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Tuesday, June 10

9:00 Morning Side Game, session 1 299er Pairs Tuesday/Wednesday Compact KO, session 1

1:30 KO-A session 1
Gold Rush Pairs, session 1
A/X Pairs (X=0-2000, A=2000+), session 1
299er Pairs
Afternoon Side Game, session 1

7:30 KO-A session 2
Gold Rush Pairs, session 2
A/X Pairs, session 2
Single Session BAM
Evening Side Game, session 1
299er Pairs



Wednesday, June 11

9:00 Choice Pairs, session 1*
299er Pairs
Tuesday/Wednesday Compact KO, session 2
Morning Side Game, session 2

1:30 KO A, session 3
KO B, session 1
Choice Pairs, session 2*
299er Pairs
Afternoon Side Game, session 2

7:30 KO A, session 4
KO B, session 2
Choice Pairs, session 3*
299er Pairs
Single Session Swiss Teams
Evening Side Game, session 2



Thursday, June 12

9:00 Swiss Teams, session 1 (Th/Fr AM) Morning Side Game, session 3 299er Pairs

1:30 KO B, session 3
KO C, session 1
Gold Rush Pairs, session 1 (B=300-750; C=0-300)
A/X Pairs, session 1
299er Pairs
Afternoon Side Game, session 3

7:30 KO B, session 4
KO C, session 2
Gold Rush Pairs, session 2
A/X Pairs, session 2
299er Pairs
Evening Side Game, session 3



Friday, June 13

9:00 Swiss Teams, session 2 Choice Pairs, session 1* 299er Pairs Morning Side Game, session 4

1:30 KO C, session 3
Choice Pairs, session 2*
299er Pairs
KO D, session 1
Afternoon Side Game, session 4

7:30 KO C, session 4
Choice Pairs, session 3*
299er Pairs
KO D, session 2
Evening Side Game, Session 4

Saturday, June 14

9:00 Morning Side Game, session 5 299er Pairs

1:30 KO D, session 3
Stratified Open Pairs, session 1 B, C, D
(B: 1500, C: 750, D: 300)
A/X Pairs, session 1
Swiss Teams Qualifying
(2 days), session 1
299er Pairs
Afternoon Side Game, session 5

7:30 KO D, session 4
Swiss Teams Q, session 2
Stratified Open Pairs, session 2
A/X Pairs, session 2
299er Pairs
Evening Side Game, session 5

Sunday, June 15

9:00 Swiss Teams Stratified Swiss Teams Q, session: 1st final 299er Swiss Teams

2:00 Swiss Teams Q, session: 2nd final Stratified Swiss, Session 2 299er Swiss Teams

A=3,000 +, B=750-3,000, C=0-750 299er Strats: 300/200/100

Tournament Chairman: Dennis Ryan Partnership Chairman: Tom Kite Editor: Suzi Subeck

Sudoku

Puzzle 1 Puzzle 2

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Just The Facts

- 1. Wisconsin is America's Dairyland. That's what the license plates say.
- 2. Milwaukee is the home of Harley Davidson Motorcycles.
- 3. Wisconsin leads the nation in drunk driving.
- 4. The Republican Party was founded in Ripon in 1854.
- **5.** Wisconsin is known as the most "German-American" state in the union. About 40% of Wisconsinites are Krauts.
- 6. The nation's first kindergarten was established in Watertown in 1856. Kindergarten is German for "garden of children"



Answers to Puzzle 2:

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Answers to Puzzle 1:

