

The Official Newsletter of the Valentine Regional

Valentine Voices and Views



Saturday, February 18

2:00 Morning Side Game Series - Session 1

2:00, 7:30 Double Session Grassroots Fund Open Pairs – Three Strata (0-1,500, 1,500-3,000, Unlimited)

2:00, 7:30 Double Session Grassroots Fund Gold Rush Pairs – Three Strata (0-100, 100-300, 300-750)

Sunday, February 19

10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (2-Session Playthru with FREE LUNCH)

Monday, February 20

9:30 Morning Side Game Series - Session 2

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Open Pairs-Three Strata (0-1,500, 1,500-3,000, Unlimited)*

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs—Three Strata (0-100, 100-300, 300-750)*

2:00, 7:30 Double Session Bracketed Swiss

7:30 Stratified Open Pairs Series A -Session 1 of 2

Tuesday, February 21

9:30 Morning Side Game Series - Session 3

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Open Pairs-Three Strata (0-1,500, 1,500-3,000, Unlimited)*

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs—Three Strata (0-100, 100-300, 300-750)*

2:00, 7:30 Double Session Bracketed Swiss

7:30 Stratified Open Pairs Series A - Session 2

Wednesday, February 22

9:30 Morning Side Game Series - Session 4

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Open Pairs-Three Strata (0-1,500, 1,500-3,000, Unlimited)*

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs—Three Strata (0-100, 100-300, 300-750)*

2:00, 7:30 Double Session Bracketed Swiss

7:30 Stratified Open Pairs Series B- Session 1 of 2

Thursday, February 23

9:30 Morning Side Game Series - Session 5

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Open Pairs-Three Strata (0-1,500, 1,500-3,000, Unlimited)*

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs—Three Strata (0-100, 100-300, 300-750)*

2:00, 7:30 Double Session Bracketed Swiss

7:30 Stratified Open Pairs B - Session 2

Friday, February 24

9:30 Morning Side Game Series - Session 6

2:00, 7:30 Two-Session Stratified Swiss Teams (Mid-chart conventions allowed)

7:30 Side Game Open Pairs

More Strats Mean More Masterpoints! More Gold! Our Valentine To You!

Stratification: Unless otherwise specified: A: Unlimited, B: 0-2,000, C: 0-750

*Players' Choice: You may play any 2 of the 3 sessions, but you must specify which 2 when purchasing your entry.

Bracketed Knockouts: Random draw within the bracket. Brackets determined at the discretion of the Tournament Directors.

Events or strata may be combined due to insufficient attendance.

Mid-Chart conventions allowed in Swiss, KO Bracket 1 & in Flight A only events.

Masterpoint Averaging is in effect for all Pair Games and Swiss Team Events where permitted.

We adhere to ACBL Handicapping Practices. We handicap KO's when there's only one bracket.

Volume 2, Issue 7
February 24, 2017
Suzi Subeck, Editor
Bob Young, Tournament Chairman

Thank you for not wearing fragrance!

We adhere to ACBL default
handicapping.

**Free Coffee and Snacks
Throughout the Week!!**



GNT District Final:

Immediately following this tournament

Saturday, 2/25-Sunday, 2/26

at the NB Hilton



Thanks for Coming to the CCBA's Valentine Regional...

Bob Young, tournament chairman, thanks all of you for your great support ... braving the elements to attend our Winter Regional. There are so many tournaments these days, while I may sound like the airlines, we know you have choices, and we appreciate that you chose us!

We hope you had fun, earned lots of masterpoints, and will go home safely to tell all your bridge playing friends. We plan to be back next year same time, same place.

It is the view of the organization that giving our "locals" an alternative to other winter sports ... to clubs... and to television... would be a welcome proposition.

Next year we hope you will be back.

Thanks to the tournament staff:

Adrienne Cohen for hospitality... You were great!

Suzi Subeck for the Daily Bulletins... Excellent!

Peter Wilke for keeping everything running perfectly!

The whole CCBA BOD for their support and confidence to bring this tournament to fruition. We are looking forward to years of success.

Please plan to play GNT's starting tomorrow. If you still need to register, accommodations will be made if it is possible. To do this, please email Suzi Subeck: stansubeck@prodigy.net. Do it as quickly as possible to have your best chance.

Thanks again... Bob



**Pick Up
Your Copy
of our North Shore
Restaurant Guide
Outside the
Playing Area!!**



**Don't Forget
GNT's next
Saturday & Sunday
at the NB Hilton**

Amusing Lines ...

Semi-annual after-Christmas sale.

We will oil your sewing machine and adjust tension in your home for \$10.00.

Auto repair service. Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.

Sheer stockings: For fancy dress, but so serviceable that women wear nothing else.

Tattoos done while you wait.

Buy your new bedroom suite from us, and we will stand behind it for six months.

