



Kibitzer

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Seek candidates for Gran, Harmon Wilkes Awards



Jack Oest, 2019 recipient of the CCBA's highest honor, the Harmon Wilkes Award.

The CCBA Board of Directors is soliciting nominations for the Gran Sportsmanship and the Harmon Wilkes Awards.

Submissions are due by October 15, and must be in writing (e-mail

is okay) to Craig Gardner, nominating committee chair, at famadar11@gmail.com or

1462 Laurel Oaks Drive, Streamwood, IL 60107.

Nominations should make the case for the nominee's suitability for the honors.

See the criteria for these important awards in the President's Column on page 2.



FallFest - More Days Mean More Fun

If you are not planning on attending FallFest, you will kick yourself later for missing out on the fun at this enhanced tournament. Two days have been added, giving players more opportunities to win gold at this regional, which runs November 6-10 at the attractive Wyndham Garden Hotel, 1725 Algonquin Road, Schaumburg.



A variety of games are offered - pairs, team and Swiss.

You're sure to find an event you like, whether you have many points or only a couple.

The regular schedule begins Wednesday, November 6, with Players' Choice Pairs at 9:30 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday have the same schedule. Thursday offers a two-session Open Swiss Team game at 9:30 a.m.

and 2 p.m., with a single session pair/team game at 7:30 p.m. The latter will carry a sectional rating.

Sunday presents Open Swiss Teams, beginning at 10 a.m. It will be a play through with lunch served.

For those with 0-750 points, the schedule includes Gold Rush Choice Pairs at 9:30 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Thursday includes a two-session Gold Rush Swiss team game at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

On Sunday, a Gold Rush Swiss Team game begins at 10 a.m. It is a play through with lunch served at noon.

Tournament Chair Les Kent said that he is looking forward to the event and believes players will love it. For more information, check page 3 of this Kibitzer, or go to bridgeinchicago.com.

Exciting WinterFest Sectional kicks off Jan. 23

WinterFest - what a great way to start the new year - winning silver at the four-day sectional which begins January 23.

The tournament at the Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling, features the exciting Invitational Pairs Charity Game. The qualifying round will be played at 7:30 p.m. Friday, with the final round at 2 p.m. Saturday. This year the event will benefit the Grass Roots Fund.

Prior to the tournament, all those eligible to play in this two-day event will receive an invitation to participate, including instructions for registration which is free. After December 15, players may register online at www.bridgeinchicago.com/registrations. If you have questions, contact Adrienne Cohen at 630-941-0581.

The I/N schedule includes stratified pairs Thursday through Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday features a two-session Swiss Teams event, beginning at 10 a.m.



On the regular schedule, there will be stratified open pair/team games at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, and at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Swiss Teams will begin 10 a.m. Sunday. Lunch will be available for purchase on site Sunday during play, according to Tournament Chair Joe Connelly.

NOMINATE NOW!

If you know someone (perhaps yourself) who would make a great addition to the CCBA Board of Directors, now is the time to nominate that person. Send your entry by October 15 to Craig Gardner, nominating committee chair, to famadar11@gmail.com or to 1462 Laurel Oaks Drive, Streamwood, IL 60107. See the President's Column on page 2 for more information.

President asking for board, award nominations



The CCBA Board of Directors needs your nominations. First for a seat on the Board, and secondly for two very important awards. The deadline, October 15, is fast approaching.

If you are a member of the ACBL and a member in District 13, you are eligible to serve on the board. You can nominate someone else or yourself, if you would like to contribute your talents.

Five people will be elected to three-year terms on the 15-member board at the CCBA Annual Meeting in January. Each

Pres. Tom Dressing

year one-third of the terms expire. This year, the terms of Adrienne Cohen, Suzi Subeck, Jan Churchwell, Craig Gardner, and Bob Young expire. Craig has indicated he does not plan to seek re-election.

The CCBA Board also is seeking nominations for two important awards - the Gran Sportsmanship and the Harmon Wilkes Award.

Nominations should make the case for the nominee's suitability for the honor based on the following criteria:

- ♦ Abides by the rules of the game,
- ♦ Always plays fair and with integrity,
- ♦ Respects the other players' efforts,
- ♦ Is never demeaning or quarrelsome,
- ♦ Offers encouragement to his/her partner and teammates,
- ♦ Accepts the judgment calls of the directors, and
- ♦ Is consistently pleasant and gracious in victory and in defeat.

