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You won't want to miss this exciting event Windy City Regional at UIC Aug. 2-7

Win red and gold points at the eagerly awaited Windy City Regional Tournament, which starts August 2 at the University of Illinois Chicago Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted Street. UIC is conveniently located near I-290/90 and public transportation, including the CTA Blue Line.



Exciting games scheduled for 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesday,

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday include the popular two-session Open Pairs and two-session Gold Rush pairs. Single session entries will be accepted in all pair events.

The remaining two days offer a favorite event for many: Swiss Teams. Thursday will feature two-session Open Swiss Teams and Gold Rush Swiss Teams at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Sunday, both Open Swiss Teams and Gold Rush Swiss Teams play-through events will begin at 10 a.m.

Stratifications for Gold Rush games will be 0-100, 100-300, and 300-750. For Open games, they will be A: 3000+, B: 1500-3000, and C: 0-1500. All players are welcome in Open events, but only players with fewer than 750 MPs may play in Gold Rush games.

ACBL and local COVID protocols will apply, and proof of vaccination will be required.

A variety of food and drinks will be available in the food court, conveniently located in the same building as the tournament. Parking at UIC's indoor/outdoor parking lot across the street from the Student Center is available at reduced rates.

Questions? Contact Tournament Co-chair Bob Young at 847-280-1118 or by8888@hotmail.com. He prefers text or email. Co-chair Loring Knoblauch can be reached at 312-280-6250 or Loring.knoblauch@me.com. Partnership Chair Guy Franklin can be reached at 773-412-4882 or guyfranklinchicago@gmail.com.

For details on this daytime tournament see the flyer on page 3, or go to the CCBA website www.bridgeinchicago.com.

Fantastic Labor Day Tourney Set

Join your friends for four days of fun at the fantastic Silver Point Labor Day Sectional Tournament,



Weber Leisure Center, Skokie

The event kicks off September 2 at a favorite location, the casual Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Place, Skokie, where it has been held for a number of years.

The tournament's regular schedule will feature pair/team games at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and stratified open pair games on Sunday. These games are popular because they give players two chances to win masterpoints, as a pair (matchpoints) or as a team. (board-a-match scoring). Scratch as a pair or team and win masterpoints. Scratch both ways and get the higher award. Monday will feature Stratified Swiss Teams (playthru), beginning at 10 a.m. A box lunch will be served at noon.

The intermediate/novice schedule for Friday through Sunday includes stratified open pairs at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Two single-session Stratified Swiss Teams will be held on Labor Day, the first at 10 a.m. and the second at 1 p.m. Players may choose whether to play one or both sessions.

Tournament Chairs are Bob Maxson and Jim Diebel. Partnership Chair is Mike Jones, "I'm excited about this tournament. We've worked hard to put together an event that I think everyone will enjoy. I encourage those who have been reluctant to play face-to-face to give this tournament a try," said Bob. "Besides the Monday lunch, there will be treats each day."

For more information, contact Bob or Jim, or for a partner, contact Mike. Their information can be found in the tournament flyer on page 4, or go to CCBA's website www.bridgeinchicago.com.





Volunteers Needed for 2023 Chicago NABC

The North American Bridge Championships are coming to Chicago, and will be held July 13-23 at the Sheraton Grand Chicago 301 N. Water Street.

“We want next year’s Chicago Summer NABC to be the best Chicago NABC yet! For that to happen, we need a slew of volunteers to chair or to work on various committees,” said 2023 Chicago NABC Chair Suzi Subeck. “As one who has worked on NABCs since 1998 and chaired or co-chaired three of them, including this one, I can tell you definitively that you get out of your experience what you put into it. You make new friends and bond with other bridge players from all over the world at Nationals.”



Suzi noted the following committees need volunteer workers: Partnership (Yvette Neary, chair), Information (Adrienne and Larry Cohen, chairs), Registration (Linda & Mike Saltzman, chairs), Prizes, Volunteers, Hospitality, Parking and Transportation (Stan Subeck and George Jacobs, chairs), Tours (DeMaris and Charles Johnson, chairs), Publicity, Program & Restaurant Guide, Youth NABC, Sponsorship and more.

