

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

ABBEY RESORT & AVANI SPA, 269 Fontana Blvd., Fontana, phone: (262) 275-9000
Waterfront Restaurant & Bar

Features: Lake View, Outdoor Seating, Lunch, Dinner, Smoke Free, Handicap Accessible, Reservations Accepted, Vegetarian Dishes

Inspired by the atmosphere of the adjoining marina, The Waterfront Restaurant & Bar offers a beautiful harborside view to accompany your meal or beverage. The Waterfront's relaxed ambience provides a flavorful array of casual dining choices – sandwiches, salads, appetizers, and a kid's menu. In perfect accompaniment is an endless selection of drinks to suit your fancy and quench your thirst. The Waterfront touts eleven flatscreen televisions for viewing of your favorite sporting event as well as a venue for fun bar activities.

BISTRO 220, 220 Cook St., (262) 248-4-220

Features: Lake View, Outdoor Seating, Sunday Brunch, Lunch, Dinner, Smoke Free, Reservations Accepted (6 or more), Vegetarian Dishes

Bistro 220 boasts an astounding atmosphere. Seasonally, enjoy our quaint outdoor balcony seating with lake views while watching the exciting hustle and bustle of downtown shoppers and activities. Enjoy the flourishing blooms and foliage surrounding the grounds. As temperatures fall, cozy up inside where we feature the incredible illusion of outdoor dining all year round! Relax and try the special of the day next to the warmth of one of our glowing fireplaces or watch your favorite team on our 50" Plasma. Join us for a unique appetizer, superb lunch, or exceptional dinner and leave room for dessert.

EGG HARBOR CAFÉ, 827 W. Main Street, Lake Geneva, phone: (262) 248-1207

Features: Outdoor Seating (screened-in), Breakfast, Lunch, Smoke Free, Handicap Accessible, Reservations Accepted (seasonal), Vegetarian Dishes
Gourmet breakfast and lunch served in a country setting.

EVERGREEN GOLF CLUB, N6246 US Hwy 12, Elkhorn, phone: (262) 723-5722

Features: Lunch, Dinner
Evergreen Golf Club serves lunch every day during the golf season. Our famous Friday night fish fry is served in our Evergreen Room from January through November and is also served in our Bunker Bar & Grill during the summer season. Saturday and Sunday night dinners are offered in the Bunker Bar & Grill featuring steaks, barbecued ribs, and prime rib along with chicken and fish entrees, accompanied by our unlimited sumptuous salad bar. Evergreen Golf Club is legendary for its friendly customer service and outstanding value.

FISCHER'S ON BUTTONS BAY, N2062 South Lake

Shore, Lake Geneva, phone: (262) 248-1270

Features: Lake View, Outdoor Seating, Lunch, Dinner
Fischer's is located a short 2 minute drive from downtown Lake Geneva next door to Big Foot Beach State Park. We have the best view of Geneva Lake year round. Fischer's boasts a great atmosphere with 100's of vintage record albums decorating the walls, a pool table, darts, t.v.'s, video games, and of course delicious homemade food. Original cocktails, friendly service, and great conversation. Our signature dish is our homemade Spicy Beer Cheese Soup. We offer great burgers, creative salads, succulent steaks, fish fry, and daily specials. Reservations accepted.

GENEVA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB, 1221 Geneva National Ave. S., Lake Geneva, (262) 245-7000
The Grill Room

Features: Outdoor Seating, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Handicap Accessible, Vegetarian Dishes
The Grill Room is our casual restaurant located in the lower level of the Clubhouse. The Grill Room is open to the public, golfers or not, and offers spectacular golf and lake views. It's a great place to enjoy an outdoor meal and is open daily during the Golf season for breakfast, lunch and dinner with a casual menu of appetizers, salads, sandwiches, and specials. A great way to start or finish a round of golf! No reservations necessary.

Now home to Geneva National's Outdoor Pizza Kitchen. Open from noon-8pm Wednesday-Sunday, the GN Pizza Kitchen serves custom 10 inch pizzas overlooking the golf courses and Lake Como. The perfect spot for lunch or dinner, whether you are golfing or not.

