

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.

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February 19, 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



Italy; 2016 Open and Ladies Teams Championships Salsomaggiore April 24, 2016

This Bidding Problem was published in the second Italian **Open and Ladies Teams Championships Bulletin**.

You will be able to compare your answer with some of the best Italian and international players:

IMPs, N/S Vulnerable. You are South:

♠ J 9 7 2 ♥ J 9 7 4 ♦ 9 7 6 3 2 ♣

The bidding starts:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1 ♣	Dbf	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♣	Dbf	3 ♣	?

Answers on Page 3



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**

Tournament Information

(Answers to the problems on page 2)

These are the answers:

Norberto Bocchi:

4 ♣. I think, having passed before, 4 ♣ describes the hand well.

Thomas Bessis

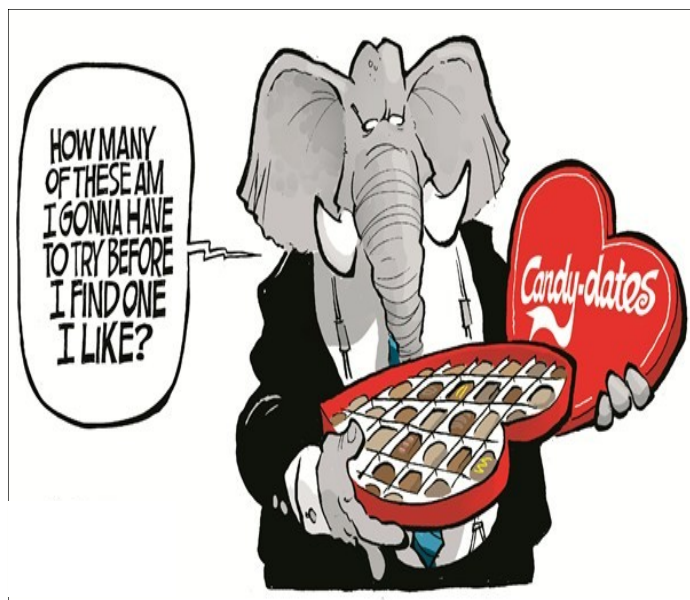
4 ♣. A bit optimistic, but describes my hand pretty well. It also has the advantage of putting pressure on opponents, which could make the mistake of defending to 5 ♣ while we could go down in 4 ♠.

Dennis Bilde

Dbl. I hope it's an Italian double and my partner will not pass

Diego Brenner

Dbl. Competitive. Over 3 ♦ or 3 ♠ I can pass, because with the double I have described my hand.



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

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.

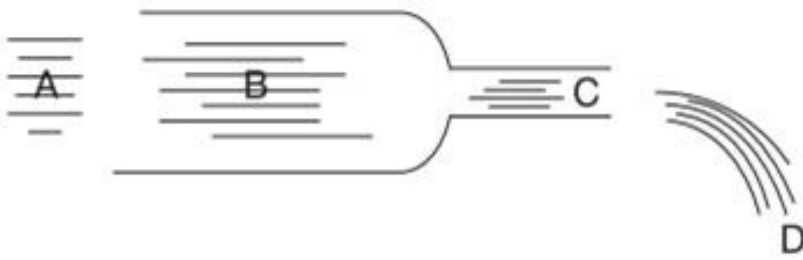
Recorder Slips, should you need them, are available from the directors.

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. A large volume of water is gushing through a pipe which narrows at the outlet. At which point, A, B, C or D will the water flow fastest?



Ans: C.

Sol.

The water flows fastest at the narrowest point.

2. SUNDAY
 MONDAY
 TUESDAY
 WEDNESDAY
 THURSDAY
 FRIDAY
 SATURDAY

What day comes three days after the day which comes two days after the day which comes immediately after the day which comes two days after Monday?

Ans: Tuesday.

3. A man has 53 socks in his drawer: 21 identical blue, 15 identical black and 17 identical red. The lights are fused and he is completely in the dark. How many socks must he take out to make 100 per cent certain he has a pair of black socks?

Ans: 40 socks.

Sol.

If he takes out 38 socks, although it is very unlikely, it is possible they could all be blue and red. To make 100 percent certain that he also has a pair of black socks he must take out a further two socks.

