



Kibitzer

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Central States Dec. 11-14

Tournament fun continues into the winter season with the Central States Regional, which offers games not only for the experienced players, but also for those just beginning their quest for masterpoints.



This exciting event will take place December 11-14 at Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook.

Each day games are planned for those with 0-5 points. For those with 1-750 points, there is the Gold Rush Pairs, where the stratification is 0-100, 100-300, and 300-750. The stratification for the open pairs games is A: 3000+, B: 1500-3000, and C: 0-1500.

Tournament Chair Betsy Downs said the daily schedule Monday through Wednesday will be the same, with Swiss team games on Thursday. Daily starting times are 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The schedule for the first three days includes 2-session open pairs, 2-session Gold Rush Pairs, and 2-session 0-5 pairs. Thursday's schedule includes 2-session Open Swiss Team game, 2-session Gold Rush Teams game, and 2-session 0-5 Swiss Teams game.

For further information, contact Betsy at loverofbeagles@gmail.com or 312-952-2537 or Partnership Chair Jan Churchwell at jan8242@gmail.com, or see the flyer on page 6.

All ACBL COVID practices will be enforced. Check ACBL.org for current updates.

It'll be a scream FallFest Sectional Oct. 23-25

You will not want to miss the fun at FallFest, a three-day sectional tournament beginning October 23. The tournament will be held at Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook.

There will be stratified pair and team events for both experienced and novice players at the daytime tournament. Games will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each day with a lunch break in-between.

Tournament Chair Joe Connelly said the Temple does not allow food to be brought inside; however, there are restaurants nearby. "If you stay on Dundee Road, you will find a number of restaurants, and you won't get lost," he said.

Monday features two-session stratified team games for both experienced players and for 0-500 players. Tuesday and Wednesday offer two single-session stratified pair/team games and two single-session 0-500 stratified pair games.

The stratifications are A: 3,000+, B: 1,500-3000, and C: 0-1,500; and for Non-Life Masters: 0-100, 100-300, and 300-750.



Joe noted that the temple is conveniently located about a mile east of I-294. Also, he said there is plenty of free parking available.

He can be reached at 847-271-1666 or at madbridge16@gmail.com.

Partnership Chair Steve McConnell can be reached at 312-890-1064 or at stevepmac@sbcglobal.net. For additional information, see the flyer on page 3.

Zagorin, Wolf win IP



Daniel Zagorin and Kenneth Wolf

Winners of the prestigious Invitational Pairs are Daniel Zagorin of Chicago and Kenneth Wolf of Libertyville. The highly competitive event took place during the September 5-7 After-Labor Day Regional in Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook.

Invitations to play in the event were sent out several weeks ago to players with a minimum of 1,300 masterpoints. It began with a morning qualifying round, followed by the final Barometer type in the afternoon.

Find more information and photographs inside the *Kibitzer*.

Coming Soon



Jan Churchwell, Chair of the Tournament Oversight Committee, said negotiations are underway for a WinterFest Sectional Tournament in January at Country-

side Church in Palatine that will include a Saturday.

She suggested players check the CCBA website for information because a notice will be posted there as soon as possible.

Bridge World Mourns Stan Subeck

CCBA President Loring Knoblauch said that it is with great sorrow that he reports the passing September 10 of Stan Subeck, 74, of Glenview. Stan died while on a Transatlantic cruise with his wife, Suzi. The couple boarded the ship September 1 to return home from the World Bridge Federation (WBF) championships in Marrakech, Morocco.



Stan Subeck

He was active in Unit 123 events. A few of the other positions Stan held include District 13 president and treasurer, member of the ACBL Advisory Council and Goodwill Committee, treasurer and chairman of the NABCs, and United States Bridge Federation Chief Financial Officer.

