



The Official Newsletter of the SummerFest Regional

The Daily Fire Cracker

Monday, July 7

*** 2:00 Charity Pro-Am Pre-Registration Required!! ***

Call Mike Cochran 847-846-8025!!

2:00 Charity Foundation Stratified Pairs

7:30 Education Foundation Stratified Pairs

7:30 Bracketed KO session 1

Tuesday, July 8

9:30 Side Game Series I

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 Players' Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/AX**

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs**

(B: 300-750; C: 0-300)

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 KO sessions 2, 3, 4

2:00 & 7:30 Tuesday-Wednesday Primetime KO sessions 1, 2

2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series I

7:30 Stratified Swiss Team 1-Session

Wednesday, July 9

9:30 Side Game Series I

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 Players' Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/AX**

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs**

(B: 300-750; C: 0-300)

2:00 & 7:30 Tuesday-Wednesday Primetime KO sessions 3,4

2:00 & 7:30 Wednesday-Thursday Primetime KO sessions 1,2

2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series I

7:30 Stratified Swiss Team 1-Session

Thursday, July 10

9:30 Side Game Series II

2:00 & 7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams

2:00 & 7:30 Wednesday-Thursday Primetime KO sessions 3, 4

2:00 & 7:30 Side Game Series II

7:30 Stratified Swiss Team 1-Session

Friday, July 11

9:30 Side Game Series II

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 Players' Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/AX**

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs**

(B: 300-750; C: 0-300)

2:00 & 7:30 Friday-Saturday Primetime KO, sessions 1, 2

2:00 & 7:30 Side Game Series II

7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams 1-Session

Saturday, July 12

9:30 Side Game Series III

2:00 & 7:30 Compact KO

2:00 & 7:30 Fri-Sat Primetime KO, sessions 3,4

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 Players' Choice Stratiflighted Pairs A/AX**

9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs**

(B: 300-750; C: 0-300)

2:00 & 7:30 Side Game Series III

7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams 1-Session

Sunday, July 13

10:00 *Stratiflighted Open Swiss Teams

10:00 *Stratified B/C/D Swiss Teams

**You must designate which 2 of the 3 sessions you are playing when you purchase your entry!



Thank you for not wearing fragrance!



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July 7, 2014

Suzi Subeck, Editor

Angie Clark, Tournament

Chairman



We adhere to ACBL default
handicapping.

Intermediate/Novice Schedule of Events

♦ All masterpoints are red points.
Lunch & Learn Program ♦ Guest Speakers
♦ Details in Daily Bulletin.

Monday 7:30 I/N Stratified Charity Pairs

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 (299er Games)



Stratified:

A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750

*Stratiflighted:

A: 3000+, AX: 0-3000

B: 750-2000; C: 300-750; D: 0-300

Free Parking!

**Daily Speakers! Free Sunday Lunch!
Nightly Hospitality! Daily Bulletins!
Fresh fruit! Free I/N Dinner Wednesday!
Students (25 and under with ID play for \$7)
Guaranteed Partners!**

♦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 KO Bracket 1 and in Flight A only events.

♦Masterpoint Averaging will be in effect for all Swiss Team and Pair Events where permitted

Dining in and Around Northbrook ...



American

Auntie Anne's - Northbrook Court
Baskin-Robbins - 1346 Shermer Road
Brown's Chicken & Pasta - 3147 Dundee Road
Buffalo Wild Wings - 1018 Willow Road (Willow Festival)
Butterfield's Pancake House & Restaurant - 4195 Dundee Road
Charlie's Place (Beinlich's) - 290 Skokie Blvd.
The Claim Company - 2000 Northbrook Court
Connections (Sheraton Chicago Northbrook) - 1110 Willow Road
Corner Bakery - Northbrook Court
Dairy Queen - 2770 Dundee Road
Georgie V's - 1139 Church Street
J. Alexander's Restaurant - 4077 Lake Cook Road
Josh's - 873 Sanders Road
Landmark Inn - 1352 Shermer Road
Little Louie's Red Hots - 1340 Shermer Road
Maestro Grill - 500 Anthony Trail
Marcello's - 1911 Cherry Lane
McDonald's - 2000 Skokie Blvd.
Meatheads - 1036 Willow Road (Willow Festival)
Neiman Marcus Zodiac Room - 1415 Lake Cook Road (Northbrook Court)
Pinstripes, Inc. - 1150 Willow Road
Prairie Grass Café - 601 Skokie Blvd.
Red Mango - Northbrook Court
Rook's Corner (Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel) - 933 Skokie
Sportsman's Country Club - 3535 Dundee Road
Yogen Fruz - 1350 Shermer Road

Asian

Stir Crazy - Northbrook Court
Zen Kitchen - 1515 Lake Cook
Red Mango - Northbrook Court

Belgian

Leonidas Chocolate Cafe - 1348 Shermer Road

Chinese

Bin Hai Jin Garden Co. - 757 Pflingsten Road
Chinese Garden - Northbrook Court
Moy's Cantonese House - 2750 Dundee Road
P.F. Chang's China Bistro - 1819 Lake Cook Road
Tong's Hunan Restaurant - 4145 Dundee Road

Appetizers

Calamari \$8.00
 Crab Cakes \$9.00
 Bruschetta \$7.00
 Tomato, Basil, Ciliegine Mozzarella
 Ahi Tuna Tostada \$11.00
 Spinach and Artichoke Dip \$7.00
 Fire Cracker Chicken \$7.00
 Cheese Plate \$10.00
 Peel and Eat Shrimp \$10.00 - \$18.00

Soups

Lobster Bisque \$6.00
 French Onion \$5.00
 Chicken and Sausage Gumbo \$5.00
 Soup du Jour \$3.00

Salads

Spinach Salad \$6.00
 Classic Caesar \$5.00
 Wedge Salad \$5.00
 Allgauer's Riverfront Salad \$7.00
 Roasted Beet Salad \$7.00

Pasta

Grilled Chicken Cavatappi \$15.00
 Tenderloin Rigatoni \$18.00
 Seafood Fettuccini \$24.00
 Vegetable Lasagna \$14.00
 Shrimp Scampi \$16.00
 Lemon, Garlic, White Wine, Angel Hair Pasta
 Lobster Macaroni \$21.00

Entrees

All Entrees Include Your Choice of either: Cup of Soup du Jour or House Salad
 Chicken Scaloppini \$16.00
 Veal Cutlets \$21.00
 Wild Mushroom Risotto \$12.00
 Pan Fried Pork Chop \$18.00
 Slab of Ribs \$24.00
 Chicken and Ribs \$22.00
 BBQ Chicken Breast, Half Slab of Ribs, Coleslaw, French Fries
 Roasted Chicken \$14.00
 Beef Medallions \$23.00
 Napa Valley Chicken \$17.00

Steaks

12oz New York Strip \$26.00
 12oz Ribeye \$25.00
 12 oz Prime Rib \$25.00
 6oz Filet \$26.00
 8oz Filet \$28.00
 Steak and Shrimp \$27.00