4. Gordon is twice as old as Tony was when Gordon was as old as Tony is now. The combined age of Gordon and Tony is 112 years. How old are Gordon and Tony now?

Ans: Gordon 64 and Tony 48 .

Sol.

When Gordon was 48, Tony was 32(ie half the age Gordon is now).

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

Easy 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.

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

Puzzle Answers

Top on Right; Bottom on Left:

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

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

Plan the Play by Ira Corn

Cover the East-West hands and plan the play of the slam against the lead or the queen of hearts. If you were not careful at tricks one and two, you probably lost the slam. Observe what may happen if South plays carelessly to the first two tricks.

Dealer North, none Vul

♠ 10 4
♥ K 7
♦ K Q J 9
♣ Q J 8 4 2

♠ 7
♥ Q J 10 8 6 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ K 9 3

♠ Q 8 6 5
♥ 9 4 3
♦ A 7 5
♣ 10 6 5

♠ A K J 9 3 2
♥ A 5
♦ 10 4 3
♣ A 7

The Auction:

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Declarer wins the first heart in dummy to lead the ♠10 for a first round finesse against East's queen. (This play is better than first playing a high spade to cater to a singleton queen offside).

The ♠10 holds the trick and South continues spades and picks up East's queen. South next goes after the diamond suit with the intention of establishing the suit and discarding the losing club on the long diamond. However, East foils this plan by refusing to play the ♦A on the first two leads, and declarer is forced into a losing club finesse for down one.

The winning line of play: Declarer won the opening heart lead in his hand and immediately played diamonds. East was helpless. If he took the ♦A South would have more than enough entries to make the spade finesse and to run the diamonds.

East ducked his ♦A and South countered by using this entry for the spade finesse. The ♠10 was passed successfully, the finesse was repeated, and trumps were drawn.

Diamonds were established, East ducking until the third round. However, the ♥K was still in dummy to provide entry to the fourth diamond.

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 Zwiasek 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

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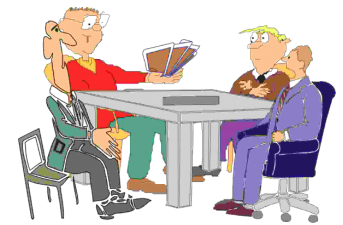
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Partnership Chair:

Jan Churchwell

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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



Source: www.lajollabridge.com By Maritha Pottenger

As Declarer, one of your jobs is to cut the lines of communication between your two opponents. This is often done by “holding up”—refusing to take a winner right away. In no trump, if you hold up once or twice, you may exhaust one opponent of a particular suit, so s/he cannot reach his/her partner in that suit.

The “Rule of 7” suggests that you subtract the number of cards you and dummy have in a suit from 7, and the answer tells you how many times to hold up if you have a single stopper in a suit. So, with 5 cards between you and dummy, you hold up twice. This ensures that if one opponent has 5 cards in the suit, your hold up will exhaust the other opponent of that suit; if the suit is 4-4, you are limited to only one more loser. With six cards between you and dummy, you hold up once. However holding up twice can also be right, limiting your losers in a 4-3 split to two if the four card defender cannot get in later.

Do NOT hold up if you cannot stand a switch to another suit. Just take your chances! Do NOT hold up if you could end up losing 5 tricks. For example, LHO leads a 4th best card and RHO plays the queen. You hold K109. Do NOT hold up! The AJxx(x) could easily be behind you. Take your King. If you hold KJ9 and RHO plays the queen, you can afford to hold up because your KJ is still one surestopper after RHO takes the queen.

Do not hold up if you can block the suit by taking the first trick. An example would be holding A10 opposite 9xxx and LHO leads a low card in the suit. If LHO has 5 cards, then RHO has a doubleton honor, e.g. QJ. By taking the first trick, you block the suit. The opponents will not be able to untangle their honors—without giving you an extra trick—before you have a chance to knock out one of their stoppers.

Do not hold up if you can block the suit by playing second-hand high. An example is: Q10x opposite Kxx with the suit bid on your right. LHO leads the top of a doubleton. Play the queen from dummy. If RHO takes Ace and plays suit again, let it run to the 10—ensuring two stoppers. If RHO ducks, you still have a second stopper. If RHO takes the Ace and shifts suits, you have gained time. Another example would be Axx opposite J9x in dummy. RHO bids suit and LHO leads the 10. Play the Jack from dummy and DUCK when RHO plays the queen (or king). If RHO plays the suit again, you are guaranteed two stoppers (let low card run to the 9; kill other high honor with your Ace and 9 is 2nd stopper). If positive LHO cannot get in again, OK to take 1st trick.

