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September

(North American 49er Pairs Month)

- 14 ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game Thursday eve at clubs
- 30 District 3 NAP Finals Allendale, NJ

October

- 8 Charity Swiss Teams Bridge Deck
- 16-22 District 3 Regional Danbury, CT
- 23-29 STAC Week Various Clubs

November

- 16-26 NABC Honolulu, HI
- 20 ACBL Charity Game Mon. eve at clubs

4th Annual Brunch and Charity Swiss Teams

Come one, come all, to our 4th annual Charity Swiss Teams event - the highlight of the fall season - on Sunday, October 8. The day starts with a brunch at 11:30 AM. Munch on wonderful food while walking around to see all of the great items on which to bid: seats in the Skybox at Madison Square Garden for a sports event; gift certificates to many of Westchester's finest restaurants, including Crabtree's Kittle House, Beehive, and Aberdeen; play dates with the area's top pros; children's games; jewelry; a subscription to *Bridge World* magazine; a gift certificate to Marcello Gambacorta's famous beauty salon; bridge lessons; glass vases; wonderful bridge books, and many other exciting items.

The format will be the same as last year, four 6-board matches. Teams may consist of 4-6 players. The entry fee is \$60/team which includes the brunch at 11:30 AM and the game at 12:30 PM. All proceeds after expenses from the game go to our charities. Last year we raised close to \$7,600, and this year we hope to better that total. Our charities are the Westchester Chapters of Juvenile Diabetes, the MS Society, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Hospice Care, the Bridge Fund, and Friends of Karen.

All players and kibbitzers will have the opportunity to bid on the auction items until the start of the last round - approximately 3:30 PM - at which time the auction will close. The winners of the items will be announced after the last round.

Alisan Harte will be helping singles or pairs form teams. She can be reached at hartelegal@aol.com.

Don't miss the social event of the season. We hope that you will come out again this year to participate, or try it for this first time. Support our Unit's fabulous fundraiser and enjoy a great afternoon of bridge. The Bridge Deck is the place to be on October 8. Be there!

- The Charity Committee - Mimi Bieber, Joan Gerard, Alisan Harte, Heidi Klein, and Kassie Munoz



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Well, it's a really good thing that we are in an age of modern technology. Here I am in Chicago on June 18, and my deadline for the September *Bridging the Counties* is just two days away. I wish to congratulate Jason and Michelle Fuhrman on the birth of their first child. Jason does such a fine job as editor of our quarterly bulletin. I wish them much joy and good health, and hopefully some well needed rest.

I am looking forward to playing in another NABC. They're always so exciting, not only by varying one's playing field, but also by having an opportunity to play against some of our nation's very finest players. There is also the golden opportunity to kibbitz some of the best and brightest minds in the game today. Since I haven't started playing yet, optimism prevails.

We were very sorry to receive Barbara Metselaar's resignation from the Board. She has been on the Board for years, serving as our Sunshine chairman, and helping at the Jane Hill tournament. Our new Sunshine chairman is Betty Heller. Feel free to contact her with any appropriate news so that she can spread a little sunshine. Her e-mail is: bhh10583@aol.com. We would also like to

welcome our newest Board member, David Huber. I'm sure that he will be a great addition to the Board and look forward to working with him.

I'd like to remind our members that the District 3 North American Pairs finals will be held on September 30, at the Guardian Angel Church in Allendale, NJ. Brunch is served at 11:30 and the game starts at 12:30. There is no Unit final; you just have to have qualified at your local club at a special NAP game. Your local club can tell you if you have qualified. Please check the website for directions: <http://www.bridge-district3.org>.

Winners can compete at the spring NABC in St. Louis. First place winners will receive airfare, hotel room for 3 days, and an invitation to play from District 3. Second place finishers will receive airfare and an invitation to play. Third place finishers will receive an invitation to play. All finishers that attend the NAP final will receive a \$100 gift from the district to help defray expenses.

I would also like to remind you of our upcoming Charity Swiss event to take place at the Bridge Deck on Sunday, October 8. It is truly a wonderful event. Last year the
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Editor's Corner



For anyone who hasn't heard yet, Logan Steven Fuhrman was born on June 17, 2006. Logan and Michelle are doing well. As my bridge muse has returned, back to my regularly scheduled commentary. Bridge can be a strange game at

times. Consistency is something that all players strive to achieve. But results from one session to the next are unpredictable, and "weaker" players can finish ahead of "stronger" players. From the end of June and continuing for most of the month of July, the bridge gods were not kind to me at the table. For whatever reason, my results were not winning me any masterpoints. I didn't feel I was playing badly, but I wasn't succeeding. (No, it was not lack of sleep because of the new baby.) Suddenly, on July 30, the tide turned. Playing in an open Swiss Teams, we won five out of seven matches. The two losses were not caused at our table. And the next day, I had over a 70% score in a pairs game. How long will this streak continue? Who knows. Hopefully (for me) it will last a long time. Cycles like this are part of bridge for everybody. No one can explain them or predict them. Some people might claim that the system or the bidding style you are playing influence these cycles. For a matchpoint

event, they say that if you play a system that leads to bidding results that are similar to what you expect from the rest of the field, and you have good defense and declarer play, you'll do fine. To those people, I say, "Hogwash!" I am not bidding to match the field. I'm trying to beat the field. I forget who it was, but a famous bridge player commented, "The field never won an event." I'm bidding to win, not just break even. To that, I will add one disclaimer. Some hands are more suited to some bidding systems, as compared to others. Preempts and other interference bids also affect results. So your bidding system and style do affect your results. But bridge players are used to dealing with the opponents bidding. Though these affect individual hand results, in the longer term they don't cause long streaks or cycles. In short, I can't explain it. I can only describe it, and know that everybody is subject to it. So just remember this the next time you feel your bridge game is in a slump: this too shall pass.
Jason Fuhrman

This N' That From Your District Director

Articles for the September issue of *Bridging the Counties* are due in mid-July, so some of what I write may be old news by the time you read this.

