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Read your **Daily Hand-Out!** Pick up your copy at the hospitality desk.

Tournament Schedule:

MONDAY, October 24

7:30 0-500 Non-LM Stratified Charity Pairs 7:30 Stratified Grass Roots Fund Pairs 7:30 Grass Roots Charity Knockout

TUESDAY, October 25

9:30 Morning Side Game Series 9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Players' Choice (PC) Stratified Pairs (A/AX)* I/N Stratified Charity Grass Roots Pairs 9:30, 2:00, 7:30 PC Gold Rush Pairs** (B: 300-750, C: 100-300; D: 0-300)

2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series I, Sessions 1 & 2 7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams, 1 Session

WEDNESDAY, October 26

9:30 Morning Side Game Series 9:30, 2:00, 7:30 PC Stratified Pairs (A/AX)** 9:30, 2:00, 7:30 PC Gold Rush Pairs** (B: 300-750, C: 100-300; D: 0-300) 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series I, Sessions 3 & 4 7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams 1 session

THURSDAY, October 27

9:30 Morning Side Game Series 2:00, 7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series II, Sessions 1 & 2 7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams, 1 Session

FRIDAY, October 28

9:30 Morning Side Game Series 9:30, 2:00, 7:30 PC Stratiflighted Pairs (A & AX)** 9:30, 2:00, 7:30 PC Gold Rush Pairs** (B: 300-750, C: 100-300; D: 0-300) 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series II, Sessions 3 & 4 7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams, 1 session

SATURDAY, October 29

9:30 Morning Side Game Series 9:30, 2:00, 7:30 PC Stratiflighted Pairs, (A/AX)** 9:30, 2:00, 7:30 PC Gold Rush Pairs** (B: 300-750, C: 100-300; D: 0-300) 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series II, Sessions 5 & 6 7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams, 1 Session

SUNDAY, October 30

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!

Intermediate/Novice

Monday 7:30 pm

Stratified Pairs 0-100, 100-300, 300-500

Thursday 9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 pm

Single Sessions Stratified Pairs 0-100, 100-300, 300-500

Free Intermediate/Novice Dinner (Thursday between sessions) Reservations Required... \$5.00 fee to hold reservation returned at the door. See Steve Brown at I/N table for tickets.

> Chairman: Suzi Subeck **Editor:** Suzi Subeck I/N /Chairman: Steve Brown Hospitality: Adrienne Cohen

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

Saturday, October 29: District 13 Board Meeting BOD members are invited to a buffet breakfast in the coffee shop at 10 am! The District 13 Board Meeting will follow in the Westgate Rooms at 10:55 am. All members of District Board are expected to attend the meeting.



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



Regional Knockout Schedule

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7:30	A1	A4	C2	C4	D2	D4				
		B2	B4			Compact KO 2				
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7:30		Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss				

Where to Eat in Lake Geneva

The hotel has three restaurants if you just want to stick around here: **The Grill** for steak and seafood, and **The Grand Café**, a coffee shop with a menu and often a buffet, and **Brissago** for Italian!

The **Grand Café** features daily specials for bridge players. You can find more information on these specials in your *Daily Hand-Outs* or you can check on the bulletin board in the foyer outside the playing area.

Popeyes is located on the lake. They serve a broccoli cheese soup to die for and great burgers. The restaurant is open from 11–10 Sunday through Thursday and 11–11 Friday and Saturday.

Bottles Restaurant & Catering Co., 259 Broad Street, Lake Geneva, 262-248-2020, features dining with a European flair. The cool, spacious forest green interior is unique and charming while the food is excellent. Homemade specialties include soups, deli sandwiches, baja rolls, salads, quiches & more. Closed Tue.

Sprechers, 111 Center Street, Lake Geneva, 262-248-7047, is a clear fan favorite, featuring daily specials, it is reasonably priced, has delicious soups, entrees and side dishes... not to mention a wide variety of drinks... alcoholic and otherwise... a personal favorite of the editor!



Welcome to Lake Geneva

Suzi Subeck, tournament chair, wants to welcome you to the great and glorious Grand Geneva Resort and Spa in beautiful Lake Geneva for seven awesome days of bridge and fun. The conditions are very nice and we think you will be happy.