In addition to those criteria, the Harmon Wilkes Award winner exemplifies the following qualities:

- ♦ Has contributed to the preservation and development of duplicate bridge and to the maintenance of its good reputation.
- ♦ Competes at a high level,
- ♦ Has in-depth knowledge of bridge, and
- ♦ Is gracious in sharing his/her expertise with less experienced players.

Nominations for the awards and for the board must be submitted in writing (e-mail is okay) to Craig Gardner, nominating committee chair, at famadar11@gmail.com or 1462 Laurel Oaks Drive, Streamwood, IL 60107.

See you at the table,

Tom Dressing
CCBA President

Order tickets Now for Annual Meeting Dinner

Join your CCBA bridge playing friends for a tasty all-you-can-eat buffet, which will be served at 5:30 p.m. prior to the January 25 Annual Meeting. One need not go to the dinner in order to attend the Annual Meeting.

To make reservations, send a \$15 check to to Judy Riehs, at 731 Hapsfield Lane, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089, or call (847-215-7695, or email her at Judymriehs@yahoo.com). Tables of eight may be reserved if prepaid by January 13. **Reserved tickets are available for pick up beginning Friday evening at the tournament site.**



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FallFest Regional Tournament

November 6-10, 2019

Wyndham Garden Hotel

1725 E. Algonquin Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173

For special room rate with full breakfast, call 847-397-1500.

Ask for Chicago Contract Bridge Association Rate of \$89

Schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 6

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Pairs

Thursday, Nov. 7

9:30, 2:00 Two-session Open Swiss Teams

7:30 Single Session Pair/Team Game

Friday, November 8

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Pairs

Saturday, November 9

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Pairs

Sunday, November 10

10:00 a.m. Open Swiss Teams

Play through with lunch served

Stratification:

A: 3000+, B: 1500-3000, C: 0-150

Masterpoint averaging when permitted in pair and team events!



Single session entries accepted for pair games.



Pair/Team Games: One Game, Two Chances for Masterpoints!

1. As a Pair (Matchpoints, think club games)
2. As a Team (Board-A-Match scoring)

Pair/Team Games are single session. Come with a team, or come as a pair and automatically become the partners of the other pair at the first table where you sit. Scratch as a pair and win points. Scratch as a team and win points. Scratch BOTH ways and get the higher award (you can only get one award).

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Saturday, November 9

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Gold Rush Choice Pairs

Sunday, November 10

10:00 a.m. Gold Rush Swiss Teams

Play through with lunch served

0-100, 100-300, 300-750

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Attractive Playing Site! Convenient Location! Free Parking!

Labor Day Sectional - 5 days of fun!



Tournament Chair Todd Fisher, above right, and I/N Chair Guy Franklin, below right, chat with tournament attendees.





WinterFest

Chicago Sectional

January 23 - 26, 2020

Chevy Chase Country Club
1000 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling, IL



SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, January 23

- 9:30 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game
2:00 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game

FRIDAY, January 24

- 9:30 Stratified Open Pairs/Team Game
2:00 Stratified Open Pairs/Team Game
7:30 Invitational Charity Pairs to benefit the Grass Roots Fund (Higher awards!) *Qualifying Round* (Matchpoint scoring)
Stratified Open Pairs/Team Game

SATURDAY, January 25

- 9:30 Stratified Open Pairs/Team Game
2:00 Invitational Charity Pairs to benefit the Grass Roots Fund (Higher awards!) *Final Round* (Barometer scoring)
Stratified Open Pairs/Team Game
5:30 Annual Dinner
7:00 Annual Meeting
7:30 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game

SUNDAY, January 26

- 10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams, Playthrough
Swiss Team Averaging
7 boards, 7 matches, 20 VP scoring

ALERT:

Registration is required for the Invitational Pairs only.

For all other events, you need only arrive in time to purchase an entry.

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Events for I/N Players

(0-500 Masterpoints Non-Life Master)
Stratification: 0-100, 100-300, 300-500

THURSDAY, January 23

- 9:30 Stratified Pairs
2:00 Stratified Pairs

FRIDAY, January 24

- 9:30 Stratified Pairs
2:00 Stratified Pairs

SATURDAY, January 25

- 9:30 Stratified Pairs
2:00 Stratified Pairs

SUNDAY, January 26

- 10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
(2 sessions) *More chances for Silver Pts.*

Tournament Chair: Joe Connelly
847-271-1666
madbridge16@gmail.com

Partnership Chair: Tom Dressing
847-323-4602
tom@dressing.org

(Volunteers are needed to serve as standbys. Standbys are players who serve as partners for those who come to WinterFest without partners. Players at all levels may volunteer.) Contact Tom for partnerships and to volunteer as standbys.

