

RUFFING IT

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**Interesting hands? Humorous stories?
Inquiring minds want to know.
Drop us a note in the Bulletin Box on the table in the foyer!**

Monday Feb. 20	7:30 PM	Charity Swiss Team (1 session)/Knockout #1 (1 st session)
Tuesday Feb. 21	9:00 AM	Choice Pairs (1 st session)/Side Series #1/299er Pairs/ Knockout #1 (2 nd session)
	1:30 PM	Choice Pairs (2 nd session)/Side Series #1/299er Pairs/ Knockout #1 (3 rd session)/Knockout #2 (1 st session)
	7:30 PM	Choice Pairs (3 rd session)/Side Series #1/Side Swiss Teams/ Knockout #1 (4 th session)/Knockout #2 (2 nd session)
Wed. Feb. 22	9:00 AM	Choice Pairs (1 st session)/Morning Swiss Teams (1 session)/ Side Series #1/299er Pairs
	1:30 PM	Choice Pairs (2 nd session)/Side Series #1/299er Pairs/ Knockout #2 (3 rd session)/Knockout #3 (1 st session)
	7:30 PM	Choice Pairs (3 rd session)/Side Series #1/Side Swiss Teams/ Knockout #2 (4 th session)/Knockout #3 (2 nd session)
Thurs. Feb. 23	9:00 AM	Side Series #2/Morning Swiss Teams (1 session)/299er Pairs
	1:30 PM	A/Ax Swiss Team (1 st session)/"Gold Rush" Swiss Team (1 st session)/Side Series #2/Knockout #3 (3 rd session)
	7:30 PM	A/Ax Swiss (2 nd session)/"Gold Rush" Swiss (2 nd session)/ Side Series #2/Side Swiss Team/Knockout #3 (4 th session)
Friday Feb. 24	9:00 AM	Choice Pairs (1 st session)/Side Series #2/Morning Swiss Teams (1 session)/299er Pairs
	1:30 PM	Choice Pairs (2 nd session)/Side Series #2/299er Pairs/ Knockout #4 (1 st session)
	7:30 PM	Choice Pairs (3 rd session)/Side Series #2/Side Swiss Teams/ Knockout #4 (2 nd session)
Sat. Feb. 25	9:00 AM	Choice Pairs (1 st session)/"Gold Rush" Pairs (1 st session)/ Side Series #3/Morning Swiss Teams (1 session)
	1:30 PM	Choice Pairs (2 nd session)/"Gold Rush" Pairs (2 nd session)/ Side Series #3/Compact KO (1 st session)/KO #4 (3 rd session)
	7:30 PM	Choice Pairs (3 rd session)/Side Series #3/Compact Knockout (2 nd session)/Knockout #4 (4 th session)/Side Swiss Teams
Sun. Feb. 26	10:00 AM	2 session Stratiflighted Swiss (playthrough)

All Side Series Pairs, Side Swiss Teams, and 299er Pairs are 1 session events

Strata: "Gold Rush" 0-300/300-750; Thurs. A/Ax Swiss & Sat. Choice Pair 0-2000/2000+;
Sunday Swiss A/Ax 0-3000/3000+; B/C/D 0-500/500-1000/1000-2000; 299er events
0-100/100-200/200-300; All other events 0-750/750-2000/2000+

Masterpoints will be averaged except for limited event maximums

Chairman: Marilynn Charlson
Bulletin Editor: Suzi Subeck
Hospitality: Bill and Rene McFall

Special District 13 Board Meeting—Saturday, February 25

All District Board members are expected to attend.
A full breakfast will be served before the meeting in the hotel coffee shop at 9:00a.m.
The meeting will be in the Westgate Rooms following the breakfast promptly at 9:45!



Where to Eat in Lake Geneva



A Mansion's Long Journey: From Redwood Cottage to Gilbert's Restaurant 1885 - 2001 ... a history ...

In a community where wealth has always been conspicuously displayed, the 1885 mansion now known as "Gilbert's" has undergone an extensive renewal. Originally called the "Redwood Cottage," the 30 room mansion was built as a summer home residence for the family of industrialist Robert H. Baker of Racine. Mr. Baker was an early stockholder in the JI Case Co. and later a prominent politician. His father, a prominent attorney and founder of the Baker and McKenzie Law Firm of Chicago, once owned a beautiful mansion next door to the south (which has been demolished for about 10 years).

Emily Baker, wife of Robert Baker, played an important part in the design of the whimsical "Queen Anne" style Victorian home. Robert died at the very young age of 43 before the home was completed, leaving Emily the daunting task of designing and overseeing the construction of this beautiful mansion.

However, Robert, during his relatively short life accomplished much. By the year 1882 Robert Baker had served as a school commissioner, alderman, mayor and was twice elected to the state senate. He was once elected the republican candidate for lieutenant governor and by age 24 owned over 25% of JI Case. Robert and Emily Baker were devout family people with great interest and concern for their community and country. They loved Lake Geneva, as we discovered after reading many letters written to friends and family back home in the east. The letters included poetic descriptions of the beautiful area around the lake and took great pains to name the trees, plants and animals of the region.

The warmth and respect of this family can be felt throughout the home with its rich woods of cherry, walnut, oak, maples, mahogany and fir. The unusual one-of-a-kind craftsmanship found in the 13 hand carved fireplaces which are inlaid with the original Mediterranean tiles are now lit nearly every night in winter for guests. The grand solid cherry stair case extending the full three stories of the great hall is breathtaking and only to be out done by the magnificent parquet floors and massive oak doors ornamented by intricate detailed brass hinges and closures, each one different in pattern and design. The open foyer with its stained glass windows and crystal chandeliers give a cathedral-like appearance to the great hall. The bar having been the family formal dining room remains almost in its original state with the exception of the cherry and marble bar addition. Then there are the dining rooms each with their own unique fireplace, ornate mantels, intricate Rocco plasterwork on walls and ceilings, antique mirrors and sparkling crystal chandeliers. A pair of huge matching oak doors lead out to the wrap around porch with its panoramic view straight up Lake Geneva. Truly a sight to behold.

