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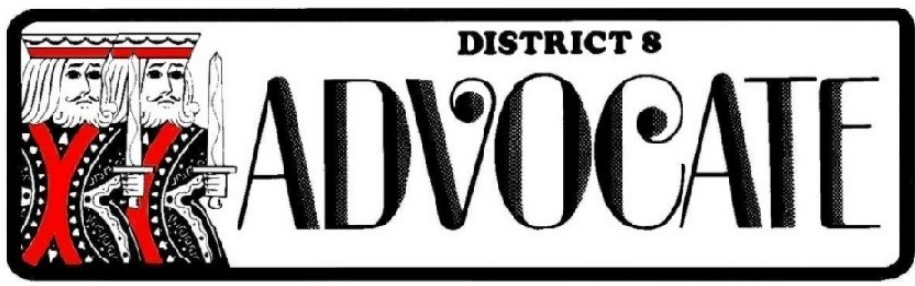
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Get your team together for the

District 8 Grand National Teams May 6 & 7, 2006

IDOT Building,
Springfield IL



- ♠ **Saturday, May 6:** 1:00 & 7:00 pm -- 2-Session qualifying
- ♠ **Sunday, May 7:** 10:30 am & TBA -- Knockout finals
12:30 pm -- Open Pairs side game

Trips to Chicago -- and regional-rated gold points -- are featured in the 2006 District 8 finals of this national team event. Any team of four, five or six District 8 members can enter in one of four separate flights:

- Championship:** Open
- Flight A:** 0-5000 masterpoints
- Flight B:** 0-2000
- Flight C:** 0-500 (non-LMs)

The winning team in each flight will receive a travel award from the District Board to play in the national finals in Chicago in July.

Your flight eligibility is determined by the number of masterpoints you held on September 1, 2005.

Directions: The IDOT (Illinois Dept. of Transportation) Building is at 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, just west of I-55 between exits 94 and 96 (South Grand and Stevenson Drive exits). Take escalator down to the playing area.

Sunday side game: This is a stratified, sectional-rated pairs event that is open to all. You do not have to have played in the GNT event to enter.

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ACBL Director's Report

by Georgia Heth, Morton IL

District 8 Representative on the ACBL Board of Directors

Hello everyone! This article is going to be all about my favorite subject, the **Grand National Teams**. I want to cheerlead for this year's event and warn you about a rules change for next year's event.

The District 8 Final (the only stage held in District 8) is coming up soon -- **May 6 and 7** at the IDOT Building in Springfield IL. Full details are in this issue of the *Advocate*. I have heard from some new teams that are planning on coming, and they and I are hoping we'll have a large turnout. Ever the optimist, I have made plans to accommodate a surge in attendance.

With the national stage of the competition being held in Chicago in July, it can hardly be more convenient or cheaper for our people to participate. Plus, this is the last year that admission into the event will be based on the District you belong to. So for all of you people who are members of District 8 but have been living in another district, this is the last year that you will be automatically eligible to play in our District.

New residence rules: Beginning with the 2006-2007 Grand National Teams (GNT) and the 2007-2008 North American Pairs (NAP), your eligibility for these events will be determined by the district where you are living on the first day of the event -- September 1 for the GNT and June 1 for the NAP. If your actual home residence is in another ACBL district, you are *not* eligible to play in the District 8 GNT or NAP unless you get permission before the event begins. This rule applies even to those who live in border areas but have previously chosen to be members of District 8.

If you live outside District 8 but want to play in our finals of these events, you must start the application process by April 1 for the NAP and by June 1 for the GNT. If you are going to play in one of the lower flights (B or C of the NAPs; A, B or C of the GNTs), you need the permission of the ACBL Board of Directors member from the district where you reside and the district you want to play in. If you want to play in the top flight for either event (Flight A of the NAP; Championship flight of the GNT), you need to get the same two consents *plus* permission from the ACBL Credentials Committee. If any party refuses your request, it is denied and there is no right of appeal. Please note that if you want to be considered for a residence exception for the GNT event that ends in July 2007, you must start the process by June 1, 2006.

For more information: There will be further details on this issue in the *ACBL Bulletin* and on the

ACBL website. If you have questions, please write or call me. My email is gketh@hotmail.com and my home address is 917 South Main Street, Morton IL 61550. My home phone is (309) 263-0242. Please contact me by email if possible.

Early news from Dallas NAP: I'll report more details from the Dallas Board meetings in our June newsletter. I can tell you now that all three of our District 8 pairs made the cut for the second day of the Flight A North American Pair national finals. All three placed in the overalls and two pairs finished in the top ten, which I think is pretty good for the smallest district in the ACBL. Special congratulations to **Mark Kessler & Ed Schultz** (7th overall), **Mike Halvorsen & Richard Blumenthal** (8th overall) and **Milt Zlatic & Tom Oppenheimer** (13th overall) for great performances!

I hope to see hundreds of you at the Grand National Teams finals in Springfield next month.

-- Georgia

Dave Carter Top 100

Here are District 8's top masterpoint winners and the total points each earned during calendar year 2005. The list is named for the late Dave Carter of St. Louis, who won the national McKenney Trophy in 1954.

1. Colby Vernay, Lacon IL -- 959
2. Will Engel, Freeport IL -- 915
3. Bob Carteaux, Ft. Wayne IN -- 859
4. James Melville, Springfield IL -- 787
5. John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 521
6. Sheldon Margulis, St. Louis -- 490
7. Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 483
8. Jack Bryant, St. Louis -- 468
9. Dick Benson, Le Roy IL -- 466
10. Ronda O'Farrell, Chesterfield MO -- 465
11. Ralph Behrens, St. Louis -- 446
12. Ed Weiss, Chesterfield MO -- 443
13. John Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 381
14. Tom Kniest, Univ. City MO -- 377
15. Roger Lord, St. Louis -- 374
16. Gary Kessler, Springfield IL -- 373
17. Jacqueline Sincoff, St. Louis -- 361
18. Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL -- 354
19. Nancy Popkin, St. Louis -- 348
20. Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO -- 345
21. Sally Chapleau-Russo, Ft Pierce FL -- 340
22. James Feinstein, So. Bend IN -- 336
23. John Aumiller, Ft. Wayne IN -- 334
24. Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 332
25. Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL -- 327
26. Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 326
27. Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL -- 325
28. Chris Benson, Le Roy IL -- 322
29. Irene Singleton, So. Bend IN -- 311
30. Sasanka Ramanadham, St. Louis -- 298
31. Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 295
32. Lee Hastings, St Louis MO -- 289
33. Alan Popkin, St Louis MO -- 282
34. Denny O'Connor, St. Louis -- 281
35. Mike Giacaman, St. Louis -- 279
51. Jason Clevenger, St. Louis -- 244
52. Richard Sullivan, Decatur IN -- 235
53. Betty Capodice, Bloomington IL -- 232
54. John Dicks, Saint Charles MO -- 226
55. Stephen Brauss, St. Louis -- 224
56. H Douglas Edwards, Hardin KY -- 222
57. Mark Kessler, Springfield IL -- 222
58. Daniel Simon, So. Bend IN -- 222
59. Howard Schmid, Merrillville IN -- 222
60. Marian Eggebrecht, So. Bend IN -- 222
61. Donna Simon, So. Bend IN -- 221
62. Donna Pedrotti, Maryland Hts MO -- 221
63. Zach Freehill, Bloomington IL -- 220
64. Christopher Shaw Jr., Carlinville IL -- 218
65. Elaine Delaney, So. Bend IN -- 217
66. James Hudson, DeKalb IL -- 211
67. Linda Lubeck, Troy IL -- 210
68. Larry Kolker, St. Louis -- 205
69. Fran Russell, Paducah KY -- 205
70. Richard Ellis Jr., Kokomo IN -- 205
71. Karen Coe, Ewing IL -- 201
72. Donald Florida, Marshall IL -- 196
73. Doug Moore, Ballwin MO -- 196
74. Kenneth Bland, St. Louis -- 194
75. Jack Snyder, Rockford IL -- 194
76. James Angell, Munster IN -- 190
77. John Seng, Champaign IL -- 188
78. Milton Zlatic, St. Louis -- 188
79. Bob Bainter, St. Louis -- 185
80. Ronald Sholes, Springfield IL -- 184
81. Doug McQuaid, Lebanon IL -- 183
82. Mike Tomlianovich, Bloomington IL -- 183
83. Bobbie Holmes, St. Louis -- 183
84. Suzi Shymanski Moore, Ballwin MO -- 180
85. Ralph Rotter Jr., Granite City IL -- 180

36. John Chmielowiec, Michigan City IN -- 273
37. Marvin Shapiro, St. Louis -- 272
38. Ed Schultz, Chesterfield MO -- 271
39. Dalton Darnell, Murray KY -- 260
40. Audrey Danocup, Beloit WI 260
41. Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL -- 260
42. Eric Gettleman, Normal IL -- 258
43. Gail Moon, Bloomington IL -- 257
44. Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN -- 252
45. Sheryl Finkenstadt, St Charles MO -- 250
46. William Finkenstadt, St Charles MO -- 250
47. Laurie Hamachek, Huntley IL -- 247
48. Stephen Hawthorne, Bloomington IL -- 246
49. Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN -- 245
50. Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 244
86. Elizabeth Zalar, Springfield IL -- 178
87. Bill Petrie, Mayfield KY -- 177
88. Thomas Carpenter, Ft. Wayne IN -- 177
89. Nancy La Master, Munster IN -- 175
90. Virginia Peterson, Plymouth IN -- 173
91. Julia Rambo, Mayfield KY -- 173
92. Ronald Peterson, Plymouth IN -- 172
93. Lena Howard, Elkhart IN -- 172
94. Karen Walker, Champaign IL -- 171
95. F. A. Binder Jr., So. Bend IN -- 171
96. Byron Parshall, Mishawaka IN -- 171
97. Paul Quayle, Gilbertsville KY -- 170
98. Robin Lampley, Paducah KY -- 167
99. Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN -- 165
100. Sara Marcus, So. Bend IN -- 165

District-wide Mini-McKenney Race -- 2005

The annual Mini-McKenney race recognizes the leading masterpoint winners in each player-ranking category. Your category is based on the number of points you held at the beginning of 2005. Listed here are the top 15 point winners in each category in District 8 and the total masterpoints each player won during calendar year 2005. Congratulations to all!

Rookie of the Year (0-5 pts. on 1/1/2005)

1. Bill Lindemann Sr, Champaign IL -- 137
2. Paul Holmes, Champaign IL -- 135
3. Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights IL -- 58
4. Karen Pickelsimer, Oakwood Hills IL -- 50
5. Robert Pickelsimer, Oakwood Hills IL -- 49
6. Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO -- 39
7. John Antognoli, Clayton MO -- 38
8. Patricia Valiska, Highland IN -- 37
9. Donald Valiska, Highland IN -- 36
10. Roger James, Crown Point IN -- 34
11. Dorothy James, Crown Point IN -- 34
12. Frederick Shafer, South Bend IN -- 29
13. Paul Silberman, Mishawaka IN -- 25
14. Donna Cart, Rockford IL -- 25
15. Steve Shoeffler, Edwardsville IL -- 25

Junior Master of the Year (5-20 pts.)

1. Ann Smith, Johnston City IL -- 87
2. Bob Pedrotti, Maryland Height MO -- 55
3. Paula Demlow, Sandwich IL -- 53
4. Beverly Dixon, Kirkwood MO -- 46
5. Bev Upp, Bloomington IL -- 41
6. Robert Adler, Creve Couer MO -- 41
7. William Demlow, Sandwich IL -- 38
8. Betty Hettinger, Aurora IL -- 35
9. Wesley Archer, Iberia MO -- 34
10. Jorn Jamieson, Iberia MO -- 34
11. Frank Hettinger, Aurora IL -- 33
12. Dennis Moll, Bloomington IL -- 33
13. Robert Dempsey, St Charles MO -- 33
14. Marilyn Winter, Mt Zion IL -- 30
15. Helene Siegfried, Chesterfield MO -- 30

Life Master of the Year (300 pts.)

1. Audrey Danocup, Beloit WI -- 260
2. Doug McQuaid, Lebanon IL -- 183
3. Nancy La Master, Munster IN -- 175
4. Paul Quayle, Gilbertsville KY -- 170
5. Frank La Master, Munster IN -- 147
6. Jane Baker, Paducah KY -- 143
7. Sylvia Kveton, Galena IL -- 138
8. Robert Cundall, Collinsville IL -- 135
9. Judy Putzel, St. Louis -- 131
10. Gene Wheeler, Chatham IL -- 127
11. Ben Englert, Edwardsville IL -- 121
12. Larry Wilcox, Springfield IL -- 120
13. Dariel Richardson, Rochester IL -- 118
14. Patrick Moos, Peoria IL -- 109
15. David Jenkins, Rockford IL -- 106

Bronze Life Master of the Year (500 pts.)

