started playing bridge as a youngster, and as all Honesdale players knew, played a highly competitive level up to the age of 95 when she thought it was time to stay home with her beloved Poodle Hannah, her stray cat she had rescued and

her pet dove. She got into duplicate bridge in the 1940's when her husband David, a serious bridge player, proposed to her. She will be missed terribly at the Honesdale games.

No one except a masochist likes public criticism. Avoid correcting/teaching/publicly reprimanding your partner. Remember: what comes around, goes around. That stuff you just dished out will look terrible on your face. Happy summer!



BERKS MONTGOMERY 121

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Our Annual Pro-Am Unit game, held on April 6th was co-chaired by Judy Sager and Jerry Hartle. Winners were Eugene O'Brien and Mehmood Kizilbash.

The One Great Day Of Learning was held at The Highlands on May 5th. This day marked the first anniversary of the Newcomers. There were over 20 tables for this Mentor/Newcomer event. A String Trio performed in honor of the occasion. The Unit recognized Dottie McCormick and Jack Berry for all the time and effort they gave to teach our new bridge players. Also thanks went to Jeri Kozloff, Education chair, who spent much time with the beginner program.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming Unit games: June 29th Pledge Of Allegiance Game, 1PM, Bridge Room At The Villa. July 13th, Summer Picnic, lunch at noon with bridge to start at 1PM, Bridge Room At The Villa.

On Friday, June 6th, there will be an Intermediate/Newcomer Sectional at The Bridge Room At The Villa, featuring a 10am and 2:00pm game with a gourmet lunch for the combined cost of \$25.00. For more info on the game please contact Brian Snyder, 4spadesdoubled@gmail.com. 484-838-0977. Lunches must be ordered in advance.

The Atlantic City Bridge/Casino bus trip will be Wed-Fri, September 3-5. For more info please contact Sue Wessner. There are still a few places left. The cut off is ten tables.

The Unit bridge cruise for next March 21 through 31 is still available for booking. Please contact Judy Sager- jsager@cruiseplanner.com for more info. We have had a tour of the ship and it is beautiful-NO FLYING!

We congratulate the following members for masterpoint achievements: Jr. Members; Cathy Readinger and Betty Hansen, Club Member; Pamela Harter, Sectional Master; Doug Chaney and Greta Douglas, NABC; Irish Murphy, Bronze Life Master; Richard Freitag, Gold Life Master; Wendell Wylie.



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The unit held a very successful sectional in April. Top point winners were Al Bingaman Jr., Dave Kresge, and Bill Parks. Our next sectional is also at the Lehigh Active Life (formerly the senior center) on 17 October thru 19 October. See flyer in next 4Spot.

Upcoming unit games are Sunday 29 June at the Temple in Easton at 1:00PM. It is a stratified pairs game; Sunday 13 July at 2:00pm at the Lehigh Active Center (Pro-Am pairs, a popular event); and on 27

July at 1:00PM at Brith Sholom in Bethlehem (Pro-Am Teams, another popular event).

Belinda Rose Anderson is continuing her beginner bridge classes and follow up classes at the Lehigh Active Center. Please contact Diane Nolan at the Active Center to sign up.

Special congratulations to the units newest life master, Mimi Lengel.

The unit was saddened by the passing of Ray Patridge and Henry Davis.

CLUB ONLINE PARTNERSHIP DESK FOR UNIT 133 CLUBS

District 4 has launched a new online partnership desk which is now available to clubs in our unit. This system is designed to enhance your bridge playing experience and to enable you to find partners and be able to play more bridge. This is your tool, use it to your advantage. The following unit clubs that have signed up are: Lehigh Active Life; Lehigh Country Club; Unit 133; Bethlehem Bridge Club; Saucon Valley Club; Easton Bridge Club; Easton Temple Bridge Club. See article on Page 20 for instructions on how to use the partnership desk.



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The election of Unit Officers for the year for 2014 took place on April 11, 2014. The new list of officers are: Unit President is Mike Giesler; Vice President is John Dickenson; Secretary is Wendy Dechadarevian; Treasurer is Phyllis Taxin; Business Manager is John Marks.

The Spring Sectional was held on April 11 – 13, 2014 at the Bala Golf Club Philadelphia, PA. Meyer Kotkin, Cherry Hill, NJ led all the other players with 30.58; Craig Robinson, Lansdale, PA was second with 26.82; Ray Raskin, King of Prussia, PA, third with 16.70. There was plenty of great hospitality at this tournament.

The Annual PCBA Membership Meeting and the Sonny Jaspen Trophy Game took place at Bala Golf Club on Sunday, May 18, 2014. An excellent brunch was served in the morning followed by brief meeting where the Unit President read the treasurer's Annual Report and announced the winners of "The Ace of Clubs" and "Mini McKenney" awards for the various categories. Robert and Marjorie Smink (Newtown Square, PA) were first and won the Sonny Jaspen trophy. The runners-up were Rich Rothwarf and Marilyn Reedinger (Philadelphia, PA), second; Harold Weiner (Lafayette Hill, PA) and Fran Abramson (Haverford, PA), third. The PCBA "Late Summer" Sectional tournament will be held on September 12 to 14, 2014 and "Fall" Sectional tournament will be held on October 10 to 12. Both will be held at Bala Golf Club.

The following is the Sectional schedule for 2015; all to be held at Bala:

- January 9 to 11: PCBA New Year
- February 6 to 8: PCBA Winter
- April 10 to 12: PCBA Spring
- October 9 to 11: PCBA Fall

The PCBA STaCs are scheduled for the following weeks in 2015:

- March 23 to 29
- November 9 to 15

The following are important future dates to remember:

- 2014 Valley Forge Regional at the DoubleTree by Hilton, June 16 to 22
- 2015 Valley Forge Regional at the DoubleTree by Hilton, June 22 to 28.
- 2016 Valley Forge Regional at the DoubleTree by Hilton, June 20 to 26.

- The District 4 STAC, Monday, August 18 to Sunday, August 24, 2014 and
 - The District 4 STAC, Monday, August 17 to Sunday, August 23, 2015 and
 - Philadelphia Spring North American Bridge Championships (NABC) March 8 to 18, 2018
- Hope to see at all of these above events.



CENTRAL PENN 168

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Hello again Unit 168 Members

Mark your Calendars for these upcoming events:

July 20th - 2 Session Swiss Charity - Hagerstown MD

August 10th - NLM Sectional at Bridge Boardroom, York, PA

August 18th - 24th - Dist 4 STAC - Silver Tournaments at the Clubs - A Great way to earn those Silver points.

Sept 12th - 14th - Sectional, Hagerstown, MD

Oct 27- Nov 2nd - RED ROSE Regional Lancaster, PA - Get your Team together and hop in the KO's and play for GOLD

Nov 21st - 23rd - Sectional in Harrisburg, PA

We are trying to promote *Bridge Bits* and reach as many members of the Unit as possible. If you know of anyone that would like to receive the Unit Newsletter by Mail or E-mail, please give them the following information. If you would like to receive a hard copy of Bridge Bits, send your name and address to Kelly Zeller, 3825 Mt Pisgah Road, York, PA 17406. Or if you prefer e-mail, kmzeller1@comcast.net

See you at the Tables.



DELAWARE 190

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Hope you plan to come to the beach in July....and play in our First State Southern Sectional which will be held Thursday, July 24 - Saturday, July 26 in Lewes DE. The tournament will be held at Lewes Presbyterian Church. Complete details are available at the Unit 190 website. Our Delaware beaches are wonderful and I know you will enjoy yourselves!

Unit 190 is working diligently on a new website and it should be on line within the next few months. Once it is up and ready it should have lots of information about our unit, along with results and hand analyses from our unit games and sectionals - all readily available to viewers. We are also trying to sign up as many of our unit members as possible for our email registry. The DSBA wants to be able to communicate with members via mass email to advertise unit games, annual meetings, sectionals and when the DUMMY is published quarterly on line. Mike Giesler of Unit 141 has been helping us with these two projects and we are very grateful for his time and efforts.

Congratulations to our Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Unit 190 winners for 2013. Many of our

players won in both categories: Peter Wise (0-5); Bernhard Angermeier (5-20); Jill Itzkovitz (20-50); Karen Pollak (50-100); Caroline Hughes (200-300); Spencer Kiernan (300-500); Elizabeth Mallon (1000-2500); Randy Berseth (5000-7500); Rick Rowland (over 10,000). Rick deserves special recognition for placing #152 on the Barry Crane Top 500 list with 736.13 master points.

Other Ace of Club winners were James Marshall (100-200); Jane Drevo (500-1000); Tom Kramer (2500-5000) and Jess Stuart (7500-10000). And, in the Mini-McKenney competition, winners were Barbara Saulsbury (100-200); Christine Matus (500-1000); Andy Stayton (2500-5000) and Richard Popper (7500-10000).

We also want to recognize members advancing through the ranks: Doug Herrmann and Tamara Holm, Life Masters; Judy Harrington, Bronze Life Master; William Dillon, Silver Life Master and Alessandra Graves, Diamond Life Master.



SUSQUEHANNA 217

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We want to thank and compliment the members of the Williamsport Bridge Club for hosting another successful spring tournament. The hospitality and efficient organization resulted in a wonderful experience for the participants. Gene Waltz and Arlene Andrews earned the top masterpoint total with 13.25 silver points each.

For those who are interested in earning red or gold master points, don't forget about the Valley Forge Regional Tournament held in King of Prussia from June 16-22.

Congratulations to Barbara Mateer who surpassed the 2500 masterpoint level to become a Gold Life Master!

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Jane Watts in March. She was an avid bridge player and she and her husband played frequently at the Williamsport Bridge Club. She will certainly be missed.

