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President's Message

"Where's the action?" "Where's the game?" Here in Islander country (no, not the hockey Islanders — they're in a traffic jam on the BQE heading to Brooklyn), we have no need for Nathan Detroit to find us a place to play duplicate bridge. Our Club Directory in the back of this issue can lead you to games all over Nassau and Suffolk counties.

But what is the future of all these games? One of the NSBA's primary missions is to grow duplicate bridge. As I discussed in my previous president's message, we are committed to expanding our Bridge For Youth program into schools and, eventually, colleges. We face an uphill battle against modern technology and the young person's desire for instant response and gratification. Yet, when exposed to our game, young people do take to it and can become as addicted as we are.

An even larger potential pool of new duplicate players are those in their 50's and 60's (I wish I could include myself in those YOUNG age groups!) looking forward to retirement and filling leisure time with new activities. We need to capture these people.

How about those who already play social bridge? The ACBL only has about 200,000 members but we know there are millions of bridge players out there.

Are you like me? I've met many people who have told me they play bridge yet when I ask them if they play duplicate they look at me as if I'm an upbeat Mets fan. "Are you crazy?" We've all heard the litany of responses. "Duplicate players are nasty!" "Duplicate players are too serious." "I only want to play for fun." "It's too intimidating to try it." "The rules are too complicated." And so on.

Many years ago the ACBL introduced "ZERO TOLERANCE" to try to curb rude, obnoxious behavior at the bridge table. At tournaments, the tournament director "enforces" zero tolerance on behalf of the NSBA. At clubs, it is the game director and the club owner who have that responsibility. But in reality, it is really all of us who must do more, by acting in a civilized, welcoming, manner when we play against new duplicate players. The rules of the game are complex and not always easily understood by more experienced players. How can we expect new players to understand them? A call for a director can be done in a nice way or in a belligerent way. We all have to bend over backwards to help grow our game. Only in this way may the initial questions asked at the beginning of this piece become reality. "Where's the action?" "Where's the game"?

See you at the table.

Steve Lucas

**NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
THE LONG ISLAND FALL REGIONAL
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At the MELVILLE MARRIOTT HOTEL

Check Out The Gold Point Pairs on

Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday Mornings!!



DISTRICT 24 NEWSLETTER

By Alvin Levy, District 24 Director

<http://www.ny-bridge.com/allevy/>

There are always many bridge playing events taking place at any time of the year. June saw the United States Bridge Federation trials determine the two Open teams that will represent the USA in the upcoming world championship Bermuda Bowl to be held in Bali, Indonesia in September. The two winning teams are: USA1 John Kranyak-Gavin Wolpert, Kevin Bathurst-Kevin Dwyer, and added teammates Bobby Levin-Steve Weinstein; and USA2 Marty Fleisher-Michael Kamil, Chip Martel-Zia Mahmood, and Michael Rosenberg-Chris Willenken. Congratulations to all, especially to our District members Kevin Bathurst, Zia Mahmood and Chris Willenken. The trials for the two Women's teams and two Senior Teams will take place in July.

Special games at clubs go on all year around. Besides STaCs, there are special fund games to raise money for specific causes. February is Junior Fund month, April is Charity Fund month and September is International Fund month. Starting next year, January will be Grass Roots Fund month to raise funds for our District's Grand National Teams to attend the GNT finals held at an NABC (this year in Atlanta). In these months clubs can hold special games every session for the named funds. For the remaining months one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special fund game for any of these funds as well as the Educational Foundation. These games are commonly referred to as *triple point games* as they award much higher masterpoints while raising funds for our Foundations and travel for our players.

Recently clubs across North America held a special club fund game for charities that supported Hurricane Sandy victims. This event was initiated by a request by our District and over \$40,000 was raised.

June 21 was a national Alzheimer's Association fund raiser called *The Longest Day* campaign, with participating bridge clubs holding games all day long. The Sagamore Bridge Club started play at 6:30 am and continued through the evening. The Sagamore Bridge Club raised over \$76,000, which is the greatest amount to be raised by any club. Kudos to Silvana Zangri for making this a super fund raising event!

Coming up at the Atlanta NABC are two youth events. The ACBL Youth NABC followed by the WBF World Youth Bridge Championships. Together they cover 10 days of play. The 200 youngsters from around the world will also be in for a treat with sightseeing trips to local attractions arranged including a Braves baseball game.

If you like to kibitz top level bridge, the Women's and Senior trials will be broadcast on Bridge Base Online starting July 12. Check the USBF website for details. During the upcoming Atlanta NABC, major events are broadcast on BBO, including the World Youth Open Bridge Championships. Check the schedule on the BBO website.

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April Regional Results

Tuesday Evening LM-NLM Pairs (38 tables)

- 1 Jack Lipson - Joanne Henrick
- 2 Elyse Fields - Dale Peritz
- 3 Michael Herman - Carole Rodnick

Wednesday 10 AM Side Game

Stratum A (5 tables)

- 1 Sandra Kane - Sheila Serper
- 2 Peggy Peress - Nadia Helou
- 3 Barbara Mendelsohn - Judith Spitz

Stratum B

- 1 Sandra Kane - Sheila Serper
- 2 Peggy Peress - Nadia Helou
- 3 Irwin Hirshberg - Marjorie Hirshberg

Stratum C

- 1 Sandra Kane - Sheila Serper
- 2 Irwin Hirshberg - Marjorie Hirshberg

Wednesday Open Pairs

Stratum A (25.5 tables)

- 1 Harold Feldheim - Grace Lloyd
- 2 Richard Zucker - Sheila Cornstein
- 3 Jadwiga Polujan - Frank Anshen

Stratum B

- 1 Robert Orne - Martin Singer
- 2 Howard Cohen - Dori Cohen
- 3 Philip Grella - Bart Cirker

Wednesday Gold Point Pairs

Stratum A (51 tables)

- 1 Anita Garbar - Claire Stiepleman
- 2 Janette Rottkamp - Elizabeth Hubbard
- 3 Barbara Watson - Louise Dankberg

Stratum B

- 1 Janette Rottkamp - Elizabeth Hubbard
- 2 Barbara Watson - Louise Dankberg
- 3 Jeffrey Colton - Barbara Colton

Stratum C

- 1 Patricia Hurleigh - Kathaleen Lang
- 2 Lynne Halliday - Lindsey Weinger
- 3 Michael Miller - Norma Rollins

Wednesday 3PM Side Game

Stratum A (6 tables)

- 1 William Sampson - Susan Scholer
- 2 Ruth Stober - Diana Schuld
- 3 Jay Gould - Jack Nikop

Stratum B

- 1 Jay Gould - Jack Nikop
- 2 Sandra Kane - Sheila Serper

Wednesday 0-3500 Compact KO (11 tables)

- 1 Alan Kudisch - Joshua Fendel - Michael Fishman - Walter Gesla
- 2 Joan Hight - Sandy Teitelbaum - Andrea Kringstein - Phyllis Young
- 3 William Hart - Naomi Korobow - Barbara Fink - Lillian Winter

Thursday 10AM Side Game

Stratum A (5 tables)

- 1 Irwin Hirshberg - Marjorie Hirshberg
- 2 Paul Siegelman - Joan Robinson
- 3/4 Carol Mathews - Susan Scholer
- 3/4 Harold Schneider - Peter Holm

Stratum B

- 1 Irwin Hirshberg - Marjorie Hirshberg
- 2 Harold Schneider - Peter Holm
- 3 Peggy Peress - Nadia Helou

Stratum C

- 1 Irwin Hirshberg - Marjorie Hirshberg
- 2 Harold Schneider - Peter Holm
- 3 Marge Lambert - George Mansour

Thursday 10AM 199er Pairs

Stratum A (11 tables)

- 1 Brian Fitzpatrick - Jeanne Hanrahan
- 2 Susan Zacherman - Linda Brownstein
- 3 Edward McMullin - Arlyne McMullin

Stratum B

- 1 Edward McMullin - Arlyne McMullin
- 2 Lewis Miller - Karen Miller
- 3 Richard Brach - Vicki Seltzer

Stratum C

- 1 Lewis Miller - Karen Miller
- 2 Richard Brach - Vicki Seltzer
- 3 Evelyn Rose - Charles Rose

Thursday Open Pairs

Stratum A (26 tables)

