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Two CCBA Members Honored For Their Contribution To the CCBA and Bridge



Alice Mansell congratulates Carol Labarge with a kiss for being named the 2005 Harmon Wilkes Winner.

The CCBA Annual Meeting was held at the WinterFest Sectional in January. At that time the CCBA choose to honor two of its members for their outstanding contribution to bridge over the years. President Lavern Wiebe made the presentations.

Carol LaBarge was named the 2005 recipient of the Harmon Wilkes Award. This is the most prestigious honor the CCBA Board of Directors awards. This award is not automatically presented each year, but only when the Board deems that there is a member that meets the very stringent guidelines set for this award. Carol lives the criteria. She has a genuine interest in the preservation and development of duplicate bridge and the maintenance of its good reputation. Carol runs a number of games in the Hinsdale area and is an avid teacher. It is not uncommon to see 16 tables in the newcomer game on Wednesday night.

Last year when Jeff Carter died, she took it upon herself to run several

Jeff Miller was presented with the CCBA Service Award for his contributions to bridge.

charity games to help Jeff's family during that terrible time. She brought the players together and they gladly came. Every person who plays in Carol's games and makes Life Master receives a special party in their honor. She makes her players, her opponents and all the people around her feel special. That makes Carol a very special Harmon Wilkes recipient.

The CCBA also presented the CCBA Service Award to Jeff Miller for his outstanding contributions to bridge. Jeff has worked tirelessly on perfecting the Grand National Team competition for the Chicago area and District 13. Jeff is the coordinator for both the Unit and the District and is responsible for the conditions of contest for this event. He has been innovative in trying to set a standard for this event and hopes that it will be emulated by the rest of the country. The GNTs are a prestigious event thanks to Jeff's hard work. Jeff has also served on numerous Appeals Committees at CCBA regionals and sectional tournaments.



Location Change

Grand National Teams Event

March 5-6, 2005

Saturday 12:00 & 6:00

Sunday 11:00 and TBA

Pre-Registration Required

Holiday Inn Express Palatine

1550 East Dundee Road,

Palatine, IL 60074

www.holidayinnexpresspalatine.com

847-934-4900

Free Parking

Immediately west of IL 53 at

Dundee Road. Turn right on

Keddedy Drive (first traffic signal

west of IL 53)

Special Sectional Everyone Can Play

Red Points Awarded

Sunday, March 6, 2005

Stratified Swiss Team

11:00 Playthrough

Ode To Carol

by Gerald Szymiski

Who is in charge? Always Carol LaBarge!

A bridge teacher extraordinaire

A partner who will always care

A director whose way more than fair

A chef whose fruits we all share

A friend who is always there

And now a Harmon Wilkes winner

Awarded Saturday at the C.C.B.A. dinner

Its the highest honor a player can earn

Carol, its not that its just your turn

You are the bar they should use to measure

You are absolutely without a doubt a true ACBL treasure

We your flock, Say Dear Carol, You Rock

We applaud every endeavor, Love and congratulations, Now and Forever 1-17-2005

President's Message

Lavern Wiebe

Why are our events stratified the way they are?



As most of you know, many of the events in a typical CCBA tournament are stratified. Every year, however, we get questions concerning why the stratification levels are what they are. There is no real answer to that question, but there are a couple of factors to be kept in mind.

In the current ACBL masterpoint structure, people accumulate masterpoints and, unlike chess for example, never lose them. This means that people will tend to acquire more and more points by playing, regardless of whether they are becoming better players (although of course many will be increasing their skill level as well).

Masterpoint strata are changing across the country, and the direction of the change is to increase the maximum number of points you can have and still play in Flight B. There is a corresponding pressure to increase Flight C to make them structurally similar, but the real impetus is the Flight B group.

We at the CCBA have tried to accommodate that class of player, and you will see it in the masterpoint limits for Flight B, which we increased a couple of years ago to 2000 (for Sectionals). Flight C has been increased to 750 for the typical Sectional.

Why 2000 for Flight B? There was a massive class of people with between 750 masterpoints and 2000 masterpoints who were really not of the same caliber as the Flight A competition, nor did they want to play head to head with true Flight A competition. Some of them were quite vocal in this.

Some were people who had been playing bridge a long time, and the masterpoints were not truly indicative of their ability to be competitive against expert competition. That is the driving force behind the current stratification levels in our tournaments, in my opinion. While that may help the Flight B player avoid having to play head to head against truly expert competition, please don't forget what that does to the beginning player.

If we have Flight C going up to 750 masterpoints, players with 10 or 20 masterpoints are going to be playing against people who are "experts" from their vantage point. This is far more terrifying to them than it would be for a 1500 point player to have to play against a true expert.

Keep those players in mind when you play in your strata. If we all conduct ourselves as "experts" in the way that people like Eric Rodwell and others do, we will increase the enjoyability of the bridge experience for everyone.

March 5-6, 2005	Grand National Teams & Special Open Sunday Swiss Team Game	Palatine Holiday Inn Express
March 8, 2005	Unit Game (Afternoon)	Local Clubs
March 10, 2005	Unit Game (Evening)	Local Clubs
March 21-27, 2005	Unit 123 Silver Point Week	Local Clubs
April 1, 2005	Unit Game (Evening)	Local Clubs
April 3, 2005	Pro-Am & NABC Promotion Week	Local Clubs
April 25 - May 1, 2005	District 13 Regional	Lake Geneva
May 2-8	District 13 Silver Point Week**	Local Clubs
May 14-15, 2005	299er Sectional	Darien Sportsplex
May 27-30, 2005	District 13 Sectional**	Lake Geneva
June 1, 2005	Unit Game (Evening)	Local Clubs
June 4-5, 2005	ABA/CCBA Sectional	Midwest Bridge Club
June 3-4, 2005	ACBL World-Wide Pairs	Local Clubs
June 10, 2005	Unit Game (Afternoon)	Local Clubs

** Points earned does not count toward Art Glatt Award.

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It's All In the Competition

Many of us learned to play bridge at home. Our grandparents played or our parents. It was fun and they taught us the basics of bridge . . . it gave us that warm and fuzzy feeling of being with our family and enjoying each other. But what would have happened if there had been an expert (or two) in the house and now you could learn more than the basics.

Sam Katz is learning to play bridge at home. But his home is not like yours or mine. Lumbering around his house is his dad, Ralph Katz and his mother Martha. Ralph, has been in contention in nearly every important North American championship event in recent years. Currently he is leading the NABC Player of the Decade with 3,752 masterpoints won at NABCs events and has almost 18,000 masterpoints. Internationally, he has won Silver and Bronze medals. He has represented the USA with distinction in numerous World Championship events. Ralph and Martha finished sixth in the World Mixed Pairs in 1998. But the bridge bloodline doesn't stop there. His grandparents, Chris and Dick Benson, are known throughout the Midwest for their prowess. His great grandmother played and his dad's uncle taught him the basics.

