



New England Units of the ACBL

David Metcalf, Daily Bulletin Editor

Friday, November 9, 2012

The New England Masters Regional Tournament

in Mansfield, MA

November 7-11, 2012

Today's Schedule:

Table with 3 columns: Time, Event Name, and Round/Session. Rows include 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 2:30 PM, and 7:30 PM slots with various tournament events.

STRATA & FLIGHT BREAKS:

A: 3000+; B: 750-3000; C: 0-750; Newcomer: 0-299, stratified

Hospitality courtesy of District 25

This afternoon:

Assorted Cookies



This evening: Make your own Sundae



Tomorrow afternoon:

Apple Crisp

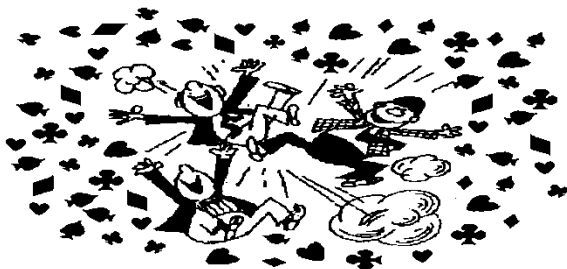
Give me a hand!

“Every bridge player has a story”

If you have any interesting or amusing hands, stories, anecdotes, or announcements, please pass them along for inclusion in the Bulletin. Give them to the bulletin editor (David Metcalf) or to one of the tournament directors, or email them to bulletin@nebridge.org



Congratulations



Marvin Lerman of New York, NY struck gold in the Gold Rush Swiss Teams yesterday. His 8th place finish gave him the gold points he needed to become a life master. He played with Diane Storey, and Carolyn and William Halsey were his teammates.

Laura Poulton of North Dartmouth MA also earned her gold card in the Gold Rush Swiss Teams yesterday. She and her team - Richard Reid, Michael McDonald, and Tom Floyd - placed 3rd in the event, putting Laura over the top.

Joe Silvestro of Waltham MA became a life master yesterday, by finishing 4th in B in the A/B Swiss Teams. His Teammates were Dick Majcher, Ronald Briggs, and Greg Chang.



WANTED:

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SLOW PLAY REMINDER

If you are a habitually (or even occasionally) slow player, you should be aware that there are new rules governing your conduct at the bridge table. These new, stricter rules *will* be applied at this and future tournaments.

Slow play, as opposed to careful or thoughtful play, is discourteous to your opponents -- and to all other competitors as well. Players and pairs who take more than their allotted time will be subject to penalty. And if you do fall behind, *even if through no fault of your own*, you nevertheless have a clear obligation to get caught up as soon as possible. If you do not, then you may well be subject to a slow play penalty.

UPCOMING MEETINGS THIS WEEK:



Website Committee Meeting:

Saturday, 8:00 AM, in the Boardroom (opposite Ballroom)

Tournament & Scheduling Committee Meeting:

Saturday, 12:00 PM, in the Boardroom (opposite Ballroom)

Executive Committee Meeting:

Saturday, 4:45 PM, in the Boxwood Room

Board of Delegates Meeting:

Sunday 8:00 AM, in the Amphitheater (end of Ballroom hall on left)

Congratulations to Thursday's Winners!

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS

David Blackburn, Fairfield CT; Linda Green, Westport CT;
Tania Reyes Hiller, Shrub Oak NY; Laura Lipman, Augusta ME

THURSDAY GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS

- A Raymond Mathieu, Norton MA; David Idell, Milton MA;
Nancy Clayman - Harvey Rosenthal, Boston MA
B Raymond Mathieu, David Idell, Nancy Clayman, Harvey Rosenthal
C Donald Murray, Hampden ME; Kathleen Burden, Augusta ME;
John Ellery - Betty Ann Ellery, Edinburg ME;

