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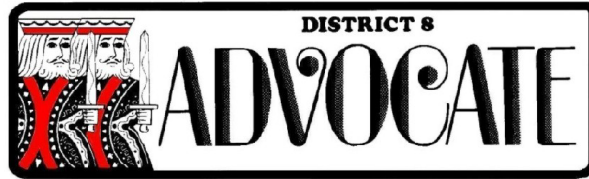
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ACBL Director's Report by Georgia Heth, Morton IL



My name is Georgia Heth and I am the new District 8 representative on the ACBL Board of Directors. I would like to include a short column in the *Advocate* from time to time when I have news for you or need to seek information and/or opinions from you. This time I am both reporting and seeking opinions.

NAP and GNT events: The ACBL Board of Directors has formed a special committee to study the future of the North American Pairs and the Grand National Teams. The committee has asked each board member to get opinions from their district members about these events: Should they be abolished, changed, replaced, or kept as is? If changed, how? If replaced, by what? You can send your opinions to me at gkheth@hotmail.com or 917 S. Main St., Morton, IL 61550-2419. Please send your comments by June 30, 2003.

Board election procedures: The March meeting of the ACBL Board of Directors was short and productive. We were able to complete some special projects due to a light agenda. One of these projects was a revision of the part of the Code of Election Procedures that deals with the recall of district directors. (District 20 is in the middle of a recall and there were no directions on how the recall should be conducted.) This was done by a committee I serve on and I was allowed to help draft these revisions.

Junior bridge: The Board voted to help sponsor a World Junior Individual Championship to be held at the summer NABCs in even years starting in 2004. The ACBL will contribute up to \$4900, including the services of our tournament directors. The remaining expenses will be paid by the World Bridge Federation, which is the sponsor of the event.

ACBL sub-contract work: The Board voted to authorize the collection of fees for services that ACBL staff provides to affiliated organizations. These organizations include the ACBL Charity and Education Foundations, the U.S. Bridge Federation, the Canadian Bridge Federation and the Canadian Charity Foundation. Services will be billed at the hourly rate paid to the worker (plus taxes, but not benefits) who provides the service.

Appeals case books: The Board authorized the formation of an Appeals Case Book Guidelines. I voted against this. Prior appeals rulings are not binding on future committees and cannot be used as precedent. I thought that singling out certain rulings to be included in a guidelines book would give too much importance to those decisions and lead to their being used as precedents.

Friendly wagering: I also was on the losing side on a motion to abolish the prohibition against gambling in the Code of Disciplinary Procedures. The motion failed. Under current rules, it is a violation of the Code of Disciplinary Procedures for you to make a small bet with a friend on the results of your game. I thought the regulations should overlook such friendly gambling.

Masterpoint awards: The award charts were tweaked to correct some irregularities in points awarded for 30-60 table games. This will mostly affect Internet games and STAC games.

Members-only entries: Probably the most controversial motion passed was the one limiting participation in NABC+ events (unlimited national championships) to ACBL members whose dues or service fees are paid. This will take effect later this year.

I have attended two board meetings now (I replaced Glenn Smith at last November's meeting as he was unable to attend.) The fact that I have been able to function effectively on the Board so quickly is due to the time that Glenn Smith, our previous District 8 representative on the Board of Directors, spent with me before the Phoenix meeting. Glenn spent hours with me in person and on the phone making sure I was prepared to attend the meeting. I cannot tell you how much I appreciated this help. I owe Glenn a great debt.

Glenn ably represented District 8 for nine years on the Board of Directors. Everyone I met had good things to say about him and told me about his contributions to the Board and to ACBL. When you consider that I am only the third director for District 8 -- and the first two were Ruth McConnell and Glenn Smith (both of whom also served as ACBL president) -- you know I have big shoes to fill if I hope to maintain their tradition of service to the district and to the ACBL.

See you at the tables.

Lord & Popkin take National Silver Ribbon

BIG congratulations to District 8's newest national champions: **Roger Lord** (left) and **Alan Popkin** of St. Louis. They won the 4-session Silver Ribbon Senior Pairs at the recent Philadelphia NABC in March.

Alan, who is an attorney, and Roger, a bridge teacher, are a longtime partnership. This was their first national win.

Each was complimentary about the other's play, but Roger insisted that Alan's poise was the key to their success. The Daily Bulletin article quoted Roger as saying, "Alan's demeanor and competitiveness were the reason we won. Even if we had three bad boards in a row, he never got aggravated at himself or me. He never stopped trying."

With that score, it's hard to believe you had three bad boards in a row, Roger!

Lord and Popkin dedicated their win to Garrett Nash, a former national champion from St. Louis who died at the age of 79. According to Alan, "Garrett said he would never be old enough to play in a Senior Pairs."



Dave Carter Top 100

Here are District 8's top masterpoint winners and the total points each earned during calendar-year 2002. The list is named for the late Dave Carter of St. Louis, who won the national McKenney Trophy in 1954.

- 1- Jack Bryant, St. Louis -- 555
- 2- Colby Vernay, Lacon IL -- 553
- 3- Rod VanWyk, Alton IL -- 480
- 4- Nancy Popkin, St. Louis -- 478
- 5- Ralph Behrens, St. Louis -- 462
- 6- Tom Kniest, University City MO -- 461
- 7- Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 448
- 8- Robert Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN -- 417
- 9- Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL -- 414
- 10- Alan Popkin, St. Louis -- 404
- 11- Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL -- 395
- 12- Don VanBuskirk, Hammond IN -- 393
- 13- John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 386
- 14- Dick Benson, Le Roy IL -- 365
- 15- Ed Schultz, Chesterfield MO -- 345
- 16- Donald Florida, Palestine IL -- 343
- 17- John Chmielowiec, Mich. City IN -- 342
- 18- Jody Castillo, Warsaw IN -- 323
- 19- Will Engel, Urbana IL -- 310
- 20- James Feinstein, South Bend IN -- 299
- 21- Denny O'Connor, St. Louis -- 292
- 22- Gary Kessler, Springfield IL -- 283
- 23- Richard Blumenthal, Bloomington IL -- 281
- 24- Dalton Darnell, Murray KY -- 271
- 25- Jacque Sincoff, St. Louis -- 270
- 26- Bobbie Holmes, St. Louis -- 269
- 27- Frances Doss, Harvard IL -- 256
- 28- Howard Schmid, Merrillville IN -- 253
- 29- Chris Benson, Le Roy IL -- 252
- 30- Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 250
- 31- John Burgener, Noble IL -- 245
- 32- Larry Matheny, Bloomington IL -- 229
- 33- Eunice Portnoy, Boca Raton FL227
- 34- Betty Schultz, Harvard IL -- 225
- 35- Milton Zlatic, St. Louis -- 223
- 36- Sheryl Finkenstadt, St Charles MO -- 223
- 37- Karen Walker, Champaign IL -- 223
- 38- Marvin Shapiro, St. Louis -- 223
- 39- Donna Simon, South Bend IN -- 222
- 40- Daniel Simon, South Bend IN -- 222
- 41- Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO -- 221
- 42- Daniel Spain, Lake Station IN -- 221
- 43- Eryk Gozdowski, St. Louis -- 220
- 44- David Bish, Leo IN -- 220
- 45- Roger Lord, St. Louis -- 219
- 46- John Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 218
- 47- Farid Azzam, Chesterfield MO -- 217
- 48- Paul Lindauer, Varna IL -- 217
- 49- James Davis, Kokomo IN -- 216
- 50- Larry Kolker, St. Louis -- 215
- 51- Sally Chapleau, South Bend IN -- 212
- 52- Robert Sievers, Champaign IL -- 212
- 53- Doug Moore, Ballwin MO -- 207
- 54- Christopher Shaw, Carlinville IL -- 205
- 55- Wm. Finkenstadt, St Charles MO -- 203
- 56- Irene Singleton, South Bend IN -- 202
- 57- Ronald Brockman, Paducah KY -- 201
- 58- Suzi Moore, Ballwin MO -- 199
- 59- Ken Bland, St. Louis -- 196
- 60- Bob Kay, Batavia IL -- 194
- 61- Georgia Heth, Morton IL -- 193
- 62- Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO -- 191
- 63- P. Mallela, Dekalb IL -- 189
- 64- Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN -- 186
- 65- Richard Ellis, Kokomo IN -- 185
- 66- Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN -- 185
- 67- Richard Sullivan, Decatur IN -- 185
- 68- Larry Rabideau, St. Anne IL -- 183
- 69- Gloria Browning, St. Louis -- 180
- 70- Julia Rambo, Mayfield KY -- 180
- 71- Donna Pedrotti, Md. Hts MO -- 179
- 72- H Douglas Edwards, Hardin KY -- 179
- 73- Paul Ellebracht, St. Ann MO -- 177
- 74- Donald Kerry, Winchester MO -- 176
- 75- Percy Wu, Chesterfield MO -- 174
- 76- Vernon Carver, Edwardsville IL -- 173
- 77- Bruce Gardner, Paducah KY -- 172
- 78- Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN -- 171
- 79- Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 170
- 80- Michael Halvorsen, Champaign IL -- 170
- 81- Sandra Lemon, Mayfield KY -- 170
- 82- Gail Moon, Bloomington IL -- 170
- 83- Margaret Ferguson, Peoria IL -- 170
- 84- Robin Lampley, Paducah KY -- 169
- 85- James Carbaugh, Metamora IL -- 167
- 86- Sanford Becker, Chesterfield MO -- 167
- 87- Lee Hastings, St Louis -- 166
- 88- Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap IL -- 166
- 89- Dale Shepherd, Warsaw IN -- 165
- 90- John Bacsa, St. Charles IL -- 163
- 91- Mary Hruby, Maryland Hts MO -- 162
- 92- Marvin King, Creve Coeur MO -- 161
- 93- Massoud Banan, Kokomo IN -- 161
- 94- Mark Kessler, Springfield IL -- 160
- 95- Phillip Stephan, South Bend IN -- 159
- 96- Karen Erlanger, St. Louis -- 159
- 97- William Kauffman, St. Charles MO -- 156
- 98- James Hammond, Kirkwood MO -- 155
- 99- C. A. Harrison, Charleston IL -- 155
- 100 (tie)- Bev Harrison, Charleston IL -- 155
Don Define, St. Charles MO -- 155

District-wide Mini-McKenney Race -- 2002

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 2002.

Listed here are the top 15 point winners in each category in District 8 and the total masterpoints each player won during calendar-year 2002. Congratulations to all!

Rookie of the Year (0-5 pts. on 1/1/2002)

- 1- Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 95
- 2- Jeroen Swinkels, Clarkson Valley MO -- 49
- 3- Chere Morrison, Poplar Grove IL -- 40
- 4- Sylvia Slomski, South Bend IN -- 39
- 5- Laurie Hamachek, Elgin IL -- 39
- 6- Patricia Spychalski, Ft. Wayne IN -- 38
- 7- Richard Gierat, Belvidere IL -- 30
- 8- Fred Paxton, Paducah KY -- 30
- 9- Cindy Wheeler, Chatham IL -- 27
- 10- James Knowles, Elgin IL -- 26
- 11- Jeff Luber, Granger IN -- 26
- 12- Rachel Campbell, Elgin IL -- 26
- 13- Oyvind Tafjord, Champaign IL -- 25
- 14- Anne Godin, Loves Park IL -- 24
- 15- Fred Wallitsch, St Charles IL -- 20

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

- 1- Dale Shepherd, Warsaw IN -- 165
- 2- C. A. Harrison, Charleston IL -- 155
- 3- Bev Harrison, Charleston IL -- 155
- 4- Frank Tirsch, Springfield IL -- 78
- 5- Paul Quayle, Gilbertsville KY -- 62
- 6- Orville Anderson,, St. Charles MO -- 58
- 7- Joesph Franz III, Springfield IL -- 56
- 8- Patrick Haverty, Woodstock IL -- 53
- 9- Layton Lamb, Springfield IL -- 46
- 10- Karl Dencker, Lake in the Hills IL -- 39
- 11- John Kohne, Hoagland IN -- 39
- 12- Paul Spychalski, Ft Wayne IN -- 37
- 13- Alan Avery, Springfield IL -- 35
- 14- Barbara Pickering, Springfield IL -- 34
- 15- Bret Van Fleet, Bloomington IL -- 33

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

- 1- Percy Wu, Chesterfield MO -- 174
- 2- Glenda Piek, Edwardsville IL -- 120
- 3- Norman Goldman, Wildwood MO -- 84
- 4- Melanie Schaengold, Frontenac MO -- 84
- 5- Ann Ruwitch, St. Louis -- 67
- 6- Stephen Hawthorne, Bloomington IL -- 61
- 7- Robert (Bob) Johnson, Godfrey IL -- 56
- 8- Zach Freehill, Bloomington IL -- 56
- 9- Mary Johnson, Godfrey IL -- 54
- 10- Jeremy Williams, Urbana IL -- 51
- 11- Barbara Reid, Ballwin MO -- 48
- 12- Tim Finkenstadt, Peoria IL -- 47
- 13- Eileen Fritsch, St. Louis -- 46
- 14- Rosemary Shafer, South Bend IN -- 45
- 15- Elaine Tribes, Edwardsville IL -- 45

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

- 1- Eryk Gozdowski, St. Louis -- 220
- 2- John Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 218

Life Master of the Year (300 pts.)