Hospitality Chair, Adrienne Cohen, explains: We are offering you a free lunch on Wednesday and a free lunch on Sunday. We are opening the hospitality suite after the evening session from 10:30—midnight Tuesday through Saturday for snacks, beer and wine, soft drinks and conversation.

If you feel the need to take a respite from card play, you can choose to golf on one of two championship courses here at the Spa... or you can take up a game of tennis on one of the several lighted courts on site.

The Spa offers regular spa service if a facial or massage is more to your liking. And... The indoor pool is available for swimming all day and some evening hours.

Please be respectful to your partners, teammates and opponents. We respect your competitive spirit, but everyone has a better time when we follow the Golden Rule.

ACBL President, Ken Monzingo, will be here this week for several days. He and Bonnie Bagley, District Director from District 17, are our special guests. Both Ken and Bonnie would love to meet you and hear your comments with respect to the League. If you have questions, they will endeavor to answer those too. Please make a special effort to introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome.

Our tournament staff is here to serve you. Please see the great Unit 123 volunteers if you have any questions. It is our mission to make this tournament a warm and welcoming experience for all our guests.

Have fun at the tables... win lots of points ... Tell your friends and bring them back with you next year.

Thanks for coming! We wouldn't be viable without you!

Suzi

Halloween Humor...

Which ghost is the best dancer? The Boogie Man!

Friend: What are you gonna be for halloween? Me: Drunk!

For Halloween I'm going to write "Life" on a plain white T-shirt and hand out lemons to strangers

Thank goodness for Halloween, all of a sudden, cobwebs in my house are decorations!

When do ghouls and goblins cook their victims? On Fry Day

What's a monsters favorite desert? I-Scream!

What do you call a dancing ghost? Polka-haunt-us

Did you hear about the wild party at the haunted house? The whole vibe was anything ghost (goes).

How do you write a book about halloween? With a ghostwriter.

Two monsters went to a Halloween party. Suddenly one said to the other, "A lady just rolled her eyes at me. What should I do?" The other monster replied, "Be a gentleman and roll them back to her."

- Q: Where does Count Dracula usually eat his lunch? A: At the casketeria.
- Q: What does a vampire never order at a restaurant? A: A stake sandwich...
- Q: Why do vampires need mouthwash? A: They have bat breath...
- Q: What's a vampire's favorite fast food? A: A guy with very high blood pressure...
- Q: Why did Dracula take cold medicine? A: To stop his coffin
- Q: What is a vampire's favorite mode of transportation? A: A blood vessel...
- Q: Why did the Vampire read the Wall Street Journal? A: He heard it had great circulation.
- Q: What is a vampires favorite holiday? A: Fangsgiving
- Q: What happened when the two vampires finally met? A: It was love at first bite!
- Q: Which building does Dracula visit in New York? A: The Vampire State Building.
- Q: What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snow man? A: Frostbite
- Q: Why do vampires scare people? A: They are bored to death!
- Q. What is a vampires favorite ice cream flavor? A. Vainilla.

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- Q: How can you tell a vampire likes baseball? A: Every night he turns into a bat.
- Q: What's it like to be kissed by a vampire? A: It's a pain in the neck.
- Q: What songs does Dracula hate? A: "You Are My Sunshine" and "Sunshine on my Shoulders."
- Q: How does a girl vampire flirt? A: She bats her eyes.
- Q: What is a vampires least favorite food? A: Steak
- Q: What's it called when a vampire has trouble with his house? A: A grave problem.
- Q: Why doesn't anybody like Dracula? A: He has a bat temper.
- Q: What has webbed feet, feathers, fangs and goes quack-quack? A: Count Duckula
- Q: Why are vampires like false teeth? A: They all come out at night.
- Q: What type of dog does every vampire have? A: Bloodhound!
- Q: What is a vampire's favorite fruit? A: A necktarine
- Q: Why does the vampire not like Taylor Swift? A: She has bad blood!
- Q: How did the ghost say goodbye to the vampire? A: So long sucker!
- Q: What is Dracula's favorite restaraunt? A: Murder King
- Q: Where do vampires keep their money? A: The blood bank!!!
- Q: Why did the vampire go out? A: For a bite.
- Q: What did Dracula say after reading all these jokes? A: They suck!
- Q: Why does Dracula's wife have trouble sleeping at night? A: Because of his coffin.
- Q: What is a vampire's favorite sport? A: Casketball...
- Q: Why does Dracula consider himself a good artist? A: Because he likes to draw blood!
- Q: What do goblins and ghosts drink when they're hot and thirsty on Halloween? A: Ghoul-aid!!!
- Q: What did one ghost say to the other ghost? A: "Do you believe in people?"
- Q: Where does a ghost go on Saturday night? A: Anywhere where he can boo-gie.
- Q: What does the papa ghost say to his family when driving? A: Fasten your sheet belts...
- Q: What do ghosts say when something is really neat? A: Ghoul
- Q: Why can't a ghost win a race? A: Because it's always dead tired.

