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The Devil's Coup

by Harold Feldheim

The original story is older than bridge which is, no doubt, an offshoot of Whist. With West holding ♥Q 8 4 opposite East's ♥J 3, it seems as if a trump trick must be lost. Yet, Satan put up his treasures against the opponent's soul that he could play the suit for no losers. In the apocryphal story, the poor human had no chance against Satan's superior technique. With this hand, however, an unlucky lead followed by a subtle misdefense in mid-hand allowed South to reach the coveted Devil's Coup endgame.

North

♠ K 9 4
♥ A 10 2
♦ A K J 7
♣ 9 8 5

West

♠ A 8 3
♥ Q 8 4
♦ Q 10 6 5
♣ A Q 7

East

♠ Q 10 5
♥ J 3
♦ 9 4 3 2
♣ K 10 6 2

South

♠ J 7 6 2
♥ K 9 7 6 5
♦ 8
♣ J 4 3

Dealer: West

Neither side vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1♦	Dbl	1 NT	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♦	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Lead: 5♦

The bidding: South's competitive bid of 2♥ was appropriately aggressive, but 3♥ was really over the top. In the face of this overbid, North's raise to 4♥ is fully reasonable.

The play: With losers scattered all over the hand, a diamond lead was a gift from the gods. After successfully finessing the Jack, South quickly discarded two clubs on the ♦AK, ruffed the fourth diamond and exited his remaining club, losing to East's King. As it turns out, a spade switch would doom declarer to four inescapable losers but instead, East continued another club, ruffed by declarer in hand. Now South, fully in control, led a spade towards dummy. West chose to duck, (playing the Ace would have made no difference), ruffed dummy's last club and exited a spade, leaving the defense helpless. East won

the Queen and led another spade to partner's Ace arriving at the following end position.

North		East	
♠	A 10 x	♠	J x
♥		♥	x
♦		♦	
♣		♣	
West		South	
♠	Q x x	♠	x
♥		♥	K 9
♦		♦	
♣		♣	



Harold Feldheim

And with either opponent on lead, the certain trump loser vanishes in a puff of bridge logic. More proof that bridge is indeed a wonderfully devilish game.



Jeff Feldman Memorial Tournament

SAVE THE DATES
Dec. 1, 2, 3

Knights of Columbus Hall
390 South Union St.
Guilford

Pairing: Dave Hyatt 203-488-7027

Directions at ctbridge.org

Bridge at the Lunatic Fringe

The Counter-balancing Raise

by Allan Wolf

Professor Lobochevski had developed some unusual concepts in bidding theory.

One of these was the counter-balancing or “trap” raise, allowing that a simple raise from one to two of a major could be made on 2-card support. Admittedly, the professor’s advocacy of this treatment was a just a little tongue-in-cheek.



Allan Wolf

Following the “Law of Total Tricks,” many players consider a balancing action almost mandatory when opponents stop at the two-level after finding a fit. The counter-balancing raise was invented as an antidote to this tendency, calling into question whether an eight-card fit had in fact been found. If opponents were lured into the auction, the raiser was often prepared to double.

The requirements for the counter-balancing raise were a doubleton in partner’s major, and 9-10 high card points; a maximum hand that normal bidders would start with 1NT forcing, intending to return to partner’s major over opener’s usual 2♣ or 2♦. Of course, opener had to adjust his rebids, allowing for the possibility of a 2-card raise if he intended to bid on.

A typical hand for a counter-balancing raise from 1♥ to 2♥ is the North hand in the deal that follows. Most would consider this hand not quite good enough to bid 1NT then 2NT. At matchpoints, you might try a counter-balancing raise, risking a cooperative double of whatever the opponents came in with – 2 Spades or 3 of a minor.

This deal came up at the Tuesday night game at the Lunatic Fringe club – on the special Halloween game, where it seems that one or two hands always provided an extreme or bizarre example of a principle of play.

Professor Lobochevski (North)

♠ A J 10
♥ 8 7
♦ K J 8 7
♣ 6 4 3 2

Majorca (West) Minna (East)

♠ Q 7 3 ♠ K 8 6 5 2
♥ 9 5 4 3 ♥ J 2
♦ 9 5 ♦ A 6 4 3
♣ A K Q 5 ♣ 9 7

Warren (South)

♠ 9 4
♥ A K Q 10 6
♦ Q 10 2
♣ J 10 8

Dealer: North; neither side vulnerable.

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
-	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

After two passes, Warren (the professor’s regular partner) opened one heart, and the professor, shooting for a good result, raised to two – the counter-balancing raise. He felt a little funny doing this against Minna, a former student who had only recently learned the tactics of aggressive balancing. The raise was alerted, and explained as possibly only 2-card support. But with no one vulnerable, Minna (even in direct seat) came in with a balancing bid of two spades. This ran around to the professor, who doubled for penalties, and Warren left the double in, albeit uncomfortably. In their methods, the professor could have a 4-card spade suit.

The two spade “balancing” bid is surely not to everyone’s liking, but in the hand described, it required perfect defense for the contract to be defeated. After taking 2 rounds of Hearts, Warren shifted to a trump. Minna won this trick with the King and led a low diamond from hand. If she could ruff just one diamond in dummy, she had a chance to make this doubled contract.

