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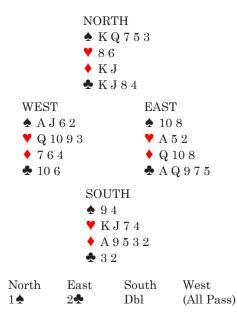
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There is a poetry to play and defense in bridge that is beyond the scope of other games. The best of these hands are a battle between declarer and defender. often resulting in each side outdoing the other in producing an exercise of mental agility. The following hand, from the recent STaC is a very pretty case-inpoint.

Dealer: North Vulnerability: East-West



South leads: $\bigstar 9$

The auction:

After South's negative double, North's penalty pass seems quite risky but alternatives are hard to find. With a doubleton in both red suits, North's only choices, other than a penalty pass, are $2 \bigstar$ opposite potential shortness and 2NT, a definite overbid. Given that nothing looked appetizing, North decided to try for the match point magic of +200.

Entry Problems

by Harold Feldheim

The play :

Declarer ducked the opening spade lead, losing to North's queen. Back came the king and jack of diamonds, East's queen losing to the ace. South must now decide whether to give partner a ruff or return a spade through dummy's A-J. Interestingly, either play works although they both require alert defensive play. Let's try both.

- At trick 4, South leads another 1. diamond. North ruffs and returns a heart. East ducking to South's king. The first 5 tricks to the defense! But be careful: against a seemingly natural spade continuation, East will rise with the ace, and lead the club ten, covered by the jack and queen. With the now established heart queen as an entry, East can return to dummy and finesse North's remaining trumps, making two clubs doubled. What if, instead of returning a spade. South leads a fourth diamond? North can pitch his losing heart and no matter how declarer squirms, the defense will score the setting trick in clubs.
- At trick 4. South leads a spade 2.instead of the diamond. Declarer rises with the ace and leads the club ten, covered by the jack and queen followed by a heart towards the dummy. South rises and finally leads a diamond. Now it is North's turn to shine. If he ruffs, we find ourselves in the same losing ending as above. Once again if he pitches his losing heart, declarer wins the trick in hand but loses a vital entry to dummy and must lose two trump tricks, again failing by one trick.

When a defender gives declarer a sluffand-a-ruff it often costs a trick that makes the contract, though sometimes it gains by shortening declarer's trumps. But on this hand, oddly enough, it's the only way that breaks the contract, by shortening dummy's trumps or by killing a dummy entry.

The moral: The match point super-score (+200) is there for the taking. But, occasionally, we may have to work particularly hard for it! 🌇

Milestones and Congratulations

New Life Masters

Robert Hawes

Gold Life Masters (2500 MPs)

Lesley Meyers **Ruth** Teitelman William Wood

Silver Life Masters (1000 MPs)

Emma Antonio Kate Burton Ms. P.C. Kreger Barbara Murray **Beverly Saunders** **Bronze Life Masters** (500 MPs)

David Blackburn Penelope Glassmeyer Betty Hodgman Sally Kirtley Laurel Koegel Vivian Wu

How NOT to Bid Like the Experts

Advice from experts: It doesn't make any shows a vo

difference how simple or complex your bidding system, so long as you and your partner understand what the bids mean and are on the same wavelength. Other great advice: If you have a choice of bids or plays, make life easy for your partner.

Recently I was playing with someone I hadn't played with for a while (I'm not using names to protect the guilty), and as you will see from a couple of hands none of the advice from above was in evidence.

I have rotated both hands for convenience:

Dealer: East Vulnerability: North-South

| | NORTH | | |
|------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | (My namel | ess partner) | |
| | 🔶 A J 9 4 | | |
| | 💙 K Q 2 | | |
| | ♦ | | |
| | 📥 Q J 9 5 | 4 2 | |
| | SOUTH | | |
| | (My hand) | | |
| | 🔶 Q 7 6 8 | 53 | |
| | 💙 A 8 4 | | |
| | 🔶 K 8 5 | | |
| | 🜲 A K | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| | | Pass | 1 🛧 |
| Pass | $2NT^{(1)}$ | Pass | $3 ^{(2)}$ |
| Pass | $4 \blacklozenge^{(3)}$ | Pass | $4NT^{(4)}$ |
| Pass | $6^{(5)}$ | Pass | $6^{(6)}$ |
| Pass | 6 4 ⁽⁷⁾ | (All Pass) | |

Translation:

- ⁽¹⁾ Jacoby 2NT. Game forcing with trump support (OK so far).
- ⁽²⁾ Strong response denying shortage and denying another long suit (still OK).
- (3) Showing first round control in diamonds (I thought my partner must have A♦ - with a void he would have started with a splinter).
- ⁽⁴⁾ RKCB.
- (5) We both thought this showed an odd number of key cards and a void. My partner thought he had already shown the diamond void so wanted to show me his long side suit to go with "1" Key Card. I thought we had an agreement that a jump to the 6 level

by Brett Adler

shows a void in the suit bid, so I "knew" partner had a club void and "3" Key Cards. I did wonder why partner hadn't started with a club splinter, and I wondered where the opponents were with their 11 card club fit. The fact that partner cue bid diamonds not clubs was still consistent with the hand I gave him in my mind, as it made sense that he might cue bid an Ace before a void.

- (6) With the hand I was giving partner, a small slam looked frigid and I was interested in a grand slam. My bid showed ◆K, ♥A and asked partner to bid 7♠ with additional features in his hand such as a string of diamonds with ◆Q and/or good heart cards. Partner "knew" something was wrong when he thought I was cueing ◆A after he had told me he had a void, so signed off in slam.
- (7) As the K was singleton on side, I could now "blame" partner for not bidding the grand slam with 16 tricks available.

This next hand immediately followed the hand above and, was against the same opponents. So, at least we had "learned" how to be on the same wavelength:

Dealer: North Vulnerability: East-West

| | NORTH (My hand) | 3 6 4 3 less partner |) |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| West | North $1^{(1)}$ | East Pass | South |
| $2 \bigstar^{(2)}$ | 3 ♠ ⁽³⁾ | 4 | 4NT ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Pass | 6 Y ⁽⁵⁾ | Pass | 6 🛧 (6) |
| Pass | 7 📥 | Dbl | 77 |
| Dbl (7) | (All Pass) | | |

Translation:

⁽¹⁾ I decided to open this hand at the one level as it adhered to the rule of 20:



the length of the two longest suits (11) plus HCP (9).