“Stan and Suzi together have reconfigured what it means to be volunteers and give back to the game they love so much,” said George Jacobs, a friend and business partner. Stan served as a chair at the recent NABC held in Chicago. “He was a good bridge player with at least one national event to his credit. Of course, he won it with Suzi. Stan was a fantastic husband, father and grandfather, and a lifelong White Sox fan who suffered along with the rest of us for many years,” said Jacobs.

Ralph and Martha Katz recall that Stan was always fun to be around. “He had an encyclopedia of knowledge in almost any area you were talking about. I remember so many laughs and good times with him and Suzi. Nick and I played many nights of practice hands with them, laughing and discussing bridge all the way through. It has been mentioned how Stan helped Junior Bridge, but he had always been there for people. If there was anything someone needed, Stan and Suzi were always there to help.”

If you'd like to send a card, the Subecks' home address is 106 Penn Ct., Glenview, Illinois 60026.

Admiral Club Founder Phil Lapalio Dies

Philip Lapalio, founder of the northside Admiral Club, died Sept. 12. He launched the Admiral Club at 939 W. Foster, Chicago, nine years ago in a popular senior residence. The Admiral struggled to keep afloat during COVID and closed in 2020 but reopened last February. Due to Phil's poor health, the club suspended operations several weeks ago.

In a message sent to members, Jerry Scholle, owner of the Lawson Bridge Studio, wrote that since 2010, Phil had served as the co-director and teacher of the Lawson Bridge Studio. Jerry noted that he is "now the last standing member of the triumvirate that has operated the club for the past 13+ years when the Wednesday evening was added to the club schedule," adding "Gerry Lady, the founder of the Lawson club, passed away on January 10, 2021."

New Committee to Manage Tournament Calendar

Remember the annual pocket calendar? The pandemic put an end to it, along with tournaments and predictable scheduling, but hundreds of area players still need information about when and where to play.

The CCBA Board created a Tournament Oversight Committee to manage the Unit's annual tournament calendar and work on restoring order to the schedule. A full calendar will appear in all *Kibitzers* and on the website from now on. Our goal for 2023 and 2024 is to return to

the pre-pandemic tournament schedule: WinterFest Sectional in January/February, Windy City Regional in the summer, Labor Day Sectional, Central States Regional in October, and the Fall-Fest Sectional in November. Last but not least, we have traditionally had at least one I/N Sectional, Stars of Tomorrow, in May.

Phyllis Bartlett, Jan Churchwell, Betsy Downs, Steve McConnell, Suzi Subeck, and David Joyce are on the committee. They welcome your input.

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FALL FEST



Chicago Sectional

October 23-25, 2023

Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL 60062

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, October 23

9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

2-Session Stratified Team Game

2-Session 0-500 Stratified Team Game

Tournament Chair

Joe Connelly

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TUESDAY, October 24

9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

2 Single-Session Stratified Pair/Team Game

2 Single-Session 0-500 Stratified Pair Game

Partnership Chair

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For more information: bridgeinchicago.com

WEDNESDAY, October 25

9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

2 Single-Session Stratified Pair/Team Game

2 Single-Session 0-500 Stratified Pair Game

Masterpoint Averaging when possible

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

Non-Life Master Stratification: 0-100, 100-300,
300-750





After-Labor Day Tournament

Photographs by Betsy Downs



Does opening bid create awkward rebid?



Ginny and Jeff Schuett

The best bidders plan ahead and try to avoid starting with bids that create an awkward rebid. An awkward rebid tends to understate your strength or misstate your distribution.

As South, the opening bidder, what is your opening bid with each hand below?

