

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 5
February 22, 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



Cells multiply by dividing.

Why are there 5 syllables in the word "monosyllabic"?

My hope for you is that you someday find the end of your sentence

What do elves learn in school? The Elf-abet!

What part of a football ground is never the same? The changing rooms.

What do bees do with their honey? They cell it.

I went to school without my shoes today. I got shoe-spended for a week.

A waist is a terrible thing to mind.

What is a runner's favorite subject in school? Jog-raphy!

Relationship between men and women is psychological. She is psycho and he is logical. (Or NOT!)

What does a hockey player and a magician have in common? Both do hat tricks!

What day does an Easter egg hate the most? Fry-days.

My IQ test results just came in and I'm really relieved. Thank God it's negative.

What did the boy cat say to the girl cat on Valentine's Day? You're purrrr-fect for me!

How do you get off a non-stop flight?



**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**

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.

Intelligence is like underwear. It is important that you have it, but not necessary that you show it off.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

Thanks for explaining the word "many" to me, it means a lot.

If I wanted to kill myself I'd climb your ego and jump to your IQ.

A conclusion is the part where you got tired of thinking.

Smart people don't call themselves smart - me included.

Maybe if we start telling people the brain is an app they will start using it.

I was going to look for my missing watch, but I could never find the time.

I would love to insult you... but that would be beyond the level of your intelligence.

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

What do you call it when a blonde dyes her hair brunette? Artificial intelligence.

I'm good at multitasking and procrastinating, which means right now there are at least 28 things that I'm putting off until later.

Keep talking, someday you'll say something intelligent!

I typed "married" but it was auto-corrected to "martyred". Damn, smartphone has gained intelligence.

Support bacteria - they're the only culture some people have.

Love is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.

Waitress: 'Do u have any questions about the menu?'
Me: 'What kind of font is this?'



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.

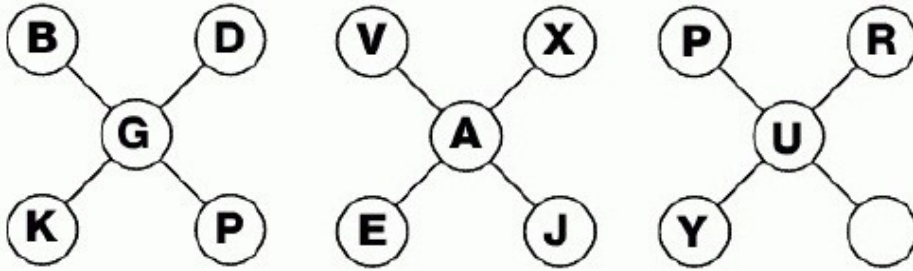
Score Corrections:

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.

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

Puzzle Page ...

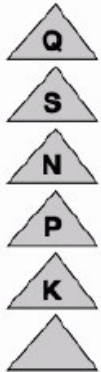
Which letter should go in the empty circle?



Ans: D.

Sol. Starting at the top left of the first figure and moving in a Z shape, letter values increase by 2, then 3, then 4, 5, and 6 to reach the top figure in the next diagram.

Which letter replaces the blank and completes the sequence?



Ans: M.

Sol. Moving down the column, advance P letters, then back 5, etc.

2. What should go into the empty square?

A	7	M	11	H	20
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9	H	6	L	4	N
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1	G	13	K	8	
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Ans: T. **Sol.** In the bottom row numbers are substituted for letters (or letters for numbers) compared with the top row. T (the 20th letter) corresponds with 20 in the top row. The middle row has no bearing on this comparison and is merely a 'red herring'.

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

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

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.

Puzzle Answers:

Top Puzzle

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

Bottom Puzzle

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

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 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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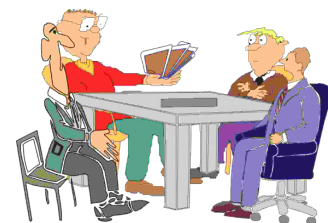
Email: stansubeck@prodigy.net

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**



Source: The Expert Game From Jean Besse

In the Foreword of one of his books: The Expert Game, Terence Reese states that he is aiming to present a lesson in practical play, not an exercise in double dummy. In the same spirit, I ask the reader to consider the following, not as a refutation, but on the contrary as reflections, quite new to me, suggested by the extraordinary richness of the book.

