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Honor a special person

Don't miss the opportunity for you or your club to honor someone special by sponsoring an event at the upcoming Chicago Summer NABC this July. Sponsorship includes naming regional game sessions or naming a day after deserving individuals. These individuals receive mention in the *NABC Daily Bulletin* explaining their connection to the game of bridge and the District, Unit, Club or you, including a short bio.

The CCBA resolved at its most recent meeting to purchase such an event in memory of Les Kent, a former CCBA President, a club owner, and a great volunteer.

At the 2015 Chicago NABC, each of the three Units in District 13 purchased a day during which they furnished volunteers to man the various desks: Information, Prizes, and Registration, to name a few, and there was signage cheering on the unit and thanking them for their support. Unit 123 has signed on to do this again and is looking forward to being joined by Units 222 and 149, said Summer NABC Tournament Chair Suzi Subeck. For more information, contact Guy Franklin, sponsorship chair at guyfranklinchicago@gmail.com.

CCBA players winners in NAP Tourney

A shoutout to the winners at the District 13 North American Pairs final held in Milwaukee this fall. CCBA players placed first place in Flight A (open), second in Flight B (under 2,500 masterpoints) and first in Flight C (Non-Life Master under 500 points).

Heading Flight A were Fawad Hakim of Niles and Stephen McConnell of Evanston with a score of 58.06 percent, winning 32 MPs. Taking first in C were Janet Nolan and Joe Nolan of Winnetka with 55.41 percent, winning 15 masterpoints.



Steve McConnell



Fawad Hakim

Flight B second place pair were Peter Bush and David Kovacs of Chicago with 56.13 percent and 16.88 masterpoints. First place was Michael Wierzbicki of Glendale, WI and Wesley Hanson of Brookfield, WI with a score of 56.94 percent and 22.5 masterpoints. To play in the NAP Finals, one must qualify at the club level. Winners will compete in the ACBL Spring Nationals NAP game. The complete results are shown on page 9.



Volunteers Needed

Exciting plans being made for Chicago's NABC

Exciting plans are being made for the 2023 Chicago Summer NABC that will be held July 13-23 at the beautiful Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk.

The local committee met on October 21st with ACBL meeting staff, members of the NABC directing staff and the Sheraton Grand Senior Event Manager, at the tournament site.

ACBL meeting planners gave us a tour of the tournament space. The site, located on the Riverwalk, is really impressive. The playing space is perfect and the playing floors are accessible by both elevator and escalator.

The committee was advised where the various stations (Information, Registration, Prize, Tours, Partnerships, etc.) will be located. Volunteer Staff will be needed to work those desks... and for that, we count largely on locals! Discussion centered on the timetable of service at the desks. It was thought that we should open the desks at least an hour and a half before gametime to allow players to pick up their registration T-shirts and prizes. It will also give players a chance to ask any questions they may have for the tournament staff. ACBL recommended that we staff the desk at the end of the 3 p.m. session so players can get directions to restaurants, etc. To volunteer, please contact Volunteer Chair Kathy Fortney (kathleensfortney@gmail.com), or me, Tournament Chair, Suzi Subeck (stansubeck@prodigy.net).

Tentative plans include providing transportation on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights to various restaurant areas, including Greektown, Chinatown, Little Italy, and Randolph Street. Each bus will have a local volunteer riding along to distribute maps and to answer questions. Buses will run from 6:30-9:30 in a continuous loop, starting at the Sheraton.

Tours requiring tickets such as baseball games and theater performances were considered. The committee will discuss this at their next meeting in a few weeks. These events were popular in 2015; however, the commitment to purchasing tickets in advance was cumbersome. You may share your thoughts on this issue with DeMaris and Chuck Johnson, Tour Chairs (demaris_j@hotmail.com). Remember that start times for this tournament will be 10 and 3, so it might be attractive to offer tour alternatives.

The committee discussed sponsorship of events and days during the tournament. It is hoped that each of the Units in D13 will sponsor a day. For these days, more volunteers from the named Unit will be needed as staff. For information on this, contact Guy Franklin, Sponsorship Chair (guyfranklinchicago@gmail.com).

