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## MIDWEST TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

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# ACBL Director's Report

by **Georgia Heth, Morton IL**

**District 8 Representative on the ACBL Board of Directors**

**10 & 3 vs. 1 & 7:30:** Atlanta was an interesting tournament. It was the first experiment with 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. starting times. This topic actually generated more comments than the requirement to announce your opening notrump range. Personally, I loved the new starting times. I got to go to bed at the normal time, get up at the normal time, play both sessions of bridge before I got tired, and go out for a nice dinner every night without worrying about eating or drinking too much to be able to play bridge that night. The main reason I look forward to being able to play in senior events is they offer 10 and 3 start times at many tournaments, so I was predisposed to like this experiment. The starting times didn't seem to affect participation too much, as attendance beat the forecast by a little bit. An ACBL survey found a small majority of players preferred the old start times, but I think those people were a lot more vocal than the fans of 10 and 3.

**Grand National Teams:** The Board meetings went well. The agenda was light so we did a lot of special committee work. I was allowed to join in the Grand National Team (GNT) committee meetings and I am glad to tell you the event has not been killed. Instead, there will be new definitions of residency developed for the event. A committee will be formed to decide residency questions. A player may ask for a decision before the event if they want to make sure in which district they are eligible to play. In addition, any complaints about ineligibility will be decided by this committee. It was too late to put this in effect for this year's competition but it will be completed in time for next year. These regulations will also apply to the North American Pairs (NAP). In addition, management will be asked to provide additional publicity, similar to what they did for the NAPS over the last two years. If you have ever read my column, you know the Grand National Teams are my favorite event in bridge. I don't know why everybody doesn't play in them every year. We are very lucky to have a small district where no one lies about living here and where the winners change on a regular basis. And speaking of the GNTS -- our District Flight B team did really well this year. I am sure Karen will give you the details in another article. Our Flight A team made it a couple of rounds as well, but the Open and Flight C teams were unfortunately eliminated at the first cut.

**Redistricting:** The Redistricting Committee announced there would not be a proposal for a major redistricting effort but has not ruled out the possibility of some changes. I have heard loud and clear from the members of District 8 that you do *not* want to be singled out for redistricting. I repeat this as often as possible. And the truth is, most of the other districts likely to be affected by redistricting seem to feel the same way we do: don't try to fix us when we aren't broken. I hope this is one committee that disbands without taking any action.

**Other committees:** The Tournament Scheduling committee met as well, but they are still working. My best advice is send your sanction requests in as early as possible as that seems to be the best way to get the dates you want. The Insurance committee met with some brokers to see about getting bids for insurance for all of the units and districts. We should have more information after Denver.

**Junior program:** The big issue coming up for the next meeting is junior camps. Management is not planning to run the next junior camp scheduled for North America in 2007. There are board members who think management must run the camp based on prior board actions. I expect to see at least one motion on the topic on the agenda for Denver. We had a fair amount of discussion on the topic at the meeting before someone pointed out there was nothing pending on the issue.

Starting with the next issue of the *Advocate*, I will only be writing in the issues that follow a board meeting – April, August and December. The District 8 president, Martha Leary, will be offered the opportunity to address you in the other three issues. Of course, if something urgent comes up, I will let you know even if it isn't my "turn."

If you have questions or suggestions about ACBL Board actions or other bridge matters, please contact me at [gkheth@hotmail.com](mailto:gkheth@hotmail.com) or 917 S. Main St., Morton IL 61550-2419.

See you at the tables.  
-- Georgia

## Two District 8 teams place overall in national championships

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Congratulations to all four teams who traveled to Atlanta GA in July to represent District 8 in the national finals of the 2005 Grand National Teams. Special recognition goes to our Flight A and Flight B teams, who placed overall in their flights of the finals:



### **Flight A (0-5000) -- 5/8 in national finals**

**Richard Blumenthal**, Lincoln IL; **Kris Maillacheruvu**, Peoria; **Madhu Viswanathan & Mike Halvorsen**, Champaign IL

### **Flight B (0-2000) -- 2nd in national finals**

**Meyer Abarbanel**, Belvidere IL; **Jim Hudson**, DeKalb IL; **Mike Giacaman**, St Louis; **Arbha Vongsivut**, Godfrey IL

Abarbanel and Hudson also won a two-session Flight A/X Swiss Teams later in the week in Atlanta. Here's a copy of the *Daily Bulletin* article about one of their successes from that event:

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### **Information, please**

Mike Abarbanel of Belvidere IL and Jim Hudson of DeKalb IL exchanged just about every bit of information possible to get to this grand slam in the Sunday Flight A/X Swiss Teams.

<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ A 4	♠ K Q 8
♥ A K 10 7 6 4	♥ Q 9 8 3
♦ A 6	♦ 9 4
♣ K 8 5	♣ A Q 9 7

<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>	
<i>Abarbanel</i>	<i>Hudson</i>	
1H	2NT (1)	(1) Jacoby 2NT forcing raise
3H (2)	4C (3)	(2) Promises extra values
4D (3)	4H	(3) Cuebids
4S (4)	5C (5)	(4) Kickback Key-card Blackwood
5D (6)	5S (7)	(5) 1 or 4 key cards
6C (8)	7H (9)	(6) Do you have the trump queen?
		(7) Yes, and I have the spade king.
		(8) Do you have any extra help in clubs?
		(9) Yes (and let's get this auction over with!)

The contract at the other table was 6H, giving the Abarbanel and Hudson team a 13-IMP pickup. They won the match and the A/X flight of the event with teammates Ellyn Batko and Myriam Milgrom.

Abarbanel and Hudson are having a good week. They were also on the second-place team in the Flight B Grand National Teams.

## Down and Out in Atlanta

July 20, 2005

Dear *Advocate* readers:

The first round of the 2005 Grand National Teams in Atlanta will eliminate about half the teams. Our District 15 team is to play five 12-board matches in two halves to determine if we are in or out for the next day.

Early in the first half, both vulnerable, I pick up one of my usual poor hands:

♠632 ♥9765 ♦82 ♣8643

A Precision 1♣ on my left, 1♥ by pard, 2♣ on my right, alerted as four controls. A 3♥ bid by me would be preemptive, forcing them to start investigation at a very high level. I figure only one time in twenty will they be able to double 3♥ for penalty. Although there is definitely some risk involved, I am making the bid I think is right ...

Late in the second half, both vulnerable, my pard opens a strong 1NT and I hold:

♠K5 ♥643 ♦AJ95 ♣10842

We are down by 17 IMPs to this team and have just six boards left to play. We must win or we are out of the event. My counterpart at the other table will absolutely invite game with this hand, so if I invite game, we will reach the same final contract. I figure a Pass by me will gain IMPs or break even more than half the time. Although I am already in the doghouse for going -1400, and my counterpart may make a vulnerable game, I am making the bid I think is right ...

I am hoping someone will perform a simulation and show any supporting evidence for my bids. Kindly send it to the editor. Also, I find myself available to form a new Grand National Team for District 15 next year. The editor will forward any inquiries.

Sincerely,

*Jack Spear*, Kansas City MO

Marty Bergen's new book, *Declarer Play the Bergen Way*, was recently named the 2005 Bridge Book of the Year by the American Bridge Teachers Association. Here's an excerpt supplied by Marty:

## Make Sure You Get There

*An entry, an entry, my kingdom for an entry.*

♠ Q 7 2				
♥ 9 7 6 5				
♦ 6				
♣ K Q J 10 5				
	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
	1♠	DBL	Pass	2NT
♠ A 10 5	Pass	3NT		<i>All Pass</i>
♥ A K 3				
♦ A K 5 3				
♣ 9 8 3				
	<i>Opening lead: ♠8</i>			

Declarer played low from dummy at trick one, as did East. South gratefully scooped up the trick with his ♠10, and went to work on dummy's lovely club suit.

Unfortunately, when East held up his ♣A until the third round and returned a spade, dummy's ♠Q was not an entry. Declarer had no way to get to dummy's two club winners, and had no chance for a ninth trick.

Declarer erred at trick one when he won his ♠10. Once he did that, dummy's ♠Q was not going to be an entry to dummy's club winners.