- 1- Will Engel, Urbana IL -- 310
- 2- Christopher Shaw, Carlinville IL -- 205
- 3- Dennis Fitton, Urbana IL -- 151
- 4- Cheryl Davis, St. Louis -- 150
- 5- Leah Newell, Springfield IL -- 147
- 6- Margaret Hansell, Champaign IL -- 140
- 7- Eunice Patton, Bloomington IL -- 126
- 8- Sasanka Ramanadham, St. Louis -- 121
- 9- George Marvin, Maryland Hts MO -- 121
- 10- Ronald Peterson, Plymouth IN -- 117
- 11- Virginia Peterson, Plymouth IN -- 117
- 12- Allyson Wolfe, St. Louis -- 114
- 13- David Wetzel, Rantoul IL -- 112
- 14- Michelle Wetzel, Rantoul IL -- 111
- 15- Henry Hoffman, Bloomington IL -- 106

Bronze Life Master of the Year (500 pts.)

- 1- Donna Simon, South Bend IN -- 222
- 2- Daniel Simon, South Bend IN -- 222
- 3- Daniel Spain, Lake Station IN -- 221
- 4- Farid Azzam, Chesterfield MO -- 217
- 5- Paul Lindauer, Varna IL -- 217
- 6- Ronald Brockman, Paducah KY -- 201
- 7- Bob Kay, Batavia IL -- 194
- 8- Gail Moon, Bloomington IL -- 170
- 9- Robin Lampley, Paducah KY -- 169
- 10- Elizabeth Zalar, Springfield IL -- 150
- 11- Lois DeFine, St. Charles MO --146
- 12- Michael Tomlianovich, Bloomington IL -- 146
- 13- Carole Sholes, Springfield IL -- 143
- 14- Patricia Shine, Chesterfield MO -- 143
- 15- Ralph Rotter, Granite City IL -- 142

Silver Life Master of the Year (1000 pts.)

- 1- Donald VanBuskirk, Hammond IN -- 393
- 2- John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 386
- 3- James Feinstein, South Bend IN -- 299
- 4- Richard Blumenthal, Bloomington IL -- 281
- 5- Dalton Darnell, Murray KY -- 271
- 6- Frances Doss, Harvard IL -- 256
- 7- Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 250
- 8- John Burgener, Noble IL -- 245
- 9- Larry Matheny, Bloomington IL -- 229
- 10- Betty Schultz, Harvard IL -- 225
- 11- Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO -- 221
- 12- Sally Chapleau, South Bend IN -- 212
- 13- Robert Sievers, Champaign IL -- 212
- 14- Doug Moore, Ballwin MO -- 207
- 15- Suzi Shymanski Moore, Ballwin MO -- 199

Gold Life Master of the Year (2500 pts.)

- 1- Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 480

- 3- Phyllis Seeman, Rockford IL -- 106
- 4- Nancy La Master, Munster IN -- 100
- 5- Jonell Comerford, Charleston IL -- 96
- 6- Leo Comerford, Charleston IL -- 95
- 7- Pamela Eden, Rockford IL -- 95
- 8- Patricia Dawson, Mt. Carmel IL -- 94
- 9- Jane Baker, Paducah KY -- 92
- 10- Twink Baker, St. Louis -- 84
- 11- Frank La Master, Munster IN -- 83
- 12- Richard Peters, Hobart IN -- 79
- 13- Barbara Worthen, Paducah KY -- 74
- 14- Kelly Tripp, Hammond IN -- 73
- 15- Ruth Killen, Springfield IL -- 72

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

- 1- William Finkenstadt, St Charles MO -- 203
- 2- Sanford Becker, Chesterfield MO -- 167
- 3- Phillip Stephan, South Bend IN -- 159
- 4- Raj Kohli, Granger IN -- 155
- 5- En Xie, St. Louis -- 119
- 6- Jason Clevenger, St. Louis -- 115
- 7- Judy Putzel, St. Louis -- 111
- 8- Robert Cundall, Collinsville IL -- 108
- 9- Mrs. J. F. White, Mt. Carmel IL -- 107
- 10- Rita Duncan, Somerset IN -- 104
- 11- Larry Wilcox, Springfield IL -- 98
- 12- Barbara Simpson, Godfrey IL -- 97
- 13- Doug McQuaid, Lebanon IL -- 96
- 14- Linda Brazier, Moro IL -- 94
- 15- Carolyn Koch, Edwardsville IL -- 93

NABC Master of the Year (200 pts.- nonLM)

- 1- Jody Castillo, Warsaw IN -- 323
- 2- Sheryl Finkenstadt, St Charles MO -- 223
- 3- William Kauffman, St. Charles MO -- 156
- 4- Adrian Hutber, Champaign IL -- 153
- 5- Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL -- 124
- 6- Tom Nahnsen, Pleasant Plains IL -- 117
- 7- William Meler, Mt. Carmel IL -- 112
- 8- Larry Thompson, West Paducah KY -- 107
- 9- Manuel Silverman, Ft. Wayne IN -- 106
- 10- Peter Avergon, Hammond IN -- 103
- 11- Krzysztof Jarosz, Edwardsville IL -- 103
- 12- Ralph Folkerts, Springfield IL -- 100
- 13- Ora Brooks, Paducah KY -- 99
- 14- Susan Rechter, St. Louis -- 97
- 15- Jo Ann Moore, St. Louis -- 89

- 2- Nancy Popkin, St. Louis -- 478
- 3- Ralph Behrens, St. Louis -- 462
- 4- Alan Popkin, St. Louis -- 404
- 5- Donald Florida, Palestine IL -- 343
- 6- John Chmielowiec, Michigan City IN -- 342
- 7- Denny O'Connor, St. Louis -- 292
- 8- Jacqueline Sincoff, St. Louis -- 270
- 9- Bobbie Holmes, St. Louis -- 269
- 10- Howard Schmid, Merrillville IN -- 253
- 11- Milton Zlatic, St. Louis -- 223
- 12- Marvin Shapiro, St. Louis -- 223
- 13- David Bish, Leo IN -- 220
- 14- James Davis, Kokomo IN -- 216
- 15- Irene Singleton, South Bend IN -- 202

Diamond Life Master of the Year (5000+ pts.)

- 1- Jack Bryant, St. Louis -- 555
- 2- Colby Vernay, Lacon IL -- 553
- 3- Tom Kniest, University City MO -- 461
- 4- Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 448
- 5- Robert Carteaux, Ft. Wayne IN -- 417
- 6- Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL -- 414
- 7- Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL -- 395
- 8- Dick Benson, LeRoy IL -- 365
- 9- Ed Schultz, Chesterfield MO -- 345
- 10- Gary Kessler, Springfield IL -- 283
- 11- Chris Benson, Le Roy IL -- 252
- 12- Eunice Portnoy, St. Louis -- 227
- 13- Karen Walker, Champaign IL -- 223
- 14- Roger Lord, St. Louis -- 219
- 15- Larry Kolker, St. Louis -- 215

District-wide Ace of Clubs Race -- 2002

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 2002.

Listed here are the top 15 point winners in each category in District 8 and the total masterpoints each player won in club games during calendar-year 2002. 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 1/1/2002)

- 1- Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 36
- 2- Sylvia Slomski, South Bend IN -- 34
- 3- Patricia Spychalski, Ft. Wayne IN -- 26
- 4- Cindy Wheeler, Chatham IL -- 25
- 5- Chere Morrison, Poplar Grove IL -- 23
- 6- Richard Gierat, Belvidere IL -- 21
- 7- Anne Godin, Loves Park IL -- 20
- 8- Florence Retek, South Bend IN -- 17
- 9- Fred Wallitsch, St. Charles IL -- 17
- 10- Jeff Lubert, Granger IN -- 17
- 11- Oyvind Tafjord, Champaign IL -- 17
- 12- Ross Yeoman, Farmington IL -- 17
- 13- James Knowles, Elgin IL -- 16
- 14- Christopher Romaine, Springfield IL -- 15
- 15- Laurie Hamachek, Elgin IL -- 15

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

- 1- Frank Tirsch, Springfield IL -- 60
- 2- Joseph Franz, Springfield IL -- 49
- 3- Layton Lamb, Springfield IL -- 38
- 4- Paul Quayle, Gilbertsville KY -- 32
- 5- Orville Anderson,, St. Charles MO -- 30
- 6- Alan Avery, Springfield IL -- 29
- 7- Sheila Kiefer, Ft. Wayne IN -- 29
- 8- Dale Shepherd, Warsaw IN -- 28
- 9- Barbara Pickering, Springfield IL -- 28
- 10- Marsha Kent, Springfield IL -- 26
- 11- Paul Spychalski, Ft. Wayne IN -- 25
- 12- Connie Canter, Rockford IL -- 25
- 13- John Kohne, Hoagland IN -- 22
- 14- Ray Dobinsky, St. Louis -- 22
- 15- C. A. Harrison, Charleston IL -- 22

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

- 1- Melanie Schaengold, Frontenac MO -- 52
- 2- Percy Wu, Chesterfield MO -- 48
- 3- Glenda Piek, Edwardsville IL -- 45
- 4- Lou Hoemig, Ft. Wayne IN -- 37
- 5- Barbara Reid, Ballwin MO -- 35
- 6- Roberta Trochtenberg, St. Louis -- 35
- 7- Zach Freehill, Bloomington IL -- 33
- 8- Stephen Hawthorne, Bloomington IL -- 32
- 9- Julie Hubbard, Springfield IL -- 31
- 10- Ann Ruwitch, St. Louis -- 31
- 11- Howard Davis, Martinsville IL -- 30
- 12- Norman Goldman, Wildwood MO -- 30

NABC Master of the Year (200 - nonLM)

- 1- Peter Avergun, Hammond IN -- 79
- 2- Manuel Silverman, Ft. Wayne IN -- 66
- 3- Ralph Folkerts, Springfield IL -- 64
- 4- Jody Castillo, Warsaw IN -- 55
- 5- Ora Brooks, Paducah KY -- 54
- 6- Donna Coker, Ballwin MO -- 53
- 7- Joseph McAdam, Decatur IL -- 51
- 8- Tom Nahnsen, Pleasant Plains IL -- 51
- 9- Shirley Peddicord, Hobart IN -- 48
- 10- Krzysztof Jarosz, Edwardsville IL -- 48
- 11- William Kauffman, St. Charles MO -- 47
- 12- Susan Rechter, St. Louis -- 44
- 13- Gene Warwick, Ft. Wayne IN -- 43
- 14- Frieda Thomas, St. Charles IL -- 42
- 15- Zena Shae, Springfield IL -- 41

Life Master of the Year (300 pts.)

- 1- Cheryl Davis, St. Louis -- 72
- 2- Will Engel, Urbana IL -- 69
- 3- D. M. Deutsch, St. Louis -- 67
- 4- Ann Caparros, Springfield IL -- 64
- 5- Dennis Fitton, Urbana IL -- 61
- 6- Charles Ries, St. Louis -- 57
- 7- Ray Gilbert, Ft. Wayne IN -- 57
- 8- Allyson Wolfe, St. Louis -- 55
- 9- Henry Hoffman, Bloomington IL -- 54
- 10- Barry Badgett, Chatham IL -- 52
- 11- Brenda Gagnon, Paducah KY -- 50
- 12- James Scott, Rantoul IL -- 48
- 13- Laverne Petersen, Ft. Wayne IN -- 46
- 14- Richard Petersen, Ft. Wayne IN -- 42
- 15- Norma Cloyd, Paducah KY -- 40

Bronze Life Master of the Year (500 pts.)