Warren won this trick with the ten, and persisted with trumps. Now with the AJ of trumps sitting over the Queen, the professor was able to take all the trumps off the dummy, preventing any diamond ruffs. The professor now exited with a diamond, won by Minna with the Ace. Needing the rest of the tricks, she led two more rounds of trumps. Although she had not mastered squeeze play, she hoped that the defenders would err in discarding, and perhaps allow dummy’s fourth club to score a trick. Then both her diamond losers would go away on good clubs.

Of course the professor was up to the required defense, throwing away his diamond honors in order to keep the guarded six of clubs, an extreme example of the defensive principle of maintaining equal length with dummy’s long suit, at any cost.

However, the +100 score was hardly a triumph for the counterbalancing raise. At several tables, North-South played 1NT, making as many as four - two spades, five hearts, and three diamonds when the defense failed to find their club tricks in time.

At other tables, East-West bid and made two spades. The lone gain of -50 matchpoints occurred when the 2♠ contract was defeated by one trick, undoubled.

And at several tables, North-South played in 2♥, making 2 (for +110) or going one down.

To defeat two hearts, the defense starts with 4 rounds of clubs, East ruffing with the Jack (an uppercut) on the fourth round. If declarer overruffs, West’s nine is promoted, and the defense can then come to a spade and a diamond trick (as long as they set up their spade trick in time.) But declarer can counter this defense by refusing to overruff the fourth round of clubs, discarding a spade loser instead.

Can't Cost – Chapter 10

by John Steifel



Sometimes an opponent goes “into the tank” for a long time. Assuming that he/she isn’t a chronic slow player, there are only 3 things you can do about it.

1. Get annoyed.
2. Wait politely and impatiently.
3. Think, too.

I prefer Option (3).

Take for example this from a recent Regional Knockout Team game at the Chicago Nationals. You are sitting West and a many-time national champion is South. You are playing IMPs and both sides are vulnerable.

You hold:

♠ 9 8 7 6
 ♥ Q J 7 5 2
 ♦ J 10 3
 ♣ J

South, the dealer, opens 1NT (15-17), North responds 2♦ (forcing Stayman), South rebids 2♠, North tries 3♥ (showing a 5-card suit) and South closes the auction with 3NT.

What do you lead?

Neither major seems attractive, so you lead the J♦ and dummy comes down with:

♠ 10
 ♥ A K 10 6 4
 ♦ 6 5 4
 ♣ K 8 5 2

Partner encourages with the 9 at trick one and your Jack is allowed to win. Before you play to trick 2, you ask yourself what you will do when declarer



John Stiefel

leads a heart toward dummy (as he surely will). You decide that you will play small if a low heart is led but cover with the Q if the 9 is led. Having planned ahead as far as you can, you continue with the

10♦ to the 5,7 and A.

Sure enough, declarer leads the 3♥ to trick 3 to the 2, 10 and 9. At trick 4, declarer plays the A♥ and partner discards the 2♠.

At trick 5, declarer leads a low club from dummy to his ace, dropping your Jack. Partner follows with the 7 to this trick.

Now declarer goes into a long tank and you use the time to think, too. What can his problem be? He pretty much knows the position in hearts, diamonds and clubs – so his problem must be in the spade suit. So why not try to throw him off and discard the 9♠ (encouraging) at your first opportunity? How can this cost?

Declarer emerges from his tank with the Q♣ at trick 6 and you follow your plan and discard the 9♠. Now the play speeds up. Declarer cashes his K♦ and dummy’s K♣ and K♥ at tricks 7, 8 and 9. Then he leads dummy’s 4♥ to trick 10, your J winning. You cash the Q♥ at trick 11 and (as declarer planned) are forced to lead away from your spade holding at trick 12.

Declarer’s face falls as your partner wins the A♠ at trick 12 and cashes the Q♦ at trick 13. Down 1.

The original layout was:

North		
♠	10	
♥	A K 10 6 4	
♦	6 5 4	
♣	K 8 5 2	
West	East	
♠	9 8 7 6	♠ A Q J 2
♥	Q J 7 5 2	♥ 9
♦	J 10 3	♦ Q 9 8 7
♣	J	♣ 10 9 7 6
South		
♠	K 5 4 3	
♥	8 7	
♦	A K 2	
♣	A Q 4 3	

Note partner’s discard of the 2♠ (discouraging) to trick 4 despite having a very good holding in the suit. Partner reasoned, correctly, that discarding a high spade (in this case, an honor) would help declarer more than you.

Also note that declarer’s play was very reasonable. He had a 2-way guess for the A♠ (i.e. lead the 10♠ from dummy if partner has it or endplay you if you have it) and he knew each opponent had started with 4 spades (so neither would be an “a priori” favorite to hold the ace). Also, he thought he had two clues (partner’s 2♠ discard and your 9♠ discard) pointing toward the end-play.



Bridge at the Lunatic Fringe

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Bizarre Bridge Quiz

Here is a quiz – not terribly difficult – in keeping with the extreme and bizarre Halloween theme:

1. What is the fewest number of high card points that a partnership can hold, and be ice-cold to make 3 NT against any distribution of the opponents cards? The solution must describe the salient features of both hands.

2. What is the fewest number of high card points that a partnership can hold, and be ice-cold to make 3 NT due to a *bizarrely favorable* distribution of the opponents cards? The solution must describe the salient features of all four hands.

E-mail solutions to alwolf@prodigy.net. Correct solutions published in the next issue of *The Kibitzer*.



Top Ten Rules of Bridge

by Gloria Sieron

According to *The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge*:

The Rule of 14, also known as Pearson Point Count, is a useful one to remember.

