

I/N News ... especially for you!

DECLARER PLAY by Audrey Grant

When dummy comes down, it is important declarer makes a plan *before* playing to the first trick. Use the ABCs of declarer play to help you.

The first step is to **Assess the Situation** – count the number of winners or losers we have and compare the total to the number of winners we need or losers we can afford. When we need to establish extra winners or eliminate losers, we move to the second step, **Browse Declarer's Checklist**, for the various techniques. The final step is to **Consider the Order**, deciding how to put it all together. In this step, there are a number of considerations, including: drawing trumps, managing entries, watching out for the opponents, taking losses early, and combining chances.

Let's take a look at the following deal and apply the principles.

DEALER: NORTH VUL: E-W DECLARER: EAST	1♦2♣3NT <u>NORTH</u> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 50%;">WEST</td><td style="width: 50%;">EAST</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2" style="text-align: center; padding-top: 10px;">SOUTH</td></tr></table> ♠ Q 10 5 ♥ A 8 4 3 ♦ 10 5 2 ♣ K Q 8 1♥2NTPass	WEST	EAST	SOUTH	
WEST	EAST				
SOUTH					

PassPassPassPassPassPass

The Auction

You hold this hand as South. Partner opens 1♦ as the dealer. East passes.

With a four-card heart suit and 11 high-card points, you respond 1♥. West passes. Partner rebids 2♣. East passes. With a balanced hand, bid 2NT to show your strength and invite game. West passes, and partner raises to 3NT. Everyone passes.

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You are now the declarer in 3NT.

Audrey Grant is a noted bridge author and teacher. She is a member of the ACBL Hall of Fame.

This article is the third in our series from Audrey ... She has discussed Defense, Bidding and now Play. Audrey has long been a driving force for bridge around the world. She will be contributing more columns to this publication. If you want to improve your game painlessly, her online column service (see pink panel on page 2) may just be your answer!

Making a Plan

West leads the ♠2.

Making 3NT will require nine tricks. It's time to make a plan.

In a notrump contract, begin by counting sure winners. You start with one sure spade winner, one sure heart winner, three sure club winners, and no sure diamond winners because the opponents hold the

♦A. That's a total of five sure winners, and you need four more.

Where could the additional tricks come from?

The opening spade lead presents an additional potential trick in the suit. If ♠K is in the West hand, declarer can win with the ♠Q in hand. If the ♠K is in the East hand, then declarer's ♠Q will be promoted to a winner.

There is a potential for a fourth club trick if the opponents' six clubs divide 3-3.

Four tricks can be established in the diamond suit. Once the ♦A is driven out, the rest of the diamond suit will be promoted into winners.

This looks pretty straightforward. In fact, South might take ten or eleven tricks on this deal. Let's see how the play might go.

Possible Play

West has led the ♠2. Let's suppose South decides to establish a second spade trick by playing low from dummy. The ♠4 is played. East wins the ♠K, establishing the ♠Q as a winner.

However, East shifts to the ♥K. This is a dangerous shift. Without sufficient strength in declarer's heart suit, the opponents might be able to take three or more heart tricks plus the ♦A!

In fact, that's what happens with this deal:

DEALER: NORTH VUL: E-W CONTRACT: 3NT DECLARER: SOUTH	♠ J 9 8 2 ♥ 6 5 2 ♦ 8 4 ♣ J 9 7 4	♠ A 4 ♥ J 7 ♦ K Q J 9 3 ♣ A 6 5 2 NORTH WEST EAST SOUTH ♠ Q 10 5 ♥ A 8 4 3 ♦ 10 5 2 ♣ K Q 8	♠ K 7 6 3 ♥ K Q 10 9 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ 10 3
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After East wins the ♠K, by shifting to the ♥K, East-West will take three heart tricks and the ♦A – a total of five tricks. Declarer will be down one.

It had looked like North-South had plenty of tricks. What went wrong?

Consider the Dangers

There are enough potential winners to make the contract – *but only if we watch out for the opponents*. South must avoid the danger of letting the opponents establish and take five winners before South can take nine.

Hearts is declarer's weak suit. Without enough length and strength in the suit, once declarer is forced to play the ♥A, the opponents can establish heart winners and defeat the contract.

How can South make sure the opponents cannot switch to hearts effectively?

Win the ♠A at trick one!

By winning the first trick, South can avoid the danger of a heart shift by opponents. However, doing so might allow the opponents to take spade tricks. After the ♠A is gone, South will remain with only the ♠Q-10. Indeed, if East holds the ♦A, a further spade lead would trap South's ♠Q-10 and result in losing several spade tricks if West has the ♠K-J.

However, the heart suit is the greater danger. If East wins the ♠K and switches to hearts, you might lose five or more tricks.

If you win the first trick with the ♠A, the opponents should be able to take at most three spade tricks plus the ♦A. How can you be sure?

