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Past CCBA President Les Wins Service Award



Les Kent (shown above), a past CCBA president, was the choice for the Service Award.

CCBA Secretary Jan Churchwell (shown right) said that it was under Les's leadership that the Windy City Regional Tournament in Chicago was started.



Les served as chair of the Labor Day Sectional in Skokie for many years. He also chaired and assisted with other tournaments, including Fall Fest and Central States. He's a long-time club owner and manager.

"Les wanted players to enjoy themselves, and he contributed many hours during his 12 years on the board to make that happen," Jan said.



CCBA honors "Gino" with prestigious award

Eldad Ginossar, known in the bridge world simply as "Gino," received CCBA's most prestigious award, the Harmon Wilkes, at Unit 123's Annual Meeting on January 25, at the Chevy Chase Country Club.

There are ten requirements enumerated for a candidate to receive this award of which the most important include:

- Observes the laws and ethics of the game.
- Plays competitively.
- Be gracious in victory as well as defeat.
- Is pleasant to his partner as well as to his opponents.
- Exhibits good manners, and
- Is interested in the development of duplicate bridge



Presenter Guy Franklin

"Gino embodies perfectly each of the qualities required," said CCBA Director Guy Franklin, who made the presentation. "Gino is a member of the

ACBL ethics committee. He conducts separate bridge classes for advanced beginners, intermediates and advanced players, sharing the revenue with the downtown nonprofit bridge club, CDB," Guy said.

"Gino has written several books in Hebrew and one in English, *Power Up Your Bridge Play*, donating half the proceeds from his last book to the Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club. He has given free



Winner Eldad "Gino" Ginossar and son Ori

mini-lesson at the club and at tournaments," Guy added that Gino He has been the coach of the Israeli team.

An Israeli citizen, Gino co-owned the largest bridge club in Israel. He came to the U.S. several years ago to facilitate his wife, Noa's doctorate pursuit in media and film at the University of Chicago. They have a three-year-old son, Ori.

Gino's bridge accomplishments include Bronze medalist in the Rosenblum Cup, European gold medalist, ACBL Blue Ribbon pairs runner-up three times, Spingold knockout team runner-up **Israel**, and winner of the Israeli Open Team Championship seven times.

President's State of the Unit Address



Pres. Tom Dressing

Welcome to Winterfest 2020!

Thank you for coming to the Annual Membership Dinner to celebrate the accomplishments of some of our players with their masterpoint prowess, as well as to thank our outgoing board members for 2019, and welcome our incoming board members starting in 2020.

We have three outgoing board members are as follows:

- Repeat member Adrienne Cohen, whose most recent duties included serving as chairman of our Scheduling Committee and as Invitational Pairs coordinator;

- Craig Gardner our current treasurer; and

- Long time board member Bob Young whose duties

have included president, tournament chair of SummerFest and FallFest, and site coordinator.

As you can see, these three members provided a vast wealth of knowledge to the board, and they will be missed. We wish them well and I'm sure we will continue to see them at the tables.

This year we have three new talented members coming onto the board to help fill our needs. Jamie Rubenstein, who has journalism experience; Joe Connelly, who will be our new treasurer; and Steve McConnell, who brings his bridge acumen and business talents, both of which will be used to help make our tournaments a success. With your approval at the meeting today, we hope to put them to work quickly.

Last year it was a challenge to find sites for our tournaments. I apologize to you members for being unable to site our SummerFest tournament in 2019 and for not having a site for the traditional Central States Tournament in October. 2018's Central States in Lake Geneva went out with a whimper, and ultimately, we had to scramble to turn our 2019 FallFest Sectional into a Regional for your enjoyment. Thank you for your attendance in Schaumburg and making it a resounding success!

This year we have sites selected, and contracts signed, for all of our tournaments. Regionals will include Windy City, which will take place in July on the UIC campus, and Central States, which will take place in Schaumburg at the Hyatt Regency. We hope you enjoy them.

This year, I plan to concentrate on making tournaments more enjoyable for you. We will be conducting surveys and trying to figure out a good balance between tournaments that are both successful for the unit, yet affordable to the players.

I'm sure each of you know a bridge player that passed away this last year. We are a community that continues to dwindle in size. With that in mind, I am asking you to be more inclusive of new players. Encourage those that are not as adept at this game as you are, and be kind to your partners and opponents. Too often I'm hearing our newer players say "They're NASTY!" as they point at the advanced players in the room. PLEASE remember your roots. We all were beginners at one point. Please be more helpful to those that would like to enjoy this game we love.

