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### From the President's Desk

Unit 124 Members,

The summer is half over which can only mean one thing. Fresh garden vegetables from my garden occasionally showing up at games. Don't expect much tomato this year as the local deer have been feasting on the them.

Middle of the summer also means that another Flying Pig Regional is in the books. Thanks to AJ and all his support team for another outstanding tournament. The FPR continues to have outstanding attendance.

We are in the middle of Mentor/Mentee and NAP qualifying season. There are still plenty of opportunities for both program. Also, Mentor/Mentee pairs can purchase discounted entries to any CBC game.

Lots of other special local events on the calendar for the summer and fall.

Kaleidoscope NLM Tournament Sept 21-23. Silver, Red, Gold and GREEN points available.

Progressive Sectional the week of October 1-6.

District 11 NAP flight B and A finals on Sunday Oct 28.

Spooktacular Sectional at the CBC November 1-3.

Membership meeting Tuesday November 13

Holiday party and game on Saturday December 8.

Good luck to all our members that are on their way to the Nationals in Atlanta.

During the Flying Pig Regional we were able to have the carpet replaced at the CBC. Over the past 3 years we've completely remodeled the CBC. The entrance awning will be replaced in the next few weeks.

Elaine and Ron Jarchow are moving out of the area. I'd like to thank Elaine for her contributions to the CBA Board and the CBA Education committee during her time on the board.



See you at the tables,  
John Meinking, President Unit 124

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### Unit 124 Club Games

Day	Time	Game
Mon	AM	CBC*11:00 Inv
	Aft	MIDM 1:00
	PM	CBC 7:00 (Limited) - OXF 7:00
Tue	AM	NKY 10:00
	PM	CBC 11:00 MIDS 11:00 SP 2:45PM CBC 7:00* NLM (Open Coming 3/23)
Wed	AM	CBC* 11:00 - SCC* 10:00 - AND 11:00
	Aft	MIDL 12:00
	PM	NKY 6:30
Thu	AM	INT* 9:00 - CBC 11:00 - NKy 11:30 AM
	Aft	WHC* 12:00 - EAB 12:30 SP 2:45
	PM	CBC 6:30 "8 is ENOUGH" Swiss Teams 1&3
Fri	AM	NKY 10:00 - CBC 11:00
	PM	
Sat	AM	CBC 9:30AM-Noon Supervised Play (SP)
	Aft	CBC 1:00

### Thank You!

by Steve Moese

Last issue I mentioned the wealth of opportunity for our members to donate their time and talent to help provide the best possible bridge experiences in our area. I asked

for volunteers to help with the heavy lifting necessary for great results.

This past quarter our members stepped up BIG TIME. The Flying Pig Seminars featuring Robert Todd were a popular success thanks to the hard work of Cecilia Kloecker and her team. The latest Bridge Center Renovations were expertly completed thanks to Pam Campbell, Barry Wauligman and volunteers who worked tirelessly to move furniture, disassemble and reassemble the Directors Desk, and get the center ready for full operations the Monday after the end of the Flying Pig Regional. Well done by all.

Then we swung right into The Longest Day Charity promotion. Reports from the Cincinnati Bridge Center and the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club show outstanding member support, involvement raised substantial contributions to the Alzheimers Association.

As John mentioned in his letter, the Board has invested in leasehold improvements heavily over the past 3 years to improve the experience at our center for all our members. Pam Campbell is leading a small team to replace the awning over the CBC Entrance. When that is complete, major renovations end. I wanted to call our Pam Campbell for driving the new look for the bridge center and Barry Wauligman who served as the Project Manager overseeing the contractors and volunteers who did the work. Nahlin Meta helped get bids so we could ensure best value for the money invested. We hope you like all the changes. As always if you have an idea how to improve your bridge experience at the CBC, please contact any Board Members.

The Board of Directors unanimously approved working with an area donor to put a defibrillator in the CBC. The Unit has assessed the technology and gotten expert advice from the Evendale Paramedics. The device we hope to acquire is automatic and works only in the case of cardiac arrest. The Unit will be arranging CPR training once we have the device in hand. More next ALERT.

The July Aug Sept Quarter is chock full of exciting events and October is very packed with great bridge options.

Pam Campbell convinced the District NAP Coordinator to create a unique weekend designed specifically for Non-Life Master members. Check out the Kaleidoscope Weekend Tournament September 21-23, 2018. For the flyer see:

<http://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2018/09/1809711.pdf>

Basically this 3-day tournament starts off with a Friday Sectional **SILVER POINTS** (3 sessions, 2 with 0-50 games!), then follows with a Regional Tournament on Saturday **RED/GOLD POINTS** (One 2-session event that pays 33% Gold Overall, and three one session events – the best 2 of which you can combine to compete for some overall Gold and Red Points). Then on Sunday you can compete in the Flight C North American Pairs Events **RED/GOLD/GREEN POINTS**. Earn Gold and Red points, and the top 4 finishers qualify to play in the NAP event at the Memphis NABC in March of 2019! Not only that but the ACBL and the District 11 will subsidize each place (\$Green Points!). See the District 11 FAQ page for details:

[http://www.district11bridge.com/District\\_11\\_NAP\\_FAQ.html](http://www.district11bridge.com/District_11_NAP_FAQ.html)

Don't miss out – be sure to play in the NAP Qualifier Games held at area clubs in the months of July and August.

Again the wonderful authors from Unit 124 can offer you another richly laden issue of your favorite bridge quarterly. We have all the usual suspects and an intriguing contribution from Amit Raturi – an excellent player, writer and past Editor of the ALERT.

If you like what you see, please be sure to give feedback to the authors! That (and one free play) is the reward they get for their contributions in these pages.

Wishing You Good Bridge and Good Luck,

*Steve*

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## 70% Games May-JUL 2018

Date	Game	Name	Name	%
7/6	Fri AM NLM	Terry Raulin	Tim Oppelt	70.39
6/27	Anderson	Bill Higgins	Eugene Siutsau	70.64
5/30	Anderson	Bill Higgins	Eugene Siutsau	70.96
5/4	Fri AM NLM	Terry Raulin	Tim Oppelt	70.65
5/3	Erie Ave Belles	Belen Suarez	Pat Latham	72.40

<http://www.cincybridge.com/Seventy%20Percent.htm>

Don't forget – June, July and August are North American Pair Qualification Game months. For an extra \$1 (going toward supporting pairs who qualify for the Finals at the Spring NABC, you get extra masterpoints® ½ black and ½ red. You qualify as an individual in the flight for which your master point holding as of May 6 2018 applies. See the District 11 FAQ page for details.

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**CBC Update** - If you haven't been to the Cincinnati Bridge Center recently you'll have missed the renovations – we've installed new carpeting and updated the directors desk area. The Board approved the purchase of a new awning over the rear entrance and will place a butt collector some distance from that entrance in the near future. Thanks goes out to Board Members Barry Wauligman and Pam Campbell for all their efforts coordinating member inputs, planning the change in a complicated week, and delivering an amazing upgrade – the club space looks just like new. We hope everyone will applaud their efforts and do their best to help keep the carpet looking new.

Managing the installation had its challenges. The Bridge Center closes during the regional tournament - the only time when major renovations can take place without interfering with scheduled games. This time around, the Center hosted the well attended Robert Todd seminars through Monday Lunchtime.

Barry's team not only coordinated the tear out and install of the new carpet, they got weather resistant carpet at the entry door and had help from key unit members to tear down then reassemble the huge directors desk in the front of the room. This teardown allowed us to simplify the wiring for the printer and computers used by our directors.

The results are simply stunning. Over \$8500 raised from the two largest clubs alone! Well done everybody!

### **Longest Day - CBC**

The Longest Day was a week long event in 2018. Each Sanction Holder was able to hold a Charity Game during the week of June 18-23. In addition, the CBA hosted an auction for games with some of our prominent members. The final day of the event was Saturday, June 23rd where we had a picnic prior to the game. This was great fun and also created some spirited bidding in the auction.

In total, the CBA and its members donated a total of 5585.00 to the Alzheimer's Association. About half of that amount came from the auction itself. Thank you to everyone who supported the week's events and to all the donor's who made donations. You will receive a donation letter directly from the Alzheimer's Association.

A big thanks to Jusie Clendening for putting the auction together as well as all the work she has done in the past several years for this event.

Pam Campbell

### **Longest Day – Northern Kentucky Bridge Club**

We shared a day filled with many rewards, great food, and fun bridge. We held a "split the pot" raffle at each session (there were three sessions). Francis Brothers was our biggest winner - \$71!!!, followed by Mary Lou Zurborg and Cordell Coy. Kay Mulford won our mystery gift.

Emerald Springs Rehabilitation donated a wonderful coffee basket filled with mugs, coffee, oatmeal, and many gift cards. Imo Enzweiler won the raffle for this basket.