1. John Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 381
2. Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL -- 354
3. Sasanka Ramanadham, St. Louis -- 298
4. Sheryl Finkenstadt, St Charles MO -- 250
5. William Finkenstadt, St Charles MO -- 250
6. Norma Cloyd, Paducah KY -- 245
7. Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 244
8. Jason Clevenger, St. Louis -- 244
9. James Hudson, DeKalb IL -- 211
10. Phillip Stephan, Boynton Beach FL -- 196
11. Virginia Peterson, Plymouth IN -- 173
12. Ronald Peterson, Plymouth IN -- 172
13. Lena Howard, Elkhart IN -- 172
14. F. A. Binder Jr, South Bend IN -- 171
15. John Coe, Ewing IL -- 165

Club Master of the Year (20-50 pts.)

1. Suzanne Gerhold, South Bend IN -- 85
2. James Gerhold, South Bend IN -- 85
3. Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton IN -- 85
4. Jay Shah, St. Louis -- 81
5. David Hoevel, Fort Wayne IN -- 78
6. Elizabeth Wilson, Urbana IL -- 70
7. Donald Groch, South Bend IN -- 67
8. Stevie Holcomb, Springfield IL -- 60
9. Thomas Esten Sr., Ft Wayne IN -- 59
10. Judi Sulzbach, Champaign IL -- 53
11. Fred Barilla, Rantoul IL -- 51
12. Mary Ann Mitchell, Eureka MO -- 51
13. Bernice Nesheim, Rockford IL -- 44
14. Ladora Sloan, Mishawaka IN -- 44
15. Sherman Tucker, St Charles MO -- 44

Sectional Master of the Year (50-100 pts.)

1. Bill Petrie, Mayfield KY -- 177
2. Cappy Gagnon, Notre Dame IN -- 165
3. Johnie Imes, Lake Ozark MO -- 143
4. Fred Roese, Springfield IL -- 114
5. Naomi Orsay, Brentwood MO -- 93
6. James Baumeister, Marion IL -- 90
7. William Bunn, Brentwood MO -- 84
8. Grady Thurman, Nashville TN 79
9. Laverne Niksch, Portage IN -- 77
10. Cindy Wheeler, Chatham IL -- 76
11. Gilda Singer, St Charles MO -- 75
12. Linda Albrecht, Mt Zion IL -- 73
13. Steve Singer, St Charles MO -- 71
14. Roger Dieringer, Elgin IL -- 70
15. Julia Torres, Florissant MO -- 68

Regional Master of the Year (100-200 pts.)

1. Eric Gettleman, Normal IL -- 258
2. Dan Faulkner, Monticello IL -- 125
3. Charlie Morton, Bloomington IL -- 117
4. Al Wagner II, Danville IL -- 117
5. Gary Dell, Champaign IL -- 116
6. Bill Lindemann Jr, Champaign IL -- 114
7. Jack Sanders, Champaign IL -- 114
8. Larry O'Maley, Fort Wayne IN -- 113
9. Bud Hawkins, Mt Vernon IL -- 110

Silver Life Master of the Year (1000 pts.)

1. Will Engel, Freeport IL -- 915
2. James Melville, Springfield IL -- 787
3. Ronda O'Farrell, Chesterfield MO -- 465
4. Sally Chapleau-Russo, Ft Pierce FL -- 340
5. Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 326
6. Mike Giacaman, St. Louis -- 279
7. Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL -- 260
8. Gail Moon, Bloomington IL -- 257
9. Jason Feldman, Champaign IL -- 253
10. Richard Sullivan, Decatur IN -- 235
11. Betty Capodice, Bloomington IL -- 232
12. Stephen Brauss, St. Louis -- 224
13. Daniel Simon, South Bend IN -- 222
14. Marian Eggebrecht, South Bend IN -- 222
15. Donna Simon, South Bend IN -- 221

Gold Life Master of the Year (2500 pts.)

1. John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 521
2. Sheldon Margulis, St. Louis -- 490
3. Ralph Behrens, St. Louis -- 446
4. Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO -- 345
5. James Feinstein, South Bend IN -- 336
6. Irene Singleton, South Bend IN -- 311
7. Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 295
8. Lee Hastings, St Louis -- 289
9. Alan Popkin, St Louis -- 282
10. Denny O'Connor, St. Louis -- 281
11. John Chmielowiec, Mich. City IN -- 273
12. Marvin Shapiro, St. Louis -- 272
13. Dalton Darnell, Murray KY -- 260
14. Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN -- 245
15. John Dicks, Saint Charles MO -- 226

Diamond Life Master of the Year (5000 pts.)

1. Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 483
2. Ed Weiss, Chesterfield MO -- 443
3. Tom Kniest, University City MO -- 377
4. Jacqueline Sincoff, St. Louis -- 361
5. Nancy Popkin, St. Louis -- 348
6. John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN -- 334
7. Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL -- 327
8. Ed Schultz, Chesterfield MO -- 271

10. Ruth Minish, Granger IN -- 107
11. Randall Motchan, Bloomington IL -- 96
12. Richard Gierat, Belvidere IL -- 96
13. Chuck Briggs, Hobart IN -- 95
14. Robert Riggs, St. Louis -- 95
15. Marsha Kent, Springfield IL -- 93

NABC Master of the Year (200 - non-LM)

1. Laurie Hamachek, Huntley IL -- 247
2. Stephen Hawthorne, Bloomington IL -- 246
3. Zach Freehill, Bloomington IL -- 220
4. Thomas Carpenter, Fort Wayne IN -- 177
5. Cal Corbin, Champaign IL -- 145
6. Mrs. L. A. Jenkins, Rockford IL -- 131
7. Ann Ruwitch, St. Louis -- 117
8. Gayle McLean, Bonita Springs FL -- 112
9. Claire Krukenberg, Charleston IL -- 110
10. Norman Goldman, Wildwood MO -- 102
11. Barbara Walczak, Munster IN -- 101
12. David Short, Champaign IL -- 100
13. Gary Schechter, Springfield IL -- 99
14. Tim Butterbaugh, Paducah KY -- 96
15. Frank Tirsch, Springfield IL -- 96

9. Mark Kessler, Springfield IL -- 222
10. Milton Zlatic, St. Louis -- 188
11. Karen Walker, Champaign IL -- 171
12. David Bish, Leo IN -- 156
13. James Hammond, Kirkwood MO -- 136
14. James Davis, Kokomo IN -- 126
15. Eunice Portnoy, St. Louis -- 115

Emerald Life Master of the Year (7500 pts.)

1. Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN -- 859
2. Roger Lord, St. Louis -- 374
3. Gary Kessler, Springfield IL -- 373
4. Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 332
5. Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL -- 325
6. Chris Benson, Le Roy IL -- 322
7. Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN -- 252
8. Larry Kolker, St. Louis -- 205

Platinum Life Master of the Year (10,000 pts.)

1. Colby Vernay, Lacon IL -- 959
2. Jack Bryant, St. Louis -- 468
3. Dick Benson, Le Roy IL -- 466

District-wide Ace of Clubs Race -- 2005

The annual Ace of Clubs awards recognize the leading masterpoint winners IN club-level games. Awards are made IN each player category. Your category is based on your total masterpoint holding at the begINning of 2005.

Listed here are the top point winners IN each category IN District 8 and the total masterpoints each player won IN club games during calendar year 2005. Congratulations to these active and successful players, and thanks from all of us for your support of local bridge.

Rookie of the Year (0-5 pts. on 1/1/2005)

1. Paul Holmes, Champaign IL -- 39
2. Bill Lindemann Sr., Champaign IL -- 38
3. Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights IL -- 35
4. Roger James, Crown Point IN -- 30
5. Dorothy James, Crown Point IN -- 30
6. Patricia Valiska, Highland IN 30
7. John Antognoli, Clayton MO -- 29
8. Donald Valiska, Highland IN -- 28
9. Donna Cart, Rockford IL -- 24
10. Steve Shoeffler, Edwardsville IL -- 24
11. Ben Van Bentveld, Ballwin MO -- 21
12. Paul Silberman, Mishawaka IN -- 19
13. John Baird, Sandwich IL -- 19
14. Daniel Bunde, Champaign IL -- 17
15. Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO -- 17

Junior Master of the Year (5-20 pts.)

1. Paula Demlow, Sandwich IL -- 35
2. Robert Adler, Creve Couer MO -- 32
3. Bev Upp, Bloomington IL -- 25
4. Marilyn Winter, Mt Zion IL -- 24
5. Sara Ratterree, Springfield IL -- 23
6. Dennis Moll, Bloomington IL -- 22
7. Bob Pedrotti, Md. Heights MO -- 21
8. William Demlow, Sandwich IL -- 21
9. David Wilson, Davis IL -- 20
10. Carol Costello, Springfield IL -- 20
11. Sam Sgro, Springfield IL -- 19
12. Alfred Pranske, Springfield IL -- 19
13. Nancy Wilson, Davis IL -- 19
14. Beverly Dixson, Kirkwood MO -- 18
15. Larry Seitzman, Peoria IL -- 17

Life Master of the Year (300 pts.)

1. Jane Baker, Paducah KY -- 85
2. Sylvia Kveton, Galena IL -- 84
3. Gene Wheeler, Chatham IL -- 82
4. Ruth Wettaw, Bloomington IL -- 73
5. Audrey Danocup, Beloit WI -- 68
6. Richard Scheibelhut, Oro Val. AZ -- 65
7. Judy Putzel, St. Louis -- 65
8. Nancy La Master, Munster IN -- 62
9. Dariel Richardson, Rochester IL -- 57
10. Larry Wilcox, Springfield IL -- 56
11. Loren Van Degraft, Byron IL -- 46
12. Frank La Master, Munster IN -- 44
13. Patrick Moos, Peoria IL -- 43
14. Sarah Ann Mueller, So. Bend IN -- 43
15. Deborah King, Creve Coeur MO -- 40

Bronze Life Master of the Year (500 pts.)

1. John Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 228
2. Phillip Stephan, Boynton Bch FL -- 145
3. Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 130
4. Lena Howard, Elkhart IN -- 115
5. George Veenstra, Springfield IL -- 114
6. F. A. Binder Jr., So. Bend IN -- 112
7. Samy Sawaya, Munster IN -- 105
8. Robert Adams, So. Bend IN -- 99
9. JoAnn Steigmeyer, Granger IN -- 96
10. F. R. Kellstrom, Chesterton IN -- 96
11. Sheryl Finkenstadt, St. Charles MO -- 93
12. William Finkenstadt, St. Charles MO -- 93
13. J. S. Bruner, Springfield IL -- 90
14. Margaret Hansell, Champaign IL -- 85
15. Percy Wu, Chesterfield MO -- 82

Club Master of the Year (20-50 pts.)

1. David Hoevel, Ft. Wayne IN -- 63
2. Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton IN -- 48
3. Thomas Esten Sr., Ft Wayne IN -- 46
4. Elizabeth Wilson, Urbana IL -- 45
5. Donald Groch, So. Bend IN -- 44
6. Stevie Holcomb, Springfield IL -- 42
7. Ladora Sloan, Mishawaka IN -- 42
8. Suzanne Gerhold, So. Bend IN -- 40
9. James Gerhold, So. Bend IN -- 39
10. Bishnu Dutta, Rockford IL -- 36
11. Judi Sulzbach, Champaign IL -- 35
12. Ronald Sicks, Ft. Wayne IN -- 35
13. Cheryl Bosak, St Charles IL -- 34
14. Bernice Nesheim, Rockford IL -- 34
15. Jay Shah, St Louis MO -- 33

Sectional Master of the Year (50-100 pts.)

1. Cappy Gagnon, Notre Dame IN -- 110
2. Bill Petrie, Mayfield KY -- 106
3. Fred Roese, Springfield IL -- 66
4. Roger Dieringer, Elgin IL -- 56
5. Beckham Southern, Kennett MO -- 48
6. Douglas St John, Rockford IL -- 47
7. Cindy Wheeler, Chatham IL -- 46
8. Susan Donnelly, Springfield IL -- 43
9. Laverne Niksch, Portage IN -- 41
10. Jane Auby, Springfield IL -- 37
11. Hazel Petrick, Munster IN -- 36
12. Jeff Lubber, Granger IN -- 36
13. Dorothy Helmecki, Ft. Wayne IN -- 35
14. Alan Avery, Springfield IL -- 35
15. Nancy Sleeth, St. Charles IL -- 35

Regional Master of the Year (100-200 pts.)

1. Jack Sanders, Champaign IL -- 84
2. Eric Gettleman, Normal IL -- 78
3. Chuck Briggs, Hobart IN -- 66
4. Al Wagner II, Danville IL -- 66
5. Joseph Franz III, Springfield IL -- 64
6. Layton Lamb, Springfield IL -- 64
7. Douglas Jonquet, Decatur IL -- 63
8. Marsha Kent, Springfield IL -- 61

Silver Life Master of the Year (1000 pts.)

1. Richard Sullivan, Decatur IN -- 178
2. Marian Eggebrecht, So. Bend IN -- 166
3. Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 152
4. James Angell, Munster IN -- 134
5. Sally Chapleau-Russo, Ft Pierce FL -- 132
6. Elaine Delaney, So. Bend IN -- 130
7. Mike Giacaman, St. Louis -- 128
8. Sara Marcus, So. Bend IN -- 123
9. Virginia Stipp, So. Bend IN -- 119
10. Richard Schnepf, Springfield IL -- 115
11. Janice Franz, Springfield IL -- 112
12. Byron Parshall, Mishawaka IN -- 111
13. James O'Connell, Valparaiso IN -- 111
14. Gail Moon, Bloomington IL -- 108
15. Betty Capodice, Bloomington IL -- 108

Gold Life Master of the Year (2500 pts.)