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Dining in Eau Claire

Houligan's Steak & Seafood Pub 415 S Barstow St, Eau Claire, WI 715-835-6621

Mona Lisa's Restaurant 428 Water St, Eau Claire, WI 715-839-8969

Shanghai Bistro 2930 Craig Rd, Eau Claire, WI 715-835-3348

Hay Market Grill 101 Graham Ave, Eau Claire, WI 715-552-3400

Mancino's Grinders & Pizza 4056 Commonwealth Ave, Eau Claire, WI 715-835-4000

Cancun Bar & Grill 2120 Highland Ave, Eau Claire, WI 715-552-8011

Pad Thai Restaurant 203 N Barstow St, Eau Claire, WI 715-552-1715

Olive Garden Italian Restaurant 4920 Golf Rd, Eau Claire, WI 715-838-0707

Tokyo Japanese Restaurant 2426 London Rd, Eau Claire, WI 715-834-0313

Mogie's Pub & Restaurant 436 1/2 Water St, Eau Claire, WI 715-836-9666

Jade Garden 3620 Gateway Dr, Eau Claire, WI 715-833-9868

Grizzly's Grill N' Saloon 2620 E Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI 715-832-6481

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar 4745 Golf Rd, Eau Claire, WI 715-831-1255

Boston Pizza the 1920 S Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 715-832-5100

Quick Wok 501 Water St, **Eau Claire**, **WI 715-832-4545**



Fortune Cookie Chinese Restaurant 1702 Harding Ave, Eau Claire, WI 715-833-0088

Erbert & Gerbert's Subs & Clubs Restaurant 409 Water St, Eau Claire, WI 715-835-9995

Acoustic Cafe 505 S Barstow St, Eau Claire, WI 715-832-9090

Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant 2709 N Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI 715-552-2790

Noodles & Company 4653 Keystone Xing, Eau Claire, WI 715-858-9000

Manny's Cocina 4207 Oakwood Hills Pkwy, Eau Claire, WI 715-514-0818

Woo's Pagoda Restaurant 1700 S Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 715-832-6431

Chick-A-Dee's Family Restaurant 1928 3rd St, Eau Claire, WI 715-832-7724

Dooley's Pub 442 Water St, Eau Claire, WI 715-834-2388

Egg Roll Plus 1611 Bellinger St, Eau Claire, WI 715-832-6125

Texas Roadhouse 5019 Keystone Xing, Eau Claire, WI 715-838-0035

Tgi Friday's 4800 Golf Rd, Eau Claire, WI 715-830-1424

El Patio Restaurant & Bar 2823 London Rd, Eau Claire, WI 715-552-5973

Olympic Flame 2920 Landon St, Eau Claire, WI 715-835-7771

El Patio 228 Water St, Eau Claire, WI 715-855-8590

- 1. Wisconsin visitors and residents enjoy the state's 7,446 streams and rivers. End-to-end they'd stretch 26,767 miles. That is more than enough to circle the globe at the equator.
- 2. Wisconsin's Door County has five state parks and 250 miles of shoreline along Lake Michigan. These figures represent more than any other county in the country.
- 3. In 1878-1879 the Wisconsin legislature approved the creation of a state park in Vilas County. The proposal was not successful and the state ended up selling two-thirds of area land to lumber interest for \$8 an acre in 1897.
- 4. In 1900 land acquisition for Wisconsin's first state park began. The park became Interstate State Park located in St. Croix Falls.
- 5. Devil's Lake was established in 1911. The facility has become one of Wisconsin's oldest and most famous state parks. It leads the state parks in attendance.
- 6. The House on the Rock was designed and built in the early 1940s. It is considered an architectural marvel and is perched on a 60-foot chimney of rock. The 14-room house is now a complex of rooms, streets, buildings, and gardens covering over 200 acres. The Infinity Room contains 3,264 windows.
- 7. The state is nicknamed the Badger State.
- 8. In 1882 the first hydroelectric plant in the United States was built at Fox River.
- 9. The first practical typewriter was designed in Milwaukee in 1867.
- 10. Wausau is the Ginseng Capital of the World.
- 11. The American Birkebeiner, a 52K cross-country ski race between Cable and Hayward, is the largest on the North American continent.
- 12. Wisconsin snowmobile trails total 15,210 miles of signed and groomed snow highways.
- 13. Mount Horeb is the Troll Capital of the World and home to the Mustard Museum (see below.)
- 14. In the 1930s the Flambeau River State Forest was established and became a legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Project Administration.
- **15.** Noah's Ark in Wisconsin Dells is the nation's largest water-themed park.
- **16.** Belleville is the Unidentified Flying Object Capital of Wisconsin.
- 17. Potosi is the Catfish Capital of the state.
- **18.** The nation's first kindergarten was established in Watertown in 1856. Its first students were local German-speaking youngsters.
- 19. Wisconsin is the dairy capital of the United States.
- **20.** Wisconsin produces more milk than any other state.
- 21. Frank Lloyd Wright was born in Richland Center on June 8, 1867

