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From the President's Desk

by A J Stephani

I'm always encouraged by the Greater Cincinnati turnout at tournaments – from the NABCs on down. I did a quick scan of the results from the Atlanta NABC in August, and it looks like we had 26 (!) players from Unit 124 who made the trek down to Atlanta. This compares very favorably with the other larger Units in our District, who weren't represented nearly as well (Columbus – 13, Louisville – 12, Indianapolis – 10). Our attendance certainly reflects the tournament passion of players from Greater Cincinnati, but it also ratchets up the caliber of the local play when those players return. Attending tournaments is more than just a marathon club game – it's an opportunity to play against different levels of competition, pick up different bidding gadgets, and perhaps gain insight into a facet of the game you hadn't glimpsed before.

And you don't need to go as far as Atlanta to experience a tournament, as it turns out. The Dayton Regional that wrapped up in late September seemed to be buoyed by a flood of Cincinnati area players. Our players travel to sectionals around the District, and I know I'll see a lot of familiar local faces when I'm in Louisville for their Regional the second week of November.

Speaking of tournaments, we've got our own Spooktacular Halloween sectional coming up at the end of October! From the 25th to the 27th, please make a date to join us at the Crowne Plaza in Sharonville for a game or two. Better yet, form a team and play in one of our two two-session Swiss teams – in addition to the typical Sunday Swiss, we're trying out a special Friday two-session Swiss this year. They're all bracketed

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Swiss, meaning that you will be matched up against players with similar numbers of masterpoints. Remember to cast a vote in our annual CBA election at the club or at the sectional.

Although it's not a "tournament" per se, the District 11 Finals for the North American Pairs once again returns to the Cincinnati Bridge Center on October 19 and 20. I can't emphasize enough how fortunate we are to be located in the middle of our District – we become the default location for our District-wide events. Some players in our District will be traveling 3 ½ hours one way to

play in this event – and we get the home field advantage. If you have even a passing thought to competing in this important event, please get in touch with me, one of the other Board members, or Mike Lipp so we can convince you to take the plunge.

Two important notes on the NAP Event: (1) This year, it's being held at the Cincinnati Bridge Center, the week BEFORE our Spooktacular Sectional; and (2) make sure you confirm the day your Flight Finals will be held. The Flight B Finals will be held on Saturday, October 19 (noon and 5:00 PM start times); Flight A and Flight C Finals will be held on Sunday, October 20 (11:00 and 4:00 start times). YOU CAN PLAY BOTH DAYS in multiple flights, assuming you and your partner are qualified in that Flight. It's a great opportunity for the Flight C players to warm up by playing on Saturday, or for the Flight B players to play against the top competition in the District by playing on Sunday.

Finally, I want to give a shout out to the local bridge clubs and the great work they're doing. Helen Ogle held a special "Bridgemate Celebration" game on September 25th at the Anderson Senior Center, and I was delighted to be invited. Her players supplied a smorgasbord of goodies, and everyone had a great time. Helen has a terrific game, and she conducts sessions several times each week.

And keep an eye open for the new Northern Kentucky sectional making its debut next August! The folks from the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club are bringing a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm to planning this tournament, and I'm really looking forward to it next year. They've got a contract already signed with the Hilton Doubletree Inn at the Greater Cincinnati Airport, which will turn out to be a fantastic location (yes, before you ask, the parking is free!). August 15-17, 2014 – mark your calendars now!

See you at the Bridge table!

A.J. Stephani

CBA Board President



District 11 North American Pairs Finals

Cincinnati Bridge Center, 2860 Cooper Road,
Cincinnati, OH 45241 *Pre-qualification Required*

Sat Oct 19, 2013

Flight B

Sun Oct 20, 2013

Flights A & C

The NABC Finals are at the Spring NABC in Dallas Texas March 20-30, 2014. Top qualifiers receive compensation at the National Tournament. See the CBA and ACBL websites for details.

CBA: http://www.cincybridge.com/District_11_NAP_FAQ.html

ACBL: http://www.acbl.org/news_archive.php?id=848

Fall into Bridge by Steve Moese, Editor

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Autumn celebrates summer's promise. Leaves delight one last time before making way for the winter grey. The impending cold need not chill our game – there's plenty to do at the bridge table – at the CBA and nearby tournaments.

We've enjoyed a spectacular summer.

Unit 124's John Altman made National Headlines as the 2013 King of Bridge.

Read all about him in the article by Mrs. Susan Wisner (also published in the Community news). There are several links provided with additional information. John joins an elite group of bridge players more than 10 of whom have won National or World titles. The ACBL Education Foundation names the King or Queen of bridge annually. John has moved to Columbus to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering at The Ohio State University.

October means elections for the CBA Board of Directors. Have you an interest in guiding the CBA for the next 3 years? If so, please get in touch with Joe Muenks (Election Chair). See his note for contact information. Voting will occur in October at the club and also at the Cincinnati Spooktacular Sectional October 25-27.

As with all celebration, there are moments of joy and sadness.

We lost 3 members and good friends in the last 3 months, Mr. Gordon Adkins, Dr. Anthony S.

Viscomi, and Mrs. Dorothy Slaughter. We offer memorials for these friends. You can contribute toward their memory. Details are in the article.

The new Friday AM NLM game (Kay Mulford) and the CBA Tuesday Evening 99er Game are growing quite nicely. Annease and Marvin Comer have also added an NLM game at 11 AM on Tuesdays. If you are looking to add a game to your week, we guarantee one of these will delight.

There is a **coupon** for a free play for non-CBA/ACBL members. Know someone who wants to give duplicate a try? Now's the time to bring a friend or family member to the CBA for a free game (offer ends October 31).

Look for the hold-the-date announcements for special celebrations at the CBA in November. Don't miss out on the fun. Also we have the December Holiday Celebration announcement – be sure to plan ahead with your favorite partner. Tickets (food & Entry) must be purchased in advance for each pair. Don't miss this fun evening.

Tournament Trax is a new ACBL capability that provides great planning help for players and organizers alike. You can not only find NABCs, Regionals and Sectionals, you can also find Sectional Tournaments at Clubs, North American Pair Finals by District, and the Grand National Team District Finals. The Grand National Team District 11 Finals are in Lexington KY January 25-26, 2014. Be there!

Our wonderful authors continue to weave their magic. Al Fultz kept us abreast of happenings in area clubs. Chris Hastie and Joanne Earls offer help with lost winter partners. Miss Manners takes rude behavior to task and Potter Orr reminds us why following suit is a good idea. Amy Fisher talks about what it feels like to take a short break and get back to bridge, while husband Joe Fisher waxes analytical about the calculus of game bidding. Pat Dutson and Eugene Siutsau challenge us with insightful problems. Steve Felson muses about his partner's love affair with ♠s, while Robert Brown ruminates on tells and

hallmarks of us bridge players. Dean Congbalay evokes the muse of civility embodied in the ♥K. Andrew Gumperz concludes his 3-part series on better preempts. Rob Weidenfeld conjures Johnny Depp in Tonto Rides Again – with an entertaining look at a slam hand with an exotic ending based on pure logic. Look for Bruce's *(Non)Senses* – a *trompe l'oeil* for the brain.

Thanks to all who contributed! We can all fall back on the great entertainment in this issue. Then come out & play 1 extra game each month.



See you at the tables,

Steve

Editor, The **ALERT**

2014 Junior World Championships

John Altman and Isaac Stephani, with their teammates Jordan Kaye and Xu Wang, finished 4th in the online qualification stage to determine which Junior teams will represent the United States in the 2014 Junior World Championships next year in Istanbul, Turkey. The top 4 teams win an all-expenses trip to Atlanta for 6 days in December to receive coaching and continue the competition to determine the top 2 teams.

This is quite an accomplishment -- John and Isaac didn't enter the Youth Division (U20) for a variety of reasons, opting instead to compete in the U26 division. Congratulations John and Isaac!

[Bridgewinners](#) [USBF Match Score](#)

CLUB CORNER

Send Club News to the Alert
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Elsmere Bridge Club by Al Fultz

Summer is quickly passing and many happy bridge days go by. The Club has been blessed with those who have shared from their gardens. **Evelyn Hance**, the dill lady, has again kept those of us who like it well supplied. **Peg Ammon** has blessed us with plums and peach cobbles. **Al Fultz**, in keeping with his personality, brought in hot banana peppers and tomatoes. Many others brought things in but as they did not check in with the gossip columnist, I am unable to name them.

We have great club news. Our Wednesday night novice game is running 3 to four tables. This is a result of a lot of hard work by the club faithful.

A very young member of our club, **John Taylor**, still in high school, won gold at the Fairborn regional. We are all so pleased for him. Along the way, his partner, **Henry Jackson**, was called an old man. I told him he needed a little JFM. Come on Henry, clean up your act.

Our standard bridge fees are 4 dollars, and we have free coffee, Folgers. Smiling faces welcome.

Anderson Bridge Club - We have joined the 21st century. We now have on table scoring devices thanks to the generosity of Sonja Wilson and others. God bless **Debbie Cummings** for her help in getting it set up and running. To Celebrate same, we had a free game with food. We were honored with the presence of **A. J. and Potter**. A.J. Showed his appreciation by coming in first overall.

Our Daily card fees are 6 dollars and a plate lunch is available for 3 dollars. Coffee is free.

We will be open for business as usual on election day, November the 5th.

Parking is plentiful in the church lot off Nordica as construction has restricted where we used to park. Another smiling face is always welcome.

Unit 124 Club Games		
Mon	AM	BCB 10:00 - CBC *11:00 Inv
	Aft	MIDM 1:00
	PM	CBC 7:00 (<2000) - OXF 7:00
Tue	AM	NKY 10:00 - BCB 10:00 - CBC 11:00
		MIDS 11:00 CBC 11:00 Open/NLM
	PM	CBC 7:00* Open/99er
Wed	AM	CBC * 11:00 - SCC* 10:00 - AND 11:30
	Aft	MIDL 12:00
	PM	NKY 6:30
Thu	AM	INT* 9:00 - BCB 10:00 - CBC 11:00
	Aft	WHC* 12:00 - EAB 12:30
	PM	CBC 7:00
Fri	AM	NKY 10:00 - CBC 11:00
	PM	BCB 6:30
Sat	AM	BCB 11:30
	Aft	CBC 1:00

Cincinnati Bridge Association Board of Directors Annual Elections

CBA Members:

Serving on the Board of Directors of the Cincinnati Bridge Association is a rewarding experience. The Board governs how we run bridge in the Unit. We need good new ideas. That is why we rotate Board membership.

We have 3 openings for 3 year appointments running from 2013 to 2015. The Board meets one Tuesday evening each month.

It is not too late to run. Contact Joe Muenks at 513-519-1476 (c) by 10/15 to ask about entering the contest or to nominate someone. Voting will occur over our Fall Sectional October 10/25-27, so watch the club and website for biographies of the candidates. Rob Weidenfeld

Joe Muenks, Chair

Nominating and Elections Committee

John Altman, 2013 King of Bridge!

