

# I/N News ... especially for you!

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## Simple but Necessary Conventions...

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Bid a little.  
Bid a lot.  
But try to tell  
Just what you've  
got!

(Stayman, continued from page 1)

20-21 points: Bid 5NT, forcing to 6 NT - Partner bids 6NT with 16 points; or 7 NT with 17 - 18 points

22 + points: Bid 7NT

With an UNBALANCED hand:

0-7 points-5/or more diamonds/hearts/spades: Bid 2♦, 2♥/2♠

8-9 points: Explore for game, bid 2NT

10-14 points: Bid any 5 card major suit at the 3 level, partner should bid either 3NT with 2 cards in that suit, or bid 4 of a major with a 3 card fit. Bid a six card minor at the 3 level.

15+ and up: Explore for slam

### The Quiz:

Partner opens with 1 NT. What is your response with each of the following hands?

1. ♠Axxxxx ♥x ♦xxx ♣xxx \_\_\_\_\_
2. ♠xx ♥Jxxxxxx ♦xxxx ♣x \_\_\_\_\_
3. ♠xxx ♥KQx ♦xxxxx ♣xx \_\_\_\_\_
4. ♠KJx ♥Axx ♦xxxx ♣xxx \_\_\_\_\_
5. ♠xxx ♥xxx ♦AKxxx ♣Ax \_\_\_\_\_
6. ♠AKxxxx ♥x ♦xxxx ♣Kx \_\_\_\_\_
7. ♠xxxxxx ♥KJx ♦x ♣Qxx \_\_\_\_\_
8. ♠Axx ♥Kx ♦KQxxx ♣KQJ \_\_\_\_\_
9. ♠AQx ♥Ax ♦AQx ♣KQJxx \_\_\_\_\_

Use the Stayman Convention with a balanced hand, AND a 4 card major, by bidding 2♣, which is a completely artificial bid.

The bidding proceeds: 1NT pass 2♣ = This bid promises at least one four card major, and at least 8 HCP.

No Trump Bidder Responses:

2♦ I have NO four card major

2♥ I have four hearts and may have four spades

2♠ I have four spades and do NOT have four hearts

You open with 1NT, partner bids 2♣, what is your bid?

10. ♠Kx ♥AQX ♦QJxx ♣Axxx \_\_\_\_\_
11. ♠AKQJ ♥xxx ♦KJxx ♣Qx \_\_\_\_\_
12. ♠xx ♥KQxx ♦AKJx ♣KJx \_\_\_\_\_

Partner opened 1NT, you bid 2♣, partner bid 2♠, what is your bid?

13. ♠Kx ♥QJxx ♦xxxx ♣Qxx \_\_\_\_\_
14. ♠xxxx ♥AKxx ♦Qx ♣Kxx \_\_\_\_\_
15. Axxx ♥AQJx ♦KJXX ♣A \_\_\_\_\_

Partner opens 1NT. What is your bid with each of these hands?

16. ♠Axxx ♥xx ♦KJxxx ♣Qx \_\_\_\_\_
17. ♠xx ♥Qxxx ♦Kxx ♣Axxx \_\_\_\_\_

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18. ♠Kxxx ♥xx ♦KJxx ♣Qxx \_\_\_\_\_
19. ♠AQxxx ♥Kxxx ♦Jx ♣xx \_\_\_\_\_
20. ♠AQxxx ♥Qxx ♦xxx ♣xx \_\_\_\_\_
21. ♠Qxxx ♥Kxxx ♦xx ♣xxx \_\_\_\_\_
22. ♠AJxxx ♥Kx ♦xx ♣xxx \_\_\_\_\_
23. ♠AQx ♥Qx ♦Kxxxxx ♣xx \_\_\_\_\_
24. ♠AKx ♥KQxx ♦Qx ♣Axxx \_\_\_\_\_
25. ♠KJx ♥A ♦xxx ♣xxxxxxx \_\_\_\_\_
26. ♠xxx ♥xxx ♦AKxxx ♣Ax \_\_\_\_\_
27. ♠AKxxxx ♥x ♦xxxx ♣Kx \_\_\_\_\_

Answers:

