



THE SUN

Seattle Unit 446 Newsletter

February / March 2012

NABC Wrap-up

Julie Godefroy

11,427 tables of bridge players from 28 countries and 46 states attended our NABC tournament at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center. Of the 4,600 players who attended, District 19 had almost 1,700 attend. 785 Seattle Bridge Unit members attended.

After nine days of play District 19 held its own in the Intermediate/Newcomer competition claiming 12 of the top 25 players. Well done new players!

Our committee members are still feeling sleep deprivation from the NABC after the endless hours: Dave Grubbs (Seattle's Only Bridge Burlesque), Ann Romeo and John Weinberg (I/N Cruise), Janice and Terry Randles (I/N Programs), Mary and Marty McCune (Volunteers), Randy Corn (Website), and Elaine, Amy, and Edith DeShaw (Worker's Suite). These are just a few of the volunteers among hundreds.

We have two new Grand Life Masters in our unit. Pat and Polly Dunn already had the required 10,000 masterpoints, and playing together they won the inaugural Senior Mixed Pairs. The frosting on the cake is that our unit added 41 new members. Have a great year of bridge and bring your friends.

Want to Play Free?

All of our local tournaments have a partnership desk where we match up players who need partners and partnerships who need teams. Many players use the partnership email sbu446partnership@gmail.com to find partners before the tournament, but we also have people who arrive on the day of the event looking to play.

To encourage more people to come to our tournaments, even if they don't have partners, we are recruiting volunteers to standby at each session. In exchange for agreeing to fill in if needed (which would be free), volunteers will also get a free play for later. You get the free play for later even if you aren't needed as long as you are at the site and available at the beginning of the event!

If you're interested, please contact Susan Cothorn at sbu446partnership@gmail.com. She will coordinate from the volunteers so that we have 1-2 people available for

each session. We need players for both open and I/N events!

Our plan is to try this out at the February and May tournaments, and if it is successful we will be able to advertise guaranteed partners on future flyers.

Round Robin

Congratulations to the team captained by Dick Yarrington for winning the 2011 Round Robin with a victory over the team captained by Kim Eng. In the final match the lead was only 4imps at the half with a final margin of 25.

Register your team now for the 2012 event by sending email to Ray Miller at raymond.miller@swedish.org. Teams must be registered by March 15. Details will depend on the number of teams, but be similar to last year's event. See http://bridgeinseattle.org/shopcontent.asp?type=Round_Robin_2011 for more.

CLUB NEWS

Seattle Bridge Center (SBC)

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seattlebridgecenter@yahoo.com

<http://seattlebridgecenter.tripod.com>

A special thanks to Nick Tipton for doing all the directing and making sure things go well while Mark and Patti are in Mexico for all of February. Also a thank you to Macki Ogino, Pete Pitell, Rose Bolson and all who do the little things that sometimes go unnoticed.

I would like to update our email list so everyone is aware of special events at SBC. If you would like to receive occasional emails concerning our events, please send us your email address. We are very protective of all your personal information including email addresses.

2011 TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS all of whom won 100+ points were Corrine Joinette, Terry Chinn, Mary McCune, Rose Bolson, Lorraine Leach and Pete Pitell. A plaque is being made in Lorraine's name with the name of the year's top master point winner to be engraved each year. Congratulations to Corinne for her achievement in 2011.

NOVEMBER TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS are Suzanne Sax, Lorraine Leach, Terry Chinn and Joe Ulrich.

DECEMBER TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS are Glen Neihardt, Terry Chinn, Mary McCune and Joe Ulrich.

SBC WILL BE CLOSED Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19 for the Bellevue Sectional. Have a great tournament everyone.

THE ACBL-WIDE SENIOR GAME is Monday March 5 at 10:30 am for players 55 and older.

THE MONTHLY UNIT GAME will be at SBC Sunday, March 11 at 1:00 pm. **Reservations please.**

GRAND NATIONAL TEAM GAME is Sunday, March 25 at 1:00 pm. This is your last chance to qualify for the GNTs. Get your team together. If you have a partner and need teammates, we are here to help. SBC will bring the munchies.

BRIDGE CLASSES Nick Tipton, the director of Rainbow Bridge Club, is teaching an introduction to bridge classes on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm and intermediate classes on Saturday mornings. Both classes keep adding more students. Please contact Nick by email at nick_tipton@yahoo.com.

HALF PRICE GAMES (\$3.50) Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am and Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm.

UNLIMITED FREE PARKING with handicap access. Please park in the lot east of the club.

A PARTNER IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE.

