

## Death of the Queen

by Harold Feldheim

Allan Clamage brings both culture and cheer to any table.
Although a fierce competitor he is a gentle opponent. I've never known a weaker opponent to feel intimidated by his presence. Along with this, he brings fine card play technique, both defense and offense.

The following hand from a recent Regional pairs is an excellent example of his technique.

## North <br> A 9 <br> AK 10965 <br> - J 97 <br> 53

| West | East |
| :---: | :---: |
| 4 1073 | ¢ Q J 65 |
| - QJ 2 | - 87 |
| - Q 843 | - 652 |
| \% J 108 | Q Q 642 |

## South

© K 842
$\checkmark 43$

- A K 10
© AK 97
Dealer: South
Neither side vulnerable
Opening lead -

| South | West | North | East |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 NT | Pass | 2 | Pass |
| 27 | Pass | 4 NT | Pass |
| 5 | Pass | 6 | All Pass |

The auction was somewhat aggressive and certainly flawed. The proper way to use Blackwood is via a Texas transfer. Thus, 1NT-4-4-4NT would be Blackwood. The auction as given should be quantitative with five hearts. However, Allan determined that his partner was not aware of this and, looking at a maximum, chose to respond aces. North bid a small slam in hearts, ending the auction.

Allan studied the opening lead and considered his chances. All things being equal, he rated to lose one heart trick plus a nasty potential loser in diamonds.

Superficially, the success of the contract depended on a diamond finesse but Alan set about to find a way to avoid the finesse.


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Winning with the ace, he cashed the $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{K}$ and ruffed a spade. He then played a club to the king and ruffed a club. The ace-king of trumps were cashed followed by a diamond to the ace, declarer ruffing his last spade in dummy arriving at the following position.


Now Allan administered the coup-de-gras by leading a diamond to the king followed by his last club. Although West holds two winning red queens, one of them is doomed by dummy's 10 .

This coup-en-passant, or elopement play, produces the slam fulfilling trick.

Nice technique!

## Sid Cohen Sectional <br> December 3-4-5 <br> Knights of Columbus Hall • Newington

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# The 'Can't Cost' (CC) Principle Chapter $V$ 

by John Steifel

To review CC: if you know a particular play can't cost, just do it. You don't need to figure out if or how it might gain, only that it can't lose. Said another way, it's often easier to figure out a "can't cost" play to an early trick than all the details of what might happen later (deep thought or DT).

CC Chapter 5 features this hand from a recent club game. It involves a corollary to the "Can't Cost Theorem" - if you know a particular play can't win, don't just do it - look for an alternative.
Dealer - North Vulnerability - N/S


Note - North- South play weak NT. So North opened $1 \checkmark$ and doubled $2 \boldsymbol{V}$ at his next turn to show a strong NT or better.

At trick one, East plays low and West shifts to the $2 \nabla$ at trick 2, East's ace winning. At trick 3, East leads a club to West's king and West returns a club at trick 4, ruffed by East and overruffed by South. Tricks 5 and 6 are won by the K and $\mathrm{A} \boldsymbol{\omega}$, both opponents following.

What now? It seems automatic to lead to dummy's ace of diamonds (in case East has a stiff queen), return to your hand in hearts and eventually


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take the diamond finesse against West. A simple count of East's hand, however, shows that this sequence of plays "can't win." East has shown up with 3 spades and 2 clubs. Also, East overcalled in hearts, so he probably has 5 in that suit. So East has 3 diamonds (or 4 if he overcalled with only 4 hearts) and West therefore has at most 2 diamonds. So a diamond finesse against West probably can't ever gain anything.
Is there an alternative? In other words, is there a "can't cost but might gain" alternative to the obvious line that "can't gain but might not cost?" In looking for the "might gain" alternative, the first thought is that East is very likely to have the $Q^{『}$ to justify his already-light overcall. The second thought is this: if East does have the $Q \vee$, what is he going to discard if South leads his last 3 trumps? So South leads the Q and J to tricks 7 and 8. On these tricks, East discards 2 without any apparent discomfort. This is the 5-card end position:


South leads his last trump at trick 9, discarding dummy's J , and East is stuck. East's actual diamond discard allowed South to cash North's top cards in the suit and return to his hand to take the last 2 tricks with the $K^{\top}$ and $6 \vee$. A heart discard would have allowed South to lead to his K Р, scooping up East's queen, and lead to dummy to take the last 3 tricks with the two top diamonds and the J
"Deep thought" (DT) people will point out that this is a "criss-cross squeeze." It's easier, however, to think of it as simple counting, a little thinking and an unwillingness to make a play that just "can't win."

