

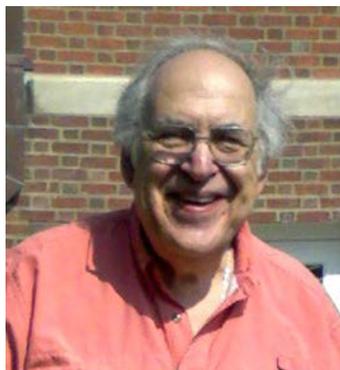


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Optipism Revisited

by Harold Feldheim

Before starting to play a hand, the successful declarer establishes a plan coupled with alternatives should that plan not work. This process should be in place *before you play the trick one*. To some readers, this may seem silly. Suppose the opponent leads an Ace at trick one. You have a singleton in dummy. No problem, right? Wrong. Before playing to trick one, you should be ready for trick two coupled with a plan of attack. There is probably no precept more important than this; the concept of understanding the hand. Often this preplanning can lead to elegant results. This hand from *The Encyclopedia of Card Play Technique* by Guy Leve is a superb example.

Vulnerability: None

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

Presume the conditions of contest are Flight A Swiss teams. The auction was quick: 1NT – 3NT. West led the ♦2. At first sight, this hand should be quite simple. Declarer starts with eight sure tricks; two spades, two hearts,

three diamonds, and the A♣. But be sure to look first at the opponent's convention card to see if the lead is 3rd or 4th best. If it's 4th best, that rules out the long diamond as our 9th trick. But there are so many other chances for the extra trick; the spade finesse, the ♥Q lies with West (lead low toward the ♥J) or, perhaps, the hearts split 3–3. The diamonds may break 3-2, (questionable with the lead), or the ♣Q may lie over West's King. There are so many possibilities. After some thought, declarer won East's ♦10 with the Ace and led a spade to the Jack, losing to the Queen. East returned a spade. Winning in hand, declarer led a low heart toward the Jack, losing to the Queen. Back came another spade. He then tried two rounds of hearts but West showed out on the third heart; the suit didn't break. Somewhat frustrated, he tried diamonds with West showing out as expected arriving at the following position.

North
♠ - - -
♥ - - -
♦ 4
♣ Q 9 5
South
♠ - - -
♥ 5
♦ 3
♣ A 6

Now South led his fourth diamond, putting West on lead and hoping for the endplay. West led a club. Declarer inserted the Queen but East produced the King, and South had to settle for down one.

"Just my luck," wailed South. "Do you know how many things had to go wrong for us not to make three no-trump?"

"One of the really unlucky hands," sympathized partner. "Very likely the same score at the other table."

In fact, it was the same score at the other table and the hand was dismissed with nobody realizing that there is a line of play to virtually ensure the contract. Do you see it? Let's look at all four hands. Remember, you are contracting to take nine tricks, and should take any steps necessary to fulfill this goal.

Let's look at all four hands.

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

The defensive holdings are certainly unfriendly. However, South has a very well-designed play at his disposal. Assuming a fourth best lead, when East produces the ♦10, South can simply duck! Now consider the situation. Since East is most unlikely to have another diamond, he will have to lead a card from one of the other three suits thus presenting you with your contract. The one thing that should be clear is to *never make a mechanical play*, especially at trick one. Most hands are determined on the first or second trick. Remember the golden rule is to have a plan before you play a card.





From the CBA President

So you get your money ready for the game and the director says that it will be an extra dollar because it's a "charity" event.

That's fine. You know some charity event games are for local charities, and you vaguely know what and where...but this one doesn't seem to fall into that category. Here's the back-story.

That dollar goes to the ACB Charity Foundation which in 2005 replaced the annual \$100,000 grant for Charity of the Year by issuing grants to Districts according to a set four-year cycle. It is now called "Charities of the Year."

In 2014, District 25 (that's us) will receive a \$30,000 grant. District 25 includes the New England states, so we share the \$30,000 with the 8 units (Mass. has three units).

The regulations are such that the District must choose one category of charity. In the past, District 25's grant went to support food banks and cancer.

This year, the District has chosen to support the homeless.

The Connecticut Bridge Association has elected to send our share of the grant to Columbus House in New Haven. Columbus House has extensive outreach that includes emergency shelters, overflow shelter, and recovery housing for short-term stay. Its primary goal is "to facilitate the successful transition of homeless adults into stable and affordable permanent housing while providing them with the skills needed to keep them housed and independent."

Thank you all for contributing to this endeavor and for assisting Columbus House and their dedicated work in helping the homeless to be productive citizens.

Providence in upon us. The Nationals start on Thursday Nov. 27 and run through Sunday, December 7. Please note that on Sunday, November 30, two Connecticut sponsored events will take

place: at 10 a.m. the 299er stratified pairs with strats starting at 0-5 MPs through 299; and the Connecticut Bridge Association A/B Swiss teams at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. We are looking forward to excellent state participation in these two events and bragging rights to Connecticut winners throughout.

Please volunteer to work an hour or two between the sessions when you are in Providence. The work schedule never interferes with playing time. Volunteers are needed at the Registration desk, at the prize desk and other tasks. You can sign up by emailing Brenda@provnabc.org or sdemar@hotmail.com The time you can spare will be greatly appreciated.

See you in Providence!

Esther Watstein
President, CBA

We are very saddened by the loss of our friend and *Kibitzer* editor Tom Proulx who passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 21. Tom was a devoted bridge player, a loyal member of the CBA Board, and an exceptional editor of this newsletter. He loved bridge and reporting on tricky hands, systems, or play. Being the editor was more than a job for him and he made sure *Kibitzer* was interesting and of value for the readers. He was an asset to the game and our Connecticut Association. He set the standards high, exemplified what it means to be a "good sport," and was forever a gentleman. He will be missed.

-Esther Watstein

MILESTONES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Grand Life Master Rich DeMartino for reaching the 25,000 masterpoint level.

Gold Life Master (2500 MPs)

Terry Brewster
John Lovell

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)

Thomas Beneventano
Jo Sue Coppa
Donna Malitzis
Robert Neff

New Life Masters (300 MPs)

Donna Bauman
Thomas Beneventano
Paul Carrier
Phyllis Curcio
Robert Kistner
Susan Schroeder
Elizabeth Shamroth

Silver Life Master (1000 MPs)

Paul Carrier
Arthur Haut
Richard Lebel
Dana Rossi



Can't Cost Method – Chapter 41

by John Stiefel

In this deal from a recent club game, declarer ran into tough defense and failed to find the “can’t cost” play necessary to overcome it.

Vulnerability: North/South
Dealer: South

The North hand (dummy) was

♠ 10 9 6 4
♥ Q 8 6 5 3
♦ 7
♣ K 4 2

The South hand was

♠ Q J 7
♥ A 7
♦ A K 5 2
♣ A Q 7 5

The auction:

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

* Transfer

Opening Lead: ♦3

A few notes about the bidding and opening lead.

First, I think it was reasonable for North to drive to game opposite a 2NT (20-21 HCP) opening. Four of a major would likely play well if an 8-card fit was available and, even if no 8-card major suit fit was available, 3NT rated to have decent chances.