Sam was about 12 when he started to learn the game. He had a background of playing cards with his family so it was just a general progression that they moved on to bridge. According to Sam, "I started playing because it was something to do while

my parents played, but then I really started to enjoy playing." Sam has moved on from "kitchen" bridge and now loves to play tournaments. He likes seeing his bridge friends, traveling and getting away from home for a few days. He loves the competition but ranks the NABCs at the top of his list and the Flight A events are his favorite even though he only has 271 masterpoints. He says that is where the competition begins. Ralph and Martha play with their son at many of the tournaments in the area but according to Sam he has made his own friends now who he likes to play with.

When Sam was small, his mom would just teach him to count bridge points and with each point count she would give Sam a bid to make. He played all sorts of card games though and he would sometimes get them mixed up. One day Martha gave Sam a hand to count. Sam counted the points correctly to 11. She had taught him to say pass with that. He forgot though and when she asked, "Now, what do you do with eleven?" He proudly thought and then remembered and said, "Hit me!"

Sam is a typical teenager. His life is full of activities and school work. He is on his high school baseball team at Hinsdale Central. During the summer he has to balance his baseball tournaments and his



Ralph and Sam Katz

bridge life to make sure he gets it all in.

"My mom and dad have encouraged me the most and are my biggest cheerleaders. They help me by going over things a little bit at a time. They also help me by getting me to tournaments. My grandparents and Kerry Smith have also been my mentors and I am really appreciative of their help," says a grateful Sam.

You'll be seeing a lot of Sam in the future. He's improving everyday and with a little help from his family he'll make his goal of being on one of the World Junior Teams by the time he's 21.

Swiss Team Masterpoint Averaging

for all Swiss Team Events:

The CCBA will average player masterpoints in all Swiss Team Events in 2005. What this means is that when you have finalized the members of your team add up each members masterpoints and divide by the number of team members. The number you arrive at is your average and you play in the strata designated by this number.

Example: Player #1 - 750 MP
 Player #2 - 1,500 MP
 Player #3 - 2,500 MP
 Player #4 1,400 MP

Total 6,150 MP divided by 4 = 1,537 MP = Flight B

The Races²⁰⁰⁴

Rookie of the Year
 Junior Master of the Year
 Club Master of the Year
 Sectional Master of the Year
 Regional Master of the Year
 NABC Master of the Year
 Life Master of the Year
 Bronze Life Master of the Year
 Silver Life Master of the Year
 Gold Life Master of the Year
 Diamond Life Master
 Grand Life Master

Ace of Clubs

Barry Holt
 Jan Ratliff
 Lynne Rosenbaum
 Fran Druth
 Marshall Baum
 William Kilbride
 James Wing
 Andrew Harvey
 Ruth Westberg
 Gerald Gitles
 Dean Cohler
 Claude Vogel

Mini-McKinney

Barry Holt
 Jan Ratliff
 Lynne Rosenbaum
 Earle Miller
 Johanna Strong
 Jacqueline Rapp
 Michael Strong
 Martin Harris
 Diane/Paul Hibbard
 Bob Oslin
 George Jacobs
 John Russell

WinterFest Roundup

Once again Jackie Addis, WinterFest Tournament Chairman put together an outstanding event. The site was spectacular with free parking for all. (This will be the same site as SummerFest this July.) The CCBA Annual Meeting and Dinner was truly a hit for all that attended. The steak and chicken dinner was cooked to perfection and the cheesecake devine. But sadly Jackie says that she's stepping down and will not chair the event next year. Carl Sharp has been named to head this event.

The annual CCBA election of new Board members was held during the Annual Meeting. Newly elected Board members are Jan Churchwell and Andy Katai. Andy has taken over the treasurer position while Stan Katz devotes his time to the NABC. Leaving the Board is Jim Kolb. Jim was instrumental in finding tournament sites for the past several years and has done a great job in securing the Sheraton along with both the Skokie and Lombard sites.

Each year at the annual membership meeting the CCBA recognizes those players in Unit 123 that have achieved various masterpoint goals. The awards that were presented to Unit 123 members were:

- ♥ Lynne Rosenbaum was presented the **Jan Ivory Award** for the Non-Life Master player who wins the most masterpoints in the previous year.
- ♥ Claude Vogel was presented the **Art Glatt Trophy** for the player who won the most masterpoints at CCBA silver point events in the previous year.
- ♥ George Jacobs was presented the **Bob Glenn Award** is given to the player who won the most masterpoints won in CCBA Regionals in the previous year.
- ♥ The **Ace of Clubs Winners** were announced. They are given to the players who won the most masterpoints at the club level during the previous year.
- ♥ The **Mini-McKinney** were named and given to the players who won the most masterpoints during the calendar year at all NABCs, Regionals, Sectionals and at the club level.

George Jacobs was the emcee for the basket raffle and as always he was great. Baskets ranged from pasta buckets to munchie delights to dinner gift certificates. Approximately 40 baskets were given away this year much to the delight of the attendees.



*Claude Vogel
Art Glatt Award*



*George Jacobs
Bob Glenn Award*



Ace of Club Winners.



Smiling Basket Winners.