Tom Dressing,
President 2019-2020

Bruno, Gardner Again Win Invitational Pairs at Wheeling

Congratulations to Dick Bruno (pictured left) and Bob Gardner for their win in the prestigious Chicagoland Invitational Pairs. Over the past several years, this duo has been victorious a number of times. The event is held over two days, with half of the field being eliminated the first day.



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Ace of Clubs winners



George Jacobs, far right, announces the Helen Shanbron Ace of Clubs winners at the CCBA Annual Membership Meeting. Shown are winners Aleksandar Lishkov, Ted Pristash, Don Ferris, and Guy Franklin.

The award recognizes the person in each point category who won the most points in Unit 123 club games during the previous year. Winners and the categories in which they won:

0-5 Anthony Veeneman	300-500 Ted Pristash
5-20 Aleksandar Lishkov	500-1000 Adriana Humada
20-50 Sandra Ober	1000-15000 Rosede Olson
50-100 Randolph Miles	1500-2500 John Miller
100-200 Robert Salita	2500-3500 Matthew Dyer
200-300 Donald Ferris	

Gran Sportsmanship Award goes to Jones

The recipient of the Gran Sportsmanship Award is Mike Jones. Jim Diebel, who made the presentation, said that the award is given to a player who best exemplifies courtesy, ethics and demeanor at the table.

“When I need a fill-in for my Tuesday night game or a guaranteed partner for my Friday night game, he’s my first call,” Jim said.

“Tournament Chairs frequently reach out to have him be a guaranteed partner, or to run the partnership desk. He has volunteered at virtually every sectional and regional in the unit. I’ve never known him to turn down a request.”



Suzi Subeck and Jim Diebel are pictured with the Gran Sportsmanship Award

Mini-McKenney Winners



The Mini-McKenney winners were recognized at the CCBA Annual Meeting. They are the players who earned the most masterpoints in the category in which they started the year.

Pictured are, left to right, Sarik Goyal, Judy Riehs accepting for Tom Fogarty, Don Ferris, Kendra Bridges, and Eldad Ginossar. Winners and the categories in which they won:

0-5 Anthony Veeneman	1000-1500 Stephen Donahue
5-20 Aleksandar Lishkov	1500-2500 John Miller
20-50 Raphael Hallerman	2500-3500 Tom Fogarty
50-100 Sarik Goyal	3500-5000 Kendra Bridges
100-200 Vincent DeConti	5000-7500 Jeffrey Wolfson
200-300 Donald Ferris	7500-10,000 Eldad Ginossar
300-500 Monte Lamb	10,000+ Ron Smith
500-1000 Adriana Humada	

Bob Glenn, Jan Ivory, Art Glatt Awards Given to Top Players at Annual Meeting

Three awards which recognize outstanding players were presented at the CCBA Annual Membership Meeting in the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling on January 25.

The meeting is held during the Winter-Fest.

Steve McConnell received the Bob Glenn Award, which is given to the player who won the most masterpoints at CCBA sectionals in 2019.

Jerry Poloquin was the winner of the Art Glatt Award, which is presented to the player who won the most points at CCBA Regional Tournaments last year.

The Jan Ivory Award, which is given to the non-Life Master who earned the most masterpoints in Unit 123 events, was Aleksander Lishkov.



Steve McConnell



WinterFest





2020 CCBA Board Officers

The CCBA Board in January re-elected the following officers for the year, and they are shown left to right: incumbents Tom Dressing, president; Loring Knoblauch, vice president; and Jan Churchwell, secretary. Joe Connelly was elected treasurer replacing Craig Gardner,

Meet your 3 new members of CCBA Board of Directors

Three new faces were elected to three-year terms on the CCBA Board at its Annual Meeting last month. They are Joe Connelly, Jamie Rubenstein, and Steve McConnell. Re-elected were incumbents Suzi Subeck and Jan Churchwell. Each year five members are chosen for the 15-member board.

The three new members said they were looking forward to being on the board because they are interested in serving, and in promoting bridge.

Joe's background includes assisting at CCBA tournaments, serving as partnership chair twice at WinterFest and FallFest, and as tournament chair at this year's WinterFest. He was elected 2020 treasurer of the board.

Joe, who owns the Mundelein Area Duplicate Bridge Club, reports it is going strong. Like many in the game, he played as a young man and then took a break. When he resumed playing bridge in 2008, "my partner and I used the old Goren style of bidding, such as strong 2's. lol"

Today, he uses the modern conventions, and has even become an ACBL Certified Bridge Instructor.