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- O: What do you get when you cross Bambi with a ghost? A: Bamboo
- Q: Why did the ghost go into the bar? A: For the Boos.
- Q: What happens when a ghost gets lost in the fog? A: He is mist.
- Q: What does a ghost do when he's hungry? A: Go ghost-ry shopping.
- Q: What is a ghost's favorite mode of transportation? A: A scareplane...
- Q: Why is a ghost such a messy eater? A: Because he is always a goblin.
- Q: What tops off a ghost's ice cream sundae? A: Whipped scream.
- Q: What are ghosts' favorite kind of streets? A: Dead ends
- Q: What kind of makeup do ghosts wear? A: Mas-scare-a.
- Q: Where do ghosts mail their letters? A: At the ghost office
- Q: What's a ghosts favorite ride at the carnival? A: The roller ghoster
- Q: Who was the most famous ghost detective? A: Sherlock Moans.
- Q: Where does a ghost refuel his porche? A: At a ghastly station.
- Q: Why do ghosts shiver and moan? A: It's drafty under that sheet.
- Q: What do ghosts eat for breakfast? A: Boo-Berries.
- Q: What do ghosts eat for dinner? A: Spookgetti
- Q: What do you call a ghosts mom and dad? A: Transparents
- Q: What is a ghosts favorite sale? A: A white sale.
- Q: What's a ghosts favorite desert? A: Boo-berry pie.
- Q: Why do girl ghosts go on diets? A: So they can keep their ghoulish figures.
- Q: When does a ghost have breakfast? A: In the moaning.
- Q: What do goblins mail home while on vacation? A: Ghostcards
- Q: What is a ghost's favorite party game? A: Hide-and-go-shriek
- Q: What kind of roads do ghosts haunt? A: Dead Ends

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- Q: What do ghosts drink at breakfast? A: Coffee with scream and sugar.
- Q: Why did the game warden arrest the ghost? A: He didn't have a haunting license.
- Q: Where does a ghost go on vacation? A: Mali-boo.
- Q: Where did the ghost get it's hair done? A: At the boo-ty shop.
- Q: Where do ghosts go out? A: Where they can get sheet-faced.
- Q: Why don't ghost have bands? A: They get boooooooood.
- Q: Whats a ghost's favorate type of car? A: A boo-ick
- Q: Where do ghost go for fun? A: To the boo-vies
- Q: What do you call a ghost with a broken leg? A: Hoblin Goblin
- Q: Why do ghosts like to ride elevators? A: It raises their spirits.
- Q: What do ghosts call there girl friends? A: There goul friends.
- Q: What kind of mistakes do ghosts make? A: Boo boos
- Q: Where do baby ghosts go during the day? A: Dayscare centers
- Q: What is a ghost's favorite band? A: The Boos Brothers
- Q: What is a Ghost's favorite food? A: HamBoogers
- Q: What is in a ghost's nose? A: Boogers
- Q: What did the boy ghost say to the girl ghost? A: You are the most booooooooo-tiful thing I have ever seen!
- Q: What kind of shoes does a ghost wear? A: booooooooots
- Q: What is a Mummie's favorite type of music? A: Wrap!!!!!
- Q: Why was the mummy so tense? A: Because he was all wound up.
- Q: Why don't mummies take vacations? A: They're afraid they'll relax and unwind.
- Q: Where do mummies go for a swim? A: To the dead sea
- Q: What do you call a little monsters parents A: mummy and deady
- O: What do the skeletons say before eating? A: Bone appetite
- Q: Why didn't the skeleton go to see a scary movie? A: He didn't have the guts.

