March Madness “Hoop”la

Tournament Schedule

Monday, March 6
1:30 Charity Foundation Stratified Pairs
7:30 Education Foundation Stratified Pairs
Education Foundation Bracketed Knockouts

Tuesday, March 7
9:00 Side Game Series I
10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Senior Pairs
1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs
Side Game Series II
7:30 Stratified Swiss Team 1-Session

Wednesday, March 8
9:00 Compact KO I (Sessions 1 & 2)
Side Game Series I
10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Senior Pairs
1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs
Side Game Series II
7:30 Stratified Swiss Team 1-Session

Thursday, March 9
9:00 Compact KO I (Sessions 3 & 4)
Side Game Series I
10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Open Pairs
1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams
1:30 & 7:30 Side Game Series II
7:30 Stratified Swiss Team 1-Session

Friday, March 10
9:00 Compact KO II (Sessions 1 & 2)
Side Game Series I
10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Senior Pairs
1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs
Side Game Series III
7:30 Stratified Board-A-Match Team 1-Session

Saturday, March 11
9:00 Compact KO II (Sessions 3 & 4)
Side Game Series I
1:30 & 7:30 Stratificationed Pairs, A/AX Plays Separately
Stratified B/C/D Pairs, played separate from Flight A
Compact KO 3
Side Game Series III
7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams 1-Session

Sunday, March 12
11:00 Stratified Open Swiss Teams
A: 3000 +, AX: 0-3000 Play Separate
Stratified B/C/D Swiss Teams
B: 750-2000; C: 300-750; D: 0-300

Regional Knockout Schedule

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Intermediate/Newcomer Program

(I/N) Events for 299er Players
Pair Entries for I/N games are $10.00/person/session
All masterpoints are red points.
ACBL members with 0-5 masterpoints play free.
Guest Speaker Program. See Daily Bulletin for details.

Monday 7:30 I/N Stratified Charity Pairs
Tuesday through Friday
1:30 & 7:30 Single Sessions
I/N Stratified Pairs 0-20, 20-50, 100-200, 200-300

Saturday 1:30 & 7:30 Single Sessions
49er Pairs Stratified 0-20, 20-50
299er Stratified Pairs 0-100, 100-200, 200-300
Sunday 11:00 am & 2:00
299er Stratified Swiss Teams,
0-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300
2 Single Sessions, More Points
For Your Dining Pleasure

**Hogs and Kisses**, 149 Broad St., 414-248-7447: Sandwiches, barbecue pork, burgers, salads, appetizers, “macho nachos” Prices are reasonable.

**Harry’s Café and Place**, 808 West Main St., 414-248-3494: Open 6:30am daily. American cuisine, breakfast specials. Prices are inexpensive.


**Lake Aire Restaurant**, 804 Main St., 414-248-9913: Breakfast served all day. Gourmet coffees, cappuccino, and espresso. Open 7am – 9pm Sunday through Thursday. Open till 10pm on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. Serves beer and wine.

**Isabella’s Victorian Coffee**, 835 Geneva St., 414-249-9141: Vegetarian specialties including sandwiches, soups, and hot entrees. Fresh pressed vegetable juices, organic coffees and tea. Open 8am–6pm Monday-Thursday, 8am–9pm Friday, 9am-9pm Saturday, and 9am-4pm Sunday. Prices are inexpensive.


Hand of the Day by Matthew Granovettor

Opening Lead: ♠6

Here’s an entry for our "Lite 3NT Forum." On today’s exhibit 3NT can be made with only 23 points. The hand was played many years ago, and has a cute position, rarely discussed. Try playing 3NT from the South seat after the 6 of spades is led to the 8 and your jack.

East has made a nice play, putting in the 8 rather than winning the trick with the ace. If he had won with the ace, you would have an easy nine tricks: two spades, five clubs, and two sure diamond tricks. Meanwhile, the defenders could take only four tricks: the ace of spades, ace-king of hearts and ace of diamonds.

But after the 8 of spades is played, you have a problem. You can’t score your second spade trick without setting East’s spades. You must set up two diamond tricks first.

At the table, South led the 3 of diamonds at trick two, winning the trick with the jack. Next he led the 4 of diamonds back to the queen. West won and returned a diamond. The defense now had five winners: one spade, two hearts and two diamonds. When declarer called for a spade off dummy, East rose with the ace and switched to a heart to defeat the contract.

The solution to the hand is to lead the queen of diamonds at trick two. If West wins, you’re home; you have time to set up your second spade trick. If West ducks, you lead another diamond to the jack. This line of play fails only when East has four diamonds to the ace, which is much less likely than West holding four diamonds to the ace, because East has a long spade suit.

