

## Phoenix Desert Empire Regional



By Jamie Rubenstein Scottsdale, Arizona

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

## Forum Deadline

$S$ coreCard deadline for D17 fifth of the preceding month; however, earlier submissions ar encouraged. Although we welcome early stories and ads, there is no guarantee of publication. Articles submitted may be edited and cut, but the author will receive a copy of any changes.
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## Talking Stick Resort/Casino

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 $10-15$ minThe playing site is a $10-15$ min-
ute drive from Old Town Scottsute drive from Old Town Scottsshops 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-

## 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
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 Phoenix Botanical Gardens and 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 certifidoor prizes, including gift certifi-
cates for leading area restaurants. cates 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.


Bon's Mots<br>By Bonnie Bagley<br>National Board Representative

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

## Past - Peter Pender



A lthough Peter Pender, San Francisco, was not a member and dear friend of a Western Conference bers. 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


lem 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 Sutherlin.
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


f Burke Snowden is an example of the future of 1 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 will 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
(See Bon's Mot's on page 9)

## Western Conference Regionals \& NABCs

ALL-WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS REGIONAL
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Santa Clara CA ....... Aug. 30-Sept. 5, '11 ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Irvine CA
PHOENIX DESERT EMPIRE REGION....... September 5-11, '11
PHOENIX DESERT EMPIRE REGIONAL
VENTURA HALLOWEEN REGIONAL
Ventura Beach Marriott, Ventura CA
October 17-23, '11
...October 24-30, '11
GREAT WESTERN HOLIDAY STAC XX
Local Clubs, D14,17,18,19,20,21,22,23
December 5-11, '11 PALM SPRINGS REGIONAL

Mission Hills Resort, Rancho Mirage CA . December 12-18, '11 MONTEREY CLAMBAKE REGIONAL
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Monterey CA
... January 2-8, ’12
NAVAJO TRAIL REGIONAL
Marriott Pyramid Hotel, Albuquerque NM ... January 16-22, '12 RIVERSIDE REGIONAL
Convention Center, Riverside CA ....January 30-February 5, '12 PRESIDENTS DAY REGIONAL
Marriott Hotel, Santa Clara CA
.February 14-20, '12
TUCSON OLD PUEBLO REGIONAL
Holiday Inn Palo Verde, Tucson AZ
...Feb. 27-Mar. 4, '12 PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGIONAL
Town \& Country Hotel, San Diego CA .................April 2-8, '12 MESA ROADRUNNER SENIOR REGIONAL

San Marcos Resort, Chandler AZ

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Local Clubs, D14,17,18,19,20,21,22,23
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL
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DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento CA .
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LAS VEGAS REGIONAL
Riviera Hotel \& Casino, Las Vegas NV ............. June 18-24, '12 GREAT WESTERN SUMMER FUND STAC
Local Clubs, D14,17,18,19,20,21,22,23 .......... August 20-26, '12 ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL
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Oct. 29-Nov. 4, '12

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## Western conference Sectional rournements

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Community Center, Prescott AZ September 2-5, '11 Community Center, Prescott AZ .........
SACRAMENTO FALL SECTIONAL
Community Center, Orangevale CA ..
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
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Sagebrush Inn \& Conf. Center, Taos NM ....Sept. 30-Oct. 2, '11 SAN DIEGO NORTH COUNTY FALL SECTIONAL
First Presbyterian Church, Oceanside CA ....Sept. 30-Oct. 2, '11 THOUSAND OAKS FALL SECTIONAL
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Odd Fellows Hall, Santa Rosa CA
CARSON/TAHOE FALL SECTIONAL
Plaza Hotel, Carson City NV
...October 1-2, '11 October 6-9, '11 RIVERSIDE SECTIONAL
Elks Club, Riverside CA October 7-9, '11
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## SANTA CRUZ SURF'S UP SECTIONAL

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.October 8-9,'11
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Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Golden CO November 10-13, '11 MESA KACHINA SECTIONAL
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DIABLO VALLEY FALL SECTIONAL
Iron Horse Middle School, San Ramon CA .......Nov. 11-13, '11 NORTH COUNTY COASTAL NLM SECTIONAL
Esplanade Bridge Center, Solana Beach CA .. November 12, '11 GLITTER GULCH SECTIONAL
Bally’s Hotel \& Casino, Las Vegas NV ....November 14-18, '11 SUN CITY SECTIONAL
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First Presbyterian Church, Oceanside CA ..... January 20-21, '12 YUMA SUNSHINE SECTIONAL
Quality Inn, Yuma AZ
LIVERMORE VALLEY SECTIONAL
Hart Middle School, Pleasanton CA ....
MESA PROGRESSIVE SECTIONAL
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FRESNO WINTER SECTIONAL
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SPRING March 15-25, 2012 Marriott/Wyndham Hotels
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SUMMER July 12-22, 2012 Philadelphia Marriott Hotel Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
FALL Nov. 22-Dec. 2, 2012 San Francisco Marriott Hotel San Francisco, California