- 1- Bob Kay, Batavia IL -- 118
- 2- Betty Primm, Athens IL -- 108
- 3- Ralph Rotter, Granite City IL -- 99
- 4- Charles Feustel, Ft. Wayne IN -- 93
- 5- Mrs. D. Brosseau, Sleepy Hollow IL -- 89
- 6- Patricia Shine, Chesterfield MO -- 86
- 7- George Veenstra, Springfield IL -- 82
- 8- John Kessinger, Decatur IL -- 78
- 9- John Parsons, Springfield IL -- 77
- 10- Lois DeFine, St. Charles MO -- 75
- 11- Elizabeth Zalar, Springfield IL -- 75
- 12- Donna Overbey, Florissant MO -- 71

- 13- Dorothea Perry, Danville IL -- 29
- 14- Jeremy Williams, Urbana IL -- 28
- 15- Douglas Jonquet, Decatur IL -- 27

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

- 1- Eryk Gozdowski, St. Louis -- 108
- 2- John Killeen, Mishawaka IN -- 90
- 3- Pamela Eden, Rockford IL -- 53
- 4- Nancy LaMaster, Munster IN -- 51
- 5- Ruth Killen, Springfield IL -- 48
- 6- Richard Peters, Hobart IN -- 47
- 7- Jane Baker, Paducah KY -- 47
- 8- Mimi Mednikow, St. Louis -- 46
- 9- Susan Tunelius, Davis IL -- 45
- 10- Kelly Tripp, Hammond IN -- 44
- 11- Martha Southern, Kennett MO -- 42
- 12- Joan Bailey-Murray, Rockford IL -- 41
- 13- Beckham Southern, Kennett MO -- 41
- 14- Jo Ellen Montgomery, St. Louis -- 40
- 15- Edward Cohen, Geneva IL -- 39

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

- 1- Phillip Stephan, South Bend IN -- 88
- 2- Sanford Becker, Chesterfield MO -- 80
- 3- Raj Kohli, Granger IN -- 75
- 4- Judy Putzel, St. Louis -- 64
- 5- Gloria Shoults, Springfield IL -- 51
- 6- Bill Holzrichter, Elburn IL -- 49
- 7- Gene Wheeler, Chatham IL -- 48
- 8- Peggy Brady, Mayfield KY -- 46
- 9- Jason Clevenger, St. Louis -- 46
- 10- Doris Survant, Elgin IL -- 46
- 11- Craig Herold, Ft. Wayne IN -- 45
- 12- Miriam Miles, Danville IL -- 44
- 13- Jack Kessler, Bloomington IL -- 44
- 14- Louis Nimnicht, Crown Point IN -- 43
- 15- Robert Cundall, Collinsville IL -- 43

- 13- Gail Moon, Bloomington IL -- 71
- 14- Mike Tomlianovich, Bloomington IL -- 65
- 15- Diane Clark, Elgin IL -- 65

Silver Life Master of the Year (1000 pts.)

- 1- Donald VanBuskirk, Hammond IN -- 178
- 2- James Feinstein, South Bend IN -- 144
- 3- Richard Sullivan, Decatur IN -- 131
- 4- John Kinst, Batavia IL -- 120
- 5- Julia Rambo, Mayfield KY -- 120
- 6- James O'Connell, Merrillville IN -- 108
- 7- Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL -- 107
- 8- Marvin King, Creve Coeur MO -- 103
- 9- Alma Karas, Batavia IL -- 102
- 10- Donna Pedrotti, Md. Hts MO -- 100
- 11- Joseph Chin, Highland IN -- 97
- 12- Ann Morrissey, St. Louis -- 96
- 13- Ursula Bladen, Creve Coeur MO -- 94
- 14- Marilyn Kopf, St. Louis -- 91
- 15- Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN -- 91

Gold Life Master of the Year (2500 pts.)

- 1- Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL -- 181
- 2- Bobbie Holmes, St. Louis -- 168
- 3- Ralph Behrens, St. Louis -- 160
- 4- Denny O'Connor, St. Louis -- 141
- 5- Irene Singleton, South Bend IN -- 124
- 6- Paul Ellebracht, St. Ann MO -- 113
- 7- John Chmielowiec, Mich. City IN -- 104
- 8- Kenneth Bland, St. Louis -- 104
- 9- James Hammond, Kirkwood MO -- 102
- 10- George Wolf, Oswego IL -- 100
- 11- Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap IL -- 94
- 12- Howard Schmid, Merrillville IN -- 85
- 13- Mrs. L. Greenman, St. Louis -- 82
- 14- Jo Echols, Paducah KY -- 79
- 15- James Davis, Kokomo IN -- 73

Diamond Life Master of the Year (5000 pts.)

- 1- Jack Bryant, St. Louis -- 141
- 2- Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN -- 94
- 3- Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO -- 71
- 4- Ed Weiss, St. Louis -- 68
- 5- Larry Kolker, St. Louis -- 63
- 6- Robert Giles, Marion IL -- 41
- 7- Robert Carteaux, Ft. Wayne IN -- 37
- 8- Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL -- 32
- 9- Eunice Portnoy, St. Louis -- 29
- 10- Roger Lord, St. Louis -- 25

District-wide Junior Races -- 2002

Each year, ACBL recognizes the bridge successes of young players in two categories -- Youth (age 20 and under) and Juniors (age 25 and under). Listed below are the District-wide rankings of our players in these categories.

Several young players in our District have been among the top players in the nation in their age categories. In 2001, **Scott Merritt** (Champaign IL) placed 34th nationally in the Junior Race. **Jason Feldman** and **Will Engel** (both of Champaign) placed 9th and 14th nationwide in the ACBL Youth Race. Jason and Will are currently 26th and 32nd on the list of top Junior point winners over the four-year period of 1999-2002.

As of March 6, 2003, **Andrew Carver** and **Ben Englert** (Edwardsville IL) were on the nationwide Top 50 list for year-to-date points won by Youth. **Aaron Hanford**, **James Doyle** (both of Urbana IL) and former District 8 member **Jenni Hartsman** were on the Top 50 list in the year-to-date Junior race.

2002 Youth Race -- top District 8 members (age 20 and under):

- 1- Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL -- 124
- 2- Ben Englert, Edwardsville IL -- 86
- 3- Tom Willson, Champaign IL -- 18
- 4- David Flint, Springfield IL -- 15
- 5- Rebecca Cooper, Normal IL -- 4

2002 Juniors Race -- top District 8 members (age 25 and under):

- 1- Will Engel, Urbana IL -- 310
- 2- Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL -- 124
- 3- Ben Englert, Edwardsville IL -- 86
- 4- Daniel Richardson, Springfield IL -- 71
- 5- Randall Motchan, Bloomington IL -- 42
- 6- Aaron Hanford, Champaign IL -- 29
- 7- Tom Willson, Champaign IL -- 18
- 8- James Doyle, Urbana IL -- 18
- 9- Jon Greiman, DeKalb IL -- 18
- 10- Michael Lee, Champaign IL -- 18
- 11- Asher Kach, Chillicothe IL -- 17
- 12- David Flint, Springfield IL -- 15
- 13- Joshua Kueker, Urbana IL -- 12
- 14- Kristina Juk, Carbondale IL -- 7
- 15- Rebecca Cooper, Normal IL -- 4
- 16- Paul Bondi II, St Louis -- 2

District 8 Winter Sectional-Tournament-at-Clubs

District 8's Winter STAC was held February 3-9, 2003 at clubs throughout the District. Almost 1100 different players -- about two-thirds of the 1648 players who entered -- won a total of 2564.22 silver points during the week.

Biggest game of the week was posted by **Rea and Mary Jones**, who scored 71.58% in the Thursday-afternoon session at Bridge at Ginger Creek in Champaign IL. Runners-up were:

- 71.43% -- **Randall Leeper & Bob Giles** (Monday evening, Echo DBC, Paducah KY)
- 71.21% -- **George Goewey & Tom Hallum** (Saturday afternoon, Community Bridge Club)
- 70.83% -- **Robert Barbieri & Charles Feustel** (Wednesday afternoon, Summit City Bridge Club)
- 70.64% -- **Peggy Wald & Ralph Behrens** (Tuesday evening, House Of Bridge II, St. Louis)
- 70.42% -- **Mark Boswell & Rich Fellars** (Friday evening, Bridge Center of Rockford IL)

Overall results from all sessions are on the [Winter STAC web site](#).

A complete list of all 1080 players who won points is [here](#).

Winter STAC -- Top 50 Point Winners

1	29.54	Ralph Behrens, St. Louis	26	11.80	Ron Sholes, Springfield IL
2	20.49	Dick Benson, LeRoy IL	27	11.68	Gerald Huck, Decatur IL
3	18.95	Charles Feustel, Fort Wayne IN		11.68	Donn Miller, Decatur IL
4	17.39	Nell Schneider, St. Louis	29	11.52	Alan Stutz, Springfield IL
5	16.69	Robert Barbieri, Fort Wayne IN	30	11.50	William Mullen, St. Louis
6	16.41	Jim Davis, Kokomo IN	31	11.47	Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap IL
7	16.21	Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO	32	11.17	Eunice Patton, Bloomington IL
8	15.64	Richard Blumenthal, Bloomington IL	33	10.92	John Samsel, Chesterfield MO
9	15.20	Rea Jones, Champaign IL	34	10.79	Norma Ohlsson, Champaign IL
10	14.59	Mary Jones, Champaign IL		10.79	Dee Cylkowski, Champaign IL
11	14.42	Pamela Eden, Rockford IL	36	10.62	Ruth Crews, DuQuoin IL
12	14.39	Bob Hawley, Peru IN		10.62	Mary Moody, DuQuoin IL
13	14.36	Denny O'Connor, St. Louis	38	10.61	Joan Smith, Ft. Wayne IN
14	14.01	Sanford Becker, Chesterfield MO	39	10.53	Jean Miller, Ft. Wayne IN
15	13.95	Robert Giles, Marion IL	40	10.45	Julia Rambo, Mayfield KY
16	13.68	Randall Leeper, Murphysboro IL	41	10.11	Colby Vernay, Lacon IL
17	13.21	Opal Jost, South Bend IN	42	9.97	Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN
18	12.74	Jack Bryant, St. Louis	43	9.93	Linda Podlin, Niles MI
19	12.73	George Goewey, Chicago IL		9.93	Joan Tobler, Buchanan MI
	12.73	Tom Hallum, Calumet City IL	45	9.65	Steve Babin, Normal IL
21	12.08	Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL	46	9.63	Jackie Tatting, Peoria IL
22	12.04	Robert Adams, South Bend IN	47	9.55	Jay Sloofman
23	11.93	Susan Perez, St. Louis	48	9.43	Martha Stutz, Springfield IL
24	11.90	Chris Benson, Le Roy IL	49	9.42	Richard Schnepp, Springfield IL
25	11.80	Carole Sholes, Springfield IL	50	9.26	Jack Kessler, Bloomington

District 8 Solvers Forum -- April 2003

by Tom Dodd, Boerne TX

1. Matchpoints, both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	1C	Pass	1S
Pass	3NT	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding:
S-AK76532 H-6 D-A82 C-97 ?

Bridge World Standard 2001 (and its predecessors from 1984 and 1968 as well) explained North's sequence as "Opener's double jump to 3NT shows a long, usually strong suit." Theoretically, North could have a not-so-strong suit for this jump, but in reality, how many of your partners would choose this course with a suit worse than, say, AQJxxx or AK10xxx? However, this does not mean that North shows a solid club suit, as fantasized by several panelists:

KESSLER: "4NT. If partner shows two aces, I bid 7C, his solid suit. If I knew how to find out about the spade queen, we might be able to improve our contract. But I've always gotten good results at matchpoints for any making grand slam."

ATHY: "6C. Nothing is perfect, but Pass, 4S and 6NT are all at least as unilateral. 3NT shows solid clubs and a thank-you-very-much-for-the-spade-stopper kind of hand. Avoiding spades here will be worth some of the matchpoints."

HARTSMAN: "6C. I believe this typically shows a solid minor with outside stoppers. With my singleton heart, even if partner's stopper is weak, he should be able to ruff or pitch on my spades."

I don't like leaping to slams at any form of scoring based upon what North "typically" holds -- at least not when there are ways to find out more. And by no means have I ever been accused of being a conservative bidder (no laughter please!). Do we have enough room to find out more about North's hand before committing to a final contract? Note that 4NT, if read as Keycard Blackwood (and that's one big IF), commits us to no less than a small slam, since with one key card, North's reply will be 5D. It's unlikely that North will choose the double-jump sequence with no side aces and a non-solid suit, but do we really want to take that chance when we do indeed have some room left for North to clarify his hand?

WALKER: "4C. Set the suit and hope partner can collect enough information from me to make a potential grand-slam decision. Blackwood would be okay, but it's not going to give me enough info to bid 7C."

FEILER: "4C. 3NT shows long solid-ish clubs, so we're playing at least 6C. If I get a 4H cuebid, we're on our way to 7C."

