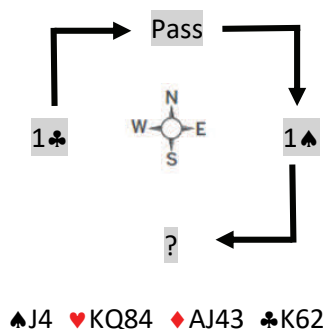


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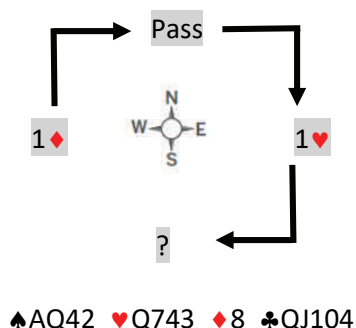
DOUBLING IN FOURTH SEAT By Audrey Grant

After a one-level opening by left-hand opponent and a suit response by right-hand opponent, a double shows support for the unbid suits and at least the strength for an opening bid – counting dummy points for distribution. This is because the doubler expects to be the dummy. Since there are only two unbid suits, it is preferable to have at least four cards in both suits, but three cards in an unbid suit might sometimes suffice. Let's see some example hands.



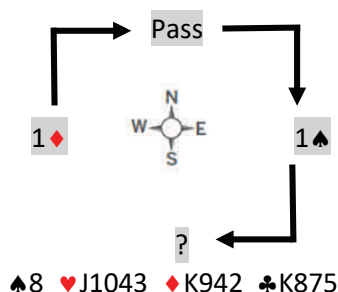
West opens the bidding 1♣, and East responds 1♠. This South hand, with 14 high-card points plus 1 dummy point for the doubleton spade, is a sound minimum takeout double in fourth seat. It is nice to have four cards in both unbid suits for this double.

In the next example, West opens 1♦ and East responds 1♥.



There are 11 HCP plus 3 dummy points for the singleton diamond. With four cards in both unbid suits, spades and clubs, there is enough strength for a takeout double.

Consider this hand for South.



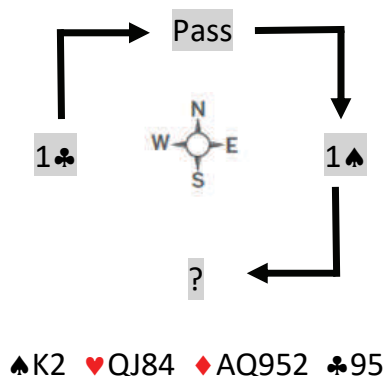
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West opens the bidding 1♦, and East responds 1♠. South has the appropriate distribution for a takeout double – four-card support for both unbid suits. However, the hand is too weak, with only 7 high-card points plus 3 dummy points for the singleton spade. A double would show a minimum of 12 or 13 points.

Double or Overcall?

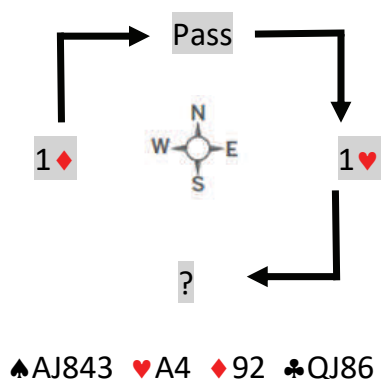
Next, let's consider hands for South which might be suitable for either a double or an overcall.

Suppose South holds this hand. West opens the bidding 1♣, and East responds 1♠.



There is enough strength for a takeout double as there are at least four cards in both unbid suits. However, the hand is also suitable for a 2♦ overcall. With a four-card major suit and a five-card minor suit, however, it looks better to double, bringing the heart suit into the picture.

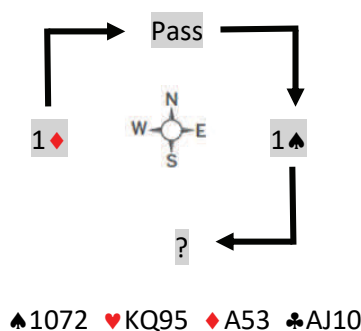
Here is another possible hand for South. West opens 1♦ and East responds 1♥.



As in the previous example, this hand is suitable for both a takeout double and an overcall. Since the five-card suit is a major, it looks better to overcall 1♠. The priority is to locate an eight-card major-suit fit, and a double might result in missing a 5-3 spade fit.