I assure you, from my experience, the more you put into these giant tournaments in your city, the more you get out of them! It is really rewarding to serve and your service is beyond appreciated!

See you at the tables! Thanks all!

Suzi Subeck
Chicago Summer NABC Tournament Chair



Suzi Subeck

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Players Raked in the Gold At Unit 123 Four-Day Regional



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Congratulations to Rank Advancers. Your hard work paid off!

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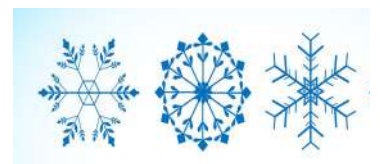
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Improving Your Defense—Dummy Recognition



By Ginny and Jeff Schuett

A good defender must know the difference between active and passive defense. Often, once the opening lead is made and the dummy comes down, one or both defenders can take certain clues from that dummy as an indication of what approach to defending is indicated by that dummy.

An active defense is one where you attack, sometimes taking a risky approach in order to establish fairly quick tricks for your side. This is particularly indicated when the dummy has a fairly long suit (or suspected long, strong suit from the bidding). The defense needs to establish their tricks before declarer can discard losers on that long suit.

A passive defense is where you try not to break new suits in an effort to not set up secondary honors as winners for declarer. Often, breaking a new suit costs about a half trick, actually ending up helping declarer to establish slow, later tricks.

A passive defense makes the most sense when no obvious discards exist or dummy is lacking in honors or other winners. A passive defense forces declarer to break the dangerous suit(s) to establish his own tricks. Another indication is when dummy has some shortness and when it appears declarer is trying to eliminate a suit to ruff in dummy, defenders can counteract that by leading trump. Some examples:

1. Contract = 2♥
Dummy/North
 ♠K5 ♥754 ♦1062 ♣A10852
Defender/East
 ♠AQ9 ♥632 ♦J97 ♣KQ94

Partner leads ♠J implying a sequence of J10xx or similar. With clubs wrapped up, it appears dummy's best value lies in ruffing spades, so East should win the first spade and switch to a trump, hoping to minimize ruffs in dummy. Also, the ♦10 in dummy makes breaking diamonds dangerous.

2. Contract = 2♠
Dummy/North
 ♠Q85 ♥862 ♦1062 ♣AQ109
Defender/East
 ♠92 ♥J109 ♦A9743 ♣754



Partner leads ♦Q implying a sequence of QJx or similar. With clubs dangerous as a source of discards for declarer and East's diamond length indicating it is unlikely diamonds will yield any more tricks beyond the ♦A, East should win the ♦A and shift to the ♥J, hoping West might have ♥AQx or similar to cash fast winners.

3. Contract = 2♠
Dummy/North
 ♠985 ♥863 ♦KJ2 ♣KQJ9
Defender/East
 ♠J2 ♥Q92 ♦AQ108 ♣7542

Partner leads ♥A implying a sequence of AKx or similar. Although East actually likes hearts, it would be better if West shifts to ♦, so better to discourage with ♥2 to get partner to shift to ♦, then you can return a ♥ to partner so he can lead another ♦. If you encourage ♥, you will be on lead with the third ♥ and not able to conveniently attack diamonds.

In summary, look at dummy and try to see if attacking or being passive is a better approach. And if it appears declarer is trying to set up ruffs in dummy, consider leading trump which is usually the best defense to minimize the ruffs declarer

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USBF Supporting Membership

If you don't want to play in the United States Bridge Federation (USBF) Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid its events, a Supporting Membership can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for three years) and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators.

The USBF is an all-volunteer organization. Its meetings are by conference call and at NABCs. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses. For more information, go to the USBF web site.



CCBA players' 2023 resolutions include plans to be kinder to partner

By Jamie Rubenstein and DeMaris Johnson

Several CCBA players expressed their resolve to be better partners in 2023 by being kinder, more forgiving of partner's mistakes, and more courteous at the bridge table.