After three passes, you have to decide whether or not to open the bidding in fourth seat. The "Pearson Point Count" is a helpful guideline. If your hand leaves you in a quandary, add your total high card points to the number of spades in your hand. If the total is at least 14, you should open the bidding. South opened the bidding on this deal because he had 14 or more Pearson Points.

Dealer: West

North			
♠	Q 9		
♥	9 5 2		
♦	A Q 7 3		
♣	Q J 10 3		
West		East	
♠	A J 8 5	♠	10 4
♥	10 8 7	♥	A K 4 3
♦	J 6 5	♦	K T 9 4
♣	K 9 4	♣	6 5 2
South			
♠	K 9 7 5 3		
♥	Q J 2		
♦	9 7		
♣	A 9 3		

After three passes, you should think Pearson. South's hand totals to 15 Pearson Points, so hold your breath and open one spade. North responds one no trump (semi-forcing after third or fourth hand openers) and, with no trump distribution, South passes.



Gloria Sieron

Suppose you have a full opening bid in fourth position, then you would open at the one level regardless of the number of spades in your hand.

Do you have a weak two bid opener in the pass-out seat? You have the option to pass, thereby not risking the negative score often associated with preemptive bidding. Since there is no benefit to a pass-out seat preemptive bid, a fourth position major suit opener at the two or three level promises partner a good hand with a good suit. You want partner to know you have a hand of at least intermediate values; a hand that may produce game opposite a passed hand with invitational values of 10 or 11 points.

Rule of Twenty quoting from *The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge*:

"A method of determining whether a hand weak in high cards is strong enough to warrant an opening bid. The

total number of cards in the two longest suits is added to the number of high-card points. If the total is 20 or more, the hand may qualify as an opening bid."

♠	A Q 9 5 4
♥	6
♦	A 10 9 7 6
♣	5 3

Generally speaking, most of the high cards should be in the two long suits and it is advisable to have two quick tricks to open a rule of 20 hand.

When you have a distributional hand, do something. Open, pre-empt, jump the bidding, cue-bid, bid the unusual no trump. We like these reminders:

From Soloway, Sontag, Chazen (and Grant Baze):

Five-five and six-five - "Come Alive"

Six-four or seven-four - "Bid Some More"

Six-six - "Take your pick"



The Knowledge

1. Aces are so important that you should always upgrade them 1 point.
2. Kings are traditionally evaluated correctly.
3. Queens may or may not be worth 2 points. They are questionable by themselves (especially in short suits they should be downgraded).
4. Jacks by themselves are almost worthless.

The Common Sense

1. Aces should be counted as 4 1/2 points. No exceptions.
2. Kings count as 3 points.
3. Queens count as 2 points, when touching any other honor, including the ten.
4. Jacks count as 0, except when touching another honor including the ten. Then they count as 1.

It is not the handling of difficult hands that makes the winning player. There aren't enough of them. It is the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones.

- Alan Sontag

IT TAKES VOLUNTEERS TO RUN A BRIDGE TOURNAMENT YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

What is a volunteer? The dictionary says “a volunteer is one who works willingly without pay.” In order to keep our bridge events exciting and entry fees low, we must depend on the goodness of our members who volunteer at our sectional and regional tournaments.

Many players are unaware that successful tournaments require volunteers who are busy working behind the scenes doing essential jobs that make the event fun for all. Volunteers bring that extra something to the game: “enthusiasm.” The jobs they perform may be big or small, they may require brains or they may require muscle, but in any event the volunteers who do these jobs are the life blood of our tournaments.

Some of these volunteer jobs are: pairing (Never did it? We'll show you how); setting up or taking down tables; making coffee; preparing or buying snacks; and, assisting with general hospitality. You're too busy? Not a problem, every little bit helps. Everyone can contribute in some way. The more volunteers we have, the less work each person has to do.

Volunteers are crucial to all non-profit organizations and bridge is no different. We cannot survive without the dedicated efforts of our volunteers. Please do your part by giving some of your time before or during our tournaments. Let's make our sectionals better because of our participation at, and away from, the bridge

table. Only you can make it better. We urge all of you to learn how you can volunteer and improve bridge in Connecticut. We need you!!

If you are willing to help, please contact President Kay Howe or any member of the Board.



MILESTONES and CONGRATULATIONS

Silver Life Master

(1000 master points)

Karen Abate
Ronald Brown
Jean Shepler Miller

Bronze Life Master

(500 master points)

Norann Coggins
Jose Gaztambide
Patricia Gibbs
Martha Hathaway
Kenneth Hirshon
Monica Hopper
Meryl Reyman
J. Gail Schulze
Mel Weisel
Ann Wonham

Life Masters

(300 master points)

Solomon Field
Kenneth Hirshon
William Rose
Stuart Reyman



Bridge Forum (Hamden)

Tuesday

Player of the Year: Bob Hawes continues to lead, but a few bad results have brought down his score in the consistency category. Louise Wood, only .07 less consistent, can keep close enough in the other categories to overtake Bob if his consistency continues. Mary Connolly is a well-balanced third, and ahead of consistency leaders is the partnership of Jatin Mehta-Hasmukh Shah.

Pairs: The men are not quite at the level of Russian figure skaters, but the first time four pairs of men are in the top seven:

1. Bob Hawes - Jon Ingersoll
2. Jatin Mehta - Hasumukh Shah
3. Billie Hecker - Muriel Romero
4. Pat Gibbs - Fredda Kelly
5. Hill Auerbach - Tracy Selmon
6. Rita Brieger - Harold Miller
7. Al Guntermann - Carl Yohans.