The Chicago NABC was great! The hotel is situated overlooking the river and Lake Michigan, so the views were spectacular. Being next to the Miracle Mile made shopping terrific. Restaurants were in walking distance. All the bridge play was in the hotel, so as long as you didn't mind riding 3-4 escalators to get to the playing area all was good.

This time the Board meetings covered topics of interest to many of you. There was a motion to do away with Women's events. Wow! Did that cause a barrage of letters saying, "Please keep them!" I never thought we should do away with them, but I must admit that the attendance is dropping pretty far down. Women seem to prefer to play in the Open events, as you can see from the fact that most regionals and sectionals have removed Women's events from their schedules. But they will be alive and well at our NABCs.

Then there was a motion to raise the Senior age to 60 - currently you have to be 55 to play in Senior events. This had a slightly better chance of passing, but it failed. I also voted against this motion, not because I don't think Seniors should be at least 60 to

play in a Senior event, but because people play in our Seniors' games because of the earlier game times and because these games were perceived as less competitive. There is no really good reason to rock this boat, at least not in my opinion.

Another interesting motion was one that would do away with appeals being heard in the major NABC events by committees of their peers, and these appeals would instead be heard by a panel of directors. This was narrowly defeated by a vote of 13-12. I was on the 13 side for many reasons, the strongest of which is that the same body that makes the initial ruling should not be the body to hear the appeal. Clearly there are many other reasons both pro and con.

Prior to being in Chicago I was at the World Championships in Verona, Italy in the capacity of Chairman of Appeals for the World Bridge Federation. The United States came home with many medals. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Mixed Pairs. 1st in the Rosenblum with our own Rose Meltzer (now living in California) as one of the members of the team. Rose is now the first woman World Grand Master. Irina Levitina and Kerri Sanborn won the Women's Pairs. The US also was 2nd in the Open Pairs, and 1st and 2nd in the Women's McConnell Cup. It was exciting to be there and share the

fun of winning. I didn't get to see much of Italy, but I managed to have many great dinners and see the opening night of opera at the famous Verona Arena. Who cared that it was 95 degrees?

District 3's summer regionals in Saratoga Springs in June and Parsippany over the 4th of July were both successful, as was the GNT District 3 finals in May.

What's left for the fall? The District 3 NAP finals in Allendale on September 30. This is a two-session event for all flights, starting off with a brunch. A great opportunity to get a bit of gold points if you place in the overall. And if you win, well it's a free trip to play in the nationals finals in St. Louis next spring! 2nd place gets airfare, and 3rd place just gets to go.

Then we wind up the year with our fall foliage tournament in Danbury, October 16-22. It's a great schedule full of KOs, compact KOs, and an extra Swiss Teams on Tuesday. Wonderful hospitality, and room rates that are so reasonable that you can't afford to stay home.

Bridge is fun for everyone! Don't miss out. Check our website at www.bridge-district3.org for all of the details.

Joan Gerard, District Director

Advice for Snowbirds

Even if you will be gone for several months this winter, you can still remain a member of the WCBA and continue receiving *Bridging the Counties*.

When you contact the ACBL with your winter address, let them know that you wish to remain a member of Unit 188 (WCBA). Any issues of *Bridging the Counties* that are published while you are away will be mailed to your winter address. Upon your return to Westchester, just tell the ACBL that you are back home. Don't miss a single issue!

If you do move away and keep your WCBA membership, you will continue to receive *Bridging the Counties*.

District 3 Looking For a Treasurer

The District is now looking for a person capable of handling the job of District 3 treasurer. Interested people should contact either Peter Kalat (pakalat@optonline.net) or Joan Gerard (joanandron@att.net).

Responsibilities include reviewing all bills, writing all checks, making and recording all bank deposits and checks into a bookkeeping program by income source and expense category, meeting with Joan Gerard 4 times a year to review and pay regional hotel bills, preparing 2-3 interim financial statements and a year-end statement for the District 3 Board, preparing a year-end tax return Form 990 for the IRS, and attending District 3 executive committee and Board meetings.

