



# Kibitzer

A publication of the Chicago Contract Bridge Association December 2018/January 2019

## Order tickets now for Annual Dinner buffet



A tasty all-you-can-eat buffet at 5:30 p.m. will precede the Annual Meeting on January 19 during WinterFest. One need not stay for dinner in order to attend the Annual Meeting, which is free.

To make dinner reservations, send a \$15 check made out to the CCBA to Judy Riehs, (847-215-7695), judymriehs@yahoo.com) at 731 Hapsfield Lane, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089.

Tables of 10 may be reserved if prepaid by January 5. Tickets will be held for pickup at the tournament site.



**You Are Invited!**  
**Unit 123**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**January 19, 2019, 7 p.m.**  
**Dinner 5:30 p.m.**  
**Chevy Chase Country Club**  
**1000 N. Milwaukee,**  
**Wheeling**  
**The CCBA Board**  
**encourages all**  
**Unit Members to attend.**

## Winterfest

WinterFest, a great four-day tournament that features the exciting Invitational Pairs charity game, runs January 17-20. It will again be held at the beautiful Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling.

The qualifying round for Invitational Pairs will be played at 7:30 p.m. Friday, with the final round at 2 p.m. Saturday. This year the event will benefit the Grass Roots Fund. Prior to the tournament, all those eligible to play in this event will receive an invitation to participate, including instructions for registration, which is free. After December 15, players may register online at [www.bridgeinchicago.com/registrations](http://www.bridgeinchicago.com/registrations). If you have questions, contact Adrienne Cohen at 630-941-0581.

The sectional tournament features three sessions daily of stratified open pair/team games on the regular schedule, plus a Board-A-Match team game Saturday night. The I/N schedule includes three sessions of stratified pairs on Thursday and Friday, and two sessions on Saturday. The tournament concludes with the always popular stratified Swiss Teams, which begins 10 a.m. Sunday, and will be a play-through event in the regular section. The I/N Swiss Team event will be two sessions, according to Tom Dressing, tournament chair. Lunch will be available for purchase on site during play.

Volunteers are needed to serve as standbys. Standbys play with those who come to WinterFest without partners. If interested in being a volunteer or need a partner, contact Partnership Chair Joe Connelly at 847-271-1666 or [madbridge16@gmail.com](mailto:madbridge16@gmail.com).

## Awards to be presented at Annual Meeting

Individuals will be recognized for their achievements and service during the Annual Meeting, which will be held on January 19 during WinterFest. The prestigious Harmon Wilkes, CCBA's highest award, along with the Art and Greg Gran Sportsmanship, and the Carl Sharp Service Awards are among the honors that may be bestowed. In addition to the CCBA's own honors, the board recognizes the winners of two ACBL awards: the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Award and the Mini-McKenney. The business agenda includes electing five people to three-year terms on the 15-member CCBA Board of Directors. Each year, one-third of the terms expire. This year, the terms of Steve Brown, Todd Fisher, Guy Franklin, Les Kent and Sharon Pobloske are ending.

Other business includes a vote by CCBA members on a proposed change in the unit's by-laws. The change includes a set of proposed binding arbitration rules to govern any disputes between the CCBA and participants in its tournaments. CCBA encourages comment and feedback by email to [arbitration.rules@bridgeinchicago.com](mailto:arbitration.rules@bridgeinchicago.com). The vote will take place without discussion. For more information see page 12.



*Craig Allen, 2018 winner of Harmon Wilkes Award*

## Jan reviews 2018 in final column as president

This is the last column I'm writing as president (something for which I'm sure the editor is grateful — she always has to “remind” me that it's due). We (that's not a “Royal We,” it's the Board of Directors and myself) began a tournament in Chicago, ended our long-standing relationship with the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva, and moved FallFest from the Lindner Center in Lombard to the Wyndham Garden in Schaumburg.

2017 was a bit rough financially. Fortunately 2018 has been better, and tournament revenue has increased. After much debate, we decided to invest a portion of CCBA funds in order to get a better interest rate than checking accounts offer. This was a big decision because this is YOUR money, and there was a strong division of opinion between being fiscally responsible and hedging against rising costs. Treasurer Craig Gardner and the Finance Committee examined alternatives thoroughly, and ultimately recommended multiple small CD's that have a very good rate of interest (relatively speaking).

We've welcomed new board members and said goodbye to old friends. We're expanding the reach of the board by inviting non-board members to join us in various ways, and we're actively supporting the ACBL's mission to give Zero Tolerance teeth. Zero Tolerance is the rule only at ACBL-sponsored tournaments; club owners run their games as they wish, and we're offering to assist them in ensuring enjoyable playing conditions. It's difficult to bar a player from a game, but owners know that losing one entry fee is cheaper in the long run than losing many because a club gets a bad reputation.

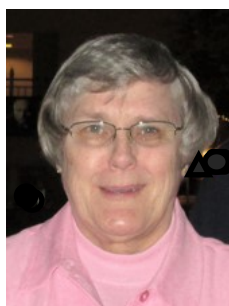
An ongoing goal is to bring new players into the game. We recognize that many bridge players will never be interested in duplicate, but for those who enjoy the competition a variety of activities and convenient locations will always be important. We're always interested in hearing your thoughts and suggestions about how we can improve your playing experiences.

Thank you to the Kibitzer Editor, DeMaris Johnson, for all the work she does to deliver a quality newsletter six times a year.

Finally, my sincere thank you to the directors who have worked with me for the past two years to make “bridge in Chicago” better. They have run the tournaments, encouraged newcomers, taught classes, discussed options and possibilities, and always provided direction and support.

I've very much enjoyed meeting many of you, and I hope you'll always let me know whether I can help with any bridge-related matters.