He plays in several tournaments annually, but one he remembers well was FallFest.

"I was playing with Bill Sommerfield, a regular at my club, and we came in first in a field of 90 pairs with a 64 percent game. We earned over 16 silver points!"

Jamie, who moved to the Chicagoland area from Phoenix, said he was president of a unit board there, and was editor of its monthly newsletter. He would like to "enhance and enlarge the news format for the online website to make it more timely and more blog friendly."

"I expect to draw on my experience as a newsman, reporter and editor," he said.

Jamie believes by improving publications, "new players would be attracted to what bridge players do and how bridge clubs operate."



Joe Connelly



Jamie Rubenstein



Steve McConnell

"We need to go online and get the message out that bridge is fun, whether it be on our own unit website, on Facebook, or determine which social networks have the most traffic in which young or old players might participate." Also, Jamie would like to publicize online the activities of all the college-based clubs.

Steve is interested in serving on the board because he wants to improve the game and make it attractive to more people. "I'm an apostle for the game." To promote bridge, he believes the board needs to develop a relationship with high schools and colleges to get bridge included in the curriculum.

Regarding tournaments, he thinks attendance could be increased "if we could better automate the game like they do in Europe, and if we could have venues that are more geographically accessible to a high percentage of players."

Steve's favorite story about a novice experience concerns a hand he had in Fresno, CA, when he first began playing duplicate. His left hand opponent had opened a weak two hearts, his partner squirmed for about 30 seconds, and then the right hand opponent passed.

"I only had five points, but bid two spades because I knew, due to my partner taking so long to bid, that she had points. This was followed by a loud 'director,' a call I had never heard before. I explained to the director that it was obvious that my partner had a problem and had cards. Little did I know that was a no, no. Looking back, that incident was pretty funny."



Exciting News! Windy City Returns August 3-8

The Windy City Regional is back! It will take place August 3 - 8 at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted, Chicago.

This tournament is super convenient for those living near or in Chicago, and is easily reached from the suburbs. It is located near the Blue Line, and near parking areas.

The tournament will feature Gold Rush Pairs for I/N players and two-session Open Pairs on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Knockouts are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. On Thursday, there are Swiss Teams for all players.

For more information, contact Tournament Chair Bob Young (by8888@hotmail.com) or I/N and Partnership Chair Guy Franklin (guyfranklinchicago@gmail.com).



UIC Student Center East

Feb. 17 deadline to register for GNT

The District 13 Grand National Team (GNT) competition will be played February 22 and 23 at the Hilton Northbrook, 2855 North Milwaukee Avenue, Northbrook. Be aware that pre-registration is required to play in the GNT.

All teams wishing to enter must provide notification by noon on February 17, by contacting: Suzi Subeck, District 13 Director, 847-509-0311 home, 708-927-6819 cell, stansubeck@prodigy.net, or by registering at bridgeinchicago.com. when it is available. Flight eligibility is established by ACBL's September 2019 masterpoint cycle.

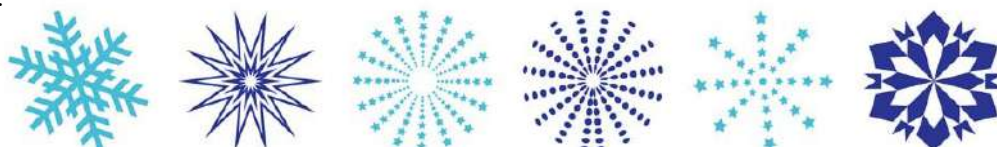
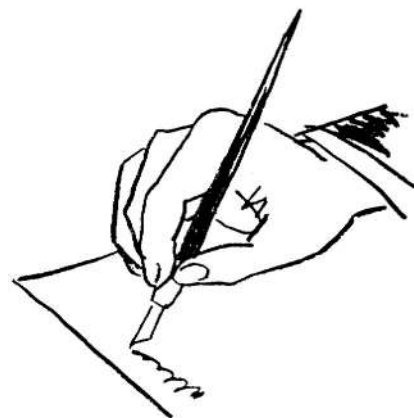
This information was produced on August 6, 2019 in Horn Lake, MS. Masterpoints won after this cycle will not impact flight eligibility for these events.

Players must reside in District 13. Each member of the team must be a paid member in good standing with the ACBL.

Club qualifying games are permitted at Unit discretion but are not required at any level of competition. A Flight B or C team may qualify under the rules of any Unit where a plurality of team members reside.