Consider this hand:

♠ Q 4
♥ A 6
♦ A Q 8 5 3 2
♣ 8 7 3

♠ A 10 8 6 2
♥ J 9 7 2
♦ 10
♣ K 9 5

♠ J 9 3
♥ Q 8 4
♦ J 9 6 4
♣ J 10 4

(A)

♠ K 7 5
♥ K 10 5 3
♦ K 7
♣ A Q 6 2

South is in 3NT. West leads ♠6 and the Queen wins.

At trick 2, declarer leads a small diamond from dummy, obviously intending to duck this to a possible singleton 10 (or Knave) in the West hand as a safety play to prevent East from leading spades through South's King. The point of the hand is that East can destroy declarer's plan by going up with his ♦J, second in hand. All very fine, but next time the ♠K and ♣K may be interchanged (as well as ♦10 & ♦7):

♠ Q 4
♥ A 6
♦ A Q 8 5 3 2
♣ 8 7 3

♠ A K 8 6 2
♥ J 9 7 2
♦ 7
♣ Q 6 5

♠ J 9 3
♥ Q 8 4
♦ J 9 6 4
♣ J 10 4

(B)

♠ 10 7 5
♥ K 10 5 3
♦ K 10
♣ A K 9 2

In this case, the play of the ♦J by East, second in hand, ruins the defense, as declarer will not dare to finesse with the spades wide open.

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Next time, South will hold: ♠ A 7 5 ♥ K 10 5 3 ♦ 10 7 ♣ K Q 9 2 and East's ♦ J (if played prematurely) cracks on West's singleton ♦ K, declarer having decided to give up the first diamond at trick 2. My question is now: "Is there a way of taking care of cases (B) and (C) as well as of case (A)?" Double dummy, certainly not. But AT THE TABLE?

At the table, the answer is easy. In all cases, East MUST PLAY THE NINE OF DIAMONDS at trick 2!!! In case (C) the ♦ J is preserved. In case (B) declarer has no reason to finesse. And in the actual case (A) declarer dares not duck the ♦ 9, as he can't guess the true situation and can't afford to let East hold the trick and play through his ♠ K. Did you think of playing ♦ 9 in that situation, as East? I did not before reading Terence's book, and that is why I like reading it. *(It had, as a matter of fact, been noted that the hand was open to question in the sense described. The second edition has an additional sentence, as follows: "The 9, also, from East would probably force the King and would avoid certain risks."—T.R.)* Very many hands have their unwritten lesson. This one, for instance:

♠ Q 7 3 2
♥ J 5
♦ A J 8 5 3
♣ K Q

♠ 10 9
♥ A 8 6 2
♦ Q 10 7 2
♣ 9 5 3

♠ A K J 8 5
♥ 9 3
♦ K 9 4
♣ J 8 7

♠ 6 4
♥ K Q 10 7 4
♦ 10
♣ A 10 6 4 2

You are South, playing in HEARTS after East has opened One Spade. West leads ♠ 10. You ruff the third round of spades with a small heart while West, much to your surprise, discards ♣ 3, refusing the easy over-ruff.

As you are wondering how such a diabolical idea entered the menu of West, you soon understand what is going on when you see a corner of "The Expert Game" peeping out of her bag. West declines the over-ruff in order to prevent the establishment of South's hand. (If declarer plays trumps, after unblocking ♣ K O, West takes the second round of hearts and leads a diamond. And South can no more enter his hand without shortening his trumps definitely.) Can you do anything about it?