The day's success goes to many club members. Ron Jarchow helped with the raffles. Emerson Bakery donated the breakfast pastries. Brenda Mehalko made egg salad and chicken salad sandwiches for a delicious lunch enjoyed by all. Ken Dipple picked up pizzas for dinner – the pizzas were donated by Courtney Thurman. You can imagine – no one left hungry!

Shiela Dipple, Cordell Coy, and Joe Pike directed our games, donating their time and earnings to the charity. We raised about \$3000 for the Longest Day.

We work together and we play together!

Cindy Tretter.

The Erie Avenue Belles lost two beloved members, Gerri Chavez and Mae Finkbeiner. They have been active members for at least 15 years and are truly missed.

*The following Northern Kentucky Club News was inadvertently omitted from the April Print Edition of the ALERT and is reprinted here for all to see. The April electronic edition has the original article.*

### **NORTHERN KENTUCKY BRIDGE CLUB NEWS**

Northern Kentucky Bridge Club Officers for 2018 are **Cindy Tretter**, President; **Brenda Mehalko**, Vice-President; **Ron Jarchow**, Treasurer; **Bart Jacobs**, Secretary; **Sheila Dippel**, Club Manager; **Courtney Thurman** and **Iris Libby**.

This year President **Tretter** selected a number of national DAYS for us to celebrate, either with food or with some special activity. We celebrated National Spaghetti Day on January 4; National Popcorn Day on January 19; and National Writing Day January 23. February 2 was National Ground Hog Day; February 8 was National Boy Scouts Day; February 20 was Cherry Pie Day, and Feb 23 was Banana Bread Day. For the

month of March we celebrated National Peanut Butter Lovers Day, March 1; National Oreo Cookie Day, March 5, where we feasted on various flavors of Oreo cookies; National Chip and Dip Day, March 23, where six members brought various kinds of dip. National Sorry Charlie Day, National Siblings Day, National Animal Cracker Day, and National Pretzel Day rounded out our April celebrations. One of our unique activities took place on National Pi Day where members had to write as many numbers as possible for Pi. **John Taylor** was the free game winner by extending 3.14 to 30 digits.

Recent Club Champions are **Sheila Dippel** and **Cordell Coy** (Tuesday), **Mike Purcell** and **Paul Pschesang** (Wednesday), **Jack Mehalko** and **Bart Jacobs** (Thursday), and **Mary Ann Boyle** and **Tim Martin** (Friday).

At the Annual Club Awards Day (May 29), **Peg Ammon** and **Dave Dressman** were recognized for scoring five above 70% games (hereafter BGs for Big Games). Peg also teamed with **John Taylor** and **Cordell Coy** for BGs. **Rick O'Connor** posted two BGs – one with **Dave Tollison** and one with **Henry Jackson**. Henry recorded another one with **Mike Glatt**. Other BG accomplishees were **Bart** and **Mary Ann Jacobs**, **Mary Smith** and **Cindy Tretter**, **Larry Klein** and **Norm Coombs**, and **Jodie Kiefer** and **Gerry Mirus**. The highest BG of 77.98% was scored on the Longest Day by **John Taylor** and **Steve Moese**.

Additional Club awards for MPs scored during 2017 at NKBC went to:

**Lonnie Ingram** – 5-10 Rookie  
**Cathy Schreiber** – 5-20 Junior Master  
**Schwarna Mohan** – 20-50 Club Master  
**Dorothy Caster** – 50-100 Sectional Master  
**Joan Simon** – 100-200 Regional Master  
**Dave Tollison** – 200-300 NABC Master  
**Gail Zimmer** – 300-500 Non Life Master  
**John Taylor** – 300-500 Life Master  
**Howard Simon** – 500-100 Bronze Life Master  
**Dave Dressman** – 100-1500 Silver Life Master  
**Peg Ammon** – 1500-2500 Ruby Life master  
**Margaret Young** – 2500-3500 Gold Life master  
**Norm Coombs**- Distinguished Life Master

Winners of the March 30 Pro/Am game, organized and directed by **Joe Pike**, were **Don Durirsch** and **Imogene Enzweiler** (NS) and **Cindy Tretter** and **Jack Ammon** (EW).

## The Robert Todd Seminars

By Steve Moese and Cecilia Kloecker

Thanks to Cecilia Kloecker and a band of Unit volunteers, the Flying Pig Seminar series was successfully resurrected with Robert Todd as the Speaker. The seminars were held at the Cincinnati Bridge Center on Sunday and Monday Morning prior to the beginning of the Flying Pig Regional. Over 80 people attended one or both days.

The seminars were aimed at advancing players and were very well received. On a 0 to 5 scale where 5 was excellent, respondents had this to say (Note: Top is a 5 rating, while top 2 is either a 5 or a 4 rating):

	%TOP	%TOP2
The presentation was appropriate for my level of expertise	77%	94%
The presenter's explanations were clear.	87%	100%
The handouts were clear and reinforced the topic.	77%	97%
Practice was adequate for me to be able to apply what I learned	68%	87%
This Seminar will improve my bridge play.	81%	100%
Having this seminar at the same time as our Regional worked well for me.	68%	81%

### Respondent comments:

What was the best feature of this seminar?

Excellent presentation and presenter (67%)

Practice hands after lecture (25%)

Organization

Small class – ability to ask questions. handouts

### Quotes:

“Playing hands appropriate to topic”

“Robert-excellent teacher...and the topics were terrific.”

“Playing prepared hands – illustrating the concepts and methods taught. Explanation of Italian and American cuebids.”

“Lecture/practice/resource book – combined”

“He is a very good lecturer. Clear, concise”

“The speaker was very good. Cecelia did a good organizational job. The food was good especially the high-end bakery quality Flying Pig Cookies.”

Attendees gave lunch and amenities very high marks as well. Congratulations to Cecilia Kloecker and her team for a fabulously successful event.

Please contact any Board Member if you want to be part of staging next year's lecture series. Call Now!



I do not know if you had the opportunity to see the fantastic, over-the-top 200 cookies that Jayn Outcalt made for the Seminar and the Tournament.



## 2018 Flying Pig Regional Recap

By Carol Scovic, Joanne Earls, AJ Stefani, and Steve Moese

Dear CBA Members,

How can the Flying Pig Hospitality Committee thank You! Let us express the Ways! You have contributed food, financial assists, being there to fill in when additional help was needed, and last but not least the positive energy that you expressed in many different actions throughout the tournament. Thank you for a valued and treasured member of our team! Your generosity was evident during the hospitality for members and guests 🙏

We appreciate all of you!!

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Carol Scovic  
Joy Singerman  
Debbie Weist (Hospitality Chair)



### Fisk and Hellman Finish First in 2018 Pro-Am

Thanks to all who participated in the 2018 Pro-Am. We had a record-breaking 82 pairs sign up! This strong response attests to advancing players' eagerness to play with more experienced players. VERY SPECIAL THANKS to all the Pro's who supported the event!

Congratulations to winners Melissa Hellmann and Bob Fisk who had a 62.88% game. Finishing second were Ann Rinaldi and Chris King.



Thanks to committee members Patty Eber, John Taylor and Peg Ammon for a job well done!

Joanne Earls



### From the Tournament Chair:

I hope you got your fill of bridge during our Flying Pig Regional in June! We had a few innovations during our

Regional this year, and most of them were very well received. Our expanded hospitality was a huge hit, the new Soloway-style KO format worked swimmingly, attendance in our 2-day Pairs Championship was up some 70% over last year, and our t-shirt prizes were as popular as ever. Challenges remain with our hotel, and we are committed to working with the Ramada Plaza to address problems and concerns. Expect significant differences in the venue next year.

I always hesitate to thank tournament volunteers individually -- that usually ends up with me missing someone. However, I'll give it a try -- kudos and a zillion thanks go out to the Tournament staff:

- Debbie Wiest, Hospitality
- Carol Scovic, Hospitality
- Jay Singerman, Hospitality
- Stephen Messinger, Partnership
- Reeta Breendamour, Prizes
- Joanne Earls, Pro Am
- Peg Ammon, Pro Am
- John Taylor, Pro Am
- Jane Duncan, Supplies
- Barb Levinson, Supplies
- Pam Campbell, Treasurer
- Elenya Stephani, Caddies
- Steve Moese, Bulletin and Communications

You're the best!

Our in-person table count was up 58 tables over last year, an increase of 5%. Regional attendance across the ACBL is down almost 6% this year, so we should be **thrilled!** Another number I like to keep track of is what I call the [S/P] (Session/Player) ratio -- these are the average number of individual sessions played by a person attending a Regional. This year's number was 6.1 sessions/player -- our **highest** since I started keeping track in 2008. Keep playing!

Here are some Regional highlights:

**"Mini-Soloway" Style KOs:** Knockout play has dropped dramatically over the past 7 years, for a variety of reasons. Those of us who were raised on IMP bridge



know how much fun KOs can be, so we have worked hard to stem the KO team slide.