See you at the tables.  
Jan Churchwell



*Pres. Jan Churchwell*

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## Board of Directors Slate for 2019-2022

Craig Gardner, Chair of the Nominating Committee, recommended the slate of board members for the 2019-2022 at the October Board of Directors meeting.

The members whose terms end this year are Steve Brown, Todd Fisher, Guy Franklin, Les Kent, and Sharon Pobloske. The board voted unanimously to accept the recommended slate of Genny Cesario, Jim Diebel, and Mark Stein, who will join returning members Todd and Guy. Steve, Les, and Sharon did not wish to be reslated for another term. Each year five members are elected to three-year terms on the 15-member board.







# Winterfest

## Chicago Sectional

January 17 - 20, 2019

**Chevy Chase Country Club**  
1000 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling, IL

### SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY, January 17

- 9:30** Stratified Open Pair/Team Game  
**2:00** Stratified Open Pair/Team Game  
**7:30** Stratified Open Pair/Team Game

#### FRIDAY, January 18

- 9:30** Stratified Open Pair/Team Game  
**2:00** Stratified Open Pair/Team Game  
**7:30** Invitational Charity Pairs to benefit the Grass Roots Fund (Higher awards!) Qualifying Round (Matchpoint scoring)  
 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game

#### SATURDAY, January 19

- 9:30** Stratified Open Pair/Team Game  
**2:00** Invitational Charity Pairs to benefit the Grass Roots Fund (Higher awards!) Final Round (Barometer scoring)  
 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game  
**5:30** Annual Dinner  
**7:00** Annual Meeting  
**8:00** Stratified Board-A-Match Teams  
 Stratified Open Pair/Team Game

#### SUNDAY, January 20

- 10:00** Stratified Swiss Teams, Playthrough  
 Swiss Team Averaging  
 7 boards, 7 matches, 20 VP scoring

#### ALERT:

Registration is required for the Invitational Pairs only.

For all other events, you need only arrive in time to purchase an entry.

#### Pair/Team Games: One Game, Two Chances for Masterpoints!

1. As a Pair (Matchpoints, think club games)
  2. As a Team (Board-A-Match scoring)
- Pair/Team Games are single session. Come with a team, or come as a pair and automatically become the partners of the other pair at the first table where you sit. Scratch as a pair and win points. Scratch as a team and win points. Scratch BOTH ways and get the higher award (you can only get one award).

### Events for I/N Players

**(0-500 Masterpoints Non-Life Master)**  
 Stratification: 0-100, 100-300, 300-500

#### THURSDAY, January 17

- 9:30** Stratified Pairs  
**2:00** Stratified Pairs  
**7:30** Stratified Pairs

#### FRIDAY, January 18

- 9:30** Stratified Pairs  
**2:00** Stratified Pairs

#### SATURDAY, January 19

- 9:30** Stratified Pairs  
**2:00** Stratified Pairs

#### SUNDAY, January 20

**10:00** Stratified Swiss Teams  
 (2 sessions) More chances for Silver Pts.

**Tournament Chair: Tom Dressing**  
**847-215-0310**  
[tom@ Dressing.org](mailto:tom@ Dressing.org)

**Partnership Chair: Joe Connelly**  
**847-271-1666**  
[madbridge16@gmail.com](mailto:madbridge16@gmail.com)

*(Volunteers are needed to serve as standbys. Standbys are players who serve as partners for those who come to WinterFest without partners. Players at all levels may volunteer.) Contact Joe for partnerships and to volunteer as standbys.*

**Invitational Pairs: Adrienne Cohen**  
**630-941-0581**  
[www.bridgeinchicago.com/registration](http://www.bridgeinchicago.com/registration)  
*(Note: Online registration for Invitational Pairs begins on December 15. No charge to register)*

**For information, contact Tom**  
*(email preferred)*

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association**  
[www.bridgeinchicago.com](http://www.bridgeinchicago.com)

**Join us January 19 at 5:30 p.m. for the Annual CCBA Dinner and Meeting.**  
**Cost: \$15.00 (CCBA subsidized)**

Send Reservations and Checks payable to the CCBA to Judy Riehs 847-215-7695  
 731 Hapsfield Lane, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089  
[Judymriehs@yahoo.com](mailto:Judymriehs@yahoo.com)

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#### Stratification:

- A: 2500+**  
**B: 1000-2500**  
**C: 0-1000**



Events may be combined at the discretion of the director.  
 Masterpoint averaging when allowed.

## 2019 CALENDAR

### EVENT

WinterFest

### DATE/PLACE

Thursday, January 17 - Sunday, January 20, Chevy Chase Country Club, Wheeling  
-Saturday, January 19, Annual Dinner/Meeting

District 13 GNT's  
Unit STaC

Saturday, February 23 - Sunday, February 24  
Monday, February 25 - Sunday, March 3

District 13 Regional  
District 13 STaC

Monday, April 8 - Sunday, April 14, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin  
Monday, May 6 - Sunday, May 12

Stars of Tomorrow  
Windy City  
Unit STaC

Saturday, May 18 - Sunday, May 19, JourneyCare, Glenview  
Exact dates in June TBA

Labor Day  
Central States

Monday, July 29 - Sunday, August 4  
Friday, August 30 - Monday, September 2, Weber Center, Skokie

FallFest  
District 13 STaC

Exact dates in October TBA  
Friday, November 8 - Sunday, November 10, Wyndham Garden, Schaumburg

Unit STaC

Monday, November 11 - Sunday, November 17  
Monday, December 9 - Sunday, December 15



## Club News

### Toys for Tots

More than \$1,000 worth of toys were donated by the players at Nancy Miller's Downers Grove and New Lenox-Joliet clubs to the United States Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. The Marines collected the toys at the clubs and will distribute them in December to children whose parents could not afford to buy them gifts. Nancy (pictured above) said that the Marines were very grateful and appreciated the donations.