Yes! Once you have understood West's maneuver and her holding of four trumps, you as South should lead, at trick 4, a club to North's ♣ Q, then overtake North's ♣ K with your Ace, and lead a small club for dummy to ruff, intending to cross-ruff for nine tricks. If West now interferes by ruffing in front of dummy with ♥ 6, declarer just over-ruffs with dummy's ♥ J and will be able to pull the trumps, holding again one more than West! Yet another hand from "The Expert Game," which develops like a dream for the reader.

Test Your Dummy Play from Fernando Lima

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts and North leads the king of spades. How should you play the hand?

♠ 105	N W E S	♠ A92
♥ AKJ9852		♥ 643
♦ AK7		♦ 854
♣ 9		♣ KQ72

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades and North leads the queen of diamonds. How should you play the hand?

♠ AQ1086543	N W E S	♠ J9
♥ J64		♥ K3
♦ A		♦ 10752
♣ 3		♣ AQJ102

1. Win the spade with the ace, lead a trump and, assuming that South follows low, finesse the Jack! This may seem ridiculous, but it's the only way to assure the contract. If the jack wins, you make it least ten tricks; if the jack loses to the queen, you still have ten tricks. This is because North can then do no better than play the queen and another spade. You ruff, draw the one out-standing trump, lead a club to the queen and, let's say, lose to South's ace. When South returns a diamond, you win with the king, enter dummy with a trump, and discard your seven of diamonds on the king of clubs to produce your tenth trick. Note that if you fall to take the trump finesse at trick two, you go down against proper defense — if South has all the missing trumps. You would lose one trick in each suit.

2. Here, also, you can assure the contract against any lie of the cards. Win the diamond with the ace, lead a club to dummy's ace, and play the three of hearts towards your Jack! If South has the queen of hearts he can do no better than play it and return a trump. Even if the trump finesse loses, you lose only three tricks — two hearts and a spade. If North has the queen of hearts, he will capture your Jack but find himself unable to stop you from making four spades. A trump return gives you the contract if the spades are divided 2-1, and is also futile if they are divided 3-0. In the latter case, North could lead a trump at trick four, but could not safely do so again when you then played a heart to prepare for a heart ruff in dummy. Now let's suppose that, instead of following the suggested method of play, you played a low heart to the king at trick two. You might then go down if it turned out that South had the ace of hearts and returned a trump to his partner's guarded king of trumps.

Source: Bridge - The Scotsman 29/06/13

It can be easy to overlook something which in retrospect appears obvious. Can you find the careful play here?

♠ KJ10983
♥ 65
♦ AJ63
♣ 8

♠ A7
♥ J974
♦ K5
♣ A10542

West

North

East

South

-

1NT

Pass

4S

All Pass

Partner's weak 1NT (12-14) is not classical, but any other opening bid would leave him with an impossible rebid. You might transfer, but with limited values you do not want to give opponents a chance to get together in hearts, so you choose to leap to the spade game, concealing your own distribution rather than the precise location of partner's high cards. North leads king, ace, then three of hearts; on the third round South covers the nine with the ten and you ruff. How would you plan the play?

Your only plain suit winners are ace-king of diamonds and the ace of clubs. Even if you can draw trump with no losers you will be a trick short, so you must look elsewhere for an extra trick or two. You might set up a fifth club, but you will not have the entries to cash it. Or you could try the diamond finesse, followed by a diamond ruff – but if the finesse loses you would need the queen of spades to drop doubleton, which is against the odds.

A simpler line is to use both of dummy's trump to ruff diamonds, then concede a trick to the queen of spades. At the table, declarer played king of diamonds, ace of diamonds then ruffed a diamond with the seven of spades. Alas, South overruffed with the queen of spades and returned a spade to the ace, and there was no way to avoid losing a diamond trick to North. It was very unlucky to find North with five diamonds and South with the queen of spades, but there was no need to depend on luck. How should declarer play?

Quite simple really... Just ruff the first diamond with the ace of spades. Return to hand with a club ruff and ruff the fourth diamond with the seven – South is welcome to overruff this time, since your remaining spades are solid.