By Susan Wisner

A new king has been crowned! His name is John Altman, and he is the 2013 King of Bridge.



The King (or Queen) of Bridge accolade recognizes a graduating high school senior's overall participation in the local bridge community, as well as prowess in the game. Selected annually by the American Contract Bridge

League Educational Foundation from High School senior applicants, the King/Queen of Bridge crown is accompanied by a \$1,000 scholarship.

Altman is a resident of Evendale and a former long-time resident of Mariemont, and a graduate of Walnut Hills High School. He began playing bridge when he was 12-years-old, but notes that he has been playing cards since before he could count.

"I learned my numbers from playing cards with my grandma," he said. "My grandma knew I had a knack for cards, so as a gift, she paid for me and



my dad to take lessons at the Cincinnati Bridge Center on Cooper Road. After a few lessons, I was hooked."

His bridge teacher, Nancy Sachs, and his first mentor, (the

Cincinnati Bridge Center has a nationally recognized Mentor Program to help newer players progress in the game) Bill Higgins of



Indian Hill, were also instrumental in growing his love for the game.

Altman is travelling in distinguished company in his passion for bridge. Both Warren

Buffet and Bill Gates are devotees of the game. What sets Altman apart, however, is his wise-beyond-his-years focus on recruitment and teaching.

"Of all the things I have done in the bridge community, teaching has been one of my absolute favorites," Altman said. Altman created the Walnut Hills Bridge Club afterschool at his high school. The club meets weekly, and welcomes all who want to learn this noble game.

What is it about bridge that sets it apart from other card games? The answers are many, beginning with the mental stimulation and challenge it affords. Educators embrace the activity because it hones math skills along with requiring mental strategy and planning. A number of schools in the area have recognized this fact. There are also after-school clubs at Indian Hill middle school and high school, St. Xavier High School and Lakota High School.

For those in the senior citizen category it has been found that playing bridge can hedge one's bets against developing memory loss. Research in Alzheimer's disease has discovered that deliberately struggling to learn difficult material is good for one's brain, from birth to old age.

So, what are the next steps for this King of the Bridge World? What else but establishing a Bridge Club at The Ohio State University in Columbus, where he is a Chemical Engineering major.

Links for more information:

[ACBL Press Release](#)

[List of Past Winners](#)

[2013 April ALERT \(see p. 9\)](#)

[BBO Interview & Photos](#)

[Bridgewinners Article](#)

[Fox 19 Interview \(Video\)](#)

[WCPO Article \(9/13\)](#)

[Community News](#)

MEMORIALS

This summer we lost 3 members and good friends. We remember them here, one more time.

Gordon Adkins, Silver Life Master



Gordon, loving father of Ken (Terri) Adkins and Lori (Ken) Lewis, sweetheart of Jean Ezzell, devoted grandpa of Audrey, Vanessa, Natalie, Michelle, Jamie, Adam, Maria and Mary, and dear brother of Bob (Linda), Rick (Marilyn) and

Kevin (Debbie) Adkins passed away at the age of 72 on July 31, 2013. Gordon grew up in Maryland and graduated from the University of Maryland. He moved to Ohio and worked for General Electric for more than 30 years until retiring in 1999. Gordon was a long time resident of West Chester, Ohio. He was an avid bridge, golf, and tennis player, and a huge supporter of his granddaughters' cross country running. Donations in Gordon's memory may be sent to the West Chester Library at 9363 Centre Pointe Dr, West Chester Township, OH 45069 or to the Hoxworth Blood Center at 9554 S. Mason Montgomery Rd, Mason, OH 45040.



Tony Viscomi, Bronze Life Master

Dr. Anthony S. VISCOMI, "Horse Doctor" age 64, of Miamisburg, passed away Sunday August 4, 2013

at Grandview Hospital. Anthony was an Analytical Chemist at WPAFB for 27 years, a long time handicapper at Lebanon Raceway, and a member of Church of the Incarnation. He is preceded in death by his parents, Salvatore A. & Ida Viscomi and brothers, Louis & Vincent Viscomi. He is survived by his wife, Denise Black-Viscomi; step children, Clifton & Chloe Dailey, Ashley Ferguson, and numerous nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Autism Society in Anthony's memory.

Dottie Slaughter, Gold Life Master

Dorothy Slaughter, (nee Bonekamp), passed away at home Monday August 12, 2013, at the age of 89 with her loving family by her side. Beloved wife of 65 years to the late Eugene Richard, deceased January 2013. Loving mother to five sons Ken, Dave, Rick, Steve and preceded in death by Chris. Loving grandmother to Angie, Jeff, Jason, Andrew, Ben, Jon, Kelley, Abbey, Brad, Brian and 14 great-grandchildren. She also leaves two sisters, Marian Collins and Eileen(Corky) Bonekamp. Mrs. Slaughter served in the U.S. Navy WAVES as Yeoman 2nd Class, and attended Hunter college while in the service. She was a Gold Life Master in Bridge and won the prestigious Gerald Steuernagle award for best exemplifying the principles of ethics, kindness and high character in the game of Bridge. She did volunteer work distributing communion to shut-ins. Memorials may be made to the American Bridge Association.



The C.B.A. is sad at the loss of one of our most beloved members, Dottie Slaughter. Dottie was a major presence in the C. B. A. for over 50 years. She played several days a week and had a multitude of partners. Unfailingly kind, helpful and courteous to everyone she played with or against, her decorum at the table set a standard to which we all should aspire.

It seemed as though Dottie never met a stranger. Friendly and warm to everyone, she had legions of friends in the C.B.A. and in the region and

made everybody-even brand new novices- feel comfortable playing against her.

Dottie adored duplicate bridge and ardently promoted it, teaching scores of students over the years and encouraging them at every opportunity to join the C.B.A. She mentored, supported and was the head cheerleader for countless novice players for many, many years.

In 1993, Dottie co-chaired the Novice program at the Nationals in Cincinnati. It was an outstanding success, due in large part to her tireless efforts to make the newcomers feel at home at the table and to introduce them to the pleasures of duplicate bridge.

It feels strange to walk into the bridge center and no longer see Dottie's smiling face. She was a delight to be with, a delight to play with and a delight to play against. Dottie will be greatly missed but she will never be forgotten. Dottie asked that any memorial contributions in her honor be made to the Cincinnati Bridge Association. Funds will be used to expand the novice program at the C.B.A.

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Dorothy Slaughter In Memoriam

A bright light left this world and the world of bridge with the passing of Dottie Slaughter. She was loved by everyone simply because she loved everyone. She never failed to greet people with a smile and a friendly hello when they came to her table. These qualities of courtesy and love marked her as a lady of class as well as a champion bridge player – a gold Life Master.

Dottie loved life and had a rich history as she passed through it. In World War II she served as a WAVE in the U.S. Navy. It was there she met her husband, Dick and together they grew in love and affection, one for the other; she shared this love with her five sons and their families. Dottie attended Mass daily and guess what – she regularly went to exercise class, learned the chicken dance and played tennis into her eighties.

We spoke with several people she served as mentor. Without exception they spoke of her

kindly manner, never criticizing mistakes and enthusiastically praising their occasional good play. They all loved her. We knew that in her husband's final illness she gave him the last full measure of her love and devotion.

Dottie, your smile, your friendliness, your love of life and the people in it, and your skill at the game of life and the game of bridge will always live in our memory.

Nancy Luetge and Walter Bunker

Winter Partnerships by Chris Hastie & Joanne Earls

Migration to the south is about to begin. Are you one of the unlucky ones whose partner enjoys a winter of warmth and sun? Does she/he abandon you in cold, dark Cincinnati feeling desperate and dateless with regard to bridge? If so, call or email Chris or Joanne. We will do our best to find you a winter replacement. Please email us now with your points, a list of your favorite conventions, a start date (day of abandonment) and the days or evenings you like to play. While your partner basks in the sun at the beach and hits a golf ball 5 hours a day, you can sharpen your bridge skills and collect master points. We look forward to assisting you!

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MISS MANNERS

We were so inundated with questions for our Miss Manners column that we couldn't begin to print them all. To be fair we have randomly selected three questions:



Q: We were playing at the Center the other day and someone at the other table said very loudly, "this game sucks!" Should he be penalized or even evicted?

A: Strictly speaking, my dear, I agree that thirty lashes would not be inappropriate; however, even the most polite player is sometimes overcome by his opponent's blindly stumbling into an 18 point game, or making the only lead that can set a contract because that card inadvertently fell out of their hand. So, let's just give him a kindly pat on the shoulder and a knowing look just this once.

Q: As we finished a hand last week our opponent thanked us for the extra trick we let him steal from us. Although this sounded polite enough I am not sure he was really being nice. What do you think?

A: This is what we call a "back-handed compliment", dearie. You can handle this in several different ways:

- 1) Tell him that by his play of the hand you were certain he needed it.
- 2) Take it out to the parking lot.
- 3) Give him that frozen stare that makes him remember his kindergarten days.

Q: The other day we played against a pair so slow that I actually forgot what happened in the preceding tricks. Do I have any recourse?

A: Certainly you do! The "Nap-Hinder" rule is just for this situation. As soon as you awake from your doze, you just smack your hand on the table and yell "Nap-Hinder"! The opponents are required to concede you two tricks.

Well, that 's all for now...Ta Ta! Miss Manners

Why You Always Want to Follow Suit By Potter Orr

All of us know that we must follow suit to each trick if we can. If we fail to do so, this is called a revoke. Long ago, just prior to the invention of the wheel, this was called a renege



but the proper terminology now is revoke.

While following suit may seem very basic and simple, almost every player will occasionally have a lapse. The most common reasons for a revoke are:

- Having 2 cards stuck together
- Misunderstanding which suit was led to the trick
- Thinking one or more tricks ahead in the play.

Like any rules infraction at bridge, first aid means calling the director.

The best revoke prevention comes from your partner. Anytime your partner fails to follow suit to a trick, you are allowed to ask them “no spades (hearts, clubs, diamonds), partner”. Declarer may ask either defender. Each defender may ask their partner and the declarer. The dummy may ask declarer (his partner) if he is really out of that suit. Dummy may not ask defenders. It is genuinely good practice to get in the habit of questioning your partner anytime they show out. It is similarly good practice to check your hand when partner is kind enough to ask.

A player must correct his revoke if he becomes aware of it before the revoke has become “established” (more on established below). For example, East-West are defending a spade contract and East trumps a diamond. West diligently inquires of East whether they have any diamonds. Lo and behold, East finds a diamond. The diamond must be substituted for the trump initially played to the trick. That trump will become a penalty card and the director should be called to inform everyone of their rights and obligations with regard to the penalty card.