THURSDAY DAYLIGHT OPEN PAIRS

- A James Musumeci, Weston MA; Rick Bobrow, Naples FL
B James Musumeci, Rick Bobrow
C Karl Richards, Raynham MA; Paula Young, Brockton MA

THURSDAY STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

- A Adam Grossack - Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Victor King, Hartford CT;
Anton Tsyarkin, Ashland MA; Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA;
Lewis Gamerman, Westwood MA
B Martin Dickau - Ellen Dickau, Carlisle MA;
Patricia Worthley, Andover MA; Curtis Barton, Chelmsford MA

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY SIDE GAME SERIES

Timothy Hill, Wellesley Hills MA
Lou Kelleher, Dover MA

299er Bridge News

Come join the fun...

0-299er Program!

Newcomers and Intermediates

...with Sue Miguel

Welcome to the District 25

Gold Rush Tournament

>> WIN GOLD POINTS!!! <<

Special games for players with under 750 points
All events are two session games



Friday: 10:00 and 2:00

GOLD RUSH PAIRS

Saturday: 10:00 and 2:00

GOLD RUSH COMPACT KNOCKOUT TEAMS

I/N Event Schedule:

DAY	GAME	TIMES
Friday	Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 and 2:00
	Stratified Pairs	7:30
Saturday	Gold Rush Compact KO Teams	10:00 and 2:30
	Stratified Pairs	7:00
Sunday	Stratified Pairs	10:00

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Jan 4-6, 2013

Fri Jan 4: 1:00, 7:30

Sat Jan 5: 10:00, 2:00, 7:00

Sun Jan 6: 11:00, 3:00

Wed-Thu Knockout

5 Tables

7.63 1 David Blackburn, Fairfield CT; Linda Green, Westport CT; Tania Reyes Hiller, Shrub Oak NY; Laura Lipman, Augusta ME
 5.72 2 Victor King, Hartford CT; Sheila Gabay - Adam Grossack, Newton MA; Anton Tsytkin, Ashland MA; Lewis Gamerman, Westwood MA; Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA

Thursday Gold Rush Swiss Teams

41 Tables

	A	B	C		
12.61	1	1		Raymond Mathieu, Norton MA; Nancy Clayman - Harvey Rosenthal, Boston MA; David Idell, Milton MA	117.00
9.46	2	2		Judith Parks - Patrick Parks, Rollinsford NH; Sandra Larson, Durham NH; Susan Tester, Rochester NH	107.00
5.54	3/5	3/4	1	Donald Murray, Hampden ME; John Ellery - Betty Ann Ellery, Edinburg ME; Kathleen Burden, Augusta ME	101.00
5.54	3/5	3/4		Barbara Frank - Paula Dambraskas, Richmond MA; Sandra Walters, Pittsfield MA; Ramona Mofford, Harvard MA	101.00
5.54	3/5			Richard Reid - Michael McDonald, N Dartmouth MA; Laura Poulton, North Dartmouth MA; Tom Floyd, N Stonington CT	101.00
3.60	6			Clayton Cox - Robert Juneau, Millbury MA; Emily Gardner, Holliston MA; Candace Matthew, Woodville MA	100.00
3.15	7	5		Marcia Wilk, Framingham MA; Randi Bachmann, Belmont MA; Diane Dadiskos, Glastonbury CT; Marilyn McGill, North Falmouth MA	99.00
2.66	8/9	6/7		Robert Williams - Susan Tordel Williams, Ayer MA; Dorothy Briggs - Barbara Wilson, Sudbury MA	92.00
2.66	8/9	6/7	2	Ron Noble, No Providence RI; Clinton Wright, Slatersville RI; Allan Erickson, Providence RI; Foster Greene, West Tisbury MA	92.00
2.29	10			Joan De Vita - Annie Majarian, Watertown MA; Shrikala Shastry, 248732 Singapore; Marianne Bechet, Chestnut Hill MA	91.00
1.95	11/13			Roz Sternberg, Avon CT; Carol Tellar, West Hartford CT; Benson Ho, North Andover MA; Alan Godes, Needham MA	90.00
1.95	11/13	8/9		Diane Storey, Westport CT; Marvin Lerman, New York NY; Carolyn Halsey - William Halsey, New Canaan CT	90.00
1.95	11/13	8/9		James Buss, Westborough MA; Sam Shoushtarian, Natick MA; Richard Healy, Westboro MA; Steven Diamond, Shrewsbury MA	90.00
1.91			3	Gail Reitman-Heald - R Bruce Heald - Maureen Walsh, West Hartford CT; Jan Rosow, Avon CT	70.00