Invitational Pairs: Adrienne Cohen
630-941-0581
www.bridgeinchicago.com/registration

(Note: Online registration for Invitational Pairs begins on December 15. No charge to register)

For information, contact Tom or Joe
(email preferred)

Chicago Contract Bridge Association
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Join us January 25 at 5:30 p.m.
for the Annual CCBA Dinner and Meeting.
Cost: \$15.00 (CCBA subsidized)
Send Reservations and Checks payable to the CCBA to
Judy Riehs 847-215-7695
731 Hapsfield Lane, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Judymriehs@yahoo.com
Tables of 8 may be reserved if prepaid by January 13

Reserved tickets are available for pick up beginning Friday evening at the tournament site.

Events may be combined at the discretion of the director.
Masterpoint averaging when allowed.

Stratification:

- A: 2500+
B: 1000-2500
C: 0-1000



Congratulations Rank Advancers- You Did It!

Junior Masters

Kenny Alperstein
Sandra Bishop
Matthew Bluestone
Michael Brdecka
Thomas Cappelle
Rita Crosse
Carla Douros
Madhavi Gullapalli
Owen Jiang
Alfred Koda
Steven Lewis
Xi Lin
Marcy List
Dick Mochel
Stephen Myers
Frank Peard
Joseph Pratt
Deb Rusnak
Carolyn Sherman
Donald Sherman
Anthony Veeneman
Ralph Wanger
Ronald Weil

Club Masters

Mary Anderson
Merle Cherney
Michael Cohen
Patricia Cohen
Carol Cushing
Barbara Doll
Susan Eck
Dennis Jennings
Nancy Krippel
Tad Marecki
Deborah Mathews
Karen Page
Honey Rosenfeld
Judy Rowan
Tamar Shilo
Renee Stern
David Sujak
Bogdan Warchalowski

Sectional Masters

Howard Anderson
Mark Gleason
Helen Grebaum
Doris Green

David Kempner
Nicholas Kilzer
Aleksandar Lishkov
Eileen Martin
Barbara Neil
Alexander Panos
Kunal Pujara
Richard Rosenbaum
Ming Sheng
J Stitzell
Joyce Tjarks

Regional Masters

Barbara Alter
Jim Field
Tricia Fox
James Krueger
Frances Margolin
Bette Olmsted
Mary Rorke
Renee Rosenberg
Geraldine Tyler
Barbara Wollard



The All Saints Bridge Club celebrated George Adams (seated) achieving his Sapphire Life Master. Left to right are Gary Dorsey, Club Owner Nancy Miller, and Mary Schultz. Mary and Gary are frequent partners of George.

NABC Masters

John Gillett
Marjorie Goettsche
Tobey Passman
Sharon Petersen

Advanced NABC Masters

Michael Dunn

Life Masters

Erick Kraskian
Ralph Weinberg

Bronze Life Masters

William Buchman
Ginny Dimond
Mike Dimond
Arlene Doyle
Judi Katz
Eric Kraskian
Louis Sharp