Mixing bowl set designed to please a cook with round bottom for efficient beating.

Amana washer \$100. Owned by clean bachelor who seldom washed.

Is there chicken in your vegetarian gumbo?

A person should bathe once in summer but not so often in winter.

Spinal column is a long bunch of bones. The head sits on the top and you sit on the bottom.

Definition of Census taker - a man who goes from house to house increasing the population.

Definition of Syntax - Tax paid by the sinners at the church.

Future tense of 'I give' - 'I take'.

Houses in France are generally made up of Plaster of Paris.

Iron was discovered because someone smelt it.

What the residents of Moscow are called? - Mosquitoes.

Two Gins

Chemical Formula of Water has two gins - Oxygen and Hydrogen. Oxygen is pure gin while Hydrogen is gin and water



Tournament Chairman: Bob Young
Hospitality: Adrienne Cohen
Valentine Views Editor: Suzi Subeck

Tournament Information

No Smoking Policy:

No smoking is allowed in the convention center, lobby, washrooms, fire exits, or service areas. Smokers must go outside to puff.

Partnerships:

Singles should check in at the partnership desk 45 minutes before game time to allow those attending to arrange partnerships. The desk will be open prior to the morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. **Partners are guaranteed for all 99er events.** If no one is at the desk, leave a note, or contact Carl in person please.

Partnership Desk and Daily Bulletin:

Check the Partnership Desk for hand records, tournament schedules, area info, and your copy of the **Valentine Views**. A bulletin box on the desk is available for you to submit any interesting hands, amusing bridge-related stories, or puzzles for publication in the daily bulletins. 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.

Also check your *Daily Bulletin* for specific hospitality information for the weekend.

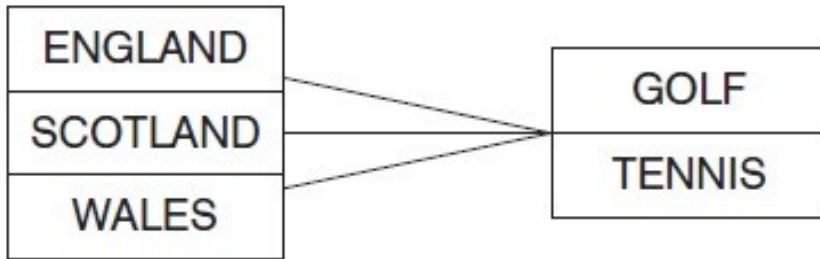
Recorder Slips, should you need them, are available from the directors.

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.

Puzzle Page ...

1. Three teams from England, Scotland and Wales, are competing for two trophies, one for golf and one for tennis. How many different outcomes of the two competitions exist?



Ans: 9

Sol. The alternatives are

England win both golf and tennis
 Scotland win both golf and tennis
 Wales win both golf and tennis
 England win golf, Scotland win tennis
 Scotland win golf, England win tennis
 England win golf, Wales win tennis
 Wales win golf, England win tennis
 Scotland win golf, Wales win tennis
 Wales win golf, Scotland win tennis

2. Find the relationship between the numbers in the top row and the numbers in the bottom row, and then determine the missing number.

12	24	36	45	60	84
6	8	9	9	10	?

Ans: The missing number is 12.

Sol. When you look at the relationship of each set of top and bottom numbers, you will see that

12 is 2×6 ,
 24 is 3×8 ,
 36 is 4×9 ,
 45 is 5×9 ,
 60 is 6×10 , and
 84 is 7×12 .

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			4					
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						6	1	

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

Hard Sudoku

Be sure your cell phone is off in the playing area. Penalties will be assessed your cell phone rings ... whether you answer it or not!



The ACBL requires that you and partner have identically filled-out convention cards on the table at all times.

Puzzle Answers:

Top puzzle:

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

Bottom puzzle:

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

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Tentative Game Schedule

Thursday, August 17

3 PM Open Pairs (only Session)
8 PM F. Alberta Peterson Scholarship Game

Friday, August 18

9 AM Speedball Swiss Teams (Only Session) 5 boards, 5 rounds, and 5 minutes per board)
9 AM Side Game
1:30 & 7:30 PM Belsaw Open Pairs
1:30 PM Side Game
7:30 PM Side Game

Saturday, August 19

9 AM Morning KO Teams (Registration by 7:30 PM Friday)
9 AM Side Game
1:30 & 7:30 PM Rex Watkins Men's Pairs
1:30 & 7:30 PM Christine P Jones Women's Pairs (Flighted & Stratified)
1:30 PM Side Game
7:30 PM Side Game

Sunday, August 20

10: AM MEMORIAL SERVICE
1:30 & 7:30 PM Pauline Taylor Mixed Pairs Championship (2 session play thru)
1:30 & 7:30 PM Women's Pairs (2 session play thru)
1:30 PM Side Game
7:30 PM Side Game