If declarer discovers that they have revoked before the revoke is established, they may play a legal card to the trick and put the incorrectly played card back in their hand (there are no penalty cards for declarer). If a player of the non-revoking side plays a card after a card that is later retracted/corrected, they may change that card with no penalty. For example, declarer trumps a diamond and the defender to his left follow suit

with a low diamond. Before declarer can call for a card from the dummy, dummy asks declarer about diamonds and declarer finds one. Declarer must retract his trump and play the diamond. The defender then has the option of changing his card (since he belongs to the non-revoking side).

- The revoke becomes established and penalties may apply when:
- The revoker or his partner lead or play a card to the next trick. For declarer, this includes calling for a card to be played from dummy for the next trick.
- If a player makes a claim about the rest of the tricks or agrees to a claim made by someone else, this is considered playing to the next trick and establishes a revoke.

Once a revoke is established it cannot be fixed by playing the correct card and the director should be called immediately. This rule is not one that the players should resolve on their own. Any player except dummy may call attention to a revoke and call the director. Dummy may call attention to a revoke only after the end of play of the hand.

The general penalties for a revoke are as follows:

Revoke trick won By	Revoking pair wins tricks <u>after the revoke trick</u>	Penalty: (# of tricks transferred to Non-Revokers)
Revoker	1 or more	2 (revoke +1)
Revoker	None	1 (revoke)
Revoker's partner	1 or more	1 (revoke)
Revoker's partner	None	1 (revoke)
Non-Revoking Side	1 or more	1 (revoke)
Non-Revoking Side	None	0

There are a number of situations where there is no penalty for a revoke.

- If the revoking side does not win the revoke trick and does not win any tricks during the rest of play, there is no penalty.
- If there is a 2nd revoke in the same suit by the same player, there is no additional penalty.

The penalty applied to the 1st revoke is the only one to be assessed.

- If the revoke involves a card belonging to dummy or is a penalty card left face up on the table, there is no penalty. All players have an obligation to make sure that cards lying face up on the table are played in the appropriate manner.
- There is no penalty for revoke if it is not discovered until after either member of the non-revoking side has made a bid or pass on the next board.
- There is no penalty for revoke if it is not discovered until after the director has called the end of the round.
- There is no penalty for revoke if both sides have revoked on the same board.

The 12th trick of any hand is a special case in terms of a revoke. If the revoke is discovered before all 4 hands have been returned to the board, it must simply be corrected. If is any question about this, please call the director.

In addition to the penalties described above, if the non-revoking side can make a convincing argument to the director that the revoke change the whole line of play of the hand and cost their side more tricks, the director retains the right to award an adjusted score. An example of this might be a hand played in NT where dummy has A K xxxx of diamonds and no other entries. Declarer plays the Q of diamonds from his hand and then a small diamond to the board winning with the ace. He now plays the K of diamonds from the board. A defender who holds J xx of diamonds revokes on the 3rd trick of the suit. He then wins the 4th trick with the jack. Under the normal rules, this would be a one trick penalty and yet it clearly cost declarer 3 tricks. The director in this instance should assess of 3-trick penalty. The director's goal is to establish equity and not to unduly penalize the offending side.

Commentary about high level bridge:

"It is easy to see how declarer could lose by that play; it is more difficult to see how he could gain. As is so often demonstrated, the declarer can always defeat the contract." – Edgar Kaplan

Nancy's Nasties

By Pat Dutson

This hand was taught by Nancy Sachs in her Advanced 2/1 Classes.



The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

You are sitting East and partner leads

the ♥8. In Nancy's lead system against notrump contracts, the second highest card is led in a bad suit which the leader does not want returned. Dummy comes down and you see the following:

South ♠ Q75
Deals ♥ K93
N-S Vul ♦ 962
 ♣ AJ64

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	♥ A64
	♦ KT84
	♣ T8

Declarer plays the ♥K from dummy. How are you going to defend to set 3NT?
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Where Has My Bridge Game Gone?

By Amy Fisher

I've had quite a summer. My son was married in June in Las Vegas, a granddaughter was born in Seattle, and Joe and I vacationed in Canada. Great summer for me, but I played no bridge.



Joe didn't play either, but here is the difference. I spent most of my time thinking about weddings, babies, sewing projects, and seeing friends and family. Joe spent time with those things, but he always carries bridge materials with him, even when we are hiking. He always thinks about bridge.

So now we are back on Cincinnati, ready to play again. And what happens? Joe seamlessly slides back into his normal play, and I cannot follow suit. When we take a sojourn from bridge, how do we regain our bridge mojo?

1. I'm taking my lumps. Inwardly, I'm not happy about it, but I appreciate that my opponents seem happy that I have arrived at their table.
2. I'm apologizing all the time to my partner and I'm only slightly annoyed that my opponents are trying to hide their smirks.
3. I'm playing and playing again. When I told my most recent partner that I was going to give up the game, she just smiled and said, "No, you won't." Of course, I won't. I'm playing and playing again.

Some of us take a break from bridge for vacation and babies and weddings. Some because of work. Some because of health issues. Some because our interest fades for a time.

We hope everyone returns to the game, no matter how much time is taken off. We are all so different, all so interesting, and all so important to each other. So get better, come home, take it easy, and come back and play!

CIWk2 + StrNT = G

By Joe W. Fisher



Mathematicians love equations! Here is another one for those of you that liked my last equation, $LR + 6 = G$. Classical Weak 2-bid plus a Strong NT equals Game. What is a classical weak 2-bid? It is something like this

♠ KQJ973
♥ K98
♦ 97
♣ 85

It's a good 6-card suit in a 7-loser deal — so it has the same trick taking potential as an opening hand, but with fewer points. By looking at this deal opposite a strong NT, we would all agree with this equation. Think: If I held this hand and partner opens 1NT, I would want to play 4♠.

So, if you and your partner play classical weak 2-bids, and partner opens 2♠, and you hold a strong NT, bid game.

These days, the weak 2-bid has gone modern! It might be a 6-card suit in an 8-loser deal; e.g., in the above deal, ♠s might be ♠ QJ9732.

Partner opens a weak 2♦/2♥/2♠ (assuming a 6-card suit). Game depends on your combined

high-card strength *and* fit for partner's suit. So Mel Colchamiro suggests that you add your point count to the number of cards in partner's suit. If $\#points + \#trumps \geq 17$, *invite* game!

Wk2 + Mel's17 = Invite G

Notice '*invite* game' rather than '*bid* game' because most of us now play *modern*, rather than *classical*, weak 2-bids.

We hold this hand and see partner open 2♠.

♠ T84
♥ AK4
♦ KQ76
♣ K63

It's a strong NT. What do we do? Does partner have a classical weak 2-bid or a modern weak 2-bid? Ask her by inviting. Usually people invite with an artificial 2NT response.

Now the good student asks the Prof, "Even if partner has a classical weak 2-bid, how can we conclude that we have game when we *don't* have a strong NT — the equation in the title does not apply!"

It is all about your fit for partner's 6-card spade suit. As I explained in my article, $LR + 6 = G$, (Cincybridge.com, My CBA, Newsletters, Alert 2013 April) *when you know partner has a fit for your six card suit, upgrade by adding 3 additional points in the evaluation of your hand*¹. Here, though, the weak two bidder doesn't know about our fit. So as responder, add the 3 extra evaluation points to your hand — making it equivalent to a strong NT! So you see Colchamiro's Rule of 17 derives from the one in the title!

¹References concerning length evaluation: See my article 'Tips from the Master—Charles Goren', *The Alert*, August 2010 (on our CBA website) and Eddie Kantar, 'Just the facts #9', *Bridge Bulletin*, January 2013.

(Non)Senses By Bruce Parent

... Into the valley of death rode the minus 800.
... In the race between the tortoise and the hare, the hare felt enturtled to the victory.
... It's just a pigment of my imagination.
... Don't worry, it's only a game. If it were really important it would be a slam.
... I'm an optimist, my brain is half full!

Can Cincinnatians Do Better?

By Eugene Siutsau

Problem 1:

♠ xx
♥ xxx
♦ Axxx
♣ KJ98

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AJx
♥ A98xx
♦ x
♣ AQ10x

4♥ (S). Opening lead : ♥K. **Plan your play.**

Problem 2:

IMPs.

♠ 1098
♥ xxxxx
♦ AKxx
♣ J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AKQJx
♥ -
♦ xxx
♣ Axxxx

W	N	E	You
-	-	-	1♠
2NT*	3♠	pass	4♠
pass	pass	pass	

* - minors

4♠ (S). Opening lead : ♥K. **Plan your play.**

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FALLING IN LOVE WITH SPADES

By Steve Felson



"Falling in love with love is falling for make believe." [From "The Boys From Syracuse"(1938), Lyrics by Lorenz Hart, Music by Richard Rogers]

*More than a hangman loves his rope
More than a dope fiend loves his dope
More than an Injun loves his scalps
More than a yodeler loves his alps
More More More More More!* ["There Once Was a Man" From "The Pajama Game" (1954), Words and Music by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross]

It must be blasphemous in all religions to ask forgiveness for transgressions at the bridge table. I've been around the galaxy a few times but I've never heard of a single deity who would view, for example, the careless discard of the setting trick as a sin requiring atonement.

So, instead of forgiveness I've recently decided simply to thank the deities for all the wonderful lessons bridge has to teach. For example, I've learned to view my partner's frequent bidding lapses as mere manifestations of human frailty. They could happen to anyone, not just to shameless hand hogs. So when he once again fails to recognize Drury, I no longer even consider blowing my brains out or pushing him out the airlock and into deep space without a paddle.

Yes, I have arrived at the path of enlightenment. On the day of judgment, assuming the anti-aging cream eventually stops working, the only thing anyone will be able to fault me for is placing an unobtrusive card in a holder on Partner Brown's side of the table stating "Thank you for not over-bidding." Is that so wrong? Of course not.

Another example: The *old* Steve Felson, let's say *circa* 2013, watching Brown again claim before pulling trump, thereby costing us a crucial trick, might shriek, "THE HORROR, THE HORROR" (Joseph Conrad, "Heart of Darkness" (1902)). Now I say "Too bad old chap" and make a note to use the deal in my next **ALERT** article.

So – on to love. Bob’s first love is the two-spade pre-empt (with 3 clubs on a weak six-card suit a close second). For example, many think this hand too strong for a pre-empt:

♠KQxxxx
♥Axx
♦QT9
♣x

But to Bob Brown it’s a chance to say to some spiny-backed Geckonian opponents, “I bet 2 spades – raise to 3 something if you dare.”

In my youth (age 70 or so) I used to criticize bids like this on the ground that they usually lead to bottom scores. Now I just smile, lean back, watch him play or misplay it, and make a note for the **ALERT**.