Giving Up Losers to Get a Count by Louis Watson

The deal which follows illustrates getting a count at the very end of a hand. The declarer has to give up his losers before he can reach any conclusion as to his proper play.

Dealer South E/O Vul

♠ A 10 4
♥ 7 6 3
♦ K 10 5
♣ A Q 10 4

♠
♥
♦
♣

♠
♥
♦
♣

♠ K 8 3
♥ A 8 4
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ K 7 5

The Auction:

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

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Lead: ♥Q

West's opening lead is the Queen of hearts. The bidding having gone uncontested, the declarer has no information from his opponents' bid.

Obviously he must hold off in hearts, since the Ace is his only stopper. He can surely count 2 spades tricks, 1 heart, 2 diamonds and 3 clubs. The needed trick can be found in two ways. The fourth club in the dummy may be set up if the suit breaks 3/3 or if the Jack falls, and there is also a possibility of establishing a lost diamond trick.

East won the lead with ♥K and in trick 2 leads ♥9, declarer hold up again, and West plays ♥10 and leads with ♥6, East discards ♠2 and declarer wins with ♥A.

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Now South leads $\spadesuit 3$, West play low, dummy play $\spadesuit 10$ and East wins with the $\spadesuit J$. Declarer is now making an attempt to establish the thirteenth diamond, as the club play can be made at any time.

In trick 5 East leads $\spadesuit Q$ declarer and dummy play low letting East win this trick is a brilliant stroke by South. Although he has two spade stoppers, he lets East's Queen ride through in order to get as much data as he can on the rest of the adverse cards.

In trick 6 East leads $\spadesuit 7$ and dummy wins with the $\spadesuit A$. Dummy plays $\diamond K$ and another diamond to the $\diamond A$, West discards $\heartsuit 5$.

In trick 9 South plays $\spadesuit K$ and West discards $\heartsuit J$. The count of the hands is now complete, West was dealt 2 spades, 5 hearts, 2 diamonds and 4 clubs; and East had 5 spades, 2 hearts, 4 diamonds and 2 clubs.

Since West has four clubs, South knows that he can make his contract whether West has the $\clubsuit J$ or not.

Declarer plays first to see whether the J is one of East's two clubs. Since it has not dropped he can now finesse against it in West's hand, for he still has $\clubsuit A-10$ in dummy.

Observe how simple the count was on his hand. Yet it would have been impossible without giving up that spade trick on the first round of the suit.

The complete deal:

\spadesuit A 10 4
 \heartsuit 7 6 3
 \diamond K 10 5
 \clubsuit A Q 10 4

\spadesuit 6 5
 \heartsuit Q J 10 5 2
 \diamond 4 2
 \clubsuit J 9 6 3

\spadesuit Q J 9 7 2
 \heartsuit K 9
 \diamond Q J 9 7
 \clubsuit 8 2

\spadesuit K 8 3
 \heartsuit A 8 4
 \diamond A 8 6 3
 \clubsuit K 7 5

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

A	B	C		A	B	C		
3.35	1		Barbara Lehman, Glenview IL; Craig Jacobson, 64.58%	3.35	1	1	1	Bill Sack, Elmhurst IL; Gregory 56.57%
2.35	2		Rosanne Schabinger, Mount Prospect IL; 59.13%	2.35	2			Larry Cohen, Elmhurst IL; Serdar Ogut, 56.25%
1.75	3	1	Guy Franklin, Chicago IL; 53.53%	1.68	3	2		Cherrolyn Woolwine, Naperville IL; 56.09%
1.17	4		Robert Jackson - Sharon Pobloske, Wood Dale IL 53.21%	1.17	4			William McFall, New Berlin WI; Jerry Poliquin, 53.85%
0.67	5		John Russell, N Barrington IL; Norman Coombs, 52.08%	0.99	5	3	2	Lynn Ostergaard, Chicago IL; Daniel Wright, 53.53%
1.23		2	Samuel Sirko - Susan Eggebrecht, Chicago IL 50.48%					