June Overall STAC Winners

Monday Morning 200/500/Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 Robert Chasanoff, Rich Laufer
 1 1 Ruth Menken, Barbara Steinberg

Monday Afternoon 50/100/200 Pairs

- A B C
 1 Rose Corsell, Margaret Lynch
 1/2 Elaine & James Glover
 1/2 Joan Giardina, Michael Gorlon

Monday Afternoon Invitational

- A B C
 1 Eda Newhouse, Nancy Rubin
 1 1 Joan Wald, Susan Kaufman

Monday Afternoon 50/200 Pairs

- A B
 1/2 Ellie Cramers, Louis Zenkel
 1/2 1 Louise Kovacs, Wendy Weinstein

Monday Evening Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 D. Staubi, L. Christianson
 1 Eileen O'Neill, Meryl Reyman

Monday Evening 20/100/200 Pairs

- A B C
 1 John Dragich, Bert Haber
 1 Joseph Demas, Peggy Novey
 1 Todd Schiffer, Richard Strauss

Tuesday Morning Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 1 1 Linda Walke, Mindy White

Tuesday Afternoon Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 Nie Lih Kalat, Stephen Lippmann
 1 Barbara Schlactus, Doris Eidel

Tuesday Evening Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 1 Roz & Stanley Lipson

Tuesday Afternoon 0-200 Pairs

- A B C
 1 Louise Karp, Elaine Krass
 1/2 Barbara Bloom, Dorothy Bloom
 1/2 Henriette Abraham, Anna Muggia
 1 Regina Ansbro, Colleen Hopkins

Wednesday Morning Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 Phyllis Siegel, Delia Cantor
 1 S. Friedenthal, B. Warshaw

Wednesday Afternoon Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 1 Bernard Stark, Nathan Adler
 1 Fran Columbus, Ruth Fennessy

Wednesday Afternoon 0-200 Pairs

- A B C
 1 1 1 Barbara Chapnick, Valerie Zane

Wednesday Evening Individual

- A B C
 1 1 Frieda Jaburg

Thursday Morning Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 1 1 Toni Cobb, Lorraine Gelardi

Thursday Afternoon Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 Elizabeth King, Lauretta Zellner
 1 Barbara Schenkel, Ilse Ashheim
 1 Linda Friedman, Barbara Heller

Thursday Afternoon 0-200 (Bridge Deck)

- A B C
 1 Aileen Kass, Jack Shulman
 1 Marilyn Friedman, Renee Neschis
 1 Joan Giardina, Michael Gorlon

Thursday Afternoon 0-200 (Hartes')

- A B C
 1 1 1 Ray Haas, Donald Levin

Thursday Evening Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 Rick Rosenthal, Robert Baker

Friday Morning Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 1 1 Maureen Berkman, Hasida Korper

Friday Afternoon 0-200 (Hartes')

- A B C
 1 1 Sue Tofel, Gay Sachs
 1 Louise Kovacs, Adele Fine

Friday Afternoon 0-200 (Bridge Deck)

- A B C
 1 Aileen Kass, Jack Shulman
 1 1 Connie Thiel, Dorothy Baldwin

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 Heidi Klein, Rhoda Levine
 1 Tim Baird, Nick Kravitz
 1 Fran Columbus, Ruth Fennessy

Saturday Evening Howell

- A B C
 1 1 Meryl & Stuart Reyman

Sunday Afternoon Swiss Teams

- A B C
 1 Rosemary Boden, Brad Calcagni,
 Peter Bittle, Neal Rechtman
 1 Iris & Nathan Adler,
 Joanne Marks, Alan Green



District 3 Sponsors After-School Bridge

District 3 is very pleased to offer to sponsor teachers in each of our seven units that teach a bridge class in a school - from kindergarten through college - who organize the students to come to a bridge club or other location at a set time to participate in a lesson series, play bridge with other students, or have a mini-lesson if not enough students participate. Sponsored teachers will receive \$75 for each after

school group that meets, as well as reimbursement for a light snack such as a slice of pizza and a soft drink.

Teachers must apply for this grant with their Unit President, who will then submit the arrangements to District 3's President Peter Kalat. If approved, a check will be sent directly to the teacher. Proof of the activity should accompany the request.

This program will be offered from

September 2006 through June 2007. Hopefully many teachers will want to encourage their students to continue to play bridge and will make arrangements with a nearby club for an after-school activity. It is a great opportunity to introduce young people to duplicate bridge. We are hoping that many people will take advantage of this offer.

- Joan Gerard

A Deuce of a Tale

“Don’t underestimate the power of a deuce,” my friend Bill said to me as we discussed our strategies for an upcoming regional event. “Here is what happened to me at a recent local duplicate game. Here is the hand.”

	♠ 6	N-S Vul.
	♥ 10 6 4 3	Dealer: South
	♦ K Q 5 2	
	♣ Q J 8 2	
♠ 10 9 2		♠ 5 3
♥		♥ A K Q J 8
♦ J 10 9 4 3		♦ 8 7 6
♣ A K 10 5 4		♣ 7 6 3
	♠ A K Q J 8 7 4	
	♥ 8 7 5 2	
	♦ A	
	♣ 9	

“South opened 1♠. Some might have opened 2♣, too weak? Others 4♠, too strong? I sat West and bid 2NT, unusual for the minors. North doubled, explained as showing the minors, or possibly a negative double to show hearts. East bid 3♥, a natural suit and lead directing. South then bid 4♠, passed out.

“Since I didn’t have any hearts, I opened with the ♣A, playing A from AK, and shifted to the ♠10, which declarer won with the ♠K. He then played the ♠A. I naturally and unsuspectingly played the deuce. Wouldn’t you? The declarer then cashed his ♦A, and followed with a low spade which I had to win with the ♠9. At that point I was endplayed and had to give the dummy three tricks - two diamonds and a club - on which declarer threw off all of his hearts.