Bob and Jon have a huge lead for year-end honors.

Van Dyke Cup early rounds: This competition tends to produce the most consistent results, and rarely has a surprise finalist. Louise Wood, trying to win for the fifth year running, is virtually assured of a place in the final, but will probably have to spot Bob Hawes a big lead.

The last two finalist positions are closely contested between Jon Ingersoll-Mary Connolly-MurielRomero, with Fredda Kelly not far from contention.

Friday

Player of the Year: Louise Wood has a respectable lead over Sylvia Alpert and Jean Shepler-Miller, but the consistency rankings keep it within reach. Larry Stern in fourth place and Florence Schannon in fifth outscore Sylvia and Jean in the other two categories, but have probably been too inconsistent to win.

Pairs: The third quarter saw last year's top pairs rise again, with Hill Auerbach-Larry Stern closely ahead of defenders Marcel Bratu-Joe Pagerino. Sylvia

Alpert-Lois Flesche are within reach of the top, with Muriel Romero-Florence Schannon, Billie Hecker-Jean Shepler-Miller and Doris Kerwin-Muriel Lipman well back.

Reynolds Cup early rounds: Neither Friday-only cup has ever been won by the defending champion, and that will continue to hold true. Although at press time no one was secure of a place in the final four, history may repeat, as Florence Schannon, who won in 1998 and 2002, has taken the lead from Emma Q. Antonio (who is trying for her second cup win after winning the Van Dyke Cup ten years ago). Louise Wood and Fredda Kelly are in third and fourth places, a bit ahead of Jean Shepler-Miller and Larry Stern, looking for his first cup win after just missing winning the Claiborn Cup this year. Defending champion Carl Yohans finished 15th, perennial finalist Muriel Lipman finished 11th, and 2004 winner Arlene Leshine was not eliminated at press time but needed a very strong result in the quarterfinal week.

Darien Community Association Duplicate Bridge Club

Congratulations to the overall winners of the Multiple Sclerosis Charity Club Championship Game held on Monday, October 9, 2006:

1. Jean Thoma and Susan Mayo
2. Susan Schroeder and Kris Freres
3. Bonnie Holt and Peter Hussey
4. Betty Hodgman and Carol Davidson
5. Meg Hovell and Marcia Clark

Jewish Community Center, Bridgeport

Congratulations to the overall winners of the MS Charity Club Championship Game held on Wednesday, October 11, 2006:

1. Claire Breiner and Murray Rubinstein
2. Jatin Mehta and Nora Tkacz

Wee Burn

No Wee Burn news, but here's what happened at one of my games a while back... I think the anecdote belongs in the "bridge is humorous" category.

It was a game with a three board movement and on round 7, boards 19, 20, and 21 were being played at table one.

They played board 19.

They played board 20.

They played the third board and I heard North cry, "director, someone scored on my line!"

Have you figured it out? Yes, they played board 20 TWICE!

Woodway Duplicate Bridge Club

Winners of the Summer Series are as follows:

1. Adele Hollingsworth - Shirley Rogers
2. Barbara Munson - Betty Carl
3. Ruth Schwiebert - Lorraine Belliveau
4. Ann Fuller - Martha Murphy

Hartford Bridge Club

A good time was had by all!



Donna Fier displays a certificate noting the 75 years of Bridge in Hartford.

The Gala to celebrate our 75th anniversary took place at the Hopmeadow Country Club on Sunday, September 10, and it was truly an affair to remember. The kudos go to the energetic volunteers who made it all possible. True, we must thank the gods for the exceptionally beautiful day, but the bouquets go to co-chairmen Ausra Geaski and Bob Gruskay, to the site



The 75 Year Celebration Committee

committee members, to the program committee members, to the set-up committee members, and to every member of the crew.

Thank you also CBA President Kay Howe and District 25 President Allan Clamage for attending the event and to HBC Club Manager Donna Feir for all her inspiration.



Kay Howe, CBA President congratulates the HBC on their accomplishment

Our program was highlighted by Elly Papineau's singing bridge-related parodies written by Lea Selig, the over-the-top poem by Tom Webster, and Ruth Tupper's memorable chorus "This Club is Your Club" sung by the entire group.

On to the 100th!



District Director's Report - July 2006

Rich DeMartino, District Director

Chicago NABC

The Chicago NABC was held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago in a lovely part of the city, very near Lake Michigan and the Magnificent Mile, with all of its well known stores and architecture.

Attendance was 13,373 tables, slightly lower than the pre-tournament projection of 13,500 tables. The playing space was first rate for the NABC events and adequate for the Regional events. All of the playing space was on two adjacent floors of the Hyatt, which is ideal.

The biggest news at this NABC is that eight District 25 players won National Championships, six for the first time. The Flight B GNT was won by Allan Wolf, Russell Friedman, Frances Schneider and Bernard Schneider from Connecticut. Geof Brod, Steve Earl, Jay Stiefel and Rich DeMartino won the Senior Swiss Teams (first NABC win for Geof and Steve). New England players dominated this event, with 13 players finishing in the top seven overall, a magnificent performance.

Finally, Dick Budd and Doug Doub won enough masterpoints to become New England's eighth and ninth Grand Life Masters. Congratulations to all of the above players. Well done.