## 2013

SPRING March 14-24, 2013 Saissance/America's Cent
Louis, Missouri

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

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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. $\qquad$ 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.....
$\qquad$
Sunday Fast Open Pairs two sessions. $\qquad$ 10:00 a.m. \& 3:00 p.m.

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## Swiss Teams

Monday, Charity Swiss Teams single session., Tuesday Swiss Teams single sessions.. $\qquad$ ..............3:00 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday Swiss Teams double session $\quad$ 7:......3:00 p.m. Friday-Saturday Swiss Teams double session .................................7:30 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 sessions ..................3:00 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 $1 / \mathrm{N}-0-5$ MPs Play Free on Tuesday!

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

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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 KO ............................10:00 a.m. \& 3:00 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday: Oxnard KO ............................................10:00 a.m. \& 3:00 p.m. Thursday: Thousand Oaks Compact KO ....................................10:00 a.m. \& 3:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday: Camarillo KO Friday-Saturday: Camarillo KO ... Saturday: Carpinteria Compact KO

## Pairs Games

Monday: Charity Games single sessions....
Tuesday, Thursday \& Saturday: Open Pairs 10:00 a.m. \& 3:00 p.m.

2:00 \& 7:30 p.m.
. Wednesday \& Friday: Gold Rush Strati-Flighted Pairs ........10:00 a.m. \& 3:00 p.m. Sunday: Fast Open Pairs .....................................................10:00 a.m. \& TBA

## Side Game Series

Tuesday-Saturday: Morning Side Game Series
10:00 a.m.
Tuesday-Saturday: Afternoon Side Game Series .........................................................00 p.m. Monday-Friday: Evening Side Game Series ..........................................................7:30 p.m.

## Swiss Teams

Monday-Saturday: single sessions
..(Monday at 2:00) 3:00 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday: Midweek Swiss Teams two sessions ....................................3:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday: Wrap-Up Swiss Teams two sessions .............................7:30 p.m.
Sunday Swiss Teams Playthrough 10:00 a.m.

## Intermediate-Newcomer Program

Monday: Free Two Hour Lesson
11:00 a.m
1/N Reception ...............1:00 p.m. 299er Charity Game .2:00 p.m. Pro Speakers Series Tuesday-Saturday.

2:15 p.m Tuesday-Saturday •0-5 play free on Tuesday!

299 er Games single sessions..
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September 2011

## 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 VK5 AKJ3 Q8432

| South | West <br> 2 | North <br> Pass | East <br> 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: 3e. 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 opponents may be able to make 24. 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: 3e. 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 ( $\Delta \mathrm{KJx} \downarrow$ 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.

Problem 2.
Vul vs. not, IMPs
You are South holding:
-9 9 A65 KJ *Q106532

| South | West | North | East |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 1 |  |  |
| 3 | 4 | Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{1}$ |
| $?$ |  | 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 3id. 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 large gain when partner is clever enough to hold something like: ©xx TKQxxx *xx $\$ \mathrm{Kxx}$ and we make $5 \boldsymbol{\alpha}$. The 4a 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:

-     - AKJ 3 -QJ9
$\begin{array}{ccc}\text { South West } & \begin{array}{l}\text { North } \\ \text { 1 }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { East } \\ \text { Pass }\end{array}\end{array}$

Hand(s) of the Month
Hand 1 :You are declaring $6 \mathbf{~}$, with the
lead of the J . East signals encouragement if you play low. Plan the play.


