



# Kibitzer

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## Stars of Tomorrow I/N Tourney May 18-19

Are you a Non-Life Master who wants to have fun playing against your peers in a friendly environment?

Do you want to enjoy a delicious free lunch on both Saturday and Sunday?

Do you want the opportunity to earn silver points?

Then the tournament for you, whether you have zero or a few masterpoints, is the Stars of Tomorrow I/N Tournament, which takes place on May 18-19. This stress-free event for Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 points will take place at JourneyCare, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview. "The goal of the two-day event is to give those with little or no tournament experience the opportunity to discover the excitement and challenge of tournament play," said Tournament Chair Guy Franklin. For more information, including how to arrange for partners for a pair on Saturday or for a team on Sunday, please check out the flyer on page 5.

## Jack Oest wins Harmon Wilkes Award

Jack Oest was the recipient of the CCBA's highest honor, the Harmon Wilkes Award. CCBA Board member Suzi Subeck made the following remarks when making the presentation:

I would characterize this year's Harmon Wilkes winner as a great guy who is great for bridge. Though not currently on the CCBA BOD, he served several terms in the past. When he retired from Unit politics, he served District 13 as coordinator of Grand National Teams. He gave that up a few years ago, and now volunteers as Recorder for the United States Bridge Federation. He says yes to committees when asked and has chaired many of the more difficult Conduct committees for both District 13 and Unit 123.

Mentoring Juniors who are learning the game has long been a labor of love for him and one at which he is particularly skillful. He enjoys watching young players hone their skills, earning masterpoints in the process. In local Sectionals and Regionals, he partners with serious students who are striving to



Winner Jack Oest and presenter Suzi Subeck

become viable players in both national and world competition. While mentoring these players, he imparts to them his strong ethics, fun outlook, and respectful attitude for both his partner and his opponents. What they see at the table, they emulate and become better for it.

Young players like Kyle Rockoff and Ilan Wolff of Northwestern University and the University of Chicago respectively, share enthusiastic comments and appreciative accolades about this year's choice. Our winner has spent hours working with youngsters in the USBF Junior Training Program, including some who attended the World Youth Championships in China last year.

Jack is an accomplished player in his own right. In 1996, he represented the United States in the World Championship Olympiad in Rhodes, Greece. He was one of an all-Chicago team including Jerry Goldfein, Claude Vogel, Gary Cohler, Larry Robbins, and the late, great Gerald Caravelli. The CCBA Board of Directors believes we could not have made a better choice than this one.

## Matthew Dyer takes home Sportsmanship Award



Matt Dyer, George Jacobs, Suzi Subeck

The Art and Greg Gran Sportsmanship Award was won by Matthew Dyer, an accomplished bridge player and director. Board member Steve Brown, who nominated Matthew, was unable to attend, so his following remarks were delivered by Pres. Jan Churchwell:

Matthew is a gentleman at the table - courteous and gracious. He also is friendly, modest, and one might say, charming. When my wife Caryl and I first played against him, he made us feel really welcome at his table. When asked, he volunteered suggestions to improve our play while not making us feel inadequate as beginners.

Matthew also has been a major force encouraging juniors to play in CCBA duplicate games and tournaments. He often takes promising juniors under his wing, playing with them while he could be playing with other expert players. He also has been instrumental in developing the Chicago Duplicate Bridge coop game downtown and often directs games there.

The CCBA is lucky to have Matt!

## President Churchwell's State of the Unit Message



Pres. Jan Churchwell

In 2018, the CCBA ran its full roster of tournaments. Attendance at the Sunday Swiss Team Games, usually the staple of tournament attendance, fell off in 2018. There was no obvious explanation for that, and the Board would like to turn it around. Attendance at pair games was very good overall, making the drop in Swiss Team participation even more puzzling.

Thanks to Board Member and District 13 Director Suzi Subeck, the Windy City Tournament, which was reorganized as a short Regional in 2018, hosted a squad of Indonesian Bridge players that was traveling around the world promoting the Asian Games, which were being held in Jakarta. The squad played all week and collected a lot of "emas, emas, emas!" (Gold in Indonesian.) Between the Indonesian players and Chair Bob Young's excellent management, Windy City was a success and will take place next June at the UIC Student Center. Join us there. We need your participation to keep Windy City viable. And thanks to the Board of the Chicago Duplicate Bridge Center, which canceled its games during the tournament.

In October, the Central States Regional Tournament was held at the Grand Geneva Resort for the final time. The tournament will be re-sited in 2019 closer to our demographic core and will include weekend games. Various sites are under consideration. Watch the *Kibitzer* and the website for details. Note: The District 13 Spring Regional will still be held at the Grand Geneva in April.

At 9 a.m. on Friday, November 10, the ballroom in the Wyndham Garden Inn-Schaumburg looked very big - and empty. The tables were missing. They arrived at 9:40 a.m., and staff and players pitched in so willingly that the tournament began only a few minutes past 10.

Tonight you will be voting to amend the CCBA by-laws to incorporate an arbitration policy for tournament disputes. We would like to thank Mark Friedlander for heading up this project. While hoping that the policy will not be needed, its existence will protect the CCBA against the risk of prolonged and expensive litigation.

