

# Kibitzer

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## Hooray! Face-to-Face Bridge Is Coming Back

### LOCAL CLUB SCHEDULES

There are positive signs that bridge is returning to normal—that is, face-to-face play—both at the clubs and at tournaments. Some area clubs have indicated they plan to open this spring, and may have already opened by the time this newsletter is issued. And one club, Jerry Scholle's **Lawson Bridge Studio**, has been open since May 3.

The club meets 6:20 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Ann Sather Restaurant, 909 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago. The restaurant is proving free parking in its lot. Jerry said masks and pre-registration is required.

"We are using round tables and spacing to maximize social distancing," he said. "We have had three to six tables. Play is a little slower than before the pandemic as players and directors are having trouble remembering bids, plays, rules, and computer program operations, but everyone is enjoying playing in person again"

Jerry said, "We were part of the Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club's online games, and they should be deleting our club from their schedule since we have reopened."

For additional information, phone or text Jerry at 773-209-7089.

Sue Erickson planned to open the **Olympia Duplicate Bridge Club** on May 31 at the Palatine Countryside Church, 126 Smith Street. The game begins at a new time - 10 a.m. For additional information, contact Sue at 847-398-3440.

Daryl Novick's **Ace of Clubs Monday and Wednesday** will open 10:30 a.m. on June 14 in Temple B'nai, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield. He plans to continue his online game for a while. For more information, call Daryl at 847-810-9272.

Pat Valiska's **South Suburban Bridge Center** will be opening July 13 in its



Players enjoying the Labor Day Tournament are shown in this 2019 photograph. Plans are underway for the 2021 tournament.

new location, Trinity Lutheran School, 18144 Glen Terrace, Lansing. Games are Tuesday and Friday at 11 a.m., with a new director, Joe Connelly. Contact Lynne at 708-217-5947 or email [patthesoxfan@comcast.net](mailto:patthesoxfan@comcast.net).

Diane Martin's **Hinsdale DBC** plans to reopen in July. Game times will be Monday and Thursday at 12 noon, with the 499er games beginning 15 minutes earlier. Diane will be continuing her HINS/SSBC/CAL online.

**Calumet DBC** will reopen at 11 a.m. on June 7 at the Calumet Highland Elk's Club, 3120 45th Street, Highland, Indiana. For additional information regarding the Hinsdale or Calumet games, contact Diane at [puccinni2008@gmail.com](mailto:puccinni2008@gmail.com).

Also indicating plans to open this summer is Ron Helman's **Unusual No Trump**.

It is suggested that players check with club owners to learn the requirements for attending. Some may require masks, vax cards, or a temperature check.

### UNIT 123

Unit 123's plans to have its traditional Labor Day Silver Point Sectional in the Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie.

This fun event has featured various pair and team events, ending with Swiss teams on Labor Day, the final day of the tournament.

Additional information will be posted, as it becomes available, at [www.bridgeinchicago.com](http://www.bridgeinchicago.com).

### OTHER UNITS

Unit 222 will hold its Fallfest Tournament in Good Hope School, Glendale, Wisconsin, on September 29-October 2. For more information, go to [unit271.com/tournaments](http://unit271.com/tournaments).

Unit 149 has not announced any tournament dates. Its information will be posted when available at [acbl-wumba.org/u149tournamentFlyers.html](http://acbl-wumba.org/u149tournamentFlyers.html).

### NABC TOURNAMENT

At the national level, the good news is the planned return of the NABCs (North American Bridge Championships). This prestigious event will take place November 25-December 5 in Austin, Texas. The NABCs are for players of all levels, from beginners to experts. Reservations for room blocks will be available in late summer. For additional information, go to [www.nabc.acbl.org](http://www.nabc.acbl.org), where the many events are listed.

## Message from CCBA President Dressing

There is good news for bridge players. Face-to-face play is beginning to return to your local duplicate club. Keep an eye on the CCBA web page as news of reopening clubs can be found there. I'm hoping that by fall things will be somewhat back to normal. All of us are looking forward to seeing familiar faces across the table. Sadly, some of those faces will be missing, because we have lost a number of our bridge friends during the pandemic. Their loss will be felt and mourned.

I'm curious as to how many people will decide to use online bridge as their primary venue in which to play this game we all love. Please consider these thoughts: How many of your friends that you have now are bridge players that you met while playing at your local duplicate club? What close friend do you have today as a result of playing in person? If you decided to play online, you will rob

yourself of new friendships waiting to be discovered. Consider joining your fellow enthusiasts again and support your local owners/directors.

Most clubs will publish their "back to live play" requirements on the CCBA website. For the next few months, they may operate differently than you remember -- masks required/optional? vaccination cards? food or drinks? snacks? Please check with the individual owners as to their site requirements. (Sometimes these things are out of the control of the owner!)

BBO will still be available for rainy day play! Please get out there and support your local club!