Use the Clue

The clue is in the opening lead. Assuming West's lead is fourth-highest, the ♠2 is the lowest spade, so West presumably started with exactly four spades.

Eight spades are missing. So, if West has four, East also has four. After the ♠A is taken, the opponents will be able to take no more than three spade tricks plus the ♦A.

You can afford to lose four tricks, so the contract should be secure if you win the ♠A at trick one.

Recommended Play

Let's replay the hand with this strategy in mind. West has led the ♠2.

Win with the ♠A. Next, develop the diamond suit by playing a low diamond from dummy to the ♦10. Whenever East wins the ♦A, East leads a spade through your ♠Q-10. West wins three spade tricks, as you have expected.

After that, it doesn't matter what West leads. You have the ♥A, three club winners, and the diamond tricks. Your 3NT contract is safe!

Summary

Often, you can guarantee an extra trick or two in the suit of the opening lead by giving the opponents the chance to win the first trick. However, it is not always safe to do so. You must consider the dangers.

On this deal, playing low from dummy ensured a second trick in spades but put the contract at risk. East could win the first trick and shift to hearts.

Sometimes, it is safer to take the first trick, even if it might sacrifice a trick in the suit. In this deal, it was safer to lose spade tricks than heart tricks.

Analyzing the opening lead is the key. West's ♠2 lead meant the opponents could take at most three spade tricks. In contrast, playing low from dummy risked losing the ♠K, ♦A, and three or more heart tricks.

Next time you are declarer, make a plan and follow the ABCs of declarer play. You will be rewarded with your careful considerations.

Masterpoint Winners: Stars of Tomorrow Tournament May 2019 - (results on page 5)

Total masterpoints: 129.60 earned by 94 players.

Total attendance: 65 tables.

1 7.79 Vincent DeConti, Naperville IL	31 1.46 Mel Simon, Arlington Hgts IL	63 0.51 Margaret Swartz, Oakbrook Terrac
2 7.79 Pankaj Bhargava, Oak Brook IL	32 1.45 Marila Beatty, Glenview IL	64 0.51 David Swartz, Oakbrook Terrac IL
3 4.53 Cynthia Polayes, Chicago IL	33 1.45 Marcia Patterson, Northfield IL	65 0.49 Rene Ortman, Mount Prospect IL
4 4.53 Carolyn Turek, Chicago IL	34 1.33 Linda Abrahams, Northbrook IL	66 0.49 Juliet(Jill) Bergner, Arlington Hgts IL
5 4.34 Monte Lamb, Hinsdale IL	35 1.33 Jan Sax, Glenview IL	67 0.45 Siv Ferguson, Glen Ellyn IL
6 4.34 Michael Dunn, Downers Grove IL	36 1.27 Wanda Burgard, Cherry Valley IL	68 0.45 Linda Hoblitzell, Glen Ellyn IL
7 3.96 Marcus Gottlieb, Deerfield IL	37 1.27 Jody Westland, Aurora IL	69 0.43 Jon Carroll, Chicago IL
8 3.96 Arnold Flank, Northbrook IL	38 1.27 Fran Fey, Rockford IL	70 0.43 Cynthia Linton, Chicago IL
9 2.84 Martin Howard, Arlington Hgts IL	39 1.27 Evelyn Grant, Naples FL	71 0.42 Gail Brandt, Park Ridge IL
10 2.84 Karen Brucks, Arlington Hgts IL	40 1.25 Mary Ellen Laue, Wilmette IL	72 0.35 Robert Wolfson, Highland Park IL
11 2.70 Trichinopoly Thayumanasundar, Palatine IL	41 1.21 Kristin Brennan, Lake Forest IL	73 0.35 Kunal Pujara, Highland Park IL
12 2.70 Susan Salzinski, Lake Zurich IL	42 1.21 Judith Corso, Vernon Hills IL	74 0.32 Patricia Roszkowski, Western Springs
13 2.46 William Amster, Elk Grove Vlg IL	43 1.21 Jill Hurwitz, Highland Park IL	75 0.32 John Groenewold, Schaumburg IL
14 2.46 Lynn Shevelenko, Buffalo Grove IL	44 1.10 Robin Roy, Chicago IL	76 0.32 Greg Roszkowski, Western Springs IL
15 2.27 Martha Adams, Barrington Hls IL	45 1.10 Carolyn Naselli, Chicago IL	77 0.32 Dave McCarty, Chicago IL
16 2.27 Marion Tuttle, Palatine IL	46 1.01 Bonnie Rothenberg, Northbrook IL	78 0.29 Valy Lev, Evanston IL
17 2.27 Greg Maccoubrey, Crystal Lake IL	47 0.93 Roslyn Grodzin, Chicago IL	79 0.29 Linda Kuna, Tower Lakes IL
18 2.27 Ellen McGregor, Mundelein IL	48 0.93 Barbara Feig, Chicago IL	80 0.27 Wendy Shea, Wilmette IL
19 2.17 Robert Smith, Arlington Hgts IL	49 0.83 Rosalie Sturtevant, Mount Prospect	81 0.27 David Schwartzwald, Northbrook IL
20 2.17 Bob Kell, N Barrington IL	50 0.83 James Sturtevant, Mount Prospect	82 0.25 Patricia Mayer, Mundelein IL
21 1.95 Nancy Ross, Chicago IL	51 0.82 Virginia Enman, Glenview IL	83 0.25 Eric Mayer, Mundelein IL
22 1.95 Lisa Radomski, Chicago IL	52 0.82 Sue Lies, Wilmette IL	84 0.24 Shirlee Simmons, Westmont IL
23 1.83 William Reed, Chicago IL	53 0.72 Muneer Jamal, Naperville IL	85 0.24 Sherry Pawlowski, Willowbrook IL
24 1.83 Mary Reed, Chicago IL	54 0.72 Dershi Saxena, Oak Brook IL	86 0.24 Linda Tate Best, Evanston IL
25 1.73 Jodi Biederer, Deerfield IL	55 0.71 Michael Tabor, Libertyville IL	87 0.21 Steve Malone, Chicago IL
26 1.73 Gary Biederer, Deerfield IL	56 0.71 Donald Roer, Arlington Hgts IL	88 0.21 Laureanne Kromelow, Chicago IL
27 1.63 James O Donnell, Park Ridge IL	57 0.61 John Harding, Arlington Hgts IL	89 0.20 Trevor Moore, Chicago IL
28 1.49 Tom Drouin, Glen Ellyn IL	58 0.61 Donald Scherrer, Arlington Hgts IL	90 0.20 Acacia Tang, Chicago IL
29 1.49 Steve Lowe, Geneva IL	59 0.59 Ryna Becker, Northbrook IL	91 0.19 Mary Ann Cashion, Northfield IL
30 1.46 Natalie Simon, Arlington Hgts IL	60 0.59 Arlene Erlebacher, Evanston IL	92 0.19 M Sandonato, Northbrook IL
	61 0.58 Thomas Mier, Arlington Hgts IL	93 0.19 Judy Wehling, Glenview IL
	62 0.58 Joyce Tjarks, Arlington Hgts IL	94 0.19 Elizabeth Baby, Winnetka IL