- 1 2♠
- 2 2♥
- 3 Pass
- 4 2NT
- 5 3♦
- 6 4♠
- 7 2♠
- 8 6NT
- 9 7NT
- 10 2♦
- 11 2♠
- 12 2♥
- 13 2NT
- 14 4♠
- 15 4♣ Gerber Convention, checking to be sure partner has all kings, then bid seven Spades.
- 16 2♠
- 17 2♣
- 18 2♣
- 19 2♣ - intending to bid 3♠ (forcing to 3NT or 4♠) over 2♦ or 2♥ and bid 4♠ over 2♠
- 20 2♣ - intending to bid 2♠ after partner's bid. If partner bids 2♦ or 2♥, you now bid 2♠, invitational. If partner bids 2♠, then bid 3 Spades which is invitational
- 21 Pass
- 22 2♣ - intending to bid 2♠ after partner's bid. If partner bids 2♦ or 2♥, you now bid 2♠, invitational. If partner bids 2♠, then bid 3♠ which is invitational, same as problem 20.
- 23 3♦
- 24 6NT
- 25 3♣
- 26 3NT
- 27 4♠ - You bid game here, with the 6 card suit, as partner has guaranteed at least 2♠, by his opening bid.

Bid carefully to  
Your right spot...

Or bridge can  
make some  
tempers hot!

*(For best results, share this article with partner ... Things work out best if you are both playing conventions the same way!!)*

# The New Notrump Convention by Sam Stayman

This article is reprinted from the *June 1945 Bridge World*. It is in Sam Stayman's own words:

The use of the opening one notrump bid to show definite minimum and maximum limits of strength is quite general in the most widely used bidding systems and among the large majority of experts. Incidentally, the strength required, nowadays, doesn't differ much among systems. Whether they are based on honor count, point count or count by ear, opening notrumps are pretty much the same.

Using the limit notrump, the responder is often faced with a problem. If a response of two of a suit is forcing for one round, it is impossible to reach a partscore contract of two of a suit. When the responder has one or two four-card major suits, it is impossible for him to describe his hand. If the major (or majors) were bid, it is unlikely that the opening bidder would allow for 4-4-3-2 distribution in the responder's hand. More important, if the responder bids spades and then hearts and the notrump bidder does not know whether four-card or five-card suits are being shown, the game reached may be inferior.

So, when the responder has one five-card major and the minimum values for a raise, the standard action is to raise to two notrump. The possibilities of a major-suit game are by-passed.

In consideration of these faults of standard bidding practice, several new conventions have been tried in recent years. The writer has experimented with new ideas along this line, finally accepting one.

Originally suggested by George Rapee, this convention has been played by several partnerships for over a year. It seems to have worked out very well. Playing with Rapee, Edward Hymes, Howard Schenken and Waldemar van Zedtwitz in rubber games and tournaments, the writer has found it superior to the usual methods of handling responses to one notrump.

Be serious in all  
your bidding,  
So partner  
knows that  
you're not  
kidding!

The convention:

In response to an opening bid of one notrump in any position, two clubs is artificial and is forcing for one round. Partner is requested, in rebidding, to show a major suit, Q-x-x-x or better.

Rebids (after the two-club response) by the opening bidder:

Two hearts or two spades shows possession of the major suit, but implies no added strength.

Two diamonds is artificial. It denies possession of a major suit, Qxxx or better. It also shows that the general strength of the hand is minimum within the range employed for one-notrump opening bids.

Two notrump, like two diamonds, denies holding a biddable major suit. However, it shows that the general strength of the hand is at or near the maximum of the range for the opening one notrump.

Logical consequences of the two-club convention:

When the first response to partner's notrump bid is two of any suit except clubs, it

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is a signoff. It will be passed almost all the time. It shows insufficient strength to raise the notrump contract. With the limit of strength shown by the one-notrump bid, it denies prospects of game. In effect, it simply chooses a contract of two in a suit, in preference to one notrump, for a partscore.

All other responses are natural. Raises to two or three notrump can be made. Jump responses in a suit have their usual meaning.

The inference is clearly present that the failure to respond two clubs, when this convention is being played by the partnership, denies interest in exploring what the conventions could have shown; except

The two-club response, like the opening notrump bid itself, is strictly limited in strength. It denies slam possibilities (through failure to make a natural jump response in a suit). Therefore, after first responding two clubs, the responder may bid very strongly without fear that the notrump bidder will carry the bidding too high.

Let us look at a few examples of the use of the convention. In all the following cases, the bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	Pass	?	

South holds:

♠AJxx	♥KQxx	♦xxx	♣xx
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South bids two clubs. If North rebids two hearts or two spades (showing no added strength), South will immediately bid game in that suit.

If North bids two diamonds South will rebid three notrump. (If South should rebid only two notrump, North might well pass. North has already told South that he has a minimum one notrump. If South doesn't have the values to bid game, why should North take charge and bid again on the same cards? He may, if he has an added jack or so; but the reason for the two-club bid in this case was to probe the possibilities of play in a major suit. There never was a question about reaching game. Therefore, South must bid it.)