One more point needs to be made. If East doesn't have the $\mathrm{Q}^{\bullet}$ and West has Qx (i.e. East's original hand was xxx, Al0xxx, 9xx, xx) South would have gone down in a hand that everyone else in the room would have made. This is true, but South simply went with the odds - East (the overcaller) having the $\mathrm{Q}^{\bullet}$ is much more likely than West (who already showed up with AKe and just made a simple raise) having both red queens. If the odds didn't pan out, South was prepared to say "sorry partner - I couldn't pick up Qx onside."

# Declarer Boners... Rubber or Duplicate Bridge 

by Tom Smith

Compared to some of the feats of legerdemain I've seen, at best I consider myself to be only a fair declarer. Too many contracts have slipped away at the table for any more exalted assessment. Nevertheless, there are so many times I've seen over the years that it boggles the mind when players with equal, or greater, experience fumble away contract after contract by not doing the right thing.

Have they not faced a similar situation before, or do they feel immune from the possibilities of distribution?

What is even more frustrating is that the player who would have made the contract has to sit there as dummy, knowing full well that partner is about to butcher the hand. Sometimes the boner occurs fairly late in the play. More often that not it comes very early.

Consider this a test. First cover the East-West cards, then, be honest with yourself. Would you have made the same play at the table? Do you have any sympathy for the line of play chosen?

Both vulnerable. North-South have 60 on score.

South deals. Rubber Bridge
North
AK 873
-A542

- 942

K 4

| West | East |
| :---: | :---: |
| ¢ Q 5 | ¢ J 94 |
| - K Q 9 | -10873 |
| - J 1065 | -87 |
| 9 J 1087 | A A 65 |
| South |  |
| ¢ A 1062 |  |
| - J 6 |  |
| - A K Q 3 |  |
| 932 |  |

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | pass | 1 P | pass |
| 19 | pass | $2 \boldsymbol{4}$ | pass |
| $3 \boldsymbol{4}$ | pass | pass | pass |
| pass | pass |  |  |
| Opening lead: Jo |  |  |  |

The defenders took the first two club tricks, then forced dummy with a third round. Declarer now decided to demonstrate the old axiom that a little learning is a dangerous thing.
 K was cashed and when east followed to the second round with the nine, south inserted the ten!

Voila! Only one trump loser, but suddenly it dawned on declarer that he was now saddled with a diamond loser unless the suit divided evenly. Since that was not the case, down one.

Declarer's play was $100 \%$ correct had dummy had J instead of, say, K . The only threat to the contract is a $4-1$ trump split, and playing the second round toward the closed hand, and either ducking an honor if east plays one, or putting in the 10 if east doesn't, is clearly the way to go.

On the actual layout, 3-2 trump split is about two times more likely than 3-3 diamond split, so declarer should have gone up with the ace on the second round of trumps, planning to eventually ruff the fourth diamond with the table's last trump. That simple line of play would have limited the defenders to one trump trick, two clubs and a heart, and north-south would have been 690 points in the black. (+590 instead of -100.)

Incidentally, if West should show out on the second spade, how would you play to hold the loses to down one?

Sometimes you have to play for trumps to be 3-2. More often you have to consider ways to overcome a 4-1 split and since this lie happens about three times in ten, it certainly behooves you to figure it out.


The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $1 \boldsymbol{~} \boldsymbol{~}$ | pass | $1 \boldsymbol{\Phi}$ | pass |
| $4 \boldsymbol{\vartheta}$ | pass | pass | pass |

Opening lead: $Q^{\checkmark}$
Despite a pusillanimous auction, there is no gainsaying the soundness of the final contract. And to be perfectly honest, declarer's line of play was eminently reasonable. South won the opening lead, cashed a top trump, then, played two more rounds of diamonds, ruffing the loser on the table. The Js was run and when this lost to the king and trumps failed to behave, the contract went the way of all flesh.

Good effort to neutralize the 4-1 heart split, but there was a slightly better one available that could be tested at no cost. At trick one, declarer should win the $A$ and immediately lead a club. Maybe one defender in 1,000 will play low from the ace in perfect tempo (it's the right play!), but more than likely, West will tip off the location of the ace with a tell-tale hesitation, assuming the defender doesn't go up with that card. If West follows low, insert the ten in the hope that will force out East's ace. Assuming you can later get to dummy with a diamond ruff (after cashing a high heart in hand, of course), two spades go away on the high clubs and you lose only two trumps and a club.
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Is all this legal? Mais oui! It is perfectly proper for declarer to try to interpret defender's eccentricities (at his own risk, of course), but it is not legal for a defender to attempt to mislead declarer in any unwarranted fashion. Thus, on this deal, if West thinks long and hard before producing a low club, causing you to misguess the situation, call the cops. If a committee doesn't award you the game (on this lie of the cards), it has no clue about the Laws. And if an Ethics Committee doesn't take action against this miscreant, it is spineless. Indeed, West has zero to think about without the ace.

