

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 4
February 21, 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



IBPA Column Service example 838 by Tim Bourke

West began with the ace, king and queen of spades. Declarer counted ten tricks: four in trumps, four in diamonds and two in clubs. He saw that the main danger was West's having two diamonds and four hearts to the jack.

If that were the case, and declarer played three top trumps, West would ruff the third diamond and the contract would go down, declarer being left with a club loser and no way to get rid of it.

Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ 8 6 2
♥ 9 2
♦ A Q J 5
♣ 8 7 4 2

♠ A K Q 10 7
♥ J 7 6 3
♦ 10 2
♣ Q 10

♠ J 5 4
♥ 8 4
♦ 9 7 6 3
♣ J 9 6 3

♠ 9 3
♥ A K Q 10 5
♦ K 8 4
♣ A K 5



The Auction:

West	North	East	South
			1♥
1♠	Double	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Declarer's initial idea to cater for that possibility was to lead the ten of trumps. After a moment's thought he decided to keep the prospect of an overtrick alive by crossing to the dummy with the ♦J and then leading the ♥2 to his ten. If the ten had held he would have made an overtrick as long as the trumps were divided no worse than 4-2. On this layout, however, West took the ♥10 with the ♥J and played a hopeful fourth round of spades.

Declarer ruffed this on table with the ♥9 and discarded the five of clubs from hand. After crossing back to hand with a club to his ace, declarer drew the outstanding trumps and claimed ten tricks.



**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**

Humorous Quotations:

Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read. - Groucho Marx

Coffee isn't my cup of tea. - Samuel Goldwyn

I'm an excellent housekeeper. Every time I get a divorce, I keep the house. - Zsa Zsa Gabor

I'm always amazed to hear of air crash victims so badly mutilated that they have to be identified by their dental records. What I can't understand is, if they don't know who you are, how do they know who your dentist is? - Paul Merton

At my age I do what Mark Twain did. I get my daily paper, look at the obituaries page and if I'm not there I carry on as usual. - Patrick Moore

Operator! Give me the number for 911. - Homer Simpson

I have met a lot of hardboiled eggs in my time, but you're twenty minutes. - Oscar Wilde

Rarely is the question asked: is our children learning? - George W Bush

I saw six men kicking and punching the mother-in-law. My neighbor said 'Are you going to help?' I said, 'No, Six should be enough.' - Les Dawson

My formula for success is rise early, work late, and strike oil. - Paul Getty



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.

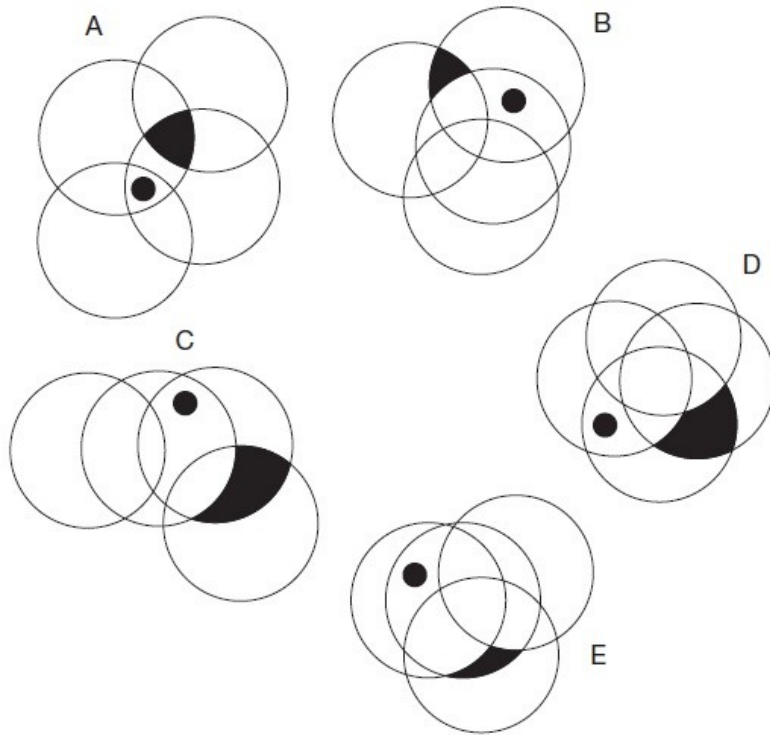
Recorder Slips, should you need them, are available from the directors.

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 ...

Which is the odd one out?