In summer the home stands proud- sandwiched between the hotels on the prominent "Wrigley Drive". Her seven different patterns of fancy cut redwood shingles, copper roof and brightly painted gingerbread trim are often photographed by tourists and artists alike. Her tall tower a spectacle in the harbor among the municipal boat area, the Riviera Ballroom and famous boardwalk. Her gardens designed by one of her owners (an award winning landscape architect) are irresistible to passers by. Filled with many of the areas indigenous flowers and grasses much loved by her original owners. The gardens have quickly become a most desired spot for weddings and the renewing of vows. A kitchen garden offers fresh herbs for the evening fare picked daily by the chef and kitchen staff. Fall finds her surrounded by autumns color turning the view for diners into a collage of brilliant reds, yellows, orange and brown. The water fowl fill the shore and air with sound and movement causing diners to linger long sipping wine from their award winning wine list or perhaps cappuccino made with fresh organic coffee beans ground to order. Winter is absolutely magical at the mansion. All trimmed, thousands of lights turn her stately form with "witches cap tower" and "gingerbread" trim into a "fairy tale like castle". Upon entering, one will hear the live music of strings and woodwinds, harpists and piano. Her walls responding with the music of the holidays. The rooms and halls filled with boughs, wreaths, trees and trimmings. A family collection of angels, bright ornaments and flowers adorn every corner. A holiday treasure chest! The third floor "known as the servant's quarters" for at least a month in advance becomes "the elves workshop" Busy hands construct, glue, weave and tie till all is ready for December 1. Then we pull out all the stops with Holiday Tea, live music, Gilbert's Gift of Gold, extravagant holiday meals and a gala New Years Eve. January also brings Winterfest. February we feature special wine dinners, and a romantic Valentines day celebration. Spring bursts forth with blossoms galore! Tulips, daffodils, magnolia and flowering crabs to name a few fill the front lawn, gardens and lakes area complimenting her grandness from every angle. The lake stretches out on clear view of her creating a most welcome site.

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Chef Hnilo believes the health of the world depends on the health of its inhabitants. With his craft refined in some of the world's finest restaurants, Chef Hnilo has brought his talents and artistry home to where it belongs, with friends and family. Gilbert's offers healthful, tasty selections made with organic products. Every item on the menu has a reason for being there, with each dish balancing another, each flavor enhancing the last, and each texture leading to the next. This is true, modern cuisine. Having a collection of seasonal elements in perfect balance, every dish a symphony of herbs, spices and oils, in concert with meats, fowl, and fish into a splendid whole.

Chef Ken Hnilo believes in using the freshest, organic ingredients whenever possible, preferring those that are locally grown and raised. As a result, the Gilbert's menu changes daily. Sample Menu:

First Course

Potato leek soup with braised pork belly and serrano chile
Hawaiian big eye tuna with pulped avocado, orange cells, pickled ginger and wasabi oil
Duet of Lazy Lady Farm organic cheeses with housemade honey crisp apple butter,
raisin-pecan bread and balsamic cream
Grilled rabbit loin with baby beets, local ramps and spicy carrot broth
Caramelized onion tart with pickled beet salad and red wine syrup

Second Course

Hearts of romaine with marinated white anchovies,
crispy garbanzo beans and grainy mustard dressing
Organic green and red leaf salad with candied pecans, Maytag bleu cheese
and balsamic reduction

Third Course

Grilled Hawaiian red snapper with lemon scented orzo, crispy capers
and micro radish salad
Black pepper crusted beef tenderloin with herbed potato puree,
wild mushroom ragu and merlot sauce
Cannelloni of Maui onions, local baby bell peppers, organic ricotta cheese
and red bell pepper broth
Organic Amish chicken with first of the season autumn vegetables,
apple wood smoked bacon and savory chicken broth
Pan seared wild Alaskan halibut with sun dried tomatoes, eggplant caviar,
braised artichokes and citrus butter sauce
Grilled pork loin with butternut squash puree, wilted greens, roasted nectarines
and soy-maple syrup
Irish organic salmon with seared Canadian foie gras, braised organic cabbage
and foie gras sauce
Trio of Grains: caramelized onion strewn toasted quinoa,
green garlic studded pearl barley
and chive Arborio rice
Butter poached lobster with mitake mushroom & sweet pea fricassee,
pea shoots and lemon nage

For the gastronomically adventurous, Gilbert's also offers a four or six-course surprise Chef's Tasting or Vegetable Tasting, as well as a wine flight to accompany.

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HANDS OF THE DAY BY MATT GRANOVETTER

Dealer: South Vul: None

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

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1♣
pass	1♦	1♠	1NT
pass	2♣	pass	3NT
pass	pass	pass	

Opening Lead: ♥4

Great declarers are always on the lookout for the best percentage plays, but sometimes a lack of entries forces declarer into a weaker line of play. Benito Garozzo was South on this hand from a Bermuda Bowl. His 1C opening showed a strong hand and 1D was negative. After East bid 1S, Garozzo decided not to show his diamond suit, but rebid notrump instead. The 2S cuebid by partner was Stayman.

Because East did not double 2S, West decided to try a surprise heart lead. This turned out very well, since the 10 of spades lead would not have won any awards. East won the first trick with the jack of hearts and returned the 9. Declarer won the trick with the king and led the jack of diamonds for a finesse. East covered with the king, won by the ace. Next came the ace and king of clubs. If they had split 3-2, there would have been no story. But when they were 4-1, Garozzo was a trick short. His only hope now was to score three spade tricks.

East's spade overcall made it clear that West had one or two spades at most and that the queen was probably in the East hand. If Garozzo had enough entries, he would have led the jack of spades from dummy to the queen and king, then returned to dummy for a spade to the 9. But there was only one entry left to dummy, so Garozzo was forced to play West for the 10 of spades. He cashed one top spade, led a club to the queen, and called for the jack of spades, pinning the ten.

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ACBL regulations require that you and partner have two identically completed convention cards on the table at all times. Your opponents may look at said cards any time during the game.

Please conform to the rules. There are penalties that may be assessed in the event you ignore them.

Thank you!



Dealer: East Vul: Both

North
♠7 5
♥10 9 4 3 2
♦Q 9 8 5 4
♣6

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

South
♠Q 2
♥A 6
♦A
♣A K Q J 9 8 3 2

West	North	East	South
--	--	3♠	3NT
pass	pass	pass	

Opening Lead: ♥5

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If you haven't read Roselyn Teukolsky's book, "How to Play Bridge With Your Spouse... and Survive," you should immediately order a copy. It's been out of print for some years and was just republished by Masterpoint Press in Toronto. Here's an excerpt from chapter 10, "A Dozen Roses: Disaster Relief."