From the bidding (and Rule of 11), it was clear that West held the ♠K. Therefore, South should have won the first trick with his ♠A. Once that card was out of the way, it would have been easy to enter dummy with the well-placed ♠Q after knocking out the ♣A.

Here is the entire deal:

♠ Q 7 2		Contract: 3NT
♥ 9 7 6 5		Opening lead: ♠8
♦ 6		
♣ K Q J 10 5		
♠ K J 9 8 3	♠ 6 4	
♥ Q 10 2	♥ J 8 4	
♦ Q 9 7 2	♦ J 10 8 4	
♣ 7	♣ A 6 4 2	

♠ A 10 5  
 ♥ A K 3  
 ♦ A K 5 3  
 ♣ 9 8 3

*Declarer Play the Bergen Way* is available direct from the author, Marty Bergen: 800-385-7432. Retail price is \$18.95; special discounts are available.

# District 8 Solvers Forum -- October 2005

by Tom Kniest, University City MO

It's the long, hot summer in St. Louis and the Cardinals are once again in their rightful place as the cream of the National League. The Rams are tuning up for another playoff run. The new Billiken recruits are hooping it up at West Pine and St. Louis University will field a back court this year that will remind you of the young Illini of a few years ago.

On to bridge: This month's hands are diabolical and frustrating. Often, we accept guidance from certain basic principles, but today, we're just guessing on some of these hands. Every hand had a clear majority from the panel, but I could tell from the comments that the panelists were struggling. I've also added "Bridge Baron" software as a guest panelist so you can see if you can outbid a computer. Sadly, many did not. Clearly, the Baron's answers were always the most simplistic, so maybe there's a lesson there.

## 1. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1C
2D *	Pass	Pass	???

\* (preemptive)

What is your call as South holding: ♠AQ97 ♥5 ♦6  
 ♣AKQJ1065 ?

First of all, I'm glad no one reopened with a double. What a ridiculous result that could obtain. Among the other choices, balancing with a mere 2S might end the auction, and 3S misrepresents the relative length of your suits (I'd be 6-5 for the jump). Bridge Baron was the only "panelist" to try the egregious underbid of 3C (don't double this guy). I think it's clear to cuebid, as did:

DODD: "3D. I'll worry about my rebid next round. For now, I can handle anything North cares to do."

FELDHEIM: "3D. If partner bids 3NT, then 4C. Three-loser hands are hard to come by. With no negative double, 2S stinks."

Harold Feldheim, who calls himself the Rowdy Rabbi, is a great player. Even after an overcall on his left, he expects to play AQ97 for just one loser.

STRITE: "3D. I can't stand to have a reopening double passed out, so this is my preferred route to 4S or 3NT."

Right. If I cuebid and partner bids 3H, now I can bid 3S. If partner bids 3NT, I can raise a level to suggest a source of tricks, not a high-card powerhouse. Obviously, if I was big and balanced, I would have reopened with a double.

There were lots of 2S bidders, so let's hear from them:

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
3D	100	8	31
2S	80	7	27
3S	70	2	4
3C	50	1	10
4C	50	0	15
DBL	40	0	8
Other	50	0	5

MERRITT: "2S. Partner may hate me, but sorry, this hand just isn't a defender."

KESSLER: "2S. This may be the last time we can bid spades naturally. Partner's hand is unlimited if he has a trap in diamonds. This starts describing our hand, and does not preclude getting to 3NT when it is correct."

PAULO: "2S. A natural, strong – albeit not forcing – and descriptive bid."

SENG: "2S. There is more bidding to come. I want partner to know I have the master suit. I'll bid more clubs next time. Partner should know I have long clubs here since I didn't balance with a double."

WALKER: "2S and hope partner can bid again. I'd like to bid more, but I really think 3S here ought to show a 6-5 hand."

Here's the guy with the original problem – and how he solved it.

FEILER: "3S, which is what I bid when I held this hand. Partner assumed I had 5 spades. I'm not sure why; maybe the panel will tell me."

## 2. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1H
2D	3C	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding: ♠K85 ♥AKQ1095  
 ♦3 ♣A65 ?

The first thing you are told about this hand is that it's matchpoints. That being said, you can't give up on hearts right away to try for a club slam. All of the panel envisioned bigger things than game on this hand, hence the low score for the solvers who chose 4H, which figures to end the auction.

I have a lot of sympathy for an immediate 3H bid, which was chosen by Bridge Baron and two other panelists. I think, though, that Bridge Baron was just rebidding his long suit, and one of the other panelists was noncommittal about going past game. This one, however, wasn't:

WALKER: "3H. A club raise or 3D cuebid will bury the heart suit, which could be matchpoint death. If partner can't raise to 4H, I can show the club support next and head for slam."

The second issue on this hand is that I sure want my spade king being led up to rather than through in a slam, so I don't want to settle on clubs right away. A 3D cuebid will allow you to hear about belated heart support, a diamond stopper, a possible spade suit, or longer and better clubs in the absence of any of the former.

DODD: "3D. Keeping the bidding low for now allows us to explore all options as far as strain and level."

FELDHEIM: "3D. This is the most flexible, giving partner a chance to bid hearts. If 3NT, then 4C

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
3D	100	10	48
3H	90	3	8
4D	70	3	12
4NT	60	2	1
4H	50	0	16
4C	50	0	10
Other	50	0	5

next.”

HUDSON: “3D, postponing the awful minute when I will actually have to make a decision.”

NELSON: “3D, implying a fit for partner or a self-sufficient suit of my own...or maybe both. I will bid 4H over 3NT, implying the club fit as well.”

The only problem with this approach is that your auction won’t show that you have only one diamond loser.

PAULO: “3D. After any bid at the 3-level, I raise partner in a forcing situation.”

This is the beauty of the cuebid. If partner bids hearts, you can bid clubs and possibly get to use Keycard Blackwood for that suit. You can then convert to hearts or notrump, played from your side.

Some of the panelists got splinters from sitting too long:

FEILER: “4D. Forget matchpoints. Club slams count for more than heart games.”

KESSLER: “3H. Tell partner I have a 6+ card suit that’s biddable at the 3 level. If partner raises to 4, we can ask for aces. If partner bids 3NT, we can bid 4C or pass, knowing he has wasted values in diamonds and no heart fit.”

Some panelists would have liked to bid 4C as ace asking, but instructed me to change their bid to 3D if that was unavailable. They and the Blackwooders suffer from the same flaw – the lead coming through the spade king.

GUTHRIE: “4NT. If 4C or 4D is Roman Keycard for clubs, I would try that. Lacking that understanding, I trust that 4NT is Roman Keycard.”

### 3. IMPs, both vulnerable

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
5D	100	10	82
5H	90	3	2
6S	90	4	12
5NT	90	1	2
5S	50	0	2

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
			1S
Pass	2NT *	Pass	4S **
Pass	5C	Pass	???

\* (Forcing spade raise)

\*\* (Minimum opener; no singleton or void)

What is your call as South holding: ♠87654 ♥AK7 ♦A64 ♣Q8 ?

It was hard to get a bad score on this deal. A few lonely Solvers gave up on slam, but everyone else cooperated with partner’s move. Yes, that spade suit is ugly, but partner, who could have Blackwooded, told us the 5-level was safe. So what’s the best way to advance the auction? The majority opted for the “obvious” cheaper cuebid:

FEILER: “5D. I would have opened 1D with this hand, but having failed to do so, I’ll bid them now. Better late than never.”

GUTHRIE: “5D. Presumably partner is wide open in a red suit – probably hearts, so I have to

cooperate, although my spades could be better. If partner bids 5S, I’m going to bid on anyway.”

HUDSON: “5D. Since partner is still interested, I plan to drive to slam. On the way, I’ll control bid both red suits, on the off chance pard would like to bid a grand. I have a tip-top maximum for my signoff.”

NELSON: “5D. I assume partner will go back to 5S; then I will bid 6H...but first I would like to tell them of the diamond ace. Often I have cuebid the higher ranking ace first, then gone back and verified the lower control, but I think I’ll get more points in the Forum for bidding 5D.”

What a refreshing confession of intellectual dishonesty. Her score is more important than staking a claim to the bid she would make at the table. A well-earned extra 10 points, Bev ... and as a bonus, you have the distinction of choosing the same bid as Bridge Baron.

