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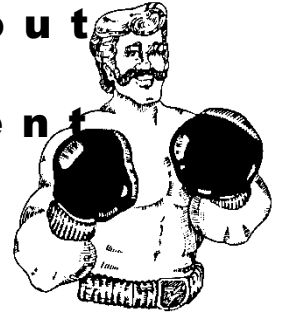
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Monday, February 20, 2012

The New England Knockout Team Regional Tournament

in Cromwell, CT

February 14-20, 2012



THANKS! On behalf of District 25, we would like to thank everyone who attended the 2012 New England Knockout Team Regional. We hope you had a good time, and wish you all a safe journey home. We look forward to seeing you all at the Senior Regional in April!

Today's Schedule:

Monday, February 20		
10:00 AM	Bracketed Compact KO [finishes by 5:30]	1 st session
	Stratified Open Pairs [finishes by 5:30]	
2:00 PM	Bracketed Compact KO continues	2 nd session
	Stratified Open Pairs continues	
	Stratified Open Swiss Teams (1 session - red points)	

STRATA & FLIGHT BREAKS:

A: 3000+; B: 750-3000; C: 0-750

Congratulations to Sunday's Winners!

MOREHEAD FLIGHT A KNOCKOUT

Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT; Douglas Doub - Allan Rothenberg, W Hartford CT;
John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT

SUNDAY FLIGHT A/X SWISS TEAMS

A John Hurd - Joel Wooldridge - Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein, New York NY

X Walter Lee, Framingham MA; Melody Bi - Anton Tsytkin, Ashland MA;
Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ

SUNDAY FLIGHT B/C SWISS TEAMS

B Barry Herring, Wellesley MA; Joseph Foster, Framingham MA;
Maria Kawka - Marek Kawka, Bolton MA

tie d with

Alice Cutler, Chestnut Hill MA; Adam Grossack - Zachary Grossack - Jori Grossack, Waban MA

C Barry Herring, Joseph Foster, Maria Kawka, Marek Kawka

FRI-SUN SIDE GAME SERIES

Wayne Burt, Pembroke NH

Arthur Giovannangeli, Dublin NH

Congratulations

Geof Brod of Avon CT is the ACBL's latest Grand Master, having gone over the top here in Cromwell on Sunday by coming in second in the Flight A KO. Coming into the tournament, Geof had 9965.44 points and he has won 50.46 this week. To be an ACBL Grand Master, a player has to be over 10000 points and have won a full NABC+ National event. Not only did Geof fulfill the NABC+ requirement by winning the 2006 Truscott Senior Swiss Teams, he then repeated the feat, winning again in 2007. Congratulations to Geof from everyone in District 25!