♠Axxx	♥KJxx	♦xxx	♣xx
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As in the previous case, South bids two clubs. However, South will now raise a two-heart or two-spade rebid only to three of that suit. If North has an absolute minimum, the opportunity is given him to drop the bidding below game.

If North rebids two diamonds, South now bids only two notrump.

If North rebids two notrump, South goes on to three notrump. Since North has a maximum one notrump, South should go on to game.

♠xx	♥KJxxx	♦Qx	♣Axxx
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South bids two clubs. If North bids two spades or two notrump, South now bids three hearts, giving North a choice between three notrump and four hearts. This tells North

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Aces sometimes are called "sticks" ...

They are meant for taking tricks!

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## Ms. Information ...

Dear Ms.,

At the recent Central States Regional in Lake Geneva, my partner and I were playing in the 299er game. Our opponents had the following auction:

Lefty	Righty
1♦	1♠
2♥	Pass

Lefty got very upset when her partner passed and insisted that a “reverse” is forcing ... at least one round.

What is a reverse? And is Lefty correct... is it forcing?

Thank you!

Unclear in the North Suburbs

Dear Unclear,

A reverse occurs when one opens the bidding and bids again OVER the level of his opening suit, following partner’s response. In other words, if Lefty had less values in the actual auction you described, he could bid 1NT, 2♣, 2♦ or 2♠ without showing extras. BUT when he bids 2♥ and forces Righty to choose diamonds or hearts at the three level, he is showing extras and that is a Reverse.

Here is what Frank Stewart has to say about reverses in other situations:

### **Are Reverses Forcing?**

Although there is a logical basis for reverses to be not forcing, almost all current expert partnerships treat them as forcing. Some experts treat a reverse as especially strong, roughly equivalent to a jump shift and virtually forcing to game; other partnerships treat a reverse as strong -- opener is willing to play at the three level if responder must go there to show a preference -- but not game-forcing, so decide this with your partner.

Are reverses forcing if the opponents have previously spoken, is ambiguous without specifically what the auction was.

In an auction such as			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♥

South's rebid is a reverse, and the strength he promises should not be altered by East's overcall. But here,

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♣
1♠	2♦	Pass	2♥

South's 2♥ is not a reverse. North's 2♦ is forcing, and 2♥ was South's cheapest action.

Always bid and  
play your best.

That will be your  
greatest test.

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that South holds a five-card suit; South would not offer a four-card suit at this point, since it is almost sure that North does not hold four hearts.

If North rebids two hearts, South bids four hearts.

If North rebids two diamonds, South bids two hearts (again, logically, this will show a five-card suit), and game will be reached in hearts or notrump depending on North's action.

♠Kxxxx    ♥Qxxxx    ♦x    ♣xx

South bids two clubs. If North rebids a major, South can go to game.

If North bids two notrump, South will bid three spades and then four hearts (unless North raises to four spades).

If North rebids two diamonds, South will bid two spades; then only three hearts over two notrump. North could pass three hearts in this sequence with a minimum hand and strength largely in the minors. South, conversely, can pass three spades if North belatedly gives only a preference by bidding three spades over three hearts, very exact information as to the holdings having been exchanged.

♠KJxxx    ♥AJxxx    ♦x    ♣xx

South bids three spades, not two clubs. South knows he will go to game in spades or hearts irrespective of the strength or distribution of the notrump hand. Note, therefore, that showing a 5-5 two-suiter denies this strength when initiated by a two-club response as in the previous example.

♠Jxx    ♥xx    ♦KQxxx    ♣10xx

South bids two clubs. The purpose here is simply to find the strength of the notrump. If North rebids two diamonds, South may pass, but may risk a two-notrump bid.

Here is a hand from the recent Vanderbilt Cup Tournament which displays the convention:

A lesson that is really great:

Be sure you always concentrate!

Dealer: E    ♠ AT4  
 E/W Vul.    ♥ KQJ74  
               ♦ T62  
               ♣ 53

♠ J532	N ↑	♠ 876
♥ 9		♥ 6532
♦ 987		♦ A54
♣ AJT92		♣ Q76

♠ K98  
 ♥ AT8  
 ♦ KQJ3  
 ♣ K84

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

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**FallFest Sectional**  
**Lindner Center, 660 E. Butterfield Rd, Lombard, IL**