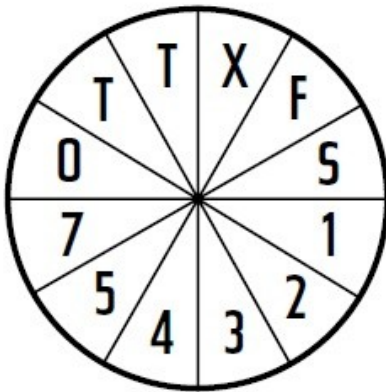


Ans: A.

Sol.

The dot and shaded portion are each in three circles.
In the rest they are in two.

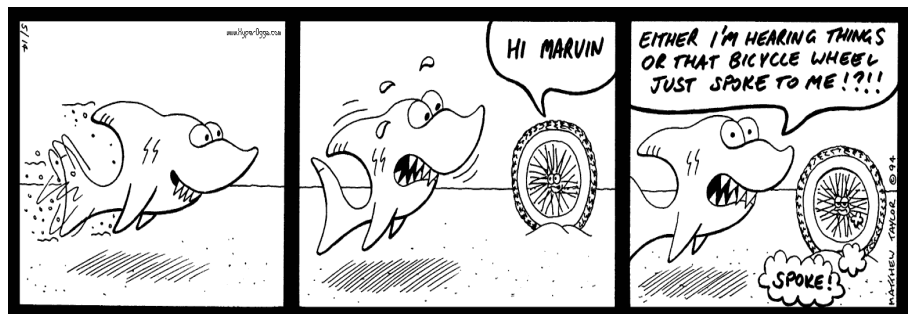
What is X?



Ans: F

Sol.

The letters are the initials of the numbers in the opposite segments. X is opposite to 4.



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

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.

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

Puzzle Answers:

Top Puzzle

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

Bottom Puzzle

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

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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

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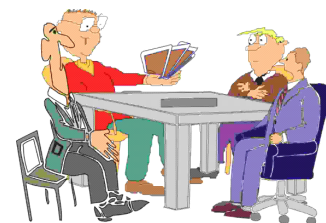
Email: stansubeck@prodigy.net

Partnership Chair:

Jan Churchwell

847-373-3569

jan8242@gmail.com



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**



Squeezing The Dummy by Justin Lall

Opening leads are arguably the toughest part of the game. Many contracts hinge on what the defense chooses as its opening blow, and you have to do it without the benefit of seeing dummy. All you have to work with is the bidding, which against some opponents is of little value. If the opponents have given you enough information, you can try and construct their hands to find the best lead. If they have had an auction like 1♠-2♠-4♠ you are left with trying to make the percentage lead.

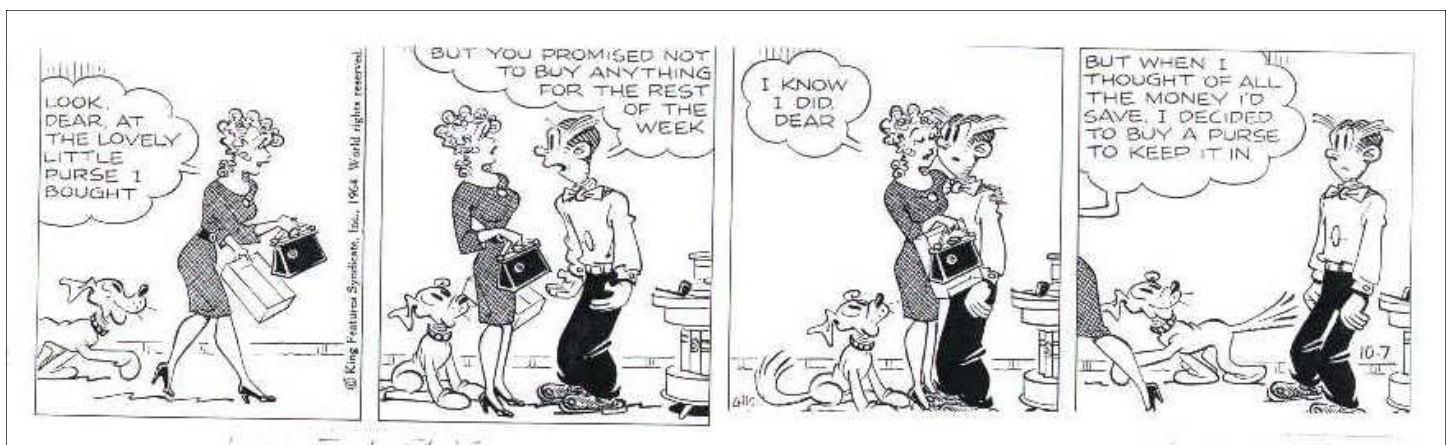
Here is an extreme example of where the opening leader had a lot of information if he reasoned it out. Playing against two excellent French players who can be relied upon to not be insane, you are dealt ♠64 ♥Q ♦8754 ♣KQJ875. The auction starts with partner who opens 1♥. RHO overcalls 3♠, you pass, and LHO bids 5♠! This bid asks partner if they have a first or second round control in hearts for slam. RHO bids 6♠ indicating a second round control. With a first round control she would have cuebid 6♥ in case of a grand slam. This is passed around to partner who doubles. LHO chooses to redouble, ending the auction.