District 25 Lifetime 100 Top MPH Holders - as of Oct 2011

1	Lloyd Arvedon, Natick MA	23,772	51	Barbara Stone, Weston MA	6124
2	Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT	22,365	52	James Greer, New Canaan CT	6085
3	William Hunter, Peabody MA	21,077	53	Lawrence Lau, Westport CT	6065
4	Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA	19,795	54	Robert Barr, Reading MA	6038
5	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA	19,230	55	Hilda Silverman, W Hartford CT	5843
6	John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT	18,288	56	Terry Byrne, Jamestown RI	5833
7	Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT	17,462	57	Carole Weinstein, Acton MA	5783
8	Melvin Marcus, Waltham MA	17,049	58	Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA	5720
9	Allan Graves, Barnet VT	14,989	59	Vincent Grande Jr., Salem MA	5714
10	Simon Kantor, Agawam MA	14,144	60	David Becher, Peabody MA	5684
11	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT	13,981	61	Margaret Peirce, S. Portland ME	5654
12	Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA	13,739	62	Bob Gorsey, Bedford MA	5648
13	Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA	13,501	63	Arthur Waldmann, Cromwell CT	5630
14	John Malley, Pascoag RI	12,771	64	Allan Clamage, Stamford CT	5530
15	Walter Fontaine, Nrtth Prvdnc RI	12,515	65	Glenn McIntyre, Bedford MA	5400
16	Daniel Colatosti, Waltham MA	12,187	66	Ronald Newburg, Marblehead MA	5371
17	Richard Budd, Portland ME	12,104	67	Randall Ray, Wrentham MA	5164
18	Chet Davis Jr., Osterville MA	10,577	68	Harriett Leavitt, Swampscott MA	5148
19	Frank Mastrola, Swansea MA	10,492	69	Leslie Popper, Peabody MA	5102
20	Larry Bausher, West Haven CT	10,265	70	John Hackett, Oxford ME	5068
21	Karen McCallum, Exeter NH	10,174	71	Franklin Silver, Old Grnwch CT	5024
22	Victor King, Hartford CT	9908	72	Joseph De Gaetano, Atkinson NH	5018
23	Geoffrey Brod, Avon CT	9680	73	Lou Kelleher, Dover MA	5015
24	Mary Green, Carlisle MA	9093	74	Charlie Tupper, Bristol RI	5011
25	Charles Drum, Dover MA	9068	75	Norman Humer, Andover MA	4986
26	Bill Irvine, Quincy MA	8738	76	Marilyn Goldberg, Bynnton Bch FL	4968
27	Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT	8302	77	Alan Watson, Lexington MA	4935
28	Roy Green, Carlisle MA	7714	78	Irv Block, Marblehead MA	4926
29	Sandra Drum, Dover MA	7658	79	Roger Wallace, Millinocket ME	4915
30	Geoffrey Phipps, Bluffton SC	7579	80	Sylvia Zalkind, Providence RI	4884
31	Ilse Rothman, Dartmouth MA	7427	81	Jane Smith, Ledyard CT	4783
32	Marvin Rosenblatt, Hartford CT	7308	82	Richard Burns, Needham MA	4771
33	Stephen Rzewski, South Dennis MA	7282	83	Joseph Cappannelli, Stonehm MA	4765
34	Haven Sharaf, Danvers MA	7192	84	Richard Freedman, N Bllerica MA	4710
35	Edward Rothman, Dartmouth MA	7091	85	Larry Mann, Boca Raton FL	4688
36	Dorothy Kelleher, Westbrook ME	6996	86	J Alfred Letourneau, W trville ME	4685
37	Phyllis Chase, Providence RI	6935	87	Wayne Burt, Pembroke NH	4653
38	Marlene Keliher, Chstnt Hill MA	6896	88	David Leopold, Natick MA	4585
39	William Braucher, Billerica MA	6824	89	Sylvia Thompson, Warwick RI	4568
40	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA	6813	90	Lewis Gamerman, Westwood MA	4556
41	Alan Applebaum, Brookline MA	6728	91	Thomas Goodwin, Lewiston ME	4554
42	Carolyn Sessler, Waltham MA	6725	92	Amnon Gabay, Newton MA	4548
43	Joyce Regan, E Greenwich RI	6588	93	Richard Zeckhauser, Cmbridge MA	4466
44	Margie Sullivan, Sgmre Bch MA	6587	94	Luke Gillespie, Wayland MA	4460
45	Steve Becker, Old Greenwich CT	6545	95	Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA	4400
46	Rick Binder, Waltham MA	6496	96	David Metcalf, Newton MA	4353
47	Edward Spear, Bangor ME	6491	97	Don Stiegler, Shelton CT	4273
48	George Sullivan, Longmeadow MA	6271	98	John Lindsey II, Cambridge MA	4269
49	Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA	6214	99	Edward Quinlan, Venice FL	4262
50	Frank Hacker, Barre VT	6204	100	Kevin O'Donnell, Lynnfield MA	4262

Flight A Championship Knockouts

16 Tables

45.13	1	Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT; Douglas Doub - Allan Rothenberg, W Hartford CT; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT
31.59	2	Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Brady Richter, Summit NJ; Geoffrey Brod, Avon CT; John Malley, Pascoag RI
18.05	3/4	Alan Applebaum, Brookline MA; Lewis Gamberman, Westwood MA; Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Victor King, Hartford CT
18.05	3/4	Frances Schneider - Bernard Schneider, Riverside CT; Bob Gorsey, Bedford MA; Neil Montague, Swampscott MA