DISTRICT 4 GNT WINNERS

SUPERFLIGHT

JOANN GLASSON, BOB GLASSON, MEYER KOTKIN, COREY KRANTZ

FLIGHT A

**AL SHRIVE, DAVID MEYER, BARRY COHEN, NICK STRAGUZZI,
DONALD DALPE, RICHARD OLANOFF**

FLIGHT B

SAMUEL AMER, ROBERT TAYLOR, ANNE TAYLOR, DOUGLAS WHITE

FLIGHT C

JANE BECK, JILL ITZKOVITZ, NANCY HAILE, TERESA YOUNG





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I'm going to do this column a little differently. I'm not going to use quotes, at least not many. I will, where I can, summarize relevant discussion. If I remember, and all these hands are over six months old, I will tell you what worked.

Problem 1

Matchpoints, Dealer North, Neither Vul

South holds

S-J953 H-73 D-AQJ3 C-J85

West	North	East	South
--	1C	P	1S
P	2D	P	3D
P	3S	P	?

Your agreements are that 3D is game forcing and denies five spades.

Scores: 4D 25; 4C 23; 5D 15

There was substantial agreement that either 4C (145 votes) or 4D (152) was indicated, with a small contingent favoring 5D (56). The 4C bidders included *Michael Rosenberg, Josh Donn, John Diamond and Mike Passell*. The 4D bidders were just as distinguished: *Joel Wooldridge, Kevin Bathurst, Thomas Bessis, Fred Stewart*. The debate came down to whether 2D could have been on a three card suit in a 3-1-3-6 hand. In that case 4C should be belated tolerance. If 2D promised four diamonds 4C should be a cue bid. I really don't think anyone won that.

Unfortunately, I don't remember the actual hand.

Problem 2

Imps, Dealer West, N-S Vul

South holds

S-AKJ85 H-A D-J87 C-9854

West	North	East	South
P	1D	P	1S
P	2D	P	?

Scores: 3C 25; 2H 11

Obviously you want to force to game, and most likely investigate slam in diamonds. Unfortunately after a one level response it is harder to find an intelligent new force. New suits by responder are generally forcing, although in the auction 1C-1S-2C many experts play 2H as non-forcing and start all forces with 2D. You can't do that here.

Some people have adopted "responsive reverse Flannery" over an opening 1D: 2H shows less than a game force and five spades/four or five hearts. In that case 2H here can be an artificial force. Or a natural force.

Then there is the question of the meaning of 3H at this point. Some people play it is a splinter using the definition that bidding one more than is needed to force is always a splinter. Others use 3H here to show an invitational 5-5 in the majors.

There were some 450 votes on this problem. About two-thirds of them voted for 3C. They included *Michael Rosenberg, Josh Donn, John Diamond and Mike Passell, Steve Bloom and Fred Stewart*. A respectable group of experts (about 50) chose 2H. 3D, 3N and 4D attracted fewer votes. I don't think your problems are over when you bid 3C. But it is a clear consensus for the immediate problem.

Problem 3

Imps, Dealer North, E-W Vul

South holds

S-8 H-KQJ93 D-- C-AK108532

West	North	East	South
--	1S	P	2C
P	3S	P	4C
P	4D	P	?

Your agreements are that 3S shows a solid or semi-solid suit.

A) Do you agree with 4C?

Scores: 4C 15; 4H 11; 5D 8; 4S 7

This hand came up in the WC in Bali, and although I dislike using freaks this seemed to me to be an interesting problem.

In standard methods the auction is a discussion aimed at determining "how high?" and "what suit or no trump?" I had assumed that the common usage of the jump rebid in a game-forcing auction was to set strain: it said "as far as I am concerned, this is trump." The issue of this hand is in part whether that message can be overruled in unusual cases, or whether that determination is final. The answers here leave that open to question. 4C

received 200 votes. But some of the 4C bidders seemed to think that this is natural while others thought it is a cue bid in support of spades. 4H got 100 votes; all of them thought it is natural, an attempt to offer a new strain.

Joel Wooldridge: I'm bidding 4H then 5H over a 4S signoff. I think partner will get the idea that I'd like to debate his choice of strains w/this auction. Maybe we don't belong in 5S, but I'm unwilling to settle in 4S w/o exploring more possibilities. If I catch partner w/semi solid spades and a total misfit, I lose. But if he has solid spades he will correct to spades, and if he fits one of my suits he will bid 6. I'd also like to add that semi-solid w/a minimum should not be jump rebid- That is bad methods.

Joel may be right. He certainly has more high-level experience in his 20+ years than I have in my 50+. But he was the only person who expressed great objection to the conditions.

5D (50 votes) was intended as "exclusion KC Blackwood," spades were agreed.

My problem is that normally the jump to 3S sets trump, and with this hand you really have some doubts as to the correct trump suit. 4H, at least in my partnerships, will be interpreted as a cue supporting spades.

B) What now?

Scores: 4H 10; 4S 4; Other 5

This turned out to be less interesting. Having cued 4C you can't not show the second round heart control. This got 70% of the votes. A distinguished minority signed off in 4S.

I'm with the majority. If you bid 4S you deny a heart control. You have second round. You have to show it. Either by bidding 4H or by going past 4S.

As I recall the problem was to reach 6H or 7H when opener had AKQxxxx/A10/Kxx/x. Spades were 4-1, hearts 4-2 and clubs broke. Although 7S was certainly a reasonable contract, even 6S could be beaten with a trump lead. 6C was also a make.

Problem 4

Match points, Dealer West, Neither Vul

South holds

S-J H-A9854 D-A9854 C-J4

West	North	East	South
1S	P	1N	?

1N not forcing.

Scores: Double 25; 2S 23; 2H 20; Pass 16

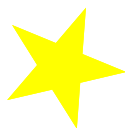
The votes split into two camps: about 280 who bid immediately and 200 who passed. The bidders were about evenly divided among double, 2H and 2S. There was a vocal foursome advocating 2D as a "DON'T" type action: the minor and a higher suit.

This really is the issue, though. You have an average hand in high card values, two suits neither of which is very robust. If you pass a couple of bad things can happen: it could go all-pass, and you probably won't be very happy; LHO might bid and the auction get back to you at an uncomfortable level. If you bid you might run into a misfitting buzz saw.

The doublers see an opportunity to get in at a low level and to convert partner's 2C to 2D showing the red suits. Whether this shows five hearts is problematic. The 2S bidders see an opportunity to show 5-5 in hearts and a minor without showing substantial values. The 2H bidders see too much risk getting to the three level via 2S and think that double does not show five hearts and does show more strength. They are all right.

The passers see that no action is perfect and choose inaction for the moment hoping for more clarity on the next round. They aren't wrong. Assuming they get another chance.

Bidding worked better than passing as partner had a 4-4-2-3 thirteen count with usefully placed values. Those who passed defended 1NT. Bidders reached a reasonable (and cold) 4H.



District MP Race Leaders through May 6, 2014

	<u>Mini McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Joe Distini	Joe Distini
5-50	William Mazzafo	William Mazzafo
20-50	Andrew Rosenberg	Mollie Slattery
50-100	Bill Kutrzyba	Bill Kutrzyba
100-200	Robert D'Avanzo	Jack Hund
200-300	Phyllis & Kenneth Hoover	Karen Pollak
300-500	John Noronha	John Noronha
500-1000	Bruce Lang	John Devereaux
1000-2500	Robert Maier	Robert Smink
2500-5000	Albert Shrive	Elaine Clair
5000-7500	Corey Krantz	Raymond Depew
7500-10,000	Meyer Kotkin	Melvin Lubart
over 10,000	Ed Bissell	John & Selena Swanson





VALLEY Forge REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

DISTRICT 4, PHILADELPHIA, PCBA UNIT 141

JUNE 16 – JUNE 22, 2014

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON VALLEY Forge



Website: www.district4.info



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Reservation cutoff date is May 16, 2014. After May 16 rooms may not be available and rate will be higher

For Hotel Information:
John Marks (215) 891-0602
Special Bridge Rate: \$119



Event Starting Times

10:00 AM and 2:45 PM

Evening Games 7:30 PM

Sunday Games 10:00 AM

Schedule Features

Kickoff Charity Swiss Teams on Monday at 2:00 PM
New Knockouts begin Monday Evening, Wednesday & Friday Mornings
Regional Compact KO Teams across 2 evenings—Tues-Wed & Thurs-Fri
Single Session Swiss Teams - Tuesday Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
KO Teams may be handicapped at discretion of the Head Director
MID CHART: Top Bracket in KO's & Sunday Swiss Teams Flight A/X
GENERAL CHART: For all other events

Daily Knockout Teams

Monday Kickoff Knockout Teams - (continues Tuesday).....7:30 PM
Tuesday Compact Knockout Teams.....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Wednesday—Thursday Knockout Teams.....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Friday—Saturday Knockout Teams.....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Saturday Compact Knockout Teams.....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Tuesday-Wednesday Compact Knockout Teams.....7:30 PM
Thursday-Friday Compact Knockout Teams.....7:30 PM

Open Pair Games

Monday Charity Open Pairs.....2:00 PM
Tues, Wed, Friday & Saturday Stratified or Strati-Flighted Pairs.....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Golden Opportunity Pairs10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Tues, Wed and Fri Golden Opportunity Pairs.....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM

Team of Four Games

Monday Charity Swiss Teams, single session.....2:00 PM
Tuesday & Saturday Compact KO Teams, two sessions, gold.....10:00 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Swiss Teams, single session2:45 PM
Tuesday-Wednesday Compact KO Teams, two sessions, gold7:30 PM
Thursday Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams, two sessions, gold.....10:00 AM
Thursday-Friday Compact KO Teams, two sessions, gold.....7:30 PM
Sunday Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams, two sessions, gold.....10:00 AM

Three Side Game Series (SGS)

Monday Eve-Tuesday, single sessions, SGS #1.....10:00 AM/ 2:45 PM/ 7:30 PM
Wednesday-Thursday, single sessions, SGS #2.....10:00 AM/ 2:45 PM/ 7:30 PM
Friday-Saturday, single sessions, SGS #3.....10:00 AM/ 2:45 PM/ 7:30 PM

Stratified Pairs & Teams will be by the average of the Pair or Team

I/N Events (0—5 MP Play Free on Tuesday!!)