*Mini-McKinney
Winners.*



Date	Day	Time	Club	Location	Event
2-Mar	Wed	10:30	Joliet-New Lenox	New Lenox	ACBL Charity Game
3-Mar	Thu	7:00	Acorn DBC	Oak Park	Club Championship
3-Mar	Thu	7:30	Deerfield BC	Deerfield	Swiss Team Club Championship
3-Mar	Thu	7:30	Wheaton DBC	Wheaton	Club Championship
5-Mar	Sat	12:30	Winshore DBC	Winnetka	Closed No Game
7-Mar	Mon	12:30	New Eazy Bridge	Winnetka	Club Championship
8-Mar	Tue	11:30	ABC Bridge Club	Skokie	Unit Game
8-Mar	Tue	11:00	Golf-Maine	Niles	Unit Game
10-Mar	Thu	7:00	Bridge on Sheridan	Chicago	Unit Game
10-Mar	Thu	7:30	Deerfield BC	Deerfield	Unit Game
10-Mar	Thu	7:30	Wheaton DBC	Wheaton	Unit Game
11-Mar	Fri	10:30	Joliet-New Lenox	New Lenox	Charity Game
13-Mar	Sun	1:00	Bridge on Sheridan	Chicago	Club Championship
14-Mar	Mon	11:00	Olympia DBC	Palatine	Charity Game
15-Mar	Tue	7:30	Lake Forest DBC	Lake Forest	ACBL Charity Game
18-Mar	Fri	7:30	West Suburban	Darien	Charity Game
18-Mar	Fri	7:45	New Lenox BC	New Lenox	Bess Griparis Memorial Game
21-Mar	Mon	1:00	Bridge on Sheridan	Chicago	STAC Game
21-Mar	Mon	11:00	Lake Forest DBC	Lake Forest	STAC Game
22-Mar	Tue	11:30	ABC Bridge Club	Skokie	STAC Game
22-Mar	Tue	7:00	Bridge on Sheridan	Chicago	STAC Game
22-Mar	Tue	11:00	Golf-Maine	Niles	STAC Game
22-Mar	Tue	7:30	Lake Forest DBC	Lake Forest	STAC Game
23-Mar	Wed	12:30	Bridge on Sheridan	Chicago	STAC Game
23-Mar	Wed	10:30	Deerfield BC	Deerfield	STAC Game
23-Mar	Wed	11:30	Fox Center BC	Oak Park	STAC Game
23-Mar	Wed	10:30	Joliet-New Lenox	New Lenox	STAC Game
24-Mar	Thu	7:00	Acorn DBC	Oak Park	STAC Game
24-Mar	Thu	Both	Bridge on Sheridan	Chicago	STAC Game
24-Mar	Thu	7:30	Deerfield BC	Deerfield	STAC Game
24-Mar	Thu	11:30	Golf-Maine/Hillel	Wilmette	STAC Game
24-Mar	Thu	11:00	Lake Forest DBC	Lake Forest	STAC Game
24-Mar	Thu	7:30	Wheaton DBC	Wheaton	STAC Game
25-Mar	Fri	7:30	Joliet-New Lenox	New Lenox	STAC Game
25-Mar	Fri	7:30	West Suburban	Darien	STAC Game
25-Mar	Fri	11:00	Winnetka/Hillel	Winnetka	STAC Game
26-Mar	Sat	12:30	Winshore DBC	Winnetka	STAC Game
27-Mar	Sun	1:00	Bridge on Sheridan	Chicago	STAC Game
28-Mar	Mon	Both	Skokie BC	Skokie	Club Championship
29-Mar	Tue	11:30	ABC Bridge Club	Skokie	Club Championship
29-Mar	Tue	11:00	Golf-Maine	Niles	Club Championship
30-Mar	Wed	Both	Skokie BC	Skokie	Club Championship
31-Mar	Thu	7:30	Deerfield BC	Deerfield	Swiss Team Club Championship
31-Mar	Thu	11:30	Golf-Maine/Hillel	Wilmette	Club Championship
1-Apr	Fri	7:30	West Suburban	Darien	Unit Game
1-Apr	Fri	11:00	Winnetka/Jeremiah	Northbrook	Upgraded Club Championship
5-Apr	Tue	11:30	ABC Bridge Club	Skokie	ACBL Charity Game
5-Apr	Tue	11:00	Golf-Maine	Niles	Closed No Game
5-Apr	Tue	7:30	Lake Forest DBC	Lake Forest	Swiss Team Charity Game
6-Apr	Wed	10:30	Deerfield BC	Deerfield	Handicap Pairs
6-Apr	Wed	11:30	Fox Center BC	Oak Park	Charity Game
7-Apr	Thu	7:00	Acorn DBC	Oak Park	Membership Game
7-Apr	Thu	7:30	Wheaton DBC	Wheaton	NABC Charity Game
7-Apr	Thu	11:30	Golf-Maine/Jeremiah	Northbrook	Club Championship
8-Apr	Fri	7:30	West Suburban	Darien	NABC Charity Game
15-Apr	Fri	7:30	West Suburban	Darien	Club Championship
16-Apr	Sat	12:30	Winshore DBC	Winnetka	Charity Game
18-Apr	Mon	11:00	Lake Forest DBC	Lake Forest	Charity Game
18-Apr	Mon	12:30	New Eazy Bridge	Winnetka	STAC Game
18-Apr	Mon	7:00 PM	Windy City (Sheridan)	Chicago	Charity Game
19-Apr	Tue	11:00	Golf-Maine	Niles	Charity Game
20-Apr	Wed	10:30	Deerfield BC	Deerfield	Membership Game
20-Apr	Wed	12:30 PM	Lake Shore (Sheridan)	Chicago	Charity Game
21-Apr	Thu	7:00	Acorn DBC	Oak Park	Charity Game
21-Apr	Thu	11:30	Golf-Maine/Jeremiah	Northbrook	ACBL Charity Club Championship
21-Apr	Thu	Both	Lake Shore/Windy City	Chicago	Charity Game
22-Apr	Fri	11:00	Winnetka/Jeremiah	Northbrook	ACBL Charity Club Championship
23-Apr	Sat	12:30	Winshore DBC	Winnetka	ACBL Charity Club Championship
24-Apr	Sun	1:00 PM	Bridge on Sheridan	Chicago	Charity Game
25-Apr	Mon	7:00 PM	Windy City (Sheridan)	Chicago	Closed No Game
26-Apr	Tue	7:30	Lake Forest DBC	Lake Forest	Closed No Game
28-Apr	Thu	7:30	Deerfield BC	Deerfield	Closed No Game
28-Apr	Thu	7:00 PM	Windy City (Sheridan)	Chicago	Closed No Game

CLUB NEWS

NOTE:
New Location

Member Achievements

New Junior Masters

Cathy Atkins
Su7zette Baumann
ron Goldman
John Grossman
Michael Kent
Alice Leuffgen
Linda Lipkin
Andrew Loh
Denise Morton
Jean Murphy
James Murvhill
Marilynn Rivkin
Cookie Robertson
David Rosenak
Benjamin Steiner
Barbara Turner
Ruth Watts
Ann Weiskirch
Francis Wren
Nancy Zisook
Wendy Frink
Josephine Kordell

Judith Krawnow
Michael Lavin
Bette Mathews
Honor Mogul
Janet Monti
Diane Novosel
Karen Price
Marsha Weis

New Club Masters

Scott Bieber
Robert Boettcher
Sharon Bordui
Nan Burrige
June Dostal
Glenda Duncan
Bess Grossweiner
Georgia Janewicz
Louise Lane
Chuck Markos
Richard Maskoff
Barbara Niehus
Adrienne Palmer

James Ryan
Ann Shewman
Robert Subkowsky
Gerald Tietz
Karen Wagner
Dena Wolfson
Carol duffy
Frances Schmitz
Lynne Seffren
Jim Waszak