Wow, on lead against 6♠XX. So, let's reason this out. Partner has doubled to suggest an unusual lead. Partner wouldn't do this with an AK or 2 aces because surely one of them will be ruffed. Dummy must have a void. We have 6 clubs, so obviously a club lead stands out, right?

Let's go a little deeper. Instead of thinking about what partner is asking us to do, let's think about what the opponents are doing. The five spade bid would indicate two or more losing hearts, and the six spade bid is probably the king. So partner must have the ace, and we can get one and lead a ruff. Well, the problem is RHO might have a stiff instead of the king. That's fine... then partner has the AK and will let us stay on lead while giving suit preference. The problem now is that LHO might have realized the king might be useless since we will be on lead and chose to ask for a control with Kx in his hand. No, partner has asked for an unusual lead and we should try to reason this out.

Let's think about what type of hand LHO could have to make this five spade bid. His hand must be solid minus the heart suit. He obviously doesn't expect to have a club loser, despite our KQJ. This means he has a singleton ace or void. If he has at most 3 spades (partner needs one to ruff) then he is left with a lot of running diamonds. If he has the singleton ace of clubs RHO would need to have 6 for partner to be able to ruff. Given the spade preempt, a diamond ruff is much more likely. So you lead a diamond.

Partner's hand was: ♠5 ♥A875432 ♦— ♣AT432. Wow, 6 clubs makes! The player at the table actually led a heart, which worked out fine, but is inferior. Beating 6♠XX 2 tricks is a good score. The hand for the 5♠ bid was pretty much what we expected. It was ♠AQ8 ♥J6 ♦AKJT9632 ♣—. We correctly reasoned out his hand. Had we not taken the time to do this, we would have probably led a club and the contract would make 7. Now that is a large swing.



Lack King, Jack? Play The Odds By OSWALD JACOBY And ALAN SONTAG

The classic case here is A Q 10 9 6 opposite 8 7 x x.

If you want the maximum, finesse the queen. This gives you a 27 percent chance for five tricks and just over an 81.5 percent chance for four.

On the other hand, if you want to be as sure of four tricks as can be, you should play the ace and then lead toward the queen. It only gives you a 12.5 percent chance for five tricks, but it gets you four any time you don't find K J x or K J x x in back of the ace. This is an 83 percent chance. Not much better than 81.5 percent. but definitely better.

FURTHERMORE, IF YOU do play the queen and it loses to the king, your best play is to lead the ace next. Now, if it turns out that the king was singleton you lose two tricks in the suit while the ace lead would get you all five.

Let's shift the queen. You hold A 10 9 x x opposite Q 8 x x.

If you need all five tricks, you can lead the queen and hope for K x x opposite J or lay down the ace and hope for J x x opposite K.

Either play is a 6 percent chance for all the tricks. If you need four you should lay down the ace and lead toward the queen — an 83 percent chance.

THE PRECEDING ASSUMES perfect defense.

Against human defenders, you should lead the queen when playing for five. Sometimes an opponent will duck with K x.