When you have two stoppers, but must knock out two high cards from the opponents’ hands, it is usually right to hold up once.

Holdings such as AJx opposite xxx or KQx opposite xxx count as 1-1/2 stoppers. Depending on who has the other high honors—and which opponent is most likely to get the lead next, you will duck or take the first trick. If king or queen (presumably from KQ109) is led on your left and you have AJx, ducking is best. LHO cannot continue without giving you two tricks. If a low card is led and King (or Queen) is played on your right (meaning other high honor is on your left), take the first trick IF LHO is likely to get the lead next [e.g., you have to finesse into LHO]. If RHO is likely to get the lead next, duck twice hoping to exhaust RHO of that suit. If a low card is led and RHO plays 10 or jack when you have KQx, you know that A10xx(x) or AJxx(x) is now behind you. If LHO is likely to get the lead next, take the first trick. If RHO is likely to get the lead next, duck (hoping to exhaust RHO of suit).

In suit contracts, hold-ups are most often avoidance plays. You are trying to avoid letting the dangerous opponent gain the lead. (The dangerous opponent is whoever can lead through your vulnerable honor holdings. So, with Kxx opposite xxx in dummy, RHO is dangerous opponent. With xxx opposite Kxx in dummy, LHO is dangerous opponent.) Often, you will have an opportunity to transfer a loser from one suit to a different suit in order to avoid the chance that the dangerous opponent will get the lead. For example, with ♠ AKxxxx ♥ Kxx ♦ xxx ♣ x opposite ♠ QJxx ♥ xx ♦ AKxxx ♣ xx with LHO leading Ace, then King of clubs, it is best to discard a low diamond on the 2nd club (rather than ruffing). Then pull trumps, set up diamond suit (probably with one ruff) and discard your losing hearts on the good diamonds. Without the diamond discard, RHO might get in with a diamond to finesse against your King of hearts.

Source: “Play Bridge with the Aces” by Ira Corn

The Merrimac Coup is a fascinating play that involves the deliberate sacrifice of a high card with the object of knocking out a vital entry in an opponent’s hand.

Today’s hand is an example of the Deschappelles Coup. It is similar to the Merrimac Coup in that a deliberate sacrifice of a high card is made. However, its object is to establish an entry to partner’s hand.

Dealer North, all Vul

♠ 7 6 2
♥ A 3
♦ A J 2
♣ A J 10 8 4

♠ Q 10 9 8 4 3
♥ Q 7 6 5
♦ 7 6
♣ 2

♠ K 5
♥ K 8 4 2
♦ 8 5 4 3
♣ K Q 6

♠ A J
♥ J 10 9
♦ K Q 10 9
♣ 9 7 5 3

The Auction:

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	End	

Opening Lead ♠10

West led the ♠10, East played the ♠K and South ducked, hoping to sever communication in the spade suit. South succeeded in isolating West’s spade suit, but his problems were far from over.

Declarer could count two major suit aces, and four diamond tricks. He needed three club tricks to make his contract. He planned on two finesses into the East hand, hoping to keep West from gaining the lead.

At trick three, declarer finessed a club into the East hand. East won his queen and made the only play to defeat the hand. The HK! Deschappelles Coup.

Declarer could win or refuse the trick to no avail. If declarer ducked, East would continue and then, when on lead with the ♣K, would lead another heart to West’s queen. An entry was created to the established spade suit.

Like the Merrimac Coup, the Deschappelles Coup is an unusual and exciting play. Sometimes even amusing. Especially when declarer turns up with the missing honors.

“The grave’s a fine and quiet place, but no one there will cash his ace” Can the hand be made, or must it go down to defeat? Dealer South N/S Vul

♠ 10 9 8
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ A 10 8 2
♣ 6 3

♠ K J 7 2
♥ 7 4
♦ J 9 6
♣ J 8 5 4

♠ 6 5 4
♥ A 6 3 2
♦ 7 3
♣ K Q 9 7

♠ A Q 3
♥ K 8 5
♦ K Q 5 4
♣ A 10 2

More: Funny Did You Know Facts?