“If you wish to volunteer to serve on any of the committees and/or if you are available to work two-hour time slots intermittently at the actual tournament, manning one or more of the following on different days -the information desk, the registration desk, the prize desk, etc. - we want you,” Suzi said. “Our volunteer chair (TBD) will set up schedules for the onsite work for you and the others.” If you are interested in being a part of the steering committee or desire more information, contact Suzi at stansubeck@prodigy.net or at 847-509-0311. “Please include phone numbers for contact. We will start having a year out meeting at the site in a couple of months,” she said.

University of Chicago wins NABC Collegiate Bowl

The University of Chicago defeated Washington University’s No. 1 squad 54–24 in the final of the Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship at the North American Bridge Championships. Playing for Chicago were, left to right, Raphael



Hallerman, Washington DC; Zihan Tan, Evanston IL; Ilan Wolff, Philadelphia PA; and Cynthia Huang, Berkeley. CA. The squad won \$10,000 for the victory. (Courtesy of the ACBL)

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Unit 123 Windy City Regional August 2-7, 2022 University of Illinois at Chicago Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted St.

Schedule:

Tuesday, August 2

10:00 am and 3:00 pm
2 Session Open Pair
2 Session Gold Rush Pair

Wednesday, August 3

10:00am and 3:00pm
2 Session Open Pair
2 Session Gold Rush Pair

Thursday, August 4

10:00am and 3:00pm
2 Session Open Swiss Teams
2 Session Gold Rush Swiss Teams

Friday, August 5

10:00am and 3:00pm
2 Session Open Pair
2 Session Gold Rush Pair

Saturday, August 6

10:00am and 3:00pm
2 Session Open Pair
2 Session Gold Rush Pair

Sunday, August 7

10:00am Playthru events:
Open Swiss Teams
Gold Rush Swiss Teams



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Intermediate/Newcomer

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday, Saturday

Gold Rush Pairs
Stratification:
0-100; 100-300; 300-750

Thursday, Sunday
Gold Rush Swiss Teams
Stratification
(by average)
0-100; 100-300; 300-750

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Stratification: A:3000+; B: 1500-3000; C:0-1500

Masterpoint averaging when permitted in all events.

In Gold Rush Pairs and Teams, no player may have more than 750 masterpoints.

Convenient parking across from playing site. Get discounted parking sticker at game desk.

Single Session Entries will be accepted in all Pair Events!

LABOR DAY



Silver Point Sectional

September 2-5

Weber Leisure Center

9300 Weber Place, Skokie, IL

An alcohol and smoke-free facility



Schedule

Friday, September 2

10:00 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game

2:30 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game

Saturday, September 3

10:00 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game

2:30 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game

Sunday, September 4

10:00 Stratified Open Pair Game

2:30 Stratified Open Pair Game

Monday, September 5

10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (playthru)

Masterpoint Averaging when possible

Stratification: A: 2000+, B:750-2000, C: 0-750

Pair/Team Games: One Game, Two Chances for MPs

1. As a Pair (Matchpoints)
2. As a Team (Board-A-Match scoring)
3. Pair/Teams are single session. Come with a team or come as a pair and be assigned teammates.
4. Scratch as a pair or team and win masterpoints! Scratch BOTH ways and get the highest award

Intermediate/Novice Schedule

Friday, September 2

10:00 Stratified Open Pairs

2:30 Stratified Open Pairs

Saturday, September 3

10:00 Stratified Open Pairs

2:30 Stratified Open Pairs

Sunday, September 4

10:00 Stratified Open Pairs

2:30 Stratified Open Pairs

Monday, September 5

10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams

1:00 Stratified Swiss Teams

(Two single sessions. Play one or both)



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Passed hand bidding – How bids are impacted



By Ginny and Jeff Schuett

There are many important implications to being on a passed hand.