Monday, August 21

9 AM Morning KO Teams 2nd Round
9 AM AM KO Teams II (8 Team Flights) (Registration by Mid-night Sunday)
9AM Side Game
1:30 & 7:30 PM Victor Daly KO Teams-Championship 16 Team Flights-Registration by 7:30 PM Sunday
1:30 PM Side Game
7:30 PM Second Chance KO (Closed Event)
7:30 PM Side Game

Tuesday, August 22

9 AM Morning KO Teams – Semi-Finals
9 AM AM KO Teams II – Semi-Finals
9 AM Side Game
1:30 & 7:30 PM Victor Daly KO Teams Semi-Finals/Finals
1:30 & 7:30 PM Second Chance KO Semi-Finals/Finals
1:30 & 7:30 PM Open Pairs (2 session play thru)
7:30 PM Side Game

Wednesday, August 23

9 AM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
11 AM AWARDS CEREMONY & BRUNCH
3PM & 8 PM National Non-Mixed Pairs
3 PM Side Game
8 PM Side Game

Thursday, August 24

9 AM Side Game
9 AM Morning KO Finals
9 AM AM II KO Finals
1:30 & 7:30 PM P.W. Goode National Open Pairs Championship (Flighted & Stratified)
1:30 PM Side Game
7:30 PM Side Game

Friday, August 25

9 AM PRO-AM/HAM Open Pairs (AM's - U/600; HAM's - 600 – 1999; PRO's- 0/2000)
9 AM Side Game
1:30 & 7:30 PM Will E. Richardson National Swiss Teams (Flighted & Stratified)
1:30 PM Side Game
7:30 PM Side Game

Saturday, August 26

9 AM Board-A-Match (Only Session)
9 AM President's Pairs (Only Session)

Westin Lombard Yorktown
70 Yorktown Center, Lombard, IL
844-291-2495

District 13 2016/2017 Grand National Teams

Saturday, February 25, 2017, 11:00 and TBA & Sunday, February 26, 2017, 11:00 and TBA

Hilton Northbrook, 2855 North Milwaukee Avenue, Northbrook, IL
Telephone: (847) 480-7500 Call for Bridge Rate!

The Championship Flight and Flight A events will take place over four sessions and will be concluded in a single weekend. ****In Flight B alone, there may be two teams remaining at conclusion of play on Sunday. These teams will be responsible to determine a final date and place (area club) at which to play their Final. The Coordinator will work with the teams to find suitable arrangements for Final.**** (See CoC on the District 13 website for more information.) Flight C will be a two-session Swiss Team event played to conclusion on Sunday only.

There will be no competition among flights. Players must choose the flight in which they plan to play.

Flight	Masterpoints	Club Qualifying
Championship	Unlimited	None
Flight A	Fewer than 6000 points	None
Flight B	Fewer than 2500 points	Determined by Unit
Flight C	Non Life Master and fewer than 500 points	Determined by Unit

Flight eligibility is established by **ACBL's September 2016 masterpoint cycle**. This information was produced on August 6, 2016 in Horn Lake, MS. **Masterpoints won after this cycle will not impact flight eligibility for these events.**

Players must reside in District 13. Each member of the team must be a paid member in good standing with the ACBL. Club qualifying may be required at the discretion of each Unit. A Flight B or C team may qualify under the rules of any Unit where a plurality of team members reside.

In addition, players who are currently, or have ever been in the past, members of another bridge organization, whether domestic (e.g., American Bridge Association) or foreign (e.g., Polski Związek Brydza Sportowego), must submit information on their past and/or current ranking in that organization. Submissions must be in writing (email is fine) and must be received by the District GNT Coordinator or District 13 Director at the time of registration for the event. The information submitted may be used to assign a conversion to ACBL masterpoints for purposes of verifying flight eligibility.

****An entry in the CHAMPIONSHIP Flight is a commitment to play in the National Final. Entries in lower flights may play to conclusion before declaring intent. We understand your reluctance to commit in advance.****

GNT Coordinator:

Stan Subeck
847-509-0311 stansubeck@prodigy.net



Registration:

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT.

All teams wishing to enter must provide notification by noon on February 18, 2017 by contacting:

Suzi Subeck, District 13 Director, (847)-509-0311 Home, (708) 927-6819 Cell, stansubeck@prodigy.net, or by registering on line at <http://bridgeinchicago.com> if and when it is available

Entering teams must have a written confirmation either by email or letter. No team without such a written confirmation should assume that entry has been verified. It is important to know in advance the teams entered. Captains should bring the confirmation with them to the site and be prepared to present it when buying an entry.

For more complete information, please consult your conditions of contest on the District 13 website at <http://acbl-district13.org/>

District 13 Spring Regional

April 3 - April 9, 2017

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Lake Geneva, WI

On Route 50, 1/2 mile East of Route 12

Call 262-248-8811/800-558-3417 on or before March 6th to ensure the Bridge Rate!