Thanks to an active, hard working Board, ACBL Directors, and you, the players, the CCBA is alive and well. Profitable would be even better, but we can't have everything. Changing demographics and rising site costs have taken our tournaments from always being in the black to "some of them sometimes being in the black." We need your participation to improve that, and I hope we'll see all of you often at our tournaments in 2019.

Jan Churchwell  
2018 CCBA President

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## 2019 CALENDAR

### EVENT

District 13 GNT's  
Unit STaC  
District 13 Regional  
District 13 STaC  
Stars of Tomorrow  
Windy City  
Unit STaC  
Labor Day  
Central States  
FallFest

District 13 STaC  
Unit STaC

### DATE/PLACE

Saturday, February 23 - Sunday, February 24  
Monday, February 25 - Sunday, March 3  
Monday, April 8 - Sunday, April 14, Lake Geneva, WI  
Monday, May 6 - Sunday, May 12  
Saturday, May 18 - Sunday, May 19, JourneyCare, Glenview  
Exact dates in June TBA  
Monday, July 29 - Sunday, August 4  
Friday, August 30 - Monday, September 2, Weber Center, Skokie  
Exact dates in October TBA  
Friday, November 8 - Sunday, November 10, Wyndham Garden, Schaumburg  
Monday, November 11 - Sunday, November 17  
Monday, December 9 - Sunday, December 15

## THANKS STAN!

Many thanks to Stan Subeck  
for providing the WinterFest  
photographs!





## Ace of Clubs Winners

Ruth Westberg's record remains unbroken. She has won the Helen Shambroon Ace of Clubs Award consecutively since 2001. This year, with 298.91 masterpoints, she won in the 7,500-1,0000 masterpoint category. The award is given to the person in each category who won the most masterpoints in unit club games during the previous year. The winners, the categories in which they won, and the number of masterpoints they earned during the year are the following:



Ace of Clubs winner  
Mary Schultz

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>MPs Earned</u>
0-5	Julian Oettinger	36.46
5-20	David Ginsburg	36.46
20-50	Patricia Ballman	81.85
50-100	Muneer Jamal	47.60
100-200	Marcy Gookin	99.33
200-300	Judy Katz	145.85
300-500	Marjorie Zolla	115.71
500-1,000	Mary Schultz	179.30
1000-1500	John Miller	366.86
1500-2500	Bruce Ladin	288.67
2500-3500	Roger Theis	254.20
3500-5000	Gordon Decker	159.64
5000-7500	Judy Zhu	349.95
Over 10,000	Jack Snyder	397.30

## Mini-McKenney Winners

The Mini-McKenney winners were recognized at the CCBA Annual Meeting. They are the players who earned the most masterpoints in the category in which they started the year. They are as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>MPs Earned</u>
0-5	Sarik Goyal	90.53
5-20	David Ginsburg	93.02
20-50	Patricia Ballman	112.22
50-100	Luke Robison	74.50
100-200	Marcy Gookin	212.56
200-300	Judy Katz	267.53
300-500	Kyle Rockoff	359.80
500-1000	Mary Schultz	212.67
1000-1500	John Miller	431.47
1500-2500	Tom Fogarty	359.85
2500-3500	Fred Clayton	323.80
3500-5000	Steve McConnell	51 9.00
5000-7500	Oren Kriegel	1448.66
7500-10000	Eldad Ginossar	917.16
Over 10000	Ron Smith	1392.53



### Bob Glen Award

Jim Phillips received the Bob Glen Award, which goes to the player winning the most masterpoints in Unit 123 Sectionals during 2018.



### Jan Ivory Award

Kyle Rockoff took home the Jan Ivory Award, which goes to the non-Life Master, who won the most masterpoints during 2018.

## IP Winners

Matthew Dyer and George Clark were the winners of the prestigious Invitational Pairs competition held Friday and Saturday at WinterFest, earning 17.06 MP. Placing second were Barbara Lehman and Hal Stern, who won 12.8 MP, and third place Stephen McConnell and Fawad Hakim earned 9.6 MP. Thirty-one tables of players squared off on January 18 to qualify for the final Barometer Pairs of approximately 16 tables on the following day.



### Art Glatt Award

Joe Stokes, left, is congratulated by Suzi Subeck and emcee George Jacobs for winning the Art Glatt Award. The award is given to the player winning the most points at District 13 Regional Tournaments during 2018.

## Ping Hu receives Service Award

Ping Hu was the choice for the Carl Sharp Service Award because of his contributions to Unit 123, District 13, and ACBL. On his own initiative, Ping developed a software program that facilitates Swiss Team scoring with the electronic scoring machines. Suzi Subeck, who announced the award, commented that the program "really works great and Ping has put a ton of time into it. District 13 has been the guinea pig in testing it, and we have watched it reach the successful level it is today."

Also Ping was recognized for the time he spends mentoring a group of students at a school in Naperville. "His kids" participate in the school bridge tournaments, including one that was held recently in Chicago.