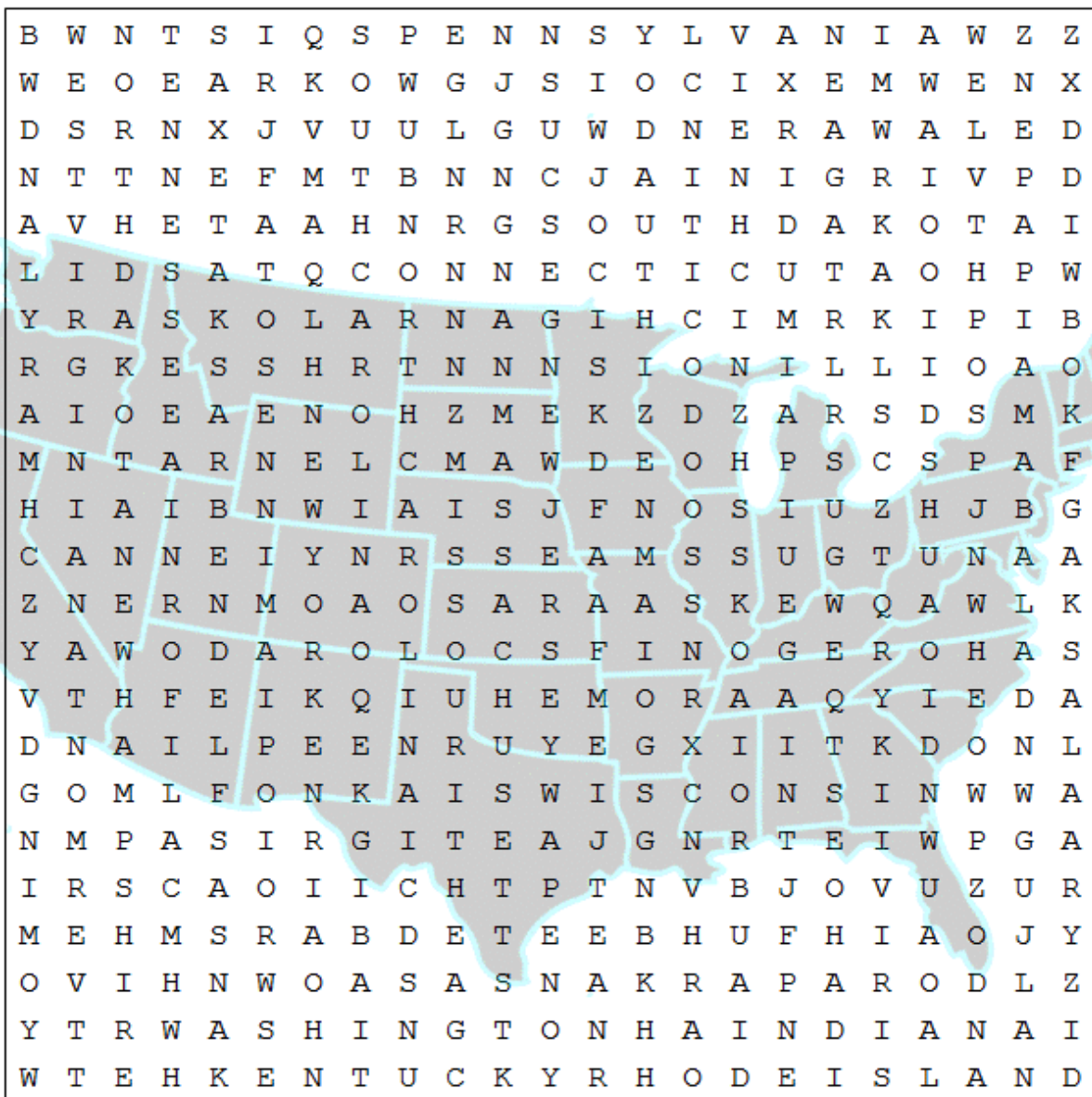
If playing for just four and you lead from the ace toward Q 8 x x. There are lots of players who will never play low from K x.

Hence, if they do play low, you play the eight. If it loses to the jack, finesse for the king on the way back. This play insures four tricks unless the first player held K x x in which case you would lose to a singleton jack. This play wins 94 percent of the time.

**Modern
Times**



50 State Word Search



Alabama

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New Hampshire

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Oklahoma

Oregon

Pennsylvania

Rhode Island

South Carolina

South Dakota

Tennessee

Texas

Utah

Vermont

Virginia

Washington

West Virginia

Wisconsin

Wyoming

Very Punny ...

Q: What did the Dorito say to the other Dorito. A: I can't tell you it was too cheesy.

It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

An opinion without 3.14159 is just an onion.

STRESSED is just DESSERTS spelled backward.

What do ghosts serve for dessert? I Scream.

The person who invented the door knock won the No-bell prize.

Television is a medium because anything well done is rare.

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

In democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your count that votes.

Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day? Sure, they're very scent-imental!

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

Where do you find a birthday present for a cat? In a cat-alogue!

Murdered for immortality. Received life sentence.