Back to love. In an recent electronic regional nominally located on some wind-swept dot barely visible on the ceiling screen, we were up against a couple of miscellaneous reptilians when we pulled this beauty:

South deals	♠ Q 5		
Both Vul	♥ 8 7 3		
	♦ Q J 4		
	♣ AQ962		
♠ –		♠ AJ962	
♥ AKQ1064		♥ J95	
♦ AK106		♦ 853	
♣ KJ5		♣ 74	
	♠ K108743		
	♥ 2		
	♦ 9 7 2		
	♣10 8 3		



Does the South hand – one king, losing trick count of 9 – seem just a bit light for a vulnerable weak two bid? I’ve seen suicide missions with a better chance of survival. But when you’re

in love The bidding:

South	West	North	East
<i>R. Brown</i>	<i>Reptile 1</i>	<i>Yours truly</i>	<i>Reptile 2</i>
2♠	Double	All Pass	

Reptile 1 tried to show the

extra strength by doubling but East converted to penalty with his “Mel Count” of nine (Mel Colchamiro, “How to Play Like an Expert,” Magnos Books, 2007, Ch. 5). I’d have done the same.

It turns out that two spades goes down if West leads hearts at every opportunity and East discards a diamond on the fourth round, depriving declarer of his diamond winner. At our skill level, however, neither human, nor proximate human, nor belly-crawling reptile is

going to find that defense – most Wests will try to grab their top tricks before declarer finesses in clubs and sluffs his losers on the remaining club winners. So Bob loses two trump tricks, two diamonds and a heart for plus 670. Of the 36,000 or so N-S pairs who played this board the only other plus scores occurred when West reached a reasonable 6H contract but went minus 100 on the bad club lie.

And what was my mature, perfectly reasonable, zero-tolerance, non-judgmental, new-Steve comment to Sir Robert? “Well played, partner – gotta love those spade pre-empts.”

Save-These-Dates

Granovetter's Grand Life Master celebration – Sunday November 24th, 1:00 PM

John Altman's King of Bridge celebration – Saturday November 30th, 1:00 PM.

Come celebrate their success and play bridge! Details to follow on the CBA website.

Volunteer Wanted!

The **Cincinnati Bridge Center** is looking for a **Supplies Coordinator** -- someone who will keep an inventory of our bridge and everyday supplies, order them as needed, and restock. Other duties include keeping our storage closets organized, working closely with Potter Orr on technology issues, and preparing the supplies cache for tournaments. If you're interested, please contact Ron Manne or A.J. Stephani.

RUMINATIONS By Robert Brown

Beyond the conventional attributes of “table presence”, lurks a mysterious aura – palpable but ineffable – driving results superior to those from mere bidding/play analyses and beyond the normal inferences of opponent demeanor and conduct. It is an intangible imposition of will that saps the temerity of adversaries and impels them to cowardly underbidding and cowering defenses. Calliope¹ suggests some wellsprings for this force and the Author has parenthetically referenced their CBA embodiments:

¹ The Muse of Epic Poetry.

Visage (A.R.): “whose frown, and wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command”.²

Reputation (N.S.): “Madame Sosostriis . . . known to be the wisest woman in Europe, with a wicked pack of cards”.³

Cogitation (B.P.): “a cat in profound meditation His mind is engaged in a rapt contemplation”.⁴

Insanity (M.L.; J.F.): “Beware, beware his flashing eyes, his floating hair . . . close your eyes in holy dread”.⁵

Stature (P.& M.G.; N.C.): “Some work of noble note may yet be done not unbecoming men that strove with Gods”.⁶

Intellect (Y.S.; R.B-P; R.F.): “The Masters of the subtle schools are controversial, polymath”.⁷

Ego (W.H.): “Exploring hands encounter no defense; his vanity requires no response”.⁸

Snowbirding (J.M.; D.C.; S.R.): “I read, much of the night, and go south in the winter”.⁹

The rest of us, the rabble, the remnants, and remainder of Duplicate strife and striving are Prufrockian figures who “have seen the moments

² Shelley, *Ozymandias*, (1818).

³ Eliot, *The Waste Land*, I. THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD (1922).

⁴ Eliot, *Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats*, THE NAMING OF CATS (1939).

⁵ Coleridge, *Kubla Khan* (1797/1816).

⁶ Tennyson, *Ulysses* (1833/1842).

⁷ Eliot, *Mr. Eliot’s Sunday Morning Service* (1920).

⁸ Eliot, *The Waste Land*, III. THE FIRE SERMON (1922).

⁹ Eliot, *supra* note 3 (cf. Buffet “Changes in latitude, changes in attitude” (1977)).

of [our] greatness flicker . . . and the eternal Footman [Director score our cards] and snicker.”¹⁰ Denied a table presence by fate and circumstance, we paradoxically fill our assigned table stations with “table absence” inspiring others to greatness at our expense and mortification. Whoever said it is better to give than receive obviously didn’t play Bridge.



Nancy’s Nasties – Answer

By Pat Dutson

South ♠ Q75

Deals ♥ K93

N-S Vul ♦ 962

♣ AJ64

♠ T963

♥ A64

♦ KT84

♣ T8



Declarer plays the ♥K from dummy. How are you going to defend to set 3NT?

Let's start by counting points. North has 10 HCP, you have 8 HCP, and South has 15-17, let's assume 16. That leaves 6 HCP for West. Not much, maybe two kings or a king, queen, jack.

Now let's count defensive tricks. You have one sure defensive trick, the ♥A. So you need three more defensive tricks to set the contract. Even if partner has 2 kings, that only brings the defensive trick count to 3 potential tricks. Further, if partner has the ♣K, it is poorly placed and it can be finessed. That means that your side has perhaps only 2 potential "sure" defensive tricks.

Let's turn our attention to the lead. Since the lead of a high card indicates that partner does not want the suit returned, that means that declarer probably has the ♥Q and the ♥J.

What is declarer's trick count? We know that declarer has two sure ♥ tricks, probably four or five ♣ tricks, and if he/she has the ♠A and ♠K,

¹⁰ Eliot, *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock* (1911/1915).

declarer has 3 spade tricks for a total of 9-10 tricks: 3♠'s, 2♥'s, and 4-5♣'s. If we are to defeat the contract, we have to hope that declarer doesn't have the ♠K or 5♣'s.

What is declarer's and partner's probable distribution? Assuming that declarer isn't one of the "wild bidders" at the Club (you know who they are), he/she probably has a 4-4-3-2, 4-3-3-3, or 5-3-3-2 distribution. That means that partner's hand is probably reasonably balanced. Also, with a long suit, partner probably would have led that suit versus a top of nothing lead.

Now that we've completed the 1st part of our analysis, how do we set this contract? What suit is a potential source of tricks? It has to be your ♦ suit. So, do we take the ♥K with our ♥A and lead the ♦4?

Let's now think about the ♦ suit. Dummy and you have seven diamonds. We know declarer has at least two ♦'s for his notrump bid. That means partner has either 3 or 4♦'s. If partner had 4♦'s and some values in ♦'s, why didn't he/she lead a diamond? So, partner has 3♦'s and declarer has 3♦'s. If you lead a ♦, declarer will simply holdup his/her ♦ stopper until the third lead of the suit and partner will be unable to lead a diamond if he/she is able to gain the lead.

The result of our well thought out analysis is that it doesn't help to take the ♥K with our ♥A and lead a ♦. We have to hope that partner can gain the lead with the ♠K and will lead a ♦. The play proceeds as follows:

1. You duck the play of the ♥K from dummy.
2. Declarer finesses you for the ♠K and loses to partner.
3. Partner leads the ♦Q and you encourage a continuation.
4. Partner continues ♦'s and declarer holds up the ♦A until the 3rd play of the suit.
5. Declarer then plays the ♥Q seeking his/her 9th trick.
6. You take your ♥A and cash your 4th ♦ for the setting trick: 1♠, 1♥, and 3♦'s. Well done!!

The complete deal is:

North	♠ Q75		♠ T963
Deals	♥ K93		♥ A64
N-S Vul	♦ 962		♦ KT84
	♣ AJ64		♣ T8
	♠ K84		
	♥ T852		
	♦ QJ7		
	♣ 972		
	♠ AJ2		
	♥ QJ7		
	♦ A53		
	♣ KQ53		

Can Cincinnatians Do Better?

Problem 1 Solution: If ♥s are 4-1 we have at least 4 losers: 3 ♥s and 1(or 2) ♠s. Therefore we should assume that trumps are 3-2.

We probably cannot ruff 3rd ♠ in dummy after opening trump lead (if we give up a ♠, defense will be able to play 2 more rounds of ♥s).

However, we can try a **dummy reversal** play.

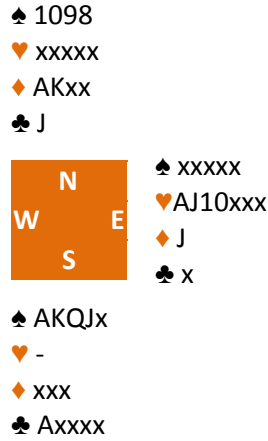
Lets' look at the full deal. We should **duck the 1st trick** (we can afford 2 rounds of trumps since we need to ruff

only 3 ♦ losers from dummy). Win any continuation, (**cash** ♥A if W shifts to another suit), **play** ♦A and **ruff small** ♦. Cross to dummy with a ♣ and **ruff 2nd** ♦. Cross to dummy again and **ruff last** ♦. Even if defense will be able to ruff a ♣ or over-ruff a ♦, we will lose only 1 ♠ from dummy and 2 trumps.

Problem 2 Solution: Since we have good trump spots in dummy we can try to ruff 3 ♣s. In this case we need only 2 tricks in the minors (5 ♠s + 3 ruffs = 8).

	♠ xx		♠ Q9xx
	♥ xxx		♥ xx
	♦ Axxx		♦ QJ10xx
	♣ KJ98		♣ xx
	♠ K10xx		
	♥ KQJ		
	♦ Kxx		
	♣ xxx		
	♠ AJx		
	♥ A98xx		
	♦ x		
	♣ AQ10x		

Let's look at the full deal. We should ruff ♥K, play ♦ to the ♦A and ♣ to the ♣A. Now we can start crossruffs. We will score 5 ♠s + ♦A + ♣A + 3 ♣ ruffs = 10.



Notice that we cannot take 2 ♦ tricks – E will ruff ♦K and will return a trump leaving us with 9 tricks only. Well, sometimes 2-suiters overcalls don't work very well for the defense.

What the ♥ King Taught Me

By Dean Congbalay

All I really need to know I learned at the bridge table:



- * Introduce yourself to people you don't know. They may be your next good friends.
- * Say hello to everyone. You might make someone's day.
- * Don't lie. When you make an inappropriate bid, you harm your partner -- and your partnership.
- * We are each dealt a hand. Make the most of it.
- * Keep your priorities straight. Diamonds are great, but hearts are much more valuable.
- * Plan ahead. Spending time to develop a course of action is time well spent.
- * Be flexible. Sometimes, the best plans need a little revision.
- * Choose your partner carefully. You're going to spend lots of time together!
- * Exercise is good. Sometimes, play east-west.
- * Be extra careful when you're vulnerable -- and we're all vulnerable sometimes.
- * Be understanding. Everybody makes mistakes.