- 1) ♠AQ ♥Q8643 ♦AJ2 ♣K103
- 2) ♠AJ ♥AQ ♦K652 ♣ Q9763
- 3) ♠K9 ♥AQ8 ♦AQ ♣J97543
- 4) ♠AK104 ♥74 ♦K4 ♣AQ1053
- 5) ♠4 ♥AKJ3 ♦AQJ42 ♣AQJ
- 6) ♠AJ10954 ♥4 ♦74 ♣AJ53
- 7) ♠KQ1075 ♥AJ1084 ♦74 ♣5

Answers:

- 1) 1NT – this should be fairly automatic with stoppers in all suits and a rebid problem if you open 1♥ and partner responds 1♠.
- 2) 1NT – this opening avoids the difficulty in making an appropriate rebid after opening the “normal” 1♣.
- 3) 1NT – Similar to those above, this hand has an awful rebid problem if you open 1♣, so just open 1NT to avoid the nasty rebid problems.

- 4) 1♣ - Hands with long ♣ and secondary ♠ don't have a rebid problem because 90% of the time responder bids 1♥ or 1♦ and you easily rebid 1♠. If responder bids 1♠, you rebid 3♠.
- 5) 1♦, not 2♣. This is a very strong hand, but 3 suited hands are very hard to describe and you usually need the extra bidding space you will waste by opening 2♣. If you open 2♣ and responder bids 2♦, your rebid of 3♦ consumes lots of valuable space needed to explore suit contracts before deciding about 3NT. If responder passes 1♦, it is unlikely you have missed any game, and even then, the opponents might bid.



- 6) 1♠ - This is not a weak 2♠ opening, it's too strong and it satisfies the rule of 20 criteria so open 1♠.
- 7) 1♠ – This is another hand strong enough to open 1♠, satisfying the rule of 20 criteria. My plan would be to rebid 2♥ and later 3♥ to fully describe a 5-5 distributional hand.

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

After-Labor Day Tourney Winners Shine Brightly

Daniel Zagorin of Chicago and Kenneth Wolf of Libertyville are to be congratulated for winning the prestigious Invitational Pairs at the After-Labor Day Regional in Northbrook.

It was a tight race with just over 2.5 points separating the top five teams.

With a finish of 62.85 percent. Daniel and Kenneth won 19.25 masterpoints. Taking second was the Elizabeth Wachowicz and Zenon Wachowicz of Clearwater, Florida, with 62.12 percent, earning 14.44 MPs. Third with 61.89 percent were Bill Goldberg of Skokie and James Diebel of Wood Dale, earning 10.83 MPs. Taking fourth were Sheldon Natenberg of Glenview and Stephen McConnell of Evanston with 60.73 percent, earning 8.12 MPs. Placing fifth was a team that has won the IP several times: Dick Bruno of Des Plaines and Robert Gardner of Glenview with a score of 60.29 percent, earning 6.42 MPs.

Winners in the Tuesday Open Pairs in A and B were Laura Twersky and Howard Twersky of Easton, CT. First in C were David Fritzsche of Kildeer and Kathy Myers of Arlington Heights.

Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs winners were Phil Bishaf of Northbrook and Richard Rosenbaun of Lincolnshire. Wednesday's Open Pair A winners were Robert Gardner of Glenview and Craig Gardner of Streamwood. Winners in B were the Wachowicz of Clearwater, FL, and the top C team was the Twerskys of Easton, CT.

Thursday's Gold Rush Swiss winners were Patricia Kosinski of Prospect Heights, Gregory Smith of Long Grove, David Fritzsche of Kildeer and Kathy Myers of Arlington Heights. Thursday Open Swiss teams winners were as follows: **A** - James Phillips of Chicago, Robert Gardner of Glenview, Dick Bruno of Des Plaines, Craig Gardner of Streamwood. **B** - Carolyn Rowley of Evanston, Nishat Chishti of Kenosha WI; Joyce Joseph of Glencoe, and Susan Bass, Chicago. **C** - Mark Stein of Skokie; Brian Tanenbaum and Gabriel Peretz, Deerfield, and David Sales, Northbrook.