GORDY'S BOAT HOUSE & COBALT LOUNGE, 336 Lake Street, Fontana, phone: (262) 275-6800

Features: Lake View, Lunch, Dinner, Smoke Free, Handicap Accessible, Vegetarian Dishes
Lake Geneva's premier west end waterfront bar/restaurant with casual and family dining features a full menu, from unique sandwiches and wraps to salads, seafood, steaks and pasta. Also featuring a full-service bar with excellent wine selection. Ambiance is nautical with a variety of local and Gordy's memorabilia. Food served 11am to 9pm. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays in Fall/Winter.

HAWK'S VIEW GOLF CLUB, W7377 Krueger Road Lake Geneva, (262) 348-9900

Features: Outdoor Seating, Lunch, Dinner, Handicap Accessible, Reservations Accepted, Vegetarian Dishes
Located three miles north of downtown Lake Geneva, Hawk's View Bar and Grille offers a casual, fun place to meet friends, with panoramic views of the golf courses. Patio seating available in season. Serving homemade soups, appetizers and an array of delicious sandwiches, our chef has something to please everyone's appetite.

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HANDS OF THE DAY BY MATT GRANOVETTER

Dealer: North Vul: Both

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

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

Opening Lead: ♠10

Welcome to the "busy bidding" club! Today we demonstrate why the ever popular credo, "When in doubt, bid," is not all it's made out to be. I was East (against my wife in the South seat, of course) on this OKbridge hand last month when my partner decided to enter the bidding with his seven-card spade suit. After all, "spades over hearts" is another fine credo. In this case, it created a new one called, "notrump over spades."

OK, I can hear the complaints. North can bid 3NT over 3H without the 3S interference. But we lost 6 imps, so most pairs played in 4H down one. East was on lead against 4H and led his singleton spade, then got in with the trump ace, led a diamond to the ace for the spade ruff, and later scored a club trick.

The point is that the 3S bid made it easy for North-South to reach 3NT. It steered them there like a beautiful lighthouse in a dark sea. How nice of West to help! Now if only I held the 9 of clubs ... I could shift to clubs after winning the ace of hearts and defeat 3NT... but for some reason this never happens.

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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: West Vul: Both

North

♠J 3 2
♥K 8 3
♦Q J
♣K 9 6 3 2

West

♠9 8 6
♥A Q 6 5
♦9 8 5
♣J 8 5

East

♠10 5 4
♥J 7 4
♦10 7 6 4 3
♣A Q

South

♠A K Q 7
♥10 9 2
♦A K 2
♣10 7 4

West North East South

pass pass pass 1NT
pass 3NT pass pass
pass

Opening Lead: ♥5

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Here's a nice psychological problem that occurred last month on OKbridge. Against 3NT, West led the 5 of hearts. Declarer played low from dummy and East won the jack, South following with the 2. Back came the 7 of hearts. West won the ace and played a third round, clearing the suit. This was a mistake by West but we'll get back to that.

Declarer had 8 top tricks (four spades, one heart, and three diamonds) and needed one club trick. The legitimate play for declarer to make the contract is to come to hand and lead a club to the king. If the ace of clubs is onside (with West), the defenders can take only four tricks (three hearts and a club). But here we see that West's failure to duck the second heart lead at trick two has offered declarer an alternative line of play. Declarer can lead a club to the 9 and queen, then later duck a club to the ace. Since West can't get back on lead, the defenders will have only four tricks and declarer scores his game.

The psychological problem is this: Did West win the second trick by mistake? In which case, declarer may play East for the ace of clubs. Or did West win on purpose because he has the ace of clubs and wants declarer to lead a club to the 9?

The solution: West can always defeat this contract without the ace of clubs by playing low at trick two, so if West is a good player, declarer should always play West for the club ace.

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 "Ruffing 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 woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head sadly and said; "I'm sorry, your duck (Cuddles) has passed away." The distressed woman wailed; "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. The duck is dead." replied the vet.

"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around, and left the room.

He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table, and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room.

A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly, and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said; "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried; "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!?"

The vet shrugged; "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but... with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."

The man: "God, how long is a million years?"

God: "To me, it's about a minute."

The man: "God, how much is a million dollars?"

God: "To me it's a penny."

The man: "God, may I have a penny?"

God: "Wait a minute."

A nervous taxpayer was unhappily conversing with the IRS auditor who had come to review his records. At one point the auditor exclaimed, "Mr. Carr, we feel it is a great privilege to be allowed to live and work in the USA. As a citizen you have an obligation to pay taxes, and we expect you to eagerly pay them with a smile."