PAOLO: "4C. Six clubs should be safe, but I wish to look for the grand slam. Partner may have x, Ax, Kxx, AKQxxx. 4C, forcing, sets up the suit. On the other hand, 4NT (Blackwood? quantitative?) is misleading, but 4D would be fine if read as Kickback Blackwood."

Not sure about kickback meaning. It's been my experience that 4 of the other minor here should be Keycard Gerber, but I wouldn't try this unless it had been discussed. At least here, if North reads 4D as a cuebid, you have the advertised control. But if you don't know how North took your 4D call, how will you know what his reply means? If North now bids 4H, is it showing 3 key cards, or is it a return cuebid showing the heart ace? This is why I like the slow 4C approach. If North cuebids the heart ace, the next call out of my mouth is 5NT. Told you I wasn't conservative.

2. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
3S	Pass	Pass	???

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
4C	100	5	9
6C	90	5	13
4NT	70	3	22
4D	70	1	21
4S, 5S	50	1	13
Other	30	0	22

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
Pass	100	7	42

What is your call as South holding:
S-Q63 H-KQ1087 D-KQJ10 C-J ?

4H	90	7	24
Double	70	0	24
3NT	60	1	6
Other	30	0	4

When I first saw this problem, I wondered if we might have a unanimous vote for pass. At teams, the pass is easy, however painful it may be. But even at pairs, I have no aces, no long suit, a dangerous triplet spade, the vulnerability ominous, telephone numbers dancing in the mind of East, almost willing me to pull out anything but the Pass card. But there are those who found a reason to bid:

FEILER: "3NT. I don't want to play in a suit with this spade holding, and passing this good a hand makes me break out in a rash, so what's left? I've gone down 5 before."

Someone once suggested that Kent and I should have a game and sell tickets. The post-mortem on this hand might be worth the price of admission.

KESSLER: "4H. I just do not think you will get many matchpoints defending 3S. 4H could easily make opposite many hands which partner would never bid with over 3S. If we get doubled and go for 200, I do not think there will be a big matchpoint difference to defending 3S."

KNIEST: "4H. Big guess; pass and 3NT could also be winners. It's somewhat ominous that RHO didn't raise. Now I know pard doesn't have a good hand with shortness in spades. Still, I bid it quick and confidently. Maybe that will prevent a double or induce a sacrifice."

WALKER: "4H. Maybe this will make, maybe they'll be stampeded into a sacrifice, maybe I'll go down one undoubled vs. their +140 ... or maybe I'll go -800. But at least I won't have to explain to partner why I let the opponents intimidate me into a wimpy pass with a 5-loser hand. 3NT might be the best bid here, but they probably won't sacrifice over that. And if 3NT is going down, it will probably be a lot, even undoubled."

ATHY: "4H. No aces and no certain spade stopper makes notrump too scary. Decent heart texture and no interest in the 5-level, where too many losers require covers. Besides, what's the most this can fail? Only about 1700. It's matchpoints, not money bridge."

Interestingly enough, I might think about chirping 4H for money. Most of the folks I've played rubber bridge with over the years wouldn't double unless they had an ace on lead against 7NT, and there is the (remote) possibility that North could hold a couple of aces and some heart fillers.

I also don't buy into the arguments advanced by my fellow staff members that perhaps they'll goad E-W into a phantom save either. KNIEST's entry this month was postmarked Mars, so I can only guess that Martian bridge players do dumb things like rebidding the same preempt or forgetting to raise until pushed one level higher. Better straighten out their thinking, Tom, if they expect an entry in next year's World Championships.

WILLIAMS: "Pass. When you're fixed, stay fixed. I'm hoping the 3S bid was not made by someone like me!"

Or by someone like me, or by many of our former and current partners. Plus 250 never seems to rake in the matchpoints, and besides, it looks really weird on the scorecard.

PAOLO: "Pass. To make any other call a good bet, partner must have aces and several red cards. I don't want to take the risk of changing an average score into a bottom."

MATHENY: "Pass. Bidding is likely to turn a plus into a minus."

HARTSMAN: "Pass. Partner couldn't come into the auction, and while I don't have many losers in the red suits, I don't see a reason to try to go minus. I think odds are high that 3S will go down, and I'd rather take the plus than venture into a negative arena."

To be honest, if I were going to make any call here (and if I needed a swing, I would bid) it would be a takeout double. Some would say I'd get what I deserved when North bids clubs, but that's what preempts do: they force you to abandon "precision" bidding and take chances you would not otherwise take.

3. Matchpoints, both vulnerable

West North East South

-- 1S Pass 1NT *
Pass 2C ** Pass ???

* (forcing NT) ** (3+ clubs)

What is your call as South holding:
S-Void H-AQ974 D-54 C-QJ9653 ?

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
4C	100	5	28
3H	90	4	7
5C	90	3	7
3C	70	3	38
Pass, 2H	60	0	20

I love this type of hand. It can tell you much about a player's approach to bidding. I've separated the groups into pessimists, optimists, bashers and scientists. For the glass-is-half-empty crowd:

WILLIAMS: "3C. Worth one bid, but hard to get too excited with a void in partner's suit."

KNIEST: "3C. By showing the fit, partner will be comfortable bidding his fragment, if he has one, to allow us to get to the right spot. Thus, hearts are still in the picture. If he's not going to bid again, I'm high enough with my void opposite his presumed strength."

True, it is possible, perhaps even probable, that the limit on this hand is 9 tricks. Even a control-rich opener like AKxxx, Kx, xxx, Kxx won't produce 11 tricks. For the glass-half-full crowd:

VONGSIVIVUT: "4C. This hand is much better than a 3C response. 4C should show a highly distributional hand that's invitational but not forcing."

KESSLER: "4C. Let's not hang partner for opening the bidding. Pard should know any spade values beyond the ace are probably wasted, and that diamond and club honors are good. Let's see what he does. 4C could easily be the max on this hand."

If you don't want to hang partner, why make him guess which red king is actually worth its weight in gold? To these folks, the glass is overflowing:

HUDSON: "5C. A freak hand calls for a freak bid. I can't afford to look for the improbable heart fit; clubs will have to do. Of course, 5C can go down. I could just invite with 4C, but 5C makes on too many hands where partner would reject the invitation."

HARTSMAN: "5C. '6-5, come alive' comes to mind with this hand. I have a 5-loser hand and it doesn't seem too unreasonable to get 2 covers out of partner's hand. This reduces it to a finesse at worst. He can even have a better hand than that and it'll just be cold."

He could also hold what my partners are apt to hold and you'll be lucky to make 3 or 4. Of course we're usually in the consolation by then.

WALKER: "5C. Pretty much a straight value bid. 3H virtually guarantees 6+ hearts, and if partner bids 4H, am I really going to leave it there knowing he'd raise with xx (or perhaps less)?"

This sort of hand comes up more than you might think, so it's a good idea to discuss what the jump to 3H would be here. I've never seen it played as anything other than fit-showing, guaranteeing big support for opener's (potentially 3-card) minor and values (and often some length) in the jump suit. Others, however, tell me that the more "standard" meaning of this delayed jump is a single-suited hand that wasn't strong enough to make a 2-over-1 (forcing-to-game) response -- perhaps a hand like x, KQ10xxxx, xxx, Kx.

The scientists are trying to leave the most options open:

PAOLO: "3H. At matchpoints, I want to check a heart fit before raising clubs. This bid is often read as a strong raise of opener's second suit, with length/values in the suit bid. If BART was available, this hand would be a splendid example because you could bid 2D to suggest five hearts."

CURTIS: "3H. This should be forcing and indicate some tolerance for clubs (since it denies spade support). Partner could

have a 5-3-2-3 or 5-3-1-4 hand."

I like this approach best since it gives us the most chances to land in a decent contract. Opposite the earlier example hand (AKxxx, Kx, xxx, Kxx), 4H is the only game with a chance to make -- not a great chance, but at least it isn't down off the top. And North's values could be even more suitable for hearts (or clubs). By making this descriptive bid, we've given him the most information to (hopefully) make the correct decision ... assuming we're not too high already.

4. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

West North East South

1S 2H Pass ???

What is your call as South holding:
S-KJ73 H-7532 D-A7 C-J63 ?

Another hand where I first thought, what's this doing in a problem set? Doesn't it look like something from a beginning book on defensive bidding at duplicate? With the opening lead coming through my hand, almost half my strength is wasted from the get-go, which leaves me with an ace and a potential ruffing value. Red at IMPs, I'd venture a raise. At pairs, I'll take my plus, thank you very much.

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
3H	100	8	55
2NT	80	1	11
Pass	80	3	18
2S	70	1	11
4H	50	0	5

CURTIS: "Pass. North didn't double to show a big heart hand, and the broken spades in front of the spade bidder reduce my hand value. If they reopen, I can always bid 3H later."

FEILER: "Pass. Underbidding isn't my style, but this hand has 'Lord of the Rings' dark forebodings written all over it. I'll probably get another chance to bid after opener re-opens with a double, and maybe I'll change my mind later."

If we are going to venture forth, do we: A) Ignore the positioning problem and raise; B) Ignore the 4th trump and shortness of tricks and high cards and bid 2NT; or C) Ignore both, like:

WILLIAMS: "2S. Kind of a minimum for a cuebid, but I do have 3 controls and 4 trumps. 3H does not do the hand justice."

The Panel (and Solvers too) majority felt it necessary to offer the single raise. Let's see why:

KNIEST: "3H. I leave immediate notrump bids to the speculators. Partner can still invite 3NT with a 3S bid if his hand is suitable. Passing is too timid for me, and anti-partnership, in my opinion."

VONGSIVIVUT: "3H. Use rule of total tricks to compete to 3 level, however it might not make, due to bad position of SK and SJ."

PAOLO: "3H. My spade honors, in front of West, should have low offensive value. Nevertheless, I want to preempt, and the Law of Total Tricks bestows some security to this contract."

HUDSON: "3H. This is a terrible hand: wasted spade values, bad trumps. But I'll probably have to take the push to the three-level eventually; I may as well do it now. And if it turns out we **can** make 4H (unlikely), partner will howl if I passed. There's no way to protect my spade honors; a notrump bid would be silly."

I would agree with this line of reasoning if a raise here were merely competitive, but it isn't. Since East passed, a direct raise in this situation is invitational, and while we possess the raw values to eke out a raise, North doesn't know about the worthless spade values, and he'll go on to game on many unsuitable hands.

5. IMPs, NS vulnerable

West North East South

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers

-- -- -- 1H

Pass 1S Pass 2D

Pass 3D Pass ???

3S	100	10	45
4D	90	2	7
Pass	70	2	20
4S	50	1	0
Other	50	1	28

What is your call as South holding:
S-AQ H-K9765 D-AQ94 C-104 ?

This hand brings back the memory of a pair of teammates from my prior life (my Midwestern days). This pair once said, "In team games, don't ever expect us to play in a making partscore." Needless to say, we won our share of Sunday team games as well as consolations.

This hand has conflicting values, which could point us in either direction. The pluses are the fitting spade honors, a king more than a minimum opening, and good diamonds now that the suit has been raised. These are offset by the plethora of losers, coupled with the 11-trick minimum we face. Sure, we could be on for 3NT, but given the bidding, it would take a perfect fitter from North to make that contract a good one, i.e., KJxx xx KJxx Kxx or the like. And with that sort of hand, wouldn't North have tried a 2NT invite instead of 3D?

WALKER: "4D. The hated 're-invitation' -- too much to pass and not quite enough to blast to 5D, so I'll leave it up to partner. 3S would show 3-card support and pinpoint a club singleton, a distortion that will prevent partner from properly evaluating his hand. There's no point in looking for 3NT, as partner almost never has a club stopper on this auction (else he would have bid 2NT)."

I agree with abandoning a 3NT quest, but why not at least leave open the possibility of a spade game? 3S here doesn't guarantee 3-card support, and I trust partner enough not to go bouncing into 4S without at least a decent 5-bagger.

HARTSMAN: "3S. This conveys my lack of club stopper and spades that are decent enough to play opposite his 5 card suit (Assuming he has 5, which is a big assumption here. - *TJD*). While I have one more club and one fewer spade than I'm showing, partner knows that I can be stuck for a bid when I don't have a club stopper. It gives partner the best shot of being able to evaluate his cards properly."

ATHY: "3S. Okay, so partner will expect 3 pieces -- AND a club singleton -- but there's no reason to rule out other strains. There may be a 3NT game lurking about and 4S may even be right."

I have to admit that if I were tempted to bid (and I was!), 3S would be my choice, simply because it leaves more options open.

WILLIAMS: "Pass. I know we have some points, but what is our source of tricks? Partner doesn't have a club stopper (failure to bid 2NT) and could only bid 3D over 2D."