We went out to breakfast. The “seniors’ special” was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for $1.99. “Sounds good,” my wife said. “But I don’t want the eggs.” “Then I’ll have to charge you $2.49 because you’re ordering a la carte,” the waitress warned. “You mean I’d have to pay for not taking the eggs? Then I’ll take the special.” “How do you want your eggs?” the waitress asked. “Raw, in the shell in a doggy bag!”
Helen Sobel (1910-1969) is generally regarded as having been the best woman player of all time. Born in Philadelphia, she lived for many years in New York, then in Miami Beach and lastly Detroit. Married three times, to Jack White, Al Sobel and Stanley Smith, Helen is best known by her name during her middle marriage to bridge expert Al Sobel.

Helen enjoyed a brief career as a chorus girl and appeared in several stage shows, the best known being 'Animal Crackers' with the Marx Brothers. It was another chorus girl who taught her the rudiments of bridge and she took to the game like the proverbial duck to water.

Helen won her first national title in 1934, the Women's Pairs, and over the next thirty years won a total of 33 national championships. Her best and longest lived partnership was with Charles Goren, with whom she won many of her titles. She was one of the very few women considered the equal of the best male players and this was reflected in the fact that the Culbertsons invited her to play in a world championship in Budapest in 1937, partnering Charles Vogelhofer. She and Goren also represented USA in the 1960 World Teams Olympiad and 1957 Bermuda Bowl.

Helen won the McKenney Trophy for most masterpoints won in a calendar year three times and from 1948 to 1964 was the leading woman in the ACBL's all-time masterpoint rankings.

The story goes that Helen was once asked what it was like to partner a real expert. Her reply was 'Why don't you ask Charlie (Goren)?'

How would you play this one? The contract is 4♥ and you win West’s ♣Q lead and cash the ace and queen of trumps, West pitching an encouraging ♦9 on the second heart. Taking the signal at face value,

- ♠9 8
- ♥K 10 9 2
- ♦Q J 5
- ♦9 8 7 3

Helen decided that the diamond finesse was doomed. It was tempting to draw the outstanding trump, then play ace and ten of diamonds to establish a discard for the losing spade. Alas, this line will fail. West will surely switch to spades, knocking out the ace, and now the only entry to dummy will be with the fourth trump. You can take your discard but will never get the long club established as you have two honors to knock out and only one trump with which to stem the run of spades and diamonds.

Alternatively, you could play two rounds of diamonds without drawing the last trump. Now you win the spade switch and draw the last trump while crossing to dummy for the diamond winner.

That could work but it would not have been good enough on the actual layout which was:

If you establish the diamond before drawing the trump West can simply play a third diamond for his partner to ruff. Sure, you can overruff, but you no longer have a discard for the spade loser.

Sobel's solution was simple and elegant. After the second trump she led ♦10 from hand. West could win and knock out the spade but now she could unblock the diamond, cross to dummy while drawing the trump, and take her pitch on the diamond. Still holding two trumps, she had time to establish her game-going trick in clubs.

Blonde Joke...

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive double-pane energy efficient kind. But this week, I got a call from the contractor complaining that his work had been completed a whole year and I had yet to pay for them. Boy, oh boy, did we go around! Just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I proceeded to tell him just what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year... that in one year the windows would pay for themselves.
Welcome to Chicago! Chicago Humor!

First, you must learn to pronounce the city name. It is Chi-caw-go, or Cha-ca-ga, depending on if you live North or South of Roosevelt Rd.

Next, if your road map is more than a few weeks old, throw it out and buy a new one.

If you are in Naperville and your map is one day old, then it is already obsolete.

Forget the traffic rules you learned elsewhere.

Chicago has its own version of traffic rules... "Hold on and pray."

There is no such thing as a dangerous high-speed chase in Chicago.

We all drive like that.

All directions start with, "I-94"... which has no beginning and no end.

The morning rush hour is from 6 to 10.

The evening rush hour is from 3 to 7.

Friday's rush hour starts Thursday morning.

If you actually stop at a yellow light, you will be rear ended, cussed out and, if you happen to be on the south side, possibly shot.

When you are the first one on the starting line, count to five when the light turns green before going to avoid crashing with all the drivers running the red light in cross-traffic but be prepared to hear the horns from all the cars behind you because you didn’t immediately start moving.

Construction on Northwest Tollway is a way of life and a permanent form of entertainment.

We had so much fun with that we have added Elgin O’Hare and the I-355 to the mix.

All unexplained sights are explained by the phrase, "Oh, we’re in Cicero!"

If someone actually has their turn signal on, it is probably a factory defect.

Car horns are actually "Road Rage" indicators.

All old ladies with blue hair in Mercedes have the right of way. Period!

First Ave, LaGrange Rd, Pulaski, NW Highway...all mysteriously change names as you cross intersections.

If you are asking directions in Cicero you must have knowledge of Spanish.

In Bridgeport, Mandarin Chinese will be your best bet.

If you stop to ask directions on the West or South side, you’d better be armed.