See you at the tables,

Tom Dressing  
CCBA President

### Outstanding Player Edith "Ruth" Westberg Passes



Edith "Ruth" Westberg, age 94, of Tinley Park, IL, passed away on May 23.

Ruth was a well known bridge player, amassing over 8,000 master points, achieving the rank of Emerald Life Master. For 15 years, she won the Mini-McKenny Award. She was a longstanding board member of the South Suburban Bridge Club, and was an asset to the game of bridge.

She was a talented equestrian and was also a world traveler, especially enjoying cruises.

She leaves children Linda (Ron) Davison, Carey Westberg, Darlene (Tim) Fuller, and Kurt (Lori) Westberg, and several

grandchildren. Memorial services were held May 28 at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home in Tinley Park.

### Well-Known Bridge Player Jeff Miller Passes



Jeff Miller, 73, a top bridge player in the area, passed away May 7. Miller, a long-time Naperville resident, moved two years ago to Peoria, Arizona, where he died.

He not only was known for his expert bridge play, but for being a gentleman at the table. In 2015 then ACBL President Suzi Subeck appointed him to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee. He was well liked by the committee members, who elected him chairman.

Years ago, Jeff and his bridge partner Phil Warden were the top pair in Wisconsin. When Jeff moved to Illinois, players like Ralph Katz, Milt Rosenberg, Billy Rosen, Jerry Goldfein and many others dominated the field. Jeff was a great student of the game. He and Phil quickly tweaked their strong club

system to compete on an even keel with the top Chicago pairs.

He was a partner in NewArc Investments until 2019, and was a registered investment advisor. He leaves his wife Maribeth and son Derek.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Surprise (Arizona) Funeral Care.

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## District 13 GNT Representatives

Representing District 13 at the Fall North American Bridge Championships (NABC) in Austin will primarily be the winners of the 2020 Grand National Team competition. The teams did not get to play last year because the Fall NABC was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Among those heading to the NABC's are the winners of the 2020 Championship Flight: Drew Becker, George Jacobs, Larry Robbins and Claude Vogel.

Representing Flight A will be Paul Karas, Mark Kinzer, Alexander Lishkov, Eric Mane and Bob Marheine.

Two teams will represent Flight B. The first consists of Zagozon Leszek, Robert Lubowicki, Ted Marecki, Michael Omielski, and Vladimar Reznik.

The second Flight B team members are James Abbott, Ryan Daniels, Nic Hristea, and Mark Pinkowski.

Winning Flight C last year and Texas bound are Zhiqiang Hu, Li Miao, Henry Shi and Zhijing Tang.



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



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



Flight A representatives will be Mark Kinzer, Bob Marheine, and Aleksander Lishkov, above, and Paul Karas and Eric Mane, not shown.



## Congratulations Rank Advancers-You Did It!

### Junior Masters

Kate Ferraro  
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# Common Card Combinations as both Declarer, Defender



By Jeff and Ginny Schuett

Defender Plays:

3) Contract: 4♠  
West leads ♥5

	North	
	♥Q109	
West		East
♥5		♥K72
	South	
	??	

South plays ♥9 from dummy. What should East play at trick 1? Why?

Answers:

(1)

Playing low at trick one is by far the best play. East will play the J and you can win the ace. Then draw trump and lead a low club to the Q for your inevitable loser. Importantly, you don't have to worry about what to do with your ♣2. Declarer played the ♣Q at trick one, covered by ♣K and won with ♣A, but now had to deal with that ♣2 loser, eventually lost it and went down. ♣109 are huge cards here and make your play of low easier.

Let's look at a few common card combinations and determine how to deal with them.

Declarer plays:

1) Contract: 4♠  
East had overcalled 2♣  
West leads ♣6

	North	
	♣Q43	
West		East
♣6		♣KJ875
	♣A1092	

What should South play from dummy at trick 1? Why?

2) Contract: 3NT  
North

	♦Q4	
West		East
♦6		♦??
	South	
	♦A102	

West leads ♦6

South who doesn't have 9 tricks, must knockout an ace to get extra winners. What should South play from dummy at trick 1? Why?



(2)

Especially playing in NT, playing low at trick one guarantees you a second stopper in ♦. If East plays ♦K, South wins ♦A and Q is second stopper. If East plays ♦J, South wins ♦A and K takes Q, and 10 is second stopper. If East plays lower than ♦10, South wins ♦10, and ♦A is second stopper. Many players fail to appreciate the power of that ♦10 and will play ♦Q at trick one. But if East covers with ♦K, whether you win the ♦A now or hold up, you have lost the second diamond stopper.

(3)

In a suit contract, partner should NEVER underlead an ace on opening lead, so declarer has the ace. If you play ♥K, declarer wins ♥A and can finesse partner out of ♥J if he has it. But if you play ♥2 at trick one, declarer does get two tricks, but not three. Sometimes declarer has singleton ♥A.

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## These are guaranteed to make you smile

From Richard Pavlicek's website ...