What nationality is Santa Claus? North Polish

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

What do you call a fish with no eye? FSH

What do squirrels give for Valentine's Day? Forget-me-nuts.

Santa's elves are just a bunch of subordinate Clauses.

Oxygen is proven to be a toxic gas. Anyone who inhales oxygen will normally die within 80 years.

For **THE SPECTATOR** by Janet de Botton; 10 December 2016

Dealer North

E/W vulnerable

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		♥ 6 4	
		♦ 10 8 6 3	
		♣ K Q 10 6 5 2	
♠ 8 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ J 10 9 7 4 2	
♥ Q J 10 9		♥ 8 3 2	
♦ Q 9 7 2		♦ K 5	
♣ 9 4 3		♣ A J	
		♠ A K Q 6	
		♥ A K 7 5	
		♦ A J 4	
		♣ 8 7	
West	North	East	South
All pass	3♣	Pass	3NT

Simon Cochemé, whose witty column appears monthly in *English Bridge* magazine, celebrated his 70th birthday with a knees-up and duplicate at Young Chelsea at the end of November. The hands were 'prepared', each containing a problem of one sort or another, some well-known, others less so. The question was, would the players reach the intended contracts and recognize the problem, or would they find their own unique way to get lost? The party was overseen by club manager Nick Sandqvist, who, when he heard thunderous laughter from one table, went to investigate. This was the hand:

South played in the intended 3NT on a Heart lead. Seasoned bookworms will recognize the problem: the defense will duck one round of Clubs. South uses this entry to play a Diamond to the Jack, which, if West takes it, will give him three Diamonds to go with his six tricks in the other suits.

Declarer, knowing there was a catch to the hand, thought he recognized the situation — that the only way to bring in the Clubs was to play East for the singleton Ace.

After some deep thought, he therefore led the ♣8 from hand and asked for the ♣2 from dummy. We will never know if East knew what he was doing when he won this trick with the Ace, if he misheard or had just had too much champagne.

What we do know is that South was so jubilant his reading of the situation had been accurate that he couldn't hold back a loud 'Yay' and a fist-pump. He won East's Spade exit and, with an air of total invincibility, played another Club to dummy's 10...

Double Throw-In by Double Throw-In by Nikola Tcholakov, Sofia - Dealer South all Vul

♠ 10 8 5 4
 ♥ A K
 ♦ Q 10 8 7
 ♣ A 10 7

♠ A K J 7
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ J 5 4 2
 ♣ K 9 3

The Auction:

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	End	

Lead: ♥4

You, South, being a very conservative fan of 4 card majors you open 1S as dealer. West passes & N bids 2♣ – game try relay with support. East intervenes with 2♥, you have nothing to say and pass. Pass from West and North closes the bidding with 4♠. West leads ♥4, dummy appears and you notice that there are plenty of problems to solve in the play. You have two unavoidable losers in diamonds and possibly two more in spades and clubs. Don't rely on successful spade finesse. It is highly unlikely in view of the 2♥ overcall by East. He has plenty of hearts and there is little room for the spade Queen. You win the lead in dummy, cash two high spades – no queen, but happily all follow. Then cash the remaining heart to eliminate the suit and switch to ♦Q. East wins his Ace and King and exits with a third diamond. West follows twice and discards a club on the third diamond. You seem to be on the right track, otherwise East should have cashed the spade Queen if he had it. You can win your last diamond just to tease West – he discards another club. Now it is time for a spade. West wins and exits with the club Queen.

♠ 10 8 5 4
 ♥ A K
 ♦ Q 10 8 7
 ♣ A 10 7

Now declarer must guess the club position.

♠ Q 9 2
 ♥ 8 4 3
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ Q 8 6 5 4

♠ 6 3
 ♥ Q J 10 9 6 2
 ♦ A K 6
 ♣ J 2

♠ A K J 7
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ J 5 4 2
 ♣ K 9 3

MONDAY PC OPEN PAIR EVENING SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH SECTION GG EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C		
1	1	David Bogolub, Deerfield IL; Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL	64.35%	1	1	1	Serge Bondar, Wheeling IL; Kazi Farooqui, Grayslake IL	62.96%
2		John Russell, N Barrington IL; Norman Coombs, Brookville IN	63.66%	2			Jerry Poliquin, Gurnee IL; William McFall, New Berlin WI	54.63%
3		David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL; Lynne Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL	55.32%	3	2	2	Norman Segal, Deerfield IL; Gail Shaps, Northbrook IL	52.78%
4		Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL; Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL	52.78%	4	3		Caryl Brown - Steve Brown, Highland Park IL	51.62%
	2	James Diebel, Wood Dale IL; Bill Goldberg, Skokie IL	51.39%					