- ⁽²⁾ Weak jump overcall.
- ⁽³⁾ Once partner bid hearts I fell in love with my hand. There were plenty of options available to show support (3♥, 4♥, 5♥, 3♠, 4♠), but all were flawed as I had great distribution but didn't have a full opening bid.
- (4) RKCB.
- ⁽⁵⁾ As per the first hand above, I thought this showed an odd number of key cards (1), and a void (spades). My partner meant 4NT as RKCB, but couldn't understand my bid; he then reasoned that I must have thought it was natural and had bid 6♥ as a value bid. Please note that despite my light opening this contract would make and was our last chance to go positive. Based on the assumption that I had misinterpreted his bid but had "extras", partner was interested in a grand slam so I made a bid that will haunt me for some time to come.
- ⁽⁶⁾ Partner cue bidding the opponent's suit at the 6 level was a mystery to me. In hindsight I wish I had passed as we would have earned the same match points and I would have had a better story. In the end I bid 7♣ to keep the auction alive and pass the baton back to my partner. Partner meant 6♠ as a probe for a grand slam telling me to bid 6NT if I didn't have grand slam aspirations as he had spades covered.
- (7) It is a shame that the person on lead had the A ◆ and was unsporting enough to lead it after he doubled our contract – any other lead and our grand slam would have made.

We scored 7.5 out of 8 match points for the first board, 0 for the second, and 7 for the third board which wasn't exciting enough for this article. So after this 60% round it was off to the next table for more adventures. Tune in next edition – same bat time, same bat channel.

Can't Cost – Chapter 19

by John Stiefel



This hand from a recent Swiss Team is a good illustration of the "Can't Cost" principle.

Dealer: North Vulnerability: North-South

| | NORTH ♠ J ♥ A 3 ♦ J 10 ♣ A K | 98 | |
|--------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | SOUTI ♠ K Q ♥ Q J ♦ K Q ♣ 3 | 98654 | |
| North 1♣ 3NT | East $3 \blacklozenge 4 \blacklozenge$ | South 3♠ 4♠ | West Pass (All Pass) |

Opening Lead: ♥10 (standard leads)

The auction merits some comment.

First, South's 3♠ bid showed a full opening bid and is forcing to game. Second, East's 4 bid is a "no-no." The purpose of a pre-empt is to disrupt the enemy's communications while minimizing the chance of "going for a number." The 3 bid follows both of these rules, but the $4 \blacklozenge$ bid violates them both. By the time East bid $4 \blacklozenge$, North-South had already made 3 bids and South knew that slam was unlikely, since North had shown a minimum hand with no spade fit. North had also shown a diamond stopper; so South considered doubling $4 \blacklozenge$ but finally settled for $4 \bigstar$. As will become evident later. East would have been limited to 4 tricks for -1400 if South had doubled $4 \blacklozenge$.

What if East felt that his hand warranted pre-empting to the 4 level? In

that case, he should have bid $4 \blacklozenge$ the first time, when North-South had only made 1 bid. Had he done that, South would surely have not considered doubling and just bid $4 \clubsuit$.

At any rate $4 \blacklozenge$ became the final contract at both tables ($4 \blacklozenge$ was not bid at the other table) and both Wests led the $\checkmark 10$, dummy's ace winning.

The bidding and non-diamond opening lead marked West with a void in diamonds and East was likely to be short in hearts; so a defensive cross-ruff was a lively possibility. Possibly this could be prevented by cashing 3 rounds of clubs to pitch both of declarer's diamonds. But, East's pre-empt suggested that it wasn't likely that 3 rounds of clubs would stand up without someone ruffing.

So at Table 1, South decided against playing high clubs and called for dummy's **\$**J at trick 2. East made no mistake. He rose with the \bigstar A and then played A (West discarding a heart) and another diamond, West ruffing. Next West played the **V**K (East discarding a club) and another heart, East ruffing. East followed with a low diamond and declarer ruffed with the 9. but East over-ruffed with the 10 to complete a 3-trick set. (Declarer could have held the damage to down two if he'd ruffed the third round of diamonds with one of his high honors and drawn West's last trump with the other; but he was understandably shell-shocked.)

At Table 2, declarer also felt that three rounds of clubs were unlikely to stand up. But, he also concluded that it "couldn't cost" to try. If anyone was short in clubs, it was most likely to be East and East ruffing the second or third round of the suit in front of declarer "couldn't cost." So, at tricks 2-4, declarer played $A \spadesuit$, $K \spadesuit$, $Q \spadesuit$, discarding the $K \blacklozenge$, $Q \blacklozenge$, and, surprise, everyone followed! Now he called for the $\clubsuit J$ at trick 5, East's ace winning. East tried a low diamond at trick 6, but South knew what to do. He ruffed with the $\clubsuit K$ and led the $\oiint Q$ to trick 7. When everyone followed, he was home, losing the $\clubsuit A$ and $\bigstar 10$ and the $\clubsuit K$. (If East had showed out to the $\bigstar Q$, South still would have been cold because he could have led the $\bigstar 9$ to force out West's 10 and drawn the last trump with the $\bigstar 8$ when he regained the lead.)

Note that South's "can't cost" play of three rounds of clubs wins when East started with two clubs and A10 or 10x of trump. It also wins if East started with xx of trump and ruffs the third round of clubs. Also, if East started with A10x or Axx of trump and exactly one heart, South would often make the hand. (To set the hand, East would have to ruff the third round of clubs and then lead a low diamond after winning his ace of trumps.)

What if West started with two clubs and East had 1-1-7-4 distribution with a singleton small spade? In that event, the winning line of play was the Table 1 line ("just draw trump") while the Table 2 declarer would have gone down (losing three trumps and the king of hearts). This layout is far less likely than the actual layout, plus the other layouts described above.

Finally, note that South's play to trick one wasn't necessarily best. It was a winner if East started with a stiff $\P K$; but it would have set up a defensive heart ruff if East started with xx of hearts. In the actual hand, declarer would have made 5 fin he had played low from dummy at trick 1 and then played three rounds of clubs.



Hartford Bridge Club

The Hartford Bridge Club continues its commitment to education.

Marsha Futterman has begun two separate series of lessons, on Monday evening and Friday afternoon, as an introduction to modern day bridge. These classes are geared to those new to the game and to those who played many years ago and believe they need a refresher before feeling comfortable at a duplicate game.

For the novice, advanced beginner, and intermediate player, Helen Pawlowski will be offering four weeks of lessons on basics of sound defense (novice), modern bridge conventions (advanced beginner/ novice), and play of the hand (advanced beginner/novice).