- 1 Ravinder Ohri - William Dinner
- 2 Jonathan Greenspan - Jean Ludwig
- 3 Eric Richelson - Barbara Skluth

Stratum B

- 1 Tim Lannan - George Biris

- 2 Holly Roseman - Eileen Isser
- 3 Veeta Kleehammer - Robert Kleehammer

Thursday Open Pairs

Stratum C

- 1 Tim Lannan - George Biris
- 2 Veeta Kleehammer - Robert Kleehammer
- 3 Peter Tilles - Doris Tilles

Thursday 3PM Side Game

Stratum A (6 tables)

- 1 Michael Fishman - Frank Allison
- 2 Fred Enzler - Stanley Landers
- 3 Paul Siegelman - Joan Robinson

Stratum B

- 1 Fred Enzler - Stanley Landers
- 2 Michael Miller - Norma Rollins
- 3 Nancy Marshall - Yoshiko Prager

Stratum C

- 1 Michael Miller - Norma Rollins
- 2 Nancy Marshall - Yoshiko Prager

Thursday 3PM 199er Pairs

Stratum A (7.5 tables)

- 1 Norma Mauro - Rhea Wiener
- 2 Erik Himelein - Robert Greenwald
- 3 Gordon Harper - Alex Mallow

Stratum B

- 1 Norma Mauro - Rhea Wiener
- 2 Richard Stark - Vijay Datta

Stratum C

- 1 Norma Mauro - Rhea Wiener
- 2 Richard Stark - Vijay Datta

Thursday A/X Swiss

Stratum A (9 tables)

- 1 Jadwiga Polujan - Harold Feldheim - Grace Lloyd - Jill Marshall
- 2 Glenn Robbins - Michael Rosen - Robert Gordon - Bob Gwirtzman
- 3 Pietro Campanile - Jill Magee - Ira Herman - Migry Zur Campanile

Stratum B

- 1 Henry Thomas Kieronski - Gerald Berkman - Margaret Robinson - Gulu Mahtaney
- 2 Safwat Mosad - Emad Ibrahim - Cal Rafuse - Mark Blanchard

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April Regional Results (continued from page 3)

3 Ellen Shrubstein - Erryl Olan - Bonnie Deutsch – Rosellen Mensch

Stratum C

1 Safwat Mosad - Emad Ibrahim - Cal Rafuse - Mark Blanchard
2 Ellen Shrubstein - Erryl Olan - Bonnie Deutsch – Rosellen Mensch
3 Linda Taub - Brenda Cooperman - Karen Pollack – Jessica Shapiro

Friday 10AM 199er Pairs

Stratum A (8.5 tables)

1 Harriet Moses - Joan Rossiter
2 Joanne Smith - Douglas Smith
3 Nancy Beha - James Beha

Stratum B

1 Harriet Moses - Joan Rossiter
2 Joanne Smith - Douglas Smith
3 Susan Zacherman - Carol Fishman

Stratum C

1 Joanne Smith - Douglas Smith
2 Susan Zacherman - Carol Fishman
3 Phyllis Stark - Richard Stark

Friday 3PM 199er Pairs

Stratum A (4 tables)

1 Nancy Beha - James Beha
2 Robert Guardiano - Magdi Kamel
3 Susan Zacherman - Carol Fishman

Stratum B

1 Susan Zacherman - Carol Fishman
2 Douglas Smith - Joanne Smith

Friday 12PM Side (in open)

Stratum A (3 tables)

1 Shirley Kesselman - Eleanor Blanco
2 Stanley Amelkin - Barbara Amelkin

Stratum B

1 Shirley Kesselman - Eleanor Blanco
2 Stanley Amelkin - Barbara Amelkin

Stratum C

1 Shirley Kesselman - Eleanor Blanco
2 Stanley Amelkin - Barbara Amelkin

Friday Open Pairs

Stratum A (13.5 tables)

1 Migry Zur Campanile - Jeffrey Ahrens
2 Uday Ivatury - Christal Henner-Welland

3 Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil

Stratum B

1 Reisha Berkowsky - Gail Levy
2 Paul Cohen - Gary Feuer
3 Carol Mathews - John Gibbs

Stratum C

1 Howard Lipset - Michael Krevor
2 Shirley Kesselman - Eleanor Blanco

Friday RR Teams

Bracket 1

1 Melanie Tucker - Aaron Silverstein - Shane Blanchard - Sandra Rimstedt
2 Dori Byrnes - Mani Gupta - John Rengstorff - William Ehlers
3 Stephen Lucas - Lesley Decker Lucas - Dori Cohen – Robert Gordon

Bracket 2

1 Terry Lubman - Vivian Wu - Sam Borenstein - William Palmer
2 Howard Cohen - Paul Siegelman - Philip Grella - Loring Fenton
3 Otto Adamec - Arnold Dorin - Norman Trabulus - Charles Bilich

Bracket 3

1 Douglas Frank - David Casper - Harold Thaw - Douglas Schara
2 David Popper - Allen Greenbaum - Mark Inhaber – Sydel Chernoff
3 Russell Brooks - August Laruffa - Raymond McCartney - Harold Windsor

Bracket 4

1 Fran Columbus - Sara Sheperd - Sheila Katz - Fali Rubinstein
2 Stephen Block - Lester Zabronsky - Harvey Domnitz - Stephen Solomon
3 Michael Herman - Jocelyn Simon - Joan Levy - Norm Levy

Bracket 5

1/2 Susan Gehn - Dorsey Mayer - Linda Lewin - Holly Roseman
1/2 George Trost - William Sigward - Ann Murray - Wendy Sue Gelman
3 Cheryl Fischer - Carole Gelfer - Sara Streatfeild - Kathleen Lathrop

Bracket 6

1 Safwat Mosad - Emad Ibrahim - John Floto - Susan Ghee
2 Debbie Boockvar - Georgia Altman -

Sandra Meisel - Barbara Ostrick
3 Myrna Green - Lynne Goldstein - Stephen Green - Robert Gordon

Bracket 7

1 Sohail Hasan - Sharon Ainspan - Ellen Waldman - Jill Howard
2 Adele Birnbaum - Nancy Davis - Carolyn Bzura – Arlene Krasnoff
3 James Knopf - Barbara Emmer - Elyse Butnick – Joanne Goldstein

Bracket 8

1 George Biris - David Sloane - Kenneth Berger - Tim Lannan
2 Marsha Zipser - Susanne Harrison - Barbara Watson – Gerald Kiel
3 Debra Katz - Ann Gardner - Elisse Weiss - Dina Arker

Bracket 9

1 Karin Meyers - Burt Meyers - Iris Cook - Rosemary Gross
2 Paula Morse - Christine Sage - Naomi Kramer - Sandy Friedman
3 Barbara Eisner - Dorothy Nutkis - Susan Craig - Judy Skillman

Bracket 10

1 Drew Tarhan - Yalcin Tarhan - Silvana Zangri - Richard Morici
2 John Klaus - Patricia Linnemeyer - Joanne Klaus - Allan Bauer
3 Alain Bollag - Joan Stone - Jack Liu - Christina Hare

Bracket 11

1 Andree Welsh - Janette Rottkamp - Robin Healy - Darin Tripp
2 Pamela Wilton - Celia Verrier - Carole Pasquarelli - Elizabeth Tozer
3 Jeffrey Colton - David Kirschenbaum - Barbara Rubin - Richard Wettan

Bracket 12

1 Eugene Donovan - Loretta Stamler - Jane Hankin - Midge Pappas
2 Helene Schwartz - Susan Fox - Judy Anthony - Lorna Verdone
3 Raymond Elias - Cheryl Rosenzweig - Susan Calabro – Laurie Berlin

Saturday Gold Point Pairs

Stratum A (39 tables)

1 Patricia Lessard - Diana Maniscalco
2 Drew Tarhan - Yalcin Tarhan

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3 Khalid AlDoori - Preston Scher

Stratum B

- 1 Patricia Lessard - Diana Maniscalco
- 2 Lee Launer - Donna Launer
- 3 Susan Kipp - Gail Ord

Stratum C

- 1 Joan Bergen - Meredith Dunne
- 2 Harriet Moses - Arlene Curinga
- 3 Judy Anthony - Lorna Verdone

Saturday 12PM Side Game

Stratum A (3.5 tables)