Central States Regional

December 11-14

Temple Beth-El

3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL

Monday, December 11

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
2-Session Open Pairs
2-Session Gold Rush Pairs
2-Session 0-5 Pairs

Tuesday, December 12

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
2-Session Open Pairs
2-Session Gold Rush Pairs
2-Session 0-5 Pairs

Wednesday, December 13

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
2-Session Open Pairs
2-Session Gold Rush Pairs
2-Session 0-5 Pairs

Thursday, December 14

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
2-Session Open Swiss Team Game
2-Session Gold Rush Swiss Team Game
2-Session 0-5 Pair Swiss Team Game*

*If insufficient number of teams, games will be combined with the Gold Rush Swiss



Masterpoint Averaging when possible
Stratification: A:3000+, B: 1500-3000, C: 0-1500
Gold Rush Stratification: 0-100, 100-300, 300-750

Single session entries accepted for pair events

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Check ACBL.org for current updates.

Players recall past Thanksgiving and their plans for this year

By Jamie Rubenstein

For Carolyn Rowley of Evanston, Thanksgiving brings about two upbeat emotions. The first is looking forward to getting together with loved ones.



Carolyn Rowley

The second is wondering how quickly I can get away to attend the Fall NABC. My first national was in 2013 in Phoenix after I discovered cheap air flights the Saturday after Thanksgiving. For a new player, it was magical. I had never seen so many bridge players in one place, players from all around the planet.

“I got my first gold points at that national and 2.12 platinum points. Nothing else in bridge has been as thrilling as those first little points. My team got them in a national Swiss event for winning a couple of rounds. The highlight was defeating a much better team by a few points.

When that round was over, one of our friendly opponents told me, “You really got me when you false carded on the heart.” I smiled weakly and looked down, not wanting to tell him that I was such an inexperienced player that I had no idea what he was talking about.

I haven’t decided if I can get away for this year’s Fall NABC in Atlanta. But I see online that you can get a round-trip ticket on the Friday after Thanksgiving for about \$200 if you book soon.

A chat with Matthew Dyer, a director at Chicago Duplicate and with Marcia Peterson of Mokena, a duplicate bridge player for the past six years, reveals two very different personal perspectives on celebrating Thanksgiving.

For Matthew, who was born in the United Kingdom but spent most of his childhood in South Africa, the American holiday means simply the Fall NABC is starting on Thanksgiving. He usually

spends the day with Sushi or a visit to Chinatown.”

Matthew noted the Thanksgiving day NABC crowd is “an eclectic group of people with foreign accents and immigrant players like myself. They have chosen to reject the American norm for the day.”



Marcia Peterson

“Many of these players, like myself, have been through a divorce and others have been rejected by their families for various reasons. They latch onto bridge families where the parents play and bring the youngsters. For them, the NABC is their family vacation or annual reunion.” Matthew said. He added that while Thanksgiving is about family for most people, “bridge can be used to create a family for those who don’t have one.”

Marcia Peterson of Mokena recalls a special Thanksgiving when she was a child. Yes, Marcia was reunited with Snowball on Thanksgiving after wandering off weeks earlier without a trace.

“At the end of the school year in Park Forest, my first grade teacher’s cat had kittens. I remember how lucky I felt when my parents gave me permission to bring one of the kittens home. I named her Snowball.

“She spent most of her time outside roaming the neighborhood, but she always came home each day,” recalls Marcia. “Snowball was with us for about three years when one fall she went missing. We searched all around for her, but there was no trace. I was heart-broken.

“About two weeks later over the Thanksgiving weekend, my sisters and I were walking home from the movies. We were cutting across a vacant lot overgrown with weeds where a creek ran through. All of a sudden, I saw a cat ahead of us on the sidewalk, trotting with



determination towards our house. It was Snowball, bedraggled and thin with her beautiful white fur matted with dirt and dead leaves.

“Snowball resumed her life with our family as an outdoor cat, but never again went missing. Her disappearance remains an unsolved mystery, though a perennial topic of speculation with my mother, sisters and me, Marcia said.

“She was a part of the family all through my grade school years, and was there when I learned to play bridge as a teenager. Snowball passed away when I was a young adult at the university.”