TUESDAY PC GOLD RUSH PAIR TUES EVENING SESSION
SECTION HH

	7	B	C	
1.30	1	1		Jim Peterson - Liz Peterson, Lake Forest IL 60.00%
0.91	2			Betty McDermott, Wauwatosa WI; Barbara Swansby, Pewaukee WI 56.25%
0.65	3	2		Marla Enghbloom - Mary Bolen, La Crosse WI 52.50%

TUESDAY PC OPEN PAIR TUE AFTERNOON SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH SECTIONS F G EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C		
4.38	1		Robert Jackson - Sharon Pobloske, Wood Dale IL 58.71%	4.38	1			Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL; Frank Pancoe, Wheaton IL 62.31%
3.07	2		Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Jack Snyder, 58.17%	3.07	2			Ron Smith - Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL 60.78%
2.19	3	1	Philip Moss, Wilmette IL; David Moss, New 55.56%	2.19	3			Wieslaw Kalita, Woodridge IL; Jaroslaw 57.95%
1.53	4	2	Steven Tucker, Arlington Hgts IL; Merle Levy, 54.58%	1.53	4			Judy Riehs - David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL 56.54%
0.88	5		William McFall, New Berlin WI; Jerry Poliquin, 54.14%	1.86	5	1		Michael Kelley - Martina Kelley, Lake Zurich IL 55.66%
0.73	6		Betsy Downs, Chicago IL; Marlene Konik, 53.27%	0.73	6			Jack Oest - L James Phillips, Chicago IL 54.90%
1.10	7	3	Judith Freeman, Northbrook IL; Audrey Gordon, 52.94%	1.30	7	2		Guy Franklin, Chicago IL; Michele Pockross, 52.72%
0.55	8		Suzi Subeck, Glenview Nas IL; Stanton Subeck, 51.53%	1.05	8	3	1	Janet Nachman - Sharon Solwitz, Chicago IL 51.31%
0.77		4	Fred Johnston - Dennis Skinder, Chicago IL 50.44%					
1.31		1	Jeannette Chase, Palatine IL; Joan Siavelis, 50.11%					
0.92		2	Craig Bontjes - Richard Pleniewicz, Byron IL 49.02%					

TUESDAY PC GOLD RUSH PAIR TUE AFTERNOON SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH SECTIONS H I EAST-WEST

	7	B	C		7	B	C	
2.68	1	1		Curtis Wehling, Glenview IL; Cynthia Musser, 60.33%	2.68	1	1	Philip McPeek, Chicago IL; Martha Harris, 62.82%
1.88	2			Bill Davis, Woodridge IL; Gabriel Peretz, 58.37%	1.88	2	2	Walter Pollack, Northbrook IL; Paul Schiff, 59.78%
1.34	3			Jan Sadoski, Sandusky OH; Marilyn McIntosh, 58.27%	1.34	3		Ruta Smulkstys - Louis Smulkstys, Lemont IL 59.76%
0.94	4			Jim Jurik, Oak Forest IL; Carol	0.94	4		Kandy Ginsburg, Highland Park IL;

