Phoenix Desert Empire Regional

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 at 91 at the age of 22. He won the 1966 McKinney trophy (now the Barry Crane Top 500) and tallied 13 NABC wins: five in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Tours (1968, 1970, 1981, 1985, and 1986); two in the Life Master Men’s Pairs (1990 and 1994); four in the Green National - Teams (1982, 1983, 1985, and 1987); and two in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams (1980 and 1987). He was a member of the victorious U.S. squad in the 1985 NERC. He was born 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 “fascinating man to 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 the Washington, D.C. area with parents who were both members of the DCACB. He currently resides in St. Petersburg, Florida, with his wife, a retired dental hygienist. Clem went over the required 10,000 points at the 2011 May Denver Regional playing Knockouts with teammates Venkatra Koneru, Geoff Hampson, Susan Kay, 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

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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 being early stories and ads, there is no guarantee of publication. For starters, he appreciates the light, airy atmosphere of the experienced player, he is not afraid to put his money where his mouth is and do a search for Peter Pender.

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- NAVADO TRAIL REGIONAL
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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 continue every Tues-Thu.. 7-30 p.m.
Wednesday-Thursday Knockout Teams................. 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
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Open Pairs Games
Monday Charity Pairs single sessions...................... 3:00 & 7-30 p.m.
Tues-Thurs-Sat. Stratified Pairs two sessions....... 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday Gold Rush Strat-Righted Pairs........... 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Friday Gold Rush Strat-Flighted Pairs............... 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Sunday Fast Open Pairs two sessions................. 10:00 a.m. & TBA

Tournament Manager: Roberta Grubb 760-200-5245
e-mail: robertagrubb@earthlink.net
Tournament Co-Chair: Ilene Grabel
Partnership: Mick Rico * mick@dynamicickbridge.com

Swiss Teams
Monday, Charity Swiss Teams single session.................. 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday Swiss Teams single sessions...................... 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Swiss Teams single sessions.................. 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Thursday Swiss Teams double session........ 7:30 p.m.
Friday-Saturday Swiss Teams double session............. 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Swiss Teams single sessions...................... 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 I/N – 0.5 MP's 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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Excellent Daily Hospitality • $5.00 Parking
I/N Lesson/Reception & Game Monday
Gold Rush Pairs Wednesday & Friday
Fun Halloween Costume Contest on Sunday

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............................. 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Saturday: Carpinteria Compact KO........................... 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Pairs Games
Monday: Charity Games single sessions.................. 2:00 & 7-30 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: Open Pairs............... 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday: Gold Rush Strat-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.... 3:00 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...... 7:30 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.
I/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!
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.
B: 300-750 Gold Points! C: 0-300

Card fees: $12.00 • $14.00 non- & unpaid A C B L members
Tournament Managers: Teri Ackerman 661-664-1670
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Thank you to this month’s panel stalwarts: Jan Kantische, Denver; Marshall Miles, San Bernardino; Faur Stagglod, 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 rally against them.

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Neither side vul, IMPs

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Miles: Pass. You have no 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.

Stagglod: 3♣.

It is easy to construct hands for North that will bid 3NT, as 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 part-score. 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 2♣. The danger of getting overboard is mitigated because partner will know that you are expecting some extra high cards.

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

Kantar: 3♦. I am not selling out with open bid values.

Larsen: 3♥. A bit nervously. Pass is the only possible alternative.

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

Weiss: No bid is comfortable, but I cannot afford to sell out as a routine pass by North. 3NT is making and others that fail at this level. Partner probably has extra up the sleeve but maybe they simply have all the missing high cards!

J.S.: Double. I am risking five IMPS (for -96 when partner has no high cards and nowhere to go) against the possibility of a successful contract when partner is clever enough to hold something like ♠️ KQxxx ♥️ Qxxx ♦️ Kings and we make 5♠. The 3♣ bidder, who is likely to have 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.

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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.

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Kantar: I have talked myself into thinking how bizarre it is that I am at your right rather than a bidding box.

J.S.: You have jumped to 5♥. Northern bid values are in your favor. My partner's contract is a bit risky. We have 10 clubs for his 5♥ contract, and if opener has two of a pointed suit, I will hold to my 3♠ bid. If partner-

4♥: Double. No bid is comfortable, but the suit looks promising.

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Problem 5.

Neither vul, IMps
You are South holding:

-10842 ♠10934 ♣9849

South West North East
Pass 2♦ DBL

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 heat above at five-level. I will play the va-nilla 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.

Solution to Problem 5

This hand is much less attractive than the previous one. On this hand, the additional chances for 11 tricks are that diamonds split 3-3, or that the 4♠ 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 particular trick followed by a loser-on- loser play. Just draw trump, cash the top two diamonds, then lead the 4♥ and throw the lead to East with the 4♠, discarding your losing diamond! Now East has to lead a black card, so there is either a ruff-shuff or an endplay in spades. Only if East had 4 or 5 diamonds would it be necessary for the 4♥ to be with West. That makes the odds about 85% in favor of success.