Thursday Stratified A/B Swiss Teams

26 Tables / Based on 67 Tables

	A	B			
25.70	1			Adam Grossack - Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Victor King, Hartford CT; Anton Tsytkin, Ashland MA; Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA; Lewis Gamerman, Westwood MA	127.00
19.28	2			Betty Bloom - Steve Bloom, Duanesburg NY; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; Geoffrey Brod, Avon CT; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA	113.00
12.65	3/4			Frank Hacker, Barre VT; Philip Sharpsteen, Jericho VT; Ronald Mak, Manchester NH; Ken Bloom, Acton MA	94.00
13.24	3/4	1		Martin Dickau - Ellen Dickau, Carlisle MA; Patricia Worthley, Andover MA; Curtis Barton, Chelmsford MA	94.00
7.96	5/6			Steven Groag, Warwick RI; Ann Baum, Newton MA; Lou Kelleher, Dover MA; Timothy Hill, Wellesley Hills MA	93.00
7.96	5/6			John McLaughlin, Melrose MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Natick MA; Glenn McIntyre, Bedford MA; Larry Bausher, West Haven CT	93.00
6.43	7			Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA; Peter Matthews Jr, Roslindale MA; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Ann Borgschulte, Lexington MA	92.00
9.93	8	2		William Shaffer - Jean Shaffer, Milton MA; Sandra DeMartino, Riverside CT; Phyllis Bausher, West Haven CT	91.00
7.45	9	3		Paul Wolf II, Shrewsbury MA; Kathy Centorino, Chestnut Hill MA; Richard Weiss, Swampscott MA; Bruce Emond, Holden MA	86.00
5.59		4		Joe Silvestro, Waltham MA; Dick Majcher, Woburn MA; Ronald Briggs - Greg Chang, Lexington MA	85.00
4.10		5/6		David Pimental, Dartmouth MA; Eileen O'Neill, Fall River MA; Douglas McCormac, North Dartmouth MA; Marcia White, Lakeville MA	81.00
4.10		5/6		Lorraine Cable, New York NY; Kimberly Gilman, Carlisle MA; Reid Barton, Arlington MA; Doug Anderson, Quincy MA	81.00

Thursday Daylight Open Pairs

14.0 Tables / Based on 13 Tables

	A	B	C		
8.05	1	1		James Musumeci, Weston MA; Rick Bobrow, Naples FL	59.29%
6.04	2			Gerald Laflamme - Linda Cobham, Grnd-Bay-Wfld NB	59.13%
4.53	3			Donald Robertson, Wellfleet MA; Richard Davenport, Brewster MA	57.45%
4.49	4	2		Dick Dugas, North Falmouth MA; Jody Foley, West Falmouth MA	55.93%
2.68	5			Richard Bator, Hudson NH; Vincent Messina, Wolfeboro NH	54.73%
3.37	6	3		Helen Flanagan, Stoughton MA; Lynda Edson, South Easton MA	54.25%
2.68		4		Paul Wacks - Martin Appelstein, Peabody MA	52.00%
2.00		5		Sandra Gotch, Framingham MA; H Patricia Hanna, Lexington MA	51.52%
4.08			1	Karl Richards, Raynham MA; Paula Young, Brockton MA	50.08%
3.06			2	Steven Hudson, Revere MA; Richard Hudson, Peabody MA	49.92%
2.30			3	Reid Fleming, Arlington MA; L Richelson, Boston MA	49.20%
1.72			4	Barbara Besse - David Donald, Vineyard Haven MA	47.60%