- * Grace is good. Nobody likes a boastful winner.
- * Be punctual. If you're late, you make others late, too.
- * Smile. It's infectious.
- * Say "thank you." Being civilized is cool.
- * Listen. You can learn a lot from the bidding.
- * Speak clearly. "Ace" and "eight" sound similar, but there's a big difference!
- * Help those with less experience. We all were beginners at some point.
- * Wash your hands often -- with soap. Those cards are filthy!
- * Cover your mouth and turn away when you cough. Nobody wants your germs.
- * Give clear signals. We can't read your mind!
- * Value your partner. He's the only one in the room on your side.
- * Do your job. Even when you're the dummy, you still have an important role.
- * Be kind. You will never like everybody, but you can be cordial to all.
- * Appreciate what you have -- and what you don't have. A long suit -- or a void -- can be a very good thing.
- * We never know everything. Just when we think we have it all figured out, we get served a big piece of humble pie.
- * Enjoy! You can't win all the time, but you can always have fun.

CBA Holiday Party By Diane Thaller

It's time to plan for the Annual CBA Holiday Celebration Wednesday December 11, 2013. Tickets can be purchased at any game during the month of November. No entries or tickets will be sold at the game. All tickets require both partners names at the time of purchase.

A cash bar begins at 6 PM and the holiday buffet at 6:30 PM. The duplicate pairs game will start at 7 PM or as soon as possible thereafter. As always the desert table will be available all evening long.

So get your favorite partner and buy a pair of tickets to the year-end celebration at the CBC.

Questions? [Contact Diane Thaller dlthaller@icloud.com](mailto:dlthaller@icloud.com)

Better Preempts: What is the upside? part III



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Last time we discussed how the progress of the opponent's constructive auction affects the upside to preemption. We focused on fits, both express and implied. This week, we will look at auctions where opponents may already know their level.

Any time that one opponent has made a tightly limited call, chances are good the other knows the correct level. We have already seen one example, the limited single raise. Limited bids of NT are another common auction after which level is often known before you can make a preemptive jump overcall. After a limit bid, preempts should in general be sound, as in all of the following auctions:

1♣ -- (P) -- 1NT (8-10) -- ?

1♦ -- (P) -- 2NT (11-12) -- ?

1NT (15-17) -- ?

2NT (20-21) -- ?

Comparing 1NT in Different Auctions

Let's look at a few similar-sounding auctions to see how preemptive opportunity can change based on how limited a call really is.

1♣ -- (P) -- 1NT (8-10) -- ?

This is a poor time to preempt. RHO's strength is well defined, and he has denied a major. LHO usually already knows what level to play, and he can rule out playing in a major, so he will usually also know the strain. Preempts should be sound.

1♦ -- (P) -- 1NT (5-10) -- ?

This is a better time to preempt. RHO can have a wide ranger for his 1NT response to 1♦ than in our last auction, and his shape is less constrained. RHO might have been forced to bid 1NT with length in the other minor, but too weak for a 2/1 response, e.g., ♠Axx, ♥x, ♦xxx, ♣Kxxxx

1♠ -- (P) -- 1NT (forcing) -- ?

This is an even better time to preempt. RHO could have 5-11 HCPs, and he could have almost any shape. Contrast that with the preceding auctions where he has denied a 4-card major.

South

♠xx

♥KQ109xx

♦x

♣xxxx

Pass. LHO will often already know whether the hand belongs in game. 3♥ is much too risky.

W N E S

1♣-P-1NT-?

South

♠xx

♥KQ109xx

♦xxxx

♣x

Pass. Still too risky.

W-N- E - S

1♦-P1NT?

South

♠xx

♥KQ109xx

♦x

♣xxxx

3♥. Good chances of disrupting the opponents.

W N E S

1♠-P-1NT-?

One Major Openings

Not all opening bids are equally limited. Sometimes, the opponents system provides an advantage to them in dealing with preemption.

1♠ (Two-over-one, 11+ HCP) -- ?

This is a good time to preempt. RHO has shown his longest suit, but his strength is largely undefined.

1♠ (Precision, 10-15 HCP) -- ?

Interestingly enough, a limited opening bid such as a Precision one-of-a-major presents only a fair time to preempt. RHO has shown his suit and limited his strength. Much of their work is already done, and the preempt won't do as much damage as in the preceding case, since the responder is already in a good place to judge whether to compete, pass or double.

Reverse Flannery Convention

The [Reverse Flannery Convention](#) also provides significant preemption protection. If you have not heard of this convention, responder's jumpshift into a major after a one-minor opening shows both majors and limited values. (i.e., 1m -- (P) -- 2M)

1♣ -- (P) -- 1M -- ?

This is a good auction to preempt. Both LHO and RHO are virtually unlimited, and game could exist in any strain.

1♣ -- (P) -- 2♥ (5♠, 4+♥ and 5-8 HCP) -- ?

1♣ -- (P) -- 2♠ (5♠, 4+♥ and 9-11 HCP) -- ?

Two terrible auctions to preempt. Both Reverse Flannery jumpshifts are tightly-limited and describe shape precisely. The upside for preemption is negligible. If you preempt at this point, your preempts must be sound.

South

♠x
♥xx Pass. 4♦ is a big risk and there is not
♦KQ109xxx enough upside to justify it.
♣xxx

W N E S
1♣-P-2♥-?

South

♠x
♥xx
♦KQ109xxx 3♦ or even 4♦. Automatic to
♣xxx preempt

W N E S

1♣-P-1♥-?

Strong Club

1♣ (Two-over-one) -- ?

This is a good time to preempt. Opener can have a wide range of values and the strain is completely unknown.

1♣ (16+ any shape) -- ?

This is a great time to preempt. Opponents do not have any shape information, and RHO is strong, meaning game+ their way is likely. Disrupting their Precision auction with a preempt will get in the way of them finding the best strain and level.

South

♠KQ109xx
♥x
♦xx 2♣ or 3♣ if you need a swing. You
♣xxxx can justify either call.

W N E S

1♣-?

South

♠KQ109xx
♥x
♦xx 3♣. Very easy. On this auction you
♣xxxx must stick it to them.

W N E S

1♣-?

The same principle applies in all of the above auctions: *The more unlimited the opponents's hands (in high cards and shape), the greater the preemptive opportunity.*

1NT Opener

As previous discussed, you would much rather preempt a 1-minor than a 1NT opening, since 1NT is so well-defined.

South Bid 2♠. LHO will often already know whether the hand belongs in game.
 ♠KQ109xx Since RHO's shape has been described accurately, LHO will often know which strain to play, or may have reduced the possibilities to a choice between two strains.
 ♥x
 ♦xx
 ♣xxxx
 W N E S
 1NT-? Further, LHO has a much better chance of judging accurately when to penalize you. 3♠ is much too risky.

South Bid 3♠. RHO has made a nebulous 1♣ opening. Your preempt will be very destructive and the opponents will have a tough time deciding when to penalize you. They don't want to collect +500 when they were due +1430. Preempting after an unlimited opening like 1♣ both reduces the risk and increases the reward, when compared to preempting after a narrowly-defined 1NT opening.

W N E S
 1♣-?

Conclusion

Two factors determine whether a preempt offers good chances for a reward:

- Whether or not LHO knows the suit in which the opponents hold a fit.
- Whether or not LHO knows the correct level.

The reward for preemptive calls of all kinds varies enormously based on how much information the opponents have already exchanged. In some auctions, preempts are largely pointless unless you strongly believe you have a cheap sacrifice. In other auctions, the reward is so high you should preempt as often as possible. The amount of information they have already communicated drives how desirable a preempt is in the given auction.

Tonto Rides Again (with an assist from Eric Jannersten, "Cards On The Table")

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One of the little known facts about the Old West was that many of the most famous lawmen of the day had recreational pastimes that may seem incompatible with their image as roughnecks. Take the lone Ranger. Known to be soft-hearted, he would never shoot to kill, preferring to render countless villains who drew on him crippled in their shooting hand for life. This passive aggressive behavior was probably due to the fact that he was most unattractive and made The Phantom of the Opera look like Pretty Boy Floyd. Thus the mask.

But he loved to demonstrate his prowess at the bridge table. In his many attempts to acculturate Tonto, the bridge table was his preferred method for trying to remove any leftover vestiges of Tonto's former barbarian life.

"Tonto," he would like to pontificate, "bridge is like life." "Take what belongs to you and render unto Caesar what is Caesar's." The lesson was barely imprinted on Tonto's mind when this hand came up.

NORTH
 ♠754
 ♥10762
 ♦10654
 ♣A7

The Lone Ranger was sitting South and Tonto was sitting obediently at his right kibitzing. The great Kemo Sabe had never held a hand like this. Thirty points and 9 X tricks. "Tonto," he tried to explain, "you can see that 3NT would be easy but it wouldn't take much for partner to have enough for me to take 12 tricks. So rather than be a pessimist, let's see if we can get partner to cooperate.

SOUTH
 ♠AKQ3
 ♥AKQ
 ♦AKQ
 ♣K96

Here was the auction:

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
6N	All Pass		

*= 2♦ is a positive waiting response.
 Lead: ♣Q

"Tonto, since the 2♦ bid promises an ace or a king, even you can figure out that we now have

NORTH
 ♠754
 ♥10762
 ♦10654
 ♣A7

11 tricks off the top," whispered the Lone Ranger to an attentive sidekick. "Surely, I will be able to negotiate a 12th trick with my skills!" Clearly, this hand only needs one of 3 suits to break 3-3, and then I am home.

SOUTH
 ♠AKQ3
 ♥AKQ
 ♦AKQ
 ♣K96

"Kemo sabe, (one who knows in Native American speak) can you not also do it if the jack in one of those suits falls on the play of your top tricks in the 3 suits?" "Yes, Tonto, the chances are overwhelming that I will make this contract. "

"Notice that I must win this trick in hand to preserve my entry to dummy." After winning in hand, the Lone Ranger promptly cashed 3 rounds of ♥s. RHO discard a ♣ on the 3rd round.

Then he played 3 rounds of ♦s. RHO discarded another ♣ on the 3rd round. "One more quiver in our bow, if you'll pardon the reference." said the wise one proudly. He then cashed 3 rounds of ♠s and this time LHO discarded the ♣10 on the 3rd round of ♠s.

Seeing that none of his opportunities had become reality, the Lone Ranger appeared quite shaken. "Sometimes Caesar wins," he declared morosely, as he arose and felt a sudden need to use the outhouse. Would you mind cleaning up, Tonto?"

Tonto had been thinking.