Seafood

Grilled Salmon \$16.00
 Blackened Mahi Mahi \$19.00
 Pan Fried Walleye \$21.00
 Crab Stuffed Rainbow Trout \$21.00
 Lemon Poached Salmon \$17.00
 Jerk Shrimp \$17.00

Dessert

Passion Fruit Mousse \$7.00
 Chocolate Stout Cake \$7.00
 Bananas Foster Tiramisu \$7.00
 Crème Brulee Trio \$7.00
 Allgauer's Banana Split \$7.00
 Cream and Caramelized Bananas
 Key Lime Pie \$7.00
 Chocolate Ganache Tartlet \$7.00
 Dessert Trio \$10.00

Allgauer's in the hotel... Sample Menu

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Coffee

Starbuck's - 1036 Willow Road
Starbuck's - Northbrook Court
Starbuck's - 1931 Cherry Lane
Starbuck's - 243 Skokie Blvd.
Starbuck's - 820 Skokie Blvd.
The Grind Coffee - 1401 Shermer Road (Train Station)

Deli/Sandwiches

Big Apple Bagels - 3137 Dundee Road
Elliot's Off Broadway - 400 Skokie Blvd.
Guckenheimer - 1101 Skokie Blvd.
Michael's on Main - 5 Revere Drive
Once Upon a Bagel (formerly Kaboff's Deli) - 2774 Dundee
Once Upon a Grill - 2758 Dundee Road
Potbelly - 816 Skokie Blvd.
Potbelly - 984 Willow Road
Subway - Northbrook Court
Subway - 300 Skokie Blvd.
Subway - 4177 Dundee Blvd.
Subway - 1951 Cherry Lane
Subway - 2823 Dundee Road
Upper Crust Bagels - 2831 Dundee Road

Greek

Greek Feast - 2784 Dundee Road

Israeli

Taubon Grill (Kosher) - 3111 Dundee Road

Italian

Barnaby's of Northbrook - 960 Skokie Blvd.
California Pizza Kitchen - 1022 Northbrook Court
Di Pescara - Northbrook Court
Domino's Pizza - 1022 Waukegan Road
Francesca's North - 1145 Church Street
Go Roma Italian Kitchen - 3061 Dundee Road
Hole in the Wall - 254 Skokie Blvd.
Jake's Pizza - 2722 Dundee Road
Lou Malnati's Pizzeria - 1324 Shermer Road
Marisa's Pizza - 4175 Dundee Road
Next Door Bistro - 250 Skokie Blvd.
Papa Saverio's Pizzeria (Rosatis Pizza) - 2833 Dundee Road

SMALL PLATES

TOMATO-MOZZARELLA BRUSCHETTA 9
 FRIED CALAMARI 12
 SPINACH & ARTICHOKE DIP 12
 HUMMUS & AVOCADO PLATTER 12
 ALE MUSSELS & SHRIMP 14
 STUFFED MUSHROOMS 9
 TENDERLOIN SLIDERS 14
 JUMBO LUMP CRAB CAKE 14
 FRIED MOZZARELLA 9
 ITALIAN MEATBALL SLIDERS 11
 RICOTTA & HONEY FOCACCIA 13
 ANTIPASTO & CHEESE PLATTER 14

PIZZA & FLATBREADS

MARGHERITA PIZZA 13
 PEPPERONI PIZZA 13
 SAUSAGE & PEPPERS PIZZA 13
 BARBEQUE CHICKEN PIZZA 13
 ITALIAN BEEF PIZZA 14
 SHRIMP, SPINACH, TOMATO FLATBREAD 13
 PROSCIUTTO FIG FLATBREAD 13
 GRILLED VEGETABLE FLATBREAD 12
 CHICKEN & AVOCADO CLUB FLATBREAD 14
 AHI TUNA FLATBREAD 14
 SMOKED SALMON FLATBREAD 13

SOUP CALENDAR

BOWL 5
 EVERYDAY chicken dumpling
 creamy tomato basil
 MONDAY chicken corn chowder
 TUESDAY stuffed pepper
 WEDNESDAY chicken tortilla
 THURSDAY italian wedding
 FRIDAY & lobster bisque
 SATURDAY

SALADS

small house or caesar 6
 CHOP tomato, gorgonzola, olive, mozzarella, red onion, crispy noodle 12
 add grilled: chicken 4 shrimp 5 salmon 6
 CAESAR romaine hearts, radicchio, classic dressing, warm polenta croutons 11
 add grilled: chicken 4 shrimp 5 salmon 6
 PEAR bibb lettuce, arugula, gorgonzola, balsamic, candied pine nuts 12
 AHI TUNA seared tuna, baby greens, feta, olive tapenade, lemon caper vinaigrette 14
 ROAST TURKEY COBB avocado, egg, bacon, gorgonzola, tomato, vinaigrette 14
 CAPRESE heirloom tomato, fresh mozzarella, balsamic reduction, basil 13

SANDWICHES

BARBEQUE PULLED PORK balsamic barbeque sauce, fennel slaw, semolina bun 12
 GRILLED CHICKEN CLUB bacon, avocado, provolone, shallot mayonnaise, tomato 12
 SPICY CRISPY CHICKEN mozzarella, calabrese sauce, lettuce, tomato, onion - available grilled 12
 CHEESEBURGER sharp cheddar, lettuce, tomato, shallot mayonnaise, housemade pickle 11
 VEGGIE BURGER lettuce, tomato, red onion, calabrese sauce, avocado, goat cheese 12
 PROSCIUTTO CAPRESE tomato, fresh mozzarella, basil, arugula, pasta salad 12
 OPEN-FACE GRILLED SALMON vegetable mascarpone spread, cucumber-lemon yogurt 13
 PRIME RIB DIP pretzel roll, provolone, horseradish cream, au jus 14

PASTAS

ANGEL HAIR POMODORO organic grape tomato, fresh mozzarella, mint, basil 12
 SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS housemade marinara or meat sauce 13
 SHELL PASTA & CHICKEN whole grain pasta, sauteed vegetables, tomato-herb broth 14
 CHICKEN & GOAT CHEESE fusilli pasta, rosemary cream sauce, fresh cracked pepper 14
 HOUSEMADE RICOTTA RAVIOLI mozzarella, mascarpone, tomato vodka cream sauce 14
 BAKED LASAGNA housemade pasta, meat ragu, ricotta, mozzarella, parmesan 15
 GNOCCHI & AHI TUNA garlic, cilantro, lime, olive oil, calabrese vinaigrette 20
 SEAFOOD LINGUINI jumbo lump crab, mussels, grilled shrimp, saffron broth 19
 ITALIAN "JAMBALAYA" RISOTTO spicy chicken, sausage, pesto shrimp, roasted pepper 19

LARGE PLATES

FILET MIGNON TRIO gorgonzola, parmesan, peppercorn, garlic mashed potato, asparagus 27
 BRICK CHICKEN broccolini, roasted pepper, cergnola olive, apricot, caper, orzo salad 19
 GRILLED BABY BACK RIBS balsamic barbeque sauce, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw 21
 BRAISED BONELESS SHORT RIB mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, red wine reduction 22
 CHICKEN MARSALA wild mushroom, parmesan risotto, spinach, tomato 18
 CHICKEN PARMESAN housemade pasta, mozzarella, marinara, extra virgin olive oil, basil 17
 PINENUT CRUSTED HALIBUT saffron risotto, spinach, tomato, lemon caper sauce 27
 MAPLE GLAZED SALMON organic red quinoa, cucumber, avocado, tomato, mint 24