“Declarer made his contract losing just two clubs and one spade. If I had dropped my ♠9 on the second round of spades, retaining my ♠2, I would have avoided the endplay and declarer would have been set two tricks, losing one club and four hearts.

“And incidentally a phantom save of 5♣ or 5♦ doubled goes down at least 800. So treat the lowly deuce with care.”

- Berl Sternberg

For Newplicate Players Opening Leads

Every player has sat at the table, staring at his hand, hoping to find the killing lead. Or at least the lead that does not give away the contract and have partner growling, “How could you lead that?” Considering that Kantor’s famous book on defense devotes 3 chapters - 58 pages - to leads, what to lead can take years to learn. But with help from Karen’s Bridge Library, a great internet site, here is a lead list to help, in general order of preference.

Suit Contracts: Try to make a “safe” opening lead that will set up tricks for your side without giving declarer extra tricks.

- 1) A singleton (hoping partner can give you a ruff).
- 2) A suit partner has bid. Lead low with 3+ cards; lead high with 2 cards.
- 3) A suit with a good attacking combination - two or more touching honors.
- 4) Your longest suit. Lead low if you don’t have touching honors.
- 5) A suit the opponents have not bid.
- 6) If there are no unbid suits, a suit dummy has bid.
- 7) Lead trumps if you have no other safe lead OR if declarer has shown a two-suited hand (prevent declarer from setting up his side suit).

What to **avoid** in suit contracts:

- 1) Leading an unsupported ace if you have any other safe lead.
- 2) Underleading an ace.
- 3) Underleading broken honor combinations, unless it’s partner’s suit.
- 4) Leading a suit declarer has bid (unless it’s trump)
- 5) Leading a singleton trump.

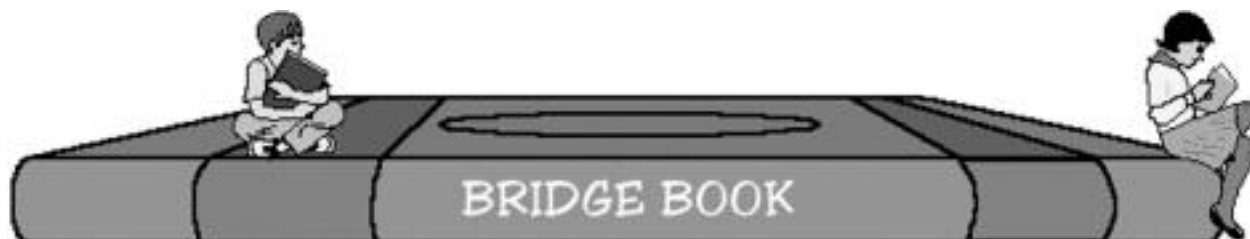
No-trump Contracts: Make an attacking opening lead to set up tricks in your long suit. Lead the fourth-best card from your longest and strongest *unless*:

- 1) Partner has bid a suit. Lead that suit.
- 2) If your long suit is one declarer has bid, choose your next longest suit or a suit dummy has bid.
- 3) If your long suit has three or more touching honors, lead the top honor.

What to **avoid** in no-trump contracts:

- 1) Leading a short suit, unless partner has bid it.
- 2) Leading aces or unprotected high cards, especially from your short suit.
- 3) Leading a suit declarer has bid.

- Mimi Bieber



President's Message (continued from Page 2)

Committee raised \$7,500. Many bridge professionals have volunteered their time for the event for our silent auction. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact any member of the Committee: Joan Gerard, Kassie Munoz, Heidi Klein, Mimi Bieber, or Alisan Harte. District 3 has given us \$500, and the Board opted to contribute it to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

- Betty Fleischer

NAP Finals Scheduled

Next on the schedule for the NAPs will be the District level finals. The two session District final will be held on September 30 at the Guardian Angel Church in Allendale, NJ. You can see details and directions at: <http://www.bridge-district3.org/nap2006.htm>

The Club rounds, which occurred over the summer, allowed areas players to earn a qualification to play at the District final. Only players who have already earned their qualification this year and are members of District 3 can play in the District final.

The top finishers in each flight at the District finals will be eligible to play in the National Finals, which will be at the 2007 Spring NABC in St. Louis, MO in March.

There are changes in the Conditions of Contest, which can be viewed at www.bridge-district3.org/coc.pdf.

Roy Hill Master / Non-Master Game

On the evening of Sunday, December 3, the 30th annual Roy Hill Master / Non-Master Game will be held at the Bridge Deck.

For this special game, players with fewer than 50 masterpoints are randomly paired with Life Masters. The newly formed partnerships briefly discuss conventions (which are usually determined by what the non-master normally plays), and then compete against each other in a regular matchpoint pairs game. This is a very social event, as well as giving the non-masters a good learning experience.

Pre-registration is required for both the life masters and non-masters. People in both groups who are interested in playing may contact the chairman, by either mailing the form below to Rich Laufer, 65 Caterson Terrace, Hartsdale, New York 10530, or calling him at (914) 949-5853.

The WCBA's 30th Annual Roy Hill Master / Non-Master Game

Bridge Deck
313 Central Avenue
Scarsdale, NY

Sunday, December 3, 2006

7:00 P.M.

