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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/				
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	sion)/Knockout #2 (2nd session)				
Wed. Feb. 22 9:00 AM	Choice Pairs (1st session)/Morning Swiss Teams (1 session)/				
	Side Series #1/299er Pairs				
1:30 F	Choice Pairs (2nd session)/Side Series #1/299er Pairs/				
	Knockout #2 (3rd session)/Knockout #3 (1st session)				
7:30 F	Choice Pairs (3 rd 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 F					
	session)/Side Series #2/Knockout #3 (3rd session)				
7:30 F	PM A/Ax Swiss (2 nd session)/"Gold Rush" Swiss (2 nd 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 F	Choice Pairs (2nd session)/Side Series #2/299er Pairs/				
	Knockout #4 (1st session)				
7:30 F	Choice Pairs (3 rd session)/Side Series #2/Side Swiss Teams/				
	Knockout #4 (2 nd session)				
Sat. Feb. 25 9:00 AM					
	Side Series #3/Morning Swiss Teams (1 session)				
1:30 P	M Choice Pairs (2 nd session)/"Gold Rush" Pairs (2 nd session)/				
	Side Series #3/Compact KO (1st session)/KO #4 (3rd session)				
7:30 P	\ // I				
	(2 nd session)/Knockout #4 (4 th session)/Side Swiss Teams				
Sun. Feb. 26 10:00 A	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

Whether you choose an elegant setting, rustic look, or a 60's era steakhouse, the foods of Lake Geneva area are all excellent. Join us for all our great Friday Night Fish Fry's. Hours of operation & availability of entertainment can vary. Please call ahead. The restaurants listed below are alphabetical in order.

R=Reservations B=Breakfast L=Lunch FFF=Friday Night Fish Fry SBR=Sunday B=Brunch C=Cocktails Br=Beer E=Entertainment D=Dinner

GENEVA CHOPHOUSE

Located at the Grand Geneva Resort, this fine restaurant, reminiscent of the great steak houses of Chicago and Kansas City, offers the finest in steaks, chops, fresh seafood and fine wines, with a wide assortment of side dishes to share with your companion. Entertainment nightly at the adjacent nightclub, Evolve. The restaurant is open for dinner, however, reservations are recommended.

The **CHOPHOUSE** also offers an excellent, though pricy, Sunday brunch should you be so inclined. It is open from 10am to 2pm. Reservations are suggested.

GENEVA NATIONAL HUNT CLUB

Hwy. 50 - 4 miles West of Lake Geneva. (262) 245-7200. L, D, C,LV,Br,SBR

GORDY'S BOAT HOUSE & COBALT LOUNGE

336 Lake Street, Lake Geneva's west end waterfront bar with casual dining featuring a full menu, from soup/salad and sandwiches to lobster and steak. Signature Boat House Brew, Boat Drinks and Weekend Bloody Mary bar. Cobalt Lounge available for private parties. Lake Geneva ambiance with Gordy history and memorabilia. Gordy's serves food from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. everyday (closed Tuesday, Labor Day thru Memorial Day) Also try the Bait Shop for breakfast and lunch open June through August from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (6 p.m. on weekends) located across the street at 341 Lake Street, Fontana. (262) 275-6929.

GRAND CAFÉ

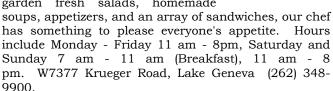
Located at the Grand Geneva Resort, this restaurant offers a casual, airy setting featuring contemporary American cuisine as well as dishes influenced by French, Spanish and Italian cooking. There is also a fabulous breakfast buffet, offered daily. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. B,L,D,SBR,C,Br

HARBOR LIGHTS RESTAURANT

N1530 Powers Lake Rd., Genoa City, WI (Located on West Side of Powers Lake). (262) 279-6673. A family owned lakeside restaurant specializing in BBQ Ribs, grilled items, and homemade desserts D,FFF,C,Br,LV

HAWK'S VIEW GOLF CLUB

Located three miles north of downtown Lake Geneva, Hawk's View is proud to offer dining in our rustic Tail Feathers Bar & Grille. Serving garden fresh salads, homemade



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149 Broad St., Lake Geneva (262) 248-7447. Cocktail Lounge & Eatery in a European pub setting. Serving garden fresh salads, homemade soups, appetizers, an array of sandwiches, char-grilled burgers & chicken. Specialty beer, wine and the usual libations also available. Children welcome with parents before 5:00 pm. Absolutely no one under the age of 21 after 5 pm. L,D,C,Br