Those were some of the takeaways from an informal survey conducted by the Kibitzer as to what 2023 resolutions were being made by players.

"For the new year, I resolve to be nicer and more polite at the table, both to opponents and partner including before, during and after play," said David Langer, a Diamond Life Master from Buffalo Grove.

David added that he resolved to "focus and concentrate more at the table" as well as try to "count both high cards and distribution more consistently by both declarer and defender."

Steve Brown of Highland Park said he plans to "work on my defense, listen more to the bidding, pay attention to every card my partner plays, and try to make inferences from declarer's actions." He also expects to volunteer for the NABC in Chicago next July, play more F2F bridge and support local clubs to keep the game live.

On a personal level, Steve McConnell, of Buffalo Grove and a Unit 123 director, said he expects to travel more, to visit friends in Florida and California, to visit Italy and Israel in the summer, and to play in all three nationals: New Orleans, Chicago and Atlanta.

He also plans to assist Chicago pro Ron Smith with a restaurant guide that Ron is designing for the Chicago NABC next July. Another resolution: is to spend more time with his best friend, Rizzo, a six-year old Basenji.

Gerald Szymiski of Westmont said he resolves to be kinder to people, to live his life like Dan Driggett did. Dan, of Glendale Heights, passed away this fall. He was a past recipient of the unit's Gran Sportsmanship Award, and was known for always being pleasant to his partners



and to his opponents. No one can recall Dan ever getting angry or saying an unkind word.

Ron Helman, of Skokie and former owner of Chicago area clubs, said his New Year's resolution is "to get set" fewer times than he did in 2022.

Burr Ridge resident Patricia Taylor's resolution is to promote a dialogue with people whose opinions differ from hers. "Too often we fail to listen to others."

Betsy Downs a Sapphire Master from Chicago, said her resolutions is to recruit more young players and to encourage more veterans to play with novices.

Naperville's Nance Booty's resolution is to play more bridge in person, not online.

Gary Brigel of Aurora plans to cut back on sweets and to be nicer to his partners.

Wynn Cook of Aurora resolves to play better bridge, and to "live my best life."

Wende Dallain, a Gold Life Master from Forest Park, will continue to ride her bicycle and travel, often combining the

two interests. An example is the bike ride she will take during tulip season in the Netherlands.

Cherrolyn Woolwine of Naperville resolves to continue walking 10,000 steps per day.

Jim Kehoe of Glendale Heights plans to play in more F2F tournaments.

Mike Jones of Villa Park, like several players questioned, said he did not plan to make any resolutions, because he never keeps them.

Another player jokingly said he did not make resolutions because he was already perfect.



Accurate signals important when defending suit contracts



Winning with Wimpy

Last issue we looked at how important it is to use accurate signals when defending suit contracts. We continue that topic in this issue. Let's say partner leads an honor against a suit contract. What do you do? Well, it depends on which honor is led, and what's in your hand. Here are some examples.



The Equal Honor Signal

One of the defense's most useful tools against both suit and notrump contracts is the Equal Honor Signal (EHS). As the name suggests, the signal is used when third chair holds an honor of equal value to honor led. When the opening lead is the Ace, partner assumes it is from Ace-King, and follows with his lowest card when he holds the Queen, and a high card (not an honor) when he doesn't. The Queen is equal to the Ace-King, and partner can continue with the King without promoting anything for declarer. On the lead of the King (from KQ), the equal honor is the Jack or the Ace. Partner is invited to continue. Without either the Ace or the Jack, third chair signals high to discourage a continuation that risks setting up a trick for the offense. If the opening lead is the Queen, the EHS is given when holding the ace, king, or 10.

♠ J72
 ♠ AK85
 ♠ T64

West leads the ♠A against a heart contract. East holds the Equal Honor, so contributes the ♠3. West continues with the King and a third spade. The defense takes the first 3 tricks. Note that West does not know if East will ruff the third spade or win it with the ♠Q. He only knows it's safe to continue.