Sorry if I keep coming back to the club-stopper issue, but the majority of the Panel and Solvers seemingly follow the adage of my old teammates, throwing caution to the proverbial wind to reach the hallowed ground of the vulnerable game.

HUDSON: "3S. Easiest problem of the set. I must make a further game try (vulnerable at IMPs, though I'm enough of a pig to do it even non-vul. at matchpoints). The hearts are not rebiddable, I have no club stopper, and I do have two very nice spades. Partner may expect three (and a singleton club), but this is probably inconsequential."

KESSLER: "3S. 4S could easily be the right spot, and this is our most flexible call. We are vulnerable at IMPs, so we need to find the best game."

Finally, believing that one can eat the cake:

FEILER: "4D. Hopefully, pard wouldn't have put me in this position with good club stoppers. 3D should show around 8-11 points; over 4D we may get the majors back in the game."

I'm not sure how the majors are ever coming back into this auction, since the 4-level isn't exactly the place to go fishing for a fit. I told you our post-mortems would be lively.

6. Matchpoints, NS vulnerable

West North East South

-- -- -- 1H

Pass 1S 3C ???

Action	Score	Votes	% Solvers
Double	100	7	31
3NT	80	6	38
3D	70	2	6
3H	60	0	25

What is your call as South holding:
S-A H-AQ8642 D-AQ5 C-K102 ?

A truly ticklish situation, thanks to yet another preempt -- lots of extra values, yet no one call stands out. The panel rejected a heart rebid, as the suit is a little short of the quality required for a rebid. We have no support for partner, no second suit to bid and a dubious trump holding for a double, especially at the given vulnerability. A Hobson's Choice to be sure, but then our rebid would have been interesting had East passed, would it not? 2NT? A jump shift into a 3-card minor?

On with the issue at hand. Four calls were advanced, three by the panel, so let's take a look at each.

ATHY: "3D. I'd make this bid at any form of scoring. This is another hand that begs for additional possible strains. Let's see if pard can squeak out 3H (instead of Pass). We'll know what to do next if that happens. And if it goes 5C-5D, maybe we've found the best spot."

Of all the advancing calls, I dislike this one least. As ATHY implies, it's flexible, and if North raises diamonds to the 4-level, we can always try 4H hoping for a small doubleton opposite. If North rebids spades, we can try 3NT.

The 3NT bidders seem to be bidding based on the vulnerability:

WALKER: "3NT. The club 10 could be a second stopper if partner has as little as stiff jack, but it's really the third club that talks me into it, since that allows a holdup. We aren't likely to get rich defending 3C doubled."

KNIEST: "3NT. The preemptor got me again! 3D for the scientists, and a slow 3H for those who like committees. Double, if it's not a support double, is interesting, but I think this hand is more offensive in nature ... until dummy hits."

I actually had to look up the support-double angle, because I've played them at various levels myself. In the newest version of BWS, support doubles extend only to overcalls that don't exceed 2 of responder's suit. For those who haven't played support doubles, they're very handy in differentiating between 3- and 4-card support for partner's major-suit response. Of course, you lose virtually all opportunities to swing the axe at indiscreet overcalls, but how often does that happen compared to the raise?

HUDSON: "Double. 3D and 3H aren't forcing; 4C is a strong spade raise; 4H is foolish. I won't bid 3NT with just a single stopper, broken suits, and possibly no entry to my dummy. That leaves the cooperative double, giving partner some input (and perhaps a share of the eventual blame). Maybe we can't make game, in which case down two will be satisfactory."

Despite comments to the contrary by some of my fellow doublers, a double here is for penalty. Perhaps there is some small degree of "co-operative" in this call, but this is not a balancing "action" double that has been in vogue since before even I started playing bridge. And my "action double" will be even less cooperative if it takes me more than a few seconds to pull the red card from the box. Yes, Tom, I've seen my share of committees; trying week-long cases in Federal Court was less stressful for me! Yet who can bid quickly on a hand like this?

FEILER: "3NT. The only negative with 3NT (other than going down 5 again) is missing a 6-2 heart fit. But that might not be too bad if hearts don't break or the opponents have club ruffs available."

That sounds more like a making a case for the double. If hearts don't break, where are we getting the tricks for NT? And if EW have club ruffs to boot, then my hand looks a lot better for defense than offense. This is a hand where a crystal ball would be nice, since if we *knew* that North held the heart king, we wouldn't hesitate to bid 4H. And if he doesn't have it, then the odds favor doubling and taking whatever plus score we can manage. Who knows, maybe we'll be the ones garnering the ruffs.

Finally, we have the words of a couple of guys who'd love to have been defending lots of their own preempts over the past 25 years or so.

KESSLER: "Double. E-W could easily go for 800 in 3C. The only problem is if that is enough. The club 10 is a huge card in hoping to get more than our game."

WILLIAMS: "Double. Who knows? I have a super hand and a stiff in partner's suit. If you bid 4C, partner will probably think you have some cigar with 3-card spade support. I hope we can beat it 800."

Believe it or not, I can see 800 clear as day here. Just give North a singleton heart and the pointed-suit kings, and the play goes: spade ace, heart ace, heart ruffed by North, two top diamonds, spade king. That's six tricks already and when North leads a third spade, that 10 of clubs becomes huge, setting up the eighth trick and the magic +800. Hey, I'm entitled to dream, too, aren't I?

Everyone have yourself a great summer and pray that our young men and women all come home safe -- and soon.

Thanks to all who sent in answers for this interesting set. Congratulations to **Tom Oppenheimer** and **Bud Hinckley**, who were the top solvers for this issue. They're invited to join the panel for June.

I hope you'll all enter the monthly and yearly Solvers Contests by trying the six new problems for June (see below). Please submit your answers by May 15 on the [web form](#) or by mail or email to our June moderator:

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How the panel voted:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Norm Athy, St. Louis	6C	4H	4C	3H	3S	3D	550
Tony Curtis, Chicago	6C	Pass	3H	Pass	3S	3NT	540
Kent Feiler, Harvard IL	4C	3NT	3H	Pass	4D	3NT	520
Jenni Hartsman, Lawrenceville GA	6C	Pass	5C	3H	3S	3NT	560
Jim Hudson, DeKalb IL	4C	Pass	5C	3H	3S	DBL	590
Mark Kessler, Springfield IL	4NT	4H	4C	2NT	3S	DBL	540
Larry Matheny, Bloomington IL	6C	Pass	3C	3H	3S	DBL	560
Manuel Paolo, Lisbon, Portugal	4C	Pass	3H	3H	3S	DBL	590
Nancy Popkin, St. Louis	5S	4H	4C	2S	5D	3D	430
Larry Rabideau, St. Anne IL	4NT	4H	4C	Pass	3S	3NT	520
Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL	4D	4H	4C	3H	3S	DBL	560
Hugh Williams, Carbondale IL	4NT	Pass	3C	2S	Pass	DBL	480

How the staff voted:

Tom Dodd, Boerne TX	4C	Pass	3H	Pass	Pass	DBL	540
Tom Kniest, Clayton MO	6C	4H	3C	3H	3S	3NT	520
Karen Walker, Champaign IL	4C	4H	5C	3H	4D	3NT	550

Solvers Honor Roll (Average Solver score: 467)

Tom Oppenheimer , St. Louis	590	Bijoy Anand , Montreal PQ	530
Bud Hinckley , South Bend IN	580	Bob Bernhard , New Smyrna Beach FL	530
Max Banan , Kokomo IN	560	Alvan Bregman , Champaign IL	530
Dave Wetzel , Rantoul IL	560	David Davies , Aberystwyth, Wales	530
Gareth Birdsall , Cambridge UK	550	Adam Miller , Chicago IL	530
John Seng , Champaign IL	550	Mason Myers , St. Louis	520
Rich Peer , St. Louis	540	Allan Sheppard , St. Louis	520

Tied with 510: **Will Engel**, Urbana IL; **Don Mathis**, Florissant MO;
Kathy Miller, Bloomington IL; **Len Vishnevsky**, San Francisco

Solvers Forum -- June Problems

1. Matchpoints, both vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:
S-10764 H-3 D-AJ95 C-AQ83 ?

2. Matchpoints, none vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:
S-8752 H-KQ1085 D-QJ3 C-4 ?

3. Matchpoints, both vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:
S-AJ986 H-AQ94 D-54 C-102 ?

4. IMPs, both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	1C	Pass	1D
Pass	1S	Pass	???

What is your call as South holding:
S-K5 H-Q64 D-KJ96543 C-K ?

5. IMPs, both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1S	Pass	3D*	???

* Artificial limit-raise (Bergen)
 What is your call as South holding:
S-753 H-AQ108 D-7 C-AQJ86 ?

6. Matchpoints, both vulnerable

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

What is your call as South holding:
S-53 H-KQ72 D-K109853 C-6 ?



The RECAP SHEET



News from Northern Indiana Unit 154

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Unit 154 Ace of Clubs -- Final standings for 2002:

Rookie of the Year: Patricia Killeen -- 35.78 points won in clubs in 2002
Junior Master of the Year: Shiela Kiefer -- 28.76
Club Master of the Year: Lou Hoemig -- 36.98
Sectional Master of the Year: John Killeen -- 89.65
Regional Master of the Year: Phillip Stephan -- 88.18
NABC Master of the Year: Peter Avergun -- 79.30
Life Master of the Year: Ray Gilbert -- 57.16
Bronze Life Master of the Year: Charles Feustel -- 93.06
Silver Life Master of the Year: Donald VanBuskirk -- 178.04
Gold Life Master of the Year: Irene Singleton -- 123.81
Diamond Life Master of the Year: Dean Duncan -- 93.59

Unit 154 Mini-McKenney -- Final Standings for 2002:

Rookie of the Year: Patricia Killeen -- 94.78 total masterpoints won in 2002
Junior Master of the Year: Dale Shepherd -- 165.45
Club Master of the Year: Rosemary Shafer -- 44.95
Sectional Master of the Year: John Killeen -- 218.46
Regional Master of the Year: Phillip Stephan -- 159.07
NABC Master of the Year: Jody Castillo -- 323.17
Life Master of the Year: Ronald Peterson -- 117.32
Bronze Life Master of the Year: Donna & Dan Simon -- 221.84
Silver Life Master of the Year: Donald VanBuskirk -- 393.21
Gold Life Master of the Year: John Chmieloweic -- 342.29
Diamond Life Master of the Year: Robert Carteaux -- 416.77

Congratulations to all. Good job!

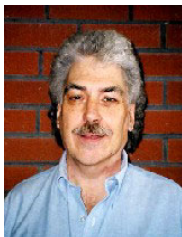
Mentoring program

Everybody knows how important it is to bring new players into the game, but how many of us actually do something concrete to accomplish this? The

St Joseph Valley Bridge Association, under the leadership of Elaine DeLaney (the sharp of eye will recognize family plug here, but a well-deserved one), has instituted a mentoring program to help foster the transition of casual players to the world of competitive bridge.

The way the program works is that the mentee pays for the entry fees of both mentee and mentor, and the Association ultimately reimburses the mentee after the successful completion of six sessions.

Of course, the essence of the program is not the exchange of entry fees, but the exchange of ideas and the fostering of a bridge education. And while it might seem like preaching, we should all be alert for opportunities to help bring along developing players, whether it is part of a formal mentoring program or simply a personal project to help a novice develop his or her competitive skills.