DAYLIGHT PAIRS - MORNING SESSION

SECTION V

NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C		
1	1		Paul Wacks - Martin Appelstein, Peabody MA	61.54%
2			Gerald Laflamme - Linda Cobham, Grnd-Bay-Wfld NB	61.22%
3	2		Karl Richards, Raynham MA; Paula Young, Brockton MA	59.94%
4	3		James Musumeci, Weston MA; Rick Bobrow, Naples FL	56.57%
5	4		Donald Levy, Randolph MA; Betsy Hines, Marshfield Hls MA	51.92%

SECTION V

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		
1			Donald Robertson, Wellfleet MA; Richard Davenport, Brewster MA	58.17%
2			Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Michael Dworetzky, Bloomfield CT	56.25%
3/4	1/2	1	Barbara Besse - David Donald, Vineyard Haven MA	52.24%
3/4	1/2		William Gay, Framingham MA; Steven Goodman, Upton MA	52.24%
5	3	2	Reid Fleming, Arlington MA; L Richelson, Boston MA	50.80%
	4		Murthy Ayyagari, North Andover MA; Suzanne Cunningham, Medfield MA	49.68%

DAYLIGHT PAIRS - AFTERNOON SESSION

SECTION V

NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C		
1	1		James Musumeci, Weston MA; Rick Bobrow, Naples FL	62.02%
2			Sarah Budds, Niantic CT; Allan Clamage, Stamford CT	60.90%
3			Richard Bator, Hudson NH; Vincent Messina, Wolfeboro NH	60.74%
4	2		Helen Flanagan, Stoughton MA; Lynda Edson, South Easton MA	57.21%
5	3		Sandra Gotch, Framingham MA; H Patricia Hanna, Lexington MA	53.21%
6	4	1	Steven Hudson, Revere MA; Richard Hudson, Peabody MA	51.44%
		2	Geoff Lewis, Cushing ME; Lance Bukoff, Warren ME	44.23%

SECTION V

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		
1	1		Dick Dugas, North Falmouth MA; Jody Foley, West Falmouth MA	62.18%
2			Gerald Laflamme - Linda Cobham, Grnd-Bay-Wfld NB	57.05%
3/4			Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA; Jeanne McKenzie, Medford MA	56.73%
3/4			Donald Robertson, Wellfleet MA; Richard Davenport, Brewster MA	56.73%
5			Barbara McLagan, Sudbury MA; Sandra Nyman, Weston MA	55.29%
6	2		Murthy Ayyagari, North Andover MA; Suzanne Cunningham, Medfield MA	52.56%
	3	1	Andrew Hanes, Provincetown MA; Mark Sundelin, Hyannis MA	52.40%
	4	2	Reid Fleming, Arlington MA; L Richelson, Boston MA	47.60%

Thursday Side Games

Wednesday-Thursday Side Game Series

13.00 Tables / Based on 5 Tables

3.68	1/2	Timothy Hill, Wellesley Hills MA	116.00%
3.68	1/2	Lou Kelleher, Dover MA	116.00%
2.28	3/4	Philip Sharpsteen, Jericho VT	108.00%
2.28	3/4	Frank Hacker, Barre VT	108.00%

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THURSDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

3.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.97	1			Lou Kelleher, Dover MA; Timothy Hill, Wellesley Hills MA	62.00%
1.48	2			Maryclare Devlin, Albany NY; Ruth Anderson, Glenmont NY	52.00%