Alki Bridge Club (ABC)

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Alki Bridge Club now runs 15-19 table games every Monday with a non-playing director. We are located in West Seattle for all you south-enders and Vashonites. We have an excellent facility at the West Seattle Senior Center. The room is spacious and bright. A full service deli provides excellent soup and sandwiches for lunch. We play

Mondays at 10:30 am. Every game is open and the first Monday of every month is a special game! Get there early to ensure seating! We look forward to seeing all of you!

February 6 and March 5 are Charity Games.

February 20 is President's Day. We will most likely be at the Eagles Hall, but contact me in February for verification.

For directions, see our webpage. For information or partnerships, email Nick at nick_tipton@yahoo.com.

CLUB NEWS

Pacific Bridge Center (PBC)

Upstairs at Pacific Galleries
241 S Lander, Seattle

<http://www.pacificbridgecenter.com>

We are starting a Friday evening Open Pairs Game in the University District instead of PBC's main location in the SODO area. The game will be held in conjunction with the UW bridge program. While Bridge For Youth is offering free bridge lessons to UW students and others every Friday from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, an ACBL sanctioned game sponsored by PBC and Bridge For Youth will be held at 7:30 pm. The free lessons will begin on January 20, and the ACBL sanctioned game will begin on February 3 and will be an open pairs game. Both events will be

held at Christ Episcopal Church at 1305 NE 47th Street. Two hour street parking is available in the University District from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Parking without payment can easily lead to a ticket.

With the new Friday evening game starting in February, PBC has decided to cancel the Wednesday evening game. We are focusing on the activities of Bridge For Youth, instead of establishing a bridge club. Wednesday afternoon will be the only regular game at this location for a while, and it's a limited game of 0-1000.

Our facility is available free of charge for teaching bridge lessons of different levels. A new elevator has been installed for handicapped players to get to our 2nd floor game room. Furthermore, our facility is available for different bridge games at a reasonable fee or a voluntary donation to Bridge For Youth, a non-profit organization.

Bridge For Youth

<http://www.b4youth.org/>

Many exciting and encouraging things happened in the past few months. Bridge For Youth is ready to move forward and push for the programs that have been targeted after last year's Summer Day Camp.

After the long wait of 9 months, we finally obtained tax-exempt status from the IRS. Now we can officially receive donations and issue tax deductible receipts. We held our first board of directors' meeting in December; Larry Li, Barbara Nist, Marsha Rayton, Ann Romeo, and Nick Tipton were elected directors .

The after school bridge lesson at Kimball Elementary School is continuing into the 2nd quarter. Nick Tipton is teaching and is in charge of this program. We are expecting more schools will come to us to install this program.

Summer Bridge Day Camp 2012 is now set for July 10-14. We would like to promote this 5-day event early enough to attract campers before their summer schedules fill up. Only four students attended the camp last year,

but the experience we gained from the camp is very valuable to all volunteers for the event. Please talk to your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors and encourage them to take advantage of the event.

The UW Program is set to start in January at the Christ Episcopal Church at 1305 NE 47th Street for the weekly Friday event. Free bridge lessons and supervised play for all UW students will be from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm followed by an open pair game starting at 7:30 pm. Our long-range goal is to establish and train UW bridge teams to compete at national and international college bridge tournaments. Wayne English has volunteered to teach the lessons and will be the director for the evening games.

In the next few months, Bridge For Youth will be contacting community centers in the greater Seattle area. We would like to offer bridge lessons at different community centers, aiming to teach bridge to youth as well as adults. Youth can learn how to play bridge with their parents or grandparents, a game they can all enjoy together.

Again, we continue to seek your support. Any ideas or suggestions are valued and will be considered. Nothing will happen without some effort.

CLUB NEWS

Eastside Bridge Center (ESBC)

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Happy New Year! Matt Koltnow started our New Year's Eve game right at 8:00 pm and ended it exactly at 11:55 pm so we could all celebrate with champagne at midnight. The winning team was Art and Lee Silvas, Dianne Cox, and Elaine Vona. Thanks to all 14 teams and to Matt for making this a super event!

We have two new awards for our club players. The first trophy plaque is to honor the top four overall club point winners. The 2011 winner was Stan Roberts with 178 points; Yoko Barnett was second with 169; Greg Ho was third with 165; and Jess Sellers was fourth with 133. The second trophy plaque is to honor the top four who began the year with fewer than 500 points. Lindsey Smith won with 57 points; Tony Joyce was second with 51; Gilda Joyce was third with 49; and Alan Tesler was fourth with 47.