Sunday A /X Swiss Teams

33 Tables / Based on 73 Tables

	A	X		
26.49	1		John Hurd - Joel Wooldridge - Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein, New York NY	119.00
19.87	2		Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; John McLaughlin, Melrose MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Natick MA; Richard Budd, Portland ME	115.00
14.90	3		Alan Applebaum, Brookline MA; Victor King, Hartford CT; Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Lewis Gamberman, Westwood MA	101.00
16.54	4	1	Walter Lee, Framingham MA; Melody Bi - Anton Tsympkin, Ashland MA; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ	99.00
8.83	5		Joseph De Gaetano, Atkinson NH; William Hunter, Peabody MA; Ken Bloom, Acton MA; Bill Irvine, Quincy MA	95.00
10.86	6/8	2/3	Sonja Smith, North Granby CT; David Rock, Westfield MA; Mark Conner, Grantham NH; Bruce Downing, New London NH	93.00
10.86	6/8	2/3	Dean Montgomery, West Pittston PA; Tania Reyes Hiller, Shrub Oak NY; Paul Burnham, Wilton CT; Allan Clamage, Stamford CT	93.00
6.69	6/8		Michael McNamara, White Plains NY; William Ehlers, Montclair NJ; Ljudmila Kamenova, South Setauket NY; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA	93.00
5.30	9		Alan Watson, Lexington MA; Kevin O'Donnell, Lynnfield MA; Rick Binder, Waltham MA; William Braucher, Billerica MA	92.00
4.82	10		Steve Becker, Old Greenwich CT; Larry Bausher, West Haven CT; James Streisand, Sudbury MA; Luke Gillespie, Weyland MA	91.00
4.42	11		David Paull, East Meadow NY; Joan Asheroff, Melville NY; Eli Schneider - Cynthia Schneider, East Brunswick NJ	90.00
6.98	12	4	Robert Donald - Diane Burger - Robert Neuhart, Troy NY; Bernard Neuhart, Niskayuna NY	89.00
5.51		5	Bob Gorsey, Bedford MA; Neil Montague, Swampscott MA; Bernard Schneider - Frances Schneider, Riverside CT	86.00
4.73		6	James Rasmussen - Pamela Miller, Cambridge MA; Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA; Yiji Starr, Weyland MA	84.00
4.14		7	Bill Reich - Brian Lewis, Branford CT; Frederick Townsend III, Hartford CT; Daniel Livingston, West Hartford CT	82.00

Sunday B/C Swiss Teams

40 Tables

	B	C		
13.78	1/2	1	Barry Herring, Wellesley MA; Joseph Foster, Framingham MA; Maria Kawka - Marek Kawka, Bolton MA	112.00
13.78	1/2		Alice Cutler, Chestnut Hill MA; Adam Grossack - Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Jori Grossack, Waban MA	112.00
8.86	3		Jerome Cramp, Sharon CT; Sandra Beach, Rhinebeck NY; Joseph Shuldiner, Crompond NY; Carl Sorgen, Poughkeepsie NY	110.00
6.64	4		Bud Rottman, White Plains NY; Edward Wilson, Airmont NY; David Tracy, Glastonbury CT; Mark Stasiewski, Meriden CT	108.00
5.25	5		Ronald Brown, Avon CT; James Macomber, Farmington CT; Thomas Hyde, Willimantic CT; Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT	102.00
4.50	6		Laurie Robbins, Windsor CT; Rachel Brown, Bloomfield CT; Claudia Hurley, Westfield MA; Yeong-Long Shiue, Manchester CT	100.00
5.01	7	2	Susan Smith - Michael Smith, Newington CT; Margaret Cooke - Peter Cooke, Celebration FL	95.00
3.76	8/10	3	Carolyn Joseph, Farmington CT; Michael Wavada, Enfield CT; Jerry Hirsch, Simsbury CT; Jeanne Striefler, West Simsbury CT	93.00
3.17	8/10		Joseph Meyers - Beverly Pogoda - Martha Coopersmith - Richard Coopersmith, New York NY	93.00
3.17	8/10		Teri McRae - Allen McRae, Portland ME; David Magee - Sally Magee, Cumberland Ctr ME	93.00
2.53	11/12		Bunny Kliman, West Simsbury CT; Ausrageaski, Manchester CT; James Osofsky, Florence MA; Michael Heider, Redding CT	90.00
2.53	11/12		Richard Saval, Wayland MA; Robert Stubbs, Framingham MA; Alan Korpi, Wellesley MA; Steven Goodman, Upton MA	90.00
2.82		4	Marcia West, Charlestown RI; Paula Najarian, East Greenwich RI; Shirley Derrah - Robert Derrah, Springfield MA	86.00
2.23		5	Richard Fronapfel - Susan Fronapfel, Danbury CT; Michael McDonald, N Dartmouth MA; Tom Floyd, N Stonington CT	84.00