I once played in a partnership where, after a cuebid sequence was started, subsequent notrump bids were “DI”, like a pause in the auction to reset the next round of cues. One of the basic principles of that style was the cuebidding of the higher of touching controls. This usually saved a full level for the next round.

Whether you formally play “DI” or not, I think it’s clear to bid 5H, your higher control. Once you bid the first red control, you then have to bid the other if partner leaves room, so if 5H elicits 5S from partner, I intend to bid 6D.

On the right track, although she doesn’t accept the theory of bidding the higher of touching controls here:

WALKER: “5H. If you want to encourage partner at all, you have to cuebid the suit where you know he has the problem. His Jacoby 2NT is usually a semi-balanced hand, so he needs to hear about a heart control. A 5D cuebid just delays your decision, as partner will be forced to retreat to 5S and you’ll have to decide whether to pass or bid 6S. Unless you want to make a grand slam try and cuebid 6H.”

I wonder if all the 5D bidders are prepared to bid 6H over 5S. It’s possible that partner has a red void and long side clubs, in which case my club queen is big. Or maybe he has a club void and five good trumps and is missing red controls. Or he has a red side suit that needs help. How would you bid this hand as partner: AKxxx QJ10xxx void Ax?

Can you now see why it pays to start with hearts? If partner has the diamond void and cuebids 6D over your 5H, you now get to show your heart king. He already knows you don’t have a singleton.

Here’s FEILER’s soul mate. They should play sometime:

RABIDEAU: “5H. What an ugly problem. Should we be opening 1D with these hands?”

Then there are the gunslingers who get right to the point, even if they don’t know what it is:

DODD: “6S. No guts, no glory. Seriously, partner must have big trumps to make a move above game with no first-round control in either red suit.”

FELDEHEIM: “6S. With no red-suit controls, partner must have super spades. 6S should show both red aces.”

MERRITT: "5NT. After the signoff, partner must be looking at AKQx of spades and the AKxxx of clubs. I'd like to just bid 7S, but I'm sure that won't get the Forum's approval. At matchpoints, I'd bid 7NT."

#### 4. Matchpoints, both vulnerable

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
2S	100	10	44
1S	90	6	29
3S	70	2	19
4S	50	0	4
Pass	50	0	4

**West**   **North**   **East**   **South**  
 Pass   Pass   Pass   ???

What is your call as South holding: ♠QJ76543 ♥4 ♦KQJ ♣Q3 ?

I love this problem. It's more evidence that two-thirds of the world marches to a different drummer. I agree that it's perfectly acceptable to get to the 2-level with this hand and suit, and most of our panelists got there right away:

FELDHEIM: "2S. This should be a good hand since a pass-out was possible."

STRITE: "2S. This is about what I play a fourth-seater to show. If I held a heart suit instead of spades, I'd pass the hand out for fear of what the opponents can make."

HUDSON: "2S. An extra trump, but junky high cards. I hope this is enough to shut them out, if they have a fit of their own."

KESSLER: "2S. I've never met a 7-card spade suit I didn't like. It seems to me that passing with 7 spades is quite a view, although it could be right."

KRETCHMER: "2S. It's matchpoints and everyone will bid. I'll try to steal 110, but since I can't defend against 3H, I'll probably end up playing 3S, which doesn't look good."

Are we really afraid of the heart suit? Enough so that we goad the vulnerable opponents into the auction by advertising a limited hand?

We don't have to guess on this hand. We have a minimum opening bid under most criteria and we have the master suit. We might have a game, so we'd surely like to hear partner's normal response. We play Drury. It's matchpoints, and we'd like to go plus. Yada yada, yada. Yet, we preempt. What's wrong with a normal one-bid?

DODD: "1S. No need to preempt with six losers and the master suit. We've got Drury to get partner to slam on the brakes."

FEILER: "1S. We still can have a game. No need to put a damper on the proceedings with 2S."

NELSON: "1S. I believe a 2S bid in fourth chair is a much better hand than this."

I think that's a minority view. I think most of us would open in fourth seat with a "classic" weak 2S, which is why the majority action befuddles me. Partner is NOT expecting this hand.

Those who open three and four are really rolling the dice ... like it would go all pass if they opened 1S or the opponents would jump in and bid at the 3-level. Here are the daring young humans on the flying trapeze:

WALKER: "3S. 2S should show a goodish weak 2 with less than full opening-bid strength, and that's really quite an underbid for this six-loser hand. Even a sound weak 2 usually has seven or eight losers. 3S shows my playing strength and tells partner not to worry too much about the trump suit. It would be

nice to have some higher spade spots, but it's not that big an issue."

PAOLO: "3S. I have the master suit, 11 HCPs and seven playing tricks, but only one defensive trick. Every passed hand has 7-11 HCPs and covers two losers; hence, I hope to win nine tricks in spades. On the other hand, it's possible for East-West to win ten tricks in hearts. To get the score I envisage -- and to make it hard for each opponent to enter the auction -- I preempt (in last position) as often as possible."

#### 5. Matchpoints, EW vulnerable

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
4C	100	11	55
5C	80	5	31
3NT	70	1	6
3S	50	1	4

**West**   **North**   **East**   **South**  
                   1C   Pass   1H  
 Pass   2D   Pass   2H  
 Pass   3D   Pass   ???

What is your call as South holding: ♠J862 ♥QJ8632 ♦Void ♣Q106 ?

Another cute hand. Although no panelist tried 3H, I think this hand might be worth one more heart bid. It can play opposite a stiff honor, and 4H might be the easiest game if partner also has the spade ace. Still, nobody tried it, so let's deal with what they did.

There was only token support for 3NT. This contract might have a play -- particularly with mis-defense -- but I consider that a fringe effort. As for the 3S bidders ... what do you think partner will expect from you for this auction? It's probably undiscussed, and rightfully will remain so.

The majority chose the simple preference to 4C. This will work out well if partner can show a doubleton heart, but no one was holding out much hope of that:

DODD: "4C. Tempting to try 3NT at this form of scoring, but I'll soft-pedal and hope for a plus. If North has a real monster, he can bid game."

MERRITT: "4C. This cannot be a fast-arrival scenario, as my 2H bid was non-forcing."

FELDHEIM: "4C. 3NT is out of the question."

PAULO: "4C. At matchpoints, 3NT is tempting but could be disastrous."

SENG: "4C. If this isn't enough, at least it's matchpoints. I expect a trump lead on this auction, and there goes one of my ruffs."

STRITE: "4C. This diamond void isn't all that fine a feature with only three trumps. Often a singleton or doubleton would play opposite partner's second suit."

Bridge Baron also bid 4C, but I doubt that his reasoning was as deep as the panel's. I think he just doesn't like to jump. The other alternative, 5C, will at least end this tortuous auction, and there should be some play.

FEILER: "5C. Isn't this a fast arrival auction? I have no idea. If partner doesn't know either, he'll probably pass."

GUTHRIE: "5C. Time to catch up. Partner is 6-5 at least, with a good hand."

WALKER: "5C. I'm not interested in playing 3NT opposite any 6-5 hand. 4C sounds like an ultra-weak, gun-to-your-head preference with a doubleton, so you have to show that you have something better than that."

KRETCHMER: "5C. North's 6-5 doesn't require more than AK, AK, but it could be bigger. My first two bids promised a weak hand, but a 4C preference could be made with a singleton. By comparison, Q106 looks huge."

I think the jump to game here shows a strong preference, and the panel discussion supports that. So does Eric Kokish, who provided the analysis for this hand from the Saturday, June 6 session of the World Simultaneous Pairs. His analysis is here:

<http://www.simpairs.com/freq.asp?Board=22&ClubId=&session=005564>

Off in his own world:

HUDSON: "3S. I don't want to commit myself just yet. 3NT, 5C, 6C, 4H and 6H are all possible contracts. Maybe I'll know what to do next round."

And partner's next bid will eliminate all but one of those contracts. Maybe if you can interpret partner's action of what he thinks he should do over 3S. I see long huddles and a director call in your future. In fact, I suspect a long huddle before you bid 3S.

#### 6. IMPs, none vulnerable

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
3S	100	9	42
4H	80	3	22
4NT	70	4	20
4S	60	1	7
4D	60	1	9

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

What is your call as South holding: ♠KQ98742 ♥AK103  
♦7 ♣8?

