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Support Your Club, Earn Points by Playing online

ACBL members can play with other ACBL members in a specially created pairs game on Bridge Base Online (BBO) and earn black masterpoints.

The table fee is \$5, with the majority of the money going back to your home club. Although it is not now possible to play in games limited to your local club, the ACBL is working to develop a way that will make that possible. To play, log into your BBO account. If you do not have one, you will need to create one. Next click on "ACBL World" and then click on "Support Your Club ACBL Black Point Game" BBO instructions are available online.

Another option is the Daylong Tournaments, solo events played with robots. Register anytime and you have until midnight Eastern time to finish the 18 boards. The fee is \$6. The ACBL notes these are a temporary solution to what is hopefully a temporary problem.

Hooray! Windy City Is Back, Runs 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 convenient for those living near or in Chicago, and is easily reachable from the suburbs. It is located near the Blue Line and parking areas. The tournament will feature Gold Rush Pairs, two-session open pairs, knockouts, and Swiss Teams. For more information, contact Tournament Chair Bob Young (by8888@hotmail.com) or I/N and Partnership Chair Guy Franklin (guyfranklinchicago@gmail.com). The flyer is on page 4.

Important News Regarding Tournaments

Dear CCBA Players,

In the best interest of our members' health and in compliance with the State of Illinois's directive that limits non-essential gatherings during the pandemic, CCBA has decided to cancel the Stars of Tomorrow Tournament for 499ers that was scheduled for May 2 and 3. A decision will be made later as to whether it will be rescheduled.

Also, the District 13 Spring Regional Tournament set for April 13-19 at the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa in Lake Geneva is cancelled. Another tournament in District 13, Unit 222's Milwaukee Spring Sectional planned for March 26-28, was not held due to the coronavirus.

In addition to the tournaments, most club games are closed, so it is advisable to check with the club owners or directors before driving to a game. Many of the closures will be listed at bridgeinchicago.com. For news regarding NABCs, see page 2.

Tom Dressing, CCBA President

GNT Winners emerge after 2-day contest

After two days of intense competition in the District 13 Grand National Team (GNT) competition, the winners emerged. The event took place February 23 and 24 at the Hilton Northbrook. The winners in the Championship Flight, as well as Flights A and B, will represent the district at the Tampa Fall North American Bridge Championships in Montreal, Canada. See page 3 for photos of other winners and page 5 for photos of the event.



Championship Flight winners were George Jacobs, Drew Becker, Claude Vogel, and Larry Robbins.



Flight A winners were Mark Kinzer, Bon Marheine, Bob Kent, and Aleksander Lishkov.



Dear Member,

Thank you for being a part of our bridge-loving family. Like you, we have concerns about COVID-19, and we are actively examining measures to efficiently navigate this pandemic.

We will continue to communicate with members as the situation progresses and we will receive more information. Here is the most up-to-date information we have:

- **In an effort to ensure the health and safety of members in various locations across North America, we encourage that all club games as well as all tournaments currently scheduled through May 11, 2020 be cancelled or postponed.** This date may be changed as more information becomes available. Currently, it is the discretion of individual clubs, Units and Districts to determine closings of clubs or cancellations/postponement of tournaments in their specific location. Please see our [Check Before You Go page](#) to find contact information for your local club or information related to the cancellation/postponement of tournaments.
- **We are currently looking into options for online club play.** Along with Bridge Base Online (BBO) and The Common Game, ACBL is working on developing ways for you to play online while earning black points and benefiting your club. Club owners/managers will be notified as development progresses. This initiative is in the early development stage, and we will keep you updated as more information is made available.
- **Exploration of “replacement” Spring NABC events, including North** and will release details as soon as possible.
- **In the meantime, here are some [options to play for masterpoints online](#)** while we work on specialized online avenues.
- **We are communicating with club, Unit and District leadership.** Please be on the lookout for updates about games, health advisories and more directly from your local club, Unit and/or District.

For your safety, we urge you to follow the guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and consider self-quarantining, if necessary. Remember, if you or a family member are sick or feeling sick, stay home. We care about the health of our players, their friends and family as well as the community at large.

The bridge community is a strong one, and we will get through this together.

Thank you,
ACBL Management
March 16, 2020



*Continue enjoying
bridge by playing for
masterpoints online.*

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The Fakeout Double

(A Convention Created by Lindsay Cantoni and Nancy Seamster)

Written by David Zapatka

The Cantoni-Seamster Convention, better known as Fakeout Doubles, has become the rage in the world of bridge. It started with two far-sighted bridge players, Lindsay Cantoni and Nancy Seamster, in the vibrant Sun Lakes, Arizona community. The popular convention then spread to the professional bridge-playing community where now no partnership is complete without Fakeout Doubles. You may want to add this powerful convention to your partnership agreements. Since this famous duo is in our unit, it would be ideal to have them autograph your convention card as I have. This could be worth a lot of money in the near future.