"Thank God," returned Mr. Carr, "I thought you were going to want cash!"

Q. Why do all Pascal programmers ask to live in Atlantis?

A. Because it is below C level.

Last Tuesday, as President Obama got off the Helicopter in front of the White House, he was carrying a baby piglet under each arm.. The squared away Marine guard snaps to attention, Salutes, and says: "Nice pigs, Sir." The President replies: "These are not pigs. These are authentic Arkansas Razorback Hogs. I got one for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and I got one for Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi." The squared away Marine again snaps to attention, Salutes, and says: "Excellent trade, sir."

PUZZLE PAGE

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

The 13 things that PMS stands for...

1. Pass My Shotgun
2. Psychotic Mood Shift
3. Perpetual Munching Spree
4. Puffy Mid-Section
5. People Make me Sick
6. Provide Me with Sweets
7. Pardon My Sobbing
8. Pimples May Surface
9. Pass My Sweatpants
10. Pissy Mood Syndrome
11. Plainly; Men Suck
12. Pack My Stuff
13. Potential Murder Suspect

Her husband retorts: 'So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it's half the price. A Husband and wife are shopping in their local Wal-Mart. The husband picks up a case of Budweiser and puts it in their cart. 'What do you think you're doing?' asks the wife. 'They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans.' he replies. 'Put them back, we can't afford them.' demands the wife, and so they carry on shopping. A few aisles further on along the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket. 'What do you think you're doing?' asks the husband. 'It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful.' replies the wife.

Her husband retorts: "So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it's half the price!"

Answer to puzzle:

(no peeking)

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

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Carry-outs are available. New in 2009, serving Friday Fish Fry. Retirement, birthday and social parties are always welcome. Tail Feathers Bar offers a full selection of your favorite beverages and watch your favorite sporting event on the 4 plasma TV's. Open daily, serving lunch beginning at 10:30.

HEMINGWAYS, N3270 Cty Hwy H, Lake Geneva , phone: (262) 348-1200
"Once Found Never Forgotten". Open 7 days a week starting Memorial Day weekend. Dinner Nightly. Lunch Saturday and Sunday 11a.m. Island Style Menu with some of your classic favorites. Serving appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, entrees and a kids menu. Private parties welcome. Call ahead for reservations in the summer. Entertainment Tues. - Sat., some Sundays. Enjoy the outdoor patio and tiki bar serving up the best margaritas and island drinks. Happy Hour Daily. 2 brand new lighted sand volleyball courts and bean bag toss. For a change of latitude or attitude come inside and watch your favorite sports team or show on our plasma tvs.

OLD WORLD WISCONSIN, S103 W37890 Hwy. 67 Eagle, phone: (262) 594-6300
Old World Wisconsin: Clausing Barn Restaurant
Enjoy a light meal or snack at the charming Clausing Barn Restaurant, nestled within Old World Wisconsin, an outdoor museum of 19th century rural and immigrant farm life, located in Eagle. One of the few remaining octagonal barns created by Ernst Clausing, it offers museum visitors the opportunity to dine in the air-conditioned restaurant or outside on the patio. Hours are based on the museum's hours; please call 262/594-6300 or check our website at www.oldworldwisconsin.org.

SCUTTLEBUTT'S RESTAURANT, 831 Wrigley Drive

Lake Geneva , phone: (262) 248-1111
Features: Lake View, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Smoke Free, Handicap Accessible, Vegetarian Dishes
Casual dining with an incredible lakefront view. Charming bistro style atmosphere. Complete breakfast, lunch and dinner menu featuring our famous Swedish Pancakes and Swedish entrees. Barbeque Ribs and Salmon (with our homemade BBQ sauce), Saturday prime rib, great salads, burgers and sandwiches, and terrific homemade pies. "Best of Lake Geneva 2008" voted #1 in Best Cafe, Best Breakfast, Best Swedish, and Best Pulled Pork. Also known as #1 All-You-Can-Eat Friday Fish Fry in the Geneva Lake and surrounding area. Fresh air dining, weather permitting.