DESSERTS

BAKED CHERRY TART 7
 HOUSEMADE GELATO/SORBET 5
 COOKIES & GELATO 6
 CHOCOLATE S'MORES 7
 LIMONCELLO CREME BRULEE 7
 HOUSEMADE CHOCOLATE PROFITEROLES 7
 INTELLIGENTSIA ESPRESSO, CAPPUCCINO 3
 CARAMELIZED CHEESECAKE 7
 APPLE PEAR BREAD PUDDING 7
 FRANGELICO CHOCOLATE CAKE 7
 FLIGHT OF ABOVE DESSERTS 12

PINSTRIPES

BOWLING BOCCE BISTRO

Pinstripes Sample Menu

Tournament Chair Favorite!



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Piero's Pizza Northbrook - 3125 Dundee Road
Sarpino's - 1384 Meadow Road
Tony & Bruno's Pizza and Gelato - Northbrook Court
Trattoria Oliverii Restaurant - 1358 Shermer Road

Japanese

Fujiyama Restaurant - 3057 Dundee Road
Kamehachi - 1320 Shermer Road
Ron of Japan - 633 Skokie Blvd.

Mediterranean

Roti Mediterranean Grill - 984 Willow Road

Mexican

Zapatista -992 Willow Road

Steakhouse

Morton's The Steakhouse - 699 Skokie Blvd.
Ruth's Chris Steak House - 933 Skokie Blvd.

Thai

Simply Thai - Simply Good - 761 Pfingsten Road



**King of Clubs:
 Bridge Sandwich?
 Butterfields
 Open for Breakfast
 and Lunch
 Only!!**

For restaurant recommendations, see the Tournament Chair or the Newsletter Editor who both live very nearby!

The tournament chair loves Pinstripes and the newsletter editor loves Bravo!



Francescas

Bruschette con Pomodori Arugola
 Garlic toast with sun-dried tomatoes, melted mozzarella, topped with arugula, olive oil

Risotto al Gorgonzola
 Italian risotto with fresh vegetables and gorgonzola

Carpaccio con Crescione
 Thinly sliced raw sirloin with capers, tomatoes, mushrooms, watercress, basil, olive oil and Parmigiano

Fennel, and yellow
 teardrop tomatoes, arugula and
 red-wine vinaigrette
Prosciutto e Asparagi
 Prosciutto di Parma, asparagus tips, olive
 tomatoes, shaved Gorgonzola

Francescas Sample Menu

Linguine ^{al} Genovese
 Sautéed with scallops, shrimp, steamed potatoes, string beans and tomatoes in a basil pesto sauce

Linguine ^{al} Fagottaro
 Cold sauce made with home-grown tomatoes, basil, garlic, olive oil, mozzarella over hot pasta

Tagliatelle Alfredo ^{con} Pollo e Broccoli
 Fresh pasta ribbons sautéed with grilled chicken, broccoli, and fresh tomatoes in a parmesan cream sauce

Pollo Arrosto ^{al} Romano
 Roasted half chicken with garlic, shallots, rosemary, lemon and olive oil. Served with roasted potatoes.

Pollo Saltimbocca
 wine, sage, of linguine aglio olio

Bistecca ^{con} Patate Fritte
 12 ribeye steak topped with garlic herb butter, served with parmesan-truffle french fries

Rigatoni ^{di} Boscaiola
 Sautéed mushrooms, olive oil

Conchiglie ^{con} Ricotta
 Sautéed with spinach and fresh ricotta cheese in a light basil sauce

Ravioli ^{con} Ragu Verdure
 Spinach-filled pasta vegetable ragu of zucchini, peppers, asparagus, shiitake mushrooms and garlic in sauce

Razza ^{di} Balsamico
 Pan roasted skate wing with lemon balsamic sauce, capers, spinach, and fresh tomato

Roasted Alaskan halibut with lump crab meat, asparagus, shiitake mushrooms, red and yellow peppers and tarragon butter sauce

Butterfields Sample Menu:

Breakfast Menu
 Butterfield's Original
 Skillets
 Scramblers
 Egg-ceptional Eggs
 Fluffy Omelettes
 Frittatas
 Heart-Healthy Selections
 Pancakes
 Belgian Waffles
 French Crêpes
 Cheese Blintzes
 Benedicts
 Egg-cellent Specialties
 French Toast

Lunch Menu
 Burgers
 Signature Sandwiches
 Hot Paninis & Wraps
 Salads
 Deli Sandwiches and Combos
Beverages, Side Dishes, and Sweets
 Side Dishes
 Beverages and Sweets

Things to Do on the North Shore...

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

1000 Lake Cook Road
 Glencoe, IL 60022
 Main: (847) 835-5440
 Member: (847) 835-8215
 Admission is free.
 Parking rates apply.
 Open most nights till 9pm.



The Chicago Botanic Garden is a great place for families in the summer. Our family fun pack includes parking AND tickets to the Butterflies & Blooms exhibition and the Model Railroad Garden! Try a family drop-in activity at the Kleinman Family Cove or the Grunsfeld Children's Growing Garden.

Summer also means longer hours and spectacular Evenings at the Garden. Music fills the air four nights each week, as visitors picnic, dance, and feel summer come to life.

This week, join the free tour of the Rose Garden, led by a Garden horticulturist, and plan to see the Show of Summer, with exhibition and classes presented by six Chicago-area Garden Clubs.



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ARLINGTON PARK RACE TRACK

2200 West Euclid Avenue
 Arlington Heights, IL
Phone number: 847.385.7500

General Information

The horses break from the starting gate at Arlington International Racecourse.

The horses thunder into the first turn on Arlington's world famous turf course.

The horses turn for home on Arlington's turf course.

Welcome to Arlington International! To make your trip to Arlington International the best experience possible, take a minute or two to learn about the track and our many amenities.

Racing Schedule

The 2014 racing schedule kicks-off on May 2 and runs through September 28.

Racing Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Holiday racing Memorial Day and Labor Day

Post time

1 p.m. Thu, Sat, Sun & Holidays

3 p.m. Friday (June 13 - Aug. 29)



The White Sox are out of town for the entire tournament.

The Cubs are in town from the 11th to the 13th of July playing the Atlanta Braves.