WinterFest Dinner

## Feb. 18 deadline to register for GNT

The District 13 Grand National Team

(GNT) competition will be played February 23 and 24 at the Hilton Northbrook, 2855 North Milwaukee Avenue, Northbrook. Be aware that pre-registration is required to play in the GNT.



All teams wishing to enter must provide notification by noon on February 18 by contacting Suzi Subeck, District 13 Director: 847-509-0311 home, 708-927-6819 cell, [stansubeck@prodigy.net](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net), or by registering at [bridgeinchicago.com](http://bridgeinchicago.com).

Flight eligibility is established by ACBL's September 2018 masterpoint cycle. This information was produced on August 6, 2018 in Horn Lake, MS. Masterpoints won after this cycle will not impact flight eligibility for these events.

Players must reside in District 13. Each member of the team must be a paid member in good standing with the ACBL.

Club qualifying may be required at the discretion of each Unit. A Flight B or Flight C team may qualify under the rules of any Unit where a plurality of team members reside. For more information, go to <http://acbl-district13.org> where there is a link to the flyer, or contact Suzi.



**WinterFest Tournament** Chair Tom Dressing (standing) takes time at the Annual Meeting/Dinner to chat with those who ventured out into the cold and snow. Unfortunately, the bad weather, which resulted in slick roads, had an adverse effect on attendance.

## ACBL District 13 Director's Report

The ACBL Board of Directors voted to increase entry fees at North American Bridge Championships (NABC) commencing with Las Vegas 2019. Entry fees for regional events have not increased in more than 10 years, so I believe the raise is not inappropriate. The increases are \$4-\$5/session.

Entry fees at NABCs are changed to \$30 for NABC+ events, \$22 for other NABC events, \$20 for regional events, and \$20 for unlimited single session events. There is no change in the \$15 entry fee for Intermediate/Newcomer events.

The screen surcharge has been reinstated. At the point in any NABC event where screens come into play, teams will be assessed a surcharge to cover the cost of setup, delivery and maintenance.

Attendance at the Honolulu North American Bridge Championship was small- approximately 1,000 tables below expectations. The League will face severe attrition charges and playing space costs.

Districts where eight teams or more enter the District's Grand National Teams Flight B or Flight C finals may send a second team to the National competition in those flights starting in summer 2019. District 13 generally qualifies. Note that the League will provide no subsidy for these teams, so my guess is many districts will opt out because of the cost. I assume this will be discussed at the District Board of Directors meeting in Las Vegas in July.

In other business:

- Russ Jones from District 10 was elected 2019 president of the Board of Directors.
- Italian pro Lanzaerotti, who was banned from ACBL events approximately 13 years ago for cheating, was readmitted to the League. He has admitted his guilt and is working with Italian juniors.
- The motion to eliminate the Senior Knock Out was reconsidered as per a request from the ACBL Board of Governors. The elimination stands.
- The Board of Directors in concert with management is working on a fragrance policy to eliminate the use of perfumes and scented body care products. Though allergies exist, a hard policy will not be instituted because it is impossible to enforce; however, reminders and requests to the membership to comply will be prominent.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Subeck, District 13 Director

*Editor's Note: Suzi Subeck of Glenview IL was re-elected to represent District 13 on the Board of Directors. She ran unopposed. District 13 represents the Chicago area, Wisconsin and upper Michigan. Her term began January 1 and will expire December 31, 2021. The ACBL is divided into 25 districts.*



Suzi Subeck  
District 13 Director



### WinterFest

A group of students from the University of Chicago was among the players who enjoyed playing in the Swiss Teams event at the WinterFest Tournament that was held in Wheeling.



# Stars of Tomorrow I/N Silver Point Sectional\*

May 18-19, 2019

JourneyCare

2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 847-467-7423

## Saturday, May 18

### 9:30 Stratified Pairs

(0-100, 100-300, 300-500)

### 2:00 Stratified Pairs

(0-100, 100-300, 300-500)  
(Probable finish: 5:30p.m.)

## Sunday, May 19

### 10:00 Stratified Swiss

#### Teams

(0-100, 100-300, 300-500)  
Two-session play through  
(Probable finish: before  
4:30 p.m.)  
Please call ahead to arrange  
Sunday teammates.

### 10:00 Stratified Pairs

(0-100, 100-300, 300-500)  
Single session game  
(Probable finish: before  
1:30 p.m.)

## Questions? Need clarification?

### Contact Guy!

Chair: Guy Franklin

773-412-4882 [guyfranklinchicago@gmail.com](mailto:guyfranklinchicago@gmail.com)  
or

Jan Churchwell

847-373-3569 [jan8242@gmail.com](mailto:jan8242@gmail.com)

Text Guy if you need a partner for the  
pairs games on Saturday or Sunday, or another pair  
to make up a team for the Swiss on Sunday.

## Guest speaker between Saturday sessions.



Free Lunch  
Saturday  
and Sunday!



*\*A tournament for non-Life Masters  
with fewer than 500 points*

Looking forward to seeing your smiles!





