



Phoenix Desert Empire Regional



Talking Stick Resort/Casino

By Jamie Rubenstein
Scottsdale, Arizona

A highlight on the District 17 fall calendar is certain to be the October 17-23 Desert Empire Regional in Scottsdale, Arizona scheduled at a spectacular new site, the five-star

Talking Stick Resort/Casino. Because of tournament restrictions, Unit 354 has never been able to host this event in October, so leadership of the unit has been busy for months planning to make the week-long stay unforgettable for out-of-towners.

Phoenix is known for its friendly, laid back, Western-style hospitality so "Scottsdale in October," as the tournament is being branded should be a treat. The weather in the historic and renowned Scottsdale is ideal at that time of year with cool desert nights and sunny days, perfect for golfing, sight-seeing or sunbathing when not at the tables (bridge or casino).

The playing site is a 10-15 minute drive from Old Town Scottsdale, full of antiques and curio shops plus popular cafes and bars which mark the nightlife. Before or after the tournament visitors can take a two hour trip to Sedona, the home of extraordinary red rock formations often de-

scribed as a miniature Grand Canyon. Other sights to see include the beautiful and charming community of Carefree, with lovely mountain landscapes located north of Scottsdale.

Players can also take in the Phoenix Botanical Gardens and the Phoenix Zoo, as well as guided desert tours to see spectacular blooming flowers and wild animals in their natural habitat.

At Talking Stick there are 497 deluxe rooms with five restaurants which provide something for every taste - upscale dining spots, an international buffet, a seafood bar, lounges with entertainment, coffee shops, and food bars.

The tournament will have daily door prizes, including gift certificates for leading area restaurants. One of the most popular giveaways is the awarding of prizes for those who can guess the correct number of cards in a fish bowl. The "Guess the Cards" contest is held daily with prize winners posted.

ACBL Top 500 Clubs: Addendum

By Sheila Peterson
Denver, Colorado

Last month's article in this publication spoke about the three bridge clubs in D17 honored to be in the ACBL's top 50. As we mentioned, the sole criterion by which the ACBL selects the top 50 clubs is table count. There are, however, many other worthy clubs and other criteria. One of our Phoenix readers wrote to tell us about his favorite club in the Phoenix area, Doty Bridge Club in Scottsdale, and we thought we'd share his opinion with you. For starters, he appreciates the fact that Doty has underground parking and great air conditioning. In a city where you can fry an egg on the sidewalk several months of the year, underground parking and great A.C. is a big deal, a very big deal. A cool car and cool ambiance help cool heads prevail around the table. He likes the light, airy atmosphere of Doty, with a main room that accommodates 25 tables with

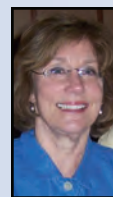
enough space between each so that you can't hear the bidding, play, or bickering at neighboring tables, as well as another room just for novices. Doty has a very active novice program and twice a year offers six sessions of free lessons to introduce never-evers to the game; Doty has very reasonably priced intermediate lessons as well. Newcomers are encouraged to play, and a typical novice game has as many as 12-15 tables. Doty has a very well attended open game every day with as many as 25 tables. The caliber of the competition at the club is so keen that many of the area's finest players beat a path to Doty's door.

If you have a favorite club, we'd love to hear about it from you.

Correction: In our recent article on the three top 50 ACBL bridge clubs located in D17 we misspoke. The celebrity bridge weekend in Albuquerque is organized and subsidized by Unit 374; the Duke City Bridge Club's involvement is limited to allowing the Unit to use its building.

Bon's Mots

By Bonnie Bagley
National Board Representative



This month's change of pace column is about people - bridge people, past, present, and future. I will inform you about the Toronto NABC board meetings in a later column.

Past - Peter Pender

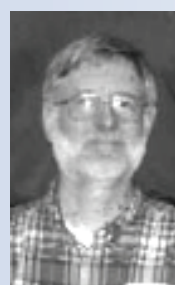


Although Peter Pender, San Francisco, was not a D17 player, he was a Western Conference member and dear friend of many of our D17 members. Peter was brought to my attention by Bobby Wolff and Judy Kay-Wolff. He was a multi-faceted, brilliant man who became Life Master #1795 at the age of 22. He won the 1966 McKenney trophy (now the Barry Crane Top 500) and tallied 13 NABC wins: five in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams (1968, 1970, 1981, 1985, and 1986); two in the Life Master Men's Pairs (1967 and 1984); four in the Grand National Teams (1982, 1983, 1985, and 1987); and two in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams (1984 and 1987). He was a member of the victorious U.S. squad in the 1985 NEC Bermuda Bowl in São Paulo, Brazil, and second in the 1989 Bermuda Bowl in Perth, Australia.

Peter died in 1990 at the too young age of 54. He left the ACBL a substantial bequest for vugraphs at NABCs, to be known as the PenderGraph; these continued for several years but nothing was done with the fund after 1998. Thanks to the diligence of the Wolffs, and with the help of CEO Jay Baum, a motion was passed at the ACBL board meeting in Toronto that the vugraph room at future NABCs be named and advertised as the "Peter Pender Memorial Vugraph Theatre." A request was submitted to the Education Foundation (and approved) for the remaining monies from Peter's bequest to be used to purchase two large screen monitors that can be rolled into high traffic areas at NABCs for players to watch vugraph in a more relaxed atmosphere. Both of the rolling monitor cases will have brass plates attached that read "Provided by a bequest from Hall of Fame member Peter Pender." These were very well received in Toronto.

For more information about this fascinating man go to www.ACBL.org and do a search for Peter Pender.

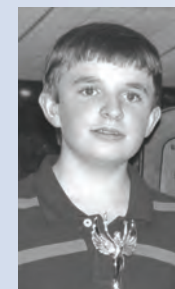
Present - Clement Jackson



Clem is an unassuming, "under the radar" bridge player who is D17's newest Grand Life Master. Clem, originally from Michigan, grew up in Santa Fe, New Mexico and now lives in Albuquerque. He started playing bridge in college in 1965 and, like most of us, became hooked. Clem retired several years ago after being a software developer and remains part owner of a software company. His national win was the Senior Knockout Teams at the 2003 New Orleans Fall NABC, with teammates Dennis Dawson, Bobby Wolff, Dan Morse, John Mohan, and John Sutherland.

Clem went over the required 10,000 points at the 2011 May Denver Regional playing Knockouts with teammates Venkatrao Koneru, Geoff Hampson, Susan Key, and Chris Compton (yes, my team and I helped him). He considers himself to have the good fortune to play with many good partners, and I believe his partners have the good fortune to play with him. Congratulations Clem!

Future - Burke Snowden



If Burke Snowden is an example of the future of bridge, then our future is bright indeed. Burke first started playing party bridge at six years old with his parents and grandmother. He followed his father to duplicate when he was nine years old and at the age of 11 became a certified club director. He directs the 199er game in Fort Collins and, when needed, substitutes directing the open game. Burke became a Life Master this May at the age of 13, and in July became a certified Tournament Assistant. He'll be working at the Cheyenne Paintbrush Sectional, September 16-19.

Burke has attended all four of the Youth NABCs, the first took place in July, 2008 in conjunction with the Fourth of July Sectional in Atlanta. At the second Youth NABC, during the 2009 Summer Washington, D.C. NABC, Burke met Ben Kristensen, from Duluth, Minnesota, as teammates on the National Youth Swiss Teams - afterward forming a partnership. They played together at the third Youth NABC at the 2010 New Orleans Summer NABC. Ben and Burke got it all together in Toronto as they won the regional Gold Rush Pairs tuning

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Hyatt Regency Hotel, Irvine CA September 5-11, '11

PHOENIX DESERT EMPIRE REGIONAL
Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale AZOctober 17-23, '11

VENTURA HALLOWEEN REGIONAL
Ventura Beach Marriott, Ventura CAOctober 24-30, '11

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PALM SPRINGS REGIONAL
Mission Hills Resort, Rancho Mirage CA .December 12-18, '11

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Hyatt Regency Hotel, Monterey CAJanuary 2-8, '12

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Marriott Pyramid Hotel, Albuquerque NM ...January 16-22, '12

RIVERSIDE REGIONAL
Convention Center, Riverside CAJanuary 30-February 5, '12

PRESIDENTS DAY REGIONAL
Marriott Hotel, Santa Clara CAFebruary 14-20, '12

TUCSON OLD PUEBLO REGIONAL
Holiday Inn Palo Verde, Tucson AZFeb. 27-Mar. 4, '12

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGIONAL
Town & Country Hotel, San Diego CAApril 2-8, '12

MESA ROADRUNNER SENIOR REGIONAL
San Marcos Resort, Chandler AZApril 30-May 6, '12

GREAT WESTERN SPRING FLING STAC XIII
Local Clubs, D14,17,18,19,20,21,22,23 May 7-13, '12

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL
Renaissance Marriott Hotel, Denver CO May 22-28, '12

CALIFORNIA CAPITAL REGIONAL
DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento CA May 28-June 3, '12

LAS VEGAS REGIONAL
Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas NV June 18-24, '12

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Sangre De Cristo Arts Center, Pueblo CO September 2-4, '11

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Decker Bridge Center, El Paso TX September 2-5, '11

PRESCOTT FALL SECTIONAL
Community Center, Prescott AZ September 9-11, '11

SACRAMENTO FALL SECTIONAL
Community Center, Orangevale CA September 9-11, '11

SAN DIEGO FALL NLM SECTIONAL
Adventures in Bridge, San Diego CA September 16-18, '11

CHEYENNE INDIAN PAINTBRUSH SECTIONAL
Laramie County Comm College, Cheyenne WY Sept. 16-18, '11

CARLSBAD HARVEY HICKS SECTIONAL
Best Western Stevens Inn, Carlsbad NM Sept. 16-18, '11

LOMPOC VALLEY OF THE FLOWERS SECTIONAL
La Purisima Recreation Hall, Lompoc CA Sept. 6-18, '11

THE GREAT GRAPE ESCAPE SECTIONAL
Club Venetian Gardens, Stockton CA September 17-18, '11

BAKERSFIELD SECTIONAL
Society for Disabled Children, Bakersfield CA Sept. 23-25, '11

TAOS 6th ANNUAL SECTIONAL
Sagebrush Inn & Conf. Center, Taos NMSept. 30-Oct. 2, '11

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First Presbyterian Church, Oceanside CASept. 30-Oct. 2, '11

THOUSAND OAKS FALL SECTIONAL
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299er FALL COLORS SECTIONAL
Eagle-Vail Pavilion, Eaglevail COSept. 30-Oct. 2, '11

SANTA ROSA FALL SECTIONAL
Odd Fellows Hall, Santa Rosa CAOctober 1-2, '11

CARSON/TAHOE FALL SECTIONAL
Plaza Hotel, Carson City NV October 6-9, '11

RIVERSIDE SECTIONAL
Elks Club, Riverside CAOctober 7-9, '11

ESCONDIDO NLM SILVER SPLASH
Bridge Club, Escondido CAOctober 7-9, '11

SANTA CRUZ SURF'S UP SECTIONAL
Harbor High School, Santa Cruz CAOctober 8-9, '11

DENVER FALL 299er SECTIONAL
Board of Realtors, Aurora CO October 8-9, '11

SANTA CLARA VALLEY FALL SECTIONAL
John Muir Middle School, San Jose CAOctober 21-23, '11