Overcoming an evil trump break can be real tricky, but there are occasions when it is simply a matter of technique.

| North-South vulnerable |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| South deals. Rubber Bridge |  |
| North |  |
|  | ¢ J 4 |
|  | - A K 10 |
|  | -973 |
|  | - AK 1094 |
| West | East |
| ¢ Q 972 | 4 K |
| - J 43 | * Q9862 |
| -105 | - A 82 |
| Q Q J 75 | ¢ 83 |
| South |  |
| \& A 108653 |  |
| P75 |  |
| - K Q 64 |  |
| Q 2 |  |

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 ¢ | pass | 2 NT | pass |
| 3 | pass | $4 \boldsymbol{s}$ | pass |
| pass | pass |  |  |

Opening lead: Qe
Since a vulnerable weak-two in first seat is usually a pretty good hand, North felt fully justified in probing for North felt fully justified in probing for
game and bit it once partner showed something in diamonds along with a maximum.

Look at the North-South hands in the harsh light of day. What is the best way to hold your trump losers to one? If you know the answer to that question, you are, for sure, the greatest declarer of all time. Since it's doubtful that even Pietro Forquet (my choice of all-time best, although feel free to pick your own) would be willing to offer an opinion, you have to ask another question. Is the contract doomed if you lose two spade tricks? Not at all! Find the diamond ace onside and you lose only three tricks, as long as you don't saddle yourself with three trump losers.

Having gotten the preliminaries out of the way, let's go to the heart of the matter. What is the best play in trumps to lose two tricks while giving you some chance to escape with only losing one?

That's easy. Lead dummy's 4 to the ace! If the K Q are doubleton, you are home-free, but you have some chance of success when trumps are 32 or if either defender has a singleton 9 , Q or K. What you must not do is lead the J at trick two, but that is exactly what declarer did, and there was no recovery. Indeed, South was lucky to get out for only down one when East grabbed the A on the first lead of that suit from the table.

Yes, all these hands are from Chicago rubber bridge, but they still pay bonuses for making any contract in duplicate, don't they?

Milestones Congratulations to:

Gold Life Master

(2,500 master points)
Stephen Earl
Dot Grogan
Silver Life Master
(1,000 master points)
Thomas Hyde
Nora Tkacz
Jacqueline Zwillinger
Bronze Life Master
(500 master points)
Eva Hunt
Susan Mayo
Esther Olson
Marilyn Sugerman
Life Master (300 master points)
Judith Hess
Jane Julius
Susan Leege
Esther Murphy
Mary Oztemel
Marilyn Winthrop


# Don't Give Up The Ship 

by Gloria Sieron

Commander James Lawrence in a sea battle for the control during the War of 1812 , inspired victory with the now famous saying, "Don't Give up the Ship." A descendent of Commander Lawrence played the South hand in a recent duplicate match at the Wednesday night pizza and watermelon feast at Bill Wood's Bridge Studio in Norwalk.

## North

4 Q J 6

- A 107
- 854

K Q 85

| West | East |
| :---: | :---: |
| -98432 | 4 K 105 |
| - Q 964 | - J 2 |
| - Void | -109732 |
| - J 1032 | -974 |

## South

© A 7
-K853

- AK Q J 6
© A 6
After an opening bid of two no trump by South, North with nearly an opening bid himself leapt to six no trump. The contract was virtually iron-clad after the successful spade finesse on opening lead. Just to make sure all hands were on deck, our hero, after winning the spade ace, tested the waters with the diamond ace. The Witch of Ararat was at work - the diamonds had no right to split five nothing - and twelve sure tricks suddenly turn into eleven.

When the slip was opened at the end of the hand, eleven souths out of twelve, apparently did give up the ship and gracefully went down one. No doubt blaming the curse of the Witch of Ararat. "Well, the diamonds broke five nothing and I went down."

Apparently, only the descendent of Lawrence decided at trick three that there might be a way to score twelve tricks despite the curse. He decided, since the diamonds split five nothing, neither the clubs nor the hearts would behave evenly. Losing a heart trick to


East's Jack at trick three, brought the 10 to dislodge dummy's queen. This is the position at trick five.


South now plays the $\mathrm{K} \mathrm{QJ} \downarrow$. The West hand is helpless and must provide South with his twelfth trick in one of the three remaining suits.