A trip across town (east to west) will take a minimum of four hours, although many north/south freeways have unposted minimum speeds of 75.

The minimum acceptable speed on the Dan Ryan is 85. Anything less is considered downright sissy.

The wrought iron on windows near Englewood and Austin is NOT ornamental.

The Eisenhower Expressway is our daily version of NASCAR.

The Dan Ryan is called "The Death Trap" for two reasons: "death" and "trap."

If it’s 100 degrees, it’s Taste of Chicago time.

If it’s 10 degrees and sleet/snowing, it’s opening day at Sox Park.

If it has rained 6 inches in the last hour, the Western open Golf Classic is in the second round.

If you go to Wrigley Field, pay the $25 to park in the "Cubs Lot". Parking elsewhere could cost up to $2500 for damages, towing fees, parking tickets, etc. If some guy with a flag tries to get you to park in his yard’, run over him.
Hillary's New Book Reviews

"Hillary Clinton's 506-page memoirs have come out. So much of her personality shines through, that in the end, you, too, will want to sleep with an intern." - Craig Kilborn

In Hillary Clinton's new book 'Living History,' Hillary details what it was like meeting Bill Clinton, falling in love with him, getting married, and living a passionate, wonderful life as husband and wife. Then on page two, the trouble starts." - Jay Leno

"In the book she says when Bill told her he was having an affair, she said 'I could hardly breathe, I was gulping for air.' No, I'm sorry, that's what Monica said." - David Letterman

"Hillary Clinton, our junior senator from New York, announced that she has no intentions of ever, ever running for office of the President of the United States. Her husband, Bill Clinton, is bitterly disappointed. He is crushed. There go his dreams of becoming a two-impeachment family." - David Letterman

"Last night, Senator Hillary Clinton hosted her first party in her new home in Washington. People said it was a lot like the parties she used to host at the White House. In fact, even the furniture was the same." - Jay Leno

"Senator Hillary Clinton is attacking President Bush for breaking his campaign promise to cut carbon dioxide emissions, saying a promise made, a promise broken. And then out of habit, she demanded that Bush spend the night on the couch." - Craig Kilborn

"CNN found that Hillary Clinton is the most admired woman in America. Women admire her because she's strong and successful. Men admire her because she allows her husband to cheat and get away with it." - Jay Leno

"Hillary Clinton is the junior senator from the great state of New York. When they swore her in, she used the Clinton family Bible. . .the one with only seven commandments." -

Tournament Information

No Smoking Policy: No smoking is allowed in the convention center lobby, washrooms, fire exits, or service areas.

Partnerships: Singles should check in at the partnership desk in the foyer outside the playing area 45 minutes before game time to allow the partnership people time to arrange partners. Carl Sharp is in charge of partnerships 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 most 99er events. If no one is at the desk, leave a note, or contact Carl in person please.

Hospitality and Information Desk: The Hospitality desk is located in the foyer outside the playing area. Check there for hand records, tournament schedules, area info, and your copy of the March Madness Hoop-la each morning.

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.

Hospitality hours for pick up of prizes and registration gifts will be posted on a sign in the foyer. Check it daily because the hours may change on a day to day basis.

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 Committee:
Tom Sucher, Tournament Chairman
Carl Sharp, Partnerships
Kay Hathaway, Hospitality
Angie Clark, I/N
Ron Johnston, Director in Charge
Suzi Subeck, Daily Bulletin
Yesterday I switched on the telly to check out the live show of “Kittens on parade” and what do I see instead? A program rescheduling meant that it had been replaced by a silly thriller with a German shepherd dog starring as some sort of pathetic Sherlock Holmes impersonation. Honestly!! A German Shepherd dog!! Pray tell, since when the immensely useful talent of rounding sheep has ever helped anyone to solve a crime? If it did, why stop there? Maybe we should short-list top performers in “One Man and his Dog” for high level positions in Scotland Yard?

The problem, unfortunately, is not just with the television: look at the last 50 years or so and tell me what was the last Hollywood movie with a cat as a protagonist? The truth is that we need a good Public Relations agent. Well, us cats I mean. You may think that I am slightly biased but how can anyone fail to see that cats are way better than dogs?

We are only interested in a relationship of equals with our food providers. As long as you feed us properly, give us enough suitable furniture to sharpen our nails on, scratch our chin when we feel like letting you, play with us when we want and let us sleep in your beds, we happily let you go on thinking that we need you and not vice versa.

It is true that our hobbies do not include elevated pursuits like sniffing other dogs’ “natural deposits” or running all over the place to fetch a plastic ball but, whenever we do not practice our beauty sleep, we are known to indulge in a little piano playing, some furniture climbing, a spot of creative typing on computer keyboards or typewriters and some of us can even play bridge!!!

Right, bridge! To prove the point, here is a hand I declared not so long ago in the regional final of the Feline Pairs Championship.