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Q: When does a skeleton laugh? A: When something tickles his funny bone

Q: Why do skeletons drink milk? A: To help their bones!

Q: What do Skeletons like to eat? A: Ribs

Q: What did the witch say to the skeleton when he was lying? A: "I know your lying because I can see right through you."

Q: Who was the most famous skeleton detective? A: Sherlock Bones.

Q: What do you give a skeleton for valentine's day? A: Bone-bones in a heart shaped box.

Q: Why did the skeleton cross the road? A: To go to the body shop.

Q: Why didn't the skeleton dance at the party? A: He had no body to dance with.

Q: Why did the skeleton go to a BBQ? A: For the spare ribs.

Q: Who was the most famous French skeleton? A: Napoleon bone-apart

Q: Why was the skeleton a bad archer? A: Someone stole his bone and marrow.

Q: What is a Skeleton's favorite song. A: Bad to the Bone

Q: Who won the skeleton beauty contest? A: No body!

Q: Why did the skeleton give a dog a bone? A: Because he had spare ribs.

Q: What kind of key does a skeleton use? A: A skeleton key.

Q: What instrument do skeleton play? A: Trom -BONE.

Q: What's a skeletons favorite part of the house? A: the living room

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Tournament Information

No Smoking Policy: No smoking is allowed in the convention center, lobby, washrooms, fire exits, or service areas. Smokers must go outside to puff.

<u>Partnerships</u>: Singles should check in at the partnership desk 45 minutes before game time to allow those attending to arrange partnerships. **The Partnership Volunteer** 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. If no one is at the desk, leave a note, or contact Sharon in person please.

Partnership Desk/Daily Bulletin Distribution: Check the Partnership Desk for hand records, tournament schedules, area info, and pick up your copy of the **Daily Hand-Out** each morning.

A bulletin box on the table 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 your name, home town, and the event in which you went over please.

Check your *Daily Hand-out* for specific hospitality information for the weekend and any other special events or tournament news during your stay.

Recorder Slips, should you need them (and we hope you don't), are available from the directors.

Score Corrections: For pair events, the score correction period expires at the start of the next session. For the last session of an event, the correction period expires after twenty-four hours or thirty minutes after the end of the tournament, whichever is earlier. See the director as soon as possible if you discover an error in your score. The appeal period for a director's ruling expires thirty minutes after the completion of the session.

Tournament Chairman:
Suzi Subeck
Hospitality: Adrienne Cohen
Newcomer Chairman: Steve Brown
Partnerships: Jan Churchwell
Daily **Hand-Out** Editor: Suzi Subeck

A History of Lake Geneva ...

Most of our welcome visitors and guests are familiar with the many attractions in the Geneva Lakes area: our beaches, specialty shops and galleries, golfing, boating, hiking the Potawatomi Trail, lake cruises, great food, and lodging services. However, many wonder about the origin of the rolling hills and lake, the early Indians, the pioneering white settlers, the quaint town and its yesteryear homes and buildings.

18,000 years ago, the last of many glaciers retreated to the North after having gorged-out and depressed our lake basin, and leaving a moraine of rolling, gravel hills.

The earliest record of white men seeing this beautiful expanse of water was a party traveling with the Kinzie family between their army post at Fort Dearborn (Chicago) and Fort Winnebago (Portage City) near the Fox and Wisconsin River portage in 1831. This area was not on the river and lake highways of the earlier frontier period and thus lay undiscovered.

The ancient Oneota Tribes of the lost Hopewell Culture Indians lived here. These agricultural peoples enjoyed an advanced civilization on these shores as long ago as 1,000 B. C. They built effigy mounds in what is now Library Park. These effigies of a panther and a lizard were removed several years ago. Eventually, the migrating forest tribes, who were hunters and fierce warriors, drove out the earlier inhabitants. Subsequently, these later Indians were removed by the United States Army to Kansas following the Black Hawk War of 1831-32. Questionable treaty arrangements in 1833 laid the foundation for the eviction of Chief Big Foot and our local Potawatomi Tribe in 1836.