## Brief Bridge Bidding <br> Author Unknown

With twelve or more points, I'm required to speak
And mention a suit that is not very weak.
With five cards or longer,
I need not be cute
I merely will open with one of that suit.
But with a four card major, ah, that is the rub...

I know I must open, so I'll say, "One Club."

With fifteen or seventeen, one no-trump will do
And with twenty or more, I'll open with two.
When the opponents have opened, now I have trouble...
I have an opening bid and I say so by, "Double."

If the opponents have opened, my back's to the wall
I have length and good points, so I must overcall.

My partner has opened, and I'm in a fix

Because I must pass with less points than six.

But if my count is six points to ten
I must respond once, but need not again.
But ten to twelve points is really nice,
I will plan to respond not once, but twice.
With thirteen or more points, I would be to blame

If I let the bid end before we reach game.


## Woodway Duplicate Bridge Club

## Summer Series Winners

1. Adele Hollingsworth \& Shirley Rogers
2. Betty McCoy \& Lorraine Belliveau
3. Ann Fuller \& Martha Murphy
4. Connie Nussbaum \& Fran Howes

## ACBL Club Charity Game

lst North-South:
Nunny Montgomery \& Audrey Knobloch
1st East-West:
Bibbie Grubbs \& Millie Fromm

## Bridge Forum (Hamden) Third Quarter News

We have been pleased to welcome the return of Florence Schannon who was out for almost half a year after a horrific accident.

## Tuesday Results

Player of the Year: 2001 Co-Player of the Year Muriel Romero has established a substantial lead over closest pursuers Mary Connolly, Fredda Kelly, Eleanor Seaman and Helen Molloy. The Kelly-Molloy partnership is slightly ahead of Billie Hecker-Jean Shepler-Miller for Leading Pair, with Hill AuerbachTracy Selmon and Jean Pyne-Pat Rooney deadlocked for a distant third.

Van Dyke Cup (through the quarterfinals): The quartet of Emma Q. Antonio, Mary Connolly, Bob Hawes and Louise Wood, often playing together in various combinations, rose to the top of the table and stayed there as three players were eliminated each week. Of the early leaders, Eleanor Seaman finished 11th, but Jean Shepler-Miller reached the semifinals. Muriel Romero and Jon Ingersoll were in good shape to challenge for the finals but finished 8th and 9th when Rosemarie Tilney and Helen Shields made high scores in the quarterfinal week and passed Muriel and Jon. Rosemarie moved into fourth place, sufficient to make the final if she were to maintain it.

## Friday Results

Player of the Year: Former POYs Arlene Leshine (2001) and Carl Yohans (1999) are exchanging the lead for this year's honors, with Fredda Kelly, Ginny Anderson and Lois Flesche third through fifth in the standings. Carl is also in contention (with Janice Bruce) for leading pair, though Mary Cameron Norma Petchler have pulled slightly ahead. The new pair of Manny Rosenberg - Marge Simson have risen to third despite not playing until June.

Reynolds Cup (through the quarterfinals): Eleanor Tucker was comfortably ahead when she sadly had to move to Cape Cod, but she still finished 11th. Jean Bell (15th) was in the top ten when she returned to Florida early. Sylvia Alpert and Gert Pedersen managed top ten finishes. Arlene Leshine was sure of a spot in the finals, with Louise Wood, Billie Hecker, Carl Yohans and Jean Shelper-Miller in a four-way battle for the other three berths. Lois Flesche and Fredda Kelly also reached the semifinals but were unlikely to advance.
by Paul Burnham

Sam is the name my earliest bridge mentor (Charlie Keller) used in his weekly column for all his partners.

Halfway through the day's third session, you pick up a nine (+/-) trick hand. You have seen this before; Dimitri, holding eight spades to the AK10, four hearts to the KJ and the diamond A , opened six spades. RHO then bid seven clubs and all you could do was double, even with $\mathrm{Q}, \mathrm{J}, \mathrm{x}$ spades, for a result well below average.

So he stampeded them into a winning sacrifice. (Dimitri disdains the big two clubs, 2/1, Walsh, Drury, Blackwood, Bergen, Jacoby and almost all your toys, preferring a modified Blue Team Club which you have never had the time to learn. So he tries to play your, and almost everyone else's, system, but sometimes he just has to take an auction into his own hands.)


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Dimitri, however, is three thousand miles away, and Sam does not have Dimitri's hangups. So you bid two clubs and Sam responds three diamonds. Well, that is supposed to mean two aces, or an ace and two kings, but playing this session was a decision made after the cocktail hour and a half, so maybe Sam has an ace
and another card that somehow looks like an ace. Or double vision. Can't worry about that.