Pair Fare

News from Northwestern Illinois Unit 239

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2002 Ace of Clubs Winners

Rookie of the Year

Chere Morrison, Poplar Grove -- 32.14
Richard Gierat, Belvidere -- 21.29
Anne M. Godin, Loves Park -- 19.63

Junior Master of the Year

Mary Carnahan, Sarasota FL -- 36.10
Connie L. Canter, Rockford -- 24.58
Herbert Ahrens, Aurora -- 19.87

Club Master of the Year

Harold G. Miller, Belvidere -- 23.17
Dian Ulrich, Rockford -- 21.68
Mo Aleem, Roscoe -- 21.13

Sectional Master of the Year

Pam Eden, Rockford -- 53.04
Sue Tunelius, Davis -- 44.54
Joan Bailey-Murray, Rockford -- 41.18

Regional Master of the Year

Bill C. Holzrichter, Elburn, 49.15
Doris Survant, Elgin -- 45.87
Burt Moore, Rockford -- 35.13

NABC Master of the Year

Frieda Thomas, St. Charles -- 41.61
Robert C. Corron, St. Charles -- 31.10
Glenn De Vries, Aurora -- 27.70

Life Master of the Year

Ruth Sarafian, Dixon -- 23.31
James Hudson, Dekalb -- 20.69
Loren Van Degraft, Byron -- 15.57

Bronze Life Master of the Year

Bob Kay, Batavia -- 118.12
D. Brosseau, Sleepy Hollow -- 88.68
Diane Clark, Elgin -- 64.69

Silver Life Master of the Year

John Kinst, Batavia -- 119.98
Alma J. Karas, Batavia -- 101.58
Bob Volsted, Elgin -- 82.18

2002 Mini-McKenney Winners

Rookie of the Year

Chere Morrison, Poplar Grove -- 39.99
Laurie A. Hamachek, Elgin -- 38.59
Richard Gierat, Belvidere -- 30.01

Junior Master of the Year

Patrick M. Haverly, Woodstock -- 53.09
Mary A. Carnahan, Sarasota FL -- 42.87
Karl Dencker, Lake In The Hills -- 38.71

Club Master of the Year

Betty M. Basler, Oregon -- 37.31
Farlin Caufield, Woodstock -- 32.65
Harold G. Miller, Belvidere -- 31.89

Sectional Master of the Year

Phyllis G. Seeman, Rockford -- 106.28
Pam Eden, Rockford -- 95.01
Sue Tunelius, Davis -- 71.29

Regional Master of the Year

Bill C. Holzrichter, Elburn -- 58.58
Renee Shambeau, Davis -- 56.41
Arlene Snap, Loves Park -- 52.46

NABC Master of the Year

Dave Jenkins, Rockford -- 64.34
Frieda Thomas, St. Charles -- 52.71
Rebecca Joice, Rockford -- 50.90

Life Master of the Year

James Hudson, Dekalb -- 88.87
Craig Bontjes, Byron -- 32.12
Ruth Sarafian, Dixon -- 26.52

Bronze Life Master of the Year

Bob Kay, Batavia -- 193.61
D. Brosseau, Sleepy Hollow -- 104.35
Diane Clark, Elgin -- 82.09

Silver Life Master of the Year

John Kinst, Batavia -- 385.67
Frances Doss, Harvard -- 255.68
Betty Schultz, Harvard -- 225.15

Gold Life Master of the Year

Jack Snyder, Rockford -- 63.06
Charles Fortney, Wheaton -- 12.55
Dr. Peter Mallela, Dekalb -- 7.90

Gold Life Master of the Year

Dr. Peter Mallela, Dekalb -- 188.66
Jack Snyder, Rockford -- 121.11
Charles Fortney, Wheaton -- 33.27

Diamond Life Master of the Year

Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake -- 32.41
Joshua Stark, Grayslake -- 5.51

Diamond Life Master of the Year

Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake -- 413.54
Joshua Stark, Grayslake -- 394.80

Rockford Wins Grand Prize in ACBL "Bridge Week" Contest

The Bridge Center of Rockford has won an "Audrey Grant Festival" in an ACBL lottery among eligible clubs as part of its participation in Bridge Week, January 6-12.

The Festival will be held at the Bridge Center of Rockford on **Monday, June 23**. Audrey Grant will be coming early to participate in the Rockin' Rockford Regional. She will be giving a teacher certification course (TAP) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings, a teacher dinner on Sunday evening, and bridge tips before novice games.

The January Bridge Week was set aside for ACBL clubs to celebrate the game of bridge. One of the goals is to spread the word that bridge is the best leisure-time activity in the world! ACBL used this celebration as a membership drive and offered prizes and awards to participating clubs. The Bridge Center of Rockford participated in several ways and ended up winning one of the four grand prizes.

A kickoff theme party was held in Rockford on Monday evening, January 6. Players came dressed in nostalgic 30's fashions. Leaping Lizards! Jane appeared without Tarzan, a couple of riverboat gamblers played cards, a beggar with a sign "Brother can you spare a dime?" sold apples. Hats, hose with seams, boas, and stoles bedecked the clubroom.

Hands from the actual Culbertson-Lenz match were used throughout the week in a marathon of bridge. Games were added to Rockford's regular schedule, including a pajama party with hot chocolate, a pizza party, a midnight madness game, a breakfast with a bridge tips, rubber bridge marathons, a pro-am, two sessions of Swiss team play, and a potluck dinner game. A free "introduction to bridge lesson" was offered in an effort to recruit new players.

All in all, Rockford played bridge at the club for 65 hours and played 454 hands that week. Bridge Week buttons were given to players who assisted with sponsoring the week. Decks of Bridge Week cards were given to section-top winners and each participant received a souvenir pen.

Clubs were challenged to recruit new members to ACBL. From Rockford's club, 14 players that have participated in our novice games and classes joined the ACBL. As a result, the club won \$140 in Bridge Bucks, a game named after the club at the 2003 Summer NABC in Long Beach CA, an article about the Bridge Center of Rockford in the *ACBL Bulletin*, and the grand prize -- the Audrey Grant Bridge Festival at the club!

Unit Oddplay and Endplay

The annual **free ACBL Unit membership game** is slated for Friday, June 27. Save the date, and watch this column in the next issue of *The Advocate* for details.

A **TAP seminar** (Teacher Accreditation Program) of three sessions (three hours each) will be presented by Audrey Grant during the Rockin' Rockford Regional at a cost of \$125.

Dave Jenkins (Rockford) and **Ed Stoyanoff** (Rockford) placed fourth overall in the Flight B finals of the North American Pairs in Philadelphia. **Mike Abarbanel** (Rockford) and **James Hudson** (Dekalb) placed seventh overall in the same event. Congratulations, guys!

The Rockin' Rockford Regional is slated for June 16-22 at the Indoor Sports Center, 8800 E. Riverside Blvd. (The Center is one exit west on I - 90 from the host hotel, the Quality Suites, 7401 Walton St., 815-227-1300.) Unit President Bob

Korte and Unit Treasurer Kay Korte co-chair the event. Three different knockouts, daily side games, two stratified Swiss team events, daily stratified 199'er pairs events, and a 0-20 game for newcomers offer something for everyone. Committee chairs include: Jan and Gene Condon, partnerships (815-633-4979); Mary Jo Sergent, 199'er and Newcomers; Lucille Chaffee and Dee Witte, hospitality; caddies, Betty Schultz; and newsletter, Dennis Ryan.

The Changing Scene

The Unit Board of Unit 239 and all its players honor the memory of its former member, **Ted Newman** of Dekalb, for his many contributions to the world of bridge.

New Junior Masters: Colleen Baranowski, Roscoe; Diane Clark, Rockford; Elizabeth Gale, Rockford; Martha Glos, Freeport; Helen Green, Batavia; Bill Grisham, Algonquin; Paul Grossenbacher, Roscoe; Mary Haas, Freeport; Gordon Leibert, Elgin; Liz Leibert, Elgin; Dennis Long, Geneva; Les Morrison, Poplar Grove; Gordon Murphy, Rockford; Larry Sleeth, St. Charles.

New Club Masters: Rachel Campbell, Elgin; Rajahneed Dencker, Lake In The Hills; Naida Depew, Rockford; Jonathan Greiman, Dekalb; Bernice Harris, Aurora; Jo Anne Reid, Caledonia; Douglas St. John, Rockford.

New Sectional Masters: Thomas Bell, Rockford; Farlin Caufield, Woodstock; Patrick Haverty, Woodstock.

New Regional Masters: Dewey Frech, Aurora; Jane McCurdy, Davis; Pat Rheingans, Rockford; Paul Stunkel, Crystal Lake.

New NABC Masters: Dr. Barry Burren, Elgin; Phyllis Seeman, Rockford;

New Bronze Life Master: Jill Grace, Elgin.

New Gold Life Master: John Kinst, Batavia.



CIBA Digest

News from Central Illinois Unit 208

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Unit Ace of Clubs Winners - 2002

Rookie (0-5)

Cindy Wheeler, Chatham -- 25.03
Oyvind Tafjord, Champaign -- 16.96
Ross Yeoman, Farmington -- 16.82

Junior Master (5-20)

Frank Tirsch, Springfield -- 60.32
Joseph Franz, Springfield -- 48.64
Edna Skoog, Nokomis FL -- 44.76

Club Master (20-50)

Zach Freehill, Bloomington -- 33.08
Stephen Hawthorn, Bloomington -- 31.75
Julie Hubbard, Springfield -- 31.12

Sectional Master (50-100)

Ruth Killen, Springfield -- 48.33
David Short, Champaign -- 38.42
Donald DeVries, Peoria -- 38.04

Regional Master (100-200)

Gloria Shoultz, Springfield -- 51.45
Gene Wheeler, Chatham -- 47.56
Miriam Miles, Danville -- 44.49

NABC Master (200-300)

Ralph Folkerts, Springfield -- 63.76
Joseph McAdam, Decatur -- 51.47
Tom Nahnsen, Pleasant Plains -- 51.20

Life Master (300-500)

Will Engel, Urbana -- 69.45
Ann Caparros, Springfield -- 64.11
Dennis Fitton, Urbana -- 61.13

Bronze Life Master (500-1000)

Betty Primm, Athens -- 107.66
George Veenstra, Springfield -- 82.16
John Kessinger, Decatur -- 78.01

Silver Life Master (1000-2500)

Marciann O'Brien, Decatur -- 89.21
Richard Schnepf, Springfield -- 77.79
Virginia Larsen, St. Petersburg FL -- 77.24

Gold Life Master (2500-5000)

Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap -- 93.99
Robert Butz, Kankakee -- 65.68
Norinne Anderson Nelson, Peoria -- 49.86

Unit Mini-McKenney Winners - 2002

Rookie

Nathan Crane, Urbana -- 29.65
Cindy Wheeler, Chatham -- 27.27
Oyvind Tafjord, Champaign -- 25.21

Junior Master

C. A. Harrison, Charleston -- 154.66
Bev Harrison, Charleston -- 154.66
Frank Tirsch, Springfield -- 78.41

Club Master

Stephen Hawthorne Bloomington -- 60.58
Zach Freehill, Bloomington -- 56.05
Jeremy Williams, Urbana -- 51.23

Sectional Master

Jonell Comerford, Charleston -- 95.77
Leo Comerford, Charleston -- 95.43
Ruth Killen, Springfield -- 72.21

Regional Master

Larry Wilcox, Springfield -- 97.50
James Nixon, Galesburg -- 85.34
Ross Richardson, Springfield -- 81.45

NABC Master

Adrian Hutber, Champaign -- 152.53
Tom Nahnsen, Pleasant Plains -- 117.27
Ralph Folkerts, Springfield -- 99.88

Life Master

Will Engel, Urbana -- 309.58
Dennis Fitton, Urbana -- 151.09
Leah Newell, Springfield -- 146.94

Bronze Life Master

Paul Lindauer, Varna -- 216.68
Gail Moon, Bloomington -- 170.05
Elizabeth Zalar, Springfield -- 149.79

Silver Life Master

Richard Blumenthal, Bloomington -- 281.11
Larry Matheny, Bloomington -- 228.73
Robert Sievers, Champaign -- 211.86

Gold Life Master

Larry Rabideau, Saint Anne -- 182.67
Mike Halvorsen, Champaign -- 170.41
Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap -- 165.63

Diamond Life Master (5000+)

Mark Kessler, Springfield -- 11.78
 Dick Benson, LeRoy -- 11.56
 Colby Vernay, Lacon -- 10.38

Diamond Life Master

Colby Vernay, Lacon -- 552.84
 Dick Benson, LeRoy -- 364.56
 Gary Kessler, Springfield -- 283.08

Unit 208 President's Report *by Jay Poling, Decatur IL*

I would like to report the Unit 208 Board's actions at our February meeting. The Board voted to:

1. Set the entry fee for pair events at all unadvertised Unit 208 sectional tournaments at \$8.00 per person per session.
2. Give a travel award of \$150.00 to any Unit 208 member who places second in any flight of the District finals of the North American Pairs **and** competes in the national finals. Third-place pairs will no longer be supported. First-place pairs receive travel awards directly from ACBL.
3. Give a travel award of \$200.00 to any Unit 208 member who places first in any flight of the District finals of the Grand National Teams **and** competes in the national finals. The maximum award per team is \$800.00.

Area Elections

If you live in one of the counties listed below, this is the year to elect your representative to the Unit 208 Board of Directors. If you'd like to run for your area's seat on the Board, please notify Unit Secretary Janis Swanton by April 15. You can contact Jan by mail (3012 Joseph Street, Bloomington IL 61704) or email (jswanton@ilstu.edu).

Area #1: Peoria and Tazewell Counties.

Area #4: Cass, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon and Scott Counties.

Area #7: Champaign, Ford, Piatt and Vermilion Counties.

Movin' Up

Congratulations to these Unit members who recently advanced in rank:

New Junior Masters (5 pts.)