John Brink, a government surveyor, laid claim to the waterfall power and adjacent land at the White River outlet to the lake in 1835. He named the lake after the lake in his home in Geneva, New York. The Indians had called it Kish-Way-Kee-Tow, meaning clear water. You must visit the dams and canal that fed many mills subsequently built here (adjacent to the Chamber of Commerce building in Flat Iron Park on Wrigley Drive).

In 1836, Christopher Payne, a pioneer settler from Belvidere, Illinois, established a rival claim for the water power. He built the first log cabin, the site of which is marked by a boulder and a plaque on Center Street just north of the river. Following a "Wild West" battle to settle ownership, grist and sawmills were built. Lake shore logs and many walnut trees were floated to the mills and cut into lumber from which the town was built. Eventually, flouring and wool carding mills followed. The fourteen-foot drop of water provided the most economical milling, and farmers brought their grain to Lake Geneva from as far away as Kenosha, Milwaukee, Belvidere, and Beloit. Our town was surveyed and laid out in 1837. Earlier land sales were confirmed at the Federal Government Land Office in 1839. The price was \$ 1.25 per acre. Immigrant settlers from New England and New York flooded into the town. Most came via the Erie Canal and steamboat or sailing ships through the Great Lakes, embarking at Southport (Kenosha) or Milwaukee. Others trudged through the swamps and forest of Southern Michigan, Northern Ohio and Indiana. By 1840, there were two hotels, two general stores, three churches, and a distillery added to the mills, cabins and houses.

Prior to the civil war, Lake Geneva was on the reverse route to the Great Lake ports for slaves escaping from Southern Illinois and Eastern Kentucky. After the war, the town became a resort for the wealthy Chicago families. These families began construction of the many mansions on the lake, and Lake Geneva became known as the Newport (RI) of the West. Visitors included Mary Todd Lincoln and Generals Sherman and Sheridan. The Chicago Fire of 1871 caused many Chicago families to move to their summer homes on the lake while the city was rebuilt. The construction and maintenance of these mansions, as well as household employment, developed a separate industry in the town adding to the milling, furniture, wagon and typewriter manufacturing enterprises. After arrival of the railroad, thousands of tons of Lake Geneva ice were shipped each year to the Chicago market, until the beginning of World War II.

Our towns are filled with homes and buildings from these earlier times. They represent the frontier and pioneering, as well as the later Victorian period.

- Q: Where did the skeleton park his horse and buggy? A: At a dead end.
- Q: Why can't a Skeleton Lift Weights? A: He's all bone & no muscle.
- Q: Who are some of the werewolves cousins? A: The whatwolves, the whowolves and the when wolves.
- Q: Where do most werewolves live? A: In howllywood, California
- Q: What is a witch's favorite subject in school? A: Spelling
- Q: What do you get when there's a witch in the desert? A: You get a sandwich.
- Q: What do witches get at hotels? A: Broom service
- Q: Who was the most famous witch detective? A: Warlock Holmes
- Q: Why don't angry witches ride their brooms? A: They're afraid of flying off the handle
- Q: What do witches use in their hair? A: Scare-spray
- Q: Why couldn't Dorothy tell the bad witch from the good witch? A: Because she didn't know which witch was which!
- Q: What do you call a witch's garage? A: A broom closet.
- Q: What do you call two witches living together? A: Broommates.
- Q: Why do demons and ghouls hang out together? A: Because demons are a ghouls best friend!
- O: What's a monster's favorite bean? A: A human bean.
- Q: Where did the goblin throw the football? A: Over the ghoul line.
- Q: How do monsters tell their future? A: They read their horrorscope.

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Lost or Found items should be taken to the Information Desk and a form should be completed to insure proper return of items. Thank you. The tournament committee **Remember:** Bridge is a timed event. Keep up the pace of the event. You will have more time for dinner, drinks and discussion after the session!



Come to the Hospitality Suite:

Tuesday night through Saturday night, Room 2118 will serve as our hospitality suite from 10:30 p.m. to midnight. Please join us for a drink and snack food and a chance to discuss the day's hands!