Sectional Master

Jay Cone
Sue Edholm
Mady Elman
Mary Franke
Sally Gill
Al Glick
Bette Grayson
John Grayson
Jane Kornblut
Walter Krueger
Polly Larned

Louis Larson
Bob Meixner
Lynn Ostergaard
Shelia Sittiger
Julie Sladek
Gari Swygert
Craig Wakefield
Deborah Zelinsky
Betty Zucker
Gary Ashburn
Margery Hedegard
Mary Hurt
Thomas Hurt
Carolyn O'Brien
Elizabeth Peeke
James Roth
Bernard Schwartz

Regional Master

Stephen Bell
Judith Bittner
Penny Carduff
Marvin Fox

Suzanne Friedman
Jonathan Fry
Richard Greenberg
Kenneth Hilbrich
Barry Holt
Rick Lepscier
Leslie Prizant
Elizabeth Staehlin
Lee Vickman
James Walsh
Kenneth Zuckerberg
Stanley Dembinsky
Richard Forst
Thomas Jones
Robert Kucaba
Karyn Lutz
Eleanor Nuellen
Steve Oshen
Richard Roberts

NABC Master

Chuck Chang
D.A. Channon

Judy Filler
Stacy Jacobs
Vince Militante
Earle Miller
Thomas Morgan
Candace Timson
Jeff Vedeges
Babette Brenner
Joe Durlak
Fawad Hakim
Burton Lewis
V. M. Preston
Jeanette Steiner

Life Master

Randy Dahl
Lynwood Dahl
Elaine Everett
Helen Mehler
Lynne Rosenbarn
Mary Southwick
Lynn Turner
Leymour Levin

Alice Mansell
James McKinney
Renata Musiol
Johanna Strong

Bronze Life Master

Elizabeth Rzececk
Harry Weindruch
James Wing
Sandra Andreen
Glynn Elliott
Don Gibson
Seymour Levin

Silver Life Master

Johnathan Rivet
Martin Harris
Hal Judelson

Gold Life Master

Elaine Morrison
Frank Panceo

Bridge Mentors Needed for Local Schools

Wynn Kamps needs help. She is teaching between 50 and 60 kids every Monday at the South Middle School in Arlington Heights. If you can spare some time she would love to hear from you. You can call her at 630-983-7118 or email djdemala123@aol.com. In addition to teaching the class every Monday, Wynn also drives the kids to the Olympia Bridge Club on school holidays where they get to see some real action. She also sponsors these children in the CCBA Saturday School program.

The Whitney Young School in Chicago also needs mentors. You can call Katherine Rehak at 773-534-7500 extension 7017 if you can help out there.

Sandy Hipp just started a class at the Aurora High School. They have 40 students. Call Patty Chiszar at 630-235-4718 or pchiszar@comcast.net if you'd like to help.

The local bridge teachers need your help. They need bridge players who want to see bridge continue into the next several decades. These classes usually meet right after school for about an hour. Please support their efforts and have some fun at the same time.

Mentors are intermediate plus, advanced and expert bridge players who wish to give back to this wonderful game by helping those who are learning. You can also get more information about these programs from Ginny Schuett at 847-940-7236 or jgschuett2@comcast.net.

George Is All Smiles at 90

George Wolf turned 90 years old and his bridge playing friends came together to celebrate the day. The party was organized by his two daughters, Marilyn and Martha, and was a big surprise for George. Mae West put on a show and everyone toasted the birthday boy. George is shown in this photo with a very unique birthday present. The number 90 is completely filled in with pennies. But not just any pennies. There is a penny from each year since his birth including the non-copper penny minted during the war. What a fantastic and unusual gift from his daughters.



70% Games

Laurie Levine and Patricia Chesler	77.50%
Becca Anderson and Martha Kemp	77.31%
Charles Cannon and Hal Judelson	76.19%
Chuck Zempel and Bobbie Carrick	76.00%
Joe Liveris and June Blomquist	76.00%
Massimo Braschi and Jeff Vedeges	75.00%
Sharon Abrams and Barbara Sacks	73.73%
Sally and Al Levering	73.61%
Monica Getzendanner and Michelle Winand	73.27%
Barbara Harris and Shirley Hunt	72.50%
Bruce Derylo and Steve Oshen	71.43%
Victor Becker and Eileen Axelrod	71.39%
Marilyn Burali-Forti and Marcia Silberman	71.37%
Nancy Frank and Larry Sharken	71.25%
Margie Glick and Claude Weil	71.15%
Jean Small and Michael Kutska	71.14%
Wesley Suzuki and Jan Ratliff	71.13%
Robert Neumann and Bob Shen	70.83%
Paulette Swofford and Thomas Kozik	70.53%
Monica Getzendanner and Michelle Winand	70.49%
Molly Tranovich and Ed Tranovich	70.24%
Charles Tannenbaum and Max Tannenbaum	70.08%
Holly London and Harland London	70.00%

News from the Clubs: Bridge for All Seasons has a new location, the Patty Turner Senior Center, 375 Elm Street, Deerfield, IL 60015. They play on Monday evenings at 7:00 . . . Al Glick has started the **NorthShore DBC — Deerfield**. They will also play at the Patty Turner Senior Center. The game begins at 10:30 and you can call 847-415-9973 for a partner. Al says he will serve coffee and snacks and newcomers are welcome . . . Bill Robinson reports that the **New Lenox Bridge Club** will hold the Bess Griparis Memorial Game on Friday, March 18 at 7:45 . . . Jim O'Neil reports that the **Bridge Center** has added a monthly Monday afternoon game at 12:30 played at Bridge on Sheridan . . . **Janie Strauss** reports she is moving the Thursday and Friday games from Beth Hillel to Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, Northfield, as of April 1st. Game time on **Thursday will be 11:30 and Friday** there will be a free lesson at 10:15 and game time is 10:45. On opening day in Winnetka, there will be an April Fool's Upgraded Club Championship. Free bottles of wine will go to the winners in all three stratifications.