Players who are currently, or have ever been members of another bridge organization - domestic or foreign - must submit information on their past and/or current ranking in that organization.

An entry in the Championship Flight is a commitment to play in the National Final. Any teams representing District 13 at the National Event will receive a stipend paid at the NABC. For more complete information, consult your conditions of contest on the District 13 website.



Congratulations on your rank advancement



Junior Master

Joseph Amendola
Jean Bernhart
Peter Bush
Marcia Dodge
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Mary Alice Lyon
Stephanie McLoughlin
Margaret Middleton
Susan Miller
Trevor Moore
Bertha Mount
Marthe Nelson
Janet Nolan
Janice Paul
Joan Stelmack
Tobey Taylor
Sandra Tenpas
Lois Terry
Karen Trumpy
Diana Warren

Club Master

Gail Abrams

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Mary Carey
Robert Diebold
Victoria Ebeling
Cynthia Huang
Nancy Klong
F P Maxson
Lili Parsai
Kyle Schultz
Peggy Snyder
Joy Sweet

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Mary Brown
Judith Corso
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Shelley Gorson
Marjorie Habermann
Carol Hyatt
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David Mutchnik
James O'Donnell
Angela Pyle
Susan Salzinski
Robin Stoller
Grace Woeltje

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Charles Burton
Patricia Flanagan
Carole Gans
Eldad Ginossar
Sophia Hausen
Jean Lindsey
Aleksandar Lishkov
Jim McClure
Randolph Miles
Adeline Morrison
Rosemary O'Shea
Coral Paton
Mary Phillips

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Ryna Becker
William Berkman
Maureen Drain
Mary Ellen Laue
Aleksandar Lishkov
Christine Lyon

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Vincent DeConti
Sarik Goyal

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Jacqueline Chavez
Monte Lamb
Ted Pristash
Judy Rolfe

Bronze Life Master

Gordon Coons
Valerie Maragos
Jodi Smith

Silver Life Master

Janet Hickerson

Ruby Life Master

Susan Eggebrecht
Jean Grothaus
Steven Stroh

Gold Life Master

Rowen Bell
Martina Kelley

Diamond Life Master

Sue Agramonte

70% GAMES

83.3% James O'Neil, Janet Nachman, Chicago Duplicate Bridge

79.8% Sue Lies, Virginia Enman, New Eazy Wed.

77.8% Tim Eckerman, Dolores Baumgart, Unusual No Trump DBC

76.3% Nancy Chiero, Virginia Lowinski, Unusual No Trump DBC

75.1% Rita Wiley, Bill Amster, Arlington Bridge B's

75.0% Kay Whitman, Matthew Dyer, Chicago Duplicate Bridge

74.9% Amin Hakim, Vicki Walker, Ace of Clubs

74.4% Lynne Kostopoulos, Massimo Braschi, S. Suburban BC

74.3% William Berkman,

John Miller, Chicago Duplicate Bridge

74.1% Caryl Brown, Amin Hakim, Tom's Game

73.9% Jack Snyder, Robert Maxson, NaperDBC

73.3% Judy Hutchinson, Al Glick, N. Shore Senior Center

73.4% Lynne Rosenbaum, Samuel Miller, Ace of Clubs

73.3% Charles Johnson, Gary Brigel, Yorkville DB

73.0% Allyson Pooley, Lori Anzine, University Club

72.7% Janis Hague, Karen Phillips, New Eazy Wed.

72.6% Howard Engle, Samuel Miller, Ace of Clubs

72.0% Kenneth Tatz, Mark Ginsburg, Ace of Clubs

71.9% Michael Tabor, Don Roer, Arlington Bridge B's

71.9% Constance Stevens, Jerry Palm, S.

Suburban BC

71.8% Judy Laxer, Rosalie Rappin, Tom's Game

71.7% Marty Marcus, Harvey Wineburg, Queen of Clubs DBC

71.7% Bess Grossweiner, Gloria Schaffel, N. Shore Senior Center

71.6% Allyson Pooley, Lori Anzine, University Club

71.3% James Diebel, Sendar Ogut, W. Suburban DB

71.2% Paul Terzis, Charles Black, New Eazy Wed.

71.0% Carole Greene, Susan Adams, Chicago Duplicate Bridge

71.0% Sue Erickson, Andrew Harvey, Olympia DBC

71.0% Frank Brunner, David Brunner, S. Suburban BC

70.9% Stephen Bell, Robert Kucaba, Wheaton DBC Thursday



70.9% Louis Nimnicht, Barbara Graegin, Community Bridge Club

70.8% Arlene Erlebacher, James Nothnagel, New Eazy Wed.