- The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time television were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.
- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.
- The Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters.
- Men can read smaller print than women; women can hear better.
- City with the most Rolls Royce's per capita: Hong Kong.
- State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska.
- Percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%
- Percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%
- Barbie's measurements if she were life size: 39-23-33
- Cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400
- Average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000.
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.
- The youngest pope was 11 years old.
- First novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.
- The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

The Auction:

West	North	East	South
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	End	
Opening Lead ♣4			

West dodged the disastrous spade lead, and led the C4. East play CQ and South refused the trick, playing his C2. East continued with the CK, which South ducked again, and East cleared the suit. Declarer knocked out the HA and then took his top tricks for his contract, one spade, three hearts, four diamonds and one club.

West said, “If you had shifted to spade at trick two, we would have defeated the hand.” East agreed, “Yes, I had two chances to do so, I could have also done so after winning the second club.” South entered the discussion with, “If you had shifted to spades, I would have played low, allowing West to win his SJ. However, he could not continue the attack on spades.” West countered, “I would have returned to the attack on the club suit and we would have taken one spade, three clubs and a heart.”

Who do you bet on, the declarer or the defense? If you bet on the defense, you were wrong, unless, of course, you can force South to duck the first club. Assuming West’s lead to be a true fourth best, South should have taken the first club trick. Dislodging the heart ace would have limited his losses to three clubs and one heart. South’s automatic duck gave the defense a chance, and he was fortunate that East did not find the winning defense.

Funny Facts and Figures

Funny Did-You-Know Facts?

- More people are killed annually by donkeys than die in air crashes.
- Every citizen of Kentucky is required by law to take a bath once a year.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver and purple.
- The United States has never lost a war in which mules were used.
- The only two nations whose names begin with an "A," but doesn't end in an "A," are Afghanistan and Azerbaijan.
- A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.
- Every dog in my house is required by law to take a bath once a year.
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Simple Question: Why?

- Why are boxing rings square?
- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
- Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up, like, every two hours?
- Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?
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Funny Did You Know Facts - If's and Buts

- If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?
- If someone with a split personality threatens to commit suicide, is it a hostage situation?
- Can you cry under water?
- What level of importance must a person have, before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
- If money doesn't grow on trees then why do banks have branches?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Did You Appreciate The Truth About Letters?

Letters 'a', 'b', 'c' and 'd' do not appear if you spell any of the numbers between 1 and 99

[Funnily enough, letter 'd' comes for the first time in Hundred]

In addition, letters 'a', 'b' and 'c' do not appear anywhere in the spellings of 1 to 999

[Strange, but true, letter 'a' comes for the first time in Thousand]

Neither letter 'b' nor 'c' appear anywhere in the spellings of 1 to 999,999,999

[Letter 'b' comes for the first time in Billion]

Letter 'c' does not appear anywhere in the spellings of entire English counting.

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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)
9 AM 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)

Did You Know That....

- Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David
 Clubs - Alexander the Great,
 Hearts-Charlemagne, and
 Diamonds - Julius Caesar.



- If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.
- $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$
- Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.
- 'I am'. Is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- The phrase 'rule of thumb' is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.
- The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the 'General Purpose' vehicle, G.P.
- The cruise liner, Queen Elizabeth II, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

Seriously???

We're told that 35% of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

Did You Realize That...

- In just one year, each and every American on average consumes enough wood and paper to construct a tree 100 feet tall and 16 inches in diameter.
- Over three million Americans stutter. Stuttering is gender related and affects three to four times as many males as females.
- The maximum speed that raindrops can fall at is around 18mph. The precise speed depends on their size.
- Because of thermal expansion the Eiffel Tower is 15cm taller in summer than in winter.
- The human head contains 22 bones.
- A bolt of lightning contains enough energy to toast 160,000 pieces of bread. Unfortunately, the bolt only takes 1/10,000 of a second - so turning the bread over might prove difficult!
- The tomato is the world's most popular fruit.
- Worldwide, 20,000 brands of beer are brewed in 180 styles, from ales, lagers, pilsner and stouts to bitters, cream ales and iced beers.
- The largest flower in the world is *Rafflesia arnoldi*. Surprisingly, it is a parasitic plant that grows only on Sumatra, Indonesia. The genus *Rafflesia* was named after Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, the great explorer. Its petals can reach a foot and half long, if you were to touch one the leaves are 1 inch thick.
- In 1313, King Edward II stated that, 'You are forbidden from dying in parliament.'
- In Melbourne, Australia it is illegal for men to parade in strapless dresses, however, they are allowed to cross-dress in anything with sleeves.
- King George V changed the name of the British royal family from the German sounding Saxe-Coburg-Gotha to Windsor in 1917. As the Great War was at its height King George V wanted to distance himself from his cousin Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany.
- Ravens are kept in the Tower of London because, according to myth, the British throne will come to a fall if the ravens leave the tower. The wings of the ravens are clipped to prevent them from flying away.