I/N Tournament Results

Stars of Tomorrow Glenview, IL May 18-19, 2019 Saturday Aft I/N Pairs - 23.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.78	1	1		Pankaj Bhargava, Oak Brook IL; Vincent DeConti, Naperville IL	66.67%
2.84	2			Martin Howard - Karen Brucks, Arlington Hgts IL	65.75%
2.13	3			Cynthia Polayes - Carolyn Turek, Chicago IL	62.72%
2.17	4	2		Robert Smith, Arlington Hgts IL; Bob Kell, N Barrington IL	61.95%
1.83	5	3	1	William Reed - Mary Reed, Chicago IL	60.53%
1.37	6	4	2	Lynn Shevelenko, Buffalo Grove IL; William Amster, Elk Grove Vlg IL	60.20%
0.95		5		Marcus Gottlieb, Deerfield IL; Arnold Flank, Northbrook IL	59.34%
0.72		6		Muneer Jamal, Naperville IL; Dershi Saxena, Oak Brook IL	58.58%
1.03		3		Steve Lowe, Geneva IL; Tom Drouin, Glen Ellyn IL	51.75%
0.77		4		Gary Biederer - Jodi Biederer, Deerfield IL	51.43%
0.58		5		Joyce Tjarks - Thomas Mier, Arlington Hgts IL	49.78%
0.43		6		Cynthia Linton - Jon Carroll, Chicago IL	49.34%

Sunday AM I/N Pairs - 7.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
1.95	1	1		Nancy Ross - Lisa Radomski, Chicago IL	62.08%
1.46	2	2	1	Natalie Simon - Mel Simon, Arlington Hgts IL	61.25%
1.10	3			Robin Roy - Carolyn Naselli, Chicago IL	56.25%
0.82	4			Sue Lies, Wilmette IL; Virginia Enman, Glenview IL	55.83%
0.93	5	3		Barbara Feig - Roslyn Grodzin, Chicago IL	52.50%
0.96		4	2	Jodi Biederer - Gary Biederer, Deerfield IL	52.08%
0.72		3		Susan Salzinski, Lake Zurich IL; Trichinopoly Thayumanasundar, Palatine IL	50.00%

Sunday I/N Swiss Teams - 5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.27	1	1		Greg Maccoubrey, Crystal Lake IL; Ellen McGregor, Mundelein IL; Martha Adams, Barrington Hls IL; Marion Tuttle, Palatine IL	29.07
1.70	2			Cynthia Polayes - Carolyn Turek, Chicago IL; Monte Lamb, Hinsdale IL; Michael Dunn, Downers Grove IL	25.93