These lessons will begin at the end of June and run into November.

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Wee Burn DBC

The Winter Series ended March 26 and the following pairs were winners: 1. Penny Glassmeyer-Betty Hodgman 2. Jean Thoma-Karen Barrett 3. Marilyn Tjader-Barbara Johnson 4. Janet Soskin-Kathie Rowland 5. Ellie Allen-Ann Fuller The ACBL charity game held April 2 was

won by Dave Mordy and Joe Holmes, followed closely be Belinda Metzger and Audrey Cadwallader. Our semiannual Swiss team game was won by Ellie Allen, Ann Fuller, Lois Berry, and Jane Crandall. Players look forward to a summer series at the Beach Club starting June 1.

Madison DBC

The Madison Duplicate Bridge Club has re-opened under new management. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the basement of the Old Town Hall next to the green in Madison. Players can come without a partner or contact Connie Graham (203-421-3500 or cegraham38@aol.com), or Sarah Corning (203-453-3933 or sarah@shorelinebridge. com), for partnership information. Refreshments are coffee, tea and cookies.

Bridge Forum (Hamden) First Quarter Results

Tuesday

Player-of-the-Year: The men are having it all their own way early on, with the top five spots occupied by Al Guntermann, Bob Hawes, Jatin Mehta, Carl Yohans and Robert Klopp. Jatin Mehta-Hasmukh Shah are in the lead for another pairs title, with Guntermann-Yohans third behind Don Brueggemann-Esther Watstein.

Stein Cup Qualifying/Early Rounds: Form held up strongly, with the top four players in qualifying going on to reach the semifinals: Louise Wood vs Bob Hawes and Al Guntermann vs Robert Klopp - three are former winners of this cup and the early leader for Player-ofthe-Year. Fredda Kelly reached the quarterfinals without a bye, and Sara Ann Auerbach, third last year, finished eighth. A few top players didn't make it out of the qualifying groups, but most matches in the knockout stage went true to form.

Friday

Player-of-the-Year: The leaders are more tightly bunched together than on Tuesday, with Al Guntermann, Muriel Romero, Marge Simson, Jinny Goggin and Billie Hecker tightly grouped. Louise Wood, Fredda Kelly and Arlene Leshine can contend by improving their slow start in the Consistency category. Mixed pairs are very much to the fore this year, taking four of the top five spots. Jinny Goggin-Al Gunterman and Helen and Tracy Selmon are virtually tied, with Muriel Romero-Florence Schannon close in third with the pack well behind. Claiborn Cup Qualifying/Early Rounds: Billie Hecker and Louise Wood, who finished second and third to the late Helen Molloy last year, were the top qualifiers, but both were upset in the quarterfinals. This opened up the draw for Aldy Claiborn's favorite partner, Muriel Romero, who had advanced thanks to a lucky bidding error of her partner's in the second round that resulted in Muriel's making 4 with only 19 HCP and eight trumps missing the ace and queen between the partnership. By the semifinals, in which Muriel rallied to defeat Janice Bruce, all the former champions had been eliminated (this is the only cup that no player has won twice or no man has won at all). Al Guntermann squeaked past Tracy Selmon in the all-male semifinal.

Thanks to the Stamford Bridge Club

The Stamford Bridge Club started in the '50s and was a thriving operation with great annual Christmas parties, annual meetings, and lively Friday night games. Last summer, the club faced the realities brought about by the dwindling membership and ended over 50 years of duplicate bridge and good fellowship. They had good memories and money in the treasury. They donated some money to charity and decided to use the remainder to promote bridge.

For many years, the Connecticut Bridge Association has wanted to bring back a sectional tournament to southern Fairfield County but has been prevented by the prohibitive costs of available venues in the area. Now, with the help of the Stamford Bridge Club, a Sectional Tournament will take place in the Glenville section of Greenwich (just next to Stamford) on August 15, 16 and 17.

This will be a great event with a large attendance expected, so mark your calendars and save the dates. The Friday games will be the same time as Saturday at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Note that there will be no Friday evening game. Sunday Swiss with breakfast at 10:30 and the game at 11.

Check the CBA website for directions and more information. And thank you, Stamford Bridge Club, for helping to make this August tournament in southern Fairfield County possible.

NEWS



Grand National Teams Update

Connecticut will be well-represented in the Grand National Teams Competition in Washington, DC this summer.



Walter Fontaine, Jim Greer, Bob Virgile, and Richard Weiss

In the Championship Flight, Jim Greer from Connecticut along with his teammates Walter Fontaine, Bob Virgile, and Richard Weiss won the right to represent District 25 by a comfortable 153-96 margin over the team of Sheila Gabay, Lloyd Arvedon, Frank Merblum, John Stiefel, Victor King, and Doug Doub. Merblum, Doub, Stiefel and King are also Connecticut residents. As Bill Brasher stated in his March summary of the match, "In the tradition of excellent New England sportsmanship, they asked Merblum-Doub to join their team, and the offer was accepted."



Neil Montague, Bob Gorsey, Brett Adler, and Larry Lau

In the Flight A Final, Connecticut residents Larry Lau and Brett Adler, with their teammates Neil Montague and Bob Gorsey, were victorious by the slim margin of 120-116 over the team of Amnon Gabay, Lorraine Cable, Matthew Dyer, and Joe Seo. No word yet on possible additions to the team.

To both teams, our congratulations and good luck in Washington!

Connecticut Winners of 2008 ACBL Masterpoint Races

In case you have not had a chance to read your April ACBL Bridge Bulletin, two Connecticut bridge players were recognized as national winners in masterpoint races in 2008.

First, Rich DeMartino from Riverside took first place in the Senior (points won in regional and national senior events only) Masterpoint Race by the slim margin of 0.12 masterpoints over his frequent teammate Pat McDevitt from Brookline, MA. Rich won a Senior Pairs event in the New York Regional in December to just beat out Pat.

Second, Gary Cohen of Bloomfield took first place in the Ace of Clubs contest in the 20 - 50 MP category. Gary played bridge in the sixties but then didn't play for years. It was a 2004 cruise where duplicate was offered that got him back to the game.

Congratulations to our CT winners. All information above courtesy of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin.

Making a Better Tournament



So, you're at the Sectional on Sunday for the Swiss game and the bagels are on the table and the cream cheese and jam and the coffee is ready and...what's that? There, on the table... is a toaster!