1. Irene Singleton, So. Bend IN -- 232
2. James Feinstein, So. Bend IN -- 222
3. Ralph Behrens, St. Louis -- 157
4. Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN -- 140
5. Bobbie Holmes, St. Louis -- 137
6. John Chmielowiec, Mich. City IN -- 133
7. Denny O'Connor, St. Louis -- 131
8. Howard Schmid, Merrillville IN -- 120
9. Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 115
10. Sheldon Margulis, St. Louis -- 115
11. John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 111
12. Donna Pedrotti, Md. Hts. MO -- 108
13. Julia Rambo, Mayfield KY -- 106
14. Mrs. L. Greenman, St. Louis -- 97
15. Marie Goldner, So. Bend IN -- 96

Diamond Life Master of the Year (5000 pts.)

1. John Aumiller, Ft. Wayne IN -- 209
2. Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 160
3. James Hammond, Kirkwood MO -- 86
4. David Bish, Leo IN -- 72
5. Jacqueline Sincoff, St. Louis -- 59
6. James Davis, Kokomo -- IN 50
7. Ed Weiss, Chesterfield MO -- 46
8. Ed Schultz, Chesterfield MO -- 35

9. Larry O'Maley, Ft. Wayne IN -- 59
10. Constance Stevens, Highland IN -- 58
11. Jack Kessler, Bloomington IL -- 57
12. Richard Gierat, Belvidere IL -- 55
13. Ms. M. N. Schumm, Munster IN -- 54
14. Ruth Minish, Granger IN -- 52
15. Martha Hosinski, So. Bend IN -- 50

NABC Master of the Year (200 - non-LM)

1. Zach Freehill, Bloomington IL -- 110
2. Stephen Hawthorne, Bloomington IL -- 100
3. Thomas Carpenter, Ft. Wayne IN -- 94
4. Gary Schechter, Springfield IL -- 86
5. Cal Corbin, Champaign IL -- 75
6. Laurie Hamachek, Huntley IL -- 65
7. Robert Brightup, Rockford IL -- 64
8. Frank Tirsch, Springfield IL -- 63
9. Barbara Walczak, Munster IN -- 62
10. Stanley Gutzman, Normal IL -- 59
11. Ann Ruwitch, St. Louis -- 57
12. David Short, Champaign IL -- 51
13. Jean Barnett, Bloomington IL -- 50
14. Gayle McLean, Bonita Springs FL -- 49
15. Joseph McAdam, Decatur IL -- 49

9. Robert Giles, Marion IL -- 34
10. Eunice Portnoy, Boca Raton FL -- 33
11. Milton Zlatic, St. Louis -- 32
12. Dan Requard, Springfield IL -- 29
13. Karen Walker, Champaign IL -- 22
14. Nancy Popkin, St. Louis -- 17
15. Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL -- 10

Emerald Life Master of the Year (10,000 pts.)

1. Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN -- 206
2. Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 53
3. Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL -- 35
4. Roger Lord, St. Louis -- 32
5. Gary Kessler, Springfield IL -- 31
6. Larry Kolker, St. Louis -- 30
7. Bob Carteaux, Ft. Wayne IN -- 8

Platinum Life Master of the Year (7500 pts.)

1. Jack Bryant, St. Louis -- 132
2. Dick Benson, Le Roy IL -- 18
3. Colby Vernay, Lacon IL -- 10

Other Masterpoint Races -- 2005

Each year, ACBL recognizes the bridge successes of Junior players (age 25 and under) and players who win the most points in sectional tournaments. Listed below are the District-wide rankings and points won in 2005 by our players in these categories.

Junior Leaders

1. Will Engel, Freeport IL -- 915
2. Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL -- 354
3. Paul Holmes, Champaign IL -- 135
4. Ben Englert, Edwardsville IL -- 121
5. Joshua Kueker, Champaign IL -- 51
6. Wilbert Law, Urbana IL -- 19
7. Michael Noll, St. Louis -- 14
8. Matthew Robb, St. Louis -- 12
9. Thomas O'Reilly-Pol, St. Louis -- 10
10. Praveen Jayachandran, Champaign IL -- 8
11. Yui Hei Au, Urbana IL -- 8
12. John Kalbfleisch, St. Louis -- 5
13. Drew Cuthbertson, Quincy IL -- 1
14. Nat Seiz, Springfield IL -- 1
15. Anne Kramer, Springfield IL -- 1
16. Matthew McCrea, St John IN -- 1

Sectional Point Winners

1. Ronda O'Farrell, Chesterfield MO -- 396
2. Ed Weiss, Chesterfield MO -- 395
3. Nancy Popkin, St. Louis -- 178
4. Will Engel, Freeport IL -- 156
5. Ralph Behrens, St. Louis -- 145
6. Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 137
7. Alan Popkin, St. Louis -- 130
8. John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 125
9. Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO -- 122
10. Don Florida, Marshall IL -- 117
11. Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 115
12. Richard Ellis, Kokomo IN -- 106
13. Jack Bryant, St. Louis -- 94
14. Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO -- 94
15. Dalton Darnell, Murray KY -- 92
16. Jason Clevenger, St. Louis -- 89
17. Sheldon Margulis, St. Louis -- 87
18. Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL -- 84
19. Douglas Edwards, Hardin KY -- 82
20. John Chmielowiec, Michigan City IN -- 80
21. Larry Kolker, St. Louis -- 80
22. Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN -- 79
23. Sasanka Ramanadham, St. Louis -- 79
24. Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 74
25. Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL -- 71

Director, please

by David Stevenson, Liverpool, England



Question (from the U.S.): As an ACBL member, I would like to go "out of tempo" in certain types of situations. Here's the first:

I open 1NT and partner invites with 2NT. Now if I pass quickly, the opponents will know I have 15 points. If I briskly bid game, I'm marked with 17 points, and if I sit and stew, no matter what I do subsequently, everyone knows I have 16. I would like, instead, to be able to study my hand for about 10 seconds (as after a skip bid warning) and then act, even in situations where I have no problem with my decision. Is such an action permitted here in the USA? Anyplace? And is there a specific law involved?

Stevenson: You are not allowed to mislead opponents through tempo. If you sit and appear to think, they have a right to believe you have a decision. Law 73E permits you to make all calls in the same tempo, so if you think 10 seconds before *every* call, that is legal, but now you are delaying the game.

To be honest, I really think you should try for a different approach. Thinking forever will not really tell you to bid game or not with 16. Just bid immediately and do not worry about it. Your game will not be worse, and you will have given less information away.

Follow-up question: Here's a play situation where I would like more freedom to vary my tempo. Say declarer leads up to dummy's AQJx or KQxx and I am fourth to play to the trick. If I can and want to win the trick, must I do so immediately? I would like to be able to study the situation (sorry, as I age, I do get a bit slower) to determine whether I should duck or win the trick *and* which suit and card I should return if I do win. Certainly there is information about if I win the trick and then study.

Now consider this similar situation, where I think I'm on less firm ground. The same suit combination as above, but this time I do *not* hold a winner. Instead, I want to take time to determine whether I should signal count or not. We both know that astute declarers, holding the King or Ace in hand, will make such a play only to get the defenders to give count signals. So I believe I have a legitimate problem as to whether to give a true or a false signal, depending on my appraisal of the situation. Yes, in the old days, I might have been prepared for the play and planned ahead. But if the mind slows down? Or the play comes up so early and that my preparation is not complete?

I do know that certain signaling methods are not permitted, precisely because of the tempo breaks that can ensue. Here, though, I'm talking about bread-and-butter signals, not something like "Oh my gawd, I have no odd pips, so which even card do I follow suit with?".

Stevenson: Same sort of thing. No, you may not mislead opponents, and there is case law to say that considering whether or not to give count is *not* acceptable as a reason for an apparently misleading pause.

There again, I suggest a change in your approach. If your partner watches your signals, give count

always, or possibly not in situations you yourself know so you can decide immediately.

Follow-up question: Are there *any* conditions where I am allowed to take time to think with cards that do not technically warrant a slow decision? What if I warn my opponents in advance that my style is to pause and study at odd times, and that they should therefore take no inferences from any of my tempo breaks?

Stevenson: Some players believe that saying in advance their tempo means nothing absolves them from the Laws of bridge. Not so. The Laws give you a right to bid and play in an even tempo so as to give no information to the other side, but they instruct you to be very careful in tempo-sensitive situations.

Suppose you lead towards the KJxx in dummy in a suit contract. Your LHO thinks for a time, then plays low. You now play the king, expecting the ace to be on your left, and it is not. In this case, you will get redress because your opponent has not been careful to avoid misleading you in a tempo-sensitive situation, which is illegal.

It is no excuse to make a general warning in advance that he does not follow the rules. He has no right not to follow the rules. It is also no excuse whatever for him to say he was wondering whether to echo or not. He knows that his hesitation might mislead, and that makes the hesitation illegal.

Suppose he thinks accidentally, then realizes he may have misled his opponent? Then he should say so -- something like, "I was not thinking about this trick" or "Nothing to think about". Now declarer is not misled and it is no longer illegal.

Do you have questions about bridge laws, a ruling you received (or made) at a tournament or club game, how to handle an ethical dilemma? David, who is very knowledgeable on North American bridge, will explain laws and proprieties, share opinions on specific cases and offer advice on any aspect of game direction. You can submit questions on his [web form](#) or by email to laws2@blakjak.com. In your message, include a note that you're an *Advocate* reader from the U.S.

David maintains an archive of articles on laws and proprieties on his web site:
http://www.blakjak.demon.co.uk/lws_menu.htm

Winter Sectional at Clubs

District 8's annual Winter Sectional Tournament at Clubs was held the week of February 3-9 at local clubs. Overall winners in all flights at each session, plus side-game winners, are listed on the [District 8 STAC homepage](#).

A list of all players who won masterpoints during STAC week is [here](#). The top 25 point-winners in the District and their totals from all STAC games were:

- 1 34.98 Richard Sullivan, Decatur IN
- 2 26.28 Jack Bryant, St. Louis
- 3 22.64 Elaine Delaney, South Bend IN
- 4 21.65 Eric Gettleman, Normal IL
- 5 20.32 Thomas Carpenter, Fort Wayne IN
- 6 20.06 Larry Lemon, Mayfield KY
- 7 20.06 Sandra Lemon, Mayfield KY
- 8 19.30 Gary Kessler, Springfield IL
- 9 18.79 Dalton Darnell, Murray KY
- 10 17.94 Doug Edwards, Hardin KY
- 11 17.87 Martha Stutz, Springfield IL
- 12 17.79 Frank Yoder III, Goshen IN
- 13 17.38 William Finkenstadt, St Charles MO
- 14 17.38 Sheryl Finkenstadt, St Charles MO
- 15 16.76 Robin Lampley, Paducah KY
- 16 16.76 Bruce Gardner, Paducah KY
- 17 16.02 Jacque Sincoff, St. Louis
- 18 15.62 Teen Robertson, Mishawaka IN
- 19 15.44 Jan Condon, Rockford IL
- 20 14.15 Gerald Schneider, Chesterfield MO
- 21 14.12 Virginia Stipp, South Bend IN
- 22 14.06 Suzi Shymanski Moore, Ballwin MO
- 23 14.06 Doug Jonquet, Decatur IL
- 24 14.02 Gene Condon, Rockford IL
- 25 13.00 Larry Thompson, West Paducah KY



District 8 Solvers Forum -- April 2006

by Scott Merritt, Abuja, Nigeria

Greetings from sunny and hot Abuja, Nigeria. Currently, it is just over 100 degrees, and we are in the midst of the Harmatan, which is basically a three-month dust storm caused by lack of rain and wind blowing south from the Sahara desert. I have brought my first-born son, little Rory Lucas Merritt, to this garden oasis. So maybe there is more going for it than the weather.

1. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1D	DBL	1S	???

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
2C	100	7	13
2H	80	6	36
Pass	60	1	23
DBL	60	2	27
1NT	40	0	2

What is your call as South holding: ♠J2 ♥9864 ♦543 ♣KQ95 ?

Matchpoints is a game where the goal is to make the bid that's most likely to score the most points. This problem gets to the heart of this statement. Bidding hearts has the possibility of being very wrong, but it also is your most likely plus score. Bidding the very leadable club suit can never lose the post mortem. Unfortunately, you are bidding the unboss suit, and partner has asked you to bid a major and you passed up on the chance. The panel will set me straight:

WALKER : "2C. If LHO raises to 2S, I've at least gotten partner off to the best lead. If LHO rebids 2D (what I'm expecting), I can continue stretching these values with a 2H bid."

WILLIAMS : "2C. I have a "bad good" hand and I want clubs led. I have a clear preference for clubs over hearts. Pass is weak as you have some values. 2H misdescribes your hand."