Another headache. You want to emphasize your spades and propose them as an alternative playing spot, but how can you really do that? If you bid 3S now, it's only when partner holds the ace that he'll understand that you have great length there. Do you think he'll raise with xx? Your suit quality is so good you could play opposite a void, so maybe you should have bid 4S at your last turn, but now it's too late.

I think we're all playing hearts on this hand, like it or not. Still, I'm a 3S bidder. My hand has tremendous trick-taking ability opposite controls. As long as they can't tap me out, or partner has a secondary spade fit, we have an excellent shot at 6H or 7H ... or notrump.

DODD: "3S. Giving North a choice of games; hopefully he'll know to raise with something like Ax Jxxx x AKxxxx or take a stab at 4H with the pointed suits reversed."

GUTHRIE: "3S. This is forcing in theory, but I'll cross my fingers while partner ponders. Even opposite a void and 4 card heart support, 4S may play better than 4H."

KESSLER: "3S. 4S could make opposite a singleton when 4H opposite Jxxx goes down. This is IMPs, so overtricks are not important, and 4S rates to be safer – even opposite a singleton, which could be an honor."

KRETCHMER: "3S. I fear this hand will play badly in hearts with the expected bad distribution. Perhaps partner could come up with one or two spades in his unknown three cards. I'll try 3S and hope partner doesn't take this as the spade control."

NELSON: "3S. This might sound like a cuebid, but I prefer to try to play in a 7-2 fit on this hand as I could be tapped out with two singletons. Over partner's 4H bid, I will pass."

PAULO: "3S. In hearts, I am afraid of getting tapped in diamonds. I follow the Bols tip of Marijke van der Pas and try to profit by the playing strength of my long suit."

WALKER: "3S. My 2H could have been artificial, so I don't think we've agreed on hearts as trumps yet. Since we're still searching for the right game, 3S here should be natural and forcing, showing 6+ spades."

Amazing! All these 3S bidders are getting the top score when I'm the only one who intends it as control showing. If you want to play spades, then there's:

STRITE: "4S. I don't want to play hearts. Even if partner has a spade void, I could still catch 10x, Jx, or a 3-3 break to pick up the suit for two losers. This picture bid should enable partner to move towards slam on a perfect hand like A QJxx xx Axxxxx."

Here's how the submitter of this problem handled it:

FEILER: "4D. This is what I bid when I had this hand. 2H doesn't necessarily show hearts; it can just be a third-suit bid, and Blackwood could result in a silly 5H off three aces."

Whereas 4D has now cleared up everything and partner will know exactly what to do. We had some panelists thinking big things:

MERRITT: "4NT. Blackwood seems the way to go, even if it may be a little pushy on a day where the splits go bad."

FELDHEIM: "4NT. If not Blackwood now, then when?"

Nobody else has even agreed on a suit yet. Are you really suggesting that a suit bid and raised sets the suit? How old-fashioned. Seng and Rabideau joined Feldheim and Merritt in asking for aces. Finally, some panelists are content to lie in the bed they've made:

HUDSON: "4H. Is 3H forcing? I think not, in which case I'll be satisfied with bidding game. Partner could have bid 4H with any slam suitable hand. If 3H was forcing, I should make a slam try of 3S."

Here's a guy who understands that 3S is a slam try...and eschews it.

BRIDGE BARON: "4H. No comment."

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Thanks to all who sent in answers and comments to this interesting set, and especially to our guest panelists, John Seng and Bruce Kretchmer. Congratulations to **Doug Jonquet**, who scored a perfect 600 on this month's problems, and to runners-up **Bob Bernhard** and **Oyvind Tafjord**, who were



right behind with 590. They're all invited to join the October panel.

The six new problems are below. Please submit your solutions by **September 25** on the [web form](#) or by email to our October moderator, who is moving to Nigeria this month:

**Scott Merritt** -- [merritt604@gmail.com](mailto:merritt604@gmail.com)

How the Panel voted (Panel/Staff Avg. - 538):	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Bridge Baron	3C	3H	5D	1S	4C	4H	520
Kent Feiler, Harvard IL	3S	4D	5D	1S	5C	4D	470
Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT	3D	3D	6S	2S	4C	4NT	560
Nigel Guthrie, Reading UK	3D	4NT	5D	2S	5C	3S	540
Jim Hudson, DeKalb IL	2S	3D	5D	2S	3S	4H	510
Mark Kessler, Springfield IL	2S	3H	5D	2S	3NT	3S	540
Bruce Kretchmer, Boynton Beach FL	3S	4D	6S	2S	5C	3S	510
Larry Matheny, Loveland CO	3D	4D	6S	2S	4C	3S	560
Bev Nelson, Fort Myers FL	3D	3D	5D	1S	5C	3S	570
Manuel Paulo, Lisbon, Portugal	2S	3D	5D	3S	4C	3S	550
Larry Rabideau, St. Anne IL	3D	3D	5H	2S	4C	4NT	560
John Seng, Champaign IL	2S	3D	5D	2S	4C	4NT	520
Jack Spear, Kansas City MO	2S	4NT	5D	2S	4C	4H	520
Toby Strite, San Jose CA	3S	4D	5D	1S	5C	4D	560
How the Staff voted							
Tom Dodd, Branchburg NJ	3D	3D	6S	1S	4C	3S	580
Tom Kniest, University City MO	3D	3D	5H	1S	4C	3S	580
Scott Merritt, Arlington VA	2S	3D	5NT	1S	4C	4NT	530
Karen Walker, Champaign IL	2S	3H	5H	3S	5C	3S	510

### Solvers Honor Roll (Average Solver score: 501)

<b>Doug Jonquet</b> , Decatur IL	600	<b>Greg Berry</b> , Sleepy Hollow IL	550
<b>Bob Bernhard</b> , New Smyrna Beach FL	590	<b>Frank Brunner</b> , Park Forest IL	550
<b>Oyvind Tafjord</b> , Eugene OR	590	<b>Gary Dell</b> , Champaign IL	550
<b>Kevin Jones</b> , Crestwood KY	580	<b>Fred Sandegren</b> , Quincy IL	550

**Don Mathis**, Florissant MO

580 **Len Vishnevsky**, San Francisco CA 550

**Micah Fogel**, Aurora IL

560 **Hugh Williams**, Carbondale IL 550

**Larry Wilcox**, Springfield IL

560 **Dave Smith**, Memphis TN 540

## Solvers Forum -- October 2005 Problems

**1.** Matchpoints, none vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1D
Pass	1H	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding:  
 ♠864 ♥AQ ♦AQ652 ♣1043 ?

**2.** Matchpoints, none vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:  
 ♠AKJ6 ♥Q92 ♦87 ♣AK84 ?

**3.** IMPs, EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1C	Pass	1D
Pass	2C	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding:  
 ♠J85 ♥KQ6 ♦KJ9862 ♣5 ?

**4.** Matchpoints, both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1D
Pass	1H	Pass	2D
Pass	2NT	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding:  
 ♠A7 ♥J103 ♦AQJ974 ♣102 ?

**5.** Matchpoints, none vulnerable

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

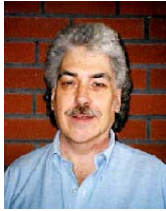
What is your call as South holding:  
 ♠KQ97 ♥Q10 ♦AKQ64 ♣43 ?

**6.** IMPs, EW vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:  
 ♠1098762 ♥952 ♦962 ♣7 ?

Thanks for the problems above to Ned Horton (#2 & #3) and Kent Feiler (#5 & #6).



# Pair Fare

**News from Northwestern Illinois Unit 239**

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## Pat Haverty: Life Master



Pat Haverty is a 48-year-old feed store owner from Woodstock who recently turned life master at the March, 2005 Elgin Sectional. He played on a Swiss team with his good friends Karl Dencker (Lake in the Hills), Tom Hardy (Huntley) and Ed Kain (Huntley).

Pat was born in Bay Shore, New York, the second of four children. He has an older brother Charles, a younger sister Marianne, and another brother Timothy ten years his junior. He and Tim are business partners in a venture called Woodstock Farm and Lawn Center on Route 47. He has been involved in this venture since 1989. Prior to that, he worked in several quality control laboratories in the food industry, and he trained harness race horses from the late 1970s into the mid 1980s.