How great is that? Toasting your bagel before settling down to the game is certainly a winning concept. Debbie DeMartino (yes, she's the daughter of *those* DeMartino's) and Mike Ryan are the CBAs's new Tournament Managers and if it is up to them, food is not going to be the reason you don't have a good game.

Debbie and Mike are no strangers to catering and they know a lot about bridge players. They know their nibbling proclivities and the necessity of a sugar push in the middle of the game. They know about the comfort of a muffin or peanut butter, and the satisfaction of a veggie crunch. They both love to cook, love to see folks pleased with the table spread, and know how to make all that happen. And that is what they will be doing for the Connecticut Sectionals.

Their plans for the future sound delicious. Debbie says, "We're going to try a variety of things, have more fruit and vegetables and more home-baked goods. We know that the game requires a lot of concentration; it's almost the same as hard physical work. It's our job to provide some of the nutrition and keep the energy levels up."

Well, no argument there. They are going to make sure that the bidding boxes and tables and chairs are ready as well. We welcome Debbie and Mike and will be happy to credit them with any improvement in our game.

Partners in Marriage



March 2009 was certainly a great month for Jim Greer. His team finished first in the District 25 GNT Championship Flight on March 1, 2009. This excitement was topped on March 13 when

Maeve Lucey and Jim Greer were married in a small private ceremony in New Canaan, CT. Our congratulations and best wishes go to the happy couple. We wish them all the best for the future.

Who is 'Deep Finesse' and How Does He Dream up Those Weird Hands?

When STaC Week comes to the clubs, a few club players may be unfamiliar with hand records if they have not attended a Sectional, Regional or National Bridge Tournament. These players attach a special mystique to "prepared hands," i.e. all hands are "dealt" by a computer.

Other players have the theory that "Deep Finesse" (whose analysis of each deal is on the hand records) is a relative of his Watergate counterpart "Deep Throat." He resides in the basement of the ACBL, purposely concocting hands to test and baffle one's bridge playing skills and, quite possibly, to trick an unsuspecting player into making a wrong bid or play.

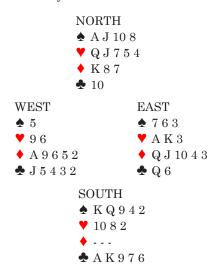
The more experienced tournament-going bridge player often complains that his pet conventions are never applicable to hands on prepared deals. For example, I've heard complaints that Flannery hands are not included.

In reality, every study ever conducted has shown that computer-generated hands truly are random. It is the player-dealt hands that are non-random! In any case, people still believe that computer hands are "weird."

by Gloria Sieron

At a recent tournament, a Flannery hand did come up to produce this interesting auction:

Dealer: North Vulnerability: None





| North | East | South | West |
|---------------------|----------------|---------|-------------------|
| $2 \blacklozenge^1$ | $2 \bigstar^2$ | 4^{3} | $5 \blacklozenge$ |
| Pass | Pass | 5♠ | Dbl |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

¹ $2 \blacklozenge$ by North was alerted as Flannery.

² 2♠ by East was alerted as a diamond suit.

³ 4♦ by South was described as an "undiscussed sequence"

West's $5 \blacklozenge$ was the first natural bid of the auction.

Who could blame West for leading his ♦A? Seeing all four hands, obviously, the lead of the doubleton heart will set 5♠. South was able to fulfill the doubled contract, losing only the ♥A and ♥K.

2009 Calendar

| 11 | Unit-wide Charity Game |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| 13 | ACBL Int'l Fund Game #2 |
| 15 | Local (Split) Championship |
| 20-25 | New York City Regional |
| JUNE | |
| 5 | Worldwide Bridge Contest #1 |
| 6 | Worldwide Bridge Contest #2 |
| 8-14 | STaC with North Jersey |
| 23 | Local (Split) Championship |
| 24-28 | New England Summer |
| | Regional, Sturbridge, MA |
| JULY | |
| 2 | Unit-wide Championship #4 |
| 7 | Local (Split) Championship |
| 15 | Local (Split) Championship |
| 24 | ACBL Int'l Fund Game #3 |
| 23- Aug. 2 | ACBL Summer Nationals |
| Ũ | Washington, DC |
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- 10 Local (Split) Championship 14-16 Connecticut Summer Sectional, Greenwich, CT
- 18 Sectional, Greenwich, CT 18 Unit-wide Championship #5
- 25 Local (Split) Championship

SEPTEMBER

- 2-7 New England Fall Regional Nashua, NH
- 9 ACBL-wide Instant Match Point
- 13 199'er Olympics
- Hartford, CT
- 16 Local (Split) Championship
- 25 Unit-wide Championship #6

OCTOBER

2-4 Sid Cohen Sectional Hartford, CT

| 9 | Local (Split) Championship |
|---------|----------------------------|
| 10-11 | NAOP District 25 Finals |
| | Sturbridge, MA |
| 12 - 18 | District 3 Regional |
| | Danbury, CT |
| 31 | Local (Split) Championship |
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| 4-8 | New England Regional |
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| 4-8 | New England Regional |
|------------|----------------------------|
| | Waterbury, CT |
| 10 | Local (Split) Championship |
| 18-24 | STaC with North Jersey |
| 30 | ACBL-wide Charity Game #2 |
| 26- Dec. 6 | ACBL Fall Nationals |
| | San Diego, CA |
| | |

DECEMBER

| 2 | Unit-wide Championship #7 |
|-------|----------------------------|
| 7 | Local (Split) Championship |
| 11-13 | Jeff Feldman Memorial |
| | Sectional, Hamden, CT |



Bridge at the Lunatic Fringe Number 11 - Don't Draw Trumps!

Part Two: Trumps Needed for Entries

by Allan Wolf

In this article, I'll continue some of the more interesting reasons not to pull trumps. Of course most of the time, the intention is only to postpone drawing trumps, so I really should say: Don't draw trumps right away!

A common reason to delay drawing trumps is that trumps are needed as entries-for finesses in a side suit, or to reach established tricks in a side suit. The hand following illustrates both. To start, I'll show just the two hands.



The bidding:

| South (Prof.) | West (Minna) | North (Warren) | East (Majorca) 3♣ |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Dbl 3♠ | Pass Pass | Pass 3♦ 4♠ | Pass (All Pass) |

Over the 3^{sh} preempt, the Professor was torn between an immediate overcall of $3 \bigstar$ and the stronger action of a takeout double followed by a spade bid. The hand has19 HCP, but the **\$**Q is of dubious value, and so not really worth the full 19. Even so, he chose to take the stronger action, doubling first, because he felt that there were many hands where partner would pass an immediate 3♠ overcall, and game would be missed.