Fri-Sun Side Game Series

27.50 Tables / Based on 11 Tables

5.15	1/2		Wayne Burt, Pembroke NH	125.12%
5.15	1/2		Arthur Giovannangeli, Dublin NH	125.12%
4.12	3/4		David Donald, Vineyard Haven MA	124.54%
4.12	3/4		Barbara Besse, Vineyard Haven MA	124.54%
3.56	5/6		John Berry, New Hyde Park NY	119.88%
3.56	5/6		Marion Yonke, Manhasset NY	119.88%

Sunday Morning Side Game

4.0 Tables

	A	B		
2.12	1		Robert Potvin - Donna Cone, Providence RI	57.74%
1.59	2		John Conova, Pawlet VT; Norma Jakominich, Ludlow VT	55.36%
1.97	3	1	Louise Missakian, W atertown MA; David Herzog, Newton MA	52.98%
1.48		2	Carol Whitmarsh, Edgartown MA; Sari Lipkin, New York NY	51.19%

Sunday 299er Swiss Teams

4 Tables

	A	B		
1.98	1	1	Pauline Murray, Berlin CT; Janet Goodhue - Maureen Mullane - Barbara White, Glastonbury CT	51.00



Upcoming Nearby Regionals:

DISTRICT 25 SENIOR REGIONAL

April 25 – 29, 2012

Hyannis, MA

Hyannis Resort & Conf Center 866-828-8259

Room rate: \$93 + tax

Reservations deadline: April 6

DISTRICT 24 LONG ISLAND SPRING REGIONAL

May 1-6, 2012

Smithtown, Long Island, NY

Sheraton Long Island

888-627-7144

Room rate: \$129 + tax

Reservations deadline: April 15

DISTRICT 24 EASTERN STATES REGIONAL

May 23-28, 2012

New York, NY

Park Central Hotel

212-247-8000

Room rate: \$219/319 + tax

Reservations deadline: until sold out

DISTRICT 3 SPRING REGIONAL

June 11-17, 2012

Saratoga Springs, NY

Saratoga Hilton

518-584-0538

Room rate: \$135 + tax

Reservations deadline: until sold out

DISTRICT 25 NEW ENGLAND SUMMER REGIONAL

June 18-24, 2012

Sturbridge, MA

Sturbridge Host Hotel

508-347-7393

Room rate: \$80 + tax

Reservations deadline: May 21

Upcoming District 25 sectionals:

EMBA Winter Sectional Tournament	Feb 24-26	Watertown, MA
CBA STaC	Feb 23-29	clubs in CT
CBA Winter in Connecticut Sectional Tournament	Mar 2-4	Hamden, CT
Maine Spring Tonic Sectional Tournament	Mar 10-11	Portland, ME
Rhode Island Spring Sectional Tournament	Mar 31-Apr 1	Johnston, RI
Central Maine Sectional Tournament	Apr 21-22	Gardiner, ME
EMBA Spring Sectional Tournament	Apr 13-15	Watertown, MA

. Four Tricks are Plenty

By Bill Palmer

Perhaps I was a bit overexcited. It was the first board of Saturday's pair game, and I picked up

♠ 3
♥ T 2
♦ J 6
♣ K Q J T 9 8 7 6 5

And in first position, nobody vulnerable, I opened 5♣. I am not too proud of it, but "c'est la".

Sure enough, partner (understandably) raised me to six, and put down the dummy with the words, "I have four tricks for you. That should be plenty." And who could blame him? He had 3 aces and a king!

	♠ A J T	
	♥ A J x x	
	♦ K 4 2	
	♣ A 4 3	
♠ Q 9 8 x x x x		♠ K 7
♥ Q		♥ K 9 8 x x x
♦ A Q 5		♦ T 9 8 x x
♣ 8 2		♣ ---
	♠ 3	
	♥ T 2	
	♦ J 6	
	♣ K Q J T 9 8 7 6 5	

The opening lead was the ♦A, which was a relief - all of partner's winners were indeed winners. The bad news is that it still wasn't enough. I had only eleven tricks.

East continued his (singleton) ♥Q, which I won with partner's Ace. I then cashed the ♠A, and lead the ♠J, covered (perforce) and ruffed. I then ran all of my clubs. With one club to go, The position was:

	♠ T	
	♥ ---	
	♦ K 4	
	♣ ---	
♠ Q		♠ ---
♥ ---		♥ K
♦ Q 5		♦ T 9
♣ --		♣ ---
	♠ ---	
	♥ T	
	♦ J	
	♣ 5	

When I led my last trump, West had to discard a diamond, or the ♠T would become my 12th trick. Having done its job, I now jettisoned the ♠T, and the pressure turned to East. A heart discard would set up my ten, so he too threw a diamond.