Turkey Bowl Sectional Nov. 24-25 in Aurora

Unit 239’s Turkey Bowl Silver Sectional will take place Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25, at the Prisco Center, 150 Illinois Avenue, Aurora.

The schedule includes open pairs/team games and 749er pair games at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day. All open and 749er pair games are single-session events. Also, based on attendance, 749er games can be combined with open games.

Those seeking a partner should contact David Jenkins at dave@dljenkinsarchitects.com prior to Thanksgiving or 815-397-9771 after Thanksgiving. The Tournament chairs are John Pree and Steve Lowe.

For more information or to view the flyer, check the ACBL website.

Here are the 3 new steps of the new and improved Jacoby 2NT



Winning with Wimpy
By Jim Diebel

er gives no further information about his distribution to the opponents, and slam will seldom be missed. Hiding opener's shape is the biggest benefit of the new system.



Jacoby 2NT was a major improvement over previous standard methods for finding slams in a major. Still, good slams were often missed when both sides had a little extra, or there was a perfect fit in the side suits. This new system hopes to improve your results while not taxing your memory to any extreme.

This newer system requires you to remember the 3 new steps of the new Jacoby 2NT.

- 1st Step: Shortness
- 2nd Step: 5-4-2-2 distribution
- 3rd Step: Extra trump length (6 or more)

If you can commit these three steps to memory, you're about 75 percent on your way to learning the new system.

The REAL KEY to this new J2N is that when Opener has a minimum hand (11-14) regardless of shape, he responds 3C. All other responses necessarily show extras.

So basically, most of the time, after a 2NT Jacoby response, opener will rebid 3C and responder – having no slam interest opposite a known minimum hand – will simply sign off in four of the major. Open-

er is allowed to jump to four of his major over the new J2N. Unlike the old J2N where this showed a 5-3-3-2 pattern with no extras, this new jump shows a 5-3-3-2 pattern with about the absolute worst hand you might possibly hold.

With ANY redeeming value, opener should prefer 3C – showing an opening hand, but not much more. Note that with any flat (5-3-3-2) 15-17 count with a 5-card major, opener MUST open 1NT or be faced with lying about his strength should partner raise his major to 2NT.

For this reason, I recommend playing some form of Puppet Stayman 3C response to uncover a possible 5-3 major suit fit when partner opens 1NT.

After responder's 2NT response, opener bids

- 3C: ANY minimum
- 3D: (1st step) ANY shortness (with extras)
- 3H: (2nd step) ANY 5-4-2-2 (with extras)
- 3S: (3rd step) ANY 6-3-2-2 (non-minimum) or 7-2-2-2
- 3NT: 5-3-3-2 18 or 19
- 4C: GOOD (KQTxx or

better) 5+ card club suit

- 4D: GOOD (KQTxx or better) 5+ card diamond suit
- 4H: GOOD (KQTxx or better) 5+ card heart suit (if spades are trump)

Responder can sign off in four of the major over any of these calls with a minimum or sub-minimum initial raise, but much of time, he will inquire further. The next higher step (higher bid) always asks Opener to further describe his distribution.

3D: (1st step) shortness

3H: Where's your shortness?

- 3S: It's a void (This is an optional bonus only available when Opener shows shortness & extras).
- 3NT: Where's your void?
- 4C: (1st step) club void
- 4D: (2nd step) diamond void
- 4H: (3rd step) Heart void (spade void if hearts are trump)

- 3NT: (1st step) Club singleton
- 4C: (2nd step) Diamond singleton
- 4D: (3rd step) Singleton in other major

3H: (2nd step) 5-4-2-2 3S: Which is your 4-card suit?