We ran 3 prime time KOs this year, attracting 27, 17, and 24 teams, respectively. In 2017, we ran 2 prime time KOs, attracting 26 and 19 teams. In 2016, we ran 2 KOs, attracting 27 and 24 teams. So I'm not sure the format attracted new teams (though it probably did), but it did keep teams already formed to keep playing. Most everyone seemed to like the new format, including the WBF VP scale for the Swiss/Round robin stage, which elicited reactions ranging from intrigued to very positive. Try a KO next year!

**Eight is Enough Swiss:** We expanded the event to 2 sessions, awarding gold to overall winners. A total of 13 teams entered, which more than doubled the evening Swiss table count from last year. As far as I can tell, no other Regional in North American runs an event like this.





**Flying Pig Pairs Championship:** We changed the event to Friday-Saturday this year and made a schedule tweak to boost the turnout. We also encouraged last year's players to spread the word, and the result was a fantastic **68% increase** over last year's inaugural event. The competition is elite that you can't find anywhere outside an NABC. If we can grow it a little more next year, we can look into making the experience even better. Some options I'm considering are screens for players in the final 2 sessions, and possibly even setting up a Vugraph table so the results can be broadcast on BridgeBase.



John Meinking & Norm Coombs – 2018 FP Pairs Champs!

The **2019 Flying Pig Regional will be held June 3-9**, and we're the only Regional in North America that week. Mark it on your calendars now!

A.J. Stephani, Chair, Flying Pig Regional



**T-Shirt Winners at the Flying Pig.**

### **Top Participants and Unit Finishers.**

As Always any NLM who earn their Gold Points and Go over to become Life Master at the Flying Pig Regional Tournament get their names engraved on the Flying Pig Trophy. Here are this year's achievers:

**Sue Baum and Martin Gibler, Cincinnati, OH;**  
**Siva Gopal, Dublin, OH; Jim Laubie, Dayton, OH**

This year we were graced by one of the rarest achievements in bridge. **Professor Josef Blass** from Chapel Hill North Carolina earned enough Masterpoints® to become the **ACBL's newest GRAND LIFE MASTER.**



Josef Blass (AM '69, PhD '71) and Ewa Schaff-Blass (MD '73) came to the University of Michigan from their native Poland in 1968 to study mathematics and medicine, respectively. Josef and his brother Piotr, who also received a Ph.D. in mathematics from U-M, were

brought to the department by Maxwell Reade. From 1970-99, Josef Blass was professor of mathematics at Bowling Green State University and founded Pension Research Institute, Inc., a company created to bring academic research to the investment field. Over the years, he developed a 401(k) plan for Fidelity Group as well as investment products for individual and institutional clients and established a privately-owned transportation company in Poland and a financial consulting firm in Eastern Europe. Since high school, Josef was involved in the dissident movement in Poland, generously helping to fund the Solidarity movement during the difficult period of martial law. From the end of communism in 1989, Josef Blass has worked with each successive Polish government, offering advice and support on issues dealing with pension reforms and privatization. He was instrumental in helping CREES organize a 1999 conference, "Communism's Negotiated Collapse: The Polish Round Table, Ten Years Later." For these contributions he received the Knight's Cross of Merit from the Polish government in 1999.

Josef Blass resides in Chapel Hill North Carolina, remains active in several financial companies, and actively supports the UNC Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies.

Playing this week with his teammates Jacek "Pepsi" Pszczola, Michal Nowosadzki, Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, and Jacek Kalita, Josef Blass amassed 46.60 Masterpoints - enough to become the ACBL's Newest GRAND LIFE MASTER on Friday June 15, 2018. Everyone in District 11 and Unit 124 congratulates Professor Blass on his accomplishment here at the 2018 Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional Tournament.

In addition, Professor Blass is a 2018 ACBL Goodwill Committee Honoree. Professor Josef Blass is a mathematician and businessman who, since his

retirement, has focused both time and resources to promoting bridge at the college level. For the past 10 years he has devoted himself to helping the Bridge Club at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His involvement has resulted both in the expansion of the club, and also in its successful participation in the ACBL College Championship competition.

Dr. Blass took what he learned from his leadership role in the Bridge Club to suggest that the ACBL make changes in its format and eligibility requirements, and all of his suggestions have been adopted. In recognition of Josef’s considerable contribution to college bridge, he recently was elected president of the ACBL Educational Foundation.

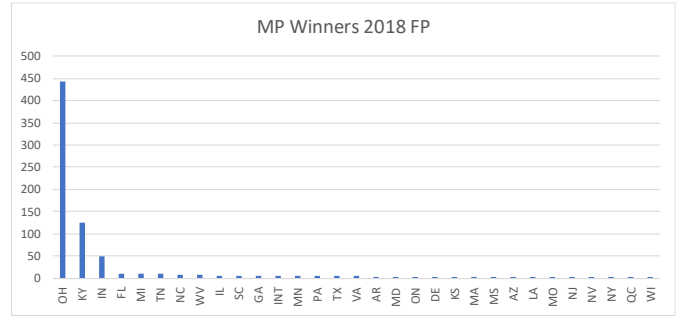
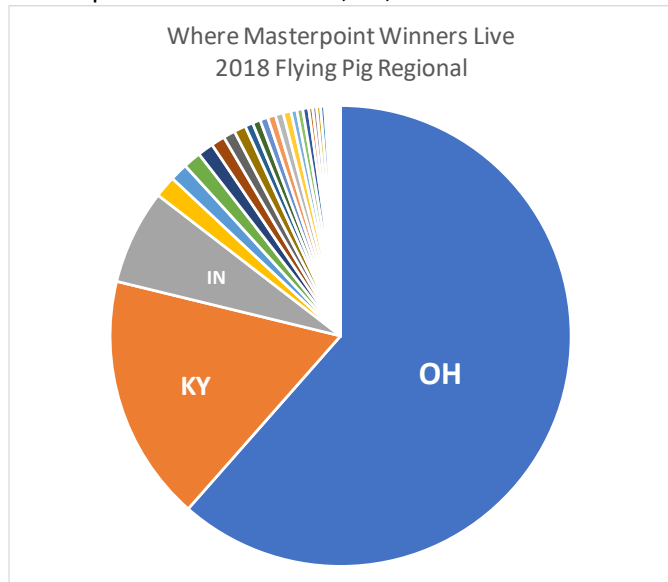
Josef also is well known at the bridge table, particularly at NABCs and Mid-Atlantic regionals. He has NABC wins to his credit and he frequently sponsors a team captained by “Pepsi,” fellow Pole Jacek Pszczola.

We will save a table for your team next year!

**Top 500 Players at the Flying Pig Regional.**

Ever wonder how many of the players in the Barry Crane Masterpoint® Race played at the Flying Pig?

You might be surprised to learn that we had 30 States (including Ontario and Quebec) represented along with 4 elite international players (Netherlands, Denmark and Poland)! 624 of 721 (86.5%) members winning masterpoints were from OH, KY, IN and WV.



Congratulations to all Masterpoint winners, and all our visitors from outside District 11. We are happy you came. Hope to see you next year.

The table below shows 42 of the Barry Crane Top 500 masterpoint Leaders who won masterpoints at the Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional this year. Top Unit 124 finishers are highlighted in yellow.

Rank	MPs	Name	City	State	BC500	U124
1	107.98	Jeff Meckstroth	Clearwater Bch	FL	6	
2	107.98	Eric Rodwell	Clearwater	FL	5	
3	107.98	Adam Grossack	Newton	MA	13	
4	106.14	Norman Coombs	Brookville	IN	124	1
5	96.77	James Hawkes	Charleston	SC	379	
6	96.77	Anne Rahtjen Hawkes	Charleston	SC	378	
7	90.59	Michal Nowosadzki	Wejherowo	POL	22	
8	90.59	Jacek Kalita	Warsaw	POL	20	
9	89.13	Sjoert Brink	Rotterdam	NED	86	
10	89.13	Bas Drijver	Capelle Aan	Den	89	
11	82.35	Josef Blass	Chapel Hill	NC	45	
12	82.35	Jacek Pszczola	Chapel Hill	NC	10	
13	80.85	Valentin Kovachev	Las Vegas	NV	30	
15	77.55	Yauheni Siutsau	Loveland	OH	200	1
16	77.55	William Higgins	Cincinnati	OH	173	1
20	58.11	Robert Todd	Tallahassee	FL	180	
21	55.6	Venkatrao Koneru	San Antonio	TX	64	
22	55.6	Rita Ellington	Charlotte	NC	174	
24	54.09	Paul Moss	Millersburg	KY	469	
26	44.96	Suman Agarwal	Columbus	OH	137	
27	44.96	Gary Donner	Bluffton	SC	168	
43	35.37	Larry Jones	Pickerington	OH	148	
44	35.37	Douglas Millsap	Columbus	OH	242	
48	33.11	Brian Ross	Charlestown	IN	221	
50	32.34	Sally Meckstroth	Clearwater Bch	FL	177	
51	32.2	Michael Heins	Cocoa Beach	FL	57	
67	28.32	Robert L McClendon	Ponte Vedra	FL	12	
68	28.32	Bernie Greenspan	Beachwood	OH	348	
71	27.81	Kim Brinkman	Highland Village	TX	354	
72	27.81	David Ticen	Victoria	TX	278	
73	27.74	Sandra Marlin	Versailles	KY	258	
74	27.74	Mike Marlin	Versailles	KY	233	
75	26.67	Sue Lan Ma	Kirtland Hills	OH	76	
76	26.67	Peter Petruzzellis	Scarborough	ON	75	
88	24.51	Joseph Rice	Winchester	KY	171	
94	23.07	John Bishel	Columbus	OH	268	
121	18.65	Carl Berenbaum	Elkins Park	PA	388	
122	18.65	Barbara Kepple	West Chester	PA	432	
147	15.3	Mark Henderson	Wilmington	DE	415	
154	14.12	Iulian Rotaru	New York	NY	61	
155	14.12	Dori Byrnes	Morris Plains	NJ	436	
195	10.2	Susan Bullard	Lexington	KY	453	