### Family Affair

It took only one family to make up a complete team at a recent Swiss Team game at Fox Bridge in Riverside. Shown, left to right, are Mary Rose Smith (a cousin) and siblings, Jack Lattner, Maggie Skiver, and Kate Gancer. Bob Dolan is the club owner/director.



### Interactive Daily Bridge Column (IDBC)

There is a way to improve your bidding, play, and defense through the Online Daily Bridge Column. It's interactive. The highly trained world-class robots are programmed to respond and react to your plays. They will challenge you to make the right moves and execute a sound strategy on every deal.



By Audrey Grant

I developed the column with David Lindop and the Better Bridge Team six years ago. It has received rave reviews, including feedback from our subscribers such as:

*"Being able to play and replay the hand, combined with columns that clearly explain what to look for and how to strategize, makes this the most useful column I've seen."*

*"The Sunday bidding instruction and quiz is excellent continuing education."*

The column is a balanced program of bidding, play, and defense and is designed for players with a wide range of experience and skill. For example, the Saturday column, the Famous Deal, can challenge the best of us.



I'd like to invite you to experience the columns. Simply click on the link [www.betterbridge.com/chicago](http://www.betterbridge.com/chicago). I look forward to your feedback.

*Audrey Grant is a noted bridge author and teacher. She is a member of the ACBL Hall of Fame.*

# When planning the play in a suit contract, entries are critical



By Ginny and Jeff Schuett

There are three common ways to avoid possible losers: by ruffing them, by taking finesses, and by discarding.

Entries are critical – don't waste them by cashing your sure winners without planning how you could use those winners as vital entries, especially entries to the weaker hand. In our lessons, the players can see how to play after the fact but don't see the plan before they start to play. Take a moment to PLAN! Try these examples. You are South:

1. North ♠865 ♥AK4 ♦753 ♣8753  
South ♠AQJ72 ♥97 ♦KQJT ♣QJ

Playing 4♠ with ♥Q lead, South has possible losers of one spade, one diamond and two clubs. With only two entries to dummy, it is important to win ♥A and take the spade finesse immediately. Return to dummy with ♥K, and repeat the spade finesse and hope for a 3-2 break. Finish drawing the last spade and knock-out the ♦A.

2. North ♠J653 ♥4 ♦8753 ♣A753  
South ♠AKQT2 ♥J97 ♦KQJ ♣J2

Playing 4♠ with ♣K lead, South has possible losers of three hearts, one diamond and one club. DO NOT start by leading a spade. You need spades in dummy to ruff two hearts. Start by leading a heart, and EW should lead a spade to limit your ruffs. Win in hand and ruff a heart. Lead a spade to your hand to ruff your last heart, and draw the rest of the spades. You eventually lose only 1♥ + 1♦ + 1♣.

3. North ♠543 ♥A84 ♦9753 ♣KJ53  
South ♠A76 ♥KQJ76 ♦AK2 ♣Q2

Playing 4♥ with a ♠K lead, South has possible losers of two spades, one diamond and one club. You have one extra club winner after knocking out ♣A, but only one sure entry to dummy in ♥A. Win ♠A and start by leading ♥KQ and stop drawing trump. Next, lead ♣Q. Win any return and lead to ♥A in dummy and cash ♣KJ to discard losing diamond.

4. North ♠AJ543 ♥984 ♦3 ♣QJ83  
South ♠6 ♥K6 ♦A9852 ♣AK1092

Playing 5♣ with the ♥2 lead to ♥A and a heart to your ♥K. South has possible losers of 1♥ + 4♦.

This is a classic cross ruff hand, ruffing diamonds in dummy and ruffing spades and hearts in hand. Important – do Not lead ANY trump.

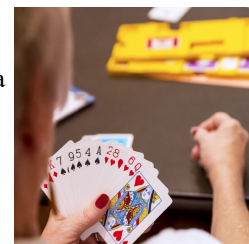
Start the cross ruff immediately, and with spades and diamonds breaking reasonably, you should make 12 tricks, winning three side suit tricks and nine trump winning separately.

With trump 3-1, if you draw trump, you end up winning only nine tricks.

5. North ♠A43 ♥109842 ♦103 ♣AK3  
South ♠62 ♥AQJ63 ♦QJ85 ♣Q9

Playing 4♥ with the ♠K lead, South has four possible losers 1♠ + 1♥ + 2♦. To best combine your chances, delay drawing trump. Win ♠A and lead to ♣Q and

to ♣AK in dummy to discard a spade. Now take a heart finesse which loses, and later you lose ♦AK to make 10 tricks. If you take a heart finesse before taking the quick discard of a spade loser, you end up down one.



The last hand was more complex using the quick loser discard and finesse to try to eliminate losers, but the order was important. There are often even more complex hands that use all three ways to eliminate your losers – ruff them, finesse, and discard them, either on extra high card winners or long suit winners.

The key is to identify your possible losers, how to eliminate them, and the order of the play to maximize your chances and use your entries wisely.

Planning the play improves your ability to see your options quicker and play hands better. Enjoy the journey!

## Interesting hand played at CCBA tournament

President Jan Churchwell submitted the following hand from the Labor Day Sectional, which she found unusual and very interesting.

Dealer: S Vulnerable: EW

	♠72	
	♥AKJ87543	
	♦J	
	♣Q7	
♠KJ8		♠T9653
♥62		♥---
♦QT9765		♦---
♣AK		♣JT985432
	♠AQ4	
	♥QT9	
	♦AK8432	
	♣5	

South was Dealer and presumably opened one diamond. What would you bid with the West hand?

With the North hand, you probably had visions of sugar plums dancing in your head; however, the pessimists (realists?) may have wondered who else had a way-out-there hand.

East was probably still trying to evaluate the hand. After all, how many times do you get a hand with not one, but two

voids and almost no points? (I know we've all had plenty of hands with almost no points!) How would you evaluate the East hand?