1.15	5	2	Thorne, Burr Ridge IL	56.23%			Holly Rozner,	57.36%
			John Richards,		0.54	5	William Shunas,	
			Wilmette IL; J				Chicago IL;	
0.88	6	3	1 Thomas Johnson,	56.14%	0.45	6	Catherine	55.23%
			Cynthia Polayes -				Jerome Scholle -	
			Carolyn Turek,	56.04%			Jamie Carroll,	55.15%
0.38	7		Chicago IL		0.38	7	Chicago IL	
			Genny Cesario,				Robert Margolis,	
			Elmhurst IL;				Glencoe IL;	
0.57	8	4	Carolyn Koehler,	55.38%	0.82	8	3 1 Stewart Margolis,	54.37%
			Adrienne Glazov,				Kenneth Dornfeld	
			Glencoe IL; Marti				- John Knoll,	
			Goldberg,	54.44%			Huntley IL	53.40%
0.30	9		Susan Lambe,		0.57	9	4 Woody Haynes -	
			Glenview IL;				Thomas Walsh,	
0.33	10	5	Marilyn Richards,	52.83%	0.27	10	Chicago IL	52.47%
			Pam Lutsch,				Judy Rolfe - Judy	
			Hoffman Estates	52.33%			Marcus, Highland	51.91%
0.27	6		IL; Donna Grassi,		0.57	5	2 Park IL	
			Caron Espinosa,				Noreen Ishak,	
			Mokena IL;				Barrington IL;	
			Patricia	51.44%			Lorraine Kirby,	50.66%
0.62	2		Nancy House -		0.27	6	Ted Pristash,	
			Mary Stewart,				Grayslake IL;	
			East Lansing MI	47.66%			Donald Ferris,	48.23%
			TUESDAY PC OPEN PAIR 19.5 Tables / Based on 53 Tables					
	A	B	C					
27.56	1		Wieslaw Kalita, Woodridge IL;					
			Jaroslaw Piasecki, Mundelein IL				58.26%	
20.67	2		Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Jack					
			Snyder, Naperville IL				57.79%	
15.50	3		Barbara Saben, Northbrook IL;					
			Sharon Fellars, Delray Beach FL				56.72%	
11.63	4		Jack Oest - L James Phillips,					
			Chicago IL				56.62%	
9.19	5		Robert Jackson - Sharon Pobloske,					
			Wood Dale IL				56.01%	
7.38	6/7		Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL; Frank					
			Pancoe, Wheaton IL				55.88%	
7.38	6/7		Ron Smith - Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL				55.88%	
6.12	8		Barbara Lehman, Glenview IL; Craig					
			Jacobson, Skokie IL				54.49%	
5.51	9		William McFall, New Berlin WI;					
			Jerry Poliquin, Gurnee IL				54.00%	
5.01	10		Judy Riehs - David Langer, Buffalo					
			Grove IL				53.65%	
8.70	1		Guy Franklin, Chicago IL; Michele					
			Pockross, Wilmette IL				53.12%	
6.53	2		Michael Kelley - Martina Kelley,					
			Lake Zurich IL				52.14%	
4.89	3		Judith Freeman, Northbrook IL;					
			Audrey Gordon, Lincolnshire IL				52.05%	
3.67	4		Cherolyn Woolwine, Naperville IL;					
			Mike Jones, Villa Park IL				51.99%	
3.68	5	1	Janet Nachman - Sharon Solwitz,					
			Chicago IL				51.35%	
2.76	2		Craig Bontjes - Richard Pleniewicz,					
			Byron IL				48.95%	
2.07	3		Jeannette Chase, Palatine IL; Joan					
			Siavelis, Arlington Hgts IL				47.97%	
			TUESDAY PC GOLD RUSH PAIR 23.5 Tables					
	7	B	C					
7.81	1		Ruta Smulkstys - Louis Smulkstys,					
			Lemont IL				62.73%	
5.86	2		Bill Davis, Woodridge IL; Gabriel					
			Peretz, Deerfield IL				60.30%	
4.39	3		Jan Sadoski, Sandusky OH; Marilyn					
			McIntosh, Pompano Beach FL				59.97%	
4.73	4	1	Philip McPeek, Chicago IL; Martha					
			Harris, Highland IN				58.70%	
3.55	5	2	John Richards, Wilmette IL; J					
			Thomas Johnson, Chicago IL				58.28%	
2.66	6	3	1 Cynthia Polayes - Carolyn Turek,					
			Chicago IL				58.16%	
2.87	7	4	Woody Haynes - Thomas Walsh,					
			Chicago IL				57.56%	