Fakeout Doubles (with a nod to Takeout Doubles)

When the opponents open the bidding and you have fewer than 10 high card points, double to tell partner you have less than your fair share of points. With this information, partner will know you have a poor hand and will bid as follows:

- Bid the next suit up artificially with a balanced hand asking you to bid your longest suit, finding the safest to play.

For example, you hold ♠987 ♥2 ♦QJ7643 ♣852

N	You	S	Partner
1H	Double	Pass	1S*
Pass	2D	All	Pass

*artificial asking for your longest suit
or

- Bid 1NT (artificial) showing two places to play. You will bid your lowest three-card suit.

Partner will pass or correct which you will, of course, then pass or correct.

For example, you hold ♠K87 ♥Q1042 ♦J43 ♣Q52

N	You	S	Partner
1S	Double	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2C*	Pass	2D
Pass	2H		

*artificial

The flip side advantage of this convention is apparent. In the absence of a Fakeout Double, Pass shows 10+ points. Partner then bids as cheaply as possible with 0-10 HCP, jump bids with 11-13 HCP or makes a game-forcing cue bid of the opponent's suit with 14+ HCP. Since you usually hold fewer than 10 points when the opponents open the bidding, you will be able to double more often. Everyone enjoys bidding more, so this will increase your enjoyment of the game. Both the Fakeout Double and the pass in second seat are Alertable bids. This means every time the opponents open, partner will alert your call sowing confusion in the minds of the opponents which will further increase your enjoyment of the game.

Experts have scrutinized the value of this new convention and have unanimously endorsed its use. Rumor has it that once the convention makes its way through the bridge-playing masses across the U.S., it will quickly become standard bidding and the Alert requirement will be dropped.

Congrats to District 13 GNT Winners

Pictured below are the GNT winners who will represent District 13 at the Tampa, Florida 2020 NABC.



Flight B winners were Romuald Mindak, Robert Lubowicki, Tadeusz Marecki, Vladimir Reznik, Michal Omielski and Leszek Zagozd. Mindak and Zagozd are not pictured.



Nik Hristea, Mark Pinkowski, James Abbott, and Michael Omielski took second place in Flight B, and will also be representing District 13.



Zhijing Tang, Zhiqiang Hu, Henry Shi, and Li Miao won Flight C.

[Reprinted by permission. Note: Lindsay Cantoni is a childhood friend who has been seriously afflicted by Bacillus bridgeus. She and her partner were having "one of those days" at a game and came up with the Fakeout Double to stir things up. David Zapatka, editor of their newsletter, was there and asked them for permission to write it up. The rest is history. Jan Churchwell]

Chicago Contract Bridge Association

Windy City Regional

August 3-August 8, 2020

University of Illinois at Chicago

Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted Street



Dedicated to Carl Sharp

Schedule

Monday, August 3

- 10:00 a.m. 2-Session Open Pairs to benefit
Grass Roots Fund
2-Session Gold Rush Pair
- 2:30 p.m. 2-Session Open Pair to benefit
Grass Roots Fund
2-Session Gold Rush Pair

Tuesday, August 4

- 10:00 a.m. 2-Session Open Pair
2-Session Gold Rush Pair
Knockout A1
- 2:30 p.m. 2-Session Open Pair
2-Session Gold Rush Pair
Knockout A2

Wednesday, August 5

- 10:00 a.m. 2-Session Open Pair
2-Session Gold Rush Pair
Knockout A3 Semifinal
- 2:30 p.m. 2-Session Open Pair
2-Session Gold Rush Pair
Knockout A4 Final

Thursday, August 6

- 10:00 a.m. 2-Session Open Swiss Teams
2-Session Gold Rush Swiss Teams
- 2:30 p.m. 2-Session Open Swiss Teams
2-Session Gold Rush Swiss Team

Friday, August 7

- 10:00 a.m. 2-Session Open Pair
2-Session Gold Rush Pair
Knockout B1
- 2:30 p.m. 2-Session Open Pair
2-Session Gold Rush Pair
Knockout B2

Saturday, August 8

- 10:00 a.m. 2-Session Open Pair
2-Session Gold Rush Pair
Knockout B3 Semifinal
- 2:30 p.m. 2-Session Open Pair
2-Session Gold Rush Pair
Knockout B4 Final

Stratification: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750



Single session entries accepted for all pair games.