HOULIHAN'S

111 Center Street, Lake Geneva, (262) 248-7047. Casual American dining on the waterfront overlooking Geneva Lake. Open for lunch and dinner 7 days-a-week. Featuring steaks, seafood, pasta's and salads with a handsome bar and specialty beers and drinks. Amer. Express, VISA, MC accepted. L, D, C, Br, LV

KIRSCH'S RESTAURANT AT THE FRENCH COUNTRY INN

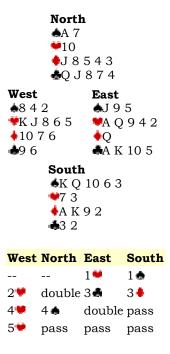
W4190 West End Road, Lake Geneva Kirsch's is unique among the area's restaurants for it's panoramic view, lakeside dining and outdoor patio receptions. Located at the French Country Inn, this premier food and wine restaurant offers Gourmet Culinary Weekends, Visiting Chef and Wine Maker Dinners in addition to artfully prepared French & American Cuisine with Hawaiian Island influences. Our Wine Spectator Award Wine List is sure to compliment our Signature Specialties, such as Kona Crusted Chateau Briand or Sesame Seared "Ahi" Tuna. Call for Entertainment Schedule. Reservations Recommended. (262) 245-5756. Located just off Hwy. 50, 3 1/2 miles West of Lake Geneva. L,D,BR,C,E,LV

LAKE GENEVA CRUISE LINE

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HANDS OF THE DAY BY MATT GRANOVETTER

Dealer:East Vul: None



Opening Lead: •A

Here's a director's ruling and appeals committee you may enjoy. The facts were: East took some time before doubling 4S, so when West pulled it to 5H the director was called. The play continued and 5H went two down, 100 to North-South. The director ruled that East's pause before doubling 4S suggested doubt and that the contract be changed to 4S doubled by South, making 590. This is based on the idea that if there is a logical, alternative call for the partner of the player who hesitated, the director may force him to make that call. In this case, the "logical alternative" was "pass" of 4S doubled.

Notice that 4S is a lucky contract, with the diamond queen dropping and a lot of good news in the trump suit. Imagine a heart lead to the ace followed by three rounds of clubs. Declarer must ruff with the 10 or ruff high and lead a spade to the ace and a spade to the 10 to make his contract. He needs 3-3 spades with the jack onside. Luck, however, is a legitimate part of the game.

East-West appealed the director's ruling. At the committee after the game, there were a number of timely calculations made. East said he took between 10-to-15 seconds before doubling 4S. West said that East took 20-to-25 seconds to bid 3C, on the previous round, so relatively speaking the pause before doubling 4S was not noticeable! (West thought his partner had taken 4-to-8 seconds.) South said it was about 17 seconds, claiming he started counting the seconds as soon as East began to pause! Hey, where are the time clocks when we need them? The committee upheld the director's ruling and gave East-West a warning for making an "appeal without merit." The committee said that players, such as East-West, "with an excellent knowledge of the laws, are held to a higher standard."

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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!

North **♣**J96 **7** 5 4 2 **♦**A Q 10 **4**Q 5 3 West **East ♠**A 8 7 5 2 **♣**K 10 3 **♥**K 10 8 **4**6 **♦**J96 **♦**7 5 3 2 **4**J864 **♣**K 9 2 South **♣**Q 4 **♥**A Q J 9 3 **♦**K 8 4 A 10 7

West North East South

-- -- 1NT pass 2NT pass 3NT pass pass pass

Opening Lead: •5

How did North-South avoid their 5-4 heart fit on this hand? South judged to open 1NT, because after the sequence 1H, pass, 1S, pass, he would have too much strength to rebid 1NT (which shows a minimum hand when you play 15-17 1NT openings). North judged not to use Stayman because his hearts were weak and he was 4-3-3-3 shape. Finally, South judged not to mention the suit on the way to 3NT, because he thought it might be an advantage to conceal the suit from the opponents. All this judgment seems to have succeeded, when dummy showed up with the vital jack of spades and the heart finesse succeeded. By the way, would you play this 3NT contract any differently at imps than matchpoints? West led a spade and East put in the ten, won by South with the queen. Plan the play from here.

At matchpoints, it's easy. Lead a diamond to the queen and take a heart finesse. Then go back to the ace of diamonds and do it again. There are 10 top tricks, and you might even make 11 by leading a spade before cashing the ace of clubs in the four-card endposition. Imps is another story. You should lead the king of diamonds to the ace at trick two. Strange play, but suppose East has started with all four hearts. After taking a heart finesse to the queen, you see West show out. (If the heart finesse loses, your diamond play doesn't cost.) Now you need two more entries to dummy for two more heart finesses. So you finesse in diamonds and you're home.