- 1 Beverly Perry - Kent Mignocchi
- 2/3 Franklin Nierman - Hope Nierman
- 2/3 Shelley Fishman - Lisa Yellis

Stratum B

- 1/2 Franklin Nierman - Hope Nierman
- 1/2 Shelley Fishman - Lisa Yellis

Saturday Open Pairs

Stratum A (16.5 pairs)

- 1 Kelley Hwang - Michael Kopera
- 2 Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil
- 3 Jiang Gu - Shelly Dunietz

Stratum B

- 1 Barry Walfish - Meredith Walfish
- 2 Bruce Neiger - Andrew Skolnick
- 3 Norman Trabulus - Charles Bilich

Wed-Thu Side Game Series (13.25 tables)

- 1/2 William Sampson
- 1/2 Susan Scholer
- 3/4 Sheila Serper
- 3/4 Sandra Kane

Fri-Sat Side Game Series (6 tables)

- 1/2 Barbara Amelkin
- 1/2 Stanley Amelkin

Saturday Open Swiss

Stratum A (30 tables)

- 1 Dori Cohen - Robert Gordon - Charles Sharf - Howard Cohen
- 2/3 Jared Lilienstein - Michael Polowan - Rajat Basu - Chris Willenken
- 2/3 David Lin - Xu Wang - Jacqueline Chang - Sharon Goldman

Stratum B

- 1 David Lin - Xu Wang - Jacqueline Chang - Sharon Goldman

- 2/3 Farley Mawyer - Sandra Jones - Lorraine Hinds - William Wood, Jr
- 2/3 Joshua Fendel - Barbara Fendel - Gail Levy - Reisha Berkowsky

Stratum C

- 1 Susan Byron - Donna Bauman - Jackie Scott - Walt Rinehart
- 2 Safwat Mosad - Emad Ibrahim - Cal Rafuse - Mark Blanchard
- 3 Andrew Bodony - Agnes Bodony - Richard Casper - David Casper

Sunday A/X Swiss

Stratum A (19 tables)

- 1 Ron Haack - David Gurvich - Alex Perlin - Michael Lipkin
- 2 Mel Colchamiro - Bruce Ross - Charles Sharf - Howard Cohen
- 3 Melih Ozdil - Justine Cushing - Sharon Goldman - Jiang Gu

Stratum X

- 1 Ralph Tamlyn - Rona Levine - Stephen Levine - Gloria Tamlyn

Sunday B RR Teams

Bracket 1

- 1 Bruce Neiger - John Scotch II - Debra Thaw - Harold Thaw
- 2 Irene Geisinger - Michael Geisinger - Marsha Block - Jack Harris
- 3 Lester Goldman - Lin Fisher - Bella Chiusano - Arnold Rosner

Bracket 2

- 1 Safwat Mosad - Emad Ibrahim - William Dinner - Ravinder Ohri
- 2 Paul Siegelman - Joan Robinson - Loring Fenton - Philip Grella
- 3 Hank Cortsen - Sue Chow - Madeleine Herbert - Betty Ann Smith

Bracket 3

- 1 Gerald Berkman - Henry Thomas Kieronski - Linda Taub - Margaret Robinson
- 2 Joseph Meyers - Beverly Pogoda - Ellen Slater - Gary Slater
- 3 Allen Greenbaum - Elyse Fields - Bonnie Salkind - Ditza Katz

Bracket 4

- 1 Debra Katz - Judy Paul - Ann Gardner - Alan Gardner
- 2 Valerie Vaughan - Martin Deneroff -

- Charles Pierce - Wesley Albinger
- 3 David Casper - Richard Casper - Walter Kohlhoff - Peter Thaw

Bracket 5

- 1 Debbie Boockvar - Barbara Ostrick - Dina Arker - Anat Kravel
- 2 Sohail Hasan - Jill Howard - Sharon Ainspan - Suresh Nayak
- 3/4 Patrick Soldano - Pamela Pranzo - Kian Ling Tio - Irwin Landow
- 3/4 Robert Maclagger - Eugene Spruck - Charles Moy - Bob Parisi

Bracket 6

- 1 John Hodge - Sue Hodge - Frederick Linnemeyer - Patricia Linnemeyer
- 2 Adele Birnbaum - Fay Nadel - Erryl Olan - Ellen Shrubstein
- 3 Toni Somerstein - Gair Betts - Laura O'Reilly - Anne Tregellas

Bracket 7

- 1 Peggy Dolgin - Lynne Zeiter - Maddy Lambert - Bonnie Semon
- 2 Dennis Levinsohn - Ellen Levinsohn - Suzanne Paley - Muriel Chapman
- 3 Jane London - Joan Fruchter - Mollie Grossman - Susan Holtz

Bracket 8

- 1 Joseph Dibenedetto - Charles Hoffer - Sara Bellesheim - Susan Pfeister
- 2 Seth Cohen - Marianne Sponholz - Erickson Kato - Anita Lee
- 3 John Klaus - Joanne Klaus - Mary Callanan - Michelle Lanigan

Bracket 9

- 1 Thomas Arnold - Carol Arnold - Michael Hewlett - Jacqueline Hewlett
- 2/3 Lee Launer - Donna Launer - Richard Wettan - Jeffrey Colton
- 2/3 Gail Kugler - Judith Simon - Norma Mauro - Rhea Wiener



Claim with Colchamiro

By Mel Colchamiro



LI Player of the Year
2008, 2003, 2001, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1996

LI Senior Player of the Year

2008

Bridge Over Troubled Water

I want to relate a hand that I participated in not too long ago. Where it occurred, who my partner was, and who it was against really doesn't matter. What matters is that it occurred—and two experienced players surprisingly fell into traps that Tiger Woods couldn't escape from (has enough time gone by that I can make Tiger Woods references?).

Here are my opponent's hands:

Opener ♠-Jx ♥-KQ109xx ♦-KQx ♣-AQ

Responder ♠-KQxxxx ♥-Jx ♦-Ax ♣-KJx

Rather surprisingly, the final contract reached was 6♥—a perfectly fine contract except for the minor flaw of being off two cashing aces!

The bidding:

Opener Responder

1♥ 1♠

3♥ 4♦

5♦ 6♥

Before you read on, decide which of these bids led the partnership astray. While you're mulling that, I'll report that nine of 23 pairs bid up to 6♥ or higher that day, with those two cashing aces inconveniently placed in the opponent's hands—a sad state of affairs.

Evaluating the mess

The 1♥ opening and the 1♠ response are beyond reproach, as is the 3♥ jump rebid. Such a bid shows, and the opener in fact does have, 16-18 HCP and six (usually strong) hearts.

At this point, "captaincy"—choosing which of the partners is "in charge"—has been determined. In this case, it is the responder, because opener's points are now known to the responder but the opposite is not true. All the opener knows is that the responder has at least 6 HCP—but, as here, she could have a lot more.

When you tell your points to your partner—he/she is the captain—he/she is in charge. You have to relinquish control and partner has to seize control. But when partner tells you *her* points, *you* are the captain and it is *your* responsibility to add up the partnership points and take control. And when you do, partner has to *give up control* and *trust* that you do the winning thing.

(By the way, when partners argue at the bridge table—often husbands and wives—they think they are arguing about bridge. Probably they are not. Probably they are arguing about two rather volatile and emotionally-tinged aspects of a marriage—trust and control!).

But let's get back to the hand.

After the 3♥ bid, the responder correctly determined that the hand was in the slam zone and offered what she thought to be a "control bid" of 4♦—meaning she had (usually) first, but sometimes second round control of the suit—in this case first round control of diamonds. I agree with that interpretation, but apparently the opener did not, because he "raised" his partner's second "suit" to 5♦.

Perhaps he should have realized what the 4♦ bid was—and if so, he probably should have launched into Key-Card-Blackwood, though there would have been small danger that spades could have been wide open for two unavoidable losers opposite Qxxxx, Ax, Axx, Kx. So let's not be too hard on him.

But, if in fact he was fearful of two spade losers, then 5♣ was the better follow-up to 4♦ than was 5♦. 5♣ would show the club ace and a willingness to venture towards slam. And, by the way, because his 5C control bid takes the partnership past game it must be taken very seriously. Control bids below game, because the Rubicon hasn't been yet crossed, so to speak, carry a little less weight.