The Cubs play at Wrigley Field:

Wrigley Field

1060 W Addison St
Chicago, IL 60613

Baseball



Area Golf Courses:

★★★★	Bittersweet Golf Course	875 Almond Rd.	Gurnee
★★★★★	Bonnie Brook Golf Course	2700 North Lewis	Waukegan
★★★	Brae Loch Golf Course	U.S Highway RT 45	Grayslake
★★★	Foss Park Golf Course	3124 Argonne Dr	North Chicago
★★★★	Four Winds Golf Course	23110 West Highway 176	Mundelein
★★★★★	Fox Lake	7220 State Park Road	Fox Lake
★★★★	Glen Flora Country Club	2200 North Sheridan Road	Waukegan
★★★★	Glencoe Golf Club	621 Westly Road	Glencoe
★★★★	Greenshire Golf Course	38727 North Lewis Avenue	Beach Park
★★★★	Heather Ridge Golf Course	5900 Heather Ridge Drive	Gurnee
★★★★★	Hickory Knoll Golf Course	24745 West Monaville Road	Lake Villa
★★★★	Lake Shore Country Club	1255 Sheridan Road	Glencoe
★★★★	Midlane Golf Course Resort	4555 West Yorkhouse Road	Wadsworth
★★★★	Oak Park Country Club	1957 Thatcher Road	Elmwood Park
★★★★	Orchard Hills Golf Course	38342 North Green Bay Road	Waukegan
★★★★	Park Ridge Country Club	636 North Prospect Avenue	Park Ridge
★★	Renwood Golf Course	701 Shorewood Road	Round Lake Beach
★★★★	Royal Melbourne Country Club	4700 Royal Melbourne Boulevard	Long Grove
★★★★★	Shepherds Crook Golf Course	351 Green Bay Road	Zion
★★★★	Shiloh Park Golf Course	2400 Dowie Memorial Drive	Zion
★★★★★	Shoreacres Country Club	1601 Shore Acres Dr	Lake Bluff
★★★★★	Skokie Country Club	500 Washington Avenue	Glencoe
★★★★★	ThunderHawk Golf Course	39700 North Lewis Avenue	Beach Park
★★★★	Twin Orchard Country Club	22353 North Old McHenry Road	Long Grove



Also, one of the finest courses in the area... and VERY close to the playing site... is the

Glen Club (the editor's husband's favorite course... also his "home" course) ...

2901 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL
847-724-7272

Restricted Choice Revisited by David King

One is often enjoined to enjoy oneself,
 But what has it really meant?
 It tends to come easy, straight off the shelf.
 The full meaning rarely is sent.
 [Nicholas Thomas 1996]

So it is with bridge “tips”. One hears them abbreviated, sometimes so much so that their full meaning is obscured. For example: “Cover an honor with an honor”; “Aces are meant to go on Kings”; “Second hand low, third hand high” etc. Things are seldom as simple as they may seem. So it is with Principle of Restricted Choice.

Consider a hand with W/E suit divided: A 10 x x K 9 x x x.

You require losing no tricks. You play the Ace, say, and South drops the Jack, or the Queen. One is taught that best subsequent play is to finesse the 9. The “tip” says: “if South held Q J bare, either card may have been played. The fact that one was played suggests that the other was not held.”. Hence the term “Restricted”: one should assume South’s choice were restricted.

A more universal way of expressing this advice is to consider what holding South may have so that the play of whatever card was played was not only naturally obligatory, but furthermore will enable you to make your required number of tricks.

In this case above, the answer is clearly a singleton. With a doubleton the play would not be obligatory. Similarly, with A x opposite K Q 9 x x x, you play the Ace and South drops the 10 or Jack. A subsequent finesse against the other is usually your best chance if you need 6 running tricks.

This slightly different way of expressing the advice applies also when the significant two missing cards are not touching. Consider A x opposite K J 9 8 x, where you need 5 tricks. You play the A and South drops the 10. Applying this revised version of the Principle: “what holding could South have so that the play was naturally obligatory and will enable you to run 5 tricks?”. The answer is Q 10 doubleton. So your best chance now is to play the King, dropping the missing honor and running 5 tricks.

In a defender’s position, can false-carding help? If one does the arithmetic, you should find it will not in the long run, yet that is no reason for not trying. With touching honours the expert advice is to pick one at random, so that you do not gain a reputation for false-carding. It is more subtle for the particular missing Q and 10 situation above. If you hold them doubleton, there is little you can do. It becomes more interesting, however, when you do not hold the doubleton Q 10!

Consider South holding 10 x x. The normal play is for West to play the Ace, finesse the Jack and run the suit, felling the Queen on the next round. Suppose, however, that South drops the 10 under the Ace! If declarer really needs 5 running tricks then the Principle of Restricted Choice (restated) suggests that the King should follow. Now the attempt to drop the assumed now bare Queen will fail.

Nevertheless, there is a “tip” for declarer in such situations: “if in doubt, let the opponents fool you, don’t fool yourself”. But that is yet another story!
 [I am indebted to David Thomas for drawing attention to this somewhat rare situation.]

As noted above, the significant cards do not have to be adjacent. Nor do they have to be honors. Consider this defensive problem:

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	S 10 x x	
	H 10 x	
	D A J x x x x	
	C K Q	
S x x		S x
H A Q x x x x x		H J x
D x x		D K x
C 9 2		C A J 10 8 7 6 5 3
	S A K Q J x x x	
	H K x	
	D Q 10 x	
	C 4	

South plays in 4 Spades after East has pre-empted in Clubs. The lead is 9C, won by East. What to return?

If the 9 is a singleton, a Club ruff is good. If a doubleton, a Heart switch is better. The significant cards are the 2 & 4 of Clubs. Using the Principle of Restricted Choice one is advised to assume that the play of the 4C was obligatory, hence a singleton.

4th of July Jokes

Q: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

A: On the bottom.

Q: What did the flag say to the pole?

A: Nothing, it just waved.

Q: What did polly the parrot want for the 4th of July?

A: A fire cracker





Tournament Information

Welcome from Angie ...

Angie Clark, tournament chairman, wants to welcome all of you to our great new playing venue, The Northbrook Hilton. The Hilton has served us well in past years for such competitions as Grand National Teams. It has long been a player favorite, located in the heart of Unit 123's largest preponderance of bridge players.

The lighting in the playing area is excellent. The hotel personnel are accomodating. The parking is adequate. The hotel restaurant is a fixture in the area with great food and reasonable prices.

If there is anything we can do to make your stay better, please advise us. We are here to serve.

Carl Sharp is running the Partnership Desk. He is the best in the midwest (maybe anywhere) at it.

Mike Cochran is running the I/N program.

Suzi Subeck is doing the Daily Bulletins.

We want to be successful at the new site and we are counting on your support.

Hope everyone has fun at today's Pro-Am... our signature SummerFest event.

The area has lots of great eateries and every day we will include some recommendations in the *Firecracker*.

Please put a slip in the Bulletin Box if you become a new life master. We want to recognize you and get your picture if we can.

Stay tuned for hospitality updates. We are featuring a hospitality suite much like we do in Lake Geneva in October.

I live in this area and if you need any information about beauty parlors or fast food options or gas stations, etc., feel free to inquire!

Hope to see you at the bridge tables.

Thanks again for your support.

Angie Clark, tournament chairman

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. **Carl Sharp** is in charge of the partnership desk and will do his best to arrange suitable liaisons. 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 **Daily Firecracker**. 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 Firecracker* 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.

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Puzzle Page ...