WinterFest January 14-16, 2005 Arlington Heights, Illinois

Friday

Education Foundation Pairs - 41 Pairs

7.50	1	John Russell - Joshua Stark	68.11%
5.63	2	Robert Volsted - John Diehl	63.78%
4.22	3	Martha Marsh - Robert Lavin	59.55%
3.16	4	Greg Berry - L Kent	59.26%
2.59	5	3 Michael Strong - Johanna Strong	58.56%
1.94	6	2 Amit Jain - Shreya Jain	56.94%
1.46	3	Martha Noyes - Gerald Greene	55.09%

Morning 299er Pairs - 28 Pairs

2.42	1	1 Elena Barnes - William Barnes	62.50%
1.82	2	Karl Dencker - Patrick Haverty	61.17%
1.34	3	2 1 June Dostal - Maudie Campbell	59.85%
1.34	3	2 1 Roger Dieringer - Les Morrison	59.85%
0.86	5	4 3 Douglas MacDonald - Walter Krueger	58.90%

Stratified Speedball Pairs - 44 Pairs

7.00	1	1 1 Steven Wilson - Thomas Aldrich III	62.50%
5.25	2	2 Stella Udell - Jonathan Kurasch	61.90%
3.94	3	John Bacsa - Robert Oslin	61.61%
2.05	3	2 Neal Goldman - Merrick Trossman	57.78%
1.46	5	3 John Pruitt - Keith Farral	56.89%

Afternoon 299er Pairs - 19 Pairs

2.02	1	1 1 Jack Toslosky - Barbara Toslosky	65.27%
1.52	2	2 2 John Gardner - Carolyn Gardner	61.85%
1.14	3	3 William Barnes - Elinor Barnes	57.67%
0.85	4	4 3 Patrick Blake - Warren Harder	55.98%

Evening Stratified Pairs 34 Pairs

6.33	1	1 1 Steven Wilson - Thomas Aldrich III	64.10%
4.75	2	2 2 James Phillips - Daniel Spindler	61.22%
3.56	3	3 3 Earle Miller - George Clark	61.06%

Evening 299er Pairs - 22 Pairs

2.12	1	1 1 Elizabeth Subkowsky - R. Subkowsky	63.69%
1.59	2	2 Wendel Dallain - Gerard Dallain	55.95%
1.19	3	3 2 Bradley Shaps - Gail Shaps	55.36%
0.67	3	3 Andrew Haider - Matt Fleischman	52.68%

Saturday

Stratified Open Pairs - 86 Pairs

11.90	1	Craig Gardner - Robert Gardner	69.99%
8.93	2	1 Ron Popp - James Kehoe	63.30%
6.69	3	Martin Harris - Jacob Morgan	62.18%
5.02	4	2 1 Zbigniew Muszynski - M. Omielski	62.02%
3.77	5	3 L. Thrasher - D Thrasher	61.77%
3.00	6	4 2 Tadeusz Szych - Miroslaw Holowaty	60.26%
2.25	3	3 Michael Kelley - Martina Kelley	57.53%

Afternoon 299er Pairs - 38 Pairs

2.93	1	1 1 Celeste Jacklin - Ann Witt	67.26%
2.20	2	2 2 Michael Sittinger - Shelia Sittinger	62.20%

1.65	3	Ping Liu - Bruce Derylo	59.52%
1.39	4	3 3 Jeannette Chase - Linda Rough	59.23%

Evening Board-A-Match Teams - 30 Teams

6.23	1	Angie Clark - Richard Jahn - Rosanne Schabinger - Sherry Wynn	17.50
4.67	2	Will Engel - James Hudson - Diane Hibbard - Paul Hibbard	16.50
3.52	3	1 Drew Becker - Jonathan Rivet - Kenneth Zuckerberg - B.P. Srivatsan	14.50
2.70	3	Mike Jones - Betsy Downs - Georgann Humphrey - Jim Humphrey	14.50
3.52	5	1 Kathryn Frost - Jack Frost - Roger Hendrick - George Klemic	14.50
2.16	3	1 Lech Brzozowski - Wlodzimierz Lopalewski - Elizabeth Rzekec - Zenon Wachowicz	12.50
2.16	3	1 Robert Fredricksen - Elaine Everett - Sandra Andreen - Fred Clayton	12.50
1.38	3	Jon Greiman - Tom Willson - Joshua Kueker - Michael Lee	12.00

Evening Stratified Pairs - 40 Pairs

4.83	1	Gini Marano - Wayne Carrick	63.69%
3.62	2	1 1 Patricia Braun - David Juberien	60.71%
2.72	3	2 2 Conrad Johnson - Shaun Presser	59.82%
2.04	4	3 Mickey Shaffer - Randee Machotka	58.63%
1.27	4	3 Monica Jung - Donna Casey	56.85%

Evening 299er Pairs - 15 Pairs

1.82	1	Jerilyn Cohen - Diane Treslo	63.89%
1.52	2	1 1 Susan Pappas - Joyce Knauff	59.12%
1.14	3	2 2 Thomas Hurt - Mary Hurt	58.68%
0.86	5	3 R Schwartz - Chuck Chang	53.17%
0.72	4	3 Honor Mogul - Bobbi Collins	52.08%

Sunday

Stratified 299er Swiss Teams - 16 Teams

2.62	1	1 1 Joan Siavelis - Penny Carduff - Jack Toslosky - Barbara Toslosky	58.00
1.97	2	2 Barbara Walczak - Wayne Carpenter - Robert Krull - Laverne Niksch	54.00
1.47	3	Wende Dallain - Gerard Dallain - Charles Johnson - Demaris Johnson	52.00
1.05	3	Linda Shaw - Stella Sikorcin - Julia Kelley - Ann Potterton	47.00
0.87	2	Gale Shillington - Philip Voorhees - John Bagdzius - Henry Nisbet	34.00

2nd Stratified 299er Swiss Teams - 16 Teams

2.62	1	Mary Rose Smith - Mary Goulding - Patricia Hornsby - M Lynn Ostergaard	60.00
1.97	2	1 Barbara Walczak - Wayne Carpenter - Robert Krull - Laverne Niksch	53.00
1.47	3	2 1 Patricia Blakeslee - David Blakeslee - Marilyn Thomas - Jack Thomas	49.00
0.91	5	3 2 William Shepherd - Christopher Robinson - Harvey Shifrin - Shelia Shifrin	45.00
0.68	4	Celeste Jacklin - Betsy Hoyd - Ann Witt - Judy D'Isa	44.00

Stratified Swiss Teams - 22 Teams

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19.10	1	Jeff Schuett - David Yang - Xiaodong Shi - Nikolay Demirev	111.00
14.33	2	Jeffrey Miller - Maribeth Miller - Sangarapil Mohan - Phil Warden - Mary Warden	92.00
9.40	3	1 Martin Harris - Jacob Morgan - James Dressler - James O'Neil - Hal Stern	84.00
9.40	3	1 Vladimir Reznik - Stanislaw Kolesnik - Miroslaw Holowaty - Jerzy Cygan	84.00
6.04	5	3 James Hudson - David Wright - Jean Christopher - Betty Monahan	83.00