Contract: 4♠

This hand is much less happy. To make 11 tricks, you need the hearts to break 3-3, with the 4♥ onside. And since that requires two heart finesses, you had better hope that West holds the 4♥, so that you have the two diamond entries necessary to take both heart fi- nesses. Therefore, best play is to ruff the 4♠ high, lead the 4♥ to hook against the 4♠ onside, lead your other low trump to dummy’s 10, win and 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.”

Contract Bridge Forum

September 2011

Master Solvers Panel — Continued from page 4

J.S.: Those are strong arguments for 3♣. Your choice between 4NT or 5♥ may depend on how much room partner needs for his third seat favorable vulnerability. Weak two. I needed lots of room at the table. 5♥ was doubled for a two trick set while East/West can take exactly ten tricks in clubs.

Problem 4.

a problem now. On the previous round, I

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be pleased to make either 5♦ or 5♠ to

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remove 5♥ or 5♠. Partner could easily hold:

- three suits. If I were to bid 5♥, it might even make on a good day. Looks like a normal bid - might even make on a good day.

Contract: 4♠

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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 3♠, but my choice of 4NT, suggesting a two-suiter, was quite reason- able. 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 4♠ call an- nounced two places to play - any two of the three unbid suits. If your minor suits were reversed you would certainly guess 5♠ to 5♥.

If partner had bid 5♣ (instead of 5♥) and you remove 5♥ to 5♠ does show slam interest - otherwise you would have bid 5♥ immedi- ately. (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♣? At 5♣ points out, you will be pleased to make either 5♣ or 5♥. The answer is that partner has become an over-whelming 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. Partner could actually hold: (5♥Q)x2♣ (Qx1x or something similar. Then, you ask, why not bid 5♣ immediately over 4NT? Because partner bypassed 5♣ denying a four-card club holding, thus making it likely that he holds at least four hearts. Despite all this analyst 5♣ could be the winning contract, partner holding a strong 3-3-3-2 hand. But then, he could be 3-3-2-2 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, con- tract.

Miles: It seems a bit much because I am 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♠.

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

Located at the Decker Bridge Center, the Fair has 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.

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

Prescoi 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.

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

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.

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, as one individual to another. The University of Michigan team is establishing a 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 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:

med.umich.edu/myheartyourheart - Recycle Pacemakers.

South West  North East
Pass 1 Pass  Pass  2NT
Pass  Pass  Pass  3
Pass  Pass  Pass  4
Double  Pass  All Pass

Bidding: East's rebid of 2NT showed 19-19 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 4. South doubled and West led the diamond. 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)

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 ADVISORIES.

A 5398 8964 87643
Q9832 6 K75 4 75432
AQ94 1064 1052 Q4 7651032

A double, a heart, and a heart. South led the ace of clubs. East played the seven of clubs, South ruffed the five and led a high club. West played the jack, declarer ruffed the ace of spades and played three rounds of diamonds. South showed four diamonds and West played the king. After the diamond lead, declarer played the three of diamonds, ruffed with the queen of spades. Here's a hand where a defender followed his partner's advice when he should have known better.

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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, 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 kicks off at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and a 9:30 a.m. start 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.

Tucson Non-Life Master Sectional
Tucson, Arizona
October 21-23, 2011

Free lectures and a buffet lunch on Sunday. Game time is 9:00 a.m on Friday, Saturday and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. See the ad in this issue of ScoreCard 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)
199er Pairs (Single Session)
Knockout 1 (Round 1 & II)
Bracketed

Friday November 4
9:00 AM & 2:00 PM
Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
199er Pairs (Single Session)
Knockout 1 (Round 1 & II)
Bracketed

Saturday November 5
9:00 AM & 2:00 PM
Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
199er Pairs (Single Session)
Knockout 1 (Round 1 & II)
Bracketed

Sunday November 6
9:00 AM & TBA
Closed Swiss School (Two Sessions)
Complimentary Buffet Lunch for all 2 session players

Bon’s Mots—Continued from page 1
up for the Youth NABC.

Future - Robert Hartman

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

A CB 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 26. 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.

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Please send particularly good articles that come from your own unit web sites or newsletters to us!