MONDAY PC GOLD RUSH PAIRS THIRD SESSION
SECTION HH

7	B	C					
1	1	Mary Reiss, Ixonia WI; Patricia Latkin, Chicago IL					63.40%
2		Barry Berk, San Miguel Alle Mexico; Nancy Ross, Chicago IL					56.50%
	2	Blanche Romey, Wilmette IL; Maureen Mohling, Northfield IL					52.50%

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MONDAY PC OPEN PAIR SECOND SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH SECTION G EAST-WEST

	A	B	C		A	B	C		
3.79	1		Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Jack Snyder,	62.02%	3.79	1	1	Thomas Dressing - Mark Ginsburg, Buffalo Grove IL	62.66%
2.65	2		Larry Cohen - Adrienne Cohen, Elmhurst IL	58.17%	2.65	2	2	David Bogolub, Deerfield IL; Rick Schoenfield,	59.13%
1.90	3		David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL; Lynne Rosenbaum,	57.53%	1.90	3		Mark Weisman, Glenview IL; L James Phillips,	57.53%
2.30	4	1	1 Serge Bondar, Wheeling IL; Kazi Farooqui,	56.09%	1.33	4		Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL; Cheri Bjerkman, Elmhurst IL	55.93%
1.61	5	2	2 Janet Hickerson, Chicago IL; Michael Airdo,	55.29%	0.76	5		Kenneth Tatz - Jim Humphrey, Highland Park IL	55.77%
1.15	6	3	Robert Lass - Tom Fogarty, Chicago IL	54.97%	0.59	6/7		Rosanne Schabinger, Mount Prospect IL; Gail	51.44%
0.81		4	Judy Riehs, Buffalo Grove IL; Iliana Rozemberg,	51.76%	1.04	6/7	3	John Vincent, Arlington Hgts IL; Simon	51.44%
					1.31		4/5	1 B Melamed - Leo Melamed, Glencoe IL	50.16%
					0.58		4/5	James Diebel, Wood Dale IL; Bill Goldberg,	50.16%
					0.92		2	Helen Harrow, Glencoe IL; Patricia Lundin,	44.23%

MONDAY PC GOLD RUSH PAIRS SECOND SESSION									
NORTH-SOUTH				SECTIONS H I		EAST-WEST			
7	B	C				7	B	C	
2.68	1		Susan Lambe, Glenview IL;		2.68	1		Richard Cohen, Glenview IL;	
			Patricia Matkov,	64.49%				Marilyn Richards,	61.57%
1.88	2	1	Stewart Margolis - Sallie Hamm,		1.88	2	1	Woody Haynes - Thomas Walsh,	
			Mundelein IL	59.50%				Chicago IL	61.08%
1.34	3	2	Daniel Cieslik, Chicago IL; Walt		1.34	3		William Neis, Richmond IL; M	
			Werner, Arlington	55.82%				Ellenstein,	60.51%
0.94	4	3	Shirley Rau, Western Springs		0.94	4		Judy Freeman - Karen Brucks,	
			IL; Deanna	55.65%				Arlington Hgts IL	60.23%
0.54	5		Barry Berk, San Miguel Alle		0.54	5		Jan Sadoski, Sandusky OH;	
			Mexico; Nancy	55.22%				Marilyn McIntosh,	59.00%
0.60	6	4	Mary Reiss, Ixonia WI;		0.45	6		Patti Nahin, Highland Park IL;	
			Patricia Latkin,	54.82%				Fern Emmerman,	58.20%
0.38	7	5	Carol Caplan, Northbrook IL;		1.20	7	2	Jan Summers, Aurora IL; Jeanne	
			Lindy Berggreen,	53.90%				Kowalski, Berwyn IL	57.16%
0.34	8	6	Pat Ball - Peggy Shake, Chicago IL	52.28%	0.86	8	3	Bill Davis, Woodridge IL; Tom	
			Claire McGuire,					Stegich,	56.57%
0.30	9		Northfield IL;		0.30	9		Adrienne Kamp,	
			Susan Doyle,	52.13%				Skokie IL; Ellen	
0.27	10		Peggy Griem, Lake Bluff IL; Katy		0.27	10		Romick, Highland	55.63%
			Gross, Lake Forest IL	51.88%				Mary Berg, River	
0.76		1	Renee Rosenberg, Arlington Hgts					Forest IL; Carol	
			IL; Ryna Becker,	46.86%	0.60		4	Cunningham, Palos	54.41%
								Pam Lutsch,	
								Hoffman Estates	
					0.34		5	IL; Sherilyn	52.86%
								Blanche Romey,	
					0.93		6	Wilmette IL;	52.69%
								Maureen Mohling,	
								Cynthia Polayes -	
					0.65		2	Carolyn Turek,	50.93%
								Chicago IL	
								Valy Lev,	
								Evanston IL;	
								Marjorie	47.65%