**0-299 "I/N" Schedule**

**Friday, November 14**

10:30 a.m. I/N Stratified Pairs

3:30 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs , finished by 6:00

7:30 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs

**Saturday, November 15**

1:00 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs

6:30 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs

**Sunday, November 16**

11:00 a.m. 299er Stratified Swiss Teams

0-100, 100-200, 200-300

Blythe Findley, tournament chairman

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**WinterFest Sectional**

**European Crystal Banquet Center**

**519 W. Algonquin Road Arlington Heights, IL**

All single session events

Stratification for Future Intermediate/Newcomers

0-20 / 20-50 / 50-100, 100-200, 200-300

**Friday, January 23**

10:30 I/N Stratified Pairs

3:30 I/N Stratified Pairs

8:00 I/N Stratified Pairs

**Saturday, January 24**

1:30 I/N Stratified Pairs

8:00 I/N Stratified Pairs

**Sunday, January 25**

11:00 I/N Stratified 299 Swiss Teams

(2 Separate Sessions, more Silver Points!)

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**MAD CITY Sectional, December 5-7, 2008**

**Fitchburg Community Center, 5520 Lacy Rd, Fitchburg WI**

**Friday, 1:30, 299er Stratified Pairs**

**Saturday, 9:00, 299er Stratified Pairs**

**1:30 299er Stratified Pairs**

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Bid your games  
and slams each  
day...

That's how you  
improve your  
play!

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2♣ – The conventional bid. In this case, North expects to get to some game. Initiating this sequence will give a choice between notrump and hearts.

2♦ – Conventionally denies a biddable four-card major suit, shows the hand is a minimum one-notrump bid. (Four Aces count 10 ½. This is the bottom.)

2♥ – The heart suit must be of five cards, or else it would not be offered when South has denied having four hearts.

3♥ – This raise can not be misread. South has shown he doesn't have four hearts and that he has a minimum notrump.

3NT – North could have no more even distribution and still have a five-card suit; and he has already shown his five-card suit. He bids three notrump to show that his distribution is proper for notrump play, in spite of the five-card suit. With 5-4-3-1 or 5-4-2-2, North would bid four hearts at this point.

4♥ – Reading all of North's bids together, South realizes that North has 5-3-3-2 distribution. South also knows that North cannot have a very strong hand, because the strength of the two-club response is limited. Assuming that North has 5-3-3-2 distribution and somewhere between 2 and 2 ½ tricks, why did North try to get into a major suit instead of raising the notrump bid earlier? Probably because North has his strength concentrated in two suits - say, with a good heart suit and one outside ace. If this ace is in diamonds, of course, three notrump can probably be run off; but if the ace is in one of the black suits (which is twice as likely), there will be only one stopper in the other black suit and three notrump will probably go down. Even if North has the ace of diamonds, there will still be a good play for four hearts.

This extra-fine bid won its just reward. Four hearts was made easily. Three notrump would have been beaten with any opening.

*Sam Stayman (1909-1993) of Palm Beach FL was a leading bridge administrator, an innovator, an author and a successful business man. Stayman's name became a household word in bridge circles following the publication of the above article. He was LM #48 and is a member of the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame. Stayman was a Diamond LM with more than 8,000 points at the time of his death. He was the ACBL Honorary Member of the Year in 1969. Stayman won all of the major National Titles a number of times.*

*George Rapee (1915-1999) of New York City was an attorney and real estate investor. Rapee was LM #44 and is a member of the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame. He won three world championships and 25 North American titles to be noted as one of the most successful and talented players of all time.*



**Tournament Results:**

**Central States Regional, October 21-27, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin**

**Tuesday Aft 299er Pairs - 8.0 Tables**

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.54	1	1	1	Mary Fregien, Franksville WI; Sandra Hetrick, Racine WI	62.92%
1.91	2			Evelyn Gerum - Elaine Howell, Racine WI	60.83%
1.27	3/4	2		Jan Nichol - Sue Edholm, Libertyville IL	58.75%
1.25	3/4			Elizabeth Gale - Sybil Brown, Rockford IL	58.75%
0.89	5			Lisa Frese, Lake Barrington IL; Diane Treslo, Rolling Meadows IL	54.58%
1.03		3	2	Chris Gardner, Palatine IL; Sherilyn Sorem, Inverness IL	54.17%

**Wednesday Aft I/N Pairs - 7.0 Tables**

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.40	1	1		James Bruckner, Milwaukee WI; Wes Burzynski, Waukesha WI	66.25%
1.80	2	2	1	Patricia Olafson, Rockford IL; Mary Simonson, Sarasota FL	63.75%
1.35	3	3	2	Shirley Mitchem - Edward Gordon, Fox Lake IL	55.42%
1.01	4	4	3	Inez Petersen, Vernon Hills IL; Robert Judd, Algonquin IL	52.08%
0.67	5/6	5/6		Evelyn Gerum - Elaine Howell, Racine WI	50.00%
0.67	5/6	5/6		Mary Warren, Wheaton IL; Carolyn Satrum, Downers Grove IL	50.00%