- Q: What do you call two spiders that just got married? A: Newlywebbed
- Q: Where do most goblins live? A: in North and South Scarolina.
- Q: What do Italian's eat on Halloween? A: Fettucinni Afraid-o
- Q: What do you get when you cross a black cat with a lemon. A: sour-puss
- Q: What can't you give the headless horseman? A: A headache.
- Q: Why did the headless horseman go into business? A: He wanted to get ahead in life.
- Q: What's a monster's favorite play? A: Romeo and Ghouliet
- Q: Riddle: the maker does not want it, the buyer does not use it, and the user does not see it, what is it? A: a coffin.
- Q: What did the corpse's mom do when her son was bad? A: Ground him
- Q: What do you call a monster who poisons corn flakes? A: A cereal killer.
- Q: What did the bird say on Halloween? A: Trick or tweet!
- Q: What is a monster's favorite food? A: Ghoul scout cookies
- Q: What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter? A: Pumpkin Pi
- Q: Why does a cemetery have to keep a fence around it? A: Because people are dying to get in.
- Q: What do you give to a pumpkin who is trying to quit smoking? A: A pumpkin patch!!!
- Q: Do zombies eat popcorn with their fingers? A: No, they eat the fingers separately...
- Q: What would a monster's psychiatrist be called? A: Shrinkenstein...
- Q: What did the graveyard digger say to the girl tomb? A: I dig you

How do you get to the witch apartments? Go to the dead end and take a fright.

This Halloween I'm going to dress up as Maury Povich and visit the hospital delivery room telling a guy he is not the father.

A woman, whose husband often came home drunk, decided to cure him of the habit. One Halloween night, she put on a devil suit and hid behind a tree to intercept him on the way home. When her husband came by, she jumped out and stood before him with her red horns, long tail, and pitchfork. "Who are you?" he asked. "I'm the Devil!" she responded. "Well, come on home with me," he said, "I married your sister!"

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Sudoku Sudoku

Solution: Puzzle 2

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Windy City Limousine the official **Limo Company** of District 13



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Solution: Puzle 1

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Puzzle Page ...

Puzzle Details:

After a local Post Office burglary, five suspects were being interviewed.

Below is a summary of their statements.

Police know that each of them told the truth in one of the statements and lied in the other.

From this information can you tell who committed the crime?



Brian said:

It wasn't Charles
It was Alan

Derek said:

It was Charles It wasn't Alan

Charles said:

It was Brian It wasn't Eric

Alan said:

It was Eric It wasn't Brian

Eric said:

It was Derek It was Alan

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Answer to Puzzle... No Peeking!

Therefore it was Derek. This can be double checked with all of the other statements.

be false).

If it was Alan, then both of Brian's statements would be true, which isn't allowed (and similarly both of Derek's would

Since each suspect told the truth just once, Eric's statements mean that it was either Derek or Alan.

Answer: Derek.

Hint: Remember that each person told exactly one truth and exactly one lie.

It's Your Call...

April 25, 2016

This Bidding Problem was published in the third Italian **Open and Ladies Teams Championships** Bulletin. You will be able to compare your answer with some of the best Italian and international players:

IMPs. E/W Vulnerable. You are South:

♠ A 10 7 6 4 3 ♥ A K Q 9 6 ♦ 4 ♣ 2

The bidding starts:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1 🕏
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	5

After thinking your answer. Below you can find some of the best world players answers:



Norberto Bocchi 5♥. Is almost like "pick a slam" showing a 5-5 hand or more...we can also play 6♦....what I do not dislike ... It depends on the quality of my partner's diamonds.



Thomas Bessis 5^{\blacktriangledown} , to to seek slam in spade, heart or diamond. I think we should have slam. I also thought about bidding 5NT (pick a slam), but I think it would be very difficult for my partner to say 6^{\blacktriangledown} , because I have AKQxx and I didn't repeat the suit. The advantage of 5^{\blacktriangledown} is that my partner can still bid 6^{\diamondsuit} if he has a very solid suit.



Dennis Bilde 4. I hope my partner can interpret it as "a good hand without a good voice." If he answers 4. I still continue with 4. (slam invitation). There are many situations in which we can play 6. but there are others where we should be cautious.



Diego Brenner 4^{\blacktriangledown} . With no communication between the hand and dummy, I think its better to play $4^{\blacktriangledown}/\stackrel{\bullet}{\triangle}$ or maybe 5^{\diamondsuit} , if partner has 7 diamond cards.



Fabio Lo Presti 4. Cue bid: the misfit is not attractive, but with all these sure tricks, I feel obliged to make an effort and try to play slam.