In 1982 he married Carol Thompson of Rolling Meadows, whom he met during his horse training days. They have three sons: Aaron, 22, who just this month completed a four-year hitch in the U.S. Navy and will be starting college in the fall; Stuart, 17, who will be a senior in high school this fall; and James, 13, who will be starting 7th grade. All Pat's boys are already taller than their dad, which might explain his aggressive nature at the bridge table: he has to be able to dominate somewhere.

Pat began playing bridge in college while attending Northwestern University. At the time, he could do little more than follow suit and take over someone else's hand while he was answering the call of nature. Years later, he became determined not only to learn the finer points of the game, but also to excel at it. In 1996 he took lessons from a Cary IL resident, Penny Odice, who equipped him to hold his own at rubber bridge. In 1997 he got his first taste of duplicate and never looked back.

"I have had the good fortune to be paired with a number of outstanding partners in the subsequent years. Foremost among these would be Tom Hardy, Karl Dencker, Jack Sanders, and Wally Gehlaar," comments Pat gratefully. "Tom Hardy is the partner who turned me into a true force at the table with his courageous style, tenacity, and creative declarer play. Tom and I made a trip to Virginia Beach last fall to play in their wonderful regional. It was at this tournament that my game came into its own. We played in only two events, a pair of knockouts. In one, we were teamed with folks that up to that week we had never met. So we won the first event paired with two wonderful people who had never even laid eyes on us until the first day of the tournament. Emboldened by this success, we entered another knockout with a couple from the east coast who we were meeting for the first time, and once again we came out on top. It was this amazing performance that garnered for me the last of the gold points that I needed to make Life Master. Tom and I had such a good time in Virginia Beach that we are making the trip again this November. We have been corresponding with our 2004 teammates and plan to join them

in as many team events as we can fit into the trip."

Pat is enthusiastic, both about bridge in general and about his new status. "I was very excited to make Life Master this spring, but I also experienced a great deal of relief at finally making the grade," said Pat. "I don't play as much sanctioned bridge as I used to, but when I do play I find that I am enjoying it much more. The desperation that comes with the relentless pursuit of master points can take away from one's enjoyment of the game itself. Now that I don't need the points as badly I find myself playing more relaxed and more effectively. I enjoy the game now more than I ever have, and I am sincerely grateful to all those who have had a hand in elevating me to this position."

## Shirley Rogers and Elinor Patrick: Life Masters



*Your columnist thanks Joyce Gibson (Dixon) for her contribution to this article.)*

Tournament Director Jim Chiszar led the cheering when Shirley Rogers (Oregon, left in photo) earned her Life Master ranking in a knockout event at the spring regional in Lake Geneva. She played there with her usual tournament partner, Joyce Gibson (Dixon) and with Leona Ellerby and Elinor Patrick (both of Oregon).

Shirley and her husband Jim are snowbirds, spending October to April in North Fort Meyers FL, where Shirley plays in Val and Rick Covalciuc's MacGregor Point DBC. During the warmer months, Shirley plays in Bernie Sexton's games in Dixon and Mount Morris with her usual club partner, Ruth Sarafian (Dixon.)

The Rogers family has two children: Deb of Janesville WI and her husband Butch; and Rod of Oregon and his wife Teresa. They also have nine grandchildren: Scott, Nate, Jim, Kevin, Brett, Chelsea, Melissa, Dustin and Ashley. Their five great-grands are Michaela, Isabella, Kaydence, Abigail and Nicholas (and Shirley's still in her 60's.)

Shirley and Jim have traveled extensively, spending many weeks each summer in Door County, Wisconsin; crossing the United States several times; and visiting every continent except Antarctica. They've been to most European countries and capitals, as well as on countless cruises. Shirley is also a member of the "fabulous four" — Shirley, Leona, Joyce and their friend Evie Joesten — which has toured Europe together three times. Shirley has also taken each of her grandchildren on a trip to a foreign country when he/she graduated from eighth grade. In November, Shirley and Joyce are going on their second bridge cruise with Val and Rick — this time through the Panama Canal.

Shirley's first-ever duplicate tournament was the Chicago Nationals when she held zero points but came home with a trophy, won in a 299er event with Leona Ellerby. At that tournament she also witnessed (via Vugraph) Paul Soloway go down seven tricks doubled and vulnerable, which has heartened her considerably when the bridge gods didn't smile on her, either.

One of Shirley's favorite bridge stories is based on an event that happened early on in her duplicate career. A rather haughty, supercilious woman demanded to know what her "attitude" was. Never having

heard that word applied to bridge before, Shirley was at a loss for words. She finally said, “Well, friendly, I guess.” And Shirley, goodness, and friendship all follow us in Unit 239.

Shirley’s good friend Elinor Patrick (right in photo) has been playing bridge for 50 years, but started duplicate and joined the ACBL only five years ago after she sold her business, Town and Country Ladies’ Apparel, in Oregon. Formerly an avid golfer, Elinor now devotes her spare time to the bridge world, collecting “aces” in a parallel universe.

Elinor and her husband Jim are also snowbirds who migrate to Sun City West in Arizona each winter. Acting on advice from her good friend, Helen Johnston, Elinor joined the KIVA Duplicate Club in Sun City and took advantage of the lessons offered there. She also plays in Bernie Sexton’s games in Mount Morris and Dixon, and goes to many Midwest tournaments.

Playing regularly with Shirley, Leona, Joyce, and Betty Basler (Oregon) has helped her earn her ACBL points. She became a life master at the Chandler-Mesa tournament last April 1, playing with Arizona friends. Needing a total of one gold and five black points, her team won six gold and a total of 14 points.

Elinor is the oldest of seven children in a non-bridge playing family, growing up in Ogle County. And though her husband does not play, he is strongly supportive of her “ACBL adventure.” They have two children: Michael, of Austin TX, and Mary Mudge of Oregon. Her four grandchildren are Libby, Angie, Cody and Kimberly. Elinor and Jim recently went to Boston to attend their grandson Cody’s graduation from MIT.

Even though she has achieved her own personal goal of life-masterhood, Elinor continues tournament play to help her friends capture those elusive gold points. And even more important, she’s following “Shirley, goodness, and friendship.”

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## Congratulations to . . .

. . . Gene Condon and Ayn Masilko (both Rockford,) on making gold life master.

. . . James Hudson (DeKalb) and Mike Abarbanel (Belvidere,) on placing second overall as representatives of District 8 in the National GNT finals in Atlanta.

. . . Frieda Thomas (St. Charles,) on being Unit 239’s nominee as “ACBL Goodwill Member for 2006.” Frieda’s nomination has been submitted, but results of the final judging are not yet known, since every Unit in the ACBL is entitled to one nominee.

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## The Changing Scene . . .

**New Junior Masters:** John Baird, Sandwich; Eugene Gordon, Aurora; Robert Judd, Algonquin; Dr. Charles Laurx, Aurora; Robert Quintin, St. Charles; Delores Vonderhaar, Huntley; Janet Zimmerman, Huntley

**New Club Masters:** Colleen Baranowski, Roscoe; Barbara Burda, Huntley; Marilyn Callahan, Rockford; Dale Conde, Rockford; Nancy Lubitz, Rockford; John Scalzo, Geneva; Kenneth Shorr, St.

Charles

**New Regional Masters:** Lois Hoyer, Geneva; Les Morrison, Poplar Grove

**New NABC Masters:** Eugene Dille, Crystal Lake; John Novak, Algonquin; Tom Willson, Oak Park

**New Life Masters:** Dr. Barry Burren, Elgin; Elinor Patrick, Oregon; Shirley Rogers, Oregon

**New Bronze Life Masters:** Robert Pooley, Aurora

**New Gold Life Masters:** Eugene Condon, Rockford; Ayn Masilko, Rockford



# CIBA Digest

News from Central Illinois Unit 208

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## Stars at the Atlanta Nationals More winners from the Champaign Regional

Central Illinois was well represented at the Atlanta NABC, where at least 30 of our members were among the 5000+ players who won points over the tournament's ten-day run in late July. Several Unit members placed overall in the tough NABC championships. Notable performances included:

**James Melville** (Springfield) & **Will Engel** (Freeport)-- 2nd in the Bruce 0-5000 Life Master Pairs; 2nd in Bracket 4 of the Coastal Georgia KO Teams; 1/2 in the Monday Aft. A/X Swiss Teams; 5/8 in Mini-Spingold 0-5000 KO Teams. Will won more than 111 points and James won more than 98 at the tournament.