**Friday Aft I/N Pairs - 9.5 Tables**

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.83	1	1		Judy Anderson - Bunny Hultman, Chicago IL	60.00%
2.12	2			Judith Ann Bittner, Hinsdale IL; Ann Shewman, Lombard IL	56.36%
1.80	3	2	1	Donna Kenski, Libertyville IL; Joseph McCormack, Tallahassee FL	55.80%
1.35	4	3		Mary Warren, Wheaton IL; Carolyn Satrum, Downers Grove IL	54.96%
1.34	5	4	2	Sharon Thomas - Patricia Ryan, Springfield IL	54.94%
0.99	6	5		Michele Pockross - James Pockross, Wilmette IL	54.33%
1.01		3		Michael Kramer - Vicki Kramer, Addison IL	53.87%
0.76		4		Kurt Litscher - Janet Litscher, Greendale WI	50.88%

**Saturday Aft 299er Pairs - 7.0 Tables**

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.40	1			Genio Staranczak, Schaumburg IL; Lawrence Wolfson, Schaumburg IL	61.67%
1.80	2			Donna Cart - Stephen Cart, Rockford IL	60.42%
2.00	3	1	1	James Karolewicz - Kathy Karolewicz, Mequon WI	56.25%
1.50	4	2	2	Anita Bull, Crystal Lake IL; Sharon Pepping, McHenry IL	54.58%
0.76	5			Robert Rice - Dianne Rice, Racine WI	53.33%
1.13		3	3	Robert Gordon - Bobbi Gordon, Skokie IL	50.83%
0.84		4		Judy Anderson - Bunny Hultman, Chicago IL	49.58%

**Sunday 299er Swiss - 5 Tables**

MPs	A	B	Names
2.12	1	1	Virginia Zabski, Trevor WI; Corinne Laluzerne, Lake Villa IL; Edward Gordon - Shirley Mitchem, Fox Lake IL
1.59	2		Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL; Karen Anderson, Batavia IL; Bunny Hultman - Judy Anderson, Chicago IL

**Sunday 299er Swiss II - 3 Tables**

MPs	Rank	Names
1.84	1	Howard Emmerman - Fern Emmerman, Riverwoods IL; Jeffrey Rabin, Lincolnshire IL; Michael Stein, Highland Park IL

**Milwaukee FallFest, Glendale, WI, October 3-5**

**Friday Morning 299ers - 5.0 Tables**

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
1.51	1	1	1	Kris Stephens, West Bend WI; Marcia Kleinerman, Milwaukee WI	63.50%
1.15	2	2	1	Jill Polacheck, Milwaukee WI; Linda Jacobson, Mequon WI	57.00%
0.85	3			Patricia Reinartz, Brookfield WI; Betty McDermott, Elm Grove WI	54.00%
0.86	4	3	2	Morton Newald, Mequon WI; James Bruckner, Milwaukee WI	50.50%
0.60		4		Maggie Topitzes, Milwaukee WI; Marlene Frey, Brookfield WI	49.50%

**Friday Aft 299ers - 5.0 Tables**

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
1.51	1	1	1	Charles Lerner - Carolyn Ross, Shorewood WI	62.00%
1.13	2	2		Kris Stephens, West Bend WI; Marcia Kleinerman	57.50%
0.85	3	3		Marilyn Zierten - Rose Zicarelli, Racine WI	52.00%
0.75	4/5	4/5	2/3	Patricia Diel, Milwaukee WI; Edith Meldman, WI	51.00%
0.75	4/5	4/5	2/3	Maggie Topitzes, Milwaukee WI; Marlene Frey	51.00%

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Saturday Morn 299ers - 6.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
1.61	1	1	1	Stephen Blitz, Fitchburg WI; Carol Lee, Middleton WI	59.96%
1.21	2	2		Kris Stephens, West Bend WI; Marcia Kleinerman	59.27%
0.91	3	3		Richard Krueger - Thomas Krueger, Milwaukee WI	57.91%
0.83	4	4	2	Adrian Richfield - Barbara Blackburn, Waukesha WI	57.37%

Saturday Aft 299er Pairs - 4.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	Names	Score
1.41	1	1	Adrian Richfield - Barbara Blackburn, Waukesha WI	56.94%
1.06	2		Roslyn Krause, Milwaukee WI; Marcia Kleinerman, Land O Lakes WI	54.86%
0.89	3	2	Cheryl Lutz, Port Washington WI; Christine Balistreri, Mequon WI	52.08%