For example, would partner raise to $4 \bigstar$ holding only the \blacklozenge A and a modest spade fit, perhaps including the Jack? probably not. And, if partner were able to bid NT, that might prove a superior contract. eliminating the possibility of an early club ruff.

Warren's raise to 4 was quite justified, holding key honors in trumps and a possible ruffing value in hearts. This is opposite a partner who has shown a big hand, begging for a raise to game on very little.

As West, Minna led the $\checkmark 2$; (3rd or 5th) best). As the professor considered his line of play, a couple of things were obvious. First, Minna was surely void of clubs. Though players sometimes preempted with a 6-card suit (especially clubs), Minna's failure to lead the suit precluded that possibility, so the clubs were divided 0-7.

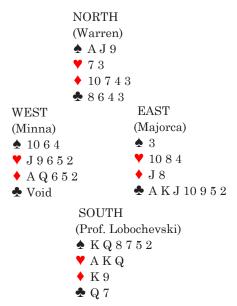
Secondly, the \blacklozenge A was surely with Minna. If Majorca had held that card in addition to her strong 7-card club suit, she would have too good a hand for an opening preempt.

Prospects for making the contract were not very good, with two likely diamond losers and two club losers. The one glimmer of hope was to develop a trick in diamonds, while keeping East (Majorca) out of the lead. East might well have a diamond holding that included the Q or J.

So winning the heart lead, the Professor led a trump to dummy, and a diamond back, covering East's eight with the nine, and losing to West's Queen. After a bit of thought, West continued with a trump, as East discarded. The professor won this trick, and persisted with diamonds. He was rewarded when East played the Jack perforce, and West won the Ace. Now the professor was able to claim-making an overtrick as the 10 and 7 of diamonds were now established

for discards of both club losers. A very lucky hand!

Here are all four hands:



As the cards lie, with the doubleton $\blacklozenge J$ ♦ 8 fortuitously in the East hand, it seems that declarer can always make five. However, there is a defense that holds the contract to four, but one that would *never* be found at the table:

If West leads the $\blacklozenge Q$, declarer wins with the ♦K, but now East's ♦J becomes an entry to cash his two club tricks. Ah, you say, but since this is now a double dummy problem, let's have declarer *duck* the \blacklozenge Q, keeping East out of the lead as before. But now West can cash the Ace of diamonds and lead a third round while East still has a trump. This kills one of dummy's diamond winners, thus allowing declarer to discard only one of his club losers.

A strange game, this bridge. 🎢





Results

Unit-Wide Game Monday Afternoon Session January 26, 2009

- FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS
 - 1 Sarah Corning Lenny Russman
 - 2 Reginald Harvey Laurie Robbins
 - 3 Jennifer Williams Sol Field
 - 4 Don Stiegler Allan Clamage
 - 5 Janet Soskin Mary Richardson
 - 6 Jim Cleary Larry Wallowitz
 - 7 Pete Amedeo Carmela Marcella

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

- 1 Janet Soskin Mary Richardson
- 2 Vivian Leshin Carolyn Olschefski
- 3 Peter Hussey Joe Holmes
- 4 Robert Klopp Charles Heckman
- 5 Gary Cohen Merrill Stein
- 6 Martha Hathaway Marilyn Tjader

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

- 1 Peter Hussey Joe Holmes
- 2 Gary Cohen Merrill Stein
- 3 Donna Doyle Barbara Donalds
- 4 Janet McClutchy Thyra Elliott
- 5/6 Barbara Johnson -Mary Ellen McGuire
- 5/6 Sue Gefsky Brenda Berman

Unit-wide Open Pairs Tuesday Morning Session February 3, 2009

FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

- 1 Nancy Bentley Lorraine Marcinek
- 2 David Blackburn Irene Santa
- 3 Aldona Siuta Pamela Palmer
- 4 Bob Meisel Jeannie Martin
- 5 Barbara Biggs Elaine McClure
- 6 Diane Storey Marilyn Meyers

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

- 1 David Blackburn Irene Santa
- 2 Aldona Siuta Pamela Palmer
- 3 Bob Meisel Jeannie Martin
- 4 Diane Storey Marilyn Meyers
- 5 Armanda Buscher Sandra Gould 6 Bill Watson - Jose Gaztambide

- FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS
 - 1 Armanda Buscher Sandra Gould
 - 2 Jean Sherkey William Jaeger 3 Mario Sacouto - Garson Heller
 - 4 Barbara Moore Pat Brasher
 - 5 Kerry Wiland Paul Norman

Unit-wide Championship Friday, Daytime, April 17, 2009

FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

- 1 Thomas Hyde Edwin Lewis III
- 2 Ron Whitehill Margot Havward
- 3 Constance Graham Alice Hummel
- 4 Bill Watson Marylin Noll
- 5 Carl Yohans Jr Janice Bruce
- 6 Elizabeth Nagle -
- Kathleen Frangione 7 Jennifer Williams - Betty Corbani
- 8 Rob Rising Nora Tkac

- FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS
 - 1 Ron Whitehill Margot Hayward
 - 2 Bill Watson Marylin Noll 3
 - Linda Green David Blackburn
 - 4 Robert Klopp Brenda Harvey
 - 5 Carole Amaio Barbara Heidel
- 6 Sarah Smedes Maruta Jancis

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

- 1 Ron Whitehill Margot Hayward
- 2 Sarah Smedes Maruta Jancis
- 3 Julia Farkas Mickey Schiller
- 4 Christine Pumo Tom Pumo
- 5 Jailue Lai Donald Fosberg
- 6 Margery Gussak Norma Healy

Winter In Connecticut Sectional Hamden 2/27/09-3/01/09

OPEN PAIRS - 15.0 TABLES

- A B C Names
- **Richard DeMartino -**1 John Stiefel $\mathbf{2}$ Allan Wolf -
- Bernard Schneider 3 Larry Bausher -
- Phyllis Bausher
- William Sumner -1 4 Laurel Koegel

 $\mathbf{5}$ Margaret Mason -Cynthia Michael

- 6 Harold Feldheim - Ann Cady $2 \ 1$ **Robert Klopp** -
- **Charles Heckman** 3 2Robert Derrah -
- Shirley Derrah
- Elaine Misner James Misner 4 3 Linda Wyse -
 - Nancy Matthews

STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS - 7.0

TABLES

- A B C Names Allan Clamage -1 **Howard Zusman**
- $\mathbf{2}$ Sarah Budds -Kathleen Frangione
- 3 1 **Mary Witt - Janice Bruce** Doris Greenwald -4/5
 - Natalie Cohen
- $4/5\ 2$ Helen Shields - Gregory Klein

7PM STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS -

11.5 TABLES A B C Names

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C Names

A B C Names

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- **Richard DeMartino -**John Stiefel Cvnthia Michael -Margaret Mason 1 Nora Tkacz - Robert Rising Walter Fontaine -Frank Blachowski Ruth Teitelman -Micki Schaffel Elliot Ranard -Morris Feinson
- **Robert Vander Wiede -** $2 \ 1$ Lawrence Stern
- 3 John Farwell - Chet Latin
- Terry Lubman -4
- Eleanor Gimon
- 2 Robert Derrah -Shirley Derrah

Edwin Lewis III -

Richard DeMartino

James Greer - Allan Clamage

Stephen Gladyszak - Melody Bi

Ann Cady - Betty Jane Corbani

Thomas Proulx - Jason Rotenberg

Donna Malitzis - Susan Swope

Robert Derrah - Shirley Derrah

David Blackburn - Linda Green

10 AM 299ER PAIRS - 8.5 TABLES

G. Thomas Pumo -

Sherrill Werblood -

Carolyn Nadel Farin

Joe Holmes - Peter Hussey

Barry Kaplan - Jay Kaplan

Christine Pumo

Myra Goldberg

David Ruksznis -

Harvey Place

Philip Farin -

Robert Klopp - Charles Heckman

Susan Byron - Walt Rinehart

John Farwell - Chet Latin

Douglas Doub

Larry Bausher -

1 Garv Seckinger -

William Titley

2 Douglas Thompson -Karen Barrett

4 Sonja Smith - David Rock

10 AM B/C PAIRS - 7.0 TABLES

10 AM A/X PAIRS - 14.0 TABLES

A X Names

Results



| TA | BI | AFTERNOON A/X PAIRS - 16.5 JES | SUN Ranl |
|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| | Х | Names | 1 |
| 1 | | Walter Fontaine - | |
| | | Frank Blachowski | |
| 2 | 1 | Gary Seckinger - | |
| | | William Titley | 2 |
| 3 | | Stephen Gladyszak - Melody Bi | |
| 4 | | Phyllis Bausher - | 3 |
| | | Sandra DeMartino | |
| 5 | | James Greer - Allan Clamage | 4 |
| 6 | | Tania Reyes Hiller - Brett Adler | - |
| 0 | 2 | Sonja Smith - David Rock | 5 |
| | 3 | Thomas Proulx - Jason Rotenberg | 0 |
| | 4 | Thomas Gerchman - | |
| | 4 | | |
| | ~ | Michael Wavada | |
| | 5 | Aimee Housholder - Joan Martin | |
| 2:3 | 30 F | SC PAIRS - 7.0 TABLES | |
| B | | Names | FRI |
| 1 | 1 | Donna Malitzis - Susan Swope | 17.0 |
| 2 | T | Elaine Misner - James Misner | A B |
| ⊿ 3 | 0 | | 1 I |
| | 2 | | 1 |
| 4 | | Joel Tames - David Keller | 0 |
| 5 | | Mary Witt - Jerry Hirsch | 2 |
| 2:: | 30 2 | 99ER PAIRS - 5.5 TABLES | |
| Ā | | C Names | 3 |
| 1 | D | Philip Farin - | 4 |
| T | | | 5 |
| 0 | | Carolyn Nadel Farin | 6 |
| 2 | | Margot Hayward - | |
| ~ | | Diana Sanford | 1 |
| 3 | | G. Thomas Pumo - | |
| | | Christine Pumo | 2 |
| 4 | | Karen Largay - Sheila Gillin | - |
| | 1 | 1 Barry Kaplan - Jay Kaplan | 3 |
| | 2 | 2 Joyce Handleman - | 5 |
| | | Irene Kaplan | |
| ~- | | - | 4 |
| | | DAY SWISS BRACKET 1 | |
| Ra | ank | Names | 5 |
| 1 | | Richard DeMartino - | |
| | | Glenn McIntyre - | |
| | | Glenn Eisenstein - | |
| | | Larry Bausher | |
| 2 | | Cynthia Michael - Gail Carroll - | |
| | | Constance Graham - | |
| | | Margaret Mason | |
| 3 | | Howard Lawrence - | FRI |
| 0 | | Frank Blachowski - | 14.0 |
| | | | A B |
| | | Burton Gischner - Allan Clamage | 1 |
| SU | JNI | DAY SWISS BRACKET 2 | |
| | | Names | $2 \ 1$ |
| 1 | | Ogden Bigelow, Jr, - | 3 |
| Ŧ | | Robert Derrah - | 5 |
| | | | 4 |
| ດ | | Shirley Derrah - Mary Witt | |
| 2 | | David Blackburn - Linda Green - | 5 |
| ~ | | Paul Miller - Harry Jancis | |
| 3 | | Hollis Barry - Gery Barry - | 6 |
| | | Jose Gaztambide - | |
| | | Partab Makhijani | 2 |
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SUNDAY SWISS BRACKET 3 Rank Names 1 Thomas Gerchman -

- Michael Wavada -Phillip Olschefski -Carolyn Olschefski Sandra Zieky - Calvin Zieky -Robert Taylor - Philip Hale Mary Murphy - Norma Healy -
- Patricia Schackner Joan Stroup Robert Klopp - Robert Hawes -
- George Holland Carl Palmer
- Jerry Hirsch Jeanne Striefler -Karen Largay - Sheila Gillin