Monday Charity I/N Pairs, single session.....2:00 PM
Tuesday—Saturday, single sessions.....10:00 AM/ 2:45 PM/ 7:30 PM
Tues, Wed. & Fri. Golden Opportunity Pairs (0-300/300+750).....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Thurs Golden Opportunity Swiss Teams (0-300/300+750).....10:00 AM & 2:45 PM

Tournament Highlights

- ♣ Terrific Hospitality Daily
- ♥ Pre-Duplicated Boards in Pair Events
- ♦ Two Daily Speakers
- ♣ Sunday Early Start and Finish

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VALLEY FORGE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

ACBL DISTRICT 4, PCBA UNIT 141

JUNE 16—JUNE 22, 2014



REGIONAL WEBSITE: www.district4.info

Monday, June 16

Stratified Charity Swiss Teams, single session..... 2:00 PM
 Stratified Charity Open Pairs, single session..... 2:00 PM
 Charity 299er Pairs, single session..... 2:00 PM
 Mon – Tue Bracketed KO Teams – Round 1..... 7:30 PM
Continues with Rounds 2 – 4, Tuesday 10:00 AM, 2:45 and 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #1 (1st of 4 Sessions)..... 7:30 PM
 299er Pairs, single session..... 7:30 PM

Tuesday, June 17

Tuesday Compact KO Teams (4 players only)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 Strati-Flighted Open Pairs—(X: 0-3000/ A: 3000+)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Golden Opportunity Pairs - (C: 0-300/ B: 300+ -750)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 299er Pairs, single sessions..... 10 AM / 2:45 PM / 7:30 PM
 Mon-Tue Bracketed KO Teams—Rounds 2, 3 & 4..... 10 AM / 2:45 PM / 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #1 (2nd of 4 Sessions)..... 10:00 AM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #1 (3rd of 4 Sessions)..... 2:45 PM
 Stratified Swiss Teams, single session..... 2:45 PM
 Tues—Wed Evening Compact KO Teams (1st & 2nd Rounds)..... 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #1 (4th of 4 Sessions)..... 7:30 PM

Wednesday, June 18

Wed – Thu Bracketed KO Teams – Rounds 1 & 2..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 Strati-Flighted Open Pairs – (X: 0 – 3000 / A: 3000+)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Golden Opportunity Pairs – (C: 0-300/ B: 300+ -750)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 299er Pairs, single sessions..... 10:00 AM / 2:45 PM / 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #2 (1st of 6 Sessions)..... 10:00 AM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #2 (2nd of 6 Sessions)..... 2:45 PM
 Stratified Swiss Teams, single session..... 2:45 PM
 Tues—Wed Evening Compact KO Teams (3rd & 4th Rounds)..... 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #2 (3rd of 6 Sessions)..... 7:30 PM

Thursday, June 19

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams—(X: 0-3000/ A: 3000+)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Golden Opportunity Teams—(C: 0-300/B: 300+ -750)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 299er Pairs, single sessions..... 10:00 AM / 2:45 PM / 7:30 PM
 Wed – Thu Bracketed KO Teams – Rounds 3 & 4..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #2 (4th of 6 Sessions)..... 10:00 AM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #2 (5th of 6 Sessions)..... 2:45 PM
 Thu – Fri Evening Compact KO Teams (1st and 2nd Rounds)..... 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #2 (6th of 6 Sessions)..... 7:30 PM

Friday, June 20

Fri – Sat Bracketed KO Teams – Rounds 1 & 2 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 Strati-Flighted Open Pairs – (X: 0 – 3000 / A: 3000+)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
Golden Opportunity Pairs – (C: 0-300 /B: 300+ -750)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 299er Pairs, single sessions..... 10:00 AM / 2:45 PM / 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #3 (1st of 6 Sessions)..... 10:00 AM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #3 (2nd of 6 Sessions)..... 2:45 PM
 Stratified Swiss Teams, single session..... 2:45 PM
 Thursday-Friday Evening Compact KO Teams (3rd & 4th Rounds)..... 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #3 (3rd of 6 Sessions)..... 7:30 PM

Saturday, June 21

Saturday Compact KO Teams (4 players only)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 Stratified Open Pairs, (0 – 750 / 750 – 2000 / 2000+)..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 Fri – Sat Bracketed KO Teams – Rounds 3 & 4..... 10:00 AM & 2:45 PM
 299er Pairs, single sessions..... 10:00 AM / 2:45 PM / 7:30 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #3 (4th of 6 Sessions)..... 10:00 AM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #3 (5th of 6 Sessions)..... 2:45 PM
 Stratified Swiss Teams, single session..... 2:45 PM
 Stratified Pair Side Game Series #3 (6th of 6 Sessions)..... 7:30 PM

Sunday, June 22

Strati-Flighted Open Teams (Finish by 5:30 PM)..... 10:00 AM
 Flight A: 5000+ A/X: 0 – 5000
 Flight B: 0 – 3000 (Round Robin Brackets, 3 teams in each bracket earn gold points)

Championship Pair and Team events will be stratified as listed
 Open single-session events, including the side series are 0-750/ 750-2000/ 2000+
 299er pair games 0-5/ 20/50/100/200/300, stratified based on attendance.
 Stratification in all events will be based on the average for the pair or team. In any event or flight with an upper limit, no individual player's Master Point total may exceed that upper limit.

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VALLEY FORGE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

June 16 to 22, 2014

DoubleTree by Hilton – Valley Forge
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King of Prussia, PA 19406
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Mark your calendar and reserve the following dates: June 16 to 22, 2014 for the Valley Forge Regional Tournament to be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in King of Prussia. This tournament site is very conveniently located for all players in the district and the surrounding districts and this will be the third year that the Regional Tournament will be held at this location. The tournament has returned to normally traditional time slot, namely, starting the day after Father's Day.

There will be plenty of free parking for either those players who choose to travel back and forth each day; or those who decide to stay overnight for the reasonable room rent rate of \$119.00 per night. The hotel staff will be very helpful and will cater to the bridge players to satisfy their various needs. Players who will be traveling back and forth each day should park in the parking garage near the entrance to the lower level of hotel's convention center.

All the guestrooms are equipped voice mail, individual climate control, area and writing desk. The hotel has catering to all the bridge players. T. American cuisine for dinner seven PM. Restaurant Three01 serves



with coffee makers, hair dryers, computer hook-ups with sitting two restaurants that will also be Burke's Restaurant serves days a week from 4:00 PM – 11:00 breakfast and lunch.

Hospitality provided by the tournament committee will be available Tuesday through Saturday during the day. The District President, Bob Priest, will also host players in an open suite each evening. Make sure you read the *Daily Bulletin* on line and signs that will be posted in the playing area for more information. Hospitality will be provided by our Hospitality Chairperson, Joan Brandeis. It will be provided before each morning session, Tuesday through Sunday. Sandwiches will be provided between sessions on Wednesday and Thursday. Check the *Daily Bulletin* each day for information concerning hospitality and various other activities that are occurring.

Many types of events are available to accommodate the levels of ability and wishes of the players. All the major events will start at 10:00 AM and 2:45 PM every day. Evening Events (7:30 PM) are available for those who cannot get enough Bridge. The Evening Sessions will be K/O teams, Compact K/O Teams and Side Series Pair Game. A Stratified Pairs will be held on Wednesday at 2:45 PM and 7:30 PM for those players who like to sleep late.

Golden Opportunity Pairs will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; the Golden Opportunity Swiss Teams will be held on Thursday. Golden Opportunity events are scheduled for 10:00 AM and 2:45 PM.

Partnerships can be arranged prior to the start of the games by our Partnership Chairman, Tom Purl. Players who may need a partner for any event on a particular day should report to the Partnership Desk one hour before game time.

A full Intermediate/Newcomer program will be provided and managed by Intermediate/Newcomer Chairperson Ala Hamilton-Day (Unit 141 and District 4). Experts that are attending the tournament will be giving formative instructions to the players before each I/N session. One day during the tournament, all I/N participants will be invited to a reception. Single I/N sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Monday Evening 7:30 PM
- Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 AM/ 3:00 PM /7:30 PM

This year a Teacher's Accreditation Program (TAP) will be held during the tournament. There will be three (3) sessions:

- Monday Morning 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
- Monday Afternoon 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Tuesday Morning 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Those who are interested in the TAP or want more information, please get in touch with Joann Glasson (joannglasson@msn.com).

This year for the first time we have adopted the "Fast Results" program that will allow the players to receive the results from their game instantaneously. Please read a related article in this issue of the 4 Spot by Joann Glasson.

The Tournament will participate in the "The Longest Day". At this time we are planning to have a one session "Pro-Am" game on Friday afternoon. Proceeds from the game will be contributed to the ACBL Charity which is the Alzheimer's Fund.

The masters point limitations and ranges for the Stratified and Strata-Flighted events were increased last year. These ranges are basically as follows:

A. Stratified Events:

- 1. Stratum A: 2000+
- 2. Stratum B: 750+ – 2000

B. Stratum C: 0 – 750

C. Strata-Flighted Events (Tuesday through Friday):

- 1. Stratum A: 3000+
- 2. Stratum X: 0 – 3000

D. Golden Opportunity Events:

- 1. Stratum B: 300+ to 750
- 2. Stratum C: 0 – 300

E. Strata-Flighted Team Game (Sunday)

- 1. Flight A:
 - a. Stratum A: 5000+
 - b. Stratum X: 0 – 5000 (a guarantee minimum of 40%)
- 2. Flight B:
 - a. Flight B: 0 – 3000 (Round Robin Brackets)

Please check the District 4 web site for more detailed information.

All of us on the Tournament Committee are looking forward to seeing you again this year and certainly there are enough activities to keep the most avid bridge player occupied and enthused for the seven days.



Fast Results comes to the Valley Forge Regional

Would you rather go have a bite to eat than stand around waiting for your results for the pair's game just completed? No more! You can now retrieve all of the information via the Internet.