# Meet your 3 newly elected members to CCBA Board



*Pictured left to right are Genny Cesario, Mark Stein and Jim Diebel.*

The three new members elected to the CCBA Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting bring with them enthusiasm, a variety of skills, and a desire to serve and to promote bridge. They are Genny Cesario of Elmhurst, Mark Stein of Skokie, and Jim Diebel of Wood Dale.

They replace Steve Brown, Les Kent and Sharon Pobloske, who decided not to seek another term. Re-elected to the board were Todd Fisher and Guy Franklin. Each year five people are elected to three-year terms on the 15-member board.

Genny said that she volunteered to serve on the board, "because I want to give back in some way to the game that I've fallen in love with." She is a fairly new duplicate player, joining the ACBL in 2012 and becoming a Life Master last October.

She had played a little social bridge while in college and prior to starting her family, but it wasn't until after retirement that she decided to take the game seriously and began playing in the clubs. "I didn't even know what a convention card was."

As a goal-oriented person, she took lessons and as you might expect of a former educator and school librarian, she bought and read a number of books. She said, "I like the mental and social aspects of the game, as well as the challenge."

"As a board member, I'm especially interested in working with the I/N players. Since I'm so new to duplicate bridge, I'm familiar with what they are going through, and I'd like to help them in some way" she said.

Mark echoed Genny's desire to give back to the bridge community. He is especially interested in getting young people interested in the game.

"We need young players, and I would like to see bridge clubs in the high schools. I have mentored - and learned from - the current generation of Northwestern University's bridge players," Mark said.

It was in high school that Mark learned to play bridge. At the age of 16, he went to the Palmer House in Chicago for the ACBL Nationals and won the novice pair event with his high school partner.

During the three years he attended the University of Illinois in Urbana, "I played against Chip Martel, Jerry Goldfein, Karen Walker and many other top players. I had success in my very first Grand National team tournament, and there were no brackets back then."

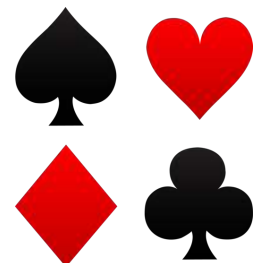
Today, he plays bridge about twice a week, and enjoys playing in regional tournaments, when his schedule allows. Mark works full time, and is an attorney in private practice, doing wills, trusts, and estate planning.

Jim "Wimpy," who loves games had tried others including chess and backgammon, before discovering the game of bridge while attending the U of I. He asked a backgammon player, who also played bridge, to teach him how to play the card game, "but he declined. So I went out and bought a book and taught myself. The first day I showed up at the Champaign DBC, I didn't have a partner and played with the owner, Karen Walker of *Bulletin* fame. I earned my first .16 of a master-point," he said. It was at that club that he met students Brian Blackmore and Jim O'Neill, his future bridge partners.

"In 1989 at the Nationals in Salt Lake City, I struck up an unlikely partnership with Wayne Eggers. It was unlikely because he was an established top player, and I was an arrogant intermediate. Over the course of that week, he taught me a great many things. The most important was that bridge is a partnership game," he said.

Jim taught high school for five years in the 1990's, but quit after his father had a stroke in 1997. Around 2005 Kathy Burt, who co-owned a bridge club, asked him to direct, which led to him directing at other clubs, as well. And when Kathy moved to Florida, he bought her club and a club owned by Jackie Addis, and runs them on Tuesdays and Fridays in Naperville. In addition, he assumed ownership of a Friday night game in Elmhurst, and "I've been trying hard to keep it going. It's hard because as our demographic ages, fewer and fewer are interested in going out at night." He also teaches bridge.

Jim said he is joining the board because "it is time for me to give back. Bridge has been good to me, and I would like to keep it alive and healthy for decades to come."



# 70% GAMES

75.4% John Miller, Joseph Chin, S. Suburban BC

75.2% Jack Shartsis, Toddy Leavitt, Ace of Clubs

75.0% Bill Mueller, Henry Rosenbaum, North Shore Senior Center

74.6% James O'Connell, Joseph Chin, Community BC

74.1% Judy Zhu, John Russell, NaperDBC

73.7% Tim Eckerman, Dolores Baumgart, Unusual No Trump DBC

73.5% William Cooper Jr., Derek Rogers, Mundelein Area DBC

73.4% George Clark, Susan Adams, Chicago DB

72.6% Thomas Karstens, Bonnie Katzenstein, Hinsdale DBC

72.5% Amin Hakim, Caryl Brown, Tom's Game

72.3% Patricia Latkin, Leonard Blum, New Eazy/Wed.