- **22.** The National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame in Hayward is shaped like a Muskie.
- 23. The original Barbie is from Willows. Barbie's full name is Barbie Millicent Roberts.
- 24. Bloomer is the Jump Rope Capital of the World.
- 25. Milwaukee is home of Harley Davidson Motorcycles.
- **26.** The first Ringling Brothers Circus was staged in Baraboo in 1884.
- 27. Somerset is the Inner Tubing Capital of the World.
- 28. Green Bay is Wisconsin's oldest city.
- 29. Two Rivers is the home of the ice cream sundae.
- 30. Wisconsin's second oldest city is Prairie du Chien.
- 31. The state's constitution is the oldest of any state west of the Allegheny Mountains. It was adopted in 1848.
- 32. Boscobeel is the Turkey Capital of the state.
- **33.** The Republican Party was founded in Ripon in 1854.
- 34. The Hamburger hall of fame is located in Seymour.
- 35. Monroe is the Swiss Cheese Capital of the World.
- 36. Mercer is the Loon Capital of the World.
- 37. With an average of 2,500 performers, Milwaukee's Summerfest is the nation's largest music festival.
- 38. Famous Wisconsinites include: Harry Houdini, famous magician and escape artist. Douglas MacArthur, well known World War II and Korean War general. Frank Lloyd Wright, America's most famous architect. William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Don Ameche, actor and winner of an academy award for his performance in "Cocoon."
- 39. Mount Horeb's internationally known Mustard Museum holds the world's largest mustard collection. The museum contains more than 2,300 varieties of mustard. The museum celebrates National Mustard Day each August.
- 40. The National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame is in Hayward.
- 41. Eagle River is known as the Snowmobile Capital of the World.
- **42.** Marshfield is located in the geographic center of the state and is known Hub City.
- 43. Bonduel is the Spelling Capital of Wisconsin.
- 44. Muscoda is the Morel Mushroom Capital of Wisconsin.
- 45. Sauk City is Wisconsin's oldest incorporated village.
- **46.** Prairie du Sac hosts the State Cow Chip Throwing Contest on Labor Day weekend.
- 47. Sturgeon Bay is the Shipbuilding Capital of the Great Lakes.
- 48. Sheboygan is the Bratwurst Capital of the World.
- **49.** The falls in Niagara has the same geological feature as Niagara Falls, New York.
- 50. Green Bay is the toilet paper capital of the world.

Things to Do in Eau Claire

Anderson Log House

1404 Carson Park Dr Eau Claire, WI 54703 Phone: (715) 834-7871

Caddie Woodlawn Historical Park

1820 Wakanda ST Menomonie, WI 54751 Phone: (715) 232-8685

Children's Museum of Eau Claire

220 S. Barstow St. Eau Claire, WI 54701 Phone: (715) 832-5437

Chippewa Valley Museum

1204 E. Half Moon DR Eau Claire, WI 54702 Phone: (715) 834-7871

Colfax Railroad Museum, Inc.