Meanwhile, at the table, I was a bit bemused about the final contract because this was my hand:

♠-A10x, ♥-Axx, ♦-10xxx, ♣-xxx

The opener's failure to bid Blackwood made me think that maybe he had a void—in spades no doubt, so I was not so eager to double 6♥; and I didn't. But my reticence didn't stop me from leading the ace of spades, and in short order the contract was down one—in our section that was worth 5 ½ matchpoints out of a possible seven.

The responder—quite disappointed at being in slam off two cashing aces—suggested that her partner (opener) should have bid Blackwood after her 4♦ bid. Opener said, “well, maybe I should have.” To their credit, the two opponents handled themselves in quite a polite gentlemanly and womanly manner—at least outwardly. But who knows what they were REALLY thinking!

The Ironic Truths

Inwardly, I giggled at the Blackwood suggestion by dummy because....well, because it was *she*, the *responder*, who should have bid Blackwood! At least that's what I originally thought. But then, as I started writing this article I had very serious second thoughts.

My first thinking was that after the 3♥ bid, responder knew that 6♥ had to be a good contract if only there were enough key cards. There was no reason to control bid. She had the hand that merited being captain, because she knew partner's points, knew opener had a long, strong heart suit, and she herself had first or second round controls in all the side suits.

The 4♦ bid she chose would have been much more appropriate if either her clubs or her spades were headed by only a Q (or worse), because the possibility that the opponent's could lead out the A-K in one of those suits would have been a realistic fear.

Anyway, as I was writing the first draft of this article and I got to the point where I was about to blast the responder for not bidding the straightforward 4NT over 3♥, it hit me! I realized I was about to make the same lazy mistake that many of us make when bidding Blackwood:

I didn't anticipate all the possible responses to 4NT beforehand to see if any of them would get us too high if it turned out we didn't have enough key cards for slam. As you can see, on this particular hand, (Keycard) Blackwood would beget a 5♠ response from the opener—two key cards + the queen of trump-- and get the partnership past the safety of 5♥! Shows you what I know!

After the embarrassing and unwanted 5♠ response to her 4NT bid, responder would have had two choices: Either plow into 6♥ and hope that one of the two missing Key Cards was the king of hearts and that the heart finesse would work, or pass 5S and hope for the best there. Passing 5♠ would have succeeded on this hand, this time. But I wouldn't want to make a habit into backing into a trump suit at the five-level without having any idea if partner had any support whatsoever.

I didn't think of that.

So exactly what *should* the responder have bid over 3♥? Maybe the answer is a bid I haven't even discussed yet:: 3♠. The plusses of bidding 3♠ are that (1) it shows six spades (2) it is a forcing bid (3) you'll find out how many spades opener has. If she has two or more, she'll bid 4♠ and, emboldened by the security of at least an 8-card fit, then you can safely bid 4NT; no potential response can embarrass you.

If it turns out that opener has only one spade, opener will probably bid 3NT and then you'll know that your K-Q of spades will be largely wasted in a high level heart contract. Passing 3NT would be the winning action; or maybe retreating conservatively to 4♥.

So it seems that 3♠ is the bid that will allow us to navigate the troubled waters of this troublesome hand. The problem with it, however, is that it is not such an obvious choice at first glance, at least not to me, nor to the actual responder at the table.

So what is the moral of the story? I'm not quite sure, but maybe there are three:

One: It is not so obvious what the responder should bid after 3♥.

Two: Simple Blackwood by the responder would have worked like a charm here—the opener's response would have been 5♦—one ace—and the responder could have signed off in 5♥.

Three: (Mel) don't think you know everything, even when you think you do. Life is not always so simple.

If you get a chance, check out my website www.melbridge.com. It's got some fun free stuff and some ugly guy hawking a book that's got both Zia Mahmood *and* Catherine Zeta-Jones! Rumor has it, it's pretty good!

“How To Play Like an Expert (without having to be one)” by Mel Colchamiro

\$21.95 soft cover, 276 pp. Available at my website or at amazon.com.

Sincere thanks to those who have taken the time to tell me how much you have enjoyed my book.



Bridge Seminars and Events with Barbara Seagram
 Best known for her Best Selling Book, "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know"

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

10:30am

Open Pairs Game – Triple Points

Play along side Barbara Seagram in a pairs game.
 Reserve early; space limited. Hot Lunch included.
 Triple Points \$18 card fee – pay at table

2:30-5:00pm

Seminar #1 - Defense against Trump Contracts

Reserve early; space limited. **\$40/\$70 per ticket

6:30-9:30pm

An Evening with Barbara Seagram at RARE650

Dinner, Wine & Cocktails & an Autographed Book
 Appetizer choice of Shrimp cocktail, Lump crab meat, Pan-seared Crab Cake, Choice of Salad, Entrée Choice of Filet Mignon, Sirloin Steak, Roasted Organic Chicken, Grilled Salmon, Marinated Skirt Steak, Special Sushi Roll, Seared Sea Scallops and choice of Delectable Desserts.

Space very limited. **\$115/\$125 per ticket

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

10:00am-12:30pm

Seminar #2 - Defense against No Trump Contracts

Reserve early; space limited. **\$40/\$70 per ticket

(Hot Lunch included for double session ticket holders)

1:15-2:00pm

Meet-n-Greet Barbara Seagram/Book Signing

Limited to 30 persons. \$20 per ticket

2:00-4:30pm

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Reserve early; space limited. **\$40/\$70 per ticket

Thursday, November 14, 2013

10:30am

Open Pairs Game – Triple Points

Play along side Barbara Seagram in a pairs game.
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 Triple Points \$18 card fee – pay at table

2:30-4:00pm

Meet-n-Greet Barbara Seagram/Book Signing

Limited to 60 persons. \$20 per ticket

6:30-7:30pm

Pro Exclusive Meet-n-Greet w/ Barbara Seagram

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7:30pm

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Non-Life Master ticket includes a gift from Barbara. All Non-Life Masters (under 499 MP's) are welcome to play with an ACBL Life Master in a Charity Pro/Am Pairs game. Pairing through a lottery held prior to the game. Pros will be selected by the NLM player, in the order that the winning raffles are pulled.

**\$30/\$50 per ticket



Barbara Seagram is a Canadian bridge teacher, famous bridge author, Bridge club administrator and a past member of the Board of Governors of the ACBL. She currently contributes to the *Bridge Bulletin* magazine and is one of the top five recruiters of new members

for the ACBL annually. She is a Gold Life Master and a Master Teacher (A.B.T.A.) who has received both the Kate Buckman and the Audrey Grant Awards for teaching and in 2012, the ACBL named her one of the 52 most influential personalities in the organization's history.

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- An Evening with Barbara Seagram
- Barbara Seagram Charity Pro/Am
- Book Signing with Barbara Seagram
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Tuesday September 17, 2013 7:00 pm

Melville Marriott Hotel

1350 Old Walt Whitman Road

Melville, NY

Each partnership consists of 1 Life Master and 1 non-Life Master (who has less than 300 points)

Life Master plays free.

Arrange your own partnership or we will find a partner for you.

No regular partnerships, please.

Pre-registration on the form below is greatly appreciated. Tear off and mail to:

Lesley Decker Lucas

231 Baird Court

Woodbury, NY 11797

Please send forms in by September 7, 2013.

Call Lesley at 516-364-2388 for further information.