In one Section, 12 pairs played the hand. Three pairs bid and made six hearts, and six pairs bid game in hearts, making six. Fairly normal looking so far.

Two pairs ended up in slightly different contracts: One pair played in 3NT doubled making six. West has my sympathy. No matter who was on lead, West would not want to "waste" any of the winning black cards. The minute West leads any diamond besides the queen, South (or North) would do a metaphorical happy dance and collect 12 tricks. The hand makes 5NT all the time.

The outlier was a six club bid by East, which was doubled, also making. East thought he was sacrificing and was a little worried about pushing the opponents to six hearts. He was prepared to sacrifice at seven clubs if that happened. As it turns out, seven clubs was the real - and only - sacrifice, which nobody in our section bid.



# 70% GAMES

79.2 % Barry Holt,  
Matthew Dyer, Chicago  
Duplicate Bridge

77.0% George Clark,  
Matthew Dyer, Chicago  
Duplicate Bridge

76.9% Sandi Dvorak,  
Diane Hennessy, Glen  
Oak Country Club

75.8% Donald  
Dahlgren, Trichiropoly  
Thayumana, Arlington  
Bridge B's

75.6% Louis Nimnicht,  
Daniel Spain, Commu-  
nity Bridge Club

74.5% Tracy Nolan,  
Amin Hakim, Queen of  
Clubs DBC

74.4% Al Glick, Rob-  
ert Young, Tuesday

Night Out

73.8% Jack Snyder,  
W. Harris Jr., Naper  
No Trumpers

73.8% Margaret  
Young, Judy Mesjak,  
Fox Bridge

73.8% Jerome Schol-  
le, Wayne Hall, Admi-  
ral at the Lake

73.3% Sharon Fellars,  
Barbara Saben, Queen  
of Clubs DBC

73.3% Elaine Rechel,  
Doris Welter, N.  
Shore Senior Center

72.7% David Bald,  
Diane Clark,  
Yorkville Duplicate  
Bridge

72.7% George  
Goewey, Todd Fisher,  
South Suburban  
Bridge Center

72.4% Judith Rodg-  
ers, Edward Peterson,  
The Clare

72.4% Glen Haas,  
Amin Karim,  
Wheaton DBC, Thurs-  
day

72.4% Keith Bach,  
Larry Cohen, Tree  
Towns DBC

72.3% Walter Pollack,  
Ira Lerner, New Eazy/  
Wednesday

72.2% Laura McCor-  
mick, Linda Levine,  
Chicago Duplicate  
Bridge

72.2% Sandra Allen,  
Marilyn Thomas,  
Country Club League

72.2% L. James Phil-  
lips, Richard Strauss,  
Tom's Game

72.0% Jacqueline  
Goldberg, Ronald  
Helman, Admiral at  
the Lake

71.9% Sid Mitchell,  
David Donaldson, The  
Clare

71.7% Jean Burow,  
Robert Burow, N.  
Shore Senior Center

71.7% Marianna  
Alps, Robert Alps, N.  
Shore Senior Center

71.4% Gerald  
Schwartz, Charles  
Alexander, Tuesday  
Night Out

71.3% Betsy Downs,  
Rosanne Schabinger,  
Queen of Clubs DBC

71.3% Joan Reed,  
Robert Klingender,  
Arlington Bridge B's

71.0% Ruth  
Westberg, Stacy Ja-  
cobs, S. Suburban  
Bridge Center

70.8% William  
Anspach, Robert  
Block, Reluctant Re-  
doubler DBC

70.5% Walter Pol-  
lack, Ira Lerner, New  
Eazy/Wed.

70.5% Michael Kelley,  
Martina Kelley, Olym-  
pia DBC

70.5% Guy Franklin,  
Michele Pockross, Chi-  
cago Duplicate Bridge

70.4% Barbara Stoe,  
Patricia Mayer, Munde-  
lein Area DBC

70.4% Robert Butz,  
Larry Rabideau, New  
Lenox -Joliet DBC

70.3% Majorie  
Goettsche, Arlene Erle-  
bacher, Queen of Clubs  
DBC

70.1% Mary Anderson,  
June Chin, Chicago  
Duplicate Bridge

70.1% W. Harris Jr.,  
Jack Snyder, All Bridge  
Saints

70.0% Tim Eckerman,  
Dolores Baumgart, Un-  
usual No Trump DBC

70.0% David Schroed-  
er, George Clark, Chi-  
cago Duplicate Bridge

## Congratulations Rank Advancers

### Junior Masters

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Julie Campbell  
Joyce Carter  
Vince Cho  
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Donna Gulley  
Cynthia Huang  
Betsy Jeffries  
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Cynthia Landreth  
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Bob Lenet  
Carol Maynard  
Nona McCall  
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Frances Margolin  
Mary McMahon  
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Michael Murphy  
Marilyn Parsons  
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Tammy Rubin  
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A Gerald Erickson  
Janet Erickson  
Arnold Flank  
Lee Frank  
Mary Fry  
John Groenewold  
Myrtis Meyer  
Kathleen Morrissey  
Rene Ortman

Jeffrey Rabin  
Judith Rodgers  
Derek Rogers  
Wendy Rubin  
Sheila Stone  
James Sturtevant  
Rosalie Sturtevant  
Martha Sydanmaa

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Martin Howard  
Leslee Johnson  
Carolyn Yelton

### Adv. NABC Masters

Marcy Gookin  
Judi Katz  
Eric Kraskian  
Valy Lev  
Valerie Maragos  
Cynthia Polayes  
Carolyn Turek

### Life Masters

Artie Cohen  
Mary Garrison  
Judy Geleerd

### Bronze Life Masters

Rosemary McCarthy

Judy Mesjak  
Kyle Rockoff  
Walt Werner

### Silver Life Masters

Sylvia Dunne  
Robert Zboralski

### Ruby Life Masters

Bonnie Boyer  
Sue Hanneman  
Eli Jolley  
David Juberien  
Ryszard Matuszczyk  
John Miller  
Olivia Shapiro  
Craig Wakefield

### Gold Life Masters

Georgann Humphrey  
Michael Kelley  
Pennie Levin  
Anthony Miller

### Sapphire Life Masters

Carolyn Rowley



# Winning is no mystery; anyone who can count to 13 can win

Holmes reached for his glass of '98 Montrachet. "You know Watson, I was thinking of taking up bridge again. I soured on the game for a while after that Terry Reese business, but after watching some hands in Atlanta last summer, I thought it might be interesting to give it another go."