71.9% Frances Margolin, Arilyn Freeman, Chicago DB

71.8% Dave Bigler, Ram Prasad, Community BC

71.7% A Bascon, Sylvia Dunne, The Clare

71.6% Fred Clayton, Sue Erickson, Olympia DBC

71.4% Laurence McNabb, Bill McCandless, Hinsdale DB

71.2% Judee Corso, Kristin Brennan, Queen of Clubs DBC

71.2% Rosanne Schabinger, Audrey Rubinstein, Queen of Clubs DBC

71.2% Robert Gardner, Dick Bruno, Ace of Clubs

71.2% Julie Lilie, Donna Brookins, Chicago DB

71.0% Gwen Allen, Phyllis Camber, The Admiral at the Lake

70.8% Dana Schwarz, Arlene Keane, Arlington Bridge B's

70.8% Mary Rose Smith, Kate Gancer, Fox Bridge

70.8% Serdar Ogut, Larry Cohen, W. Suburban DB

70.6% Jeff Landsman, Marty Marcus, N. Shore Senior Center

70.5% Trudi McKarney, Yuan Hsu, Community Bridge Club

70.2% Jackie Lefvre, Sue Roess, New Eazy Bridge

70.2% Diane Patience, Laura Werner, The Clare

70% Tamar Shilo and Mary Anderson, Chicago Duplicate Bridge

70.0% Margery Hedegard and Jan Merrick, South Suburban BC

70.0% Michael Burns, Frances Lyne, Unusual No Trump DBC

70.0% Brad Stout, Cory Perk-ers, Chicago DB

70.0% Gail Tatterson, Nancy Grobarek, Arlington Bridge B's

## WinterFest Facts

**Total masterpoints:** 1390.90 earned by 298 players.

**Total attendance:** 263 tables.

**Top 10 point getters**, listed in order 34.96 Dick Bruno, Des Plaines; 32.47 Robert Gardner, Glenview; 31.75 Stephen McConnell, Evanston; 28.20 Jack Oest, Chicago; 20.26 Larry Cohen, Elmhurst; 19.66 Matthew Dyer, Chicago; 19.66 George Clark, Chicago; 19.09 Fawad Hakim, Niles; 19.00 Craig Gardner, Streamwood, and 18.52 Amin Hakim, Chicago.

## Swiss Team Winners:

Phil Warden, Madison, WI; Jeffrey Miller, Naperville; Serdar Ogut, Darien, and Larry Cohen, Elmhurst

## Congratulations Rank Advancers—You Did It!

### Junior Masters

Deirdre Brekke  
June Chin  
Carol Coker  
Penny Ellsworth  
Susan Frederickson  
Joseph Frydman  
Lynne Hogan  
Robert Lubowicki  
A Noah Minetz  
Kathy Myers  
Rita O'Brien  
Dean Pappas  
Tamar Shilo  
David Sujak  
Jane Vernier  
Ginney Qian Ye  
Nancy Yurek

### Club Masters

Edye Agron-Reiter  
M Alps  
William Amster  
Pamela Block  
Linda Bohnen  
Colette Bourke  
Judith Corso

Toni Freed  
Susan Gauen  
William Gould  
Thomas Karstens  
Dawn Kasserman  
Virginia Lowinski  
Nora McKinley  
James O'Donnell  
Ellen Rezabek  
Mark Stern  
J Stitzell  
Steven Strong  
Susan Sullivan  
Nancy Taylor  
Daniel Weiss

### Sectional Masters

Bill Brown  
Leslie Farmer  
Judith Gurley  
Laurie Harris  
David Junge  
Carol Mengarelli  
Mary Murtaugh  
James Nothnagel  
William Reed  
Milda Roszkiewicz

Torrang Siddhiteja  
Maureen Spinell  
Patricia Sutton

### Regional Masters

Patricia Ballman  
Sharon Doesseckle  
Muneer Jamal  
Bob Kell  
Bonnie King  
Ellen McGregor  
Henry Nadler  
Paul Schiff  
Robert Smith

### NABC Masters

Michael Dunn  
Sallie Hamm  
Muggsy Jacoby  
Kenneth Jensen  
Joan Lennie  
Jan Sax

### Advanced NABC Masters

Monte Lamb  
Michael Matthies

### Life Masters

Chaz Davis  
Jay Henderson  
Judi Katz  
Philip McPeck  
Barry Rosenberg

### Bronze Life Masters

Bill Sack  
Gail Salinger  
Sherilyn Sorem

### Silver Life Masters

Dennis O'Dowd

### Ruby Life Masters

Robert Dolan  
Audrey Rubinstein  
Roz Supera

### Gold Life Masters

Jon Sorkin

### Grand Life Masters

Lynne Rosenbaum

# Meanings of 1NT or 2NT must be considered in context



By Ginny and Jeff Schuett

Unfortunately, 1NT and 2NT have many different meanings in bridge – context is everything. Some might be minimum, others maximum, and it might even be a two-suited takeout.

Can you decide what South or North is telling you with their NT bid in the following sequences?

	South	West	North	East
1.	1♦	1♠	1NT?	
2.	1♦	P	2NT?	
3.	1♣ 1NT?	P	1♥	P
4.	1♦ 2NT	P	1♠	P
5.	P	2♥	2NT?	
6.	1♦ 1NT?	P	P	1♠

7. 1♠ 2NT?
8. 1♦ 1♠ 2♣ P  
2NT?
9. 1♣ 1♦ 1♠ P  
2NT?