Monday, April 3

7:30 KO Teams I: Session 1

7:30 Single Session Stratified Pairs Side Game to benefit the Grass Roots Fund

Tuesday, April 4

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 Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 KO Teams I: Sessions 2, 3, 4

2:00, 7:30 KO II: Sessions 1 & 2

Wednesday, April 5

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

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)

2:00, 7:30 KO II: Sessions 3 & 4

2:00, 7:30 KO III: Sessions 1 & 2

Thursday, April 6

9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)

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 KO III: Sessions 3 & 4

2:00 & 7:30 Stratified Swiss Team

Friday, April 7

9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)

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

2:00 & 7:30 KO IV: Session 1 & 2

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

Saturday, April 8

9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)

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

2:00 & 7:30 KO IV: Session 3 & 4

2:00 & 7:30 Bracketed Swiss Teams

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

Sunday, April 9

10:00 Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (7 rounds)

Flight A/X/Y

B/C/D Stratified

* **Player's Choice: Player specifies which 2 sessions when purchasing entry**

Tournament Chairs:

Suzi Subeck

847-509-0311

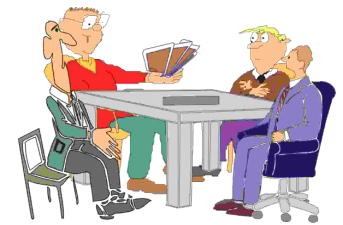
Email: stansubeck@prodigy.net

Partnership Chair:

Jan Churchwell

847-373-3569

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Intermediate & Newcomer Events 0-299er Masterpoints

0-5 ACBL members play FREE all week

Tuesday - Saturday

Single Session Games

at 9:30, 2:00

Stratified 299er Pairs

Mid-Chart for Top Bracket of the KO's & Sunday Flight A/X/Y Swiss Teams

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

Stratiflighted Teams:

A: 5000+ X: 3000-5000 Y: 0-3000

B: 750-1500; C: 300-750; D: 0-300

Stratiflighted Pairs: 0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+

Gold Rush Pairs: 0-100; 100-300; 300-750

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

Masterpoint Averaging When Permitted!



We adhere to ACBL default handicapping.
We handicap KO's when there is only a single bracket.

Fresh Fruit

Hospitality Suite!!!

Daily Bulletins

Students play for half price with
valid student ID card!

Kibitzers: Golf, Tennis, Spa

Free Lunch with Entry on
Wednesday and Sunday



Can You Believe It?

My daughter went to a local McDonalds and ordered a burger. She asked the individual behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce'. He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it is safe to cross the road. I was crossing with a friend of mine when she asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals to blind people when the light is red. She responded, appalled, 'What on earth are blind people doing driving?'

I was at London Gatwick airport one Thursday, checking in at the gate, when the airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?' I answered, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?' He smiled and nodded knowingly, 'That's why we ask.'

Can You Imagine Important People Saying This?

'China is a big country, inhabited by many Chinese.' Charles de Gaulle, ex-French President

'This is a great day for France!' President Richard Nixon while attending Charles De Gaulle's funeral.

'Things are more like they are now than they have ever been'. President Gerald Ford

'Capital punishment is our society's recognition of the sanctity of human life.' Orrin Hatch, Senator from Utah, explaining his support of the death penalty.

'The chairs in the cabin are for the ladies. Gentlemen are not to make use of them till the ladies are seated.' Instructions posted in a river cruise ship, Suir River, Ireland.

'Outside of the killings, Washington D.C. has one of the lowest crime rates in the country.' Mayor Marion Barry, Washington D.C.

'My fellow astronauts...' Vice-President Dan Quayle, beginning a speech at an Apollo 11 anniversary celebration.

'We found the term 'killing' too broad. 'State Department spokesperson on why the word 'killing' was replaced with, 'unlawful or arbitrary deprivation of life' in its human rights reports for 1984-5

'The exports include thumbscrews and cattle prods, just routine items for the police'. U.S. Commerce Department spokesman on a regulation allowing the export of various products abroad.

Drive Safely Going Home!

We want you back next year!!

Source: Cue Bidding for Slam – Example from Bergen’s Book with Bergen’s Advice and Bidding Tools

Most bridge players use control cue-bids for the investigation of slam. However, some believe that it should only be used to “show aces” or a “void” — first round control. THIS IS NOT MARTY BERGEN’S POSITION. He states that control-cue bids promise a control in that suit – whether first-round or second round (called Italian Cue Bids). If a player bypasses a suit, a control in that suit is denied.

South Dealer – How do you bid this hand?