TIMBER RIDGE LODGE & WATERPARK, 7020 Grand Geneva Way phone: (262) 249-3400
Smokey's Bar-B-Que House
Located at Timber Ridge Lodge at Grand Geneva Resort & Spa
Features: Smoke Free, Handicap Accessible, Reservations Accepted (large groups)
Smokey's Bar-B-Que House is a full-service family style restaurant featuring traditional fare such as ribs, chicken and pulled pork with all the fixin's. Open for breakfast lunch and dinner. Items from Smokey's are also available for carryout

HOULIHAN'S, 111 Center Street, Lake Geneva, phone: (262) 248-7047
Features: Lake View, Lunch, Dinner, Handicap Accessible, Vegetarian Dishes
Casual dining on the waterfront overlooking Geneva Lake. Open for lunch and dinner 7 days-a-week. Featuring steaks, seafood, pasta and salads with a handsome bar and specialty beers and drinks. Amer. Express, VISA, MC accepted.



finalist in the Cannes competition this year!

Well deserved!

Jennbridge: The Curious Cuebid

From Jake, traveling bridge pro: *Jenn--We should come up with a name for the cuebid that the expert makes in the middle of an auction to try and create a game force and which the student or intermediate player always finds puzzling and invariably ends up ignoring which causes the auction to fizzle out before it reaches its climax.*

At the Scottsdale Regional RHO opened one heart and I overcalled one spade with:

♠ Q10xxxx
♥ AK
♦ x
♣ Kxxx

LHO passed and partner got my attention with a bid of 2 clubs. RHO passed and it was my call. What to bid? My hand has gone up in value with partner's 2 club advance and we surely have a game somewhere. In spades? Clubs? Notrump?

As the only forcing bid I could create was 2 hearts, that's what I bid. Partner bid 2 notrump which wasn't much help as I was still unsure where we belonged.

*As it was a team game perhaps I should have jumped to 5 clubs as one of my friends suggested, but I hated to give up on spades. So I bid 3 spades, praying that partner would take note of the fact that I **inserted a cuebid** into the middle of the auction before I rebid my spades.*

Nope--he passed. Sigh.

♠ A9
♥ Qxx
♦ xxx
♣ AQxxx

♠ Q10xxxx
♥ AK
♦ x
♣ Kxxx

It was disheartening to see ace-doubleton of spades in dummy and realize that we could make game in either black suit. I actually made 6 as the spades were well-positioned and I was able to pitch my diamond on the queen of hearts.

I finished the match in a funk, dreading the score comparison. When our teammates read the score for the board they announced "Plus 200!" "Win 10" I replied. (Whew!)

It seems that our counterparts had an even worse time of it as they wound up in 3NT, down 4! So instead of suffering a big loss, we actually had an unexpected good result in a rather amusing twist.

Keep Passing the Open Windows!

You too Jake--keep the faith! Good idea--if we give the bid a name maybe that will elevate it to the status of a CONVENTION which can then be noted on the convention card.....

Here are some other suggestions:

Gratuitous cuebid
Conspicuous cuebid
Peculiar cuebid
Critical cuebid
Remarkable cuebid

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



Fresh Fruit

**Hospitality Suite:
Tuesday-Saturday nights**

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Tournament Chairman: Marilynn Charlson

262-490-2644
email: mcharlson@wi.rr.com

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

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



Jennbridge: A Successful Gambit

I was playing at Roy Hoppe's club with Dave Neuman today. Dave made an imaginative bid that worked well. He dealt and held, with neither side vulnerable:

♠ AKQTxx
♥ AJ
♦ Kx
♣ Jxx

He bid 1 Spade. LHO overcalled 2 Clubs. I passed. RHO advanced 2 Diamonds. Back to him. What would you do?

Dave eschewed such mundane bids as 2 or 3 Spades. Instead, he chose to bid 3 Diamonds! Dave and I have an agreement that when the opponents have bid two suits, a cue bid of one of them shows a stopper in that suit but not the other. So he showed a diamond stopper and asked me to bid 3NT with a club stopper. While it is true that this would only produce the eighth trick if spades ran, he decided to go for it since I might have something else useful that would produce another. I held

♠ xxx
♥ T98
♦ QJx
♣ Q9xx

Not much, but when they didn't find the potentially killing heart lead, it was enough. RHO played the ten of clubs to my queen, so the 9 was a second stopper. If he instead won it with the king, there was no defense (hearts cannot be led from his side without setting up 2 tricks in the suit). I only needed to play a diamond and that was 9 tricks (spades were 3-1). I actually made ten, since when I led a diamond, LHO went up with the ace and I unblocked the king. (If he ducked, there would only be 9 since I wouldn't be able to set up another diamond and untangle all the tricks.) +430 was a cold top. +400 would have still been a top; everybody else was in 3 or 4 Spades.