Roselyn was West, her husband was East, and North-South were the two "most obnoxious" players at the club. Roselyn did not want to set up declarer's spade trick, so she led a heart. "With undisguised glee, declarer won and began to run his clubs." He led seven of them and "by this time I was in a state of extreme misery. Partner's carding had suggested that he held the king of spades and an odd number in the suit." On the last club, Roselyn had to pitch from A-3 of spades, the king of hearts, and the K-7 of diamonds. "I was so agitated by my failure to lead a spade that I failed to make the inference that if partner had held another heart he would have parted with it long ago, and it was therefore 'safe' for me to throw a diamond. Anyway, I made the inspired discard of the ace of spades, watching my partner age a few years as I did so.

"It was when the other small spade in my hand hit the table that my husband lost his sanity. He and his chair lunged backwards. The words that he bellowed at me, at full throttle, are irrelevant (and unprintable). Every neck in the club got whiplash as heads spun around to gape at us. Play was suspended at every table — the show at ours was riveting.

"As you may well imagine, the rest of the evening, played out in icy silence, followed by the rest of the night, was not a great success.

"The roses arrived the following afternoon..."

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

No Smoking Policy: No smoking is allowed in or around the playing area, lobby, washrooms, fire exits, or service areas.

Partnerships: Singles should check in at the partnership desk 45 minutes before game time to allow the partnership people time to arrange partners. Betts Wolfe is the partnership chairman and she will do her best to arrange suitable match-ups. The desk will be open prior to the morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. **Partners are guaranteed one-half hour before game time.**

Hospitality and Information Desk: Check there for hand records, tournament schedules, and area information. Also, pick up your copy of "Ruff"ing It there each morning. A bulletin box on the desk is available for you to submit any interesting hands, amusing bridge-related stories, or puzzles for publication. If you become a new life master while at the tournament, please drop a note in the bulletin box. Include the event so we know how you went over the top.

Recorder Slips, should you need them, are available from the directors.

Score Corrections: For pair events, the score correction period expires at the start of the next session. For the last session of an event, the correction period expires after twenty-four hours or thirty minutes after the end of the tournament, whichever is earlier. See the director as soon as possible if you discover an error in your score. The appeal period for a director's ruling expires thirty minutes after the completion of the session.

FUN AND GAMES

A mother was working in the kitchen, listening to her five-year-old son playing with his new electric train in the living room. She heard the train stop & her son saying, "All of you bastards who want off, get the hell off now, 'cause this is the last stop! And all of you bastards who are getting on, get your ass in the train, cause we're going down the tracks."

The horrified mother went in & told her son, "We don't use that kind of language in this house. Now I want you to go to your room & stay there for TWO HOURS. When you come out, you may play with your train, but I want you to use nice language."

Two hours later, the son came out of the bedroom & resumed playing with his train. Soon the train stopped & the mother heard her son say, "All passengers who are disembarking the train, please remember to take all of your belongings with you. We thank you for travelling with us today & hope your trip was a pleasant one." She hears the little boy continue, "For those of you just boarding, we ask you to stow all of your hand luggage under your seat. Remember, there is no smoking on the train. We hope you will have a pleasant and relaxing journey with us today." As the mother began to smile, the child added, "For those of you who are pissed off about the TWO HOUR delay, please see the fat bitch in the kitchen."

I had not realized the extent of my husband's poker addiction until we recently sat down for dinner. I had just set 5 dishes of food in a nice row on the table when he blurted out, "Oh nice honey, peas, carrots and broccoli on the flop, looks like Ham at the Turn and Turkey on the River!"

All the children are restless and the teacher decides to have an early dismissal.

Teacher: "Whoever answers the questions I ask, first and correctly can leave early today."

Little Johnny says to himself "Good, I want to get outta here. I'm smart and will answer the question."

Teacher: "Who said 'Four Score and Seven Years Ago'?"

Before Johnny can open his mouth, Susie says, "Abraham Lincoln."

Teacher: "That's right Susie, you can go home."

Johnny is mad that Susie answered the question first.

Teacher: "Who said 'I Have a Dream'?"

Before Johnny can open his mouth, Mary says, "Martin Luther King."

Teacher: "That's right Mary, you can go."

Johnny is even madder than before.

Teacher: "Who said 'Ask not, what your country can do for you'?"

Before Johnny can open his mouth, Nancy says, "John F. Kennedy."

Teacher: "That's right Nancy, you may also leave."

Johnny is boiling mad that he has not been able to answer any of the questions.

When the teacher turns her back Johnny says, "I wish these bitches would keep their mouths shut!"

The teacher turns around: "NOW WHO SAID THAT?"

Johnny: "TIGER WOODS. CAN I GO NOW?"

"It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack says as he stepped out of the shower, "Honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?" To which she replied "Probably that I married you for your money."

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his Sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, 'What setting do I use on the washing machine?' 'It depends,' I replied. 'What does it say on your shirt?' He yelled back, 'OHIO STATE!' And they say blondes are dumb!

Q. What is the ideal weight of a lawyer?

A. About three pounds, including the urn.

Jennbridge: Count Your Losers!

Partner dealt and opened 1 spade at the club game yesterday (board 27) and I held:

♠ J74
♥ AQ8
♦ Q102
♣ A964

What is your call?

While I had 13 points, I had 8 losers which meant the hand was not necessarily worth a game-forcing bid. Therefore I decided to start with a forcing notrump and try to get more information from partner before my next bid. I can always put the hand in game, make a 3-card limit raise, or perhaps even veer into notrump.

My fearless (reckless?) LHO came in with a double and Bob, my partner redoubled, showing a good hand. RHO bid 2 hearts and it was decision time. As I had hoped, I now had a lot of information.