**Chuck & Liz Zalar** (Springfield)-- 1st in Bracket 3 of the Greenville KO Teams; 4/5 in the Wednesday BCD Swiss. Liz also placed 2nd in Bracket 5 of the Charlotte KO Teams to total more than 60 points for the week.

**Gary Kessler** (Springfield) -- 3/4 in Bracket 1 of the Hilton Head KO Teams; 3/4 in Bracket 1 of the Chattanooga KO Teams. Gary won more than 66 points in all events.

**Gail Moon, Betty Capodice, Stephen Hawthorne & Eric Gettleman** (Bloomington) -- 3/4 in Bracket 3 of the Educational Fund KO Teams. Congratulations to Eric



Wednesday Open Pairs, Flight A:  
**Debbie Avery & Ned Horton**



Wednesday Open Pairs, Flight B:  
**Bobbie Straker & Pat Moos**

for making Life Master in Atlanta.

**Eunice Patton, Christine Biggs** (Bloomington), **Margaret Hansell** (Champaign) & **Kathleen Miller** (formerly of Bloomington) -- 4/8 in Tuesday Flt. B Board-a-Match. Eunice and Kathleen also won Flt. C of the Warshauer Side Pairs.

**Chris Benson** (LeRoy) -- 3/4 in the NABC Wagar Women's KO Teams.

**Dick Benson** (LeRoy) -- 46th in the NABC Fast Pairs; 3/4 in Bracket 1 of the Educational Fund KO Teams; 32nd in NABC Open Swiss Teams.

**Colby Vernay** (Lacon) -- 52nd in the NABC Life Master Pairs; 17/18 in the NABC Senior Swiss.

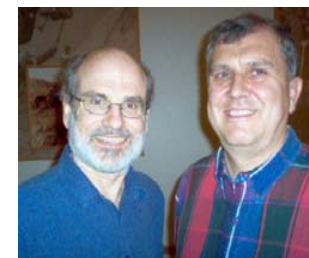
**Georgia Heth** (Morton)-- 4/7 in the Flt. B Swiss Teams.

**Madhu Viswanathan, Mike Halvorsen** (Champaign), **Kris Maillacheruvu** (Peoria) & **Richard Blumenthal** (Lincoln) -- 5/8 in the national finals of the Flight A Grand National Teams.

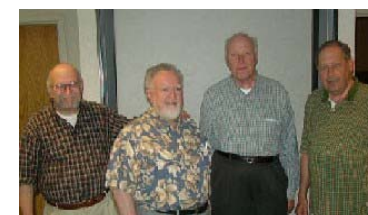
**Bill Lindemann Jr., Bill Lindemann Sr., Gary Dell** (Champaign) & **Dan Faulkner** (Monticello) -- 1st in Bracket 10 of the Atlanta KO Teams. They were also the District 8 representative in the national finals of the Flight C Grand National Teams.

**Lynne & Jason Feldman** (Champaign) -- 22/23 in the NABC Master Mixed Teams. Jason also placed 17/32 in the NABC Spingold KO Teams.

**Karen Walker** (Champaign) -- 7th in NABC Master Mixed Teams; 3rd in Wednesday Board-a-Match Teams.



Wednesday Open Pairs, Flight C:  
**Gary Dell & Dan Faulkner**

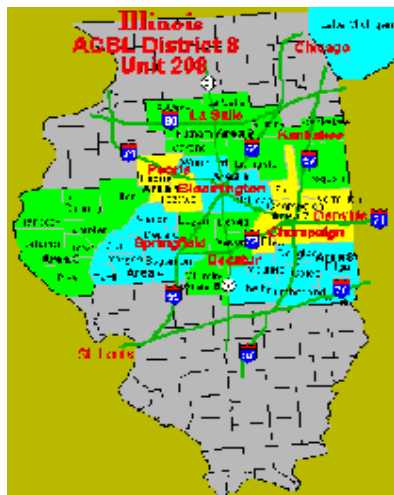


Big Ten KO Teams, Bracket 2:  
**Ray Root, Bill Kilbride, Larry Nelson & John Weber**

## In Memory

Our Unit was saddened by the death of Art Bodenschatz, 79, of Champaign. Art grew up in Champaign, graduated from the U. of I. and worked as a chemical engineer for the Illinois State Water Survey. In recent years, he had been living at The Inman retirement facility. Art was a fine bridge player, and although his health had prevented him from playing the last year or so, he had been a regular at our local clubs since the 1960s. Art was a pleasure to play with and against, and we'll all miss him.

## Central Illinois Bridge Association



If you live in one of the highlighted counties on the map, you're part of ACBL Unit #208, which is known as the Central Illinois Bridge Association (CIBA). We're one of five Units that make up ACBL's District 8.

A portion of your ACBL dues goes directly to our Unit. The Unit Board of Directors, which consists of eight area representatives and three officers, is the elected body that oversees tournaments and programs that benefit our members. Their work includes:

- ♣ Sponsoring sectionals, regionals and other bridge competitions.
- ♣ Carrying out bridge promotions, charitable activities and membership recruitment and retention programs.
- ♣ Providing travel awards to members who represent District 8 in the national finals of the Grand National Teams and North American Pairs.

♣ Subsidizing the sanction fees for special games at your local clubs. The Unit rebates the extra fees back to club managers, which why you can play in North American Pairs, Sectional-at-Clubs, instant matchpoint and worldwide pair events for the same entry fees as your regular club games.

**Officers:** CIBA Board officers are President [Mike Tomlianovich](#) of Bloomington, Vice-president [Chuck Zalar](#) of Springfield and Secretary-Treasurer [Janis Swanton](#) of Bloomington.

**Area Representatives:** If you have a question or suggestion about bridge in Central Illinois, contact the representative for your area. Below is a list of CIBA Board members and alternates, with links to their email addresses (just click the name) and the counties each represents. (Note that there is no Area 2.)

[Bernie Riley](#). Alternate, [Phyllis Rahn](#). **Area 1:** Peoria & Tazewell Counties

[Caryl Harrison](#). Alt., [Carol Umbach](#). **Area 3:** Henderson, Henry, Knox, Mercer, Stark, Warren, Adams, Brown, Fulton, Hancock, McDonough, Pike & Schuyler Cos.

[Leah Newell](#). Alt., [Liz Zalar](#). **Area 4:** Cass, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott Cos.

[Donn Miller](#). Alt., [Jay Poling](#). **Area 5:** Christian, Dewitt, Logan & Macon Cos.

[Jim Moon](#). Alt., [Floyd Sherry](#). **Area 6:** McLean & Woodford Cos.

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[Marilyn Stickel](#). Alt. [Larry Rabideau](#). **Area 9:** Bureau, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, LaSalle, Livingston, Marshall & Putnam Cos.

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

### Junior Master (5 pts.)

Cathy Camille, Springfield  
Al Colman, Gibson City  
Robert Huck, Springfield  
Art Orsted, Champaign  
Marian Pranske, Springfield

### Club Master (20 pts.)

Claudette Barrack, Peoria  
Sarah Bourland, Normal  
Zheng Han, Charleston  
Mike McGroarty, Normal  
S. McGroarty, Normal  
Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights  
Ann Smith, Champaign

### Sectional Master (50 pts.)

Paul Holmes, Champaign  
Elizabeth Wilson, Champaign

### Regional Master (100 pts.)

Donald DeVries, Peoria  
Alan Evans, Springfield  
Fred Roese, Springfield

### NABC Master (200 pts.)

Bill Bulfer, East Peoria  
Mary Niehaus, Danville  
Al Wagner, Danville

### Life Master

Zach Freehill, Bloomington  
Eric Gettleman, Normal  
Charles Young, Peoria

### Bronze Life Master (500 pts.)

Herbert Fritz, Decatur  
Margery Fritz, Decatur  
Pat Moos, Peoria  
Larry Wilcox, Springfield



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## Focus on Youth - Part II

The Student Tournament, held in Edwardsville on May 23 between Chris Shaw's and Andrew Carver's students, resulted in a victory for Carver's students, who garnered first and second place in pairs and first place overall. Twenty students, ranging from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, participated and reportedly had a fine time. The first place pair scored a 68-percent game. Andrew said that although most of the kids are playing bridge on a pretty elementary level, some of the most interested students are beginning to understand bridge strategy and are grasping more advanced concepts such as making a beneficial "sacrifice".