Second, North should have bid 3♣ (Stayman) over 2NT and, after North’s 3♦ response (no major), rebid 3♠ (if playing the “Smolen” convention or 3♥ (if not). This sequence would have allowed for the possibility of a 4-4 spade fit as well as for a 5-3 heart fit.

Anyway, East played the ♦10 at trick 1. Declarer ducked this, but won the ♦4 continuation at trick 2 with the K and paused to consider. He could see six top tricks (seven if clubs split 3-3), so he needed to develop two or three additional tricks. The obvious source of additional tricks was the heart suit; but that would require West to hold the ♥K and the suit to split 3-3 (an 18% chance or, half

of the 3-3 splits). He correctly chose the spade suit as the place to seek additional tricks, because, if the ♦3 lead (4th best) was honest, he could get up to eight tricks (two diamonds, three clubs, two spades and a heart) while the opponents could only get 4. Then, a friendly 3-3 split in clubs would produce the ninth trick.

So South led the ♠Q to trick 3, losing to West’s ♠A. Then he won the ♦Q continuation at trick 4 and continued with the ♠J to trick 5. East ducked this but won the ♠K at trick 6, West discarding the ♥2 (standard count and attitude). East cashed the ♦J at trick 7, West following and leaving this 6-card ending.

♠ 10
♥ Q 8
♦ - - -
♣ K 4 2

♠ - - -
♥ A 7
♦ - - -
♣ A Q 7 5

East thought for awhile and returned the ♣10 to trick 8. South won this with dummy’s King and cashed the ♠10 at trick 9, discarding his ♥7. On the ♠10, East followed and West discarded the ♥J. South led a heart to his Ace at trick 10, dropping West’s King, but when he played three more rounds of clubs, West won trick 13 with his Jack for the setting trick.

The defense did well to leave East on lead after the fourth round of diamonds and to continue with clubs (instead of hearts) at trick 8; but South nonetheless should have made his contract. Do you see how?

South failed to consider the possibility that the defender with the ♥K of hearts would be “squeezed.” So South should have won trick 8 in his hand with the ♣A (or ♣Q) and then made the “can’t cost” play of cashing his ♥A before

playing more clubs. This would have been the 3-card ending if he had won trick 8 in his hand, cashed the ♥A or hearts at trick 9 and led a club to the King at trick 10.

♠ 10
♥ Q
♦ - - -
♣ 4

♠ - - -
♥ 7
♦ - - -
♣ Q 7

When the ♠10 led to trick 11 (South discarding the ♥7), West, with ♥K and ♣J8 remaining, will have to set up the ♥Q or ♣7 for the game-going trick, depending on his discard to trick 11.

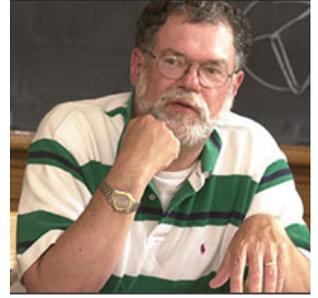
Note that West did very well to not ask for a heart lead at trick 6 and East did very well to *not* lead a heart at trick 8 (even though it was clear from the play so far that West had the ♥A or ♥K). As East aptly put it “I didn’t want to force declarer into the right line of play” (by leading a heart and encouraging South to play his Ace).

One more comment for the more advanced players. I generally prefer “upside down” over “standard” count and attitude. This hand, however, shows a *disadvantage* of “upside down.” At trick 6, West doesn’t want to “send a message,” he just wants to “play a card and not have it mean anything.” Here East-West were playing “standard,” so West could do that. Playing “upside down,” West would have to discard the “encouraging” ♥2 or the “seemingly-encouraging” ♥J and this would risk tipping declarer off to the fact that West had the ♥K and the resultant need to cash the ♥A before going to dummy to play the ♠10.



Choose Your Partner

by Burton Saxon



When I was a kid, my mother made me go square-dancing. I hated square dancing. The only part that was bearable was the song that started, “Choose your partner.” I think the last part went “Skip to my Lou” but what do I know? That was more than half a century ago.

My mother also let me watch her play bridge. Now that looked like fun. And it is. Bridge is like square dancing in one respect. It involves choosing a partner.

So here are your choices: Chris, Pat, and Jamie. Actually they all are already your partners. You play with each once a week. But a Regional one hundred miles away is coming up. You only will be able to play one day. You are pretty sure that all three of your partners will be available. But which one shall you call? Read the descriptions and make your choice.

CHRIS

Chris is a better player than you are. You know it, everyone knows it, but Chris never lets you forget it. Chris became a life master years ago and now has difficulties finding partners due to a hyper-critical temperament. You have done well with Chris at the local club. You earned 20 of your 26 silver points with Chris at Sectional tournaments and 16 of your 22 gold points with Chris at Regional tournaments. Chris is quite willing to play with you when a better player is not available. This happens quite often.

Chris knows a lot about bridge. Chris insists you play the bidding system Chris favors. That does change on occasion but you have managed to adjust to Chris’ ideas. Right now Chris loves Bergen raises. You raised a question about Bergen raises. You asked if you really should raise Chris’ one spade opener to three spades if you hold the following hand:

♠ xxxx
♥ xxx
♦ xxx
♣ xxx

You noted that you have four card trump support and 0-4 points- precisely the requirements for a Bergen raise.

Chris became very impatient with your question. “Look,” said Chris. “If you are playing Bergen raises, you can’t pick and choose. Bid three spades with your Yarborough and see what happens.” You noted that when Chris bid three spades with a similar Yarborough you went down two doubled vulnerable for 500. Chris replied, “You botched the play. You could have gone down one for minus 200, which would have given us a top since the opponents were cold for four hearts.”

You just don’t argue with Chris. You should have known that. But you have enjoyed watching Chris execute a perfect end-play.

PAT

You and Pat have played as partners for close to twenty years. You have had some success and you usually have a good time. You believe that Pat and you have equivalent bridge skills. Pat believes you are wrong. Pat notes that Pat is a life master while you still need three more gold points. You and Pat have received six gold points together. You have two section tops together after attending close to 15 Regional tournaments.

Once you had to back out of a regional at the last minute and Pat went and tried to join a Swiss team. Right before the game three bridge players approached the partnership desk in a state of panic. The fourth member of their team had a severe case of indigestion and needed to stay in the hotel room. Pat joined the team, not knowing the other three players were high level experts from Europe. The team finished second and Pat received twenty gold points. So Pat often jokes about being a life master while you need another section top. You tell Pat that Pat’s gold card is really due to three Europeans. Pat tells you that you are close only because of Arrogant Chris. It’s all in fun—or is it? At least you and Pat usually agree on how to bid and defend. But if something goes wrong, it does seem that Pat usually sees the bad board as your fault. Once you opened three spades non-vulnerable versus vulnerable. Your left hand opponent doubled and Pat bid five spades. Pat had jack doubleton

of spades. You had seven spades to the ten. Your right hand opponent doubled holding AKQ of trump. Pat did have two tricks so the opponents could not make a slam. But down four doubled was not pretty. Oh well. Pat might have been critical of your bogus preempt but Chris would have had a conniption.