*Winning with Wimpy  
By Jim Diebel*

"So did you watch some famous experts, like the Italians or Norwegians? I hear there are even a couple of decent players from the colonies."

"No. I was watching this fellow they call Wimpy. Nothing spectacular, mind you, but his contracts were rarely boring. Take this hand, for example: In fourth seat, with everyone vulnerable, he picked up: ♠KJT85, ♥KT98753, ♦-, ♣6. His LHO opened three diamonds, his partner doubled, and his RHO jumped to five diamonds. Throwing science out the window, he decided hearts would likely play at least as well as spades (and there was less risk of an opening lead ruff), so he jumped to six hearts. His partner must have then suffered a severe brain aneurism, because he put him in seven hearts holding: ♠A964, ♥A6, ♦AK, ♣AT874. I'll say this for the Americans: They're tough. Has I been this Wimpy fellow, I would have called for an ambulance immediately, but his partner not only finished the hand, but somehow even finished the session! Anyway, the ♦Q was led and this is what declarer saw."

♠ A964  
♥ A6  
♦ AK  
♣ AT874

♠ KJT85  
♥ KT98753  
♦ ---  
♣ 6

"He won the King of Diamonds and pitched his singleton club."

"Why a club, Holmes? He had no club loser!"

"Quite obviously, Watson, he hoped to get a count on the hand. He immediately recognized that if hearts weren't 2-2, or a stiff honor on his left, he was going down; therefore, his plan was to ruff a club back to hand, cross to the ♥A, and ruff another club. Next, when he cashed the ♥K, he would need both honors to

crash. He could run all of his hearts, next the aces of spades, diamonds and clubs. Dummy would have a club and a spade left. His own hand would have the king-jack of spades. If LHO followed to all three clubs, he could be assumed to have started with 1-2-7-3 distribution, indicating a spade finesse would see him home. If LHO showed out on the third club, it would suggest he started with 2-2-7-2 shape, and if the ♠Q doesn't appear on his right, it should fall under the king."

Watson leaned forward. "And is that what happened?"

"I said the hands were interesting. What would have been interesting about that? After ruffing the club back to hand, (RHO contributing the ♠Q), he continued his plan to get a count on the clubs. He led a low heart toward the ace, but LHO followed with the ♥Q. This was unlucky, because now he would be forced to abandon his chance to count the club suit and instead need to cross back to his hand with a trump finesse. Dummy's only other entry would be the ♠A, and that would be needed later."

"But Holmes," protested Watson, "what if the chap on his left had the doubleton ♥QJ?"

"Don't be silly, Watson. Everyone knows that when four cards are missing, including the queen and jack, that when one of the honors appears on the first lead across the table, that the odds are roughly 2:1 that the other honor lies in the other hand. Declarer finessed the ♥10 on the way back, LHO pitching a diamond, and drew RHO's last trump. Now he had nothing better to do than run his hearts. Both opponents pitched only diamonds, and if I didn't know better, I'd swear there were 15 or 16 of them in that deck. With five tricks to go, Dummy had ♠A9, ♥--, ♦A, ♣AT. Wimpy had all spades. He led a spade to dummy's ace and noted that everyone followed. Now he cashed the ♦A, and both opponents pitched clubs. Finally, he cashed the ♣A. LHO followed small, and RHO contributed the ♠K. He led the last spade from dummy and naturally, RHO played low..."

"Whatever did he do, Holmes? Without the count in clubs, the ♠Q could be in either hand!"

"Quite elementary, my dear Watson. If you remember at trick two, declarer had led a club from dummy and RHO put in the ♠Q, unable to resist the habit. The

fall of the ♠K later made it a near certainty that he had started with ♠KQx."

"But couldn't RHO have false carded that ♠Q from ♠KQJx?"

"Hammon might find that play, or Mahmood. Perhaps even Woolridge. Moriarty most certainly. This was an event limited to 6,000 masterpoints, and only a truly brilliant player could have foreseen the necessity to mislead partner so early in the hand. No, the evidence pointed to LHO holding that ♠J, thus having starting with exactly 1-1-7-4 shape. Consequently, he took a spade finesse on the penultimate trick. Seven hearts, bid and made."

"So what was this Wimpy chap doing in this limited event? He sounds brilliant!"

"Quite the contrary, I'm afraid. After watching him for nearly three hours, I came to the conclusion he possessed no extraordinary abilities whatsoever. For example, with a two-way guess for a queen, he would count out the hand, and finesse the player presumed to have the greater length."



"But Holmes, isn't that what he is supposed to do?"

"It's hardly a conclusive method. Why he could be wrong anywhere from 25 to 40 percent of the time! Could you imagine if I was wrong that often? How the tongues would wag. I study the opponents. Elevated respiration, darting eyes followed by a quick glance to the floor, fingers fidgeting nervously. They could never hide their holdings from a true detective. I would expect to drop a singleton honor off-side nine times out of 10!"

"So this Wimpy wasn't a winner?"

"Watson, that's the part that baffles me. This ordinary player consistently placed amongst the leaders. He has no more talent than your average grade school student, yet somehow he manages to come out ahead time and time again."