Name _____

Phone _____

Partner's Name _____

I am a Life Master _____ I am a non-Life Master _____

I need a partner _____

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****PLEASE NOTE THE NEW LOCATION****

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Non LM / LM Charity Pairs (Red) (Each pair must have a LM and an under -300 player) 7pm

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18

Special Gold Point Pairs (0-200, 200-500, 500-750)..... 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red)..... 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (0-2500, 2500+)..... 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Pairs Side Game Series 1 (1 & 2 of 4)..... 10 am & 3 pm
Limited Compact Bracketed KO teams (0-3000), 4 players /team, 12 boards / match 10 pm & 3 pm
Stratified Open Swiss (Single Session, Red) 3 pm

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Special Gold Point Pairs (0-200, 200-500, 500-750)..... 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red) 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Pairs Side Game Series 1 (3 & 4 of 4)..... 10 am & 3 pm
Stratiflighted Open Swiss Teams (7 rounds of 8 boards, 4-3) 10 am & TBA

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red) 10 am & 3 pm
Flighted/Bracketed Round-Robin Teams
(A/X) A (4000+), X (0-4000) (7 rounds of 7 or 8 boards) (Top Bracket Open to All) 10 am & TBA
Stratified Open Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Pairs Side Game Series 2 (1 & 2 of 3)..... 10 pm & 3 pm

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Youth Bridge (19 & under, 0-50 points) Trophies and Prizes, No Fee..... 10 am
Weekend Special Gold Point Pairs (0-200, 200-500, 500-750)..... 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Swiss Teams (7 rounds of 8 boards, 4-3) 10 am & TBA
Stratified Open Pairs (0-2500, 2500+)..... 10 pm & 3 pm
Stratified Pairs Side Game Series 2 (3 of 3)..... 10 pm

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22 (*Subsidized box lunch available during 1 hour break*)

Flighted / Bracketed Round-Robin Teams (not stratified) 10 am & TBA

(A/X) Swiss A (4000+), X (0-4000) 7 rounds of 8 boards

Bracketed Round Robin (0-3000), teams play a round robin within their bracket (7 rounds of 7 boards)

GOLD AWARDED IN BRACKETED EVENTS (In each bracket of 8 teams, 3 receive gold)

All Stratified Events unless indicated otherwise: A (2500+) B (1000-2500) C (0-1000)

Stratiflighted Events: A (4000+), X (0-4000), B (1000-3000), C (0-1000)

All Newcomer Events (single session, Red) A (100-200) B (50-100) C (0-50) (if possible)

Tournament Chairman: Dave Schwartz (631)470-1745 • Sailrman@optonline.net

GUARANTEED PARTNERS FOR NEWCOMERS, OTHER PARTNERSHIPS ARRANGED (at the tournament only)

Gold pts: all events, except as noted

SIDE GAME SERIES: Best 2 of 3/4 (Overall gold • Session red • different partner OK)

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EVENT DESCRIPTIONS FROM THE ACBL

BRACKETED EVENTS

In these events, very popular today, teams are grouped by their average masterpoint holdings, not by the masterpoint holding of the highest ranked player (as done in stratified events). This allows the players to compete mainly against their equals, while allowing for a reasonable number of contestants in each bracket.

BRACKETED KNOCKOUT TEAMS (KO TEAMS) & COMPACT KO TEAMS

In these KO events, roughly 25% of the players receive gold points. A team winning its first two matches receives gold points. KO Teams are four-session events. Compact KO Teams are two session events in which teams play two 12-board matches each session.

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS

In this event, roughly **35% of the players receive gold points!** Teams are grouped by average masterpoint holdings, not by the highest ranked player's holdings (as done in stratified events). Most brackets have 8 teams. Teams play only against other teams in their own bracket. This is a playthrough event, not a knockout. In an 8-team bracket, each team plays once against every other team in its bracket. This is called a complete round-robin within a bracket. In the lowest bracket, there may be more than 8 teams. *The highest bracket, **open to ANY team**, is played as a traditional Swiss Team event.*

STRATIFIED PAIRS & STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

These events usually have three mutually exclusive strata. For a pair or team, the player with the highest masterpoint holding determines the stratum in which they play. In these events, all strata play against each other. Players are eligible for masterpoint awards in their own or a higher stratum. All stratified events are playthrough. Only the top two strata of a stratified event pay gold points. The C stratum pays red points.

SIDE GAME SERIES

These are single-session red point stratified pairs games. A bonus for those who play more than one session of the same series is this: **Gold points are given to players (individuals, not partnerships) with the best performance in any two single sessions of the same series.** For purposes of this gold point "bonus," the event is NOT stratified. Also, any player who earns a stratum A section top during the course of these events will receive gold points for the section top as long as that player plays at least two sessions in the same series.

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Charity Report

By Lesley Decker Lucas and Diana Schuld

In 2012, our District 24 was among several districts selected to receive a portion of the charity money that is granted annually by the ACBL each year. Our District, which is made up of 2 units [#242 Nassau Suffolk and #155 Greater NY] was granted \$30,000 to be split evenly among the 2 units. Each unit selected 3 local charities to contribute to. Diana Schuld chaired the NSBA committee which also included Lesley Decker Lucas, Jon Kirshner, Ginny Hoffman and Susan Denenholz. We spent much time researching Long Island based charities and decided to give \$5,000 to each of these worthy groups: 9-1-1 Vets, The INN at Hempstead (which serves hungry and homeless Long Islanders) and Adelphi Breast Cancer Hotline.

For the last 8 years, we have had a charity Life Master/non Life Master game to kick off our regionals twice a year. It started in 2005 with our donation to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Since then we have donated to many charities including the Chemotherapy Foundation, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the National Kidney Foundation, Ronald McDonald House [where we have a brick on the walkway with our name on it], the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Hospice Care Network, Hagedorn Little Village School and many others.

Last but not least, on June 21, 2013, 167 bridge clubs all across the nation participated in “The Longest Day” bridge marathon for Alzheimer’s Association. The Sagamore Bridge Club, the only local club to participate, had 250+ participants in play from 6:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. Ten players even played all 8 sessions! The total ACBL representation raised about \$300,000 as of this writing and over \$76,000 of it was raised by those who played at the Sagamore. That made the Sagamore not only the #1 bridge club that entered the marathon but the #1 team playing for Alzheimer’s out of more than 700 participating groups in other fields as well [other sports were represented]. The message that the ACBL wanted to get across by encouraging its members to participate in such a worthwhile endeavor was how bridge is geared for brain health and that brain health is the key to overall health. Sagamore owner Silvana Zangri was the club-level national representative for bridge on the committee that designed the program that integrated bridge into the already existing “longest day” annual event held by Alzheimers’ Association.

Teaching Bridge to Youth on Long Island

Our Long Island School Program is growing thanks to our many volunteers. If you are interested in helping to teach bridge to youngsters, please email Carol Mathews at mathewscj@aol.com. You will not be working alone — this is a team effort! Thanks.

Youth Bridge Tournament

Saturday, September 21,
10:00 am

Melville Marriott Hotel

Ages 19 & Under

Less than 50 mps

Trophies!

Prizes!

No Entry Fee!

See page 10 for complete
tournament schedule

**ATTENTION: INTERMEDIATES AND NEWCOMERS
FALL REGIONAL EVENTS JUST FOR YOU!**

Make your plans now to play with your favorite partner.

Tuesday, September 17	7 PM	Non LM/LM Pairs
Wednesday, September 18	10 AM & 3 PM	GOLD POINT PAIRS!
Wednesday, September 18	10 AM & 3 PM	Single Session Pairs
Thursday, September 19	10 AM & 3 PM	GOLD POINT PAIRS!
Thursday, September 19	10 AM & 3 PM	Single Session Pairs
Friday, September 20	10 AM & 3 PM	Single Session Pairs
Saturday, September 21	10 AM & TBA	Bracketed RR Swiss
Saturday, September 21	10 AM & 3 PM	GOLD POINT PAIRS!
Sunday, September 22	10 AM & 3 PM	Bracketed RR Swiss

The I/N player who has won the most masterpoints playing in the newcomer events during the tournament will be the recipient of our I/N trophy. It could be you! And at this tournament newcomers are invited to participate in our popular BRACKETED ROUND-ROBIN SWISS TEAM EVENT. This means that your team will be playing against opponents who have similar masterpoint totals, and that you could even win GOLD points in the event. No kidding!

And Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday are special chances to earn GOLD Points!

For information and encouragement call:

Susan Scholer, I/N Chairperson at 631-360-8456 or 631-775-7772.