Silver Life Masters

Duke Bhatia
Kathy Gleason
Barbara Hanig
Paul Prez
Elaine Rose

Ruby Life Masters

Carole Jones

Gold Life Masters

Craig Henderson
Moti Laxer
Kenneth Tatz

Sapphire Life Masters

Matthew Dyer
Bob Fashingbauer
Paul Lindauer

Diamond Life Masters

Toddy Leavitt

Emerald Life Masters

Jay Baum
Rosanne Schabinger

70% GAMES

77.5% Donald Vaniska, Michael Devine, South Suburban Bridge Center

75.9% Nancy Knoppel, Pete Bush, Chicago DB

75.0% Gail Arnold, Tim Segall, Chicago DB

75.0% Joe Chin, George Roeper, Chicago Cultural Center

74.7% T. Sheagren, Wilma Tunick, New Eazy Bridge

74.5% Beth Buchsbaum, Samuel Buchsbaum, N. Shore Senior Center

73.6% Stephen Bell, Ronald Miller, New Lenox-Joliet DBC

73.0% Jack Snyder, Judy Zhu, Hinsdale DB

72.9% Dick Mochel, Mary Rorke, Hinsdale DB

72.9% Bobbie Carrick, Michael Nisen, Olympia DBC

72.5% Joan Butz, Ronald Miller, New Lenox-Joliet DBC

72.5% Monte Lamb, Ralph Schindler Jr., Chicago Cultural Center

72.5% Claire Murvihill, Harry Dunbar Jr., S. Suburban BC

72.3% Suzanne Dunaway, Michael Kutska, Hinsdale DB

72.1% Jaroslaw Piasecki, Wieslaw Kalita, Hinsdale DB

72.0% Ilan Wolff, Jack Oest, Lawson Bridge Studio

72.0% Ed Glickman, Charles Fortney, Chicago DB

71.8% Mark Friedlander, Howard Engle, Queen of Clubs DBC

71.7% Philip McPeck, Kendra Bridges, Hinsdale DB

71.5% Michael Radzilowsky, Julane Alt, The Clare

71.4% John Ober, Sandy Ober, New Eazy Bridge

71.4% Randee Dorman, Sonja Shiner, Tom's Game

71.3% Ronald Helman, Jacqueline Goldberg, Admiral at the Lake

71.2% Tricia Fox, Janice Eager, University Club

71.2% Daniel Blum, Marlene Konik, Ace of Clubs

70.9% Candace Timson, Carol Thorne, Hinsdale DB

70.8% Betty Steffek, David Mitzit, New Lenox-Joliet DBC

70.8% David Schwartzwald, Walter Pollack, New Eazy Bridge

70.7% Shelley Gorson, Eileen Martin, The Clare

70.6% Colette Bourke, Elvira Kudia, Hinsdale DB

70.4% Pauline Oyama, James English, Chicago DB

70.2% Larry Rabideau, John Goring, New Lenox-Joliet DBC

70.2% Frank Redman, Robert Young, Tuesday Night Out

70.1% Eli Jolley, Wally Hendricks, Chicago DB

70.1% Marc Passman, Denyse Holt, Ace of Clubs

70.1% Andrew Harvey, Sue Erickson, Olympia DBC

70.0% Aleksandar Lishkov, Katherine Rehak, Chicago DB

70.0% Tony Spier, Jack Hurst, The Clare



District 13 Director's Report by Suzi Subeck

Maybe you're not a senior after all



Suzi Subeck

The ACBL Board of Directors passed two motions regarding senior events during its recent meeting at the Las Vegas NABC.

First, for the purposes of participation in all ACBL events designated as "senior," the definition of a "senior" will be changed from a minimum of 60 years to a minimum of 65 years. The change will be phased in on January 1 during each of the next four years, starting in 2020 when the senior age will be 62, and ending in 2023 with age 65.

For NABC events designated as "super senior" will change from a minimum of 70 years to 75 years of age during the same transition period.

My motion to require Permanent Unit affiliation failed. The directors felt that

District 13 should simply say no to requests where there was no need for a change and that would solve the problem, which is what District 13 is already doing.

In other business, the board designated February as Education Foundation Fund Month. Money raised from Education Foundation Charity Games will be distributed to the Education Foundation.

Action was taken to allow the following change, which reads, "The positions of Unit Recorder and Unit Disciplinary Chair are eliminated."

All disciplinary matters previously managed by the units will be managed by the districts. For disciplinary matters in a district, the district president shall be the charging party unless otherwise specified in the district's bylaws.

Attendance at the Las Vegas NABC was greater than projected. The Cosmopolitan, while not inexpensive, was well accepted and the playing conditions were quite good.

Lighting had to be supplemented but it was adequate. Temps were good. Players were generally happy. Smoking was not an issue as it was only permitted on the first floor within the casino.



♣ Club News ♣

The All Saints Bridge Club has moved from Downers Grove to the Union Church, 137 S. Garfield, Hinsdale.

The new location is handicapped accessible and has a much larger parking lot, according to Club Owner Nancy Miller.

Game time will remain at 12:30 p.m. Partners are guaranteed.

Visit with doctor results in prescription for great bridge scores for both



Near the end of 2017, Ron Helman ran into an old friend at Olympia Bridge Club in Palatine. It was David Ginsburg, who had been his doctor in the 1980s. They talked a little and decided that after Ron got back from his annual trip to White Sox Spring Training in February 2018, they would play bridge at Olympia.

Ginsburg, now retired, had recently taken up duplicate bridge. Ginsburg proved to be a dream client for Helman and Helman was the perfect pro for Ginsburg.