Andrew Carver is himself a student, majoring in history at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He was last year a nationally ranked Youth Player before crossing the age threshold of 20 years to become a Junior Player. He is currently a Bronze Life Master and close to Silver Life Master. Last year, he won both the Unit Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs in his division, and is leading the Unit 223 races again this year in both categories. When complimented on this achievement, he immediately credited his excellent partners and teammates. A certified director, Andrew is giving consideration to possible career choices as a tournament director or possibly working in the business end of professional baseball.

Andrew says that he first developed an interest in Bridge while watching family members playing; both his father and his grandmother, Ruby Nelson, play. He recalls that his father gave him a beginning bridge book to read, and he took off from there. Andrew first watched and played at home, and then kibitzed at a Monday night Highland, IL duplicate game. At age 12, Andrew tried playing at club level and, at 15, he ventured into tournament play.

At the invitation of the ACBL Youth Program headed by Charlotte Blaiss, Andrew has participated in two international Youth tournaments hosted by the World Bridge Federation. In 2001, he traveled to Poland, and in 2003, the tournament was held in Hungary. Both tournaments were three-day events, followed by two-week bridge camps for the participants. Andrew mentioned that, because of jet lag, the first two days of the tournaments were rough, and that after two lackluster performances on days one and two of the Hungarian-hosted World Junior Pairs, he and partner Ben Englert were finally rested and "woke up" to score a 60-percent game on the third day. In addition to his experience at the WBF international tournaments, Andrew has also participated in intercollegiate tournament play on a team

representing the University of Illinois. These unique experiences have provided contacts and friendships with other young players on a national and international level.

Andrew began his career as a bridge teacher by teaching a bridge class in his home; he received a scholarship, stipend, and technical support from ACBL for teaching the class. When one of his students did well enough playing Duplicate to be mentioned in an article in a local newspaper, a middle-school teacher, who played social bridge, asked Andrew to teach her 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. He began his stint of teaching bridge at the middle-school during a 30 minute activity period. Andrew says that he has received welcome support from Chris Shaw for his middle-school classes in the form of advice and supplies, including bidding boxes and books, and, of course, the annual tournament between their students.

Andrew mentioned that it is sometimes difficult for ACBL to find enough qualified youth players to fill the slots available for opportunities like the WBF international tournaments and camps. It's good to know that bridge is being taught in Unit 223 public school systems, but we certainly could use more classes to develop young players.

If you are interested in teaching bridge, please contact Chris Shaw (1 Quail Run Drive, Carlinville, Ill.) for information on how to contact your local school system and set up a bridge class for school children. And don't forget to encourage interest shown by your own children and grandchildren! Remember also to attend and support the Junior Fund Games held at your local clubs; funds from these games provide and promote opportunities for younger players. We need new young players for duplicate bridge to survive and thrive in an age of electronic games.

***Congratulations*** to three new Life Masters:

**Beverly Butler** of Highland, **Betty Fields** of Hickman KY and **Martha Kallaher** of Paducah.

## Upcoming Unit 223 Sectional Tournaments:

Paducah KY (Sept. 2-4) and Robinson IL (Oct. 21-23). See the ads in this issue or on the Unit 223 web page (<http://unit223.tripod.com/>) for details!



# The RECAP SHEET

News from Northern Indiana Unit 154

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## Annual Meeting

The Unit 154 annual meeting was held this year on Sunday, June 26 at the Kokomo Sectional. The meeting started at 9:30 a.m., just prior to the Swiss Team. The following is President Jim Davis' Annual Report.

## President's Annual Report -- June 2004 thru May 2005

Our Unit 154, District 8 ran three sectionals and one regional during the last fiscal year. Many thanks go to the chairmen of these tournaments, **Max Banan** at Kokomo, **Jim Pelletier** and **Bob Carteaux** at Fort Wayne, **John Killeen** at South Bend and **Chuck Briggs** at Portage. They and their volunteer staffs have put in many hours of effort. We would also like to thank all of our club managers and helpers for their work throughout the year. Together, these people have enabled us to play the game we truly enjoy.

The financial condition of our unit is sound, thanks primarily to the very successful annual Fort Wayne Fall Festival Regional. With this money, we have been able to subsidize some of our special games at the clubs, especially our STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) events.

Also last year, we initiated a North American Pair/Grand National team promotion incentive. This year, in addition to paying your entry fees for the District 8 Finals, we will reimburse each qualifying Unit 154 member \$100 to help defray travel costs. We hope this incentive will encourage our players to participate. We have the talent to win the various flighted events and go on to the Nationals, which are also subsidized.

Our clubs participated in several charity events and the unit donated \$500 to Bona Vista Rehabilitation Services.

I have selected **John and Patricia Killeen** as the recipients for the District 8 Goodwill Committee awards. Their fine work and smiling faces at the South Bend tournament were appreciated.

Your current Board of Directors officers are President, **Jim Davis**; Vice-President: **Jim Pelletier**; Secretary-Treasurer, **Dick Ellis**; Past President, **Bob Carteaux**; Recording Secretary, **Marilyn Weisbach**. Area Representatives are **Jack Spring**, **Joe Shull**, **Dorothy Harrell**, **Jody Castillo**, **Jim Feinstein**, **Charles Schultz**, **Steve Watson** and **Chuck Briggs**.

This year, we will be adding a December sectional tournament at Portage to our schedule. Hope to see our membership actively participate in the coming year. If you have any comments concerning our Unit 154, contact me at [jodavisuw@aol.com](mailto:jodavisuw@aol.com)



### Fort Wayne Fall Festival Regional

Sept. 19-25, 2005



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Open & Senior Stratification 500 nlm/1250 /unlimited  
LIMITED STRATIFICATION: 0-5 / 0-20 / 0-50 / 0-100/ 0-200/ 200-300 (all limited games single sessions)

<p><b>MONDAY, SEPT. 19</b> Bracketed Knockout Teams (Random Draw) – 1st..... 8 PM Open Stratified Charity Pairs ..... 8 PM</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, SEPT. 20</b> Earlybird Side Series Pairs – 1st..... 9 AM Bracketed KO Teams – 2nd, 3rd &amp; 4th..... 9 AM, 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM Stratified Swiss Teams..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM Primetime Side Series Pairs – 1st &amp; 2nd ..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM Limited Stratified Pairs..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21</b> Earlybird Side Series Pairs – 2nd..... 9 AM Morning Compact KO Teams – 1st &amp; 2nd..... 9 AM Primetime Bracketed KO Teams – 1st &amp; 2nd ..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM Open Stratified Pairs..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)..... 7:30 PM Limited Stratified Pairs..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, SEPT. 22</b> Earlybird Side Series Pairs – 3rd ..... 9 AM Morning Compact KO Teams – 3rd &amp; 4th..... 9 AM Primetime Bracketed KO Teams – 3rd &amp; 4th..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Open Stratified Swiss Teams..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM Primetime Side Series Pairs – 3rd &amp; 4th..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM Limited Stratified Pairs..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, SEPT. 23</b> Earlybird Side Series Pairs – 4th..... 9 AM Weekend Compact KO Teams – 1st &amp; 2nd ..... 9 AM Weekend Bracketed KO Teams – 1st &amp; 2nd..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM Stratified Board-a-Match Teams ..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM Limited Stratified Pairs..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM Compact KO Teams – 1st &amp; 2nd..... 11:30 PM</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 24</b> Weekend Compact KO Teams – 3rd &amp; 4th..... 9 AM Morning Open Stratified Charity Pairs..... 9 AM Weekend Bracketed KO Teams – 3rd &amp; 4th ..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM Open Stratified Pairs..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM Primetime Side Series Pairs – 5th ..... 7:30 PM Limited <b>Ruth McConnell</b> Stratified Pairs..... 1:30 &amp; 7:30 PM</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, SEPT. 25</b> Stratified Swiss Teams (7 Rounds) ..... 10 AM Playthrough</p>
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**HOTEL INFORMATION**  
**The Fort Wayne Hilton** – connected to the Grand Wayne Center 260-420-1100. **Special Bridge Rate** – \$79 + tax (single or double) if reserved by Sept. 12, 2005.  
**The Holiday Inn** – two short blocks to the Grand Wayne Center 260-422-5511. **Special Bridge Rate** – \$69 + tax (single or double) if reserved by Sept. 12, 2005.