LHO was holding jacks in both red suits, therefore he also had the lone ♣J. RHO had the ♠J and therefore 2 ♣s. A ♣ to the ace was no help as the last 2 tricks would belong to West.

By process of elimination, he led his ♠. LHO could not afford to throw either red jack so he parted with the ♣J. Parting with either red 10 would make it easy for West to score the last trick, so Tonto pitched his ♣A!

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East was on lead but did not enjoy it. Whatever ♣ he led, Tonto covered it making his slam, er rather the Lone Ranger's slam.

Here was the ending→

"Kemo Sabe can score 11 tricks when you are dealt 11. But a Kemo Sabe-ier (*Ed: One who knows more than the one who knows*) can score the winning tricks with the ♣9 and the ♠6 - Caesar can get his render later!"

♠ -		♠ J
♥ 10		♥ -
♦ 10		♦ -
♣ A		♣ 85
♠ -	N	♠ J
♥ J	W	♥ -
♦ J	E	♦ -
♣ J	S	♣ 85
♠ 3		
♥ -		
♦ -		
♣ 96		

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By Mike Purcell



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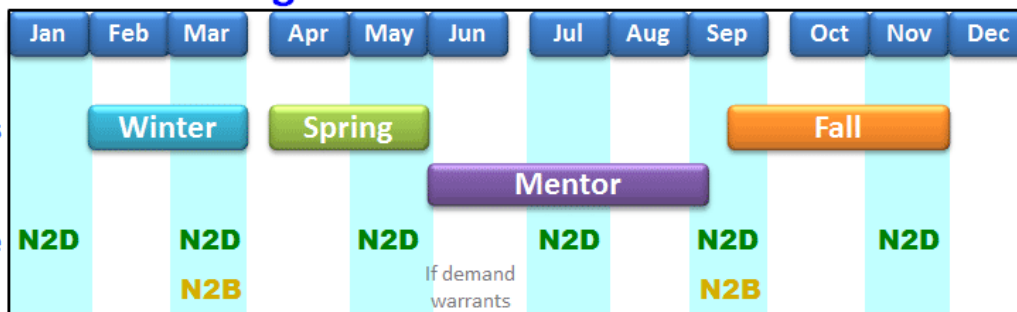
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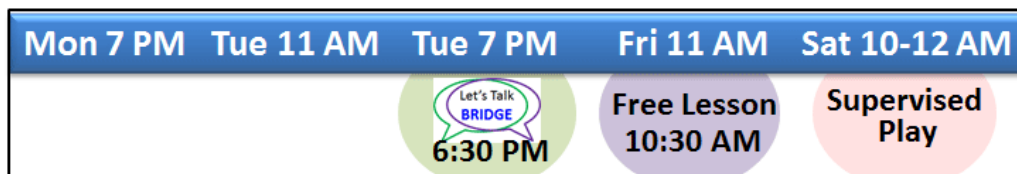
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41st WBTC-BBO5-BB		Team	Carryover	Segment	Total
RR14		USA2	0	42	42
BBO www.bridgebase.com		MONACO	0	73	73

Monaco vs USA2 2013 Bermuda Bowl World Championship, Bali

Round Robin Round 14 was one of the most exciting 16 boards ever in a world championship. 115 Imps scored and 5 pushed boards. Over 10 IMPS per board average score on the remaining 11. Here are the hands for your enjoyment. Go to the viewer to see bid by bid and card by card, along with expert commentary! Links at end.

#	Open Room			Closed Room			IMPs	
	N: FLEISHER S: KAMIL	E: HELNESS W: HELGEMO		E: ROSENBERG W: WILLENKEN	N: FANTONI S: NUNES			
17		3NTE=	400	3NTE+1	430		1	
18	500	5♦xE-3				4♠S=	620	3
19	3♣S+1	130				3♣N+1	130	--
20	6♠N+1	1460				7♦S=	2140	12
21	6♥N-2		200			4♥N=	620	13
22	2♠S=	110				2♠S=	110	--
23	5♠xN=	850			100	5♠N-1		14
24	4♥N=	420				4♥N=	420	--
25			4♠E+1	650	4♠E+1	650		--
26			4♠xE=	790		800	5♥xN-3	--
27	4♥S-1			50		2♥S+2	170	6
28	6♥S+1	1460				7♥S=	2210	13
29			3NTE=	600	3NTE-1		100	12
30	6♥S-2			100		6♥N=	980	14
31	6♦xS=	1540				3NTS+2	660	13
32	300	3NTW-3		5♣W=	600			14

D 17	N FANTONI	W	N	E	S
	♠ 965				?
	♥ 64				
	♦ KQJ8				
	♣ K742				
W WILLENKEN		E ROSENBERG			
♠ QJ		♠ K73			
♥ AJ9		♥ K102			
♦ 1092		♦ A543			
♣ A10986		♣ QJ3			
	S NUNES				
	♠ A10842				
	♥ Q8753				
	♦ 76				
	♣ 5				
Other table: 3NTE= NS: MONACO 0 IMPs EW: USA2 0 IMPs					

D 17	N FLEISHER	W	N	E	S
	♠ 965				
	♥ 64				
	♦ KQJ8				
	♣ K742				
W HELGEMO		E HELNESS			
♠ QJ		♠ K73			
♥ AJ9		♥ K102			
♦ 1092		♦ A543			
♣ A10986		♣ QJ3			
	S KAMIL				
	♠ A10842				
	♥ Q8753				
	♦ 76				
	♣ 5				
Other table: 3NTE+1 NS: USA2 0 IMPs EW: MONACO 0 IMPs					

Both teams bid 3N. Do you like your chances? Turns out a ♦ lead by South would set the contract. Both Souths led a ♠.

D 18	N FANTONI	W	N	E	S
	♠ AK982				
	♥ 10852				
	♦ 53				
	♣ 75				
W WILLENKEN		E ROSENBERG			
♠ J63		♠ 10			
♥ A97		♥ 643			
♦ QJ2		♦ AK10984			
♣ Q963		♣ J84			
	S NUNES				
	♠ Q754				
	♥ KQJ				
	♦ 76				
	♣ AK102				
Other table: 5♦xE-3 NS: MONACO 0 IMPs EW: USA2 1 IMPs					

D 18	N FLEISHER	W	N	E	S
	♠ AK982				
	♥ 10852				
	♦ 53				
	♣ 75				
W HELGEMO		E HELNESS			
♠ J63		♠ 10			
♥ A97		♥ 643			
♦ QJ2		♦ AK10984			
♣ Q963		♣ J84			
	S KAMIL				
	♠ Q754				
	♥ KQJ				
	♦ 76				
	♣ AK102				
Other table: 4♠S= NS: USA2 1 IMPs EW: MONACO 0 IMPs					

BridgeGoth: N/S do not play support doubles, but the raise is still 4 cards

USA2 put themselves in place to build a small lead. 4♠ by North was making in the other room. Here Kamil Fleisher chose to defend 5♦ Doubled. Kamil chose the ♦ 6 lead, perhaps thinking to cut down ruffs in dummy. Instead ♣AK then a ♣ ruff followed by a ♠ to the ♠Q allows USA2 to chalk up +800 for a 5 IMP pick up. As it was, +500 lost them 3 IMPs.

19 D	N FANTONI	W	N	E	S
	♠ Q52	P	2♣	P	P
	♥ KQ54	P	2♥	P	2♦
	♦ 5	P	P	P	3♣
	♣ AJ973				
W WILLENKEN		E ROSENBERG			
♠ J76		♠ 1094			
♥ A86		♥ J973			
♦ J10864		♦ AK732			
♣ 65		♣ K			
	S NUNES				
	♠ AK83				
	♥ 102				
	♦ Q9				
	♣ Q10842				
Other table: 3♠S+1					
NS: MONACO	3 IMPs				
EW: USA2	1 IMPs				

19 D	N FLEISHER	W	N	E	S
	♠ Q52	P	1♣	P	1♠
	♥ KQ54	P	2♣	P	2♥
	♦ 5	P	3♣	P	P
	♣ AJ973				
W HELGEMO		E HELNESS			
♠ J76		♠ 1094			
♥ A86		♥ J973			
♦ J10864		♦ AK732			
♣ 65		♣ K			
	S KAMIL				
	♠ AK83				
	♥ 102				
	♦ Q9				
	♣ Q10842				
Other table: 3♠N+1					
NS: USA2	1 IMPs				
EW: MONACO	3 IMPs				

Fleisher Kamil bid to 3♣ by South. South opened 1♣ and North transferred to hearts bidding 1♦. 2♣ was a 2nd suit and 2♦ asked. 3♣ suggested a place to play. Fantoni trotted out their intermediate 2 bid (9-13 HCP, 5+ cards with a singleton or void in a side suit). 2♦ asked for shape. 2♥ showed 3+ ♥. 3♣ was to play. Both made 4 - a push.

20 D	N FANTONI	W	N	E	S
	♠ AJ10532	P	3NT	P	4♥
	♥ AQ42	P	4♥	P	4♣
	♦ 7	P	4NT	P	5♣
	♣ K6				
W WILLENKEN		E ROSENBERG			
♠ 74		♠ Q9			
♥ KJ65		♥ 10873			
♦ 654		♦ J10			
♣ Q987		♣ 105432			
	S NUNES				
	♠ K86				
	♥ 9				
	♦ AKQ9832				
	♣ AJ				
Other table: 6♠N+1					
NS: MONACO	3 IMPs				
EW: USA2	1 IMPs				

20 D	N FLEISHER	W	N	E	S
	♠ AJ10532	P	1♠	P	2♦
	♥ AQ42	P	2♥	P	2♠
	♦ 7	P	3♣	P	4NT
	♣ K6				
W HELGEMO		E HELNESS			
♠ 74		♠ Q9			
♥ KJ65		♥ 10873			
♦ 654		♦ J10			
♣ Q987		♣ 105432			
	S KAMIL				
	♠ K86				
	♥ 9				
	♦ AKQ9832				
	♣ AJ				
Other table: 7♠S=					
NS: USA2	1 IMPs				
EW: MONACO	3 IMPs				

W N E S

- 1♠ P 2♦
- P 2♥ P 3♦
- P 3N P 4♦
- P 4♥ P 4♠
- P 4N P 5♣
- P 6♣ P 7♦!