500 Railroad Ave. PO Box 383 Colfax, WI 53590 Phone: (715) 962-2076

Dells Mill Museum

E18855 CTY Rd. V Augusta, WI 54722 Phone: (715) 286-2714

Dunn County Historical Society

1820 Wakanda ST Menomonie, WI 54751 Phone: (715) 232-8685

Empire in Pine Museum

CTY HWY C Downsville, WI 54735 Phone: (715) 232-8685

Hilkrest Rural School & Tainter Playhouse

1820 Wakanda ST Menomonie, WI 54751 Phone: (715) 232-8685

L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library

400 Eau Claire ST Eau Claire, WI 54701 Phone: (715) 839-5004

Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts

205 E Main St.

Menomonie, WI 54751 Phone: (715) 235-0001



Po Box 221 Eau Claire, WI 54702 Phone: (715) 835-6200

Rassbach Heritage Museum

1820 Wakanda ST Menomonie, WI 54751 Phone: (715) 232-8685

Schlegelmilch House - Chippewa Valley Museum

517 S Farwell St. Eau Claire, WI 54703 Phone: (715) 834-7871

Sunnyview School - Chippewa Valley Museum

Carson Park DR Eau Claire, WI 54703 Phone: (715) 834-7871

Pine Meadow Golf Club, Pine Meadow Course

9 holes over 1,143 yards with a par of 27 (Public) 4324 Fairfax Park Dr Eau Claire, WI 54701-7990 (715) 832-6011

2 miles from the center of Eau Claire.

Princeton Valley Golf Course, Princeton Valley

9 holes over 3,320 yards with a par of 36 (Public) 2300 W Princeton Ave Eau Claire, WI 54703-1361 (715) 834-3334

4 miles from the center of Eau Claire.

Mill Run Golf Course, Mill Run Course

18 holes over 6,025 yards with a par of 70 (Public) 3905 Kane Rd Eau Claire, WI 54703-3822

(715) 834-1766

5 miles from the center of Eau Claire.

Mill Run Golf Course, Wild Ridge Course

18 holes over 7,034 yards with a par of 72 (Public) 3905 Kane Rd Eau Claire, WI 54703-3822

(715) 834-1766

5 miles from the center of Eau Claire.

Hickory Hills Golf Course, Hickory Hills Course

18 holes over 4,168 yards with a par of 63 (Public) E4080 Hickory Rd Eau Claire, WI 54701-8572

(715) 878-4543

6 miles from the center of Eau Claire.

Hillcrest Golf & Country Club, Hillcrest Course 18 holes over 6,496 yards with a par of 72 (Private

2333 N Hillcrest Pkwy Altoona, WI 54720-2565

(715) 832-2929

2 miles from the center of Eau Claire.









About the UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION:

The UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION was formed in 2001, for the primary purposes of selecting and supporting United States teams in International Competition and supporting the World Bridge Federation in its efforts to obtain Olympic recognition for bridge. After making a significant effort to promote bridge as an Olympic Sport, including sending a team to the Salt Lake City IOC in 2002, USBF now focuses on selecting teams for International competition, by holding the United States Bridge Championships (aka the International Team Trials) for Open, Women, Senior and Junior teams, and on providing training and support for United States teams in International competition. The USBF was originally formed by the ACBL and the ABA. It now receives support for United States International Teams from the ACBL International Fund and ACBL Junior Fund. It is otherwise self-supporting, with support coming from membership dues, contributions and entry fees for the USBCs... as well as fees from its annual Regional (as this one!!)

Howie Weinstein, USBF President, wants to thank the many volunteers from District 13, Unit 149, who are making this 2014 Regional a reality. He hopes that both District 13 and the USBF will benefit from the experience.

North Woods League Express ...

If minor league baseball is to your liking, the Eau Claire Express are in town on the 12th and 13th of June.

On the 12th, the Express plays the Willmar Stingers. It is Express T-Shirt giveaway day. T-shirt will be given out at the gate and shot out in the stands.

It is also Thirsty Thursday featuring \$2 16 ounce domestic tap beers and 24 ounce fountain sodas.

The first pitch will be thrown up at 6:35. Gates open at 5:30.

On the 13th, the Express plays the Willmar Stingers again. It is fireworks Friday and Dale Varsho mini-bobblehead giveaway. Dale Varsho is the Express field manager. The bobbleheads commemerate his North Woods League record for his 301st carreer win last season.