If you already have a current email address registered with the ACBL, you don't have to do anything. If your email address is not registered, you simply send an email message to FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com. In the subject line, type in your ACBL number. No need to write anything in the message, just click send! If you'd like to pre-enroll to receive a link to your results via text message, send your ACBL number and last name to (312) 800-1790.

When the results are posted (generally within 15-20 minutes of completion of all sections during that session), you will receive an email notification. The email will contain links you can click on that will take you directly to your personal results and the field's results for that session.

If you choose not to sign up via email, but would like to view results for that day, you can log on to www.BridgeFinesse.com/FastResults/ValleyForge. Click on the Event> Date> Session. At the top of the screen you will see all the Master Points winners - if you scroll across their names you will see their picture (if available) and the approximate number of MPs they have. You can scroll down to see the summaries for all the sections that played during that session. If you wish to see the complete details for you and your partner, click on the number adjacent to your name – that will provide you a complete recap of all your results. If you wish to review your results in a traditional format, rather than clicking on the red highlighted game, continue to the right and click the N/S or E/W results as appropriate. The results will also be displayed on the Valley Forge web page, but may be delayed by 12-24 hours.

If you would like your picture linked to your name so it will appear in the online results page, send your picture to Help@TheCommonGame.com with your ACBL number in the subject line.

Finally, we want to emphasize the importance of verifying your correct score in the Bridgmate system before "accepting". It is much easier to correct the score at that point than after the game is completed.



TAP
TEACHER ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

JUNE 16th and 17th
Valley Forge Regional
Doubletree Hotel by Hilton
301 West DeKalb Pike

District 4 is subsidizing this program. The cost for the program is usually \$150, but District 4 members can attend for \$50.

The program will be taught by ACBL instructor, Carol Mathews.

The program is a total of nine hours in three sessions:

Monday 9 am to 12:00 pm

Monday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tuesday 9 am to 12:00 pm

You must attend all three sessions to be accredited. At the end there is an open book test that will be graded by the ACBL.

To register for the TAP Course:

Name _____

Email Address _____

Mail this form with a check for \$50, payable to District 4, to:

Joann Glasson

130 King George Road

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EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT BRIDGE, I LEARNED AT THE RACETRACK

My father was a very small-time horse owner, and this time of year, I am reminded about all those hours I spent at the racetrack. It's Triple Crown season, and here in the country, there are foals in the field. Horse season!



There's a saying that "On any given day, any horse can win," and my husband Gary and I proved that the first time we played in a midnight game. We were beginners, the bridge equivalent of 2-year-olds, less than 5 MPs and we were at the Las Vegas NABC, I forget the year. Gary convinced me that I could play **one more session**, "Come on, honey. It will be fun." (So many times in my life I've fallen for that line, rarely with good results!)

We signed up for Midnight Speedball where you have to play a board every five minutes. We weren't the least worried about the five minutes; we didn't play well, but we sure played fast. We showed up in the right place at the right time, and were horrified to see that all the Semi-Big Horses were also entered, and most of them were surrounded by an entourage. And they had all been to the bar first. Oh had they been to the bar. (Notice I'm not naming names here, folks. Get me privately for that.)

Gary and I were semi-paralyzed with fear (partly because I had never played with six kibitzers at the table. It was like the circus had come to town...) and were very timid with our bidding. Not the Semi-Bigs, tho'. They were bidding up a storm. Gary and I caught on fast that if we just kept quiet and then double their contracts we could rack up a few nice boards. Our strategy worked and at the end, we had come in second. Several of the S-Bs gave us some looks as if to say, "How dare those second-rate horses beat us!!" HA! On that night, the long-shots won.

Another very important lesson I learned at the racetrack is that in the horse world, your reputation is everything. Just like the bridge world, which is also small and arcane, everyone knows everyone, and no one forgets anything. Ever. I would hear my dad talking about how, with that person you could buy a million dollar foal on a handshake. But the other guy...don't buy a soda from him without a notarized receipt.

In the bridge world, reputation and respect are right out front too. For example, there was a player who occasionally showed up at our club. This person prided himself that he only has his bid 50% of the time. The rest, he'd make what he referred to as "tactical" bids. No one took him seriously as a player, only the newest uninitiated people would be his partner, and when he announced that he had become a director, people ran from the room so they could laugh in private.

What impresses people in the bridge world? Besides big winners? For one thing, a less experienced player gains a lot of respect just by taking lessons, by asking the advanced players how they would run the race for a particular hand, by watching and imitating the finest ethics and manners. People watch how you treat your partners, how you act when you trip up on a hand, how you act when you obviously take a top from someone. Your reputation is being built every day.

Earlier I said that no one ever forgets anything. Here's proof. The first time I ever played at a club, I was looking for an icebreaker, and I saw a notice for Swiss Teams on the bulletin board. "How long," I asked a woman, "will the Swiss be in town?" This was in 1989. Recently I heard someone say, "Remember the time Marti wanted to know how long the Swiss would be here?" Everyone laughed. Folks, it's been over a quarter of a century. C'mon, gimme a break here!

PARTNERSHIP DESK FOR ALL DISTRICT 4 SECTIONAL & REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE: WWW.DISTRICT4.INFO or at WWW.BRIDGEFINESSE.COM/D4PDESK/INDEX.

HOW TO USE THE PARTNERSHIP DESK SYSTEM

If you need a partner for any of these games, go to the District 4 website and click on the partnership desk. You will see various regionals and sectionals listed and in addition you will see a section for activate a club, click on that and all the clubs in the district will appear. Click on the club that you want a partner and all of the games that that club will be listed. Log into the system by entering your player number (this is the same number you use for entering your number in the bridge scorers), you also have to list your masterpoint range. If you are not sure enter what you think it is, the data base will correct you if it is wrong. Also enter your email address, you can also enter your phone number(optional) and the system you prefer to play (also optional). Then click on the game or games that you would like a partner for. That is all there is to it. When you list the games you need a partner for you will see all of the people currently looking for a partner, if you see anyone that you think would be a good fit you can contact them via email. Otherwise players needing partners will be contacting you. A verbal tutorial on the partnership web site also provides a very fine overview.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOMEONE CONTACTS YOU

When someone contacts you about playing in a game that you indicated that you need a partner for, if you think it is a good fit all you have to do is to contact that person by email and confirm your date. Both you and your new partner should then remove themselves from that particular game. The way to do that is to go to that club game and change the number from one to zero. That will show you no longer need a partner for that particular game. You should also do that if your plans change and you no longer can play or need a partner for that particular game. All the other games that you signed up for needing a partner will remain on the system.

When someone contacts you and you don't think it is a good fit, all you after to do is email the person back indicating you don't think it would be a good fit. That is all you have to do, you do not have to go into reasons why you don't think it is a good fit, there could be many reasons why it is not a good fit. If you have already made other plans to play in that game requested or if you can no longer play in that game, just email the person back indicating that.



A Spot 4 the Advancing Player

by Jay Apfelbaum

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This is a continuing series of articles written for the advancing player. I welcome any questions or suggestions about future articles. Please send them to the publisher. Who knows? You may be mentioned in a future article! Since beginning this series, I have been asked about several conventions. Keep asking! Your questions give me direction about what the next article should be about.

This article is about using the basics of bidding effectively. Most of us do not have time to assemble written system notes. This is what many accomplished partnerships have, but they have the time to do this. Some of these partnerships play professionally, so for them this is a matter of making a living. We are not professional players. We make our living in various ways, and we play bridge because it is our hobby or passion. This article is written to help us compete with “the big boys.”

We all talk to our partners about our conventional agreements. We hope to have a perfect understanding about them. The problem arises when we must depart from those agreements. This can happen during later rounds of bidding, but most often when the opposition competes for the contract.

Here is a typical problem. We open One Spade, and our left hand opponent overcalls Two Diamonds. Our partner bids Four Spades, and our right hand opponent competes with Five Diamonds. Who has the high cards here? Is our partner bidding with an opening hand, or does he have a bunch of spades with some distribution? The answer is critical to our choice to either pass, double or bid on. For example, if our partner has an opening bid, a pass by us would indicate a willingness to compete at the five-level. A double would merely express doubt that we can win eleven tricks with spades as the trump suit. On the other hand, if our partner has a bunch of spades with some distribution, then a pass by us merely says we should defend and hope for a plus score. A double would affirmatively suggest we should expect a plus score. We were probably going to make our four spade contract.

I suggest that, as a general principle, a partnership will be bidding on distribution and not power for direct raises and on power, with less distribution, with a cue bid. The cue bid is a raise based on high card strength. When the opposition bids on, we are in a position to know what our bids mean. This will give us a better chance to make the right decision in competitive auctions.

Let us explore just how this basic bidding principle works.

Board Number 15
 Dealer South
 Vulnerability North/South
 Form of scoring Matchpoints

South
 ♠ A Q 5 3 2
 ♥ K J 4
 ♦ 7
 ♣ K Q J 3

West	North	East	South
---	---	---	1♠
2♦	3♦ or 4♣	5♦	?

If North has a strong hand for a spade raise, we should be able to make eleven tricks with spades as trump. That should be a better plus score than anything we might be able to get on defense against 5♦, doubled. On the other hand, if North has a weak hand for a spade raise, we will be in a great deal of trouble if we bid 5♣.

This problem can sometimes be solved in advance by North indicating which hand he holds. With a strong hand, North cue bids 3♦. With a weak hand, North jumps to 4♣.

Here are two possible hands:

North			
♠ K 10 7 6 4			
♥ Q 9			
♦ 4			
♣ A 9 8 7 5			

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

South			
♠ A Q 5 3 2			
♥ K J 4			
♦ 7			
♣ K Q J 3			

For the hand on the left, when North has a strong raise, North-South have an easy ride to eleven tricks in a spade contract. Meanwhile, East-West will make nine tricks for a profitable sacrifice if left to play the hand.

For the hand on the right, when North has a weak raise, North-South could be held to just eight tricks if West leads his singleton club. Meanwhile, East-West have an easy road to ten tricks in a diamond contract.

For the hand on the left, South must keep bidding. For the hand on the right, South has to pass and count himself lucky that East-West got too high.