The first of several hands with fireworks saw the USA 2 declarer judge to play in 6♠ while the Monaco Team chose 7♦. Fantoni opened 1♠ (14+ Forcing 1 round). 2♦ was 11+ HCP and almost Game Forcing. 2♥ was 4+ cards. 3♦ showed 6+ cards and was Game Forcing. 4♦ set trumps and 4♥ and 4♠ were Italian style control bids (A or K). 4N showed an even number of key cards. 5♣ control 2-3 key cards. (This approach to keycard bidding is called Turbo). 6♣ control bid with trump Queen. 7♦ was the final spot. The opening lead was the ♥5, putting pressure on declarer immediately. Declarer rose with the A and ruffed a ♥. Fantoni found a fascinating line: Draw trumps in 3 rounds, pitching ♠s fro dummy. ♠6 to the ♠A and ruff the 3rd ♥ leaving the ♥Q in dummy. 5 Cards remaining – North ♠J10 ♥Q ♣ K6 SOUTH ♠ K8 ♦ 8 ♣ AJ. EW had pitched the ♠ 4 and 9. On the ♦ 8 West let loose the ♠7, leaving South no doubt about the Q. 13 tricks bid and made. 12 IMPs to Monaco

13 tricks bid and made. 12 IMPs to Monaco

21 D	N FANTONI	W	N	E	S
	♠	1♣	1♦	2♦	
	♥ AQ106	3♦	4♥	P	P
	♦ A1085	P			
	♣ AQJ86				
W WILLENKEN		E ROSENBERG			
♠ KJ862		♠ 10743			
♥ J54		♥ K			
♦ Q764		♦ KJ932			
♣ 3		♣ K104			
	S NUNES				
	♠ AQ95				
	♥ 98732				
	♦				
	♣ 9752				
Other table: 6♥N-2					
NS: MONACO	15 IMPs				
EW: USA2	1 IMPs				

21 D	N FLEISHER	W	N	E	S
	♠	1♣	1♦	2♠	
	♥ AQ106	3♦	6♥	P	P
	♦ A1085	P			
	♣ AQJ86				
W HELGEMO		E HELNESS			
♠ KJ862		♠ 10743			
♥ J54		♥ K			
♦ Q764		♦ KJ932			
♣ 3		♣ K104			
	S KAMIL				
	♠ AQ95				
	♥ 98732				
	♦				
	♣ 9752				
Other table: 4♥N=					
NS: USA2	1 IMPs				
EW: MONACO	15 IMPs				

Fleisher opened 1♣ (♠s or balanced) 2♠ showed ♥ and Fleischer wasted no time bidding the slam. Optimism was punished severely.

22 D	N FANTONI	W N E S
	♠ 732	P 1♣ P P
	♥ 5	2♥ X P 2♠
	♦ AQ94	P P P
♣ AKQJ2		
W WILLENKEN	♥ 5	E ROSENBERG
♠ A1065	♥ K	♠ K
♥ KQ2	♥ 8	♥ A9843
♦ J862	♥ 6	♦ K7
♣ 97		♣ 108543
	S NUNES	
	♠ QJ984	
	♥ J1076	
	♦ 1053	
	♣ 6	
Other table: 2♠S=		2♠ S NS: 0 EW: 1
NS: MONACO 28 IMPs		
EW: USA2 1 IMPs		

22 D	N FLEISHER	W N E S
	♠ 732	P 1♣ P P
	♥ 5	2♥ 2♦ 2♥ P
	♦ AQ94	P X P 2♠
♣ AKQJ2		
W HELGEMO		E HELNESS
♠ A1065		♠ K
♥ KQ2		♥ A9843
♦ J862		♦ K7
♣ 97		♣ 108543
	S KAMIL	
	♠ QJ984	
	♥ J1076	
	♦ 1053	
	♣ 6	
Other table: 2♠S=		2♠ S NS: 0 EW: 0
NS: USA2 1 IMPs		
EW: MONACO 28 IMPs		

Both tables bid to the same spot. Different paths.

23 D	N FANTONI	W N E S
	♠ AK9432	P 1♣ P 2NT
	♥ 3	3♥ 4♣ 5♥ P
	♦ J	P 5♣ P P
♣ KJ642		
W WILLENKEN		E ROSENBERG
♠	♠ 1065	
♥ KQ1076	♥ AJ942	
♦ A7652	♦ Q98	
♣ 985	♣ A3	
	S NUNES	
	♠ QJ87	
	♥ 85	
	♦ K1043	
	♣ Q107	
Other table: 5♠N=		5♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0
NS: MONACO 28 IMPs		
EW: USA2 1 IMPs		

23 D	N FLEISHER	W N E S
	♠ AK9432	2♥ 4♣ 5♥ 5♠
	♥ 3	X P P P
	♦ J	
♣ KJ642		
W HELGEMO		E HELNESS
♠	♠ 1065	
♥ KQ1076	♥ AJ942	
♦ A7652	♦ Q98	
♣ 985	♣ A3	
	S KAMIL	
	♠ QJ87	
	♥ 85	
	♦ K1043	
	♣ Q107	
Other table: 5♠N-1		5♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0
NS: USA2 1 IMPs		
EW: MONACO 28 IMPs		

The first big swing for USA2. East led the ♦8 won by West's ♦A. The ♦2 continuation allowed declarer to pitch the losing ♥. Making 5

24 D	N FANTONI	W N E S
	♠ AJ2	P 1NT P 2♣
	♥ KQ1065	P 2♥ P 2♠
	♦ 863	P 3♥ P 3♠
♣ A6	P 4♣ P 4♥	
W WILLENKEN		E ROSENBERG
♠ 86	♠ 10943	
♥ 97	♥ A83	
♦ AK95	♦ Q1074	
♣ 108752	♣ Q9	
	S NUNES	
	♠ KQ75	
	♥ J42	
	♦ J2	
	♣ KJ43	
Other table: 4♥N=		4♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0
NS: MONACO 28 IMPs		
EW: USA2 15 IMPs		

24 D	N FLEISHER	W N E S
	♠ AJ2	P 1NT P 2♠
	♥ KQ1065	P 2♥ P 4♥
	♦ 863	P P P
♣ A6		
W HELGEMO		E HELNESS
♠ 86	♠ 10943	
♥ 97	♥ A83	
♦ AK95	♦ Q1074	
♣ 108752	♣ Q9	
	S KAMIL	
	♠ KQ75	
	♥ J42	
	♦ J2	
	♣ KJ43	
Other table: 4♥N=		4♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0
NS: USA2 15 IMPs		
EW: MONACO 28 IMPs		

BridgeGoth: Actually sorry 3♥ is 3433 or 5♥ max
 BridgeGoth: 3♠ asks
 BridgeGoth: 4♠ 5♥ max, cheapest cue
 BridgeGoth: 4♥ to play

The 1st of 3 pushes in a row.

25 D	N FANTONI	W N E S
	♠ J	X P P 2♣
	♥ 108542	4♣ P 2♠ P
	♦ AJ753	4♣ P P P
♣ 73		
W WILLENKEN		E ROSENBERG
♠ AKQ82	♠ 109543	
♥ AQ6	♥ 97	
♦ KQ10	♦ 64	
♣ J5	♣ KQ109	
	S NUNES	
	♠ 76	
	♥ KJ3	
	♦ 982	
	♣ A8642	
Other table: 4♠E+1		4♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0
NS: MONACO 28 IMPs		
EW: USA2 15 IMPs		

25 D	N FLEISHER	W N E S
	♠ J	P P P P
	♥ 108542	2♣ 3♦ 3♠ P
	♦ AJ753	4♣ P P P
♣ 73		
W HELGEMO		E HELNESS
♠ AKQ82	♠ 109543	
♥ AQ6	♥ 97	
♦ KQ10	♦ 64	
♣ J5	♣ KQ109	
	S KAMIL	
	♠ 76	
	♥ KJ3	
	♦ 982	
	♣ A8642	
Other table: 4♠E+1		4♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0
NS: USA2 15 IMPs		
EW: MONACO 28 IMPs		

26 D	N FANTONI	W	N	E	S
	♠ 10863			1NT	3♦
	♥ Q95432	3♥	P	4♣	X
	♦ 8	P	5♥	P	P
	♣ 94	X	P	P	P
W WILLENKEN	E ROSENBERG				
♠ QJ754	♠ AK92				
♥ J	♥ 1086				
♦ K75	♦ Q4				
♣ K1063	♣ AQJ2				
S NUNES					
♠ AK7					
♥ AJ109632					
♦ 875					
♣ 875					
Other table: 4♣x E=					
NS: MONACO 28 IMPs					
EW: USA2 15 IMPs					
5♥x N		NS: 0 EW: 0			

BridgeGoth: Could be a rare push: 800 vs 790

26 D	N FLEISHER	W	N	E	S
	♠ 10863			1NT	3♦
	♥ Q95432	3♥	P	4♣	X
	♦ 8	P	P	P	
	♣ 94				
W HELGEMO	E HELNESS				
♠ QJ754	♠ AK92				
♥ J	♥ 1086				
♦ K75	♦ Q4				
♣ K1063	♣ AQJ2				
S KAMIL					
♠ AK7					
♥ AJ109632					
♦ 875					
♣ 875					
Other table: 5♥xN-3					
NS: USA2 15 IMPs					
EW: MONACO 28 IMPs					
4♣x E		NS: 0 EW: 0			

3rd push. However this is the most exotic hand of the match. How many times have you seen 790 push to 800?

27 D	N FANTONI	W	N	E	S
	♠ AJ743				1♥
	♥ 75	P	1♣	P	2♣
	♦ KJ10865	P	2♦	P	2♥
	♣	P	P	P	
W WILLENKEN	E ROSENBERG				
♠ 10962	♠ KQ85				
♥ K104	♥ 93				
♦ Q	♦ A973				
♣ J10876	♣ A54				
S NUNES					
♠ AQJ862					
♥ 42					
♦ KQ932					
♣ KQ932					
Other table: 4♥S-1					
NS: MONACO 28 IMPs					
EW: USA2 15 IMPs					
2♥ S		NS: 0 EW: 0			

27 D	N FLEISHER	W	N	E	S
	♠ AJ743				1♥
	♥ 75	P	1♣	P	2♣
	♦ KJ10865	P	2♥	P	3♥
	♣	P	4♥	P	
W HELGEMO	E HELNESS				
♠ 10962	♠ KQ85				
♥ K104	♥ 93				
♦ Q	♦ A973				
♣ J10876	♣ A54				
S KAMIL					
♠ AQJ862					
♥ 42					
♦ KQ932					
♣ KQ932					
Other table: 2♥S+2					
NS: USA2 15 IMPs					
EW: MONACO 28 IMPs					
4♥ S		NS: 0 EW: 0			

Here Fleischer bid to game and the ♦Q lead gave the defense 4 tricks. Fantunes stayed low for 6 more IMPs.