Congratulations to the top 50 finishers from Unit 124:



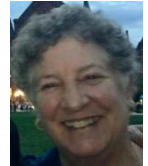
Rank	MPs	Name	City	State
4	106.1	Norman Coombs	Brookville	IN
15	77.55	Yauheni Siutsau	Loveland	OH
16	77.55	William Higgins	Cincinnati	OH
17	70.12	Amitabh Raturi	Cincinnati	OH
18	63.07	Bob Fisk	Cincinnati	OH
23	55.47	Isaac Stephani	Cincinnati	OH
30	41.58	A J Stephani	Cincinnati	OH
35	39.96	Susan Wisner	Cincinnati	OH
37	39.77	Michael Lipp	Trenton	OH
39	39.4	Robert Sulgrove	Centerville	OH
40	37.37	Dennis Schultz	Harrison	OH
41	36.16	John Taylor	Burlington	KY
42	35.64	John Meinking	Maineville	OH
45	34.26	Pamela Granovetter	Cincinnati	OH
46	34.26	Matt Granovetter	Cincinnati	OH
47	33.21	Cliff Pleatman	Cincinnati	OH
56	30.65	William Atteberry	Cincinnati	OH
58	30.61	Arun Goyal	West Chester	OH
59	30.4	Stephen Vogel	Cincinnati	OH
60	30.4	Reeta Brendamour	Cincinnati	OH
65	29.11	Larry Newman	Blue Ash	OH
66	28.86	Peggy Ammon	Burlington	KY
79	25.9	Peter Whipple	Mason	OH
82	25.72	John Williams	Cincinnati	OH
87	24.83	Pam Campbell	Fairfield	OH
91	24.17	Rachna Fuerst	West Chester	OH
95	22.86	Ben Fisk	Cincinnati	OH
100	21.93	Stephen Moese	West Chester	OH
105	20.71	Joy Singerman	Cincinnati	OH
107	20.56	Micky Dasenbrock	Cincinnati	OH
108	20.09	Terry Brausch	West Chester	OH
111	19.66	Helen Mess	Cincinnati	OH
114	19.4	Anton Habash	Oxford	OH
115	19.23	Joseph Muenks	Cincinnati	OH
116	19.12	Henry Jackson	Cincinnati	OH
123	18.58	Judy Ruehl	Batavia	OH
124	18.28	Thomas Mess	Cincinnati	OH
125	18.24	Kevin Henry	Cincinnati	OH
127	18.04	Melissa Hellmann	Cincinnati	OH
129	17.5	Rob Weidenfeld	Loveland	OH
130	17.41	Patrick Hoffman	Cincinnati	OH
132	17.3	Sharon Kreitzer	Cincinnati	OH
133	17.27	Margaret Young	Cincinnati	OH
136	16.38	Stephen Messinger	West Chester	OH
141	16.17	Julian Kurtzman	Cincinnati	OH
142	15.95	Barbara Levinson	Cincinnati	OH
143	15.94	Daniel Koppenhafer	Mason	OH
144	15.64	William Cook	Cincinnati	OH
145	15.59	Sanford Franklin	Cincinnati	OH
148	15	James Barrett	Cincinnati	OH

## Partnerships!

By Joanne Earls

If you're looking for a partner for a single game, call the director of the game you want to play in - s/he's the first to know about others who are available for that game. You can find directors' names on the [cincybridge.com](http://cincybridge.com) website. Another great way to meet prospective partners is at lessons or during supervised play. Unsure about an appropriate game? Call me!

If you'd like a regular partner, give me a call or send an email telling me about your game and your interests. How many master points do you have? What system/conventions do you play? Are you a ferocious competitor or a more relaxed player? Which games are you available to play in, and when can you start? I'll do my best to find someone who's also looking for a standing game.



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## Celebrate!

By Dean Congbalay

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I was looking forward to a fun Sunday afternoon of party bridge with old friends.

"We are going to celebrate!" Joanne announced shortly after I got to her home in Kenwood.

"Celebrate what?" I asked, a bit confused.

We all sat in her living room awhile, laughing and telling stories. Then Ruth, whom I hadn't seen in years, announced that she was moving — from Cincinnati to Atlanta!

"And I'm going to be a grandmother!" Ruth said. She's

taking off this fall, soon after her son and his wife have their first child.

Joanne took out the sparkling cider, and we toasted.

“To friends!” I said.

We did play bridge for a couple hours. I partnered with Ruth, and then with Joanne, and finally with Ruth’s friend Barb.

And we chatted -- about trips, family and friends. It was great catching up.

When the cards were put away, Joanne took out her stash of coupons as we noodled over where to go for supper. We eventually decided on LaRosa’s — no coupon, but it sounded good.

We each ordered something different: a hoagie, lasagna, penne alfredo -- and my customary pepperoni and sausage pizza. Yum!

After we paid our checks, I hugged each goodbye.

“Let’s do this again before you head South!” I said to Ruth.

As I drove home, I thought of a conversation we had around the bridge table. They were asking me about duplicate.

“There really is no better game -- and some of the people are cool,” I said. “I’ve made a lot of friends playing bridge.”

There was no duplicate that day, but because of the magic of bridge, I met all three of these ladies. And that’s something to celebrate!

## ALERTS & ANNOUNCES

By Potter Orr

In all forms of bridge it is illegal for a partnership to have secret understandings. Conventions may seem like secrets but they are allowed if disclosed to the opponents in a timely manner. The ACBL provides specific rules for this disclosure in duplicate bridge games. If you want to see the actual chart, follow this link:

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/AlertChart.pdf>

A new bidding chart and new alert rules are due out soon, but most basics will remain the same.

A shorter description of things we all need to do in regular play follows. Keep in mind these basics:



- If a bid means something very different than it seems and less than the whole world plays it that way, notice to the opponents is in order.
- Notice must be given promptly – preferably before the next opponent bids
- Notice may ONLY be given by partner of the bidder.

There are 2 kinds of notice:

- Announce – where the partner of bidder announces verbally what a bid means. For example: 1 NT, pass, 2 Hearts – partner announces “Transfer”. Announce is chosen for bids requiring notice that are very common and easy to describe. Announces save time since no one need stop the bidding for an explanation.
- Alert – where the partner of the bidder says “Alert” (or uses the Alert card) to tell opponents that the bid just made has a special meaning. Note that the alert does not describe the special meaning – opponents must ask. There are delayed alerts too.

If you have a convention card printed in color, it gives you immediate clues about which bids are announced, alerted or require no notice. Black is for non-notice bids, blue is for announce and red is for alert. Starting from the top under General Approach I will highlight some bids that come up often.

Strong ♣ and Forcing ♣ These are bidding systems (Precision et al.) that require many alerts – especially the 1 club opener that is strong and forcing.

1 NT Opening (Blue) requires an announcement about the point range for the bid. Even though many people play 15 to 17, there are enough variants that an announce is needed.

Transfers after NT Openings These are so common and such simple concepts that only an announce is required. Note that red suit transfers: 2♦, 2♥, and the Texas transfers of 4♦ and 4♥ are all announces. However 2♠ and 2N are ALERTS (Red Underline). Note also that a 2 NT opening does not require a point count range announcement.

Stayman Bidding the next level in clubs after a NT opening is so universally used that neither an announce nor an alert is needed as long as the bid asks for a 4 card or longer major suit. The exception is Puppet Stayman (5 card) – it is an alert only as a Jump to 3♣, otherwise alert only the responses.

Gambling 3 NT Opening does require an alert. This bid generally shows a 7+ card running minor and less than an opening bid.

See the card for some less used conventions in red

Opening 1 bids of a Suit Minor suit 1 bids require an announce “could be short” if the length could be less than 3 cards.

Raising Partner’s Suit Jump raises to 3 of the suit require an alert if they do NOT promise invitational values. For example, if you play inverted minors and 1♦-pass-3♦ is weak, an alert is required.