Following the problems in the sub-prime lending market in America and the run on HBOS in the UK, uncertainty has now hit Japan.

In the last 7 hours Origami Bank has folded, Sumo Bank has gone belly up and Bonsai Bank announced plans to cut some of its branches.

Yesterday, it was announced that Karaoke Bank is up for sale and will likely go for a song, while today shares in Kamikaze Bank were suspended after they nose-dived.

Samurai Bank is soldiering on, following sharp cutbacks, Ninja Bank is reported to have taken a hit, but they remain in the black.

Furthermore, 500 staff at Karate Bank got the chop and analysts report that there is something fishy going on at Sushi Bank where it is feared that staff may get a raw deal.

The Centers for Disease Control has issued a medical alert about a highly contagious, potentially dangerous virus that is transmitted orally, by hand, and even electronically.

This virus is called Weary Overload Recreational Killer (WORK). If you receive WORK from your boss, any of your colleagues, or anyone else via any means whatsoever - DO NOT TOUCH IT. This virus will wipe out your private life completely. If you should come into contact with WORK you should immediately leave the premises.

Take two good friends to the nearest grocery store and purchase one or both of the antidotes - Work Isolating Neutralizer Extract (WINE) and Bothersome Employer Elimination Rebooter (BEER). Take the antidote repeatedly until WORK has been completely eliminated from your system.

You should immediately forward this medical alert to five friends. If you do not have five friends, you have already been infected and WORK is controlling your life.

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
tournament!!**

*** NO *
* ENTRY *
* 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**

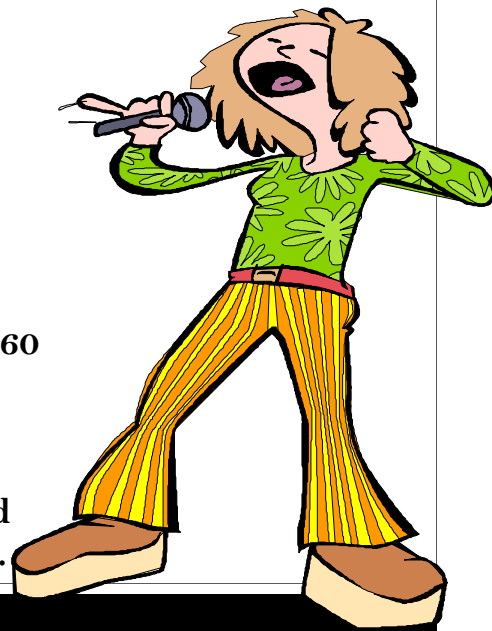
(0-100, 100-200, 200-300)

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?
Contact Angie Clark at 847-764-1060
Or angieclark@comcast.net
Or www.bridgeinchicago.com**

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



There will be ice cream sundaes today!! Don't miss out on a sweet treat! Everyone is invited to have one.

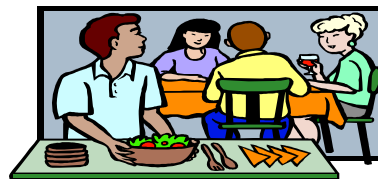
New Dining Choice in Lake Geneva...

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.



10 D		N assault1NT	W N E S
		♠ AKJ5	1♦ X P P
		♥ AKJ7	2♣ 4♣ P P
		♦ AJ	P
		♣ Q62	
W coolbeans		E redexer	
♠ 8		♠ 1097	
♥ 43		♥ Q985	
♦ Q9653		♦ 10742	
♣ AKJ104		♣ 97	
		S hakanberk	
		♠ Q6432	
		♥ 1062	
		♦ K8	
		♣ 853	
		4♠ S NS: 0 EW: 0	

At Table 1, West opened 1D on a minimum hand. This seems reasonable (old fashioned point count = 10HCP plus 3 Distributional Points and 2 Quick Tricks). Of course North doubled and raised partner to 4S when W bid clubs at his next turn. The defenders started with three rounds of clubs and then waited for their heart trick. All in all this is a very unlucky hand for NS. Interestingly, if EW pas throughout, NS are likely to reach the same 4S contract, but East might not find the killing club lead.