**GREAT INTERMEDIATE / NEWCOMER PROGRAM!**  
Partners Guaranteed for all 0-300 MP & under events – 1 hour before game time.  
Outstanding Bridge Speakers Tues.-Sat. at 6:45 PM.  
**Tournament Chairperson/Partnerships**  
Jim Pelletier 260-572-3488  
**Tournament Co-Chairperson**  
Bob Carteaux 260-436-6510

**FORT WAYNE FALL FESTIVAL REGIONAL**  
The **Grand Wayne Convention Center** is a spacious, well ventilated facility with state-of-the-art lighting ideally suited for tournament bridge.  
• Daily Bulletin! • Section Top Awards!  
• Hoosier Hospitality! • Plenty of Parking!  
• Enclosed Skywalk to Parking Garage!



## Irvin Cobb Sectional

**Labor Day weekend: September 2-4**

**Robert Cherry Civic Center, 2701 Park Ave.,  
Paducah KY**

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### Friday, September 2

1:30 & 7:30 pm -- Single-session Stratified Open Pairs

7:30 -- Bracketed KO Teams (continues at 1:30 & 7:30 Saturday)

### Saturday, September 3

1:30 & 7:30 pm -- Two-session Stratified Open Pairs

### Sunday, September 4

10:00 am -- Two-session Stratified Swiss Teams (includes dinner)

*Strata:* A = 1000+; B = 300-1000; C = 0 - 300

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**Strata for all events:** A=1500+ B=300-1500 C=0-300

**Entry fees:** \$8 per player per session on Friday and Saturday. \$80 per team on Sunday (includes meal).

**Hotels** (ask for bridge rate): **Days Inn** (I-24 & US 60; phone: 270-442-7501). **Pear Tree Inn** (800-325-0720)

**Chairman:** Jim Kallaher -- (270-444-6882) [jkallaher@bellsouth.net](mailto:jkallaher@bellsouth.net)

**Partnerships:** Maxine Wynn -- (270-554-5719) [t\\_wynn@bellsouth.net](mailto:t_wynn@bellsouth.net)



## Rockford Classic Sectional

**September 9-11, 2005**

***New site:* Clock Tower Resort, 7801 East State  
Street (at I-90), Rockford IL**

### Friday, September 9

1:00 p.m. -- Stratified Charity Pairs

1:00 & 7:00 p.m. -- Compact KO teams

7:00 p.m. -- Stratified Open Pairs

### Saturday, September 10

9:00 a.m. -- Bracketed Knockout Teams (continues at 1:00 & 7:00)

1:00 & 7:00 p.m. -- Stratified Open & 199er Pairs (single sessions)

### Sunday, September 11

11:00 a.m. -- Stratified Swiss Teams (playthrough)

**Strata:** Compact Teams, Swiss Teams & Open Pair games: 0-500 / 500-1500 / 1500 +  
199er Pairs: 0-50 / 50-100 / 100-199

**Bridge rate** (\$65) at the Clock Tower Resort if reserved early.

**Chairmen:** Mary Jo Sergent (815-874-4157) [mjosarge@aol.com](mailto:mjosarge@aol.com))

Dee Witte (815-623-6167) [spincasting\\_USA@charter.net](mailto:spincasting_USA@charter.net)

**Partnerships:** Gene and Jan Condon (815-633-4979)



# End O' Summer Sectional September 16-18, 2005

Hult Health Center, Peoria IL

## Friday

1:00 pm -- Stratified Open Pairs

7:00 pm -- Stratified Open Pairs

## Saturday

1:00 & 7:00 pm -- Two-session Stratified Pairs (single-session entries welcome)

## Sunday

10:30 am playthrough -- Stratified Swiss Teams

- *Complimentary coffee, tea, soft drinks and homemade snacks.*

**Entry fees:** \$8 per person per session.

**Strata:** A: Open; B: <1250; C: <Non-LM under 500

**Directions:** From I-74, take Knoxville exit (Highway 88) north. Turn on entrance road to Proctor Hospital, 5215 N. Knoxville.

**Tournament chairman:** Bernie Riley [briley@grics.net](mailto:briley@grics.net)



## See the Leaves Sectional

October 7-9, 2005

IL Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) Building,  
Springfield IL

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## Friday, October 7

1:00 & 7:00 -- Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)

1:00 & 7:00 -- Stratified 99er Pairs (single sessions)

**NOTE:** Friday events will be held at the Illinois Education Association Professional Development Center (IEAPDC), 3440 Liberty Drive. [Directions to IEAPDC](#)

## Saturday, October 8

1:00 & 7:00 -- 2-session Stratified Open Pairs (single-session entries available)

1:00 & 7:00 -- Single-session Stratified 99er Pairs

11:00 pm -- Pizza party

## Sunday, October 9

10:30 -- Stratified Swiss Teams -- playthrough with break for dinner from Panera Bread

**Strata:** 0-500 (non-LM) / 500-1500 / 1500+

**Entry fees:** \$8 per player per session on Friday & Saturday; \$20 per player for two sessions on Sunday (includes dinner).

**Directions to IDOT Building (Saturday & Sunday events):** From I-55, take South Grand or Stevenson Drive exit. IDOT is at 2300 South Dirksen Parkway. Take escalator down to the playing area. [Directions to IDOT](#) Information on [Springfield hotels.](#)

**Information & partners:** Liz & Chuck Zalar -- (217) 793-8066  
[zalar@insightbb.com](mailto:zalar@insightbb.com)



**St. Louis Fall Sectional**  
**October 14-16, 2005**  
**Blanchette Park Memorial Hall, St.**

**Charles MO**

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**Friday, October 14**

1:30 pm -- Stratified Open Pairs (NLM-500, 500-1500, 1500+)  
Stratified Intermediate/Novice Pairs

7:30 pm -- Flight A/X open Pairs (0-3000, 3000+)  
Stratified BCD Pairs (0-200, 200-750, 750-1500)

**Saturday, October 15**

9:00 am -- Knockout Teams (continues at 1:30 & 7:30)

1:30 & 7:30 pm -- Two-session Stratified Open Pairs (NLM-500, 500-1500, 1500+)  
Single-session Stratified Intermediate/Novice Pairs  
Single-session Side Games

**Sunday, October 16**

10:00 am & TBA -- Stratified Swiss Teams (NLM-500, 500-1500, 1500+)

- Terrific hospitality after all evening sessions.
- Guest speakers -- Friday and Saturday at 12:45 and 6:45 pm
- Continental breakfast – Sunday 9:00 am
- Meal between sessions of Swiss Teams

**Directions:** From I-70, take 5th Street North 1.8 miles to Randolph, turn left, then 0.5 miles to park entrance on the right.

**Tournament Chairman:** Mike Carmen -- 314-872-8439 [macarmen@mail.com](mailto:macarmen@mail.com)

**Partnerships:** Mary Hruby -- 314-739-1574



**Southeastern Illinois Sectional**  
**October 21-23**

**Robinson Community Center,**  
**201 S. Lincoln, Robinson IL**

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**Friday, October 21**

7:30 -- Stratified Open Pairs

**Saturday, October 22**

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

Pizza party after the second session.

**Sunday, October 23**

10:30 -- Bracketed Swiss Teams

Meal between sessions served by RexRoats of Effingham

**Local hotels:** Best Western (618-544-8448); Arvin Motel (618-544-2143); Quail Creek Resort (618-544-8674); Vincennes IN Executive Inn (800-457-9154); Vincennes IN Holiday Inn (812-886-9900); Mr. K's, Lawrenceville (618-943-5112).

**Strata:** A: 1500+ B: 300-1500 C: 0-300

**Chairman:** Jay Coleman (618-563-9927)  
[franklincoleman@hotmail.com](mailto:franklincoleman@hotmail.com)