Stratified B/C/D Swiss Teams 37 Teams B C D



9.91	1	Molly Tranovich - Ed Tranovich - Jackie Addis - Donald Addis	107.00
7.43	2	Susan Decker - Gordon Decker - Emilie Anderson - James Diebel	99.00



7.07	3	1 Patricia Braun - David Juberien - Michael Kelley - Martina Kelley	96.00
5.30	4	2 1 Al Glick - Charles Alexander - Theodore Clemens - Lynne Rosenbaum	91.00
3.98	5	3 Thomas Sucher - Richard Hall - Bogdan Nestorowski - Czeslaw Rekrét	90.00
2.50	6	2 Judi Hechtman - Barbara Rubin - Gail Goldstein - Judy Filler	82.00
1.87	3	3 Jon Greiman - Tom Willson - Joshua Kueker - Michael Lee	79.00



Invitational Pairs

If you attended the Annual Meeting Dinner at Winterfest you probably heard that Adrienne and Larry Cohen were declared the winners of the Invitational Pairs. Due to some unfortunate circumstances this announcement was premature. According to ACBL

2005 Invitational Pairs - 84 Pairs

18.74	1	Jaroslav Piasecki - Pawel Piotr Boruta	65.64%
14.06	2	Larry Cohen - Adrienne Cohen	65.57%
10.54	3	Larry Robbins - Jerry Goldfein	64.12%
7.91	4	Jim Humphrey - Ginny Schuett	63.11%
5.93	5	Jeff Schuett - Xiaodong Shi	62.61%
4.45	6	Kay Hathaway - Patricia Barnes	61.29%
3.34	7	Daniel Levin - Paul Stern	60.27%
2.50	8	Sam Nelson - Frank Pancoe	59.62%
2.08	9	L. Pelletier - Steven Brashler	59.31%

Law there is a score correction period and a score correction made a difference in who actually won the event. At the end of the game the director had a blank scoring slip and he went in search of the players of the two boards. He found what he thought were the pairs and completed the score slip. The only problem was the director got the wrong pair and the wrong scores were entered. Luckily the correct pair was checking their scores and found the error. They reported the error to the director and the score correction was entered. Jaroslav Piasecki and Pawel Boruta were now declared the winner's of the 2005 Invitational Pairs by .07%. They were honored at the evening session and congratulated by everyone. The Cohen's handed over the free night at the Grand Geneva.

STAC December 13-19, 2004

Monday

Afternoon Stratified Pairs - 190 Pairs

13.76	1	1	Gloria Arneson - R Arneson	70.37%
10.32	2	2	1 Don Gibson - Thomas Adams	67.15%
7.74	3		Betty Monahan - Boo Holderer	65.71%
6.25	5	3	Kathy Burt - James Diebel	63.46%
6.18	7	5	2 Patrick Haverly - Karl Dencker	62.98%
4.64	9	6	3 John Libby - Jacqueline Rapp	62.66%

NLM Stratified Pairs - 46 Pairs

3.71	1		Michelle Winand - M. Getzendanner	73.26%
2.78	2	1	Bernard Schwartz - Honor Mogul	68.06%
2.09	3	2	1 Joan Chukerman - Alice Straus	64.58%
1.18	5	3	2 Frances Eytalis - Frances Leverenz	59.72%
1.24	5	3	2 Adrienne Palmer - Irene Geocarls	59.72%

Evening Stratified Pairs - 79 Pairs

8.33	1		Suzanne Dunaway - D. Thrasher	68.50%
6.25	2	1	1 Sandy Palmer - Dennis Hawtin	67.56%
4.69	3	2	2 Jerome Scholle - Gerald Landy	66.67%
3.51	4	3	3 Thomas Lichtenfeld - John Weber	65.08%
1.99	6	3	3 Barry Little - Dorothy Rockwell	63.10%

Tuesday

Afternoon Stratified Pairs - 136 Pairs

12.30	1	1	Harold Legel - Bob Korte	65.38%
9.23	2	2	John Javella - Mary Schumm	64.88%
6.92	3		Kay Hathaway - Susan Adams	63.94%
5.30	5	3	Eleanor Pollock - J Hanley	62.18%
5.30	1		James Phillips - Daniel Spindler	59.04%
3.98	2	3	Roz Supera - Lynn Turner	56.49%
2.98	3		Mildred Wing - Ellie Scalzo	56.21%

Evening Stratified Pairs - 108 Pairs

10.67	1	1	1 Fawad Hakim - Muhammad Hakim	70.37%
8.00	2	2	2 Earle Miller - Bette Mathews	69.44%
6.00	3	3	3 James Kehoe - Ron Popp	67.04%
3.38	5	4	3 Curtiss Cohen - Adam Miller	65.42%

Evening Swiss Teams - 5 Teams

2.50	1		Margaret Kiernan - Ann Fox - Norman Szewczyk - Mary Schumm	64.00
1.88	2		John Javella - Massimo Braschi - Barbara Walczak - Margery Hedegard	53.00

Wednesday

Afternoon Stratified Pairs - 251 Pairs

14.98	1		Richard Fellars - Sharon Fellars	68.27%
12.00	2	1	David Mitzi - Nora Merlo	66.66%
9.00	3	2	Kathleen Burt - Jackie Addis	66.19%
6.75	6	3	Linda Saltzman - Stephanie McAdam	65.23%
8.87	7	4	1 Robert Howard - Marshall Baum	64.96%
6.65	8	5	2 Bruce Derylo - Ping Liu	64.74%
4.99	10	7	3 Joanne Altenburg - Sally Zimmermann	63.71%

Evening Stratified Pairs - 55 Pairs

6.33	1	1	1 Robert Lavin - Martha Marsh	64.29%
4.75	2		Charles Nemes - Richard Rhoad	62.96%
3.56	3	2	Martin Harris - James Dressler	61.67%
2.67	4	3	David Hudson - James Osborne	60.00%
1.77	6	4	2 Alan Reinberg - Gerald Landy	58.33%
1.33	3		Mary Knoll - Marilyn Brown	56.67%

Evening 199er Pairs - 33 Pairs

2.57	1		Eugene Krasnow - Judith Krasnow	66.99%
1.93	2		Marva Anderson - Jane Norman	65.19%
1.45	3		Lewis Williams - John Payson	60.01%

Thursday

Afternoon Stratified Pairs - 170 Pairs

13.27	1		Ruth Stearns - William Malesevich	69.44%
9.95	2		Peggy Rose - Marjorie Thien	69.35%
7.46	3		Susan Adams - Barbara Saben	65.34%
10.48	4	1	F Komrusch - Judie Komrusch	64.88%
7.86	9	2	Nancy Thauer - Ruth Hanson	63.39%
6.59	3	1	Jean Faeth - Gene Miley	62.73%
4.94	4	2	Lois Schmidt - Mary Cunningham	62.50%
3.71	3		Grace Michael - Marilyn Daignault	60.42%