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Monday Afternoon	12:30 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia
Tuesday Morning	10:30am	Limited	\$16 Lecture at 10:00 am
Tuesday Afternoon	12:30 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia
Wednesday Afternoon	12:30 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia
Thursday Afternoon	12:30 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia
Friday Afternoon	12:30 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia
Saturday Afternoon	12:45 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia
Sunday Afternoon	12:45 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia

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2013 Unit Party



Ace of Clubs Winners



Mini-McKenney Winners



New Life Masters



Players of the Year: Josh Fendel (B), Rick Wettan (under 100), Robert Karlan (A)



Gordon Duffy Award Winner: Frank Allison (with Pat Brosdsky)

Photographs Courtesy of Lesley Decker Lucas

June STaC Results

Monday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (67 tables)

- 1 Frank O'Lear -- Lynne Roth
- 2 Mark Leibowitz -- Bart Cirker
- 3 Carol Migden -- Trudy Yohay

Stratum B

- 1 Frank O'Lear -- Lynne Roth
- 2 Carol Migden -- Trudy Yohay
- 3 Ed Leviten -- Morton Ray

Stratum C

- 1 Carol Migden -- Trudy Yohay
- 2 William Morse -- Fran Shapiro
- 3 Judy Good -- Beth Lever

Monday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (73.5 tables)

- 1 Judy Paul -- Susan Weiss
- 2 Lester Goldman -- Paul Siegelman
- 3 Diana Schuld -- Ruth Stober

Stratum B

- 1 Jack Price -- Michael Wolff
- 2 Susan Konigsberg -- Eppie Eagle
- 3 Carol Reiss -- Jan Frey

Stratum C

- 1 Carole Feldman -- Phyllis Schiff
- 2/3 Sharon Weinstein -- Abby Heyligers
- 2/3 Roberta Resnick -- Shelley Safran

Monday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (32.5 tables)

- 1 Robert Hurley -- Barry Nish
- 2 Susan Denenholz -- Matt Rewinski
- 3 Geoffrey O'Connor -- Richard Baumer

Stratum B

- 1 Robert Hurley -- Barry Nish
- 2 Jeffrey Colton -- Susan Calabro
- 3 Linda Gittelsohn -- Kenneth Gittelsohn

Stratum C

- 1 Jeffrey Colton -- Susan Calabro
- 2 Linda Gittelsohn -- Kenneth Gittelsohn
- 3 Laurie Berlin -- Mark Blanchard

Monday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (52 tables)

- 1 Mark Leibowitz -- Gulu Mahtaney
- 2 Lynn Romeo -- Gerald Fogel
- 3 Doris Rodgers -- Paul Cohen

Stratum B

- 1 Holly Roseman -- Brenda Cooperman
- 2 Anat Kravel -- Rosanne Goldbard
- 3 Frances Berg -- Myra Lesser
- 3 Robert Kohen -- Barbara Feingold

Stratum C

- 1 Beverly Boris -- Joan Fruchter
- 2 Debra Katz -- Ann Gardner
- 3 Ray Elias -- Susan Calabro

Tuesday Afternoon Open Pairs

Strata A&B (45 tables)

- 1 Susan Mulholland -- Jean McAlary
- 2 Gair Betts -- Howard Eisenman
- 3 Marlene Israel -- Janet Johnson

Stratum C

- 1 Marlene Israel -- Janet Johnson
- 2 Bruce Romboli -- Skip Romboli
- 3 Barbara Weinberg -- Joseph Goldberg

Tuesday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (18 tables)

- 1 Denis Eagle -- Mark Inhaber
- 2 Michael Krevor -- Kent Vandewater
- 3 Peter Tilles -- Doris Tilles

Stratum B

- 1 Denis Eagle -- Mark Inhaber
- 2 Peter Tilles -- Doris Tilles
- 3 Ruth Fox -- William Hart

Stratum C

- 1 Denis Eagle -- Mark Inhaber
- 2 Dale Perritz -- Susanne Harrison
- 3 David Kay -- Gary Zipper

Wednesday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (30 tables)

- 1 Cal Rafuse -- Mark Blanchard
- 2 Anthony Rizzuto -- James Schneider
- 3 Lucy Shostak -- Joan Pollenz

Strata B&C

- 1 Cal Rafuse -- Mark Blanchard
- 2 Raymond Elias -- Susan Calabro
- 3 Nancy Sybil -- Beverly Lefkowitz

Wednesday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (28 tables)

- 1 Stephen Posner -- Stephen Hazekorn
- 2 Robert Hurley -- Barry Nish
- 3 Glenn Martin -- Rayna Martin
- 3 Brenda Cooperman -- Al Schlanger

Stratum B

- 1 Stephen Posner -- Stephen Hazekorn
- 2 Robert Hurley -- Barry Nish
- 3 Brenda Cooperman -- Al Schlanger

Stratum C

- 1 Marie Bellini -- Jonathan Howe
- 2 Helen Corwith -- Paul Corwith
- 3 Joseph Levy -- Jerry Ross

Thursday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (82.5 tables)

- 1 Karl De Schrage -- Michael Geisinger

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- 2 Iris Cook -- Lawrence Goodman
- 3 Alan Zabronsky -- Irwin Ross

Stratum B

- 1 Alan Zabronsky -- Irwin Ross
- 2 Anat Kravel -- Helen Solomon
- 3 Lori Furst -- May Zahn

Stratum C

- 1 Joanne Henrick -- Wendy Kay
- 2 Judith Epstein -- Elinor Jaffe
- 3 Barbara Kulchin -- Merle Colchamiro

Thursday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (49 tables)

- 1 Lloyd Clark -- Bette Rightor
- 2 Annette Irom -- Joe Irom
- 3 Elaine Kahn -- Lillian Weissman

Stratum B

- 1 Annette Irom -- Joe Irom
- 2 Gair Betts -- Jane Sitzman
- 3 Ellen Reynolds -- Grant Duffrin

Stratum C

- 1 Annette Irom -- Joe Irom
- 2 Marlene Israel -- Janet Johnson
- 3 Bruce Romboli -- Edith Romboli

Friday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (87 tables)

- 1 Jack Lipson -- Leslie Sarf
- 2 Solomon Godelsky -- Richard Becker
- 3 Toni Somerstein -- Tom Luss

Stratum B

- 1 Solomon Godelsky -- Richard Becker
- 2 Toni Somerstein -- Tom Luss
- 3 Mary Beth Birchby -- Charles Greenhouse

Stratum C

- 1 Solomon Godelsky -- Richard Becker
- 2 Nancy Marx -- Joanne Henrick
- 3 Barbara Colton -- Jeff Colton

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (28.5 tables)

- 1 Mel Colchamiro -- Paul Siegelman
- 2 Susan Mulholland -- Beulah Wolff
- 3 Michael Wolff -- Barbara Boyarsky

Stratum B

- 1 Susan Mulholland -- Beulah Wolff
- 2 Michael Wolff -- Barbara Boyarsky
- 3 Myra Langsam -- Susan Laitmon

Stratum C

- 1 Caroline Terry -- Carol Moesel
- 2 Annette Irom -- Marlene Israel
- 3 Joe Irom -- Richard Strauss

Friday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (7 tables)

- 1 Patricia Mahoney -- Harold Thaw
- 2 John Floto -- Lila Dolinger
- 3 Pearl Berson -- Cynthia Pascal

Stratum B

- 1 John Floto -- Lila Dolinger
- 2 Pearl Berson -- Cynthia Pascal
- 3 Richard Brach -- Vicki Seltzer

Stratum C

- 1 Richard Brach -- Vicki Seltzer
- 2 Kay Cha -- Young Cha

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (58.5 tables)

- 1 Ines Beck -- Lil Schwarzschild
- 2 Louis Lessinger -- Carol Pratt
- 3 Nancy Buonora -- Virginia Hoffman

Stratum B

- 1 Ines Beck -- Lil Schwarzschild
- 2 Mark Blanchard -- Laurie Berlin
- 3 Jeri Golus -- Marsha Gordon

Stratum C

- 1 Ines Beck -- Lil Schwarzschild
- 2 Mark Blanchard -- Laurie Berlin
- 3 Duncan Peterson -- Gregory Wright

Sunday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (40 tables)

- 1 Joseph Sanders -- Irving Lieblich
- 2 Barbara Mendelsohn -- Jack Harris
- 3 Dorothy Feldmann -- Herbert Feldmann

Stratum B

- 1 Joseph Sanders -- Irving Lieblich
- 2 Helene Schwartz -- Carole Kugler
- 3 Edith Woodward -- Richard Holroyd

Stratum C

- 1 Edith Woodward -- Richard Holroyd
- 2 Beverly Lefkowitz -- Joanne Chalifoux
- 3 Sam Goldberg -- Ilan Wolff

Top 10 Masterpoint Winners

- 1 27.25 Paul Siegelman
- 2 24.79 Mark Leibowitz
- 3 23.86 Jack Lipson
- 4 19.65 Leslie Sarf
- 5 18.68 Karl De Shrage
- 6 18.26 Mark Blanchard
- 7 16.77 Michael Geisinger
- 8 16.11 Mel Colchamiro
- 9 16.04 Jack Price
- 10 15.24 Lester Goldman

Editor's Note: The Islander only prints the results of STaC games that are scored over multiple clubs.