70.7% Zafar Khan, John Miller, S. Suburban BC

70.5% Don Cohen, Joseph Chin, S. Suburban BC

70.4% Wieslaw Kalita, Judy Zhu, Hinsdale Duplicate

70.4% Mark Fritz, James Diebel, Tree Towns DBC

70.4% Karl Anderson, Linda Brubaker, Yorkville DB

70.2% Joseph Chin, Zafar Khan, Community BC

70.1% Shawn Concannon, Rosemary McCarthy, Oak Lawn DBC

District 13 Spring Regional

April 13 - April 19, 2020

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Lake Geneva, WI

On Route 50, 1/2 mile East of Route 12, Call 262-248-8811/800-558-3417

Monday, April 13

1:30, 7:00 Two Session Stratified Open Pairs to benefit the Grass Roots Fund

Tuesday, April 14

10:00 & 3:00 Open Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)

10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

Wednesday, April 15

10:00 & 3:00 Open Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)

10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

Thursday, April 16

10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Single Session Side Games to benefit the Grass Roots Fund

10:00 & 3:00 Open Swiss Team ((0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)

10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Teams (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

Friday, April 17

10:00 & 3:00 Open Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)

10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

Saturday, April 18

10:00 & 3:00 Bracketed Swiss Teams

10:00 & 3:00 Open Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)

10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)

Sunday, April 19

10:00 Stratiflighted Swiss Teams Playthrough ---Lunch included

Flight A/X/Y



Tournament Chair

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Open+ Chart for Sunday Flight A/X/Y Swiss Teams

Stratified Games: A: 2000+; B: 750-2000; C: 0-750

Stratiflighted Teams:

A:5000+; X: 3000-5000; Y: 0-3000

B: 750-1500; C: 300-750; D: 0-300

Open Teams: A: 3000+ B: 1500-3000 C: 0-1500

Open Pairs: 0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+

Gold Rush Pairs: 0-100; 100-300; 300-750

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2020 CCBA Board of Directors: are left to right, Joe Connelly, Phil McPeck, Steve McConnell, Joe Stokes, Todd Fisher, Suzi Subeck, Mark Stein, Genny Cesano, Tom Dressing, Jan Churchwell, Jim Diebel, Jamie Rubenstein, Loring Knoblauch, and Guy Franklin. Mark Friedlander is not pictured.

Test yourself. How would you bid these difficult hands?



By Ginny and Jeff Schuett

BIDDING QUIZ

What would you bid with these hard hands on each auction below?

We all have very hard hands from time to time. Sometimes it's best to be conservative with modest hands, even when distributional. Sometimes it's good to be aggressive with a good distributional hand and partner shows a fit.

What does responder's bidding show and what do you bid as South in each of the following sequences?

1.	W	N	E	S
	Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
	Pass	1♠	Pass	??

Your hand as South:

♠ 854 ♥ AJ94 ♦ 754 ♣ AQ5

2.	2♠	Dbl	Pass	??
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Your hand as South:

♠ AK8 ♥ T2 ♦ K109542 ♣ 95

3.W	N	E	S
	1♦	Pass	1♠
	Pass	4♠	Pass ??

Your hand as South:

♠ A109543 ♥ KQT82 ♦ – ♣ K2

4.	3♥	Pass	??
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Your hand as South:

♠ A108653 ♥ Q105 ♦ 8 ♣ 1052

5.	1♦	Pass	1♥
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	Pass	4♣	Pass ??
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Your hand as South:

♠ 108 ♥ AJ754 ♦ A82 ♣ T65

1. 1NT – This is a slight underbid by a point, but nothing is better. You don't want to support partner's black suits without proper support, but are also flawed to bid NT with no diamond stopper. In a recent bidding poll, most experts bid 1NT as the best bid.

2. 3NT – Partner's double showed support for all unbid suits, so he has a fit for diamonds likely with one or two honors. It may be appealing to consider jumping in diamonds. Given you have two spade stoppers with a long source of tricks, you should bid 3NT yourself.

Some examples for partner's hand - ♠x ♥ AKxx ♦AXxx ♣KJxx, or ♠x ♦AQxx ♦ QJxx ♣AJxx.