Responses to 1 of a Major There are a lot of conventions in common use over 1 of a major and notice is required for many of them:

- 1 NT if it is forcing or semi-forcing (part of 2 over 1) must be announced “forcing” or “semi-forcing”
- 2 NT if it is Jacoby promising 4+ trump and game going is an alert
- 3 NT if it shows 3 card support and a 4-3-3-3 hand ALERT
- Drury: This is after a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> seat major opener and promises invitational (10-12) values and trump support. ALERT!
- Splinter Bids (double jump showing shortness is suit bid). 1♥- pass-3♠ or 1♠- pass-4♣ are splinters and need an alert.
- No alert is needed for simple raises, jump raises if they show 10+ points and NT bids over minor suit openings.

Strong 2 club Bids The bid is not an alert but the responses may be:

- 2♦ is not alertable if it is a waiting bid – either game forcing or undetermined.
- 2♥ as an immediate negative bid showing a very bad hand is an alert
- Step bids used to show a number of controls over 2♣ are all alertable.

Weak 2 Bids Are not alertable as long as they describe 6+ card suits and limited points. 2♦ describing a hand of 5♥ and 4♠ (Flannery) or describing a 4-4-4-1 hand (Mini-Roman) do require an alert.

Weak 2 bid Responses

- A bid of a new suit after a weak 2 is an alert if it is NOT forcing
- 2 NT as a forcing, asking bid is NOT alertable but all the answers are: Ogust & Feature.

Other Reponse Bids (bottom of right side of card) are mostly alertable:

- Alertable:
  - New Minor Forcing, X Y Z, 4<sup>th</sup> suit Forcing

- Weak jump shifts: 1 club, pass, 2 hearts. If this is weak with no competition, this bid is an alert.

- Not Alertable: Weak jump shifts if in competition are NOT alertable: 1 club, 1 diamond, 2 hearts is a jump in competition

Overcalls Generally are not alertable unless used as an unusual convention. This includes some conventional overcalls that are so common that no alert is needed:

- Jump overcalls need no alert as long as they are weak. Strong or intermediate are an alert.
- NT overcall needs no alert for a strong NT or unusual NT
- Michaels cue bid overcalls are not alertable
- Minor suit overcalls that are natural (indicating the suit bid) are an alert

NT Interference Natural bids showing only the suit bid are not alertable but all conventional bids like DON’T, Cappelletti and other systems are all alertable

Doubles

- Negative doubles, penalty doubles and responsive (do something intelligent) doubles need no alert
- Support doubles require an alert.
- Doubles for penalty of opponent’s preempts below 4 spades are alertable since the normal treatment is takeout
- Lebensohl bids over partner’s takeout double of a weak 2 is an alert

Ace Asking Bids These require no alert, nor do the responses. In general, bids at the 4 level and above are not alertable (except splinters)

Carding Other than the pre-alert for leading low from doubletons, carding agreements are covered by the convention card.

This is a lot to remember but when you miss an alert, your opponents will likely remind you. There is no specific penalty for failing to alert but the director may assess one. Giving a penalty requires a couple of factors:

- Your opponents must plausibly convince the director that they did not know what the bid meant. For an experienced player to claim they had no idea that a 2 heart bid over 1 NT was a transfer should be laughed at by the director.
- In addition, the opponents must explain to the director how they were harmed by the failure to alert. If the failure made no plausible difference to the bidding or play, no penalty is applicable.

Remember at your 2<sup>nd</sup> turn, there are no alerts for any calls above 3N. Explain those when the auction is over.



# IT AIN'T OVER TILL IT'S OVER

By Rob Weidenfeld

How can you not love Yogi Berra, or at least his quotes? Berra, Hall of Fame catcher for the New York Yankees who played in the 1940's until the 1960's, was equally known for outrageous quotations.



My personal favorites were "Nobody eats in that restaurant anymore...it's too crowded" and "When you come to a fork in the road...take it." But when he said, "It ain't over 'til it's over" he may have meant baseball, but it could equally apply to bridge. I will use this illustration as my example.

<b>South</b>	
♠ 5	
♥ QJ 82	
♦ Q7	
♣ AKQ863	

Playing with a very competent partner, and fortunately one who is able to deal with my lapses, I picked up the following hand.

Everybody is vul. at matchpoints and West is dealer. Here is the auction:

West	North	East	South
3♥	4♥	P	4N <sup>1</sup>
P	5♦	P	6♣ <sup>2</sup>
All Pass	1=Asks minor suit 2=To play. Good suit		

When partner bids 4♥, you know he is two-suited. It doesn't take a bridge maven to figure out what his two suits are. Since

we play a fairly disciplined game, you expect him to be at least 5-5 with ♠ and ♦. You would love to play NT, perhaps even 6NT, but that only works if partner has a high ♥ honor, and you probably don't have the space to figure that out. Therefore you are left to play in your suit, clubs. If you bid 5♣ that would be to play. But partner has to have a very good hand to force to 4♠ or the 5 level not knowing if I have anything. You most likely have a slam if partner is short in ♥ (and it appears the most he can have is 2), but what is the best path?

<b>North</b>	
♠ AKJ43	
♥ -	
♦ AJ863	
♣ J95	
<b>South</b>	
♠ 5	
♥ QJ 82	
♦ Q7	
♣ AKQ863	

I could just bid 6♣ but it does no harm to go slow. So I bid 4NT asking for his minor though part of me thinks we could be OK if he passes. He responds in the expected manner so when I bid 6♣ he also knows that I have a good hand and a good suit. He declines to go further and after everyone passes West leads the ♥10. Here is what I see:

So plan your play.

Meanwhile, while I should have been thinking about the play, I was thinking "it's over"! I was so pleased with

how we got to such a wonderful contract! What a great partner I had, and that not everybody is going to be in this contract after a 3-level preempt. As a result, the play became an afterthought.

Here is the full hand:

6♣	♠ AKJ43	
Lead:	♥ -	
♥10	♦ AJ863	
	♣ J95	
♠ Q96		♠ 10872
♥ K10976543		♥ A
♦ K		♦ 109542
♣ 7		♣ 1042
		♠ 5
		♥ QJ82
		♦ Q7
		♣ AKQ863

I ruffed the ♥ small in dummy and RHO followed with the ace. Thinking that I had to ruff some ♥s in dummy, I got back to my hand by playing a high ♠ and ruffing a ♠. With everyone following I then led a low ♥ from my hand. Realizing that LHO had preempted Red with only the K in the suit, I figured he probably had 8♥s so I ruffed with the J and RHO discarded a ♠. Wanting to set up spades for ♥ discards, I led a low ♠ from dummy and ruffed high thinking I would have to give up a ♣ if they were 3-1 and the 10 was not singleton. From here I wandered aimlessly and wound up with the indignity of LHO ruffing with his singleton trump and cashing the ♥K for down 2. Not a result to be proud of when 7 is there all day long as the cards lie.

Though I am sad to acknowledge that I am a lifetime advocate of planning your entire play if possible at trick one, I failed miserably here. When the ♥ is led at trick one, I fully expect RHO to have the ♥A as LHO would have led a high ♥ with both of them. So I ruff with the ace falling. I now see that I have 2 spades, 2♦ if the finesse fails, 6♣s in hand and 2♥ ruffs in dummy (ruffing high on the second round) for 12 tricks! If ♣ are 4-0, then I have to rely on the ♦ finesse unless the ♠Q falls on the next round. At trick 5 (after ♥ ruff, ♠A and ♠ ruff and ruff another ♥ with the ♣J), all I have to do is lead my last trump back to hand. When all follow, I draw 2 more rounds of trump and take the ♦ finesse. If it loses, I have 12 tricks. If it wins, I have all 13! A bad day of bridge is when you are going down 2 in 6♣, when with a little planning 12 or 13 tricks are there for the taking.

## COUNTING AT THE BRIDGE TABLE IS ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA

By Amit Raturi



A glass half empty is counting losers and a glass half full is counting winners. Which means that you have to be a optimistic pessimist and a pessimistic optimist. Losing tricks early is generally considered good declarer play – you are optimistically being a pessimist. Winning tricks early, by corollary, is often bad defense. You are pessimistically being an optimist. This gets even more complicated because you have to recount the hands 13 times, nearly after every trick and that's a trick in itself, sometimes an over trick. That is why bridge is often referred to as a counting game and counting is often the first lesson in bridge.

I agree. I once counted to infinity twice, only to realize, that somebody just connected the four zeroes that we got on the last four boards in pairs like  $\infty \infty$  !!<sup>1</sup>

So let's say you are playing in the last round of a Regional Swiss team event against the first place team. The day started pretty bad, but then things picked. So every board and IMP counts and you are very aware that Count Dracula can strike anytime. You get a fresh cup of coffee just to make sure that your mind still works after 6 hours of play. You are sitting West -- your favorite and lucky position, AND you have the good luck seashell that your good bridge friend gave you yesterday in your pocket. It has worked well today as after 2 early losses in matches you should have won, you are still in the hunt. One of your teammates is in the hunt for beating MeckWell for the overalls. You touch the seashell in your pocket lightly and it reassures you, ever so confidently, with its serrated softness.