Top 10 Finishers in NABC Events – District 25

GNT – FLIGHT B

Allan Wolf, Ridgefield CT
 Russell Friedman, Wilton CT
 Frances Schneider, Riverside CT
 Bernard Schneider, Riverside CT 1

SENIOR SWISS TEAMS

Geof Brod, Avon CT
 Steve Earl, Avon CT
 John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT
 Rich DeMartino, Riverside CT 1
 Steve Becker, Old Greenwich CT
 Larry Bausher, Hamden CT 3
 Frances Schneider, Riverside CT
 Bernard Schneider, Riverside CT 7

NABC+ FAST PAIRS

Doug Doub, W. Hartford CT 2

Highlights of ACBL Board Meeting

Financial Status

As reported previously, the budget for

the 2006 calendar year is a net profit of \$63,000. For the first four months, income exceeded expenses by \$110,000, a favorable result. To address the problems which surfaced late last year, Management has assured the Finance Committee and the BOD that they have implemented several actions to improve their performance in budgeting and forecasting.

Directors and Officers Insurance Coverage (D&O)

On July 10, the BOD voted to purchase D&O Insurance from the Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company that covers all ACBL Units and Districts as well as the ACBL. Previously, Districts and Units had the opportunity to purchase D&O coverage on an individual basis but few had done so (to the best of my knowledge neither the District nor any Unit in District 25 had purchased this insurance). The insurance covers Unit/District officials as well as committee members for actions taken in that capacity.

To qualify for coverage, the District President and Unit Presidents must sign a waiver form. My opinion is that each Unit should sign this form and send it in as quickly as possible. Our lawyers have raised a couple of concerns that are documented in the materials sent to you. If you need further clarification of the issues, please call the insurance agent or me. Whatever each Unit does is up to the Unit but I urge all the Unit Presidents to take care of this matter as quickly as possible. In order to receive coverage retroactive to July 11, the target date for submitting the form is July 26.

Senior KO Teams

As reported in my last report, a recommendation was made that beginning in 2007 the Senior Knockout Teams at the Fall NABC would start on Friday instead of Sunday. This recommendation was accepted by the Conditions of Contest Committee and approved by the BOD. In my view, starting two days earlier will have two benefits: (1) the finals will be completed no later than the day before Thanksgiving; and, (2) there will be no conflict with the 6 session Reisinger BAM or Open Swiss Team

events which start on the last Friday. I know that all the District 25 players who frequently play in this event favor the earlier start date.

Senior Events - Age

As I reported at the last New England Delegates' Meeting, a motion was again made that the minimum age for playing in ACBL Senior Events shall be 60 years of age. If accepted, this motion would have been phased in over 5 years. Although there is clearly some merit in changing the age, there are many reasons it is best to leave well enough alone, especially in our District. Fortunately, the motion failed 17 – 8.

NABC Appeals

The following motion was made: ACBL Tournament Directors shall hear and rule upon all appeals filed at North American Bridge Championships. All NABC+ appeals shall be heard by Tournament Director Panels in a manner similar to regional appeal hearings. All conduct and ethics matters shall be referred to and heard by the NABC Tournament Committee or to their assignees.

Prior to the Board meeting, several top players familiar with the appeals process commented, with about 2/3 in favor of keeping the current system. There are certainly valid arguments on both sides. My belief is that unlike baseball, where good eyesight and a knowledge of the rules is all that is necessary for an umpire to do a good job, in some bridge decisions, expert knowledge of the game is required, which many of our directors simply do not have. The motion failed 13 - 12.

As usual, full minutes of the meeting including how each Board Member voted are posted on the ACBL website.

The Fall NABC will be held from November 16 through November 26 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort and Spa in Honolulu, Hawaii. This is the first NABC in Hawaii in over 20 years. Rooms rates at the main site range from \$150 to \$250 but I understand that the \$150 and \$250 rooms are already sold out. For those willing to take the 12 hour plane ride, this promises to be a great site for an NABC.



East Hartford Sectional Tournament August 10 - 12

FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS

A	B	C	
1	1		J Kuklinski - R Serenyi
2			L Bausher - P Bausher
3	2	1	C Olschefski - P Olschefski
4			N France - J Hess
5	3		J Libucha - L Patton
6	4	2	R Benedict - V Labbadia
	5/6		R Kuzma - E Wilson
	5/6	3	E Finlay - B Meisel
	4		R Olson - J Mehta

FRI. SENIOR PAIRS

A	B	C	
1			B Corbani - M Feinson
2			J Smith - J Gischner
3			R Cheah - R Cheah
4/5			J Stiefel - S DeMartino
4/5			J Lee - Y Shiue
	1	1	B Cohn - J Brault
	2	2	W Thornhill - C Thornhill
	3		S Kaplan - N Kaplan
4/5			J Tames - W Graebe
4/5			H Kobernusz - A Hummel

FRI. EVE OPEN PAIRS

A	B	C	
1	1		D Rock - S Smith
2			S Budds - A Clamage
3			J Gischner - J Smith
4			H Klein - J Klein
5	2		H Kobernusz - A Hummel
6			J Stiefel - S DeMartino
	3		H Strauss - R Kuzma
	4	1	G Dzubay - J Lee
	5		E Nagle - A Longo
	2		M Murphy - P Shimkus
	3		J Tames - W Graebe