Diane Tomasino, Hudson
 Helen Yelvington, Mattoon
 Linda Albrecht, Mt. Zion
 Jane Auby, Springfield
 Jim Melville, Springfield
 John Sullivan, Champaign

Sectional Masters (50 pts.)

Layton Lamb, Springfield
 Kate Reynolds, Normal

Regional Masters (100 pts.)

Bill Bulfer, West Peoria
 Ray Dostal, Bloomington
 Beverly Meginnis, Towanda
 David Spring, Mahomet

Club Masters (20 pts.)

Joe Stewart, Sherman
 Stephen Volz, Bloomington
 Linda Wheeland, Springfield
 Grady Chronister, Springfield
 James Doyle, Urbana
 Juliana Hackman, Athens
 Tom Willson, Champaign
 Ross Yeoman, Farmington

Silver Life Master (1000 pts.)

Donn Miller, Decatur

In Memory

Shirley Clark of Forest City died of lung cancer on February 8. Shirley was fairly new to bridge, but had a lot of enthusiasm and a desire to learn. She had recently been honored for achieving the rank of Regional Master. -- *Caryl Harrison*



Unit 223 Reporter

News from Southern Illinois-Paducah Unit 223

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Carbondale & Gilbertsville Sectionals

We are in the third month of 2003 and Unit 223 has enjoyed two excellently run sectional tournaments, the first in Carbondale in February, run by Roger Chitty and Karen Coe. The second was the Kentucky Dam Village in Gilbertsville KY in March, run by Doug Edwards and Sandra Lemon.

Both tournaments were well run and well attended. The host sites are excellent and the directors did an excellent job. If you missed these tournaments, you missed two of the best of this year. Congratulations to all the winners and a job well done by the tournament chairmen and their long list of helpers.

2002 Unit Awards

This year at the Kentucky Dam Tournament the unit president Doug Edwards presented the Mini McKenney and the Ace of Club awards. A list of winners is is posted on the Unit 223 web site: www.unit223.com.

President Edwards also presented the Unit 223 Goodwill Award to a man who first learned to play on board a ship on his way home from the South Pacific at the end of WWII. He did not play again until he married into a bridge-playing family ten years later. He began playing duplicate in the mid-1980s and attended his first tournament in St. Louis in 1988. He formed the Highland Bridge Club in 1995 and became a Life Master in 2000. He has promoted the game of bridge in his area as well as in teaching one of his three children to play his favorite game. He travels once a week to play with a dear friend who is stricken with a debilitating disease. Unit 223 is proud to honor **Dr. Virgil Holdeman** as our 2003 Goodwill Award recipient.

Unit Elections

In the first week of June, it is our duty to elect representatives to the Unit board. You can vote at the election games at the following sites:

Tuesday, June 3: 7:00 pm, Carbondale Senior Center -- Roger Chitty

Thursday, June 5: 7:00 pm, Paducah Duplicate Club -- Doug Edwards

Thursday, June 5: 11:00 am, Centralia -- John McCann

Friday, June 6: 1:00 pm, Robinson Elks Club -- Joan Musgrave

Friday, June 6: 7:00 pm, Edwardsville Township Bldg. -- Ray Sigler



Greater St. Louis Bridge News

News from Greater St. Louis Unit 143

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February Sectional-at-Clubs

Unit 143 had 20 of the top 100 point winners in District 8. CONGRATULATIONS! And the winners are:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Ralph Behrens -- 29.54 | 56. Larry Kolker -- 8.72 |
| 4. Nell Schneider -- 17.39 | 59. Cheryl Davis -- 8.68 |
| 7. Peggy Wald -- 16.21 | 61. Gloria Browning -- 8.65 |
| 13. Denny O'Connor -- 14.36 | 63. George Hudson -- 8.45 |
| 14. Sanford Becker -- 14.01 | 64. Donna Pedrotti -- 8.39 |
| 18. Jack Bryant -- 12.74 | 67. Jacque Sincroff -- 8.22 |
| 21. Rod Van Wyk -- 12.08 | 71. John Smith, Jr -- 7.95 |
| 23. Sue Perez -- 11.93 | 78. Milton Zlatic -- 7.44 |
| 30. Bill Mullen -- 11.50 | 80. Donald Block -- 7.34 |
| 33. John Samsel -- 10.92 | 82. Sheldon Margulis -- 7.22 |

199er Tournament News

Linda Powers and Patti Shine are turning over the baton to Mary Hruby and Doug Moore. Linda started doing the 199er tournament about 6 years ago and Patti Shine started helping the following year. Linda stated:

"I have enjoyed doing the tournament and have especially enjoyed watching players joy and excitement when they win. I think we all forget the elation we felt with our first victory after much hard work to improve our game. I will miss that about the tournament and all the appreciation shown to Patti and I for our effort to make the tournament fun for the players. We had 34 tables this past tournament and a number of players from out of town. One pair was here from Chicago and three pair traveled from Springfield IL. I believe the wonderful turn out speaks for itself. This past tournament was the last for Patti and I but I know the players will be in goods hands when Mary Hruby and Doug Moore take over. We will miss the players and the event."

♣ Don't forget our next 199er Tournament -- NOVEMBER 15.

(Please note date change from the calendar-book listing.) Let's have a bigger turnout!

199er Tournament Results -- March 15, 2003

Saturday Afternoon (Overall):

- ABC1- Linda Slutsky & Martha M. Smith
- A2/B2- Gale & Gene Fluri
- A3/B3/C1- Margaret King & Jeanne Coleman
- A4- David & Kitty Polk
- A5- James Keating & Mark Ludwig
- B4- Norman Goldman & Sandy Bigg
- B5- Barbara Reid & Mary Ann Mitchell
- C2- Charles Elliott & D. Jackie Elliott
- C3- Sheila Fay & Linda Evans
- C4- Mary Fort & Susan Hall

Saturday Evening

- A1/B1- Joseph Franz III & Barbara Pickering
- A2/B2/C1- Darrell Bell & Raymond Ford
- A3/B3/C2- Paul & Mary Primeau
- A4/B4- Frank Tirsch & Julie Hubbard
- A4/B4- Doris Baer & Nancy Moorhead
- A4/B4- Sandy Bigg & Kathy Ponder
- C3- Ellen Volpe & Norman Goldman
- C4- Stephen & Gloria Singer

More Winners

Philadelphia NABC: Congratulations to our Unit players who won points at this national tournament:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Alan Popkin -- 156.13 | Jack Bryant -- 9.66 |
| Roger Lord -- 127.97 | Percy Wu -- 6.40 |
| Larry Kolker -- 55.44 | Tom Kniest -- 6.08 |
| Nancy Popkin -- 53.38 | John Dicks -- 3.84 |
| Jacque Sincroff -- 27.60 | Linda Bryant -- 3.44 |
| Barbara Simpson -- 21.48 | Jeroen Swinkels -- 3.12 |
| Eryk Gozdowski -- 15.80 | Irene & Jack Steiner -- 2.17 |
| Jason Clevenger-- 15.80 | Mike Carmen -- 1.46 |

Winter Wonderland Tournament, Branson MO (Feb. 28 - March 21):

Congratulations to **Nancy Popkin**, who finished second in Friday Afternoon Pairs and 3rd in Friday Evening Pairs with partner Don Stack. To round out the tournament, Nancy finished second in the Bracket 1 KO teams and Sunday Swiss with teammates Don Stack, Richard Bender, Patrick McCammon and David & Joann Zapatka.

Saluki Swiss, Carbondale IL (Feb. 1-2):

Saturday Stratified Swiss

- A1-Alan & Nancy Popkin, Milton Zlatic, and Tom Oppenheimer
- A3-Rod Van Wyk, Randall Leeper, Don Florida, Robert Giles
- A4-Alfred Fisher, Fran Scheffler, Brooks & Judy Sharp
- A6-Mark Ehret, John Samsel, Susan Perez, & Lee Hastings
- B2-Wojciech Kaniewski, Wojciech Golik, Sasanka Ramanadham, & Eryk Gozdowski

Saturday Evening Stratified Pairs

- A4/5-W. Eaton & Julie Behrens

Sunday Stratified Swiss

- A1-Alan & Nancy Popkin, Milton Zlatic, & Tom Oppenheimer
- A4-Jack & Marcie Stauder, Mary Weyerich and Richard Haacke
- A6-Rod Van Wyk, Randall Leeper, Robert Giles, & Donald Florida
- B3-Bonnie Couch, Jo Ann Moore, William Kauffman, & George Marvin
- C2-Lawrence Jones, Carolyn Koch, Carolyn Taylor & Linda Brazier

Warren Tatting Memorial Sectional, Peoria IL (March 7-9):

Congratulations to **William & Sheryl Finkenstadt**, who finished fourth in Flight B in the Saturday Pairs. They made it a true family affair by coming in second in Flights A & B in the Sunday Stratified Swiss with **Tim & Vicki Finkenstadt**.

Kentucky Dam Sectional, Gilbertsville KY (March 7-9):

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

- A5/6-Denny O'Connor & Allyson Wolfe
- C4-Lawrence Jones & Carolyn Koch
- C5-Robert (Bob) & Mary Johnson
- C6/7-Jack Miller & Dennis Puryear

Friday Evening Open Pairs

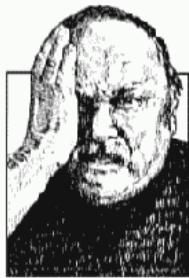
- A2-Jeannine Owen & James Hammond
- B3/C1-Lawrence Jones & Carolyn Koch
- C4-Carolyn Kribben & S. Rives

KO Teams

- A1-Doug Moore, Mike Giacaman, Susan Perez & John Samsel
- A2-Elbert & Dorothy Moore, Gail & Loughery Hawkins
- B3-Ronnie Frank, Elizabeth Freeman, Mary Hruby & Shirley Janis

Saturday Open Pairs

- A1/B1-Marilyn & Del Massey
- A4-Mark Ehret & Lee Hastings
- A5-Ralph Behrens & Peggy Wald
- A6-Jeannine Owen & James Hammond
- C5-Lawrence Jones & Carolyn Koch



Oh, NO! Did I miss the ILLINI REGIONAL ?

Memorial Day weekend: May 20-26, 2003

**Chancellor Hotel & Convention Center
Neil Street (Rt. 45) & Kirby Avenue (MAP)
Champaign, Illinois**

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

- **Three four-session KO-team events** -- Beginning Tuesday night, Thursday morning and Saturday morning.
- **Wednesday: Seniors Day** -- \$4 off your 2-session Open Pairs entry if you're age 65+.
- **Thursday: Fighting Illini Fans Day** -- Prizes, drawing for 4 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 two-session Stratified Pairs!
- **Saturday: Jackpot Day** -- Cash prizes in the **299er Championship Pairs** (1:30 & 7:30) and the **Jackpot Individual** (11:30 p.m. -- fast & fun; done by 2:00 a.m.).
Barometer final in the Strata-flighted Pairs (1:30 & 7:30).
- **Monday: FAST Swiss Teams** -- playthrough with cash snack bar & free continental breakfast.
- **Novice/Intermediate Program:** 0-300 events Wednesday through Sunday.
Mini-lessons from expert speakers -- 1:00 & 7:00, Wednesday night through Sunday afternoon.
Stratified 199er Pairs (single sessions) -- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (7:30) and Sunday (1:30).
Easybridge Pairs (0-5) -- 1:30 Saturday (one session).
299er Championship Pairs -- 1:30 & 7:30 Saturday. **\$250 in cash prizes** to winners in three flights.
- **Non-stop hospitality** -- Midnight buffets, hotel hospitality suite, registration gifts, door prizes, champagne splits & glasses to section winners, *Daily Bulletin*, *Daily Web Bulletin*, N.E. Bridge Supply bookstand, **more** !
- **Discounts** for full-time students under age 30. **NO entry-fee surcharge** for non-ACBL members.
- **Bridge rate** (\$65 double) & **free parking** at the Chancellor Hotel -- 1501 S. Neil (Rt. 45), 3 blocks west of University of Illinois Memorial Stadium and 5 minutes from Willard Airport (CMD).
([MAP of Chancellor location](#)) **Chancellor reservations:** 800-257-6667 or 217-352-7891 (ask for bridge rate). **Please reserve by May 9.**



Schedule of Events

Tuesday, May 20

- 7:30 -- Big Ten KO Teams (continues Wednesday at 9:30, 1:30 & 7:30)
- 7:30 -- Charity Pairs -- Play for the pets in this event for the Champaign Co. Humane Society.