SECTION G

A	B	C		
1			Lou Kelleher, Dover MA; Timothy Hill, Wellesley Hills MA	62.00%
2	1		Maryclare Devlin, Albany NY; Ruth Anderson, Glenmont NY	52.00%
	2/3		Jane Adams, Lexington MA; Peter Bohan, Travelers Rest SC	50.00%
	2/3		Jay Friedenson, Morrisville VT; Ausr Geaski, Manchester CT	50.00%

THURSDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

5.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.43	1	1	1	John Ellery - Betty Ann Ellery, Edinburg ME	61.98%
1.82	2	2	2	Donald Murray, Hampden ME; Kathleen Burden, Augusta ME	55.21%
1.37	3	3		James Scamman, Stratham NH; Paul Caten Jr, Windham NH	53.13%
1.03	4			Richard Bator, Hudson NH; Vincent Messina, Wolfeboro NH	52.60%
0.96		4		Barbara Besse - David Donald, Vineyard Haven MA	50.93%

SECTION G

A	B	C		
1	1	1	John Ellery - Betty Ann Ellery, Edinburg ME	61.98%
2	2	2	Donald Murray, Hampden ME; Kathleen Burden, Augusta ME	55.21%
3	3		James Scamman, Stratham NH; Paul Caten Jr, Windham NH	53.13%
4			Richard Bator, Hudson NH; Vincent Messina, Wolfeboro NH	52.60%
	4		Barbara Besse - David Donald, Vineyard Haven MA	50.93%

Thursday 299er Games

THURSDAY MORNING 299ER GAME

7.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.40	1			Carolyn Brauer, Marblehead MA; Terry Berenson, Swampscott MA	65.42%
2.00	2	1	1	Donald Latus, W Barnstable MA; Jon Valbert, East Sandwich MA	61.67%
1.50	3	2		Deborah Pearse - Bruce Donath, Cape Porpoise ME	59.17%
1.25	4	3	2	Rosaire Chaput - Johanne Pare, Lefebvre QC	57.50%
0.94	5	4	3	Harris Kagan, Foxboro MA; R Maliakal, Norfolk MA	52.08%

SECTION U

NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C		
1	1		Deborah Pearse - Bruce Donath, Cape Porpoise ME	59.17%
2	2	1	Rosaire Chaput - Johanne Pare, Lefebvre QC	57.50%
3		2	Harris Kagan, Foxboro MA; R Maliakal, Norfolk MA	52.08%

SECTION U

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		
1			Carolyn Brauer, Marblehead MA; Terry Berenson, Swampscott MA	65.42%
2	1	1	Donald Latus, W Barnstable MA; Jon Valbert, East Sandwich MA	61.67%
3			June Wood, Cumberland RI; Margaret Koshgarian, N Providence RI	51.25%
	2		Eileen Mandell, Brookline MA; Joanna Gleason, Chestnut Hill MA	50.83%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 299ER GAME

7.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.40	1	1	1	Johanne Pare - Rosaire Chaput, Lefebvre QC	61.25%
1.80	2			June Wood, Cumberland RI; Margaret Koshgarian, N Providence RI	57.92%
1.60	3	2		Alan Bello, Pocasset MA; Joel Rankin, Weston MA	57.08%
1.25	4	3	2	Marie Strumolo, Greenville RI; Joseph Russo, Slatersville RI	53.75%
0.94	5	4	3	Harris Kagan, Foxboro MA; Raphael Maliakal, Norfolk MA	52.08%

SECTION U

NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C		
1	1	1	Johanne Pare - Rosaire Chaput, Lefebvre QC	61.25%
2	2	2	Marie Strumolo, Greenville RI; Joseph Russo, Slatersville RI	53.75%
3	3		Harris Kagan, Foxboro MA; Raphael Maliakal, Norfolk MA	52.08%