Robert Hartman - Bonnie Bagley
Craig Robinson - Bonnie Bagley
Tournament Results

Carlsbad, New Mexico
5th Annual

HARVEY HICKS SECTIONAL
District 17, Unit 376, ACBL Sanction #5110090
SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2011
Best Western STEVENS INN
1828 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
29P pairs (single sessions)
7 pm
Cavenbracket Klof TK Teams (Round 1)
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
9 am
Cavenbracket Klof TK Teams (Round 2)
9 am and 11 am
7 pm
Cavenbracket Klof TK Teams (Round 3)
1:30 pm
Cavenbracket Klof TK Teams (Round 3)
1:30 pm and 7 pm
29P pairs (single sessions)
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
9:30 am and THA
Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions break for lunch)

All pairs and team games stratified by average master points
$5/person/session; Swiss Teams $100/team (includes both sessions and refreshments)
$1 additional for non and unqualified ACBL members

Awards
- Best All Rounder
- Best Team
- Best Partner
- Most Improved
- Hospitality Award
- Best Director
- Best Director

In memory of Bill Miller, past President of District 17.

Commander of District 17:
John Ruminer
North American Team Competitor

Director of the Event:

Director in Charge: Robert Crig (919) 581-6371
Tournament Chair: Regina Ballard (575) 234-1645, cell (575) 200-8446, thriatubbil@gmail.com Co-Chair: Shyla McMill (575) 312-1166
Partnership Desk: Jackie Parker (575) 312-1166, jazzyparker@gmail.com
Hospitality: Alona Crow, Lee Johnson, and Sally Miller

Preliminary Information:
- Break time: 12:00 pm
- Registration ends at 9:00 pm
- All pairs and teams games stratified by average master points

Awareness and Results:
- Information and results of all ACBL/NCB events can be found on our website:
  - www.bocceball.org
  - www.bocceball.org

- Results posted online after every session.
- All Stratified Swiss Pairs (for all pairs)
- Separate 199 Swiss Teams

- Bocce DIvision: 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

- Venue: Carlsbad, New Mexico
- November 4-6, 2011
- Duke City Bridge Center
- 8184 Northeast Blvd NE
- Albuquerque, NM 87111
- 505-271-2877

Friday
- November 4, 2011
- Open Stratified Pairs
- 189 Strong Pairs
- Bracketed Knockouts Round 1
- Stratified Swiss Teams
- Saturday
- November 5, 2011
- Bracketed Knockouts
- Bracketed Knockouts Round 1
- 199 Strong Pairs
- Stratified Pairs
- Stratified Swiss Teams
- Sunday
- November 6, 2011
- Stratified Swiss Teams
- 2 sessions
- Separate 199 Swiss Teams

- Stratified Events:
  - A: 2000 - 1870:00 - 2000: 0.750
  - B: 1870:00 - 2000: 0.750
  - C: 2000: 0.750

- All events stratified by average master point holdings
- Mid-Chart methods allowed in Flight A events and in top flight of K0

Entry Fee:
- $30.00/person/session (ACBL Members)
- $40.00/person/session (non-member)

Championship Setup:
- 199 Swiss Teams
- All pairs and teams games stratified by average master points
- Mid-Chart methods allowed in Flight A events and in top flight of K0

All events stratified by average master point holdings

Contact Information:
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- 505-268-2044

November 4 – 6, 2011
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November 4, 2011
Open Stratified Pairs
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Stratified Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
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Separate 199 Swiss Teams

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November 4 – 6, 2011
DUKE CITY BRIDGE CENTER
8184 Northeast Blvd NE
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Rocky Otto, Clifton - Dianne Stratified Pairs (42 pairs)

1X. Dawn Foltz - Gregory Foltz -

Diana Frankeny - Richard Stratified Pairs (34 pairs)

2C. 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)

1. Charles White - Carolyn White, Grand Junction
2. DeLay, John Miskell, Eagle, Jan Gover, Gypsum
2D. Jean Paradis - Susan Pidcock, Grand Junction
199er Pairs (6 pairs)

1. Ray Frewer, Cherry Hills Village - May Chin, Brasilson, Basalt
2. John Miskell, Eagle - Jan Gover, Gypsum

Stratified Swiss Teams (18 teams)

1. Linda Marah, Fruit - 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 Schienske, Grand Junction - Linda Deaton, Fruita
2B. SC. Sylvan Morrison - Gerald McDonell - Rach McDnell, Grand Junction - Bonnie Maresh, Palisade
1C. Christine Boller - Ronald Boller, Frisco

Laughlin Sectional Laughlin, Nevada August 14-14, 2011

Stratified Pairs (25 pairs)

1. Louis Herbst - Phillips Herbst, Tucson AZ
2. David Bloom, Apple Valley CA - Rose Erdenlen, Helendale CA
2B. Stanley Shamtz - Donald Ommel, Prescott AZ
2D. Robert Armstrong - Patricia Armstrong, Prescott AZ

Stratified Pairs (14 pairs)

1. Mary Sanger - George Derevjanik, Huntington Beach CA
2. Susan Patricelli - Jim Cleary, Surprise AZ
2C. Donna Montgomery - Lani Davis, Tucson AZ
2C.1. Robert Armstrong - Patricia Armstrong, Prescott AZ

