

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

## Responding to Preempts

## For Beginners...

When partner has opened at the three level - showing less than opening points and a good seven card suit, you should discount your queens and jacks outside his suit. You should expect to make a minimum of ten tricks (with his suit as trumps) if you have 12+ such "useful points" (UP's), eleven tricks with 15+ UP's and twelve tricks with 18+ UP's.



South Deals	♠ A 8 5 3		
None Vul	♥ A 7		
	♦ A 4		
	♣ Q 6 5 4 3		
♠ K Q 10 6		♠ J 9 4 2	
♥ 5 3		♥ 10 2	
♦ Q 10 7 2		♦ K J 9 5	
♣ K J 8		♣ A 10 9	
	♠ 7		
	♥ K Q J 9 8 6 4		
	♦ 8 6 3		
	♣ 7 2		
West North East South			
3 ♥			
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

In 1995, Andrew Robson founded the highly successful Andrew Robson Bridge Club in South West London. He has written the courses which tens of thousands have taken at the Club over the years. He still teaches several weekends a year. Andrew has written the daily Bridge column for The Times for over 20 years. He has written weekly for Country Life for 30 years and weekly for Money Week for nearly 20 years. He also writes monthly for The Oldie. Andrew produces acclaimed daily instruction "BridgeCast" videos for all levels of players (go to [andrewrobsonbridgecast.com](http://andrewrobsonbridgecast.com)) and has seen a meteoric rise in many of his subscribers.



North discounted his ♠ Q but still had 12 UP's - enough to have a go for a ten trick contract. How should declarer plan the play in 4 ♥ on West's opening lead of ♠ K?

He could count nine easy tricks - seven trumps tricks, ♠ A and ♠ A. Can you spot the risk-free route to a tenth trick?

It will come from trumping his third ♦ in dummy. Accordingly he must delay drawing trumps. He wins ♠ A and immediately plays ♦ A and ♦ 4. East wins ♦ K and finds the best return of ♥ 2.

Declarer plays ♥ 9, winning the trick, and now leads ♦ 8, trumping it with ♥ A (this is his crucial extra trick). He trumps ♠ 3, draws the two outstanding trumps and loses two ♣ tricks at the end. 4 ♥ bid and made.

**ANDREW'S TIP:** Discount queens and jacks outside trumps when responding to a preempt.

## Hand Shapes

Hand distributions fall into four categories. Here are three of them:

1. Balanced. 4432, 4333, 5332.
2. Single-suited. e.g. 6322, 7321.
3. Two-suited. e.g. 5431, 5521.
4. Three-suited. 4441

Note that some shapes - 6-4s - belong to both (2) and (3).

There is no right or wrong way to treat this awkward shape (mercifully only the tenth most frequent).

One approach is to open using the normal rules (i.e. higher ranking, but choosing hearts before spades when 4-4). Another is to open the "suit below the singleton" (preparing yourself for partner's most likely response); or even opening your lowest-ranked suit (to keep things cheap). I'll make a more formal suggestion next deal.

One thing is for sure. A 4441 shape is more suited to defence than play - you know that no suit will split well for an opposing declarer. So why not pass a marginal opener?

South Deals ♠ K J 9 6 3

Both Vul ♥ J 7 4

♦ 10 9 7

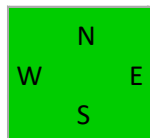
♣ Q 8

♠ 8 2

♥ 9 6 5 3

♦ A Q

♣ A K J 10 6



♠ A 10 7 5 4

♥ K 8

♦ 8 6 4 3

♣ 7 3

♠ Q

♥ A Q 10 2

♦ K J 5 2

♣ 9 5 4 2

West North East South

1 ♥<sup>1</sup>

2 ♣ 2 ♥ All pass

1. Mistake. Devalue ♠ Q and is it really right to open this defensive collection?



### What happened

West cashed ♣ A against 2 ♥. East signalled encouragement with ♣ 7, so West continued with ♣ K and ♣ 10. East overtrumped dummy's ♥ 7 with ♥ 8 and switched to ♦ 8. West won ♦ AQ and followed with ♣ J. Declarer trumped with dummy's ♥ J (not best on the layout) and East overtrumped with ♥ K. He led ♦ 6, trumped by West, received ♠ 8 return to his ♠ A, then led ♦ 4. West trumped with ♥ 5 - too high for dummy - and the vulnerable part-score was down four.