At Table 2, West, normally an aggressive opening bidder, passed in 1st seat and NS were probably on their way to the normal 4S contract. Since the contract would certainly be declared from North, East will need to find the club lead with no help from partner. This is by no means a certainty.

10 D		N arjundhir	W N E S
		♠ AKJ5	P P P P
		♥ AKJ7	2♣ X 3♦ 3NT
		♦ AJ	P P P
		♣ Q62	
W benjk		E burkeas	
♠ 8		♠ 1097	
♥ 43		♥ Q985	
♦ Q9653		♦ 10742	
♣ AKJ104		♣ 97	
		S bman95	
		♠ Q6432	
		♥ 1062	
		♦ K8	
		♣ 853	
		3NT S NS: 0 EW: 0	

West chose to show his minors in the middle of the NS two club auction (not an unreasonable action, although somewhat flawed at this vulnerability. Faced with the dilemma of showing his diamond stopper or his mediocre spade suit, South chose to bid the unstoppable 3NT.

The results on this hand can be ascribed to simple bad luck and the randomness of certain hands. No one did anything wrong, but 13IMPs swung on South's judgment at Table 2.

Key discussion items:

- Interfering with 2C auctions
- Quiet can be better
- Lead directing bids

Leading Doubletons

Trial Hands from the U21 Team Trials by Stan Subeck

FRIDAY CHOICE PAIRS 1ST OF 3 SESSION

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION G	EAST-WEST					
A	B	C			A	B	C			
2.45	1	1	1	Tami Krempel, Cudahy WI; Liz Leibert, Elgin IL	60.65%	2.45	1	1	James Hudson - Ruth Kuncel, Elmhurst IL	63.66%
1.72	2	2	2	Barbara Schuelke, Menomonee Falls WI; Melodee	58.10%	1.72	2	2	Barbara Tysdahl - Dennis Ryan, Menomonie WI	61.81%
1.23	3	3	3	Ginny Braidwood, Indian River MI; Arlene Loca, Afton MI	53.47%	1.23	3		Michele Foran, Oconomowoc WI; William	61.11%
0.86	4	4		Florence Erickson, Rhineland WI;	51.16%	0.86	4		John Winter, Racine WI; George Urquhart, Kenosha WI	54.40%
0.55		4	4	Robert Kruger, McHenry IL; Donna Cart, Rockford IL	50.69%	1.24	3	1	Lisa Frese, Lake Barrington IL; Diane Treslo,	49.54%
						0.87		2	Monica Ansay, Oconomowoc WI; Suzanne	42.82%

FRIDAY MORN 299ER PAIRS ONLY SESSION

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION K	EAST-WEST						
A	B	C			A	B	C				
1.59	1			Muhammad Abedi, Hanover Park IL; Gerald Gitles,	59.52%	1.59	1	1	1	Norma Postudensek - Jim Postudensek,	59.52%
1.11	2			Lynette Koski, Waukesha WI; Marilyn Charlson,	54.17%	1.11	2	2		Evelyn Schneider - Susan Zlotocha, Hartland WI	57.14%
1.31	3	1	1	Odis Thomas, Winnebago IL; Jim Gentz, Belvidere IL	52.68%	0.80	3	3	2	Catherine Wright, Rockford IL; Susan Hillberry,	55.65%
0.92		2	2	Barbara Bitticker, Miamisburg OH;	47.32%						

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Another Hand from the Knockout.. (corrected)

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

♠ AJTxx ♠ Kxxxxxx
 ♥ Xxxxx ♥ AJx
 ♦ ♦ Jx
 ♣ Oxxxx ♣ KJ

♠ O_x
 ♥ Q
 ♦ KQTxxx
 ♣ Axxx



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 was helpless. If he rose ace, declarer would generate three club pitches on the heart suit. In reality, he ducked and declarer's heart loser went away.

Declarer led a trump to dummy and 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 discarded 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!