North	South
♠ KQ7654	♠ A1063
♥ AQ3	♥ 9
♦ K2	♦ AJ964
♣ 98	♣ KQ2

The bidding goes:

North	South
	1♦
1♠	3♠
4♦	4♥
4NT	5♥
6♠	

North’s Bergen Points

14HCP +2(6-card suit) = 16 Starting Points 16 + 1 (doubleton) +1 (6trumps) = 18 Bergen Points

South’s Dummy Points

14HCP = 16 Starting Points 14HCP +3 singleton with 4 trumps) = 18 Dummy Points

North’s 4♦ bid denies club control– the suit bypassed. So if South does not have a club control, he would sign off in 4♣. Because South did not sign off he has to have a control. The 4♥ shows a first or second round control in hearts. West now bids 4NT to reach the lay down slam.

Note: with two worthless doubletons, North should not bid 4NT since the slam depends on location, location, and location of honors!

Source: Daily Bridge Column by Frank Stewart

September 25, 2012

"I heard you tried to advise Wendy about her dummy play," I said to Cy the Cynic. Cy, a chauvinist, and Wendy, my club's feminist, are fierce adversaries. "Never give a woman advice," Cy growled. "Don't give her anything she can't wear."

NORTH			
♠ Q 4 3			
♥ Q 7			
♦ A K 8 5			
♣ Q J 10 9			
WEST		EAST	
♠ 8		♠ 10 7 5	
♥ J 9 6 2		♥ K 8	
♦ J 10 9 2		♦ Q 7 6 4	
♣ K 7 4 2		♣ 8 6 5 3	
SOUTH			
♠ A K J 9 6 2			
♥ A 10 5 4 3			
♦ 3			
♣ A			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	All Pass		

Lead: Jack of Diamonds

Wendy had played at six spades. She took the ace of diamonds, came to her ace of clubs and led a heart to the queen. East took the king and led a club, and Wendy ruffed, took the A-K of trumps and ace of hearts, and ruffed a heart in dummy. When East discarded, Wendy threw a heart on the king of diamonds but still lost a heart.

COLD SLAM

"I remarked that the slam was cold," the Cynic sighed. "Wendy said her play was fine and unlucky to fail, and who did I think I was anyway?"

At Trick Two South must take the king of diamonds and pitch her ace of clubs! She next leads the queen of clubs and discards a heart. West wins, but South can ruff the diamond return, draw trumps ending in dummy, and throw three more hearts on the high clubs.

Source: Around the World in 80 Hands By Zia Mahmood, David Burn

Three young bridge experts were walking along a beach the day before a major tournament when they came across a strangely-shaped bottle. One of them picked it up, rubbed it, and a genie flew out. "My name: said this apparition, "is Zi Ham Chag — Master Genie of Bridge. I can grant you any wish you desire. If you are not satisfied with my gift, I will be forced to return to the bottle for another thousand years — but if you are, I will be free at last!" Being typical bridge players, the three were more concerned about a fourth for a practice session than anything else. And if this genie were truly a master of the game, who knew what they might learn. Seated by the water's edge this hand was dealt:

	NORTH											
	♠ 8 3											
	♥ 9 6 3											
	♦ A K Q J 9											
	♣ Q 6 3											
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W		E										
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♥ —		♥ A 7 4										
♦ 8 7 5 4 2		♦ 10 6 3										
♣ 10 8		♣ K J 7										
	SOUTH											
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	♥ K Q J 10 8 5 2											
	♦ —											
	♣ A 9 5 4 2											
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH									
3♠	pass	4♠	5♥									
all pass		<i>Genie</i>										

West led the ♠2 against five hearts, and dummy followed with the ♠3. The genie, after considerable thought, played the ♠4! As South won with the ♠7, West leapt to his feet. "That's enough this genie is obviously an impostor!" he cried. South and North readily agreed, as it was obvious that anyone who allowed declarer to win so cheap a trick could not possibly be a Master Genie. Stuffing the protesting genie back into the bottle, they hurled it into the sea and continued with their promenade. Later that evening, they showed the hand to the great analyst Michael Rosenberg, expecting him to chuckle with them over the genie's preposterous play. To their surprise, he studied the hand gravely for several minutes without saying a word. Finally, with tears in his eyes, he spoke: "You have committed an unforgivable wrong. The problem on this hand is that South has plenty of tricks — but he cannot reach dummy unless the defenders allow him to do so. Thus, he will on the face of it lose a spade, a heart and two clubs. But if East makes the normal play of winning the first spade and returning the suit (any switch allows declarer to reach dummy's winning diamonds), then South will ruff with the ♥10 and lead the ♥8 to dummy's nine. East must win with the ♥A — but this time, any card he returns will allow declarer an entry to dummy, and the losing clubs will all disappear on the solid diamond suit. Not at once, of course, for East can ruff the fourth round of diamonds — but South can overruff and return to dummy by playing the ♥2 to the ♥3 in order to cash the fifth diamond. "But, amazingly, by allowing declarer to win the first spade with the seven in his hand, East avoids the throw-in. If South plays the ♥8 to the nine, East simply exits with the ♠10. South cannot discard on this, for West will overtake and play a club, and if South ruffs the ♠10 he can never reach dummy and must lose two club tricks at the finish.