3. 4NT or 6♠ – Partner's four spade is opener's strongest raise, about 19+ points in support of spades. With a void, you rarely will learn all you need from 4NT, but I cannot imagine that slam will not be a good bet. In fact, if partner had raised to only two spades, slam might be possible, so bid on. In fact, 6♠ is cold and 13 tricks are possible with careful play.

4. 4♥ – You have a 10-card fit with little defense, but bidding 4♥ makes it much harder for either opponent to enter the bidding. In fact, your opponents are cold for 5♦ but neither one can easily bid it – and you are also cold for 10 tricks in four hearts!

5. 4♦ – North's four clubs is a splinter bid, showing a strong raise (19+ in support of hearts), and four hearts with a singleton or void in clubs. You don't have a big hand, but it fits very well with partner in that you have no wasted values in clubs and a 5th heart which is huge for slam. Partner could easily have something like ♠ AK2 ♥ KQ82 ♦ KQ1093 ♣ 8, which makes slam virtually cold for 12 tricks, and partner can take over and bid 4NT. If you just bid four hearts, partner will rarely bid again.

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2020 CALENDAR

EVENT

Milwaukee Sectional
CCBA Winter STaC
District 13 Regional
Stars of Tomorrow
District 13 STaC
CCBA Summer STaC
Unit 222 Sectional

Windy City Regional

Labor Day Sectional

Central States Regional

District 13 STaC
FallFest Sectional
CCBA Fall STaC

DATE/PLACE

Wednesday, February 5-Saturday, February 8, Milwaukee
Monday, February 10-Sunday, February 16, At the Clubs
Monday, April 13-Sunday, April 19, Lake Geneva
Saturday, May 2-Sunday, May 3, Glenview
Monday, May 11-Sunday, May 17, At the Clubs
Monday, July 6-Sunday, July 12, At the Clubs
Wednesday, July 29-Friday-Saturday, August 1, Waukesha, Wisconsin
Monday, August 3- Saturday, August 8, Downtown Chicago at UIC
Friday, September 4-Monday, September 7, Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie
Monday, October 12-Sunday, October 18, Hyatt Regency, Schaumburg
Monday, November 9-Sunday, November 15, At the Clubs
Friday, November 20-Sunday 22, Schaumburg
Monday, December 7-Sunday, December13, At the Clubs



Let's discuss advanced Stayman and its important benefits



**Winning
with Wimpy
By Jim Diebel**

Go to www.wimpy.biz/bridge for practical tips on bidding, play, and defense.

Suppose, with no one vulnerable, you pick up ♠ 9763 ♥ 7 ♦ KQT52 ♣ K84. Partner opens 1NT (15-17) in first chair. With eight prime high card points, a good five-card suit, and a singleton heart, you probably plan to bid 2♣, (Stayman) and then bid or invite game in either spades or NT. It's a fine plan. Suppose, however, that when you bid 2♣, your LHO doubles, showing club strength. Partner bids 2♠. Do you still go to game, only invite, or after reevaluating your hand, do you downgrade to a pass?

It appears your ♣K is poorly placed, and may not be pulling its full weight. Wouldn't it be nice to know if your ♣K was worth anything?

Hand One	or	Hand Two
♠ 9763	♠ AJT2	♠ 9763
♥ 7	♥ KQT3	♥ 7
♦ KQT52	♦ J96	♦ KQT52
♣ K84	♣ A8	♣ K84
		♠ AKQ5
		♥ KQ54
		♦ A94
		♣ 75

On the first hand, Declarer only needs to hold his spade losers to one to come to 10 tricks. A double-finesse in spades is a 76% favorite. On the second hand, after a club lead, I would expect Declarer to lose the first three club tricks and eventually a heart.

The first hand has 15 HCP and the second has 18. Clearly, it doesn't matter nearly as much how many high card points Declarer has, but rather, where they're located. In this column, I'm going to suggest a treatment that could get you to better contracts, and consequently, better results.

Suppose you open 1NT, partner bids 2♣, and RHO doubles. Traditionally, passing the double tends to show four decent clubs and a willingness to allow partner to play 2♣x if Responder's hand is suitable. A redouble shows five good clubs and strongly encourages Responder to sit for it.

You could still use the redouble to show 4-5 good clubs, but the meaning of PASS has changed. Opener now uses PASS to deny a club stopper. Therefore a 2♥ or 2♠ rebid promises four cards in that major and a club stopper. A 2♦ rebid promises a club stopper, but denies holding a four-card major.