- 3NT: 4 clubs (5-2-2-4 or 2-5-2-4)
- 4C: 4 diamonds (5-2-4-2 or 2-5-4-2)
- 4D: 4 of the other major (5-4-2-2 or 4-5-2-2)

3S: (3rd step) Extra trump length

- 3NT: Cue bid your cheapest control
- 4C: I have a club control
- 4D: I have a diamond control (clubs may be a problem)

- 4H: (if spades are trump) I have a heart control but the minors may be a problem.

Just because Opener says he has a minimum, Responder has no obligation to abandon slam ambitions. Responder can bid the next step (3D) to ask Opener which of the three hand types he holds.

3C: Minimum

3D: Please tell me your distribution

3H: (1st step) Shortness somewhere (minimum)

3S: Where is your shortness?

- 3NT: (1st step) Singleton or void clubs
- 4C: (2nd step) Singleton or void diamonds
- 4D: (3rd step) Singleton or void in other major

3S: (2nd step) 5-4-2-2 (minimum)

3NT: Where is your 4-card suit?

- 4C: (1st step) Clubs (5-2-2-4 or 2-5-2-4)
- 4D: (2nd step) Diamonds (5-2-4-2 or 2-5-4-2)
- 4H: (3rd step) Other major (5-4-2-2 or 4-5-2-2)

3NT (3rd step) 6+ card suit (minimum)

4C: 5-card club suit (worse than KQTxx)

4D: 5-card diamond suit (worse than KQTxx)

4H: 5-card heart suit (worse than KQTxx) (if spades are trump)

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New and improved Jacoby 2NT

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It may seem that this new approach is difficult, and/or requires a considerable amount of memorization. I don't believe that is actually true. If you remember the 3 steps, pretty much everything else falls into place as a logical consequence.

If you can convince your favorite partner to adopt this new method, I think you will see improved results. Whether or not this new system helps you, it's fairly clear that it can't hurt you.

After Opener has described his distribution, further bids by Responder are generally cue bids showing controls.

It is recommended that this new system is off after interference over the opening major. If the interference is over the 2NT call, the following is suggested:

If they double 2NT, Opener makes his systematic bid.

If they bid over 2NT:

- Pass = nothing special, probably 5332
- Dbl = shortness in opponent's suit
- New suit = natural (or a control)
- 3NT = balanced maximum with a stopper in the overcalled suit.
- Jump to 4M = minimum but 6-card suit

If they bid over an ask or re-ask:

- Dbl = business
- Pass = step 1
- Next suit = step 2 and so on.



Congrats rank advancers

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Players enjoying the After-Labor Day Tournament in Northbrook.

Mark your Calendar

OCTOBER

All Month	Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Games Clubs can hold two total games per sanctioned season
October 1, 2	Royal STaC games in many Unit 123 clubs in District 13
October 4-7	Milwaukee Fallfest Sectional Good Hope School, #26 2315 W. Good Hope Road, Glendale, WI
October 13 Afternoon	ACBL-wide Senior Pairs—2nd of 3
October 23-25	Unit 123 FallFest Sectional Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook
October 25 Afternoon	ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game Printed material available
October 27	STaC 11 a.m. St. Charles Duplicate Bridge
October 28	District 13 NAP Final 2315 W. Good Hope Road, Glendale, WI

NOVEMBER

November 6-12	STaC (Unit 123)
November 24, 25	Unit 239 Turkey Bowl Silver Sectional Prisco Center, 150 Illinois Ave., Aurora

DECEMBER

December 4-10	STaC (District 13)
December 5 Morning	ACBL-wide International Fund Game- 3rd of 3
December 11-14	Central States Regional Tournament Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook



The 2023 Fall North American Bridge Championships will be held November 23-December 3 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue NE, Atlanta, Georgia.

Reservations through the ACBL Housing Bureau ConferenceDirect closes October 20. After that date, one must contact the hotel directly for reservations, and the bridge rate may not be available.

For more information, visit the ACBL website.

New Chicago Club

A new bridge club opened September 7 in Chicago.

Larry Cohen said the Gold Coast Bridge Club will meet Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The location is Brookdale, 2960 North DuSable Lake Shore Drive.