"Of course continued Rosenberg, "South ought to have played the ♠8 from the table at Trick 1. East cannot permit this card to hold, otherwise South can run the diamonds at once, and when he covers the ♠8 South can play as I described earlier. "But when declarer committed the obvious blunder of playing low from dummy to the first trick, your genie found the most wonderful defense ever seen in the history of the game. And you idiots threw him back in the sea!"

THURSDAY PC OPEN PAIRS THIRD SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH SECTION GG EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C	
3.50	1		Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL	3.50	1		John Russell, N Barrington IL; Norman Coombs, 60.90%
2.45	2		Muhammad Abedi, Chicago IL; Ronald Helman, 59.29%	2.45	2		Serdar Ogut, Darlen IL; Larry Cohen, Elmhurst IL 58.17%
1.75	3		Suzi Subeck, Glenview Nas IL; Stanton Subeck, 58.65%	1.75	3	1	Stanislaw Kolesnik, Elmwood Park IL; James 56.57%
1.97	4	1	John Miller - Sharon Solwitz, Chicago IL 56.25%	1.23	4	2	David Bogolub, Deerfield IL; Charles Sheaff, 53.37%
0.70	5		Adrienne Cohen, Elmhurst IL; Mike Jones, Villa Park IL 53.85%	0.70	5		Lynn Patinkin, Libertyville IL; Jim Humphrey, 52.56%
0.58	6		Jerry Poliquin, Gurnee IL; William McFall, 53.04%	1.14	6	1	Elizabeth Wachowicz - Zenon Wachowicz, 52.24%
1.38	2		Georgann Humphrey, Highland Park IL; 48.72%				
0.99	3		Patricia Braun, Arlington Hgts IL; David 46.79%				

THURS PC GOLD RUSH PAIRS THIRD SESSION
SECTION HH

7	B	C					
1.23	1		Charles Butler, Chicago IL; Larry Heidemann, Frankfort IL				61.00%
0.86	2		Gregory Peticara, Westchester IL; Daniel Wright, Deerfield IL				54.00%
0.79	1		Marla Engbloom - Mary Bolen, La Crosse WI				44.00%

THURSDAY PC OPEN PAIRS FIRST SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH SECTION G EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C	
3.50	1		Wieslaw Kalita, Woodridge IL; Jaroslaw 64.26%	3.50	1		Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Ron Smith, Chicago IL 59.63%
2.45	2		Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Jack Snyder, 59.62%	2.45	2		Rosanne Schabinger, Mount Prospect IL; 57.85%
1.75	3		John Russell, N Barrington IL; Norman Coombs, 58.33%	1.75	3		Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL; L James Phillips, 56.41%
2.08	4	1	Philip Moss, Wilmette IL; David Moss, New 54.65%	2.08	4	1	Michael Kelley - Martina Kelley, Lake Zurich IL 53.69%
0.70	5		Nick Suci IV, Lake Forest IL; Marlene Konik, 53.69%	0.70	5		Michael Saltzman, Aurora IL; Bob Meixner, Hinsdale IL 52.88%
0.58	6		Jerry Jackson, Bensenville IL; John Goring, 51.44%	1.46	6	2	Judy Riehs, Buffalo Grove IL; Daniel Larson, 52.56%
1.46	2	1	Donald Schramek - Dorothy Mason, Chicago IL 48.72%	1.19	3/4	1/2	Nic Hristea - Jeff Cianci, Chicago IL 49.84%
1.04	3		Betsy Downs, Chicago IL; Mike Jones, Villa Park IL 48.56%	1.19	3/4	1/2	Philip McPeek - Fred Johnston, Chicago IL 49.84%
0.73	4		Twila Lee Dahl, Lk in the Hills IL; Jan 48.40%				
0.92	2		Ted Pristash - William Sommerfield, 46.15%				

THURS PC GOLD RUSH PAIRS FIRST SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH SECTIONS H I EAST-WEST

7	B	C		7	B	C		
2.30	1		Robert Margolis, Glencoe IL; Stewart Margolis, 65.61%	2.30	1		Boris Sheyman, Evanston IL; Eric Neumann, Downers Sue Lies, Wilmette IL; 59.38%	
1.61	2	1	Mary Stewart - Nancy House, East Lansing MI 58.47%	1.61	2	1	Virginia Enman, Woody Haynes - Thomas Walsh, Chicago IL 57.36%	
1.15	3		Robert Judd, Algonquin IL; Timothy 57.49%	1.15	3	2	Shirley Rau, Western Springs IL; Blase Rau, 55.19%	
0.97	4	2	Gabriel Peretz, Deerfield IL; Valy Lev, Evanston IL 55.65%	0.82	4	3	1	Karen Girardy, Rockford IL; Richard 54.25%
0.46	5		Iliana Rozemberg, Northbrook IL; Lindy Berggreen, 54.93%	0.46	5	4		
0.38	6		William Shunas, Chicago IL; Catherine 54.54%	0.38	6		Jerome Scholle - Jamie Carroll, Chicago IL 53.33%	