If Responder has values to invite or to bid a No Trump game, he need not worry about whether or not partner can stop clubs. Opener's non-pass promises he can stop that suit at

least once. That's easy enough. The problem arises when Opener passes (denying a club stopper), and Responder still wants to investigate a major suit game.

This part is a little trickier, but if you can master the sequences, I can promise you a few tops in your future. Our auction, so far, has been:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2C	Dbl* * Club
Pass**	Pass	??	

(*Club strength, ** No club stopper)

Responder can sign off in a suit at the two level if he has five, or can choose to ask again using a redouble. This does NOT in any way suggest a desire to play 2Cxx. It simply asks Opener (again) about his major suit distribution.

Opener, of course, can opt to convert partner's request by passing at his own peril. This is generally a poor idea, since Responder might hold as little as ♠ 9763 ♥ 7542 ♦ 86542 ♣ -, and is running for his life.

Next comes the hardest part to remember. Since Opener has denied a club stopper, it becomes strategic to prevent the left hand opponent from leading a club through the club holding Responder might hold.

The only way to accomplish this is to find a way to make the Responder the Declarer. If the final contract is No Trump, this is impossible, since Opener has already introduced that strain. Our new goal, therefore, is to get Responder to introduce a major if we are going to play it there. Following the redouble, here is how it's done:

Opener's third bid following the redouble:

2D = 4 Hearts, but not 4 Spades

2H = 4 Spades, but not 4 Hearts

2S = No 4-card major; minimum point count

2N = No 4-card major; maximum point count

3C = Both 4 Hearts and 4 Spades; minimum point count

3D = Both 4 Hearts and 4 Spades; maximum point count

You can think of this as similar to having Opener use a transfer sequence. This treatment allows Responder to not only accurately place the final contract, but more importantly, to have it played from what could possibly be the necessary side. Consider the hand with which we started this

discussion:

North			
♠ 9643			
♥ 7			
♦ KQT52			
♣ K84			
West		East	
♠ J87		♠ T2	
♥ KJ943		♥ Q862	
♦ J84		♦ 76	
♣ J5		♣ AQ-	
	T72		
South			
♠ AKQ5			
♥ AT5			
♦ A93			
♣ 963			
South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2C	Dbl*
pass**	pass	RDBL	pass
2H***	pass	4S	all pass

* Club strength
*** 4 spades

I realize I've given South a pretty favorable hand, but the point is illustrated well. Had South responded 2S to the first Stayman inquiry, whether or not North bids four spades, the defense should take the first four tricks. East wins the first three clubs, and the fourth club gives West a trump promotion. Played from the North, East finds himself on lead with the club suit not looking particularly attractive. Say he tries the ♦7, (as good as anything else); Declarer wins the ♦A, cashes the ♥A, and ruffs a heart. Back to the ♠A, and ruff another heart. He now draws trump and claims 12 tricks: 6 spades, 5 diamonds, and the ace of hearts.

A club lead would have done no better. Neither would a trump lead. NS gets a well-earned top by playing the hand from the North. This hand may seem contrived, but when the Opener has no club stopper, playing the hand from the other side will rarely hurt and may often gain.

Switch the ♣K and the ♣J. Now East can defeat four spades with the lead of a low club, but that seems unlikely. East can hold the contract to five by playing the ♣A and another club. In practice, East will often have a broken club sequence, not knowing that his partner holds the key missing honor. It is not unlikely that East will elect to make a passive lead in another suit, allowing NS to run off a bunch of tricks when the defense had winners off the top. This situation won't come up often, but if you can maneuver the contract away from the Opener, you may reap some real rewards.

CCBA Finances in "Fine Shape"



Craig Gardner

CCBA Treasurer Craig Gardner reported at the Annual Meeting that Unit 123 was in "fine shape."

He said that the success of the FallFest Tournament helped to defray the losses experienced by other Unit 123 tournaments. FallFest brought in approximately \$4,000. The unit ended the year with \$143,389 in total liabilities and equity. See the treasurer's report below.

2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

ASSETS

Current Total Asset	\$143,389
Total Liabilities & Equity	
Equity	\$144,227
Net Income	-839

TOTAL LIABILITIES & Equity
\$143,389



Bridge players are hardy, determined

A group of players recently went to the Fox Bridge game on Wednesday in Riverside during a wind storm only to find that the elevator was broken and they had to walk up to the third floor. When they got there, it was dark because the building had no power. When they looked out the window, they could see a downed power line sparking in the little forest on the other side of the nearby river. The playing room only has one small window, so the "crazy" bridge players moved all the tables to the front of the room to optimize the natural light and played the game anyway, using cell phone flashlights to see the cards at times. One player said, "No one wanted to give up the game."