KESSLER: "2C. I bid what I want partner to lead. If partner cannot bid again, it is not our hand, and if he does we can still find hearts. Blowing tricks on opening leads at matchpoints will guarantee low scores."

KNIEST: "2C. There's a good chance that we'll defend, and I certainly want the club lead as opposed to a heart. If lefty bids 2D and I'm in pass out, I bid 2H. You have values, and must bid."

This seems like too much talent to go against the grain on this one. None of these players seem to have a problem with showing the heart suit on the second go-around, if they get the chance. With some people willing to bid twice, I had to downgrade passing further than I usually would. This is clearly a bidders' game, and this may even be our hand. Or at least that is what the heart bidders are banking on.

DODD: “2H. Just enough values for a 'free' bid. Where's the problem?”

TAFJORD: “2H. Double would be penalty, and I have both unbid suits, so I try 2H.”

STRITE: “2H. Clear decision to bid on this minimum, not vulnerable at matchpoints. It’s also clear to bid a major, despite suit quality.”

I am also a 2H bidder, but these panelists and their answers seem to be the-dog-ate-my-homework excuses. I am disappointed. I was unsure what to do with those who chose to double, as Bridge World Standard seems to define this as a penalty double. Takeout or responsive seems like a handy treatment -- if you want to show a good hand, cuebid the takeout-doubled suit (diamonds), and if you want to show spades, bid spades (duh).

2. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	1H	2C	Pass
2S	3H	Pass	???

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
Pass	100	7	53
4H	80	7	20
3NT	60	2	25
3S	50	0	2

What is your call as South holding: ♠K42 ♥102
♦K753 ♣Q1064 ?

This is a tough problem. The panel voted resoundingly for playing in hearts, but was evenly divided on whether to pass or go on to game. The Solvers' strong vote for the Pass was the tiebreaker.

There is a much maligned convention called the Good-Bad 2NT. There is also a world of knowledge out there on this thing called “The Internet”. Unfortunately, I am living in country where the power grid and phone grid often make accessing these impossible, as is now the case. But if I were able to speak with the rest of the known universe, I would be able to check the Bridge World Standard website once again, and find out if they play a variant of this convention.

The Good-Bad 2NT convention, which may or may not apply here, offers the possibility that partner could have bid a forcing and artificial 2NT to begin the description of a hand with long hearts and game interest. With that available to show a good hand, a mere repeat of his suit, as in the actual auction, would show a “just competing, partner; don’t get excited” hand.

That agreement would clear up this problem considerably. Partner may have a hand along the lines of ♠x ♥KQ109xxx ♦AJx ♣xx where he is semi-bluffing. On the other hand, he may have a hand where your smattering of fillers makes game virtually lay down: ♠Jxx ♥AKQxxx ♦AJxx ♣Void . Can the panel make a more succinct case than that?

MILLER: “4H. Comes down to trusting partner or trusting the opponents.”

WILLIAMS : “4H. Partner did bid 3H by his lonesome? I have 2 trumps and the K of diamonds rates

to be a good card. I like the club length behind the club bidder.”

BEYE: “**4H.** Two options: 3NT or 4H. At the table I think I'd bid 3NT. But, the more I thought on this hand, the more I thought that 3NT had no chance on this auction.”

JONQUET: “**4H.** Even if pard is stretching ‘a little’, there should be a play. My partners soon learn not to bid my cards for me except in balancing seat.”

I love the threatening tone of the last comment. And while I believe that partners sometimes take just a bit too much liberty in bidding my cards, this is still a hand full of garbage for partner. What will he do with all of these cards that surely look nice to us, but can't cover his losers?

Only one panelist tried the notrump game:

FEILER: “**3NT.** I think this actually shows this kind of hand -- i.e., a hand where I passed planning to defend 2C doubled.”

STRITE: “**Pass.** Good-Bad 2NT anyone? Without that tool, I'll guess to go quietly. I don't like my chances for fast tricks in 3NT, and my black honors may be of little use in hearts.”

FELDHEIM: “**Pass.** Partner didn't double so it sounds like a lot of shape. The spade king is poorly placed and 3NT might be very ugly with a club lead and a spade switch.”

KESSLER: “**Pass.** I would bid at IMP's, but at matchpoints, go for the plus. Partner could have doubled and then competed to 3H with a really good hand. Let's not hang partner.”

I like the comments from those who scored all of the points. As they point out, partner did have other ways to get to 3H and show a desire for more. I think that we must pass now, and then take action next time if the auction isn't yet finished.

3. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	Pass
Pass	1H	Pass	2D *
Pass	2H **	Pass	???

* Drury -- 4 trumps, 10+ support pts.

** Minimum or sub-minimum opener

What is your call as South holding: ♠Q43 ♥A654 ♦5
♣KJ963 ?

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
3C	100	11	41
Pass	80	3	34
2S	80	1	2
3D	60	0	2
3H	60	1	17
4H	50	0	5

I think this hand is rather straightforward. First, should you bid? I think it's pretty clear you should. Second, how should you advance? This is less clear, but also seems less important to me. If you play short-suit game tries, then 3D is clearly the proper advance. If you play help-suit game tries very

strictly, 2S is the call. If you just look at your hand, 3C seems to be correct. The panel was fairly unexcited by these possibilities, especially the passers, who are represented by:

MATHENY: " **Pass.** Take a plus score at matchpoints. Worth a 3C try at IMPs. "

Most other panelists thought it was worth a try at matchpoints, too.

TAFJORD: "3C. There are good chances for game here, so I want to make a game try and 3C seems the most natural."

DODD: "3C. One more try seems worth the risk, although if I were North here I'd say the best call is pass and pray for down only one."

STRITE: "3C. An agreement is useful here. Since a move implies distribution, our system should have a way to show the stiff diamond. Anyway, the three level should be safe, especially at MP's, so I'll show partner where my tricks are."

KESSLER: "3C. Certainly, even at matchpoints, this hand is worth a game try. Very close to an opening bid!"

WALKER : "3C. Partner could have a 'real' but minimum opener here, so I think this hand is worth a second game try. If he retreats to 3H (or bids 3D as his own second game try), I'll stop in the partscore."

Sure, blah, blah, blah. I think this next comment is the most interesting of all:

KNIEST: "3C. I know I may have defeated the purpose of Drury by bidding, but this hand qualified for a fit-showing passed-hand jump shift, and I accidentally pulled out the 2D card."

The fit-showing jump of 3C would have been a superior call for your first response. It shows everything – game-going values with heart support and a club suit as a possible source of tricks.

4. Matchpoints, EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	2H	4S	???

What is your call as South holding: ♠5 ♥1098654
♦Q3 ♣J832 ?

Let's play some poker. We have lots and lots of hearts and vulnerability that is egging us on. The bizarre thing about this hand, though, is that I don't think that the maximum-pressure bid -- 7H -- is the best way to really achieve maximum pressure.

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
5H	100	6	30
6H	80	2	30
7H	70	5	17
Pass	70	1	16
4NT	60	1	5
DBL	60	1	3

KNIEST: "7H. They have a sure vulnerable small slam if not a grand. Lefty will pass, showing interest

in 7S and RHO, with his void, will figure a duplication of values and double . . . I hope.”

FELDHEIM: “**7H.** No doubt a minority bid, but since I'm not defending 6S, let's put the question early and make 'em guess.”

KESSLER: “**7H.** There is no lock the opponents can make 7S. Partner could have Jxx of diamonds or Qx of clubs. Certainly they should make 6S and our save should be less than 1430.”

BEYE: “**7H.** Hope they miss slam or hope to push them to an unmakeable position? How high now? How high later? Terrible problem. At the table, I think I'm bidding 7H. I may as well do it here too.”

TAFJORD: “**7H.** They should be cold for 6S and probably 7S, so I'll try to keep them out of it. Partner has at least KQJxxx of hearts, so cannot have much outside. Down 6 is only -1400. Possibly 6H will make them stop at 6S when they're cold for 7S, but I'll take my chances with 7H.”

After seeing these comments, there is nothing that argues for bidding all the way right now. Usually, maximum pressure denies space to the opponents and forces them to guess. On the other hand, 6H seems to me like a transfer to 6S.

DODD: “**6H.** Best bid to talk them out of a grand. I'm tempted (for about 0.444 seconds) to bid 7H just in case North has minor-suit holdings that doom an East-West grand. Any cute bids here (4NT or a minor suit) deserve zeroes.”

JONQUET: “**6H.** Very cool problem! They have the master suit and somewhere between 12 and 26 tricks. (A) I can't let them Blackwood. (B) I can't let them cuebid our suit. (C) I can't stop them if they have a grand. (D) *I must warn pard not to double*, even 7S. (E) I might get them to stop in 6 when 7 is laydown. (F) Don't push them to 7.”

These two panelists opted for more subtle tactics:

FEILER: “**Pass.** When opponents are in game, sometimes they have trouble going forward. A big jump in hearts or a psych might help them.”

MATHENY: “**Double.** The classic stripe-tailed ape double, as I know what to do if they redouble. Minus 1390 is better than minus 1460.”

I'm actually surprised that only one panelist chose the penalty double. We read about these psychic doubles all the time, and when we finally get a chance to try it out, we all go and raise partner's suit!

WALKER : “**5H.** There's a good argument for passing, since any further preempt will surely stampede them into a contract you don't want to defend. 6H is a transfer to 6S, and 7H gives them a two-way shot at you -- if LHO thinks he has the right hand for 7S, he probably does, and 7H goads him into bidding it. 5H is a compromise that at least impedes their ability to locate all the controls, and keeps open the chance that they won't find their slam.”

STRITE: “**5H.** Feels right. I don't want them to bid 6S, so why bid 6H immediately? Depending on the sound of the auction from here on in, my next call may be 7H.”

WILLIAMS : “**5H.** I’m avoiding the knee-jerk response of 6H over 4S for fear of pushing them into a cold slam. Passing, which there is a good case for, gives them an easy cuebid or Blackwood bid. 4NT is simply silly; they can cuebid at the 5 level and perhaps double to ask for aces/keycards.”

I think these three comments really cover all the bases, but I am just a silly commentator. In the end, without the boss suit, I expect lefty to finish the auction with panache, and my choice here may not matter at all.

5. IMPs, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	2S
Pass	3D	Pass	3S
Pass	4H	Pass	???

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
Pass	100	6	63
5H	80	4	9
4S	60	3	22
6H	60	1	3
4NT	60	0	2
5S	50	2	0
5D	40	0	2

What is your call as South holding: ♠AK10974 ♥Q92
♦86 ♣52 ?

This is the kind of hand that keeps me playing bridge year in and year out. On Day One of learning to bid a bridge hand, you are trained that there are forcing and non-forcing bids. It seems like a simple rule that should be done and

dusted after a few weeks of serious play. And then you have played for ten years and you run into this hand. There is a guideline that states, when in doubt about the meaning of an undiscussed bid, play it as forcing. On the other hand, could you blame partner for bidding like this with ♠x ♥KJxxx ♦AQJxxx ♣x ? On a bad day, you’re down in 4H. I believe 4H must be forcing, but the panel doesn’t see it that way:

TAFJORD: “**Pass.** It sounds like partner might be 6-5 in diamonds and hearts, and my hand might not be all that useful, so I’ll stop in 4H.”

FELDHEIM: “**Pass.** Good heavens, I’ve never passed this often. Yes I like my heart queen, but my spades may be duplicated opposite shortness. If partner is 6-6 solid, ah well.”

KNIEST: “**Pass.** Let’s say pard had opened 1D and we had responded 1S; then he reversed and rebid hearts. Would we do more than raise to game without a club control? I think we’re in much the same position here.”

WALKER : “**Pass.** Sounds like partner is at least 6-5, probably with a spade void, and I don’t want to hang him for getting us to the right strain. The queen of hearts is a good card for him, but not enough to make slam a good bet.”

BEYE: “**Pass.** Gawd, not an IMP problem like this one. Last makeable contract or forcing and forward going? I think we have other tools that would have confirmed spades.”

STRITE: "Pass. My spade suit may be of little use, and my red suits are not exceptional in context. A comfortable pass, though we may miss slam if the red suits are breaking."

I'm picking up what they are all putting down, but we announced that we really only like spades, yet we are a super max with Qxx of partner's suit and two quick tricks in ours. How many weak twos like that have you ever opened? ♠QJ10xxx ♥xx ♦x ♣K10xxx is what I usually have. I hate to bid, but I just feel I must. Who needs a plus score when you have the powers of right and good on your side?

JONQUET: "5S. Not sure where we're going, but I think 4H is forcing (too many possibilities to list in this format). I have heart support and a maximum, but two losing clubs. By the way, I would not have opened 2S with this hand because of the heart support."

WILLIAMS : "5H. If partner had spades, he could have bid 2NT over 2S. That having been said, partner should be 6-5 with some juice. I have something for pard and would pass 4H with much less."

PAULO: "5H. If partner has a good 6-5 -- e.g., ♠x ♥AKxxx ♦AKxxxx ♣x -- I have the best heart support I can in this context. If partner has a spade fit and is looking for a club control - e.g., ♠Qxxx ♥Ax ♦AKQxx ♣xx -- my bid suggests lack of it."