Spring In Connecticut Hamden, CT April 24-26, 2009

FRI AFTERNOON OPEN PAIRS -17.0 TABLES

| Α | В | С | |
|----------|------|----------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | | | Lynn Condon - |
| | | | Gloria Sieron |
| 2 | | | Allan Wolf - |
| _ | | | Bernard Schneider |
| 3 | | | Solomon Field - Don Stiegler |
| 4 | | | Nicholas France - Judith Hess |
| 5 | | | Nora Tkacz - Robert Rising |
| 6 | | | Helen Kobernusz - |
| | | | Constance Graham |
| | 1 | | Mary Witt - |
| | | | Linda Kesselman |
| | 2 | | Anna Ardolino - |
| | | | Barbara Sloan |
| | 3 | | Robert Klopp - |
| | | | Charles Heckman |
| | 4 | 1 | Eric Stricoff - |
| | | | Rhonda Cohen |
| | 5 | | Eva Hunt - Joel Tames |
| | | 2 | Helene Wade - |
| | | | Nancy Narwold |
| | | 3 | Leighann Schmuttenmaer - |
| | | | Pat Marshall |
| | | 4 | Eileen Inman - |
| | | | Margery Gussak |
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| Α | В | С | Names |
| 1 | | | Janet Gischner - |
| | | | Jane Smith |
| 2 | 1 | | Harold Miller - Burt Saxon |
| 3 | | | Denise Lombard - |
| | | | Terry Fidler |
| 4 | | | Elliot Ranard - Jay Force |
| 5 | | | Gordon Jonas - |
| | | | Esther Watstein |
| 6 | | | Joyce Stiefel - |
| | | | Sandra DeMartino |
| | 2/3 | 31 | Lois Bloom - Robert Bloom |
| | 2/3 | 3 | Ogden Bigelow, Jr, - |
| | | | Marjorie Ehrenfreund |
| | 4 | 2 | Robert Hawes - |
| | | | Robert Biondino |

- Robert Biondino 5 3 Helen McBrien -
- 5 3 Helen McBrien -Margaret Karbovanec

FRI EVENING OPEN PAIRS - 15.0 TABLES A B C Names

| | В | С | Names |
|---|----------|----------|---------------------------|
| | | | Lawrence Lau - Allan Wolf |
| | | | Aimee Housholder - |
| | | | Francine Gilbert |
| | | | Dean Montgomery - |
| | | | Allan Clamage |
| | 1 | 1 | Thomas Proulx - |
| | | | Jason Rotenberg |
| | | | Bruce Downing - |
| | | | Mark Conner |
| | | | Ruth Teitelman - |
| | | | Micki Schaffel |
| | 2 | | Edward Shepherd - |
| | | | Kathy Shepherd |
| | 3 | 2 | Robert Vander Wiede - |
| | | | Lawrence Stern |
| | 4 | | Robert Derrah - |
| | | | Shirley Derrah |
| 4 | т | MOI | RNING A/X PAIRS - 14.0 |

SAT MORNING A/X PAIRS - 14.0 TABLES

A X Names

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- 1 Lawrence Lau Brett Adler
- 2 Fred Chang Melody Bi
- 3 1 David Rock Sonja Smith
 4 Mildred Fromm -Nancy Robertson
- 5 Allan Clamage Walter Fontaine
- 6 2 Bill Reich Brian Lewis
- 3 Bunny Kliman Ausra Geaski

SAT MORNING B/C PAIRS - 10.0 TABLES

B C Names

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- 1 1 Robert Derrah -Shirley Derrah
 2 Arthur Haut - Elai
 - Arthur Haut Elaine Haut
- 3 Robert Klopp -
- Alfred Guntermann
- 4 David Blackburn Linda Green
- 5 2 Richard Benedict -Michael Wavada
 - Joseph Goldberg David Katzman
 - 3 Helen McBrien Jill Fouad
 - 4 Barry Buehler George Brochu

SAT MORNING 299ER PAIRS - 10.0 TABLES

| Α | В | С | Names |
|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|
| 1/2 | | | Diane Storey - |
| | | | Marvin Lerman |
| 1/2 | 1 | | Philip Farin - |
| | | | Carolyn Nadel Farin |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | Eric Frieden - |
| | | | Edward Konowitz |
| 4/5 | 3/4 | | Margery Gussak - |
| | | | Norma Healy |
| 4/5 | 3/4 | 2 | Michael Madigan - |
| | | | Fred Morris |
| 6/7 | 5/6 | 3/4 | Mary Whittemore - |
| | | | Jesse Whittemore |
| 6/7 | 5/6 | 3/4 | Nancy Narwold - |
| | | | Carol Galbraith |



Results

SAT AFTERNOON A/X PAIRS - 14.0 TABLES

- A X Names
- Lawrence Lau Brett Adler 1
- Kerry Wiland Douglas Doub 2
- 3 Larry Bausher - Steve Becker
- Paul Burnham Don Stiegler 4
- Bruce Downing Mark Conner 5/6
- 5/6.1John Farwell - Anthony Tusa Kathleen Frangione -2
 - Elizabeth Nagle 3
 - Bill Reich Brian Lewis
 - 4 David Rock Sonja Smith

SAT AFTERNOON B/C PAIRS - 13.0 TABLES

B C Names

- Harry Jancis Maruta Jancis 1 1
- Elaine Misner James Misner 2
- 3/4Michael Heider - James Osofsky
- 3/4Harold Miller - Rita Brieger
- $5 \ 2$ Eric Stricoff - Rhonda Cohen 6
 - Esther Watstein -
 - Donald Brueggemann 3 Jill Fouad - Margaret Karbovanec

Stratified Games

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

Stratified Pairs

A/X: 2000+

B/C: B:500-2000, C:0-500

Partnership

John Farwell

203-401-1592

Summer Sectional Tournament

Western Greenwich Civic Center 499 Pemberwick Road, Greenwich, CT

August 14-16, 2009

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 14 10:00 ам & 2:30 рм * Stratified Open Pairs Stratified Senior Pairs

Saturday, August 15 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM * Stratified Pairs (A/X, B/X) 299er Pairs

Sunday, August 16 10:30 AM Continental Breakfast 11:00 AM Swiss Teams Lunch Available for \$8

*Short break between games. Bring lunch and play both sessions.