Special Club Games *(Earn Extra Points)*

Day/Date	Time	Club	Location	Event
Sat - Feb 1	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Education Fund Game
Sat - Feb 1	11:30 AM	Yorkville Duplicate Bridge	Beecher Community Center	Club Championship - Super Bowl Party
Mon - Feb 3	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Education Fund Pairs
Mon - Feb 3	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Education Fund Game
Mon - Feb 3	9:15 AM	Mundelein Area DBC	Fremont Township Adm Office	Unit Game and Feb. Birthdays
Mon - Feb 3	11:30 AM	Yorkville Duplicate Bridge	Beecher Community Center	Unit Game
Tue - Feb 4	1:00 PM	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Education Fund Game
Wed - Feb 5	10:30 AM	Ace Of Clubs	BJBE Congregation	Club Championship
Wed - Feb 5	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Education Fund Game
Wed - Feb 5	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Education Fund Game
Wed - Feb 5	10:30 AM	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Education Fund Game
Thu - Feb 6	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Education Fund Game
Sat - Feb 8	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Education Fund Game
Mon - Feb 10	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Education Fund Game
Mon - Feb 10	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Education Fund Game
Mon - Feb 10	11:30 AM	Yorkville Duplicate Bridge	Beecher Community Center	Charity Game
Tue - Feb 11	1:00 PM	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Education Fund Game
Wed - Feb 12	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Education Fund Game
Wed - Feb 12	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Education Fund Game
Wed - Feb 12	10:30 AM	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Education Fund Game
Wed - Feb 12	7:00 PM	Reluctant Redoubler DBC	Unity Church	Club Championship



Special Club Games *(Earn Extra Points)*

Day/Date	Time	Club	Location	Event
Thu - Feb 13	12:00 PM	Hinsdale		Education Fund Game
Sat - Feb 15	11:00 AM	Ace Of Clubs	JourneyCare	STaC
Sat - Feb 15	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Education Fund Game
Sat - Feb 15	11:30 AM	Yorkville Duplicate Bridge	Beecher Community Center	Charity Game
Mon - Feb 17	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Education Fund Game Pairs
Mon - Feb 17	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	STaC
Tue - Feb 18	1:00 PM	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	STaC
Wed - Feb 19	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Education Fund Game
Wed - Feb 19	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	STaC
Wed - Feb 19	10:30 AM	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Education Fund Game
Wed - Feb 19	7:00 PM	Reluctant Redoubler DBC	Unity Church	STaC
Thu - Feb 20	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Education Fund Game
Sat - Feb 22	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Education Fund Team Game
Mon - Feb 24	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Educational Fund Game Pairs
Mon - Feb 24	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Education Fund Game Swiss Teams
Tue - Feb 25	1:00 PM	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Education Fund Game
Wed - Feb 26	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Education Fund Game
Wed - Feb 26	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Education Fund Game
Wed - Feb 26	10:30 AM	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Education Fund Game
Wed - Feb 26	7:00 PM	Reluctant Redoubler DBC	Unity Church	Education Fund Game Swiss Teams
Thu - Feb 27	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Education Fund Game
Sat - Feb 29	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Education Fund Game
Tue - Mar 3	1:00 PM	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Unit Game
Wed - Mar 4	10:30 AM	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Club Championship
Sat - Mar 7	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Club Championship
Mon - Mar 9	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Hinsdale House Charity Game
Tue - Mar 10	1:00 PM	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Club Game
Wed - Mar 11	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Hinsdale House Charity Game
Wed - Mar 11	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Grass Roots Fund
Wed - Mar 11	7:00 PM	Reluctant Redoubler DBC	Unity Church	Inter Club Championship
Thu - Mar 12	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Hinsdale House Charity Game
Tue - Mar 17	1:00 PM	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Grass Roots Game
Wed - Mar 18	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Club Championship
Wed - Mar 18	10:30 AM	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Charity Pairs
Thu - Mar 19	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Club Championship
Sat - Mar 21	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Local Charity Team Game
Mon - Mar 23	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Club Championship
Mon - Mar 23	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Club Championship
Wed - Mar 25	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Club Camiopship
Wed - Mar 25	7:00 PM	Reluctant Redoubler DBC	Unity Church	Junior Fund Swiss Teams
Sat - Mar 28	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Local Charity Game
Tue - Mar 31	1:00 PM	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Grass Roots Game