19.0 Tables				FRIDAY CHOICE PAIRS	
	A	B	C		
10.15	1	1		Barbara Tysdahl - Dennis Ryan, Menomonie WI	62.28%
6.66	2/3			Robert Oslin, Chicago IL; Gregg Van Dyke, Saint Paul MN	57.39%
6.66	2/3			Bob Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL; Jeff David, Lisle IL	57.39%
4.28	4			Tamas Szabo, Brookfield WI; Martha Brosio, Glendale WI	55.74%
3.38	5			James Diebel, Wood Dale IL; Wayne Eggers, Woodridge IL	55.08%
5.31	6	2		James Hudson - Ruth Kuncel, Elmhurst IL	55.06%
3.98		3		Earle Davis, Glenview IL; Michael Kolacki, Chicago IL	54.63%
4.95		4	1	John Pereles - Jill Polacheck, Milwaukee WI	54.20%
2.36		5		Thomas Dressing, Buffalo Grove IL; Kenneth Wolf, Libertyville IL	53.50%
3.71		6	2	Ginny Braidwood, Indian River MI; Arlene Loca, Afton MI	53.13%
2.78			3	Tami Krempel, Cudahy WI; Liz Leibert, Elgin IL	52.03%
2.09			4	John Shelton, Wilmette IL; Michael Shelton, Winnetka IL	50.81%
1.65			5	Robert Kruger, McHenry IL; Donna Cart, Rockford IL	49.88%
1.41			6	Jim Nehs - Ricki Nehs, Janesville WI	49.75%

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE 7.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.58	1			Lynette Koski, Waukesha WI; Marilyn Charlson, Delafield WI	61.21%
2.58	2	1	1	John Shelton, Wilmette IL; Michael Shelton, Winnetka IL	58.53%
1.94	3	2	2	Judith Shuflit, North Riverside IL; Lynn Harris, Riverside IL	57.86%
1.45	4	3	3	Judy Jisa - Joan Carmignani, Riverside IL	54.46%
1.09	5	4		Karen Sarsfield - Elaine Vandenburg, Hinsdale IL	50.24%
0.82		5		Christine Priest - Geoffrey Priest, Madison WI	49.40%

FRIDAY EVENING SWISS 7 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.58	1	1	1	Eric Giefer - Jessica Sanner, Verona WI; Barry Holt, Chicago IL; David Raitt, Madison WI	88.00
1.94	2	2	2	Randall Roberts - Robert Lass - Cory Perkers, Chicago IL; Michele Pockross, Wilmette IL	67.00
1.45	3			John Ulreich - Lynn Ulreich, Frankfort IL; Richard Gunderson, Earlville IL; Charlotte Schmidt, Plano IL	63.00

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS 9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.88	1			Linda Hays, Albuquerque NM; Paul Stern, Franklin WI	61.81%
2.73	2	1		Judy Zhu, Naperville IL; Eric Neumann, Downers Grove IL	59.49%
2.26	3/4	2	1	Kurt Litscher - Janet Litscher, Greendale WI	58.80%
1.42	3/4			Marilyn Charlson, Delafield WI; Susan Zlotocha, Hartland WI	58.80%
1.54	5	3		Brian Carlson, Monona WI; Pat Patel, Glen Ellyn IL	53.70%
1.18		4		Albert Brockelman - Ruth Ruyle, Menomonie WI	51.39%
1.49		5/6	2/3	Leon Teichner, Chicago IL; Clayton Chrisman, Hawthorn Woods IL	50.00%
1.49		5/6	2/3	Debra Brunoehler, New Castle IN; Cindy Butts, Indianapolis IN	50.00%
0.95			4	Catherine Wright, Rockford IL; Susan Hillberry, Cherry Valley IL	49.77%

FRIDAY CHOICE PAIRS AFTERNOON SESSION

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION G	EAST-WEST				
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1	1		Barbara Tysdahl - Dennis Ryan, Menomonie WI	62.75%	1			James Diebel, Wood Dale IL; Wayne Eggers, Woodridge IL	61.55%
2			Tony Ames - Judy Nassar, Minnetonka MN	55.86%	2	1	1	John Pereles - Jill Polacheck, Milwaukee WI	57.94%
3			Bob Meixner, Hinsdale IL; Michael Saltzman, Naperville IL	53.40%	3			Tamas Szabo, Brookfield WI; Martha Brosio, Glendale WI	53.15%
4	2	1	John Shelton, Wilmette IL; Michael Shelton, Winnetka IL	52.30%	4	2	2	Ginny Braidwood, Indian River MI; Arlene Loca, Afton MI	52.79%
	3	2	Lisa Frese, Lake Barrington IL; Diane Treslo, Rolling Meadows IL	47.62%		3	3	Michael Swiontek, Two Rivers WI; Michael Callahan, Manitowoc WI	50.42%