JAMIE

Jamie is a young player who just finished college. Jamie still lives at home and is looking for a job. Jamie’s parents are good friends of yours. They are happy to have Jamie out of the house once a week and are glad that Jamie is learning bridge. Jamie might be a decent player someday, but not today, next week, or next month. Right now Jamie is in awe of you. Jamie sees you as an expert and always asks you questions. You love Jamie’s enthusiasm and do not even mind that Jamie makes several errors per session. Jamie has been improving and has never attended a tournament. You like being around young people and find Jamie’s personality delightful. As a bonus, you know Jamie’s parents will slip Jamie some extra cash and insist Jamie pay for your dinner.

Deep down, you know you have two chances for a section top if you ask Jamie to attend the Regional and receive the expected acceptance. Your two chances are slim and none. With Pat you have one chance—slim. With Chris you have a good chance to return home a life master. But you are not looking forward to spending the day with Chris. Chris will want to make a “few minor changes” to your bidding system while you are concentrating on finding the right route to the tournament. You know you will forget at least one of Chris’ changes. But you also have to admit that it would be sweet for you to become a life master after years of playing bridge.

So now you have to make your choice. You have to choose your partner. If you want to send me an email (burtsaxon@sbcglobal.net) titled Chris, Pat or Jamie?, feel free to do so. If you say something profound, I may even quote you in a future article.





Stealing the Pot

by Geoff Brod

Once again Thursday morning finds you trundling along in the morning duplicate. Results have been sort of mixed when late in the day you pick up at all white:

♠ J 2
♥ K J 8
♦ Q 8 2
♣ A 9 7 5 2

Your RHO opens 1♥. You have an easy pass and so does your LHO. As partner considers her call you consider as well how you might respond to different reopening actions. Partner doesn't give you a lot of time however as she produces a relatively prompt double. This creates something of a problem. Opposite a direct seat double you would easily be worth a jump to 2NT. However, opposite a reopening action you are supposed to give partner some leeway since she can be so much lighter.

As you sit there debating between 1NT and 2NT, RHO, in a sense, solves your problem for you with a call of 2♦. Double is certainly possible as is 2NT or even 3♣. The appeal of double is that they just could have no place to go. However that would require partner to have a balanced hand too good for a 1NT reopening (11-14). That seems unlikely and means that the opponents are likely to have a playable spot in hearts. As you have a likely double stop in hearts and partner should have some diamonds to support your Q82, you opt for the matchpoint bid of 2NT.

Somewhat disappointingly it goes all pass. Apparently partner has a somewhat light, distributional reopener. The auction has been:

RHO	You	LHO	Partner
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
2♦	2NT	All Pass	

The opening lead is the ♥3:

North
♠ Q 5 4
♥ 10
♦ A J 6 5 4
♣ K Q 8 3

South
♠ J 2
♥ K J 8
♦ Q 8 2
♣ A 9 7 5 2

RHO wins the Ace and then unexpectedly returns the ♣J. It looks she holds the heart Queen and has concluded that you have both the King and Jack and has decided to defend passively in the hope that you will not be able to score a second heart trick. It also seems that she feels that there is little hope of her being able to drive out your double stop and then take her long hearts.

You win the club in dummy and lead a low diamond. RHO cannot afford to put up the King since it would give you the rest of the suit. She does however put in the nine just in case you should be inspired to stick in the eight. You win the Queen as your LHO follows with the seven. Now you play a second round of clubs to dummy's Queen as both opponents follow.

It is now safe to develop a spade trick. Do you see why?

Your RHO is marked with 9 or 10 cards in the reds and has followed twice in clubs. She will hold 1 or 2 spades and one of those (or both) will have to be high honors. Remember, your LHO passed the opening bid; she cannot hold both spade cards. If you now lead a low spade off dummy and it goes small on your right, Jack by you, say King on your left and a spade comes back you can simply duck in dummy and RHO will have to play her Ace on air.

So a low spade from dummy it is. You get a bonus. RHO holds both high spades and after taking her Ace and King is endplayed into leading a red suit. Since she does have the heart queen as you suspected you emerge with an unlikely 10 tricks. Surprisingly this result scores well. Your expectation was less since the lie of the cards makes 3NT cold. The full hand:

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

Oddly, when you led a low diamond off dummy at trick 3 you were hoping that RHO might rise with the King to give you 4 tricks in the suit. It was only because she ducked (the correct play in the context of the suit) that you were ultimately able to take 10 tricks with the aid of an endplay.

What if anything could the opponents have done? Well clearly RHO can take her ♦K and ♠AK when offered (she had better take the spades else you still make four) but even minus 150 does not score well for them.

Their best chance was in the auction. If their methods admitted of a preemptive heart raise (Bergen) or a weak jump shift to 2♠ life would have been more difficult for North/South. Heart raises (except for a jump to four) or even a forcing 1NT response by West will not keep North/South out of the auction but an offbeat 2♠ would likely have stolen the pot.



A Tough Break and A Cute End Position

by Brett Adler



Playing in the Summer NABC in Las Vegas had some highs and lows and after 12 solid days of card play I was almost bridged out when I had to declare the final hand of the Roth Swiss Teams. We were playing the USA under 21 international team and I was confident we had a good lead going into the last board:

Dealer: South
Vulnerability: None

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

I've rotated the hands so I am sitting South, and we had a fairly normal looking auction:

West	North	East	South
			1NT (15-17)
Pass	2♦ ¹	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT ²	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

¹2♦ by North is a transfer bid showing hearts, and then North's 3NT² gave me a choice of games. I briefly thought of passing 3NT but in case North didn't have much in diamonds I decided to play 4♥. I received the lead of the 2♦. So, what is your plan for 10 tricks?

Between your hand and dummy you have 29 high card points and I must confess this is a trick question (pardon the pun), you can't make 10 tricks on a diamond lead.

I tried the ♦Q which was covered by the King so I won my Ace. I now have two losers in diamonds, one, possibly two, losers in hearts depending on whether I can find the ♥J, and possibly one in spades. As a result, it seemed reasonable to play three rounds of clubs to try and pitch one of dummy's losing diamonds.

On the second round of clubs East ruffed, cashed the ♦J and ♦10, and then played a low spade which West ruffed and now another club came through and I ruffed with the ♥10. When East couldn't over ruff it wasn't hard to work out who had the Ace and Jack of trumps so I ended up two down for -100.

This didn't look like a great result but at least it was better than it could have been. If East hadn't cashed both diamond winners straight away he could have given West a second spade ruff and I would have been -150 (West started with ♥AJ3 and East started with ♥42).

My assessment of the other hands was correct and we were 26 imps up going into this last hand. At the other table West had led a club and declarer won in dummy and led a heart to the Queen and West's Ace. Now West gave East a club ruff, East gave West a spade ruff, and now West played a third club on which dummy pitched a diamond and East with no more trumps left pitched a spade. Now declarer played a trump drawing the only outstanding trump (the Jack), and played a diamond to the Ace (Vienna Coup). Declarer now played out all of dummy's trumps and East is squeezed in the three card ending as can be seen below:

North	♠ A J	East	♠ Q 10 8
	♥ - - -		♥ - - -
	♦ Q		♦ K
	♣ - - -		♣ - - -
West	Immaterial		
South	♠ K 9 6		
	♥ - - -		
	♦ - - -		
	♣ - - -		

As you can see, North and South have three cards each but East has four and has to make a discard. If he pitches the ♦K the ♦Q in dummy is a winner, and if they pitch a spade (which is what he did), declarer is able to take three spade tricks winning the tenth trick with the 9♠.