The panel was fairly certain all partner's bids were natural, but as a few pointed out, it doesn't hurt to cover all your bases, just in case. There were no slam tries for this panelist:

FEILER. " 6H. I assume that 4H showed a strong 5-6 in the reds, but partner may have another idea. If it was some kind of cuebid, he can convert to 6S."

Probably the best explanation of the bunch comes from:

DODD: "5H. [no comment]"

For my money, if slam is on, I surely think 5S is the best call. If slam isn't on, I would never bid 5S. Tell me if I was right after the round.

6. Matchpoints, EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	1H	Pass	1S
Pass	1NT	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding: ♠KQ1053 ♥Q54
♦A62 ♣43 ?

What entertained me about this hand was the number of people who passed on the last hand, and then hung partner on this hand. Mssrs. BEYE, WALKER, FELDHEIM and KNIEST passed in case they were in the last makeable contract on Problem #5, and then throw matchpoints to the

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
3H	100	9	56
2NT	80	1	5
4H	70	4	13
2D	70	0	8
2C	70	2	6
2H	60	0	5
3NT	60	0	3

wind and blast into game on this hand. I'm sure their partners are the catchers in those partnerships!

3S	50	0	3
Pass	50	0	2

I thought that this would be unanimous at matchpoints, except for the few people who never score well in these quizzes and who chose to try 2NT. I was wrong. But the blasters get no sympathy from me.

BEYE: "4H. I don't like my shape, but I still think 3H is too tough on partner. I bid what I think partner can make."

KNIEST: "4H. We fit partner, the lead's coming up to him, and we're giving the opponents minimum info."

WALKER : "4H. With all prime cards and the good outside source of tricks, this hand is worth a game bid. I have no reason to go searching for a 5-3 spade fit, especially since it looks best to have partner declare."

FELDHEIM: "4H. This seems clear. I agree this may be a no-play special but this a seven- loser hand opposite an opening bid and anything less would be cowardly. An invitation (3H) would be inquisitional."

I guess I'm up for an inquisition! If this hand isn't a matchpoint invite, what hand is? First, to the guy who knew he wouldn't get all of the points:

WILLIAMS : "2NT. I have an invitational hand and bid accordingly. Partner can bid 3S on the way if he is accepting."

Way to stick to your guns and know the drop points.

PAULO: "3H. There is no point in checking back to find spade support, as I can raise the other major. Whatever partner holds in the minor suits, he should be declarer, not me."

JONQUET: "3H. Pard can pass with absolute minimum, show secondary spade support or bid game in any of three denominations. Whatever he does should be right."

STRITE: "3H. Have you seen what people open these days?"

I think Mr. Strite hits the nail on the head. Partner is the only one who can see his hand. If he passes and then makes game, it surely wasn't a percentage position. Other people could pull some sort of New-Minor-Forcing implications into this hand, but that will be content for another day.

You know we had a good set when no one had a perfect score! Cheers and goodbye for now from sunny Abuja.

Thanks to all who sent in answers this month, and congratulations to **Hugh Metzger, Brandon Einhorn** and **Gary Dell**, who topped all Solvers for this set. They're all invited to join the June

panel.

The six new problems for June are below. There's still time to join in the 2006 Solvers Contest, which is based on your best three scores for the year, so I hope you'll all give them a try. Please submit your solutions by **May 20** on the [web form](#) or by email to our June moderator:

Tom Dodd -- fieldtrialer@yahoo.com

How the Panel voted (Panel/Staff Avg. -- 511):	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Rick Beye , Memphis TN	Pass	4H	Pass	7H	Pass	4H	460
Adam Miller , Chicago IL	2C	4H	2S	5H	5H	3H	540
Kent Feiler , Harvard IL	2H	3NT	3C	Pass	6H	3H	470
Harold Feldheim , Hamden CT	DBL	Pass	Pass	7H	Pass	4H	480
Doug Jonquet , Decatur IL	DBL	4H	3H	6H	5S	3H	430
Mark Kessler , Springfield IL	2C	Pass	3C	7H	4S	2C	500
Larry Matheny , Loveland CO	2C	4H	Pass	DBL	4S	3H	500
Manuel Paulo , Lisbon, Portugal	2H	4H	3C	7H	5H	3H	510
Larry Rabideau , St. Anne IL	2C	3NT	3C	4NT	4S	3H	480
Toby Strite , San Jose CA	2H	Pass	3C	5H	Pass	3H	580
Oyvind Tafjord , Eugene OR	2H	4H	3C	7H	Pass	2C	500
Hugh Williams , Carbondale IL	2C	4H	3C	5H	5H	2NT	540
How the Staff voted							
Tom Dodd , Branchburg NJ	2H	Pass	3C	6H	5H	3H	540
Tom Kniest , University City MO	2C	Pass	3C	7H	Pass	4H	540
Scott Merritt , Abuja, Nigeria	2H	Pass	3C	5H	5S	3H	530
Karen Walker , Champaign IL	2C	Pass	3C	5H	Pass	4H	570

Solvers Honor Roll (Average Solver score: 481)

Hugh Metzger , South Bend IN	580	Alvan Bregman , Champaign IL	540
Brandon Einhorn , Millford NJ	560	Chick Fyffe , St. Louis MO	540
Gary Dell , Champaign IL	560	Jim Hudson , DeKalb IL	540

Greg Berry , Sleepy Hollow IL	550	Asher Axelrod , Jerusalem, Israel	530
Mike Halvorsen , Champaign IL	550	Nigel Guthrie , Reading UK	530
Robert Lambert , Warsaw IN	540	Phyllis Rahn , Dunlap IL	530

Solvers Forum -- June 2006 Problems

1. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	1S	DBL	RDBL
2H	Pass	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding:
 ♠K8 ♥K93 ♦KJ8754 ♣Q10 ?

2. IMPs, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	--	4H	???

What is your call as South holding:
 ♠AKQJ976 ♥Void ♦A5 ♣AQ93 ?

3. IMPs, both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	1S	Pass	1NT *
Pass	2H	Pass	???

* Forcing 1NT (2-over-1 game force system)

What is your call as South holding:
 ♠A ♥K72 ♦KJ7652 ♣943 ?

4. IMPs, none vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	3D	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding:
 ♠92 ♥K765 ♦AK42 ♣K93?

5. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	1C	1D	2D*
2H	DBL	Pass	???

* Limit-raise or better for clubs

What is your call as South holding:
 ♠A4 ♥3 ♦AQJ2 ♣A86432 ?

6. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	2NT *	Pass	3C
3D	3S	4D	???

* (20-22 HCPs -- may be a strong 19)

What is your call as South holding:
 ♠A83 ♥9874 ♦6 ♣K10976 ?



Pair Fare

News from Northwestern Illinois Unit 239

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Frank Greenwald: Life Master



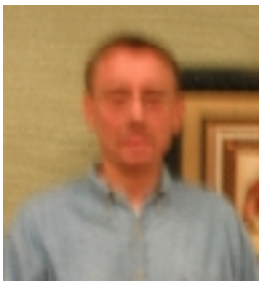
Frank Greenwald of Woodstock, one of Unit 239's most recent Life Masters, typifies an increasingly familiar demographic in our Unit: although he started playing bridge when quite young, only his retirement years afforded him the leisure time in which to take up duplicate seriously and become a Life Master.

Actually, Frank started playing bridge in 1938 in grade school, learning with a group of friends. He played in college and then later in the Navy. He even played in a tournament when he attended the University of Michigan during the post-war years, when he wasn't yet an ACBL member. But he began duplicate, began collecting masterpoints, and began the joys of building a serious partnership with his favorite partner -- Tom Hardy of Huntley -- only within the last few years. Frank is living proof that our Unit's emphasis on marketing bridge to new players of retirement age pays. He made LM playing with Tom in last fall's Rockford Classic Sectional.

Born and raised in northern Indiana, Frank attended Swarthmore College in the Philadelphia area and the University of Michigan, majoring in physics. He has been an engineering executive for most of his life, including many years with Arnold Engineering of Marengo. His wife Grace plays bridge, but only socially. He has five children: James, a dentist in Princeton WI; Catherine Kilburn, a computer programmer in Raleigh NC; Carolyn, an audiologist in Baltimore MD; Toby, a ceramics engineer in Minneapolis MN; and Keith, of Arlington Heights. He has lived in Woodstock for over 40 years.

Frank recalls one early tournament in which he played sporting a huge cast on one arm. His RHO made a jump overcall, announcing his skip bid, but Frank neglected to wait the "proper" 10 seconds afterward. Al Sobel, the famous tournament director, was summoned, and monitored the remainder of the hand. Seeing that no injury had occurred, Sobel ruled, "I'll let it go, this time. But if you do it again, I'll break your other arm."

Bob DeKeyser: Life Master



“One does not have to travel great distances or stay in expensive hotels to make Life Master. There are good games right here in Unit 239. I earned 285 of my first 300 points right here in Rockford,” asserts Bob DeKeyser of Rockton, one of our Unit’s most recent Life Masters. “Most of my gold points came in KO events right here in our own ‘Rockin’ Rockford Regional,” he adds. “Life Master status truly is accessible to anyone and everyone who wishes to pursue it.”

Bob made Life Master during our Unit’s STAC games last November -- even those elusive silver points are accessible locally, too. He was playing with Doug Smith (Rockford) in a pairs game at the Bridge Center of Rockford. Bob is vice-president of the Bridge Center.

Bob was born and raised on a farm near Princeton, IL. He earned his Bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, and his Master’s degree in psychology from Illinois State University in Normal. He has worked as a school psychologist for three years in Iowa, six years in Wisconsin, and is now in his 20th year as a school psychologist in Rockton.

Bob and Mary Lou, his wife of 29 years, have two children: Anna, who works with Rosecrance Mental Health Center in Belvidere; and Matt, a mechanical engineer with Chrysler in Belvidere.

Like so many members of our Unit, Bob began playing bridge in college and discontinued the game. But unlike those who took lessons or who had a “mentor” who took them under their wings, Bob began bridge again in 1999 by walking into the Rockford Bridge Center and playing in an open game cold turkey. “Very cold,” Bob adds with a smile. “And I was a turkey.”

“Many of the same traits I see in children I work with in elementary schools I also see in adults at the bridge table,” Bob asserts. “Responses to stress, competition, and teamwork with others are often universal responses, regardless of life circumstances or age.”

Mini-McKenney, 2005, Unit 239

Rookie of the Year:

- Karen Pickelsimer, Oakwood Hills, 50.12
- Robert Pickelsimer, Oakwood Hills, 49.39
- Donna Cart, Rockford, 25.20

Junior Master of the Year:

- Paula Demlow, Sandwich, 52.66
- William Demlow, Sandwich, 38.30
- Betty Hettinger, Aurora, 35.18

Club Master of the Year:

- Bernice Nesheim, Rockford, 44.41
- Herbert Ahrens, Aurora, 39.77

Ace of Clubs, 2005, Unit 239

Rookie of the Year:

- Donna Cart, Rockford, 23.86
- John Baird, Sandwich, 19.20
- Karen Pickelsimer, Oakwood Hills, 12.50

Junior Master of the Year:

- Paula Demlow, Sandwich, 35.19
- William Demlow, Sandwich, 20.91
- David Wilson, Davis, 20.46

Club Master of the Year:

- Bishnu Dutta, Rockford, 35.60

Bishnu Dutta, Rockford, 39.51
Sectional Master of the Year:
Roger Dieringer, Elgin, 70.16
Douglas St. John, Rockford, 60.75
Les Morrison, Poplar Grove, 56.99
Regional Master of the Year:
Richard Gierat, Belvidere, 96.09
Daniel Chamberlain, Rockford, 91.04
Kathryn Chamberlain, Rockford, 90.37
NABC Master of the Year:
Laurie Mamachek, Huntley, 246.81
Lu Jenkins, Rockford, 131.13
Elinor Patrick, Sun City West, AZ, 95.54
Life Master of the Year:
Audrey Danocup, Beloit, WI, 259.97
David Jenkins, Rockford, 106.46
Arlene Snap, Loves Park, 83.52
Bronze Life Master of the Year:
James Hudson, DeKalb, 211.42
Sharon Schumacher, Scottsdale, AZ,
146.79
Marlene Estes, Rockford, 122.84
Silver Life Master of the Year:
Will Engel, Freeport, 915.16
Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere, 259.79
Dr. Greg Berry, Dundee, 156.43
Gold Life Master of the Year:
John Kinst, Batavia, 520.75
Jack Snyder, Rockford, 193.52
Janice Condon, Rockford, 160.93
Diamond Life Master of the Year:
Joshua Stark, Grayslake, 327.36
Emerald Life Master of the Year:
Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake, 325.02

Cheryl Bosak, St. Charles, 34.22
Bernice Nesheim, Rockford, 33.83
Sectional Master of the Year:
Roger Dieringer, Elgin, 55.86
Douglas St. John, Rockford, 46.77
Nancy Sleeth, St. Charles, 35.40
Regional Master of the Year:
Richard Gierat, Belvidere, 55.12
Doris Survant, Elgin, 49.27
Linda Shaw, Geneva, 48.54
NABC Master of the Year:
Laurie Hamachek, Huntley, 65.38
Robert Brightup, Rockford, 64.42
Elinor Patrick, Sun City West AZ, 48.68
Life Master of the Year:
Audrey Danocup, Beloit, WI, 67.99
Loren Van Degraft, Byron, 46.08
Phyllis Seeman, Rockford, 37.31
Bronze Life Master of the Year:
Sharon Schumacher, Scottsdale, AZ,
57.33
Marlene Estes, Rockford, 48.82
Shirley Dommers, Rockford, 47.45
Silver Life Master of the Year:
Alma Karas, Batavia, 105.59
John Diehl, Elgin, 93.51
Mrs. D. Brosseau, Sleepy Hollow, 89.90
Gold Life Master of the Year:
John Kinst, Batavia, 110.98
Jack Snyder, Rockford, 79.34
George Wolf, Oswego, 78.15
Diamond Life Master of the Year:
Joshua Stark, Grayslake, 9.98
Emerald Life Master of the Year:
Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake, 34.50

Upcoming Tournaments in Unit 239

Year	Rockin' Rockford Regional	Elgin Spring Sectional	Elgin 299er Sectional	Rockford Classic Sectional	Aurora Turkey Bowl
2006	June 19-25	Already held	Aug. 4-6	Sept. 8-10	Nov. 24-26
2007	June 18-24	Mar. 2-4	Aug. 3-5	Sept. 7-9	Nov. 23-25
2008	June 16-22	Mar. 7-9	Aug. 1-3	Sept. 5-7	Nov. 28-30
2009	June 22-28	Mar. 20-22	Aug. 7-9	Sept. 11-13	Nov. 27-29
2010	June 21-27	Mar. 19-21	Aug. 6-8	Sept. 10-13	Nov. 26-28

Rockford Regionals & Rockford Classic Sectionals will all be held at Clock Tower Resort, 7801 E. State St., Rockford.