Saturday AM I/N Pairs - 24.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
4.01	1	1		Pankaj Bhargava, Oak Brook IL; Vincent DeConti, Naperville IL	71.11%
3.01	2	2		Marcus Gottlieb, Deerfield IL; Arnold Flank, Northbrook IL	67.65%
1.98	3/4	3	1	Susan Salzinski, Lake Zurich IL; Trichinopoly Thayumanasundar, Palatine IL	60.42%
1.98	3/4			Monte Lamb, Hinsdale IL; Michael Dunn, Downers Grove IL	60.42%
1.27	5			Wanda Burgard, Cherry Valley IL; Fran Fey, Rockford IL	59.32%
1.01	6			Bonnie Rothenberg, Northbrook IL; Mary Ellen Laue, Wilmette IL	59.21%
1.45		4	2	Marcia Patterson, Northfield IL; Marila Beatty, Glenview IL	58.40%
0.83		5/6		Rosalie Sturtevant - James Sturtevant, Mount Prospect IL	57.69%
0.83		5/6		Linda Abrahams, Northbrook IL; Jan Sax, Glenview IL	57.69%
1.09		3		William Amster, Elk Grove Vlg IL; Lynn Shevelenko, Buffalo Grove IL	57.68%
0.81		4		Jody Westland, Aurora IL; Evelyn Grant, Naples FL	56.09%
0.61		5		John Harding - Donald Scherrer, Arlington Hgts IL	55.59%
0.46		6		Tom Drouin, Glen Ellyn IL; Steve Lowe, Geneva IL	51.43%

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Tournament Schedules Throughout

August 19-25, 2019 - Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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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

9:30 AM **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

9:30 AM **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

9:30 AM **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

9:30 AM **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

9:30 AM **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

9:30 AM **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 750+ / C 1000+ / D 1500+ (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.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

Gold Rush Pairs
Gold Rush Swiss Team

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

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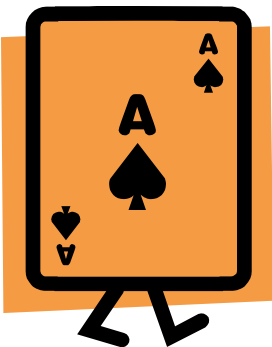
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Bergen Tips from Marty Bergen

- 1) Always think about how many trumps the opponents have and how they are likely to divide.
- 2) When to lead a trump: RHO opens a major, his partner never supports him, opener bids a second suit, which becomes trump. Dummy is probably short in declarer's first suit so you should be eager to lead a trump.
- 3) Two of the most important principles of The Law of Total Tricks are: With 10 trumps, be eager to compete to the four level. When in doubt, bid 4 spades over 4 hearts.
- 4) Consider whether to draw trumps first. Unless you're 100 percent sure, don't do it.
- 5) If the Rule of 11 contradicts the cards in view, you can be sure partner has led top of nothing rather than 4th best.
- 6) If the defenders are not likely to ruff anything, postponing the drawing of trumps is not a problem.
- 7) When partner opens 1NT, do not get carried away when you have a flat 16 HCP. A raise to 4NT is enough.
- 8) Every player has heard, "When in doubt, lead trump." Obviously, if your other suits are "unleadable," you would lead a trump but the above statement is not very helpful. I much prefer the following guideline: The best time to lead a trump is when you are NOT in doubt."
- 9) Even when you're not taking a finesse, it often matters which hand leads the suit.
- 10) After partner overcalls at the one level, a new suit should not be forcing.
- 11) Play the honor from the short side first applies to the declarer AND the defenders.
- 12) If the opponents have the balance of power and a fit , your only hope may be to lead a short suit.
- 13) If partner doubles their slam, assume he has a void and try to "find" it.
- 14) If RHO bids or doubles after partner's Jacoby transfer, you don't have to bid.
- 15) Two things to try to memorize: The opening lead and dummy's distribution and honor cards.



It always makes me feel sick
When Partner trumps my very trick.
I think of it as "bridge game treason"
Unless he has a perfect reason.
Knowing when, on him is tough,
He needs the lead to score MY ruff!
It might not be his bad mistake,
Be tolerant, for heaven's sake!