Sara had Quadruplets – four kids born at the same time. They were all in second grade now and all in different classes. Tomorrow was Show & Tell at school so there was a flurry of activity this afternoon while they tore their rooms apart, deciding what to bring in to share with their class. After a few heated arguments when two siblings wanted to bring in the same thing, all decisions were made and the household was back to more or less peaceful coexistence by supertime.

Determine the name of each quadruplet, what each brought in for Show & Tell the next day, the name of each one’s teacher, and at what time each class had Show & Tell (it was different for each class, the times were 10am, 11am, 1pm, and 2pm).

1. The vacation pictures weren't shown by Kelly.
2. Show & Tell in Mr. Eastman's class was three hours after the event in Kelly's class.
3. Sherry shared her Show & Tell an hour after Mrs. Harmony's class.
4. The quilt was shown in Mrs. Spade's class but not in the morning.
5. Peter's Show & Tell was the toolbox that he made with his Dad.
6. The four siblings, in no particular order, were Holly, the one in Mr. Knight's class, the one who showed her ferret, and the one whose class had Show & Tell at 1pm.

	ferret	quilt	toolbox	pictures	Mr. Eastman	Mrs. Harmony	Mr. Knight	Mrs. Spade	10am	11am	1pm	2pm
Holly												
Kelly												
Peter												
Sherry												
10am												
11am												
1pm												
2pm												
Mr. Eastman												
Mrs. Harmony												
Mr. Knight												
Mrs. Spade												

Answer to puzzle on page 12.

Time	Type	Duration	Name
Holly			
Kelly			
Peter			
Sherry			

(Answer at bottom of page ... no peeking!!)

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

Sudoku 1

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

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!



Sudoku 2

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

Upcoming District 13 Tournaments:

Jul 25-27	Fitchburg (Madison) WI	sectional
Aug 4-10	STaC D13	STaC
Aug 14-16	Marquette MI	sectional
Aug 18-24	Milwaukee WI	Regional
Aug 29 - Sep 1	Skokie IL	sectional
Sep 19-21	Three Lakes WI	sectional
Sep 27-28	Darien (Chicago) IL	IN event
Oct 20-26	Lake Geneva WI	Regional
Nov 7-9	La Crosse WI	sectional
Nov 7-9	Lombard IL	sectional
Dec 8-14	STaC D13	STaC

Solution to Sudoku 2

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

Solution to

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

Hands of the Day by Matt Granovetter

Dealer: North Vul: N-S

North

♠8 7 6 4

♥A K Q

♦A K 2

♣A 10 3

West

♠J 3 2

♥J 10 9 5 3

♦5

♣K J 7 6

East

♠Q 10 5

♥8 7 6 4 2

♦Q 8 7

♣Q 4

South

♠A K 9

♥--

♦J 10 9 6 4 3

♣9 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
--	1♣	pass	1♦
pass	2NT	pass	3♣
pass	3♦	pass	3♠
pass	4♥	pass	6♦
pass	pass	pass	

Opening Lead: ♥J

Dealer: North Vul: E-W

North

♠A K 9 5

♥8 7 4 3

♦6 5

♣10 8 4

West

♠J 4

♥K Q J 9 5

♦10 8 7 3

♣9 6

East

♠7

♥A 10 2

♦K J 9 4

♣A K 5 3 2

South

♠Q 10 8 6 3 2

♥6

♦A Q 2

♣Q J 7

West	North	East	South
--	pass	1♣	2♠
double	4♠	double	pass
pass	pass		

Opening Lead: ♥K

Let's go back in time today to a lovely summer setting in Rapallo, Italy, 1957. At the swim club, Al Roth and Tobias Stone are enjoying a relaxing afternoon in a friendly rubber bridge match against two of their hosts.

Every opening bid in the Roth-Stone system was at least two highcard points heavier than today's openings. But the flip side of the system was that responder could be more aggressive than today's responders. Players today would open the North hand 2NT. Stone, however, opened 1♣ and it was Roth, sitting South, who became the aggressor.

After Stone's 2NT rebid, Roth showed his club support and Stone showed his diamond support (those anemic spades were never mentioned). It was Roth who bid the spades with his A-K-9. Stone had great cards for slam and when he cuebid 4♥, Roth bid the slam. Roth said afterwards, "The final bid was somewhat of a gamble. Hands of this nature are very difficult to bid, and you will sometimes find yourself in a bad slam."

To make 12 tricks, Roth had to time the hand carefully. He won the heart lead, discarding a spade, cashed a high trump, led two rounds of spades and then another trump to dummy. When the diamond queen did not fall, Roth ruffed a spade, establishing the thirteenth spade in dummy. He now had three discards for three club losers. If he had drawn two rounds of trumps before cashing his ace-king of spades, he would have been set. After the hand, Roth played some tennis and took a swim in the pool, thinking about whether there was any lead that could defeat 6♦.

Today's hand from an OKbridge game last month illustrates two nice themes, which I'd like to share with you. The first is called, "Do it yourself." Instead of relying on a defensive signal, asking partner to make the key play, do it yourself if you can.

I was South in 4♠ doubled and West led the king of hearts. East signaled with the 2, asking for a club switch. West, however, did not like the idea of leading his 9 of clubs into dummy's 10-8, and chose instead to lead another heart. I ruffed, drew trumps and, with the help of the diamond finesse, made the doubled game. East blamed West for not obeying his signal, but East should have applied the principle, "Do it yourself," by overtaking the heart at trick one and cashing his clubs. His partner would have ruffed the third round for a one-trick set.

The other theme concerns my "weak" jump overcall. The theory goes like this: Instead of overcalling at the one level in a six-card suit, try to make a jump overcall. You should have less than 13 points, and you also must keep an eye on the vulnerability. The jump overcall is a powerful weapon; since it describes six trumps, partner can raise directly to the limit, as my partner did with his four trumps.

Dealer: West Vul: None

North

♠A Q 9 6
♥K J 6 5
♦J 4
♣A J 6

West

♠K 8 7 5 4
♥10
♦K 10 8 7 6 2
♣3

East

♠J 10
♥A 8 7 4 3 2
♦Q 9 5 3
♣2

South

♠3 2
♥Q 9
♦A
♣K Q 10 9 8 7 5 4

West	North	East	South
pass	1NT	pass	2♣
2♠	double	pass	3♣
3♦	3♥	pass	5♣
pass	6♣	double	pass
pass	pass		

Opening Lead: ♥10

Dealer: South Vul: Both

North

♠A 6 2
♥9 4
♦4 3
♣10 8 6 4 3 2

West

♠7
♥Q J 8 6 2
♦Q J 9 6
♣K Q J

East

♠8 5 4 3
♥K 10 7 3
♦10 7
♣9 7 5

South

♠K Q J 10 9
♥A 5
♦A K 8 5 2
♣A

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	2♣
pass	3♠	pass	4♦
pass	4♠	pass	6♠
pass	pass	pass	

Opening Lead: ♣K

What does it take to be a champion bridge player? This question has many answers. I know great doctors who can't function at the bridge table. On the other hand, there are some experts who can't do anything well but play bridge. There are many approaches to the game that can lead to success. Today, look at C. S. Shen's actions as East.