The game commences at 7:05. Gates open at 6pm. Fireworks will follow the game.

Eau Claire Cavaliers ...

The Cavaliers play at Carson Park.

Saturday, June 14th, they play the Westmont Red Sox at noon.

Sunday, June 15th, they play the Westmont Red Sox at 11am.

Tickets are \$5/adults; \$1/students; free for 5 years old and under.

Eau Claire Crush ... summer football league ...

Will not be in town during the tournament.

Saturday Downtown Farmers' Market and Artists' Market ... June 14 ... Phoenix Park, Eau Claire 7:30am-1pm

Thursday, June 12th, at the West Clairemont Burger King, from 5:30-8:30pm ... Burger King Classic Car Show



Puzzle Page ...

Five friends from across the United States planned to meet at a convention in Milwaukee. Each friend came from a different city and each was employed in a different profession. Use the clues to determine the full name of each friend, their home city, and each one's profession.

The doctor and Mr. Cross both arrived a day early.

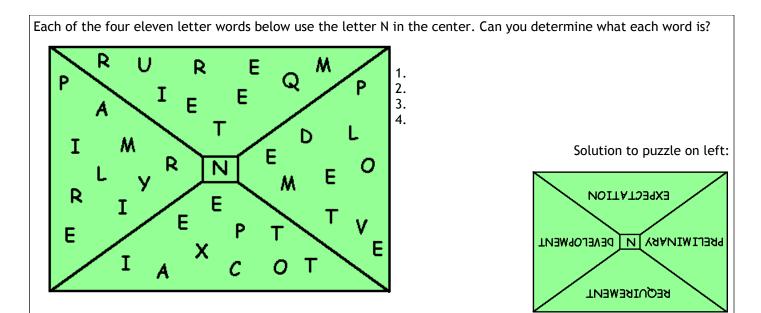
By coincidence, the secretary from San Diego and the doctor, Ms. Forest, arrived at the hotel together.

The lawyer arrived late. He was delayed by a case and had to catch a later flight from Baltimore.

Jane, Mr. Smith, Mark, the mechanic, and the friend from Chicago all planned to spend the weekend after the convention together. Then on Monday, Ms. Trent and Tom would leave to return to work. Dan, the teacher, and Cindy would leave on Tuesday.

Dan Richards does not live in Baltimore. Cindy does not live in St. Louis.

Ms. Trent laughed when asked if she was a teacher. "No, he's from Atlanta," she said. "I'm from San Diego."



be Tom (⁴) so by elimination Mark is Mr. Cross.

Explanation: There are only two women in the group. Since Cindy leaves Tuesday, Jane must be Ms. Trent (4). Jane lives in San Diego (6) and is a secretary (2). Therefore, by elimination, Cindy is Ms. Forest and she is a doctor (2). Dan's last name is Richards (5). Since Tom leaves on Monday and Dan leaves on Tuesday, the teacher must be Mark (4) and he lives in Atlanta (6). Dan doesn't live in Baltimore (5) so Tom must be the lawyer from Baltimore (3). Cindy doesn't live in St. Louis (5) so by elimination Dan lives in St. Louis and Cindy lives in Chicago. Mr. Smith must

- Tom Smith, lawyer, Baltimore
- Mark Cross, teacher, Atlanta
- Jane Trent, secretary, San Diego
- Dan Richards, mechanic, St. Louis
 - Cindy Forest, doctor, Chicago

Solution to Puzzle at top of page:

Jennbridge: A Good Bidding Sequence

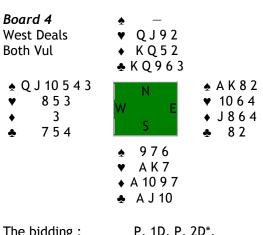
Our expert opponents graciously complimented us on this bidding sequence at the recent San Francisco regional. (Bd. 4, session 1, Thursday stratified open pairs)

- — ♥ QJ92
- ♦ KQ52
- ♠ KQ963

Sitting North and playing with Mary Omodt as my partner, RHO passed and my first decision was what to open. As I expected spades to be bid by either my partner or the opponents, I thought that the bidding would be likely to proceed more smoothly by opening 1, then rebidding clubs. According, I opened 1.