Answers:

1. This is a somewhat constructive response of about good 7 – 10 high card points (HCP) and at least one spade stopper. You do not need to respond with a weak 6-7 HCP as opener gets another chance to bid. Example: ♠KJ5 ♥J4 ♦T973 ♣QJ96
2. 11-12 HCP with no four-card major and assorted stoppers, esp in the majors. It is invitational, but not forcing. Example: ♠KJ5 ♥AJ4 ♦973 QT96
3. 12-14 HCP balanced hand, with less than four-card spades. Example: ♠KJ5 ♥Q4 ♦KT9 ♣AT963
4. 18 -19 HCP balanced hand, highly invitational but not forcing. Example: ♠KJ5 ♥AQ94 ♦KQ97 ♣AT
5. Natural 15-18 HCP balanced hand with heart stopper(s). South can use Stayman and Transfer bids. This is NOT

the unusual NT because there was no jump to 2NT. Example: ♠AJ ♥AQ9 ♦KJ974 ♣QT5

6. 18 -19 HCP balanced hand, but because responder didn't bid and has less than six HCP, it is not necessary to jump to 2NT to show the extras. If opener thinks he can make one NT opposite little or nothing, he has to have extras.

Example: ♠KJ5 ♥AQ ♦KQJ97 KT6

7. Takeout showing a two-suited hand with at least 5-5 in the minors. The distribution and vulnerability is more important than HCP, but I would say at least 8+ HCP and decent quality suits. This bid often sets the stage for a later sacrifice when opener's side is vulnerable and the 2NT bidders' side is not vulnerable. Example: ♠5 ♥83 ♦KQT97 ♣AT962

8. 12-14 HCP balanced hand, with spades stopped. Example: ♠AJ9 ♥KQ94 KT95 ♣63

9. 18 -19 HCP balanced hand, with diamonds stopped. Example: ♠K85 ♥AQ94 ♦AQ ♣AT75

Ginny and Jeff Schuett—bridge teaching, directing, play. Email: jgschuett2@comcast.net Phone: 847-940-7236



## 2019 CCBA Board of Directors

Shown above are the Chicago Contract Bridge Association Directors for 2019, including the newly elected officers. Back row, left to right: Guy Franklin; Joe Stokes; Tom Dressing, president; Todd Fisher; Mark Stein; Craig Gardner, treasurer; and Jim Diebel. Front Row: Genny Cesario; Suzi Subeck, District 13 Director; Jan Churchwell, secretary; Adrienne Cohen; and Phil McPeck. Board members missing from the picture are Bob Young, Loring Knoblauch, vice president; and Mark Friedlander.



# Which signal do you prefer - Count or attitude?



*Winning with Wimpy*  
By Jim Diebel

Much of what we do today is the same as that done 60-80 years ago, but much has changed. If you learned this game reading an old classic, like *Five Weeks to Winning Bridge*, you were brought up on four-card majors, forcing jump raises, and very few conventions.

One of the innovations over the last 30 years or so has been the switch from standard defensive signals to Upside Down (UDCA).

I've written several columns over the last 12 years about them, but mistakes are still common. Several people I've met choose to play Upside Down Attitude (UDA) but standard count. This actually is fine, but most would find it confusing.

Suppose partner leads the ♠A (from AK) against a heart contract. Dummy hits with: ♠J74 ♥KQ94 ♦K75 ♣865

If you play the ♠2, do you know whether it is count or attitude? If you play UDCA, whether you held ♠82 or ♠Q82, you don't really care. The ♠2 (which is attitude) is correct either way, since you desire partner to cash another high spade and lead a third one. This is why I believe playing BOTH upside count and upside attitude is less confusing.

Change dummy to ♠J754 ♥KQ94 ♦K75 ♣86 and you can no longer afford to play the ♠2 from ♠Q82. This is because requesting a spade continuation will eventually lead to setting up dummy's ♠J when your ♠Q gets ruffed out.

Even if spades are 3-4-3-3 around the table, it's usually not a good idea to set up tricks for declarer if you can avoid it. The general rule is that if the count signal conflicts with the attitude signal, then the count signal takes precedence; therefore, from ♠Q82, you would play the ♠8. Partner would not know who has the ♠Q, but at least he knows you won't be ruffing the third spade.

A slightly easier example to understand would be when dummy hits with ♠Q86. Here, both defenders can see that dummy will win the third spade, and it's only safe to continue if third hand can ruff the third round. Therefore, UDCA players would play the ♠2, (count), from ♠72, or the ♠J2, but the ♠7 from ♠J72. Both defenders know it's a count situation, because both can see the danger of continuation.

UDA and Standard Count enthusiasts have it easy as well. Once again both defenders can see the danger of continuation, so third hand plays the ♠7 (count), from ♠72, the ♠J from ♠J2 and the ♠2 from the ♠J72.

Going back to the example where dummy has ♠J754, it may be critical that both defenders recognize that this is a count situation. Thus, once again the UDCA player selects the ♠2 (count), from ♠82 and the ♠8 from ♠Q82. Whether or not the opening leader interprets the signal as count or attitude, he will go right.

The UDA player who uses Standard Count must trust that partner is on the same wavelength.