"So Holmes, it seems you are saying that anyone who can count to 13 can win at this game that has a reputation for being so complex?"

"I'm afraid so, old chum," lamented the famous sleuth. "What's the point in playing a game where anyone can be an expert?"





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# Rare play turns out to be the winning solution in matchpoint event

By: George Klemic

At a recent local sectional, this deal came up in a matchpoint event:

NS vul, East dealer:

North	South
♠9874	♠63
♥A86	♥KQJT43
♦A32	♦K4
♣J97	♣A84

West	North	East	South
			1♥
2NT*	3♥	All Pass	
(*minors, expected to be at least 5-5)			

The play started this way:

- 1) ♠ A – 4 – K – 3
- 2) ♠ 5 – 7 – T – 6
- 3) ♠ Q –

At first glance, this hand does not appear to be that interesting. With strong spot cards in the trump suit, you can power out six trump winners, the ace of clubs, and two top diamonds for nine tricks; however, playing matchpoints, your goal is to take as many tricks as possible. On this deal, prospects for an extra trick are minimal. Clearly none of the spades in dummy look like winners.

East would not have spent the king on trick one without all of the other top cards in the suit. The diamond suit has two winners, but even the opponent's five spot is enough to prevent a third winner. We have already counted the trump winners, given the dummy doesn't appear to be able to provide any additional ruffs with the flat shape. That leaves the club suit, and there is a hint of hope there. To begin with, consider this three-card ending with South on lead:

	♣J97	
♣KQ5		♣T72
	♣A84	

If this is the layout of the cards, South is entitled to two tricks. The solution is to lead a low club towards the jack. If West ducks, the jack will win. If west instead plays one of the top cards, they now have to lead back a club in the two card ending, and declarer will now be able to score the last two cards, the order depending on which card is returned.

It is worth noting that this is the only layout for which you can win two tricks. Suppose instead that East holds Q72. Even if you guess correctly and play the ♣9 when West plays a low club, which would force the queen, now East safely exits a club and the defense will score the other high honor.

With this layout in mind, this is the basic concept that we want to try to generate a tenth trick. Returning to the deal at hand, we have a lot of information about the hand. To begin with, when West overcalls 2NT, showing the

minors, this is almost always at least 5-5 in length. They have also shown up with two spades. This leaves only one card unaccounted for, but we actually know what that is as well based on the play. If an opponent leads an ace against a trump contract and continues with a small one, that almost always suggests they are looking to ruff the third round. Thus, West's shape should be exactly 2-1-5-5, and therefore, East holds 5332. Furthermore, based on our analysis of the 3-card ending above, we are hoping that the full deal looks something like this:

♠9874		♠9874
♥A86		♥A86
♦A32		♦A32
♣J97		♣J97
♠A5		♠KQJT2
♥7		♥952
♦J9765		♦QT8
♣KQ652		♣T3
	♠63	
	♥KQJT43	
	♦K4	
	♣A84	

We don't know the exact layout of the diamond suit, but since all of the opponents' cards are equals from your perspective, this is a good estimate of how the cards are distributed. The only question now is how do we take advantage of this knowledge? Suppose that we attempt to create an endplay similar to the above layout. After the defense wins the first two tricks, it could continue:

- 3) ♠Q – ♥K – ♠6 – ♠8
- 4) ♥3 – ♥7 – ♥A – ♥2
- 5) ♥6 – ♥5 – ♥T – ♦5
- 6) ♥Q – ♠2 – ♥8 – ♥9
- 7) ♦4 – ♦6 – ♦A – ♦8
- 8) ♦3 ♦T – ♦K – ♦7
- 9) ♥J – ♦9 – ♠9 – ♠J, after which we will have this four-card layout:

♠ -	♠ -
♥ -	♥ -
♦3	♦3
♣J97	♣J97
♠ -	♠2
♥ -	♥ -
♦J	♦Q
♣KQ5	♣T3
♠ -	
♥4	
♦ -	
♣A84	

This isn't going to work. If we cash the last trump, West can simply discard a club loser, keeping only the two clubs (KQ) and a high diamond. You can win the ace of clubs, but that will be it. If you don't cash the last trump and lead a club first, then West wins the queen and plays a diamond. Now, you are end played as declarer and will lose a second club.

This is where visualization of the entire deal becomes important. If we play the west hand to be exactly 2-1-5-5 shape, we can create a different kind of end play. Suppose, rather

than drawing all of the trumps, we only draw what is necessary, but also remove any other safe exit cards? This is the order that we will play the cards, again starting with trick three:

- 3) ♠ Q – ♥K – ♠6 – ♠8
- 4) ♥Q – ♥7 – ♥6 – ♥2
- 5) ♦K – ♦5 – ♦2 – ♦8
- 6) ♦4 – ♦6 – ♦A – ♦T
- 7) ♦3 – ♦Q – ♥3 – ♦7

At this juncture, the deal now looks this way:

♠ 9		
♥A8		
♦ -		
♣J97		
♠ -		♠J2
♥ -		♥95
♦J9		♦ -
♣KQ52		♣T3
	♠ -	
	♥JT4	
	♦ -	
	♣A84	

Now we are finally ready to endplay West by leading a small club towards the jack. West must win, otherwise dummy will play the jack and the hand will be over. Once West wins either a high club or a low club will allow declarer to score both the ace and jack. Finally, should West exit a diamond instead, now the dummy can trump with the ace, allowing declarer to discard a club loser: a ruff and sluff play. All roads now lead to 10 tricks.

This play is called a partial elimination and endplay, and is quite rare. What makes the play unusual is not being able to pull all of the trumps directly, but specifically leaving some trump cards outstanding. However, the opponent that is thrown in, in this case with a high club, does not retain any trumps to exit with, nor any other safe cards, thanks to you clearing the diamond suit.