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The Auction:

| $\mathbf{N}$ | $\mathbf{W}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $2 \boldsymbol{e}$ | P | 3 | P |
| 7NT | P | P | P |

Commnents: Sometimes you're lucky. Do you have any tool to uncover Sam's length in diamonds? Not after this start. In fact the rest of the auction will be undiscussed, albeit with the common knowledge that you belong in slam.

Are you better off now that you know you have at least thirteen tricks if diamonds run? How good is your knowledge of the odds - how are diamonds apt to be distributed across three hands, when you know three of your partner's cards are not diamonds? If you stand to lose two diamond tricks (most unlikely), then five diamonds is the contract, off one diamond and the contract is six diamonds, if they all come home then you belong
in seven no trump. Surely the choice is between six diamonds and seven no trump (or six or seven of Sam's six card major, although the transfer of captaincy needed to find that contract would probably be beyond your partnership's capabilities, even without the margaritas.)

Glancing around the room, there appear to be three pairs who will be able to get to the right contract, and about five who will not realize until dummy comes down that no trump may be a viable strain. There seems no way to take a different number of tricks on the play - all the matchpoints will be won or lost on the bidding, six diamonds making six or seven is probably going to be somewhere between an average and an average minus, figure five matchpoints. Seven no trump is going to be nine or ten matchpoints if it is the right contract, eleven or twelve if it is the wrong contract, but happens to make, and zero or one if it is the wrong contract and goes down.

When you get home perhaps you will figure out the odds based upon the information you now have (diamonds will run about sixty percent of the time) but right now perhaps your bidding decision will be based upon knowing that you're not going to be picking up subtle inferences in this post-libation part of the day that might provide tops garnered the oldfashioned way (by actually earning them). So did you end up in the wrong contract that happens to make?
(Stay tuned)

## NAOP Winners

Congratulations to all the NAOP winners and to everyone who played at the District finals in Sturbridge...and good luck to all the contestants who have our best wishes to bring home the gold from Pittsburgh.
FLIGHT A PAIRS • 10 Pairs
1 John Stiefel - Victor King 2 Lloyd Arvedon - Pat McDevitt
3 Larry Bausher - Steve Becker
4 Douglas Doub - Franklin Merblum
5 David Metcalf - Walter Fontaine

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## JEFF FELDMAN MEMORIAL

Hamden Sectional • Sept. 17-19
Fri. Aft Open Pairs
A B C

## Terry Fidler - Denise Lombard

 Richard De Martino - John Stiefel Allan Clamage - Don Stiegler1 D. Brueggemann - E. Watstein
2 Eileen Inman - Robert Rising
3 Jennifer Williams - Lynn Condon
41 Jose Gaztambide - E. Papineau
Richard Franklin - M. Glickman
2 Anthony Gardener - Cornelia Snape
3 Thompson Prentzel - J. Prentzel
4 Christine Pokorski - Judith Hess
Fri. Aft Senior Pairs

| A | B | C |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  |  | Nancy Earel - Gail Carroll |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | Norma and Stanley Augenstein |
| 3 |  |  | Audrey Bell - Mildred Fromm |
| 4 |  |  | Jane Sedlmayr - Thomas Geelan |
| $5 / 6$ |  |  | Elizabeth Nagle - K. Frangione |
| $5 / 6$ | 2 | 2 | John O'Shea - David Hyatt |
| 3 | 3 | Ted Przedpelski - Dave Fisch |  |
| 4 |  | Dee Altieri - Emma Antonio |  |

Fri. Eve Charity Pairs
A B C

| 1 |  |  | Allan Clamage - Howard Lawrence |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 |  | Louise Cavallero - Cynthia Michael |  |
| 3 |  | M. Mason - J. Zwillinger |  |
| 4 |  |  | John Stiefel - Richard De Martino |
| 5 | 1 |  | Mary Connolly - Louise Wood |
| 6 | 2 |  | R. Franklin - M. Glickman |
|  | 3 |  | David Rock - Sonja Smith |
|  | 4 | 1 | Alvin Hamilton - Edgar Taylor |
|  | 5 | 2 | R. Manger-Tilney - J. Pieper |
|  |  | 3. | Gernot Reiners - Vince D'Souza |
|  |  | 4 | Barbara Sloan - Raymond Fortier |

## Sat. Morn A/X Pairs

1 W. Ehlers - R. De Martino
2 Sarah Budds - Kathleen Frangione
Steve Becker - Larry Bausher
Victor King - John Stiefel
Arthur Crystal - Debbie Benner