Five Fascinating 'Did You Know These Facts'

1. The Jersey or walking stick cabbage has a stem as high as a man and can grow 16 feet tall.
2. Kilts were invented by the Irish. The word "kilt" is, in fact, Danish.
3. The human body burns about 60 calories an hour while asleep, 85 while eating and 130 sitting working at a computer.
4. In a national anthem survey, 79% of Americans know the first line of the 'Star-Spangled Banner', but only 37% of Canadians know the first line to 'Oh, Canada', which is really pathetic considering the first line of 'Oh, Canada' is 'Oh, Canada'. - Jay leno.
5. When they are closed quickly, the crossover point on a pair of scissors is moving faster than the speed of light.*

* This fact may well get children thinking, our reader says it originally featured on the BBC website. It certainly has a few adult debating the merits of this 'fact'. For example, is there a typo, should it read not 'speed of light', but 'speed of sound'. No!

Next comes the question how long are these scissors. The answer is exceedingly long, in fact one light year long, this is how the blades get to exceed the speed of light when the scissors close - theoretically. Finally, can anything move faster than the speed of light? Not if Einstein is right.

Five Further Fascinating Did You Know This

1. Until 1800, cookery was so dangerous that it was the second commonest cause of death among women after childbirth.
2. The American musician John Cage [1912-92] is best known for his 1952 composition 4'33", which consists of nothing but total silence. Its three "movements" are "performed" without playing a single note.
3. A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.
4. The 'sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick' is thought to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
5. Charlie Chaplin once won only third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest.

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GRASSROOT GOLD RUSH PAIRS FIRST SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH SECTION G EAST-WEST

	7	3	1		7	3	1	
1.53	1			Jerome Scholle - Jamie Carroll, Chicago IL	1.53	1	1	Gary Zeman - Lori Zeman, Downers Grove IL
				61.73%				58.35%
1.07	2			Barry Berk, San Miguel Alle Mexico; Nancy	1.07	2		Howard Emmerman - Fern Emmerman, Riverwoods IL
				57.92%				56.06%
0.77	3			Claire McGuire, Northfield IL;	0.77	3		Pamela Simons - Paul Prez, Chicago IL
				55.84%	0.54	4		54.73%
0.54	4			Susan Doyle, Bill Davis, Woodridge IL;	0.54	4		Neal Spero - Gloria Spero, Highland Park IL
				53.29%	0.69	2		53.65%
0.98		1		Patricia Latkin, Cynthia Schield, Prescott WI;	0.69	2		Marjorie Goettsche, Winnetka IL; Valy
				48.55%				48.60%
0.69		2		Vinton Geistfeld, Marion Tuttle, Palatine IL;				
				Kathleen Lewin, 47.30%				