South's Stayman bid followed by 3♣ was forcing. North's 2♠ double followed by 3♥ was natural, showing 4-4 in the majors. Shen's final double was asking, in his partnership, for the first suit bid by dummy, hearts.

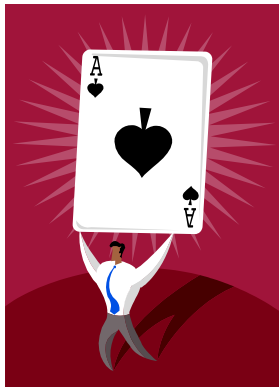
Shen figured this way. "My partner overcalled 2♠, was doubled, and then brazenly bid 3♦ anyway. He must have 11 cards in the two suits. North has 4-4 in the majors and probably 3 clubs in support to raise to slam. If my partner is 1-1 in hearts and clubs, I want him to lead a heart. If partner is void in clubs, South has nine of them. But from a statistical point of view, an eight-card suit is 13 times more likely than a nine-card suit. The danger is that partner has a void in hearts and two clubs. But a seven-card suit is less than eight times more likely than an eight-card suit. The opponents, however, don't know if my partner has a heart to lead. So maybe my double will scare them into 6NT and I'll be on lead. I'll lead a diamond, hoping partner has the king. If my partner is void in hearts, and they make 6♣ doubled, I've only cost 170 points. And it's highly unlikely anyone can redouble, since South never clearly indicated a slam-going hand."

Shen doubled, everyone passed, and West led a heart for down one. Away from the table Shen is an astro-physicist.

Let's go back in time to the 1930's in New Zealand. Bob Williams was South in a 6♠ contract. Can you see how he took 12 tricks after the king-of-clubs lead?

This hand is from Cathy Chua's interesting book, The History of Australian Bridge. Declarer won the ace of clubs at trick one and cashed the ace-king of diamonds. Then he ruffed a diamond with the ace of spades, East discarding a heart. He returned to hand with the ace of hearts and led a fourth diamond, discarding the other heart from dummy. East pitched a second heart as well, but to no avail.

West returned a high club, ruffed by South. Now a heart was ruffed in dummy and a trump led. The trumps were drawn and the fifth diamond was the twelfth trick. Notice that if East held one less heart, he would have defeated the slam, because after discarding two hearts and following to the ace, he'd be able to overruff dummy when the heart was ruffed.



Be nice at the table...
Don't make an ACE of yourself!

FallFest Silver Point Sectional

Lindner Conference Center
660 E. Butterfield Road, Lombard, IL
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E. of Yorktown Mall at traffic light)

Friday, November 7

9:30 a.m. Open Stratified Pairs
2:00 p.m. Pair/Teams (Team scored as BAM)*
7:30 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams

Saturday, November 8

9:30 a.m. Bracketed Silver Point Knockout, Round 1
Stratified Open Pairs
2:00 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs
Bracketed Silver Point Knockouts, Round 2
7:30 p.m. Bracketed Silver Point Knockout, Finals
Bracketed Silver Point Knockout, Playoff for 3/4
Stratified Open Pairs

Sunday, November 9

10:00 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams, Playthrough
299er Stratified Swiss Teams: 0-100, 100-200, 200-300

Stratification:

A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750
All Future Masters: 0-100, 100-200, 200-300



We use ACBL handicapping procedures.
Events or strata may be combined if attendance warrants.

Masterpoint averaging when permitted in pair and team events!!

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0-300 "I/N" Schedule

Friday, November 7

9:30 a.m. I/N Stratified Pairs
2:00 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs
7:30 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs

Saturday, November 8

2:00 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs
7:30 p.m. I/N Stratified Pairs

Sunday, November 9

10:00 a.m. 299er Stratified Swiss Teams
0-100, 100-200, 200-300

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Monday, October 20

7:30 0-2999 Stratified Pairs
7:30 Stratified Education Charity Pair
Education Charity Knockout

Tuesday, October 21

9:30 Morning Side Game Series
9:30, 2:00, 7:30 PC Stratiflighted Pairs, (A/AX)**
9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs**
(B: 300-750; C: 0-300)
2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series I, Sessions 1 & 2
7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams 1 Session

Wednesday, October 22

9:30 Morning Compact Knockout 1 & 2
9:30 Morning Side Game Series
9:30, 2:00, 7:30 PC Stratiflighted Pairs, (A/AX)**
9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs**
(B: 300-750; C: 0-300)
2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series I, Sessions 3 & 4
7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams 1 session

Thursday, October 23

9:30 Morning Compact Knockout 3 & 4
9:30 Morning Side Game Series
2:00, 7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams
2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series II, Session 1 & 2
7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams 1 Session

Friday, October 24

9:30 Morning Side Game Series
9:30 Morning Swiss Teams, Session 1
9:30, 2:00, 7:30 PC Stratiflighted Pairs (A & AX)**
9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs**
(B: 300-750; C: 0-300)
2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series II, Sessions 3 & 4
7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams 1 session

Saturday, October 25

9:30 Morning Side Game Series
9:30 Morning Swiss Teams, Session 2
9:30, 2:00, 7:30 PC Stratiflighted Pairs, (A/AX)**
9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice Gold Rush Pairs**
(B: 300-750; C: 0-300)
2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series II, Sessions 5 & 6
7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams 1 Session

Sunday, October 26

10:00 Stratiflighted AX Swiss Teams, Playthrough, 20 VP*
B/C/D Swiss Teams*

**9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice (PC) Pairs
Play any 2 of the 3 sessions...

You must specify which two when purchasing your entry!

Stratification: A 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750

*Stratiflighted: A: 3000+, AX: 0-3000: 40% of field for higher awards; Play Separate
*B: 750-2000; C: 300-750; D: 0-300

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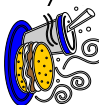


Intermediate/Novice Events
Monday 7:30 pm
I/N Stratified Charity Pairs
Stratified Pairs 0-100, 100-200, 200-300
Thursday 9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 pm
Single Sessions
I/N Stratified Pairs 0-100, 100-200, 200-300

Free Intermediate/Novice Dinner
(Thursday between sessions)
Daily Speakers

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

Free I/N
Dinner
Thursday



Regional Knockout Schedule

*Compact Knockout						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
9:30	A2	MCI*	MCI*	Fri-Sat	Swiss Teams	
2:00	A3	C1	C3	D1	D3	
7:30	A1	B1	B3	C2	D2	Compact KO 2
		A4	C4	D4		Compact KO 2
		B2	B4			
		Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss
		Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss

◆ 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 KO Bracket 1 and in Flight A only events.

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

Labor Day Silver Point Sectional

Weber Leisure Center

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August 29-September 1, 2014



Friday, August 29

- 10:00 Stratified Open Pair/Teams
2:30 Stratified Open Pair/Teams
7:30 Stratified Open Pair/Teams

Saturday, August 30

- 9:30 Bracketed Silver Point Knockout, round 1
Stratified Open Pairs
2:00 Stratified Open Pairs
Bracketed Silver Point Knockout, round 2
7:30 Stratified Open Pairs
Bracketed Silver Point Knockout, finals and playoff for third/fourth

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

Events or strata may be combined if attendance warrants.

