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

Lake Geneva has several good eateries.

If you do not have a car, the *Grand Geneva Resort and Spa* offers some excellent choices for your lunch and dinner pleasure.

First, there is the *Geneva Chophouse*. Specialties of the house include chicken, steak, and seafood. The view from the restaurant is beautiful and the food is a fine match for it. The *Chophouse* is open for lunch Monday through Friday 11:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and dinner 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and dinner 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. A Sunday brunch is served from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Closed Sunday evenings.

Second, there is *Ristorante Brissago*, an Italian restaurant on the second floor of the resort. *Brissago* specializes in northern Italian cuisine. There is an extensive wine list, and the prices are moderate. The food is excellent. *Brissago* is open for dinner 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Closed Monday.

Last, there is *The Grand Café* in the hotel lobby, which offers casual café-style dining featuring sandwiches, burgers and a daily breakfast buffet. The *Café* offers bridge player specials daily. Watch the *Ruffing It* for more information on these. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and until 10 p.m. for dinner daily.

If you have a car or don't mind a short cab ride, here are some other excellent alternatives:

The Grandview at the Geneva Inn – This restaurant offers elegant, romantic atmosphere combined with fine gourmet dining featuring seafood, steak, pasta and daily specials. It is located on Highway 120 S. and is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Sunday brunch, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; dinner from 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 3:00 p.m. Sunday. An extensive wine list compliments the menu.

Club House Inn – Located at W3731 Club House Dr. on the north shore of Lake Como, this American restaurant features barbecue ribs, lamb chops, fresh seafood, and certified Angus steaks. It is open for dinner from 5:30 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Prices are moderate.

Houlihans Restaurant - Houlihans is located at 111 Center St. (at the Cove of Lake Geneva across from

Geneva Lake.) It features the standard Houlihans menu with baked potato soup, steaks, fajitas, steaks, chicken, seafood, pasta, and is open for lunch and dinner from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. The bar is open nightly until 1:00 a.m.

Kirsch's at the French Country Inn – Located on Highway 50 overlooking Lake Como, this restaurant offers elegant gourmet cuisine. Signature dishes include Hibachi grilled Chilean sea bass, roasted Kona crusted Chateaubriand. There is an authentic New Orleans style brunch on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Otherwise, the facility opens for dinner Monday through Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Su-Wing Chinese Restaurant – Located at 743 North St., this Chinese restaurant opens at 11:30 a.m. (closed Monday) and offers dine-in, carry-out, and even a drive through pick up.

Popeye's – Located at 811 Wrigley Dr. across from Geneva Lake, this "in" place has an outdoor barbecue pit for rotisserie chicken, lamb and pork. It has great broccoli-cheese soup, good hamburgers, and interesting salads. Popeye's is open from 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

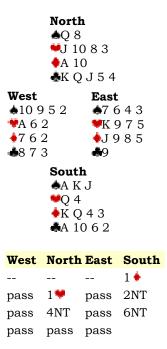
Pizza Hut – Located at 801 Williams St., this well-known chain features its standard menu of pizza, pasta, salads, and bread sticks. Open from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Original Chicago Pizza Company - Located in downtown Lake Geneva at 150 Center St., 414-248-8544 has great pizza, reasonable prices, and fast service. Open at 11:00 a.m. daily, the restaurant serves both lunch and dinner. The prices are reasonable and the pizza is quite delicious.

The Red Geranium – Located next door to the Grand Geneva, The Red Geranium offers an excellent menu with a variety of selections including lamb, pork, beef, chicken and fish. They also feature a daily pasta special. The food is among the best in Lake Geneva. It is pricey for the area but well worth the trip. The appetizers are especially enticing. Be sure to leave room for dessert! Everything at The Red Geranium is delicious. Try to go here on a night when you have ample time between sessions. The service is laid-back and you will need the time for your dinner.