Masterpoint averaging when permitted in pair and team events.
In Gold Rush Pair or Gold Rush Swiss Team events, no player may have more than 750 masterpoints.

Note: Knockouts will take place if there are enough teams participating.

Convenient parking across from playing site. Get discounted parking sticker at the game desk.

Intermediates & Newcomers

Please participate in the Stratified Gold Rush Events

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
2-Session Gold Rush Pairs
Stratification: 0-100, 100-300, 300-750

Thursday

10:00 a.m.
2-Session Gold Rush Swiss Team
Stratification (by average):
0-100, 100-300, 300-750

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District 13 Grand National Team (GNT) Competition

All GNT photos by Suzi and Stan Subeck



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.

The time between composition and publication can be quite lengthy, and as I write this month's column, I am only one day removed from the weekend of the Flight A Grand National Teams, in which my team lost in the finals to a very good team comprised of a pair of local players and a pair from Wisconsin.

I frequently find that if I followed my own advice more often, I'd have much better results. The advice I give most often, and coincidentally, the advice I disregarded a couple of times over the weekend, is to count. The answer to virtually every problem you will ever encounter at the bridge table could be solved if you simply take the time to count. Consider this hand from the qualifying round. No one vulnerable:

		North	
		♠ KJ742	
		♥ KJ	
		♦ J76	
		♣ KJ5	
West		East	
♠ ---		♠ QT865	
♥ 754		♥ QT983	
♦ 9432		♦ T	
♣ AQ9862		♣ T4	
		South	
		♠ A93	
		♥ A62	
		♦ AKQ85	
		♣ 73	

I (South) opened 1NT, and after a transfer, ended up in four spades. West led the ♦3, (3rd/5th) and this looked suspiciously like a singleton to me.

Unwilling to lose to a doubleton ♠Q in the East, and then lose a diamond ruff and possibly two clubs, I chose to start trumps by leading low from my hand, intending to play ♠K ♠A, and lead up toward the ♠J.

This looked safest, since unless West started with ♠Qxxx, a singleton diamond, and East had the ♣A, I would be okay. (If West switched to a club, I would rise with the king.) This was rewarded when West showed out of spades. I won the ♠K, and led a spade toward my ♠A 9. East was forced to put in the ♠10 to keep me from winning the ♠9.

I won the ♠A, and for some insane reason I thought I should strip East of diamond exits before putting him in with a spade. So still (stupidly) thinking West had led a singleton diamond, I led a diamond to dummy's jack.

The retribution was swift and merciless. East ruffed, put his partner in with the ♣A and got another diamond ruff. The ♠Q was the setting trick.

How different this hand plays if I stop to count my tricks. I should have realized that WEST was the danger hand (I didn't want a low club lead from West), but his only possible entry was ♣A.

If I had stopped to count my tricks, I would have realized that I could lead the ♠9 from my hand, and never lose more than two spades and one club to make 10 tricks. At the other table, East made a lead directing double of North's two heart transfer bid, and West raised to three hearts. This got doubled and they escaped for only -1 and -100. I turned a seven imp gain into a four imp loss.

This later hand was perhaps the one that broke our collective backs. Everybody vulnerable, I pick up ♠ J73, ♥ KQ843, ♦ AJ4, ♣ K5. My partner passes, and RHO opens one spade. I briefly considered overcalling two hearts, but opposite a passed hand and holding spade losers, it would have been a poor idea at IMP scoring. The auction continues: pass, pass and partner re-opens the auction with two clubs. RHO now bids two hearts. Suddenly things are looking up.

Partner either has really long clubs or close to an opening hand. Also, he may have some spades (he didn't reopen with a double). I tell him I have a good hand with great hearts by doubling. I don't know where the opponents will go, but I'm pretty certain that they can't play it here. Perhaps partner will be able to double something later.

North	East	South	West
Pass	1S	Pass	Pass
2C	2H	Dbl	All Pass!

To my astonishment, West passes! If partner was nearly broke (with very long clubs), he would have pulled the double. This rates to be a massacre! I lead the ♠K, and dummy comes down.

		North	
		♠ Q864	
		♥ ---	
		♦ K852	
		♣ AQxxx	
West		East	
♠ 5		♠ AKT93	
♥ JT7		♥ A9652	
♦ QT9763		♦ ---	
♣ xxx		♣ Jxx	
		South	
		♠ J73	
		♥ KQ843	
		♣ K5	
		♦ AJ4	

North's IMP decision to pass in first seat was questionable, for even with a minimum, he would like a club lead on defense, and he has a

comfortable rebid over anything I might say. I chose not to overcall 2H opposite a passed hand, as I would prefer an extra spot card or two for safety.