The MaryRuth Blustein memorial game on November 19 was well attended again with 23 tables. Dave Hildebrand & Greg Ho were the overall winners with a 70% game. Congratulations to all of these winners!

No plans for Valentine's Day? Come to our special Tuesday morning Valentine's open pairs Charity game. We'll pay the extra dollar per person as a thank you to our

"sweetheart" players. We will also do the same for Tuesday evening players in our 0-99 game. During February Eastside will be featuring nine Junior Fund games which provide extra points. Everyone loves Grand National Team events, and we have two scheduled for February 12 and March 18 at 1:00 pm (delicious potluck at 12:30 pm). Form your teams early to practice for the Vasa Park Winter Sectional. Also it's Leap Year, so on February 29 both Thursday games will be charity games with extra points and Eastside will pay the extra \$1.00.

We will be closed February 17-19 for the Sectional.

MARCH is PARTY TIME! We are celebrating with our Fourth Anniversary Party on Saturday, March 3rd at 1:00 pm. Reservations are required for this Upgraded Club Championship. Don't wait until the last minute but call or email to sign up as we will definitely have a full house. Parking will be at a premium. Remember that on big games like this one, or on Saturdays, you can park at the Columbia Bank next door directly north of us for free. Please do not park in the first six spaces marked Bahai or in the Redmond Florist spaces.

All players are welcome to the Wednesday night Open ACBL Wide Charity game March 21 at 7:00 pm. March is also ACBL Membership month, which means you win extra points at no extra cost. Check the website for 9 scheduled games. Let's hope for a continued mild winter!

See you at the bridge table, Dianne Cox

Hospitality

Ann Romeo

We have our Winter Sectional coming up February 17-19 at Vasa Park, as well as our spring Intermediate/Novice sectional on March 10-11 at Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart. Any treats you may want to contribute are more than welcome! We'll be serving lunch during the Sunday Swiss at Vasa, probably pizza and a salad, so plan accordingly.

At this point, we have plenty of plastic bags for the tables, so hold off for now. And, as before, on Sunday after the

Swiss, please help by folding up bidding boxes, gathering pencils and other supplies and stacking chairs. We very much appreciate the help!

Feel free to contact me at annromeo@gmail.com or (425)641-5988.

Save The Date

The May KO Sectional will be May 25-28, 2012.

CLUB NEWS

Rainbow Bridge Club (RBC)

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rainbowbridgeclub@gmail.com

<http://rainbowbridgeclub.org>

Rainbow is moving! After 5+ years at the Multifaith building, the owners have sold the facility. Check our website announcement area for updates on this. Expected departure from our current facility is the end of February. We will still be right in the middle of Seattle, close to everything, and we will still host three games per week, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Rainbow Bridge Club welcomes players of all levels and we make fun a priority. New to duplicate bridge? We're the club for you! Rainbow Bridge Club is a GLBT based group, but all friendly people are welcome! Join us as we keep Rainbow as "the friendliest game in town!"

The weekday games are always 7:00 pm; Saturday games are at 6:00 pm. The second and fourth Saturdays are limited games, 0-299—ideal for the newer players! All other games are open to all levels. There is no game on the second Tuesday of the month due to scheduling conflicts.

The cost to play is \$5.00 even for most special games (except STaC, GNT and NAP). Visit our website for directions, announcements, scheduled games, and posted scores!

Running late? Call Nick to reserve your spot in the game at (206) 484-3303.

Upcoming events:

First Tuesday is always a Club Championship for \$5.00. Every Saturday is a Special Game for the same \$5.00 (except GNTs).

GNT Qualifier Swiss on Saturday, February 4. (Note change due to the Sweetheart Sectional.)

Open Charity Swiss Teams on Saturday, March 17.

We are closed February 18 for the Sectional.

Newcastle Bridge Club (NBC)

Regency Newcastle

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<http://bridgeinseattle.org/newcastle/>

Newcastle Bridge Club has a new look. Barbara is no longer cooking lunch or dinner; instead we are offering lots of snacks and a one price entry. You can play anytime or in any event for \$8 and eat all that you would like. There are no surcharges for either StaC games or special events. We are offering a punch card with 14 entries for \$100.

Special Events:

Every game in the month of February will be a Junior Fund benefit game and will award bonus masterpoints.

The last Thursday of each month is Pizza Pairs, play

bridge and have all the pizza you can eat. Special orders available if received by the Wednesday prior to the game.

The second Tuesday and Thursday of March will be Educational Foundation benefit games and will offer bonus masterpoints.

The third Tuesday and Thursday of March will be Club Appreciation games and offer bonus masterpoints.