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August 20 - 25, 2019

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TUES - 20 th	9:30 AM	2:00 PM	7:30 PM
Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/X/Y	Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/X/Y	Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/X/Y	Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/X/Y
Gold Rush Pairs	Gold Rush Pairs	Gold Rush Pairs	Gold Rush Pairs
WED - 21 st	9:30 AM	2:00 PM	7:30 PM
Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/X/Y	Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/X/Y	Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/X/Y	Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/X/Y
Gold Rush Pairs	Gold Rush Pairs	Gold Rush Pairs	Gold Rush Pairs
THURS - 22 nd	9:30 AM	2:00 PM	7:30 PM
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 1/2	Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 2/2	Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 2/2	Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 2/2
Gold Rush Swiss Teams 1/2	Gold Rush Swiss Teams 2/2	Gold Rush Swiss Teams 2/2	Gold Rush Swiss Teams 2/2
Side Pairs 1/3	Side Pairs 2/3	Side Pairs 3/3	Side Pairs 3/3
FRI - 23 rd	9:30 AM	2:00 PM	7:30 PM
Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/X/Y	Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/X/Y	Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/X/Y	Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/X/Y
Gold Rush Pairs	Gold Rush Pairs	Gold Rush Pairs	Gold Rush Pairs
SAT - 24 th	9:30 AM	2:00 PM	7:30 PM
Stratiflighted Open Pairs 1/2	Stratiflighted Open Pairs 2/2	Stratiflighted Open Pairs 2/2	Stratiflighted Open Pairs 2/2
Gold Rush Pairs 1/2	Gold Rush Pairs 2/2	Gold Rush Pairs 2/2	Gold Rush Pairs 2/2
SUN - 25 th	10 AM and TBA		
	Stratiflighted Swiss Teams - Two Session Playthrough (BOX LUNCH AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FOR \$10)		
	A/X and B/C/D		

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 A/X: 0-3000 and 3000+; B/C/D: 0-500, 500-1000, 1000-2000
 Stratified Events: 0-1000, 1000-2500, 2500+**



Silver Point Sectional

August 29 - September 2

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Schedule

Thursday, August 29
 1:00, 6:00 Emperor's Birthday Charity Game
 Two-Session Stratified Open Pair Game
 (0-500, 500-3000, 3000+)

Friday, August 30
 10:00 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game
 2:30 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game
 7:30 Steve Chesten-Gerald Gittles Memorial Charity Pairs Game

Saturday, August 31
 10:00 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game
 2:30 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game

Sunday, September 1
 10:00 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game
 2:30 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game

Monday, September 2
 10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams with light chicken lunch

(Masterpoint Averaging when possible)
 Stratification: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750

Intermediate/Novice Schedule

Thursday, August 29
 1:00, 6:00 Emperor's Birthday Charity Game
 (See Schedule at left for details.)

Stratifications for games listed below:
 0-100, 100-300, 300-500
 (0-500 points non-life master)

Friday, August 30
 10:00 Stratified Open Pairs
 2:30 Stratified Open Pairs
 7:30 Steve Chesten-Gerald Gittles Memorial Charity Pairs Game under 500 MP bracket. (See Schedule at left.)

Saturday, August 31
 10:00 Stratified Open Pairs
 2:30 Stratified Open Pairs

Sunday, September 1
 10:00 Stratified Open Pairs
 2:30 Stratified Open Pairs

Monday, September 2
 10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
 1:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
 (Two single sessions. Play one or both.)



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**Need a partner, contact Todd or Guy
 (Texts or emails preferred)**

For information:
 CCBA Website at www.bridgeinchicago.com

Pair/Team Games: One Game, Two Chances for Masterpoints!

1. As a Pair (Matchpoints, think club games)
2. As a Team (Board-A-Match scoring)

Pair/Team Games are single session. Come with a team, or come as a pair and automatically become the partners of the other pair at the first table where you sit. Scratch as a pair and win points. Scratch as a team and win points. Scratch BOTH ways and get the higher award (you can only get one award).



Milwaukee Fallfest Sectional

October 2 - 5, 2019

Cardinal Stritch University
 Bonaventure Hall Conference Center
 6801 Yates Road - Milwaukee WI

Wednesday, October 2

9:30 AM
 Stratified Pair/Teams
 Stratified 299er Pairs

1:30 PM
 Stratified Pair/Teams
 Stratified 299er Pairs

Thursday, October 3

9:30 AM
 Stratified Pair/Teams
 Stratified 299er Pairs

1:30 PM
 Stratified Pair/Teams
 Stratified 299er Pairs

Friday, October 4

9:30 AM
 Stratified Pair/Teams
 Stratified 299er Pairs

1:30 PM
 Stratified Pair/Teams
 Stratified 299er Pairs

Saturday, October 5

9:30 AM
 Williams Gary Memorial Swiss Teams - Two Sessions

1:30 PM

COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE AND TREATS AT EACH SESSION

**Strata for all Open events: 0-750/750-2500/2500+
 Strata for 299er Events: 0-50/50-100/100-300
 Strata may be adjusted as attendance warrants**

**YOU MUST BE AN ACBL MEMBER TO PLAY IN THE TOURNAMENT.
 A TEMPORARY ONE-MONTH MEMBERSHIP MAY BE PURCHASED FOR \$7.99.**

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DIRECTIONS: Hwy 43 to Exit 80 - Good Hope Rd
 East to Port Washington Road
 Turn right (south) 1/2 mile to entrance on left