♠ T95
 ♠ KQ64
 ♠ A72

West leads the ♠K, and East gives the EHS with the ♠3. South plays the ♠7, but West knows the ♠2 is missing. If South holds the Ace and the Jack, he wouldn't hold up, since dummy's 10 assures at least one more trick. Therefore, West logically works out that that it's safe to continue with a low spade.

An important consideration is the principle that when the EHS and the Count Signal conflict, the count signal takes precedence. When dummy has length in the suit led, 3rd chair only plays low if he can ruff the 3rd round of the suit.

♠ JT54
 ♠ AK82
 ♠ 76

Here, East can see that if West continues with the ♠K and another, that ♠J will be established as a winner in the dummy. Thus East discourages with the ♠9. Note that even if South held the ♠Qx, it would be wrong for West to continue spades – setting up two winners in the dummy. West can't be certain whether partner holds the ♠Q or not, but he knows it's wrong to continue the suit. If South later leads a spade from hand, West knows East must hold the ♠Q and ducks. How does West know? The ♠9 showed at least three, so South can't hold more than two spades.

♠ JT54
 ♠ AK82
 ♠ Q76

Same hand as last time, but this time, East only holds two spades. He contributes the ♠3, and West happily plays ♠K and another, giving the ruff.

♠ J965
 ♠ AK4
 ♠ 832

This time dummy has length, but East is not concerned with a card setting up in dummy so he plays the ♠2. West does not question the signal and continues with ♠K and another.

The EHS does not change standard unblocking procedures. As always, common sense prevails.

♠ 954
 ♠ K
 ♠ A83
 ♠ A8

In the first example, East (A83) gives the EHS with the ♠3. In the 2nd case, East (A3) overtakes with the ♠A to unblock the suit.

♠ J54
 ♠ K
 ♠ A83
 ♠ A3

Once again, East (A93) has no problem playing the ♠3 in the first example. In the second however, East (A32) can't afford to overtake, as this sets up the ♠J as a winner in the dummy. East must temporarily block the suit and hope West has a side entry.

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District 13 2022/2023 Grand National Teams

Saturday, February 25, 2023, 11:00 and TBA & Sunday, February 26, 2023, 11:00 and TBA

Note: Renaissance Chicago Glenview Suites, 1400 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview, IL
New Site! Telephone: (847) 803-9800 Bridge Rate: \$104+tax by February 10, 2023

The Championship Flight, Flight A, and Flight B events will take place over four sessions and will be concluded in a single weekend.

Flight C will be a two-session Swiss Team event played to conclusion on Sunday only.

There will be no competition among flights. Players must choose the flight in which they plan to play.

Flight	Masterpoints	Club Qualifying
Championship	Unlimited	Determined by Unit
Flight A	Fewer than 6000 points	Determined by Unit
Flight B	Fewer than 2500 points	Determined by Unit
Flight C	Non Life Master and fewer than 500 points	Determined by Unit

Flight eligibility is established by ACBL's September 2022 masterpoint cycle. This information was produced on August 6, 2022 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.

In addition, players who are currently, or have ever been in the past, members of another bridge organization, whether domestic (e.g., American Bridge Association) or foreign (e.g., Polski Związek Brydza Sportowego), must submit information on their past and/or current ranking in that organization. Submissions must be in writing (email is fine) and must be received by the District GNT Coordinator or District 13 Director at the time of registration for the event. The information submitted may be used to assign a conversion to ACBL masterpoints for purposes of verifying flight eligibility.

****An entry in the CHAMPIONSHIP Flight is a commitment to play in the National Final. Entries in lower flights may play to conclusion before declaring intent. We understand your reluctance to commit in advance.****

GNT Coordinator:

Stan Subeck
 847-509-0311 stansubeck@prodigy.net

One team will qualify in Championship and Fl. A
 In the event that there are 8 or more teams in the District Final of Flight B &/or C, that flight or flights will qualify the 2 top teams.

Any teams representing D13 at the National Event will receive a stipend paid at the NABC.