Evening Stratified Pairs - 112 Pairs

11.00	1	1	John Prater - David Schroeder	67.45%
8.25	2	2	1 Marshall Levine - Loring Knoblauch	65.78%
6.19	3	3	Stewart Skolnick - Ronald Helman	63.66%
4.64	4	2	Edward Soderstrom II - Jay Cone	62.94%
2.61	6	5	3 Ken Prouty - Jonathan Fry	60.42%

Friday

Afternoon Stratified Pairs - 146 Pairs

12.61	1		Sun-O Ho - William Malesevich	77.68%
10.10	2	1	1 Robert Frey - Robert Kintzler	68.45%
7.09	3		Marc Passman - Kenneth Deutsch	66.91%
7.58	6	2	Emmanuel Vuvunas - N Heinitz	63.57%
5.68	7	3	Eleanor Pollock - J Hanley	62.80%
3.95	8	4	2 William Robinson - Donald Boseo	61.81%
3.95	8	4	2 Joan Siavelis - Penny Carduff	61.81%

Evening Stratified Pairs - 97 Pairs

9.83	1		Martin Harris - Claude Vogel	68.06%
7.37	2		Joseph Chin - Wesley Suzuki	67.71%
5.53	3		Jerry Goldfein - Daniel Goldfein	65.36%
5.90	4	1	1 Blake Harrop - David Bogolub	64.58%
4.43	5	2	Peter Jones - Michael Wierzbicki	64.35%
3.32	3		Donald Cherney - Ronald Helman	60.68%
2.49	4	2	Micha Fogel - Tad Hofkin	59.62%
1.86	3		Jerry Palm - Connie Stevens	57.29%

Evening 199er Pairs - 12 Pairs

1.52	1		Steve Oshen - Bruce Derylo	57.92%
1.28	2	1	Beverly Price - Danny Price	57.08%
0.98	3	2	1 Craig Wakefield - Marianne Caringello	55.83%
0.65	3	2	R. Wakeman - Joyce Schneiderbauer	52.08%
0.65	3	2	Mary Hurt - Thomas Hurt	52.08%

Saturday

Afternoon Stratified Pairs - 56 Pairs

6.33	1		John Russell - Claude Vogel	64.81%
4.75	2		Jerry Duckler - Julie Duckler	63.00%
3.80	3	1	Carol Crossman - Sandy Golden	60.42%
2.85	2	1	Eric Plaut - Leon Diamond	57.64%
2.14	3		John Textor - Robert Frontczak	57.36%
1.59	2		Leonard Nelson - Jack Bierig	54.43%
1.19	3		Romuald Mindak - Tadeusz Szych	53.70%

Evening Stratified Pairs - 14 Pairs

2.83	1	1	Peter Wilke - David Spicuzza	70.00%
2.12	2	2	Robert Frontczak - John Textor	60.00%
1.59	3		Joan Stein - Ruth Stearns	59.17%
1.41	4	3	1 Philip Lapalio Jr - C James Walsh	57.29%

Sunday

Afternoon Stratified Pairs - 20 Pairs

3.33	1		Gerald Gilles - Stephen Cheston	67.82%
2.50	2		Anthony Curtis - James O'Neil	65.28%
2.53	3	1	Michael Airdo - Patricia Chesler	57.55%
1.90	4	2	1 Barry Holt - David Kuchar	56.16%
1.42	5	3	James Dressler - Katherine Rehak	55.88%
1.41	4	2	Marshall Levine - Laurie Levine	51.39%
1.06	3		James Rasdale - Sedelle Rieger	49.45%

Evening Stratified Pairs - 20 Pairs

2.92	1		Joseph Chin - George G. Goewey	58.33%
2.92	1		Ruth Westberg - Mel Chesler	58.33%
1.87	3		Betty King - Judith Gidden	56.25%
2.53	4	1	1 Walter Balke - William White Jr	55.41%
1.90	6	2	Jan Churchwell - Ronald Helman	54.29%
1.42	3	2	Helen Donovan - Linda Swei	52.50%
1.07	4	3	Vince Militante - Sally Griffith	51.66%

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STRATIFIED PAIRS — This type of game is different from most others because it produces more than one set of winners. The field is divided into two or three strata, each with a predetermined maximum and minimum masterpoint limitation. The tournament directors attempt to seed the field in such a manner that approximately equal numbers of players from each stratum are competing in each direction. During the course of the event, pairs from each strata play pairs from all other strata. All pairs in the event are ranked when computing the overalls in the top stratum. The pairs in the top stratum are then eliminated, and a second set of rankings is determined for the pairs remaining. Next, the pairs in the second stratum are eliminated, and a third ranking is done for the third stratum. It is possible for pairs in the second and third strata to place in a higher stratum, but pairs in the top stratum are eligible for awards only in the top stratum. The stratum in which a pair plays is determined by the member of the pair who has the most masterpoints. Unlike flighted events, pairs do not have a choice of strata—they are automatically placed in the lowest stratum for which they are eligible.

SWISS TEAMS — For many years Swiss Teams has been the most popular form of team event, but in recent years it has been overtaken by Knockout Teams. A Swiss Teams event is a partial Round-robin setup in such a way that winners play winners and losers play losers. It is based on the Swiss concept that governs play in most chess tournaments.

After each round, the game directors sort the team records and set up new matches between teams of approximately equal records. In general, teams are not permitted to play against each other more than once. The length of matches is determined by the size of the field and the number of sessions. The most common match length is seven boards, but five, six, eight and nine are not uncommon. At the end of a match, the East-West pair returns to their home table where they compare their scores with their teammates. The event is scored on International Matchpoints (IMPs). This is a special conversion system designed to translate totals into a scoring system that gives fairer comparisons. The IMP scale is printed on the ACBL convention card.

To figure the score, the algebraic difference is taken on each board and then translated into IMPs. When all the boards have been scored for that round, the pluses and minuses are added. If the total is a plus, that team is the winner. If the total is a minus, that team is a loser.

KNOCKOUT TEAMS — The name of this event is most apropos—the winners advance to the next round and the losers are knocked out of the competition. There are many kinds of Knockout events, but basically they come down to this—two teams face each other in head-to-head competition, and only one survives. There are variations on this theme, but the above explanation fits the vast majority of Knockout situations.