Royal STaC Games

The Royal STaC (Sectional Tournament at the Clubs) is open to all Unit 123 clubs.

The games will run simultaneously with other units in ACBL Region 5, which encompasses District 13, along with District 12 (lower Michigan and Northern Indiana), and District 14 (Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Nebraska.)

Every Royal STaC point won will consist of 25 percent each of gold, silver, red and black.

District 13 NAP contest set for Oct. 28 in Wisconsin

The District 13 North American Pairs contest will take place October 28 at the Four Aces Bridge Club, 2315 W. Good Hope Road, Room 26, Glendale, Wisconsin. It will be a one day, two-session event.

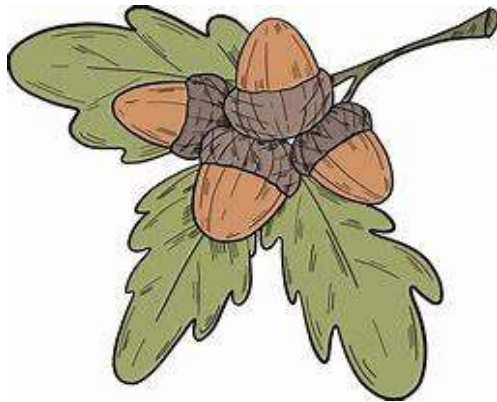
In order to play at the district level, a player must have their principal residence in District 13 and must qualify at any local club during the qualifying period of June -August. Any person who qualifies may play

with any other qualified player at the district level. Masterpoint holdings were as of the June 2023 masterpoint cycle. The North American Pairs final will be a four-session event to be held at the Louisville, Kentucky Spring NABC.

Three flight A pairs will advance and four Flight B and four Flight C pairs will advance to the national finals.

For more information, contact John Pereles at (414) 559-3463 or jrpereles@gmail.com.





Milwaukee Fallfest Sectional October 4 - 7, 2023

GOOD HOPE SCHOOL (4 ACES BRIDGE CLUB) – ROOM #26
2315 W. Good Hope Road - Glendale WI
(The school is not visible from Good Hope Road)

From I-43: Exit at Silver Spring Rd. Eastbound – Go North on Port Washington Rd. to Good Hope Rd. and turn left.
Drive 1.5 miles and turn left into the driveway just before tennis courts.

From I-43 Southbound take Exit 80 Good Hope Rd. Westbound and follow as above.

From I-41: Exit # 47 Good Hope Road East for 5.5 miles

Turn right just after the tennis courts on the south side. The drive will take you to the school.
Enter through the main door (#1) and follow the signs to the club.

Wednesday, October 4

9:30 AM
Stratified Pair/Teams
Stratified 499er Pairs

2:00 PM
Stratified Pair/Teams
Stratified 499er Pairs

Thursday, October 5

9:30 AM
Stratified Pair/Teams
Stratified 499er Pairs

2:00 PM
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Friday, October 6

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Saturday, October 7

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Free Coffee, Tea, and Snacks at all sessions!

All players must be fully vaccinated/ bring proof of vaccination.

Strata for all Open events: 0-1000/1000-3000/3000+

Strata for 499er Events: 0-100/100-300/300-500

Strata may be adjusted as attendance warrants

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I Can't Believe You Said That



By Jim Diebel

When the Pandemic closed my clubs in 2020, I was lucky enough to get hired as an ACBL Director on BBO Online.

This article is about some real calls I've received from actual BBO players. The names have been changed to protect the foolish.

Confused Player (Calling Director): The system will not let me double.

Me: (Private) You can't double your partner.

Board 12: NS vul. West dealer.