For complete results, go to
LIBridge.com.

The Rule of 7?

By Larry Cohen



Rules? Schmules. There are too many “Rules of #x” out there. I prefer the Rule of Thinking.

If you must know, the “Rule of 7” was designed to tell declarer in notrump how many times to hold up. For example, say he gets a heart lead and this is the heart suit:

54 How many times should declarer hold up?

A87 The Rule says to total up your hearts (you have 5) and subtract from 7.

That leaves 2, which is how many times you should hold up. The purpose of holding up is to break the defenders communication in that suit.

Now, let’s forget that rule (I never use it) and try some good old logic instead.

We will look at four deals and in each case we will have a heart holding of A875 opposite 4.

Let’s start with this one:

♠-K103		Against 3NT, West leads the 2 (fourth best).
♥-4		The Rule of 7 says to hold up twice (7-5=2).
♦-KQJ1098		The Rule of Thinking says to win the first heart and not to hold up.
♣-A76		From the lead of the deuce (4 th best), declarer knows the hearts are
♠-982	♠-654	splitting 4-4. Not only does that make a hold-up play irrelevant, but it
♥-Q1062	♥-KJ93	gives the defense a chance to switch to a devastating club and defeat the
♦-74	♦-A3	contract. Winning the first heart produces 9 tricks.
♣-9542	♣-KQJ10	On this deal the Winning Play is to hold up 0 times.
♠-AQJ7		
♥-A875		
♦-652		
♣-83		

♠-QJ8		This time West opens the bidding 2♥ and South reaches 3NT.
♥-4		The lead is the ♥K.
♦-953		The Rule of 7 says to hold up twice (7-5=2)
♣-AK10962		In that case you would duck the ♥K and duck the next heart.
♠-K643	♠-52	East would then shift to the ♦Q for down two.
♥-K6	♥-QJ10932	The Rule of Thinking says that hearts are 6-2 (East opened 2♥).
♦-A762	♦-QJ108	Win the second heart (you know they are 6-2) and cross to dummy in
♣-753	♣-4	clubs for the spade finesse. If the ♠K is wrong and East has the ♥A,
♠-A1097		it’s just not your day.
♥-A875		On this deal the Winning Play is to hold up 1 time.
♦-K4		
♣-QJ8		

♠-985		Against 3NT, West leads the ♥6, fourth best. East plays the ♥Q.
♥-4		The Rule of 7 says to hold up twice (7-5=2).
♦-K98		This time the Rule of Thinking yields the same result.
♣-QJ10983		You will have to knock out the ♣AC.
♠-Q102	♠-J765	There is no other suit you fear a shift to.
♥-KJ962	♥-Q103	If hearts are 4-4, nothing will matter.
♦-J72	♦-Q1043	If hearts are 6-2, holding up once would suffice, but you have no way to
♣-75	♣-A2	know if they are 6-2.
♠-AK3		Holding up twice (winning the third round) caters to the very common
♥-A875		5-3 split. East's ♥Q wins the first trick. You let the ♥10 hold the second
♦-A65		trick. On the third heart, there is no benefit to holding up again (if they
♣-K64		are 4-4 it won't matter). So, you win the third round of hearts and play
		clubs. If one defender has 5 hearts and the ♣A, there is nothing you can
		do about it. Here, the holdup play (twice) leads to 10 tricks.
		On this deal the Winning Play is to hold up 2 times.

♠-K87		Playing matchpoints, you are in 3NT with the ♥K lead.
♥-5		The Rule of 7 says to hold up twice (7-5).
♦-AQ762		The Rule of Thinking says to hold up 3 times!
♣-A1097		You have 9 top tricks. The only issue is how to try for an overtrick.
♠-10964	♠-532	The obvious source for an overtrick is the diamond finesse – but is it
♥-KQJ10	♥-9632	safe to take it?
♦-?5	♦-?1094	If you win an early heart and run your winners and then take the diamond
♣-632	♣-54	finesse, the defense might set you by cashing too many hearts. You
♠-AQJ		don't know they are 4-4. They could be 5-3.
♥-A874		If you win an early heart, you won't know the heart split. Even winning
♦-83		the third heart is not safe. What if West started with KQJ and East with
♣-KQJ8		109xxx? Then when you take the diamond finesse, you risk defeat.
		Why not hold up hearts (no shift will hurt) until the 4 th round? Once you
		see they are 4-4, you can take the diamond finesse in complete safety.
		On this deal the Winning Play is to hold up 3 times!

There you have it. I always prefer thinking and logic to “rules.” The Rule of 7 told you the wrong information nearly every time. With it, you would have woodenly held up twice on each deal. In Real Life, the correct plays were to hold up 0, 1, 2, and 3 times. This should put the Rule of 7 into “Rule Heaven.” Maybe the “Rule Graveyard” is a better phrase.

Please visit www.larryco.com for more bridge articles and information on Larry's premier land tours and cruises.



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The ACBL Ranks*:

Rookie: less than 5 masterpoints (mps).

Junior Master: 5+ mps.

Club Master: 20+ mps.

Sectional Master: 50+ mps, of which 5 are silver.

Regional Master: 100+ mps, including 15 silver and 5 red or gold/platinum points.

NABC Master: 200+ mps, including 50 pigmented points of which 5 must be gold/platinum, 15 must be red or gold/platinum, and 25 must be silver.

Life Master: 300+ mps, including 100 pigmented points of which 25 must be gold/platinum, 25 must be red or gold/platinum, and 50 must be silver. **Bronze:** LM w/500+ mps. **Silver:** LM w/1000+ mps. **Gold:** LM w/2500+ mps. **Diamond:** LM w/5000+ mps. **Emerald:** LM w/7500 mps. **Platinum:** LM w/10,000 mps w/o a National title. **Grand:** LM with 10,000+ mps with a National title.

*for those who joined the ACBL prior to 1/1/10...otherwise, see ACBL.org

New Gold Life Masters

Howard Cohen
Frances Fein

New Silver Life Masters

Paul Cohen
Kenneth Davidoff
Nancy Defren
Eileen Isser
Henry Thomas Kieronski
Vera Mandell
Susan Mulholland
Dick Noonan

New Bronze Life Masters

Rosemary Gross
Risa Grossman
Alan Hyman
Thomas Luss
Fay Nadel
Barbara Ostrick
Arthur Solomon
Claire Stiepleman

New Life Masters

Gerald Berkman
Paul Cohen
Jeffrey Colton
Joseph Goldberg
Rosemary Gross
Elizabeth Hubbard
Maddy Lambert
Lee Launer
Sherry Lewinter
Fay Nadel
Barry Olan
Barbara Reitz
Mindy Setton
Claire Stiepleman
Meredith Walfish

New NABC Masters

Elyse Butnick
Susan Calabro
Leslie Dobbin
Barbara Emmer
Arnold Fox
Elaine Friedman
Burton Greenhouse

Emad Ibrahim
Bernard Katz
Donna Launer
Patricia Lessard
Rosellen Mensch
Paul Pirro
Sharon Price
Cal Rafuse
Shirlee Roberts
Adrienne Saporta
John Scotch
Helen Solomon

New Regional Masters

Bob Bianco
Mark Blanchard
Richard Brody
Ruth Brooks
Patricia Cestaro
Lauren Etes
Florence Feinstein
David Kirschenbaum
Beverly Lefkowitz
Ruth Lessinger
Judith Lippman
Diana Maniscalco

Joan Pool
Cheryl Rosenzweig
Carol Striker
Nancy Sybil
Richard Wettan

New Sectional Masters

Stanley Adelman
George Beglin
Sheila Bieber
Mark Blanchard
Young Cha
Elisabeth Fishbach
Peter Fishbach
Marilyn Friedlander
Sam Goldberg
Robert Guardino
Joanne Henrick
Carol Kamp
Claire Leinhardt
Emily Levin
Gary Levine
Jerome Segal
Lorraine Shakter
Helen Silberman
Francine Soltz