Judy, Trudy and Meg would like to play in the Mixed Pairs, so they go to the partnership desk well before game time. The hostess cordially greets them but warns, "We have *one rule* here: No cell phones!"

Sure enough, before another word could be spoken, Judy's cell phone rings, and the hostess says, "Sorry, Judy. For that I must pair you with Joe, the worst male bridge player of all time."

A few minutes later, Trudy's cell phone chimes, and the hostess says, "Too bad, Trudy. Your partner will be Sam, who is about as hopeless as they come."

Meanwhile, Meg waits patiently for almost an hour with her cell phone carefully turned off. Finally, the hostess walks over with Bob Hamman and says, "Congratulations, Meg! Your partner will be the world's #1 player."



Meg is awestruck as she turns to Mr. Hamman, "I can't believe it! What could I have done to deserve a partner as great

as you?"

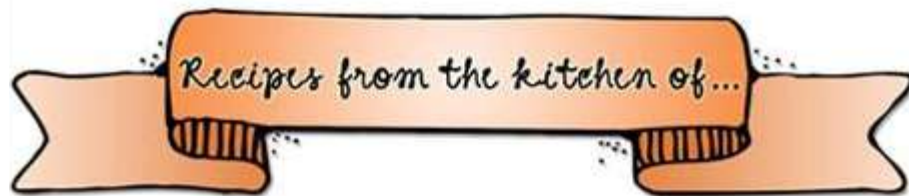
"I don't know what happened to you," grumbled Bob, "but my damn cell phone went off!"

When do people start using their trampoline? Spring-Time.

What do you call a rabbit with fleas? Bugs Bumy

What do you call a girl with a frog on her head? Lily.

When do monkeys fall from the sky? During Ape-ril showers.



Club owners, directors and players share their favorite bridge game recipes

### Baked Three-Cheese Pasta

1 (8-oz.) package penne pasta  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons flour  
1 1/2 cups milk  
1/2 cup half-and-half  
1/2 cup (4 oz.) shredded white Cheddar cheese  
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1 cup (8 oz.) shredded Gruyère cheese, divided\*  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
Pinch of ground nutmeg

Prepare pasta according to package directions.

Meanwhile, melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat.

Whisk in flour; cook, whisking constantly, 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk and half-and-half; cook, whisking constantly for 3 to 5 minutes or until thickened. Stir in Cheddar cheese, Parmesan cheese, 1/2 cup Gruyère cheese, and next 3 ingredients until smooth.

Stir together pasta and cheese mixture, and pour into 4 lightly greased 8-oz. baking dishes or 1 lightly greased 11- x 7-inch baking dish. (If using 8-oz. baking dishes, place in a jelly-roll pan for easy baking, and proceed as directed.) Top with remaining 1/2 cup Gruyère cheese.

Bake at 350° for 15 minutes or until golden and bubbly. Makes 4 servings.

Note: Can use Gouda instead of Gruyère.

Submitted by Tom Dressing  
Tom's Game

### Fruit Torte

Cream together  
2 cups sugar  
1 cup butter (2 sticks)

Add  
4 eggs  
Beat well

Add  
2 cups flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
Salt

Place in greased and floured tube pan. Cover the surface with one of the following:

Blueberries  
Pitted Italian plums (skin side up)  
Sliced apples  
Sliced peaches

Sprinkle the top with 1/4 cup of sugar and some cinnamon. (Also a little flour if the fruit is juicy)

Bake 350 degrees for one-hour (more if necessary).

Submitted by Phyllis Bartlett  
Ace of Clubs, Deerfield



### Oriental Cabbage Salad

Mix:  
1 large bag cabbage slaw  
1 cup chopped scallions  
1 cup sunflower seeds  
1 cup sliced almonds (toasted)  
2 pkgs Ramen noodles (broken)

Dressing:  
Mix and pour over slaw mixture  
1 cup peanut oil  
1 tsp sesame oil  
1/3 cup rice (wine) vinegar  
1/2 cup sugar  
Spice packets from Ramen noodles

Submitted by Jim Diebel  
Naperville DB Club  
West Suburban Duplicate Bridge



### Yummy Banana Cake

Cream together:  
2 1/4 cups sugar  
2 1/2 sticks unsalted butter  
Add three large eggs, one at a time

Add:  
6 tablespoons sour half-and-half  
1 tablespoon vanilla

Shift together and slowly add to mixture:  
2 cups plus 2 tablespoons cake flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Add:  
3 ripe medium size bananas (pureed)

Bake 350 for 45 minutes.

### GLAZE

In a microwave:

Melt 1/2 stick butter and 1/2 cup brown sugar. Stir and microwave one minute.