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Dealer: S All Vul.

West North East South
Prissy Myself 1 ♦
Pass 1♥ 2♣* 3♣
Pass 3♠ Pass 6♦
Pass Pass Pass *weak

I was holding the South hand and I needed all the tops I could get to make up for some rather poor early rounds, so I crossed my paws and punted the slam.

I got the ♠2 lead and when dummy came down I could see that probably most pairs would be in three no-trump and that, unless I made 6♦, I was going to get a big fat zero and wave goodbye to the few chances we still had of qualifying for the National final.

I won East’s ♥J with the ace and cashed the ace of hearts. I entered dummy with the ♥K and pitched my losing spade on the ♥K, West playing the ♥Q. Still unsure as to which finesse to play for, I led a club from dummy and that’s when the ♥K obligingly appeared from East. Up to now it seemed almost too easy. How would you continue?

Well, I had almost taken the ♥A out to capture the King when I realized that the hand had not become any simpler.

The problem is that the only way to make 6♦ was to trump one of my losing clubs in dummy, which is not as straightforward as it looks.

If trumps were 2-2, I had to play a second round of diamonds and then ruff my fourth club with dummy’s remaining trump. However, if I played a second trump and trumps split 3-1 then, if the player who won the third round of clubs had a trump left, he could lead it to prevent me from ruffling the fourth club and scuttle the contract.

On the other hand if I played the queen of clubs and another club I would make the hand whenever trumps were 3-1 and the club length was with the long trumps but I would go down if East had started with two diamonds and only one club. The latter was a distinct possibility since the vulnerable 2♣ weak jump overcall in the sandwich position looked to have been based on some wild distribution, especially after West had to follow with the ♥Q to the second round of hearts. It seemed very likely that East was 6-4 or even 6-5 in the majors. The more I thought about it, the least I liked it.

How to guess what to do? Play a second round of diamonds or continue with the queen and another club?

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I kept dithering until all of a sudden the solution to this impossible dilemma hit my head like the proverbial apple: why not duck the king of clubs? After all I had to concede a club eventually, why not the ♣K?

I could then ruff with a high trump whatever East returned and play a second round of diamonds to see if they split. If they did, fine. I would ruff my fourth club in dummy.

If they didn’t, I could play ♣A, ♣Q and ruff the last club with dummy’s ♦6. I could then ruff high my exit card from dummy and take the last trump out to make the slam.

This was the complete layout:

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Now you tell me which sheep rounding, tail wagging, ball fetching dog could have worked all that out?

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**No Pun Intended...**

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was superb.

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."

Two cannibals are eating a clown.
One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"

Two cows are standing next to each other in a field.
Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning."
"I don't believe you," says Dolly.
"It's true, no bull!" exclaims Daisy.

An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

I went to a seafood disco last week...and pulled a mussel.

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says "Dam!".

"It took me fifteen years to discover I had no talent for writing, but I couldn't give it up, because by that time I was too famous."
Robert Benchley
Energizer Bunny arrested - charged with battery.
A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.
Practice safe eating - always use condiments.
A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother.
Shotgun wedding A case of wife or death.
I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.
If electricity comes from electrons... does that mean that morality comes from morons?
Marriage is the mourning after the knot before.
A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
Corduroy pillows are making headlines.
Is a book on voyeurism a peeping tome?
Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.
Banning the bra was a big flop.
Sea captains don't like crew cuts
Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
A successful diet is the triumph of mind over platter.
Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor.
Without geometry, life is pointless.
When you dream in color, it's a pigment of your imagination.
Reading while sunbathing makes you well-red.
A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.
When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.
What's the definition of a will? (Come on, It's a dead giveaway!)
A backward poet writes inverse.
In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.
A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft, and I'll show you a flat minor.
When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
Local Area Network in Australia the LAN down under.
He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
Every calendar's days are numbered.
A lot of money is tainted. It taint yours and it taint mine.
A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
A plateau is a high form of flattery.
The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.
When an actress saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.
Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
Acupuncture is a jab well done.
Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.
The poor guy fell into a glass grinding machine and made a spectacle of himself.
It's apple season and five friends went apple picking last weekend at the Sleepy Hollow orchard, a local orchard where you can buy a bag and then pick your own apples. It was a beautiful day and the friends had a fine time. Sometime during the afternoon, the apple picking became a contest and the friends battled to see who could pick the most apples from the highest places in the shortest time. The end result is that they picked far more apples than they had intended, though they had a grand time doing so. Determine what each friend's favorite type of apple was, how many bushels each friend picked, what each friend's fastest time was for picking a bagful, and how many apples each friend ended up eating while they picked.

1. Ellen was the fastest apple picker but the one who loves McIntosh apples was only one minute behind her. The man whose favorite apples are McIntosh picked five bushels of apples but he didn't eat the most apples.