North		East	
♠ Tx		♠ AKx	
♥ Axxxx		♥ xx	
♦ Qxx		♦ Tx	
♣ x		♣ AQJxxx	
South		West	
♠ Qxxx		♠ J9xx	
♥ KQTxxx		♥ x	
♦ Kxx		♦ AJxxx	
♣ Txx		♣ x	

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1C	1H
Db1*	4H	All Pass	

*After considerable delay

A little background on this one: Note EW makes 10 tricks in clubs and after the ♥K lead, whether or not North overtakes, it requires an improbable diamond switch to prevent EW from taking 11 tricks. After two passes, East opened 1C. South overcalled 1H. West - for reasons un-

known - didn't bid. East chatted to the table "xclock" - (presumably to watch the time). West made a negative double, North raised to 4H, which ended the auction.

Upset Player: (Calling Director): No. One opposition told another what to bid. They were painfully slow. It was a gong show.

Me: (Private): I will review

Upset Player: (Private): Thank you. She told him to X.

Me: (Private): she said "xclock". I don't see how that's a command to double

Upset Player: (Private): And he doubled after she said that.

Upset Player: (Private): X

Me: (Private) It was a negative double. Responder had four spades.

Me: (Private): And West had a takeout double hand.

Upset Player: (Private) She told him to bid it.

Me: (Private): No. that's crazy

Upset Player: (Private): Crazy?..

Me: (Private): Yes. crazy. Other adjectives come to mind, but crazy seemed most polite

Upset Player: (Private): Wow. You're calling me crazy?

Me: (Private): Ok. Let's say you're right and West acted illegally after East's comment. I can adjust the score to A+ (60%) for NS. You scored -100 for 71%. Would you prefer that?

Upset Player: (Private): No. I want them punished.

Me: (Private): I'm sorry, but it just doesn't work that way. You can keep your 71% or I can change it to 60%.

Upset Player: (Private): This is so unfair.

Irritated Player: (Calling Director): The declarer claimed incorrectly allowing him to see how how he could get an extra trick.

Me: (Private): Declarer doesn't see opponent's hands after a claim. And if the claim is incorrect, call the TD

Irritated Player: (Private): he sees his partners hand

Me: (Private): Of course he does, his partner is dummy

Puzzled Player: (Calling Director): We were doubled in 5 spades and made it

but the score was 650. Shouldn't it be more?

Me: (Private): Not vulnerable?

Puzzled Player: (Private): oh, thank you.

Indignant Player: (Calling Director) I just looked at the replay of board three. It clearly shows us taking four tricks and setting the contract. Ace of diamonds, 10 of hearts, and two club tricks on the 11th and 12th rounds.

Me: (Private): I will review three.

Me: (Private): Only one club trick.

Indignant Player: (Private): No, we took two club tricks according to the replay. After cashing the ace of clubs on the 10th trick, the dummy had to lead into a king-jack tenace. Please adjust the board. If not, please inform me of my appeal rights.

Me: (Private): South still had a trump.

You weren't playing NT

Me: (Private): South ruffs the ♣K

Indignant Player: (Private): I know, but we took 11 and 12. Don't be lazy

Me: (Private): you did not take 12.

Indignant Player: (Private): No. I just watched the replay. They misplayed the hand.

Me: (Private): i will look again

Indignant Player: (Private): No. The ace of clubs was the prior trick.

Me: (Private): The hand was played to completion and NS took 10 tricks

Indignant Player: (Private): You are so wrong. Maybe your (sic) watching the wrong replay.

Me: (Private): Perhaps you are?

Me: (Private): EW did not win trick 12

Indignant Player: Then your replay is lying to me.

Me: (Private): which four cards does YOUR replay show fell on trick 12?

Indignant Player: (Private): I just watched the replay. And I know we set them until the computer changed it.

Me: (Private): Mine shows W led the ♣K and south trumped it. I'm quite certain that yours does as well

Indignant Player: (Private): Mine shows king of clubs, queen of clubs by North, a diamond by East

Me: (Private): and?

Indignant Player: (Private): And 8 of hearts by west

Me: (Private): hearts is trump

Indignant Player: (Private): Okay