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County Fairgrounds, Longmont COOctober 21-23, '11

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RENO NLM SECTIONAL
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Desert Diamond Hotel & Casino, Tucson AZ Nov. 3-6, '11

ALBUQUERQUE ROADRUNNER SECTIONAL
Duke City Bridge Center, Albuquerque NMNov. 4-6, '11

PALM SPRINGS FALL SECTIONAL
Westin Mission Hills Resort, Rancho Mirage CA .Nov. 4-6, '11

FALLING LEAVES 299er SECTIONAL
St John's Church, Fort Collins CO November 5, '11

B-E-R FALL SECTIONAL
Community Center, El Cerrito CANovember 5-6, '11

DENVER FALL SECTIONAL
Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Golden CO November 10-13, '11

MESA KACHINA SECTIONAL
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DIABLO VALLEY FALL SECTIONAL
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NORTH COUNTY COASTAL NLM SECTIONAL
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First Presbyterian Church, Oceanside CA January 20-21, '12

YUMA SUNSHINE SECTIONAL
Quality Inn, Yuma AZ January 26-29, '12

LIVERMORE VALLEY SECTIONAL
Hart Middle School, Pleasanton CA January 28-29, '12

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Various Clubs, Mesa AZJanuary 30-February 5, '12

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2011

FALL Nov. 24-Dec. 4, 2011
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2012

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San Francisco Marriott Hotel
San Francisco, California

2013

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Renaissance/America's Center
Saint Louis, Missouri

SUMMER August 1-11, 2013
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

FALL Nov. 28-Dec. 8, 2013
Sheraton & Hyatt Regency Hotels
Phoenix, Arizona

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Dallas, Texas

SUMMER July 17-27, 2014
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2011 Schedule Features

New Knockouts begin every day except Sunday
Bracket 1-3 finals played behind screens!
Gold Rush Pairs Wednesday & Friday
299er Swiss Teams 3:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday
Fast Open Pairs Sunday 10:00 a.m., out by 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Swiss Teams, with Lunch, 7 matches, 7 boards
District 22 NAPairs final on Saturday
Teacher Accreditation Course on Sunday, Dec. 11



Knockout Teams

Monday Kickoff Knockout Teams continues eves Tues-Thurs.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Wednesday Knockout Teams.....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Thursday Knockout Teams.....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Thursday-Friday Knockout Teams.....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday Knockout Teams.....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Saturday Compact Knockout Teams.....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Open Pairs Games

Monday Charity Pairs single sessions.....3:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Tues.-Thur.-Sat. Stratified Pairs two sessions.....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday Gold Rush Strati-Flighted Pairs.....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Friday Gold Rush Strati-Flighted Pairs.....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Sunday Fast Open Pairs two sessions.....10:00 a.m. & TBA

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Swiss Teams

Monday, Charity Swiss Teams single session.....3:00 p.m.
Tuesday Swiss Teams single sessions.....3:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday thru Saturday Swiss Teams single sessions.....3:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Thursday Swiss Teams double session.....7:30 p.m.
Friday-Saturday Swiss Teams double session7:30 p.m.
Sunday Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams.....10:00 a.m.
7 matches, 7 boards with Lunch after 4th

Continuous Pairs Series

Mornings, Tuesday through Saturday single sessions.....10:00 a.m.
Afternoons, Tuesday through Saturday single sessions3:00 p.m.
Evenings, Tuesday through Saturday single sessions.....7:30 p.m.

I/N Events – Daily I/N Lectures 9:15 & 2:15 Prizes Galore for I/N – 0-5 MPs Play Free on Tuesday!

Monday Charity Pairs single sessions.....3:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday through Saturday 299er single sessions.....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday through Friday 299er Swiss Teams single sessions.....3:00 p.m.

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- ♠ Gold Rush Pairs Wednesday & Friday

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Knockout Teams

Monday 7:30: Ventura Kickoff KO, continues Tues ...10:00 a.m., 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Santa Barbara Compact KO10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Thursday: Oxnard KO10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Thursday: Thousand Oaks Compact KO10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday: Camarillo KO10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Saturday: Carpinteria Compact KO10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Pairs Games

Monday: Charity Games single sessions2:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: Open Pairs10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday: Gold Rush Strati-Flighted Pairs10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Sunday: Fast Open Pairs10:00 a.m. & TBA

Side Game Series

Tuesday-Saturday: Morning Side Game Series10:00 a.m.
Tuesday-Saturday: Afternoon Side Game Series3:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday: Evening Side Game Series7:30 p.m.

Swiss Teams

Monday-Saturday: single sessions(Monday at 2:00) 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Wednesday: Midweek Swiss Teams two sessions7:30 p.m.
Thursday-Friday: Wrap-Up Swiss Teams two sessions7:30 p.m.
Sunday Swiss Teams Playthrough10:00 a.m.

Intermediate-Newcomer Program

Monday: Free Two Hour Lesson11:00 a.m.
I/N Reception1:00 p.m. 299er Charity Game2:00 p.m.
Pro Speakers Series Tuesday-Saturday.....2:15 p.m.
Tuesday-Saturday • 0-5 play free on Tuesday!
299er Games single sessions.....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday Gold Rush Pairs.....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
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Master Solvers Panel



By John Swanson
Lancaster, California

Thanks to this month's panel stalwarts: Jan Janitschke, Denver; Marshall Miles, San Bernardino; Ivar Stakgold, San Diego; Jill Meyers, Santa Monica; Edwin Kantar, Santa Monica; Chris Larsen, Costa Mesa; and David Weiss, Pasadena. They have all made significant contributions to the game of bridge. Their opinions deserve careful consideration - even when I rail against them.

Problem 1.

Neither side vul, IMPs
You are South holding:

♠42 ♥K5 ♦AKJ3 ♣Q8432

South	West	North	East
?	2♣	Pass	Pass

Janitschke: Pass. To assume partner is lying in wait for a double is a bit optimistic.

Miles: Pass. I have no good suit to bid, no heart support, no stopper. Partner's share of the missing high cards should be about 10 points, while I need about 13 plus a stopper. That is too much to hope for.

Stakgold: 3♣. It is easy to construct hands for North where 3NT is making and others that fail at any 3-level contract. Since a game is possible, I will make the only sensible bid despite the poor suit quality.

J.S.: That seems right on the mark to me. If partner has his expected high cards your side will be able to make a partscore. Partner could have a bit better than expected plus the honor locations are favorable, both improving the chances for 3NT. Also, the danger of getting overboard is mitigated because partner will know that you are expecting some values in his hand.

Meyers: 3♣. Do I love it? No, but my other choice is pass, and I love that less.

Kantar: 3♣. I'm not selling out with opening bid values.

Larsen: 3♣, a bit nervously. Pass is the only possible alternative.

J.S.: There always seems to an alternative:

Weiss: Double. No bid is comfortable, but I cannot afford to sell out as a routine pass by North yields an easy game (♠KJx ♥Axx ♦xxx ♣AJxx). The primary downside is that partner is likely to bid hearts, but that is not guaranteed to be fatal. If my king of hearts were instead the king of spades, I would go quietly.

J.S.: Double caters to a penalty pass, but this advantage is more than offset by partner's likely heart bid. He might well be bidding hearts on hands which belong in notrump. It is also a poor partnership bid; he may lose confidence in your takeout doubles.

By Joel Hoersch
Editor, District 22 Forum

♠ KJ4
♥ Q854
♦ AK52
♣ Q5

♠ ?	♠ ?
♥ ?	♥ ?
♦ ?	♦ ?
♣ J	♣ ?

♠ A62
♥ AKJ1092
♦ 643
♣ A

Problem 2.

Vul vs. not, IMPs
You are South holding:

♠9 ♥A65 ♦KJ ♣AQ106532

South	West	North	East
3♣	1♠	Pass	2♣
?	4♣	Pass	Pass

Kantar: Pass. I have talked myself into passing, thinking how bizarre it is that I am bidding with the previous hand and passing with this one!

J.S.: Last hand you balanced with opening bid values. This time you already have entered a live auction vulnerable against not, so you have already shown a good hand. Is it worth the considerable risk to bid again? The strong consensus is no.

Meyers: Pass. All I have is one extra club for my vulnerable 3♣ bid. Partner didn't make a responsive double. I am out of here.

Janitschke: Pass. Yes, I have extras, but to do anything here is a big gamble.

Larsen: Pass. I would consider bidding at other vulnerabilities, but red versus white too many things can go wrong.

Miles: Pass. Game is remote if partner can neither raise nor double. My defensive chances look good with a club lead but I think I have more to lose than to gain by doubling.

Stakgold: Pass. A difficult decision. A double could work out if the opponents are trying to steal ... but maybe they simply have all the missing high cards!

Weiss: Double. I'm risking five IMPs (for -590 when partner has no high cards and nowhere to go) against the possibility of a large gain when partner is clever enough to hold something like: ♠xx ♥KQxxx ♦xxx ♣Kxx and we make 5♣. The 4♣ bidder, who is likely to be short in clubs, may have a long spade suit or a secondary diamond suit. These hand types suggest partner will have length in hearts. If he has honors there as well, we can make a game.

It is worth mentioning that a redouble by opener does not alter partner's responsibility. If partner passes, I will abide by his decision.

J.S.: A redouble may not change partner's responsibility, but it certainly increases your exposure. Your extra club length is good on offense if partner has a fit, but the doubleton king-jack of diamonds may be worthless on offense or defense. Bidding again looks too risky to me.

Problem 3.

Vul vs. not, IMPs
You are South holding:

♠- ♥AKJ3 ♦QJ9 ♣J97652

South	West	North	East
?		1♠	Pass

Hand(s) of the Month

Hand 1: You are declaring 6♥, with the lead of the ♣J. East signals encouragement if you play low. Plan the play.

♠ J764
♥ 765
♦ 107
♣ 109652

♠ ?	♠ ?
♥ ?	♥ ?
♦ ?	♦ ?
♣ ?	♣ ?

♠ 82
♥ AQJ2
♦ AKQJ942
♣ ---

J.S.: When this deal was played my partner responded 1NT. I informed him that he would not be able to find even one other expert who would bid 1NT - it was not an appropriate forum bidding problem. To my shock and dismay, the first two experts I presented the auction to both bid 1NT. There proved to be others. Because I admire the bidding judgment of each of them I must make a close examination of why my opinion is that a game forcing 2♣ is the correct call - and that it is not a close decision.

The advantage of a two-over-one system is that when you bid at the two-level it is a game force. Each partner can describe his hand, searching for the best game (or slam) without fear of being passed. The disadvantage comes when responder has a worthwhile suit but does not hold game-forcing values and can't bid his suit immediately. This can be costly. Sometime good fits may be lost when the suit is not bid by either partner; if the suit is bid a simple raise may be inadequate and a jump raise too risky.

On this hand the advantage of bidding 1NT is to be able to stop in 2NT when that is the exact limit despite having 24 or 25 high card points between the two hands, a very small target. For this possibility one gives up the opportunity to show the club suit and opening bid values, losing any intelligent way to investigate a club contract, even if partner should happen to bid the suit. There are other ways to lose by bidding 1NT. The opponents may bid (as they did) which could prove to be an effective preempt when all you have shown is less than opening bid values. Another possibility, which occurred on this hand, is that partner may choose to bid spades over notrump, not realizing that his spades are needed only as stoppers instead of a source of tricks. He will not realize that there are sufficient high cards and club winners in your hand for 3NT.