HAND OF THE DAY BY WATT GRANOVETTER

Dealer:South Vul: None



Opening Lead: **\(\mathbb{\text{\texi{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\ti}}}}}} \ext{\tinit}}\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texitil{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texit{\text{\texit{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texit{\texi}\texit{\texi}\texit{\texit{\texit{\tiin}\tint{\tiint{\texiti**

Barry Rigal was South on today's hand, reaching the normal but unlucky 6NT contract. Without some complicated strong club methods, I think it's very difficult to avoid slam with these cards. Speaking of normal, what's the normal lead with the West hand, in your opinion?

Leading aces against suit slams is generally right, but not against 6NT, especially when declarer has shown a strong hand. The normal lead is the 10 of spades. After this lead, declarer should win in hand, cash four rounds of clubs (just for drill), ending in his hand, and lead a diamond to the 10. If he's in a rush, he can lead a diamond to the 10 at trick two. When the jack is onside, he makes 12 tricks. When the jack is offside, down 2.

Another possibility is to win the spade lead in dummy and attack hearts. If West wins the ace and returns anything but a heart, East can be squeezed in hearts and diamonds. This may be more exotic, but it's not nearly as good a play as the 50% diamond finesse.

In real life, West led the 2 of hearts through dummy's bid suit. Barry called for the 8 and East covered with the 9. Barry did not go for the overtrick by taking the diamond finesse.

WOMEN WHO KNOW THEIR PLACE

Barbara Walters, of 20/20, did a story on gender roles in Kabul, Afghanistan, several years before the Afghan conflict. She noted that women customarily walked five paces behind their husbands. She recently returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands.

Despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women now seem happy to maintain the old custom.

Ms Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, 'Why do you now seem happy with an old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?'

The woman looked Ms Walters straight in the eyes, and without hesitation said, "Land mines."

Moral of the story is (no matter what language you speak or where you go): BEHIND EVERY MAN, THERE'S A SMART WOMAN!

WELCOME TO THE GRAND GENEVA FROM THE TOURNAMENT CHAIR

Marilynn Charlson, tournament chairman, wants to welcome all of you to the beautiful Grand Geneva Resort and Spa for Milwaukee's Biennial Winter Regional.

The resort has many winter activities. As the brochure states: skiing in Wisconsin just got better. At The Mountain Top at Grand Geneva Resort, one of Wisconsin's premier skiing destinations, you can downhill ski, snowboard, or cross-country. Whether you are a novice or expert, there's something for you. Glide down our 18 slopes, feel the thrill of the snowboard half-pipe, or explore 10 kilometers of scenic winding cross-country trails. There's even night skiing seven days a week, so that long after the sun goes down, the fun is just beginning.

Our Ski and Snowboard School offers quality instruction including a Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) Certified Director and over 80 instructors who share a love of teaching students how to ski. Our unique method allows individual students to spend as much time as they need on each skill so that they only progress to the next phase when they feel comfortable. We also offer a special program just for kids ages 6-14. The "Mountain Mites" lesson program stresses safety and gives kids plenty of time to practice what they've learned.

Moose Mountain Falls at Timber Ridge: Enjoy year-round, total family fun at our 50,000 square foot indoor and outdoor water park, located at Timber Ridge Lodge on the grounds of the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa. Barrel down our two 35- foot-high waterslides or relax along the Lazy River. There's never a chilly or rainy day inside the climate controlled portion of this playground, so you can relax in a tropical setting anytime-even after a day on the slopes. Passes to the water park may be purchased at the front desk by registered guests staying at The Lodge at Grand Geneva.

If there is anything that anyone on the tournament committee can do to make your stay or that of your family more enjoyable, please ask. We are here to serve you!

As they say on the airlines, "We know you have a choice of tournaments at this time of year. We're glad you chose us and we want you to have the best

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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

<u>Partnerships:</u> 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.

Tournament Chairman: Marilynn Charlson Hospitality: Bill and Rene McFall "Ruff"ing It Editor: Suzi Subeck

possible time while you're here. Thanks for choosing Lake Geneva this February!"

Have fun ... don't break any bones on the slopes ... and win lots of masterpoints at the bridge table!

Please be sure all cell phones and electronic devices are shut down in the playing areas. (Medical devices do not qualify as electronic devices.)