If you are looking for a game with the best facilities in town and the friendliest players, give us a try.

Vashon Bridge Club (VBC)

Location Varies

(206)567-5279

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VBC has an open bridge game every Friday evening. The location varies depending upon availability of sites, so please call James Dam ahead of time for the location of the game. Reservations are appreciated.

CLUB NEWS

Mercercrest Bridge Club (MBC)

Mercer Island Congregational Church
4545 Island Crest Way, Mercer Island
<http://www.bridgeinseattle.org/mercercrest/>

Happy New Year to all you wonderful bridge players from the Mercercrest Bridge Club. We hope you make our club the place to be on Tuesday nights in 2012.

Because of the National Tournament in Seattle in November, our Tuesday night routine was shaken up. However, we managed to get in our fourth quarter club championship game on November 15 and a holiday potluck on December 13.

Winners of the club championship game were Dennis Heller and Cornel Galer in Flight A, Sharon Miller and Gary Haldane in Flight B, and Tim White and Renee Gunstone-White in Flight C. There was lots of merriment, good food, and many happy holiday wishes at our party.

Our top masterpoint winners in November were Chris Moore (5.05!), Gary Haldane (4.33), Sharon Miller (4.33), Brian Zaugg (4.10), Cornel Galer (2.93) and Dennis Heller (2.93).

Those focusing on their game in December and winning were Jeff Ford (2.70), Helen Abbott (2.67), Dan Romm (2.67), Aaron Mohrman (2.18), Pat White (2.09) and Kevin Bolan (2.00).

Special 0-299'er event: Our separate 0-299'er section on the first Tuesday of each month is growing. We're up to five full tables now. The players in this section play the same boards as the Open Pairs section but the results are not compared across the two sections. Hand records are available and participants will always enjoy the friendly atmosphere of our club. We hope more of you will come out and support this event in 2012.

Snow Policy: It's the season and we would like to remind you of our snow policy. If the Mercer Island School District is closed due to weather, our club is also closed. Feel free to reconfirm by contacting Marsha Rayton at (206)601-5211. A message will also be posted in our blog.

The Mercercrest Bridge Club meets just once a week on Tuesday nights at the Mercer Island Congregational Church. Director is Marsha Rayton with Brian Zaugg co-directing and Ruth Bunin assisting. We play in the lower level of the church and there is parking just outside the door. Game time is 7:00 pm and the entry fee for regular games is \$7, still a bargain for the fellowship and great bridge. We don't provide dinner but we offer a pretty healthy spread at no additional charge. The boards are premade with hand records. Results and hand records are posted online. Players of all levels are welcome to our stratified games. For more information, please contact Marsha Rayton at mrayton@live.com or (206)601-5211. We look forward to seeing you.

Belletini (BT)

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NEW OPEN CLUB The playing site is a beautiful room with excellent lighting. We meet once a month on the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. Special games are run as often as possible.

The bridge fee is only \$5 unless it is a special event. A wonderful buffet lunch is served at noon for \$11 includ-

ing tax and tip. Belletini provides valet parking at no charge. I bring all equipment so it helps to have a table count. Please make reservations via email to pat-timcbridge@gmail.com or call Patti at (206)910-7075.

Game results will be posted immediately on the ACBL web site. This is a wonderful low-key game for those who just starting to play duplicate. It is the nicest venue in the Puget Sound area. Please come play and tell all your friends about us.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

November / December 2011

Julie Godefroy

Our new members receive one free play at each club. If you're enjoying your bridge experience, please invite your friends.

Welcome to our newest members and transfers in:

New: Carl Berkenwald, Kathleen Bremner, Janis Gonzalez, Robert Hauck, Rosalie Holcomb, Ann Kirtman, Betsy Latorre, Steven Levy, Elizabeth Macrae, Sandi Medendorp, Rose Peck, Cynthia Pierce, Shirley Roman, Maria Schwager, Peter Shapiro, Carroll Vaughan, Russell Vaughan, Kris Arnold, Charles Caplan, Jose Cerqueira, Mary Jo Eldenburg, Carl Eshelman, Corey Forbis, Mary Geraghty, Suzan Gonzales, Esther Hazelet, Paul Houvener, Jeremy Keddie, Ned Lumpkin, Larry Mitchell, Frank Roberts, Jill Ryan, Gloria Sauro, Molly Shutes, Steve Sisson, Babs Smith, Beth Velling, Anthony Wartnik, Lynn Wartnik, Janis Wasser, Elizabeth Wasson, Katherine Wong

Transfers: Charles Catino, Bud Erickson, Daniel Goldfein, Kathy Hallowell, James Holzhauser, Clara Jo Manning, Yasue Scherb, Yiyang Zhao

Congratulations to these members for advancing in rank. New club masters get four free plays at our sectionals. Because of changes to the life master rules, the number of points required to achieve the rank is different for members who joined after 1/1/2010.