SAT. A/X PAIRS

A	X	
.5	1	T Shannon - T Hyde
.5		L Bausher - R DeMartino
3		H Klein - J Klein
4	2	R Taylor - R Webb
5		P Hartman - H Zusman
6/7		D Doub - S Larson
6/7		J Greer - A Clamage
	3/4	H Pawlowski - S Seckinger
	3/4	D Rock - S Smith

SAT. B/C/D PAIRS

B	C	D	
1			J Osofsky - L Sartori
2	1	1	R Tupper - L Pearl
3	2	2	H Getz - L Arnaboldi Jr
4			E Misner - J Misner
5	3		P O'Deane - M Ray
6	4		A Siuta - L Jackubosky
	5	3	M Carey - J Carey
	6	4	J O'Shea - G Reiners

SAT. 299ER PAIRS

A	B	C	
1			R Sternberg - J Morrin
2	1		B Moore - P Brasher
3	2		J Larson - S DeGregorio
4			O Chhabra - J Mehta
5	3		X Coulter - E Below
6	4	1	L Eppler - C McLaughlin
	5	2	J Schmerl - S Schmerl
	6	3	C Andreotta - D Andreotta
	4		M Fortune - I Larson

SAT. AFT A/X PAIRS

A	X	
1		K Chawla - D Kowarsky
2		L Bausher - R DeMartino
3		B Corbani - M Feinson
4		E Perell - C Roberts
5		B Adler - H Lawrence
6	1	C Hurley - Y Shiue
	2	G Seckinger - W Titley
	3	R Taylor - R Webb
	4	T Hey - E Ranard
	5	D Rock - S Smith

SAT. AFT B/C/D PAIRS

B	C	D	
1	1		S Rodricks - A Hummel
2	2	1	R Bussiere - C Snape
3			S Sharp - N Sharp
4			P Salve - J Salve
5	3	2	J O'Shea - G Reiners
6	4	3	A Siegel - I Fuller
	5		V Leshin - R La Valley
	6	4	A Small - S Title

SAT. AFT 299ER PAIRS

A	B	C	
1	1		M Clark - S Clark
2	2	1	L Eppler - C McLaughlin
3	3	2	R Klopp - B Harvey
4	4	3	C Andreotta - D Andreotta
5	5		B Moore - P Brasher
6	6	4	J Goettel - M Goettel
	5		M Zeldis - B Zeldis

SAT. EVE PAIRS

A	B	C	
1			J Tripp - L Meyers
2			B Reich - B Lewis
3	1		T Gerchman - L Starr
4			T Hyde - C Vasel
5	2	1	R Kuzma - R Kuzma
	3		D Rock - S Smith
4/5	2		C Olschefski - P Olschefski
4/5			S Sharp - N Sharp

SUN. A/X SWISS

A	X	
1		V King - G Brod - R DeMartino - L Bausher
2	1	D Hulme - E Swatzburg - V Hauptfeld - C Graham
3		M Goldberg - J Brod - Y Shiue - C Hurley
4	2	J Tripp - H Pawlowski - P Bacon - B Buffington
5/6		B Saunders - R Kemp - J Klein - H Klein
5/6		P Bausher - S DeMartino - M Stasiewski - A Housholder

SUN. B/C/D SWISS

B	C	D	
1			D Rock - S Smith - D Deacon - P Tunggatt
2/31/2			J Gaztambide - S Title - P Makhijani - A Small
2/31/2			L Flesche - S Fruchter - S Reiners - G Reiners
4	3		P Olschefski - C Olschefski - N Kaplan - S Kaplan
4	1		M Eisenberg - R Lizza - R Benedict - V Labbadia

Masterpoint Race East Hartford

1	28.27	Larry Bausher
2	23.69	Richard DeMartino
3	12.42	David Rock
4	12.42	Sonja Smith
5	10.07	Yeong-Long Shiue
6	9.50	Victor King
7	9.50	Geoffrey Brod
8	9.13	Claudia Hurley
9	9.10	James Klein
10	9.10	Herschel Klein
11	9.00	Kamla Chawla
12	9.00	David Kowarsky
13	8.71	Thomas Hyde
14	8.21	Tom Shannon
15	7.93	Betty Jane Corbani
16	7.59	Morris Feinson
17	7.21	Phyllis Bausher
18	7.13	Constance Graham
19	7.13	Dorothy Hulme
20	7.13	Vesna Hauptfeld
21	7.13	Edith Swatzburg