2. The person who picked one bushel ate more apples than Debbie, but ate two less than the one who loves Macoun apples. Brian didn't like McIntosh apples.

3. James picked more apples than the woman who loved Cortland apples but less than the person who only ate one apple. Jeremy didn't eat two apples.

4. The person who loved Macoun apples picked more bushels than the person who picked a bag in 12 minutes, but less than the person who ate two apples.

5. The person who picked the Red Delicious apples had a faster time than the person who ate five apples but a slower time than the person who picked two bushels.

6. The person who loved Empire apples had the slowest time, but James was only two minutes faster than her. Ellen picked two bushels of apples.

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1956 Trivia in Honor of the CCBA’s 50th Anniversary!

Yesterday’s Trivia Puzzle Answer: Around the World in 80 Days … Michael Todd

Other Nominees:
Friendly Persuasion (1956) - William Wyler
Giant (1956) - George Stevens (I); Henry Ginsberg
King and I, The (1956) - Charles Brackett
Ten Commandments, The (1956) - Cecil B. DeMille

More 1956 Academy Award Trivia:

Best Actor: Yul Brynner for King and I
Best Actress: Ingrid Bergman for Anastasia
(Ingrid Bergman was not present at the awards ceremony … Cary Grant accepted the award for her)
Best Actor: Anthony Quinn in Lust for Life
Best Supporting Actress: Dorothy Malone in Written on the Wind
Best Director: George Stevens for Giant
Best Writing Motion Picture Story: Dalton Trumbo for The Brave One
(Because he was not permitted to work due to the Hollywood blacklist, Trumbo wrote the story - and was nominated - under the pseudonym Robert Rich, who had nothing to do with the film industry and is a nephew of the King Brothers, producers of the film. Although there were rumors at the time that this was the case, the film’s producer repeatedly denied the suggestion. It was not acknowledged until several years later that Trumbo had been the writer. He finally received his award on May 2, 1975, presented by then Academy president Walter Mirisch, shortly before his death - although the official screen credit was not changed until many years afterward.)

Today’s 1956 Trivia… answer to appear in tomorrow’s Hoop-la:

Who won the Nobel prizes for Physics, Chemistry and Medicine in 1956?

SUMMER NABC ALERT: There will be a meeting of all committee chairs on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Westgate room. A full breakfast will be served. All chairs are expected to attend. Please let us know if you will NOT be able to participate.

In addition, there will be another meeting at the May District Regional in Lake Geneva. More info on that will be available at a later date. Please plan to attend BOTH meetings as the time is drawing nearer to the actual event. Thank you … Jackie Addis and Marilynn Charlson

NABC News:

Harriette Buckman, ACBL President, has suggested that we make Friday, July 14th, local spirit day at the Nationals. She is asking that anyone who helped support the tournament by purchasing a T-shirt please wear it to the game that day. The sea of colors will be a great promo for the next ten days! Thanks to all of you for your support. Stand up and be counted in this public display of enthusiasm.

Jackie Addis and Marilynn Charlson, NABC co-chairs, want to remind everyone that they are still selling decks of Nationals playing cards (1.50 per deck individually or 1.20/deck in lots of 12.) They are also selling signed and numbered limited edition NABC logo posters, perfect for framing (see exhibit in the selling area outside the playing area any time during this tournament). These posters will make great souvenirs of the upcoming event. They are priced at $25 each and come in handy, easy to transport tubes. The third NABC article for sale are the aforementioned T-shirts. If you want to get in on the July 14th promotion, you can purchase a shirt for the measly price of $6.00. Proceeds from all sales go to benefit the 2006 Summer Nationals. Your support is greatly appreciated! Thanks in advance!!
Winning at bridge requires willingness to take a reasonable risk – if the reward is great enough! Stocks can decline, so there is always some risk. NewArc’s methods find stocks at price points we believe to be bargains. Our attention to risk enhances the reward.

### A Hand from the Knockout:

| ♠ | AJ       |
|   | ♥ | A0Jxx   |
|   | ♦ | KQJTxx  |

North opened 1♦ and was pleasantly surprised when her partner responded 1♥. She now had the perfect hand to bid 5♥. Five diamonds is exclusion key card Blackwood in hearts. This bid asks partner to tell you how many key cards he holds excluding the diamond suit.

If South had shown two keycards, they would have to be the ace of clubs and the king of hearts in which case 7♥ would be an excellent spot.

If South held only one of the two key cards, 6♥ would still have a good play.

If South held none of the keycards, North could stop at the five level.

As it was, South responded with 5♠, North bid the small slam. West lead a club; South won the ace and played a heart to the ace and the queen of hearts. Everyone followed to both hearts and South chalked up the slam.

At the other table, they stopped in game so it yielded a win of 11 IMPs.