Pre-registration a must! Deadline: November 30, 2006 Entry: \$8.00

Please reserve a place for me at the Roy Hill Master / Non-Master Game on December 3

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Jane Hill Sectional Results

Martin Barschi and Bert Haber won the Jane Hill Trophy for winning the Saturday afternoon game at the Jane Hill Sectional.

Friday Morning Pairs

A B C

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| 1 | | Alice & Elliot Weinstein |
| 2 | | Carl Palmer, George Holland |
| 3 | | Genevieve Porti, Susan Alin |
| 1 | | Karin Meyers, Toni Schwartz |
| 2 | 1 | Ernestine Myles, Beryl Battle |
| 3 | | Audrey Horowitz, Arlene Oscher |
| 2 | | Louise Kovacs, Barbara Miller |
| 3 | | Joan Goodman, Sondra Fetner |

Friday Afternoon Pairs

A B C

- | | | |
|-----|---|---------------------------------|
| 1/2 | | Elaine Krass, Valerie Scher |
| 1/2 | | Vera & Mark Kaplan |
| 3 | 1 | Ernestine Myles, Beryl Battle |
| 2 | | Mary Sora, Sanjivani Bakare |
| 3 | | Barbara Worms, Susan Deutsch |
| 2 | | Francesca Fraine, Suzanne Ochoa |
| 3 | | Sarah Hecht, Roberta Kirshbaum |

Saturday Morning Pairs

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|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | | Martin Barschi, Bert Haber |
| 2 | 1 | Chieni Liao, Tsung-Ying Lu |
| 3 | 2 | Susan Deutsch, Sarah Hecht |
| 3 | | Sondra Fetner, Audrey Horowitz |
| 3 | | Phyllis Hartford, Katherine Sears |

The Shirley B. Crohn Memorial Game

On Saturday, May 13, a memorial charity game was held in honor of Shirley B. Crohn, who passed away in 2005. Shirley was a long time WCBA player, who played mostly with her husband, Ted. Shirley is best remembered for her wide smile and gracious table manners.

The memorial game was held at the Bridge Deck and was won by Lester Gottlieb and Larry Christianson. Shirley's two daughters and other family members, who attended the game, provided beautiful trophies for the winners. Over \$300 was raised from the game for the Alzheimer's Association in Shirley's name.

Shirley's daughters report that Ted Crohn was delighted with the game in his wife's honor. Less than two weeks after the game, Ted himself passed away.

The Westchester bridge community will miss the Crohns, but is lucky to have known them for so long

Convention Hall

On the uses of Stayman

Virtually all players use a bid of 2♣ after partner's opening 1NT bid to ask about partner's major suit holdings. Traditionally, it asks opener if he has a 4 card major. But many partnerships have broken with tradition in some way. Some partnerships modify this to ask for a 4 or a 5 card major (Puppet Stayman). A tiny few who play 4-card major suit openings will use it to ask for a 3 card major (in lieu of playing Jacoby transfers)! For those partnerships using 4-way transfers, responder could be bidding Stayman not caring about opener's major suits, just because it's the only way for them to invite to 3NT.

Puppet Stayman has been covered in this column previously. For me to discuss Stayman in conjunction with 1NT openings that deny 4-card majors would require far more space than I have, and would be of little interest to most people. Accordingly, I will be focusing on Stayman that inquires only about 4-card majors, and the continuations.

In the olden days, using Stayman promised 8+ high card points, and therefore it was always done with at least an invitational hand (playing 15-17 or 16-18 NT openings). So if the auction went 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 2 major, it showed 5-4 in the majors (you bid your 5-card suit, unless you were also playing Smolen) and was at least forcing for one round. This is called forcing Stayman.

The more modern trend is to permit responder to bid Stayman with less than an invitational hand. In the sequence 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 2 major, a 5-4 major distribution is still shown. But responder must bid his 5-card major (no Smolen), and opener may pass. Not surprisingly, this is called non-forcing Stayman. The ACBL convention card and alert requirements no longer make a distinction between forcing and non-forcing Stayman.

In the same vein, there is also Garbage Stayman. Responder bids Stayman with a weak hand with the intention of passing opener's re-bid, even if it's 2♦. Ideally, Responder will have a 4-4-5-0 distribution.

Other partnerships that do not play Jacoby transfers use 2♣ and 2♦ as Stayman to differentiate hands that are game forcing and those that are not. The 2♦ bid is game forcing Stayman, while 2♣ is non-forcing Stayman.

If the auction goes 1NT - 2♣ - 2 major - 3NT, responder always has 4 cards in the other major. Using regular Stayman, 1NT - 2♣ - 2 major - 2NT, responder shows an invitational hand with four cards in the other major. However, for partnerships using 2NT as a transfer to diamonds, this is not the case. Since 1NT - 2NT cannot be used to invite to 3NT without a diamond suit, responder must use Stayman even without a 4-card major and re-bid 2NT to invite to 3NT. If the 2NT re-bid by responder does not promise four cards in the other major, then the 2NT bid (not the 2♣ bid) must be alerted.