Elgin Spring Sectionals will all be held at Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Dr., Elgin.

299er Sectionals will all be held at Elgin Community Center, 123 Symphony Rd., Elgin.

Turkey Bowl Sectionals will all be held at Prisco Community Center, southeast corner of Rte. 31 & Illinois Ave. in Aurora.

Annual Meeting and Free Unit Membership Game

Saturday, April 29 is the date set for the Unit annual meeting, awards ceremony and free membership game. Note that the Unit Board has switched the event, traditionally held on a Friday evening in June, to a Saturday date in hopes more members will be able to attend.

The event will be a brunch at 11:30 and not a pot luck affair. The brunch will be free to Unit members, provided by the Unit. Non-members will be charged \$5. The traditional awards ceremony will follow at 12:30, with the free game scheduled for 1 p.m. Those in attendance will be given a non-transferable coupon good for one free session at the 2006 Rockin' Rockford Regional (June 19-25.)

Minor changes to Unit bylaws will be presented. They will include policy for Board members voting via email and several "corrective wordages."

We will be returning to the same location where the event was held last year: the First United Methodist Church, Fourth and Oak Streets, in DeKalb. **Directions:**

From the north and east: Take Illinois Rte. 64 west to Illinois Rte. 23 and turn left (south) into DeKalb. Rte. 23 will turn into Fourth St. Follow that to the Church at Oak St.

From the south and east: Take I-88 west to Peace Rd., where there will be a toll booth requiring the exact change of 55 cents. Turn right (north) onto Peace Rd. to Illinois Rte. 38. Turn left (west) onto Rte. 38 to Rte. 23. Turn right (north) on Rte. 23, which will turn into Fourth St., and follow that to the Church at Oak St.

From the south and west: Take I-88 east to Annie Glidden Rd. where there will be a toll booth requiring the exact change of 55 cents. Turn left (north) to Rte. 38. Turn right (east) to Rte 23

(Fourth St.) Turn left (north) to the Church at Oak St.

From the north and west: Take I-39 south to Rte. 64. Turn left (east) to Rte. 23. Turn right (south) into DeKalb. Rte. 23 will become Fourth St. Follow that to the Church at Oak St.

The Changing Scene . . .

New Junior Masters: Laurence Fitzpatrick, Roscoe.

New Club Masters: Ellen Burke, Aurora; Vicki Vietti, Cary.

New Sectional Masters: Cheryl Bosak, St. Charles; Mrs. B. Busche, St. Charles; Robert Pickelsimer, Oakwood Hills.

New Silver Life Masters: Dr. Glen Orr, Oregon.



CIBA Digest

News from Central Illinois Unit 208

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Ace of Clubs & Mini-McKenney Winners

♣ Mini-McKenney

Total masterpoints won in 2005

Rookie (0-5 pts. on 1/1/05)

Bill Lindemann Sr., Champaign -- 137
Paul Holmes, Champaign -- 135
Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights -- 58

Junior Master (5-20)

Bev Upp, Bloomington -- 41
Dennis Moll, Bloomington -- 33
Marilyn Winter, Mt Zion -- 30

Club Master (20-50)

Elizabeth Wilson, Urbana -- 70
Stevie Holcomb, Springfield -- 60
Judi Sulzbach, Champaign -- 53

Sectional Master (50-100)

Fred Roese, Springfield -- 114
Cindy Wheeler, Chatham -- 76
Linda Albrecht, Mt Zion -- 73

Regional Master (100-200)

Eric Gettleman, Normal -- 258
Dan Faulkner, Monticello -- 125
Charlie Morton, Bloomington -- 117

NABC Master (200+ to non-LM)

Steve Hawthorne, Bloomington -- 246
Zach Freehill, Bloomington -- 220
Cal Corbin, Champaign -- 145

Life Master (300-500)

♣ Ace of Clubs

Points won in club games in 2005

Rookie

Paul Holmes, Champaign -- 39
Bill Lindemann Sr., Champaign -- 38
Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights -- 35

Junior Master

Bev Upp, Bloomington -- 25
Marilyn Winter, Mt. Zion -- 24
Sara Ratterree, Springfield -- 23

Club Master

Elizabeth Wilson, Urbana -- 45
Stevie Holcomb, Springfield -- 42
Judi Sulzbach, Champaign -- 35

Sectional Master

Fred Roese, Springfield -- 66
Cindy Wheeler, Chatham -- 46
Susan Donnelly, Springfield -- 43

Regional Master

Jack Sanders, Champaign -- 84
Eric Gettleman, Normal -- 78
Al Wagner, Danville -- 66

NABC Master

Zach Freehill, Bloomington -- 110
Steve Hawthorne, Bloomington -- 100
Gary Schechter, Springfield -- 86

Life Master (300-500)

Gene Wheeler, Chatham -- 127
Larry Wilcox, Springfield -- 120
Dariel Richardson, Rochester -- 118

Bronze LM (500-1000)

Margaret Hansell, Champaign -- 146
George Veenstra, Springfield -- 139
James Scott, Rantoul -- 138

Silver LM (1000-2500)

James Melville, Springfield -- 787
Gail Moon, Bloomington -- 257
Jason Feldman, Champaign IL-- 253

Gold LM (2500-5000)

Donald Florida, Marshall -- 196
Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap -- 163
Michael Halvorsen, Champaign -- 144

Diamond LM (5000-7500)

Mark Kessler, Springfield -- 222
Karen Walker, Champaign -- 171
Lynne Feldman, Champaign -- 100

Emerald & Platinum LMs (7500+)

Colby Vernay, Lacon -- 959
Dick Benson, Le Roy -- 466
Gary Kessler, Springfield -- 373
Chris Benson, Le Roy -- 322

Gene Wheeler, Chatham -- 82
Ruth Wettaw, Bloomington -- 73
Dariel Richardson, Rochester -- 57

Bronze LM

George Veenstra, Springfield -- 114
J. S. Bruner, Springfield -- 90
Margaret Hansell, Champaign -- 85

Silver LM

Richard Schnepf, Springfield -- 115
Janice Franz, Springfield -- 112
Gail Moon, Bloomington -- 108

Gold LM

Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap -- 80
Robert Butz, Kankakee -- 55
Donald Florida, Marshall -- 49

Diamond, Emerald & Platinum LMs

Gary Kessler, Springfield -- 31
Dan Requard, Springfield -- 29
Karen Walker, Champaign -- 22
Dick Benson, Le Roy -- 18
Colby Vernay, Lacon -- 10

Visit the [ACBL Awards](#) page to view lists of the top ten Unit players in each category for 2005 and year-to-date 2006.

Would you like to serve on the Unit Board?

If you live in one of the counties below, this is the year to elect your representative to the Unit 208 Board of Directors:

Area #1: Peoria & Tazewell Counties. (Incumbent: Bernie Riley)

Area #4: Cass, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott Counties. (Incumbent: Liz Zalar)

Area #7: Champaign, Ford, Piatt & Vermilion Counties. (Incumbent: Dennis Fitton)

The Area Representative meets with the Board three times a year at our Unit sectionals. Anyone from these areas who would like to run for a seat on the Board should send name and ACBL number to the Unit Secretary, Marilyn Stickel by May 1. Elections will be held in May and June. You can contact Marilyn by mail at 204 North Fulton Street, Lacon IL 61540.

Club news: Big dollars raised in Springfield

The Wednesday-evening Springfield Duplicate Bridge Club raised a record amount during a recent charity game held for Hope Presbyterian Church, who lost part of their roof during the recent tornadoes in Springfield.

The 4.5-table game raised \$400. Liz Zalar, owner and manager of the club, said her members felt especially strong about doing something to help the Church and decided on a charity game and pot-luck dinner. Liz said she thought they would do well to raise \$50, but she miscalculated the strong feelings her players have for the congregation of Hope.

"They are very kind to us and make us feel like family," said Liz. She said it also helped that the treasurer of the Church is Libby Fox, an 82-year-old newcomer to the duplicate games, and the minister's mother-in-law is Elsa Avery, who is also a regular player.

"I was thrilled to be able to make the donation, but not as thrilled as when Pastor Debra Avery and her office staff hugged me with tears in their eyes," said Liz. "I know every club owner/manager thinks she has great members. I can truthfully say I know mine are and they prove themselves to be great every time I see them at or away from the table."

Coming up on the Central Illinois Calendar:

May 6 & 7 -- District 8 Grand National Teams, Springfield IL

May 23-29 -- Illini Regional, Chancellor Hotel, Champaign IL [Schedule](#)

June 2 & 3 -- Worldwide Bridge Contest, Local clubs

June, July & August -- North American Pair qualifying games, Local clubs

July 8-10 -- Twin Cities Sectional, Bloomington



Movin' Up: Congratulations to these Unit members who recently advanced in rank:

Junior Masters (5 pts.)

Patricia Carroll, Springfield
Leslie Garvey, Elkhart
Barry Kurz, Peoria
Jane Kutch, Taylorville
Kevin Peese, Urbana
Sarah Thomas, Springfield
Linda Wilkening, Springfield

Club Masters (20 pts.)

Jeff Baude, Watseka
Rhonda Berberet, Springfield
Dan Bunde, Champaign
Cathy Camille, Springfield
Ruth Goldman, Springfield
Kay Owen, Springfield
Chris Romaine, Springfield
Marjorie Slight, Bloomington

Sectional Masters (50 pts.)

Hal Bach, Springfield
Howard Baird, Springfield
Harold Bruninga, Springfield
Jean Brunson, Champaign
Wayne Caldwell, Springfield
Don Keith, Chatham
Dennis Moll, Bloomington
Sam Sgro, Springfield
Robert Yuill, Pleasant Plains

Regional Masters (100 pts.)

Sammye Broline, Charleston
Peggy Cupp, Seymour
Stevie Holcomb, Springfield
Eldred Holm, Champaign
Shirley Wilson, Charleston

NABC Masters (200 pts.)

Ken Bengoechea, Champaign
Fred Roese, Springfield
Cindy Wheeler, Chatham

New Life Masters

Carole Bardwell, Normal
Al Wagner, Danville

Bronze Life Masters (500 pts.)

Gene Wheeler, Chatham

Silver Life Masters (1000 pts.)

Leah Newell, Springfield
Larry Richardson, Springfield

Gold Life Master (2500 pts.)

Betty Capodice, Bloomington



ILLINI REGIONAL

Memorial Day weekend: May 23-29, 2006

**NEW LOCATION: Hawthorn Suites Hotel
101 Trade Centre Drive, Champaign, Illinois**



Please join us for seven days of bridge and our special Illini hospitality:

- **Wednesday: Seniors Day** -- \$4 off your 2-session Open Pairs entry for ages 65+.
- **Thursday: Fighting Illini Fans Day** -- Prizes, drawing for Illini football tickets, \$2 off your afternoon entry if you wear Illini orange and blue!
- **Friday: Juniors Day** -- Full-time students age 25 and under play **FREE** in the 2-session Stratified Pairs!
- **Saturday: Barometer final** in the Flight A Strataflighted Pairs (1:30 & 7:30).
- **Monday: FAST Swiss Teams** -- playthrough with free continental breakfast & cash snack bar.
- **Novice/Intermediate Program:** 0-300 events Wednesday through Sunday. Expert speakers at 1:00 & 7:00, Wed. evening through Sun. afternoon.
- **Non-stop hospitality** -- Evening buffets, hotel hospitality suite, registration gifts, door prizes, champagne splits & glasses to section winners, *Daily Bulletin*, [Daily Web Bulletin](#), bridge bookstore, *more!*
- **Discounts** for full-time students under age 25. **NO entry-fee surcharge** for non-ACBL members.