For starters, the opponents were probably in big trouble. Secondly, LHO had values. Finally, my partner had a good hand as indicated by his redouble. Clearly we belonged in game, but several factors pointed to a notrump game:

- My hand was a balanced 4-3-3-3 with no ruffing values.
- All of the suits seemed to be adequately stopped.
- The partnership possessed extra values so that as many tricks were likely available in notrump as in a suit contract
- With the heart bid on my right a heart lead was likely.
- The omnipresent and overriding reason: We were playing *matchpoints!* (so that making that 10 point bonus was all-important)

I decided against punishing the relatively inexperienced opponents and my 3 notrump bid closed out the auction. A heart was led and a suitable dummy greeted me:

♠ KQ1098
♥ K3
♦ AK
♣ Q1083

♠ J74
♥ AQ8
♦ Q102
♣ A964

11 tricks were easily available and we were rewarded with a near-70% board.

My LHO held: A/10742/9853/KJ52.

The keys to the hand were 1) staying out of slam and 2) bidding notrump. My partner admitted that if I had started with a 2 club game-forcing bid, it would have been virtually impossible to stay out of slam, and nearly half of the field did, indeed, bid to the slam. (One pair, remarkably, bid and made 6 due to an unlikely endplay. Charlene stripped the red suits and threw her opponent in with the {lucky for her, singleton!} ace of spades who had to then lead away from the king of clubs.)

Don't forget to count your losers!

PUZZLE PAGE

9	4				5		2	
			4		1	7		6
	2	7					1	
					7			
	5	3				4	6	
			8					
	1					6	3	
3		4	5		8			
	8		7				4	5

After being away on business, Tim thought it would be nice to bring his wife a little gift.

"How about some perfume?" he asked the cosmetics clerk.

She showed him a bottle costing \$50.00.

"That's a bit much," said Tim, so she returned with a smaller bottle for \$30.00.

"That's still quite a bit," Tim complained.

Growing annoyed, the clerk brought out a tiny \$15.00 bottle.

"What I mean," said Tim, "is I'd like to see something really cheap."

The clerk handed him a mirror.

This 80 year old woman was arrested for shoplifting in a supermarket.

When she went before the judge he asked her, 'What did you steal?'

She replied, 'A can of peaches.'

The judge then asked her why she had stolen the can of peaches, and she replied that she was hungry.

The judge asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied that there were six.

The judge said, 'Then I will give you six days in jail.'

Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment, the woman's husband stood up, and asked the judge if he could say something.

The judge said, 'What is it?'

The husband said, 'She also stole a can of peas.'

Answer to puzzle:

(no peeking)

2	8	9	7	3	6	1	4	5
3	6	4	5	1	8	9	7	2
7	1	5	2	4	9	6	3	8
1	7	2	8	6	4	3	5	9
8	5	3	1	9	2	4	6	7
4	9	6	3	5	7	2	8	1
6	2	7	9	8	3	5	1	4
5	3	8	4	2	1	7	9	6
9	4	1	6	7	5	8	2	3

Jennbridge: Adventures with Abbe

Abbe (my bridge student, assistant and friend) and I stayed to play in the Marin Co. unit game after the losing trick count seminar Gene Simpson and I taught yesterday. Here is one of the more memorable hands.

RHO dealt and passed and I innocently opened 1NT:

♠ 952
♥ AQJ
♦ A1092
♣ A104

Abbe, with a flourish, responded 4♦, a Texas transfer, and I duly bid 4♥. She now bid 4NT, keycard, and I responded 5♦, showing 0 or 3. She now signed off (or attempted to) at 5♥. I found this whole auction unusual, however, and couldn't really figure out what was going on. It did seem to me though, that since I had 3 keycards rather than 0 that I should take another call. So I bid 6♥ and everyone passed.

The ♦ king was led and I did my best to conceal my surprise.

♠ J76
♥ K85432
♦ J
♣ KQ3

♠ 952
♥ AQJ
♦ A1092
♣ A104

"Good grief!" I quieted my mind with the declaration that I wasn't down yet. I saw that I could take a ruffing finesse against the ♦ queen and be down only one (for what that would be worth).

I drew a couple of rounds of trump and took the ruffing finesse--the ♦ 10 being covered by the queen and ruffed. I drew a couple more rounds of trump and noted with interest as LHO, a very experienced player with thousands of masterpoints, pitched two diamonds. For good measure I drew the last trump and played off the clubs ending in my hand.

♠ J76
♥
♦
♣

♠ 9
♥
♦ 92
♣

I cashed the ♦ 9 pitching a spade as both opponents followed. Was there really a miracle at hand or had I miscounted? I played the ♦ 2 and pitched another spade as everyone showed out. Making 6. The ♦ 2 was my 12th trick!

Abbe was starting a small celebration in her seat and I hurriedly scored up 1430 and jumped up from the table for a walk out into the hallway. Ha! Perhaps I have been in a worse slam but, mercifully, I can't remember it!

LHO held: Q4/ 97/KQ765/9762



Be sure you have your cell phones turned off in the playing area! There is a penalty if you do not!!

District 13 Spring Regional

April 23-29, 2012

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Lake Geneva, WI

on Route 50, 1/2 mile East of Route 12, Room rate: \$117 single or double + \$15 resort fee.

Call 262-248-8811/800-558-3417 **no later than March 23rd** to receive the bridge rate!!!

Monday, April 23

7:30 Stratified Charity Pairs

Tuesday, April 24

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series I: Sessions 1, 2, 3 (single sessions)

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 **Player's Choice*** Pairs (Stratified)

Wednesday, April 25

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series I: Sessions 4, 5, 6 (single sessions)

9:30 & 2:00 Stratified Daylight Senior Pairs

2:00 & 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs

Thursday, April 26

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series II: Sessions 1, 2, 3 (single sessions)

9:30 & 2:00 Stratified Daylight Senior Pairs

2:00 & 7:30 Stratified Swiss Team

Friday, April 27

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series II: Sessions 4, 5, 6 (single sessions)

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 **Player's Choice*** Pairs (Stratified)

Saturday, April 28

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series III: Sessions 1, 2, 3 (single sessions)

2:00 & 7:30 Stratified Pairs (0-2000/2000+)

2:00 & 7:30 **Gold Rush Pairs (B: 300-750; C: 0-300)**

Sunday, April 29

10:00 Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (7 rounds)

Flight A and AX

B/C/D Stratified

* **Player specifies which 2 sessions when purchasing entry**



Intermediate & Newcomer Events 0-299er Masterpoints

0-5 ACBL members play FREE all week
I/N events... ONLY \$7.00/session!!