Wednesday, May 21 -- Seniors Day

- \$4 off 2-session Open Pairs entry for ages 65+**
9:30 a.m., 1:30 & 7:30 -- Big Ten KO Teams (2nd, 3rd & final sessions)
- 9:30 a.m. ----- **NEW:** Morning Side Game Series
(continues at 9:30 a.m. Thursday through Sunday; enter any or all sessions)
- 1:30 & 7:30 ----- Stratified Open Pairs
- 1:30 ----- **NEW:** Afternoon Side Game Series (continues at 1:30 p.m., Thursday through Sunday)
- 7:30 ----- Single-Session Stratified 199er Pairs
- 7:30 ----- Evening Charity Side Game Series
(continues at 7:30 Thursday through Sunday; enter any or all sessions).

Thursday, May 22 -- Illini Fans Day

- \$2 off your afternoon entry if you wear Illini orange and blue!**
9:30 a.m. ----- Orange & Blue KO Teams (continues Friday at 9:30, 1:30 & 7:30)
- 9:30 a.m. ----- Morning Side-Game Series
- 1:30 & 7:30 ----- Strata-flighted Swiss Teams (Flight A separate: Flts. BCD stratified in one event)
- 7:30 ----- Single-Session Stratified 199er Pairs
- 7:30 ----- Evening Charity Side Game Series

Friday, May 23 -- Juniors Day

- Full-time students age 25 and under play FREE in the Stratified Pairs.**
9:30 a.m., 1:30 & 7:30 -- Orange & Blue KO (2nd, 3rd & final sessions)

- 9:30 a.m. ----- Morning Side-Game Series
- 1:30 & 7:30 ----- Stratified Open Pairs
- 7:30 ----- Evening Charity Side Game Series
- 7:30 ----- Single-Session Stratified 199er Pairs

Saturday, May 24 -- Jackpot Day

- 9:30 a.m. ----- Chief Illiniwek KO Teams (continues Sunday at 9:30, 1:30 & 7:30)
 Marianne Dornier-Myra Meyer trophies to winning team in the bottom bracket.
- 9:30 a.m. ----- Morning Side-Game Series
- 1:30 & 7:30 ----- Strata-flighted Pairs (Flight A separate; qualifying with evening consolation and barometer-scored finals. Flights BC stratified in one two-session event.)
- 1:30 & 7:30 ----- **299er Championship Pairs** (two-session event) -- **\$250 in cash prizes** to winners & runners-up in three flights (100/200/300).
- 1:30 ----- **Easybridge Pairs** (0-50 masterpts.) Single session.
- 7:30 ----- Barometer Final (2nd session of Flt. A Strata-flighted Pairs)
- 7:30 ----- Evening Charity Side Game Series
- 11:30 p.m. ----- **Jackpot Individual** -- **\$500+ in cash prizes** to winners & runners-up in 3 flights.

Sunday, May 25

- 9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 -- Chief Illiniwek KO Teams (2nd, 3rd & final sessions)
- 9:30 a.m. ----- Morning Side-Game Series
- 1:30 & 7:30 ----- Stratified Open Pairs
- 1:30 ----- Single-Session Stratified 199er Pairs
- 7:30 ----- Evening Charity Side Game Series

Monday, May 26

- 9:45-10:30 a.m. ----- Free continental breakfast.
- 10:30 a.m. ----- **FAST** Stratified Swiss Teams -- playthrough (seven 7-board matches).
On the road before 6:00 p.m.
Full snack bar (hot and cold sandwiches, salads, desserts & drinks) available.

Strata & Flights: A=Unlimited AX=3000 B=1500 C=500 D=200
Single-session entries always accommodated.
[Complete results](#) from the 2002 Illini Regional (May 22-28).



Chairman: Karen Walker (217-359-0042) -- kwalker@prairienet.org
Partners: Bill Langendorf (217-356-7468) -- billybob450@insightbb.com



District 8 Champagne Regional

Split with Rockford IL

June 16-22, 2003

Executive Inn, Paducah KY

Unsurpassed hospitality every night! Open-bar hospitality suite, pizza and beer blast, charity auction party, ice-cream social, champagne party, *more*.

Bracketed Knockouts

Monday -- KO I begins (7:30)
Tuesday -- KO I continues (9, 1:30, 7:30)
Wednesday -- KO II begins (9:00)
Thursday -- KO II continues (9:30, 1:30, 7:30)
Friday -- KO III begins (9:00)
Saturday -- KO III continues (9:30, 1:30, 7:30)

Compact KO's on Thursday and Saturday (1:30 & 7:30) if attendance warrants.

Monday, June 16

7:30 -- Stratified Open Charity Pairs

Tuesday, June 17

9:00 am -- Earlybird Side-Game Series
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Open Pairs
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified 299er Pairs
1:30 -- Afternoon Side-Game Series
7:30 -- Prime Time Side-Game Series

Wednesday, June 18

9:00 am -- Earlybird Side-Game Series
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Swiss Teams
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified 299er Pairs
1:30 -- Afternoon Side-Game Series
7:30 -- Prime Time Side-Game Series

Host hotel: Bridge rate (\$59, 1-4 people) at JR's Executive Inn, 1 Executive Blvd., Paducah KY. **Reservations:** 800-866-3635 (mention bridge).

Chairman: Jim Kallaher -- 270-444-6882

Partners: Maxine Wynn -- 270-554-5719

Thursday, June 19

9:30 am -- Earlybird Side-Game Series
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Open Pairs
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified 299er Pairs
1:30 -- Afternoon Side-Game Series
7:30 -- Prime Time Side-Game Series
11:30 -- **Charity Auction:** Buy a celebrity partner and play Friday night for big prizes.

Friday, June 20

9:00 am -- Earlybird Side-Game Series
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Swiss Teams
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified 299er Pairs
1:30 -- Afternoon Side-Game Series
7:30 -- Prime Time Side-Game Series
11:30 -- **Charity Midnight Madness**

Saturday, June 21

9:30 am -- Earlybird Side-Game Series
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Open Pairs
1:30 -- Afternoon Side-Game Series
7:30 -- Prime Time Side-Game Series

Sunday, June 22

10 AM ---- Stratified Swiss Teams (playthru)

Strata: A = 1500+ B = 500-1500 C = Non-LM (0-500)
299er Strata: 100-200; 50-100; 20-50; 0-20



Unit 239's ROCKIN' ROCKFORD REGIONAL

Split with Paducah KY

June 16-22, 2003

**Indoor Sports Center, Loves Park
(Rockford) IL**

8800 E. Riverside Drive -- 1 mile east of I-90 (East Riverside exit)

A great regional for players with under 200 masterpoints -- two single-session 199er events daily, Tuesday through Saturday. Special Newcomers Game for 0-20 players on Saturday.

Bracketed Knockouts

Monday -- KO #1; 1st (7:30)
Tuesday -- KO #1; 2nd, 3rd & 4th (9, 1:30, 7:30)
Wednesday -- KO #2; 1st (9:00)
Thursday -- KO #2; 2nd, 3rd & 4th (9, 1:30, 7:30)
Friday -- KO #3; 1st (9:00)
Saturday -- KO #3; 2nd, 3rd & 4th (9, 1:30, 7:30)

Monday, June 16

7:30 -- Stratified Open Charity Pairs

Tuesday, June 17

1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Open Pairs
1:30 & 7:30 -- Side Game #1, 1st & 2nd
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified 199er Pairs

Wednesday, June 18

1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Swiss Teams
1:30 & 7:30 -- Side Game #1, 3rd & 4th
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified 199er Pairs

Host hotel: Quality Suites, 7401 Walton St., Rockford -- 5 miles south of Indoor Sports Center via I-90 (exit at State Street, then right). **Reservations:** 815-227-1300. Business king suite (\$70); dbl/dbl suite (\$85). Rates guaranteed until May 17. Free hot breakfast & evening social hour.

Chairmen: Kay & Bob Korte -- 815-337-3722 bobkorte@mindspring.com

Partners: Jan and Gene Condon -- 815-633-4979 jiggs320417@cs.com

199ers: Mary Jo Sergent -- 815-874-4157 mjosarge@aol.com

Thursday, June 19

1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Open Pairs
1:30 & 7:30 -- Side Game #2, 1st & 2nd
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified 199er Pairs

Friday, June 20

1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Swiss Teams
1:30 & 7:30 -- Side Game #2, 3rd & 4th
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified 199er Pairs

Saturday, June 21

10:00 AM ---- Newcomer Pairs (0-20 mps)
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Open Pairs
1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified 199er Pairs

Sunday, June 22

11 AM ---- Stratified Swiss Teams (playthru)

Strata: A = 1500+ B = 500-1500 C = Non-LM (0-500)
199er Strata: A = 100-200 B = 20-100 C = 0-20



Pioneer Sectional April 26 & 27, 2003

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

Saturday, April 26

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

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

Sunday, April 27

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

Two-session 99er Swiss Teams

- Party after the game on Saturday night.
- Super dinner served between sessions on Sunday.

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)



Tri-State Spring Sectional

May 3 & 4, 2003

Senior Citizen Center, 639 York St.,
Quincy IL

Join us for a fun-filled weekend in beautiful Quincy, on the banks of the Mississippi. Quincy is known for its German heritage, gorgeous houses along Maine Street, and its many restaurants and bars.

Saturday, May 3

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

Great hospitality after the evening session.

Sunday, May 4

10:30 am -- Two-session Stratified Swiss Teams

Lunch served between sessions.

Strata: A-Open B-Under 1500 C-Non-LM (under 500 pts.)

We're just a short drive from your hometown -- less than 2 hours from St. Louis, Columbia MO, Springfield IL and Peoria IL.

Bridge rate (\$62) at the Hampton Inn, 225 S. 4th Street. **Phone:** 217-224-8378. Located near the Senior Citizens Center. From Broadway, take 3rd Street south and turn left on York Street.

Chairman: Lars Sandegren -- (217) 222-0232 quincyfred@yahoo.com

Partnerships: Lois Mott -- (217) 224-6521

Senior Center phone: (217) 223-5700



St. Louis Spring Sectional

May 16-18, 2003

Blanchette Park, St. Charles MO

Friday May 16

1:30 -- Stratified Open & 199er Pairs
 7:30 -- Flight A/X & Flight BCD Pairs

Saturday May 17

9:00 am -- Knockout Teams (continue at 1:30 & 7:30)
 1:30 & 7:30 -- Stratified Open Pairs
 1:30 & 7:30 -- Single-session 199er Pairs
 1:30 & 7:30 -- Single-session Side Games

Sunday May 18

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

- Strata/flights: A=Open A/X=0-3000 B=0-1000 C=0-750 D=0-200
- Hospitality Friday & Saturday evenings.
- Continental breakfast and light lunch served on Sunday.

Directions: From I-70, take 5th Street north. Turn left and follow signs to park at 1900 W. Randolph.

Chairman: Mike Carmen -- 314-872-8439 macarmen@mail.com

Partners: Mary Hruby -- 314-739-1574



Kokomo IN Sectional June 6, 7 & 8, 2003

Johanning Civic Center - on US 31
 1500 N. Reed Rd. (Eastern Standard Time)

SCHEDULE OF		Intermediate/Novices Partners Guaranteed for all 0-200 MP and under events -1 hour before game time
FRIDAY JUNE 6		
Stratified Open Pairs Single Sessions 1:00 PM 7:30 PM		Tournament Chairman Max Baran (765) 864-9654 Partnerships Dorothy Harrell (765) 457-7709
*Limited (199/99/49/ 0-20 & 0-5 MP's) Pairs Single Sessions 1:00 PM 7:30 PM		
SATURDAY JUNE 7		SPECIAL PROMOTION! Play a minimum of three (3) sessions at the Kokomo Sectional on the 6th & 7th and your entry for the Sunday Team is FREE.
Bracketed Knockout Teams (Random Draw) 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 7:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs -- Single Session 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 7:30 PM *Limited (199/99/49/ 0-20 & 0-5 MP's) Pairs Single Sessions 1:00 PM 7:30 PM		
SUNDAY JUNE 8		The ACBL <i>Zero Tolerance</i> policy for bad behavior will be in effect.
Open Stratified Swiss Teams (Play-thru) 10:00 AM Limited Swiss Teams (Play-thru) (199/99/49/ 0-20 & 0-5 MP's) 10:00 AM		
Stratified Open Pairs: A = 1250 +, B = 500-1250, C=0-500		SMOKING POLICY: This is a NON-SMOKING tournament with frequent breaks. Hotel Information: Special Bridge rates (single or double) if reserved by May 23, 2003 Fairfield Inn US 31 at Lincoln Rd. (765) 453-8822 \$55.00 (+) Tax
* Stratification possible		