The last hand you pick up with both sides vulnerable is a pretty mundane 6 count: J2, KQ98, T8753, T8. 4 odd cards in your hand so you start feeling unlucky. I don't trust odd cards – I once got into a fight with 3, 5, 7 and 9 knowing that the odds were against me!!

Fireworks start as LHO in first seat bids 3♠ and partner doubles. RHO passes with some hesitation and it seems unlikely you can beat 3♠ with no minor suit winners, so

<sup>1</sup> With due acknowledgment to Robert Brown, whose article predictably will have 101 end-notes, to which I say that the competition for maximum end-notes has

you bid 4♥. It goes pass, pass, and now 4♠ by the hesitate-or.

North	East	South	West
3♠	DBL	P	4♥
P	P	4♠	P
P	DBL	All Pass	

If ♥ are 4-1, you have zero tricks on defense; so you pass, right? Opener passes, and partner doubles 4♠. Partner must have a really good hand as you promised nothing with your 4♥ bid. Should you bid 5♦? Who knows? You may even have a ♥ trick. Surely 5♥ could go for a number as RHO should have a decent hand with 3/4 ♥. Lead: ♥A and dummy comes down:

♠J2	
♥KQ98	
♦108753	
♣108	
Deal: W	♠103
Vul: Both	♥1065
	♦AQ64
	♣K942

That does not look promising for them or you!! They could have 7♠, 2♦ and 1♣ or you could have 2♥, 1♣ and 1♠. Looks pretty routine and they likely have 4 top losers somewhere plus a handling charge if partner has what they said they did.... . Now you have at least 1 ♥ trick so you feel better. You don't like your ♥ holding since you play upside down signals and the smallest card you have is the 8. So, if partner's holding is A(J)xx, they may not be able to figure out the meaning of ♥8 as encouraging. And you definitely don't want a ♦ shift. You play the ♥8 and declarer follows with the 5, Aha...they can have only one card higher than the 5, so you assume that the problem of your ♥ holding is over since partner will know that the ♥8 is your likely lowest card, as they can see the 6 other cards.

BUT partner shifts to the ♦2 and declarer plays small from dummy!!

This is not going well anymore. Declarer plays small from dummy and you play the 10 and declarer wins the K – now they have 6♠, 3♦ and 1♣ BUT you may have 2♥, 1♠ and 1♣ yet.

Declarer then plays the ♠K and partner wins the ♠A. Partner now leads a ♥2 to your ♥K and declarer drops the ♥J. What in the world is going on?

1. Partner did not continue hearts when they know the ♥8 was your lowest card as all other spot cards were visible to them. You had denied a good hand by not doubling 4♠, encouraged ♥ (ostensibly

just started and this clarification is the beginning:  
1/0=∞

denying the  $\heartsuit$ K). They shifted to a  $\heartsuit$  looking at the AQ in dummy. So if declarer was 7-2-2-2, partner knew that a  $\heartsuit$  shift would allow declarer to pitch the losing  $\heartsuit$  on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>  $\heartsuit$ . For example, you could have xxx, KQxx, xxxx, xx.

- Partner surely has the  $\clubsuit$ A, but did not cash it after the  $\heartsuit$ K won and they were in with the  $\spadesuit$ A. So they must be afraid that declarer will ruff the  $\clubsuit$ A. With 5  $\clubsuit$ s, this would not be an issue, since if declarer is 7-2-4-0, we are not beating the hand. Even if partner cashes  $\clubsuit$ A and it gets ruffed, declarer has the rest of the tricks (their shape is 7-2-4-0).
- Declarer's shape could be 8  $\spadesuit$ s, but if that is the

Deal: W  $\spadesuit$ KQ987654

Vul: Both  $\heartsuit$ J5

$\heartsuit$ K  
 $\clubsuit$ K942

$\spadesuit$ J2

$\heartsuit$ KQ98

$\heartsuit$ 108753

$\clubsuit$ 108

	N	
W		E
	S	

$\spadesuit$ A

$\heartsuit$ A432

$\heartsuit$ J92

$\clubsuit$ AQJ83

$\spadesuit$ 103

$\heartsuit$ 1065

$\heartsuit$ AQ64

$\clubsuit$ K942

case, then declarer could have smothered their  $\heartsuit$ K, pitched a  $\heartsuit$  on the  $\heartsuit$ Q and claimed knowing that the  $\clubsuit$ A is on side on the auction.

But partner shifted to the  $\heartsuit$ 2 so they have 1 or 3. They knew that declarer has two  $\heartsuit$ s, so there is no minor suit

holding where the  $\heartsuit$  trick goes away. So if declarer is 2-2 in minors, the  $\heartsuit$ K always scores. If declare is 3-1 with long  $\clubsuit$ s, the  $\heartsuit$ K never scores. If declarer is 3-1 with longer  $\heartsuit$ s, they can take one pitch on the  $\clubsuit$ K but the  $\heartsuit$ K always scores. So the  $\heartsuit$  winner can never go away. So why did partner shift to the  $\heartsuit$ 2? And why did partner not cash the  $\clubsuit$ A when in with the spade ace, knowing fully well that if declarer is 7-2-4-0, we are not setting this hand.

Other scenarios are possible such as declarer being 7-3-2-1 or 7-3-2-2 or 8-3-2-1 or 8-2-1-2. The 8-2-1-2 scenario is scary but unlikely. Let's see. Partner shifted for an easy declarer pitch for the tenth trick. Declarer did not take their tenth trick in a doubled contract (7 spades, 2  $\heartsuit$ s, and 1 club). They tried for a defensive error instead, when their contract was guaranteed on a  $\heartsuit$  shift!

Aha -- partner must be 2-4-1-6 with Ax Axxx x AQJxxx. 15 points and they can bid 4H or 5 $\clubsuit$  over 4 $\heartsuit$ . Remote, but possible. Nothing else makes sense. Now a  $\heartsuit$  return will set the contract 2 tricks for +500 (2H, 1S, 1C, and a  $\heartsuit$  ruff). Declarer is KQxxxxx, Jx, Kxx, x. What fantastic defense by partner although I would prefer they cash the

$\clubsuit$ A to ensure the  $\heartsuit$  ruff...no sweat! So all evidence to this point shows you the route to +500 with no apparent downside assuming partner made rational defense choices and declarer made rational playing choices. Return a  $\heartsuit$ , for partner to ruff and partner cashes the  $\clubsuit$ A.

**But remember numbers don't have a conscience.** So let's say, you claim 2+2 is equal to 3. Is 4 offended? No, 4 doesn't care. 4 is busy being 4. Whether you are +500, +200, -790, it does not matter to 4. Their conversation goes something like this: 0 to 8 "Nice belt!". 8 to 0: "Thanks. You won't believe it. I was lying down and dreamt that I am the inverse of you!!"<sup>1</sup> That's why math books are so depressed -- they have so many problems. You can buy 52 watermelons in a math book for \$0.10 and everyone says it's \$5.20 and no one wonders who in the world ever buys 52 watermelons. That's because 52 (like a deck of cards) does not have a conscience. Well, what about the two jokers I ask, don't they like watermelons also? Why did you leave them out? The right answer is  $54 * 0.10 = \$5.40!$

Well you find out quickly that the actual layout of cards is....

As opponents write +790 (our partners opened 4 $\spadesuit$  and played it there for down 1) you remind yourself to never sit West again and seriously doubt the seashell's magic. You lost 26 master points on the board if you played like I did, so please don't!!

***Which proves my point that counting in bridge is futile. Like Adam and Eve. Adam came home late one night and Eve threw a tantrum. "But you are the only one out there" he protested. He was asleep when he felt someone poking his chest. "What are you doing, Eve?" he asked. "Counting your ribs!!"***

## EP 23: SWEET BID OF YOUTH

By Steve Felson

*And I have lost one tooth  
And I walk a little lame  
And I haven't got time  
For the waiting game*

From "September Song" (1938; music by Kurt Weill, lyrics by Maxwell Anderson)

*Seniles Fortuna Juvat* (fortune favors the old)

Found on a Pompeian pottery fragment picked up by my old friend and steady bridge partner, Bob Brown, while the guard wasn't looking; thought to



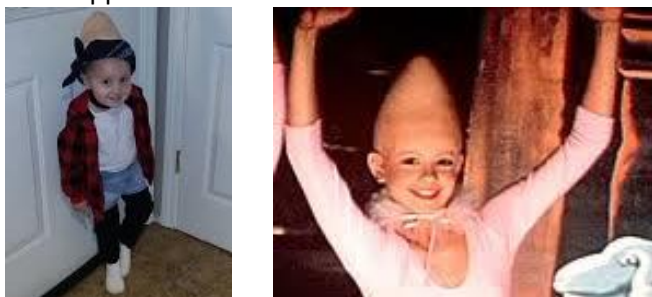


contain a typographical error but still priceless  
(Private collection of R. Brown)



Remulak is not much to look at, but once a year (630 Earth-days) they hold their Garthok Festival. You can see a fantasy representation of this event in *Coneheads* (1993), where Beldar Conehead (Dan Ackroyd) narfles a garthok with a golf ball, saving Earth from destruction. In today's 22<sup>nd</sup>-century world the tame garthok appears to gobble up the costumed narflers, everyone cheers, and it's off to drink the local brew or, in our case, the Garthok sectional.