Junior Masters (5 MPs): Carl Berkenwald, Brigid Boman, Edward Cullivan, Theresa Eck, Karen Eriksen, Gene Gousie, Rodger Gustafson, Kate Hemer, Frank Houmiel, Liz Hubert, Paul Huntress, Andrea Johnston, Sanislas Jullien, Susan Lehr, David Lindstrom, Sandra Lindstrom, Victor Magruder, Kathryn McMullen, Michael O'Neal, Ann Peironnet, Shirley Roman, Margaret Stanley, Patricia Wagner

Club Masters (20 MPs): Mary Abbott, Sue Collett, Lue Derry, Jane Glascock, Michele Herman, Annick Impert, Jon Kechejian, Linda Plantz, Irving Sonkin, Donald Stark

Sectional Masters (50 MPs): Larry Baum, Laura Boone, Lisa Brock, William Campbell, Susan Hill, Vincent Johnson, Charles King, John Krah, Lorenzo Migliorini, Andrew Purvis, Yoko Reilly, Beverly Thomas, Craig Von Land, Hal Wyman

Regional Masters (100 MPs): Susan Cothorn, B Z Drajpuch, Robert Gerend, Pamela Gibson, Mary Ann Hagan, Lois Haskell, John Haynor, Penny Lepp, Ray Lepp, Kurt Lichtenberg, Sheila Magnano, Craig Ruden, Moises Saul, W. A. Stewart, John Tracey, Susan Tracey, Charles Watters

NABC Masters (200 MPs): William Anderson, Sue Chen, Raynor Christianson, Gary Corbett, James Dam, Eileen Duffy, Kenneth Elliott, John Ellis, Lynn Morgan, Christine Myers, Cliff Nixon, David O'Harrow, Diane Parker, Curt Peterson, Marilyn Philips, Bill Rose, Craig Van Sickle

Life Masters (300/500 MPs): Kirby Baker, Martin Gelfand, Kathy Gilman, Gilda Joyce, Tony Joyce, Vicki Rauscher, Richard Swanson, Alan Tesler, Douglas Wake, Susan Wake, Naomi Yoshida, Huang Zeng

Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs): Steve Estvanik, Lane Galloway, Jack Keith, R. Kirk, Betsy Lorenz, Susan Swope

Silver Life Masters (1000 MPs): Terrence Chinn, Mary Miller, Art Silvas, David Taylor

Gold Life Masters (2500 MPs): David Hildebrand, Cam Trenor

Grand Life Masters (10000 MPs & National Championship): Pat Dunn, Polly Dunn

Total Members: 1422 as of 12/31/11.

SBU 446 is run 100% by volunteers. We invite all our members to volunteer and participate in the growth of bridge in our area. Thank you in advance.

Des Moines Bridge Club (DMBC)

2045 S 216th St
(206) 824-1192
yesk@comcast.net

Our Christmas party had the maximum number of 16 tables. Thanks to everyone we had a wonderful time.

We are looking forward to a great year at Des Moines

Bridge Club. We will still be offering a \$5.00 game with food. Bringing food is not mandatory, but if you partake and enjoy it's nice to contribute something now and then. So this makes it the best deal in town.

Stratified pairs on Friday at 10:30 am. Please arrive by 10:15 am. There is plenty of free parking.

Need a partner? Call or email for a guaranteed place to play.

CLUB NEWS

Emerald Bridge Club (EBC)

2101 S 324th St, Federal Way
(253) 939-0733

<http://home.comcast.net/~emudd/bridge.html>

Open Pairs Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am.

Need a partner? Call Dennie Dye at (253)939-0733.

Seattle was host to the Nationals. The competition was fierce with players coming in from as far away as Tokyo and New York, Poland, China, Massachusetts and Netherlands to name a few, and many of our players won gold.

High points for Emerald Bridge Club: Marge Blunt and David O'Harrow earned 1.77 Platinum points for a two-day event in the Super Senior Pairs. Carl Brame took home 27.1 points. Great going folks! Our very own Georgine Fagerlund was honored by having the Tuesday Event named for her (see below). Plus her photo appeared with other honorees on the Wall of Fame.

At the Vancouver USA Senior Sectional the following players brought home big points: Barbara Kolppa, Yvonne

Kirkland, and Dennie Dye.