AK52

- Q5

J 764
$\bullet$
$\mathbf{~} 765$

- 107
+ 10965


## By Joel Hoersch

Editor, District 22 Forum


- A62
- AKJ1092
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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 $1 N T$ - 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 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 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 $1 N T$ is to be able to stop in $2 N T$ 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 1 NT 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 o 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 $\uparrow A K x x x$ $\uparrow$ xxx $\uparrow$ Kxx $\leftrightarrow \mathrm{Qx}$, 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 2e 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 $1 N T$ 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 1 NT 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 you have lost all investigative auctions. A jump to 5\& will not work so well if partner holds: $\uparrow A K x x x \geqslant x x \vee K x x$ Qxx. Even if he holds the doubleton club of your example $3 N T$ will make almost as often as $2 N T$. 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 $1 N T$ 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 1 NT is that I may never get to bid my club suit even if $6 \boldsymbol{e}$ 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 2a. If opener has AKx in clubs and the $\uparrow \mathrm{K}$ or $\stackrel{\mathrm{KQx}}{\mathrm{K}}$ of clubs and $\star \mathrm{A}$, 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 conained 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 $1 N T$ 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, $1 N T$ 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 $3 N T$. But the price you pay in exchange due to guesswork auctions will be too high.

## Problem 4.

Neither vul, IMPs,
You are South holding:

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| South | West | North | East <br> Pass |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pass | Dbl | Pass |  |
| 4NT | Pass | 5 | Pass |
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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 4a doubled and bidding 4NT; I am not forcing this to slam.
J.S.: A double of a 4ヘ 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 1a. 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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| 34. Leonard Ernst, Las Vegas NV ..................12,124.15 | 34. Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA ............. 8474.86 | 34. V. Jay Tipton, Irvine CA ........................... 8636.74 |
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| 97. Karen Allison, Las Vegas NV ..................... 7707.01 | 97. Yul Inn, Cupertino CA ............................. 5277.97 | 97. Ann Labe, Carlsbad CA ............................4890.10 |
| 98. Merrell Anderson, Littleton CO....................7688.80 | 98. Ellen Schiller, Greenbrae CA ......................5248.22 | 98. Susan Benon, Laguna Niguel CA................. 4885.44 |
| 99. John Jeffrey, Las Vegas NV ....................... 7674.74 | 99. Ann Ottenberg, Soquel CA.........................5245.63 | 99. Rick Panter, Santa Barbara CA .................... 4839.74 |
| 100. Merlene Krall, Albuquerque NM..................7642.23 |  |  |

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## Master Solvers Panel

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 $5 \mathbf{~}$; but my choice of 4 NT , suggesting a two-suiter, was quite reasonable. I would have removed $5 *$ to 5 , showing red suits. At IMPs, $5 \downarrow$ 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. $5 \uparrow$ 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 V.
If partner had bid 5* (instead of 5 ) and you remove to 5 it does show slam interest - otherwise you would have bid $5 \mathbf{~}$ immediately. (If you started with both minors, you would pass 54 .) For completeness I will acknowledge that you could hold a 1-4-4-4 hand, but in that case with $4 N T$ you have elected to treat it as a two-suiter.

Given that 5 is not forward going, why remove 5 $\downarrow$ ? 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: $\Delta x \vee \vee A Q x x$ -AQxx Axx or something similar. Then, you say, why not bid $5 \boldsymbol{\square}$ immediately over 4NT? Because partner bypassed 5e deny-

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ing a four-card club holding, thus making it likely that he holds at least four hearts. Despite all this analysis $5 \star$ 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 $5 \downarrow$ 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 QQ1093 * A984 9

South West North East
Pass
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: 4a. Hope to prevent the opponents from finding their best fit. If I am lucky they will land in hearts.

Meyers: 4 $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$, 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: 4a. 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: 4a. I'm not going to try to outguess partner or the opponents.

## J.S.: The dissenting opinions:

Weiss: 34. I don't see much point in taking what is virtually sure to be a minus score in 4 a , 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 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 4a
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 4a.
J.S.: Those are strong arguments for 3 a. Your choice between 34 or 4ay 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)


## $\rightarrow 1075$ <br> - 6 <br> + J10943 <br> $\bullet$ $\bullet$ $\bullet$ -13 <br> - K8762

- A62
- AKJ1092
- 643

Contract: 6 $\mathbf{~} \mathbf{~}$

Othis hand, the two main chances for 12 tricks are that diamonds split 3-3, or the $\stackrel{\mathrm{Q}}{\mathrm{Q}}$ 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-onloser play. Just draw trump, cash the two loser play. Just draw trump, cash the two
top diamonds, then lead the Q and throw the lead to East with the $\& \mathrm{~K}$, discarding the lead to East with the $\boldsymbol{\otimes K}$, 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 54: This hand is much less happy. To make 11 tricks, you need the hearts to break $3-3$, with the $\vee \mathrm{K}$ onside.
And since that requires two heart finesses, you had also better hope that West holds the $\uparrow 8$, so that you have the two dummy entries necessary to take both heart finesses. Therefore, best play is to ruff the $\pm$ 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."