0.33	7		Carol Thorne, Burr Ridge IL; Ruth Kuncel, Mary Lou Mellon, Northfield IL; Mary McMahon, Marla Engbloom - Mary Bolen, La Crosse WI	0.33	7		Katy Gross, Lake Forest IL; Peggy Griem, Lake Bluff IL	52.08%
			53.54%	0.29	8		Vance Senecal - Lynne Bruehlman, Saint Joseph MI	51.69%
			51.50%	0.57		2	James Nothnagel, Winnetka IL;	48.06%
			49.44%				Arlene	
0.57	4	2	M Sandonato, Northbrook IL; Judy Wehling,					
			48.75%					

THURS PC GOLD RUSH PAIRS SECOND SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS	H	I	EAST-WEST		
	7	B	C	7	B	C		
2.45	1		Vance Senecal - Lynne Bruehlman, Saint Joseph MI	2.45	1	1	James Schultz, Sheboygan WI; Donald Ferris,	62.36%
			61.42%	1.72	2	2	1	Mary Stewart - Nancy House, East Lansing MI
1.72	2		Gregory Perticara, Westchester IL;	1.72	2	2	1	Iliana Rozemberg, Northbrook IL;
			59.45%	1.23	3			Lindy Berggreen, 58.09%
1.23	3		Rudolph Brunty, Huntley IL; Paul Prez, Chicago IL	0.86	4	3		Woody Haynes - Thomas Walsh, Chicago IL
			58.66%	0.86	4	3		53.77%
0.86	4		Katy Gross, Lake Forest IL; Peggy Griem, Lake Bluff IL	0.49	5			Jerome Scholle - Jamie Carroll, Chicago IL
			57.58%	0.49	5			53.26%
0.49	5		Claire McGuire, Northfield IL; Hope Reynolds,	0.41	6			Robert Margolis, Glencoe IL;
			57.33%	0.41	6			53.18%
0.41	6		Judy Freeman - Judy Bonardi, Arlington Hgts IL	1.18	7	1		Jan Sadoski, Sandusky OH;
			53.62%	0.35	7			Marilyn McIntosh, 52.75%
1.18	7	1	Sue Lies, Wilmette IL; Virginia Enman,	0.31	8	4		Gabriel Peretz, Deerfield IL;
			52.69%	0.31	8	4		52.29%
0.31	8		Jim Jurik, Oak Forest IL; Ron Blouin, Blue	0.83	9	2		M Sandonato, Northbrook IL;
			52.23%	0.83	9	5	2	Judy Wehling,
0.83	9	2	Patricia D'Errico, Frankfort IL;	0.76	3	1		51.27%
			50.19%	0.76	3	1		
0.76	3	1	Shirley Rau, Western Springs IL; Blase Rau,					
			48.33%					

THURSDAY PC OPEN PAIRS SECOND SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS	G	F	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
4.96	1		Lynn Patinkin, Libertyville IL; Jim Humphrey,	4.96	1			Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL
			64.24%	3.47	2			Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Ron Smith, Chicago IL
3.47	2		Suzi Subeck, Glenview Nas IL;	2.48	3			Wieslaw Kalita, Woodridge IL;
			60.22%	2.48	3			55.52%
2.48	3		Stanton Subeck, Robert Lass - Toddy Leavitt, Chicago IL	2.63	4	1	1	Jerry Poliquin, Gurnee IL;
			59.70%	2.63	4	1	1	William McFall, 55.34%
2.63	4	1	Nic Hristea - Jeff Cianci, Chicago IL	0.99	5			Michael Kelley - Martina Kelley, Lake Zurich IL
			57.63%	0.99	5	1		54.94%
0.99	5		George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL;	0.83	6			Richard Whitsitt, Rockford IL;
			54.35%	0.83	6			53.99%
0.83	6		Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL;	0.71	7			Meyer Abarbanel, Muhammad Abedi, Chicago IL;
			53.45%	0.71	7			53.80%
0.71	7		Jack Snyder, John Russell, N Barrington IL;	1.84	8	2		Ronald Helman, David Langer - Mark Ginsburg, Buffalo Grove IL
			53.17%	1.84	8	2		53.65%
1.84	8	2	Fred Clayton, Carol Stream IL;	1.32	9	3		Jon Sorkin, Deerfield IL;
			52.20%	1.32	9	3		52.99%
1.32	9	3	Jack Martin, Kay Korte, Woodstock IL;	0.50	10			Craig Jacobson, David Bogolub, Deerfield IL;
			51.34%	0.50	10			52.40%
0.50	10		Simon Sellers, Jerry Jackson, Bensenville IL;	1.04	4	2		Charles Sheaff, Guy Franklin, Chicago IL;
			51.13%	1.04	4	2		52.40%
1.04	4	2	John Goring, Ted Pristash - William Sommerfield,	0.53	5			Carolyn Rowley, 52.40%
			50.76%	0.53	5	1		Steve Brown - Caryl Brown, Highland Park IL
0.53	5		Stanislaw Kolesnik, Elmwood Park IL; James	0.75	6	3		51.96%
			49.22%	0.75	6	3		51.96%
0.75	6	3	Michele Pockross, Wilmette IL;					John Miller - Sharon Solwitz, Chicago IL
			48.82%					49.52%
				0.75		3		Jodi Smith, Long