We lost 11 IMPs on this hand but least we still won the match handily and finished well in the overall results.

My second hand involves a cute end position in a 6♥ contract and rather than show the whole hand I'll just show the four-card ending. I started with five trumps in my hand and three in dummy, and to get to this point I had cashed some winners, ruffed some of my losers in both hands and had not yet lost a trick. This was a very aggressive slam to bid so I was convinced the result wouldn't be duplicated at the other table. The lead was in dummy (North):

North	♠ 8 5
	♥ - - -
	♦ - - -
	♣ 10 8
South	♠ - - -
	♥ A K J
	♦ A
	♣ - - -

For this end position, opponents still have 5 trumps between them, and I knew from the play that East still had the ♦K and no clubs, and West had no diamonds left (I had missed a discard and wasn't sure if West had any clubs left or not).

The cute play is to lead a club card from dummy and see what East plays. If East pitches a diamond, then throw away the ♦A and West will win the trick. With West on lead you have to make the three remaining trumps in your hand. If East ruffs the club, then over-ruff with the ♥A and now play the ♦A. You know that East has to follow suit, so when West ruffs and is on lead, you have to make your 11th and 12th tricks with West leading into your King and Jack of trumps.



From the

Wee Burn News

Congratulations to Susan Schroeder and Gloria Hayes for becoming Life Masters.

Woodway Country Club

Summer Series Winners

- 1st Susan Mayo–Karen Barrett
- 2nd Betty Hodgman–Carol Davidson
- 3rd Martha Hathaway–Mary Richardson

Unit-wide Game 9/10

First Overall: Martha Hathaway–Mary Richardson

Millie Fromm–Linda Cleveland had a 82.50% game at Woodway CC on July 23.

Bridge Forum (Hamden)

TUESDAY

Leading Pairs: Kevin Hart–Jeff Horowitz appear to have secured the pair title for the year. Bob Hawes–Jon Ingersoll and Rita Brieger–Harold Miller have been trading second place. Alan Milstone–Gernot Reiners moved from ninth to fourth in the last game of the quarter.

Player-of-the-Year: Kevin and Jeff dominate all three categories. Each played one to three times without the other during the summer; Kevin has taken a slight lead. Jon has a comfortable hold on third place, ahead of Fredda Kelly, Alan, Rita, Chet Latin and Vera Wardlaw.

Van Dyke Cup Early Rounds: Jeff has a big lead over one of the strongest fields yet entering the quarterfinals. Jon ended September in position to make the final yet again, which he does almost every year.

FRIDAY

Leading Pairs: Norma and Stan Augenstein have already eclipsed their record-setting result from last year. Steve Grodzinsky–Hank Voegeli are almost equally certain to finish second. Seven pairs are fighting for third, including new players June Comcowich–Lynne Leibowitz, who ended September in fifth place.

Player of the Year: The Augensteins are almost too far ahead to catch; they are poised to become the first pair to win Player-of-the-Year without either playing with anyone else. Louise Wood, Shirley Fruchter and Larry Stern are closely bunched for third place.

Reynolds Cup Early Rounds: The Augensteins are well in front, with Norma ahead of Stan. Louise and Fredda, our two leading cup winners, are in position to make a rare appearance against each other in a final.

TUESDAY/FRIDAY COMBINED

Overall Player-of-the-Year: Kevin Hart, Jeff Horowitz and Rita Brieger were the top three players of the summer. Kevin leads Jeff narrowly overall, with Fredda Kelly a distant third.

Statistics: Rita Brieger (5-0) is the only player with at least three positive four-digit penalties and no negatives. Jeffrey Blum (4-4) has the most total 1100s or greater. Fredda Kelly has bid and made six grand slams; Alan Milstone–Gernot Reiners and Steve Grodzinsky–Hank Voegeli have four each as a partnership. Tracy Selmon’s HCP average for the year has recovered from a low of 9.70 to 9.90. Vera Wardlaw won the Slam Challenge over Billie Hecker, and defends the title against Hill Auerbach in the autumn.

New Game

A new novice game has been started in Madison, CT at the Madison Senior Center on Fridays from 12:30 to 3:30 PM. It is called a “supervised” novice game because players are encouraged to ask the director questions on bidding and play as they compete. Connie Graham is the director.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joan Hoben and Kathy Rowland of Darien for winning the Arthur L. Loeb Cup in a tournament in NYC playing against a field of pro-am pairs. Their feat was written up in Phillip Alder’s *NY Times* Bridge Column on October 6, 2014. You can read the column online at: <http://nyti.ms/1s43Es2>.

2014 Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 13 Thurs. (Day)
Unit-wide Championship
Local clubs
- 17 Mon. (Day)
Unit-wide Championship
Local clubs

NOV.-DEC.

- 27-7 ACBL Fall Nationals
Providence, RI

DECEMBER

- 15 Mon. (Day)
Unit-wide Championship
Local clubs
- 16 Tues. (Eve)
Unit-wide Championship
Local clubs
- 26-31 Fri.-Wed.
New York City Regional
New York, NY

2015 Calendar

JANUARY

- 2-4 Fri.-Sun.
Keohane Indiv., Newton, CT
- 9-11 Fri.-Sun.
Hamden, CT
- 13-19 Tue.-Mon.
D3, Rye Brook, NY
- 23-25 Fri.-Sun.
D25 GNT, Sturbridge, MA

FEBRUARY

- 11-16 Wed.-Mon.
D25 KOs, Cromwell, CT

FEB.-MAR.

- 27-1 Fri.-Sun., Guilford, CT

MARCH

- 12-22 Thu.-Sun.
NABC, New Orleans, LA
- 24-30 Tue.-Mon., STaC

The Conn. Bridge Association Board has announced that Linda Starr is the new editor of *Kibitzer*.

Linda is currently a Silver Life Master. She is a former educator with over 20 years experience in print and online publishing. She is an experienced writer and book editor with copy-editing and proofing in her resume.

We are extremely grateful to Tom Proulx’s daughter, Jennifer Tingets, who completed and produced this November issue. She has accomplished a most professional job at a very difficult time. She has our most sincere thanks and respect.

We welcome Linda and look forward to the continued excellent production of the CBA newsletter, *Kibitzer*.

By the Numbers

by Allan Clamage



It's been a while since we looked at the statistics for members of Unit 126 to see where we (and you) stand. And where we all stood a few years ago.

The bad news: Our membership has been declining. In October, 2001, we had about 2800 members (a total which included some inactive members). In October, 2014, we have 2,200 active, paid-up members. We're no longer counting the inactive and unpaid as members—but the comparative total is still way down. The good news: Membership in the New England District this year went up by 2.5% compared to 2013—the most of any District in the ACBL. Our Unit 126 was up slightly more than that, at 2.9%—good, but nothing to get too smug about. New Hampshire was up 8.6%.