Playing together, Ginsburg racked up both the District 13 Mini-McKenney and the Unit Ace of Clubs awards for 2018. But they weren't done yet.

This year, 2019, between June 7th and July 22nd, the two played in seven pairs games, all at Olympia. The results were seven first place finishes, all in the highest strat.

All told for those seven games, there were 63 total tables, and the seven first place finishes netted them 16.89 masterpoints. This propelled Ginsburg into the lead for the 2019 Ace of Clubs. None of the directors had ever heard of a single pair scoring seven consecutive first places!



Winners!

Among the winners at the Labor Day Sectional Tournament in Skokie were I/N players Peggy Wolf and Francie Margolin.





Attend NABC this fall in San Francisco or consider local ACBL Events

NABC Tournament Dates

North American Bridge Championships (NABC) are conducted by the ACBL and are held three times a year across the United States and Canada. NABCs offer platinum, gold and red points.

The next tournament will be held November 28-December 8 at the Marriott Marquis in San Francisco. For assistance with reservations, contact OnPeak at 855-992-3353 or go to acbl@onpeak.com.



Labor Day Sectional

Todd Fisher (wearing hat), takes time out of his busy schedule as Labor Day Sectional Tournament Chair to enjoy a game. See other photographs on this page from the tournament



The 2020 NABCs will be held March 19-29 in Columbus, Ohio; July 16-26 in Montreal, Canada; and November 26-December 6 in Tampa, Florida. For more information, go to www.acbl.org.

Fall 2019 Robot Individual

If you do not have time to travel to the NABC or want to start it earlier, consider the Fall 2019 Robot Individual.

The three-day online event, which runs from November 23-25, is hosted by BBO. This is your chance to win an NABC title from the comfort of your home. You can play up to 18 hours per day. Play at the free [practice tournaments](#) for a chance to win an entry to the main event. There will be Stratified and Section Awards.

Instant Matchpoint Game

Another option is the ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game. Play Wednesday afternoon on October 31 and have the chance to earn one gold point when you win a section top at the club.

The winners will be recognized in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin and on the ACBL website. Each player receives a printed booklet with detailed analysis of each hand from bridge expert Larry Cohen.



Competitive bidding options - What various bids mean



By Ginny and Jeff Schuett

Single raises in competition have the same basic meaning as they do without any competition.

Realize that the overcaller does not necessarily have an opening hand. With a very strong hand, the overcaller should start with a takeout double to show his extra strength. Therefore, it is not always necessary to give partner a single raise on minimum values with only three-card support. For example:

North	East	South	West
1♣	1♥	1♠	2♥

(West has 6-9 points and 3+ trump.
West's hand ♠ K982 ♥ K75 ♦ 74 ♣ Q832)

Most players today play jump raises in competition as preemptive in nature, capitalizing on the **Law of Total Tricks** to make it most difficult on the opponents to get to their best contract. In its simplest form, the Law of Total Tricks says: **On part score deals (where the partnership has a combined total of about 17-23**

high-card points): the number of tricks you can take on offense is equal to the combined number of trumps you hold. In other words, the more combined trumps you have, the more you can bid safely. For example:

North	East	South	West
1♣	1♥	1♠	3♥ (West has 5-8 points and 4+ trump. West's hand ♠ J982 ♥ K752 ♦ 7 ♣ J853)

Note that based on The Law of Tricks, either partner can and should compete higher solely based on the extra trump. So competing is NOT any type of game try and partner should not bid game. In this competing situation, only new suits and doubles can be used as a try to reach game. Examples:

North	East	South	West
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♣ = Game try – North hand ♠ 2 ♥ AKJ752 ♦ K7 ♣ KT53 (South bids 4♥ with ♠ 853 ♥ Q96 ♦ 957 ♣ AQ42.)			
3♦ = Game try – North hand ♠ 843 ♥ AQJ75 ♦ K1074 ♣ A (South bids 4♥ with ♠ 4 ♥ T962 ♦ AJ52 ♣ J742.)			

Cue bidding with interference can mean many different things depending on when the cue bid was made. If you play pre-emptive jump raises in competition, a cue bid most often indicates a limit

raise or better by responder. For example:

North	East	South	West
1♣	1♥	1♠	2♠
(West has 10+ points and 3+ trump. West hand ♠ A982 ♥ K753 ♦ 7 ♣ QJ53)			

The overcaller generally bids as if advancer holds a limit raise, returning to the overcalled suit with a minimum overcall, or bidding a new suit or game with extras. If the advancer has more than a limit raise, he can re-raise to further invite with an opening bid, or bid game himself.