## Uрセロmun@ Tournomments

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

TThis 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 <br> Prescott, Arizona September 9-11, 2011

Prescott is an interesting western own 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

HTeart 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 lifeextending 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 year 1-2 million individuals worldwide die
due to lack of a pacemaker. Meanwhile, due to lack of a pacemaker. Meanwhile,
almost $90 \%$ of individuals with pacemakers almost $90 \%$ of individuals with pacemakers would donate their
if given the chance.
if given the chance.
If you or a loved one have a pacemaker, If you or a loved one have a pacemaker,
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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 heir families and funeral home aware of their wish for donation

## Improve Your Play 1, Listen to the Bidding

By Larry Matheny
Loveland, Colorado

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ometimes 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 | 14. | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 32 | Pass | 34 |
| Pass | 48 | Pass | 4* |
| Double | 6 | All Pass |  |

Bidding: East's rebid of 2NT showed 1819 high card points. With his good twosuited hand, West was interested in slam. East cooperated by first showing spade support and then cue-bidding the $\quad$ A. South doubled $4 \leqslant$ 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 (Continued on page 9

## 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) $1: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ \& 7:00 pm single sessions
Stratified 299er Pairs ( $0-50 ; 50-150 ; 150-299$ )
Stratified Open Pairs $\quad(0-750 ; 750-2000 ; 2000+)$
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

## $10: 00 \mathrm{am} \& 3: 00 \mathrm{pm}$

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 $\mathrm{X}=0-3000 ; \mathrm{A}=3000+$ (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: 6 pm
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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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, 2011Lovely 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, 2011Atruly 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

TThis 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 <br> Tucson, Arizona October 28-30, 2011

FSunday. lee lures and a buffet lunch on Friday. Game time is 9.00 a.m on 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 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!

## $29^{\prime}$ 'er Fall colors Sectional

september 30-October 2, 2011
Eagle - vail pavilion in the vail valley
$299^{\prime}$ er Fall Colors Sectional
Fríday, September $30-1$ pm
Saturday, october 1 at 10 am and 3 pm
Sunday, october 2 at $9: 30 \mathrm{am}$
open pairs Friday and saturday
Swiss Teams on Sunday
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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



The ACBL Board of Directors approved the 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


A cbl 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 Nevada. Im 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 rado 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 Osofsfy Goodwill Committee and the National Charity Committee. Bonnie@bonniebagleyd17.com or phone 719 593-0205.

## Tucson Fall Sectional



November 3-6, 2011
Desert Diamond Casino \& Hotel

## Thursdav, 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
Saturdav, November 5
9:00 AM \& 2:00 PM
Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
$199^{\circ}$ er Pairs (Single Session)
Knockout II (Rounds II \& III) Bracketed
Sunday, November 6
9:00 AM \& TBA
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams (Two Sessions)
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Please visit our website at W Ww.SouthernArizonaBridge.com Knockouts: Bracketed by average master point holdings of all team members Flighted Swiss Teams: (All scored at Victory points)
$A=3000+; A x=0-3000 ;$
$B=750-1500 ; C=300-750 ; D=0-300$ $199^{\circ}$ er Swiss Teams:
(Al scored at $V_{\text {ictory }}$ points)
$\mathrm{E}=100-200 ; \mathrm{F}=0-100$.
Single session entries will be accommodated