### What should have happened

E-W would have had tough decisions if South passes as dealer. West will likely open 1 ♣ and East will respond 1 ♠, all of West's rebids are compromised (1NT / 2 ♣ / 2 ♥) - You can see E-W getting in a mess..... They might escape if they stop low (1 NT, 2 ♣). More likely, they would get overboard.

### If you remember just one thing...

Do not open a 12 point 4441.

More Robson For Intermediate Players...

# Robson For Advanced Players...

## Skillful play at the world's oldest Bridge Club

You know how sometimes you are sure that an opponent has played their only card in a suit. It's a feel thing – a sixth sense. My friend David Barker had just such a feel on this deal from a deal at London's Portland Club, believed to be the oldest Bridge Club in the world.

Rubber	♠ 9 3	
North Deals	♥ Q 6 2	
None Vul	♦ K Q 10 4	
	♣ A J 6 2	
♠ J		♠ K 10 7 6
♥ A 9 8 4		♥ K J 10 5
♦ 9 8 7		♦ J 5 2
♣ Q 10 8 5 3		♣ 9 4
	♠ A Q 8 5 4 2	
	♥ 7 3	
	♦ A 6 3	
	♣ K 7	

West North East South  
*Barker*

1 N Pass 4 ♠  
 Pass Pass Pass

West began with the HA v 4♠ [hardly a classic choice, but Portland Club defensive style tends to be of the fast-attacking variety, not the slow passive approach favored at Duplicate Pairs]. The tall dummy tabled his assets with the words, "sorry partner, worst spade holding and minimum point count".

East encouraged the lead by playing the jack, so West continued with a second heart, East winning the ten and leading the king, declarer ruffing low.

At trick four declarer laid down the SA, in case something interesting happened [see only low cards and I imagine he'd have crossed to dummy to lead towards his queen]. He noted the fall of West's jack with great interest and his sixth sense told him it was singleton. That being the case a Trump Coup would be necessary to pick up East's remaining ♠K107.

Declarer found the only way home. He cashed the king of clubs then led a club to the jack, a seemingly unnecessary risk, but in fact it was essential. He next led dummy's S9.

East chose to rise with the king (it didn't matter) and found the best return of a diamond (a heart would help declarer in the trump shortening process), whilst a trump would give declarer the free finesse he needed. Winning the diamond in dummy, declarer led the six of clubs for the necessary trump shortening ruff (East throwing a diamond – best). Declarer led a low diamond back to dummy and now advanced the ace of clubs.

If East, holding ♠107 and ♥5, ruffed, declarer, holding ♠Q8 and ♦A, could overruff, draw East's other trump and cash the diamond. When East chose to discard, declarer could throw the diamond and "coup" East's trumps, holding ♠Q8 over East's ♠107. 10 tricks and game made.

"Wow. Well played, partner", said a hugely impressed and delighted dummy.

# Card Games

E	P	I	Q	U	E	T	Z	B	R	I	D	G	E
M	R	W	H	I	S	T	I	P	S	F	B	B	L
H	A	H	E	A	R	T	S	G	O	F	I	S	H
R	K	C	C	E	S	K	A	T	S	A	N	A	C
W	P	N	N	U	E	P	O	K	E	R	D	R	O
A	Y	A	F	R	E	E	C	E	L	L	I	S	N
T	R	T	T	A	R	A	C	C	A	B	A	E	I
T	A	N	K	I	J	U	A	Y	B	L	M	D	P
E	M	A	W	P	E	S	M	A	L	I	D	A	K
N	I	F	A	A	I	N	G	M	A	T	L	P	O
L	D	L	B	N	Q	E	C	S	Y	Z	O	S	O
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**Game Page...**