Sunday, August 31

- 9:30 Stratified Open Pair/Teams
2:00 Stratiflighted Pairs (one or two sessions), session 1
Must play two sessions to be eligible for overall awards
(A: 3000+, AX: 0-3000, B: 750-2000, C: 300-750, D: 0-300)
7:30 Stratiflighted Pairs, session 2



Monday, September 1

- 10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams with light chicken lunch

(Masterpoint Averaging when possible)

Stratification: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750

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Intermediate/Novice Schedule

0-100, 100-200, 200-300

Friday, August 29

10:00 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

2:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

7:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

Saturday, August 30

9:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

2:00 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

7:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

Sunday, August 31

9:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

2:00 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

7:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

Monday, September 1

10:00 299er Stratified Swiss Teams

(Stratified 0-100/100-200/200-300)

Play-through with 2 single sessions



Once in England, because of a water spout, it rained frogs!

Almost two-thirds of the earth's surface is covered by water. If the earth were flat, water would cover everything in a layer two miles deep!

During a solar eclipse, the shadows of leaves make the same crescent shape of the eclipsing sun. The image is made by light passing through tiny holes in the leaves.

Monks in the 16th century recorded seeing a giant explosion on the side of the Moon. It most likely was a large meteor that slammed into the Moon and left a large crater. It was a good thing the Moon was between us and the meteor! See the rings of Saturn while you can. They slowly wobble up and down over the years as Saturn's poles point away from then towards the sun. The rings disappear when edge on to our line of sight. Currently they are almost at their widest point and can be seen even in binoculars and small telescopes.

A star has been found moving closer to the sun. In a million years a star named Gliese 710 will have moved to within 6/10ths of a light year from the sun. This is more than six times closer than today's nearest star, Alpha Centauri, which is over 4 light years away.

Stars viewed through even the largest telescopes look like tiny points of light. But astronomers, using the Hubble Space Telescope to photograph a star called Betelgeuse (pronounced "beetle jooze"), have now been able to see the surface of another star. Betelgeuse is a red, giant star located at the left shoulder of the constellation Orion and is the largest known star in our galaxy.

Not all stars are found inside galaxies. Astronomers have found stars moving between the galaxies, which are millions of light years apart. These stars may even have planets, possibly with intelligent life on them. If they do, these beings would see a lonely sky with just one star (its own sun) and a few faint galaxies.

Tired of the cold weather? Take a vacation on the hottest planet in the solar system – Venus. At over 800 degrees, it is hotter than Mercury because the clouds and abundant carbon dioxide hold in most of the heat received from the sun. Ever notice on a map how the South American and African coasts, along the Atlantic, fit together like two pieces of a giant puzzle? That is because at one time, millions of years ago, they were one continent. Magma from deep in the Earth broke through thin places between these continents and pushed them apart. They are still slowly moving apart and the Atlantic ocean is growing wider.

The lead in pencils, really graphite, is made of the exact same thing as diamonds. Both are pure carbon which just formed under different pressures and temperatures. Intense heat and pressure form the carbon atoms into crystals making diamond, while lesser heat and pressure form the carbon into sheets making graphite. Geologists have discovered there seems to be more water miles deep between the rocks of Earth's mantle than in all the oceans of the world. The intense pressure of the tons of rocks above keeps the hot water from turning to steam and escaping.

If you were to place the planet Saturn in a big enough bowl of water, it would float!

About 20 percent of the earth's land is made up of desert, and the world's largest desert is the Sahara of North Africa. Black Holes are disappearing! At first, it was believed that nothing could come out of a black hole and they would be around forever. But a famous physicist, named Stephen Hawking, discovered that black holes lose energy and eventually evaporate away. But don't wait around for one to "disappear" because it will take trillions and trillions of years to happen.

On a clear night, the human eye can see between 2,000 and 3,000 stars in the sky.

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Water is the only substance on earth that is lighter as a solid than a liquid.

The White Sands national park in New Mexico is the largest desert with the fine white sand, made of a mineral called gypsum.

Our sun is over 2.5 million miles around at its equator.

After a blistering day of exploring, astronauts may relax with a nice cold glass of ice water from Mercury, the planet closest to the sun. Since there is no atmosphere there to spread the heat around, shadows in deep craters at the poles could hold ice deposited by early comet collisions.

96% of Egypt is made up of the desert sands of the Sahara.

Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world, standing 29,028 feet high.

The Amazon rain forest supplies one-fifth of the world's oxygen!

Where do comets come from? There is a huge cloud of objects made of ice and rock encircling our solar system, called the Oort Cloud. It lies beyond Pluto and extends half way out to the next star. These objects occasionally bump into each other, sending one in towards the sun to become a comet like the recent Hale-Bopp comet.

Every day, eight trillion gallons of water pour out of the mouth of the Amazon River into the Atlantic Ocean. The ice that covers 98% of Antarctica holds 90% of the worlds fresh water.

Lake Baikal in Russia is the deepest lake in the world, and holds as much water as all the five Great Lakes of the U.S. combined!

Lake Superior, one of the five Great Lakes between the U.S. and the border of Canada, is a freshwater lake with the largest surface area, and it's so big it has waves!

Olympus Mons is a mountain on Mars, which is about fifteen miles high, three times higher than Mount Everest on earth, and at the top it is 45 miles across!

Someday you may go ice fishing on Jupiters moon, Europa. Evidence is being constantly discovered that there is an ocean under the ice of Europa. The ice would keep the ocean from evaporating and huge tides caused by Jupiter would keep the ocean temperature above freezing. What kinds of life might there be in such a strange ocean?

The deepest natural caves known to man are the Pierre St. Martin Caves in the Pyrenees Mountains between Spain and France, which reach 4,370 feet deep, almost three times as deep as the Empire State Building is high!

When you think you're standing still remember this fact. Even though you don't feel it, our entire local group of galaxies is moving at about one million miles per hour toward another galaxy group called the Virgo Cluster.

Scientist believe that diamond rains occur on Neptune and Uranus. The heart of these planets may be a layer of diamonds hundreds of miles thick.

Jupiter's giant red spot is like a tornado and it is 3 times bigger than the earth.

The largest crater on the moon measures 183 miles across.

Astronomers know Mars is a backwards planet. Once a year, for several days, it appears to move backwards in its orbit.

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This is actually an optical illusion when the faster orbit of Earth races past Mars.

The farthest you can see with the naked eye is 2.4 million light years away! (140,000,000,000,000,000 miles.)

That's the distance to the giant Andromeda Galaxy. You can see it easily as a dim, large gray "cloud" almost directly overhead in a clear night sky.

Australia is the only continent on earth without an active volcano.

The earth is over 330,000 times smaller than the sun.

The Earth is 4.5 billion years old.

71% of the Earth's surface is covered with water.

Jupiter is a planet made entirely of gases.

There are over six billion people living on Earth!

The Earth is 93 million miles away from the sun.

97% of the earth's water is undrinkable!