There's a new player on the horizon who is just learning the game, who kibitzed at the side of Marge Blunt. As he got up to leave, he thanked Marge for the opportunity and said, "Now don't forget the points I taught you."

Top Players in November: Bud Schafer, Sharon Gaunt, Larry Josties, Joseph Collier, Ralph Eley

Top Players in Devember: Wes Kuhlman, Bud Schafer, Yvonne Kirkland, Shirley Kuhlman, Ira Quint

Wes Kuhlman, the author of *Bridge Maxims for Serious Bridge Players*, offers the following alliterative advice for the misguided bridge player: Conscientious competitors constantly compete for complete control of contested contracts.

Its been a great year for Emerald with consistently high turnouts as most of the newcomers became regulars. Thanks, Dennie, for providing us all with a friendly, cheerful place to play.

Come and join us at the Emerald Bridge Club – it's a Gem of a game!

Georgine Fagerlund

Georgine is the founder and owner of the Evergreen Bridge Club which served the Federal Way area for over 40 years. Known for her hospitality and friendliness, Georgine at one time ran three games. Her club always had a novice game with a short lesson for new or returning players before each session. Despite physical limitations, Georgine did it all, directed the games, did the scoring – before computers when scoring was done by hand – and cheerfully arranged partnerships. She even found time to serve on the National Goodwill Committee. Now retired, she is still a regular at the Emerald and Skyline Bridge clubs.

[*Georgine Fagerlund's biography was inadvertently left out of the Daily Bulletin at the Seattle NABC's, so we are printing it here. — Ed.*]



COLUMNS

Newcomers' Corner—The Bidding Box

It may take a little time to become comfortable with your bidding box. The most important thing to remember is to first decide what you want to do, and only then to reach for the card.

If your partner knows you aren't sure what to do, they get extra information that they shouldn't have (and aren't allowed to use). Your opponents also get the extra information and they *are* allowed to use it.

Sometimes you don't pull the card you meant to. When it happens (and it has happened to us all), you may correct your bid if your partner has not yet called. Announce aloud at the table that you pulled the wrong card, and call the director who will let you change your call.

It's different if you change your mind about what to call or if you realize that you missed one of the bids in front of you. In that case it's too late to change once it's on the table (even if you change your mind really fast).

If you pull the wrong card, but don't notice until your partner has already called, leave your bid on the table and try not to react in any way. Sometimes it just happens, and you may get a good story out of it.

Peerless

Dick Yarrington

John Schermer has had an epic Autumn. He not only was second in the World Seniors Teams in Holland, but anchored the Meltzer team to first place in the recent Seattle NABC Senior Knockout. I asked him what his favorite hand was of the tournament. Instead of a complex hand he shared with me a much more common hand in which he played 3NT.

Dummy: S K109x H 10xxxx D x C QJ7

Declarer: S Qxx H Kx D AKx C AK832

The opponents were Eddie Wold and Roger Bates both of whom have had great success for many years on the national and international scene. The opening lead was an attitude low diamond which meant that it could be from a 4 or 5 card holding. It is clear that the best way to make 9 tricks is to develop 2 spade tricks. The rub is that the defense has the upper hand because they have knocked out one of your diamond stoppers at trick one. Basically, you must find the Jack of Spades. You or I might pull out our lucky nickel or rabbit's foot and make a lucky guess.

John decided to get the maximum from his opponents with the following steps:

- 1) *He won the DK at trick one.* This creates the illusion to RHO that he has either DK alone or possibly DK and DQ. In either case it could be right for RHO to rise with SA to return a diamond through declarer.
- 2) *He played the C8 towards the dummy at trick two not the deuce or trey.* Why you might ask is that important? John knew that his opponents were playing Smith echo. This is a way for opening leader to indicate that he likes the effect of his opening lead by playing high/low or dislikes it by playing low/high. By disguising his deuce and trey John made it look like LHO was encouraging diamonds.
- 3) *John now led the S10 from dummy.* This is a sucker play to possibly induce a cover with the jack, but what if RHO held the ace? The pressure would be irresistible to rise and pump a diamond through declarer. A stolen spade trick might be trick number nine.
- 4) *He decided to play the percentages.* When RHO played low, he decided that RHO did not have the ace. He inferred that LHO was probably longer in diamonds than RHO and was less likely to hold the SJ.

Success! John made 3NT, and they went set at the other table. This won John's team a double digit swing in a dogfight of a match that was determined by about 5 imps. Such subtlety and diligence on what looks like a mundane hand prove that John is the best player that Seattle has ever produced.