On the 3-1 split, you don't finesse again in diamonds. You make one or two less tricks than you would at matchpoints, but it demonstrates what a terrific player you are!

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.

<u>Score Corrections</u>: 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 cames ... from Hollywood Squares

- Q. Do female frogs croak?
- A. Paul Lynde: If you hold their little heads under water long enough.
- Q.If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?
- A. Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.
- Q. True or False, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years.
- A. George Gobel: Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes.
- Q. You've been having trouble going to sleep. Are you probably a man or a woman?
- A. Don Knotts: That's what's been keeping me awake.
- Q. According to Cosmopolitan, if you meet a stranger at a party and you think that he is attractive, is it okay to come out and ask him if he's married?
- A. Rose Marie: No; wait until morning.
- Q.Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older?
- A. Charley Weaver: My sense of decency.
- Q. In Hawaiian, does it take more than three words to say 'I Love You'?
- A. Vincent Price: No, you can say it with a pineapple and a twenty.
- Q. What are 'Do It,' 'I Can Help,' and 'I Can't Get Enough'?
- A. George Gobel: I don't know, but it's coming from the next apartment.
- Q.As you grow older, do you tend to gesture more or less with your hands while talking?
- A. Rose Marie: You ask me one more growing old question Peter, and I'll give you a gesture you'll never forget.
- Q. Paul, why do Hell's Angels wear leather?
- A. Paul Lynde: Because chiffon wrinkles too easily.
- Q.Charley, you've just decided to grow strawberries. Are you going to get any during the first year?
- A. Charley Weaver: Of course not, I'm too busy growing strawberries.
- Q. In bowling, what's a perfect score?
- A. Rose Marie: Ralph, the pin boy.
- Q. It is considered in bad taste to discuss two subjects at nudist camps One is politics, what is the other?
- A. Paul Lynde: Tape measures.
- Q. During a tornado, are you safer in the bedroom or in the closet?
- A. Rose Marie: Unfortunately Peter, I'm always safe in the bedroom.
- Q. Can boys join the CampFire Girls?
- A. Marty Allen: Only after lights out.
- Q. When you pat a dog on its head he will wag his tail. What will a goose do?
- A. Paul Lynde: Make him bark?
- Q.If you were pregnant for two years, what would you give birth to?
- A. Paul Lynde: Whatever it is, it would never be afraid of the dark.
- Q. According to Ann Landers, is there anything wrong with getting into the habit of kissing a lot of people?
- A.. Charley Weaver: It got me out of the army.
- Q. It is the most abused and neglected part of your body, what is it?
- A. Paul Lynde: Mine may be abused, but it certainly isn't neglected.

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PUZZLE PAGE

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- Q. Back in the old days, when Great Grandpa put horseradish on his head, what was he trying to do?
- A. George Gobel: Get it in his mouth.
- Q. Who stays pregnant for a longer period of time, your wife or your elephant?
- A. Paul Lynde: Who told you about my elephant?
- Q.When a couple have a baby, who is responsible for its sex? A. Charley Weaver: I'll lend him the car, the rest is up to him.
- Q. Jackie Gleason recently revealed that he firmly believes in them and has actually seen them on at least two occasions. What are they?
- A. Charley Weaver: His feet.
- Q. According to Ann Landers, what are two things you should never do in bed?
- A. Paul Lynde: Point and laugh

WE DON'T STOP LAUGHING BECAUSE WE GROW OLD, WE GROW OLD BECAUSE WE STOP LAUGHING

"A mind is like a parachute. Neither work if they are not open" -- Frank Zappa

Answer to puzzle:

(no peeking)

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The 2011 Stella Awards...

It's time again for the annual "**Stella Awards**." For those unfamiliar with these awards, they are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued the McDonald's in New Mexico, where she purchased coffee. You remember, she took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would ever think one could get burned doing that, right? That's right; these are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S.

SEVENTH PLACE

Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas, was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The store owners were understandably surprised by the verdict, considering the running toddler was her own son.

* SIXTH PLACE *

Carl Truman, 19, of Los Angeles, California, won \$74,000 plus medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.

* FIFTH PLACE *

Terrence Dickson, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, who was leaving a house he had just burglarized by way of the garage. Unfortunately for Dickson, the automatic garage door opener malfunctioned and he could not get the garage door to open. Worse, he couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the garage to the house locked when Dickson pulled it shut. Forced to sit for eight, count 'em, EIGHT days and survive on a case of Pepsi and a large bag of dry dog food, he sued the homeowner's insurance company claiming undue mental anguish. Amazingly, the jury said the insurance company must pay Dickson \$500,000 for his anguish. We should all have this kind of anguish.