22 7.01 J Peter Tripp
 23 6.11 Gernot Reiners
 24 6.06 Phillip Olschefski
 25 6.06 Carolyn Olschefski
 26 6.02 Alice Hummel
 27 5.99 Allan Clamage
 28 5.88 Helen Pawlowski
 29 5.72 Roger Webb
 30 5.72 Rolland Taylor
 31 5.34 Joan Brod
 32 5.34 Marilyn Goldberg
 33 5.34 Janet Gischner
 34 5.17 Robert Serenyi
 35 5.17 J Kuklinski
 36 4.98 Jane Smith
 37 4.67 Ruth Kuzma
 38 4.57 Sandra DeMartino
 39 4.22 Paul Tungatt
 40 4.22 Douglas Deacon
 41 4.01 Barton Buffington
 42 4.01 Paul Bacon
 43 3.89 Sally Title
 44 3.89 Arline Small
 45 3.86 Gary Seckinger
 46 3.85 Sarah Budds
 47 3.80 Ellen Perell
 48 3.80 Chris Roberts
 49 3.80 Howard Lawrence
 50 3.68 Lesley Meyers
 51 3.61 Leo Sartori
 52 3.61 Susan Rodricks
 53 3.61 James Osofsky
 54 3.57 Virginia Labbadia
 55 3.57 Richard Benedict
 56 3.43 Helen Kobernusz
 57 3.43 Pat Hartman
 58 3.41 Shirley Fruchter
 59 3.41 Lois Flesche
 60 3.36 Brett Adler
 61 3.33 Roland Bussiere
 62 3.33 Cornelia Snape
 63 3.27 Bill Reich
 64 3.11 Jose Gaztambide
 65 3.11 Partab Makhijani
 66 3.11 Sandra Reiners
 67 3.09 Howard Zusman
 68 3.04 Lawrence Eppler
 69 3.04 Cherry McLaughlin
 70 3.00 John O'Shea
 71 2.92 Nicholas France
 72 2.92 Judith Hess
 73 2.91 Stanley Kaplan
 74 2.91 Natalie Kaplan
 75 2.89 Susan Seckinger
 76 2.86 Libby Pearl
 77 2.86 Ruth Tupper
 78 2.84 William Titley
 79 2.78 S Michael Sharp
 80 2.78 Nancy Sharp
 81 2.63 Aimee Housholder
 82 2.63 Beverly Saunders
 83 2.63 Mark Stasiewski

84 2.63 Robert Kemp
 85 2.57 Barbara Moore
 86 2.57 Pat Brasher
 87 2.47 Helma Strauss
 88 2.46 J Sun-Ming Lee
 89 2.45 James Greer
 90 2.27 Mary Eisenberg
 91 2.27 Rose Lizza
 92 2.25 Brian Lewis
 93 2.22 Roz Sternberg
 94 2.22 John Morrin
 95 2.15 H. Leland Getz
 96 2.15 Leo Arnaboldi Jr
 97 2.12 Sandy Clark
 98 2.12 Marcia Clark
 99 2.10 Ruby Cheah
 100 2.10 Robert Cheah

Newington September 15 - 17

The Governor's Cup was won by
Lawrence Lau

FRI. OPEN PAIRS

A B C
 1 1 B Fine - M Butler
 2/3 2 1 M Noll - L Pearl
 2/3 J Stiefel - R DeMartino
 4 3 2 N Healy - J Stroup
 5 4 L Robbins - R Harvey
 6 L Cavallero - C Michael
 5 H Kobernusz - A Hummel
 6/7 3 L Stern - R Vander Wiede
 6/7 B Levine - L Wilcox
 4 S Reiners - G Reiners
 5 J Moskowicz - J Mazo

FRI. AFT SENIOR PAIRS

A B C
 1 A Clamage - D Stiegler
 2 1 E Nagle - K Frangione
 3 J Orr - H Feldheim
 4 H Lawrence - M Bolgar
 5 L Russman - H Andrews
 6 S DeMartino - J Stiefel
 2 1 B Payton - B Clark
 3 T Webster - F Stein
 4 2 E Sivakoff - P Apter
 5 3 G Cameron - R Kistner

FRI. EVE OPEN PAIRS

A B C
 1 J Cleary - L Wallowitz
 2 P Bausher - L Bausher
 3 R DeMartino - J Stiefel
 4 1 L Robbins - R Harvey
 5 A Wolf - L Lau
 6 2 H Kobernusz - A Hummel
 3 L Condon - A Roberts
 4 L Flesche - S Fruchter
 5 A Longo - E Nagle
 6 1 L Stern - R Vander Wiede
 2 A Hansen - D Moses
 3 T Selmon - H Auerbach

SAT. MORN A/X PAIRS

A X
 1 H Lawrence - F Blachowski
 2 G Brod - J Stiefel
 3 L Lau - J Segal
 4 1 J Bramley - M Feinson
 5 2 L Lin - M He
 6 3 J Tripp - H Pawlowski
 4/5 D Rock - S Smith
 4/5 P Bausher - M Stasiewski

SAT. MORN B/C/D PAIRS

B C D
 1 1 J Cramp - C Sorgen
 2 2 1 O Bashir - Z Khan
 3 3 2 J Morrin - E Snyder
 4 4 M Witt - W Watson
 5 5 3 J Bittner - J Winick
 6 H Strauss - E Nagle
 6 4 D Wright - T Karnkowski
 5 R Klopp - B Harvey
 6 V Williams - R Williams

SAT. AFT A/X PAIRS

A X
 1 L Lau - J Segal
 2 1 J Tripp - H Pawlowski
 3 H Silverman - D Schulman
 4 K Howe - M Lucey
 5 S Corning - D Ross
 6 J Greer - A Clamage
 2 L Meyers - J Lowe
 3 V Hauptfeld - E Swatzburg
 4 P Leighton - E Ranard

SAT. AFT B/C/D PAIRS

B C D
 1 1 1 J Bittner - J Winick
 2 2 2 J O'Shea - G Reiners
 3 L Wood - F Kelly
 4 3 3 M Noll - B Simons
 5 4 4 O Bashir - Z Khan
 6 A Hummel - H Kobernusz
 5 5 A Lovejoy - M Huttner
 6 M Lennon - D Roy

SAT. EVE OPEN PAIRS

A B C

- 1 1 1 H Jancis - M Jancis
- 2 E Snyder - S Patricelli
- 3 2 P Tungatt - D Deacon
- 4 3 G Warden - A Skolnick
- 5 4 E Misner - J Misner
- 5 R Kuzma - E Wilson
- 2 S Smedes - G Smedes
- 3 I Mahler - K Wiland