Most importantly, any bid you make that might have shown a full opening bid or better cannot show that because you have already passed, denying an opening bid.

So sometimes the range just drops to a maximum passed hand of 11-12 HCP, but other times the meaning changes completely. Some examples:

1. Once you are on a passed hand, an overcall of 1NT doesn't make sense as a strong balanced hand.

So it is considered standard bidding that on a passed hand an overcall of 1NT is unusual, typically 5-5 or longer in the lower two ranked suits.

For example:

West	North	East	South
P	P	P	1♥
1NT = ♠ 65 ♥ T ♦ KJ872 ♣ AT543			

2. Feel free to make a passed hand takeout double with good distribution and about 9-11 HCP.

When responding to a takeout double after partner has passed, there is no practical reason to jump to show inviting hands. They cannot have

enough to accept the invite, so bid at the lowest level trying to buy the contract at a lower level.

For example with bidding:

West	North	East	South
P	P	P	1♥
Dbl = ♠ KT65 ♥ T ♦ KJ87 ♣ QJ43			

3. Similar to the lower level takeout doubles on a passed hand, even over preempts, try to get your side back into the bidding when holding great distribution and a maximum passed hand.

For example:

West	North	East	South
P	2♥	P	P
Dbl = ♠ KT65 ♥ T ♦ A987 ♣ AT43			

4. Once you have passed partner's opening bid, you are denying six HCP, so feel free to bid aggressively later when you have a good fit with partner. Even consider jumping when holding great double fit hands.

For example:

West	North	East	South
1♠	P	P	2♣
2♥	3♣	3♥ with ♠ Q5	
♥ QT432 ♦ 8432 ♣ 43			

5. Be conservative in responding to partner's third and fourth seat openers as they might have opened light, and you don't want to push the bidding too high. When they make rebids that show full values or more, then you can bid more aggressively.

For example, when partner opens 1♠ and later rebids 2♠, they should have full values with 6+♠, because with a weaker hand, they should have opened 2♠.



6. Bids like Jacoby 2NT don't exist on a passed hand. In that case, 2NT over opener's 1♠ shows about 11 balanced points without spade support, when responder is a passed hand.

Important final point – always be aware of the bidding and when you are on a passed hand, or partner is. It is critical to know what partner is showing and to know when specific conventions apply like Drury.

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Advancing to the NABC will be three Flight A pairs and four pairs in both Flights B and C. For additional information, contact John Pereles at 414-559-3463 or jrperes@gmail.com. The Conditions of Contest can be found on the ACBL website.



*Milwaukee
Summer Fun*

Regional



August 23-25

Four Points by Sheraton

5133 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, WI

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Open Pairs

Gold Rush Pairs

Thursday

10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Open Swiss Teams

Gold Rush Teams

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Sunday

10 a.m. & TBA

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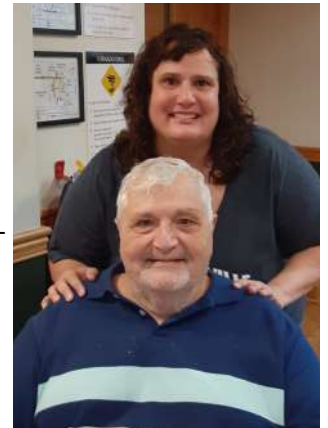
Current ACBL & Local Government COVID Protocols will be implemented

Szymiskis enjoy Providence NABC

Jerry Szymiski and his daughter Ashley attended the recent NABC in Providence, RI, and “thoroughly enjoyed their experience.”

“It was a very big deal. We were happy to reunite with LIVE bridge players again in a great city to compete in the game we all love,” he said.

“We met old friends and made new friends. We heartily encourage everyone to go to the Summer NABC in Chicago next summer. Chicago will provide Midwestern Pizzazz,” Jerry said.