This is an advanced play, and difficult to spot. It flies opposite of the usual guideline while playing in a trump contract that you should draw trumps so as not to lose any tricks to the opponents' small trumps. In this case, after the first few tricks and the auction, it suggested that drawing one trump would be enough to insure that you are completely safe.

This deal is interesting as a defensive problem as well. East allowed declarer a chance at brilliance by returning a spade at trick three...but, looking at their heart suit, should realize that the odds of a spade ruff being successful are quite low. Unless partner has at least the queen of trumps, declarer can trump high enough and draw trumps.

The same distribution count information is available to East. Partner is expected to be 5-5 in the minors, and the only other distribution that makes any sense is for the full shape to be 2155. If partner has good clubs, a club return will prevent this special endplay, and on a different day, might even set the contract (when declarer has only Kxx of clubs, allowing partner to score both the ace and queen immediately as well as giving you a ruff).

## Special Club Games *(Earn Extra Points)*

Day/Date	Time	Club	Location	Event
Sat - Dec 1	11:15 am	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs
Sun - Dec 2	1:00 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Membership Team Game
Mon - Dec 3	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STAC
Mon - Dec 3	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	STAC
Mon - Dec 3	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	STaC
Mon - Dec 3	9:15 am	Mundelein Area Duplicate BC	Fremont Township Office	STaC
Mon - Dec 3	12:00 pm	New Eazy Bridge	Temple Jeremiah	STaC
Mon - Dec 3	11:00 am	Olympia DBC	Countryside Church	STaC
Tue - Dec 4	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Tue - Dec 4	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Tue - Dec 4	11:00 am	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist	STaC
Tue - Dec 4	1:00 pm	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	STaC
Tue - Dec 4	7:00 pm	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational	STaC
Wed - Dec 5	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Wed - Dec 5	11:00 am	Fox Bridge	Riverside Town Hall	STaC
Wed - Dec 5	7:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	ACBL Membership -Pair
Wed - Dec 5	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	STaC
Wed - Dec 5	12:00 pm	New Eazy/Wednesday	Temple Jeremiah	STaC
Wed - Dec 5	10:30 am	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	STaC
Wed - Dec 5	7:00 pm	Reluctant Redoubler DBC	Temple Judea Mizpah	STaC
Thu - Dec 6	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Thu - Dec 6	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Thu - Dec 6	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	ACBL Membership Game
Fri - Dec 7	11:00 am	Naper No Trumpers	Wesley United Methodist	STaC
Fri - Dec 7	11:00 am	Olympia DBC	Countryside Church	STaC
Fri - Dec 7	10:45 am	Tom's Game	Temple Jeremiah	STaC and Open Sections
Fri - Dec 7	7:15 pm	West Suburban Duplicate	First Congregational	STaC
Sat - Dec 8	12:30 pm	All Bridge Saints	1st Congregational	Club Championship
Sat - Dec 8	11:15 am	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Sat - Dec 8	11:00 am	Olympia DBC	Countryside Church	STaC
Sun - Dec 9	1:00 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	STaC
Mon - Dec 10	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Open/99ers Membership
Mon - Dec 10	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Charity Game
Mon - Dec 10	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Club Championship
Tue - Dec 11	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Annual Membership
Tue - Dec 11	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Annual Membership
Tue - Dec 11	11:00 am	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist	Charity Club Championship
Tue - Dec 11	1:00 pm	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Grass Roots Fund Game
Tue - Dec 11	7:00 pm	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational	Annual Membership
Wed - Dec 12	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Annual Membership
Wed - Dec 12	11:00 am	Fox Bridge	Riverside Town Hall	Club Championship Game
Wed - Dec 12	7:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Charity Game
Wed - Dec 12	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Unit Game

*Note: Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaC) are ACBL tournaments with sectional rating. Masterpoints awarded are silver.*



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Day/Date	Time	Club	Location	Event
Wed - Dec 12	10:30 am	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Club Championship
Wed - Dec 12	7:00 pm	Reluctant Redoubler DBC	Temple Judea Mizpah	Unit Championship
Thu - Dec 13	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Annual Membership
Thu - Dec 13	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Annual Membership
Thu - Dec 13	10:45 am	Tom's Game	Temple Jeremiah	STaC and Open Sections
Fri - Dec 14	11:00 am	Naper No Trumpers	Wesley United Methodist	Charity Club Championship
Fri - Dec 14	11:00 am	Olympia DBC	Countryside Church	Unit Game
Fri - Dec 14	7:15 pm	West Suburban DB	First Congregational	Charity Club Championship
Sat - Dec 15	12:30 pm	All Bridge Saints	First Congregational	GNT Swiss Teams
Sat - Dec 15	11:15 am	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Annual Membership
Mon - Dec 17	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	ACBL International Fund
Mon - Dec 17	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Club Championship-Pot Luck
Mon - Dec 17	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Swiss Grass Roots Fund
Mon - Dec 17	9:15 am	Mundelein Area Duplicate	Fremont Township Office	Charity Club Championship
Mon - Dec 17	11:30 am	Yorkville Duplicate Bridge	Beecher Community Ctr	Membership Game
Tue - Dec 18	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Tue - Dec 18	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Tue - Dec 18	11:00 am	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist	Stratified Open Pairs
Tue - Dec 18	7:00 pm	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational	Club Championship
Wed - Dec 19	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Wed - Dec 19	11:00 am	Fox Bridge	Riverside Town Hall	Charity Game
Wed - Dec 19	7:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Club Championship
Wed - Dec 19	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Grass Roots Fund
Wed - Dec 19	10:30 am	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Membership Game—Party
Wed - Dec 19	7:00 pm	Reluctant Redoubler DBC	Temple Judea Mizpah	Junior Fund Team Game
Thu - Dec 20	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Thu - Dec 20	6:30 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Thu - Dec 20	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Charity Game-Pot Luck
Thu - Dec 20	10:45 am	Tom's Game	Temple Jeremiah	Club Championship—Party
Fri - Dec 21	11:00 am	Naper No Trumpers	Wesley United Methodist	Stratified Open Pairs
Fri - Dec 21	10:45 am	Tom's Game	Temple Jeremiah	Club Championship—Party
Fri - Dec 21	7:15 pm	West Suburban DB	First Congregational	Stratified Open Pairs
Sat - Dec 22	12:30 pm	All Bridge Saints	1st Congregational	Membership Game—Party
Sat - Dec 22	11:15 am	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Sun - Dec 23	1:00 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Club Championship
Wed - Dec 26	12:00 pm	New Eazy/Wednesday	Temple Jeremiah	Club Championship
Thu - Dec 27	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Club Championship
Fri - Dec 28	11:00 am	Naper No Trumpers	Wesley United Methodist	Stratified Open Pairs
Fri - Dec 28	7:15 pm	West Suburban DB	First Congregational	Stratified Open Pairs
Mon - Dec 31	12:15 pm	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate BC	Charity Pairs