The problem does not disappear on hands like this, but remembering to cue bid on strong hands and raise on distributional ones can make life a little easier.

Not every hand involves a competitive, high level decision. You are playing a five-card major / two-over-one bidding system. Consider this hand:

Board Number	10
Dealer	East
Vulnerability	Both
Form of scoring	Matchpoints

	South
♠	A K 8 5 3 2
♥	K Q J
♦	8 2
♣	9 3

West	North	East	South
---	---	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	?

Partner is exploring slam possibilities. We have a heart fit, but also a minimum opening bid. If we cue bid, we might get too high. If we sign off in 4♥, we might miss out on a perfectly fine heart slam. What do we do?

Partner chose to make a slam try. Hearts will be the trump suit. What can partner have for this bid?

Let us remember that Partner's 2NT was forcing. He is permitted to have more than a minimum opening bid. So, Partner will have more than an opening bid. This must include the Ace's of both hearts and clubs. That will not be enough to support his auction, so Partner must have a number of other honor cards. Consider also that Partner's heart suit cannot be very good; he is missing the middle three heart honors.

Examining our hand, we have three of the six key cards needed for slam (♠A, ♥K and ♥Q). That is pretty good consider Partner is making the first move toward slam. We should cooperate, but is it safe? Is it possible we could be at risk of going down at the five-level?

The answer is that we should not be in trouble at the five-level. Also, we are not at risk of getting to a slam missing two diamond winners. We will be 4♠. By skipping over the diamond suit, we are alerting Partner to the fact that we have no help there. If Partner has no diamond control, we will stop at the five-level.

Here are two possible hands:

		North				North	
		♠ J				♠ J	
		♥ A 10 8 7 4				♥ A 10 8 7 4	
		♦ K Q 6 3				♦ Q J 10 3	
		♣ A K 8				♣ A K Q	
West		East		West		East	
♠ 9 7		♠ Q 10 6 4		♠ 9 7		♠ Q 10 6 4	
♥ 6 5 3 2		♥ 9		♥ 6 5 3 2		♥ 9	
♦ A 9 5		♦ J 10 7 4		♦ 9 6 5		♦ A K 7 4	
♣ J 6 5 4		♣ Q 10 7 2		♣ J 6 5 4		♣ 10 8 7 2	
		South				South	
		♠ A K 8 5 3 2				♠ A K 8 5 3 2	
		♥ K Q J				♥ K Q J	
		♦ 8 2				♦ 8 2	
		♣ 9 3				♣ 9 3	

In the hand on the left, Partner has a diamond control. When we bid 4♠, Partner can bid 6♥. In the hand on the right, Partner has no diamond control. When we bid 4♠, an aggressive Partner may bid 5♣. This will ask if we have a diamond control. We do not, so 5♥ will be the final contract. A conservative Partner might bid 5♥ over our 4♠ cue bid. We will, of course, pass that choice.



Holiday Inn
441 Electronics Parkway
Liverpool, NY
315-457-1122

Burt Garrell Regional in Liverpool, NY

August 4 through August 10, 2014

Daily Gold Rush 750 pts & Under

These are two session events and gold is awarded to overall and section tops in the top strat.

Monday, August 4

Rickleff ROKs (rd. 1)	7:30 pm
Stratified Charity Pair	7:30 pm

Tuesday, August 5

Rickleff ROKs (rds. 2, 3 & 4)	10 am, 2:30 pm, 7:30 pm
Syracuse ROKs (rds. 1 & 2)	2:30 pm, 7:30 pm
Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Lori D's Side Game Series (rds. 1 & 2)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Gold Rush Games (2 sessions)	10 am, 2:30 pm
99er Game (Min. 3 tables)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 6

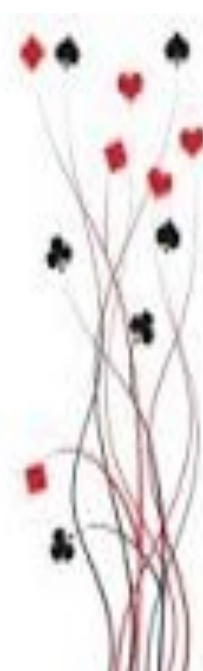
Syracuse ROKs (rds. 3 & 4)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Rochester ROKs (rds. 1 & 2)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Lori D's Side Game Series (rds. 3 & 4)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Gold Rush Games (2 sessions)	10 am, 2:30 pm
99er Game (Min. 3 tables)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Evening ROKs (rd. 1)	7:30 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7:30 pm

Thursday, August 7

Rochester ROKs (rds. 3 & 4)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Utica ROKs (rd. 1 & 2)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Open Swis: Teams (0-2000, 2000+)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Judy B's Side Game Series (rds. 1 & 2)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Gold Rush Swis: Teams (2 sessions)	10 am, 2:30 pm
99er Game (Min. 3 tables)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Evening ROKs (rd. 2)	7:30 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7:30 pm

Friday, August 8

Utica ROKs (rds. 3 & 4)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Binghamton ROKs (rds. 1 & 2)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Judy B's Side Game Series (rds. 3 & 4)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Gold Rush Games (2 sessions)	10 am, 2:30 pm
99er Game (Min. 3 tables)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Evening ROKs (rd. 3)	7:30 pm
Evening Watertown Compact ROKs (rd. 1)	7:30 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7:30 pm



Saturday, August 9

Binghamton ROKs (rds. 3 & 4)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Ithaca Bracketed Round Robin Swiss (no withdrawal)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+)	10 am, 2:30 pm
July B's Side Game Series (rds. 5 & 6)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Gold Rush Games (2 Sessions)	10 am, 2:30 pm
99er Games (Min. 3 tables)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Evening ROKs (rd. 4)	7:30 pm
Watertown Compact ROKs (rd. 2)	7:30 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7:30 pm

Sunday, August 10

Stratified Swiss Teams *	10:00 am
Gold Rush Swiss	10:00 am
199er Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)	10:00 am
Masterpoint Stratification - Team Average	

Top Bracket may be Handicapped

Open Stratified Events

A - 2000+; B - 750-2000; C - 0-750

Open Pairs/Swiss

A: 2000+; x: 0-2000

Gold Rush Games

B-300-750; C - 100-300; D 0-100

199er Games - 0-50, 50-100, 100-200

99er Games - 0-20, 20-50, 50-100

Sunday Gold Rush and A/B Swiss (stratified by team average)

A/B: A - 2000+, x - 0-2000

Gold Rush: 300-750; 0-300

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Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool - Accommodations, bridge Rate, Join Priority Club,

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Special Functions



**GOLD RUSH GAMES ON TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
GOLD RUSH TEAMS ON THURSDAY & SUNDAY**

BRIDGE LESSON WITH PATTI LEE

(A Fund Raiser for Schools in Cambodia)

Monday, August 4, 2014, 1-4pm

Holiday Inn, 441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool, NY 13088
(Syracuse/Liverpool Regional begins at 7:30pm on August 4th;
Details on the tournament are at www.district4.info)

Topic: INFERENCES

An inference is a conclusion drawn from a call or play made by partner or by an opponent. Inferences start with the bidding and continue throughout the play by actions made by both the declarer and the defenders. *It is not only what we say, but what we do not say that matters.* The lesson will focus on how we can use inferences to help us in the play of the hand. Patti promises to make it fun and informative. Notes will be provided. There will be lots of practice hands. Bring your friends!



Registration at 1pm. The lesson will be from 1:15 - 4 pm. Cost is a suggested donation of \$25 (or more); please write the check to the Canadian Landmine Foundation. A charitable donation tax receipt will be issued for the full amount. (More information on this project is on the back)

Pre-Registration is requested in order to ensure there are sufficient handouts. To register for this lesson, please fill out the form below and send it with your check to: **Mary Miller, 170 West Gibson Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424-1455.** For more information, please contact Mary at (585) 394-7899 or mary.miller028@gmail.com

Bridge Lesson with Patti Lee – 8/4/2014

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

DISTRICT 4 STARS



1. Meyer Kotkin, Cherry Hill NJ`	105.39
2. Corey Krantz, Philadelphia	105.39
3. Eric Greco, Wynnewood PA	80.12
4. Ronald Orr, Falling Waters WV	48.42
5. Thomas Andrews, Utica NY	48.33
6. Wang Zhuo, Philadelphia	45.00
7. Donald Dalpe, Baldwinsville NY	41.84
8. Susan Kestenbaum, Jenkintown PA	41.56
9. Albert Shrive, Dalton PA	39.25
10. Peter Kyper, West Chester PA	37.12



1. Rick Rowland, Wilmington DE	63.69
2. Martin Rabinowitz, Narberth PA	63.69
3. Ken Cohen, Philadelphia	63.69
4. Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA	45.34
5. Robert Maier, Morgantown WV	44.84
6. Marty Seligman, Philadelphia	43.24
7. Ed Bissell, State College PA	37.12
8. Ala Hamilton-Day, Rose Valley PA	33.84
9. Andrew Stayton, Rehoboth Bch DE	33.37
10. Randall Berseith, Bear DE	27.13





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★ starting every day ★

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BETHESDA, MARYLAND

JUNE 30-JULY 6, 2014

Strats determined by MP averages, but no single player may exceed event limit

MONDAY, JUNE 30

Stratified Educational Foundation Pairs.....	1:30
Stratified Educational Foundation Swiss Teams.....	1:30
Educational Foundation 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	1:30
Thomas Jefferson KO.....	7:30

Continues 9:30, 1:30 and 7:30 Tuesday

Strat. Charity Pairs/Baltimore Side Series (1st of 5).....	7:30
Charity 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	7:30

TUESDAY, JULY 1

0-5 MP Players FREE TODAY

Martha Washington Compact KO.....	9:30
<i>Two 12-board matches; continues 9:30 Wednesday</i>	
Allegany (Morning) Side Series (1st of 5).....	9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300.....	9:30 / 1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Daylight Pairs.....	10:30 & 3:00
Abraham Lincoln KO.....	1:30 & 7:30