Registration:

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT.
 All teams wishing to enter must provide notification by noon on February 19, 2023 by contacting:

Suzi Subeck, District 13 Director, (847)-509-0311 Home, (708) 927-6819 Cell, stansubeck@prodigy.net, or by registering on line at <http://bridgeinchicago.com> when it is available

Entering teams must have a written confirmation either by email or letter. No team without such a written confirmation should assume that entry has been verified. It is important to know in advance the teams entered. Captains should bring the confirmation with them to the site and be prepared to present it when purchasing an entry.

For more complete information, please consult conditions of contest at acbl.org... both local and ACBLwide

Vul partner deals and passes, nonvul opponent opens weak 2. Now what?

Playing teams, vulnerable against nonvulnerable opponents, your partner deals and you hold:
 S AKQ432
 H 985 D A4
 C T3. Partner passes and RHO opens 2H. Overcalling 2S seems perfectly normal. LHO passes, partner raises to 3S, and RHO passes.



Rowan Bell

Should you bid game, or not?

If partner's 3S bid had been preceded by 3H from LHO, it would be attractive to bid 4S because you could visualize heart shortness in partner's hand, so ruffs should be available. Here, the dog that didn't bark – LHO's failure to raise hearts – is concerning as it could mean partner also has heart length. On the other hand, that vulnerable game bonus at IMPS is tempting...



You bid 4S, everyone passes, and partner tables a disappointing dummy: S 976 H QT74 D K9 C K864. Can you find a line of play to make 4S after LHO leads a diamond?

On the auction plus the lack of a heart lead, RHO is marked with ace-king-jack-sixth of hearts; that in turn makes LHO a heavy favorite to hold the ace of clubs, since RHO would surely have opened 1H instead of 2H holding that card.

Given this, you can visualize a line of play to make 4S, so long as spades are 2-



2 and RHO holds at most two clubs: Win the diamond with dummy's king, cash two high trumps followed by the diamond ace, and then play a low club towards dummy's king.

Say LHO wins the ace and returns a second club. Win with the king, and then play a third round of clubs, discarding one of your hearts – a loser-on-loser play. After LHO wins that trick, the best they can do is play a fourth round of clubs, on which you make a second loser-on-loser play, discarding another heart. At this point, LHO only has minor suit cards remaining, so you can ruff LHO's next card in dummy for your 10th trick, discarding the remaining heart from your hand.

If LHO instead ducks the first round of clubs, you win the king and play another club. If LHO wins the second club, we're essentially in the same situation just discussed: the defense can avoid giving a ruff-sluff right away by continuing clubs, but as long as you pitch hearts twice on their club winners, you eventually get the ruff-sluff.

On the other hand, if RHO wins the second club, then they only have red cards remaining, and they are end-played: either they yield a ruff-sluff by playing a diamond, or they establish dummy's queen of hearts.

The key play here is stripping LHO of a safe exit by playing a second diamond before attacking clubs, a common theme in organizing an endplay.

Note that this line of play fails if LHO has a third trump, because that gives them a safe exit card. It also fails if RHO can win the third round of clubs (either with a club or by ruffing with their third trump); if you let RHO win that trick, they can then simply cash the ace-king of hearts to defeat the contract, and if you instead win that trick, then you have to attack hearts yourself, giv-

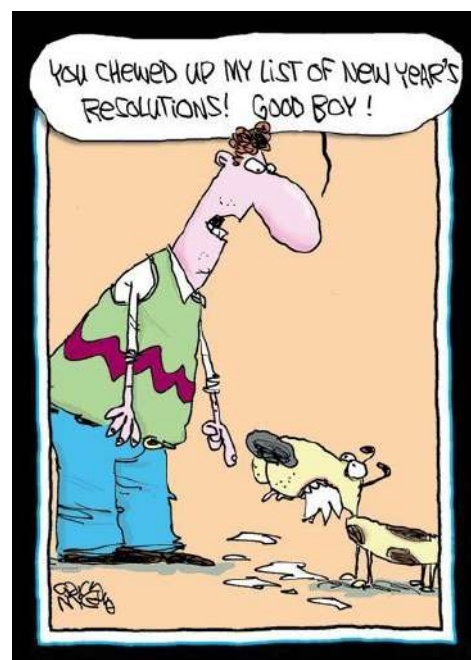
ing you three losers in the suit.