Ashley and Jerry Szymiski

The father and daughter have been a familiar pair at area clubs and CCBA tournaments for a number of years, frequently beating the competition. Ashley began playing bridge after graduating from college, because she could not find any euchre games, something she had enjoyed in school. Her father convinced her to learn to play bridge, a game he taught at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn for a number of years.

The pair decided take advantage of Ashley’s time off as a teacher to go to the NABC. They found the various games offered in Providence to be varied and plentiful.

“Major events were played at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. with side games at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.,” Jerry said. “The event that was very popular was Bracketed Round Robin teams. Eight teams would compete in a bracket with the top four teams earning gold, depending on their bracket level and their finish in the bracket.”

In addition to the Bracketed Round Robin teams, the Szymiskis enjoyed the side games and the fast pairs games. The latter were played at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., giving players a chance to enjoy various evening activities.

“Providence provided day getaways to Boston (46 minutes away by Amtrak) or to New York City 160 minutes by Amtrak). On Wednesday, we chose to go to Boston where we saw the Broadway bound musical, ‘A Beautiful Noise’ chronicling the career of Neil Diamond, It will be Tony nominated, I’m sure,” said Jerry

Jerry said that the host Omni Hotel was “near perfection. The rooms were spacious, the breakfast buffets were delicious, the steak house was first rate, and the bar was jumping every night.” Ashley added that the NABC’s hospitality was great and included breakfast selections and afternoon treats.

Can you successfully bring home this contract? Give it a try.



By Rowan Bell

As South, can you bring home this aggressive 6D contract?

North	South
AQ2	64
A84	KJ6
98643	AKJT7
AT	Q85

West, who had doubled South's 1D opening, leads the jack of spades. After dummy's queen's holds, declarer's most straightforward line for the contract involves a successful heart finesse. Unfortunately, on the auction West is a heavy favorite to hold the queen of hearts.

However, with West also being a heavy favorite to hold the king of clubs, declarer should eschew the heart finesse in favor of a strip-and-endplay.

After winning the spade queen, declarer starts with a diamond to the king, with West showing out.

Declarer plays a spade to the ace and takes the marked diamond finesse, followed by a third round of diamonds. Needing to eliminate spades, declarer now plays a heart to the ace and ruffs dummy's last spade, reducing the position to this with the lead in the South hand:

North	South
--	--
84	KJ
98	T
AT	Q85

Declarer cashes the king of hearts and, assuming the queen hasn't fallen to produce a 12th trick, leads the jack of hearts.

As expected, West produces the queen of hearts and, holding the king of clubs, has

no defense. If West leads a spade or heart, declarer discards the 10 of clubs while ruffing in the closed hand; if West instead leads a club, declarer gets two club tricks. Either way, declarer has the rest of the tricks, making 6D.

Here, West had no winning options once declarer placed the club king and heart queen in the West hand. However, when this hand arose in actual play, the heart layout was slightly different, giving West an opportunity to shine defensively:

	AQ2	
	AT4	
	98643	
	AT	
KJT95		873
Q853		J7
-		Q52
KJ32		9764
	64	
	K96	
	AKJT7	
	Q85	

When declarer tries the same line of play described above, West should jettison the queen of hearts under the king, hoping that East has the jack.

If in fact South has the jack, the jettison doesn't cost a trick since, as we've just seen, West was about to be endplayed. But if East has the jack, the jettison allows East to win the third heart and push a club through the closed hand, holding declarer to 11 tricks.



Chicago Duplicate works to attract College Players

Efforts of the directors at the Chicago Duplicate Club (CDB) to attract college players is showing signs of success, according to Matthew Dyer, a CDB director. The directors provide support by mentoring, and by giving guidance, rides, free plays and lessons.

Jakob Reinke, a Northwestern University student who serves as graduate chair of the school's bridge club, is among the those who have benefitted from the bridge teaching talent at the club.

One of those teachers is Eldad "Gino" Ginossar, an Israeli native with 10,000 masterpoints, who has lived in Chicago for several years, but plans to return to his homeland this August due to family concerns.