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Belladonna and Markus

There are some who have to train themselves to remember, and then there is Rixi Markus, one of the world's great bridge players, who has to train—herself to forget. A woman who can recall 150 deals hand by hand and who needs to be given only the first cards to recite many of the hands in a championship does not, as she says, want to "overburden" her mind.

The Mrs. Markus her opponents never get to see in competition is a gracious old-world hostess radiating easy charm and friendly warmth. She took time off from a crowded schedule of tournaments and authorship to discuss her book, "Common-Sense Bridge" (Random House). She had passed a sleepless night with toothache but no one would have guessed it. The book carries forward Mrs. Markus belief that tournament or money bridge is a game where the prizes tend to go to those whose play is bold, aggressive and imbued with "killer instinct." "Handle your partner with great care," she says. "Be polite to your opponent but show no mercy." This bold philosophy does not seem to square with the pleasant lady who was a 13- year-old pre-war bridge prodigy in Vienna.

She likes to tell about another woman player who, after an informal chat over cocktails, exclaimed. "You're so nice away from the bridge tables, I mean. "A lot of people say things like that." she said, not at all displeased. "When they say they like me socially but are inclined to hate me in competition, I always reply that I don't want to be liked at the bridge table I'm most anxious to make friends in the bridge world but I am more interested in being respected and feared during play. Frankly it gives me a great advantage ".

Mrs. Markus considers "Common-Sense Bridge" a "different" kind of bridge book and one that gets closest to imparting the kind of play that took her to European and world championships. It is aimed at the middle grade player, "the millions who have played for years, have reached a certain standard and gotten stuck. This will help them out of the rut. The average player longs to be a Master. Not everyone can make it but this will help." Over giant asparagus spears and the first fresh Scottish salmon of the season she described steps she would suggest for improving the play of the ordinary bridge enthusiast.

"Play with players who are better than you are," she said. "Watch the play at first class tables. Play for stakes so high that it will hurt you to lose. If you cannot afford to lose you will watch your step and learn to discipline yourself. Make a special effort not to take risks at the start of play A game is easier if you start with a few successful boards. Learn to count cards. Counting must become automatic. You hold five spades, four hearts, three diamonds and one club, therefore the other players must have the missing eight spades, nine hearts, 10 diamonds and 12 clubs. Listen to the bidding and you will already have some information about the cards held by the other three players. Then one player will become declarer, and his partner's hand will go down after the opening lead. "Now you can see 13 or 14 more cards so you have only to discover the other 25 or 26. After each subsequent trick two of these cards will be accounted for. If you concentrate on counting and accounting for all these cards — even the small ones — you will be very close to becoming a champion."

Mrs. Markus's photographic memory would be a help and so would the run of luck which she says, thankfully, has been with her a very long time.

Keep a Poker Face By Alfred Sheinwold



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72
     NORTH
     ◆ A J 10 5
     Ø 5
     10 7
     4 J 10 9 5 4 3
WEST
             EAST
Q932
VQJ97
             ♥ 108432
♦ Q 8
             ♦ J 6 2
A 8 6
             ♣Q7
     SOUTH
     476
     VAK6
     OAK9543
South West North East
10
     Pass 1 •
              Pass
2 NT Pass 3 NT All Pass
  Opening lead — ♥ Q
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When Swedish expert Jan Wohlin played today's hand he saw that he'd almost surely go down if he went after the diamonds at once. Somebody would win and force out his second heart stopper.

When Wohlin eventually tried for his ninth trick in spades or clubs, the opponents would wind up with that trick, one diamond and three hearts. Since the best chance was to try for the ninth trick first. Wohlin took the king of hearts and led the king of clubs.

This play would enjoy tremendous success if either opponent had the singleton queen, but it was also likely to work whenever the ace and queen of clubs were divided.

REFUSES CLUB

West didn't know that East had the queen of clubs or that East had started with enough hearts to de-feat the contract. So West refused the first club, just as any normal human bridge player would—unless he enjoyed X-ray vision. Wohlin then led a low diamond and made his contract with five diamonds, two hearts, one spade and the stolen club.