Tuesday - Saturday
Single Session Games
at 9:30, 2:00
Stratified 299er & 49er Pairs

Sunday: 10:00 & 2:00
299er Swiss Teams:
300/200/100/50
2 separate sessions

Lynette Koskie, I/N Chairman



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Students play for half price with
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Tournament Chairman:

Marilynn Charlson

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Mid-Chart for Flight A Events & Top Bracket of the KO's

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

Stratiflighted Pairs and Teams:

A: 3000+ AX: 0-3000; B: 750-1500; C: 300-750; D: 0-300

Newcomer Events: 0-5/20/50/100/200/300

Knockout Schedule:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
9:30		A2	Compact KO I		Swiss Team (2 sessions)	
2:00		A3	C1	C3	D1	D3
7:30	A1	B1	B3			Compact KO II
		A4	C2	C4	D2	D4
		B2	B4			Compact KO II

One-Session Evening Games:

7:30	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss
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ACBL's Hawaiian Bridge Cruise!

A *Gold Point Cruise on the Golden Princess!* The Western Conference is hosting ACBL's first ever Great Western Cruise to Hawaii departing September 26, 2012 for two weeks. The exciting vacation/gold point tournament will feature a full 6 ½ day regional onboard complete with registration gifts, section top awards, welcome party, and all the luxuries of Princess Cruise Line's Golden Princess.

Bonus: Enjoy a complimentary Bridge Dynamics Seminar with terrific professional John Mohan of Mexico City.

This is the league's tournament, but the Western Conference is providing all the management, hospitality and awards. Come join us for two weeks of fun and bridge in paradise. The ship departs from Los Angeles, spends 4-5 days at sea (playing regional bridge!), tours the famous islands (Maui, Hilo, Kauai, Honolulu) for four days, then returns to Los Angeles with four more days of regional bridge.

Popular director Nancy Boyd will be our director in charge, along with Dave White, and everybody's favorite, Jean Molnar ... who was recently honored with the Fred Friendly award by ACBL.

Need a partner or a roommate? We have an online Partnership Desk (!) on the website at: www.acblgreatwesterncruise.com

Very Important: To participate in the regional games and Bridge Dynamics Seminar you must book passage with our official cruise travel agency: Travel-On Cruises & Tours. Call Bob Rosenblum at 800 358-3268 or 858 292-1336. E-mail him at habar@vacation.com

We have cabins available, but are not guaranteed to keep them past March, and we are limited to only 200 bridge players due to the ship's playing area – two very good reasons to come onboard now.



*** Free * Stars of Tomorrow 299ers Silver Point Sectional Darien Sportsplex, 451 Plainfield Road, Darien, IL**

**Be our guest
at this
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* FEES! ***

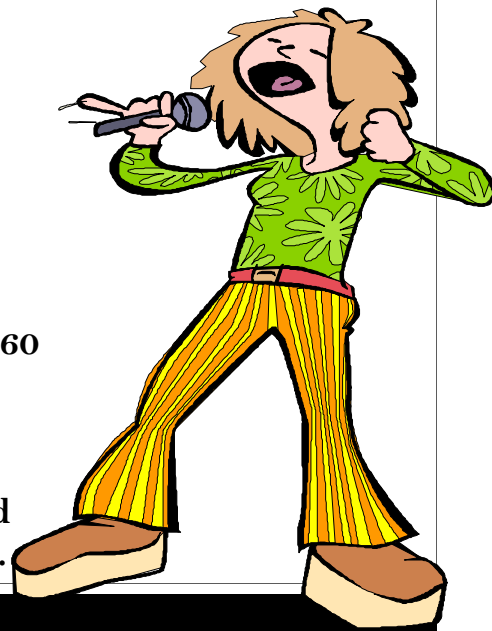
**Saturday, May 19, 2012
9:30 Compact Knockout, Sessions 1 & 2
Stratified 299er Pairs
(0-100, 100-200, 200-300)**

**Stratified 49er Pairs (0-5, 5-20, 20-50)
2:00 Compact Knockout, Sessions 3 & 4
Stratified 299er Pairs
(0-100, 100-200, 200-300)
49er Pairs (0-5, 5-20, 20-50)**

**Sunday, May 20, 2012
10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
(0-100, 100-200, 200-300)
Playthrough**

**Questions?
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Or angieclark@comcast.net
Or www.bridgeinchicago.com**

**Events or strata may be combined
if one has insufficient attendance.**



D 16		N arjundhir	W	N	E	S
		♠ AQJ8652	1♣	1♠	2♦	P
		♥ 1098	3♣	3♠	4NT	P
		♦ Q	5♥	P	6♣	P
		♣ KJ	P	P		
W benjk	♠ 43			E burkeas	♠ K7	
♥ AJ5			♥ KQ2	♦ AK10832	♣ Q6	
♦ J9						
♣ A109743						
S bman95	♠ 109					
♥ 7643						
♦ 7654						
♣ 852						
						6♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0

Four Spades was down 3 and Six Clubs was Down 2. The wheels fell off for EW at both tables.

At the first table, West's 3C opener is very questionable. This is an eight loser (5 or 6 winner) hand. At unfavorable vulnerability, preempts should be very disciplined. Therefore West's offering of an 800-1100 set makes no sense. The hand has many other flaws: No singleton or void, good support for hearts and spade tolerance, a bad six card club suit, and defensive values. Even at favorable vulnerability, this preempt should not be bid.

After the 3C bid, North bid a very reasonable 3S. At this point East should have bid 3NT. Facing a normal vulnerable 3C bid (AKTxxxx), this will be an easy make. As it is the diamonds run to produce a probable +660. I wouldn't fault a 5C bid, since East's honors are well placed and this contract will make opposite KJT9xxx and a side Ace. Even with West's actual hand, North's 3S bid might lead declarer to lead toward the trump Queen and make 5C. North gave East a second chance when he bid 4S. A double is now an easy bid for +500. If North was going to bid 4S, he probably should have done so immediately over 3C, but this bid would generally show a better hand (one should not preempt over a preempt).