Partner responded $2 \spadesuit$, an inverted minor bid, showing a limit raise or better in diamonds. RHO now came to life with a bid of $2 \spadesuit$. Although I only had 13 HCP, once we had found a fit and the opponents bid spades, my hand kept improving. I now was pleased to bid $3 \clubsuit$ which I hoped would convey some useful information to partner.

LHO bid 3♠ and partner now made a key bid: 4♥.



The bidding: P, 1D, P, 2D*, 2S, 3C, 3S, 4H, P, 4S, P, 6D

I ruffed the spade lead and took all of the tricks. Plus 1390 was worth 17 out of 20 matchpoints.

Each partnership must have two identically filledout convention cards on the table at all times.

Turn off your cell phones!

Penalties will be assessed if phones ring in the playing area ... whether or not they are answered!



<u>Tournament Information:</u>

<u>No Smoking Policy:</u> No smoking is allowed in or around the playing area, lobby, washrooms, fire exits, or service areas.

<u>Partnerships:</u> Singles should check in at the partnership desk 45 minutes before game time to allow the partnership people time to arrange partners. The desk will be open prior to the morning, afternoon, and evening sessions.

Hospitality and Information Desk: Check there for hand records, tournament schedules, and area information. A bulletin box on the desk is available for you to submit any interesting hands, amusing bridge-related stories, or puzzles for publication. 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.

<u>Recorder Slips</u>, should you need them, are available from the directors.

<u>Score Corrections:</u> 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.

Some famous, and some not so famous, beer quotes

"People who don't drink are afraid of revealing themselves." -- Humphrey Bogart

"My rule of life prescribed, as an absolutely sacred rite, smoking cigars and also the drinking of alcohol before, after and if need be during all meals, and in the intervals between them." -- Winston Churchill

"The man that isn't jolly after drinking is just a driveling idiot, to my thinking." -- Euripides

"When you stop drinking, you have to deal with this marvelous personality that started you drinking in the first place." -- Jimmy Breslin

"They who drink beer will think beer." -- Washington Irving

"I drink when I have occasion, and sometimes when I have no occasion." -- Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra

"Man, being reasonable, must get drunk; the best of life is but intoxication." -- Lord Byron

"Mmmmmmmmmm.....beer." -- Homer Simpson

"Do not cease to drink beer, to eat, to intoxicate thyself, to make love, and to celebrate the good days."
-- Egyptian Proverb

"A fine beer may be judged with only one sip, but it's better to be thoroughly sure." -- Czech Proverb

"When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. Sooooo, let's all get drunk and go to heaven!" -- Brian O'Rourke

"The mouth of a perfectly happy man is filled with beer." -- Egyptian Proverb

"Heres a toast to the roast that good fellowship lends, With the sparkle of beer and wine, May it's sentiment always be deeper, my friends, Than the foam at the top of the stein." -- Anonymous Toast

"St. Patrick... one of the few saints whose feast day presents the opportunity to get determinedly whacked and make a fool of oneself all under the guise of acting Irish." -- Charles M. Madigan

"Some people wanted champagne and caviar when they should have had beer and hot dogs." -- Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Alcohol may be man's worst enemy, but the bible says love your enemy" -- Frank Sinatra

"What may seem depressing or even tragic to one person may seem like an absolute scream to another person, especially if he has had between four and seven beers." -- Dave Barry

"You can never buy beer, you just rent it." -- Archie Bunker

"I fear the man who drinks water and so remembers this morning what the rest of us said last night." -- Greek proverb

"I have been advised by the best medical authority, at my age, not to attempt to give up alcohol." -- W.C. Fields

"I would give all my fame for a pot of ale and safety" -- William Shakespeare (King Henry V)

"From a man's sweat and God's love, beer came into the world." -- Saint Arnoldus

"A mind the caliber of mine cannot derive it's nutriment from cows." -- George Bernard Shaw