Continues 1:30 and 7:30 Wednesday

Open Pairs 0-3000/3000+.....	1:30 & 7:30
Potomac River GOLD POINT Pairs	
0-300/300-750.....	1:30 & 7:30
Baltimore Side Series (2nd and 3rd of 5).....	1:30 / 7:30
I/N Swiss Teams 50/100/300.....	7:30
Stratified Board-A-Match Teams.....	7:30

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Abigail Adams Compact KO.....	9:30
<i>Two 12-board matches; continues 9:30 Thursday</i>	
Allegany Side Series (2nd of 5).....	9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300.....	9:30 / 1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Daylight Pairs.....	10:30 & 3:00
James Monroe KO.....	1:30 & 7:30

Continues 1:30 and 7:30 Thursday

Baltimore Side Series (4th and 5th of 5).....	1:30 / 7:30
Open Pairs 0-3000/3000+.....	1:30 & 7:30
Tidal Basin GOLD POINT Pairs	
0-300/300-750.....	1:30 & 7:30
I/N Swiss Teams 50/100/300.....	7:30
Stratified Swiss Teams.....	7:30

THURSDAY, JULY 3

Dolley Madison Compact KO.....	9:30
<i>Two 12-board matches; continues 9:30 Friday</i>	
Allegany Side Series (3rd of 5).....	9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300.....	9:30 / 1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Daylight Pairs.....	10:30 & 3:00
Jerry Machlin A/X Swiss (0-5000/5000+).....	1:30 & 7:30
Jerry Machlin Bracketed Flight B Swiss.....	1:30 & 7:30

(Eight-team brackets by masterpoints;

3 teams in each bracket win gold)

Calvert Side Series (1st and 2nd of 4).....	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Board-A-Match Teams.....	7:30

FRIDAY JULY 4

Mamie Eisenhower Compact KO.....	9:30
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Two 12-board matches; continues 9:30 Saturday

Allegany Side Series (4th of 5).....	9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300.....	9:30 / 1:30 / 7:30
Open Pairs 0-3000/3000+.....	10:30 & 3:00
Great Falls GOLD POINT Pairs	
0-300/300-750.....	10:30 & 3:00
Andrew Jackson KO.....	1:30 & 7:30

Continues 1:30 and 7:30 Saturday

Stratified Fast Pairs.....	1:30 & 4:30
Calvert Side Series (3rd and 4th of 4).....	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Swiss Teams.....	7:30
I/N Swiss Teams 50/100/300.....	7:30

SATURDAY, JULY 5

Stratified Swiss Teams.....	9:30
Allegany Side Series (5th of 5).....	9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300.....	9:30 / 1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Daylight Pairs.....	10:30 & 3:00
Teddy Roosevelt KO.....	1:30 & 7:30

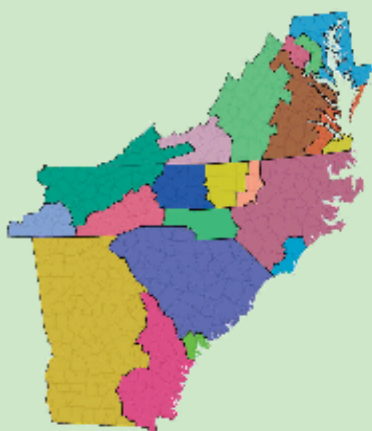
Continues 10:30 and TBA Sunday

Open Pairs 0-3000/3000+.....	1:30 & 7:30
Chesapeake Bay GOLD POINT Pairs	
0-300/300-750.....	1:30 & 7:30
Frederick Side Series (1st and 2nd of 4).....	1:30 / 7:30
I/N Swiss Teams 50/100/300.....	7:30
Stratified Board-A-Match Teams.....	7:30

SUNDAY, JULY 6

Kitty Gottfried A/X Swiss (0-5000/5000+).....	10:30 & TBA
Kitty Gottfried Bracketed Flight B Swiss.....	10:30 & TBA
<i>(Eight-team brackets by masterpoints;</i>	
<i>3 teams in each bracket win gold)</i>	
Frederick Side Series (3rd and 4th of 4).....	10:30 / 2:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300.....	10:30 / 2:30

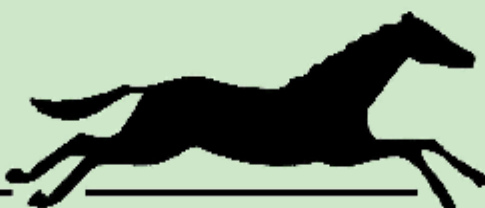
- Open Events, and Side Series, are stratified 0-750/750-300/3000+ unless noted otherwise
- Gold Rush Pairs award gold points to overall winners and 0-750 section tops; red points to 0-300 strat
- Under 300 MP and single session events stratified at director's discretion
- All KO are bracketed, random draw, and include 0 – 300 players; one and two bracket KO events handicapped



HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND REGIONAL

MID-ATLANTIC BRIDGE CONFERENCE

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August 11–17, 2014

The Hunt Valley Inn

245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031

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♣ Four days of GOLD RUSH

♣ Welcome party on Friday
for all 0-300 players

♥ Renowned MABC
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♦ Tons of free parking!

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HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND REGIONAL

UPDATED AUGUST 11-17, 2014 UPDATED

Strats determined by MP averages, but no single player may exceed the event's limit

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Education Foundation Pairs.....	1:30
Education Foundation Swiss Teams.....	1:30
Education Foundation 100/200/300 Pairs.....	1:30
Kickoff Knockouts.....	7:30

Continue 9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm Tuesday

Stratified Open Charity Pairs.....	7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Charity Pairs.....	7:30

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

0-5 MP pair players FREE today

Fort McHenry Compact Knockouts.....	9:30
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12-board matches, continue 9:30 am Wed

Ravens AM Side Series (1st of 5).....	9:30
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs.....	9:30
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams.....	10:30 & 3:00
Terrapin Knockouts.....	1:30 & 7:30

Continue 1:30 & 7:30 Wednesday

Open Pairs (0-3000, 3000+).....	1:30 & 7:30
Black-Eyed Susan GOLD RUSH Pairs I (0-300 red, 300-750 gold).....	1:30 & 7:30
Hunt Valley Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6).....	1:30 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	1:30 / 7:30
0-5 Trophy Pairs.....	1:30
Stratified Open Swiss Teams.....	7:30
100/200/300 Swiss Teams.....	7:30

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Preakness Compact Knockouts.....	9:30
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12-board matches, continue 9:30 am Thursday

Ravens AM Side Series (2nd of 5).....	9:30
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs.....	9:30
Daylight Open Pairs.....	10:30 & 3:00
Maryland Knockouts.....	1:30 & 7:30

Continue 1:30 & 7:30 Thursday

Open Pairs (0-3000, 3000+).....	1:30 & 7:30
Black-Eyed Susan GOLD RUSH Pairs II (0-300 red, 300-750 gold).....	1:30 & 7:30
Hunt Valley Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6).....	1:30 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams.....	7:30
100/200/300 Swiss Teams.....	7:30

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Inner Harbor Compact Knockouts.....	9:30
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12-board matches, continue 9:30 am Friday

Ravens AM Side Series (3rd of 5).....	9:30
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs.....	9:30
Stratified Senior Pairs.....	10:30 & 3:00
A/X Swiss Teams (0-5000, 5000+).....	1:30 & 7:30
Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams (no player over 3000 MPs).....	1:30 & 7:30

*Eight-team brackets by masterpoints;
3 teams in each bracket win gold*

Stratified Open Pairs.....	1:30 & 7:30
Hunt Valley Side Series (5th, 6th of 6).....	1:30 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Open Swiss Teams.....	7:30
100/200/300 Swiss Teams.....	7:30

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

National Aquarium Compact Knockouts.....	9:30
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12-board matches, continue 9:30 am Saturday

Ravens AM Side Series (4th of 5).....	9:30
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs.....	9:30
Daylight Open Pairs.....	10:30 & 3:00
Hunt Cup Knockouts.....	1:30 & 7:30

Continue 1:30 & 7:30 Saturday

Open Pairs (0-3000, 3000+).....	1:30 & 7:30
Black-Eyed Susan GOLD RUSH Pairs III (0-300 red, 300-750 gold).....	1:30 & 7:30
Orioles Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6).....	1:30 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams.....	7:30
100/200/300 Swiss Teams.....	7:30

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Stratified Open Swiss Teams.....	9:30
Ravens AM Side Series (5th of 5).....	9:30
Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs.....	9:30
Daylight Open Pairs.....	10:30 & 3:00
Weekend Knockouts.....	1:30 & 7:30

Continue 10:00 & 2:00 Sunday

Open Pairs (0-3000, 3000+).....	1:30 & 7:30
Black-Eyed Susan GOLD RUSH Pairs IV (0-300 red, 300-750 gold).....	1:30 & 7:30
Orioles Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6).....	1:30 / 7:30
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Open Swiss Teams.....	7:30
100/200/300 Swiss Teams.....	7:30

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Swiss 7 seven-board matches w/ 30-min break

A/X Swiss Teams (0-5000, 5000+).....	10:00 am
Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams (no player over 3000 MPs).....	10:00 am

*Eight-team brackets by masterpoints;
3 teams in each bracket win gold*

Orioles Side Series (5th, 6th of 6).....	10:00 / 2:00
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	10:00 / 2:00
50/100/300 Swiss Teams.....	10:00 / 2:00

General Conditions of Contest

- Senior and Side Game events stratified 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
- Knockouts with one or two brackets are handicapped
- GOLD RUSH pairs pay gold points for overall section tops and overall places, red points for other section places and 0-300 stratum
- All under 300 MP events stratified at director's discretion

NAP **North American Pairs**

INTRODUCTION

The NAP is a major, national pairs event sponsored by the ACBL. It started in 1978 and was originally called the Grand National Pairs. NAP is a grass-roots event that is played in three stages and culminates at the spring NABC, where representatives from all 25 ACBL districts compete.

Players attempt to earn qualifications at local clubs throughout the summer. Eligible players then compete at the district level in the fall. Winners at the district level earn a place at the national finals in the following spring.