J.S.: What to do 1NT bidders have to say?

Janitschke: 1NT. No reason to drive to game with marginal values and a misfit.

Miles: 1NT. With my misfit, I don't want to force to game. I will probably bid 2NT next round ... unless partner bids hearts or clubs, or jumps in spades.

J.S.: You don't have a misfit - you have a spade void. You could have a fit in any of the other three suits, and after 1NT you have no adequate way to investigate the best game or slam.

Weiss: 1NT, forcing. This hand is not close to being as strong as the HCP suggest, and I will not force to game. If partner has an ordinary minimum such as ♠AKxxx ♥xxx ♦Kxx ♣Qx, our game prospects are poor. The better are partner's spades, the worse our prospects. And if partner happens to have been dealt extra values, the 2♣ overbid may nudge him overboard.

The difficult choice may come on the next round. If partner bids two of either rounded suit, I will bid game in that strain. If partner bids two of a pointed suit, I will hold to my evaluation and bid only 2NT. An upside of 1NT is that I know what to do if the intrepid opponents enter the auction.

J.S.: The statement that this hand is not close to being as strong as the high card

values is balderdash. You don't know what this hand is worth yet. If you bid 1NT partner won't know what it is worth either. And how could the auction go that you will be able to comfortably double the opponents when they enter the auction? If partner responds 2♣ you have lost all investigative auctions. A jump to 5♣ will not work so well if partner holds: ♠AKxxx ♥xx ♦Kxx ♣Qxx. Even if he holds the doubleton club of your example 3NT will make almost as often as 2NT. The only reason that there could be a difficult choice on the next round is because you have misbid on this round. After partner's rebid to 1NT you may feel more like you have a Ouija board at your right rather than a bidding box.

Stakgold: 2♣. Should I bid 1NT or 2♣? I see pluses and minuses to both. Either will get us to hearts if opener has four (or more) cards in the suit. The trouble with 1NT is that I may never get to bid my club suit even if 6♣ is the right contract. The trouble with 2♣ is conveying the wrong message as to the quality of the suit. Nevertheless, I bid 2♣ with the intention of rebidding 2NT over 2♣. If opener has ♠AKx in clubs and the ♦K or ♣KQx of clubs and ♦A, we will probably reach 6♣.

Meyers: 2♣. I have game values. I wasn't dealt any spades, but so what?

Larsen: 2♣. It will be too difficult to catch up if I start with a forcing notrump.

Kantar: 2♣. Finally, a no-brainer.

In an attempt to get a better idea of what might happen in this auction I generated 10,000 hands for North with the stipulation that it contain 12 or more high card points and five or more spades. (I also stipulated that the hand contain fewer than four hearts, making the assumption that the initial response would be unlikely to make a difference in that case.) Analysis of the first 100 hands disclosed exactly one which would make 2NT clearly the best contract. Meanwhile 41% of the North hands contained three or more clubs. It was also interesting to note that partner was frequently going to have a difficult decision on the next round after a 1NT response, while after 2♣ the auction would be comfortable for both players. (Anyone who wishes to look closely at the other 9,900 hands is welcome to the file.)

If your partnership routinely opens colorless 11 HCP hands with five spades, 1NT becomes more attractive. But those pairs will have a similar problem when holding 13 rather than 12 high card points. Don't get me wrong. 1NT could work. You might get to a making 2NT or be set one less in a poor 3NT. But the price you pay in exchange due to guesswork auctions will be too high.

Problem 4.

Neither vul, IMPs,
You are South holding:

♠7 ♥KJ97 ♦K10954 ♣865

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	Dbl	4♣
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
?			

J.S.: The panel, in toto, missed the point of the problem. I am disappointed (but not shocked or dismayed).

Meyers: Pass. I think it is close between passing 4♣ doubled and bidding 4NT; I am not forcing this to slam.

J.S.: A double of a 4♣ opening bid is most frequently used for takeout but with a balanced hand the double is usually passed. If your partnership uses double as penalties there is no good reason to bid with this hand.

Janitschke: Pass. My fourth wimpy call in a row. Partner should play me for a little something, though not necessarily this much.

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Hand 2: You have jumped to 5♦ over East's third-hand opening of 1♣. Everyone passes, and the dummy you buy is disappointing, to say the least. West leads the ♣K. How do you play to make the contract? These hands are from Eddie Kantar's newest book, *Take All Your Chances at Bridge Vol. 2*, a great sequel to the first volume, which won the American Bridge Teachers Assn. award for Best Intermediate Book in 2010. I'm recommending both of these books to all players of all levels who want to improve their technique. At 100 problems each, you become familiar with 200 bridge play principles ... at the bargain rate of only 50 cents a principle.

Solutions to these two hands can be found on Page 7. Give it your best shot before you check the answers. Eddie is a tricky fellow, but he always gives solid advice!



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Stakgold: Pass. Glad partner chose diamonds, but I am not worth another bid.

Larsen: Pass. It seems the bidding has developed as favorably as I could hope for, under the circumstances.

Miles: Pass. Partner may be gambling that I have this much strength, and suits usually don't break well in situations like this. But the decision is close now that partner has bid diamonds, my best suit.

Weiss: Pass. I don't understand why this is a problem now. On the previous round, I might have tried 5♥; but my choice of 4NT, suggesting a two-suiter, was quite reasonable. I would have removed 5♣ to 5♦, showing red suits. At IMPs, 5♦ and 5♥ are equally rewarding and my goal is merely to find a playable trump suit.

I got my wish when partner bid one of my suits. If I were to bid 5♥ now, that would suggest slam interest.

J.S.: That is the point missed. 5♥ now does not show slam interest. The 4NT call announced two places to play - any two of the three unbid suits. If your minor suits were reversed you would certainly correct 5♦ to 5♥.

If partner had bid 5♣ (instead of 5♦) and you remove to 5♥ it does show slam interest - otherwise you would have bid 5♥ immediately. (If you started with both minors, you would pass 5♦.) For completeness I will acknowledge that you could hold a 1-4-4-4 hand, but in that case with 4NT you have elected to treat it as a two-suiter.

Given that 5♥ is not forward going, why remove 5♦? As David points out, you will be pleased to make either 5♦ or 5♥. The answer is that partner has become an overwhelming favorite to hold at least four hearts. If he has exactly four hearts it may be crucial to play the 4-4 rather than 5-4 fit. Partner could easily hold: ♠xx ♥AQxx ♦AQxx ♣Axx or something similar. Then, you say, why not bid 5♥ immediately over 4NT? Because partner bypassed 5♣ deny-

ing a four-card club holding, thus making it likely that he holds at least four hearts.

Despite all this analysis 5♦ could be the winning contract, partner holding a strong 3-3-5-2 hand. But then, he could be 3-5-3-2 also. I believe that the percentage call is 5♥ rather than pass. But full credit if you even considered it.

Kantar: Content. Too much missing to bid on.

J.S.: I have often wished for a "Content" card in the bidding box. It would be used most often when the opponents are known to be in an inferior, even hopeless, contract.

Problem 5.

Neither vul, IMPs
You are South holding;

♠10842 ♥Q1093 ♦A984 ♣9

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	2♠	Db1
?			

J.S.: It's good to have a problem where I have no strong opinion. I can step aside and let the panel have their collective say.

Stakgold: 4♣. Hope to prevent the opponents from finding their best fit. If I am lucky they will land in hearts.

Meyers: 4♣, not getting fancy. It may go double all pass, but that may be best for the opponents. Partner could have a twist for a third seat opener (like five-five in the black suits) and make 4♣. Or we may be able to beat something at five-level. I do the vanilla thing.

Larsen: 4♣. Looks like a normal bid - might even make on a good day.

Kantar: 4♣. I may regret this if partner is too far out of the boat.

Miles: 4♣. I'm not going to try to outguess partner or the opponents.

J.S.: The dissenting opinions:

Weiss: 3♠. I don't see much point in taking what is virtually sure to be a minus score in 4♣, and it might get doubled on power. My red suit holdings make me unafraid of their game chances, and if they can stop on a dime in 4♣ more power to them. Partner may have taken liberties in third seat and could have a disappointing offensive hand.

Janitschke: I bid all of 3♠. Bidding 4♣

seems a bit much because I'm not sure they can make a game or even get to the right one (if one exists). Bidding four just gives them an easy double for down two or so. I don't like not having a spade honor and bidding 4♣.

J.S.: Those are strong arguments for 3♠. Your choice between 3♠ or 4♣ may depend on how much room partner needs for his third seat favorable vulnerability weak two. He needed lots of room at the table. 4♣ was doubled for a two trick set while East/West can take exactly ten tricks in clubs.

Solutions to the Hand(s) of the Month

(See the problems on Page 4)

♠ KJ4	♠ J764		
♥ Q854	♥ 765		
♦ AK52	♦ 107		
♣ Q5	♣ 10965		
♠ 1075	♠ Q983	♠ K1053	♠ AQ9
♥ 6	♥ 73	♥ 983	♥ K104
♦ Q1087	♦ J9	♦ 86	♦ 53
♣ J10943	♣ K8762	♣ KQJ3	♣ A8742
♠ A62	♠ AKJ1092	♠ 82	♠ AQJ2
♥ AKJ1092	♥ 643	♥ AKQJ942	♥ ---
♦ 643	♦ A	♦ ---	♦ ---
♣ A			

Contract: 6♥

On this hand, the two main chances for 12 tricks are that diamonds split 3-3, or the ♠Q is with West. Although neither of these chances occur on this hand, there is an extra chance which works perfectly on this layout, if you understand the principle of a partial strip followed by a loser-on-loser play. Just draw trump, cash the two top diamonds, then lead the ♠Q and throw the lead to East with the ♠K, discarding your losing diamond! Now East has to lead a black card, so there is either a ruff-sluff or an endplay in spades. Only if East had 4 or 5 diamonds would it be necessary for the ♠Q to be with West. That makes the odds about 85% in favor of success.

Contract 5♦: This hand is much less happy. To make 11 tricks, you need the hearts to break 3-3, with the ♥K inside.

And since that requires two heart finesses, you had also better hope that West holds the ♦8, so that you have the two dummy entries necessary to take both heart finesses. Therefore, best play is to ruff the ♣K high, lead the ♦2 to hook against the ♦8, finesse in hearts, lead your other low trump to dummy's ♦10 winner to repeat the finesse; then ... when hearts behave, you claim your game.

The odds of all this coming true? Eddie says about 9%, and I believe him. But ... as Eddie also says, "playing for a 9% chance is still better than playing a 0% contract."

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Upcoming Tournaments

State Fair Sectional Pueblo, Colorado September 2-4, 2011

This tournament is known for its plentiful food snacks. There are no Knockout events. The State Fair is from August 26-September 5, so you can combine that visit with bridge. More on the State Fair at coloradostatefair.com and see the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* for more information on the tournament.

El Paso Labor Day Sectional El Paso, Texas September 2-5, 2011

Located at the Decker Bridge Center, there are four days of fun-filled bridge, including the Swiss Teams on Labor Day Monday and a Compact Knockout on Saturday. See the ad in the last issue of *ScoreCard* for more information.

Prescott Fall Sectional Prescott, Arizona September 9-11, 2011

Prescott is an interesting western town with numerous Victorian buildings from its days as the territorial capital. This tournament uses a ten and three schedule on all days of the tournament, even Friday, and the three session KO starts Friday afternoon. See the ad in the previous *ScoreCard*.