MAXIMAL DOUBLES (also called Game Try Doubles)

If the opponents interfere, and their suit is **immediately** below yours in rank, a rebid of the agreed trump suit would *not* show extras 😞. A rebid of the agreed trump suit does not invite game. It is just competing for the contract.

If you want to make a game try, you have to double and let partner know that you have interest in game 😊. This is not a penalty double and passing for penalty is very unusual. This is referred to as a Maximal Double (alerted). If responder is on the bottom of the bid, return to 3 of the agreed Major. If responder is on the top of the bid, take the partnership to game in the agreed Major.

1♥	2♦	2♥	3♦
😞	3♥		
	1♠	2♥	2♠
😊	Dbl	P	Your decision

If the opponents' suit is not directly below yours in rank, bid another suit to use as a game try, BUT note this is a general game try and is not necessarily a help suit game try.

Key point – The re-raise is never inviting, always just competing. Do something else to invite game.

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



CALENDAR

2019

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/PLACE</u>
Unit 222 Milwaukee Sect'l	October 2-5, Cardinal Stritch University, Bonaventure Hall Conference Center, Milwaukee
Unit 123 FallFest Regional	November 6- November 10, Wyndham Garden Hotel, 1725 E. Algonquin Road, Schaumburg
District 13 STaC	November 11 - November 17, at local clubs
Unit 123 STaC	Monday, December 9 - Sunday, December 15, at local clubs

2020

WinterFest	Thursday, January 16-Sunday January 19, Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling
Windy City Regional	Monday, August 3- Friday, August 7, Downtown Chicago
Central States Regional	Monday, October 12-Sunday, October 18, Hyatt Regency Sienna Ballroom, Schaumburg

Learn to make accurate inferences about the unknown cards



Winning with Wimpy
By Jim Diebel

There are plenty of skills that separate expert players from your average club player, or even your better than average tournament player. One of the major skills that all experts hone is their ability to not only keep track of the cards they've seen, but to make accurate inferences about the cards they can't see.

A few weeks back I was playing with a student who was on lead against a no trump contract, after declarer had opened a minor. She chose the ♥3 from ♥AQ63. Dummy hit with ♥T42 (playing the ♥2) and I contributed the ♥8, declarer won with the ♥J.

♥ T42	
♥ AQ63	♥ 8
♥ J	

Later in the hand, she won the lead in another suit and banged down the ♥A, hoping to drop the ♥K in declarer's hand. When that didn't happen, she led the ♥Q, pinning the ♥10 in dummy and hoping her ♥6 might be good if hearts split 3-3. This plan didn't work very well. Declarer ended up with three heart tricks. Was there a way for partner to know?

Let's not concern ourselves with fancy conventions like Smith Echo, and simply give some thought to what we knew at trick one. Given her hand, dummy's hearts, and my play to the first trick, could she place the missing hearts around the table? Take a minute and see how many specific hearts you can place to be in each hand.

Time's up. She saw four hearts on the first trick and five more between her hand and dummy. There were four unknown. The missing hearts are the ♥K975. You can infer that they can't all be in declarer's hand, as then he would have started with five and have bid them at some point. Declarer can be inferred to hold **at least** two more hearts: namely

the ♥K and the ♥7. Why? There is a very logical reason why partner couldn't possibly hold either of those cards.

Partner cannot hold the ♥K or the ♥7, because if he held either of those cards, he would have played one of them at trick one!

Third hand plays high, so I would have played the ♥K if I had held it. Third hand also plays the lowest card in a sequence, so from ♥987, ♥875, or ♥9875, I would have played the ♥7; therefore, I must have started with ♥98, ♥985, or ♥85.

Although many sneaky declarers will play the ♥J from ♥KJ9, there is a small inference that I likely hold the ♥9 as well. So the key missing card is the ♥5.

When partner led the ♥A, she saw the ♥9 from me and the ♥5 from declarer. Unless there was a running suit lurking, and therefore a danger that declarer could win the rest of the tricks, leading the ♥A couldn't possibly gain. Once she did it, she compounded the error by leading another heart, giving declarer the rest of the suit.