## Sat. Morn B/C/D

C D
Terry Lubman - David Benjamin
1 Bjorn Axelson - Robert Francis
21 Peter Leighton - Marc Hawley
32 David Ross - David Hyatt
Helma Strauss - Elizabeth Nagle
Thomas Hyde - Tucker Merritt
4 John O'Shea - Howard Kunofsky
5 Hollis Barry - Gery Barry
63 D. Wright - T. Karnkowski
4 Marilyn Kay - Raymond Fortier
5 Eleanor Papineau - Louis Brown
6 Stephanie Furtsch - Sandra Zions
Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs
A X
1
Steve Becker - Larry Bausher

3 Paul Donahue - Dennis Donahue
4 Doris Greenwald - Elliot Ranard

## Sat. Aft B/C/D Pairs

B C D

## 1 Helma Strauss - Elizabeth Nagle <br> Joel Tames - John Farwell <br> 31 Barbara Blake - Alan Blake <br> 21 Carole Amaio - Robert Gruskay Dibirma Burnham - Claire Sauer David Benjamin - Terry Lubman <br> 4 Arthur Haut - Elaine Haut <br> 52 Shirley Fruchter - Fredda Kelly <br> 63 Stanley and Norma Augenstein <br> 4 David Ross - David Hyatt <br> 5 Eleanor Papineau - Louis Brown

## Sat. Aft 299er Pairs

E F
11 Doris Andrews - Saroj Gulati
2 Maureen Smith - Mary Maloney
2 Gregory Klein - Joseph Pagerino
Sat. Eve Open Pairs
A B
1/2 Cynthia Michael - Lenny Russman
1/2 Don Stiegler - David Poriss
3 Thomas Hyde - Tucker Merritt
4/51/2 Mary Witt - Eleanor Papineau
4/51/2 John Farwell - Robert Rising
3 Sonja Smith - David Rock

## Sun. Flight A Swiss Teams

1 Victor King-Gregory WoodsRichard De Martino-Thomas Smith
2 Phyllis Bausher - Joyce Stiefel John Stiefel - Larry Bausher
3 Russell Friedman - John Segal -
Allan Wolf - William Wood
4 Morgan Tyler - Frank BlachowskiB. Gutermuth Jr - H. Lawrence

5 W. Fontaine - A. Levitsky -
J. Greer - M.Mahon

## Sun. B/C Swiss Teams

B C
1 Louise Wood - Robert Hawes Fredda Kelly - Shirley Fruchter
2 Eleanor Papineau - Louis Brown Jose Gaztambide - Marilyn Kay
3 John Berry - Ogden Bigelow Jr J Peter Tripp - Gary Seckinger
4 Judith Hess - Karen Xia Marc Hawley - Peter Leighton
5 R.Castellone - S. Furtsch -
S. Zions - L. Otness

1 Arline Small - Betty Levine Selma Moffie - Sally Title

## If you have the slightest touch of masochism, you'll love this game.

## WEST HAVEN SECTIONAL

July 30 - Aug. 1

## Fri. Aft Open Pairs

## A B C

Judith Hess - Nicholas France
11 Sandra Reiners - Gernot Reiners
Larry Bausher - Don Barnett
Lawrence Lau - Judy Prescott
Louise Cavallero - Cynthia Michael
22 Edward Littman - Richard Olson
3 Lois Kenyon - Gina Willis
4 Lawrence Stern - Vince D'Souza
5 J. Williams - C. Pokorski

## Fri. Aft Senior Pairs

## B C

Micki Schaffel - Ruth Teitelman
Janet Gischner - Harris Jacobs
11 Ted Przedpelski - Dave Fisch
Vesna Hauptfeld - Dorothy Hulme
2 Eva Hunt - Michael Bolgar
32 Perry Saxe - Sidney Beck
4 Helen Shields - Jean Bramley
5 Ed Finlay - Lois Evans
3 Marvin Jamron - Robert Kidd

## Fri. Eve Open Pairs

A B C
11 Jan Kulas - Zbigniew Gudanek
2 Susan Rodricks - Alice Hummel
H. Lawrence - F. Blachowski
R. De Martino - Eleanor Gimon
C. Graham - C. Zultowsky

Judith Hess - Nicholas France
3 Lois Kenyon - Gina Willis
2 Sandra Reiners - Gernot Reiners
5 Marilyn Kay - Raymond Fortier

## Sat. Morn A/X Pairs

A X
1 John Farwell - Robert Rising
2 John Segal - Allan Wolf
Charles Halpin - Lenny Russman
3 Phyllis Bausher - M Stasiewski
Don Barnett - Larry Bausher