Harvey Hicks Sectional Carlsbad, New Mexico September 16-18, 2011

This sectional in a scenic corner of the state near the famous caverns uses the classic 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. schedule with a 9:00 a.m. session on Saturday for the continuing KO and the start of a Compact KO. All stratification is done by average masterpoints. Details are in the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard*.

Bridge to a Better World

By Sandra L. Arlinghaus
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Heart pacemakers enhance and extend both the quality and quantity of life for many folks around the world. What happens to these marvelous devices, though, in the final analysis? Most of us are familiar with organ donation and the miraculous opportunity it may provide. Now there is a program in development to recycle pacemakers.

One might expect that as we age we are more likely to need a pacemaker. By extension, one might guess that there are more pacemakers per capita in the ACBL population of 165,000 (average age 69) than there are in a randomly selected group of 165,000 people. Different people choose different ways of caring for their earthly remains. Cemetery experts, however, assure us that pacemaker removal is a good idea prior to cremation (lest the crematorium explode!). Pacemakers removed prior to cremation or conventional burial are generally simply trashed. How sad - most have "life" (battery and/or mechanical) left in them that could be used by someone who could not otherwise afford one. An opportunity to save or improve someone else's life is lost. What a shame.

Project My Heart/Your Heart is a program of The University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center, headed by Dr. Kim Eagle (Clinical Director of the Cardiovascular Center) working with Dr. Thomas Crawford. It has a simple, but powerful, focus: recycle used pacemakers to individuals in developing nations and to others in need. Nations without strong health care programs cannot offer such wonderful life-extending devices to most of their residents. We can, as one individual to another. The University of Michigan team is establishing procedure for sterilizing used pacemakers so they can be safely transplanted from a cadaver to a living person. According to the Project My Heart/Your Heart website, each year 1-2 million individuals worldwide die due to lack of a pacemaker. Meanwhile, almost 90% of individuals with pacemakers would donate their device to others in need if given the chance.

If you or a loved one have a pacemaker, please reflect on whether you would like to donate it, eventually, to this program. In the beginning, donations are for research purposes only. Share your heart; help to develop a program to save lives. Consider getting in on the ground level of this synergistic merger of medical, technological, and environmental science. Become an "ACE"

of hearts!

For forms, more information, and contact information, please see:
www.med.umich.edu/myheartyourheart

There is no donor card per se, but people with pacemakers are encouraged to make their families and funeral home aware of their wish for donation.

Improve Your Play 1, Listen to the Bidding

By Larry Matheny
Loveland, Colorado

Sometimes we hear but do not use the information we have gathered. Here's a hand where a defender followed his partner's advice when he should have known better.

South	West	North	East
-	-	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Double	6♠	All Pass	

Bidding: East's rebid of 2NT showed 18-19 high card points. With his good two-suited hand, West was interested in slam. East cooperated by first showing spade support and then cue-bidding the ♦A. South doubled 4♦ hoping to get a diamond lead.

Play: The only thing North remembered from the bidding was his partner's double so he cooperated by leading a diamond against the six level contract. Declarer won the diamond lead, lost a trump trick, and quickly claimed 12 tricks. If North had only listened to the bidding, he would have realized that declarer bid clubs twice to show at least five, dummy jumped to 2NT

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- ♠ A
- ♥ Q98
- ♦ 9864
- ♣ 87643
- ♠ QJ9832
- ♥ 6
- ♦ 7
- ♣ AQJ94
- ♠ K75
- ♥ KJ54
- ♦ AJ5
- ♣ K10
- ♠ 1064
- ♥ 10732
- ♦ KQ1032
- ♣ 5

KAY McKENNA BOULDER FALL SECTIONAL

October 21-23
Boulder County Fairgrounds
NE Corner of Hover & Nelson
Longmont, Colorado

Temperatures are unpredictable in the Fall at the Fairgrounds so wear layers to cover all possibilities!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:30 am, 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm
Bracketed KO Teams, Semifinals & Finals (light lunch provided)
1:30 pm & 7:00 pm single sessions
Stratified 299er Pairs (0-50; 50-150; 150-299)
Stratified Open Pairs (0-750; 750-2000; 2000+)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs (0-50; 50-150; 150-299; single sessions)
Stratified Open Pairs (0-750; 750-200; 2000+; single sessions accommodated)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

10:00 am
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams
Flight X = 0-3000; A = 3000+ (mid-chart conventions allowed)
D/C/B = 0-200; 200-750; 750-2000
7 matches of 8 boards each with lunch break.
Lunch is provided. Approximate finish time: 6pm

Entry Fees

Stratified and Open Events: \$8.00 per player, per session
Sunday Swiss Teams: \$88.00 per team (each additional member \$6.00, includes meal)
Non-ACBL members and non-dues-paying members pay an additional \$1.00/session
No entry fee for ACBL members with fewer than 5 masterpoints

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Tucson's Non-Life Master Sectional

October 28-30, 2011—Holiday Inn - Palo Verde

For Non Life Master players under 500 Master Points

Friday, October 28th

9:00 AM
Stratified NLM Pairs
Compact Knockout (Rounds 1 & 2)
1:30 PM
Stratified NLM Pairs
Compact Knockout (Rounds 3 & 4)
7:00 PM
Knockout (Round 1)

Saturday, October 29th

9:00 AM
Stratified NLM Pairs
Knockout (Round 2)
12:30 PM
Free Swiss Team Lessons
This is an instructional session for players new to team play. The session will be completed in time to play the 1:30PM games.
1:30 PM
Stratified NLM Pairs
Knockout (Round 3)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Sunday, October 30th

10:00 AM & TBA
Stratified Swiss Teams (Two Sessions)
Stratified 199'er Swiss Teams (Two Sessions)
Complimentary Buffet Lunch for all 2 session players

Sanction: 1110040

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Blocked rooms are reserved until October 14, 2011.

Fees: \$10.00 for dues paying ACBL Members and \$12.00 for all others.

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Please visit our website at www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com

Stratified Events:

A=200-500 (NLM), B=100-200, C=0-100, D=20-50; E=5-20; F=0-5 as needed.

We offer Free Coffee and Tea, Yummy Candy, Lectures, Pre Dealt Hands & Hand Records and a buffet lunch for two sessions Swiss Teams players on Sunday. If you are not a member and join the ACBL at the tournament, we will pay half your first years dues.



Upcoming Tournaments

Indian Paintbrush Sectional Cheyenne, Wyoming September 16-18, 2011

The three sessions Friday, which include a KO, are at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. while the Saturday pairs are at 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. The Sunday Swiss Teams is preceded by a continental breakfast.

See the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* for more information.

Taos 6th Annual Sectional Taos, New Mexico Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2011

Lovely weather and a charming locale make this sectional special. It has the classic 1:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. schedule. Untraditionally, the Knockout Teams is three sessions on Saturday.

See the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* for more details.

299er Fall Colors Sectional Vail, Colorado Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2011

A truly beautiful drive to a lovely location for this 299er Sectional. It has a 10:00 a.m. start Saturday and a 9:30 a.m. start Sunday. See the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* for more details.

Denver I/N Sectional Aurora, Colorado October 8-9, 2011

The traveling Susan Dittmer Memorial Trophy goes to the winner of the most masterpoints. Players with fewer than five masterpoints play for free!

See the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* for more details.

Kay McKenna Boulder Fall Sectional Boulder, Colorado October 21-23, 2011

This sectional is well-known for its delicious food. A light lunch Friday and a pizza lunch on Sunday with many wonderful snacks at all times.

See the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* for more details.

Tucson Non-Life Master Sectional Tucson, Arizona October 28-30, 2011

Free lectures and a buffet lunch on Sunday. Game time is 9:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. See the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* for more details.

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indicating a balanced hand with at least two clubs, so it was easy to realize that *South* could hold no more than one club. Holding the trump ace, it would be a simple matter for *North* to lead a club, win the ♠A at trick two, and give his partner a club ruff to defeat the contract.

From the editors: This article was previously published on the Northern Colorado Unit's website at northerncoloradobridge.com/ - please send particularly good articles that come from your own unit web sites or newsletters to us!

Bon's Mots—Continued from page 1

up for the Youth NABC.

Burke made it to the finals of the Wernher Open Pairs playing with Carl Jones, Chicago, whom he met at the partnership desk. Burke and Ben were now ready to take on the youth ... and did they ever. They won the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs, which provides a \$1000 scholarship for each of them. Then on Sunday, with Hakan Berk, Potomac, Maryland and David Soukup, Arlington, Virginia, the boys won the Youth Aileen Osofsky National Swiss Teams.

All-in-all Burke won 26.23 masterpoints in the Youth Events, plus 29.61 in NABC and regional events for a total of 55.84 masterpoints, making him number 16 on the D17 masterpoint list for the Toronto NABC (go to my website www.bonniebagleyd17.com for the complete listing). Well done and congratulations Burke. We are proud of you.

Future - Robert Hartman



Robert Hartman - Bonnie Bagley

The ACBL Board of Directors approved the selection of the CEO Search Committee - Robert Hartman of Oakland, California. This is a bad news/good news scenario. We will have to say farewell to Jay Baum, who has served us so ably for ten years, and welcome in Robert Hartman. Jay will be sorely missed (perhaps we will see more of him at the bridge table), but we look forward to working with Robert, who will take over in November.

Current - Craig Robinson



Craig Robinson - Bonnie Bagley

ACBL President Craig Robinson started the West-of-the-Mississippi portion of his "100 Clubs in 100 Days" on August 10 in Fargo, North Dakota, and will be in District 17 August 28 - September 6. Craig will be playing at bridge clubs in Colorado (Colorado Springs and Aspen), New Mexico (Santa Fe, Los Alamos, and Albuquerque), Arizona (Sedona, Scottsdale, and Prescott) and in Henderson, Nevada. I'm sure all the clubs are as eagerly looking forward to Craig's visit as we in Colorado Springs are. He's scheduled to finish his western trek September 21 in Sandpoint, Idaho, traveling over 6500 miles total.

A reminder: Please send me your nominations for the ACBL Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee and the National Charity Committee. Bonnie@bonniebagleyd17.com or phone 719 593-0205.



299'er Fall Colors Sectional

September 30-October 2, 2011

Eagle - Vail Pavilion in the Vail Valley



299'er Fall Colors Sectional

Friday, September 30 - 1pm

Saturday, October 1 at 10 am and 3pm

Sunday, October 2 at 9:30 am

Open Pairs Friday and Saturday

Swiss Teams on Sunday

Eagle-Vail Pavilion in the Vail Valley

Entries per session: \$10 ACBL members / \$11 non-members

A=200-299 B=100-199 C=0-99

Hotel Reservations: Call 1-877-820-7669, option 2;
Group Number: QB3CBT or 299er bridge tournament

Tournament chair: Pam Elsnor, 970-949-6759
email: pamhodge@aol.com

Partnership chair: Brooke Ferris, 970-376-0531 or
email: Brooke@vail.net

Hospitality: Joan Bornstein and Nancy Alexander

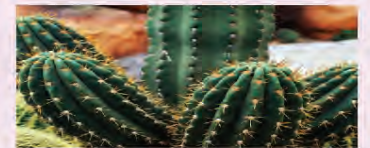
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Directions: I-70 to exit #168 - At roundabout go south to highway 6. At Hwy 6 roundabout turn left. At second traffic light turn right on Eagle Road. The pavilion is a quarter mile on the right. See www.eaglevail.org for more details.