It does not matter if you answer your cell, penalties will be assessed if your phone simply rings. Thank you!

FUN AND GAMES

New Year's Humor:



New Year's Day Quotes

New Year's Day: Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual.

Mark Twain

One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things.

John Burroughs

Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account.

Oscar Wilde

A New Year's Wish

On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up in the local pub and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living. Well, it was kind of embarrassing. As the clock struck - the bartender was almost crushed to death.

Lecture Tour with A Difference

On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the car park and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman. 'What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?' asked the police officer.

'I'm on my way to a lecture,' answered Roger.

'And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?' enquired the constable sarcastically.

'My wife,' slurred Daniel grimly.

Politician in Action

A Senator in the USA was once asked about his attitude toward whisky.

'If you mean the demon drink that poisons the mind, pollutes the body, desecrates family life, and inflames sinners, then I'm against it. But if you mean the elixir of a New Year toast, the shield against winter chill, the taxable potion that puts needed funds into public coffers to comfort little crippled children, then I'm for it. This is my position, and I will not compromise.'

New Year Jokes - One Liners

To kick start my New Year, I took an IQ test and the results were negative.

The trouble with jogging is that the ice falls out of your glass.

When I thought about the evils of drinking in the New Year.

I gave up thinking.

Definition of a hangover: Wrath of Grapes.

Welcome to the first 2012 Regional in District 13!

PUZZLE PAGE

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Fourth from your longest and strongest, Mabel... My coffee is getting cold waiting for you to choose!

Stupid Quotes:

These are supposedly actual quotes taken from around the world.

"The effects are fleeting and lingering..." - Overheard in a hallway

"In Managua, people are cheering in the streets, which are deserted." - CBS reporter during the solar eclipse

"A trucker called to thank all of the courteous Seattle drivers he had run across." - Announcer on KZOK radio

"He threw 110 pitches in six innings, and that's a mouthful!" - CBS baseball announcer

"An agreement is not an agreement until the parties to the agreement have reached an agreement." - Irish Politician on RTE radio

"This is the biggest pawn that Israel holds in the whole hostage equation." - BBC world service.

"We have two incredibly credible witnesses here." - Sen. Biden at Thomas hearings from Bob Ericson (Marlboro, MA, USA)

"He's going to step down 'til he's back on his feet." - Vermont Public Radio commentator on Jimmy Swaggart's latest sex scandal Answer to puzzle: (no peeking)

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A 4-loser hand from Jennbridge by Jennifer Jones

Losing trick count principles served us well yesterday as Mary O. and I posted a nice score. We had several good scores in major suit part-score contracts as we were able to judge well and stay out of game.

On this hand I had bigger things in mind (board 23):

- ΦQ
- ♥AKJx
- ♦ AQ10xxxx
- ♣x

After two passes I opened 1♦ and partner responded 1♥. What would you bid?

As I had only 4 losers I definitely wanted to be in game and slam might very well be in the cards. Various bids are possible, but I took the straightforward path of jumping to $4\P$. ($4\P$ is a possibility, but we hadn't discussed that bid). It turns out that partner held both black aces, 4 small hearts and 2 small diamonds. Hearts broke 3-2 with the queen doubleton onside so she had no heart losers. Her only loser turned out to be the king of diamonds when the finesse lost. Diamonds broke 2-2, however, so she had no trouble taking 12 tricks.

With her 8-loser hand she probably should have made a slam try, but plus 680 turned out to be a good score.

(More JennBridge on page 8)

Quotable Political Quotes

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber. ~Plato The problem with political jokes is they get elected. ~Henry Cate, VII

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. ~Aesop

If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these campaign speeches there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven. ~Will Rogers

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river. ~Nikita Khrushchev

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President. I'm beginning to believe it. ~Clarence Darrow If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates.. ~Jay Leno

I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them. ~Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country. ~Texas Guinan

Any American who is prepared to run for president should automatically, by definition, be disqualified from ever doing so. ~Gore Vidal

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians. ~Charles de Gaulle

Politics is supposed to be the second-oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first. ~Ronald Reagan

Politics: [Poly "many" + tics "blood-sucking parasites"] ~Larry Hardiman

Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks. ~Doug Larson

Don't vote, it only encourages them. ~Author Unknown

There ought to be one day - just one - when there is open season on senators and congressmen. ~Will Rogers

ACBL rules require that both members of a partnership have identical convention cards on the table at all times. Please be sure you and your partner comply with this rule.