Eau Claire Sectional, Eau Claire, WI, October 17-19

299er Pairs - 4.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
1.41	1	1		Keith Anderson - Mary Anderson, Rochester MN	57.14%
1.06	2	2		Susan Thiess, Eau Claire WI; Stacy Dibbell, Bismarck ND	55.36%
0.79	3			Beverly Mai - Edith Syth, Eau Claire WI	51.19%

Labor Day Sectional, Skokie, IL, August 29-September 1

Sunday 299er Swiss I - 10 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.02	1	1		R Schwartz - Barbara Schwartz, Morton Grove IL; Lynda Strusiner, Highland Park IL; Karen Lee, Glencoe IL	
1.52		2		Celeste Jacklin, Aurora IL; Michael Sittinger - Shelia Sittinger, Lombard IL; Mary Warren, Wheaton IL	
1.36		3	2	Pearl Freedman, Skokie IL; Natalie Millman, Highland Park IL; Nick Panos, Chicago IL; Iliana Rozemberg	
1.02		4	3	Bunny Hultman - Judy Anderson - Yvette Lewis, Chicago IL; Harold Burns, Wilmette IL	
1.28			4 1	Marilynn Rivkin, Chicago IL; Susan Wellek, Northbrook IL; Bobbi Gordon - Robert Gordon, Skokie IL	
0.96			2	Elizabeth Subkowsky - Robert Subkowsky, Chicago IL; Ellen Rubert, Evanston IL; John Shelton, Wilmette IL	

Monday 299er Swiss II - 3 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
1.31	1	Catherine Westbrook, Winnetka IL; William Shunas, Chicago IL; Iliana Rozemberg; Lawrence Wolfson

Friday Evening 299ers - 4.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	Names	Score
1.24	1/2		Lawrence Wolfson, Schaumburg IL; Genio Staranczak	63.19%
1.24	1/2	1	Karen Anderson, Batavia IL; Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL	63.19%
0.79	3		Barbara Bebee, Lake Forest IL; Karen Trine, Chicago IL	58.33%
0.86		2	Relli Miller, Lincolnwood IL; Joan Pielet, Boca Raton FL	47.22%

Friday Morn 299er - 13.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.32	1	1	1	John Shelton, Wilmette IL; Michael Shelton, Winnetka IL	63.26%
1.74	2			Karen Anderson, Batavia IL; Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL	60.61%
1.31	3	2		Mary Warren, Wheaton IL; Robert Quintin, Saint Charles IL	56.63%
0.98	4			Moreen Alexander, Wilmette IL; Sheila Pickard	56.44%
0.73	5			Gunilla Flater, Highland Park IL; Jim Peterson	55.49%
0.55	6			Barbara Schwartz - R Schwartz, Morton Grove IL	54.73%
0.76		3/4		Kathleen Gerbosi, Glenview IL; Ilse Bridges, Winnetka IL	50.95%
0.76		3/4		Bobbi Gordon, Skokie IL; Charlotte Katz, Wilmette IL	50.95%
0.79		5	2	Leslee Johnson, Palatine IL; Patricia Lennon	50.76%
0.59			3	Robert Margolis - Sherry Margolis, Northbrook IL	49.81%

Friday Aft 299ers - 11.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.12	1			J Thomas Johnson - Barbara Chasnoff, Park Ridge IL	65.48%
1.59	2	1		Relli Miller, Lincolnwood IL; Joan Pielet, Boca Raton FL	61.90%
1.19	3			Karen Anderson, Batavia IL; Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL	61.11%
0.89	4			Loretta Wexler - Pearl Freedman, Skokie IL	56.75%
1.09	5	2	1	Catherine Westbrook, Winnetka IL; Doug Fischer, Des Plaines IL	54.76%
0.82	6	3	2	Arlene Novak - Bob Novak, Highland Park IL	53.17%
0.61		4		John Flershem - Robert McDonnell, Palos Heights IL	51.98%
0.48		5		Robert Quintin, Saint Charles IL; Mary Warren, Wheaton IL	50.79%
0.52			3/4	Timothy Kleimeyer, Sleepy Hollow IL; Stephen Chesek	49.21%
0.52			3/4	Max Brock - Robert Brock, Highland Park IL	49.21%