* FOURTH PLACE *

Jerry Williams, of Little Rock, Arkansas, garnered 4th Place in the Stella's when he was awarded \$14,500 plus medical expenses after being bitten on the butt by his next door neighbor's beagle - even though the beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. Williams did not get as much as he asked for because the jury believed the beagle might have been provoked at he time of the butt bite because Williams had climbed over the fence into the yard and repeatedly shot the dog with a pellet gun.

* THIRD PLACE *

Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, because a jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay her \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms.. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

SECOND PLACE

Kara Walton, of Claymont, Delaware, sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the bathroom window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms.Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies room window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her \$12,000 oh, yeah, plus dental expenses.

* FIRST PLACE *

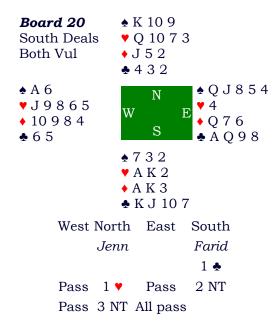
This year's runaway First Place Stella Award winner was: Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City. Oklahoma, who purchased new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her -- are you sitting down? --- \$1,750,000 PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.

Are we, as a society, getting more stupid or are more members of Congress serving on juries these days?

Jennbridge: Hands from Seattle

I had a nice time playing with Farid Assemi in the inaugural Senior Mixed Pairs in Seattle--won by my friends Polly and Patrick Dunn.

Here are a pair of 3NT contracts from the first final session which resulted in good scores. For good measure I'm also including a hand from the same session where I used losing trick count principles--a subject I'm currently writing about in the Bridge Bulletin.



On this board (rotated) Farid found himself in a pushy 3NT contract with the \$10 lead. Questioning revealed that the 10 lead was from "0 or 2 higher", so he didn't yield to the temptation of playing the \$J and won in his hand. How to get 9 tricks?

He started on hearts and East showed out on the 2nd heart. After Farid took his 4 hearts he made a key play of leading a ♣ from the board and guessing correctly to play the 10 when East played low. (He told me later that he detected a slight pause in the bidding by his RHO after my 1♥ bid, so had decided to play his RHO for length and/or strength in the black suits.) He later put East in with a spade who, having unattractive options, played on clubs again.

Farid himself will take up the narrative: It is a good hand, but probably more of a lucky hand since RHO's heart shortness and guards in the other 3 suits made success almost automatic. It would probably make a good hand for help with counting tricks and various assumptions needed to succeed. However, I think the crucial lesson is that the lead convention (the ten lead promises 0 or 2 higher) is a double-edged sword; on that hand it cut our opponents.

Plus 600 was worth 39 out of 47 matchpoints.

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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



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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:

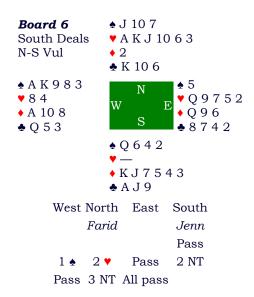
A: 3000+ AX: 0-3000; B: 750-1500; C: 300-750; D: 0-300 Newcomer Events: 0-5/20/50/100/200/300

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+





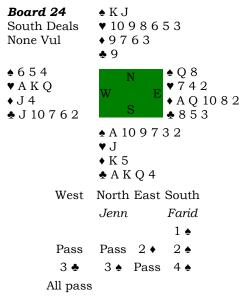


We were probably lucky to get to game after my intial pass. Farid made a good decision to bid 3NT rather than 4♥ which would have had no chance. The opponents started with 3 rounds of spades and I won on the board. I next played the ♥ ace-king and the ♥J lost to the queen. After a long pause East shifted to a diamond and my jack forced the ace. A spade return and a club guess (not really a guess as West needed to have the queen to have an opening bid) and I had my 9 tricks. (2 spades, 3 hearts, 1 diamond and 3 clubs.) Plus 600 was worth 40 out of 47 matchpoints.

Farid dealt and opened 1♠ and I held: (board 24, hands rotated)

- ∳KJ
- **♥**1098653
- ♦ 9763
- **♣**9

RHO passed and so did I. LHO bid 2D and partner rebid 2. RHO now bid 3. and it was my call. Not much of a hand, but when I counted my losers, there were only 8--which signified to me that the hand had some value. Plus, two honors in the trump suit and a singleton couldn't be all bad, so I ventured a 3. call. Partner bid 4. and I hoped he wouldn't be too disappointed with my hand. The vace was led.



With the ♠ queen falling doubleton and the ♦ ace onside, it was a routine matter to ruff a club and make 5. Plus 450 was worth 41 of 47 matchpoints.