## Tournament Resullas

Atomic City Sectional
Los Alamos,
New Mexico
July 29-31, 2011
Stratified Pairs (38 pairs)
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)
2. Harold Paul - Andrew Smick, Santa Fe
3. Jill Burtram, Albuquerque Deborah Reichman, Algodones
2B. Jennifer Young - Virginia Wilson, Los Alamos
2C. Margarete Lopez, Santa Fe Beryl Cobb, Tyler TX
Stratified Pairs (23 pairs)
4. Richard Klamann - Robert Nunz, Los Alamos
5. James Joy - Constance Joy, Santa Fe
1C. Harold Paul - Andrew Smick, Santa Fe
2C. John Ruminer - Earle Hanson, Los Alamos
Stratified Pairs (16 pairs)
6. Patricia Scott - Dennis Scott, Taos
7. 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)
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Bork Collie, Los Alamo
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)
8. Mark Jones - William Kass Jeff Brown, Albuquerque Stephen Kemic, Los Alamos
9. Mel Skolnik - Hilary Skolnik Jerry Ruther, Santa Fe - Don Herry Ruther, Santa Fe -
KO Teams II (5 teams)
10. Buck Schreyer - Marian Schreyer, Albuquerque Clifford Rudy - Joy Green, Los Alamos
11. John Clough - Brian Greer, Taos - Patricia Thomas, Santa Fe - Karen Miller, Paradise Valley AZ
Swiss Teams (21 teams)
12. 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 <br> Colorado Summer Sectional <br> 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, BerthoudAlaeldin Rachid, Fort Collins Stratified Pairs (30 pairs)
3. John Krueger - Gwenda Purdy, Estes Park
4. Chuck Henke - Donald Vancil, Aurora
2B. Sally Ann Rhea - Clinton Heiple, Boulder
2C. Kay Schulz, Commerce CityKevin Dunn, Centennial
Stratified Pairs (8 pairs)
5. Sue Simmons - Mary Carol Evenson, Greeley
6. Bob Link, Fort Collins - Al Walsh, Johnstown
Stratified Pairs (70 pairs)
7. 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 Brundege, Loveland
Stratified Pairs (6 pairs)
8. Phyllis Coelho, Boulder -

William Rawlings, Broomfield
Richard Thome - Marie
Thome, Carlsbad CA
299er Pairs (19 pairs) 1D. Daniel Zwonitzer - Cheryl McVay, Cheyenne WY
D. Lorry Cashatt, Longmot 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
E.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)
D. Lorry Cashatt, Longmont Marcia Christopher, Estes Park
D. Bob Link, Fort Collins - Al Walsh, Johnstown
E. Frances Huber - Glen Woodson, Lakewood
E. June Saunders, Boulder - Peter Divine, None
KO Teams I (7 teams)
. 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)
. Donald Vancil - Chuck Henke, Aurora - En Hay, Littleton Allen Kane, Pueblo West
3. Harley Bress, Golden - Garth Yettick - Spencer Jones Peggy Ware, Denver

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## SEPTEMBER 16, 17 and 18, 2011

Best Western STEVENS INN
1829 South Canal Street, Carlsbad, NM 88220
FRIDAY, September 16
1:30 pm and 7 pm Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)
$1: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ 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) $1: 30 \mathrm{pm} \quad$ Sitting Bull Compact Bracketed KO Teams (Rounds 3 and 4) 1:30 pm and $7 \mathrm{pm} \quad$ Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 pm and $7 \mathrm{pm} \quad 299 \mathrm{er}$ 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
$\$ 10$ personn/session; Swiss Teams $\$ 100$ team (includes both sessions and lunch)
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# Roadrunner Fall Sectional 

|  | November 4-6, 2011 |
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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 Katelin 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
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)
2. Edwin Glickman - Han Sarah Glickman, Snowmass
3. 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) 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 ChismBraselton, Basalt
2D. John Miskell, Eagle - Jan Govreau, Gypsun
Stratified Swiss Teams (18 teams)
4. Linda Marah, Fruita - Dick Jones - Dianne Jones, Cedaredge - Rocky Otto,

## Clifton

Blair Young, Littleton - Ernie Young, Jr, Highlands Ranch Bruce Cobb, Denver - John Van Ness, Carbondale
1B. Robert Johnson - Jo Levy 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) 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 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) 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
B. 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)
3. Mary Singer - George Derevjanik, Huntington Beach Derev
Susan
Susan Patricelli - Jim Cleary, Surprise AZ
B. 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 Rosanne Rig
Valley AZ

199er Pairs (20 pairs) 1D. Mary Beigel - Michael McGlothin, Prescott AZ
2D. Sally Miller - Aloma Crow Carlsbad NM
2E. Kristin Brown - Sonya Webber, Sedona AZ
F. 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)
D. 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)
. Jane Rubin - Bruce Rubin, Henderson - Ernest Ledbetter Gary Tomczyk, Las Vegas
2. Virginia Dudley, Lancaster CA John Tyner, West Covina CA Bill McClean, Pacific Palisades CA - Angela Butterfield, Prescott AZ
KO Teams II (7 teams)
. Albert Leenhouts - C. Lorraine Leenhouts, Kingman AZ Gordon Robinett - Vilma Robinett, Fort Mohave AZ
. Patricia Dodd - Dee Willard, Cottonwood AZ - Robert Backman - Barbara Ballard, Sedona AZ
KO Teams III (7 teams)
Lindsay Cantoni - Evelyn
Landsburg, Sun Lakes AZ -
(Continued on page 12)