## Morn B/C/D Pairs

C D
11 Bill Filip - Jennifer Williams
22 Margaret Hovell - Nancy Brown
Susan Seckinger - Mary Witt
3 Susan Rodricks - Patricia Gibbs
43 Gernot Reiners - John O'Shea
54 Karen Fox - Deborah Kessler
6 Arthur Haut - Elaine Haut
5 Jean Orr - Aldonna Wedge

## Sat. Morn 299er Pairs

E F

1 Margaret Hovell - Nancy Brown
Gernot Reiners - John O'Shea
2 Jean Orr - Aldonna Wedge
Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs
A X
Don Barnett - Larry Bausher
H. Silverman - M. Futterman

Robert Casey - Harris Jacobs
James Greer - Maeve Mahon
Gloria Sieron - Richard Sieron
Jane Smith - Barb Shaw
1 Phyllis Bausher - M Stasiewski
2 Jerry Jacobs - Bobbi Jacobs
3 Kay Howe - William Wood
4 J Kuklinski - Robert Serenyi
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18.34 Geoffrey Brod
14.21 Joan Brod
13.13 Dinah Schulman
12.29 Muriel Romero
11.14 Miriam Kunofsky
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4.29 Flora Schannon
4.23 Carl Stone
4.23 Tadeusz Karnkowski
4.21 Partab Makhijani
4.16 Marylin Noll
4.13 John Stiefel

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| 90 | 3.33 Gary Taylor |
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| 1 | 14568.07 | Richard De Martino |
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| 2 | 14260.31 | Harold Feldheim |
| 3 | 12757.71 | John Stiefel |
| 4 | 8913.94 | Douglas Doub |
| 5 | 7708.16 | Larry Bausher |
| 6 | 6855.82 | Marvin Rosenblatt |
| 7 | 6730.55 | Victor King |
| 8 | 6577.34 | Franklin Merblum |
| 9 | 5496.71 | Arthur Waldmann |
| 10 | 5387.46 | Jim Cleary |
| 11 | 5261.61 | Steve Becker |
| 12 | 4701.09 | Geoffrey Brod |
| 13 | 4540.01 | Hilda Silverman |
| 14 | 4277.16 | James Greer |
| 15 | 4262.03 | Charlotte Brody |
| 16 | 4088.90 | Grace Postman |
| 17 | 4047.99 | Jane Smith |
| 18 | 3887.99 | Winifred Clark |
| 19 | 3873.62 | Jeff Horowitz |
| 20 | 3828.69 | Allan Clamage |
| 21 | 3795.58 | Gregory Woods |
| 22 | 3633.69 | Marilyn Goldberg |
| 23 | 3490.04 | Pat Hartman |
| 24 | 3444.06 | David Ehler |
| 25 | 3280.32 | Don Stiegler |
| 26 | 3251.44 | Jeanne Fedell |
| 27 | 3246.83 | Frank Blachowski |
| 28 | 3231.33 | Jeffrey Goldman |
| 29 | 3118.50 | Paula Frenkel |
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| 31 | 3033.44 | Gloria Sieron |
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| 2868.34 | Tom Joyce |
| 2860.57 | Lucille Backer |
| 2778.98 | Joel Krug |
| 2751.97 | Allan Rothenberg |
| 2676.54 | Betty Loop |
| 2644.77 | Charles Halpin |
| 2577.04 | Judy Parker |
| 2567.74 | Joan Brod |
| 2567.54 | Barb Shaw |
| 2533.42 | Stephen Earl |
| 2512.23 | Dot Grogan |
| 2439.59 | Kenneth Parker |
| 2433.74 | Lawrence Lau |
| 2335.34 | Mildred Fromm |
| 2280.18 | Dinah Schulman |
| 2267.99 | Howard Lawrence |
| 2208.65 | Florence Filkoff |
| 2195.55 | Seth Cohen |
| 2165.39 | Beatrice Cramer |
| 2163.43 | Sue Fulljames |
| 2130.47 | David Ulmer |
| 2124.99 | Loren Bernau |
| 2115.43 | Richard Jaworowski |
| 2101.91 | Alicia Duran |
| 2083.02 | Barbara Kirtley |
| 2071.28 | Margaret Mason |
| 2047.43 | Louise Cavallero |
| 2037.19 | Sandra De Martino |
| 2029.59 | Howard Merblum |
| 2021.21 | Don Barnett |
| 1971.25 | William Wood |
| 1969.80 | Burton Gischner |
| 1966.96 | Lois Zeisler |
| 1964.23 | Terry Brewster |
| 1955.69 | Doris Greenwald |
| 1938.78 | Frances Moffett |
| 1926.81 | Robert Brody |
| 1899.52 | Joan Panico |
| 1893.94 | Betty Jane Corbani |
| 1889.59 | Ruth Teitelman |
| 1887.52 | Kay Howe |
| 1883.03 | Richard Hanna |
| 1881.41 | Harris Jacobs |
| 1868.02 | Charlotte Zultowsky |
| 1866.27 | Sarah Corning |
| 1851.23 | Julius Smith |
| 1847.06 | Susan Patricelli |
| 1845.69 | Maeve Mahon |
| 1832.62 | Patricia King |
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# Bridge-Playing Sub-Culture 