The full deal:

♠ 976	♠ T8
♥ QT74	♥ AKJ632
♦ K9	♦ T53
♣ K864	♣ J9
♠ J5	♠ AKQ432
♥ XX	♥ 985
♦ QJ8762	♦ A4
♣ AQ752	♣ T3

Admittedly 3N is a much more straightforward contract, although it is hard to imagine getting there!

Rowen Bell, a member of Unit 123, is a Gold Life Master, having over 2,500 masterpoints.





Local Tournament Chairs Meet with ACBL

District 13 NABC chairs met with representatives from the ACBL to discuss the national tournament to be held next July in Chicago at the Sheraton Grand. The group, along with a representative from the hotel, toured the facility to view the playing and exhibit space.

Among those attending the NABC Committee meeting were, clockwise, starting bottom left: McKenzie Myers, Director in Charge of the NABC; Montie Hamblein, ACBL meeting planner; Mary Straton, ACBL head of marketing; SaraBeth Raab, ACBL staff; Stan Subeck, Transportation and Parking chair; Suzi Subeck, Tournament Chair; Yvette Neary, partnership chair, and Peter Wilke, local associate National Tournament Director.

SMILE



"Man's best friend wouldn't steal his favorite chair."

"I have no recollection of the last twenty-four hours," said Tom lackadaisically.

"No ellipses, parabolas or hyperbolas," said Tom laconically.

"I think I've broken my leg ", reported Tom lamely.

"She even flies her own jet," Tom leered.

"This Bud's for you," said Tom lightly. "I have lost all my Hungarian sheet music," said Tom listlessly.

"Nobody has scored yet in the tennis game," said Tom lovingly.

North American Pairs Results

A shoutout to the winners at the District 13 North American Pairs final held in Milwaukee this fall. To advance to the NAP Finals, one must qualify at the club level. Listed below are the names of those who played.

MPs	Rank	Names	Flight A	Score
32.00	1	Fawad Hakim, Niles IL; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL		<u>58.96%</u>
24.00	2	Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL		56.25%
15.75	3/4	James Diebel, Wood Dale IL; Bill Goldberg, Skokie IL		55.21%
15.75	3/4	George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL		55.21%
10.67	5	George Klemic, Bensenville; Jonathan Greiman, Mokena IL		53.12%

MPs	B	C	Names	Flight B/C	Score
22.5	1		Michael Wierzbicki, Greendale; Wesley Hanson, Brookfield WI		56.94%
16.88	2		Peter Bush - David Kovacs, Chicago IL		56.13%
12.66	3		John Morgan - La Verne Swiggum, Madison WI		55.67%
15.00	4	1	Janet Nolan - Joe Nolan, Winnetka IL		55.44%
6.97	5/6		Judi Katz - Cynthia Polayes, Chicago IL		55.21%
6.97	5/6		Gregory Harding, Madison WI; Douglas Babcock, Fitchburg WI		55.21%
5.63	7		Nic Hristea - Mark Pinkowski, Chicago IL		54.40%
4.75	8/9		Mary Emory, Milwaukee WI; Robert Steuer, Glendale WI		53.82%
4.75	8/9		David Melin, Onalaska WI; Dean Whiteway, La Crosse WI		53.82%
11.25		2	John Groenewold, Schaumburg IL; Dave McCarty, Chicago IL		51.16%
8.44		3	Robert Breun, Verona WI; William Omdahl, Madison WI		48.73%
6.33		4	Mary Phillips, Kenilworth IL; Gabrielle Fischer, Chicago IL		46.30%



Honey, our lawyer wishes us, but in no way guarantees, a Happy New Year.