WUMBA Sectional - Silver Points - Updated 4/1/19

Friday-Sunday, December 6, 7, & 8, 2019

Friday, Dec. 6

9:00 499er Pair Game
 Open Pair/Team Game[†]
 1:30 499er Pair Game
 Open Pair/Team Game[†]
 6:30 Short Match Swiss

Saturday, Dec. 7

9:00 499er Pair Game
 Open Pair/Team Game[†]
 1:30 499er Pair Game
 Open Pair/Team Game[†]
 6:30 Short Match Swiss

Sunday, Dec. 8

9:00 AM SWISS TEAMS
 2-Session Play-thru

499er Swiss, if sufficient teams
Lunch included in entry fee

[†]All pair-team of four events will allow
 you to buy a team-of-four entry
 with partners of your choice

Stratification by director
 (generally 0-1000, 1000-3000, 3000+)

*** New Location ***

Hawthorn

Suites by Wyndham

5421 Caddis Bend

Fitchburg, WI 53711

(608) 271-3400

Ask for \$99/night Hotel
 "Madison City Bridge" Rate

Only coffee, tea, &
 water will be available
 on site

**Free Lessons on
 Friday & Saturday
 12:50-1:20 pm**

ACBL Sanction # S1912050

Chair: Marge Morgan, (608) 271-6460, mumorgan55@gmail.com

Partnerships: David Raitt, (612) 554-7913, David.Raitt1@gmail.com

Partners guaranteed up to 1/2 hour before game time

Starting the Game...From "A Teacher First" website...

Starting the Game – Bidding and Playing

1. The Opening Bid

Once the deck of cards has been dealt (13 cards each), players pick up their cards, count them, and sort them into suits, highest to lowest.

Count points as follows: (HCP means High Card Points)

Hand Evaluation		
Ace	4 points	HCP
King	3 points	HCP
Queen	2 points	HCP
Jack	1 point	HCP
5 th card or more in one suit	1 point each	

Example:



The dealer is the first player who has the opportunity to make a call (pass or bid).

The bidding and playing of the game proceeds to the left (clockwise).

In order to start the bidding, a player should have 12+ points.

(There are some exceptions to this, but for now, it is a good rule to follow.)

If you do not have 12+ points, you should pass.

On rare occasions, all four players will pass in the first round and the game is "passed out."

Note: It is highly recommended to use bidding boxes. Players will learn faster. First, they can see all the bids available to them. Second, the bids are placed on the table in front of each player facing the center so all players can see all the bids throughout the bidding. No time is lost by verbally repeating the sequence of bidding and asking, "What did you bid?" There is much less confusion and more time is spent on learning the game of bridge.



Note: A "Pass" is not considered a bid.

Each game has only one **Opening Bid**.

The player who opens with the first bid (does not pass) is called the **Opener**.

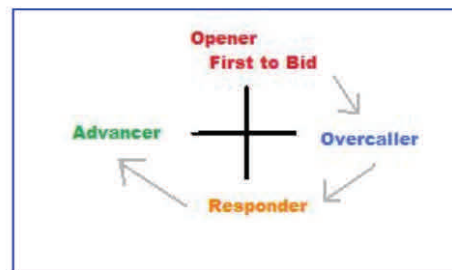
The player who bids higher than the Opener is the Overcaller.

The player who responds to his partner (the Opener) is the **Responder**.

The player who responds to his partner (the Overcaller) is the Advancer.

Note: Sometimes the Overcaller may be in 4th seat after the Responder.

For now, the two important positions to remember are the **Opener** and the **Responder**.



2. The Goal for Bidding

The final contract is established after the last bid is on the table and it is followed by 3 consecutive passes. The last bid becomes the final contract.

The goal for you and your partner is to find the best contract, which is, in order of preference:

#1 - A major suit contract (with 8+ cards in either ♥ or ♠ between you and partner)

#2 - A NT contract (somewhat balanced hands with no 8-card fit in a major)

#3 - A minor suit contract is the least desirable option, but sometimes the only good option.

Important: A contract in ♠, ♥ or NT requires fewer tricks and gives a higher score, compared to a minor suit contract in ♣ or ♦. This is why it is more beneficial to find a major suit contract or a NT contract, whenever it is possible, and why your first goal is to find out if you have an 8-card fit in a major suit.

Note: Refer to the **Bidding Chart** on this website for more details.

Suits are ranked from lowest to highest as follows:

Minor Suits (♣Clubs and ♦Diamonds), then Major Suits (♥Hearts and ♠Spades).

The highest bid available at each level is NT (No Trump).

Once three consecutive passes have occurred and the final contract is established, the bids are put back into the bidding box, and then the play of the hand begins.