SECTION U

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		
1			June Wood, Cumberland RI; Margaret Koshgarian, N Providence RI	57.92%
2	1		Alan Bello, Pocasset MA; Joel Rankin, Weston MA	57.08%
3/4	2/3	1/2	Ellen Thurmond, Westwood MA; Patricia Kelley, Canton MA	49.58%
3/4	2/3	1/2	Elizabeth Gluck, Foxboro MA; Alice Borden, Mashpee MA	49.58%



Upcoming Nearby Regionals:

**DISTRICT 24 EDGAR KAPLAN REGIONAL
DEC 26-30, 2012
New York, NY**

New York Hilton Hotel
Room rate: \$339 + tax

212-586-7000

**DISTRICT 25 INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL
JAN 4-6, 2013
Newton, MA**

Boston Marriott Newton
Room rate: \$79 + tax

617-969-1000
Reservations deadline: Dec 12

**DISTRICT 3 RYE TOWN REGIONAL
JAN 15-21, 2013
Rye Brook, NY**

Rye Town Hilton Hotel
Room rate: \$129 + tax

914-939-6300
Reservations deadline: Jan 15

Upcoming District 25 sectionals:

EMBA Holiday Sectional

Dec 7-9

Watertown, MA

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La Femme Fatale

by Rich Colker

Things were admittedly going badly for Alfredo Versace of Italy and Chantal Haemmerli of Switzerland, who were suffering a below par game (having averaged well over 60% previously) in Monday morning's second final session of the National Mixed Pairs. But as if that weren't enough, when they came to Linda and Brian Trent's table, things got even worse. What happened to the Italian triple world title holder on the second board of the round would be described as cruel were it not so brilliant.

The source of Versace's angst on this day was his RHO, Linda Trent. Linda, normally a quiet, unassuming intermediate player and teacher of newcomers. She undergoes a radical personality transformation when she dons her dark glasses and suits up to play against the big guns of the bridge world. Just watch Linda in action ... and Alfredo in misery.

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	♥J93				
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♦T9865		♦32			
♣K3		♣Q975			
	♠K97				
	♥KQ				
	♦AKQJ4				
	♣AT4				

South	West	North	East
<i>Versace</i>	<i>B. Trent</i>	<i>Haemmerli</i>	<i>L. Trent</i>
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Two clubs was strong and artificial, 2♦ negative, and 3♥ transferred to spades after Versace's natural 2NT rebid. Versace thought long and hard before finally passing 4♠, so perhaps a different auction would have denied interest beyond game. Anyhow, North led the ♦10 and when dummy came down Versace smiled broadly, thanked his partner, and set about making his game.

After winning the ♦K(!) at trick one, Versace ruffed the ♦4 to dummy in order to play a trump toward his hand, hoping to find queen and one onside, inserting the 9 as South followed low. North won the ♠A and led a third diamond as Versace pitched a club from dummy and South ruffed ... with the ♠Q! She then shifted to a low club.

Versace won his ace and paused to consider how to continue. Assuming the ♠Q to be a true card (could this unassuming woman in the dark glasses really have ruffed unnecessarily high? Impossible.), North held both outstanding trumps. If Versace drew trumps ending in hand, he could pitch dummy's last two clubs on his two remaining high diamonds, and then knock out the ♥A.

But then the defense could win the first heart, tap dummy with a club, and with the heart suit blocked he would have to win the next heart in hand and lose a club in the ending.

Versace thought he found a solution: he would first cash his high diamonds, pitching dummy's losing clubs as North followed helplessly and South pitched (having no more trumps!?). Then he could knock out the ♥A, win any return, unblock the hearts, and draw trumps ending in dummy to enjoy his ♥J.

So, having carefully formulated his plan, Versace cashed a high diamond, pitching a club from dummy as North followed and Linda ... ruffed with the ♠8! She then led a club to her husband's king to beat declarer two tricks in a cold contract. (If North had earlier unblocked his ♣K under the ace South could have cashed the ♣Q and given North a club ruff to beat the contract three tricks!)

It's true - the female of the species is deadlier than the male.
Move over, Nikita; make room for La Femme Linda.