- Jason Fuhrman

TRAVELING SCORES



Please send Traveling
Scores To:

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Scarsdale, NY 10583
- OR -
judy@soley.com

Fort Lauderdale, FL Regional

Saturday Senior Pairs
Marilou Whalen, Jacqueline Lowy 1st OA

Allendale, NJ Sectional

B/C/D Swiss
Robert & Melissa Baker 2nd OB

Chicago NABC

NABC Senior Swiss
Carlos Munoz, Rick Goldstein, Laura Brill 6th

1st Saturday KO Bracket 7
Robert & Melissa Baker 3rd/4th

Wednesday Compact KO Bracket 6
Robert & Melissa Baker 1st

Thursday KO Bracket 3
Robert & Melissa Baker 3rd/4th

Scranton, PA Regional

Open Pairs
Robert & Melissa Baker 2nd OB

B/C/D Swiss
Robert & Melissa Baker 3rd OB/2nd OC

Cherry Hill, NJ Regional

Saturday AM Side Game
Robert & Melissa Baker 1st OA

Dallas NABC

Saturday-Sunday AM KO Bracket 2
Robert & Melissa Baker 1st

Compact KO Bracket 6
Robert & Melissa Baker 3rd

Monday-Thursday AM KO Bracket 3
Robert & Melissa Baker 1st

April Showers KO Bracket 6
Robert & Melissa Baker 3rd/4th

Woodbridge, NJ Sectional

Saturday Evening B/C/D Pairs
Robert & Melissa Baker 3rd OB

Saturday Open Swiss
Robert & Melissa Baker 1st OB

Parsippany, NJ Regional

Monday Open Pairs
Carlos Munoz, Tom Simon 1st OA

Sunday Side Game
Robert Baker 1st OA

Monday Compact KO
Robert & Melissa Baker 1st

Sunshine

Do you have good news about a Unit member to publicize?
Or sad news to share? Is a Unit member ill?

The Sunshine committee is here to serve the Unit members. Please note that the WCBA has a new Sunshine committee chairperson: Betty Heller. You can contact Betty with the information by phone at 723-2034 or by e-mail to bhh10583@aol.com.

Carlos & Kassie Munoz Finish in the Overalls in the Worldwide Pairs

Carlos and Kassie Munoz were among the highest finishers in the world in the Worldwide Pairs on Saturday, June 3, 2006. They scored up a whopping 72.31% game. This put them in fifth place in the world, out of 5,372 pairs who competed. It was also good enough for second in the ACBL. They were behind the fourth place finishers (who were also first in the ACBL) by a mere .06%.

WCBA 2006 Medallion Leaders as of 8/6/06

0-5 MPs

1. Ronald Kallman	46
2. Sandra Haffner	16
3. Alice Neild	15

5-20 MPs

1. Arnie Moskowitz	33
2. Marilyn McGill	22
3. Annelise Scuccimarra	21

20-50 MPs

1. Daniel Wolkowitz	51
2. Bert Haber	42
3. Martin Barschi	35

50-100 MPs

1. Ruth Fennessy	89
2. Louise Karp	56
3. Janet Stroh	45

100-200 MPs

1. Diane Rosenkranz	66
2. Leslie Davies	55
3. Dan Recht	51

200-300

1. Nora Finkelstein	70
2. William Rose, Jr.	68
3. Dexter Senft	67

300-500 MPs

1. Bradley Calcagni	132
2. Betty Heller	129
3. Lawrence Brown	118

500-1,000 MPs

1. Melissa Baker	239
2. Robert Baker	231
3. Linda Otness	182

1,000-2,500 MPs

1. Kassie Munoz	186
2. L. Christianson	173
3. Heidi Klein	163

2,500-5,000 MPs

1. Carlos Munoz	297
2. Faye Marino	182
3. Rhoda Levine	174

5,000-7,500 MPs

1. Warren Rosner	206
2. Natalie Hertz	189
3. Dan Hertz	178

7,500-10,000 MPs

1. Ron Gerard	38
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10,000+ MPs

1. Rick Goldstein	318
2. Laura Brill	313
3. Kay Schulle	260



WCBA 2006 Ace of Clubs Leaders as of 8/6/06

0-5 MPs

1. Ronald Kallman	38
2. Sandra Haffner	13
3. Alice Neild	11

5-20 MPs

1. Arnie Moskowitz	24
2. Annelise Scuccimarra	19
3. Marilyn McGill	16

20-50 MPs

1. Bert Haber	26
2. Toni Schwartz	24
3. Sue Shane	22

50-100 MPs

1. Ruth Fennessy	48
2. Louise Karp	35
3. Suzy Schneiderman	33

100-200 MPs

1. Diane Rosenkranz	45
2. Leslie Davies	43
3. Sara Sheperd	36

200-300

1. Gail Cannold	41
2. Nora Finkelstein	39
3. Eliot Minsker	37

300-500 MPs

1. Betty Heller	77
2. Meryl Reyman	65
3. Roger Heher	57

500-1,000 MPs

1. Linda Otness	112
2. Eileen O'Neill	86
3. Donald Lockwood	81

1,000-2,500 MPs

1. Yoko Ohnuma	118
2. Heidi Klein	109
3. Linda Heineman	103

2,500-5,000 MPs

1. Rhoda Levine	136
2. Gina Tamres	85.46
3. Faye Marino	85.23

5,000-7,500 MPs

1. Nancy Molesworth	106
2. Halina Jamner	94
3. Warren Rosner	76

7,500-10,000 MPs

None listed

10,000+ MPs

1. Kay Schulle	131
2. Rick Goldstein	96
3. Laura Brill	91



Rank Changes

Junior Master (5-20)