Tucson Fall Sectional

November 3—6, 2011
Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel



Thursday, November 3

9:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
199'er Pairs (Single Session)
Knockout I (Rounds I & II)
Bracketed

Friday, November 4

9:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
199'er Pairs (Single Session)
Knockout I (Round III)
Knockout II (Round I) Bracketed

7:00 PM

Stratified Pairs, 199'er Pairs &
Single Session Swiss

Saturday, November 5

9:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
199'er Pairs (Single Session)
Knockout II (Rounds II & III)
Bracketed

Sunday, November 6

9:00 AM & TBA

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams
(Two Sessions)
Stratified 199'er Swiss Teams
(Two Sessions)

Complimentary Buffet Lunch for all 2
session players



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199'er Pairs: A=100-200; B=20-100; C=0-20

Knockouts: Bracketed by average master point holdings of all team members

Flighted Swiss Teams:

(All scored at Victory points)

A=3000+; Ax=0-3000;

B=750-1500; C=300-750; D=0-300

199'er Swiss Teams:

(All scored at Victory points)

E=100-200; F=0-100.

Single session entries will be

accommodated

Sanction #1111030



Tournament Results

Atomic City Sectional Los Alamos, New Mexico July 29-31, 2011

Stratified Pairs (38 pairs)

1. Hilary Skolnik, Santa Fe - Don Heitler, Englewood CO
2. Jerry Ruther - William Epperson, Santa Fe
- 1B. John Ruminer - Earle Hanson, Los Alamos
- 2B. Neil Hunter - Tom Martin, Santa Fe
- 2C. Audrey Miller - Mary Essig, Santa Fe

Stratified Pairs (24 pairs)

1. William Kass, Albuquerque - Stephen Kemic, Los Alamos
- 2.1B. Buck Schreyer - Marian Schreyer, Albuquerque
- 2B. Mark Mundt - Siegfried Lodwig, Los Alamos
- 1C. Joy Green - Clifford Rudy, Los Alamos
- 2C. George Soto - Barbara Kerl, Albuquerque

Stratified Pairs (10 pairs)

1. Harold Paul - Andrew Smick, Santa Fe
2. Jill Burtram, Albuquerque - Deborah Reichman, Algodones
- 2B. Jennifer Young - Virginia Wilson, Los Alamos
- 2C. Margaret Lopez, Santa Fe - Beryl Cobb, Tyler TX

Stratified Pairs (23 pairs)

1. Richard Klamann - Robert Nunz, Los Alamos
2. James Joy - Constance Joy, Santa Fe
- 1C. Harold Paul - Andrew Smick, Santa Fe
- 2C. John Ruminer - Earle Hanson, Los Alamos

Stratified Pairs (16 pairs)

1. Patricia Scott - Dennis Scott, Taos
2. Jerry Fleming, Los Alamos - Peggy Craig, El Paso TX
- 2B. Richard Klamann - Robert Nunz, Los Alamos
- 1C. Chloe Ella Fackenthall - Byron Fackenthall, Houston TX
- 2C. Samuel Borkowsky - Jennifer Young, Los Alamos

299er Pairs (9 pairs)

- 1D. John Stafurik - Samuel Borkowsky, Los Alamos
- 2D. Larry Saine - Matilda Rubin, Santa Fe
- 2F. Marilyn Dienes - John Dienes, Los Alamos

299er Pairs (10 pairs)

- 1D. Lloyd Smith - Samuel Borkowsky, Los Alamos
- 2D. Teri Collier, Angel Fire - Ron Stock, El Prado
- 1E. Peggy Glascock, Santa Fe - Kim Jordan, Dallas TX
- 2E. Norman Worth, Los Alamos - Yvonne Laughlin, Santa Fe

KO Teams I (6 teams)

1. Mark Jones - William Kass - Jeff Brown, Albuquerque - Stephen Kemic, Los Alamos
2. Mel Skolnik - Hilary Skolnik - Jerry Ruther, Santa Fe - Don Heitler, Englewood CO

KO Teams II (5 teams)

1. Buck Schreyer - Marian Schreyer, Albuquerque - Clifford Rudy - Joy Green, Los Alamos
2. John Clough - Brian Greer, Taos - Patricia Thomas, Santa Fe - Karen Miller, Paradise Valley AZ

Swiss Teams (21 teams)

1. Mark Mundt - Siegfried Lodwig, Los Alamos - Deborah Reichman, Algodones - Jill Burtram, Albuquerque
2. John Erickson, Peralta -

- Richard McCombs - Dennis Dawson, Santa Fe - John Pendergrass, Albuquerque
- 2B. Franklin Fine - Gerald Duncan, Albuquerque - Art McHaffie - Joy McHaffie, Santa Fe
- 1C. Joseph Bruno - Beatrice Daly - Dick Reynolds, Santa Fe - Marianne Claysmith, St Augustine FL
- 2/3C. Richard Atwood - James Ewert - James Atwood - Tom Martin, Santa Fe
- 2/3C. Ann Marie Graves - Joe Bergstein, Los Alamos - Timothy Long - Susan Vidrine, Albuquerque

2011 Northern Colorado Summer Sectional Loveland, Colorado July 15-17, 2011

Stratified Pairs (12 pairs)

1. William Rawlings, Broomfield - Phyllis Coelho, Boulder
2. Barbara Clingman, Cathedral City CA - Vickie Thomas, Cheyenne WY
- 2C. Lois Jurgens, Centennial - Linda French, Denver

Stratified Pairs (46 pairs)

1. David Caprera, Denver - Varis Carey, Fort Collins
2. Allen Kane, Pueblo West - En Hay, Littleton
- 1B. Burke Snowden, Fort Collins - Billie Turner, Greeley
- 2B. Don Little - Donald Patterson, Steamboat Springs
- 1C. Bill Follis - Marilyn Pultz, Fort Collins
- 2C. Robert Solick, Berthoud - Alaeldin Rachid, Fort Collins

Stratified Pairs (30 pairs)

1. John Krueger - Gwenda Purdy, Estes Park
2. Chuck Henke - Donald Vancil, Aurora
- 2B. Sally Ann Rhea - Clinton Heiple, Boulder
- 2C. Kay Schulz, Commerce City - Kevin Dunn, Centennial

Stratified Pairs (8 pairs)

1. Sue Simmons - Mary Carol Evenson, Greeley
2. Bob Link, Fort Collins - Al Walsh, Johnstown

Stratified Pairs (70 pairs)

1. Allen Kane, Pueblo West - Jon Brandon, Denver
- 2.1B. Ginny Steele, Fort Collins - Robert Solick, Berthoud
- 2B. Donald Patterson - Don Little, Steamboat Springs
- 1C. George Varra - Elizabeth Varra, Fort Collins
- 2C. Frank Demeyer, Fort Collins - Jasper Brundage, Loveland

Stratified Pairs (6 pairs)

1. Phyllis Coelho, Boulder - William Rawlings, Broomfield
2. Richard Thome - Marie Thome, Carlsbad CA

299er Pairs (19 pairs)

- 1D. Daniel Zwonitzer - Cheryl McVay, Cheyenne WY
- 2D. Lorry Cashatt, Longmont - Marcia Christopher, Estes Park
- 2E. Wayne Wong - Percy Harris III, Aurora
- 1F. Irma Maston - Nancy Rattmann, Fort Collins
- 2F. Frances Huber - Glen Woodson, Lakewood

299er Pairs (18 pairs)

- 1D. Cheryl McVay - Daniel Zwonitzer, Cheyenne WY
- 2D.1F. Bunny Katzman - Patricia Markley, Fort Collins
- 2F. Frances Huber - Glen Woodson, Lakewood

299er Pairs (8 pairs)

- 1D. G. Steve Wheeler - Susan Marshbanks, Castle Rock
- 2D. David Zwonitzer - Kym Zwonitzer, Cheyenne WY
- 2E.1F. Frances Huber - Glen Woodson, Lakewood
- 2F. Daniel Zwonitzer - Cheryl McVay, Cheyenne WY

299er Pairs (22 pairs)

- 1D. Ellen Vineski - James Smith, Boulder
- 2D.1E. Nila Hobbs - Caroline McArthur, Fort Collins
- 2E. Frances Huber - Glen Woodson, Lakewood

299er Pairs (18 pairs)

- 1D. Lorry Cashatt, Longmont - Marcia Christopher, Estes Park
- 2D. Bob Link, Fort Collins - Al Walsh, Johnstown
- 1E. Frances Huber - Glen Woodson, Lakewood
- 2E. June Saunders, Boulder - Peter Divine, None

KO Teams I (7 teams)

1. Larry Matheny, Loveland - Robert Sherman, Lafayette - Cynthia Smith - Marwin Smith, Fort Collins
2. Timothy Watson, Lyons - Carol Ward, Arvada - Jeanne Gray, Broomfield - Jeanne Achziger, Denver

KO Teams II (7 teams)

1. Daniel Ziskin - Alan Kosansky - Irene (June) Bock, Boulder - Blair Young, Littleton
2. Beth McGregor - William Dorin, Fort Collins - Sue Simmons - Bradley Simmons, Greeley

Flight A/X Teams (21 teams)

1. Donald Vancil - Chuck Henke, Aurora - En Hay, Littleton - Allen Kane, Pueblo West
2. Harley Bress, Golden - Garth Yettick - Spencer Jones - Peggy Ware, Denver

Carlsbad, New Mexico

54th Annual

HARVEY HICKS SECTIONAL

District 17, Unit 376, ACBL Sanction Number S1109090

SEPTEMBER 16, 17 and 18, 2011

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1829 South Canal Street, Carlsbad, NM 88220

FRIDAY, September 16

- 1:30 pm and 7 pm Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)
- 1:30 pm and 7 pm 299er Pairs (single sessions)
- 7 pm Cavemen Bracketed KO Teams (Round 1)

SATURDAY, September 17

- 9 am Cavemen Bracketed KO Teams (Round 2)
- 9 am Sitting Bull Compact Bracketed KO Teams (Rounds 1 and 2)
- 1:30 pm Cavemen Bracketed KO Teams (Round 3)
- 1:30 pm Sitting Bull Compact Bracketed KO Teams (Rounds 3 and 4)
- 1:30 pm and 7 pm Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)
- 1:30 pm and 7 pm 299er Pairs (single sessions)

SUNDAY, September 18

- 9:30 am and TBA Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions with break for lunch)

All pair and team games stratified by average master points

\$10/person/session; Swiss Teams \$100/team (includes both sessions and lunch)

\$1 additional for non and unpaid ACBL members

Stratified: (A) 1500+, (B) 500-1500, (C) 0-500

299ers: (A) 200-300, (B) 100-200, (C) 0-100

Free coffee, tea and snacks all sessions

Director in Charge: Robert Craig (915) 581-0371**Tournament Chair:** Regina Ballard (575) 234-1646, cell (575) 200-8446,rballard1@plateautel.net **Co-Chair:** Shyla McGill (575) 392-1156**Partnership Desk:** Jackie Parker (575) 302-6131, jmcarker@gmail.com**Hospitality:** Aloma Crow, Lee Johnson, and Sally Miller**Publicity:** Bette Rae Campbell**Host Motel:** Best Western STEVENS INN, 1829 S. Canal, Carlsbad, NM 88220

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Roadrunner Fall Sectional

November 4 - 6, 2011

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Albuquerque, NM 87112

505-271-2877

Friday

- Open Stratified Pairs
- 199er Stratified Pairs
- Bracketed Knockouts
- Bracketed Knockouts
- Stratified Swiss Teams

November 4, 2011

- Single Sessions 9:00am / 1:00pm
- Single Sessions 9:00am / 1:00pm
- Round 1 1:00pm
- Round 2 7:00pm
- Single Session 7:00pm

Saturday

- Bracketed Knockouts
- Open Stratified Pairs
- 199er Stratified Pairs
- Strati-flighted Pairs
- Open Stratified Side Pairs

November 5, 2011

- Final Round 9:00am
- Single Session 9:00am
- Single Sessions 9:00 / 1:00pm
- 2 Sessions 1:00pm and 7:00pm
- Single Session 1:00pm

Sunday

- Strati-flighted Swiss Teams 2 sessions 10:00am and TBA
- A and A/X play together; B/C/D play together
- Separate 199er Swiss Teams (if sufficient entries)

November 6, 2011

- Stratified Events: A:2000+, B:750-2000, C: 0-750
- Strati-flighted Events: Flight A: 3000+, A/X 0-3000, B:750-2000, C: 0-750; Saturday Pairs B:750-2000, C:200-750, D:0-200 Sunday Swiss
- 199er Events: A:100-200; B:50-100; C:0-50

All events stratified by average masterpoint holdings
Mid-chart methods allowed in Flight A events and in top flight of KO.