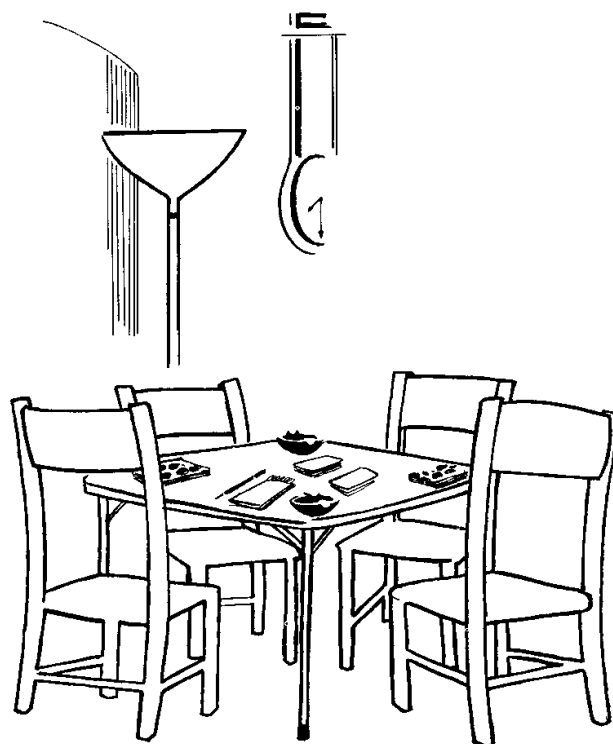
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BLITZ  
BRIDGE  
CANASTA  
CASINO  
CRIBBAGE  
EUCHRE  
FAN TAN  
FREE CELL  
GO FISH

HEARTS  
MAO  
NERTZ  
OH HELL  
OLD MAID  
PATIENCE  
PINOCHLE  
PIQUET  
POKER  
PYRAMID

ROOK  
RUMMY  
SKAT  
SLAP JACK  
SNAP  
SPADES  
SPIT  
WAR  
WATTEN  
WHIST

First Name	Last Name	New Rank
Barbara	Best	Junior Master
Paul	Duggan	Junior Master
Scott	Freer	Junior Master
Wells	Guan	Junior Master
Richard	Haas	Junior Master
Karen	Halverson	Junior Master
Myrna	Hannemann	Junior Master
Sherry	McAllister	Junior Master
Joan	McDonagh	Junior Master
Sharon	Mitchell	Junior Master
Dennis	Robinson	Junior Master
Jennifer	Stearns	Junior Master
Desiree	Tucker-Sorini	Junior Master
Sue	Workman	Junior Master
Gary	Brammer	Club Master
Rose	Christensen	Club Master
Mary	Kruger	Club Master
Keith	Murie	Club Master
Michael	Nash	Club Master
Michael	Nigro	Club Master
Barbara	Wycisk	Club Master
Arnold	Grant	Sectional Master
Nancy	Grobarek	Sectional Master
Bradley	Joselit	Sectional Master
Jack	Lattner	Sectional Master
Patricia	Miller	Sectional Master
Donald	Dahlgren	Regional Master
David	Faulkner	Regional Master
Sarah	Goodrich-Baird	Regional Master
Lonnie	Kepley	Regional Master
Virginia	Majauskas	Regional Master
Sadaf	Quas	Regional Master
Dennis	Shea	Regional Master
Lewis	Sita	Regional Master
Brian	Ruggiero	NABC Master
Chris	Veeneman	NABC Master
Juliet(Jill)	Bergner	Life Master
Ben	Fisk	Life Master
Barbara	Bebbee	Bronze Life Master
Mark	Stein	Gold Life Master
Marvin	Zehnder	Gold Life Master
Jon	Sorkin	Sapphire Life Master
Jeroen	Swinkels	Sapphire Life Master

# Congrats You are All Winners! District 13 Rank Advancements Well Done!!



Checklist:  
Cards  
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# Minocqua-Lakeland Bridge Sectional



## *The Friendly Northwoods Tournament*

**JUNE 6 - 8, 2025**

**Woodruff Town Hall**

Hwy 47 (1418 - 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue), Woodruff, WI 54568

• **ENTRY FEES \$10 for all sessions** •

JUNE						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	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	30					

### Friday, June 6

1:30 p.m.

Stratified 499er Pairs.

Stratified Open Pair/Team.

7:00 p.m.

Stratified 499er Pairs.

Stratified Open Pair/Team.

### Saturday, June 7

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.

### Sunday, June 8

9:00 a.m. & TBA

2 Single Session Swiss Teams

Lunch provided for extra charge.



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Door County Bridge Club, 7845 Church Street, Egg Harbor, WI



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### Open Pair Games:

**Stratification determined  
by average of pairs in  
attendance.**

### Entry Fees:

**\$22 per person per session or  
\$120 for all six sessions  
Masterpoints: 80% silver, 20% black**

Tuesday, June 17	Wednesday, June 18	Thursday, June 19
10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)	9:00 am Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)	9:00 am Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)
2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)	1:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)	1:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)

**The Door County Summer Local Sectional is limited to 48 pairs and requires  
an advance reservation to attend. To receive a registration packet,  
e-mail the Tournament Chair, Thomas Young.**

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# Give 'Em A Hand!

Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

After this simple auction, West led fourth highest of his longest and strongest, the six of hearts. Declarer took this in hand with his nine and played on diamonds, East winning the second round of the suit, shifting to a low spade. West took declarer's ten of spades with the king and returned the nine of spades to East's three and declarer's jack.

When declarer led the three of hearts West stepped up with king of hearts and exited with the five of spades. There was nothing that declarer could now do to make his contract and he had to settle for seven tricks (two spades, three hearts and a trick in each minor).

As is the way with dummies when a cold contract is put on the floor, North proffered, "If you hadn't been so greedy at trick one you would have made the contract. All you had to do was take the first trick with the queen of hearts and play as before. When West wins the king of spades he has to shift to clubs to stop the overtrick. You win the ace of clubs and, as you would still have two low hearts left, West could not prevent you from reaching dummy with the jack of hearts. The defence could only take one trick in each suit."

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Dealer East. N-S Vul.

♠ 7 5 3 2  
 ♥ Q J 10  
 ♦ A 8 7 5  
 ♣ K 6  
 ♠ J 10 9 4      ♠ A K Q 8 6  
 ♥ 3      ♥ 7 5 2  
 ♦ Q 2      ♦ K J 6 3  
 ♣ 10 8 7 5 3 2      ♣ 9  
 ♠ —  
 ♥ A K 9 8 6 4  
 ♦ 10 9 4  
 ♣ A Q J 4

West	North	East	South
—	—	1 ♠	2 ♥
3 ♠	4 ♥	4 ♠	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the jack of spades against this adventurous auction and declarer ruffed. There would be no problems if trumps were 2-2 for then two diamonds could be thrown on club winners and a diamond ruffed in dummy for the twelfth trick. Looking a little deeper, declarer saw that this approach would fail whenever trumps were 3-1 and the hand with the long trumps had fewer than three clubs. Then there appear to be only 11 tricks if the deal is looked at from the South hand. However looking at it from dummy's perspective he saw a way to make his contract even if the trumps and clubs were mildly unfavourable – a dummy reversal.

So declarer crossed to dummy with the queen of trumps and ruffed a spade high. A second round of trumps to dummy's jack reveals the 3-1 trump break but all was under control for declarer ruffed a third round of spades then crossed back to dummy with the king of clubs to ruff dummy's fourth spade with his last trump.

All that remained was to re-enter dummy for a fourth time with the ace of diamonds and draw East's last trump with the ten, throwing a diamond from hand. As this gave declarer nine tricks, he showed the defenders his A-Q-J of clubs and claimed twelve tricks.

Did you notice something? While West had no obvious lead other than a spade, it turns out that any non-spade lead would have held declarer to eleven tricks because then he no longer has the entries to dummy to both ruff four spades and draw the outstanding trump.



**Dealer North. E-W Vul.**

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

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

After South's transfer to two spades, his rebid of three hearts was forcing to game and guaranteed at least 5-5 in the majors. North's cue-bid of four diamonds promised heart support with a hand suitable for slam play.

West began with the king-ace and jack of clubs. Declarer ruffed and without any apparent thought drew two rounds of trumps with the ace and queen. When West showed out he tried a spade to the queen but West produced the king of spades and returned a diamond. As declarer still had to lose a trump trick, he finished with only nine tricks.

There was a simple way to avoid this fate. All declarer had to do was count his tricks and make a plan. That should have seen him ruff the third club with a low trump and continue with the king and ace of trumps. If trumps had broken 3-2, he would draw the last trump and run the diamonds to make an overtrick. Here, after West discards on the second round of trumps, declarer would leave the queen of hearts in dummy and run the diamonds, discarding spade losers from hand.

When East ruffs and shifts to a spade, declarer rises with his ace of spades and crosses to dummy with a

trump to the queen. This draws East's last trump and declarer makes his contract by cashing any remaining diamonds winners, which take care of the rest of his spade suit. The last trick is taken with declarer's seven of trumps; he makes five trumps, four diamonds and the ace of spades.