## TAOS 6TH ANNUAL SECTIONAL

## September 30-October 2, 2011

 Sasebrush Inn and Conference Center1508 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM 87571 Tournament Schedule

## Friday, September 30

Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
1:00 PM
Saturday, October 1

| Bracketed Knockout Teams (1st Round) | 9:00 AM |
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| 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
Stratification:
Open events: $\quad A=2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750$
299er events:
$A=2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750$
$D=150-300, E=50-150, F=0-50$
$A X=0-3000$ (these play
$B=1500-2000, C=750-1500, D=0-750$
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

Room Rates (tax not included) inc cooked to order breakfast: Standard/Fireplace Room $\$ 69 / \$ 79$
Small/Deluxe/Executive Suites \$89/\$99/\$119
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http://taoswebb.com/

Entry Fee:
$\$ 9.00$ for
Members per
Session
$\$ 10.00$ for
Non \& Unpaid
Members per
session
$10: 00 \mathrm{am} \& 3: 00 \mathrm{pm}$
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10:00 am \& TBA
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## PRESCOTT

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

Friday, September 9,2011
Stratified Open Pairs Stratified 199 er Pairs Bracketed KO Teams

Saturday, Sep tember 10, 2011
Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 199er Pairs Bracketed KO Teams

Sunday, September 11, 2011
Swiss Teams Stratified 299er Swiss Teams


Sanction \#: S1109105
Unit: 355 District: 17

Single Session Single Session Bracket 1 may be Handicapped

Single Session Single Session

Stratified by Team Average


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| (Continued from page 11) | Ball, Yucca Valley CA - | Sedona AZ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Patricia Mattingly, Joshua Tree | 2. Stanley Shamitz - Donald |
| Nancy Seamster, Gilbert AZ - | KO Teams I (7 teams) | Dimmel - Walt Cummins - |
| Ginny Troin, Show Low AZ | 1. Judy Kay-Wolff - Bobby | Edward Cowan, Jr, Prescott |
| 2. Patrick Page - Kay Knapp, | Wolff, Las Vegas - Robb | KO Teams II (8 teams) |
| Morongo Valley CA - Herb | Gordon - Linda Gordon, | 1. Jan Birkett - Karen Villa - |

## Bidding Basics 5, Opener's Rebids

Wixh\& Steve Cooper hen 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 ventional wisdom is to bid game with a good 14 or
more points and consider slam with about 20 points. more points and consider slam with about 20 points.
Forget that. This is the time when you want to use 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 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 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 <br> Minimum <br> Raise | When Raising <br> Responder |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $13-15$ ( 6 or 7 losers) <br> $16-18$ (or 5 losers) <br> $19-21$ (or 4 losers) | Minimum <br> Medium <br> Maximum | pass <br> invite <br> game | two level <br> three level <br> 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 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 Therefore sometimes a minimum hand has to
a five card suit,; this will usually be a minor.
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 $\boldsymbol{n}$ 2v) 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."

Crystal Fraser, Sedona AZ Linda Mueller, Flagstaff AZ
2. Clarence Mette III - Sarah Baumann - Barry Abrahams, Tucson AZ - Barbara Rosenthal, Oro Valley AZ
KO Teams III (8 teams)