SUN. FLIGHT A SWISS

- 1 H Lawrence - A Cady -
H Feldheim - A Clamage
- 2 R Friedman - L Lau - J Segal -
A Wolf
- 3 G Brod - J Stiefel - V King -
R DeMartino
- 4 D Stiegler - P Bausher -
P Burnham - L Bausher
- 5 B Gischner - R La Tourette -
J Smith - B Shaw

SUN. B/C/D SWISS

B C D

- 1 1 P Pearson - L Robbins -
R Harvey - T Lorch
- 2 2 E Papineau - J Gaztambide -
M Kay - W Watson
- 3 J Misner - E Misner -
J Rotenberg - T Proulx
- 4 3 R Kuzma - E Olson - E Wilson
- J Orr
- 5 D Rock - S Smith - L Condon
- J Williams
- 6 L Wood - F Kelly -
C Yohans Jr - A Leshine
- 4 R Bertoni - J Spurr - W Nason
- W Nason
- 5 1 R Kistner - L Eppler -
G Cameron - C McLaughlin
- 2 M Huttner - J Winick -
J Bittner - E Kubo

- 17 8.25 Russell Friedman
- 18 7.87 Helen Pawlowski
- 19 7.62 Jonathan Bittner
- 20 7.62 Jordan Winick
- 21 7.53 William Watson
- 22 7.00 Frank Blachowski
- 23 6.29 Libby Pearl
- 24 6.19 Victor King
- 25 6.17 Barbara Fine
- 26 6.17 Myrna Butler
- 27 6.01 Marilyn Noll
- 28 5.87 Hilda Silverman
- 29 5.87 Jim Cleary
- 30 5.82 Thomas Lorch
- 31 5.82 Paul Pearson
- 32 5.65 Paul Burnham
- 33 5.48 Gernot Reiners
- 34 5.27 Elizabeth Snyder
- 35 5.27 Sarah Corning
- 36 5.17 Elizabeth Nagle
- 37 5.16 Dinah Schulman
- 38 5.12 Helen Kobernusz
- 39 5.12 Alice Hummel
- 40 4.83 Larry Wallowitz
- 41 4.50 Jean Orr
- 42 4.49 Zain Khan
- 43 4.49 Oosman Bashir
- 44 4.41 James Misner
- 45 4.41 Elaine Misner
- 46 4.37 Marilyn Kay
- 47 4.37 Jose Gaztambide
- 48 4.37 Eleanor Papineau
- 49 4.22 Jean Bramley
- 50 4.22 Morris Feinson
- 51 4.13 Maeve Lucey
- 52 4.02 Carl Sorgen
- 53 4.02 Jerome Cramp
- 54 3.83 Ruth Kuzma
- 55 3.80 Jane Lowe
- 56 3.79 Fredda Kelly
- 57 3.79 James Greer
- 58 3.79 Louise Wood
- 59 3.73 Joan Stroup
- 60 3.73 Norma Healy
- 61 3.72 John O'Shea
- 62 3.48 Barb Shaw
- 63 3.48 Burton Gischner
- 64 3.48 Robert La Tourette
- 65 3.48 Jane Smith
- 66 3.40 Sonja Smith
- 67 3.40 David Rock
- 68 3.37 Lesley Meyers
- 69 3.32 E. Joan Wilson
- 70 3.31 Kathleen Frangione
- 71 3.27 Thomas Proulx
- 72 3.27 Jason Rotenberg
- 73 3.26 Helma Strauss
- 74 3.17 Lunhui Lin
- 75 3.17 Harry Jancis
- 76 3.17 Maruta Jancis
- 77 3.17 Ming He
- 78 3.16 Mary Witt
- 79 3.12 Gerry Cameron
- 80 3.12 Robert Kistner

- 81 3.09 Kay Howe
- 82 3.03 Lynn Condon
- 83 3.00 Esther Olson
- 84 2.95 Lois Flesche
- 85 2.95 Shirley Fruchter
- 86 2.93 Matt Huttner
- 87 2.83 Lawrence Stern
- 88 2.83 Robert Vander Wiede
- 89 2.80 Marjorie Lennon
- 90 2.79 Vesna Hauptfeld
- 91 2.79 Edith Swatzburg
- 92 2.54 Dorothy Roy
- 93 2.50 Matthew Raider
- 94 2.49 Peter Leighton
- 95 2.49 Elliot Ranard
- 96 2.44 Lawrence Eppler
- 97 2.44 Cherry McLaughlin
- 98 2.38 Susan Patricelli
- 99 2.35 Jackie Kane
- 100 2.32 David Ross

**Masterpoint Race-
Newington Tournament**

- 1 20.00 Lawrence Lau
- 2 19.52 John Segal
- 3 19.18 Howard Lawrence
- 4 18.21 John Stiefel
- 5 16.93 Allan Clamage
- 6 12.98 Harold Feldheim
- 7 12.96 Richard DeMartino
- 8 11.44 Geoffrey Brod
- 9 11.40 Ann Cady
- 10 10.58 Laurie Robbins
- 11 10.58 Reginald Harvey
- 12 9.82 Phyllis Bausher
- 13 9.24 J Peter Tripp
- 14 28.83 Don Stiegler
- 15 8.73 Allan Wolf
- 16 8.26 Larry Bausher



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