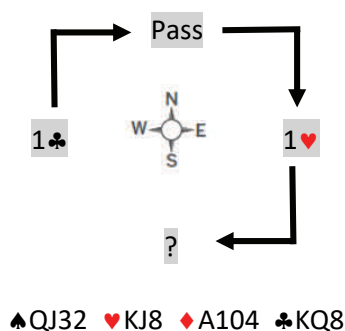
Imperfect Distribution

Next, let's turn to hands which have enough strength for a takeout double but without four cards in both unbid suits.



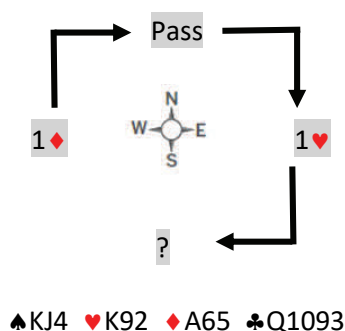
West opens the bidding 1♦, and East responds 1♠. There are 14 high-card points, but there are not four cards in both unbid suits, so this hand is not ideal for a takeout double. Still, it may be best to double, giving North-South a chance to compete for the contract. Holding four hearts makes the double more attractive, because at least South holds the expected major suit length. Pass is also an acceptable call.

In contrast, let's look at this hand.



West opens the bidding 1♣, and East responds 1♥. Double would be a reasonable call, because South has 16 high-card points, with four spades and three diamonds. However, a preferable call is 1NT, which describes the hand better: a balanced hand with about 15-18 points and stoppers in both the opponents' suits.

Here's another example.



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GREEN BAY SECTIONAL

May 17-19, 2019

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
2040 Airport Drive
Green Bay, WI 54313

FRIDAY May 17 th	SATURDAY May 18 th	SUNDAY May 19 th
1:30 PM Stratified Pair/Team* Stratified 499er Pair	9:00 AM Stratified Pair/Team** Stratified 499er Pair/Team**	9:00 AM & TBA Open Stratified Swiss Team (2 Single Session Events) Stratified 499er Swiss Team (2 Single Session Events)
7:00 PM Stratified Pair/Team* Stratified 499er Pair	1:30 PM Stratified Pair/Team** Stratified 499er Pair/Team**	Open Events 3000+/750-3000/0-750
*Register by Pair	7:00 PM Stratified Pair/Team** Stratified 499er Pair/Team**	All Stratified 499er Events (NLM) 400-499/100-400/0-100
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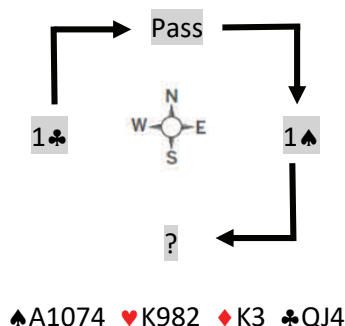
Lodging:	Pricing:
Radisson Hotel & Convention Center (920) 494-7300 www.radisson.com/greenbaywi Ask for bridge rate - \$99 (includes breakfast) Six restaurants/fast foods in complex.	\$9/session for ACBL members (An additional \$4/session will be charged for lapsed payment ACBL members) ACBL members with 0-5 points play Free
Make reservations before April 10 th to be assured of bridge rates at the hotel	299er Lunch & Learn Saturday Noon \$5
	Snacks provided by Green Bay Duplicate Bridge Club Starbucks Coffee morning & afternoon only Free coffee & soda in Casino

Chair: Sharon Basal (920) 468-4722 s_basal@yahoo.com

Sanction # 1905050

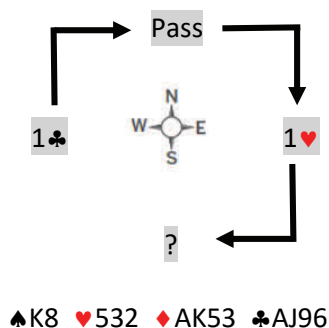
West opens the bidding 1♦, and East responds 1♥. This hand is almost suitable for a takeout double, with 13 HCP, three spades and four clubs. Double is a reasonable call, but it might be prudent to pass. North will expect four-card spade support if South doubles and will bid spades rather than clubs with four cards in both suits. Double might get the partnership too high in a 4-3 fit.

Suppose West opens the bidding 1♣, and East responds 1♠.