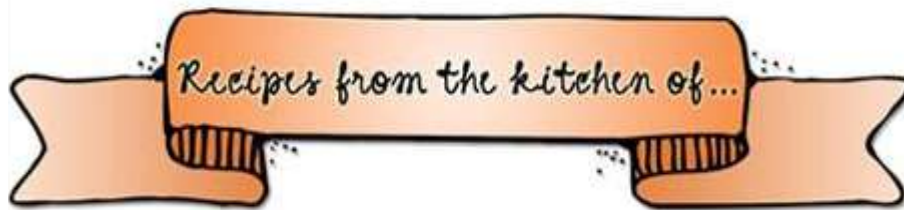
Add:  
2 tablespoons milk and microwave 45 seconds.

Add:  
1 teaspoon vanilla. Whisk in 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar and whisk until smooth.

Drizzle over warm cake

Submitted by Ginny and Jeff Schuett  
New Eazy Wednesday





### White Chicken Chili

One roasted chicken pulled off the bones (I generally do my own with legs or breasts but can be store bought)

- 1 16 oz black bean and corn salsa
- 3 - 16 oz cans of northern beans with the water
- 8 oz of pepper jack cheese
- 8 oz of Monterrey jack cheese
- 1 tablespoon of cumin

Cook in a crock pot for 4 hours on low or two hours on high.

For a little more "heat" you can use all pepper jack or jalapeño jack

Submitted by Nancy Miller  
All Bridge Saints, New Lenox-Joliet

### Pita Chips with Cheezy Dip

- 4 each pita, lightly brushed with olive oil
- Kosher salt
- 12 ounces goat cheese
- 4 ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped sun dried tomatoes
- 1/2 cup pitted and chopped kalamata olives
- 3T basil, cut into a fine chiffonade
- 2 T olive oil
- 1 T balsamic vinegar

Grill the pita over a moderate flame on the grill for one minute on each side or until you begin to see grill marks. Remove from grill and cut into six pieces. Sprinkle with kosher salt.

Combine the two cheese in a bowl. Form into a round shape and place in the center of a large plate and press the cheese mixture down slightly. Combine the remaining ingredients and pour over the cheese.

Arrange pita chips along side of the cheese mixture. Serve immediately. Serves 4

Submitted by Mary Schultz  
Fox Bridge DBC



### Breakfast Casserole

- 12 eggs
- 2 1-pound packages of pork sausage
- 1 package of hash browns
- 2 cups milk
- 16 oz of shredded cheddar cheese

Brown the pork sausage and drain.

Add some of the drippings back to the pan and brown the hash browns.

Grease a large casserole dish (at least 9x13)

Mix the sausage and hash browns and about 1/3 of the cheese. Put in casserole dish.

Mix the eggs and milk until well mixed. Pour on top of the sausage and hash browns. Top with the remaining cheddar cheese.

Bake until set and starting to brown on top.

Note: For variation you can add diced green pepper, diced onions or mushrooms

Nancy Miller  
All Bridge Saints and New Lenox-Joliet Duplicate Bridge Clubs



### Broccoli Casserole

- 2 packages frozen chopped broccoli
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 cup real mayonnaise
- 2 T grated onions
- Salt to taste
- 1 cup Ritz cracker crumbs

Cook Broccoli 5 minutes. Drain.

Combine all the other ingredients, except crackers, and add to broccoli.

Turn into casserole dish and sprinkle with crumbs.

Cook 400 degrees for 20 minutes

(Can be made the day before, except for the crumbs. Allow extra baking time if the casserole does not reach room temperature before baking.)

Submitted by Ginny and Jeff Schuett  
New Eazy Wednesday

### French Onion Dip

Combine a carton of sour cream and a packet of dry onion soup mix.

Great with potato chips.

### Easy Shrimp Dip

Place a soft 8-oz package of cream cheese on a plate. Flatten it.

Pour a bottle of shrimp hot sauce on top. Lay shrimp (cooked) or a can of crab meat on top.

Serve with crackers.

### Quick Bean Dip

Mix 8 ounces of cream cheese and one can of chili.

Heat in microwave until soft.

Sprinkle shredded cheddar or pepper jack cheese on top. Microwave until cheese is melted.

Delicious with Nacho chips or crackers.

# Jim reveals trials and tribulations of online directing



*Winning with Wimpy  
By Jim Diebel*

The more time I spend as an online director, the more often I have to shake my head in disbelief. Even though some director's calls are valid, other protests and complaints range from silly to infuriating.

North  
 ♠ 876  
 ♥ 942  
 ♦ 754  
 ♣ J985

West  
 ♠ A32  
 ♥ KQT76  
 ♦ QJ  
 ♣ T42

East  
 ♠ J  
 ♥ A3  
 ♦ AKT832  
 ♣ A763

South  
 ♠ KQT954  
 ♥ J85  
 ♦ 96  
 ♣ KQ

East	South	West	North
1D	1S	DBL?	Pass
3C	3S	4H	Pass
4NT	Pass	5C	All Pass

With 13 tricks available in hearts, diamonds or no trump, EW settled in 5C, going down two. This resulted in a 99 percent score for NS. South called me to the table. He wanted EW penalized for refusing to explain the 5C bid. (Keep in mind that the 5C bidder was dummy).