D 16		N assault1NT	W	N	E	S
		♠ AQJ8652	3♣	3♠	4♣	P
		♥ 1098	P	4♠	P	P
		♦ Q	P			
		♣ KJ				
W coolbeans	♠ 43			E redexer	♠ K7	
♥ AJ5			♥ KQ2	♦ AK10832	♣ Q6	
♦ J9						
♣ A109743						
S hakanberk	♠ 109					
♥ 7643						
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♣ 852						
						4♣ N NS: 0 EW: 0

At the second table, West opened a sub-minimum 1C bid. Even presuming that East-West play a light-opening style this hand should not be opened. The 1C bid does nothing to block the opponents. Attempting to "steal" at unfavorable vulnerability is a long-run losing proposition, especially in long Knockout matches. At this level of competition, the key is to reach the best contract as often as possible.

If North had bid 3S over 1C (not unreasonable with a seven Card suit), East would be faced with a tough guess. 3NT is probably the middle road and in this case would work well. On the other hand, an easy slam or minor suit game might be missed. As it was East had an easy 2D call over 1S. When West rebid clubs, and North bid 3S, East made a

very dangerous Blackwood bid. If East did not hold two Aces, a hopeless slam would be forced on E-W. West assumed 4NT was RKC in Clubs. This was probably what East intended but is not 100% clear since no suit had been agreed. As it was, West had a bare two Aces and slam was a very poor proposition.

After the Ace of spades lead, the only hope was to find North with a singleton Jack of clubs. North switched to a heart and declarer led the Queen of clubs. If the Jack was singleton, the Queen would hold and declarer could continue with a club to the Nine. Assuming South had a doubleton spade, declarer will usually be able to trump two diamonds in hand and cash his winners ending in dummy at trick eleven. The trump coup will succeed since declarer will then hold the AT of trumps over South's K8.

Look how easy this hand is if West passes in first seat. North opens 1S and East doubles. East has too much to bid just 2D and has good three-card heart support. South will pass and West can show his hand by jumping to 3C. North causes some trouble by bidding 3S, but East can then bid 3NT without worrying that he is missing slam.

Key discussion items: General long Knockout tactics Opening Bid requirements Sensible preempting styles Blackwood use and Keycard understandings Taking the middle road in pressure situations

A Hand from the Wednesday/Thursday Knockout by Stan Subeck

You hold: S-AJ9852
 H-KJT85
 D- VOID
 C – J2

You open 1H – Partner responds 1NT (forcing) and you rebid 2H
Partner bids 3NT – Your Call?

You open 1S and partner bids 1NT (forcing). After your 2H rebid, partner jumps to 3NT. What should you bid? The immediate reaction of most players is to show your five card heart length by rebidding 4H. I believe it is better to rebid 4S.

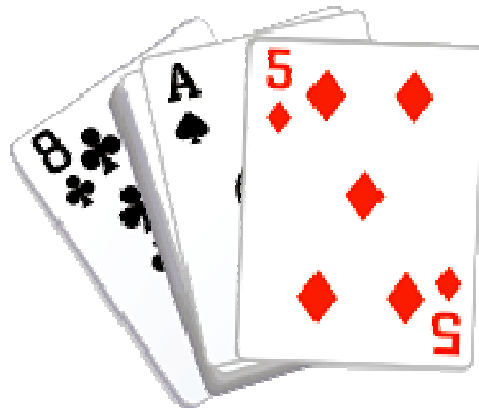
Partner's distribution is usually 2-3-4-4.

If he held a decent five card minor, he should have made a 2 over 1 response to 1S. It has been my experience that 6-2 fits play as well or better than 5-3 fits. You keep control of the hand and cannot be tapped out. Also this approach allows you to bid 4H when you have opened 1S with five spades and six hearts. This allows you to reach the correct contract when partner's distribution is 2-2-5-4 with 5 bad five card minor.

♠ Kx
♥ 975
♦ Axxx
♣ AKxx



♠ AJ9xxx
♥ KJT86
♦
♣ xx



At the table, partner made the knee jerk 4H bid.

The opening lead was the King of Diamonds. Partner won with the ace in dummy and pitched a spade.

She ran the nine of hearts to the queen in West. West continued diamonds. Partner ruffed in hand and played a spade to the king and a spade to the ace, planning to ruff a spade in dummy and drive out the ace of trump.

When the queen of spades fell on her left, she knocked out the ace of hearts and made five!

+650 was worth 13 IMPs

Note that the ace of diamonds (good for the worthless pitch of the sixth spade) was a HUGE card on this hand. It saved partner from losing control in the trump suit.

Another Hand from the Knockout..

Board 18 ♠
N/S Vul. ♥ KT987
Dealer: E ♦ A9xxx
 ♣ xxx

♠ AJTxx ♠ AQxxxx
 ♥ Xxxx ♥ AJx
 ♦ ♦ Jx
 ♣ Oxxxx ♣ KJ

♠ O_x
 ♥ Q
 ♦ KQTxxx
 ♣ Axxx



East	South	West	North
1S	2D	3D	5D
Pass	Pass	5S	6D
Double	All Pass		

Six diamonds is a good sacrifice against East/West's cold five spade contract... even vul against not.

Notice that if the opponent's lead a club, they will score a club and a heart because the club suit blocks.

As it was, the opening lead was a spade, trumped in dummy. Declarer led a heart from dummy and East made the fatal play of a small heart!! Declarer won the queen, led a middle diamond to dummy's ace, preserving small diamonds for dummy entries.

Declarer ruffed a heart, noting the fall of the jack... drew the last trump and ruffed a spade in dummy. He was now able to ruff out the heart ace, lead a small diamond to dummy, and discard his two clubs on the two good hearts... Making six for +1540.

At the other table, the auction ended in five spades.

Given the cards, the contract was cold...

Winning 19990!!! Or 18 IMP's.

In the end, six diamonds was a REALLY good save!

New Dining Choice in Lake Geneva...

Sprecher's Restaurant and Pub in the Cove in downtown Lake Geneva has taken over the space where Houlihan's used to be.

We stumbled on the restaurant Tuesday night and had an excellent dinner there. We would recommend it to all.

It is reasonable and has all sorts of good selections!!

In addition, it has a great assortment of beers and soft drinks.