- Entry Fees: \$8.00/ person/session (ACBL Members)
- \$9.00/person/session (non/unpaid members)
- \$4.00/person/session (Juniors U19)
- \$80.00 per Swiss Team (includes meal between sessions on Sunday)

- Chairperson: Felicity Moore (f.moore@netscape.com) 505-344-5209
- Partnerships: Susan Hetteima (davidgh@netzero.net) 505-298-2044

Sanction # S1111041

Information and results at www.abqbridge.com Results posted online after every session.
*Pre-duplicated boards for all pair events.**Complimentary coffee, tea, snacks and finger food at all sessions.**Non-smoking tournament with breaks.*

Directions to DCBC: From I-40 take Wyoming Ave Exit north to Northeastern Blvd (approximately 1 mile) Turn right (E) on Northeastern Blvd (traffic light), DCBC is second building on the right.



Tournament Results

- 1X. Dawn Foltz - Gregory Foltz - Barbara Meier - Bill Stoltey, Fort Collins
- 2X. Jeanne Achziger - Margaret Devere, Denver - Carol Ward, Arvada - Jeanne Gray, Broomfield
- B/C/D Teams (19 teams)**
- 1B. Eric Mead, Lakewood - William Kutscher, Broomfield - David Williams, Littleton - Thomas Burger, Englewood
- 2B. Scott Needham - Jean Hupka - Sally Ann Rhea, Boulder - Katalin Yates, Erie
- 2C.1D. Michael Innis - Henry Leweling - John Wolf - Hart Renger, Fort Collins
- 2D. Jacqueline Gasser, Brighton - Vivian Heggie, Denver - Kay Schulz, Commerce City - Kevin Dunn, Centennial

Peach Sectional Grand Junction, Colorado August 5-7, 2011

- Stratified Pairs (42 pairs)**
1. Rocky Otto, Clifton - Dianne Jones, Cedaredge
- 2.1B. Richard Frankeny - Diana Frankeny, Breckenridge
- 2/3B. Jess Cohen - Anita Knaysi, Grand Junction
- 2/3B. Edwin Glickman - Han Sarah Glickman, Snowmass
- 1C. Jim Churchill, Cedaredge - Carol Dolan, Montrose
- 2C. Christine Boller - Ronald Boller, Frisco
- Stratified Pairs (34 pairs)**
1. James Fisher - Barry Hillmer, Durango
2. Diana Frankeny - Richard

- Frankeny, Breckenridge
- 1C. W. Multack, Miami Beach FL - Berton Solomon, Edwards
- 2C. Sue Carson - Carolyn Ford, Grand Junction
- Stratified Pairs (46 pairs)**
1. John Van Ness, Carbondale - Bruce Cobb, Denver
- 2.1B. Anita Knaysi - Jess Cohen, Grand Junction
- 2B. Patricia Payne, New Castle - Avonel Manges, Basalt
- 1C. Courtney Keller, Basalt - Susan Knox, Aspen
- 2/3C. Martha Scott - Cheryl Spray, Grand Junction
- 2/3C. Christine Boller - Ronald Boller, Frisco
- Stratified Pairs (43 pairs)**
1. Edwin Glickman - Han Sarah Glickman, Snowmass
2. Blair Young, Littleton - Ernie Young, Jr, Highlands Ranch
- 2B. Robert Johnson - Jo Levy, Grand Junction
- 1C. Paul Hackbert - Joyce Hackbert, Molina
- 2C. Christine Boller - Ronald Boller, Frisco
- 199er Pairs (8 pairs)**
- 1D. Charles White - Carolyn White, Grand Junction
- 2/3D.1/2E. John Miskell, Eagle - Jan Govreau, Gypsun
- 2/3D.1/2E.1F. Kenneth Fee - Carol Woodson, Lake Placid FL
- 2F. Jean Paradis - Susan Pidcock, Grand Junction
- 199er Pairs (6 pairs)**
- 1D. Kay Freyer, Cherry Hills Village - May Chism - Braselton, Basalt
- 2D. John Miskell, Eagle - Jan Govreau, Gypsun
- Stratified Swiss Teams (18 teams)**
1. Linda Marah, Fruita - Dick Jones - Dianne Jones, Cedaredge - Rocky Otto,

- Clifton
- 2 Blair Young, Littleton - Ernie Young, Jr, Highlands Ranch - Bruce Cobb, Denver - John Van Ness, Carbondale
- 1B. Robert Johnson - Jo Levy - Linda Scibienski, Grand Junction - Linda Deaton, Fruita
- 2B.1C. Sylvia Morrison - Gerald McDonnel - Ruth McDonnel, Grand Junction - Bonnie Maresh, Palisade
- 2C. Bonnie Wilke - Jill Fink, Aspen - Leila Huff, Las Vegas NV - Barbara Carson, Snowmass Village

Laughlin Sectional Laughlin, Nevada August 12-14, 2011

- Stratified Pairs (25 pairs)**
1. Louis Herbster - Phillis Herbster, Tucson AZ
- 2.1B. David Bloom, Apple Valley CA - Rose Erdelen, Helendale CA
- 2B. Stanley Shamitz - Donald Dimmel, Prescott AZ
- 2C. Robert Armstrong - Patricia Armstrong, Prescott AZ
- Stratified Pairs (48 pairs)**
1. Bryan Carlson - James Blaschak, Kingman AZ
2. Edgar Hurt, Jr - Diane Hurt, Lake Havasu City AZ
- 2B. Walt Cummins - Edward Cowan Jr, Prescott AZ
- 2C. James Vogt - Gisele Strandquest, Scottsdale AZ
- Stratified Pairs (20 pairs)**
1. Joan Kinney, Victorville CA - Janice Carmean, Helendale CA
2. Henriette Mufich - Rodney Paxton, Las Vegas

- 2B. Warren Wolff - Helen Klinger, Lake Havasu City AZ
- 2C. Ann Paulson - Wendell Paulson, Sun City West AZ
- Stratified Pairs (28 pairs)**
1. James Brier, Las Vegas - Richard Price, Fort Worth TX
2. Phillis Herbster - Louis Herbster, Tucson AZ
- 1B. David Johnston - Peggy Johnston, Sun City West AZ
- 2B.1C. Robert Armstrong - Patricia Armstrong, Prescott
- 2C. Bryan Carlson - Trey Gordon, Kingman AZ
- Stratified Pairs (41 pairs)**
1. Michael Marcucci, San Gabriel CA - Milton Kalikman, Azusa
2. James Brier, Las Vegas - Richard Price, Fort Worth TX
- 1B. Jay Hardy, N Las Vegas - A. Carey, Henderson
- 2B. Joan Shay - Kitty Chase, Prescott AZ
- 2C. Robert Armstrong - Patricia Armstrong, Prescott AZ
- Stratified Pairs (14 pairs)**
1. Mary Singer - George Derevjaniak, Huntington Beach CA
2. Susan Patricelli - Jim Cleary, Surprise AZ
- 1B. Gladys Kirchner, Placentia CA - Lucia Teulecke, Laguna Woods CA
- 2B.1C. Peggie Zuber, Laguna Woods CA - Rosanne Riggs, Prescott Valley AZ
- 2C. Donna Montgomery - Lani Davis, Tucson AZ
- 199er Pairs (13 pairs)**
- 1D. Milo Nielsen - Judy Nielsen, Prescott Valley AZ
- 2D.1E. Vernon Jorgenson - Robert Crabb, Sedona AZ
- 2E. Joann Klein, Prescott AZ - Rosanne Riggs, Prescott Valley AZ

- 199er Pairs (20 pairs)**
- 1D. Mary Beigel - Michael McGlothlin, Prescott AZ
- 2D. Sally Miller - Aloma Crow, Carlsbad NM
- 2E. Kristin Brown - Sonya Webber, Sedona AZ
- 1F. Vernon Jorgenson - Robert Crabb, Sedona AZ
- 2F. Bonne Pace - Ellie Lyons, Sedona AZ
- 199er Pairs (13 pairs)**
- 1D. Doris Fox - Babette Demont, Litchfield Park AZ
- 2D. Bonne Pace - Ellie Lyons, Sedona AZ
- 199er Pairs (16 pairs)**
- 1D. Joann Klein, Prescott AZ - Rosanne Riggs, Prescott Valley AZ
- 2D.1F. Mary Jean Clegg, Golden Valley AZ - Sylvia Goryl, Kingman AZ
- 2F. William Phillips - Carol Phillips, Flagstaff AZ
- KO Teams I (7 teams)**
1. Jane Rubin - Bruce Rubin, Henderson - Ernest Ledbetter - Gary Tomczyk, Las Vegas
2. Virginia Dudley, Lancaster CA - John Tynner, West Covina CA - Bill McClean, Pacific Palisades CA - Angela Butterfield, Prescott AZ
- KO Teams II (7 teams)**
1. Albert Leenhouts - C. Lorraine Leenhouts, Kingman AZ - Gordon Robinett - Vilma Robinett, Fort Mohave AZ
2. Patricia Dodd - Dee Willard, Cottonwood AZ - Robert Backman - Barbara Ballard, Sedona AZ
- KO Teams III (7 teams)**
1. Lindsay Cantoni - Evelyn Landsburg, Sun Lakes AZ -

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TAOS 6TH ANNUAL SECTIONAL

September 30-October 2, 2011

Sagebrush Inn and Conference Center

1508 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM 87571

Tournament Schedule

Friday, September 30

- Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 1:00 PM**
- 299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 1:00 PM**
- Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 7:00 PM**

Saturday, October 1

- Bracketed Knockout Teams (1st Round) 9:00 AM**
- 299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 9:00 AM**
- Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 9:00 AM**
- Bracketed Knockout Teams (2nd Round) 1:00 PM**
- Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 1:00 PM**
- Bracketed Knockout Teams (Finals) 7:00 PM**
- Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 7:00 PM**

Sunday, October 2

- Strati-flighted Swiss Teams (2 sessions) 9:30 AM and TBD**
- Stratiifed 299er Swiss Teams (2 sessions) 9:30 AM and TBD**