There are 13 high-card points and four hearts. With only two diamonds, this hand is unsuitable for a takeout double. If partner has length in hearts, all will be well, but partner may bid diamonds. If South doubles, partner will expect four-card diamond support, and the partnership may get dangerously high in diamonds.

Here is one final hand for South.



West opens 1♣ and East responds 1♥. While it might occasionally be acceptable to double with a doubleton in an unbid minor-suit, it is too risky to double with shortness in an unbid major suit. With no stopper in hearts, this hand is also unsuitable for a 1NT overcall. Despite the 15 high-card points, pass looks like the best call.

Summary

After a one level opening bid and response, a double by the player in fourth seat shows at least enough strength for an opening bid with support for the unbid suits. Consider all your options and make your best bid.

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Doubling in 4th Seat 1

Bidding Quiz 5

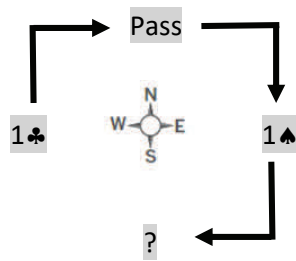
Tournament Schedules throughout

Point Count and Suit Length 11

DOUBLING IN FOURTH SEAT – BIDDING QUIZ

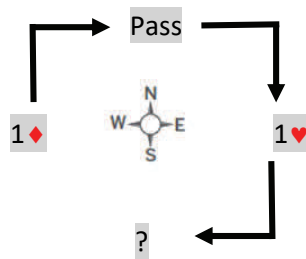
Let's put into practice what we just discussed. Here are 10 quizzes.

West opens 1♣, North passes, and East responds 1♠. You are sitting South. What call do you make?



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|------------|----------|
| 1. ♠ K1032 | 2. ♠ AQ3 |
| ♥ KJ85 | ♥ KJ95 |
| ♦ A1053 | ♦ KJ2 |
| ♣ 6 | ♣ 985 |

West opens 1♦, North passes, and East responds 1♥. You are sitting South. What call do you make?



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|-----------|------------|
| 3. ♠ A985 | 4. ♠ KJ42 |
| ♥ J1053 | ♥ K9 |
| ♦ AK2 | ♦ 87 |
| ♣ J9 | ♣ AJ1094 |
| 5. ♠ QJ43 | 6. ♠ KJ984 |
| ♥ 7 | ♥ A2 |
| ♦ 8752 | ♦ J9 |
| ♣ A1086 | ♣ QJ53 |

Answers follow on Page 8

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FOR MORE BIDDING TOPICS

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CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS SHOWN IN BOLD RED CAPS:

Monday, 8/19 MON-TUES PM SWISS, #1/2

Evening Side Pairs Series, #1/5

Tuesday, 8/20 TUES A/X/Y PAIRS & GOLD RUSH PAIRS, #1/2

Midweek Side Pairs Series, #1/5

2:00 PM TUES A/X/Y PAIRS & GOLD RUSH PAIRS, #2/2

Midweek Side Pairs Series, #2/5

7:00 PM MON-TUES PM SWISS, #2/2

Evening Side Pairs Series, #2/5

Wednesday, 8/21 WED A/X/Y SWISS & GOLD RUSH SWISS, #1/2

Midweek Side Pairs Series, #3/5

2:00 PM WED A/X/Y SWISS & GOLD RUSH SWISS, #2/2

Midweek Side Pairs Series, #4/5

7:00 PM Evening Side Pairs Series, #3/5

Thursday, 8/22 THUR A/X/Y PAIRS & GOLD RUSH PAIRS, #1/2

Midweek Side Pairs Series, #5/5

2:00 PM THUR A/X/Y PAIRS & GOLD RUSH PAIRS, #2/2

Weekend Side Pairs Series, #1/5

7:00 PM Evening Side Pairs Series, #4/5

Friday, 8/23 FRI A/X/Y SWISS & GOLD RUSH SWISS, #1/2

Weekend Side Pairs Series, #2/5

2:00 PM FRI A/X/Y SWISS & GOLD RUSH SWISS, #2/2

Weekend Side Pairs Series, #3/5

7:00 PM RISING STARS KOs, #1/3

Evening Side Pairs Series, #5/5

Saturday, 8/24 SAT A/X/Y PAIRS & GOLD RUSH PAIRS, #1/2

RISING STARS KOs, #2/3

Weekend Side Pairs Series, #4/5

2:00 PM SAT A/X/Y PAIRS & GOLD RUSH PAIRS, #2/2

RISING STARS KOs, #3/3

Weekend Side Pairs Series, #5/5

7:00 PM Eight-is-Enough Swiss

Sunday, 8/25 SUN A/X/Y SWISS & GOLD RUSH SWISS, #1/2

& TBA SUN A/X/Y SWISS & GOLD RUSH SWISS, #2/2

(buffet lunch is free with paid Sunday entry)