Selma Birnbaum
James Brucks
Ray Haas
Jonathan Halpern
Lynn Halpern
Lynn Kotzen
Judith Luskin
Jeffrey Marshall
Nathalie McFarlane
Alice Neild
Darlene Rebak
Joan Sasson
Todd Schiffer
H. Richard Silver
Anne Stafman
Cynthia Williams
Stanley Zaslow
Zita Zelazny

Club Master (20-50)

Bonnie K Berner
Keith Bronitt
Theresa Casey
Barbara Lee Chapnick
Anna Decker
Linda Despirlet
Susan Deutsch
Tina Engel
Pat Hofmann
Beverly Jansen
Ronald Kallman
Janice Katz
Joan Kaufman
Anne Kennedy
Esther Lichtman
Marilyn McGill
Karin Meyers
Dodie Mouldovan
Malka Shalit
William Stepanek
Judi Sternberg
Anne Walker

Sectional Master (50-100)

Fran Columbus
Joseph Demas
Daniel Devlieg
Arlene Ende
Thierry Hasse
Paul Kalos
Aileen Kass
Elizabeth Kaufmann
Arlene Levy
Marion Long

Sectional Master (continue)

Pie Marder
Renee Neschis
Valerie Scher
Ann Silver
Joan Stone
Michael Sweedler
Daniel Wolkowitz
Elliott Weinstein
Mindy White
Joan Wiener
Robert Zipf

Regional Master (100-200)

Fran Altman
Mary Adele Boraczek
John Dragich
Edith Franco
Jill Goldman
Dolores Jusko
Louise Karp
Yvette Macleod
Patricia Mangan
Elaine Shapiro
Steven Shapiro
Abraham Stenberg
Robert Warner
Constance Weiss

NABC Master (200-LM)

Lorraine Quitman
Sharon Strongin
Stephanie Ziltzer

Life Master

Al Dalton
Larry Goldstein
Alisan Harte
Caren Schweitzer
Dexter Senft

Bronze LM (500-1,000)

Al Dalton
Stephanie Furtsch
Sylvester Karagis
Phyllis Lippman
Janice Wild

Silver LM (1,000-2,500)

Robin Brown
Edythe Levitt
Benjamin Rottman
Sylvia Stahl

Gold LM (2,500-5,000)

Lawrence Christianson

Diamond LM (5,000-7,500)

Bob Goldwater

Welcome!

New Members

John Beck
Marian Bernstein
Roberta Carver
Ina Fiedler
Barbara Frenkel
Melicent Ganem
Susan Glickman
Elizabeth Guardenier
Rena Herz
Seiichi Kazama
Eliza Kluger
Elisabeth Knoop
Claire Krumper
Irwin Labadorf
Lillian Lazarus
Alvin Lobell
Zack Marshall
Franco Muggia
Hiromi Nakamura
Abbi Neuthaler
Bryon Nimocks
Carole Resnick
Joan Sherman
Maureen Stoll
Robyn Travers
Richard Tunick
William Witte



Club/Instructor	Regular Weekly Game Schedule						
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
The Bridge Deck 100 Central Avonlea Scarsdale 648-8353	8:30 AM R. Frank Stratified Open	8:30 AM M. Frank Stratified	9:30 AM M. Frank Stratified	8:30 AM E. Hoffman Stratified 1:00 PM R. Friedman Stratified	8:15 PM H. Klein Stratified		
	11:00 AM F. Friedman Stratified Open 1:30 PM Stratified 0-200	11:00 AM M. Williams Stratified	11:00 AM M. Williams Stratified	1:00 PM H. Klein 0-200 Stratified 7:00 PM N. Salzman Supervised Play 7:00 PM R. Lerner Individual	11:00 AM B. Lerner Stratified	11:00 AM F. Friedman Stratified	11:00 AM S. Josselyn Stratified
	7:30 PM R. Eitan Stratified Open Stratified 0-200	1:00 PM S. Williams Play	7:00 PM R. Lerner Individual	7:00 PM N. Salzman Supervised Play 7:00 PM R. Lerner Individual	1:00 PM R. Lerner Stratified		
The Hartes' Club Armenian Church 1131 North St White Plains 917-1232	9:00 AM Stratified S. Strickland	9:00 AM Stratified L. Libesnik	9:00 AM Stratified R. Castellano	8:30 AM Equalized S. Palioulli 1:00 PM Stratified Open 0-200 S. Palioulli 1:00 PM Supervised Play D. G. Williams Individual	9:00 AM Stratified S. Strickland 1:00 PM Stratified Open 0-200 S. Palioulli 1:00 PM Supervised Play D. G. Williams Individual	2:30 PM Stratified C. Lucconik	6:00 PM Stratified C. Lucconik
Deer Top Deeded Heritage Hills Simons 254-1117	8:30 PM Stratified A. Strickland	8:30 PM Equalized C. Libesnik		7:00 PM Individual M. Kari			
Larchmont Temple 100 Central Avonlea Scarsdale Larchmont 477-2111			7:00 PM M. Kari Stratified				
Bedford Bridge Club 110 Benson Fellowship Route 172 Mt Kisco 241-0327	10:30 AM L. Kari						

Changes & Closings

The Bridge Deck - Monday morning 0-200 game is cancelled.