1. Michael Ryan - Keith Hilzendeger - Mark Robertson, Phoenix AZ - Teresa Fraas, Maricopa AZ
2. Art Miller - Ginger Miller Dan Lester - Gail Lester, Saint George UT
Swiss Teams ( 14 teams)
3. Judy Kay-Wolff - Bobby Wolff, Las Vegas - Robb Gordon - Linda Gordon, Sedona AZ
2.1B. Penny Smith, Fort Mohave AZ - Della Willis, Las Vegas Marilyn Mason, N Las Vegas Alan Jones, Bullhead City AZ
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
Swiss Teams (10 teams)
4. Jane Rubin - Bruce Rubin, Henderson - Ernest Ledbetter Gary Tomczyk, Las Vegas 2. Edgar Hurt, Jr - Diane Hurt Joan Slatalla, Lake Havasu City AZ - Darlene Anderson, New Brighton MN
1B. Lori Ortiz - Robert Johnson Lois Catero, Mesa AZ Virginia Palazzetti, Gilbert AZ
2/3B. Patricia Dodd - Dee Willard, Cottonwood AZ Barbara Ballard - Robert Backman, Sedona AZ
2/3B.1C. Marsha Helton - Marcia Saintearns - Sonya Webber Daniel Holcomb, Sedona AZ
Swiss Teams (32 teams)
5. Rose Boot, Fresno CA - Fred Hamilton - John Jeffrey - Sam Wilson, Las Vegas
6. Judy Kay-Wolff - Bobby Wolff, Las Vegas - Robb Gordon - Linda Gordon, Sedona AZ
1B. George Derevjanik - Mary Singer, Huntington Beach CA Gladys Kirchner, Placentia CA - Lucia Teulecke, Laguna Woods CA
2B. Walt Cummins - Edward Cowan, Jr - Donald Dimmel Stanley Shamitz, Prescott AZ
C. Michael Ryan - Keith Hilzendeger - Mark Robertson, Phoenix AZ - Teresa Fraas, Maricopa AZ
2C. Richard Glass - Marsha Glass Ronald Smith, Saint George UT - Sarah Sheehan, Bishop

## Silver 299er

 Albuquerque NM August 6-7, 2011
## 299er Pairs

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


## EL PASロ, TEXAS bridge tournament

International City Unit 159 El Paso, Texas<br>Maura Cauldwell \& Beverly Thrasher<br>Labor Day Tournament

September 2, 3, 4, \& 5, 2011
DECKER BRIDGE CENTER
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East Yandell, EI Paso,Texas 79903
Sanction \#1109041
$\frac{\text { Friday. September } \mathbf{2}}{10: 00 \text { a.m. } \quad \text { Stratified Swiss, One Session }} \quad \frac{\text { Saturday. September 3 }}{10.00 \text { a.m. Compact }}$
10:00 a.m. Stratified Swiss, One Session
$3.00 \mathrm{pm} \quad$ Stratified Pairs (Single Session) To Be Handicapped (Director's Discretion)
Stratified Pa Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

3:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

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)
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.

Director: Bob Craig
Chairpersons: $\begin{gathered}\text { Maria Elena Norte } \\ \text { (915) 307-3145 } \\ \text { Jean Henderson } \\ \text { (915) } 581-4051\end{gathered}$
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## Unit 351 Mesa, Arizona's 11th Annual KACHINA SECTIONAL



Sanction No. S1111023
November 10-13, 2011
Partnerships Mary Eager Mary Porter eagerme@cox.net, 480-830-8424, 480-854-1620

10831 S. 51st St. PHX, AZ 85044 800-843-6010
Rooms - \$79 Reservations close 10-9-2011 (southwest corner of I-10 and Elliot Rd)
GRACEinn ALL PAIR GAMES are single sessions
(Friday- November 11,
o-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

> 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 |
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## Tournament Features

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## 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: Tuesday ..........................10:30 a.m. \& 3:15 p.m. Balboa KO: Wednesday - Thursday ............................10:30 a.m. \& 3:15 p.m. Anaheim Compact KO: Thursday ..............................10:30 a.m. \& 3:15 p.m. Saddleback KO. Friday - Saturday $\qquad$ Saddleback KO: Friday - Saturday $\qquad$ 10:30 a.m. \& 3:15 p.m.
Santa Ana Compact KO: Saturday $\qquad$ 10:30 a.m. \& 3:15 p.m.
$\qquad$ 3:15 p.m. Two Sesslon Swiss: Tuesday - Wednesday Two Session Swiss: Thursday - Friday ......................................................7:30 p.m. 299ers Swiss Teams: Thursday $\qquad$ 3:30 p.m.
Two Session Swiss: Sunday 7 boards/7 matches $\qquad$ .10:30 a.m.