Another time, East called me to the table because after South opened 1S and West passed, North isn't bidding.

**Me:** North? North are you there? Do I need to get a sub?

**North:** I have asked EW about their carding. I'm not bidding until I get an answer.

**Me:** Please do not hold up the game unnecessarily. Please bid and worry about this later.

I waited another several seconds, and then I replaced North.

Another example:

North	East	South	West
Pass	4H	Pass	4S*
Pass	4NT**	Pass	5H

\*Alerted as ace asking

\*\*Alerted as 1 or 4 KC

All Pass

EW were off two cashing aces. One of the side suit losers went away when both aces were not cashed. Naturally, I was called to the table.

**South:** East claimed to have the King of Clubs. I would taken my Ace of Clubs

**Me:** I will review.

**South:** I want one more trick.

**Me:** Blackwood response was 1 or 4 KC, standing for Key Cards, NOT the King of Clubs.

**South:** Misleading to me...and I've played 50 years.

**Me:** You led the Ace of Hearts and looked at dummy. You could see there were pitches for any possible losers.

**South:** He should type out key cards

**Me:** Leading anything other than your ace of clubs makes zero sense

**South:** If you say so.

Another example: **Player** (sitting W): We didn't finish board 6. You adjusted it to 2Sx -2. I think I would have made it.

**Me:** Adjustment seems pretty generous.

North (behind West) has ♠ AQJ9xx. Why do you think you will make it?

**Player:** Several other pairs did.

**Me:** They were all sitting North.

Another example: **South:** In the previous round we got taken for a ride because West overcalled my 1S bid with 1NT. He only had 14.

**Me:** I will review, but it doesn't sound illegal.

**South:** Okay, so from now on, when I feel like bidding whatever, I'll just do it, no alert. Everyone overcalls 15-17 or 18 in NT, so now 14 is just okay? Why is it there are rules for some of us, and not others. We got a terrible board because he misled us. That is okay?

**Me:** The short answer is yes, it's ok. Players are allowed to deviate from their agreements, so long as their partner is unaware. You are only entitled to know your opponents' agreements. If the overcaller's partner is in the dark, it is legal.

**South:** Well, we did NOT know the opponents' agreement, as they did NOT ALERT! As I said, it is always rules for some of us, and then you bend them for others. No consistency.

**Me:** If you choose to open the next hand with three points, it's legal. If your partner has 20 points and puts you in slam, it can lead to a bad consequence. It's generally a poor idea to mislead your partner. You are likely comparing apples and oranges.

**South:** Oh yes, right, always a justification for letting people do whatever they want. Forget it, you guys never do the



right thing anyway.

**Me:** There are plenty of things which are illegal, and we come down on them. This instance is not one of them, and there's nothing we can do. I'm sorry.

**Player:** Sure, I'll bet you are sorry. You can bet I have no intention of following the rules any longer.

After all, you guys don't care and do nothing to make amends, so great!

**Me:** You list yourself as an advanced player, yet you cry foul about things that are both common and generally understood by the populace. There is no restriction for overcalling INT

**South:** I will be reporting you.

**Player:** On two hands, North said WDP before we finished playing the hand.

**Me:** (On that one, I actually went to the table and admonished NS for chatting during the play. I felt like an ass.)

Final example: Let's look at Board 17.

♠ AQT3  
 ♥ AKJT742  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ J

West  
 ♠ J984  
 ♥ Q86  
 ♦ 765  
 ♣ 654

East  
 ♠ 72  
 ♥ 95  
 ♦ QJ83  
 ♣ K9832

South  
 ♠ K65  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ AKT92  
 ♣ AQT7

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	2D	Pass
2H	Pass	2NT	Pass
3S	Pass	3NT	Pass
6H	All Pass		

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# Check out these hands from USBF J Lall 4 Teams Championships

 W Maxim Silin	♠ 10984 ♥ AK983 ♦ Q8 ♣ 43	N Nick Nickell																								
	♠ KQ652 ♥ QJ ♦ K43 ♣ 1052	♠ AJ3 ♥ 72 ♦ J9752 ♣ KQJ	E Carrie Liu																							
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On Board 14, most East/West pairs declared in spades and took eight tricks. Rather than sell out to 2S, Katz balanced with a double and Nickell bid 3H.

When East competed in spades, Nick took the push and bid 4H.

Maxim Silin knew his side held more than half of the high card points and doubled.

The CK was led. Nickell won the CA and led the S7. Silin won the spade and played the HQ. Nickell won in hand and played a club. Liu won the club and played a second round of trumps. Nickell trumped a spade and trumped a club to set-up dummy's long suit for a diamond pitch and a spade pitch.

Taking 11 tricks for +690 was worth 13 IMPs for Nickell when Hampson/Greco played in and made an uncontested 1NT in the other room.