**Dealer South. E-W Vul.**

♠ 10 9 7 5	
♥ J 8 7 6 4 2	
♦ A	
♣ Q 6	
♠ 8 6 4 2	♠ 3
♥ Q 10 5	♥ A K 9 3
♦ J 3	♦ Q 10 7 5
♣ 9 4 3 2	♣ J 8 7 5
♠ A K Q J	
♥ —	
♦ K 9 8 6 4 2	
♣ A K 10	

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	7 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

After some courageous bidding by South, West leads the two of trumps. Declarer then showed how to plan the play. He saw that there would be no problem if the diamonds were 3-3 or even if they were 4-2 as long as the trumps were 3-2. He began by crossing to the ace of diamonds and returning to hand with a trump.

As his future plans would depend on knowing how the diamonds were dividing, declarer cashed the king of diamonds and led a third round of diamonds, West discarded and this was ruffed with the nine of trumps. Now as he needed both three club tricks and two entries to hand in clubs, declarer overtook the queen of clubs with the king and ruffed his diamonds good with the ten of trumps. All that remained for him to do was finesse ten of clubs, draw West trumps and his hand was high.



**When you're a defender: Lead attacking combinations** -- suits with touching honors such as QJ10x, KQx, AKxx, J109x. Lead the top of an honor sequence.

**Don't lead unsupported aces** (Ax, Axx, Axxx) *unless* it's the suit partner has bid.

**When in doubt about what to lead**, lead the fourth-best card in your longest suit. Leading from length is the "standard" lead to a notrump contract, and it's often the safest lead to a suit contract.

**Count cards and points** as you play. Use clues from the bidding, the opening lead and the play to try to come up with a mental picture of partner's or declarer's hand.

**Think ahead**, and be ready for critical plays. Indecision will often tell declarer what you hold in a suit, so try to decide in advance which card you'll play when declarer leads a suit toward or from dummy.

**Use defensive signals** to help partner during the play:

- When discarding or following suit, signal with the highest card you can afford in a suit you want partner to lead (play the 8 from AQ872). Play a low card if you have no interest in the suit (play the 4 from 954).
- When following suit, use count signals to help partner figure out how many cards you hold in the suit. Playing **high-low** in a suit tells partner you have an **even** number of cards. Playing **low, then high** shows an **odd** number of cards.

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**When you're bidding: Always search for a major-suit fit** if one is possible, even if you've already found a fit in a minor suit. If you have a 4-card major you can show at the one-level, always bid it.

**Consider playing 3NT** instead of 5C of 5D when you have the strength for game, but your only fit is in a minor suit.

**Keep the bidding simple.** If you have a fit for partner's major, always raise.

**If you have a fit for partner's suit**, "stretch" to raise, especially in a competitive auction. If you have extra trumps (one more than you need for an 8-card fit), feel free to compete to the 3-level if the opponents bid over your 2-level partscore.

**Stay low on misfits.** When you have a minimum without support for partner and he doesn't show support for your suit, stop bidding as soon as possible. Unless you have game-going strength, don't bid higher just to show yet another suit and don't bid 2NT. Your goal is to stop in a reasonable contract, not a perfect one.

**If you have length in the suit the opponent opened** and are in doubt about what to bid, just pass, even when you have opening-bid strength. Don't show your problem by thinking too long about what to do.

**Always assume partner has minimum point-count** until he tells you otherwise. A minimum range is 12-15 points for the opening bidder, 6-10 points for responder.

**If you have a minimum hand** (13-15 points for opener, 6-10 points for responder), keep the bidding low until you find a fit. **Don't bid past the one-level unless:**

- You're raising partner's suit (1H-2H, 1D-1H-1S-2S).
- You're rebidding your own long suit (1C-1H-2C, 1D-1S-1NT-2S).
- You're bidding a second suit that's **lower in rank** than your first suit (1D-1S-2C, 1S-1NT-2H).

There are two types of bids that pinpoint your point-count range -- **any notrump bid** and **any bid of an "old" suit** (one that you or partner have bid previously in the auction). If you're making any of these bids, be sure you show your point count by making the bid at the proper level:

- If you know you have 25+ combined points, jump to game in your suit or notrump. Don't give partner a chance to pass below game level.
- If you have an invitational hand (16-18 playing points if you're opener; 10-12 points if you're responder) and you think you and partner **might** have 25+ points, make your bid one level higher than necessary. This usually means you'll freely take the auction to 2NT or 3 of a suit (1D-1S-1NT-2NT, 1D-1H-2C-2NT, 1C-1S-3S, 1H-1NT-3H ).
- If you have minimum strength, show it by making your bid at the lowest level available.