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"Nothing quenches the thirst like a wheat beer, or sharpens the appetite like an India pale ale. Nothing goes as well with seafood as a dry porter or stout, or accompanies chocolate like an imperial stout. Nothing soothes like a barleywine. These are just a few of the specialty styles of beer."-- Michael Jackson (The Beer Hunter, not the singer)

"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading" -- Henny Youngman

"It was as natural as eating and to me as necessary, and I would not have thought of having a meal without drinking....beer" -- Ernest Hemingway

"Quaintest thoughts, queerest fancies come to life and fade away. What care I how time advances; I am drinking ale today." -- Edgar Allen Poe

"It is my design to die in the brew house; let ale be placed in my mouth when I am expiring, that when the choirs of angels come, they may say, "Be God propitious to this drinker." -- St. Columbanus, A.D. 612

"I exercise extreme self control. I never drink anything stronger than gin before breakfast." -- W.C. Fields

"A good local pub has much in common with a church, except that a pub is warmer, and there is more conversation." -- William Blake

"How well I remember my first encounter with The Devil's Brew. I happened to stumble across a case of bourbon - and went right on stumbling for several days thereafter." -- W.C. Fields

"Give my people plenty of beer, good beer and cheap beer, and you will have no revolution among them." -- Queen Victoria

"Most people hate the taste of beer - to begin with. It is, however, a prejudice that many people have been able to overcome." -- Winston Churchill

"So popular is beer, the world's best-selling alcoholic drink, that it is often taken for granted. Yet scientific analysis shows that a glass of beer has within it as many aromas and flavors as fine wine. Not everyone understands this, but an increasing number of people do." -- Michael Jackson (The Beer Hunter, not the singer)

"Of doctors and medicines we have in plenty more than enough... what you may, for the Love of God, send is some large quantity of beer." -- Dispatch from the Colony, New South Wales, 1854

"It is better to think of church in the ale-house than to think of the ale-house in church." -- Martin Luther

"Beer that is not drunk has missed it's vocation." -- Meyer Breslau

"The good Lord has changed water into wine, so how can drinking beer be a sin?" --Sign near a Belgian Monastery

"I envy people who drink, at least they know what to blame everything on." -- Oscar Levant

"The problem with the world is that everyone is a few drinks behind" -- Humphrey Bogart

"Make sure that the beer - four pints a week - goes to the troops under fire before any of the parties in the rear get a drop." -- Winston Churchill to his Secretary of War, 1944

"Beer makes you feel the way you ought to feel without beer!" -- Henry Lawson

"Give me a woman who loves beer and I shall conquer the world." -- Kaiser Wilhelm

"Not all chemicals are bad. Without chemicals such as hydrogen and oxygen, for example, there would be no way to make water, a vital ingredient in beer." -- Dave Barry

Hands of the Day from Matthew Granovetter

Dealer: North Vul: Both North **♠**A K Q 10 **♥**A J 6 2 10 9 **♣**6 4 2 West East **♦**98 **♦**J 5 3 2 **●**K 10 8 4 **9**9 3 **♦**K87654 A J ♣K J 10 9 7 **♣**3 South **♠**7 6 4 ♥Q 7 5 **♦**Q32 ♣A Q 8 5

West North East South
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pass pass pass

Opening Lead: •6

The correct answer to Matt's question is 35. If one defender held an 11 card suit to the AJ, the K/Q could be split 1-1 in declarer's hand and dummy!

Dealer: South Vul: None

North **♦**9 5 3 ◆A 8 5 ♦0 10 5 10 6 5 3 West East **♠**KJ86 **♦**Q 4 2 **♥**Q 10 7 **♥**9 6 3 **♦**9 3 ♦ J 8 7 4 **♣**9 8 7 4 ♣K Q 2 South ♠A 10 7 **♥**K J 4 2 A K 6 2 ♣A J

West North East South
-- -- 2NT
pass 3NT pass pass
pass

Opening Lead: 🛖6

What's the most number of high card points you and partner can have and still go down in 3NT? I don't know. I heard once that someone went down with 32 points between the two hands. Today's hand is on a smaller scale. It can be entered in the contest for the most points to go down in 1NT, in this case, 24.