Want to try again? In a team game, against 3NT, you lead the ♠2 from ♠KJ52 and see this dummy:

♠ 63
♥ K86
♦ QJT763
♣ AK

♠ KJ52
♥ Q62
♦ K4
♣ J863

Partner plays the ♠9 and declarer wins the ♠A. Declarer now crosses to the ♣A and runs the ♦Q losing to your ♦K. What now? Partner clearly holds the ♠QT9, so continuing spades must be right? Determine your next play before reading further.

Something smells fishy. Let's think about this for a minute. Partner didn't know we had the ♠J, so from QT9 he would have played the queen. Someone is lying to you, and it isn't partner! If partner doesn't have the ♠Q, then declarer does, and likely the ♠10 as well.

So why would declarer win the ♠A when he could have won it cheaper? He must have been worried that the diamond finesse might lose and we'd find a dangerous shift.

Think about it. Had declarer won with ♠Q, we, upon winning with the ♦K, would have had little choice but to make a desperate switch to the ♥Q, hoping partner had ♥AJT(x).

Declarer realized that if the diamond finesse was winning, the contract would be unbeatable, so he took out a little insurance. In case the ♦K was wrong, he wanted us to fearlessly continue spades so he spun a little web of deception.

You were too clever for that. You promptly switched to the ♥Q.

Partner wins four heart tricks and returns a spade. You take two more spades for down three! The whole hand:

♠ 63	♠ 974
♥ K83	♥ AJT4
♦ QJT763	♦ 85
♣ AK	♣ T972
♠ KJ52	♠ AQT8
♥ Q62	♥ 975
♦ K4	♦ A92
♣ J863	♣ Q54

Note that if you carelessly returned a low spade, declarer would romp home with two spades, five diamonds, and three clubs for an overtrick. Declarer's ruse cost two undertricks, but that was a small price to pay for a chance to steal a game.

A common issue I find with many learning players is that they don't see the importance of following third hand with eight from 8 9, or 10 from QJT, or even king from AK.

When you finally understand the assumptions partner will make based specifically on which card you played, it is a mistake you won't likely repeat.

For more tips on improving your bidding and defense, go to www.wimpy.biz/bridge

Special Club Games *(Earn Extra Points)*

Day/Date	Time	Club	Location	Event
Wed - Oct 2	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/300 Pairs
Wed - Oct 2	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Grass Roots Fund
Wed - Oct 2	10:30 AM	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Club Appreciation Pairs
Thu - Oct 3	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Pairs
Fri - Oct 4	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	ACBL-wide Senior Pairs 2/2
Sun - Oct 6	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Teams
Mon - Oct 7	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	299/Open Charity Pairs
Mon - Oct 7	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Club Appreciation BAM Team Game
Mon - Oct 7	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Grass Roots Fund
Mon - Oct 7	10:45 AM	Queen Of Clubs DBC	Gorton	Club Appreciation CC
Tue - Oct 8	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Club Appreciation
Tue - Oct 8	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Club Appreciation Teams
Tue - Oct 8	10:45 AM	Queen Of Clubs DBC	Gorton	Club Appreciation Game
Tue - Oct 8	7:00 PM	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational Church	Club Appreciation
Wed - Oct 9	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/300 Charity Pairs
Wed - Oct 9	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Pairs
Thu - Oct 10	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Club Appreciation Teams
Thu - Oct 10	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Club Appreciation Teams
Fri - Oct 11	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Club Appreciation Teams
Sat - Oct 12	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Club Appreciation Pairs
Sat - Oct 12	11:15 AM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs
Sat - Oct 12	12:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/499 Charity Pairs
Sun - Oct 13	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Club Appreciation Teams
Mon - Oct 14	10:45 AM	Ace Of Clubs	BJBE Congregation	Club Championship
Mon - Oct 14	12:30 PM	Chicago Cultural Center M	Chicago Cultural Center	Club Appreciation Game
Mon - Oct 14	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	299/Open Club Appreciation Pairs
Mon - Oct 14	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Hinsdale House Charity Game
Mon - Oct 14	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Club Appreciation Pairs
Mon - Oct 14	11:00 AM	Olympia DBC	Countryside Church	Club Appreciation Pairs
Tue - Oct 15	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Club Appreciation Pairs
Tue - Oct 15	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Club Appreciation Pairs
Tue - Oct 15	7:00 PM	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational Church	Club Appreciation Pairs
Wed - Oct 16	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/300 Club Appreciation
Wed - Oct 16	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Club Appreciation Pairs
Wed - Oct 16	10:30 AM	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Charity
Thu - Oct 17	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Club Appreciation Pairs
Thu - Oct 17	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Club Appreciation Pairs
Thu - Oct 17	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Jane Johnson Board-A-Match Team Game
Fri - Oct 18	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Club Appreciation Pairs
Sat - Oct 19	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Club Appreciation Swiss
Sat - Oct 19	11:15 AM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Club Appreciation Pairs
Sat - Oct 19	12:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/499 Club Appreciation Pairs
Sun - Oct 20	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Club Appreciation Pairs
Mon - Oct 21	12:30 PM	Chicago Cultural Center M	Chicago Cultural Center	Club Appreciation Swiss Teams
Mon - Oct 21	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Jane Johnson Club Appreciation
Mon - Oct 21	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	ACBL Membership Game
Mon - Oct 21	10:45 AM	Queen Of Clubs DBC	Gorton	Club Appreciation Swiss
Wed - Oct 23	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/300 Pairs
Wed - Oct 23	12:00 PM	Glen Oak Country Club	Glen Oak Country Club	Charity Pairs
Wed - Oct 23	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Hinsdale House Charity
Wed - Oct 23	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	ACBL Membership Game
Sat - Oct 26	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Charity Game
Sat - Oct 26	12:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/499 Pairs
Sat - Oct 26	11:30 AM	Yorkville Duplicate Bridge	Beecher Community Center	Club Appreciation Swiss
Mon - Oct 28	12:30 PM	Chicago Cultural Center	Chicago Cultural Center	Charity Game
Mon - Oct 28	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Swiss Club Appreciation