**Unit 123 Labor Day Sectional**  
**Weber Leisure Center**  
**9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie**  
**August 29th—September 1st, 2025**

**Friday, Aug 29**

10:00 am Pair/Team Game  
 3:00 pm Pair/Team Game

**Saturday, Aug 30**

10:00 am Pair/Team Game  
 3:00 pm Pair/Team Game

**Sunday, Aug 31**

10:00 am Pair/Team Game  
 10:00 am Chicago Invitational Pairs Qualifying\* (2-session event... sold as such)

3:00 pm Invitational Pairs Final with Barometer Scoring  
 3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs

\*Both players MUST have been invited to play... prior qualification is required  
 All pairs MUST pre-register with Adrienne Cohen (contact information below)

**Monday, Sept 1** Swiss Team - six 7-board matches with short lunch break after the 3rd match

**Entry Fees:** \$14.00/session \$7.00 students with proper I/D \$56.00/team/session

**Stratifications:** C: 0-1000; B: 0-3500; A: Unlimited

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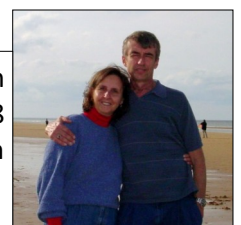
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The powers said  
 To lead a spade  
 So that's exactly  
 What I played!

**Karen Walker** is a National Champion who lives in Champaign, Illinois. She is the editor of the D8 newsletter and the chairman of the annual Champaign Regional. She is both a bridge teacher and writer.



**When you're declarer:**

**Don't play to the first trick too quickly.**

Force yourself to stop and think when dummy comes down. Look ahead and plan your play to at least the next few tricks.

**Concentrate on the opening lead** for a few seconds so you'll remember it later. Decide what it tells you about the leader's length or strength in that suit.

**Mentally review the bidding.** If one of your opponents has bid, try to come up with a general picture of his point-count and his length in the suit bid.

**For most suit contracts,** your general plan should be:

**1 - Count your losers.** Decide which ones can be disposed of or turned into winners (by trumping, by finessing or by discarding them on a side suit).

**2 - Double check by counting your winners.** Look at each suit and estimate how many tricks it offers -- top tricks and tricks that will be good after you establish the suit.

**3 - If your plan calls for trumping one or more of your losers in the short-trump hand (usually dummy), do that *before* you lead trumps -- even if you have to give up tricks to set up the trumping position.**

**4 - Next, lead trumps, counting as the opponents follow to each trick.** Pulling trumps will usually be your best plan if you have good honor strength and/or length in one or more of the outside suits.

**5 - After you've collected all the opponents' trumps, lead your longest side suit. Give up your losers early.**

**6 - Last, cash honors in your short suits.**

**Tips by**  
**Karen Walker**  
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# Waukesha Unit 222 Summerfest Sectional June 25<sup>th</sup> thru June 28<sup>th</sup>

Sanction # 2506357

Wednesday June 25th

9:30am Pair/Team & 499 Pair Games  
2:00pm Pair/Team & 499 Pair Games

Annual Pot Luck Luncheon!!!  
Bring your appetite and a dish to pass

Thursday 6/26, Friday 6/27 & Saturday 6/28\*

9:30 Pair/Team & 499er Pair Games  
2:00 Pair/Team & 499er Pair Games

*\*Lunch will be available for purchase on site daily*

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Tournament Chair

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Hospitality Chair

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Janice Duff 262.395.6872  
Partnership Chair

Strats may be adjusted as  
attendance warrants

St John Neumann's Parish Hall  
2400 W State Road 59  
Waukesha WI  
(enter rear lower level)



## Milwaukee Summer Fun Regional

August 5 – 9, 2025

Knights of Columbus Hall  
732 Badger Ave.  
South Milwaukee WI

**DIRECTIONS:** I-94 to College Ave. (Exit 319); go East to N. Chicago Ave. (W32)  
Turn right (South) for .2 miles – then turn left onto Badger Ave.  
The Knights of Columbus Hall is on the left.