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION L	EAST-WEST				
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1			Bob Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL; Jeff David, Lisle IL	62.69%	1			Michele Foran, Oconomowoc WI; William Malesevich, Mayville WI	55.61%
2			Robert Oslin, Chicago IL; Gregg Van Dyke, Saint Paul MN	55.97%	2	1	1	Mary Lou Findley, Hartland WI; James Bruckner, Milwaukee WI	55.28%
3	1		Earle Davis, Glenview IL; Michael Kolacki, Chicago IL	54.79%	3	2	2	Nic Hristea, Chicago IL; Mark Wilder, Evanston IL	54.30%
4			John Russell, North Barrington IL; Alan Resser, Chicago IL	51.25%	4	3		Roman Rommelfanger, Manitowoc WI; Kathy Beranek, Mishicot WI	52.40%
	2	1	Judy Burzynski - Wes Burzynski, Waukesha WI	51.21%					

THUR/FRI SIDE SERIES FRI AFTERNOON SESSION

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION H	EAST-WEST				
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1			Linda Hays, Albuquerque NM; Paul Stern, Franklin WI	61.81%	1	1		Judy Zhu, Naperville IL; Eric Neumann,	

2	1	1	Kurt Litscher - Janet Litscher, Greendale WI	58.80%	2	Downers Grove IL	59.49%		
3	2		Albert Brockelman - Ruth Ruyle, Menomonee WI	51.39%		Marilyn Charlson, Delafield WI; Susan Zlotocha, Hartland WI	58.80%		
4	3	2	Leon Teichner, Chicago IL; Clayton Chrisman, Hawthorn Woods IL	50.00%	3	2	Brian Carlson, Monona WI; Pat Patel, Glen Ellyn IL	53.70%	
		3	Catherine Wright, Rockford IL; Susan Hillberry, Cherry Valley IL	49.77%	4	3	1	Debra Brunoehler, New Castle IN; Cindy Butts, Indianapolis IN	50.00%
						2	2	Sharon May, Waukesha WI; Susan Powers, N Barrington IL	49.31%

FRIDAY CHOICE PAIRS 3RD OF 3 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION GG	EAST-WEST					
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Robert Oslin, Chicago IL; Gregg Van Dyke, Saint Paul MN	58.80%	1	1	Thomas Dressing, Buffalo Grove IL; Kenneth Wolf, Tamias Szabo, Brookfield WI; Martha Brosio, Glendale WI	59.95%	
2	1		Matthew Dyer - Zachary Madden, Chicago IL	56.02%	2				
3	2	1	Jim Nehs - Ricki Nehs, Janesville WI	55.32%	3	2	Earle Davis, Glenview IL; Michael Kolacki, Chicago IL	54.47%	
4			Jack Snyder, Rockford IL; Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL	53.01%	4		Betsy Downs, Chicago IL; Judy Riehs, Buffalo Grove IL	53.01%	
		2	Judy Burzynski - Wes Burzynski, Waukesha WI	43.52%			1	Christine Garner, St Paul MN; Richard Plaisance, Eden Prairie MN	44.91%

THURS/FRI SIDE SERIES 6TH OF 6 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION H	EAST-WEST					
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Lynette Koski, Waukesha WI; Marilyn Charlson, Delafield WI	61.21%	1	1	1	Judith Shuflit, North Riverside IL; Lynn Harris, Riverside IL	57.86%
2	1	1	John Shelton, Wilmette IL; Michael Shelton, Winnetka IL	58.53%	2	2	2	Judy Jisa - Joan Carmignani, Riverside IL	54.46%
3	2		Karen Sarsfield - Elaine Vandenburg, Hinsdale IL	50.24%	3	3		Christine Priest - Geoffrey Priest, Madison WI	49.40%

THURSDAY-FRIDAY SIDE GAME SERIES 27.00 Tables / Based on 11 Tables

5.20	1/2	L James Phillips, Chicago IL	123.61%
5.20	1/2	Richard Strauss, Northbrook IL	123.61%
4.00	3	Marilyn Charlson, Delafield WI	120.01%
4.97	4	Lynette Koski, Waukesha WI	119.63%
3.81	5	Susan Zlotocha, Hartland WI	117.22%
3.45	6/7	Janet Urquhart, Kenosha WI	116.67%
3.45	6/7	George Urquhart, Kenosha WI	116.67%