Interestingly, in our system, three diamonds, four diamonds and five diamonds all show shortness in diamonds. Three diamonds shows a singleton or void and is invitational or better to game. Four diamonds shows a void but is not ace-asking like five diamonds.

### A Blonde and the Jigsaw Puzzle

A blonde called her boyfriend and said, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can’t figure it out or how to get it started."

Her boyfriend asked, "What is it supposed to be when it’s finished?"

The blonde said, "According to the picture on the box, it’s a tiger."

Her boyfriend decided to go over and help with the puzzle.

She let him in and showed him where she had the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studied the pieces for a moment, then looked at the box.

He turned to her and said, "First of all, no matter what we do, we’re not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a tiger.

He took her hand and said, "Second, I want you to relax. Let’s have a nice cup of hot chocolate and then.............", he sighed, "Let’s put all these frosted flakes back in the box."
EDUCATIONAL FUND KNOCKOUT TEAMS - BRACKET 1  13 Tables / Based on 22 Tables

24.53 1 Ken Gee, Regina SK; Sara Parks M D, Owensboro KY; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Vadislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria; Valentin Kovachev, New York NY
18.40 2 Suzi Subeck - Stanton Subeck, Olympia Fields IL; Stacy Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Shannon Cappelletti, Aventura FL; Lisa Berkowitz, Highland Beach FL; Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ
12.27 3/4  Larry Mohr, Woodside CA; Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA; Jerry Clerkin, New Albany IN; Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN
12.27 3/4  Dick Benson - Chris Benson, Le Roy IL; Ruth Stearns, Glendale WI; Patrick Borman, Milwaukee WI; Barry Harper, Regina SK; Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN

EDUCATIONAL FUND KNOCKOUT TEAMS - BRACKET 2    9 Tables / Based on 12 Tables

12.76 1 John Weber, Watseka IL; Ruth Goodpasture, Bourbonnais IL; Diane Peltz, Solon OH; Rick Lepscier, Tinley Park IL
9.57 2 Michael Strong - Johanna Strong, Winfield IL; Fred Clayton, Carol Stream IL; Jacqueline Rapp, Arlington Hts IL
6.38 3/4 Rosalie Campeau, Libertyville IL; Grace Michael - Mary Kever, Grayslake IL; William Clarke, Wilmette IL
6.38 3/4 Glenda Gordon - Cerona Stevens, Marquette WI; Carole Chiang - Chao-Wang Chiang, Rapid City SD

EDUCATIONAL FUND KNOCKOUT TEAMS - BRACKET 3   10 Tables

10.04 1 Elaine Bowers, University Park FL; Jon Schwestka, Oak Park IL; Daniel Driggett, Glendale Hts IL; Nick Cordell, Yorkville IL
7.53 2 Edward Casey, Watersmeet MI; Terry McCloskey - Robert Peterman - Mary Peterman, Three Lakes WI
5.02 3/4 Patricia Braun - Eleanor Langhenry, Arlington Hts IL; Fred Blaumueller, Naperville IL; Carole Gleason, Des Plaines IL
5.02 3/4 Wayne Larson - Robert Webster, Ripon WI; A George Johnson, Oshkosh WI; Jerry Marchant, Green Lake WI

Coupon Alert!! Stop by the hospitality desk to pick up coupons for Carvetti’s Restaurant and Bar. Carvetti’s features a mix of fresh big salads and wraps, sandwiches, panini, and Chicago style Italian beef. They serve homemade pastas, juicy burgers, and wonderful signature appetizers. There are free appetizer coupons, 2 for 1 drink coupons, and buy one get one 1/2 off coupons. Carvetti’s is located at 642 West Main Street, Lake Geneva... 262-248-9752... (across from Starbucks.) Coupons are good through August 29th, 2006.

Apologies to g.g. gordon ... We inadvertently misspelled her name in yesterday's bulletin ... so once again... Congratulations to g.g. gordon on making Life Master here at the March Madness Regional in Lake Geneva!

Also congratulations to Karl Dencker on making Life Master!

Hospitality Alert!! Last night we had ice cream sundaes after the evening session. Tonight we are serving assorted “silver dollar” sandwiches with soda. On Friday we will have snacks, soda and beer.

Last, but definitely not least, on Saturday night, we will have our big 50th anniversary celebration with cake and champagne punch (also punch with no champagne.) We hope you will all join us there!

CCBA Check Cashing Policy... In keeping with the ACBL policy, the CCBA will accept ONE check a day/person for up to $500. There are NO exceptions.

Senior Joke

A tour bus driver is driving with a bus load of seniors down a highway when he is tapped on his shoulder by a little old lady.

She offers him a handful of peanuts, which he gratefully munches up.

After about 15 minutes, she taps him on his shoulder again and she hands him another handful of peanuts. She repeats this gesture about five more times.

When she is about to hand him another batch he asks the little old lady why they don’t eat the peanuts themselves. "We can’t chew them because we’ve no teeth", she replied.