Here are the totals for the past three years:

Group	Members Total*	Percent Change From:		
		2011	2012	2013
CBA	2,220	0.5%	1.4%	2.9%
NEBC	7,918	1.6%	7.2%	2.5%
ACBL	166,038	5.6%	8.2%	-0.9%

*Excludes unpaid, inactive Life Masters

Not unexpectedly, we're getting older and grayer. In 2002, the average age of CBA members was about 68. We're slightly younger than the rest of the ACBL...but slightly older than the rest of the District. Here are today's numbers:

Average Age	
CBA	70.82
NEBC	70.47
ACBL	71.05

Battle of the Sexes

Our women outnumber men by about 2:1. Probably not too surprising since women tend to outlive men. But what is surprising is that—in terms of masterpoints and ranks—women are far behind men at the upper MP levels

Percentage of men and women, by ACBL rank

Rank	2002		2014	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
Rookie	22.4%	17.1%	23.5%	13.0%
Junior Master	13.5%	13.9%	12.3%	11.5%
Club Master	16.7%	13.8%	10.7%	9.4%
Sectional Master	12.5%	12.4%	8.2%	9.7%
Regional Master	11.7%	10.2%	9.7%	8.7%
NABC Master	5.1%	6.1%	4.6%	7.2%
Life Master	4.2%	6.7%	9.7%	11.4%
Bronze LM	7.3%	9.8%	9.9%	11.1%
Silver LM	5.5%	7.4%	8.4%	11.8%
Gold LM	0.9%	1.8%	2.7%	4.3%
Diamond LM	0.1%	0.7%	0.1%	0.9%
Emerald/ Platinum/ GrandLM	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

As you can see, in 2002, the percentage of women who were Rookies was 22.4%—compared to 17.1% for the men. In 2014, the percentage of women Rookies has gone up to 23.5%—while the men have gone down from 17.1% to 13.0%. In general, the lower the rank, the higher the percentage of women in it compared to men—until you get to NABC Regional Master (200 MPs). Then it reverses. At the higher end, there are more men (by percentage) than women for every rank from NABC Master to Grand Life Master. Why? I'm not even going to hazard a guess.

How Are You Doing?

You can find out how you rank against every player in the ACBL by logging in at the ACBL website: (<https://web3.acbl.org/myacbl/user/masterpoints>). If you'd like to know how you're doing compared to everyone in the CBA, use the table, at right. Just find the number closest to the MPs you have and read across to the percentile—that's the percentage of the members who have fewer MPs than you (For example, if you have about 200 MPs, you're in about the 55th percentile...and have a higher total than 55% of your friendly competitors.

If you have this many MPs:	You are in this percentile:	If you have this many MPs:	You are in this percentile:
4887	99 th	155	52 nd
3623	98 th	144	51 st
3065	97 th	136	50 th
2657	96 th	128	49 th
2417	95 th	119	48 th
2047	94 th	113	47 th
1878	93 rd	107	46 th
1701	92 nd	102	45 th
1537	91 st	97	44 th
1423	90 th	92	43 rd
1313	89 th	87	42 nd
1202	88 th	80	41 st
1134	87 th	75	40 th
1085	86 th	72	39 th
1022	85 th	66	38 th
957	84 th	60	37 th
902	83 rd	57	36 th
859	82 nd	53	35 th
824	81 st	47	34 th
770	80 th	43	33 rd
730	79 th	40	32 nd
704	78 th	37	31 st
641	77 th	35	30 th
605	76 th	33	29 th
562	75 th	31	28 th
534	74 th	28	27 th
500	73 rd	25	26 th
482	72 nd	24	25 th
482	71 st	22	24 th
449	70 th	20	23 rd
427	69 th	18	22 nd
410	68 th	17	21 st
393	67 th	15	20 th
373	66 th	14	19 th
360	65 th	12	18 th
346	64 th	11	17 th
326	63 rd	10	16 th
312	62 nd	9	15 th
294	61 st	8	14 th
277	60 th	7	11 th
263	59 th	6	9 th
249	58 th	5	8 th
235	57 th	4	6 th
220	56 th	3	4 th
201	55 th	2	2 nd
185	54 th	1	1 st
171	53 rd		

What Does It Take?

Over the years, the requirements for all ranks from Rookie to Grand Life Master have stayed about the same (though the ACBL now requires 500 MPs for players who joined after 1/1/2010 to become a Life Master). What's interesting is how much more it takes today to reach any of the MP milestones. Check this chart:



A Grosvenor for the Ages

by Larry Lau

At the summer Nationals in Vegas, District 25 had the distinction of “book ending” the finals of the prestigious 3-day Von Zedwitz Life Masters Pairs. 420+ pairs started the event. 104 pairs made it through two eliminations to the final (3rd) day. Frank Merblum and Doug Doub did our District proud by winning the event, while yours truly managed to come in dead last (104th)!

I played so poorly, the ACBL Board of Directors sent me a copy of Goren’s “Bridge for Beginners,” first published in 1953. They asked me to study the book thoroughly before playing in the Blue Ribbon Pairs in Providence. (My partner, Brett Adler, has insisted on quizzing me when I am through studying.)

The only highlight of the final session was a Grosvenor play I executed. Simply put, a Grosvenor play is when one player (in this case ME) makes an idiotic play, which causes his opponent to make a likewise idiotic play.

I found myself in 6♥ with this layout.

♠ K 8 5 2
♥ K Q 10 6 4 2
♦ K J
♣ A

♠ A 9 7 4
♥ A J 8 5
♦ Q 5
♣ K Q 10

There are 12 easy tricks: two spades, 6 hearts, one diamond, and three clubs.

I won the opening heart lead, drew another round of trumps and decided NOT to claim, but to play to a few more tricks.

I saw that 6♥ was not going to score well against those reaching 6NT, which is also an easy contract. So, I needed to try and make 7♥.

My plan was to clear the ♣A, come to my hand and pitch two spades from dummy on the ♣KQ. This was the ending position I envisioned, not having lost a trick.

♠ K 8
♥ 6
♦ K J
♣ - - -

♠ A 9 7 4
♥ - - -
♦ Q
♣ - - -

If the opponents had pitched too many spades, my four spade winners would

give me 13 tricks. If not, I would drive out the ♦A and claim. Not a bad plan, until I accidentally played the ♣Q under my ACE!! That was the Grosvenor. I just turned 12 tricks into 11!

So I came to my hand with a heart, played a spade on the ♣K and had this position, with now a diamond and spade to lose.

♠ K 8 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ K J
♣ - - -

♠ A 9 7 4
♥ 5
♦ Q 5
♣ 10

Never giving up, I decided I was going to run all my hearts and hope for some error by the opponents. When I led a low heart to dummy, my LHO, thinking I started with only two clubs to the KQ pitched his club Jack! I mean, this is the finals of the LM pairs. No competent player (an oxymoron in my case) in their right mind would play the ♣Q under the ♣A with ♣KQX.

Surely I had started with only the ♣KQ.

I won the heart, came to my hand with a spade and cashed my winning ♣10 pitching the losing spade. The silence at our table was deafening as three players, Brett especially, glared at me in shock!

Have to go now and read Goren’s book before November.



By the Numbers *continued from page 8*

To be In This Percentile:	You'd need this many MPs	
	In 2002	In 2014
99 th	3188	4887
90 th	961	1423
75 th	433	562
50 th	121	136
25 th	22	24
10 th	5	6

To get to the 99th percentile now takes 1,500 more MPs than it did in 2002—and about 360 more to get to the 90th percentile.