3. Starting the Game – First Round

The player who first bid the strain of the contract (the suit or NT) becomes the Declarer.

The player immediately to the left of Declarer, Declarer's Left-Hand Opponent (abbrev. LHO), will make the "opening lead."

Errors are sometimes made as to which player makes the opening lead.

To prevent making the opening lead in error, here are the recommended steps to follow, in this order:

The player making the opening lead should decide on the suit and card to play, based on the bidding and the contents of his/her hand.

Before selecting the card, the player may ask for a review of the bidding from one of the opponents.

The player should take his/her chosen card and place it face down on the table, still holding it.

The player should ask, "Is it my lead?" to ensure it is, in fact, his/her lead.

Another option is to say, "Any questions, Partner?"

- This allows any player an opportunity to stop the player from leading, if it is not his/her turn.
- If it is not this player's turn to lead, s/he can put the card back into his/her hand (no one has seen the card) and the situation has been corrected without any problem.
- If it is the player's turn to lead, then the card is turned over and the game begins. The player is not allowed to change his/her mind on which card to lead at this point.

As soon as the opening lead is made, the partner of the Declarer displays the dummy hand on the table, placing the trump suit on dummy's right (Declarer's left), towards Declarer. Other suits should be placed alternating red and black. When in a NT contract, usually the order of suits, from left to right (Declarer's viewpoint) is spades, hearts, clubs and diamonds, though it is not imperative. Sample dummy hand ↓

Players must "follow suit" unless they have no cards in the suit which was led.

Declarer will call for the card to be played from the dummy hand. The "dummy" will play the card as requested.

Each round that you play and win is called "taking a trick."

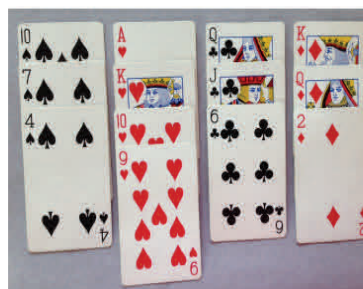
There are 13 rounds in each game (13 tricks).

A "book" is considered 6 tricks and is the basis on which to determine the number of tricks required to make your contract. (Book + contract level = number of tricks req'd.)

E.g., To make a contract of 1♥, you must take 1 trick over book (6 + 1 = 7 tricks in total).

To make a contract of 4♥, you must take 4 tricks over book (6 + 4 = 10 tricks in total).

Refer to the Bidding Chart to see the number of tricks required to make each contract.



Take notice of the following information:

Bonus points are given for reaching game level and higher.

A game of 4♠ or 4♥ (Major Suit) requires 25+ points (10 tricks).

A game of 3NT requires 25+ points (9 tricks).

Fewer tricks are required for 3NT compared to 4♠ or 4♥, but 3NT can be more difficult to make.

A game 5♦ or 5♣ (Minor Suit) requires 29+ points (11 tricks).

A minor suit contract is less desirable than a major suit or NT contract.

The score is higher for bidding and making a NT or major suit contract, compared to a minor suit, and fewer tricks are required.

Most often, you will be able to reach only a Partscore (any contract below Game level).

The highest scores are obtained by bidding and making a Slam contract.

A Small Slam is reached by bidding and making a contract at the 6 Level (any suit or NT).

A Grand Slam is reached by bidding and making a contract at the 7 Level (any suit or NT).

At the end of the first round, each player keeps his/her played card and places it face down at his/her own side of the table. If you have been playing social bridge, you may be accustomed to playing a card by placing it (or throwing it) in the middle of the table and the winner of the trick taking all the 4 cards for him/herself. It may require concentration and some time to break this habit.

The card is placed "straight up" (pointing towards the winner and partner) if winning the trick.

The card is placed "sideways" (pointing towards the opponents) if losing the trick.

Easy way to remember: "Stand up -- you win; lie down -- you lose." (See picture below.)

4. Continuing the Game (12 more rounds) and Finishing the Game

The player who won the first trick, now leads the first card for the next round.

This continues as each round is played.

Helpful Hint: If your partner does not follow suit, ask this question: "No more spades, partner?"

(replace the word, "spades," with whichever suit was led). If s/he has a card of that suit in his/her hand and fails to play it, this is called "reneging" or "revoking." If this mistake is caught immediately, the penalty is minimal. If playing in a sanctioned game, it is best to call the Director.

If the mistake is not caught immediately, at the end of the game, a 1- or 2-trick penalty could be assessed on the offending side, depending on the situation.

When the game is finished, all players should count their tricks and verify that the count is correct and agreed to by all before moving their cards in any way.



This display shows how cards are placed in front of a player whose side won the first 4 tricks, lost the next 4 tricks, won the next 2, lost the next 2 and won the final trick. This player (and his partner) won 7 tricks.

Scores should be calculated and recorded.