The defense quickly took the first three tricks. Having to find a discard on the third club, I pitched a useless spade. I hoped partner could exit with a trump, and then I expected a blood-bath. When he returned a spade, I got my first clue that he probably didn't have a heart.

Declarer cashed ♠AK and led a third spade. There was no benefit to ruff in front of dummy, so I pitched a diamond. Declarer ruffed a diamond in his hand and I began to see trouble ahead. He led another spade and ruffed it again as I pitched the ♦A. Now he led dummy's last heart and let me have it. Down to ♥ K8xx, I exited with a low heart, but he was in control.

He won and led his last spade. I could ruff it low, but now had to lead a heart from ♥K8 into his ♥A9. Two hearts doubled, bid and made.

Once again, counting could have come to our rescue. Having seen East follow to three clubs, I needed to recognize that East must be exactly 6-4-0-3, 5-5-0-3, or 5-4-1-3. With the first hand, I could expect Declarer, with four weak hearts would take his chances in 2Sx rather than 2Hx. Therefore he must be 5-5-0-3 or 5-4-1-3. Partner would have returned a heart if he had one, so I should have known Declarer was exactly 5-5-0-3 and my diamonds were useless. I should have pitched a diamond.

Partner can work out that Declarer has at most a singleton diamond and switch to that suit just in case Declarer is void. Had I pitched a diamond, partner would have been more likely to find the winning continuation.

East has no answer to a diamond shift. He can ruff, cash two spades and ruff a spade, but now must tap himself a second time to get back to his hand. This tap turns out to be fatal, as now I can't be prevented from winning a third heart. (When declarer attempts to ruff his fourth spade, I ruff high and return a trump).

Our joy would have been short-lived. To add salt to the wound, at the other table, North opened 1C, East overcalled 1S, and South tried 2H. They ended up in 3NT, which, as the cards laid, was unbeatable.

So we were destined to lose 9 IMPs even if we defended properly. Allowing 2Hx to make cost us 15 IMPs, and was a major factor why our team lost in the finals!

70%

GAMES

84.4% Louis Gaspardo, Jim Jurik, S. Suburban Bridge Center

81.1% Toddy Leavitt, Susan Adams, Chicago DB

78.6% Yan Song, Aleksandar Lishkov, Chicago DB

78.3% Valy Lev, Gabriel Peretz, Queen of Clubs DBC

77.0% Pat Knowles, Kathy Kraus, Chicago DB

76.7% Burton Lewis, Susan Adams, The Clare

76.0% Frederick Thielsen, Bobbie Carric, Olympus DBC

75.0% Bill Harris, Jack Snyder, Naper DBC

75.0% Robert Listernick, Charles Firke, Chicago DB

74.4% Kathy Myers, Stephen Meyers, Arlington Bridge B's

74.4% Jack Snyder, Roger Hendrick, Naper DBC

74.3% Steven Morris, William Bartley, Chicago DB

73.5% Carole Jaacks, Barbara Witkiewicz, Arlington Bridge B's

72.5% Jerry Palm, Constance Stevens, South Suburban Bridge Center

72.4% L. James Phillips, Stephen Donahue, Ace of Clubs

72.1% Elaine Frank, Walter Pollack, New Easy/ Wed.

71.9% Vinod Rajakumar, Jeff Zhang, Chicago DB

71.9% Judy Isenberg, Richard Strauss, Tom's Game

71.8% Diane Stumpf, Sue McDonald, New Easy Bridge

71.3% John Miller, William Berkman, Chicago DB

71.2% F Makson, David Faulkner, University Club

71.0% Linda Sweig, Aleksandar Lishkov, Lawson Bridge Studio

70.8% Thomas Karstens, Bonnie Katzenstein, Hinsdale DB

72.0% Mark Pinkowski, Matthew Dyer, Chicago DB

70.9% James Reynolds, Lin-

da Sweig, The Admiral at the Lake

70.8% Mark Dimberg, Elaine Morrison, Queen of Clubs DBC

71.5% Beryl Block, Amin Hakim, NorthShore DBC

70.8% Martina Kelley, Michael Kelley, Olympia DBC

70.7% Mark Ginsburg, Kenneth Tatz, Tom's Game

70.4% Susan Eggebrecht, Eldad Ginossar, Chicago DB

70.0% Millie Olson, Jeanne Nunez, Hinsdale DB

70.0% Paul Rogerson and Bill Rogerson, Unusual NT

ACBL Update regarding COVID-19

The following was sent by the ACBL to its members:

We want to keep you informed with updates as the unique circumstances of COVID-19 continue. Incidents of exposure (and positive test results) by bridge players and ACBL staff have been reported directly to the ACBL as well as in local media.