2.38	8	5	Walter Pollack, Northbrook IL; Paul Schiff, Skokie IL	57.11%
2.97	9	6	Curtis Wehling, Glenview IL; Cynthia Musser, Winnebago IL	55.51%
1.42	10		Susan Lambe, Glenview IL; Marilyn Richards, Wilmette IL	54.68%
1.30	11		William Shunas, Chicago IL; Catherine Westbrook, Winnetka IL	54.49%
1.20	12		Mary Kocevar, Hobart IN; Carolyn Potasnik, Munster IN	54.03%
1.30		7	Jim Peterson - Liz Peterson, Lake Forest IL	52.06%
1.84		2	Kenneth Dornfeld - John Knoll, Huntley IL	48.23%
1.38		3	Mary Reiss, Ixonia WI; Sharon Jane Goggins, Oconomowoc WI	46.97%

TUESDAY PC OPEN PAIRS MORNING SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION G	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C
2.92	1		Wieslaw Kalita, Woodridge IL; Jaroslaw	2.92	1	Barbara Saben, Northbrook IL; Sharon Fellars,
			58.56%			63.66%
2.04	2		Jack Oest - L James Phillips, Chicago IL	2.04	2	Mary Jane Schindler, Rockford IL; Will
			58.33%			55.09%
1.46	3		Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Jack Snyder, Chicago IL	1.46	3	Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL
			57.41%			54.40%
1.02	4		Samuel Miller, Glencoe IL; Jim Humphrey, Chicago IL	0.80	4/5	Bobbie Carrick, Long Grove IL; Simon Sellers, John Russell, N
			52.78%			50.46%
1.64	1	1	Janet Nachman - Sharon Solwitz, Chicago IL	0.80	4/5	Barrington IL; Norman Coombs,
			51.39%			50.46%
1.15	2		Judith Freeman, Northbrook IL; Audrey Gordon, Chicago IL	1.53	1	Michael Kelley - Martina Kelley, Lake Zurich IL
			51.16%			48.61%
				1.07	2	Lee Schillinger, Downers Grove IL; Les Kent,
						44.21%

TUE PC GOLD RUSH PAIRS MORNING SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS H I	EAST-WEST			
				7	3	1	
2.30	1	3 1	Ruta Smulkstys - Louis Smulkstys, Lemont IL	2.30	1	1	Woody Haynes - Thomas Walsh, Chicago IL
			65.69%				62.64%
1.61	2	1	Patti Nahin - Leslie Spagat, Highland Park IL	1.61	2		Bill Davis, Woodridge IL; Gabriel Peretz,
			59.86%				62.22%
1.15	3		Mary Kocevar, Hobart IN; Carolyn Potasnik, Chicago IL	1.15	3		Jan Sadoski, Sandusky OH; Marilyn McIntosh,
			57.08%				61.67%
1.01	4	2	Leslee Johnson, Palatine IL; Patricia Lennon, Chicago IL	1.01	4	2	John Richards, Wilmette IL; J Thomas Johnson,
			56.25%				60.42%
0.46	5		Judy Rolfe - Judy Marcus, Highland Park IL	0.82	5	3 1	Cynthia Polayes - Carolyn Turek, Chicago IL
			54.86%				60.28%
0.72	6	3	Philip McPeck, Chicago IL; Martha Harris, Chicago IL	0.38	6		Susan Lambe, Glenview IL; Marilyn Richards,
			54.58%				56.53%
0.33	7		William Shunas, Chicago IL; Catherine	0.50	7	4	Walter Pollack, Northbrook IL; Paul Schiff,
			53.75%				54.44%
0.50	8	4	Karen Brucks, Arlington Hgts IL; Sherilyn Jan Summers, Aurora IL; Jeanne Kowalski, Berwyn IL	0.29	8	5	Curtis Wehling, Glenview IL; Cynthia Musser,
			53.61%				50.69%
0.29		5	Jan Summers, Aurora IL; Jeanne Kowalski, Berwyn IL	0.57		2	Christine Lyon - Sid Mitchell, Chicago IL
			50.97%				47.22%
0.76		1	Kenneth Dornfeld - John Knoll, Huntley IL				
			43.06%				