THURS/FRI SIDE SERIES THUR MORN 1/6 SESSION

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION G	EAST-WEST				
					A	B	C		
1	1	1	Catherine Wright, Rockford IL; Susan Hillberry, Cherry Valley IL	56.55%	1	1	1	George Urquhart - Janet Urquhart, Kenosha WI	62.39%
2	2	2	Dave Drewes - Jeffrey Copsey, La Crosse WI	52.18%	2	1	1	Gene Brandl, Apple Valley MN; Delbert Swanson, Lakeville MN	59.63%
3	3	3	Dianne Kiehl, Muskego WI; Marlene Backus, Brookfield WI	51.83%	3	2	2	Art Foeste, Escondido CA; R Kirschner, Sarasota FL	54.32%
							3	Ron Fogel - Phyllis Fogel, Lombard IL	49.21%

THURS MORN 299ER PAIRS THURS MORN SESSION

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION K	EAST-WEST				
					A	B	C		
1	1	1	Elaine Frank, Northbrook IL; Ellen Katz, Riverwoods IL	67.50%	1	1	1	Norma Postudensek - Jim Postudensek, Duluth MN	63.33%
2	2	1	Jean Myrvold - Marilyn Eisenhut, Racine WI	56.25%	2	2	2	Mary Creagan, Rockford IL; Barbara Nuckles, Machesney Park IL	54.58%
3	3	2	Betty Riley, Waukesha WI; Wanda Mikhail, Menomonee Falls WI	52.08%	3	3	3	Richard Krueger, Milwaukee WI; Thomas Krueger, Shorewood WI	54.17%
							1	Gail Torgersen - Linda Murphy, Rockford IL	46.25%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS 12.0 Tables

A	B	C			
3.34	1	1	Richard Strauss, Northbrook IL; L James Phillips, Chicago IL	67.36%	
3.19	2	1	Dennis Ryan - Barbara Tysdahl, Menomonie WI	59.84%	
2.39	3	2	Lynette Koski, Waukesha WI; Susan Zlotocha, Hartland WI	58.42%	
1.44	4	1	Marilyn Charlson, Delafield WI; Evelyn Schneider, Hartland WI	56.94%	
2.88	5	3	1 Donna Cart, Rockford IL; Liz Leibert, Elgin IL	54.63%	
2.16	6	4	2 Judith Freeman, Northbrook IL; Myles Cunningham Md, Winnetka IL	54.43%	
1.62	5	3	Rose Zicarelli - Marilyn Le Blanc, Racine WI	52.40%	
1.22	6	4	Jim Peterson - William Cape, Lake Forest IL	51.27%	
0.91	5	5	Gene Brandl, Apple Valley MN; Delbert Swanson, Lakeville MN	51.04%	

THURS/FRI SIDE SERIES THURS AFT SESSION

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION G	EAST-WEST				
					A	B	C		
1	1	1	Dennis Ryan - Barbara Tysdahl, Menomonie WI	59.84%	1	1	1	Richard Strauss, Northbrook IL; L James Phillips, Chicago IL	67.36%
2	2	1	Marilyn Charlson, Delafield WI; Evelyn Schneider, Hartland WI	56.94%	2	1	1	Lynette Koski, Waukesha WI; Susan Zlotocha, Hartland WI	58.42%
3	2	1	Judith Freeman, Northbrook IL; Myles Cunningham Md, Winnetka IL	54.43%	3	2	1	Donna Cart, Rockford IL; Liz Leibert, Elgin IL	54.63%
4	3	2	George Urquhart - Janet Urquhart, Kenosha WI	54.28%	4	3	2	Rose Zicarelli - Marilyn Le Blanc, Racine WI	52.40%
5	3	2	John Shelton, Wilmette IL; Leon Teichner, Chicago IL	50.46%	5	4	3	Jim Peterson - William Cape, Lake Forest IL	51.27%
	4	3	Albert Brockelman - Ruth Ruyle, Menomonie WI	49.88%			4	Gene Brandl, Apple Valley MN; Delbert Swanson, Lakeville MN	51.04%
		3	Odis Thomas - Jack Torney, Winnebago IL	49.65%					

WED-THURS SWISS TEAMS 6 Tables

A	B	C		
5.60	1	1	William Malesevich, Mayville WI; Michele Foran, Oconomowoc WI; Gerald Gitles, Chicago IL; Muhammad Abedi, Hanover Park IL	81.00
4.20	2	1	Paul Hamper, Chicago IL; Robert Zboralski, Evanston IL; Diana Federl, Willowbrook IL; Pamela Tietz, Naperville IL	66.00
3.21	1	1	Sandy Brown, Brookfield WI; Suzanne Haidinger, Wales WI; Elaine Vandenburg - Karen Sarsfield, Hinsdale IL	36.00

THURSDAY MORN SIDE PAIRS 8.0 Tables

	A	B	C	
2.73	1			George Urquhart - Janet Urquhart, Kenosha WI 62.39%
2.58	2	1	1	Gene Brandl, Apple Valley MN; Delbert Swanson, Lakeville MN 59.63%
1.94	3	2	2	Catherine Wright, Rockford IL; Susan Hillberry, Cherry Valley IL 56.55%
1.45	4	3	3	Art Foeste, Escondido CA; R Kirschner, Sarasota FL 54.32%
1.18	5	4	4	Dave Drewes - Jeffrey Copsey, La Crosse WI 52.18%
0.84		5	5	Dianne Kiehl, Muskego WI; Marlene Backus, Brookfield WI 51.83%

THURS MORN 299ER PAIRS 7.0 Tables

	A	B	C	
2.40	1	1		Elaine Frank, Northbrook IL; Ellen Katz, Riverwoods IL 67.50%
1.80	2	2		Norma Postudensek - Jim Postudensek, Duluth MN 63.33%
1.79	3	3	1	Jean Myrvold - Marilyn Eisenhut, Racine WI 56.25%
1.01	4	4		Mary Creagan, Rockford IL; Barbara Nuckles, Machesney Park IL 54.58%
0.76	5	5		Richard Krueger, Milwaukee WI; Thomas Krueger, Shorewood WI 54.17%
1.34			2	Betty Riley, Waukesha WI; Wanda Mikhail, Menomonee Falls WI 52.08%
1.01			3	Ned Furst - Harriet Furst, Freeport IL 51.25%
0.77			4	Gail Torgersen - Linda Murphy, Rockford IL 46.25%