### TUESDAY – AUGUST 5

10AM and 3PM  
10AM and 3PM

OPEN PAIRS (0-1500; 1500-3500; 3500+)  
GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

### WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 6

10AM and 3PM  
10AM and 3PM

OPEN PAIRS (0-1500; 1500-3500; 3500+)  
GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

### THURSDAY – AUGUST 7

10AM and 3PM  
10AM and 3PM

OPEN SWISS TEAMS (0-1500; 1500-3500; 3500+)  
GOLD RUSH TEAMS (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

### FRIDAY – AUGUST 8

10AM and 3PM  
10AM and 3PM

OPEN PAIRS (0-1500; 1500-3500; 3500+)  
GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

### SATURDAY – AUGUST 9

10AM and TBA

OPEN SWISS TEAMS (0-1500; 1500-3500; 3500+)

ACBL Members with 0-5 Masterpoints PLAY FREE  
GREAT HOSPITALITY – FREE COFFEE AND BREAKFAST TREATS  
Lunch Included with Entry Fee on Saturday

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## Chicago Windy City Regional July 9-13, 2025

White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant  
6839 N. Milwaukee Avenue  
Niles, IL

Gold Rush Pairs every day!  
Stratified Pairs, Imp Pairs, Open Swiss, Fast Pairs



OPEN & 750 NLM SECTIONAL  
AUGUST 21-23, 2025

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
326 S. SEGOE RD  
MADISON  
WISCONSIN

### Thursday, August 21

9:30 am Open Pair/Team  
0-750 NLM Pair  
2:00 pm Open Pair/Team  
0-750 NLM Pair

### Hospitality

Free coffee, tea, snacks  
On site lunches available for purchase

### Entry Fee \$10 per session

Free for ACBL members with 0-5 MP  
\$4 extra for lapsed ACBL members

### Friday, August 22

9:30 am Open Pair/Team  
0-750 NLM Pair  
2:00 pm Open Pair/Team  
0-750 NLM Pair

### Pair/Teams

You may choose to pay entry fee as a 4-person pair/team. The director will form everyone else into pair/teams as needed.

### Chair

Glenna Shannahan  
madisonbridgeclub@gmail.com

### Saturday, August 23

9:30 am Open Pair/Team  
0-750 NLM Pair  
2:00 pm Open Pair/Team  
0-750 NLM Pair

### Partnership

David Raitt  
(612) 554-7913 text please  
Partners guaranteed 30 min before game



We're playing our "hearts" out ...  
At home not the "club" ...  
It's quiet and peaceful,  
And we like the "grub!"

# 2025 La Crosse ACBL Fall Bridge Sectional

Sanction # 2511341

Wed. Nov. 12 – Fri. Nov. 14  
Omni Center  
255 Riders Club Road  
Onalaska, WI 54650

*Fabulous Snacks & Treats  
All Day Long  
With Coffee & Beverages*

*Free Parking &  
Handicapped Parking*

## Schedule of Events

Wednesday, November 12  
10:00 & 2:30 Open Pairs/Teams

Thursday, November 13  
10:00 & 2:30 Open Pairs/Teams  
\*Pizza Party & mini educational between sessions - \$5.00

Friday, November 14  
9:00 & 12:30 Stratified Swiss Teams – Lunch served between sessions

All Open Strata: 0-1000 / 1000-3000 / 3000+

\$10.00 per session for ACBL Members  
Special Student Rate with Student ID

Partnerships: Linda Mills  
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*Lots of great restaurants & hotels nearby.*

*Please join us!*

## 2025 WUMBA Wausau Bridge Sectional

September 11-13, 2025

Covenant Community Presbyterian Church

1806 Weston Avenue, Schofield, WI 54476

Sanction # 2509374

DATE	TIME	EVENT
<u>Thursday, September 11</u>	1:30pm	Open Pairs/Teams 499er Pairs
	6:30 pm	Open Pairs/Teams 499er Pairs
<u>Friday, September 12</u>	9:00 am	Open Pairs/Teams 499er Pairs
	1:30 pm	Open Pairs/Teams 499er Pairs
	7:00 pm	Short Match Swiss 499er Pairs
<u>Saturday, September 13</u>	9:00 am	Stratified Swiss Team 1 Two Single Sessions      Buffet Lunch between sessions \$10.00
	1:30 pm	Stratified Swiss Team 2

All Pair-Team events: sign up as pair or team

Open Stratified: 0-1000      1000-3000      3000+

499er Stratified by Director      All events stratified by average

**\$10 per session ACBL Member    \$14 Unpaid ACBL Member    Free for ACBL member 0-5 Masterpoints**

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Amazing hospitality with free snacks and beverages provided at all sessions!

Free "Lunch and Learn" on Friday geared toward newer players