SAT GRASSROOTS OPEN PAIR FIRST SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH SECTIONS H I EAST-WEST

	A	B	C		A	B	C	
4.52	1			George Klemic, Bensenville IL;	3.31	1/3	1	J Valenti, Wheeling IL;
				64.71%				54.47%
3.16	2	1	1	Michael Airdo, Fred Johnston - Philip McPeck, Chicago IL	3.31	1/3		Rosanne Schabinger, Mount Prospect IL;
				59.48%				54.47%
2.26	3			Jack Oest - Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL	3.31	1/3		Larry Cohen, Elmhurst IL;
				58.93%				54.47%
1.58	4			Mary Gardner - Craig Gardner, Streamwood IL	1.84	4	2	Jerry Poliquin, Leonard Nelson, Wilmette IL;
				57.08%				54.25%
1.53	5	2		Katherine Rehak, Oak Park IL;	0.83	5/6		Robert Zboralski, Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Dick
				56.75%				53.70%
1.10	6	3		Roger Theis, Robert Lass - Tom Fogarty, Chicago IL	1.32	5/6	3	Bruno, Des Plaines IL Charles Klees - Eileen Klees, Chicago IL
				54.14%				53.70%
0.65	7			David Lehman, Glenview IL; Dick Melson, Chicago IL	0.92	7	4	Leo Melamed - B Melamed, Glencoe IL
				53.92%				52.83%
0.61	8/9	4/5		Cherrollyn Woolwine, Naperville IL;	0.57	8		Georgann Humphrey - Jim Humphrey, Highland Park IL
				53.81%				52.72%
0.92	8/9	4/5	2	Donald Joseph - Joyce Joseph, Glencoe IL	0.53	5		Tamas Szabo - Aniko Szabo, Brookfield WI
				53.81%				51.96%
					0.44	6		Craig Wakefield, Des Plaines IL; Lynne Marley,
								50.11%

MORNING SIDE SERIES SAT AFT SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH SECTION K EAST-WEST

	A	B	C		A	B	C	
2.33	1			Mark Weisman, Glenview IL; Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL	2.33	1	1	Elizabeth Wachowicz - Zenon Wachowicz,
				60.88%				60.19%
1.80	2	1		Iliana Rozemberg, Northbrook IL;	1.63	2	2	Sherilyn Sorem, Inverness IL;
				60.19%				58.10%
1.26	3	2	1	Daniel Spindler, Saeed Zafar, Gurnee IL; Ajit Sheth, Vernon	1.17	3		Chris Gardner, Morton Miller - Victor Becker, Skokie IL
				54.40%				57.87%
0.90	4	3	2	Mark Fritz, Naperville IL;	0.82	4		Paul Hibbard - Diane Hibbard, Arlington Hgts IL
				51.62%				54.17%
0.63		4		Walt Werner, Leon Teichner, Chicago IL; Tim Eckerman, Glenview IL	0.81		2	Rosalie Sturtevant - James Sturtevant,
				49.54%				45.60%

SAT GRASSROOTS OPEN PAIR

21.0 Tables / Based on 55 Tables								
	A	B	C					
28.44	1			George Klemic, Bensenville IL;				63.62%
21.33	2			Michael Airdo, Oak Park IL				60.73%
16.00	3			Jack Oest - Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL				
				Mary Gardner - Craig Gardner, Streamwood IL				59.21%
12.00	4			Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL				58.23%
9.48	5			David Lehman, Glenview IL; Dick Melson, Chicago IL				57.19%
12.80	6	1		Katherine Rehak, Oak Park IL; Roger Theis, Naperville IL				56.21%
9.60	7	2	1	Donald Joseph - Joyce Joseph, Glencoe IL				54.69%
6.32	8			Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL				54.52%
7.20	9/10	3	2	Charles Klees - Eileen Klees, Chicago IL				53.60%
5.43	9/10			Georgann Humphrey - Jim Humphrey, Highland Park IL				53.60%
5.40		4	3	J Valenti, Wheeling IL; Steve Oshen, Glen Ellyn IL				53.00%
4.27		5		Tamas Szabo - Aniko Szabo, Brookfield WI				52.51%
3.66		6	4	Leo Melamed - B Melamed, Glencoe IL				51.58%
2.95		5	5	Leonard Nelson, Wilmette IL; Robert Zboralski, Evanston IL				51.04%

GRASSROOT GOLD RUSH PAIRS 8.5 Tables

	7	B	C		
4.13	1			Barry Berk, San Miguel Alle Mexico; Nancy Ross, Chicago IL	59.02%
3.10	2			Pamela Simons - Paul Prez, Chicago IL	55.73%
2.32	3			Neal Spero - Glorya Spero, Highland Park IL	55.40%
1.74	4			Jerome Scholle - Jamie Carroll, Chicago IL	55.10%
1.50	5			Claire McGuire, Northfield IL; Susan Doyle, Winnetka IL	54.99%
2.76	1			Marion Tuttle, Palatine IL; Kathleen Lewin, Bolingbrook IL	51.53%
2.07	2			Fred Princehorn - Patrice Princehorn, Homewood IL	50.65%
1.55	3			Cynthia Schield, Prescott WI; Vinton Geistfeld, Eden Prairie MN	49.32%