28 D	N FANTONI	W	N	E	S
	♠ A853	3♠	X	5♦	5♥
	♥ AKJ52	P	6♦	P	7♥
	♦ A	P	P	P	
	♣ AJ4				
W WILLENKEN	E ROSENBERG				
♠ 10962	♠ QJ74				
♥ 7	♥ 3				
♦ KQJ1076	♦ 9542				
♣ 65	♣ 10873				
S NUNES					
♠ K					
♥ Q109864					
♦ 83					
♣ KQ92					
Other table: 6♥S+1					
NS: MONACO 34 IMPs					
EW: USA2 15 IMPs					
7♥ S		NS: 0 EW: 0			

28 D	N FLEISHER	W	N	E	S
	♠ A853	3♠	X	5♦	5♥
	♥ AKJ52	P	6♦	P	6♥
	♦ A	P	P	P	
	♣ AJ4				
W HELGEMO	E HELNESS				
♠ 10962	♠ QJ74				
♥ 7	♥ 3				
♦ KQJ1076	♦ 9542				
♣ 65	♣ 10873				
S KAMIL					
♠ K					
♥ Q109864					
♦ 83					
♣ KQ92					
Other table: 7♥S=					
NS: USA2 15 IMPs					
EW: MONACO 34 IMPs					
6♥ S		NS: 0 EW: 0			

BridgeGoth: What a bid!
 bjacobs: Personally, I play 5NT there as "pick a slam"
 Tweety1: magicians
 bjacobs: And I suspect that's a common treatment
 ahollan1: certainly 5N pick 'em is default in this millenium but not in 20th century
 bjacobs: It's an extraordinarily brave bid by South
 ahollan1: i do know that a few pairs use 5N as RKC ask when room has been consumed like this

One small difference in the final bid, and another 12 IMP pick up for the Monaco Team. Would you bid 7? Another big swing to Monaco.

D 29	N FANTONI ♠ Q932 ♥ KQ3 ♦ J62 ♣ J109	W N E S 1♥ P P P 3♦ P 3♥ P 3♣ P 3NT P
W WILLENKEN ♠ AK8 ♥ AJ1075 ♦ AK1054 ♣	E ROSENBERG ♠ J1064 ♥ 98 ♦ 973 ♣ KQ76	
	S NUNES ♠ 75 ♥ 642 ♦ Q8 ♣ A85432	
Other table: 3NTE= NS: MONACO 47 IMPs EW: USA2 15 IMPs		3NT E NS: 0 EW: 0

D 29	N FLEISHER ♠ Q932 ♥ KQ3 ♦ J62 ♣ J109	W N E S 1♥ P P P 3♦ P 1♠ P P P 3NT P
W HELGEMO ♠ AK8 ♥ AJ1075 ♦ AK1054 ♣	E HELNESS ♠ J1064 ♥ 98 ♦ 973 ♣ KQ76	
	S KAMIL ♠ 75 ♥ 642 ♦ Q8 ♣ A85432	
Other table: 3NTE-1 NS: USA2 15 IMPs EW: MONACO 47 IMPs		3NT E NS: 0 EW: 0

Both rooms bid to 3N. Helness got a 4th best ♣4 from Kamil. Winning the trick in hand with the ♣Q, Helness chose to play ♦s top down. This left North on lead and the ♣K threatened. Helness found a nice counter. Covering the ♣J blocked ♣s. Now Fleisher has to switch to the ♥ K (A small ♥ or ♠ gives up the game immediately). Helness won in Dummy, cashed the remaining ♦s and one top ♠. A ♥ put North in with nothing but ♠ Q9 to lead into the K8 opposite J10. Nice end play. Rosenberg faced the 3rd best ♣5 winning in hand. He then won the ♦A and led the ♦ 4 toward hand, losing to South's Q. Nunes switched to a ♥ and declarer rose with the ♥A to run the ♦s. This was a mistake. Declarer probably feared a ♣ switch by North, not thinking that the suit would block. Down 1 lost 12 more IMPs.

D 30	N FANTONI ♠ K93 ♥ A10975 ♦ AK ♣ 954	W N E S P 2♥ P 3♦ P 3♣ P 4♥ P 4NT P 5NT P 6♥ P P
W WILLENKEN ♠ 4 ♥ QJ63 ♦ Q8632 ♣ KJ7	E ROSENBERG ♠ 10765 ♥ 2 ♦ J54 ♣ 108632	
	S NUNES ♠ AQJ82 ♥ K84 ♦ 1097 ♣ AQ	
Other table: 6♥S-2 NS: MONACO 59 IMPs EW: USA2 15 IMPs		W: 0

W N E S

P 1♠

P 2♥ P 3♥

P 3♠ P 4♣

P 4♦ P 4♥

P 4N P 5N

P 6♥ AP

D 30	N FLEISHER ♠ K93 ♥ A10975 ♦ AK ♣ 954	W N E S P P 1♣ P 1♦ P 1NT P 2♦ P 2♥ P 5NT P 6♥
W HELGEMO ♠ 4 ♥ QJ63 ♦ Q8632 ♣ KJ7	E HELNESS ♠ 10765 ♥ 2 ♦ J54 ♣ 108632	
	S KAMIL ♠ AQJ82 ♥ K84 ♦ 1097 ♣ AQ	
Other table: 6♥N= NS: USA2 15 IMPs EW: MONACO 59 IMPs		6♥S NS: 0 EW: 0

Kamil went down 2 while the slam made in the other room. Helgemo led ♠4 won in hand by declarer. The ♥K then ♥A left declarer with 2 unavoidable losers. Fantoni received a 3rd best ♦3 lead then found a nice safety play in trumps. Declarer led and passed the ♥ 9. Now on the ♦ return, then played the ♥5 to dummy, revealing the bas split. The marked finesse allowed 12 tricks. Simple isn't it?

D 31	N FANTONI ♠ AJ4 ♥ A4 ♦ AQ109854 ♣ 2	W N E S P 2♣ 2♥ 1NT P 3♦ P 3♥ P 3NT P P
W WILLENKEN ♠ 10972 ♥ QJ82 ♦ J76 ♣ 107	E ROSENBERG ♠ 865 ♥ K7653 ♦ AQ654 ♣	
	S NUNES ♠ KQ3 ♥ 109 ♦ K32 ♣ KJ983	
Other table: 6♥XS= NS: MONACO 73 IMPs EW: USA2 15 IMPs		3NT S NS: 0 EW: 0

D 31	N FLEISHER ♠ AJ4 ♥ A4 ♦ AQ109854 ♣ 2	W N E S P 2♣ 2♥ 1♣ 3♥ 4♥ P 4NT P 6♦ X P
W HELGEMO ♠ 10972 ♥ QJ82 ♦ J76 ♣ 107	E HELNESS ♠ 865 ♥ K7653 ♦ AQ654 ♣	
	S KAMIL ♠ KQ3 ♥ 109 ♦ K32 ♣ KJ983	
Other table: 3NTS+2 NS: USA2 15 IMPs EW: MONACO 73 IMPs		6♥XS NS: 0 EW: 0

With the ♣ Ace where he needed it, Kamil easily made 6♦ doubled for a sizeable pick up.

D 32	N FANTONI	W	N	E	S
	♠ J73	P	P	1NT	P
	♥ 932	2♣	P	2♠	P
	♦ AQ84	3♣	P	3♠	P
	♣ A98	3NT	P	4♥	P
		5♣	P	P	P
W WILLENKEN		E ROSENBERG			
♠ 92		♠ AKQ654			
♥ A1064		♥ KJ7			
♦ 7		♦ 106			
♣ KJ10632		♣ Q4			
	S NUNES				
	♠ 108				
	♥ Q85				
	♦ KJ9532				
	♣ 75				
Other table: 3NTW-3					
NS: MONACO 73 IMPs					
EW: USA2 28 IMPs					
		5♣ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

D 32	N FLEISHER	W	N	E	S
	♠ J73	P	1♣	1♠	P
	♥ 932	1NT	P	3NT	P
	♦ AQ84	P	P		
	♣ A98				
W HELGEMO		E HELNESS			
♠ 92		♠ AKQ654			
♥ A1064		♥ KJ7			
♦ 7		♦ 106			
♣ KJ10632		♣ Q4			
	S KAMIL				
	♠ 108				
	♥ Q85				
	♦ KJ9532				
	♣ 75				
Other table: 5♣W=					
NS: USA2 28 IMPs					
EW: MONACO 73 IMPs					
		3NT W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

USA2 bid the ♣ game while Monaco tried 3N. 6♦ and the ♣A off the top meant down 3. Rosenberg had only the ♦ and ♣A to lose.

Of the 16 boards there were 11 swings. The USA2 team came out on the short end. At the end of the Round Robin phase (21 rounds of 16 boards), 8 teams qualify for the knockouts. USA2 finished 9th by the slimmest of margins (about 4 Victory points).

FINAL SCORE: Monaco 73 USA(2) 42

See the match in its entirety at BBO:

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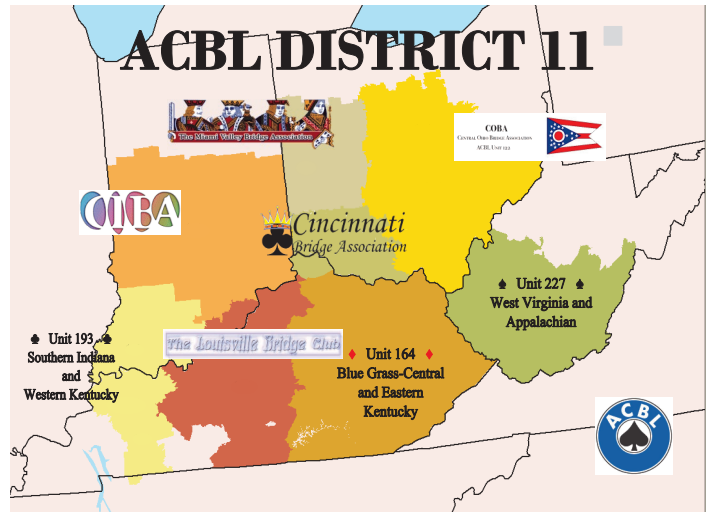
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October 25-27, 2013



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New Schedule!
Friday and Sunday 2-Session Swiss

Strats:
Pairs: 0-750/750-2000/2000+
Friday and Sunday Swiss:
Bracketed
All Events Use Average MPs

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

Open Pairs 10:00AM, 2:30PM and 7:00PM
NLM Pairs 10:00AM and 7:00PM
Zombie Apocalypse Swiss (2 sessions)
. 10:00AM and 2:30PM

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

Open Pairs 10:00AM, 2:30PM and 7:00PM
NLM Pairs 2:30PM
Haunted Pumpkin Compact KO. . . . 10:00AM and 2:30PM
Spellbound Side Session Swiss 7:00PM

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

Spooktacular Swiss (2 session playthrough). . . . 10:00AM

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...NON LIFE MASTERS...	...OPEN...
A... 200 – 500	2000 +
B... 50 – 200	500 – 2000
	*750-2000 when NLM game is scheduled at same time
C... 0 - 50	0 – 500
	*0-750 when NLM game is scheduled at same time

all POINTS
you earn
WILL BE SILVER

PLAYERS WITH
ONLY 0-5
POINTS
PLAY FREE ALL
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Friday – November 15, 2013

1:00 PM Non Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs
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