Bracketed Knockout Teams:

Big Ten -- 7:30 Tuesday & 9:30, 1:30 & 7:30

Tuesday, May 23

7:30 -- **Big Ten KO Teams** (continues Wednesday)

7:30 -- Play for the Pets Charity Pairs

Wednesday, May 24 -- Seniors Day

♣ **\$4 off 2-session Open Pair entry for ages 65+.**
9:30, 1:30 & 7:30 -- Big Ten KO (2nd, 3rd & 4th sess.)

9:30 -- Charity Side Series AM Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Open Pairs (single-session entries available)

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

Thursday, May 25 -- Illini Fans Day

♣ **\$2 off your afternoon entry if you wear Illini orange and blue!**

9:30 -- **Orange & Blue KO Teams** (continues Friday)

9:30 -- Charity Side Series AM Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Thu-Fri Side Series Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Strataflighted Swiss Teams (Flt. A separate: Flts. BCD in one event)

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

Friday, May 26 -- Juniors Day

♣ **Students age 25 and under play FREE in the Stratified Pairs.**

9:30 -- Orange & Blue KO (2nd, 3rd & 4th sess.)

9:30 -- Charity Side Series AM Pairs

Wed.

Orange & Blue -- 9:30 Thursday & 9:30, 1:30 & 7:30 Friday

Chief Illiniwek -- 9:30 Saturday & 9:30, 1:30 & 7:30 Sunday. *Dorner-Meyer trophies to winners in bottom bracket.*

OskeeWowWow Compact KO (two sessions, four 12-board matches) -- 1:30 & 7:30 Sunday

Side-Game Series: Enter any or all sessions. Play two or more sessions in any series to qualify for overall awards (gold points).

Charity Side Series AM Pairs -- 9:30 am, Wednesday through Sunday (to benefit CATSNAP, a local cat rescue center)
Thu-Fri Side Series ---- 1:30 & 7:30, Thursday & Friday
Sat-Sun Side Series ---- 1:30 & 7:30, Saturday & Sunday

Novice/Intermediate Pairs:

299er Pairs (0-300) -- 7:30 Wed., Thu., Fri. & Sat.; 1:30 & 7:30 Sunday
Easybridge Pairs (0-100) -- 1:30 Saturday

Strata: A=Open A/X=3000 B=1500 C=500 D=200

[Daily Bulletins](#) from the 2005 Illini Regional.

Host hotel:

Bridge rate (\$75 double) and free parking at Hawthorn Suites, 101 Trade Center Drive, one block south of the site of our previous regionals (the old Chancellor Hotel, Neil & Kirby).

The Hawthorn is an all-suites hotel with a free daily hot breakfast buffet and free high-speed Internet. Facilities include a heated indoor pool, Jacuzzi and fitness center. A wide variety of restaurants are within walking distance. [Hotel info & driving directions](#)

Reservations: 800-527-1133 *or* 217-398-3400 (ask for bridge rate). *Please reserve by May 15.*

1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Open Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Thu-Fri Side Series Pairs

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

Saturday, May 27

9:30 -- **Chief Illiniwek KO** (continues Sunday)

9:30 -- Charity Side Series AM Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Flight A Strataflighted Pairs (qualifying with barometer final)

1:30 & 7:30 -- Flight BCD Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Sat-Sun Side Series Pairs

1:30 -- Easybridge Pairs (0-100)

7:30 -- Barometer Final (2nd sess. of Flt. A Pairs)

7:30 -- 299er Pairs

Sunday, May 28

9:30, 1:30 & 7:30 -- Chief Illiniwek KO (2nd, 3rd & 4th sess.)

9:30 -- Charity Side Series AM Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- Sat-Sun Side Series Pairs

1:30 & 7:30 -- **OskeeWowWow Compact KO Teams**

1:30 & 7:30 -- 299er Pairs (single sessions)

7:30 -- **NEW:** Board-a-Match Teams

Monday, May 29

9:45 a.m. --- *Free continental breakfast.*

10:30 a.m. -- *FAST* Swiss Teams (stratified by team's average MP holding).

On the road by 6:00.

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Greater St. Louis Bridge News

News from Greater St. Louis Unit 143

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Hello, Is This Thing On?

The last article in the *Advocate* drew almost no response, which leaves me wondering. Do the players not care that the games are shrinking, or do they just have no ideas? Both are so unlikely that I am at a loss. I suspect option three, that we, as mere players, feel powerless to make a difference.

I attended the last board meeting, where a new liaison was formed between the board, (which concerns itself mostly with tournaments and awards) and the club managers. The hope and purpose of the group is to stimulate interest and increase attendance at both club games and tournaments. So be assured that those who are running things want to see some more people in the seats.

We players can be active in stimulating interest in the game. We may want to call someone not seen in a while and see if you can give him a ride or find her a partner. I have heard of churches increasing their membership by just having the current members bring a guest. While that won't work for us, we can steer those who are interested in learning to Mary Hruby, who teaches bridge from ground zero on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. at Bridge Haven. If you know someone who knows duplicate but is still new, direct him to Donna Coker's Thursday-morning novice game at Olivette. Both of these are listed on our web site, www.unit143.com.

If we want to attract younger players, the unit has to come up with more evening games. Perversely, many evening games closed because they are not supported. Would an evening novice game be an option? That way, working people could get their foot in the door.

Finally, in the cool gray light of dawn, we have to admit that many players quit because they were treated badly. People were rude to them. If you know someone like this, please call him or her and grovel. Promise it will never happen again. Directors will get out the tar and feathers for anyone daring to get ugly at their games as the cost of allowing it has been made pretty clear. Mostly, the membership has to speak up and protect those who may be new and uncertain.

There is a phenomenon called "service recovery," in which studies show that messing up and fixing it score higher than not messing up at all. For example, if the hotel gives your family a single twin bed, then fixes it with the correct room, studies show that the service is perceived as even better than the service provided where there are no mistakes. We know tempers flare and voices are raised occasionally. Now we know we have to step in and fix it.

As always I welcome your ideas for attracting more players. Write me at Hatlady@prodigy.net



Unit 223 Reporter

News from Southern Illinois-Paducah Unit 223

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District 8 Winter STaC results

Unit 223 players who placed in the top twenty positions on the "Top 100 Masterpoint Winners List" in the District 8 Winter STaC (held Feb. 3rd through 9th) were:

6th & 7th: Sandra and Larry Lemon, Mayfield , KY , 20.06 points

9th: Dalton Darnell, Murray , KY , 18.79 points

10th: Doug Edwards, Hardin , KY , 17.94 points

15th & 16th: Bruce Gardner and Robin Lampley, Paducah , 16.76 points

District 8's first-place over-all masterpoint winner was Richard Sullivan, Decatur IN, with a total of 34.98 points.

The next opportunity to win Silver Points in a District 8 STaC will be Oct. 31st through Nov. 6th , 2006

Congratulations to the following Unit 223 members who have advanced in rank:

New Junior Masters: **Bonnadean Reimer**, Mt. Vernon & **Janet Rose**, Edwardsville

New Club Master: **Steve Shoeffler**, Edwardsville

New Regional Masters: **Marion McCaskey**, Centralia & **Ann Smith**, Johnston City

And a special congratulations to new Life Master **Bud Hawkins**, Mt. Vernon.

Welcome to new Unit 223 Members **Debbie Garnier**, Centralia & **Gloria and James Zupanci**, Edwardsville

Winners of Unit 223's 2005 Masterpoint Races

Ace of Clubs:

Rookie of the Year:

1. Steve Shoeffler, Edwardsville IL
2. Barbara Hamilton, Waterloo IL
3. Marilyn Hayes, Mt. Carmel IL

Jr. Master of the Year:

1. Jill Woolf, Carbondale IL
2. Ann Smith, Johnston City IL
3. Wanda Culpepper, Cahokia IL

Club Master of the Year:

1. Larry Farris, Alton IL
2. Dorothy Bione, Christopher IL
3. Jerry Cooksey, Centralia IL

Sectional Master of the Year:

1. Bill Petrie, Mayfield KY
2. Leona Bullock, DuQuoin IL
3. Raymond Ford, Highland IL

Regional Master of the Year:

1. Bud Hawkins, Mt. Vernon IL
2. Doris Lattus, Hickman KY
3. Colleen Sanders, Centralia IL

NABC Master of the Year:

1. Erdine Peknik, Herrin IL
2. Betty Fields, Hickman KY
3. Peggy Brady, Mayfield KY

Life Master of the Year:

1. Jane Baker, Paducah KY
2. Sharon Henneke, Paducah KY
3. Paul Quayle, Gilbertsville KY

Bronze Life Master of the Year:

1. Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL
2. Brenda Gagnon, Paducah KY
3. Prof Krzysztof, Edwardsville IL

Silver Life Master of the Year:

1. Ralph Rotter, Granite City IL

Mini-McKenney:

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Club Master of the Year:

1. Larry Farris, Alton IL
2. Jerry Cooksey, Centralia IL
3. James Pirkle, Glen Carbon IL

Sectional Master of the Year:

1. Bill Petrie, Mayfield KY
2. Jim Baumeister, Marion IL
3. Grady Thurman, Nashville TN

Regional Master of the Year:

1. Bud Hawkins, Mt. Vernon IL
2. Carol Warner, Fairview Hgts IL
3. Mary Johnson, Godfrey IL

NABC Master of the Year:

1. Tim Butterbaugh, Paducah KY
2. Doris Holzhauer, Centralia IL
3. Patricia Barinotti, Edwardsville IL

Life Master of the Year:

1. Doug McQuaid, Lebanon IL
2. Paul Quayle, Gilbertsville KY
3. Jane Baker, Paducah KY

Bronze Life Master of the Year:

1. Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL
2. Norma Cloyd, Paducah KY
3. Dr John Coe, Ewing IL

Silver Life Master of the Year:

1. Col Christopher Shaw, Carlinville IL

2. Fran Russell, Paducah KY
3. Joann Knox, Metropolis IL

2. Linda Lubeck, Troy IL
3. Fran Russell, Paducah KY

Gold Life Master of the Year:

1. Julia Rambo, Mayfield KY
2. Dalton Darnell, Murray KY
3. Jo Echols, Paducah KY

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1. Dalton Darnell, Murray KY
2. Doug Edwards, Hardin KY
3. Julia Rambo, Mayfield KY

Diamond Life Master of the Year:

1. Bob Giles, Marion IL

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Awards were announced and presented to recipients present at Kentucky Dam Village Sectional, Gilbertsville, KY on Sunday, March 4th. Congratulations to all the 2005 Masterpoint Race winners for their fine performances!

For a complete list of the top 10 places in each category, visit the ACBL website at www.acbl.org. (Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Masterpoint Races. Information on Unit, District and National masterpoint races is available.)

Upcoming tournaments:

Unit 223's next tournament will be the **Pioneer Sectional** in Effingham IL on April 22nd and 23rd. Site is Hendlemeyer Park (1906 S. 4th St.). For information, see the ad in this issue or contact Kate Dickens at (217)-868-5462. The Partnership Desk will open one hour before game time. Play starts on Saturday, April 22nd at 1:00 and continues at 7:00 . On Sunday, a super dinner will be available between sessions of Swiss Teams.

Please make a note now on your calendar to attend the upcoming **Champagne Regional** to be held in Paducah, KY at the Executive Inn on June 13th through June 19th.

MIDWEST TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

- April** 01-09 SPRING NABC, Hyatt Regency, Dallas [Daily Bulletins](#)
- 07-09 Dubuque IA Sectional
- 07-09 Kenosha WI Sectional
- 17-23 GATLINBURG TN REGIONAL ([Schedule](#))
- 22-23 Effingham IL Sectional, Hendelmeyer Park ([Kate Dickens](#))
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- May** 01-07 LAKE GENEVA WI REGIONAL, Grand Geneva Resort ([Schedule](#))
- 06-07 **DISTRICT 8 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS**, IDOT Building, Springfield IL
- 15-21 HOT SPRINGS AR REGIONAL, Arlington Hotel ([Schedule](#))
- 19-21 St. Charles MO Sectional, Blanchette Park ([Mike Carmen](#))
- 23-29 **ILLINI REGIONAL**, Chancellor Hotel, Champaign IL ([Karen Walker](#))
- 31-04 SPRINGFIELD MO REGIONAL, Holiday Inn ([Schedule](#))
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- June** 02-03 Worldwide Pairs, Local clubs (Friday evening & Saturday day)
- 07-11 Minocqua-Lakeland Sectional, Woodruff WI
- 16-18 Kokomo IN Sectional, Johanning Civic Center ([Dick Ellis](#))
- 19-25 **DISTRICT 8 SPLIT REGIONAL:**
- Executive Inn, Paducah KY & Clock Tower Resort, Rockford IL

Complete schedule of ACBL tournaments: <http://www.acbl.org>

District 8 web site: <http://home.insightbb.com/~m.tomlianovich/d8.htm>

District 8 Tournament Coordinator: [Chris Patrias](#)

515 Chesapeake Court, St. Charles MO 63303 **Phone:** 636-928-8610



Paducah Champagne Regional

June 19-25, 2006 – Paducah KY

Executive Inn, overlooking the Ohio River

Split with Rockford IL

Memorable Paducah Hospitality

- ♠ Hospitality rooms with an open bar
- ♠ Unique Champagne Party
- ♠ Buffet soup and salad between sessions on Sunday
- ♠ Free Coffee

SIX BRACKETED KO TEAMS: One starts each day, Mon. – Sat.