ADDITIONAL NOTES:

1. Entries \$13, with two exceptions:

- ACBL youth entries \$7 with valid student ID
- ACBL lapsed member entries \$17

2. Stratification to be based on team/partnership masterpoint averages.

Governing convention charts for events are noted:

GOLD RUSH: A 500+ / B 200+ / C 0 to 200 (Basic Chart)

SIDE PAIRS: A 3000+ / B 1000 to 3000 / C 0 to 1000 (Basic+ Chart)

MON-TUES SWISS: A 3000+ / B 1000 to 3000 / C 0 to 1000 (Basic+ Chart)

RISING STARS: No team's masterpoint sum may exceed 4000 (Basic+ Chart)

EIGHT-IS-ENOUGH: Players 3000+ are 3's, players 1000 to 3000 are 2's,

and players 0 to 1000 are 1's. No team's sum may exceed 8 (Basic+ Chart)

A/X/Y EVENTS: A 5000+ / X 2000+ to 5000 / Y 0 to 2000 (Open Chart)

3. Side pairs offer flexible partnerships for stratified pairs play, with entrants in two or more events within a letter-named side series summing their two highest scores. Standings and awards are then determined on an individual basis, with overall winners receiving gold points in accord with ACBL formulas for two-session events.

4. While the partnership desk opens 45 minutes ahead of game times, players seeking best pairings are encouraged to email eauclaire.chair@gmail.com 15 hours or more in advance of game times, noting their masterpoint holdings, team or partnership needs, and the dates, types, and times of desired events.

5. Direct bridge-related inquiries to eauclaire.chair@gmail.com

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September 20-22, 2019

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:30 am and 1:30 pm, 2-SESSION PLAY THRU

Gold Rush Pairs
Gold Rush Swiss Team

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:30 am and 1:30 pm, 2-SESSION PLAY THRU

Gold Rush Pairs
Gold Rush Swiss Team

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00, LUNCH INCLUDED, 2-SESSION PLAY THRU

Gold Rush Pairs
Gold Rush Swiss Team

HOST HOTEL

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POINTS AWARDED: In Gold Rush events, players may play one session but must play both sessions in one day to qualify for gold points. Players will be awarded maximum number of gold points and red points allowed by ACBL for non-life master Gold Rush events.



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A: 300-750 B: 100-300 C: 0-100

ENTRY

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Opportunity to register as new ACBL member

79th ANNUAL Minocqua-Lakeland Bridge Sectional



The Friendly Northwoods Tournament

JUNE 6 - 9, 2019

Woodruff Town Hall

Hwy 47 (1418 - 1st Avenue), Woodruff, WI 54568

Thursday, June 6

1:30 p.m.

Stratified 499er Pairs

Stratified Open Pair/Team

7:30 p.m.

Stratified 499er Pairs

Stratified Open Pair/Team

Friday, June 7

9:00 a.m.

Stratified 499er Pairs

Stratified Open Pair/Team

1:30 p.m.

Stratified 499er Pairs

Stratified Open Pair/Team

Saturday, June 8

9:00 a.m.

Stratified 499er Pairs

Stratified Open Pair/Team

1:30 p.m.

Stratified 499er Pairs

Stratified Open Pair/Team

7:00 p.m.

Stratified 499er Pairs

Short Match Swiss

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Sunday, June 9

9:00 a.m. & TBA

2 Single Session Swiss Teams

Lunch Included



Pairs choose their partners for all pair/team games.

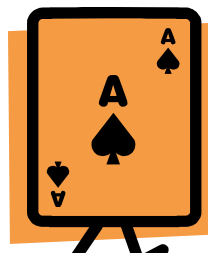
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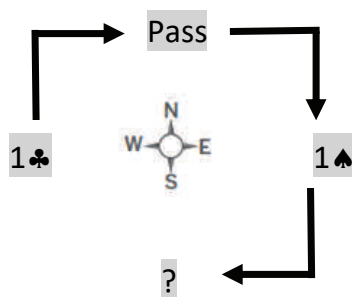
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STRATIFICATIONS
499er: 0-100; 100-300; 300-500
Open: 0-1000; 1000-3000; 3000+



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Tolerance throughout the
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myself!