Three other pairs Dunitz/Itabashi, Fleisher/Martel and Parker/Rubenstein also balanced to reach 4HX. Each of these pairs took 10 tricks for +590 and won 12 IMPs when their teammates played in a 2S part-score.

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Sally Matthews and Dan Jablonski made the best of a bad situation when they played this hand against James Holzhauser and Josh Donn.

Holzhauser decided to show his shape by making a passed hand takeout double of 2S. Donn bid 4H and, rather than doubling, Matthews took the push to 4S.

This was doubled and defeated two tricks for a loss of 6 IMPs, when 4S was defeated only one undoubled trick in the other room of the Hinze/Donnelly match.

The moral of the story: James was never in Jeopardy??



## Jim reveals trials, tribulations of directing

**East:** On board 17, please check suspicious bidding. No aces asked for?

**Me:** That's why they didn't get to 7.

Some interactions are not as contentious. I was called to the table by NS after a break in tempo.

Board 9:

North  
 ♠ KT743  
 ♥ Q9654  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ 54

West  
 ♠ Q9  
 ♥ A832  
 ♦ AJT9  
 ♣ KJ6

East  
 ♠ 652  
 ♥ T7  
 ♦ K82  
 ♣ AT932

South  
 ♠ AJ8  
 ♥ KJ  
 ♦ Q7654  
 ♣ Q87

West	North	East	South
1NT	2S	Pass*	Pass
DBL	Pass	3C	All Pass
*slow			

East ruffed a spade in dummy and made 9 tricks. I was called to the table by NS about East's hesitation over the 2S call. I

polled five online directors.

**Me:** Board 9 has been adjusted. After the delay by partner, 5 of 5 directors polled believed pass was a reasonable alternative to doubling. The likely result of 2S by N is 9 tricks.

**West:** My partner asked about the meaning of 2S. North was slow responding. Does that matter?

**Me:** I took that into consideration. I felt your partner had no business asking the question, since the subsequent action (pass) was not dependent on the answer. The delay put you in a bind. Your action was quite reasonable, but the break in tempo handcuffed you.

**West:** Ok. I doubled because of my shortness in spades and I had other three suits.

**Me:** Tell your partner in the future not to ask questions that don't matter.

**West:** Ok. Thank you.

That's all for this month. I am not out of stories, just out of room.



## If You Want Some ACBL Swag...

The ACBL has a Member Appreciation Event on the books! The League is expressing its gratitude to those who have "stuck with us through thick and thin, and we couldn't be more grateful.

"To show our thanks, we've put together a month's worth of chances to win merchandise branded with ACBL's new logo. Everything from socks and notebooks to duffle bags and cooler bags. Mugs, too! We think you're really going to like them."

Details will be announced a bit later.

## Bridge without Bidding? What?

Okay, that's a little misleading. What we *mean* is that there are a couple of games on ACBL's website where you focus on playing the game and sort of skip over the bidding part.

Minibrige and Just Declare are great for bridge newcomers. After all, some would say that bidding is one of the tougher parts to learn. With these two web apps, you can practice play of the hand.



## ACBL warns against cheating



The ACBL issued the following warning. "When you play on BBO, every call and every play are recorded. If you cheat online, you will get caught.

"In addition to player reports by BBO, there are automatic surveillance tools to alert the game operators of potential cheating.

"If a player is found to be cheating in an ACBL sanctioned game, the club will bar that player from BBO. In addition, the player may be subject to discipline under the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations. Both ACBL and BBO are doing everything possible to maintain the integrity of these online games so that honest players can be confident of a fair contest."



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## Learn the difference between Opener's Reverse and a Jumpshift

Even experienced players can get confused (or forget) when it comes to opener's jumpshifts and [reverses](#).

Opener's Jumpshift into a (new) suit is [GF](#). A jump shift is a skip of level and a change of suit. That means a really big hand. Responder cannot pass and the partnership cannot stop below game. The range is roughly 18+ (maybe 19+) points (counting useful distribution\*).

Here are all of opener's possible jumpshifts into a new suit:

- 1 ♣ -1 ♦ -2 ♥
- 1 ♣ -1 ♦ -2 ♠
- 1 ♣ -1 ♥ -2 ♠
- 1 ♦ -1 ♥ -2 ♠
- 1 ♦ -1 ♥ -3 ♣
- 1 ♦ -1 ♠ -3 ♣
- 1 ♦ -1NT-3 ♣
- 1 ♥ -1 ♠ -3 ♣ or 3 ♦
- 1 ♥ -1NT-3 ♣ or 3 ♦
- 1 ♠ -1NT-3 ♣ or 3 ♦ or 3 ♥

Any other jump by opener would not be a [GF](#) jumpshift. Here are the other possible (single) jumps opener can make (none of these are [GF](#) jumpshifts):