Stratified Pairs (16 pairs)

1. Mary Singer - George Derevjanik, Huntington Beach CA
2. James Brier, Las Vegas - Jo Levy, Grand Junction
2D. Bonne Pace - Ellie Lyons, Lake Havasu City AZ
2E. Kristin Brown - Sonya Webber, Sedona AZ
2F. William Phillips - Carol Phillips, Flagstaff AZ

KO Teams I (7 teams)

1. Jane Rubin - Bruce Rubin, Henderson - Ernest Leibetter - Gary Tomczyk, Las Vegas
2. Virginia Dudley, Lancaster CA - John Young, West Covina CA - Bill McClean, Pacific Palisades CA - Angela Butterfly, Prescott AZ

KO Teams II (7 teams)

1. Albert Leenhouzen - C. Lorraine Leenhouzen, Kingman AZ - Gordon Robinet - Vilma Robben, Fort Mohave AZ
2. Patricia Dodd - Dee Willard, Copperwood AZ - Robert Backman - Barbara Ballard, Sedona AZ

KO Teams III (7 teams)

1. Lindsay Canton - Evelyn Landsburg, Sun Lakes AZ - (Continued on page 12)
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 six losers. If you have a major suit fit and if the partnership has the 26 points (or 14 losers) needed for game.

1. 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 losers, then you have to rebid with either a three level jump rebid or bid of game. 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. If your hand must be unbalanced, therefore bid a new suit higher than two of the suit opened, for example 1♣-1♥-1NT. If you did open one of a major with 15 or 16 losers, then you have to rebid with either a three level jump rebid or bid of game.

2. Partner has shown an eight 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
13-15 (or 7 losers) Minimum
16-18 (or 5 losers) Medium
19-21 (or 4 losers) Maximum

Opposite a Minimum Raise When Raising Responding
pass two level
invoke three level
game game

You 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, 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.
- 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.
- With a medium hand, natural rebid of a second suit. Note that a reverse, (bidding a new suit higher than two of the suit that was opened) for example 1♣, 1♥, 2♥ promises at least medium strength values.
- A maximum hand needs to force to game. 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. Some of this material has been published by Kitty Cooper as charts to assist in the schools teaching program on kittycooper.com. These articles are written by four card support alone but 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)
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- 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 losers, then you have to rebid with either a three level jump rebid or bid of game.

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. Some of this material has been published by Kitty Cooper as charts to assist in the schools teaching program on kittycooper.com. These articles are written by four card support alone but 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.
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- 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.
- With a medium hand, natural rebid of a second suit. Note that a reverse, (bidding a new suit higher than two of the suit that was opened) for example 1♣, 1♥, 2♥ promises at least medium strength values.
- A maximum hand needs to force to game. Therefore sometimes a minimum hand has to rebid a five card suit. This will usually be a minor.
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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
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Sunday, November 13
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7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Swiss Teams
Bracketed Mon-Tue KO Teams Rd 2 of 3

Tuesday, November 15
9:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Swiss Teams
Bracketed Mon-Tue KO Teams Final Rd
1:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
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Bracketed Mon-Tue KO Teams Rd 1 of 4
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Swiss Teams
Bracketed Mon-Tue 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
Bracketed Swiss Teams
Bracketed Tue-Wed KO Teams Final Rd
1:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Wed-Thur KO Teams Rd 1 of 3
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
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Thursday, November 17
9:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
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7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
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Bracketed Swiss Teams
Bracketed Wed-Thur KO Teams Rd 3 of 4

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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**For more information, contact your local STAC representative:**
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?”

Cooper’s: 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 raise or invitation-to-game jump shifts to the three level (as we do). Some modernists play that the jumps to tremp, and not often even then. Many pairs who do not play Bergen raises use invitational- systems who play strong jump shifts are Bobby Levin-Steve Weinstein and Peter Boyd-over a major by Kit Woolsey-Fred Stewart. Other world champion pairs with natural responder’s jump shifts, including various raises and the major suit hand mentioned above.

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 seems in order, so we went to www.eastsbridge.com/documents/docdefault.aspx?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 by Meckwell and three of a minor (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. ROPI 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 (the second step if you play 1430, the first step if you play 3014); if you pass you are mak- ing the bid that would have shown one or four keycards. In but in Toronto one of us played with a good partner who, even if 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 appar- ently 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 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 DEPO 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 DEPO, if not you play DOPI. An example should make this clear: if partner opens 1♣ and you hold J10xx ♥KQ ♦AKQ ♥AKQ, AKQ you might well bid 4NT if partner has three keycards with the queen you bid a slam, otherwise you should be safe in 5♠ (surely he has to have at least two keycards) . But what if the en- my 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 be- ing the step that shows one or four), leav- ing 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 coming 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 Minor- wood).