There are some days when you can do no wrong - all of your overbids work out; your mistakes end up not costing you, and the opponents insist on saving you from yourself. Today turned out to be such a day, and we couldn't help but win the event.

Establishing the Connection

by Jay Stiefel

Too often people play in suit contracts without properly "establishing the connection" between the two hands. Take this hand for example. (I played it in the Rye Regional Swiss Teams.)

	♠ A K 7 5		
	♥ K 8		
	♦ Q T 6 4		
	♣ Q 9 3		
♠ Q T 2		♠ 8	
♥ Q J 7 6		♥ T 3	
♦ A 5 2		♦ K J 8 7 3	
♣ J T 4		♣ K 8 7 5 2	
	♠ J 9 6 4 3		
	♥ A 9 5 4 2		
	♦ 9		
	♣ A 6		

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			<i>Stiefel</i>

At both tables, West led the ♣ J, covered by the queen, king, and ace.

At table 1, declarer played AK of spades next. When they didn't split, he played 3 rounds of hearts, ruffing the third in dummy. They didn't split either, so he led a diamond, hoping to continue the cross-ruff. This allowed West to win his ace, cash his queen of spades to remove dummy's last trump, and leave declarer a trick short. He lost a trick in each suit.

At table 2, declarer returned a club to West's ten at trick 2. Now the defense had no counter. West did his best by playing ace and another diamond; but declarer ruffed this and NOW cashed AK of spades. He got the same bad news, but the "connection was established". The play to the final 7 tricks was now easy - K of hearts, A of hearts, heart ruff, 9 of clubs, diamond ruff, heart ruff, diamond ruff. West could interrupt this flow once with his queen of spades, but that would be his only trick.

Bottom line - when the connection is established, declarer can crossruff the rest of the tricks (perhaps taking a discard in the process) and the defense can only get its high trump. When the connection isn't established, the defense has a chance to cash its high trump to extract trumps from both declarer and dummy.

SENIOR REGIONAL: Now in downtown Hyannis!!!

The 2012 Senior Regional will be held this year at the newly renovated Hyannis Resort and Conference Center.

Please contact them at 866-828-8259 early to guarantee space.

Reserve by April 6 to secure your reservation at the bridge rate of *only* \$93!

Schedule for Senior Regional

Wednesday, April 25	
7:30 PM	Senior Wed-Thurs Bracketed Knockout (continues Thurs 9:00, 1:00, and 7:00)
	Senior Side Game (Wed-Thu Series)
	<i>Stratified Open Pairs</i>
	<i>Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs</i>
Thursday, April 26	
9:00 AM	Senior Side Game (Morning Series)
10:00, 2:00, 7:00	<i>Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs</i>
1:00 PM	Stratified Senior Pairs (continues 7:00)
	Senior Side Game (Wed-Thu Series)
	<i>Stratified Open Pairs</i>
7:00 PM	Senior Side Game (Wed-Thu Series)
	<i>Stratified Open Pairs</i>
Friday, April 27	
9:00 AM	Senior Morning Bracketed Compact Knockout (continues Sat 9 AM)
	Senior Side Game (Morning Series)
10:00, 2:00, 7:00	<i>Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs</i>
1:00 PM	Senior Fri-Sat Bracketed Knockout (continues Fri 7:00, Sat 1:00, 7:00)
	Stratified Senior Pairs (continues 7:00)
	Senior Side Game (Fri-Sat series)
	<i>Stratified Open Pairs</i>
7:00 PM	Senior Side Game (Fri-Sat series)
	<i>Stratified Open Pairs</i>
Saturday, April 28	
9:00 AM	Senior Side Game (Morning Series)
10:00, 2:00, 7:00	<i>Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs</i>
1:00 PM	Stratified Senior Pairs (continues 7:00)
	Senior Side Game (Fri-Sat series)
	<i>Stratified Open Pairs</i>
7:00 PM	Senior Side Game (Fri-Sat series)
	<i>Stratified Open Pairs</i>
Sunday, April 29	
10:00 AM	Senior Bracketed Round Robin Teams
	Senior Side Game (Morning Series)
	<i>Open Swiss Teams</i>
	<i>299er Swiss Teams</i>

Senior Events restricted to those 55 years of age or older. *Silver point events (in italics) are open to all.*