How do you compare with others of your gender? Well, it’s a lot tougher for the men. As the next chart shows, it takes

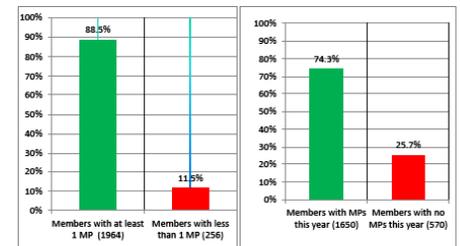
3,623 MPs for gals to be in the 99th percentile of all women. But it takes guys a whopping 9,644 MPs to be in the 99th percentile for all men.

To be in this percentile:	You'd need this many masterpoints:		
	Women	Men	All
99 th	3623	9644	4887
90 th	1138	1676	1423
75 th	437	735	562
50 th	114	161	136
25 th	17	39	24
10 th	2	6	5

Who’s Getting the Points?

As you can see from the left-hand chart, below, almost 12% of our members

have less than 1 MP—which suggests they’re not really interested in playing tournament bridge. Now look at the right-hand chart. Almost 26% of our members—and obviously not all of them Rookies—have won absolutely no MPs so far this year. And this suggests we really need to deal with the problem of stimulating interest in tournament play.



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RESULTS

UNIT-WIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

August 1, 2014

FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **James McGarr–Donna Lyons**
- 2 Robert Kendrick–Joan Brault
- 3 David Margolin–Tom Joyce
- 4/5 Thomas Hey–Morris Feinson
- 4/5 Joan Martin–Robert Rising
- 6 Joy Bacci–Elizabeth Nuki
- 7 Rita Brieger–Aniko Richheimer

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **James McGarr–Donna Lyons**
- 2 Robert Kendrick–Joan Brault
- 3 Joan Martin–Robert Rising
- 4 Joy Bacci–Elizabeth Nuki
- 5 Rita Brieger–Aniko Richheimer
- 6 Doris Andrews–Eleanor Chizinski

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **James McGarr–Donna Lyons**
- 2 Judi Zucker–Haroula Dobyns
- 3 Harold Miller–Jeffrey Blum
- 4 Dot Horton–Max Horton
- 5 Janice Dean–Evan Dean
- 6 Mark Moskowitz–Peter Carroll

UNIT-WIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

August 5, 2014

FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Rita Brieger–Aniko Richheimer**
- 2 Thomas Gerchman–Tucker Merritt
- 3/4 Barry Kaplan–Jay Kaplan
- 3/4 Jeff Horowitz–D Richheimer
- 5 Bill Reich–Scott Butterworth
- 6 Virginia Goggin–Billie Hecker

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Rita Brieger–Aniko Richheimer**
- 2 Thomas Gerchman–Tucker Merritt
- 3 Barry Kaplan–Jay Kaplan
- 4 Virginia Goggin–Billie Hecker
- 5 Gary Miyashiro–Geoffrey Moss
- 6 Michael Dworetzky–Alden Stock

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Barry Kaplan–Jay Kaplan**
- 2 Gary Miyashiro–Geoffrey Moss
- 3 Michael Dworetzky–Alden Stock
- 4 George Levinson–Lucy LaCava
- 5/6 Richard Moisan–Carla Sharp
- 5/6 Heidi Winslow–Sandra Gould

UNIT-WIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

August 12, 2014

FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Ed Finlay–Judy Williams**
- 2 Helen Kobernusz–Deanna Mozzochi
- 3 Marilyn Goldberg–Bess Economos
- 4 Marjorie Ehrenfreund–Shirley Fruchter
- 5 Roger Crean–Richard Fronapfel
- 6 Aldona Siuta–Pamela Palmer

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Ed Finlay–Judy Williams**
- 2 Marjorie Ehrenfreund–Shirley Fruchter
- 3 Roger Crean–Richard Fronapfel
- 4 Aldona Siuta–Pamela Palmer
- 5 Thomas Lorch–Reginald Harvey
- 6/7 Carl Palmer–George Holland
- 6/7 Beth Schweitzer–Gary Miyashiro

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Beth Schweitzer–Gary Miyashiro**
- 2 Bill Miller–Barbara Raisner
- 3 Jon Marx–Clifford Abraham
- 4 Bob Neff–Tony Mortimer
- 5 Thomas Pritchard–Nancy Bentley
- 6 Kurt Hummel–Charles Heckman

UNIT-WIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

September 5, 2014

FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Gail Carroll–Alice Hummel**
- 2 Simon Kantor–Franklin Merblum
- 3 Petertheyounger Bonfanti–William Wood
- 4 Norma Augenstein–Stanley Augenstein
- 5 Douglas Doub–John Stiefel
- 6 Harry Jancis–Maruta Jancis
- 7 Gary Miyashiro–Don Stiegler

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Norma Augenstein–Stanley Augenstein**
- 2 Harry Jancis–Maruta Jancis
- 3 Robert Kendrick–Joan Brault
- 4 Cris C Noble–Stephen Noble
- 5 Joyce Handleman–Linda Bradford
- 6 Emma Antonio–Mary Connolly

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Harry Jancis–Maruta Jancis**
- 2 Cris C Noble–Stephen Noble
- 3 Joyce Handleman–Linda Bradford
- 4 Janice Dean–Evan Dean
- 5 Kathy Fahey–Judy Goff
- 6 Robert E Thompson–Shirley Schienman

UNIT-WIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Martha Hathaway–Mary Richardson**
- 2 Nancy Krech–Betty Ustanowski
- 3 David Blackburn–Linda Green
- 4 Thomas Hey–Katharine Goodman
- 5 Charles Halpin–Joyce Calcagnini
- 6 Cynthia Michael–Lee Herdle

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Martha Hathaway–Mary Richardson**
- 2 Nancy Krech–Betty Ustanowski
- 3 Susan Kipp–Joan Bergen
- 4 Alan Blake–Michelle Rotatori
- 5 Partab Makhijani–Carole Amaio
- 6 Judith Merrill–Carolyn Joseph

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Susan Kipp–Joan Bergen**
- 2 Karen Moss–Geoffrey Moss
- 3 Yolanda Maffucci–Patricia Palmer
- 4 Margaret Karbovanec–Helen McBrien
- 5 Doris Andrews–Ann Dougherty
- 6 Gary Miyashiro–Beth Schweitzer

UNIT-WIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday, September 18, 2014

FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Franklin Merblum–Simon Kantor**
- 2 Elliot Ranard–Jerry Jacobs
- 3 Connie Graham–Margaret Mason
- 4 Susie Nix–Brenda Greene
- 5 Joan Hoben–Carol Davidson
- 6 Kathie Rowland–Susan Schroeder

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Susie Nix–Brenda Greene**
- 2 Joan Hoben–Carol Davidson
- 3 Kathie Rowland–Susan Schroeder
- 4 Molly Johnson–Meredith Dunne
- 5 Molly Morgan–Mimi Van Dyke
- 6 Joan Martin–Vera Wardlaw