Non-Life Master (0-500) Silver Point Sectional



March 10th– March 11th 2012
Forest Ridge School Gymnasium
4800 139th Ave SE, Bellevue 98006

Schedule

Saturday, March 10th

10:30 AM

0-99 Future Stars Pairs (Single session)
0-500 NLM Pairs (First session, Single session entry OK)

4:00 PM

0-99 Future Stars Pairs (Single session)
0-500 NLM Pairs (Second session, Single session entry OK)

Bridge Experts available to
discuss hands after each session!

Sunday, March 11th

10:30 AM

0-199 Pairs (Single session)
0-500 NLM Swiss (First session, Single session entry OK)

4:00 PM

0-199 Pairs (Single session)
0-500 NLM Swiss (Second session, single session entry OK)

Bridge Experts available to
discuss hands after each session!

Stratification breaks of 0-20/50/100/200/NLM based on attendance.

Tournament Co-Chairs

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Day of Tournament Phone

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Complimentary Coffee & Refreshments

Directions to Forest Ridge Schaefer Gymnasium

From Seattle: Take I90 East. After the I-405 interchange, take exit 11-A, 150th Avenue SE. Stay in the right lane and turn right onto 150th. Continue through the traffic light at SE 38th Street, stay in the right lane and continue up the hill. (The road becomes 148th Avenue SE and later Highland Drive.) Take a right on Somerset Boulevard SE. Turn left onto 139th Avenue SE. When you enter the Forest Ridge campus, the gym is the 2nd building on the right.

From Issaquah: Take I90 West. Take exit 11 and stay in the right lane. Follow the signs for 161st Avenue SE. At the light, turn right onto Eastgate Way. At the next intersection turn right on SE 35th Place, which becomes SE 37th Street. Turn left at 150th Avenue SE. Continue through the traffic light at SE 38th Street, stay in the right lane and continue up the hill. (The road becomes 148th Avenue SE and later Highland Drive.) Take a right on Somerset Boulevard SE. Turn left onto 139th Avenue SE. When you enter the Forest Ridge campus, the gym is the 2nd building on the right.

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					UW Grand Opening (7:30pm)	RBC GNT Qualifier (6:00 pm)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	ABC Charity (10:30 am)					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ESBC GNT Qualifier (4:00 pm)		ESBC Charity Pairs (10:00 am) ESBC D-99 Charity Pairs (7:00 pm)				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				NBC Pizza Pairs (7:00 pm)		
26	27	28	29			
			ESBC Charity (10:00 am & 7:00 pm)			

Sweetheart Sectional—Most Clubs Closed
(Through February 19)

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
						ESBC Anniversary Party (4:00 pm)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	ABC Charity (10:30 am) SBC ACBL-Wide Senior (10:30 am)			NBC Educational Found. (7:00 pm)		NLM Sectional (Through March 11)
11	12	13	14	15	16	
SBC Unit Game (4:00 pm)		NBC Educational Found. (11:00 am)		NBC Club Appreciation (7:00 pm)		RBC Charity Swiss (6:00 pm)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
ESBC GNT Qualifier (4:00 pm)		NBC Club Appreciation (11:00 am)	ESBC ACBL-Wide Charity (7:00 pm)			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
SBC GNT Qualifier (4:00 pm)				NBC Pizza Pairs (7:00 pm)		



SEATTLE SWEETHEART SECTIONAL

FEBRUARY 17th-19th 2012 — Vasa Park



Daily Schedule

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Friday February 17th

- 1:30pm 199'er Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)
- 7:30pm 0-2000 Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified Open BAM Teams (Single Session)
(4 person team only)
199'er Pairs (Single Session)

Saturday February 18th

- 1:00pm 199'er Pairs (Single Session)
Open Pairs & 0-2000 Pairs (1st Session)
- 7:00pm 199'er Pairs (Single Session)
Open Pairs & 0-2000 Pairs (2nd Session)

Sunday February 19th

- 10:30am 199'er Swiss Teams (Single Session)
Open Swiss & 0-2000 Swiss Teams (1st Session)
- TBA 199'er Swiss Teams (Single Session)
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams (2nd Session)

VASA PARK RESORT

3560 Lake Sammamish Pkwy, Bellevue, WA 98008

Directions to Vasa Park Resort from I-5

Take I-90 Eastbound exit to Spokane. From I-90/405 exchange, keep heading east on I-90 approximately 3 3/4 miles. Take Exit #13 and head north on West Lk. Samm. Pkwy. S.E. for approximately 1 1/4 miles. Parking lot will be on your left.