MONDAY PC OPEN PAIR SECOND SESSION									
NORTH-SOUTH				SECTION G		EAST-WEST			
A	B	C				A	B	C	
1			Judy Zhu, Romeoville		1	1		Thomas Dressing - Mark	
			IL; Jack Snyder,	62.18%	2	2		Ginsburg, Buffalo Grove IL	62.66%
			Naperville IL					David Bogolub,	
2			David Langer, Buffalo					Deerfield IL; Rick	
			Grove IL; Lynne	57.69%	3			Schoenfield, Westchester IL	59.13%
			Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL					Mark Weisman, Glenview	
3			Larry Cohen - Adrienne	57.21%				IL; L James Phillips,	
			Cohen, Elmhurst IL					Chicago IL	57.53%
4	1	1	Serge Bondar, Wheeling		4			Joseph Stokes, Chicago	
			IL; Kazi Farooqui,	56.09%				IL; Cheri Bjerkan,	
			Grayslake IL					Elmhurst IL	56.89%
5	2	2	Janet Hickerson,		5			Kenneth Tatz - Jim	
			Chicago IL; Michael	55.29%	6			Humphrey, Highland Park IL	55.77%
			Airdo, Oak Park IL					Rosanne Schabinger,	
6	3		Robert Lass - Tom	54.97%				Mount Prospect IL; Gail	
			Fogarty, Chicago IL					Shaps, Northbrook IL	51.44%
	4		Judy Riehs, Buffalo				3	John Vincent, Arlington	
			Grove IL; Iliana	51.92%				Hgts IL; Simon Sellers,	
			Rozemberg, Northbrook IL					Tower Lakes IL	51.28%
							4	James Diebel, Wood Dale	
								IL; Bill Goldberg,	
								Skokie IL	50.16%
							1	B Melamed - Leo	
								Melamed, Glencoe IL	50.00%
							2	Helen Harrow, Glencoe	
								IL; Patricia Lundin,	
								Glenview IL	44.07%

MONDAY PC GOLD RUSH PAIRS SECOND SESSION									
NORTH-SOUTH				SECTIONS H I		EAST-WEST			
7	B	C				7	B	C	
1			Susan Lambe, Glenview		1			Richard Cohen, Glenview	
			IL; Patricia Matkov,	64.49%				IL; Marilyn Richards,	61.57%
			Evanston IL					Wilmette IL	
2	1		Stewart Margolis -	59.50%	2	1		Woody Haynes - Thomas	
			Sallie Hamm, Mundelein IL					Walsh, Chicago IL	61.08%
3	2		Daniel Cieslik, Chicago		3			William Neis, Richmond	
			IL; Walt Werner,	55.82%				IL; M Ellenstein,	
			Arlington Hgts IL					Chicago IL	60.51%

4	3	Shirley Rau, Western Springs IL; Deanna Brandt, Countryside IL	55.65%	4	Judy Freeman - Karen Brucks, Arlington Hgts IL	60.23%
5		Barry Berk, San Miguel Alle Mexico; Nancy Ross, Chicago IL	55.22%	5	Jan Sadoski, Sandusky OH; Marilyn McIntosh, Pompano Beach FL	59.00%
6	4	Mary Reiss, Ixonia WI; Patricia Latkin, Chicago IL	54.82%	6	Patti Nahin, Highland Park IL; Fern Emmerman, Riverwoods IL	58.20%
7	5	Carol Caplan, Northbrook IL; Lindy Berggreen, Glenview IL	53.90%	7	2 Jan Summers, Aurora IL; Jeanne Kowalski, Berwyn IL	57.16%
8	6	Pat Ball - Peggy Shake, Chicago IL	52.28%	8	3 Bill Davis, Woodridge IL; Tom Stegich, Northfield IL	56.57%
9		Claire McGuire, Northfield IL; Susan Doyle, Winnetka IL	52.13%	9	Adrienne Kamp, Skokie IL; Ellen Romick, Highland Park IL	55.63%
10		Peggy Griem, Lake Bluff IL; Katy Gross, Lake Forest IL	51.88%	10	Mary Berg, River Forest IL; Carol Cunningham, Palos Heights IL	54.41%
1		Renee Rosenberg, Arlington Hgts IL; Ryna Becker, Northbrook IL	46.86%	4	Pam Lutsch, Hoffman Estates IL; Sherilyn Sorem, Inverness IL	52.86%
				5	Blanche Romey, Wilmette IL; Maureen Mohling, Northfield IL	52.69%
				6	1 Cynthia Polayes - Carolyn Turek, Chicago IL	50.93%
				2	Valy Lev, Evanston IL; Marjorie Goettsche, Winnetka IL	47.65%