- 1 ♣ -1 ♦ -2NT (Natural + balanced, 18-19, not forcing)
- 1 ♣ -1 ♦ -3 ♣ (A jump rebid -- natural, invitational about 16-18 in playing strength)
- 1 ♣ -1 ♦ -3 ♦ (A jump raise -- Natural, 4-card support, invitational about 16-18 in playing strength)

- 1 ♦ -1 ♥ -2NT (Natural+balanced, 18-19 not forcing)
- 1 ♦ -1 ♥ -3 ♦ (Natural, 6+ diamonds, about 16-18 in playing strength)
- 1 ♦ -1 ♥ -3 ♥ (Natural, 4-card support, about 16-18 in playing strength)
- 1 ♦ -1 ♠ -2NT (Natural+balanced, 18-19 not forcing)
- 1 ♦ -1 ♠ -3 ♦ (Natural, 6+ diamonds, about 16-18 in playing strength)
- 1 ♦ -1 ♠ -3 ♥ (This is a "jump-reverse" which is a strange animal to be discussed at the end of this article)
- 1 ♦ -1 ♠ -3 ♠ (Natural, 4-card support, about 16-18 in playing strength)
- 1 ♥ -1 ♠ -2NT (Natural+balanced, 18-19 not forcing)

### SUMMARY OF ABOVE:

If opener jumps into a new suit, it is natural and [GF](#). It is usually not a balanced hand (they would have jump rebid 2NT or opened 2NT). If opener jumps to 2NT it shows 18-19 balanced. If opener jumps in a previously bid suit (by either opener or responder) it shows a good hand (16-18), but is only invitational. Jump raises, jump rebids and jumps to 2NT are not [GF](#). They are not even forcing at all. Though it is not a jump, I wish to point out here that if the response to any opening bid is 1NT and opener's rebid is 2NT, that shows 18-19 balanced (1any-1NT-2NT).

Note that a Jump Shift is a single jump. A double jump-shift would be a splinter bid in support of responder's suit (1 ♣ - 1 ♥ -4 ♦ would show 4+ hearts, a singleton or void in diamonds, and a game-forcing hand).

### [Reverses](#)

Opener's [reverse](#) is *not* forcing to game. But, it is forcing one round. Responder should not pass opener's [reverse](#). The range is about 17-20 (counting playing strength). Click the link for specifics, but the gist of opener's [reverse](#) is:



Opener's second bid is (not a jump) in a higher ranking suit than his first-bid suit. We are concerned only with auctions where responder bid on the one-level. If responder responds on the two-level, don't think of [reverses](#). So, these are opener's possible [reverses](#):

- 1 ♣ -1 ♥ -2 ♦
- 1 ♣ -1 ♠ -2 ♦ or 2 ♥
- 1 ♠ -1NT-2 ♦ or 2 ♥ or 2 ♠
- 1 ♦ -1 ♠ -2 ♥
- 1 ♦ -1NT-2 ♥ or 2 ♠
- 1 ♥ -1NT-2 ♠

Rather than memorize the bidding sequences in this article, just know the definitions. Once you know that a [reverse](#) is 1X-1Y-2Z where Z is a higher-ranking suit than "X" you will recognize it. Remember that a [reverse](#) is a strong bid, forcing, but not [GF](#). Occasionally, I hear (newer) students proudly state: "I don't play [reverses](#)." That's nice, but don't be proud. Like it or not, if you produce one of the auctions above, you have [reversed](#)! Try not to do it unless you have a strong hand!

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## ACBL 2021 SCHEDULE

### JUNE

#### 1-30 North American Pairs (NAP) Qualifying

Qualifying games for the North American Pairs

#### 19-20 The Longest Day

Upgraded masterpoints® awards in Virtual Clubs

#### 24-27 Endless Summer

Regionally rated events

### JULY

#### 10-12 Summer 2021 NABC Robot Individual

NABC Robot Individual tournament

#### 15-25 Summer 2021 North American Online Bridge Championships (NAOBC)

Knockout event and pair event

#### 26-1 Stardust Week

Upgraded masterpoints® awards in Virtual Clubs

All events tentative based upon BBO/ACBL IT capabilities and COVID-19 protocol changes.



## District Director reports on F2F play



Suzi Subeck

ACBL Club Games are starting to open for face-to-face (F2F) play. Club activity has been steady and small as games across ACBL land are operating with space restrictions mask and vaccination requirements. Each club has its own set of rules within which the owner is comfortable and within the parameters of its state jurisdiction. Most games are expectedly small at first although there has been some growth across the board as players become more comfortable with the "new normal."

We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to hold the Austin NABC this fall.

The World Teams Championship (Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Dorsi Senior and Wuhan Mixed Trophy) are tentatively planned for spring of 2022 in Italy. Accordingly, the United States (USBF) team trials will be held in advance of that competition to determine the US entries. The trials will be starting online, probably in September, and going F2F with the quarterfinals in Schaumburg, likely in October or November at the Hyatt Regency. Later in 2022, the World Bridge Series will be played and thereafter, schedules will return to normal.