From 405

Take the I-90 eastbound exit to Spokane/Issaquah. Head East for approximately 3 3/4 miles. Take Exit #13 and go North on West Lk. Samm. Pkwy. S.E. for approximately 1 1/4 miles. Parking lot is on the left.

From I-90

Take Exit #13 and follow West Lk. Samm. Pkwy S.E. north for approximately 1 1/4 miles. Parking lot is on the left.

Stratification

Open Pairs:

A=2000+, B=500-2000, C=0-500

199'er Pairs/Teams:

0-50, 50-100, 100-200

Open Pairs:

A/X=0-3000, 3000+

0-2000 Pairs:

B/C/D=1000-2000/500-1000/0-500

Open Swiss Teams:

A/X=0-3000, 3000+

0-2000 Swiss Teams:

B=2000, CDE=0-100/100-300/300-500

Pair & Team strats are done by average.

In all limited events no player may exceed the upper limit.

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CLUB SCHEDULES AND LOCATIONS

Sunday

1:00 pm Seattle Bridge Center

Monday

10:00 am Eastside Bridge Center

10:30 am Alki Bridge Club

Seattle Bridge Center

7:00 pm Eastside Bridge Center 0-1500
Seattle Bridge Center Lessons + Play**Tuesday**

10:00 am Eastside Bridge Center

Emerald Bridge Club

10:30 am Seattle Bridge Center

11:00 am Newcastle Bridge Club

7:00 pm Eastside Bridge Center 0-100

Mercercrest Bridge Club

Rainbow Bridge Club (*no game 2nd Tuesday*)**Wednesday**

10:00 am Eastside Bridge Center

10:30 am Seattle Bridge Center

Noon Ronald Methodist Church Senior, 0-2000

1:00 pm Pacific Bridge Center 0-300

7:00 pm Eastside Bridge Center 0-5, 0-500

Thursday

10:00 am Eastside Bridge Center

Emerald Bridge Club

Belletini

2nd Thursday only

10:30 am Seattle Bridge Center Free Lunch

7:00 pm LeEtta King Bridge Club

Rainbow Bridge Club

Newcastle Bridge Club

Eastside Bridge Center

Friday

10:00 am Eastside Bridge Center

Pacific Bridge Center

10:30 am Des Moines Bridge Club

Seattle Bridge Center

6:30 pm Vashon Bridge Club (*time varies, call first*)

7:30 pm Seattle Bridge Center

Christ Episcopal Church (See PBC for details)

Saturday

9:30 am Eastside Bridge Center "Fun Bridge"

Noon Seattle Bridge Center

1:00 pm Eastside Bridge Center

6:00 pm Rainbow Bridge Club 0-300 1st/3rd

Open others

All games are open unless otherwise specified.

Locations:

Ronald Methodist Church
17839 Aurora Ave N
(entrance on Linden, not Aurora)
Margaret Marshall, (206) 363-5484
Cell: (206) 972-1941

LeEtta King Bridge Club
500 30th Ave South
Seattle, WA 98144
(206) 226-9732

See "Club News" starting on page 2 for addresses and contact information for other clubs.

Seattle's Only Bridge Burlesque

The Production Committee of Seattle's Only Bridge Burlesque (SOBB) would like to sincerely thank the wonderful cast that made the musical show performed at the Nationals a success. These actors and actresses worked tirelessly for four months with numerous rehearsals to learn the lyrics and moves. Along with a volunteer support group for make-up, lighting, video, props, etc., the group provided some great entertainment. We won't list all the names but know you have our respect for your talents and our appreciation forever.

—The Production Committee (Ruth Bunin, Jackie Buroker, Andy Kopser, Henry Lortz, Marsha Rayton)

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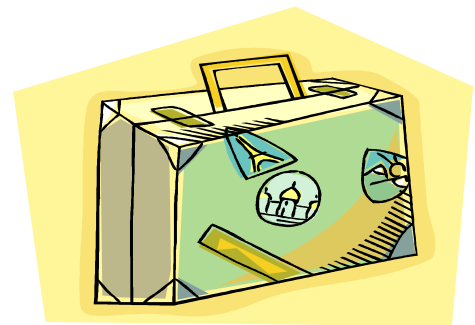
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February	10-12	Bellingham Sectional
	17-19	Bellevue Sectional *
	20-26	Vancouver (WA) Regional
March	10-11	Bellevue I/N Sectional *
	15-25	Memphis NABC
	30-31	Everett Sectional
April	21-22	District 19 GNT Finals

* See flyer in this issue of the SUN



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