"I am sorry to leave the city," Gino said, but added that he was pleased that as many as 50 adult and young players learned to appreciate the game in a new way after taking his pre-pandemic weekly classes. "We hope to see Gino in Chicago and at national ACBL tournaments," Matthew said.

"We really are very proud of the success of our students including those who competed for the national championship in Providence at the College Bowl," said Matthew, referring to the July NABC competition.

He noted that other student support has come from the Chicago Contract Bridge Association. Its board member Joe Stokes expressed concern about the difficulty in raising collegial awareness of duplicate bridge, but remains hopeful that more students will take up the game. He is junior program coordinator for the U.S. Bridge Federation whose mission is to select USA teams for international competition.

At this time, bridge programs exist only at Northwestern University and the University of Chicago. Joe said that attempts to start programs at other Chicago area colleges have been attempted, "but without a dedicated and motivated student or professor on the inside, it is pointless and impossible to create a student group by an outsider." Yet, Joe and the CDB directors remain hopeful that more college players will take up the game.
(Submitted by Jamie Rubenstein)

It is a dilemma—to bid or not to bid in close situations



*Winning with Wimpy
by Jim Diebel*

From time to time, I've had the good fortune to learn from a player with more experience. One of them was Bob Jackson, a great local expert who died about a year and a half ago. He gave me some great advice regarding competitive bidding.

One of the harder aspects of our game is deciding whether to bid on or defend in a competitive auction. We'd hate to go down ourselves if the opponents were already too high, and we're just as unhappy selling out only to discover that we would have been successful had we bid again.

Bob recognized that in close situations, when you're trying to decide whether to bid further or defend, if either contract makes (theirs or ours), bidding will usually produce a better result than passing. I'm not talking about sacrificing. That's a different matter entirely. I am talking about situations where you're unsure whether or not they can make their contract, and you're also unsure whether you can make yours. If you pass, you're betting that both contracts fail. Consider this auction:

<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>LHO</u>	<u>Partner</u>	
1H	1S	2S*	3H*	* Good raise
4H	?			

There are 4 relevant cases to consider

- 4H goes down and 4S makes. Bidding 4S is better.
- 4H makes and 4S makes. Bidding 4S is better.
- 4H makes and 4S goes down. Bidding 4S is better.
- 4H goes down and 4S goes down. Passing is better.

You can see that bidding will be the winning choice three out of four times. To make the math work, there must be genuine doubt about who can make what. These situations come up more than you might think, and they usually involve hands with significant distribution.

To be fair, Bob wasn't the first to notice this relationship, he was just the first to tell me about it. This brings me to a hand I played recently with a student, and the topic of this month's column. At favorable vulnerability, IMPs, my student held: ♠QJT98x ♥--- ♦x ♣AKQxxx.

Like most freak hands, there will be more than one way to bid it. The hand is nearly a lock for 10 tricks in spades, losing the ♠AK and a diamond. Certainly things could go wrong, but you'd never consider playing in anything less than four spades. First decision: Do you open 1 spade, 4 spades, or 2 clubs?

Answer: One spade

This hand has too much potential for slam to open four spades, which should never promise more than about eight tricks on offense. Also, the hand might be better in six clubs or even possibly seven clubs. Unless you had a specific agreement with partner (and it was alerted), this hand would be illegal to open two clubs. Unless a hand is very strong, (20+), it can only be opened 2C if it is within one trick of game (qualifies) AND i) contains either 14 high card points (disqualifies) OR ii) contains at least 5 honor points {A = 2, K = 1}, (disqualifies).

With the first hurdle out of the way, the auction proceeds:

<u>You</u>	<u>LHO</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>RHO</u>
1S	2D	DBL	RDBL*
3C	3D	3S	pass
4D**	5D	pass	pass
?			