What	Club Qualifiers	District Finals	NAP Final
When	June, July, August	October	March
Where	local clubs	District site TBD	Spring NABC

The event is played in three flights:

Flight A	Open to any District 4 player
Flight B	Open to any District 4 player with fewer than 2,000 masterpoints
Flight C	Open to any District 4 player who is a non-life master with fewer than 500 masterpoints

CLUB QUALIFICATION

A player must qualify at a local club to be eligible to play in the District finals. Club qualification games are played at local clubs during June, July, and August. Each club decides when to run its NAP qualifying games, so check with your clubs for the schedule. You can qualify in more than one flight and play in any flight for which qualify, as long as there are no playing time conflicts at the district level. Qualifying at the club level is on an individual basis that is, if you qualify with one partner at a local club, you may play with anyone else at the District finals as long as both players are from District 4 and have qualified at a local club qualifying game. The club level qualification games award both black and red points.

advance from each flight to the NAP finals. The District finals award gold points in all three flights. Note that some districts in the ACBL also have optional Unit level championships; District 4 does not.

The top three finishers in each flight are eligible to play in the national event. In the event that any of the top three pairs cannot attend the national event, they are replaced with 4th and lower placed finishers down the line. The three pairs in each flight that represent District 4 receive the following monetary subsidies to help pay for the trip:

1st Place	\$700 per player
2nd Place	\$300 per player
3rd Place	\$100 per player

Each player **must** attend the national event to receive the award.

NAP FINALS

The NAP finals take place in March of the following year at the spring NABC (Nationals). District winners from around the country compete against each other for the national title. All 25 districts are represented and, over the years, winners have come from each of those districts.



DISTRICT 4

Sectional Tournament at Clubs

AUGUST 18 ~ 24

Check with your local club for scheduled games.



Tournament Schedule

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JUNE 5 - 7

State College Sectional Bridge Tournament Thursday-Saturday June 5-7, 2014

New Location!

***Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
780 Waupelani Dr. Ext.
State College, PA 16801***

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Stratified Open Pairs 11:00 AM
Stratified Open Pairs 4:00 PM

Stratifications:
Strat A (1500+)
Strat B (500-1500)
Strat C (0-500)

Friday, June 6, 2014

Stratified Open Pairs 11:00 AM
Stratified Open Pairs 4:00 PM

Saturday, June 7, 2014

Swiss Teams 11:00AM (Two Sessions with luncheon break)
(Strats based on team average)

Fees: Thursday and Friday (\$9.00 per session / \$12.00 non or unpaid ACBL members)
Saturday Swiss (\$98.00 per team for both sessions and lunch)

Director: Alexander Bealles

Chairperson: Jacqueline Humilovich (814-237-5534) psu4814@comcast.net

Hospitality: Susan Nichols

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Directions: Follow BR-322/Atherton Street to the light at University Drive. Turn onto University Drive (traveling east, turn right at the light; traveling west, turn left at the light). University Drive Extension becomes Whitehall Road. Follow Whitehall Road until you come to the first traffic light, the YMCA will be on the right). Turn left onto Waupelani Drive Ext. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is straight ahead.

JUNE 6

Intermediate Newcomer Sectional Tournament

**Friday June 6, 2014
The Bridge Room at Sacred Heart Villa
51 Seminary Avenue
Reading PA 19605**

Two sessions: 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Stratification:

Non Life Masters

A = 500 – 750

B = 250 - 500

C = 0 - 250

Stratification subject to change based on attendance.

Game fee is \$9 per session.

\$3 additional for non or unpaid ACBL members

**We are offering a package of both sessions with a gourmet
lunch in between for \$25.**

All Lunch orders MUST be placed in advance.

For partnerships, to order lunch, or other questions contact

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JUNE 6 - 8

Summer Sectional Bridge Tournament Unit 120

June 6-8, 2014
Independent Fire Company,
166 S Sprague Avenue - Kingston, Pa
(Wilkes-Barre)



Driving instructions From Route I-81: Take exit 170B (Rt. 309); Take rt. 309 to exit 4; Turn left on Rutter Avenue; Take Rutter to Pierce Street (Rutter becomes a one-way the other way) Turn right on Pierce Street Drive to the end of Pierce Street (two blocks). Make a left turn on Wyoming Avenue (rt. 11) Drive to 'Kingston Corners' (intersection of Market Street and Wyoming Avenue) Turn right on to Market Street and watch for Sprague Ave. on the left.

From Rt. 11:
Drive to Market Street in Kingston and turn west to Sprague Avenue on the left
Excellent refreshments will be served at each session
Continental breakfast (pastry and coffee) Saturday and Sunday mornings.
Box lunches sold for between sessions on Sunday

Entry Fee
\$20 /pair/session
\$3 add'l/person/session for non /unpaid ACBL members
Friday, June 6, 2014 10:00 AM - Stratified Pairs
(0-750) (750-1500) (1500+)
I/N 0-500 NLM STRATS TBA
3:00 PM - Stratified Pairs
(0-750) (750-1500) (1500+)
I/N 0-500 NLM STRATS TBA

Saturday, June 7, 2014
10:00 AM Stratified Pairs
(0-750) (750-1500) (1500+)
I/N 0-500 NLM STRATS TBA
3:00 PM - Stratified Pairs
(0-750) (750-1500) (1500+)
I/N 0-500 NLM STRATS TBA

Sunday, June 8, 2014
Stratified Swiss Teams
11:00 AM & TBA
(0-500) (500-1000) (1000+)
Swiss Teams stratification based on average masterpoints of each team. \$80/Team of four



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JULY 12 - 13



Rochester SUMMER Sectional

July 12-14, 2014



Entry Fees: ACBL Members:
\$9.00 per session
Non or unpaid ACBLmembers:
\$12 per session

Moose Club
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Henrietta, NY 14586
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Saturday, July 12

From the North: I390S to exit 12A (Lehigh Station Road). Turn Right. Then left onto W. Henrietta Rd. (Rt 15) Site is 1 mile south on right.

From the South: I390 N to Exit 11. Ramp to NY15N/W. Henrietta Rd. Go approximately 3 miles, site is on the left.

From the West: I-90E to exit 46. Follow signs for NY253W/NY15/Lehigh Station Rd. Go left at the fork then left onto NY253W/Lehigh Station Rd. Turn left onto NY15S/NY253W/Lehigh Station Rd. Site is on right in 1 mile

From East:
I-90W to exit 46. Same directions as above.

10:30 AM

Stratified Open Pairs (Two Sessions)
Stratified 299er Pairs (One or Two sessions)

2:30 PM

Stratified Open Pairs and Stratified 299er pairs

Sunday, July 13

10:30 AM

Stratified Open SWISS TEAMS
(Two session PLAYTHROUGH)
Stratified 299er SWISS TEAMS
(One session)

Swiss Teams will be stratified by team average.

	<u>Open</u>	<u>299er</u>
A:	1500+	100-300
B:	500-1500	50-100
C:	0-500	0-50

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE
\$6.00/PERSON
(Sandwiches, Salads & Beverage)

JULY 13



Cherry Hill 299er Non-Life Master Sectional Tournament

July 13, 2014

Cherry Hill Bridge Club
Barclay Plaza—Route 70
Cherry Hill, NJ

Sunday, July 13th

9:30 am GRASSROOT (40% MORE POINTS)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER OPEN PAIRS
A = 200-300; B = 100-200; C = 0 - 100
NEWCOMER PAIRS 0-20

2:00 pm STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER OPEN PAIRS
A = 200-300; B = 100-200; C = 0 - 100
NEWCOMER PAIRS 0-20

*New Grassroot Open Pairs -
40% more
masterpoints awarded*

Free Parking

*Free Coffee, Donuts and
Bagels from 9:15 am*

Directions: to Barclay Plaza

From Ben Franklin Bridge: Take Route 70 East to Barclay Plaza.

From 295: Exit at Route 70. Go West 1 mile to Barclay Plaza.



\$10.00 per person/per session

Tournament Chairman: Bruce Lang bruce.edward.lang@gmail.com
(267) 312-6221

Pre Registration is Required - Complete the Form Below and send with a check (\$20.00/session/pair to Bruce Lang, 1111 Locust Street, 10C, Philadelphia, PA 19107)

Name	Email Address	ACBL #	Session we will play
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JULY 14



Doylestown
299er Non-Life Master
Sectional Tournament

July 14, 2014

Pine Run
777 Ferry Road
Doylestown, PA 18901

Monday, July 14th

10:00 GRASSROOT (40% MORE POINTS)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS
A = 200-300; B = 100-200; C = 0 - 100
NEWCOMER PAIRS 0—20

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

2:30 STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS
A = 200-300; B = 100-200; C = 0 - 100
NEWCOMER PAIRS 0—20

New Grassroot Open Pairs -
40% more
masterpoints awarded

Free Parking—people will
direct you. If possible,
please car pool.

Free Coffee, Donuts and
Bagels from 9:15 am

For Driving Directions to Pine Run: go to
www.bridgewebs.com/doylestown

Parking will be available on the Pine Run Campus. There
will be people available to direct you. Please car pool, if
possible.

Pine Run is a smoke free zone.