The setup is similar to Swiss Teams in that two members of your team sit North-South at one table, and two others are East-West at a different table. The team against which you are playing fills the other four seats at the two tables. Knockout matches usually are much longer than Swiss matches—24 boards are common but sometimes it is as many as 64. After the match is finished, the East-West pairs return to their home tables to compare scores. Once again the IMP scale is used, just as in Swiss Teams. The team with the greater number of IMPs is the winner and advances to play in the next round. The losers are no longer in the event.

Saturday, May 14

- 9:00 Bracketed Knockout Teams
Teams are ranked by Masterpoints, then grouped into brackets of eight. Each bracket has a winner.
- 1:30 Bracketed Knockout Teams, semi-finals
Stratified 299er Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-300)
Stratified 49er Pairs (0-5, 5-20, 20-50)

Stay for the Evening Session We'll Have A Pizza Party and then play Bridge

- 6:00 Bracketed Knockout Teams, finals
"Double Win" Stratified 299er Pairs
(0-100, 100-200, 200-300)
"Double Win" 49er Pairs (0-5, 5-20, 20-50)

Sunday, May 15

- 11:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
(0-100, 100-200, 200-300) Playthrough

Events or strata may be combined if one has insufficient attendance.

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Friday, March 11

1:00 p.m.

Stratified Charity Pairs

1st Session Compact Knockout Teams
(Compact must have exactly 4 players)

7:00 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs

Last Session Compact Knockout

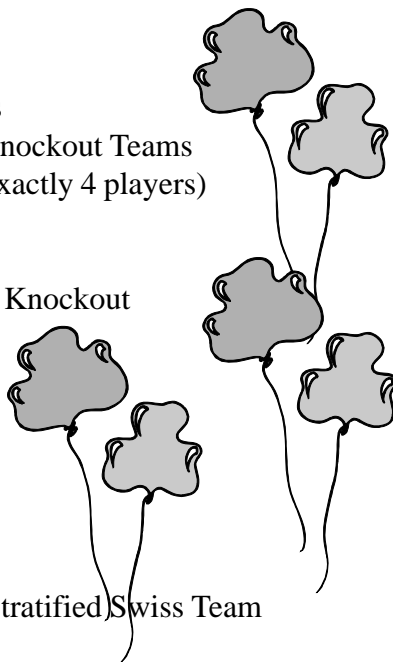
99er Stratified Pairs

Stratifications:

A = 1000 plus points

B = 300 to 1000 points

C = 0 to 33 points



Saturday, March 12

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs

Handicapped Knockout Teams

(Handicapped may have 4 - 6 players)

1:00 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs

99er Stratified Pairs

2nd Session Handicapped Knockout

6:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs

99er Stratified Pairs

3rd Session Handicapped Knockout

Sunday, March 13

11:00 a.m. — Brown Bag Stratified Swiss Team
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Saturday, June 4

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6:30 Stratified Open Pairs

Sunday, June 5

11:00 Playthrough

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

A - 3000+; AX 0-3000

Stratified B/C/D Swiss Teams

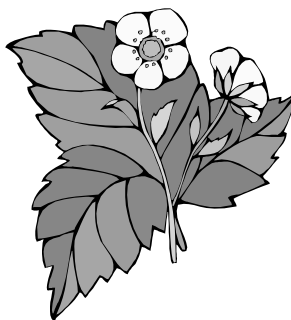
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Regional Knockout Schedule

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
9:00		A2	CK1	CK2	Swiss Team - 2 Sessions		
1:30		A3	C1	C3	E1	E3	
1:30		B1	B3	D1	D3	F1	F3 11:00
7:30	A1	A4	C2	C4	E2	E4	
1:30		B2	B4	D2	D4	F2	F4 2:30
7:30		Swiss	BAM	Swiss	BAM	Swiss	

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Director Please!

Dear Jim: What is the rule on opening a no trump with a singleton? Signed Sanding Alone.

Dear Standing Alone: The ACBL has issued the following response: The bid of a natural no trump MUST promise a balanced hand. No agreement, either explicit or im-

PLICIT, that the bid may be made with an unbalanced hand is legal; also illegal is any set of agreements which force certain hands to be opened 1 NT with unbalanced hands.

There is not now, nor has there ever been, any regulation which prohibits a player from opening (or overcalling) a natural no trump with a singleton if sound bridge judgement dictates doing so. What is prohibited is any agreement that such bids do not promise balanced hands.

Repeated openings with a singleton by any player will tend to create this implicit and illegal agreement with his partner, and he may be proscribed from the practice if his reputation precedes him.

It is also not legal to open in NT solely to show high card strength. There appears to be little bridge merit, for example, in opening 1 NT with:

AQxx, Ax, X, AQxxx

And one would suspect that is just being done to show point count.

When a NT opening hand contains a singleton or void, the Director needs to look into the overall system to determine whether an infraction has occurred. Petitions such as "I just felt like it" or "It seemed the right thing to do" should be looked at askance, and the burden of proof that the action was "good bridge" is on the bidder. If these tests fail to support the bid, the opponents should be protected from damage. It would be appropriate to assess a procedural penalty for violation, particularly if the offender has a history of transgressions of a similar nature.

This is the letter of the law followed by all tournament directors. It should be noted however, that club directors may modify this policy in any way they wish such as forbidding NT openings with a singleton or void altogether.

And The Fund-Raising Begins

District 13 will be hosting the 2006 Summer NABC next July. Between now and then you will hear a lot about fund raising. Angie Clark is in charge of hospitality and she wants to put on a NABC that everyone will remember. She is working with NABC Chairmen Jackie Addis and Marilyn Charlson. In the last Kibitzer you were told about the \$1.00 surcharge that has been added to all team game events. At WinterFest this netted \$720. There is a long way to go.

George Jacobs got into the fund-raising spirit at WinterFest. As the winner of the Bob Glenn award he was given \$50 in ACBL script. He promptly auctioned it off and donated the proceeds to the NABC pot. Bob Oslin is shown paying \$80 for the \$50 in script. Nice job George and Bob.

On April 3rd the first of two pro-am events will be held in Winnetka. See the flyer on page 8 for all of the details. Jackie is spear heading this event with the help of Janie Strauss. Call now for reservations before this event sells out.

There is a raffle ticket sale going on throughout the District. You can win free room nights at the Hyatt or free parking during the NABC. Tickets are \$10 or three for \$25. You can purchase tickets at tournaments or you can mail a self addressed envelope to the Kibitzer and your tickets will be mailed to you. The NABC needs your support

Bob Oslin was a good sport when he purchased George Jacobs ACBL script. He's shown paying off Angie Clark, NABC Entertainment Chairman.



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