FIVE REGIONAL PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS: One each day, Tue. – Sat.

Note: In a Stratified Open Choice Pairs, a pair must play in two and only two of the three available sessions.

299er GAMES on Thursday & Saturday

NOVICE LECTURES on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday between sessions

SINGLE SESSION PAIRS: Available each session, Mon. – Sat.

- Side Game Series #1-- 2:00 & 7:00, Tue-Wed-Thu.
- Side Game Series #2 – 2:00 & 7:00, Fri. & Sat.

Note: A player must play at least 2 sessions of the same series to win GOLD POINTS or place overall.

Strata & flights: C = 0-500 B = 500-1500 A = 1500+

Events Other Than Side Games

MONDAY—JUNE 19

CHARITY PAIRS 7:00 PM (ONE SESSION)

BRACKETED K.O. #1 7:00, CONTINUES TUE 9:30, 2 & 7

TUESDAY—JUNE 20

STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS #1 9:30 AM, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM. (PLAY IN TWO AND ONLY TWO OF THE THREE SESSIONS)

BRACKETED K.O. #2 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM CONTINUES WEDNESDAY 9:30 AM & 2:00 PM

WEDNESDAY—JUNE 21

STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS #2 -- 9:30 AM, 2:00 PM, & 7:00 PM. (PLAY IN TWO AND ONLY TWO OF THE THREE SESSIONS)

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS -- 9:30 AM & 2:00 PM

BRACKETED K.O. #3 7:00 PM, CONTINUES THURSDAY 9:30 AM, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

THURSDAY—JUNE 22

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS -- 9:30 AM & 2:00 PM

BRACKETED K.O. #4 7:00 PM, CONTINUES FRIDAY -- 9:30 AM, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

SINGLE SESSION 0-299 PAIRS -- 9:30 AM, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

FRIDAY—JUNE 23

STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS #3 9:30 AM, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM (PLAY IN TWO AND ONLY TWO OF THE THREE SESSIONS)

BRACKETED K.O. #5 7:00 PM, CONTINUES SATURDAY 9:30 AM, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

SATURDAY—JUNE 24

STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS #4 9:30 AM, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM (PLAY IN TWO AND ONLY TWO OF THE THREE SESSIONS)

COMPACT BRACKETED K.O. 9:30 AM & 2:00 PM

SINGLE SESSION 0—299ERS PAIRS 9:30 AM, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM.

SUNDAY—JUNE 25

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS 10:00 AM & TBA

Tournament site:

Executive Inn, One Executive Blvd., Paducah KY

1-800-866-3636 or 1-270-443-8000

Be sure to ask for the bridge rate: \$57 – 1 or 2 people; \$62 – 3 or 4 people

Tournament Contacts:

Tom Wynn – (270) 554-5719

Doug Edwards – (270) 437- 4977

Dalton Darnell – (270) 753-5992

Partnerships: Maxine Wynn -- (270) 554-5719 t_wynn@bellsouth.net

Novice Chairman: Karen Coe -- (618) 435-4200



Unit 239's ROCKIN' ROCKFORD REGIONAL

Split with Paducah KY

June 19-25, 2006

Clock Tower Resort, Rockford IL

7801 East State Street -- off Interstate 90; exit at State Street/Business
Route 20

MONDAY – June 19

Charity Pairs Game -- 7 PM

KO "A" – 1st session -- 7 PM

TUESDAY – June 20

*Open Choice Pairs (3 sessions) -- 9:30 AM, 2 PM & 7 PM

KO "A" -- 3 sessions -- 9:30 AM, 2 PM & 7 PM

KO "B" -- 1st & 2nd of 4 sessions -- 2 PM & 7 PM

Stratified Open Pairs -- 7 PM

Stratified Side Game #1 – 1st round -- 9:30 AM

Stratified Side Game #2 – 1st round -- 2 PM

299er Pairs (single sessions) -- 9:30 AM, 2 PM & 7 PM

WEDNESDAY – June 21

*Open Choice Pairs (3 sessions) -- 9:30 AM, 2 PM & 7 PM

Compact KO "E" – 1st of 2 sessions -- 9:30 AM

KO "B" – 3rd & final session -- 7 PM

Stratified Swiss Team Game (2 session) -- 2 PM & 7 PM

Stratified Side Game #1 – 2nd round -- 9:30 AM

FRIDAY – June 23

*Open Choice Pairs(3 session) -- 9:30 AM, 2 PM & 7 PM

Compact KO "F" – 1st of 2 sessions -- 9:30 AM

KO "C" – 3rd& final session -- 2 PM & 7 PM

KO "D" – 1st& 2nd of 4 sessions -- 2 PM & 7 PM

Stratified Open Pairs -- 7 PM

Stratified Side Game # 1– 4th round -- 9:30 AM

Stratified Side Game #2 – 4th round -- 2 PM

299er Pairs (single sessions) -- 9:30 AM, 2 PM & 7 PM

SATURDAY – June 24

*Open Choice Pairs (3 sessions) -- 9:30, 2 PM & 7 PM

Compact KO "F" – final session -- 9:30 AM

Stratified Open Pairs -- 7 PM

KO "D" – 3rd& final session -- 2 PM & 7 PM

299er Pairs (single sessions) -- 9:30 AM, 2 PM & 7 PM

SUNDAY – June 25

Stratified Swiss Teams (playthru) -- 10 AM (free sandwich lunch)

Stratified Side Game #2 – 2nd round -- 2 PM

299er Pairs (single sessions) -- 9:30 AM, 2 PM & 7 PM

THURSDAY – June 22

Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions) -- 9:30 AM, 2 PM

Compact KO “E” - final session -- 9:30 AM

KO “C” – 1st & 2nd of 4 sessions -- 2 PM & 7 PM

Stratified Open Pairs -- 7 PM

Stratified Side Game #1 – 3rd round -- 9:30 AM

Stratified Side Game #2 – 3rd round -- 2 PM

299er Pairs (single sessions) -- 9:30 AM, 2 PM & 7 PM

Strata: A = 1500+ B = 500-1500 C = Non-LM (0-500)

299er Strata: A = 200-300 B = 100-200 C = 0-100

* “Open Choice Pairs” -- play in two of the three sessions offered on the same day. Stratified event.

Bridge rate (\$65 double) at the Clock Tower Resort. To reserve, call 815-398-6000 or 800-358-7666 and refer to ACBL Unit 239 Bridge. Please reserve by May 19.

Chairmen: Karl Dencker – 847-458-8089 karldencker@aol.com

Douglas Gugger – 815-235-7566 douglbuggy@aol.com

Partnerships: Dennis Ryan – 608-756-0060 drchezmoi@aol.com



Pioneer Sectional

April 22 & 23, 2006

Hendelmeyer Park,
1906 S. 4th Street, Effingham IL

Saturday, April 22

1:00 & 7:00 -- Two-session Stratified Open Pairs

1:00 & 7:00 -- Single-session 99er Pairs (if attendance warrants)

Party after the evening session.

Sunday, April 23

10:30 & TBA -- Stratified Swiss Teams (two-session playthrough)

10:30 & TBA -- Two-session 99er Swiss Teams

Super dinner served between sessions.

Entry fees: \$8 per person session on Saturday; \$22 for two sessions on Sunday (includes dinner).

Lodging: Major chain motels located at interstate exits 159 & 160.

Directions: Take exit 159 from I-70/I-57. Go east on Fayette and turn south on 4th Street.

Info: Kate Dickens (217) 868-5462 nonnie@ineffingham.com

Park District phone: (217) 342-4415



St. Louis Spring Sectional

May 19-21, 2006

Blanchette Park Memorial Hall, St. Charles MO

Friday, May 19

- 1:30 -- Stratified Open & Novice/Intermediate Pairs (0-200)
- 7:30 -- Flight A/X Open Pairs (0-3000 & 3000+)
- 7:30-- Stratified BCD Pairs (0-200 / 200-750 / 750-1500)

Saturday, May 20

- 9:00 am – Knockout Teams (continues at 1:30 & 7:30)
- 1:30 & 7:30 -- Two-session Stratified Open Pairs
- 1:30 & 7:30 -- Single-session Novice/Intermediate Pairs (0-200)
- 1:30 & 7:30 -- Single-session Side Games

Sunday, May 21

10 a.m. & TBA -- Two-session Stratified Swiss Teams

Sat. & Sun. Strata: A=Open B=0-1500 C=0-500

- Guest speakers on Friday and Saturday -- 12:45 and 6:45
- Terrific hospitality after the evening sessions.
- Saturday: Lunch buffet for all KO Team entrants.
- Sunday: Continental breakfast (9:00 am) and hot buffet dinner between sessions.

Directions: From I-70, take 5th Street north 1.8 miles to Randolph. Turn left and go 1/2 mile to the park entrance on the right (1900 W. Randolph).

Chairman: Mike Carmen -- 314-872-8439 mcarmen@lacledegas.com

Partners: Mary Hruby -- 314-739-1574



Kokomo Sectional

June 16, 17 & 18, 2006

Johanning Civic Center - on US 31
1500 N. Reed Rd.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
FRIDAY JUNE 16	
Stratified Open Pairs Single Sessions 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	
*Limited (199/99/49/ 0-20 & 0-5 MP's) Pairs Single Sessions 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	
SATURDAY JUNE 17	
FREE - Continental Breakfast at 8:45 AM!	
Bracketed Knockout Teams (Random Draw) 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	
Stratified Open Pairs Single Session 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	
*Limited (199/99/49/ 0-20 & 0-5 MP's) Pairs Single Sessions 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	
SUNDAY JUNE 18	
Bracketed Swiss Teams (Play-thru) 10:00 AM	
Stratified Open Pairs: A = 1250 +, B = 500-1250, C=0-500	
* Stratification possible	
<p>Intermediate/Novices Partners Guaranteed for all 0-200 MP and under events -1 hour before game time</p> <p>Tournament Chairman Dorothy Harrell (765) 457-7709</p> <p>Partnerships Chris Egberts (574) 699-0594</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SPECIAL PROMOTION!</u></p> <p>Play a minimum of four (4) sessions at the Kokomo Sectional on the 16th & 17th and your entry for the Sunday Team is FREE.</p> <p>The ACBL <i>Zero Tolerance</i> policy for bad behavior will be in effect.</p> <p>SMOKING POLICY: This is a NON-SMOKING tournament with frequent breaks.</p> <p>Hotel Information: Fairfield Inn US 31 at Lincoln Rd. (765) 453-8822</p>	

South Bend Sectional



July 28, 29, 30, 2006
Indiana University South Bend
1700 Mishawaka Ave.



Unit 154 Individual Championship - Trophy Awarded

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 28

Stratified Open Pairs
Single Sessions 1:00 PM 7:00 PM

99er Pairs
Single Sessions 1:00 PM 7:00 PM

Bracketed Knockout
Teams (Random Draw) 7:00 PM

Saturday, July 29

Individual Game 9:00 AM (Trophy awarded)

Bracketed K.O.
Teams -cont'd) 1:00 PM 7:00 PM

Stratified Open Pairs
Single Sessions 1:00 PM 7:00 PM

99er Pairs
Single Session 1:00 PM

Sunday, July 30

Open Stratified Swiss
Teams (Play Thru) 10:00 AM

(Box lunch is included with entry)

Tournament Chairman

Raj Kohli 574-277-7827
rkohli@iusb.edu

Partnerships

Elaine Delaney
574-291-3521

Jo Ann Steigmeyer
574-243-1355

The ACBL ***Zero Tolerance*** policy for bad behavior will be in effect.

SMOKING POLICY

This is a NON-SMOKING tournament with frequent breaks.

Stratified Open Pairs:

A = 1250+

B = 500-1250

C = 0 - 500

Directions:

- 1) Coming from the West or East on IN Toll Road: Take exit 77. Turn right (South) on route 933 to Angela Boulevard. Turn left (East) and take Angela/Edison to Ironwood. Right (South) on Ironwood Dr. to Mishawaka Ave. Go right (West) to 1700 Mishawaka Ave.
- 2) Coming from the north: Take route 933 to Angela Blvd. Turn left (East) and take Angela/Edison to Ironwood. Right (South) on Ironwood Dr. to Mishawaka Ave. Go right (West) to 1700 Mishawaka Ave.
- 3) Coming from the south on US 31: Take right (East) on Ireland road to Ironwood Dr. Go left (North) to Mishawaka Ave. Turn left (West) to 1700 Mishawaka Ave.