The puzzled driver asks, "Why do you buy them then?"

The old lady replied, "We just love the chocolate around them."
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### WED MON SIDE SERIES 1 2 OF 5 SESSION

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- **Alan Resser, Chicago IL; Jack Forstadt, Evanston IL**
- **Steven Norvich, Barrington IL; Robert Morris, Houston TX**
- **Sandra Andreen, Willowbrook IL; Ruben Egeberg, Rock Island IL**
- **William Neis, Richmond IL; M Ellenstein, Chicago IL**

**EAST-WEST**

- **Karen Krueger, Green Bay WI; Jeff Cianci, Chicago IL**
- **Eleanor Nuellen, Louisville KY; Mike Sloan, Jeffersonville IN**
- **Betty Mattison, Louisville KY; Thomas Hurt, Algonquin IL**
- **Inez Petersen, Vernon Hills IL; Robert Judd, Algonquin IL**

### WEDS SENIOR PAIRS ONLY SESSION

**NORTH-SOUTH**

- **Roberta Caplan, Highland Park IL; Al Glick, Northbrook IL**
- **Lois Hoyer, Tom Dearing, Geneva IL**
- **Vernon Nelson - Jerome Krassewski, Waukesha WI**
- **Diane Damerjian, Hoffman Estates IL; Patricia Miller, Aurora IL**

**EAST-WEST**

- **Wayne Carrick, Long Grove IL; Gini Marano, Park Ridge IL**
- **Ann Youngmann, Northbrook IL; Gail Hoffmann Estates IL**
- **Richard Sternlieb, Milwaukee WI; Gabriel Tawil, Glendale WI**
- **Janis Friesian - Steven Picus, Mequon WI**

### WEDS SENIOR PAIRS ONLY SESSION

**NORTH-SOUTH**

- **Paul Hammer - Margit Lindgren, Chicago IL**
- **Yvette Neary, Mequon WI; William Malesevich, Mayville WI**
- **Norman Schoennan, Wheeling IL; Prabakar Oak, Vernon Hills IL**
- **Marilyn Charison, Boerne TX; Barbara Subak, Northbrook IL**

**EAST-WEST**

- **Jerry Lipsig, Chicago IL; Barbara Saben, Northbrook IL**
- **Davita Bloom, Lincolnshire IL; Andrew Harvey, Chicago IL**
- **David Shelton, Arlington Hts IL; Eric Gettleman, Normal IL**
- **Tom Prucher, St Charles IL; Nick Cordell, Arlington Hts IL**

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- **Eleanor Muellen - James Muellen, Hinsdale IL**

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- **Mike Sloan, Vernon Hills IL; Jeff Cianci, Chicago IL**

### WEDNESDAY AFT OPEN PAIRS 1 OF 2 SESSION

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- **Janice Peltz, Solon OH**

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- **Janis Friesian - Steven Picus, Mequon WI**
- **Jerry Lipsig, Chicago IL; Barbra Saben, Northbrook IL**

### WEDNESDAY AFT SIDE GAME ONLY SERIES

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**EAST-WEST**

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**SENIOR STRATIFIED PAIRS FINAL SESSION**

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<td>George Urquhart - Janet Urquhart, Kenosha WI</td>
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<td>William Hackbart III, Cedarburg WI; Gwen Rotter, Milwaukee WI</td>
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TUESDAY WEDNESDAY SIDE SERIES 6.0 Tables

A   B   C
2.43 1 1 1 Kazi Farooqui, Grayslake IL; Jeff Cianci, Chicago IL  59.58%
1.82 2 2 2 James Muellen - Eleanor Muellen, Hinsdale IL  55.00%
1.49 3 3 Mary Kever, Grayslake IL; Rosalie Campeau, Libertyville IL  54.17%
1.28 4 3 Jerry Marchant, Green Lake WI; Robert Webster, Ripon WI  52.92%
1.15 4 3 David Vietti - Vicki Vietti, Cary IL  51.67%

WEDNESDAY OPEN PAIRS 11.0 Tables / Based on 29 Tables

A   B
13.65 1 Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Martha Marsh, Chicago IL  124.20%
10.24 2 1 Kazi Farooqui, Grayslake IL; Rudolph Brunty, Fox Lake IL  116.99%
7.68 3 Steven Norvich, Barrington IL; Eddie Wold, Las Vegas NV  114.04%
5.76 4 Al Booth - Sun-O Ho, Brookfield WI  111.91%
4.32 5 Sheldon Margulis, Saint Louis MO; Rod Beery, Lincoln NE  111.04%
3.24 6 Arthur Flashinski, Wausau WI; George Bleskachek, Eau Claire WI  110.59%
3.32 2 Richard Jahn - Angie Clark, Glenview IL  102.79%
2.49 3 Barbara Moir - S Scot Moor, Deputy IN  102.32%
1.87 4 Kenneth Van Cleve, Grand Rapids MI; P Gallatin, Chicago IL  101.23%