WEDNESDAY CHOICE PAIRS (CORRECTED) 15.0 Tables

	A	B	C	
8.75	1			William Malesevich, Mayville WI; Michele Foran, Oconomowoc WI 63.27%
6.56	2			Betty Marggraf, Muskego WI; Paul Schroeder, Wind Lake WI 59.49%
4.92	3			Linda Hays, Albuquerque NM; Paul Stern, Franklin WI 58.65%
3.69	4			Richard Strauss, Northbrook IL; L James Phillips, Chicago IL 57.71%
3.93	5			Robert Webster, Ripon WI; Nancy Ogreenc, Wautoma WI 57.23%
2.50	6			John Winter - Mary Ann Heinitz, Racine WI 56.41%
5.61		1		J Randy Rea, Fitchburg WI; Gary Vanden Houten, Beaver Dam WI 54.71%
4.21		2	1	John Pereles, Milwaukee WI; Mark Harrington, Mequon WI 54.28%
3.73		3	2	Delbert Swanson, Lakeville MN; Gene Brandl, Apple Valley MN 52.99%
2.61		4	3	Judith Freeman, Northbrook IL; Lisa Heitman, Wilmette IL 51.02%
1.94		5	4	Mary Persinger, Winfield IL; Vicki Sosnay, Milwaukee WI 50.20%
1.40			5	Ron Carey - Patricia Benedict, Rockford IL 49.49%

WED-THURS KNOCKOUT 9 Tables

21.74	1			Suzi Subeck, Glenview Nas IL; Stanton Subeck - Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL
15.22	2			Eric Mane - Paul Karas - Joan Stein, Milwaukee WI; Chris Benson, Le Roy IL
8.70	3/4			Tim Wernz, Hopkins MN; John Koch, Saint Cloud MN; John Seng, Champaign IL; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL; Gerald Gitles, Chicago IL; Muhammad Abedi, Hanover Park IL
8.70	3/4			Paul Hamper, Chicago IL; Robert Zboralski, Evanston IL; John Ulreich - Lynn Ulreich, Frankfort IL

THURS/FRI SIDE SERIES 4.0 Tables

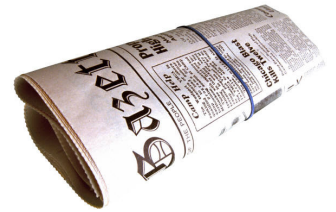
	A	B	C		
1.86	1/2			Richard Strauss, Northbrook IL; L James Phillips, Chicago IL	56.25%
2.12	1/2	1	1	Arlene Loca, Afton MI; Susan Zlotocha, Hartland WI	56.25%
1.39	3/4	2/3	2/3	Iliana Rozemberg, Northbrook IL; Dennis Skinder, Chicago IL	54.86%
1.39	3/4	2/3	2/3	Jim Peterson - Liz Peterson, Lake Forest IL	54.86%

THURS/FRI SIDE SERIES THURS EVE 3/6 SESSION

SECTION K

	A	B	C		
1.43	1/2			Richard Strauss, Northbrook IL; L James Phillips, Chicago IL	56.25%
1.59	1/2	1	1	Arlene Loca, Afton MI; Susan Zlotocha, Hartland WI	56.25%
0.96	3/4	2/3	2/3	Iliana Rozemberg, Northbrook IL; Dennis Skinder, Chicago IL	54.86%
0.96	3/4	2/3	2/3	Jim Peterson - Liz Peterson, Lake Forest IL	54.86%

An Easy Guide To Keeping Political News In Perspective



1. The Wall Street Journal is read by the people who run the country.
2. The Washington Post is read by people who think they run the country.
3. The New York Times is read by people who think they should run the country, and who are very good at crossword puzzles.
4. USA Today is read by people who think they ought to run the country but don't really understand The New York Times. They do, however, like their statistics shown in pie charts.
5. The Los Angeles Times is read by people who wouldn't mind running the country, if they could find the time and if they didn't have to leave Southern California to do it.
6. The Boston Globe is read by people whose parents used to run the country and did a poor job of it, thank you very much.
7. The New York Daily News is read by people who aren't too sure who's running the country and don't really care as long as they can get a seat on the train.
8. The New York Post is read by people who don't care who is running the country as long as they do something really scandalous, preferably while intoxicated.
9. The Miami Herald is read by people who are running another country, but need the baseball scores.
10. The San Francisco Chronicle is read by people who aren't sure if there is a country or that anyone is running it; but if so, they oppose all that they stand for. There are occasional exceptions if the leaders are handicapped, minority, feminist, atheist dwarfs who also happen to be illegal aliens from any other country or galaxy, provided of course, that they are not Republicans.
11. The National Enquirer is read by people trapped in line at the grocery store.
12. The Key West Citizen is read by people who have recently caught a fish and need something to wrap it in.

THURSDAY A/AX SWISS

14 Tables / Based on 24 Tables

	A	X		
11.90	1		Valentin Kovachev - Lynne Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL; Bud Hinckley - Howard Piltch, South Bend IN; Richard Mao, Mishawaka IN	80.00
8.93	2		Sharon Pobloske - Robert Jackson, Wood Dale IL; Samuel Miller, Glencoe IL; Jim Humphrey, Highland Park IL	76.00
6.69	3	1	Marlene Konik - Frank Redman - Michael Stein, Highland Park IL; Ronald Multon, Alsip IL	72.00
5.02	4		Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL; David Bogolub, Deerfield IL; Daniel Swartzman - Steve Kreiner, Chicago IL	70.00

THURSDAY GOLD RUSH SWISS

12 Tables

	B	C		
5.44	1	1	Marilyn Lipton - Sylvia Dunne, Chicago IL; Richard Plaisance, Eden Prairie MN; Christine Garner, St Paul MN	80.00
4.08	2	2	Monica Ansay, Oconomowoc WI; Suzanne Haidinger, Wales WI; William Parsons, Pewaukee WI; Sandy Brown, Brookfield WI	78.00
3.06	3	3	Charles Butler, Chicago IL; Jim Jurik, Oak Forest IL; Steve Beicos, Westchester IL; Pat Patel, Glen Ellyn IL	72.00
2.30	4		Jenny Schwartz, Highland Park IL; Holly Rozner, Glencoe IL; Suzanne Mangin, Riverwoods IL; Miriam Novick, Glenview IL	71.00



Last Night's Game!!