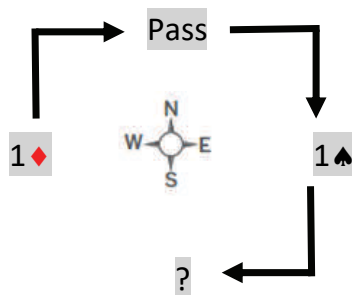
West opens 1♣, North passes, and East responds 1♠. You are sitting South. What call do you make?



7. ♠ A87
♥ QJ5
♦ AK84
♣ 763

8. ♠ KQ3
♥ A1096
♦ J75
♣ AQ10

West opens 1♦, North passes, and East responds 1♠. You are sitting South. What call do you make?



9. ♠ 83
♥ AK42
♦ K95
♣ QJ54

10. ♠ 543
♥ K9
♦ AJ32
♣ AQJ5

Answers on Page 8

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To access the site and find the newsletters, go to:

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Newsletters at this address go back to 2001. You can read them, print them, and enjoy them from there.

ANSWERS TO THE BIDDING QUIZ

West opens 1♣, North passes, and East responds 1♠. You are sitting South. What call do you make?

1. ♠K1032 ♥KJ85 ♦A1053 ♣6

Double. There are 11 high-card points plus 3 dummy points for the singleton club – enough for a takeout double, showing hearts and diamonds.

2. ♠AQ3 ♥KJ95 ♦KJ2 ♣985

Double (Pass). There are 14 high-card points and four hearts but, with only three diamonds, it is not clear to double with this hand. Partner may compete too high in diamonds. However, entering the auction with a double may be the best call, and it is preferable to have less than the expected length in a minor suit than a major suit.

West opens 1♦, North passes, and East responds 1♥. You are sitting South. What call do you make?

3. ♠A985 ♥J1053 ♦AK2 ♣J9

Pass. There are 13 high-card points and four spades, so it would be nice to enter the auction, but there is no convenient call. Doubling with only a doubleton club is risky, because partner might get the partnership too high in a poor club fit.

4. ♠KJ42 ♥K9 ♦87 ♣AJ1094

Double. This hand is suitable for a takeout double and also for a 2♣ overcall. Holding a four-card major suit and a five-card minor suit, it looks better to double than overcall, in order to get the major suit into the picture. Finding a major suit fit is the top priority.

5. ♠QJ43 ♥7 ♦8752 ♣A1086

Pass. The distribution is appropriate for a takeout double, but the hand is too weak to double, with only 7 high-card points and 3 dummy points for the singleton heart. Partner will expect a stronger hand.

6. ♠KJ984 ♥A2 ♦J9 ♣QJ53

1♠. Double and 1♠ are both possible calls. When the five-card suit is a major, it is usually better to overcall because the partnership priority is to find a major-suit fit. Doubling might result in missing a 5-3 spade fit.

West opens 1♣, North passes, and East responds 1♠. You are sitting South. What call do you make?

7. ♠A87 ♥QJ5 ♦AK84 ♣763

Pass (Double). There are 14 high-card points but, with only three-card support for hearts, this hand is borderline for a takeout double. Double is acceptable, but it may be more prudent to pass when holding less major-suit length than partner would expect.

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8. ♠KQ3 ♥A1096 ♦J75 ♣AQ10

1NT. Double may appear to be an acceptable call, with 16 high-card points, four hearts and three diamonds. However, double should not be chosen when a more descriptive call is available. Overcall 1NT, showing a balanced hand with about 15-18 points and stoppers in clubs and spades.

West opens 1♦, North passes, and East responds 1♠. You are sitting South. What call do you make?

9. ♠83 ♥AK42 ♦K95 ♣QJ54

Double. This is a model double after an opening bid and response, with 13 high-card points and 1 dummy point for the doubleton spade. Holding at least four cards in both unbid suits is ideal for a takeout double.

10. ♠543 ♥K9 ♦AJ32 ♣AQJ5

Pass. It would be nice to be able to enter the auction as there are 15 high-card points, but there is no attractive call besides pass. Doubling with only a doubleton in an unbid major suit is unacceptable, as is overcalling 1NT holding no spade stopper. Sometimes pass is the best call, even with a relatively strong hand.