We understand your concerns about potential exposure to COVID-19. After talking with several health departments, we can provide the following information to you:

The ACBL will not release private health information of our members, including the names of members who have tested positive for the virus. However, members may publicly self-identify and, if that happens, their name can be further discussed publicly. Your club or District/Unit officials may send you notifications naming specific individuals if the person has identified themselves and provided written authorization to the club or District/Unit official. Otherwise, they may send you a general notice that a person who tested positive played at the same event as you did.

If you are concerned that you may have been exposed to COVID-19, follow the recommendations of the [Centers for Disease Control](#) by contacting your healthcare provider for medical advice.

Congratulations Rank Advancers

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Al Renslow
Karla Schwartz
Mark Scoles
Tim Segall
Antoinette Strezo
William Thonn
Marietta Toft
Bobbie Vender

Susan White
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Linda Lewandowski
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Improving Your Play – Spots are Important



By Ginny and Jeff Schuett

Good spots are very important when playing a hand. By good spots, we mean having lots of 9's, 8's, and even 7's just below your honor cards.

If the 98 or 987 spot card combination is together, even better.

When opponents lead secondary honors and you have split honors with good spots, cover their honors with yours in an effort to promote your good spots to winners. This is especially true when they lead a J or 10 from shortness in trying for a ruff. Note the example below:

NORTH		EAST	
♠ J76		♠ 954	
♥ J52		♥ 76	
♦ J6432		♦ KQ75	
♣ A10		♣ QJ43	
WEST		EAST	
♠ K832		♠ 954	
♥ 984		♥ 76	
♦ 10		♦ KQ75	
♣ K9752		♣ QJ43	
SOUTH		EAST	
♠ AQ10		♠ 954	
♥ AKQ103		♥ 76	
♦ A98		♦ KQ75	
♣ 86		♣ QJ43	

BIDDING (Dealer S EW Vulnerable)			
N	E	S	W
2H	P	1H	P
		4H	All Pass

LEAD: ♦10

West leads the ♦10 hoping for a ruff. Declarer must appreciate the value of his 98 of diamonds and cover West's ♦10 with dummy's J and when East splits his KQ, win the A.

After pulling trumps, South can lead his ♦9, forcing out the ♦K to promote his ♦8 to a winner. Even without the ♦8, you could lead toward ♦9 later after pulling trump to promote that to a winner.

Check out the second example below.

		NORTH			
		♠ Q762			
		♥ KJ52			
		♦ Q432			
		♣ 10			
WEST				EAST	
♠ 109854				♠ A	
♥ 98				♥ Q1064	
♦ 105				♦ J76	
♣ A652				♣ KJ743	
		SOUTH			
		♠ KJ3			
		♥ A73			
		♦ AK98			
		♣ Q98			
BIDDING (Dealer S, No one Vulnerable)					
N	E	S	W		
		1NT	P		
2C	P	2D	P		
2NT	P	3NT	All Pass		

Lead: ♣10

West leads the ♣10 from his three-card sequence. In bidding, some might double two clubs with East's hand, suggesting a lead, but the clubs spots are pretty weak.

East wins the ♠A and shifts to the ♣J smothering the ♣10, hoping partner has the ♣9. South must cover to promote his ♣98 into a stopper.

Summary – appreciate the value of spots in evaluating your hand during the bidding and use them in the play to create more winners. Lay out some hands with a deck of cards to see it.

Ginny and Jeff Schuett - bridge teaching, directing, play. Email - jgschuett2@comcast.net. Phone 847-940-7236



Despite its decision to cancel the Spring NABC in Columbus, Ohio, the ACBL says it plans to hold its Summer NABC in Montreal, Canada, and its Fall NABC in Tampa.

The ACBL said there are no plans to reschedule the Columbus NABC for later in the year, although the city may be considered as a possible location in the future.

The decision to cancel was made "following a careful review of the order issued by local health and governmental authorities in Ohio banning mass gatherings of more than 100 people."

"We are saddened to cancel the Spring NABC and feel sympathy for the local tournament committee which has worked for several years to create a special welcome and memorable bridge experience," said ACBL Executive Director Joseph Jones, "but we must comply with governmental regulations."

The Summer NABC will be July 16-26 at the Palais des Congres de Montreal. The Fall NABC will be November 26-December 6 at the Tampa, Florida Convention Center. For more information regarding the NABC, go to www.acbl.org.