## With thanks to Ann Cady who sent the following article to The Kibitzer:

A high school student who took up bridge "to become closer with my grandma" found a new world of friends and discovered that "life is one big card game."

Ryan Locke of Carmel, IN joined the ACBL almost a year ago and began playing at the Northside Bridge Center in Indianapolis with his grandmother, Eileen Miller of Indianapolis. Young Locke graduated from high school in May and will be a freshman at Purdue University in the fall. He wrote this essay for a school project:

## THE ARCHITECTURE THAT FILLS OUR GAPS

Imagine a place where all generations congregate to engage in two-on-two, amazingly ruthless, fantastic battles of wit and strength of mind.

Imagine a realm of four royal families feuding for glory in the form of hundredths of a point that has no value outside of esteem. Imagine the nights on which they can dive into combat.

The glorious arena is equipped with all the Coke, popcorn and candy you could ever ask for. This battlefield is none other than the wondrous Indianapolis Bridge Center in Castleton, IN.

I am but one of a huge conglomeration of card-playing fanatics who attend the center every week. As the youngest of the group at any given time, I felt quite out of place at first, but my nervousness was unfounded and unneeded.

The curiosity of the elders made me realize that I was not an outcast at all, but rather a fresh and clean window into the teen-age subculture. As I become more and more engulfed in the bridge world, I realize that the only difference between the old and the young is time.

We speak the same language, which for bridge includes words like trump suit, bid, cards with clothes, winners and losers, ruffing, doubling, overcalling, promoting tricks, finessing, and, most definitely, winning - and also we like the same foods.

I took bridge up to become closer with my grandma, but that is not the only thing I have obtained from the game. I now have an entire social group that is built upon the love of a card game. It is weird to think of my elders as peers, but that is exactly what they have become.

I am part of the bridge-playing subculture, and am proud of it. I have come to realize that I do not need to always play my aces in life, because they are good any time.

Life is one big card game, and being part of the bridge subculture has helped me realize that I have been dealt a 37 point hand.

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| 101 | 1690.17 | Betty MacInnis | 128 | 1468.17 | Bonnie Janzen | 155 | 1331.51 | Adrian Rebollo |
| 102 | 1679.14 | Vesna Hauptfeld | 129 | 1465.73 | Annette Peltier | 156 | 1331.10 | Colleen Treanor |
| 103 | 1677.20 | Dick Fulljames | 130 | 1463.77 | Trella Niswander | 157 | 1330.04 | Kenneth Abelson |
| 104 | 1645.19 | Albert LaPlant | 131 | 1454.63 | Roy Erickson | 158 | 1325.04 | Judy Prescott |
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| 107 | 1633.40 | John Maselli | 134 | 1446.81 | Eleanor Gimon | 161 | 1311.71 | Anne Logan |
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| 113 | 1573.68 | Gordon Jonas | 140 | 1420.64 | Natalie Cohen | 167 | 1283.50 | Mark Myerson |
| 114 | 1570.36 | Jay Borker | 141 | 1415.52 | Denise Lombard | 168 | 1282.83 | Anna Ardolino |
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| 121 | 1537.47 | Joan Martin | 148 | 1376.59 | Lesley Meyers | 175 | 1251.33 | Helen Bartol |
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Friday, December 3
1:30 Stratified Open Pairs - Stratified Senior Pairs
7:30 Stratified Open Pairs
Saturday, December 4
10:00 Strati-flighted Open Pairs - Strata A/X - Strata B/C/D Stratified 299'er Pairs, 1 Session
2:00 Strati-flighted Open Pairs - Strata AX -
Strata B/C/D- Stratified 299'er Pairs
7:30 Stratified Open Pairs
Sunday, December 5
11:00 Strati-flighted Open Swiss - Flight A - Strata B/C
TBA Strati-flighted Open Swiss - Flight A - Strata B/C
Free Continental breakfast at 10:30
Lunch available for purchase

## Entry fees:

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\$4.00 per player discount Sat. at 7:30 for also playing 10:00 \& 2:00

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