We are one of the few blunt-skull pairs. They give us table C-65. We stroll over and are surprised at our East-West opponents:



Back to the assignment table where we stop a director.

"Are we in the youth tournament?"  
[High monotone] "No. Stratified Space Master. Why do you ask?"

"Table C-65. That East-West pair can't be more than four years old."

"That is Hermes and her brother Homer. Do not underestimate them. Hermes played music the morning she was born and herded garthoks in the afternoon. Homer chronicles his sister's every move." [Warning: literary allusion]

Okay, precocious baby bridge players with funny heads – we've succumbed to stranger competition. This time, however, I'm a little worried, since Bob normally can't abide child prodigies. Having wrecked his father's car at 5 and served as lookout in a barbershop rubout at 7, he's not going to take any guff from these two smirking junior card sharps. In other words, stand back for some sweet bidding.

The generation-gap test comes early, with West dealing and both vulnerable:

Deal: W **BOB**  
Vul: Both ♠ ---  
♥K865  
♦K1042  
♣KQ854

<b>HERMES</b> ♠K1053 ♥1043 ♦7 ♣A10762	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	<b>HOMER</b> ♠AQ942 ♥Q97 ♦A6 ♣J93
N						
W	E					
S						

**STEVE**  
♠J876  
♥AJ2  
♦QJ9853  
♣---

Somehow Bob restrains himself after Hermes passes. Homer opens 1♠. I overcall 2♦. Hermes takes a whole lollipop out of his suddenly expanded mouth and bids 4♠. Now I'm really worried – if there's anything Bob tolerates less than smart-aleck, candy-concealing *wunderkinds* it is Brown-like bidding by opponents.

He sneaks a look at each of these pre-school brats without moving his head, squints over at me, breathes deeply, and jumps to 6♦. Homer uses the full 10 seconds and passes, perhaps doubting his ability to take a spade trick on defense. The precocious Hermes, however, apparently averse to letting adults get away with 20-point slams, doubles. The full auction:

(P)-P-(1♠)-2♦  
(4♠)-6♦-(P)-P  
X – All Pass

On the ♠ lead by West, declarer can cross-ruff in the black suits, finesse the ♥J, lead a top trump, pull the last trump when he gets back in, and claim 12 tricks. Of course, that is exactly what I did. The only defense is a trump lead to the Ace and a trump back; our opponents are cute but not that cute. Chalk up plus 1540 for the elderly, a clear top over 180 other North-South pairs, a nice plug for Darkside Market Aging Cream, and actual teardrops from both of our chastened, hairless urchins. Would that we had thought to add, "O unhappy youth! Come not within these doors; within this roof." Would

that we could remember even one line from *As You Like It*.

Seeing Bob squash those overbidding ankle-biters was worth having to sit through that insipid garthok show. Now on to the Geriatricus sectional – wheelchair races and all – where we could easily be the *youngest* pair in the room.

## RUMINATIONS

By Robert S Brown

The Albatross<sup>2</sup> and I recently contemplated our relative suitability for Match Point (“MP”) and International Match Point (“IMP”) competitions. We had finished our traditional June 16<sup>th</sup> (Bloomsday) repast of visceral viands<sup>3</sup> and were savoring a 1948 Dow Vintage Port paired with a perfectly aged Stilton.



“I cannot fail to observe that your obsession with conventionality and conventions” I ventured good naturedly “makes you more aligned to Match Point contests”. “Perhaps” he replied more acidly than warranted “it is your impudence that inclines you to IMPs”.<sup>4</sup>

“I will admit that my adherence to Wilde’s maxim ‘Nothing succeeds like excess’ may contribute to my IMP partiality” I replied stressing my neutrality. “Surely even you must relish the *frisson* of bidding and making a slam with two key cards missing<sup>5</sup>”.

“That cheap thrill comes at a cost – in our case a tiresome procession of 38% games and the spectacle of salivating opponents every time we approach their table.” Steve lamented and continued. “I can’t abide your recklessness in a game that requires sober assessments whether at IMPs or MPs.”

<sup>2</sup> This hypocorism is now passé and will be replaced by a more appropriate sobriquet in the next Alert. Suggestions to this end are welcome but must be suitable for publication to an audience of refined taste and delicate sensibilities.

<sup>3</sup> Vide J. JOYCE, *Ulysses* (1922) Ch. 4:

“Mr. Leopold Bloom ate with relish the inner organs of beast and fowls. He liked thick giblet soup, nutty gizzards, a stuffed roast heart, liver slices fried with crustcrumbs, fried hencod roes. Most of all he liked grilled mutton kidneys which gave to his palate a fine tang of finely scented urine.”

“I think it’s time for you to dismount from your moral high horse and remember that when we began this partnership you had known me for 50 years.” I rejoined “Nothing in our half century of association ever suggested that I would play by any rules.”

“True enough” he admitted “but what a mistake.” “If you think you’re sorry now” I interjected “Wait till you see your cognomen in my next article.”<sup>6</sup>

## UPDATE FROM THE ACBL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By AJ Stephani

By the time you read this, I will already be in Atlanta for the Summer NABC and the ACBL Board of Directors’ meetings. We have 4 full days of meetings scheduled, and I doubt we will have any downtime. The 4 months between our spring and summer meetings have seen a flurry of activity, as more and more of our pre-meeting work is being conducted through conference calls (26 in the last 3 months, by my count).

As some of you probably have heard, our former CEO was dismissed in April. I hope you appreciate that, due to pending litigation, I can’t comment further on the reasons surrounding this unfortunate turn of events. I will say that we have complete faith in our acting Executive Director, Joe Jones, who also serves as Chief Financial Officer. I am on the Search Committee for a new Executive Director, and we are taking our time to ensure that we find the right candidate.

Effective the start of November’s Fall NABC in Honolulu, we will have 4 new convention card charts, replacing the current General Chart, Midchart, and Superchart. These aren’t our convention cards, which are designed and printed by private companies, but the charts that govern which conventions are legal in different events, including tournaments and games at your local club. In

<sup>4</sup> This feeble attempt at paronomasia parallels his choice of the obvious “old/bold” elision in Episode 23 *supra* rather than the subtle “peniles/seniles” solecism.

<sup>5</sup> Vide Nalin M. re: our 7/19 Swiss match.

<sup>6</sup> Disregard the reference to refinement and delicacy in note 1 *supra* and indulge whatever crude or obscene proclivities you can muster.

its place will be 2 streamlined charts for MP-limited games and newer players (the Basic Chart and Basic+ Chart) and 2 charts for all other games (the Open Chart, and Open+ Chart).

Changes have been discussed in recent issues of the Bridge Bulletin, and expect more information as we approach November. New conventions will be allowed under these charts in certain events, so make sure you're reading the charts properly when you use them.

I'll have more news after the Atlanta NABC. As always, many thanks for the opportunity to be your representative on the ACBL Board of Directors, and I welcome your feedback and input.

## CBA TEXT ALERT PARTNERSHIP SERVICE

By AJ Stephani

It's been a slow ramp up since I started doing this last year, but we're seeing more requests go out through our text-based partnership service (through a textapp called "Remind"). It allows you to receive text messages for players looking for partners for specific games.

If your partner for next week's game canceled on you, or you're simply looking to play in an extra game, just send me a quick note with your name, phone number, and date you're interested in. I'll get a text out ASAP. Also, if you want to receive notices of people looking for games, I'd be happy to put you on the distribution list.

## CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

By Steve Moese

How often do I see many promising players straining to learn the latest convention. They ply their system cards with newer and newer tools and find after a while they are more confused than informed. Ever happen to you?

Larry Cohen is a renowned NABC Champion, Bridge Author and Teacher. He has done a wonderful service for all players, by publishing his Top Ten Conventions.

From Larry Cohen's Website<sup>7</sup>:

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.larryco.com/bridge-articles/read-this-first-what-should-we-play>

"I am a staunch advocate of "less is more." My observation is that at every level of the game, players are using too many conventions. Too often I see players (from beginner to world champion) misusing or forgetting their methods. Everyone would benefit if they would just KISS. (Keep It Simple, Stupid).