Planning Ahead

By Mel Marcus

You are in the midst of a bidding sequence such as

partner		you	
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass		

What should your partner have for his 2♥ bid?

A minimum opening, usually with four hearts.

What if the bidding went (opponents passing):

1♣ - 1♥ - [a long hesitation and then] 2♥.

What does partner have now?

1. Three hearts?
2. A bad 16 points, or a super 15 points, with four hearts?
3. Four very bad hearts and four very good spades?

What partner does not have is four hearts and 13 points.

You are on defense and you lead the Ace from your ♠AKxxx which you had opened the bidding with. There are three small spades in the dummy. Partner smoothly plays the ♠9. You continue with the ♠K, partner plays the 2, and you give partner a ruff.

What would all this mean if you had led the ♠A and partner thought for a while before playing the ♠9?

Is partner still showing a high-low? Does partner want you to shift to the higher outstanding suit?

Is partner just telling you they like your lead?

What partner probably doesn't have is a simple high-low of the 9 and the 2.

How do we as bridge players avoid these two above stated examples of unwarranted hesitations, and many others that might occur? The answer is simple - we should be prepared for what we are going to bid or play ahead of time. When we are dealt:

♠xxx ♥Axx ♦Kx ♣AQJxx or ♠x ♥Kxxx ♦Kxx ♣AKJxx

We should plan ahead for what our rebids will be when partner makes a normal or expected response. If the auction starts 1♣-(P)-1♥-(P), we should not need to "go into the tank" after partner's 1♥ response; rather, we should plan ahead as to what our rebid will be beforehand. Holding the ♠92, we should know beforehand what we will play when partner leads the A (from AK).

On defense, declarer leads toward a side suit of KJxxx in the dummy, and we hold the ace in front of the above named suit. If declarer's lead was at trick 2, we may have a legitimate problem as to whether to play the ace or not. However, if declarer's lead was at trick 7 or 8, shouldn't we have thought ahead as to what we are going to do? And now, we can do it smoothly, and give declarer a real guess.

Good bidding and good defense often go hand-in-hand with good ethics. Think ahead about what you will do after any expected "normal" response to your bid or play *before* you make it. Nobody expects a smooth bid after wild, unexpected auctions like 1♣-(1♦)-1♥-(5♦)-???, but after an auction like 1♣-(P)-1♥-(P)-???, we really should be prepared to make our bid in an even tempo.

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SATURDAY NIGHT

8:30

Tournament Schedule

Friday, November 9	
9 AM & 1 PM	Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams
10 AM & 2 PM	Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions, stratified @0-100, 100-300, 300-750)
10 AM & 2:30 PM	“Daylight” Stratified A/B Pairs
9 AM, 1 PM, 7:30 PM	Side Game (Fri-Sat Series)
1 PM	One Session Stratified Open Swiss Teams
7:30 PM	Flight A Championship Knockout Teams (seeded) <i>(continues Sat 1PM, 7PM, Sun 11 AM, TBA if needed)</i>
	Flight B Bracketed Knockout Teams (0-3000) <i>(continues Sat 9AM, 1PM, 7PM)</i>
	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs
Saturday, November 10	
9 AM & 1 PM	Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams
10 AM & 2 PM	Gold Rush Compact KO (0-750, bracketed)
10 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs
10 AM & 2:30 PM	“Daylight” Stratified Open Pairs
1 PM	One Session Stratified Open Swiss Teams
2 PM	One Session Stratified 0-750 Swiss Teams
9 AM, 1 PM, 7 PM	Side Game (Fri-Sat Series)
8:30 PM	Zip KO
Sunday, November 11	
10 AM (finish by 6 PM)	Bracketed Round Robin Teams (2 sessions, short lunch break, finish by 6:00)
	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs (one session)



Reminder



Please remember to turn off all cell phones and other electronic communication devices before entering the playing area.