Ace of Clubs Moving

The Ace of Clubs Saturday will begin holding its games at the BJBE Congregation, 1201 Lake



Cook Road, Deerfield, beginning April 4. Game time will remain 11 a.m. For more information, contact Daryl at 847-810-9272 or Phyllis at 847-494-8474.

The Importance of Not Telling the Truth

By Michael Berkowitz



Larry Cohen gave me my first driving lesson. I was nine.

Larry was always my parents' fun friend and I've discussed the mischief we got into before, but this one might take the cake. You see, my sister and I loved driving Larry's golf cart in Florida. Larry figured that since we liked driving so much, the next logical step would be to drive his Lexus.


We successfully navigated an empty parking lot with Larry's careful tutelage (and some help reaching the pedals). Afterwards, Larry said, "now let's not tell your parents." I was a bad secret keeper. I think I might have made it out of the car before screaming, "Mom, you'll never guess what we did!"

We never got a second driving lesson.

In bridge and in life, sometimes you're better off concealing information.

















W	N	E	S
			1 
Pass	2  *	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Dealer South
Both Vulnerable
*Inverted minor

Lead-  4

This looks like a pretty normal 3NT with 13 opposite 12. Partner might have bid 3NT herself, but it looks to play better from your side with this lead. Count your tricks; you start with one spade, three hearts and a club trick. It looks like your plan will be to work on diamonds for three tricks and then take a double spade finesse for a trick (playing low now and then playing towards the nine later). Anyway, you play low from dummy and East wins the spade K.

Are you waiting for me to tell you what East leads back? Not so fast. What did you play to trick one? If you carelessly play the 2, then you can bet that a club is coming next. Let's take a look at the full deal.

	 A93  KQJ  QJ74  1083	
WEST		EAST
 Q854  963  A5  Q952		 K6  10842  1096  KJ74
	 J1072  A75  K832  A6	

Imagine you are East. You see the spade 4 lead and think "Ok this could be a four-card suit or a five-card suit" since partner leads fourth-best from length. You can see the three in dummy, but if partner holds the 2, partner will have five spades in total.

You win the king and need to decide whether to switch or to continue this suit. It doesn't feel like you have an outside entry to your clubs anymore



(and you might be sitting up a trick for declarer; picture club AQx) so it might be best to continue partner's suit. Imagine partner with spade Q10542. Returning spades will kill this contract.

If declarer plays the 2, you now know that your future in spades isn't so bright. Partner has at most 4 having led fourth-best (with no cards missing lower than the 4) and doesn't have the QJ10 so declarer likely has that suit double-stopped. Now you'll switch to a club hoping for the best, and declarer is done. Continuing spades will lead to 9+ tricks.

It's important for declarer to casually throw the spade 7 to keep the opponents guessing rather than the spade 2 which reveals everything. As declarer, concealing the truth will keep the defense from knowing that a switch is right.

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Dates change for NAP, GNP Finals

The ACBL Board of Directors passed the following motion on March 20.

The 2020 NAP Finals will be held at the Montreal Summer 2020 NABC. The 2020 GNP Finals will be held at the Tampa Fall 2020 NABC. The details of the finals, including the scheduling of those events, will be established by management at a later date.

The deadline for the completion of District GNP Finals will be October 1, 2020.



"IT IS A READING GROUP, LORETTA ... WE SIT AROUND TRYING TO READ EACH OTHER'S HANDS."

C The Ace of Clubs Saturday has changed its venue to BJBE Congregation, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield. This is the same location as the Monday and Wednesday games.

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N For information, call Daryl at 847-810-9272 or Phyllis at 847-494-8474.

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W In other news, Elaine Morrison brought to a close two of her games. They are the Monday a.m. session at North Shore Israel in Glencoe and her Wednesday game in Deerfield.

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2020 CALENDAR

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/PLACE</u>
District 13 STaC	Monday, May 11-Sunday, May 17, At the Clubs
CCBA Summer STaC	Monday, July 6-Sunday, July 12, At the Clubs
Unit 222 Sectional	Wednesday, July 29-Saturday, August 1, Waukesha, WI
Windy City Regional	Monday, August 3- Saturday, August 8, Downtown at UIC
Labor Day Sectional	Friday, September 4-Monday, September 7, Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie
Central States Regional	Monday, October 12-Sunday, October 18, Hyatt Regency, Schaumburg
District 13 STaC	Monday, November 9-Sunday, November 15, At the Clubs
FallFest Sectional	Friday, November 20-Sunday 22, Schaumburg
CCBA STaC	Monday, December 7-Sunday, December 13, At the Clubs

Special Club Games (Earn Extra Points)

Day/Date	Time	Club	Location	Event
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NOTE: The ACBL recommends that all clubs be closed until May 11, but they are leaving the discretion to open/close to the club director/owner. Please check with your club to determine when it will be open.