WEDNESDAY EVE SWISS 14 Tables

A   B   C
3.64 1 Ken Gee, Regina SK; Sara Parks M D, Owensboro KY; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Valentin Kovachev, New York NY  55.00
3.03 2 1 1 Gary Gang, Lombard IL; John Wells, Elgin IL; Paul Thuma, Woodstock IL; Charles McDonough, Carol Stream IL  53.00
2.05 3 Robert Oslin - Claude Vogel - Gerald Gilkes, Chicago IL; Muhammad Abadi, Hanover Park IL  52.00
2.27 4 2 Lynne Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL; David Hudson, Mt Prospect IL; Michael Strong - Johanna Strong, Winfield IL  45.00
1.70 5/6 3 Donald Addis - Jackie Addis, Darien IL; Jean Faech, Hinsdale IL; James Kolb, Lisle IL  44.00
1.01 5/6 2 Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL; Charles Sheaff, Oak Park IL; Charles Nemes, Hinsdale IL; Donna Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL  44.00
1.94 4 2 Mary Rose Smith - Patricia Hornsby - Mary Goulding, River Forest IL; Kate Gancer, Oak Park IL  42.00
1.45 3 Todd Fisher - Martha Noyes - Gerald Greene, Chicago IL; Bryan Delfs, Pleasant Prairie WI  37.00

TUE-WED SIDE SERIES 12.75 Tables / Based on 6 Tables

3.92 1/2 Jeff Cianci, Chicago IL  116.25%
3.92 1/2 Karen Krueger, Green Bay WI  116.25%
3.77 3/4 Mary Kever, Grayslake IL  112.17%
3.77 3/4 Rosalie Campeau, Libertyville IL  112.17%

TUES WED SIDE SERIES 3 OF THREE SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH SECTION B EAST-WEST
A   B   C
1 Mary Kever, Grayslake IL; Rosalie Campeau, Libertyville IL  54.17%
1 1 1 Karen Krueger, Green Bay WI; Jeff Cianci, Chicago IL  59.58%
2 1 2 David Vietti - Vicki Vietti, Cary IL  51.67%
2 2 2 James Muellen - Eleanor Muellen, Hinsdale IL  55.00%
2 Wayne Larson, Ripon WI; A George Johnson, Oshkosh WI  50.83%

WEDNESDAY OPEN PAIRS TWO OF TWO SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH SECTION A EAST-WEST
A   B
1 Steven Norvich, Barrington IL; Eddie Wold, Las Vegas NV  57.87%
1 1/2 Arthur Flashinski, Wausau WI; George Bleskachek, Eau Claire WI  64.12%
2 Alan Resser, Chicago IL; Jack Forstad, Evanston IL  56.71%
2 2 1/2 Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Martha Marsh, Chicago IL  64.12%
3 Al Booth - Sun-O Ho, Brookfield WI  55.79%
3 1/2 Longmeadow MA; Martha Marsh, Chicago IL  64.12%
4 1 Kazi Farooqui, Grayslake IL; Rudolph Brunty, Fox Lake IL  54.17%
4 3 Jerry Jackson, Wood Dale IL; Sheldon Margulis, Saint Louis MO  59.72%
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Congratulations to New Life Master Candy Timson

Two 299er Pairs Strike Gold

Inez Petersen and Robert Judd and Thomas and Mary Hurt had an interesting afternoon yesterday. Both pairs showed up to play in the 299er game.

There were not enough pairs in either the side game or the 299er’s to run efficient movements. Therefore, director, Judy Cotterman, put the two events together and stratified it so everyone could play.

Inez and Robert won East-West in the afternoon and Thomas and Mary won North-South for the side game strata.

After the afternoon session, Judy explained to the two pairs that if they returned and played in the evening, their masterpoints would convert from red to gold because they would have played two sessions of an unlimited Regional event.

Both pairs were supposed to play in the single session team event in the evening. Their teammates released them from their commitments so they could play in the evening side game and guarantee their golds.

For Inez and Robert, it was their first gold points! Congratulations to both pairs ... both on their gold points ... and on being such good sports!

Truisms:

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
Anyone who thinks old age is golden must not have had a very exciting youth.
How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teen-ager who wants to stay out all night?
Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.
No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
There are no new sins....the old ones just get more publicity.
There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4AM. It could be a right number.
Think about this..... No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.
How come we choose from just two people for president and 50 for Miss America?(I have always thought each state should put up their best guy and we could all pick the best from 50 states I think it makes much more sense!)
Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.
One of the quickest ways for a young man to fail in life is to work so hard the boss will think he's after his job.
A backyard barbecue draws two things....flies and relatives.
The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
You know you're old when you reach down to get the wrinkles out of your panty hose and realize you aren't wearing any.
I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.