If I had to choose just 4 conventions, this would be my list:

- A)
1. Negative Doubles
  2. Blackwood
  3. Stayman
  4. Jacoby transfers

If you forced me to choose 4 more, this would be the next group:

- B)
5. 4th Suit GF
  6. Methods (I prefer "DONT" ) vs. Opponents' Notrump
  7. Weak jumps in competition
  8. 2NT ask (Feature) after our Weak 2-bids

If you insisted I fill my convention card with 12 conventions, these would be the next four:

C) Unusual notrump / Michaels bids, New Minor Checkback, Jacoby 2NT, Support Doubles

And, since people just love to learn/play/teach conventions, these would be my D-list -- choices 13-16:  
D) lebensohl, Drury, Inverted Minors, Splinter Bids

Honestly, I think it would be counterproductive for 99% of players to go any further than this. The memory strain is not worth it. Someone once said, "The Road to Hell is Paved with Good Conventions."

This list is referred to in more detail in "Talking Bridge."  
"

Larry's advice is absolutely on target. I simply want to add a few reasons regarding HOWs and WHYs.

How you choose a new convention matters tremendously.

- 1) **Be specific about the method details**, especially for complex conventions. Simply saying you are going to play XYZ is not enough. How do you plan to use 1m-1M-1N-2N? How will you use bids after



partner transfers to 3♣? Details matter. But don't stop there...

- 2) **What changes as a result of adopting the new convention?** Will XYZ be ON after they interfere? Will it be on after they double? Will it be on if responder is a passed hand? Do I care that I cannot play in 2♣ anymore? Failing to resolve other auctions left ambiguous by the new convention is where most pairs fail.
- 3) **Can we both remember the convention and its facets under the stress of competition?** Are we spending too much time correcting errors or reteaching ourselves the tools surrounding the new convention? Go back to Larry's advice ... KISS
- 4) **Avoid adopting something so rare** that we will never play it with anyone else? Having a lot of conventions agreed among more than 5 or 6 partners, each with their own approach leads to confusion quickly. Pare down.

So what makes a good convention?

- 1) The convention solves a problem not easily handled with natural bidding.
- 2) The convention is memorable and easy to use.
- 3) The convention occurs frequently enough to warrant having a special tool.
- 4) What we give up to use the convention is worth little compared to the expected gain over a large number of hands.
- 5) The use of the convention itself does not create a negative.
- 6) It's legal in the Zone or Bridge Organization where you play.
- 7) Proper Use. (Reread Point 7).
- 8) Follows the percentages (as opposed to single instance validation)

Are there some conventions we can do without?

Bridge wisdom and bidding theory has showed that leaving more space for Big hands is generally better than using up space unnecessarily. No one plays Strong 2 Bids competitively anymore. Strong Club (and Diamond) systems attempt to exploit the advantage of having very low bids be strongest. In the extreme, the Forcing Pass was in vogue, but the need to open with 0-8 HCP led to many organizations banning this system. So instead of

overhauling your preferred system and finding a partner that will play Precision or Polish Club (not popular in clubs in our Unit but very popular in the tournament circuit), better to simplify and standardize what you have.

My pet peeves are weak jump shift RESPONSES, and Opening 3NT as gambling (no Side suit A or K). What both of these bids have in common is that they make the wrong hand declarer if our side wins the contract.

Don't confuse these with weak jump overcalls – one of my most favorite weapons. The big difference is a weak Jump Overcall happens after opponents announce they have opening bidding values. Partner is no longer unlimited.

If partner opens 1♣ and I have a 4-7 HCP hand it would behoove us to transfer to my weak suit so partner can declare. Hiding the strong hand makes defending tougher. My weak jump shift has left only 6 cards for the opponents to count. Partner has 13 hidden.

What's wrong with Gambling 3N? Again, the wrong hands plays it and the defense against it is very well understood. Better options include a broken preempt to 4 in a minor suit or even a very strong hand with a long minor and 2 of the 3 side suits stopped (Acol Style).

Another bid I just don't understand is something like: 1♠ - (2♣) – 3♥ as a splinter bid. Now don't get me wrong, splinter bids are a vital part of all Bridge Players tool kit. But in THIS auction, Responder reveals GF Strength and ♣ length 4♣, 0/1 ♥, 4-5♦ and 3-4 ♣. The old days had this bid be a ♥ preempt, again wrong siding the contract. Better to play this bid as showing 5+ ♥ Cards, 4+ ♠ cards and Invitational Values (denies 0/1 ♣ with which we would have splintered – splintering in the OPPONENT's bid suit is very powerful). Fit Bids were popularized years ago and a compelling discussion of them can be found in Robson & Seagal "Partnership Bidding at Bridge"<sup>8</sup> See the footnote below for a link to this book in .pdf format.

A bid that has gotten notice in our area is called "UN-Michaels" I don't know the source of the name, but it modifies the Unusual Notrump jump to 2N whenever opponents open with a minor suit. The idea is to focus on the other minor and promise an unknown major. Typically the bid promises 55 or better.

The issue is that putting the focus on the minor instead of the major is wrong competitively and using 2N to do this means we can't play the major below the 3-level. I find these wrong headed, but don't believe me – here is what Bridge Winners<sup>9</sup> has to say:

**Current Poll Results:** Would You Play Un-Michaels?

<b>Definitely not play this:</b>	<b>87 votes</b>	<b>-65%</b>
Likely not play this:	20 votes	-15%
might or might not play this:	17 votes	-13%
Likely play this:	4 votes	-3%
Definitely play this:	5 votes	-4%
Other:	1 vote	-1%
Abstentions:	17	

Another convention many like to play here is the 2♣ - 2♥ immediate negative. This is a popular gadget, played by many, and many also play Kokish 2♥ Relay. Want to take the pulse of the experts on this approach?

Here's one point of view from Henry Bethe<sup>10</sup>:

"I play 2♦ waiting and Kokish - and cheapest bid, not suit, "second negative."

The point of playing Kokish is to allow opener to differentiate between not-game-forcing balanced hands and gf balanced hands - and to retain room when opener has the gf for investigation of suit contracts. Playing 2♥ as immediate double negative loses this. My belief, right or wrong, is that the responder to 2♣ needs to stay as much out of the way to let opener complete the information started with "I have a very strong hand!" If after 2♣-2♦-2♠ you use 3♣ as negative, opener with a black two-suiter has to bid 4♣ and you are very high with little information exchanged. So I use cheapest bid, not cheapest suit, as negative.

I have no intrinsic objection to control responses, but during many years of playing them I ran into several distributional 2♣ openers where controls were of little use. And generally I found that an intelligent responder to 2♣ could do fine without controls.

One issue when you play 2♦ waiting is what other bids should mean. I believe they should show hands that will otherwise be very hard to show: extreme two-suiters of your own, very long one suiters, very weak minor suit hands that would like to sign off in 3♣ or 3♦ when partner has 23 balanced are among these. Make your own list. I

<sup>9</sup> <https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/what-do-you-think-of-un-michaels/>

don't see much point in showing a major of KQxxx quality: better off bidding 2♦, then transferring over partner's 2N rebid."

Something I see coming that will revolutionize bidding? Transfer responses to 1♣ opening bids, transfer responses and advances when their side or our side intervenes, and smarter use of the 2 level bid real estate.

Am I anxious to try these new tools out? Nope. If I can get my partners and me to play what we have without error, we are way ahead of the game already.

One step at a time. Better to use what we know well than adopt lots of things we don't understand.

## SAVE THE DATES



Qualify to compete for the District Finals in Cincinnati on November 14, 15 2018. Top Pairs represent D11 in the Spring NABC in Memphis 2019. See

[http://www.district11bridge.com/District\\_11\\_NAP\\_FA\\_Q.html](http://www.district11bridge.com/District_11_NAP_FA_Q.html)

The Unit needs more Directors. Interested in learning how to direct a bridge game? Contact any Board Member or club director for further information. We want you!

**Election Notice** – The Annual Elections for 3 Board of Directors Members will be held during the Spooktacular Sectional at the Cincinnati Bridge Center. If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors, Please get 10 signatures on the candidate form at

<http://www.cincybridge.com/Election%20Petition.htm>

and present the form to any Board of Director member. Details about the elections will be forthcoming on the website.

<sup>10</sup> <https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/response-to-strong-2c-openers/>



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Holiday party and game - Saturday December 8

Here is the rule to remember in the future, When anything tempts you to be bitter: not, 'This is a misfortune' but 'To bear this worthily is good fortune. - **Marcus Aurelius**

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10:00AM NLM Single Session Pairs  
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0-50 Single Session Pairs  
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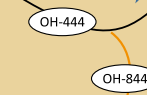
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<b>Thursday Sept 6</b>	• <b>Karl Heize Gold Rush Swiss Teams and Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)</b>		• Open Pairs Evening Side Series
	• KO (Round 3) • Open Pairs AM Side Series	• KO (Round 4) • Open Pairs Aft Side Series	
<b>Friday Sept 7</b>	• <b>Michael Gernhardt Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions)</b>		• Open Pairs Evening Side Series • <b>NLM Pairs</b>
	• KO (Round 1) • Open Pairs AM Side Series	• KO (Round 2) • Open Pairs Aft Side Series • <b>Single Session Swiss</b>	
<b>Saturday Sept 8</b>	• <b>John Glenn Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions)</b>		
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