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Day/Date	Time	Club	Location	Event
Mon - Oct 28	11:00 AM	Oak Lawn DBC	Oak View School	Club Championship
Tue - Oct 29	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs
Tue - Oct 29	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs
Tue - Oct 29	7:00 PM	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational Church	Charity Pairs
Wed - Oct 30	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/300 Pairs
Wed - Oct 30	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Grass Roots Fund
Thu - Oct 31	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	ACBLwide Instant Matchpt Printed Analysis
Thu - Oct 31	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Hinsdale House Charity Game
Fri - Nov 1	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs
Sat - Nov 2	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Toys 4 Tots Club Championship Game
Sat - Nov 2	11:15 AM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs
Sat - Nov 2	12:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/499 Charity Pairs
Sun - Nov 3	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Teams
Mon - Nov 4	12:30 PM	Chicago Cultural Center M	Chicago Cultural Center	Membership Game
Mon - Nov 4	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs
Tue - Nov 5	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs
Tue - Nov 5	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs
Tue - Nov 5	7:00 PM	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational Church	Charity Pairs
Mon - Nov 11	11:00 AM	Calumet DBC	Elks Club	STaC
Mon - Nov 11	12:30 PM	Chicago Cultural Center M	Chicago Cultural Center	STaC
Mon - Nov 11	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC
Mon - Nov 11	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	STaC-
Tue - Nov 12	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC
Tue - Nov 12	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC
Tue - Nov 12	7:00 PM	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational Church	STaC
Wed - Nov 13	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC
Wed - Nov 13	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	STaC
Thu - Nov 14	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC
Thu - Nov 14	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC
Thu - Nov 14	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	STaC
Fri - Nov 15	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC
Sat - Nov 16	11:15 AM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC
Sat - Nov 16	12:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC
Sun - Nov 17	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC
Tue - Nov 19	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Membership Game
Tue - Nov 19	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	ICCG
Tue - Nov 19	7:00 PM	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational Church	ICCG
Thu - Nov 21	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Charity Game
Mon - Nov 25	11:00 AM	Calumet DBC	Elks Club	Charity Game
Mon - Nov 25	12:30 PM	Chicago Cultural Center M	Chicago Cultural Center	Charity Game
Mon - Nov 25	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Charity Game
Sat - Nov 30	12:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Membership Game



STaCs offer silver points

Win silver points during the District 13 Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC), which runs November 11-November 17.

Scores for all games in a time slot are compared, and overall points are awarded. You could win a huge silver masterpoint award. The more tables throughout the Chicago area, the greater the awards.

All Open Pairs are stratified 0-750, 0-1500, and unlimited masterpoints. Intermediate/Newcomer games are also offered.

Call any club owner or manager for details. Also, see the Special Games listed in the *Kibitzer*.

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