Fees: Open Games: \$10/person/session
 Swiss Teams on Sunday: \$96/team inc. lunch
 Non-ACBL Members add \$1 per session, or join ACBL on Fri or Sat and play free that day
 Saturday Luncheon Buffet: \$15 by Reservation

Stratification:
 Open events: A=2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750
 299er events: D=150-300, E=50-150, F=0-50
 Strati-flighted Swiss Teams: A=unlimited, AX=0-3000 (these play separately), B=1500-2000, C=750-1500, D=0-750

Key Tournament Personnel

Tourney Chairperson: Winifred Stebbins, stebmarc@q.com, 575-613-7501

Partnerships: Mason Palmer, masonpalmer@gmail.com, 575-613-4911

Director in charge: Bill Michael

Host Hotel: Sagebrush Inn

www.taoshotels.com

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Room Rates (tax not included) inc cooked to order breakfast:

Standard/Fireplace Room \$69/\$79
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<http://taoswebb.com/>

PRESCOTT FALL SECTIONAL Bridge Tournament

September 9, 10 and 11, 2011
 Adult Center of Prescott
 Rowle P. Simmons Community Center
 1280 E. Rosser Street
 Prescott, AZ 86301
 928-778-3000



Sanction #: S1109105
 Unit: 355 District: 17

Friday, September 9, 2011

10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 3:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs
 Stratified 199er Pairs
 Bracketed KO Teams

Single Session
 Single Session
 Bracket 1 may be Handicapped

Saturday, September 10, 2011

10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs
 Stratified 199er Pairs
 Bracketed KO Teams

Single Session
 Single Session

Sunday, September 11, 2011

10:00 am & TBA
 10:00 am & TBA

Swiss Teams
 Stratified 299er Swiss Teams

Stratified by Team Average

Tournament Chairperson
 Terry Rawlings
 928-708-0029
trawlings92@msn.com

Stratified Events
 A = 1,500+
 B = 500 - 1,500
 C = 0 - 500

Hand Records will be used.

Partnership Chairperson
 Fran Edmond
 928-445-7716
franedmond@webtv.net

Stratified 199er Pairs
 0/50
 50/100
 100/200
 (Minimum of 3 Tables)

Director In Charge
 Linda Mitchell

Smoking breaks, complimentary coffee & refreshments. Zero Tolerance observed! Use of cell phones prohibited during sessions. No host lunch counter available Sunday only.

Tournament Results

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| Nancy Seamster, Gilbert AZ -
Ginny Troin, Show Low AZ | KO Teams I (7 teams)
1. Judy Kay-Wolff - Bobby
Wolff, Las Vegas - Robb
Gordon - Linda Gordon, | Sedona AZ
2. Stanley Shamitz - Donald
Dimmel - Walt Cummins -
Edward Cowan, Jr, Prescott |
| 2. Patrick Page - Kay Knapp,
Morongo Valley CA - Herb | | KO Teams II (8 teams)
1. Jan Birkett - Karen Villa - |

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| Crystal Fraser, Sedona AZ -
Linda Mueller, Flagstaff AZ | 1. Rose Boot, Fresno CA - Fred
Hamilton - John Jeffrey - Sam
Wilson, Las Vegas |
| 2. Clarence Mette III - Sarah
Baumann - Barry Abrahams,
Tucson AZ - Barbara
Rosenthal, Oro Valley AZ | 2. Judy Kay-Wolff - Bobby
Wolff, Las Vegas - Robb
Gordon - Linda Gordon,
Sedona AZ |
| KO Teams III (8 teams)
1. Michael Ryan - Keith
Hilzendeger - Mark Robertson,
Phoenix AZ - Teresa Fraas,
Maricopa AZ | 1B. George Derevanik - Mary
Singer, Huntington Beach CA -
Gladys Kirchner, Placentia CA
- Lucia Teulecke, Laguna
Woods CA |
| 2. Art Miller - Ginger Miller -
Dan Lester - Gail Lester, Saint
George UT | 2B. Walt Cummins - Edward
Cowan, Jr - Donald Dimmel -
Stanley Shamitz, Prescott AZ |
| Swiss Teams (14 teams)
1. Judy Kay-Wolff - Bobby
Wolff, Las Vegas - Robb
Gordon - Linda Gordon,
Sedona AZ | 1C. Michael Ryan - Keith
Hilzendeger - Mark Robertson,
Phoenix AZ - Teresa Fraas,
Maricopa AZ |
| 2.1B. Penny Smith, Fort Mohave
AZ - Della Willis, Las Vegas -
Marilyn Mason, N Las Vegas -
Alan Jones, Bullhead City AZ | 2C. Richard Glass - Marsha Glass -
Ronald Smith, Saint George
UT - Sarah Sheehan, Bishop |
| 2B.1C. Susan Eaton - Alice Martin
- Darryl Helton - Beverly
Hoover, Sedona AZ | |
| 2C. Richard Glass - Marsha Glass -
Ronald Smith, Saint George
UT - Sarah Sheehan, Bishop | |

Bidding Basics 5, Opener's Rebids

By Kitty & Steve Cooper

When deciding what to do over your partner's response to your opening bid of one of a suit remember your bidding objectives: finding out if there is an eight card or longer major suit fit and if the partnership has the 26 points (or 14 losers) needed for game.

Let's cover the easiest case first. Suppose you open one of a major and partner gives you a limit raise. Since partner has shown 11-12 support points, conventional wisdom is to bid game with a good 14 or more points and consider slam with about 20 points. Forget that. This is the time when you want to use losing trick count, covered in the previous article in this series, to evaluate. Partner has shown an eight loser hand so bid game with six losers. If you have four losers you should think about slam.

Onward to the tougher cases. What does partner's response to your opening bid tell you about your possible major suit fits and your partnership points? If you know that the partnership cannot have 26 points or 14 losers, you want to pass or make a sign-off bid. If you have found an eight card major fit, that's the suit you want to have for a trump suit so raise it. Here is a chart showing the three categories to divide your opening hand into:

Point Range	Category	Opposite a Minimum Raise	When Raising Responder
13-15 (6 or 7 losers)	Minimum	pass	two level
16-18 (or 5 losers)	Medium	invite	three level
19-21 (or 4 losers)	Maximum	game	game

Rebid Question List

1. *Is there an eight card major suit fit?* The priorities, in order, are: raise partner's major, bid a new major at the one level, or "raise" yourself. So with

four card support for partner's suit or a six card or longer suit of your own:

- Raise to two with a minimum
 - Raise to three with a medium strength hand (or a five loser hand)
 - Raise to game with a maximum. When raising a minor this can mean bidding 3NT.
2. *Is your hand balanced?* If so then:
- With a minimum rebid the cheapest number of NT or pass partner's NT response
 - You will not have a medium hand unless you have a five card major, since you would have opened 1NT. If you did open one of a major with 15 or 16 HCP, then you have to rebid two of a three card minor (Note that if you have a four card minor, you are not balanced).
 - With a maximum, jump in NT or raise partner's NT bid one level. This can include 17 HCP with a five card major or possibly a six card minor not suitable for a three level jump rebid.
3. *Your hand must be unbalanced*, therefore bid a new suit if possible
- A minimum hand can only bid a new suit when it can be bid below two of the suit that was opened. Therefore sometimes a minimum hand has to rebid a five card suit; this will usually be a minor.
 - A medium hand makes a natural rebid of a second suit. Note that a reverse, (bidding a new suit higher than two of the suit opened, for example 1♣-1♠-2♥) promises at least medium strength values.
 - A maximum hand needs to force to game. Therefore a maximum must either jump in a new suit (a strong jump shift) or reverse and then follow with another strong bid or bid of game.

Some of this material has been previously published by Kitty Cooper as charts to assist in the schools teaching program on kittycooper.com. These articles as written are all published on the District 17 website at d17acbl.org under "columns."

Silver 299er Albuquerque NM August 6-7, 2011

299er Pairs

1. Tom Estenson - Alan Mannheimer, Albuquerque
- 2.1C. Pat Zick - Maris Shepherd, Albuquerque
- 2C. Maris Mason - Michael Koss, Placitas

299er Pairs (26 pairs)

1. Tom Estenson - Alan Mannheimer, Albuquerque
- 2.1C. Pat Zick - Maris Shepherd, Albuquerque

Swiss Teams (10 teams)

1. James Linn - Effie Chavez - Robert Smith - Barbara Keel, Albuquerque
2. John Curro, John Knight, Placitas - Michael Nolan - Lee Wooten, Bernalillo

Pueblo State Fair Sectional

September 2, 3, 4, 2011
Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center
210 N. Santa Fe (exit 98-B off I-25)
Pueblo, Colorado

Friday—September 2, 2011
1:00 & 7:00 pm Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 199er Pairs (Single Session)

Saturday—September 3, 2011
10:00 AM Stratified Pairs (Double Session)
Stratified 199er Pairs (Single Session)
3:00 PM Stratified Pairs (Double Session)
Stratified 199er Pairs (Single Session)

Sunday—September 4, 2011
10:00 AM Stratified Swiss Teams (Two Sessions)

Stratified Events: A - 1500+ B - 750-1500 C - 0-750
199er Pairs: D - 100-200 E - 50-100 F - 0-50
Single Session Entries will be accommodated

Tournament Chair: Judith Lopez (719) 547-1674
Partnerships: Janet Thompson (719) 545-6235
Director-in-Charge: William Michael

Fees: \$10 per person per single session;
An ACBL member with less than 5 MP plays free;
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International City Unit 159
El Paso, Texas
Maura Cauldwell & Beverly Thrasher
Labor Day Tournament

September 2, 3, 4, & 5, 2011
DECKER BRIDGE CENTER
2216 East Yandell, El Paso, Texas 79903
Sanction #1109041

<p>Friday, September 2 10:00 a.m. Stratified Swiss, One Session</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs (Single Session)</p> <p>Sunday, September 4 10:00 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions) 3:00 p.m. Single Sessions (Accommodated)</p> <p>Stratification: (A) 2000+; (B) 500-2000; (C) 0-500 All stratification based on average master points</p> <p>Entry Fees: \$10.00 per member per session; \$11.00 per non members and unpaid Life Masters per session \$84.00 per Swiss Team on Monday (includes lunch)</p> <p>Average master points for all pair and team games Players with fewer than 200 master points who win their strata/section on Friday afternoon will be awarded a free play entry on Saturday afternoon.</p> <p>Director: Bob Craig</p> <p>Partnerships: Kay Searcy (915) 590-3012 Pat Handly (915) 592-1582 handly@sbeglobal.net</p> <p>Hospitality: Rosli Duffy</p>	<p>Saturday, September 3 10:00 a.m. Compact K.O. #1 Session 1 To Be Handicapped (Director's Discretion) Stratified Pairs (Single Session)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Compact K.O. #1 Session 2 Stratified Pairs (Single Session)</p> <p>Monday, September 5 9:30 a.m. and TBA Swiss Team</p> <p>Chairpersons: Maria Elena Norte (915) 307-3145 Jean Henderson (915) 581-4051</p> <p>Caddies: Gloria Lavis (915) 584-1315</p>
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Sanction No. S1111023
November 10-13, 2011

Partnerships Mary Eager Mary Porter
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Rooms - \$79 Reservations close 10-9-2011
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ALL PAIR GAMES are single sessions
(Friday- November 11,
0-20 ACBL members play free AM session only)