MONDAY PC OPEN PAIR 15.5 Tables

24.94	A	B	C	David Bogolub, Deerfield IL; Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL	61.79%
18.71	1	1		Mark Weisman, Glenview IL; L James Phillips, Chicago IL	59.65%
14.03	2	2	1	Serge Bondar, Wheeling IL; Kazi Farooqui, Grayslake IL	59.59%
10.52	3			Larry Cohen - Adrienne Cohen, Elmhurst IL	58.16%
8.31	4	3		Thomas Dressing - Mark Ginsburg, Buffalo Grove IL	58.13%
7.13	5			Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Jack Snyder, Naperville IL	57.78%
6.24	6			David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL; Lynne Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL	56.48%
5.54	7			Rosanne Schabinger, Mount Prospect IL; Gail Shaps, Northbrook IL	55.57%
4.93	8			John Vincent, Arlington Hgts IL; Simon Sellers, Tower Lakes IL	54.22%
4.21		4		Janet Hickerson, Chicago IL; Michael Airdo, Oak Park IL	52.57%
3.34		5	2	James Diebel, Wood Dale IL; Bill Goldberg, Skokie IL	50.79%
3.16		6	3	Audrey Rubinstein, Highland Park IL; Judith Freeman, Northbrook IL	48.31%
2.37			4	Florence Grinell, Lincolnshire IL; Marlene Benzuly, Highland Park IL	47.40%

MONDAY PC OPEN PAIR 16.0 Tables

A	B	C	Mark Weisman, Glenview IL; L James Phillips, Chicago IL	59.65%
			Thomas Dressing - Mark Ginsburg, Buffalo Grove IL	58.13%
			Janet Hickerson, Chicago IL; Michael Airdo, Oak Park IL	52.57%

MONDAY PC GOLD RUSH PAIRS 24.5 Tables / Based on 21 Tables

7	B	C	Judy Freeman - Karen Brucks, Arlington Hgts IL	63.24%
1			Stewart Margolis - Sallie Hamm, Mundelein IL	61.77%
2	1		Richard Cohen, Glenview IL; Marilyn Richards, Wilmette IL	60.86%
3			Woody Haynes - Thomas Walsh, Chicago IL	60.61%
4	2		Daniel Cieslik, Chicago IL; Walt Werner, Arlington Hgts IL	60.32%
5	3		Cynthia Polayes - Carolyn Turek, Chicago IL	58.73%
6	4	1	Claire McGuire, Northfield IL; Susan Doyle, Winnetka IL	56.31%
7			Shirley Rau, Western Springs IL; Deanna Brandt, Countryside IL	55.31%
8	5		Jan Summers, Aurora IL; Jeanne Kowalski, Berwyn IL	54.76%
9	6		Carol Caplan, Northbrook IL; Lindy Berggreen, Glenview IL	54.69%
10			Adrienne Kamp, Skokie IL; Ellen Romick, Highland Park IL	54.35%
11			Patti Nahin, Highland Park IL; Fern Emmerman, Riverwoods IL	53.69%
12			Cynthia Musser, Winnebago IL; Mary Jane Schindler, Rockford IL	53.56%
13	8		Adrienne Glazov, Glencoe IL; Marti Goldberg, Northbrook IL	52.95%
14	9		Curtis Wehling, Glenview IL; Maryann Salsbury, Lake Forest IL	51.95%
15	10		Jan Sadoski, Sandusky OH; Marilyn McIntosh, Pompano Beach FL	51.72%
16			Judy Bonardi - Ramon Bonardi, Arlington	
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