Saturday Eve 299er Pairs - 5.0 Tables

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MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
1.51	1	1		Karen Anderson, Batavia IL; Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL	60.06%
1.13	2	2	1	Jim Field - Louise McInerney, Wilmette IL	56.81%
0.85	3	3		Loretta Wexler, Skokie IL; Kent Vlautin, Chicago IL	52.26%
0.74	4	4	2	Sid Bennett - Valerie Bennett, Chicago IL	50.81%

Sat Aft 299er Pairs - 20.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.03	1	1	1	John Gardner - Carolyn Gardner, Arlington Hts IL	71.64%
2.27	2			William Zamzow, Glenview IL; John Anderson, Mt Prospect IL	65.48%
1.70	3	2	2	Bob Novak - Arlene Novak, Highland Park IL	60.12%
1.28	4			Barbara Schwartz - R Schwartz, Morton Grove IL	59.23%
0.96	5			Lorma Bauer - Ernest Bauer, Northfield IL	58.04%
1.05	6	3	3	Matthew Staman - Gregory Ward, Chicago IL	57.41%
0.79	4	4		Patsy Engelhard, Chicago IL; Nancy Engelhard, Evanston IL	56.75%
0.71	5	5		Marty Howard, Mount Prospect IL; Karen Brucks, Arlington Hts IL	55.95%
0.51	6			Roberta Goodall, Northfield IL; Patricia Gillis, Northbrook IL	55.06%

Sunday Aft 299er Pairs - 17.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.73	1			Sandy Harlow - Marilyn Harlow, Lake Forest IL	63.45%
2.05	2	1		Robert Subkowsky - Elizabeth Subkowsky, Chicago IL	62.12%
1.54	3			Judy Anderson - Bunny Hultman, Chicago IL	60.61%
1.15	4			George Shelton - Carol Shelton, Wilmette IL	60.23%
1.34	5	2		William Odell - Linda Odell, Sturgis MI	56.82%
1.20	6	3	1	Bunny Cimbalo - Bonnie Mrowka, Deerfield IL	55.68%
0.90	4	2		Deborah Cole - Patsy Engelhard, Chicago IL	53.22%
0.68	5	3		Lydia Wachal, Elmhurst IL; Judith Polo, Westmont IL	51.70%
0.42	6			James Degerstrom - Ann Degerstrom, Oak Brook IL	51.52%
0.45	4/5			Janet Nachman - Frederick Nachman, Chicago IL	50.19%
0.45	4/5			Arlene Novak - Bob Novak, Highland Park IL	50.19%

Sunday Eve 299er Pairs - 4.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	Names	Score
1.41	1		Diane Shachter - Howard Shachter, Deerfield IL	63.89%
1.06	2		Susan O'Connor, Chicago IL; Jean Falk, Skokie IL	61.81%
0.79	3		Iliana Rozemberg, Northbrook IL; Ruth Kuncel, Elmhurst IL	59.72%

Bob Charlson Memorial Sectional, Dousman, WI, August 1-3

Friday Aft 299er Pairs - 5.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
1.61	1			Ron Ramaker, Brown Deer WI; Susan Zellin, Glendale WI	59.38%
1.43	2	1	1	Shirley Adams, Appleton WI; Cyann Martin, Neenah WI	58.85%
1.07	3	2	2	Barbara Schuelke, Menomonee Falls WI; Melodee Curtes, Hartford WI	57.81%
0.80	4	3		Jerald Schlais, Dousman WI; Wes Burzynski, Waukesha WI	54.69%
0.67	4	3		Joan Koenig - Paul Tharman, Pewaukee WI	54.17%

Saturday Aft 299er Pairs - 4.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
1.51	1			Marlene Backus - Janet Holmes, Brookfield WI	56.25%
1.33	2	1	1	Robert Mehn, Bradenton FL; Lois Tankerley,	54.86%
0.77	3/5	2/4	2/4	Marilyn Barsi - Paul Barsi, Plover WI	49.31%
0.77	3/5	2/4	2/4	J Barrett Graf - Mary Sue Graf, Pewaukee WI	49.31%
0.77	3/5	2/4	2/4	Shirley Adams, Appleton WI; Cyann Martin, Neenah WI	49.31%



Congratulations to everyone!!

We hope you had fun winning all these points.