Stars of Tomorrow I/N Silver Point Sectional*

May 18-19, 2019

JourneyCare

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Saturday, May 18

9:30 Stratified Pairs
(0-100, 100-300, 300-500)

2:00 Stratified Pairs
(0-100, 100-300, 300-500)
(Probable finish: 5:30p.m.)

Sunday, May 19

10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
(0-100, 100-300, 300-500)
Two-session play through
(Probable finish: before
4:30 p.m.)
Please call ahead to arrange
Sunday teammates.

10:00 Stratified Pairs
(0-100, 100-300, 300-500)
Single session game
(Probable finish: before
1:30 p.m.)

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Chair: Guy Franklin

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**A tournament for non-Life Masters
with fewer than 500 points*

The Chicago Contract Bridge Association was unable to site its June Regional. As a result, the CCBA Board of Directors has decided to run the Labor Day Sectional as a Regional this year. The tournament will still be held at the Weber Center. Events will pay GOLD!

The schedule has not yet been firmed but as soon as it is, it will be available at: bridgeinchicago.com!

There will be lots of events for Newbies. Plan to come and play... you will be glad you did!

District 13 Spring Regional

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Monday, April 8

1:30, 7:00 **Two Session Stratified Open Pairs to benefit the Grass Roots Fund**

Tuesday, April 9

10:00 & 3:00 **Open Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**

10:00 & 3:00 **Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

Wednesday, April 10

10:00 & 3:00 **Open Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**

10:00 & 3:00 **Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

Thursday, April 11

10:00 & 3:00 **Stratified Single Session Side Games to benefit the Grass Roots Fund**

10:00 & 3:00 **Open Swiss Team ((0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**

10:00 & 3:00 **Gold Rush Teams (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

Friday, April 12

10:00 & 3:00 **Open Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**

10:00 & 3:00 **Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

Saturday, April 13

10:00 & 3:00 **Bracketed Swiss Teams**

10:00 & 3:00 **Open Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**

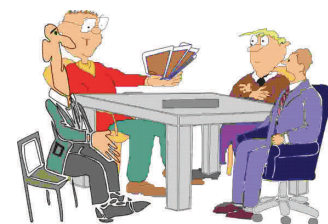
10:00 & 3:00 **Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

Sunday, April 14

10:00 **Stratiflighted Swiss Teams Playthrough ... Lunch Included**

Flight A/X/Y

B/C/D Stratified



Tournament Chairman:
Suzi Subeck

847-509-0311

Email: stansubeck@prodigy.net

Open+ Chart for Sunday Flight A/X/Y Swiss Teams

Stratified Games: A: 2000+; B: 750-2000; C: 0-750

Stratiflighted Teams:

A:5000+; X: 3000-5000; Y: 0-3000

B: 750-1500; C: 300-750; D: 0-300

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From the 5th Chair

Well, you've just received 13 cards. You can see all of them, can tell how good your suits (spades, hearts, diamonds, and clubs) are. But your partner holds the other 13 cards that your partnership has. You'd like to know what cards she holds so that you'd know just how good your partnership's cards are. But, unlike Go Fish, you can't say, "Got any kings?" You have to tell partner about your hand using bids (next lesson). Partner will tell you about her hand using bids.

The key is to learn as much about partner's hand AND tell partner as much as you can about your hand using these bids so that one of you knows enough to decide, "Where to play the hand?" (What suit will be trumps?) and "How high should we be playing?" (How many tricks can we take?).

But before you can start bidding (describing your hand to your partner), you have to be able to determine (analyze the hand) what, if anything, to say about it (or bid).

In each suit, there are 13 cards. The highest card is the Ace (A) and the lowest card is the 2. The entire order from highest to lowest is: A K Q J T 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2. Therefore, the most important cards are the A, K, Q, and J. That's not to say the other cards are unimportant. But they're less important. The more AKQJs you hold, the more tricks you will be able to take.

Since you can't tell partner, "I hold two kings, two queens and one jack," a method of describing how good your cards are has been developed. Most bridge players use the "Milton Work Point Count" system to come up with a general NUMERICAL description of how good a hand is.

In this point-counting method, EACH Ace is worth four points, EACH King is worth 3 points, EACH Queen is worth 2 points, and EACH Jack is worth 1 point. The higher the total point count, the more tricks you're LIKELY to be able to take. For most players, this is the first step in hand analysis.