* promises a high diamond honor

** possible slam interest with a diamond control

Answer: Five spades

Based on our previous discussion, I hope you came to the conclusion that the winning bid here will almost **never** be pass. The opponents are vulnerable and you have no real clue whether they can make five diamonds.

You may make five or six spades. You may go down in either one. It might even be possible to double five diamonds for the magic +500, but I wouldn't count on it.

Let's look at the possibilities logically. You should always assume that the opponents bid on at the other table. If they didn't, you will probably win the board no matter what you do.

- If 5S make 5 and 5D make 5: If you bid 5S, 0 IMPS. If you defend 5D: -14 IMPS
- If 5S make 5 and 5D down one: If you bid 5S: 0 IMPS. If you defend 5D: -8 IMPS
- If 5S down 1 and 5D make 5: If you bid 5S: 0 IMPS. If you defend 5D: -11 IMPS
- If 5S down 1 and 5D down 1: If you bid 5S : 0 IMPS. If you defend 5D: +3 IMPS.

The chart above shows vividly how devastating it can be to be on the wrong side of these decisions. Players often look at these situations as taking out a small insurance policy to protect against catastrophe. A reasonable general rule is "If in doubt, bid one more".

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Congratulations Rank Advancers

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Ruby Life Master

Rosede Olson
Alan Reinberg

Gold Life

Master Frank Christopher
Keith Farral

Platinum Life Master

Daniel Levin



Experts to give mini-lessons at Windy City

Something special awaits players attending the Windy City Regional Tournament—mini-lessons by bridge experts from the metro Chicago area.

The free lessons are open to all players, but will be of particular interest to non-Life Masters. Giving the lessons will be bridge pros and local experts Eldad “Gino” Ginossar on August 3 and Jim Diebel on August 6..

Gino is the 2020 winner of the Harmon Wilkes Award, CCBA’s top prize, which recognizes outstanding players who exhibit ethical conduct. He is a bridge teacher and author of *Power Up Your Bridge Game*. Gino and his family will be returning to Israel in August. The Chicago Duplicate Bridge club held a farewell party for him.

Jim teaches bridge and is the owner of a Chicago club, as well clubs in the western suburbs, including Naperville. Besides directing in his own clubs, he is a BBO director and a CCBA board member.

Tournament organizers hope the mini-lesson will generate future interest in tournament play, particularly among first timers, according to Guy Franklin, the tournament’s partnership chair.

“Our unit is working to interest colleges and high school students in duplicate bridge, and we hope to see more students at our tournaments,” he said..

There is a special entry fee of \$5 for students under 25 who have a current school ID. He said that partners will be available for all players who come to the tournament without one,

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Mark Your Calendar!

**DO NOT MISS the return of the
WINDY CITY REGIONAL**

**August 2-7
UIC Student
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ACBL Events Calendar

- August** NAP Qualifying
50/50 red/black. Two per sanctioned session per month during August
- September** International Fund Month
These games help to support North American participation in international events.
- GNT Qualifying
50/50 red/black
- October** Club Appreciation
Clubs may hold two Club Appreciation Games per sanctioned session during the month of October. Any combination of pair and team games is allowed, not to exceed two total games per sanctioned session. The games must be held at the time of a club's regular sanctioned game.

DIEBEL: To Bid Or Not to Bid

(Continued from page 6)

Final quiz question:

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5S	6D	pass	pass
?			

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Answer: ?

Ok, now you've pushed them there. What are you going to do about it? Has anything changed? Do you know you are NOT making 6S? No. Do you know that they are NOT making 6D? No. I don't THINK they're making 6D, but how much am I willing to bet on it? -100 or even -300 is a small premium to pay against -1370. One thing is for certain: You aren't going to get rich defending 6Dx. Seems to me that you have little choice to but bid 6S and hope it makes. If the opponents are playing 5S at the other table, doubling 6D and beating it 1 trick still loses 6 IMPS. Beating it a miracle two wins only TWO imps. If 6D makes, you are losing a whopping 14 IMPS. Why not chance making 6S and winning 11 IMPS? Of all of your options, I think it makes the most sense. The whole hand:

North

- ♠ Ax
- ♥ QT9xx
- ♦ Qx
- ♣ 9xxx

West

- ♠ xx
- ♥ AKJxx
- ♦ ATxxxx
- ♣ ---

East

- ♠ Kxx
- ♥ xxx
- ♦ KJxx
- ♣ JTxx

South

- ♠ QJT98x
- ♥ ---
- ♦ x
- ♣ AKQxxx

You should see that 5S is cold and only would have needed a slightly lucky spade position to make 6. 5D was equally cold from the West hand. If West tradds a spade for one of East's hearts, West would likely make 12 tricks. It was that close. Note that the same logic held true for EW as for NS. At each turn, it was correct (even vulnerable vs not) for EW to bid one more. Even at the end, EW could have maximized their result by bidding 6D. My student passed 5D and we lost over 12 IMPS. This column is dedicated to the memory of my good friend, Bob Jackson.

Diebel Reopens Chicago Game

After being closed for two years, Jim Diebel has reopened his Monday club game that meets at 12:30 p.m. in the Renaissance Room of the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street, Chicago. Jim said he will change an entry fee of only until the end of the year in the hopes of attracting more players to face-to-face play in the club.

Yipee! Hooray! Rah!



I can't wait for the
**Labor Day
Tournament.**
It will be so much
fun.

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	6:30 PM	Open Pairs/teams Director's Choice for Teams 499er Pairs
Friday	9:00 AM	OPEN IMP Pairs 499er Pairs
	1:30 PM	Open Pairs/teams Sign up as Pair or Team 499er Pairs
	7:00 PM	Short Match Swiss Sign up as Pair or Team 499er Pairs
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		Two Single Sessions Buffet Lunch \$10
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Everything you need to know about reverses

Reverses

(By the Opening Bidder after 1-level response)

First of all, this is not an "optional" topic. Students tell me, "Oh--I don't play reverses." This is not acceptable. It is equivalent to saying: "I don't play rebids by opener."

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

A) Is in a HIGHER ranking suit than his first suit

B) Is at a HIGHER level than responder's response

So, these are reverses:

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

What do these bids show? First of all, they are natural. The opener will have (typically) at least 5 cards in the suit he opened and at least 4 cards in the suit he bid next. He will not have a flat/balanced hand (he would have rebid or opened in notrump).

What strength? Enough to be at the three level. So, Invitational or better. About 17+ counting useful distribution.

Forcing? Yes, a reverse is forcing. The opener's partner must bid again.

He cannot pass. But, the reverse is not forcing to game. It shows about 17-20.

Note: A reverse is not the same as a jumpshift. A jumpshift is a jump by opener in a new suit. Opener's jumpshift would be:

- 1 ♣ -1 ♦ -2 of a Major
- 1 ♣ -1 ♥ -2 ♠
- 1 ♦ -1 ♥ -2 ♠
- 1 ♦ -1 ♠ -3 ♣
- 1 ♥ -1 ♠ -3 of a minor
- 1 MAJ-1NT-3 of a lower suit

Opener's jumpshift is GF (and natural). Opener's Reverse is not GF, but shows extra and is natural.

Note: Do not make a jumpshift reverse (such as 1 ♦ -1 ♠ -3 ♥). It is one or the other. A jumpshift or a reverse. Never a choice between the two.

Followups after Opener's Reverse (alert: requires study/memory)

After, say 1 ♦ -1 ♠ -2 ♥, I recommend:

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

slam interest.

The generic summary of the above auction 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

Remember that in LC Standard, 2/1 auctions are not part of the reverse

discussion. 1 ♥ -2 ♣ -2 ♠ can be a dead minimum. However, if the auction starts 1X-1Y, then opener's 2Z in a higher suit than his first suit is surely a normal reverse, promising extras.

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They call it "bridge" because it makes you want to shove your partner off one.