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Day/Date	Time	Club	Location	Event
Mon - Dec 31	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Ctr	Club Championship
Mon - Dec 31	11:00 am	Olympia DBC	Countryside Church	New Year's Eve Pairs
Tue - Jan 1	1:00 pm	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Junior Fund
Wed - Jan 2	7:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Junior Fund
Wed - Jan 2	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Junior Fund
Thu - Jan 3	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Junior Fund
Mon - Jan 7	11:00 am	Calumet DBC	Elks Club	Junior Fund
Mon - Jan 7	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Junior Fund
Mon - Jan 7	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Junior Fund
Tue - Jan 8	1:00 pm	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Junior Fund
Wed - Jan 9	7:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Junior Fund
Wed - Jan 9	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Junior Fund
Thu - Jan 10	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Junior Fund
Mon - Jan 14	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Junior Fund
Mon - Jan 14	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Junior Fund
Tue - Jan 15	1:00 pm	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Junior Fund
Wed - Jan 16	7:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Junior Fund
Wed - Jan 16	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Junior Fund
Mon - Jan 21	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Junior Fund
Mon - Jan 21	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Junior Fund
Tue - Jan 22	1:00 pm	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Junior Fund
Wed - Jan 23	7:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Junior Fund
Wed - Jan 23	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Junior Fund
Thu - Jan 24	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Junior Fund
Mon - Jan 28	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Junior Fund
Mon - Jan 28	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Junior Fund
Tue - Jan 29	1:00 pm	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Junior Fund
Wed - Jan 30	7:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Junior Fund
Wed - Jan 30	6:20 pm	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Junior Fund
Thu - Jan 31	12:00 pm	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Junior Fund

### Board expected to adopt new arbitration rules

The CCBA is expected to adopt at its Annual Meeting a set of binding arbitration rules to govern any disputes between the CCBA and participants in its tournaments. After the rules are adopted at the Annual Meeting, the new Arbitration Policy will go into effect and will start appearing on entry forms. CCBA encourages comment and feedback by email to [arbitration.rules@bridgeinchicago.com](mailto:arbitration.rules@bridgeinchicago.com). CCBA members at the January 19 Annual Meeting are eligible to vote on the proposed change in the unit's by-laws. The vote will take place without discussion. The proposed change follows.

#### Section 10. Sanctions and Disputes

(a) A Conduct & Ethics Committee of the Board of Directors shall have original jurisdiction over all matters

("Incidents") which may be heard by a Unit arising out of (i) alleged infractions occurring at an ACBL sanctioned club; (ii) appeals from the actions of a tournament committee at a Unit-sanctioned tournament; (iii) direct disciplinary action arising out of conduct at a Unit-sanctioned tournament; or (iv) referrals from other Units relating to actions of Unit members at non-Unit sanctioned tournaments.

(b) The CCBA President shall appoint a Conduct & Ethics Committee, including its Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors with no personal interest in the outcome of the Incident, when appropriate to investigate and adjudicate any Incident. The Committee shall consist of no fewer than three and no more than five members and may, except for the Chairman, at the President's discretion, include CCBA members who are not on the Board of Directors. Such

committee shall have all the powers to censure, suspend, expel, or otherwise discipline a member to the full extent afforded a Unit under the terms of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations of the ACBL, as the same may be amended from time to time.

(c) The Chairman of the Conduct & Ethics Committee (i) shall be responsible for gathering all information relating to any incident; and (ii) shall chair and conduct all hearings, unless such hearing was initiated at his or her request. At all hearings initiated at the request of the Chairman, the Chairman shall (a) present evidence and/or bring facts to the attention of the Committee; and (b) participate in the voting and the deliberation of the Committee; and (c) assist the other Committee members, as may be necessary, in understanding the applicable procedures and their duties and responsibilities.

(d) All conduct and ethics hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

(e) All other disputes between the CCBA and any of its members or participants in any of its tournaments, but excluding an appeal of any decision of the Conduct & Ethics Committee, shall be resolved by binding arbitration in accordance with the rules published at [http://www.bridgeinchicago.com/data/bridgeinchicago.com/resources/CCBAArbitrationProcedureforResolvingDisputesWithMembers\(4-17-18\).pdf](http://www.bridgeinchicago.com/data/bridgeinchicago.com/resources/CCBAArbitrationProcedureforResolvingDisputesWithMembers(4-17-18).pdf), as they may be revised from time to time. These Arbitration Rules are incorporated by reference into these Bylaws and are to be interpreted in accordance with the explanation located on the CCBA website at <http://www.bridgeinchicago.com/data/bridgeinchicago.com/resources/>