Dummy hits with ♠J754, and recognizing that this is a count situation, third chair correctly plays the ♠2 (count), from ♠Q82. If opener mistakenly reads this as a come on signal, the defense will slip and set up the ♠J for declarer.

For this exact reason, most players using UDA choose to use UDC as well. It simply avoids confusion.

How strange to play a different card from the same holding depending on dummy!

Although it is necessary to send different signals in different situations, players who play both UDC and UDA don't have to worry about whether the opening leader is reading the signal as it was intended.

As I've said many times, attitude and count are usually linked, and it's simply easier then to send the message you want with the same card in either case.

This is probably a good time to give some general guidelines about when a defender's card is count and when it is attitude.

A defender's card is attitude when:

1. Opening leader leads an honor and third seat follows.
2. A defender who cannot follow suit discards a different suit.
3. A defender leads low, dummy wins with an ace or king, and third hand follows suit.

1. Opener leader wants to know if it is safe to continue the suit he is leading. Regardless of system, an encouraging card sends the message that the third seat holds an honor equal to the sequence promised by the opener, or (if a suit contract) that third seat intends to trump the third round of the suit. In situations where continuing a suit risks setting up a trick for declarer, the count signal takes precedence.

2. The first discard in a suit is generally an attitude discard. The main exception occurs when a defender makes a discard in dummy's long suit when there is no obvious outside entry. In this case only, the discard is count.

3. When dummy wins a trick with an ace or king, opening leader wants to know if it is safe and wise to continue the suit, should he gain the lead. Since the opening leader most often has originally led from a king or a queen, third chair signals encouragement if it holds the king or queen when dummy's ace wins the first trick. With neither, third chair signals negatively. If dummy wins the first trick with a king, opener knows you don't have the ace (else you presumably would have won the trick). The only question he has is whether you hold the queen, so that he might underlead his ace or jack profitably. Holding the queen, third chair signals encouragement, otherwise discourages.

Finally, if dummy wins with a queen or less, the assumption is that you do NOT like the suit. Attitude is known. Therefore, third chair gives COUNT.

A defender's card is count when:

1. Second Chair follows suit to a trick that he does not intend to win.
2. Fourth Chair follows suit to a trick that he does not win.
3. Third Chair follows suit to partner's lead and dummy wins the trick with a Queen or less (see above)
4. Third Chair follows suit to partner's high honor lead defending a contract on the 5-level or higher.

Basically, if declarer is leading a suit, you give count. If partner is leading a suit, you try to win it, and when you can't, you give count.

Against high level contracts, partner is usually more interested in whether or not a second card in a suit will cash rather than whether continuing might give up a trick later. For that reason, many pairs agree to give count to partner's Ace (or King) if the contract is at the 5 or 6 level.


So there you have it. Whether you play standard or upside down, or some combination of the two, you need to know which signal you are sending. More important than that, your partner needs to know what your signal means as well.

Next issue, we'll delve deeper into some common and not-so-common count situations where many defenders often go wrong.

*For more tips on improving your bidding and defense go to [www.wimpy.biz/bridge](http://www.wimpy.biz/bridge).*

## Financial Report by Treasurer Craig Gardner

CCBA Treasurer Craig Gardner (pictured below) presented the financial report at the 2019 CCBA Annual Meeting in Wheeling on January 19. He noted that income was down, but was similar to 2018's. Below is the Treasurer's Report that he presented.

ASSETS		31- Dec-18	31-Dec-17
	Current Assets		
	Bank Deposits & CD	135,450	139,753
	Accounts Receivable	144	60
	Other Current Assets		
	Pre-paid Space Rental	6,125	2,725
	Undeposited Funds	2,507	3,525
	Total Other Current Assets	8,632	6,250
	Total Current Assets	144,226	146,063
	TOTAL ASSETS	144,226	146,063
	LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
	Equity		
	Opening Bal Equity	146,063	161,280
	Net Income	-1,837	-15,217
	Total Equity	144,226	146,063
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	144,226	146,063




### District 13 Spring Regional

### April 8-14, 2019

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**Monday, April 8**  
1:30, 7:00 Two Session Stratified Open Pairs to benefit the Grass Roots Fund

**Tuesday, April 9**  
10:00 & 3:00 Open Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)  
10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

**Wednesday, April 10**  
10:00 & 3:00 Open Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)  
10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

**Thursday, April 11**  
10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Single Session Side Games to benefit the Grass Roots Fund  
10:00 & 3:00 Open Swiss Team ((0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)  
10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Teams (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

**Friday, April 12**  
10:00 & 3:00 Open Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)  
10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

**Saturday, April 13**  
10:00 & 3:00 Bracketed Swiss Teams  
10:00 & 3:00 Open Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)  
10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

**Sunday, April 14**  
10:00 Stratiflighted Swiss Teams Playthrough ... Lunch Included Flight A/X/Y B/C/D Stratified

Tournament Chair: Suzi Subeck  
847-509-0311  
Email: stansubeck@prodigy.net

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Open+ Chart for Sunday Flight A/X/Y Swiss Teams  
Stratified Games: A: 2000+; B: 750-2000; C: 0-750