The District 13 Spring Regional

April 24-28, 2023

Madison Marriott West
1313 John Q Hammons Dr, Middleton, WI

For Reservations, call 1-608-831-2000

Room Rate: \$139 ... To insure rate availability, reserve by April 2

Note: New Monday-Friday Schedule!!

Monday, April 24

10:00 & 3:00 **Open Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**
10:00 & 3:00 **Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

Tuesday, April 25

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 26

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 27

10:00 & 3:00 **Single Session Side Games to Benefit the Grass Roots Fund**
10:00 & 3:00 **Bracketed Swiss Teams**

Friday, April 28

10:00 **Stratified Swiss Teams Playthrough ... Lunch Included...**
Flight A/B/C (3000+; 1500-3000; 0-1500)



Masterpoint Averaging When Permitted!

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Using Accurate Signals Important



- ♠ T54
♠ Q ♠ K3 Same situation. Normally East would unblock, but declarer is assumed to have the ♠A, so unblocking the King would eventually set up dummy's ♠10.
- ♠ 4 ♠ QJT5 ♠ K873 Partner isn't leading away from the ♠A against a suit contract so South is marked with the ♠A, and East is never covering. If East gains the lead, he can return a low spade and attempt to give West a ruff. South likely is unaware that West didn't lead from length, and will usually go up with the ♠A, costing himself a trick. Even if he doesn't, nothing has been lost except perhaps a tempo.
- ♠ T85 ♠ 73 Remember, we earlier made the case for leading Ace from Ace-King. One reason is that it allows partner to accurately signal encouragement holding the Jack when the King is led. This is the other.
♠ KQ962 ♠ AJ4 When the ♠K is led, East knows South holds the ace. What East doesn't know is whether or not South will win the first trick. If East makes the mistake of playing the ♠3, and South ducks, and West will misread situation and continue - losing a trick to the ♠J. East must forego giving a count signal that can't possibly get a ruff right away and play the ♠7, denying the ♠A or the ♠J. West won't know how many spades East holds. He might even hold ♠J7. When South follows with the 4, he'll work out either South started with ♠AJ4, ♠AJ43, or ♠A43.

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Reservations Open January 17, 2023

July 13–23

Sheraton (Rooms start at \$204+tax per night)

ACBL Club Events Calendar

December 20-23 *Snow is falling, sleigh bells are ringing and gold masterpoints are waiting for you during the upcoming online tournament, Winter Wonderland .*

January 27/Morning *ACBL-wide Junior Fund Game Open to all ages –1st of 2*

February 4/Afternoon *ACBL-wide International Fund Game—1st of 3*

Winter Wonder Sectional

December 2, 3, 4 at Bridge Club of Madison 2818 Todd Dr.

Friday, Saturday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

499er Pair/Team Game and Open Pair/Team Game

Sunday 10 a.m. and TBA

Open Swiss Team Game and 499er Swiss Team Game

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December 27 ~ 30, 2022

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2315 W. GOOD HOPE ROAD – GLENDALE WI

DIRECTIONS FROM I-43: EXIT #80 GOOD HOPE ROAD WEST FOR 1¼ MILES TURN LEFT JUST BEFORE THE TENNIS COURTS ON THE SOUTH SIDE, **FROM I-41:** EXIT #47 GOOD HOPE ROAD EAST FOR 5.5 MILES TURN RIGHT JUST AFTER THE TENNIS COURTS ON THE SOUTH SIDE

WE WILL FOLLOW ACBL AND LOCAL REGULATIONS REGARDING COVID PROTOCOLS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY

10:00 AM Single Stratified Pair/Teams
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)



2:30 PM Single Stratified Pair/Teams
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)

Strata: Open Games 0-750, 750-2500, 2500+ 299er Games 0-50, 50-100, 100-300



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SATURDAY 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Stratified Pair/Team (Single Session) and 499er Pairs—Non-Life Master
7 p.m. Short Match Swiss (Single Session)

SUNDAY 9 a.m. Stratified Swiss (2 Separate Sessions), 499er NLM Swiss (3 Team Minimum)
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