WUMBA and District 13 Present

**Two Events – One Location!**

**March 27-29, 2009**

The Wave Ballroom, 2350 N. Casaloma Dr., Appleton, WI

## 299er Regional

Friday, March 27, 2009

1:30 p.m. Stratified 49er Pairs  
Stratified 299er Pairs  
Compact Knockout, Sessions 1 & 2

7:00 p.m. Stratified 49er Pairs  
Stratified 299er Pairs  
Compact Knockout, Sessions 3 & Final

Saturday, March 28, 2009

9:00 a.m. FREE LESSON & BRIDGE+ GAME (0-20)  
Stratified 299er Pairs

1:30 p.m. Stratified 49er Pairs  
Stratified 299er Pairs  
Compact Knockout, Sessions 1 & 2

7:00 p.m. Stratified 49er Pairs  
Stratified 299er Pairs  
Compact Knockout, Sessions 3 & 4

Sunday, March 29, 2009

9:00 a.m. & TBA Stratified 299er Swiss Teams  
Stratified 299er Pairs  
Single Sessions - Lunch Provided

**Play with just other Newcomers & Intermediates!**  
**New Player Service volunteers on hand!**

**Partners Guaranteed! 30 minutes before game time**

**FREE** entry for ACBL members with 0 to 5 mps!

**FREE** Lesson & Bridge+ Game for <20 mps!

**FREE** Bridge Tips! Friday and Saturday at 6:15 p.m.

**Prizes Every Session!**

**Trophies for Best Two Sessions & Best Overall!**

**All masterpoints are red!**

Stratification (unless noted) -

49er games: C-0-5, B- 5-20, A- 20-49

299er games: C- 0-100, B-100-200, A-200-299

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## Spring Sectional

Friday, March 27, 2009

1:30 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs  
Compact Knockout, Sessions 1 & 2

7:00 p.m. Stratified Pair/Teams  
Compact Knockout, Sessions 3 & Final

Saturday, March 28, 2009

9:00 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs  
Bracketed Knockouts, Session 1

1:30 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs  
Bracketed Knockout, Session 2

7:00 p.m. Stratified Pair/Teams  
Bracketed Knockouts, Final

Sunday, March 29, 2009

9:00 a.m. & TBA Stratified Open Swiss Teams  
(Team Averaged)  
Single sessions - Lunch Provided

### Special Events:

8:45 a.m. Saturday WUMBA Board Meeting  
(Motion to continue meeting at 5:00 p.m.)

5:00 p.m. Saturday WUMBA Board Meeting at dinner  
(Continued from morning, if approved)

9:00 a.m. Sunday prior to game  
WUMBA Annual Meeting and Presentation of  
2008 Medallion and Certificate Awards  
(Continental Breakfast provided)

### Refreshments!

### Door Prizes!

Stratification (unless noted) -

Open games: C- 0-750, B- 750-2000, A- 2000 +

Partners Guaranteed - 30 minutes before game time

Sanction# SN SN 0903076

Lodging: Settle Inn & Suites-Appleton (1/2 mile), 1565 N Federated Dr., Appleton, WI (920) 560-3000

\$89.95 + tax including breakfast & shuttle service to The Wave Ballroom

Best Western Midway Hotel, (2.66 miles) 3033 W. College Ave., Appleton, (920) 731-4141 or (800) 482-3879. Group code 94G - \$79.00  
+ tax including breakfast.

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**Upcoming Tournaments**

FallFest Sectional, Lombard, IL, Nov. 14-16

Mad City Sectional, Fitchburg, WI, Dec. 5-7

Wisconsin Holiday Regional, Lake Geneva, WI, Dec. 26-30

WinterFest Sectional, Arlington Height, IL, Jan. 23-25

**Bidding More ...**

In team games, it usually pays to bid aggressively. Bidding thin games can increase your wins significantly. It can also improve your play. You would be surprised how much better you concentrate and how much more you realize about the game when you need ONE MORE TRICK to make your contract.

Too often, novices downplay their own abilities and underbid. Yes, that usually yields a plus score... but often that plus is not enough. And remember, opponents don't always defend perfectly. It is harder to defend a contract when you don't know how close it really is!!

Remember that you can access the most recent Hand-Outs from the District 13 Regionals at:

<http://acbl-district13.org/RegionalHandouts.htm>

They are left online until the next year or two when the same tournament is again held.



**WISCONSIN HOLIDAY REGIONAL, December 26-30, 2008**

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Lake Geneva, WI on Route 50, 1/2 mile East of Route 12

Room rate: \$79 + \$12 resort fee, single or double

Call 262-248-8811/800-558-3417 by 12/1 to reserve your room

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**Schedule of Events:**

Friday, December 26 2:00 & 7:30 — 299er Stratified Pairs Single Sessions

Saturday – Monday, December 27 – 29 10:00, 3:00 & 7:30 299er Stratified Pairs Single Sessions

Tuesday, December 30 10:00 299er Stratified Swiss Teams

Red Points for all "IN" Games - Guest Speakers