Wed - Apr 8	11:00 AM	Fox Bridge	Riverside Town Hall	Charity Pairs Game
Wed - Apr 8	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Unit Game
Wed - Apr 8	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	Charity Pairs Game
Wed - Apr 8	10:30 AM	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Charity Pairs Game
Wed - Apr 8	7:00 PM	Reluctant Redoubler DBC	Unity Church	Unit Championship
Thu - Apr 9	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs (Passover)
Thu - Apr 9	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/199 Charity Pairs
Thu - Apr 9	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Charity Club Championship
Fri - Apr 10	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs Game
Fri - Apr 10	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Charity Club Championship
Fri - Apr 10	7:15 PM	West Suburban DB	First Congregational Church	Charity Club Championship
Sat - Apr 11	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Charity Pairs Game
Sat - Apr 11	11:15 AM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-500 Charity Pairs
Sat - Apr 11	11:00 AM	Olympia DBC	Countryside Church	Charity Pairs Game
Sun - Apr 12	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs Game
Mon - Apr 20	12:30 PM	Chicago Cultural Center M	Chicago Cultural Center	Charity Club Championship
Mon - Apr 20	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-299 Charity Pairs
Mon - Apr 20	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Charity Club Championship

Special Club Games *(Earn Extra Points)*

Day/Date	Time	Club	Location	Event
Mon - Apr 20	6:20 PM	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant	ACBL Charity Month
Mon - Apr 20	11:00 AM	Olympia DBC	Countryside Church	Charity Pairs Game
Tue - Apr 21	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs Game
Tue - Apr 21	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs Game
Tue - Apr 21	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Charity Club Championship
Tue - Apr 21	7:00 PM	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational Church	Charity Pairs Game
Wed - Apr 22	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-299 Charity Pairs
Wed - Apr 22	11:00 AM	Fox Bridge	Riverside Town Hall	Charity Pairs Game
Wed - Apr 22	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Charity Club Championship
Wed - Apr 22	10:30 AM	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Charity Pairs Game
Wed - Apr 22	7:00 PM	Reluctant Redoubler DBC	Unity Church	Charity Swiss Teams
Thu - Apr 23	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs (Lk Geneva)
Thu - Apr 23	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/199 Charity Pairs Game
Thu - Apr 23	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Charity Club Championship
Fri - Apr 24	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs Game
Fri - Apr 24	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Charity Club Championship
Fri - Apr 24	7:15 PM	West Suburban DB	First Congregational Church	Charity Club Championship
Sat - Apr 25	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Charity Pairs Game
Sat - Apr 25	11:15 AM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-500 Charity Pairs
Sat - Apr 25	11:00 AM	Olympia DBC	Countryside Church	Charity Jpairs Game
Mon - Apr 27	12:30 PM	Chicago Cultural Center M	Chicago Cultural Center	Charity Club Championship
Mon - Apr 27	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-299 Charity Pairs
Mon - Apr 27	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Charity Club Championship
Mon - Apr 27	11:00 AM	Olympia DBC	Countryside Church	Charity Pairs Game
Tue - Apr 28	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs Game
Tue - Apr 28	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs Game
Tue - Apr 28	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Charity Club Championship
Tue - Apr 28	7:00 PM	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational Church	Charity Pairs Game
Wed - Apr 29	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs Game
Wed - Apr 29	11:00 AM	Fox Bridge	Riverside Town Hall	Charity Team, Township Food Pantry
Wed - Apr 29	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Charity Club Championship
Wed - Apr 29	10:30 AM	New Lenox - Joliet DBC	New Life Church	Charity Pairs Game
Thu - Apr 30	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Charity Pairs Game
Thu - Apr 30	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/199 Charity Pairs
Thu - Apr 30	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Charity Club Championship
Fri - May 1	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Fri - May 1	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Fri - May 1	7:15 PM	West Suburban DB	First Congregational Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Sat - May 2	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Grassroots Fund Pairs
Sat - May 2	11:15 AM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-500 Grass Roots Fund
Sun - May 3	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Teams
Mon - May 4	12:30 PM	Chicago Cultural Center M	Chicago Cultural Center	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Mon - May 4	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-299 Grass Roots Fund
Mon - May 4	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Tue - May 5	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Tue - May 5	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Mentor/Mentee
Tue - May 5	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Tue - May 5	7:00 PM	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational Church	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Fri - May 1	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Fri - May 1	7:15 PM	West Suburban DB	First Congregational Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Sat - May 2	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Grassroots Fund Pairs
Sat - May 2	11:15 AM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-500 Grass Roots Fund
Sun - May 3	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Teams
Mon - May 4	12:30 PM	Chicago Cultural Center M	Chicago Cultural Center	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Mon - May 4	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-299 Grass Roots Fund
Mon - May 4	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Tue - May 5	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Tue - May 5	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Mentor/Mentee
Tue - May 5	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Tue - May 5	7:00 PM	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational Church	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Wed - May 6	11:00 AM	Fox Bridge	Riverside Town Hall	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Wed - May 6	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Grass Root Fund Pairs
Thu - May 7	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Thu - May 7	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/199 Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Thu - May 7	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Thu - May 7	6:45 PM	Wheaton DBC Thursday	St. Matthews Church of Christ	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Fri - May 8	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Fri - May 8	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Fri - May 8	7:15 PM	West Suburban DB	First Congregational Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs

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Sat - May 9	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Grassroots Fund Pairs
Sat - May 9	11:15 AM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-500 Grass Roots Fund
Sun - May 10	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Mon - May 11	12:30 PM	Chicago Cultural Center M	Chicago Cultural Center	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Mon - May 11	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC D13
Mon - May 11	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Tue - May 12	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Tue - May 12	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC
Tue - May 12	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Tue - May 12	7:00 PM	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational Church	STaC D13
Wed - May 13	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC D13
Wed - May 13	11:00 AM	Fox Bridge	Riverside Town Hall	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Wed - May 13	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	STaC D13
Wed - May 13	7:00 PM	Reluctant Redoubler DBC	Unity Church	STaC D13
Thu - May 14	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC D13
Thu - May 14	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC D13
Thu - May 14	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	STaC D13
Thu - May 14	6:45 PM	Wheaton DBC Thursday	St. Matthews Church of Christ	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Fri - May 15	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC D13
Fri - May 15	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Fri - May 15	7:15 PM	West Suburban DB	First Congregational Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Sat - May 16	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Grassroots Team Game
Sat - May 16	11:15 AM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	STaC D13
Sun - May 17	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Mon - May 18	12:30 PM	Chicago Cultural Center M	Chicago Cultural Center	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Mon - May 18	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-299 Grass Roots Fund
Mon - May 18	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Tue - May 19	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Tue - May 19	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Tue - May 19	1:00 PM	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Tue - May 19	7:00 PM	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational Church	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Wed - May 20	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-299 Grass Roots Fund
Wed - May 20	11:00 AM	Fox Bridge	Riverside Town Hall	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Wed - May 20	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Grass Root Fund Game
Wed - May 20	7:00 PM	Reluctant Redoubler DBC	Unity Church	Club Championship
Thu - May 21	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Thu - May 21	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/199 Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Thu - May 21	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Unit Game
Thu - May 21	6:45 PM	Wheaton DBC Thursday	St. Matthews Church of Christ	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Fri - May 22	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Fri - May 22	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Fri - May 22	7:15 PM	West Suburban DB	First Congregational Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Sat - May 23	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Grassroots Fund Pairs
Sat - May 23	11:15 AM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-500 Grass Roots Fund
Sun - May 24	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Mon - May 25	12:30 PM	Chicago Cultural Center M	Chicago Cultural Center	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Mon - May 25	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-299 Grass Roots Fund
Mon - May 25	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Grass Roots Fund-Earn
Tue - May 26	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Tue - May 26	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Tue - May 26	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Tue - May 26	1:00 PM	The Admiral At The Lake	Admiral at the Lake	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Tue - May 26	7:00 PM	Tree Towns DBC	First Congregational Church	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Wed - May 27	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-299 Grass Roots Fund
Wed - May 27	11:00 AM	Fox Bridge	Riverside Town Hall	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Wed - May 27	7:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Grass Root Fund Game
Wed - May 27	7:00 PM	Reluctant Redoubler DBC	Unity Church	Grass Roots Swiss Teams
Thu - May 28	12:15 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Thu - May 28	6:30 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/199 Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Thu - May 28	12:00 PM	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Grass Roots Fund Game
Thu - May 28	6:45 PM	Wheaton DBC Thursday	St. Matthews Church of Christ	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Fri - May 29	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs
Fri - May 29	11:00 AM	NaperDBC	Wesley United Methodist Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Fri - May 29	7:15 PM	West Suburban DB	First Congregational Church	Grass Roots Charity Pairs
Sat - May 30	12:30 PM	All Bridge Saints	Union Church of Hinsdale	Grassroots Fund Pairs
Sat - May 30	11:15 AM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Open/0-500 Grass Roots Fund
Sun - May 31	1:00 PM	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club	Grass Roots Fund Pairs