Bridge & Humor: It took a blind man to discover an error By Ely Culbertson





Chicago Tribune 1936

It took a blind man to discover an error in the "Culbertson Self-Teacher" which had escaped my notice and that of a half dozen nationally known experts who had assisted me in reading proofs, to say nothing of thousands of sighted readers! This amazing fact came to light in a letter from Mrs. A. C. Lamade of Williamsport, Pa., who transcribed the book into Braille. She wrote:

"My dear Mr. Culbertson:

It is with pleasure and pride that I write to tell you that "Culbertson's Own Contract Bridge Self-Teacher" is completely transcribed into Braille for the sightless. While it has been a most tedious undertaking, I feel that it will be the cause for much enjoyment for those who are handicapped in not being able to read the ink-print book.

The "Self-Teacher" is in two volumes, 123 and 112 pages respectively, and it may be of interest to know that it required approximately 460,700 individual indentations to transcribe it. It is now in the hands of the Service for the Blind, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., where It can be obtained without cost, postage pre-paid, by anyone interested in Braille. If you know of anyone or any club or organization of blind persons who would like to read your "Self-Teacher" In Braille, it is available to them. I have a "Believe It or Not" story connected with this work.

My instructor, who read all of the Braille for me, phoned to tell me that I had made a mistake, giving fourteen cards to a South hand and only twelve to the North hand; would I consult the ink-print book once more? He apologized when it was found that in drill No. 29-C8 the hands were exactly as I had transcribed them. Believe it or not, it took a sightless person to discover the mistake in the book! I had copied it without counting the number at cards in each hand.

ROSINA S. LAMADE"

The blind long have been noted for the fine chess and checker players who have overcome the handicap of sightlessness, but it was not until the Culbertson-Lenz match that they became interested in bridge. The entire" Culbertson Summary" was transcribed into Braille and hundreds took up the game. They use special playing cards with Braille characters. When the opening lead has been made and announced the cards in the dummy are also announced and each subsequent play is called in the same fashion. A fair idea of the concentration required for this may be acquired by playing the cards face downward, following the method of the blind in all other respects. The play of the cards requires such powers of memory and visualization that one does not wonder at the expertness of blind bridge players. All of them use the Culbertson system, of course—no other system has been transcribed into Braille.

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Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

♠ J9
♡ KJ9
♦ J1073
♣ 9653

In a situation where you are a trick short of the required number it can be a sound strategy to play off your long suit before committing yourself. Take a look at this deal from the match between Poland and Tunisia from Round 1 of the Open teams.

♠ 73
♥ AQ10864

♦ Q 4
♣ 10 4 2

W S E

♠ AKQ8642
♥ 7

♦ A K

🗚 AQ8

♠ 105♡ 532♦ 98652

♣ KJ7

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bellazreg	Gawrys	Mestiri	Klukowski
_	_	2♣*	Pass
2◊*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3⊗	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♠*	All Pass		

2♣ GF Balanced, m GF, Major strong (cannot GF)

2 4+

4NT RKCB

5♣ 1/4 key cards

5NT King ask

6♠ No side kings

Sharpen your Technique

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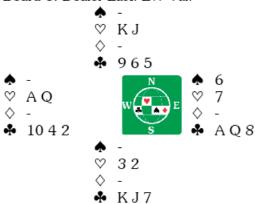
The Open Room of the match between Poland and Tunisia

God moves in a Mestiri(ous) way

In the other room Jassem & Mazurkiewicz had stopped in 44, so there was plenty riding on the result.

South led the eight of diamonds (would you have found a heart lead?) and declarer won in hand with the ace and drew trumps. With time in hand he continued with four more rounds of spades, South pitching the $\diamondsuit5$, $\diamondsuit2$, $\diamondsuit6$ & $\diamondsuit9$ while North parted with the $\diamondsuit7$, $\diamondsuit3$, $\diamondsuit3$ & \diamondsuitJ . When declarer cashed the \diamondsuit K everyone threw a heart to leave this position:

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.



When declarer cashed the last spade South had to part with a heart – pitching a club would allow declarer to play ace and another club. Reading the position perfectly declarer discarded dummy's queen of hearts, played a heart to the ace and a club, covering North's six with the eight to force South to lead into the AQ. What a wonderful feeling it must have been for Anas Mestiri -and against the reigning Bermuda Bowl champions.

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