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Susie Nix–Brenda Greene**
- 2 Molly Johnson–Meredith Dunne
- 3 Molly Morgan–Mimi Van Dyke
- 4 Arleen Klein–Mu Zhang
- 5 Eric Vogel–Irene Rivers
- 6 Gloria Hayes–Barbara Trainer

UNIT-WIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

September 23, 2014

FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Richard Fronapfel–Roger Crean**
- 2 Joel Krug–Geoffrey Brod
- 3 Lawrence Stern–Jon Clarke
- 4 Judith McGrath–Connie Graham
- 5 Judith Hyde–Partab Makhijani
- 6 Russ Sackowitz–Diane Storey

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Richard Fronapfel–Roger Crean**
- 2 Lawrence Stern–Jon Clarke
- 3 Judith Hyde–Partab Makhijani
- 4 Russ Sackowitz–Diane Storey
- 5 Patricia Schackner–Mary Murphy
- 6 Peter Katz–Michael Wavada

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

- 1 **Patricia Schackner–Mary Murphy**
- 2 John Calderbank–Nancy Calderbank
- 3 Vera Wardlaw–Katharine Goodman
- 4 Rita Levine–Sylvia Alpert
- 5 Gene Coppa–Donna Lyons
- 6 Adish Jain–Asha Jain

CT Summer Sectional Hamden, CT, August 8-10, 2014

FRI AM OPEN PAIRS

- | A | B | C | Names |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | | | Jill Fouad–Harold Feldheim |
| 2 | | | Richard DeMartino–John Stiefel |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | Cherry McLaughlin–Dale Rowett |
| 4 | | | D Richheimer–Jeff Horowitz |
| 5 | | | Gail Carroll–Nancy Earel |
| 6 | 2 | 2 | Susan Glasspiegel–Felix Springer |
| 3 | | | Shirley Derrah–Robert Derrah |
| 4 | | | Joan Martin–Vera Wardlaw |
| 5 | 3 | | Dinesh Gupta–Ronald Talbot |
| 6 | 4 | | Lawrence Stern–Hillel Auerbach |
| | | 5 | Barry Buehler–Lawrence Eppler |

FRI AM 299ER PAIRS

- | A | B | C | Names |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | | Suzanne Leary–John Leary |
| 2 | | | Paula Pendergast–Elizabeth Land |
| 3 | | | Edward Greenhouse–Burton Greenhouse |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | John Levy–Girin Munshi |
| 5 | | | Joyce Handleman–Haroula Dobyns |
| 6 | 3 | | Marilyn Zolot–Vicki Rethy |
| 4 | 2 | | Ann Drabkin–Lucille Alderman |
| 5 | | | Linda Mulholland–Margaret James |

RESULTS CON'T

6 Lori Black–Robert Dance
 3 Scott Butterworth–Lynn Greenspan
 4 Marge Pane–Frank Pane

FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS

A B C Names
 1 **Richard DeMartino–John Stiefel**
 2 Don Stiegler–Gary Miyashiro
 3 1 1 **Cherry McLaughlin–Dale Rowett**
 4 Dean Montgomery–Allan Clamage
 5 2 2 Rodney Aspinwall–Katharine Goodman
 6 Jeff Horowitz–D Richheimer
 3 3 Judith McGrath–Barbara Henningson
 4 4 Edward Rosenfield–Arthur Rosenfield
 5 5 Evan Dean–Janice Dean
 6 6 Bruce Adler–Richard Tisch

FRI AFT 299ER PAIRS

A B C Names
 1 1 **John Leary–Suzanne Leary**
 2 Betty Kerber–Donald Muller
 3 2 Linda Mulholland–Margaret James
 4 3 1 **Renee Clift–Joyce Guttman**
 5 Michael Grant–Elizabeth Grant
 6 Joyce Handleman–Haroula Dobyns
 4 Lew Matzkin–Kitty Matzkin
 5 2 Lewis Clark–Gillian Hall
 3 Girin Munshi–John Levy

SAT AM A/X PAIRS

A X Names
 1 1 **Edward Etkind–D Richheimer**
 2 Lawrence Lau–Brett Adler
 3 Jill Fouad–Harold Feldheim
 4 Richard DeMartino–Allan Rothenberg
 5 2 Jason Rotenberg–Thomas Proulx
 6 3 John Sedgwick–Elizabeth Lincoln
 4 Gregory Ceponis–Mu Zhang
 5 Warren Williams–David Blackburn

SAT AM B/C PAIRS

B C Names
 1 **Donald Brueggemann–Jonathan Clark**
 2 1 **Felix Springer–Kenneth Leopold**
 3 Shirley Derrah–Robert Derrah
 4 Michael Smith–Susan Smith
 5 2 Vikram Srimurthy–Neil Kreuzer
 6 Elaine Misner–James Misner
 3 Barbara Henningson–Judith McGrath
 4 Ronald Bailer–Patricia Bailer

SAT AM 299ER PAIRS

A B C Names
 1 1 **Andrew Coleman–Arjun Chaudhuri**
 2 2 Lucy Lacava–Linda Chaffkin
 3 3 Joseph Peled–Michael Nader
 4 Jan Rosow–Maureen Walsh
 5 Stanley Kishner–Georgeann Kishner
 6 Haroula Dobyns–Joyce Handleman
 4 1 **Susan Comparetto–Marianne Hope**
 5 Patricia Fitzgerald–Barbara Strickland
 2 Susan Welton–Helene Stancato

SAT AFT A/X PAIRS

A X Names
 1 **Lawrence Lau–Brett Adler**
 2 1 **Edward Etkind–D Richheimer**
 3 2 Warren Williams–David Blackburn
 4 Richard DeMartino–Allan Rothenberg
 5 Douglas Doub–Jay Borker
 6 3 Sarah Corning–Helen Kobernusz
 4 Paul Lord–Ramesh Abhiraman
 5 Thomas Proulx–Jason Rotenberg

SAT AFT B/C PAIRS

B C Names
 1 **Elaine Misner–James Misner**
 2 1 **Vikram Srimurthy–Neil Kreuzer**
 3 Marie Abate–Miriam Kunofsky
 4 Louise Wood–Fredda Kelly
 5 Michael Dworetzky–Michael Wavada
 6 2 Felix Springer–Kenneth Leopold
 3 Marlene Scholsohn–Anthony Tusa
 4 Barbara Henningson–Judith McGrath
 5 Kathy Thornton–Lois DeBlois

SAT AFT 299ER PAIRS

A B C Names
 1 **Jan Rosow–Maureen Walsh**
 2 Susan Harrison–John Harrison
 3 Eleanor Lorig–Paula Pendergast
 4/5 Jonathan Clark–Randall Murphy
 4/5 Flo Fisher–Brian Fisher
 6 1 1 **Mayank Mehta–Aarati Mehta**
 2 Andrew Coleman–Arjun Chaudhuri
 3 Linda Chaffkin–Lucy Lacava
 4 Vicki Rethy–Jeffrey Blum
 5 Karlene Wood–Breta Adams
 2 Michael Winterfield–Jane Winterfield

SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS

A B C Names
 1 **Richard Blair, Sarah Corning, Margaret Mason, Constance Graham**
 2 Brett Adler, Richard DeMartino, Russell Friedman, Allan Wolf
 3 1 **Bunny Kliman, Ausra Geaski, Michael Heider, James Osofsky**
 4 2 Lee Herdle, Lenny Russman, Gail Carroll, Mark Stasiewski
 5 3 Paul Lord, Ramesh Abhiraman, Michael Wavada, Kenneth Leopold
 6 4 Barry Buehler, Vesna Hauptfeld, Richard Lebel, Lawrence Eppler
 7 5 Deborah Noack, Bill Reich, John Farwell, Robert Rising
 8 6 Margery Gussak, Robert Derrah, Shirley Derrah, Maxine Cechvala
 7 Karen Barrett, Elaine Misner, James Misner, Douglas Thompson
 1 **Russ Sackowitz, Rodney Aspinwall, Margaret Molwitz, Lola Gaetzi**
 2 Joseph Pagerino, Irene Kaplan, Robert Hawes, Scott Butterworth
 3 Donald Kimsey, Duncan Harris, Katharine Goodman, Vera Wardlaw
 4 Phillip Olschefski, Carolyn Olschefski, Roz Sternberg, Carol Hill

Jeff Feldman Sectional Hartford, CT, September 19-21, 2014

FRIDAY AM OPEN PAIRS

A B C Names
 1 1 **Alice Weagle–Howard Canan**
 2 Richard DeMartino–John Stiefel
 3 Yeong-Long Shiue–Hilda Silverman
 4 2 1 **John Morrin–Larry Bowman**
 5 Jatin Mehta–Gloria Sieron
 6 Larry Bausher–Phyllis Bausher
 3 Linda Simmons–JoAnn Scata
 4 Muriel Dane–Myrna Butler
 5 2 Edward Rosenfield–Arthur Rosenfield
 6 3 Irene Rivers–Eric Vogel
 4 Ronald Talbot–Lincoln May
 5 Paul Grande–J Sun-Ming Lee

FRIDAY AM 299ER PAIRS

A B C Names
 1 1 **Frank Pane–Marge Pane**
 2 Michael Nader–Joseph Peled
 3 2 1 **Roberta Avery–Lorraine Chagnon**
 4 3 Linda Mulholland–Margaret James
 5 Joyce Handleman–Linda Bradford
 6 Judith Collins–Lise Dutil
 4 2 Edie Schatz–Elsa Suisman

FRIDAY AFT OPEN PAIRS

A B C Names
 1 **David Blackburn–Linda Green**
 2 Sarah Budds–Kathleen Frangione
 3 1 1 **Lincoln May–Ronald Talbot**
 4 2 Linda Simmons–JoAnn Scata
 5 Cynthia Michael–Margaret Mason
 6 3 2 Eric Vogel–Irene Rivers
 4 Shirley Derrah–Robert Derrah
 5 Richard Fronapfel–Susan Fronapfel
 6 3 Patricia Shimkus–Mary Beth Murphy
 4 Sidney Keller–John Dinius

FRIDAY AFT 299ERS

A B C Names
 1 **Brian Fisher–Flo Fisher**
 2 James Nowill–Rufus Cole
 3 1 **Frank Pane–Marge Pane**
 4 Maxine Cechvala–Don Weld
 5 2 Suzanne Leary–John Leary
 6 Linda Bradford–Joyce Handleman
 3 Margaret Milch–Tina Yablonski
 4 1 **Jane Harris–Audrey Raabe**
 2 Sharon Kochen–Riva Lewinter

SATURDAY AM A/X PAIRS

A X Names
 1 **Dean Montgomery–Allan Clamage**
 2 Frances Schneider–Bernard Schneider
 3 Geoffrey Brod–Richard DeMartino
 4 Lloyd Arvedon–John Stiefel
 5 1 **David Blackburn–Linda Green**
 6 K Hart–Jeff Horowitz
 2 Thomas Hyde–Judith Cavagnaro
 3 Jason Rotenberg–Howard Zusman
 4 Ausra Geaski–Bunny Kliman

RESULTS CON'T

SATURDAY AM 299ER PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1			John Calderbank–John Price
2			Karlene Wood–Breta Adams
3			Linda Dragat–Linda Beizer
4			Moaz Day–Nurjehan Daya
5	1	1	Joan Lager–Linda Erickson
	2	2	Lorraine Chagnon–Roberta Avery

SATURDAY AM B/C PAIRS

B	C	Names
1		Robert Gruskay–Ronald Brown
2		Susan Smith–Michael Smith
3		Judith Merrill–Dinesh Gupta
4	1	Evan Dean–Janice Dean
5		Ruth Kuzma–Judith Pyka
6	2	Barbara Mindell–Betty Kerber
	3	Donna Lyons–J Sun-Ming Lee
	4	Eric Vogel–Irene Rivers

SAT AFT A/X PAIRS

A	X	Names
1		Richard DeMartino–Geoffrey Brod
2		John Stiefel–Lloyd Arvedon
3		John Sedgwick–Elizabeth Lincoln
4	1	Janice Boyer–Andy Boyer
5	2	Ausra Geaski–Bunny Kliman
6	3	Paul Lord–Susan Seckinger
	4	David Blackburn–Linda Green

SAT AFT B/C PAIRS

B	C	Names
1	1	Maruta Jancis–Harry Jancis
2	2	Barbara Mindell–Betty Kerber
3		Shirley Derrah–Robert Derrah
4		Dinesh Gupta–Judith Merrill
5		JoAnn Scata–Linda Simmons
	3	Irene Rivers–Eric Vogel
	4	Anthony Gardener–Sarah Hart

SAT AFT 299ER PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1			Michael Nader–Joseph Peled
2			Susan Schmerl–James Schmerl
3			John Calderbank–John Price
4			Monique Goldwasser–Dan Goldwasser
5			Lucy Lacava–Linda Chaffkin
	1		Jane Rubenstein–Mark Rubenstein
	2		Susan Comparetto–Marianne Hope

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A	B	C	Names
1			Douglas Doub, Geoffrey Brod, John Stiefel, Richard DeMartino
2			Lesley Meyers, Hilda Silverman, Marsha Futterman, Yeong-Long Shiue
3	1		Paul Lord, Ramesh Abhiraman, Kenneth Leopold, Michael Wavada
4	2		Susan Fronapfel, Richard Fronapfel, Howard Canan, Alice Weagle
5			Howard Lawrence, Dean Montgomery, Allan Clamage, Don Stiegler
6	3		Susan Smith, Michael Smith, Robert Derrah, Shirley Derrah
7	4		Bunny Kliman, James Osofsky, Michael Heider, Ausra Geaski
5	1		James Nowill, Anne McCune, Marlene Myers, Maxine Cechvala
	2		George Smedes, Sarah Smedes, Maruta Jancis, Lothar Stiberth
	3		Eric Vogel, Irene Rivers, Clifford Abraham, J Marx
	4		Jatin Mehta, Joy Mehta, Mayank Mehta, Aarati Mehta

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As all of the statistics show, it takes real effort to move up in the world of tournament bridge. But, unfortunately, many of our members don't seem to be making that effort. We need to find ways to get players—many of them newbies to the world of tournament bridge—to start hitting the tournament trail. That includes everything from club games up to the Nationals, which, incidentally, are being held nearby in Providence, RI next month. There will be games for everyone from newbies to Grand Life Masters. You shouldn't miss the chance.



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