I'll pass on more information as it becomes available. Keep playing on - and soon - off line!

Hope to see you at the tables,  
Suzi  
District 13 Director

## Learn Reverse and Jumpshift Differences

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Lastly, we have a strange animal that should be avoided except in very serious partnerships. That is a "jump reverse." Because a reverse is forcing (and up to 20), there is never a need to jump **and reverse**. Why preempt your own strong auction? So, these auctions make no sense:

1 ♣ -1 ♥ -3 ♦ (2 ♦ would be a big bid, so no need for 3 ♦ )

1 ♣ -1 ♠ -3 ♦ or 3 ♥ (again, no need to jump when a reverse would suffice)

1 ♦ -1 ♠ -3 ♥ (2 ♥ is forcing, so no need for 3 ♥ )

Why make such a bid? Experienced partners (who study and remember) use this as a "mini-splinter." It shows 4-card support, about 16-18, and shortness in the suit jumped in. It shows not quite enough for a 4-level

splinter raise. So, 1 ♣ -1 ♠ -

3 ♥ would show something like:

♠ KQ106 ♥ 2 ♦ A65

♣ AQ652.

*"Playing strength" means HCP + useful distribution. Don't add for shortness in partner's suit, but add for useful long suits and useful short suits.*

*Larry Cohen, bridge professional, writer and teacher has won 25 North American Bridge Championships events including the Vanderbilt, two Spingolds, and two Reisingers.*

## Solitaire Version of Bridge available online

Now available online is a solitaire version of bridge. It is brought to players courtesy of Bridge Base Online. Just go to Just Play Bridge.

There is no need to coordinate with your partner, and you can play for five minutes, five hours, or as long as you want. The robots play a basic 2/1 system with five-card majors and strong no trumps. To determine what a robot's bid means, just hover over the bid for an explanation. This is non-masterpoint play.



**Virtual Games (Earn Masterpoints) (Clubs listed below)***Note: There may be other virtual club games, but we have not been notified of their days or times.*

Day	Time	Club	Fee
Monday	9:00 am 4:10 pm 6:30 pm	ACBL Games that support your local clubs	\$6 BB (Bridge Bucks) (66% of the funds will be distributed to clubs that you frequented last year.)
Monday	10:10 am 1:00 pm	Jeremiah and BJBE (vacb162636)	
Monday	12:15 pm 6:30 pm	Chicago DBC and Lawson (private message ChicagoDB) (vacb270876) Chicago DBC (Dyer, Perkers, Quinn)	
Monday	11:30 am	Hinsdale, SSBC, Calumet DBC (Newcomers II:14 a.m.) vacb134098	
Tuesday	9:00 am 4:10 pm 6:30 pm	ACBL Games that support your local clubs	\$6 BB (Bridge Bucks) (66% of the funds will be distributed to clubs that you frequented last year)
Tuesday	10:10 am 1:00 pm	Jeremiah and BJBE (vacb162636)	
Tuesday	12:15 pm	Chicago DBC and Lawson (private message ChicagoDB) (vacb270876)	
Tuesday	6:15 pm	Hinsdale, SSBC, Calumet DBC (Newcomers II:14 a.m.) vacb134098	
Wednesday	9:00 am 4:10 pm 6:30 pm	ACBL Games that support your local clubs	\$6 BB (Bridge Bucks) (66% of the funds will be distributed to clubs that you frequented last year)
Wednesday	10:10 am 1:00 pm	Jeremiah and BJBE (vacb162636)	
Wednesday	12:15 pm 6:30 pm	Chicago DBC and Lawson (private message ChicagoDB) (vacb270876) Chicago DBC (Dyer, Perkers, Quinn)	
Wednesday	7:15 pm	Hinsdale, SSBC, Calumet DBC (Newcomers II:14 a.m.) vacb134098	
Wednesday	11:10 am	New Lenox, All Bridge Saints (vacb185751)	
Wednesday	6:15 pm	The Clare, U C Club (275776)	
Thursday	10:10 am 1:00 pm	Jeremiah and BJBE (vacb162636)	
Thursday	12:15 pm 6:30 pm	Chicago DBC and Lawson (private message ChicagoDB) (vacb270876) Chicago DBC (Dyer, Perkers, Quinn)	
Thursday	11:30 am	Hinsdale, SSBC, Calumet DBC (Newcomers II:15 a.m.) vacb134098	
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Sunday	9:00 am 4:10 pm 6:30 pm 1:00 pm	ACBL Games that support your local clubs	\$6 BB (Bridge Bucks) (66% of the funds will be distributed to clubs that you frequented las year)
Sunday	12:15 pm	Chicago DBC and Lawson (private message ChicagoDB) (vacb270876)	
Sunday	6:15 pm	Hinsdale, SSBC, Calumet DBC (Newcomers II:14 a.m.) (vacb134098)	
Sunday	3:00 pm	New Lenox, All Bridge Saints (vacb185751)	