Scott Loring Trophy awarded to the **Highest-Scoring Flight B Player**

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4 Barry Buehler - George Brochu

SAT AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS -9.0 TABLES

- A B C Names
- Philip Farin -1 1
 - Carolyn Nadel Farin
- Lawrence Eppler - $\mathbf{2}$ 2 1 Cherry McLaughlin
- 3 Eileen Inman - Donna Lyons
- 4 3 Christine Pumo -Donna Favreau
- $\mathbf{5}$ John Morrin - Donald Fosberg Calvin Zieky - Sandra Zieky 4
 - $\mathbf{5}$ George Smedes -Sarah Smedes
 - 2 Nancy Narwold -Carol Galbraith
 - Michael Madigan-3 Fred Morris

SWISS TMS: BRACKET I - 8 TABLES Rank Names

- David Ross Ruth Teitelman -1 Sarah Corning -Micki Schaffel
- $\mathbf{2}$ Victor King - Melvin Marcus -
- Larry Bausher Alan Applebaum 3 Burton Gischner -
- Janet Gischner Jane Smith -Barb Shaw

SWISS TMS: BRACKET II - 8

TABLES

- **Rank Names** David Rock - Sonja Smith -1
- Bruce Downing Mark Conner
- $\mathbf{2}$ Penny Lane - J Peter Tripp -
- Gary Seckinger Susan Seckinger 3 Nicholas France -
- Phyllis Bausher Harold Miller -**Rita Brieger**

SWISS TMS: BRACKET III - 8 **TABLES**

- **Rank Names**
- Paul Miller Linda Green -1/2Terry Lubman -David Blackburn
- 1/2Jose Gaztambide -William Watson -Hollis Barry - Gery Barry
- 3 Margot Hayward -Marilyn Meyers - Judith Hess -Robert Hawes

SWISS TMS: BRACKET IV - 10 TABLES

Rank Names

- Michael Wavada -1 Jerry Hirsch - Daniel Koepf -David Landsberg
- $\mathbf{2}$ Alexandra Howard -Gail Johnson - Darin Tripp -Andree Welsh
- Margaret Molwitz -3 Diane Storey - Susan Byron -Pat Brasher
- Harry Jancis Maruta Jancis -4 Carol Hill - Lila Englehart

2008 CBA Trophy Race Results

Ace of Clubs

Congratulations to the Ace of Clubs winners for 2008 – Most master-points won at local clubs in Connecticut

> 0 to 5 Points Bernard Rosen

5 to 20 Points Renee Janow

20 to 50 Points Gary Cohen

50 to 100 Points Merrill Stein

100 to 200 Points Jerry Hirsch

200 to 300 Points Richard Benedict

300 to 500 Points Linda Green

500 to 1000 Points Kenneth Hirshon

1000 to 2500 Points Lesley Meyers

Top 25 in Monroe Magnus Race After Two Sectionals

The Monroe Magnus Trophy is awarded annually to the player winning the most total masterpoints at Connecticut Sectionals.

31.25 Larry Bausher 1. 2. 24.25 Richard DeMartino 21.62 Allan Clamage 3. 20.39 Lawrence Lau 4. 17.48 Brett Adler 5. 6. 16.07 Allan Wolf 15.93 Sonja Smith 7. 15.93 David Rock 8. 15.24 Robert Derrah 9 15.24 Shirley Derrah 10. 14.55 Walter Fontaine 11. 12. 14.34 Ruth Teitelman 13. 14.34 Micki Schaffel 14. 14.25 Douglas Doub 15. 13.70 Frank Blachowski 16. 13.18 Cynthia Michael 13.14 Melody Bi 17. 13.01 Gary Seckinger 18. 12.83 Sarah Corning 19 20. 12.83 Margaret Mason 21. 11.96 Phyllis Bausher 22. 11.67 Burton Gischner 23. 11.48 Mary Witt 24. 11.00 David Ross 10.94 Bruce Downing 25.

2500 to 5000 Points Marilyn Goldberg

5000 to 7500 Points Jim Cleary

7500 to 10,000 Points Larry Bausher

Over 10,000 Points Douglas Doub

Mini-McKenney

Congratulations to the winners of the 2008 Mini-McKenney Races in Connecticut

> 0 to 5 Points Bernard Rosen

5 to 20 Points Renee Janow

20 to 50 Points Gary Cohen

50 to 100 Points Michael Wavada

Top Masterpoint Winners From Connecticut in New England Regionals in 2008

| 287.18 | Richard Demartino |
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| | |
| 193.64 | Douglas Doub |
| 146.34 | John Stiefel |
| 143.66 | Geoffrey Brod |
| 141.87 | Victor King |
| 133.80 | Franklin Merblum |
| 87.38 | Larry Bausher |
| 83.09 | Lawrence Lau |
| 82.60 | Brett Adler |
| 75.14 | Maeve Lucey |
| 73.99 | Sonja Smith |
| 72.93 | Allan Clamage |
| 55.51 | Judith Hess |
| 51.66 | Allan Rothenberg |
| 49.94 | Ausra Geaski |
| 48.74 | Robert Klopp |
| 48.40 | Howard Lawrence |
| 44.32 | Richard Benedict |
| 43.83 | Lesley Meyers |
| 40.17 | Michael Wavada |
| | $146.34 \\ 143.66 \\ 141.87 \\ 133.80 \\ 87.38 \\ 83.09 \\ 82.60 \\ 75.14 \\ 73.99 \\ 72.93 \\ 55.51 \\ 51.66 \\ 49.94 \\ 48.74 \\ 48.40 \\ 44.32 \\ 43.83 \\ $ |

100 to 200 Points Brenda Harvey

200 to 300 Points Robert Klopp

300 to 500 Points Linda Green

500 to 1000 Points Kenneth Hirshon

1000 to 2500 Points Frances Schneider

2500 to 5000 Points Lawrence Lau

5000 to 7500 Points Geoffrey Brod

7500 to 10,000 Points Victor King

Over 10,000 Points Richard DeMartino

Top 25 Masterpoint Holders in Unit 126 – Connecticut As of January 6, 2009

- 1. 18837.46 Richard DeMartino
- 2. 16304.81 Harold Feldheim
- 3. 15791.57 John Stiefel
- 4. 11726.05 Douglas Doub
- 5. 9253.32 Larry Bausher
- 6. 8453.39 Victor King
- 7. 7606.26 Franklin Merblum
- 8. 7376.91 Geoffrey Brod
- 9. 7167.95 Marvin Rosenblatt
- 10. 6653.89 Jim Cleary
- 11. 6111.56 Steve Becker
- 12. 5610.68 Arthur Waldmann
- 13. 5433.95 James Greer
- 14. 5420.32 Hilda Silverman
- 15. 4831.05 Lawrence Lau
- 16. 4816.04 Allan Clamage
- 17. 4506.33 Jane Smith
- 18. 4423.75 Marilyn Goldberg
- 19. 3995.69 Don Stiegler
- 20. 3873.62 Jeff Horowitz
- 21. 3726.95 Frank Blachowski
- 22. 3685.13 Stephen Earl
- 23. 3651.73 Allan Rothenberg
- $24. \quad 3628.63 \ Janet \ Gischner$
- 25. 3621.90 Pat Hartman

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