Palrs Games
Charity Game: Monday $\qquad$ ....... 10.30 a.........7:30 p.m Open Pairs (2 sessions): Tuesday - Satu (Wed \& Fri are Stratiflighted A/X: 2000+/0-2000 B/C: 300-750 0-300)
Side Game Serles: Tuesday - Saturday
Mornings, Afternoons \& EvenIngs............10:30 a.m. \& 3:15 \& 7:30 p.m
Fast Open Palrs: Sunday ........................................................10:30 a.m. \& TBA

| Intermedlate - Newcomer Games |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Monday: |  |
|  | Receptio |
| ease make a reservation for the lesson \& reception to jilapher@gmail.com |  |
| 299er Charity Game....................................................7:30 p.m. |  |
| Tuesday thru Saturday: |  |
| Lessons: Great Pro Speakers ...........................1:15 a.m. \& 2:15 p.m.299er Games .......................................10:30 a.m. \& 3:15 p.m. |  |
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| Wednesday \& Friday: |  |
| Gold Rush Pairs gold points for 300-750.......10:30 a.m. \& 3:15 p.m. <br> Thursday: 299ers Swiss Teams ........................................................3:15 p.m. 0-5 play free on TuesdayI |  |
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Card fees: $\$ 12.00 \cdot \$ 14.00$ non \& unpaid ACBL members

## Host Hotel Information:

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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 Pair (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.
All stratified events are stratified by the average masterpoints of the team or pair.

Strats: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750 I/N: 0-20/50/100/200/300

CARD FEES: $\$ 10.00$ per session/per player for dues paying ACBL members \$11.00 per session/per player for all others

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| 21 | 502 | Redwood Igts Pridge Club |
| 21 | 506 | Chinese American BC |
| 21 | 522 | Four Aces Bridge Club |
| 21 | 550 | Santa Cruz Bridge Club |
| 21 | 499 | Rossmoor DBC |
| 21 | 499 | Diablo Valley Pridge Center |
| 21 | 522 | Fresno Unit 522 |
| 21 | 530 | Ord Bridge Club |
| 21 | 497 | El Cerrito Pridge Club |
| 21 | 522 | Friendly Friday Pridge CL |
| 21 | 530 | Monterey Pridge Club |
| 21 | 530 | Cypress Bridge Club |
| 21 | 530 | H\& H Bridge Club |
| 21 | 503 | Friday Morning Bridge Clb |
| 21 | 512 | Napa Valley Bridge Club |
| 21 | 529 | Bridge Center of Modesto |
| 21 | 522 | Madera Pridge Club |
| 21 | 530 | Fair Play DBC |
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| 21 | 512 | Vintage Dup Pridge Club |
| 21 | 505 | Folsom Bridge Center |
| 21 | 522 | Fresno Bridge Promotion |
| 21 | 522 | The Finesse Club |
| 21 | 503 | Alpine DBC |
| 21 | 503 | Palo Alto Club |
| 21 | 502 | Dimond |
| 21 | 507 | Oakwood Apartments |
| 21 | 522 | Grand Slam Bridge Club |
| 21 | 503 | Palo Alto Duplicate |
| 21 | 530 | Monday DBC |
| 21 | 501 | Pleasanton Pridge Club |
| 21 | 465 | Carson Valley Bridge Club |
| 21 | 550 | Monarch Bridge Club |
| 21 | 530 | The Oaks Bridge Club |
| 21 | 500 | Redwood Bridge Center |
| 21 | 530 | Moose Bridge Club |
| 21 | 524 | Unit 524 Club Games |
| 21 | 522 | Bridge-0-Mania I |
| 21 | 505 | Mcllurdies' BC |
| 21 | 499 | Blackhawk CC Duplicate |
| 21 | 499 | Brentwood Pridge Club |
| 21 | 501 | Livermore Bridge Club |
| 21 | 506 | Quicktricks Bridge Club |
| 21 | 506 | Sunset Pridge Club |
| 21 | 503 | Wed Ait 4eers |
| 21 | 473 | Bridge-4-Fun |
| 21 | 505 | Foothill DBC |
| 21 | 508 | Fuldek DBC |
| 21 | 509 | Bridge Gallery |
| 21 | 550 | Eureka Bridge Club |
| 21 | 506 | The Bridge Center of SF |
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## Roman Keycard Blackwood (RKC), Part 10



Consult the Coopers
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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 ( $2 \boldsymbol{\vee}$ ) or invitational ( $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ ) 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 AQxxxxx 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 $1 \boldsymbol{\text { b }}$ 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 BoydSteve 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 Wil-davsky-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!

## 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-4e (splinter)-Dbl, and you bid 4NT, RKC, LHO may decide to enter with a bid of 5 d 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 4 NT .
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 1s and you hold $\uparrow$ J10xx $\uparrow K Q \vee K Q J 10$ AKQ you might well bid 4 NT - 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 $5 \vee$ bid - obviously partner can no longer bid $5 \vee$ 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 6a 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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