Grove IL;
Jeannette Chase, 44.42%

THURSDAY PC OPEN PAIRS 22.5 Tables / Based on 61 Tables

	A	B	C		
31.06	1			Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL	62.70%
23.30	2			Wieslaw Kalita, Woodridge IL; Jaroslaw Piasecki, Mundelein IL	60.06%
17.47	3			Suzi Subeck, Glenview Nas IL; Stanton Subeck, Glenview IL	59.40%
13.10	4			Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Ron Smith, Chicago IL	59.02%
10.35	5			Lynn Patinkin, Libertyville IL; Jim Humphrey, Highland Park IL	58.17%
8.87	6			Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Jack Snyder, Naperville IL	56.66%
7.77	7			Muhammad Abedi, Chicago IL; Ronald Helman, Skokie IL	56.65%
6.90	8			John Russell, N Barrington IL; Norman Coombs, Brookville IN	55.85%
6.21	9			Serdar Ogut, Darien IL; Larry Cohen, Elmhurst IL	54.55%
12.15	10	1		Michael Kelley - Martina Kelley, Lake Zurich IL	54.29%
5.18	11			Jerry Poliquin, Gurnee IL; William McFall, New Berlin WI	54.14%
9.11	12	2	1	Nic Hristea - Jeff Cianci, Chicago IL	53.58%
6.83		3		Stanislaw Kolesnik, Elmwood Park IL; James Hudson, Elmhurst IL	53.04%
5.13		4	2	John Miller - Sharon Solwitz, Chicago IL	53.02%
4.05		5		David Bogolub, Deerfield IL; Charles Sheaff, Jacksonville IL	52.90%
3.47		6		Jon Sorkin, Deerfield IL; Craig Jacobson, Skokie IL	52.52%
3.19			3	Ted Pristash - William Sommerfield, Grayslake IL	48.36%
2.39			4	Steve Brown - Caryl Brown, Highland Park IL	46.94%
1.89			5	Steven Tucker, Arlington Hgts IL; Audrey Rubinstein, Highland Park IL	45.90%
				THURS PC GOLD RUSH PAIRS 20.5 Tables	
	7	B	C		
7.12	1			Robert Margolis, Glencoe IL; Stewart Margolis, Mundelein IL	59.40%
5.34	2	1	1	Mary Stewart - Nancy House, East Lansing MI	58.91%
4.01	3			Boris Sheyman, Evanston IL; Eric Neumann, Downers Grove IL	58.26%
3.04	4			Gregory Perticara, Westchester IL; Daniel Wright, Deerfield IL	56.67%
3.20	5			Vance Senecal - Lynne Bruehlman, Saint Joseph MI	56.56%
2.17	6			Iliana Rozemberg, Northbrook IL; Lindy Berggreen, Glenview IL	56.51%
3.26	7	2		Sue Lies, Wilmette IL; Virginia Enman, Glenview IL	56.04%
1.71	8			Rudolph Bruntyrn, Huntley IL; Paul Prez, Chicago IL	55.77%
2.49	9	3		Woody Haynes - Thomas Walsh, Chicago IL	55.57%
1.69	10			Charles Butler, Chicago IL; Larry Heidemann, Frankfort IL	55.18%
1.65	11			Katy Gross, Lake Forest IL; Peggy Griem, Lake Bluff IL	54.83%
1.98		4		Gabriel Peretz, Deerfield IL; Valy Lev, Evanston IL	53.97%
2.93		5		James Schultz, Sheboygan WI; Donald Ferris, Mundelein IL	53.00%
2.14		6	2	Shirley Rau, Western Springs IL; Blase Rau,	51.99%
1.71			3	M Sandonato, Northbrook IL; Judy Wehling, Glenview IL	50.01%

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