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Dolores Stein	Martin Greenstein	New Junior Masters	Brian McCaffery
Rita Winter	Jeanne Hanrahan		Karen Miller
	Rhoda Lash	Jackie Agdern	Carol Molack
New Club Masters	Bill Lau	Richard Bauser	Bert Moreida
	Lenore Lewis	Camille Bauer	Marcia Nadler
Lynne Albuquerk	Irma Marcus	Noreen Bauser	Sunny Oberoi
Joan Altman	Nancy Marx	Stacee Bernstein	Frank Rinaldi
Janet Benesch	Richard Morici	Robin Brendell	Maud Robertson
Robert Belovin	Joan Perfit	Debarah Brooks	Joanne Rodney
Richard Birrer	Ellen Pieniek	Marcia Cooper	Cheryl Rush
Edna Boothe	Terry Putterman	Pat Di Cerbo	Annette Schwed
Marie Burns	Wendy Ricci	Robin Diamond	Shi Shan
Merle Colchamiro	Sandie Sickle	Dorothy Doughty	Barbara Sobolewski
Marina Conrad	Cindi Siegel	Shelly Drexler	Bernice Spandorf
Vijay Datta	Paula Silverman	June Feinsod	Roni Spielfogel
Elizabeth Ehrlichman	Richard Stark	Jeanne Ferguson	Alter Steger
Howard Ehrlichman	Sandra Tytel	Stephen Fiverson	Marie Striano
Judith Faltischek	Rosalind Wells-Newburgh	Michael Friedlander	Roz Stronger
Ruth Flynn	Harvey Wertheim	Barbara Godt	Carol Sutker
Stanley Freundlich	Anne Wolf	Phyllis Kaufman	Gordon Waldorf
Sam Goldberg	Lenore Young	Elaine Kelfer	Rita Waldorf
Sue Goldman	Harvey Zaks	Donald Kreiss	Janice Windwer
Arthur Goren		Nancy Marx	

Letter to the Editor

In an effort to improve our wonderful game for everyone, especially those of us who are not experts, the following suggestions may be helpful.

Modify the ACBL point structure to provide more opportunity for players to generate realistic goals. Recognition levels could be considerably closer together, particularly after 300 points (100 points is a year's effort for most intermediates).

Provide additional milestone recognition, perhaps every 100 points, to encourage success and increase attendance at clubs and tournaments. Perhaps one's name on a list in the Islander or the ACBL magazine would be an incentive to play more often.

Encourage tournament attendance by developing additional levels of achievement, perhaps with increased pigmented points required.

Consider surveying ACBL members to elicit their ideas. Perhaps we could form a Master Points committee to consider possible improvements.

Naomi Korobow

Farewell to Russell Brooks

Russell Brooks, our friend and colleague, left us on June 8th of a massive heart attack. He was 74 years old and a retired partner of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy. He practiced law for thirty-six years before retirement.

Russell was a Board Member of the Nassau/Suffolk Bridge Association and its Corporate Secretary for the last six years. He and his wife, Pat, wrote the bylaws and did all the legal work to incorporate our New York District as well as creating our new Long Island Bridge for Youth. They did legal work for the NSBA and LI Bridge for Youth, and were frequent advisors on all their activities free of charge.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, his two children, Sarah and Samuel, and four grandchildren. He will be missed. He made everything better and more fun. Donations to honor his memory may be made to Long Island Bridge for Youth.

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**New Location for
Fall Regional!**

**Melville Marriott Hotel
Melville, NY**

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See you there!

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LONG ISLAND MASTER CLUB SCHEDULE

	Bridge Center of LI 516-481-4311 3678 W. Oceanside Road Oceanside Lin Fisher	Smithtown 631-360-8456 22 Lawrence Avenue Smithtown Sue Scholer, Carol Mathews	Sagamore 516-558-7799 6901 Jericho Tpk Syosset Silvana Zangri	Eastern Suffolk/Water Mill 631-726-6448 631-726-4540 1040 Montauk Hwy Water Mill Kathleen McLaughlen
Monday	12:30 pm open	10:30 am	10:30 am open and 0-750 7:30 pm open and 0-299	10:00 am newplicate 7:00 open
Tuesday	10:30 am limited 12:30 pm open	10:00 EZ Bridge	10:30 am , 12 pm 0-750 7:30 pm open	1:00 pm open
Wednesday	12:30 pm open	10:30 am Handicap 7:00 pm Bridge +	10:30 am open and 0-299 7 pm open, 7:30 pm 0-499	7:00 pm open
Thursday	12:30 pm open	3rd Thurs, Swiss 10:30 am 7:00 pm	10:30 am, 12:00 pm 0-750 7:00 pm individual	1:00 pm open & newplicate
Friday	12:30 pm open	10:30 am 7:00 pm	10:30 am open 7:30 pm open	10:00 am open
Saturday	12:45 pm open	12:00 pm Lesson 12:30 pm game	10:30 am 0-299, 1 pm open 1st Sat: 6 pm dinner/Swiss	1:00 pm open
Sunday	12:45 open, 1st & 3rd Swiss	12:30 pm	12:00 pm open	

OTHER SANCTIONED GAMES

<p>Sands' Point BC Shelter Rock Tennis Club 100 LI Expwy, Manhasset 516-558-7799 Drew Gilstad Tues. 7:15 pm</p> <hr/> <p>Emmanuel BC Hicks Lane, King's Point Louis Lessinger Louisless@optonline.net Mon 7:15 pm</p> <hr/> <p>Bridge School of LI 123 Merrick Ave East Meadow 516-379-3000 Aaron Silverstein Mon. 10 am & 7:30 pm Thurs. 10:00 am</p> <hr/> <p>Mattituck Library DBC Main Road, Mattituck 631-734-8096 Kathy Fibkins Tues. 12:00 pm Reservations only</p>	<p>Montauk BC Montauk Library 631-668-2370 Barbara Sullivan Wed. 12:30 pm (winter) 1:00 pm (summer)</p> <hr/> <p>Temple Judea BC 333 Seasingtown Rd Manhasset Mon. 12:30 pm Lyn Weiss 718-279-1005 — Thurs. 10:00 am Shelley Ganz 516-621-8049</p> <hr/> <p>Jack & Carol's Bridge Friedberg JCC 15 Neil Ct, Oceanside 516--228-1088 Carol Fleissig Fri. 9:30 am</p> <hr/> <p>South Shore BC 9 Northwood Lane, Patchogue 631-654-5313 Pat Mahoney Thurs. 11:00 am, Sun 12:30 pm</p>	<p>BRIDGEExpress Lake Success Jewish Center 354 Lakeville Road Great Neck Cathy Kirshner 516-299-6064 Fri. 10:00 am Wed. 12:15 pm Sun. 1:00 pm</p> <hr/> <p>Pride of Judea 243-02 Northern BLVD Douglaston Mon. 12:00 pm Louis Lessinger 718-423-6200</p> <hr/> <p>East Hampton DBC 1st Presb. Church 120 Main St., E. Hampton 631-907-2917 George Aman Mon 1pm & Hampton Day Care Center Gingerbread Lane Thurs 7 pm, April—Thanksgiving</p>	<p>Sunrise BC 39 Forest Ave Glen Cove 516-671-2095 Meyer Wiesen Tues. 7:15 pm</p> <hr/> <p>Shelter Rock JC 272 Shelter Rock Road Roslyn 917-658-5991 Hadassah Klein Wed.7:00 pm, Thurs.12:30 pm</p> <hr/> <p>Gardiner's Bay BC Gardiner's Bay CC Shelter Island 631-749-2021 Lillian Kessler (summers only)</p> <hr/> <p>Garden City BC DBC Senior Rec Center Golf Club Lane Garden City 516-781-4651 Ellen Davidoff Thurs. 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Riverhead BC Riverhead Com Ctr Jamesport Thurs. 12:00 pm 631-312-3332 Barbara Cuenin</p> <hr/> <p>Lake Success JC Bridge Club 354 :Lakeville Road Great Neck Lyn Weiss 718-279-1005 Tues. 10:15 am</p>
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NAOP	Honors Bridge Club	October 27
STaC Weekend	Local Clubs	November 15-17

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