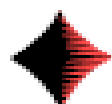
Tournament Chairman: Jane Ball beginbridge@gmail.com
Director: Bill Bauer

Pre Registration is Required - Space is limited to 24 tables, so register early!!
Complete the Form Below and send with a check
(\$20.00 a pair/per session to Jane Ball, 9 Trenton Avenue, Frenchtown, NJ 08825)

Name	Email Address	ACBL #	Session(s) we will play
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

JULY 24 - 26

2014 First State Southern Sectional



July 24, 25 & 26, 2014



Lewes Presbyterian Church
133 Kings Highway
Lewes, Delaware 19958

Schedule of Events

Thursday, July 24, 2014

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199 or Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199 or Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

Friday, July 25, 2014

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199 or Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199 or Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

Saturday, July 26, 2014

10:00 am A/X Swiss Teams (3000+/0-3000)
& TBD B/C/D Swiss Teams (750-1500/500-750/0-300)
(No player with more than 1,500 MP's in B/C/D)

Two sessions start with a light lunch provided between sessions



Games and arrangements may be changed at the discretion of the Director if necessary

Tournament Chair:
Peter Harris
302-644-7644
pharrisdl@aol.com

Partnership:
Scott Freber
302-227-4413
scott.freber@comcast.net

AUGUST 10

Sunday, Aug. 10th 2014

Non-Life Master (0-500) Tournament & Party

Games for all levels! Two sections

0-100 (100/50/20)

0-500 (500/200/100)

Stratification may be adjusted based upon attendance

10-11 Brunch

11-2 Silver Point Game

2-2:45 Social Buffet

2:45-5:45 Silver Point Game

(Dessert Buffet during second game)

Bridge Boardroom

2109 Industrial Highway, York, PA

17402

**Cost \$30, includes all food, beverages,
entries. You can't spend more!**

Reservations Required!! We need to know how
many to cook for! No money needed till day of event.

Just email Ed Scanlon at edjsiii@yahoo.com or
phone 717-755-9505 or sign-up at the club. Sign-up
early this fills up quickly!!!

SEPTEMBER 12 - 14

HAGERSTOWN, MD FALL SECTIONAL

SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2014

Hagerstown American Legion (301)-733-7676

405 Northern Ave, Hagerstown, MD 21742

Directions: Hagerstown's American Legion is on Northern Ave. between Pennsylvania Ave. & Leitersburg Pike. From east & west, take I-70 to I-81 North. Take MD exit 9 east for ¾ mile to Pennsylvania Ave. south. Go 1.1 miles south & turn left onto Northern Ave. The American Legion is about ¾ mile on right. From north & south take I-81 to MD exit 9. Alternate route from east: exit 32 west off I-70 to Eastern Blvd. to Northern Ave.

Pairs stratified by average master points of pair. Final stratification adjustments at discretion of director to better balance the game and maximize awards, if applicable.

FRIDAY September 12 - earlier evening session – out before DARK

Stratified Pairs (1000/2000/2000+)	12:00 p.m.
Stratified 749er Pairs (100/300/750)	12:00 p.m.
Stratified Pairs (1250/2000/2000+)	5:00 p.m.
Stratified 1249er Pairs (200/500/1250)	5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY September 13

Stratified Pairs (1000/2000/2000+)	10:00 a.m.
Stratified 749er Pairs (100/300/750)	10:00 a.m.
Stratified Pairs (1250/2000/2000+)	3:30 p.m.
Stratified 1249er Pairs (200/500/1250)	3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY September 14

*****NOTE***: Swiss teams will be stratified by team average except 0-1250 GAME cannot have any player over 1250 masterpoints**

Stratified Swiss Teams (1500/2000/2000+)	11:00 a.m.
Stratified 0-1250 Swiss Teams (200/500/1250)	11:00 a.m.

Sunday Swiss is two session play through finishing @ approx. 6:15 p.m.

\$9 /ea / session - \$112 per 4-person team Sunday includes

hot meal provided by American Legion @ approx. 2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Anyone having special meal needs (vegetarian, etc.) see Ronnie @ 11:00 a.m.

\$3 additional per session for non-ACBL / unpaid ACBL members

Tournament Chair: Ronnie Orr (304) 279-0013 – For partnerships, sign up @ partnership desk @ District 4 website: <http://www.bridgefinesse.com/D4PDeskIndex>

Please !!, sign up with partnership desk BEFORE emailing or calling.

Holiday Inn Express 301-745-5644 & Country Inn & Suites 301-582-5003 @exit 5

Courtyard by Marriott 301-582-0043, SpringHill Suites 301-582-0011 @exit 5

Hampton Inn 240-420-1970 @ exit 9, Homewood Suites 301-665-3816 @exit 5

NON-SMOKING TOURNAMENT WITH HOSPITALITY BREAKS

SEPTEMBER 12 - 14

Susquehanna Sectional Bridge Tournament

Williamsport Bridge Club

Williamsport, Pa. 17701

570-419-3375

SPECIAL PRO-AM GAME

FRIDAY MORNING - 11 A.M.- SEPT. 12, 2014

0-100 POINTS PLAYERS PLAY **FREE**

partners guaranteed

Contact Eddie Bissell ecb1@psu.edu

Chairperson:

Judy Stein 570-946-4749

judstein@epix.net

Friday, September 12, 2014

Stratified Open Pairs 11 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs 4 p.m.

Strat A 1500 +, Strat B 500-1500, Strat C 0-500

Friday at 4 p.m./ under 200 M.P.'s per pair Novice game(3 table minimum)

Partnership:

Connie Bamer 814-466-6767

Vera Peters 570-368-1872

Saturday, September 13, 2014

Stratified Open Pairs 11 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs 4 p.m.

Strat A 1500+, Strat B 500-1500, Stat C 0-500

under 200 M.P.'s per pair Novice game (3 table minimum)

Sunday, September 14, 2014

Swiss teams, first session 11 a.m.

Swiss teams, 2nd session TBA

Strats are based on team average

Swiss team includes lunch \$96 per team

Entry Fee: \$9.00, \$12.00 for non or unpaid ACBL members

Students \$5.00 Strats for games are based on average

Director: Marc Lebowitz

"We are known for our great snacks"

SEPTEMBER 12 - 14



PCBA

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2014

Bala Golf Club
2200 Belmont Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19131

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A = 2000+; B = 750 - 2000; C = 0 - 750)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (<500)
0 to 5 MP PAIRS (No surcharge for non-members)

2:30 GRASSROOT (40% MORE POINTS) STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS
(A = 2000+; B = 750 - 2000; C = 0 - 750)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (<500)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:00 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (A = 2000+; B = 750 - 2000; C = 0 - 750)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (<500)
0 TO 5 MP PAIRS (No surcharge for non-members)

10:00 BRACKETED COMPACT KNOCKOUTS
& 2:30 (handicapped if only one bracket)

2:30 GRASSROOT (40% MORE POINTS) STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS
(A = 2000+; B = 750 - 2000; C = 0 - 750)
STRATIFIED NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (<500)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS BRACKETS BASED ON AVERAGE
& TBA MASTERPOINTS - TOP A/X BRACKET OPEN TO ALL (2 sessions)

*New Grassroot Open
Pairs on Friday and
Saturday - 40% more
masterpoints awarded*

*Saturday
Bracketed Compact KO*

*Sunday
2-Session Bracketed
Swiss Teams*

Free Valet Parking

*Great Hospitality
Free Breakfast
Free Lunch
Snacks All Day
(menu varies)*

\$24.00 per pair/per session - \$100.00 per team for Sunday swiss teams

\$3.00 additional per person/per session for non or unpaid ACBL members

Full-time students play free.

Strats may be combined based upon attendance. Stratification by average masterpoint holding.

Tournament Chairman: Meyer Kotkin guymath@comcast.net (856) 424-8149

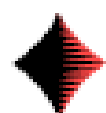
Partnerships: Tom Purl tpurl@hotmail.com (610) 518-6790

Directions

Bala Golf Club is located at 2200 Belmont Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19131, just off City Ave. (Rt. 1) and about a mile west of I-76. From Rt. 1, turn south on Belmont Ave. and go 0.6 miles to the Bala entrance on the right.

For more detailed directions, check Google Maps or www.philadelphiabridge.info.

SEPTEMBER 19 - 21



2014 Diamond State Sectional

Wilmington, DE
September 19 – 21, 2014



Foulkstone Plaza

**Wilmington
Delaware**

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 19, 2014

- 1:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000.0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)
- 6:30 pm **PLEASE ATTEND ISBA ANNUAL MEETING!**
- 7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000.0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

Saturday, September 20, 2014

- 10:00 am A/X Pairs (4000+/0-4000)
Stratified BCD Pairs (1250-2000/750-1250.0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100.0-50)
- 3:00 pm A/X Pairs (4000+/0-4000)
Stratified BCD Pairs (1250-2000/750-1250.0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100.0-50)

Sunday, September 21, 2014

- 10:00 am A/X Swiss Teams (4000+/0-4000)
and TBA B/C/D Swiss Teams (1250-2000/750-1250.0-750)

Place available for purchase between sessions

www.bridge-studio.org www.unit190.org

Note: Censor and stratification (or average masterpoints) may be changed at the discretion of the director if necessary. Disputes permitted in separate Tights! events

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Richard Pepper
302-542-8758

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Horowitz@duke.edu

Tournament Director
Head Director
Alan Hodasblatt

SEPTEMBER 26 - 28

2014 FALL SECTIONAL
BERKS MONTGOMERY BRIDGE UNIT 121

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2014
THE HIGHLANDS AT WYOMISSING



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

10:00 A.M.	STRATIFIED OPEN PANS
2:30 P.M.	STRATIFIED OPEN PANS

STRATIFIED ZYGE PAIRS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

10:00 A.M.	STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS
2:30 P.M.	STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS
	STRATIFIED ZOO-PAIRS

SUMIDA Y, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

10:00 A.M.	Flight AIG Swiss Teams (Two Sessions) (2000+, 0-2000)
10:00 A.M. (1st session) 2:00 P.M. (2nd session)	Flight BIG Swiss Teams (Single Session Events) (300-750, 0-300)

Stratification in team events will be based on the average for the team. However, in the B/C Swiss, no individual player's master Point total may exceed 750.

FOOD AVAILABLE BETWEEN SESSIONS

**NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT
IN FROM THE OUTSIDE**

STRATIFIED EVENTS

A = 2000+ B = 750 - 2000 C = 0 - 750

STRATIFICATION OF 2004 EVENTS AT THE DISCRETION OF
DIRECTOR IN CHARGE

PARTNERSHIPS GUARANTEED UNTIL 30 MIN. BEFORE GAME TIME

TOURNAMENT CHAIR & PARTNERSHIP

EUGENE O'BRIEN
484-269-3831
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DIRECTOR IN CHARGE

MARC LABOVITZ

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