North-South were playing four-card major openings and the game was matchpoints, so South bought the contract in 1NT. Notice, please, that (1) the club finesse is right; (2) the heart finesse is also working; (3) the diamonds block if East wins the ace and plays back the jack, and South ducks. Nevertheless the contract was beaten.

South decided to cover the jack of diamonds. This wasn't such a bad play, since East might have been fooling South by playing the ace and jack with the ace-king-jack. And it would only lose if West held six diamonds. At this point, the defenders were poised to take six tricks. But after that, declarer still had three spade tricks, two hearts and two clubs. So how did he go down?

West played low on the queen of diamonds. That's how! West wasn't watching the spot cards carefully and thought that his partner held A-J-9 of diamonds. He ducked the queen so as not to block up the suit. Declarer now was quite confident and decided to make some overtricks. He led a heart to the jack and cashed the ace of hearts. When the king didn't fall, he continued with another round of hearts, hoping to set up dummy's fourth heart. Even if the hearts divided 4-2, South thought, the defense would take four diamond tricks and two hearts at most. South did not suspect that West started with six diamond tricks and had failed to cash them! Now West won his two heart tricks and cashed four diamond tricks to set the contract. (Perhaps the Rueful Rabbit was sitting West!)

Maureen Dennison, of England, was South on today's hand from a Swiss teams. At the other table in the match, Dennison's teammate led the 9 of clubs against 3NT, making life easy for declarer. South took the queen with the ace, led a heart to the ace and took a heart finesse. West won the queen and switched to spades, but declarer ducked twice and eventually led the jack of clubs to East's king, setting up his ninth trick (one spade, three hearts, three diamonds and two clubs).

At her table, Dennison ducked the spade lead and continuation. After winning the third round of spades, she led a heart to the ace and finessed, losing to the queen. West cashed the thirteenth spade and everyone threw a club. Next a club was led to the queen and ace. Dennison cashed the king of hearts and the thirteenth heart, throwing a club from dummy. Dummy was now down to the Q-10-4 of diamonds and the 10 of clubs. East had to discard from four diamonds to the jack and the king of clubs, so the contract was made.

The question arose: What if West hadn't cashed the thirteenth spade? Can the hand be set? The problem with cashing the spade is that it helped to squeeze partner. The problem with not cashing it, is that West will never get it. But that's OK! If West had led back a heart without cashing the spade, declarer would win and lead the thirteenth heart, as East throws the deuce of clubs. Declarer does not know that East holds both club honors. She would probably try for four diamond tricks and go down one.

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"Son, when you participate in sporting events, it's not whether you win or lose: it's how drunk you get."
-- Homer Simpson

"Actually, it only takes me one drink to get drunk. The trouble is, I can't remember if it's the thirteenth or the fourteenth." -- George Burns

"Well ya see, Norm, it's like this... A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

-- Cliff Clavin, Cheers Episode

"Work is the curse of the drinking class." -- Oscar Wilde

"There is no such thing as a bad beer. It's that some taste better than others." -- A.A. Milne

"I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day." -- Frank Sinatra

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." -- Benjamin Franklin

"All right, brain, I don't like you and you don't like me - so let's just do this and I'll get back to killing you with beer." -- Homer Simpson

"An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with the fools he must come in contact with every day." -- Ernest Hemingway

"You can't be a real country unless you have a beer and an airline - it helps if you have some kind of a football team, or some nuclear weapons, but at the very least you need a beer." -- Frank Zappa

"Sometimes when I reflect back on all the beer I drink I feel ashamed - Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, 'It is better that I drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver." -- Deep Thought, Jack Handy

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza." -- Dave Barry

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Jul 7-13	Northbrook IL	Regional
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