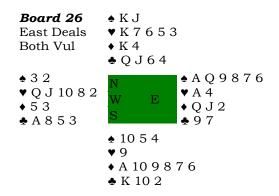
Thank you!

Jennbridge: Uppercut and Trump Promotion

Larry Hansen, one of my partners, recently sent me this interesting hand, noting that it was a defense that hasn't been written about very much.

I had an interesting Defensive Hand with one of my students earlier in Nov. My student failed to recognize a situation where she needed to lead a suit for me to uppercut, and so I wrote up an article on Uppercuts and Trump Promotions for her and others that I might need to instruct.

But this hand was especially interesting because of a key 2nd hand play which was made which allowed us to reach a situation where both an Uppercut play and a Trump Promotion were in play.



EW played in 2S by E. (The D: designates tricks won by the defense)

S started with the 9H, with the QH winning in dummy.

D: Declarer played a D from dummy, and I decided to play the KD as an unblock in case partner had D's; the KD won.

D: I could give partner a ruff, with a high H, but thought that I would get another entry with a D ruff and so I continued D's, which partner won with the A.

D: Partner led a 3rd D after some thought, and I ruffed with the JS.

D: I now led a H and partner ruffed.

This is where partner faltered, she continued with a C and eventually the defense won a 5th trick in C's Had partner understood the value of her TS and the fact that I ruffed with the JS, which shouldn't be my highest S, and therefore suggest that an Uppercut was available.

Here's what happens if she continues a 4th D...

I would ruff with the KS and declarer will have to lose 2 more tricks

If declarer over-ruffs, he loses a C and the TS

If declarer pitches a C, then I win the KS and continue with a H to give partner a trump promotion for 2 tricks.

The neat thing about this combined UpperCut and Trump Promotion is that when Declarer has a single loser that he can discard, discarding it does not gain.

Had I not played the KD and continued D, this position does not arise and declarer can hold the loses to 5 tricks.

Jennifer Jones is now writing a monthly column in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin about Losing Trick Count. For some time we have featured her material in our Regional Daily Bulletins.

Her material is fresh and new ... and is mainly unfamiliar to midwest players... even though Jenn was living her for a while years ago.

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



Fresh Fruit

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0-299er Masterpoints

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

Intermediate &

Newcomer Events

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

Tournament Chairman: Marilvnn 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	Compa	ct KO I	Swiss T	'eam (2 sessions)			
2:00		A3	C1	C3	D1	D3			
		B1	В3			Compact KO II			
7:30	A1	A4	C2	C4	D2	D4			
		B2	B4			Compact KO II			
One-Session Evening Games:									
7:30		Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss			

Side Game Series Stratification: C: 0-300; B: 300-1500; A: 1500+





Bob Hope Goodies:

ON TURNING 70

'You still chase women, but only downhill'.

ON TURNING 80

'That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing.'

ON TURNING 90

'You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.'

ON TURNING 100

'I don't feel old. In fact. I don't feel anything until noon. Then, it's time for my nap.'

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER, BOXING

'I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them.'

ON NEVER WINNING AN OSCAR

'Welcome to the Academy Awards or, as it's called at my home, 'Passover'.'

ON GOLF

'Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees.'

ON PRESIDENTS

' I have performed for 12 presidents and entertained only six.'

ON WHY HE CHOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER

'When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, "Congratulations, you have an eight pound ham."

ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

'I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it.'

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY

'Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother.'

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS

'That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom.'

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES

'I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me.'

ON GOING TO HEAVEN.

'I've done benefits for ALL religions. I'd hate to blow the hereafter .. on a technicality..'