If you could live on the planet Mercury, a year would only last 88 days.

The Hindus of India once believed that the Earth was a huge bowl (to keep the oceans from falling off) held up by giant elephants standing on long pillars. No one back then ever thought to ask what the pillars were standing on! If someone tells you you smell like flowers, it may not be a compliment if they are referring to the rafflesia flower. This flower smells like rotten meat!

It is said that when England is in danger a drum owned by Francis Drake rolls by itself.

The language of a society changes slowly but steadily with the result that an educated person will not be able to read or understand words in his language written 500 years ago.

There is no word that rhymes with orange.

It took 55 years before the telephone, invented in 1820, was put to use in society.

Sound travels over 14 times faster through steel than through air. If you need to signal someone quickly standing on a metal bridge, bang on a steel pipe!

The Great Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt, built about 2600 BC, was constructed with enough stone to make a brick wall that could go around the world 20 inches high.

In comparison, the largest modern building, the Pentagon, in Washington DC would only make a brick wall that went around the world two inches high.

If everyone in the world took a daily bath, our entire supply of fresh water would be get dirty in a single day.

The number of bacteria in a quart of soil from your backyard garden is 30 times greater than the population of the world.

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When high speed trains past each other they must slow down or they will break their windows. The passing trains produce a low-pressure area between them that can actually pull the glass out of the frames.

A hydroplane can go much faster than a normal boat because it lifts the hull out of the water. It uses supports that act like underwater wings to give it lift. It is really just flying through water.

You can surf on only one or two inches of water. Jump on a wooden disc and you can ride 20 feet or more in the shallow water along the beach.

Manhole covers, the lids that cover sewers, are always round. Why? The round cover rests on a lip that is smaller than the cover so it can't drop through the opening. A square or rectangular cover, no matter how it was made, could fall through.

The fear of spiders is called arachnophobia. Some other phobias are hydrophobia (fear of water), triskaidekaphobia (fear of the number 13), ecclesiophobia (fear of churches), pogonophobia (fear of beards), ergophobia (fear of work). Donald Duck, the cartoon character NEVER wore pants. But, whenever he got out of a shower he would always put a towel around his waist.

There was only one code during World War II that was never broken by the enemy and was used by the US Army. Navajo soldiers, called Codetalkers, developed a radio code based on their native language. It was the only way US soldiers on the battlefield could be sure that messages were from their own side and not from Japanese imitators. Vincent Van Gogh only sold 1 painting his whole life and that was to his brother!

A Japanese explorer named Maomi Uemura was the first man to reach the North Pole alone, on April 29, 1978, after his eight-week journey.

In transistors, electrons perform an amazing magic act called quantum tunneling. They can move from one side of a thin metal plate to the other without going through the plate.

Steamboat Geyser, located in Yellowstone National Park, is the most powerful geyser in the world, and can shoot super-hot water 300 feet in the air.

When hydrogen is cooled to almost absolute zero (-460°F or -273°C), the lowest temperature possible, it becomes a liquid with surprising properties. It can flow against gravity and will start running up and over the lip of a glass container.

Mark Twain, one of America's best-loved authors, dropped out of school when he was 12 years old, after his father died.

The ice cream cone was originally a way to hold flowers, not ice cream!

The first modern traffic light was put to use in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1914.

On April 2, 1872, Victoria Woodhull became the first woman candidate for the U.S. presidency.

Every year, plants make and store ten times the amount of energy that people use.

Babe Ruth kept a cabbage leaf under his cap to keep cool.

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Over 160 billion pieces of mail are sent every year in the U.S.

Tomatoes are really fruits, not vegetables.

If someone tells you you smell like flowers, it may not be a compliment if they are referring to the rafflesia flower. This flower smells like rotten meat!

Glass is made of sand.

America's first major highway was called the National Road, and was opened in 1814, connecting the city of Baltimore with the Ohio River. Abraham Lincoln once invented a device for lifting riverboats over shallow water.

It took 55 years before the telephone, invented in 1820, was put to use in society.

You speak about 4,800 words a day.

Did you know that the Empire State Building once got stuck by lightning 9 times in 20 minutes.

Did you know that the Egyptians thought the world was in the shape of a rectangle and that the heavens were held up by four giant pillars? They also warned sailors not to go too far away or you just might row off the giant rectangle called Earth. Well when the Queen of England heard this she sent 4 ships south, north, east and west to search for these "pillars". When they didn't find any (because the world is in the shape of a sphere) they questioned the Egyptians and they told her the pillars must have been farther than they predicted! Clever weren't they?!

Did you know that there is a world record for seeing how many times you can attempt a world record?!!

It would take approximately 31.7 years to count off 1 billion seconds.

Honey is the only food that won't spoil.

There's 293 different ways to make change for just 1 dollar.

A Jiffy is an actual unit of time. 1 Jiffy = 1/100 of a second.

A Rubik's Cube can make 43,252,003,274,489,856,000 different combinations!

In the tropical rainforest it gets about 80 to 400 inches of rain yearly. If it is raining really hard, it gets about 2 inches of rain per hour.

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar!

One kind of insect called a spittlebug, lays its eggs in a big nest of saliva bubbles. I guess no predator would look for a meal in there!

The holiday Boxing day was originally celebrated in England, for the servants to the rich people. After Christmas, the servants "boxed up" all the left-overs from the rich people and bring them home.

Over 10,000 birds a year die from smashing into windows!

A baby is born approximately every 11 seconds in the United States!

Glass is actually a liquid- if you had a glass window, over hundreds of years it would seem like it had melted a little bit!

The letter Z is only used in words more than five letters when two vowels are present.

Water expands 9% when it is frozen!

A normal piece of paper cannot be folded more than 7 times.

The only food that doesn't spoil is honey.

In China, they believe that the longer ones earlobes are, the wealthier they will be.

It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

The average person will spend 4 years of their life on the toilet! Better stock up on TP!

Thomas Edison, the inventor of the lightbulb, was actually afraid of the dark.

4th of July Jokes

The difference between a duck and George Washington is:
One has a bill on his face; the other has his face on a bill!

What kind of tea did the American colonists thirst for?
Liberty!

What was the craziest battle of the Revolutionary War?
The Battle of Bonkers Hill.

Why were the first Pennsylvania settlers like ants?
Because they lived in colonies.

What's red, white, blue, and almost as ugly as a dog?
A revolutionary warthog!

Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?
Because the horse was too heavy to carry!



Jay and Sara Whipple will be bringing us FAST RESULTS as they have at the past several District 13 Regionals. In addition, what makes us special is that we post the results on the CCBA website as a compliment to Jay's production. Those who are not at the tournament can go to: <http://www.bridgeinchicago.com/> to see who is winning what! Tom Dressing, CCBA Webmaster, mans the CCBA site and between the two manners of operation we cover all bases!!

Happy playing!

Answer to puzzle on page 10

Name	Duration	Type	Time
Sherry	Mr. Knight	pictures	11am
Peter	Mr. Eastman	toolbox	1pm
Kelly	Mrs. Harmony	ferret	10am
Holly	Mrs. Spade	quilt	2pm