MORNING SIDE SERIES 10.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.79	1			Mark Weisman, Glenview IL; Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL	60.88%
2.99	2/3	1/2		Iliana Rozemberg, Northbrook IL; Daniel Spindler, Park Ridge IL	60.19%
2.99	2/3	1/2		Elizabeth Wachowicz - Zenon Wachowicz, Buffalo Grove IL	60.19%
2.45	4	3	1	Sherilyn Sorem, Inverness IL; Chris Gardner, Palatine IL	58.10%
1.20	5			Morton Miller - Victor Becker, Skokie IL	57.87%
1.84	6	4	2	Saeed Zafar, Gurnee IL; Ajit Sheth, Vernon Hills IL	54.40%
1.38		5	3	Mark Fritz, Naperville IL; Walt Werner, Arlington Hgts IL	51.62%
1.03			4	Leon Teichner, Chicago IL; Tim Eckerman, Glenview IL	49.54%

SAT GRASSROOTS OPEN PAIR SECOND SESSION

		NORTH-SOUTH			EAST-WEST				
	A	B	C	SECTIONS H I	A	B	C		
4.52	1			George Klemic, Bensenville IL;	4.52	1		Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL	62.75%
3.16	2			Michael Airdo, Wayne Snider, Plainfield IL;	62.53%	3.16	2	Jack Oest - Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL	62.53%
2.52	3	1	1	Jerry Jackson, Donald Joseph - Joyce Joseph, Glencoe IL	55.77%	2.26	3	Mary Gardner - Craig Gardner, Streamwood IL	61.33%
1.58	4			Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL	55.56%	1.58	4	David Lehman, Glenview IL; Dick Melson, Chicago IL	60.46%
1.76	5	2	2	Charles Klees - Eileen Klees, Chicago IL	55.34%	0.90	5	Richard Whitsitt, Rockford IL;	56.43%
1.26	6	3		Tamas Szabo - Aniko Szabo, Brookfield WI	53.49%	2.41	6	1 Nancy Ogreenc, Katherine Rehak, Oak Park IL;	55.66%
0.65	7			John Russell, N Barrington IL;	53.05%	0.65	7	Roger Theis, Georgann Humphrey - Jim Humphrey, Highland Park IL	54.47%
0.54	8/9			Norman Coombs, Stanton Subeck, Glenview IL; Suzi Subeck, Glenview	52.61%	0.57	8	Serdar Ogut, Darrien IL; Frank Pancoe, Wheaton IL	52.29%
0.88	8/9	4	3	J Valenti, Wheeling IL;	51.53%	1.69	2	James Hudson - Ruth Kuncel, Elmhurst IL	52.18%
0.58		5	4	Steve Oshen, Glen Craig Wakefield, Des Plaines IL;	51.53%	1.58	3	1 Leo Melamed - B Melamed, Glencoe IL	50.33%
				Lynne Marley, 51.31%	0.84	4	4 Carolyn Rowley, Evanston IL; Guy Franklin, Chicago IL	49.35%	
					1.11	5	2 Leonard Nelson, Wilmette IL;	47.82%	
					0.79	3	3 Nic Hristea - Mark Pinkowski, Chicago IL	45.64%	

GRASSROOT GOLD RUSH PAIRS SECOND SESSION

		NORTH-SOUTH			EAST-WEST				
	7	B	C	SECTION G	7	B	C		
1.45	1			Barry Berk, San Miguel Alle Mexico; Nancy	1.45	1		Neal Spero - Glorya Spero, Highland Park IL	57.14%
1.02	2			Pamela Simons - Paul Prez, Chicago IL	60.12%	1.02	2	1 Marion Tuttle, Palatine IL;	55.29%
0.98	3	1		Fred Princehorn - Patrice Princehorn,	56.85%	0.73	3	Kathleen Lewin, Claire McGuire, Northfield IL;	54.23%
0.51	4			Daryl Fraley, Crown Point IN;	56.55%	0.51	4	Susan Doyle, Hubert Frank - Elaine Frank,	50.79%
0.69		2		William Birk, Robert Margolis - Sherry Margolis, Glencoe IL	50.89%			Northbrook IL	
0.70			1	Ian Goldberg - Amy Goldberg, Long Grove IL	48.81%				
					48.51%				