Stratiflighted Teams:

A:5000+; X: 3000-5000; Y: 0-3000 B: 750-1500;  
C: 300-750; D: 0-300

Open Teams:

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

Open Pairs: 0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+  
Gold Rush Pairs: 0-100; 100-300; 300-750  
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## Special Club Games *(Earn Extra Points)*

Day/Date	Time	Club	Location	Event
Sat - Feb 2	12:30 pm	All Bridge Saints	1st Congregational	International Fund Game
Sat - Feb 2	11:15 am	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	ACBL-wide International Fund
Sat - Feb 2	11:30 am	Yorkville Duplicate Bridg	Beecher Community Ctr	Party - Club Championship
Sun - Feb 3	1:00 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Teams
Mon - Feb 4	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs
Tue - Feb 5	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs
Tue - Feb 5	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs
Tue - Feb 5	1:00 pm	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Club Championship
Tue - Feb 5	7:00 pm	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational	Charity Pairs
Wed - Feb 6	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Open/300 pairs
Wed - Feb 6	10:30 am	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Gary Sinise Charity Game
Thu - Feb 7	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs
Thu - Feb 7	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs Open/99ers
Fri - Feb 8	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs
Sat - Feb 9	11:15 am	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs
Mon - Feb 11	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Unit Game
Mon - Feb 11	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Unit Game
Tue - Feb 12	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Unit Game
Tue - Feb 12	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Tue - Feb 12	1:00 pm	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Grass Roots Fund Game
Wed - Feb 13	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Wed - Feb 13	7:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Club Championship
Thu - Feb 14	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Thu - Feb 14	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship Open/99er
Thu - Feb 14	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Charity Game
Fri - Feb 15	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club CHampionship
Sat - Feb 16	12:30 pm	All Bridge Saints	1st Congregational	Local Charity Pairs
Sat - Feb 16	11:15 am	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Sun - Feb 17	1:00 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Mon - Feb 18	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Mon - Feb 18	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Grass Roots Fund
Tue - Feb 19	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Tue - Feb 19	1:00 pm	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Unit Game
Tue - Feb 19	7:00 pm	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational	Club Championship
Wed - Feb 20	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	ACBL-wide Charity
Wed - Feb 20	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Grass Roots Fund
Wed - Feb 20	10:30 am	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	ACBL wide Charity Game
Fri - Feb 22	11:00 am	St. Charles Duplicate Bridge	Baker Community Center	Unit Game
Sat - Feb 23	12:30 pm	All Bridge Saints	1st Congregational	Charity Team Game
Mon - Feb 25	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Mon - Feb 25	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Hinsdale House Charity Game
Mon - Feb 25	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	STaC Unit 123
Mon - Feb 25	11:00 am	Oak Lawn DBC	Oak View School	Club Championship





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Day/Date	Time	Club	Location	Event
Tue - Feb 26	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Tue - Feb 26	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Tue - Feb 26	1:00 pm	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	STaC
Tue - Feb 26	7:00 pm	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational	STaC
Wed - Feb 27	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Wed - Feb 27	7:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Hinsdale House Charity Game
Wed - Feb 27	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	STaC Unit 123
Thu - Feb 28	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Thu - Feb 28	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Fri - Mar 1	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Sat - Mar 2	12:30 pm	All Bridge Saints	1st Congregational	Club Championship
Sat - Mar 2	11:15 am	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Sun - Mar 3	1:00 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Tue - Mar 5	1:00 pm	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Grass Roots (Mardi Gras)
Wed - Mar 6	7:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Unit Game
Wed - Mar 6	10:30 am	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Gary Sinise Charity Game
Thu - Mar 7	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	ICCG
Thu - Mar 7	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Club Championship
Sun - Mar 10	1:00 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Unit Game
Mon - Mar 11	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	ACBL Senior Pairs/299er Game
Mon - Mar 11	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Club Championship
Mon - Mar 11	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Grass Roots Fund
Tue - Mar 12	1:00 pm	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Club Game
Tue - Mar 12	7:00 pm	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational	Unit Game
Wed - Mar 13	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Grass Roots Fund
Sat - Mar 16	12:30 pm	All Bridge Saints	1st Congregational	Charity Team Game
Sun - Mar 17	1:00 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	St Pat's Day Charity Pairs
Mon - Mar 18	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs; 299ers
Mon - Mar 18	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Charity Game
Mon - Mar 18	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Club Championship
Tue - Mar 19	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs
Tue - Mar 19	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs
Tue - Mar 19	7:00 pm	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational	Charity Pairs
Wed - Mar 20	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs Open/300
Wed - Mar 20	7:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community CTR	Hinsdale House Charity Game-
Wed - Mar 20	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Club Championship
Wed - Mar 20	10:30 am	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Club Championship
Thu - Mar 21	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs
Thu - Mar 21	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs Open/99ers
Thu - Mar 21	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Charity Game
Fri - Mar 22	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs
Sat - Mar 23	12:30 pm	All Bridge Saints	1st Congregational	Charity Pairs
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