The Bridge Deck - New Supervised Play, Wednesday at 1:30 PM.

The Hartes' Club - September 4 (Labor Day) no evening game. There will be morning and afternoon games.

The Hartes' Club - September 23, closed for Rosh Hashanah.

The Hartes' Club - October 2, closed for Yom Kippur.

Special Games			
September			
6	Larchmont	Club Championship	7:30 PM
14	Hartes' Club	Instant Matchpoint	5:45 PM
14	Bridge Deck	Instant Matchpoint	7:30 PM
27	Larchmont	Beat the Experts	7:30 PM
October			
4	Larchmont	Club Championship	7:30 PM
7	Hartes' Club	Gold/Black Swiss Teams	2:30 PM
9-14	Hartes' Club	Club Appreciation	All games
9-15	Bridge Deck	Club Appreciation	All games
13	Bob's BC	Club Appreciation	9:30 AM
15	Bridge Deck	Club Appreciation Swiss	1:00 PM
18	Larchmont	Beat the Experts	7:30 PM
23-28	Hartes' Club	STAC Week	All games
23-29	Bridge Deck	STAC Week	All games
25	Larchmont	STAC	7:30 PM
27	Bob's BC	STAC	9:30 AM
29	Bridge Deck	STAC Swiss	1:00 PM
November			
1	Larchmont	Club Championship	7:30 PM
6-11	Hartes' Club	Club Championship Week	All games
6-12	Bridge Deck	Club Championship Week	All games
20	Hartes' Club	ACBL-Wide Charity	5:45 PM
20	Bridge Deck	ACBL-Wide Charity	7:30 PM
29	Larchmont	Beat the Experts	7:30 PM



Coming Events

BRIDGING THE COUNTIES
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White Plains, NY 10605

PERIODICALS POSTAGE
Paid at White Plains, NY

- December**
- 3 Master / Non-Master Bridge Deck
- January**
- 5 Closed Westchester Bridge Deck/Hartes' Riverview
- 6 Closed Westchester Riverview
- 7 Golden Apple Swiss Bridge Deck
- 9-15 District 3 Regional Rye Town Hilton
- 17-23 STAC Week Various Clubs
- February**
- 3 Internat'l Fund Game Various Clubs
- 26 ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs Game Various Clubs

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DEADLINE



Next Board Meeting
October 28, 2006, 10:00 AM

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Monday, Oct. 16
*Bracketed KO Tms I 7 pm
Continues Tues. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Stratified Charity Pts (RED) 7 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 17
Stratified Senior Pts 10 am & 3 pm
NEW Stratified Open Swiss Tms (SPs) 1 & 7 pm
Side Game Series I (1st & 2nd) 1 / 7 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 18
*Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm
Stratified Senior Swiss Tms (SPs) 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pts 1 & 7 pm
One Session Swiss (Red) 1 pm
Side Game Series I (3rd & 4th) 1 / 7 pm
*Bracketed KO Tms II 7 pm
Continues Thurs. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Thursday, Oct. 19
Stratified Senior Pts 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Swiss Tms (SPs) 1 & 7 pm
Side Game Series I (5th & 6th) 1 / 7 pm

Friday, Oct. 20
*Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm
Stratified Senior Pts 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pts 1 & 7 pm
One Session Swiss (Red) 1 pm
Side Game Series II (1st & 2nd) 1 / 7 pm
*Bracketed KO Tms III 7 pm
Continues Sat. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Saturday, Oct. 21
*Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm
Stratified Senior Pts 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pts 1 & 7 pm
One Session Swiss (Red) 1 pm
Side Game Series II (3rd & 4th) 1 / 7 pm

Sunday, Oct. 22
Stratified Swiss Tms (SPs) 10:30 am
Flt. A (3000+ & 0-3000) (separate)
Flt. B & C (Stratified)
Stratified Senior Swiss Tms (SPs) 10:30 am
Playthrough for Swiss Team events
Side Game Series II (5th) 10:30 am

District 3 thanks District 25 (New England) for the loan of Connecticut to hold our Regional.

Reserve Early!
Sheraton Danbury Hotel
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\$79 Single/double plus applicable taxes.
Reservation Deadline — Oct. 2 at 5 pm

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Directions to Hotel — From the East: Rte 84 to Exit 2A. Follow Old Ridgebury Rd. around curve and up hill. Hotel will be visible on left. From the West: Rte 84 to Exit 2. Make left and then right following signs to US 202 and US 6. Make another right onto Old Ridgebury Rd. From the South: Rte 684 to Exit 9E and follow Rte 84 as above.

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Stratified Games
A (2000+) B (750-2000)
C (0-750)

Compact KO Teams - 12 bd. matches 4-person teams only
All KO Teams are random draw within brackets
*Mid-Chart allowed in top bracket

Intermediator/Newspicate
(0-200 MPs)
games will be stratified if possible
Early times — all events are one session
Tues. thru Sat. — 10 am and 3 pm
Play both sessions any day
Tues. thru Sat. and get a free snack, soda and mini-lesson between sessions.
Swiss Teams (single session) on Sun. at 10:30 am

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