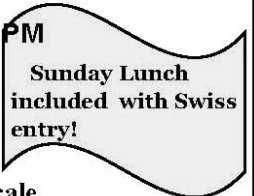
Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM
Stratified 199er pairs 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM

Thursday: Kachina KO (1st & 2nd) 10:00 AM & 3:00PM

Friday: Kachina KO (3rd) 10:00 AM
Kokopelli KO(1st of 3) 3:00 PM

Saturday: Kokopelli KO (2nd & 3rd) 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM
Compact KO 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM



Sunday, November 13

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 10 and TBA: 30-Point Victory Scale

Flight A: 5000+ A/X: 0-5000 B: 1000-1500 C: 500-1000 D: 0-500

Stratified 199ers Swiss Teams 10 and TBA: 30-Point Victory Scale

Complimentary lunch served between sessions (45 minutes)

Entry Fees: \$11.00 ACBL members, \$13.00 non/unpaid members per session
\$96 per Swiss Team (additional \$4 per non/unpaid members)

Tournament Chairs

- Lori Ortiz (480) 832-1677 loriortiz@cox.net
• Linda Brock (602) 380-1212 lindabrock@live.com
• David Zapatka (480) 802-0954 dzapatka@wbhsi.net



ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

September 5-11, 2011

Hyatt Regency Hotel • 17900 Jamboree Road, Irvine CA 92614 • 949 975-1234

Tournament Website: www.OrangeCountyRegional.com

Tournament Features

- Free Coffee Morning and Evening sessions
Pre-duplicated Boards all Pairs Games
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Gold Rush Pairs Wednesday & Friday
Results online www.OrangeCountyRegional.com



Knockout Teams

- Irvine Kickoff KO: Mon. 7:30 p.m. - Tues.10:30 a.m., 3:15 & 7:30 p.m.
Dana Harbor Compact KO: Tuesday10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Balboa KO: Wednesday - Thursday10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Anaheim Compact KO: Thursday10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Saddleback KO: Friday - Saturday10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Santa Ana Compact KO: Saturday10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.

Swiss Teams

- Single Session Swiss: Tuesday through Saturday 3:15 p.m.
Two Session Swiss: Tuesday - Wednesday7:30 p.m.
Two Session Swiss: Thursday - Friday7:30 p.m.
299ers Swiss Teams: Thursday3:15 p.m.
Two Session Swiss: Sunday 7 boards/7 matches10:30 a.m.

Pairs Games

- Charity Game: Monday7:30 p.m.
Open Pairs (2 sessions): Tuesday - Saturday10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
(Wed & Fri are Stratiflighted A/X: 2000+/0-2000 B/C: 300-750 0-300)
Side Game Series: Tuesday - Saturday
Mornings, Afternoons & Evenings.....10:30 a.m. & 3:15 & 7:30 p.m.
Fast Open Pairs: Sunday10:30 a.m. & TBA

Intermediate - Newcomer Games

- Monday: Two Hour Free Lesson4:00 p.m.
I/N Reception light refreshments6:00 p.m.
Please make a reservation for the lesson & reception to jilapher@gmail.com
299er Charity Game.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday thru Saturday:
Lessons: Great Pro Speakers9:15 a.m. & 2:15 p.m.
299er Games10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday:
Gold Rush Pairs gold points for 300-750.....10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Thursday: 299ers Swiss Teams3:15 p.m.
0-5 play free on Tuesday!

Card fees: \$12.00 • \$14.00 non & unpaid ACBL members

Host Hotel Information:

- Hyatt Regency Irvine 949 975-1234
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Bridge rate: \$119 - Must reserve by August 14

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Tournament Manager: Fran Schwartz 949 855-4326
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Partnerships: Audrey Wicks 949 559-5990 • e-mail: audwix@aol.com
Director: Betty Bratcher • Sanction R1109042



November 14-18, 2011

Monday to Friday

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GLITTER GULCH SECTIONAL

Monday, November 14

1:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Mon-Tue KO Teams Rd 1 of 3
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Mon-Tue KO Teams Rd 2 of 3

Tuesday, November 15

9:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Mon-Tue KO Teams Final Rd
1:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Tue-Wed KO Teams Rd 1 of 3
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Tue-Wed KO Teams Rd 2 of 3

**Non-smoking Tournament
with Hospitality Breaks**

Wednesday, November 16

9:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Tue-Wed KO Teams Final Rd
1:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Wed-Thu KO Teams Rd 1 of 3
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Wed-Thu KO Teams Rd 2 of 3

Thursday, November 17

9:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Wed-Thu KO Teams Final Rd
1:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Board-A-Match Teams

Friday, November 18

10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Stratified Fast Pairs
(finish by 4:15 p.m.) (This is a 2-session
event, but single session entries may
be sold at the Director's discretion.)
10:00 a.m. & TBD Stratified Swiss Teams
(2-sessions)
Swiss Teams will finish by 5:30 p.m.

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Roman Keycard Blackwood (RKC), Part 10

By Kitty & Steve Cooper

We present here the tenth in an occasional series on Roman Keycard Blackwood (RKC).

Sometimes those nasty people sitting to your left and right decide to enter the auction after you bid RKC - usually they will have bid a suit before bidding above 4NT, but not always. For example, if the auction begins 1♠-Pass-4♣ (splinter)-Dbl, and you bid 4NT, RKC, LHO may decide to enter with a bid of 5♣. Or the auction may begin 1♠-Pass-4NT (RKC) and LHO throws in a double (which we play as asking for the lead of the lowest suit you couldn't have otherwise asked for, here clubs). It's good to know what you're doing here.

There are three relevant acronyms: DOPI, DEPO, and ROPI. DOPI stands for "double zero pass one." Until very recently we would have told you that the meaning was obvious: if you double you are making the bid that would have shown either three or zero keycards had the enemy passed (the second step if you play 1430, the first step if you play 3014); if you pass you are making the bid that would have shown one or four keycards. But in Toronto one of us played with a good partner who, even though we were playing 1430, thought that double showed the first step. There's no theoretical advantage to playing either way, but it's probably worth the three seconds it will take you to clear that up before you start playing.

ROPI stands for "redouble zero pass one." Again, pre-Toronto we would have thought that the meaning was obvious, but apparently not - as above, at least one Canadian player thinks that double shows one or four, even when playing 1430. Obviously ROPI is only relevant when the enemy doubles 4NT. DEPO stands for "double even pass odd."

Fortunately there's no ambiguity about what an even number of keycards is and what an odd number is (except that zero is an even number for these purposes; if you're a mathematician and are aghast at what we just said, please understand that we're speaking bridge, not math).

So if the enemy bids over your bid of RKC the only remaining question, if you play both DOPI and DEPO, is which one applies. You'll be happy to hear that the answer is simple: if you can still bid 5♥ to show two keycards without the queen of trump you play DOPI; if not you play DEPO. An example should make this clear: If partner opens 1♠ and you hold ♠J10xx ♥KQ ♦KQJ10 ♣AKQ you might well bid 4NT - if partner has three keycards with the queen you'll bid a slam, otherwise you should be safe in 5♣ (surely he has to have at least two keycards). But what if the enemy throws in a 5♥ bid - obviously partner can no longer bid 5♥ to show two without, but if you didn't play DEPO and switch here, partner could bid 5NT to show two keycards with the queen (double being the step that shows three or zero and pass being the step that shows one or four), leaving you forced to bid 6♣ anyway, even knowing that you're off two keycards. (As an aside, it seems to be fashionable these days to bid slam missing a keycard and the queen; maybe that's not so bad when you know we have at least nine trumps - the odds of bringing in a nine card suit to the ace-king missing the queen for no losers is 52% - but it's still considered proper to have at least four of the five keycards!)

Up next: Bids other than 4NT asking for keycards (Redwood, Kickback, and Minorwood).

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Consult the Coopers

By Kitty & Steve Cooper
D17 ScoreCard Editors

Ed Schwartz of Phoenix, Arizona asks "How frequently do experts play weak jump shifts not in competition rather than strong jump shifts? What do you think is best?"

Coopers: The top pairs do not use weak jump shifts unless they play a strong club system, and not often even then. Many pairs who do not play Bergen raises use invitational-to-game jump shifts to the three level (as we do). Some modernists play that the jumps to two of a major over one of a minor show weak (2♥) or invitational (2♠) hands with five spades and four hearts, since it is often difficult to find the heart fit with those hands in standard bidding.

For those of our readers unfamiliar with weak jump shifts over opening bids, they show hands that are barely worth a response, usually 3-6 points mostly in the six card or longer suit with no outside ace or king. In some partnerships AQxxxx is too good a suit. Opener usually passes the bid unless he has a fit. This is more restrictive than a weak jump shift in competition which can be a bit better, more like 6-8 points, particularly vulnerable.

We do not recommend using weak jump shifts in a standard-style system. The strong jump shift to the two level handles an important hand where slam is possible: about 17+ points and either a single-suited hand, a balanced hand with a good 5+ card suit, or a hand with a fit and its own semi-solid suit. Many experts prefer the Soloway responses to this bid, where opener almost always bids the next step as an artificial ask to learn which hand partner has, but that is a topic for another article.

A little research to support our assertion seemed in order, so we went to www.ecatsbridge.com/documents/docdefault.asp?page=ConventionCards and to www.BridgeWinners.com to look at convention cards. Many world champion pairs, such as the current Italian team, Hamman, and others play totally artificial meanings for responder's jump shifts, including various raises and the major suit hand mentioned above. The only weak jump shifts we found were 2♠ over 1♥ by Meckwell and three of a minor over a major by Kit Woolsey-Fred Stewart. Other world champion pairs with natural systems who play strong jump shifts are Bobby Levin-Steve Weinstein and Peter Boyd-Steve Robinson and to some extent Chip Martel-Lew Stansby (not over one of a minor).

We even found a world class pair that play strong jump shifts to all levels, Adam Wildavsky-Doug Doub. The great Italian (Monaco now) pair Fulvio Fantoni-Claudio Nunes (aka the Fantunes) play most of responder's jump shifts as strong. Finally the famed Norwegian pair, Geir Helgemo-Tor Helness (also now Monaco) play as we recommend above.

This issue marks our one year anniversary as editors, and we thank you all for the feedback and great questions; keep them both coming!



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Unit 421

Indian Paintbrush Sectional September 16, 17 & 18, 2011

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Friday, September 16, 2011

- 10:00 a.m. **Knockout Teams** - 1st Round
Stratified Pairs - Single Session
299er Pairs - Single Session
- 2:00 p.m. **Knockout Teams** - 2nd Round
Stratified Pairs - Single Session
299er Pairs - Single Session
- 7:00 p.m. **Knockout Teams** - Final round
Stratified Pairs - Single Session
299er Pairs - Single Session

Saturday, September 17, 2011

- 10:00 a.m. **Stratified Pairs** - First Session
299er Pairs - First Session
Single session entries available
- 3:00 p.m. **Stratified Pairs** - Second Session
299er Pairs - Second Session
Single session entries available

Sunday, September 18, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. **Stratified Swiss Teams**
First Session
Second Session Follows Lunch

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Knockout Teams: \$36.00/team/session
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2:15 PM **Lecture**
3:00 PM **Stratified Pairs (Single session)**

Sunday, October 9, 2011

10:00 AM **Swiss Team Play through (Victory Points)**
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