If using prepared boards, players should put their cards back into the board slot from whence they came.

If playing "social bridge," cards are shuffled and the dealer distributes the hands for the next game.

Some common bridge terms and other information that is helpful to know:

Void – no cards in that suit

Doubleton – two cards in a suit

Singleton – one card in a suit, sometimes referred to as a “Stiff”
(e.g., a “Stiff Ace,” means a singleton Ace.)

Balanced Hand – no voids, no singletons, maximum of one doubleton

Stoppers – a stopper in a suit is a high card that will stop the opponents from running their suit. An Ace is always considered to be a stopper. These are also considered to be stoppers: a King in a doubleton suit or longer, a Queen in a suit with 2+ other cards, a Jack in a suit with 3+ other cards.

Judgment is needed to assess what you need to stop a suit safely, especially if opponents are bidding. Stoppers are significant when playing in a NT contract. Stoppers need to be considered when deciding whether a NT contract is “safe” above the 1 level and are important when settling for a 3NT contract (game level) or higher.

Honor cards – Ace, King, Queen, Jack

Spot cards - any card below an honor card (some consider the Ten to be an honor)

LHO – Left-hand opponent

RHO – Right-hand opponent

A notation such as 3+ cards means 3 cards or more; 12+ points means 12 points or more.

Designation of seats:

There are 4 seats at a bridge table.

The dealer is considered the 1st seat. (The dealer changes for each round.)

The next seat, moving clockwise, is the 2nd seat, then 3rd seat and the last player to bid or pass in the first round is designated the 4th seat.

Bidding rules can change slightly, depending on which seat opens the bidding.

For example, a player sitting in 3rd seat after two passes may open “light.” That means opening with fewer than 12 points. More information on this later.

For now, if you prefer, always have opening points to open the bidding.

Partnership Agreement – Many different bidding methods and philosophies are used in bridge. Whatever set of conventions and practices which you and your partner agree to use is called “partnership agreement.”

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 10, 2019

1:30 p.m. Stratified 499er Pair/Team
Register by Pair or Team

Stratified Pair/Team
Register by Pair or Team

7:00 p.m. Stratified 499er Pair/Team
Register by Pair or Team

Stratified Pair/Team
Register by Pair or Team

Friday, October 11, 2019

9:00 a.m. Stratified 499er Pair/Team
Register by Pair or Team

Stratified Pair/Team
Register by Pair or Team

1:30 p.m. Stratified 499er Pair/Team
Register by Pair

Stratified Pair/Team
Register by Pair

7:00 p.m. 499er Short Match Swiss
Register by Pair or Team

Short Match Swiss
Register by Pair or Team

Saturday, October 12, 2019

9:00 a.m. Stratified 499er Swiss
(3 team minimum, 2 single
sessions)

Stratified Swiss
(2 single sessions)

Lunch provided for a charge.

STRATIFICATIONS

Open games: A = 3000+, B = 1000-3000,
C = 0 - 1000.

Pair average at the discretion of the
director.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for all sessions is \$9.00.
\$4 additional per session for unpaid ACBL
members.

ALL SESSIONS ARE EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME.

SPECIAL NOTE: We have a Club game
on Wednesday, October 9, 6:00 p.m. start
time, at the Bridge Center in the Westwood
Mall. Please join us if you're in town.

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Cerona Stevens – (906) 361-1324

HOTELS/MOTEL

Birchmont Motel, 2090 W. US-41 South
906-228-7538.

Blueberry Ridge B & B, 193 Oakridge Dr.
906-251-0219.

Brentwood Motel, 2630 US-41 West
906-228-7494.

Cedar Motel, 2523 US-41 West
906-228-2280.

Comfort Suites, 2463 US-41 West
906-228-0028.

Country Inn and Suites, 2472 US-41 West
906-225-1300.

Days Inn, 2403 US-41 West
906-225-1393.

Econo Lodge, 2050 South US-41
906-225-1305.

Hampton Inn, 461 S. Lakeshore Blvd.
906-228-6001.

Holiday Inn, 1951 US-41 West
906-225-1351.

Imperial Motel, 2493 US-41 West
906-228-7430.

Landmark Inn, 230 N. Front St.
906-228-2580.

My Place Motel, 2383 US-41 West
906-232-1111.

Nestledown B & B, 975 N. Lakeshore Blvd.
906-273-0996.

Ramada Inn, 412 W. Washington St.
906-228-6000.

Settle Inn, 1275 US-41 West
906-228-8100.

Staybridge Suites, 855 W. Washington St.
877-660-8545.

Value Host Motor Inn, 1101 US-41 West
906-225-5000.

Superiorland Bridge Club

Sectional Bridge Tournament

October 10-12, 2019



All times Eastern Daylight

Marquette Township Community Center

1000 Commerce Drive, Marquette, MI
49855

Tournament Sanction Number 1910107