So, your first step is to total up the "high card points" (HCP) you have. For example:

Hand #1		Hand #2		Hand #3	
♠ AJ73	4+1	♠ T987	0	♠ AKQT987	4+3+2
♥ KT98	3	♥ AKQ	4+3+2	♥	0
♦ J32	1	♦ 5432	0	♦ 5432	0
♣ Q5	2 = 11 HCP	♣ T9	0 = 9 HCP	♣ T9	0 = 9 HCP

Since there are four of each (AKQJ) in the deck of cards, there are 40 HCP TOTAL in the deck. On an average hand, you'll hold 10 points. If you hold 11, you hold just a bit more than average.

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Looking at hands #2 and #3, there are a lot more spades in #3. The smaller cards in this suit may win tricks because your opponents may not have any left after they follow suit to the A, K, and Q (the hand has "length in the suit").

So, a modification to the point count is used to add points for long suits, because they have more trick-taking potential. Thus, for each card more than four in any suit, you can add ONE (1) point to the total HCP you just calculated. Example #1 has only four, or fewer, card suits so 0 (zero) length points are added. The same is true for the second example.

However, #3 has a seven card spade suit (three more than the basic four), so the point total is modified to 9 HCP + 3 points (length in spades) for a total of 12 points.

PROGRESSIVE SECTIONAL FINALS AND ANNUAL MEETING Saturday ~ May 4, 2019

THE GOOD HOPE SCHOOL (4 ACES BRIDGE CLUB) - ROOM #26

2315 W. Good Hope Road - Glendale WI

(The school is not visible from Good Hope Road)

From I-43: Exit #80 Good Hope Road West for 1½ miles

Turn left just before the tennis courts on the south side

From I-41: Exit # 47 Good Hope Road East for 5.5 miles

Turn right just after the tennis courts on the south side

The drive will take you to the school.

Enter through the main door (#1) and follow the signs to the Club.

MORNING PAIR QUALIFYING
April 22 - April 27
AFTERNOON PAIR QUALIFYING
April 29 - May 3

FLIGHTS
0 - 750 (Non-Life Master)
0 - 2000
Unlimited

9:30 a.m. Morning Progressive Pairs Final (Flighted)
9:30 a.m. Open Pairs (Stratified)
1:00 p.m. **ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS**
2:00 p.m. Afternoon Progressive Pairs (Flighted)
2:00 p.m. Open Pairs (Stratified)

\$8 Entry Fee for each Pair Game
\$4 Additional fee for Unpaid ACBL Members
Payable at Game Time

\$5 Box Lunch Available for Purchase
(Cost is subsidized by Unit 222)

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July

Waukesha Summerfest Sectional

Greater Milwaukee Bridge Association - Unit 222

July 10 thru 13, 2019

Saint John Neumann's Parish Hall

2400 W State Road 59 - Waukesha, WI (enter from rear, lower level)



Wednesday

July 10th

9:30 a.m.

Pair/Team Game & 299ers Pair Game

1:30 p.m.

Pair/Team Game & 299ers Pair Game

8th Annual Pot Luck Lunch

(Contributions graciously accepted) - Contact Janet Holmes 262-782-4212



Thursday

July 11th

9:30 a.m.

Pair/Team Game & 299ers Pair Game

1:30 p.m.

Pair/Team Game & 299ers Pair Game

Lunch orders available prior to morning session - \$5 - includes sandwich, chips & soda



Friday

July 12th

9:30 a.m.

Pair/Team Game & 299ers Pair Game

1:30 p.m.

Pair/Team Game & 299ers Pair Game

Lunch orders available prior to morning session - \$5 - includes Brat or Hamburger, chips, & soda



Saturday

July 13th

10:00 a.m.

Stratified Swiss Team Game

(2 Sessions playthrough) Team Averaging

FREE PIZZA LUNCH

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NEWCOMER EVENTS

0-300 Masterpoints

0-5 ACBL members play FREE all week

District 13 was fortunate enough to have 8 teams in both Flight B and C of the Grand National Teams District Final. As a result, D13 is able to send two teams in each flight to the National ACBL Competition in Las Vegas this summer.

The District Competition is held each year at the end of February in Northbrook, IL at the Hilton Hotel.

Peter Wilke, our directing Guru, runs a very efficient, extremely popular event. Plan to attend next year from February 22-23. If you play in B, you must plan for both days... if you play in C, it is all on Sunday.

