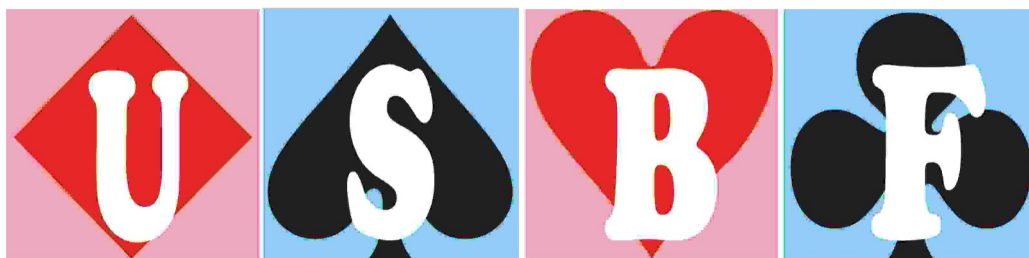


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Time Date		9:15 am Tuesday – Saturday 10 am Sunday	1:30 pm	7:00 pm
Mon. 10/8	Today's News: Free Coffee morning and afternoon sponsored by Unit 241 Omaha, Nebraska Free Lunch Candy at the Information Desk		Pre-Tournament Stratified Charity Pairs Chat Bridge Pairs	Esta Van Zandt KO #1 (1st session of 4) Evening Side Game Series I/N Single Session Charity Pairs (0-5 mps free)
Tues. 10/9		Esta Van Zandt KO #1 (2nd of 4) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	Esta Van Zandt KO #1 (3rd of 4) KO #2 (1st session of 4) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	Esta Van Zandt KO #1 (final) KO #2 (2nd session of 4) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Wed. 10/10		Morning Swiss #1 (1st session) Jeannette Wier Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #2 (3rd session of 4) KO #3 (1st session of 4) Jeannette Wier Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #2 (final) KO #3 (2nd session of 4) Jeannette Wier Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Thurs 10/11		Morning Swiss #1 (2nd session) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #3 (3rd session of 4) 2 session Swiss Team – session 1 Open IMP Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #3 (final) Swiss Team – Session 2 Open IMP Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Fri 10/12		Morning Swiss #2 (1st Session) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	St. Paul KO #4 (1st session of 4) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	St. Paul KO #4 (2nd session of 4) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
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Sun 10/14 10 am		Roger Anderson Aide-de-camp Stratiflighted SwissTeams play through Flight A/AX (3000+ and 0-3000) Strats B/C/D (1000-2000, 500-1000, 0-500) I/N Swiss Teams (2 single session events- 2nd session begins approx 1:45 pm)		



Intermediate - Newcomer Program (0-300)
Pre-tournament Chat Bridge Session 1:30 pm on Monday (\$1)
Monday 7:00 pm (Free for 0-5 master points)
Tues. through Saturday 9:15 am 1:30, 7:00 single session pairs
Sunday Swiss Team (2 single sessions) 10 am and TBA (approx 1:45 pm)
I/N Strats: 0-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300
A separate 0-49 section will be played if there are sufficient tables for a game.
Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday afternoon and evening play in the Gold Rush Pairs (\$12/session)

Sudoku

Puzzle 1

3		6	4			5		
	4			8				
			3	9		4	6	
		8		7		6	4	
		4	2				7	
6				3			9	2
1								9
	2							
7		3	9	2				

Puzzle 2

8	1		4		5		2	
2			6		9			
						4		
5	3	4						1
7				3				
			2					
3		7	5			6		
		6		4		5	8	
					1	3		

Questionable Sign

Ole is the pastor of the local Norwegian Lutheran Church and Pastor Sven is the minister of the Swedish Covenant Church across the road. They are pounding a sign into the ground that says:

**DA END ISS NEAR!
TURN YERSELF AROUND NOW
BAFOR IT'S TOO LATE!**

A car speeds past them, the driver sees the sign, leans out his window and yells, "Leave me alone, you Skandihooovian religious nuts!" A minute later they hear screeching tires and a big splash.

Rev. Ole turns to Pastor Sven and asks, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should yust say, "Bridge Out?"

God and Minnesota

On the sixth day God turned to the Archangel Gabriel and said: "Today, I am going to create a land called Minnesota. It will be a land of outstanding natural beauty; a land of 10,000 beautiful lakes, each full of fish, and beautiful landscapes with sprawling prairies of tall grass and beautiful blue skies, and rich, fertile farmland.

The land will be rich in natural resources and populated by people so friendly they shall be known far and wide as 'Minnesota Nice,'

Gabriel replies, "That sounds truly wonderful. But, don't you think you are being too generous to these Minnesotans?"

"Not really," chuckles God. "Wait and see the winters I am going to give them."

Puzzle 2

2	7	3	1	6	9	8	5	4
6	8	5	3	4	7	9	2	1
4	1	6	8	2	5	7	9	3
3	4	7	6	5	2	1	8	9
5	9	8	4	3	1	2	9	7
1	9	2	7	6	8	4	3	5
8	5	4	2	1	3	9	7	6
7	3	1	9	8	6	5	4	2
9	2	6	5	7	4	3	1	8

Solutions



Puzzle 1

4	5	1	6	2	9	3	8	7
6	3	7	1	5	8	9	2	4
9	8	2	3	4	7	5	6	1
2	9	8	4	3	5	1	7	6
1	7	3	8	9	2	4	5	6
5	4	9	6	7	1	8	3	2
7	6	4	5	9	3	2	1	8
3	1	9	2	8	6	7	4	5
8	2	5	7	1	4	6	9	3

Puzzle Page:

Megabucks Studios produced four movies last year. Can you match the name of each actor with the type of film he starred in, the film location, the month it was released (one was released in July) and the amount each movie grossed (\$9m, \$11m, \$12m, \$15m)?

1. The movie filmed in Los Angeles was released later in the year than the comedy movie.
2. Nick Page was the star of the movie which grossed more than the horror movie but less than at least one of the other movies.
3. The movie released in March grossed \$1m or \$2m more or \$1m or \$2m less than one starring Steve Connelly (whose movie either grossed \$12m or was released in May).
4. The science fiction movie (not released in October) didn't gross as much as the movie filmed in New York (which was the one released either three months before or three months after the movie starring Will Bryce).
5. The action movie was released later in the year than the one which grossed \$11m and earlier in the year than the movie filmed in Boston.
6. The movie starring Tom Rowe grossed either \$2m or \$3m more than the one filmed in Las Vegas.

Actor	Type	Location	Month	\$m

Answers to Puzzle:

Nick Page - comedy - Las Vegas - March - \$12m
 Steve Connelly - science fiction - Los Angeles - May - \$11m
 Tom Rowe - action - New York - July - \$15m

SOUP TO NUTZ



BY RICK STROMOSKI



Section Top Prizes:

Best of Edgar Kaplan

Section Top Prizes available at the Information Desk

Vendors at the USBF Regional All "Made in the USA"

Margarete Lucht, Candle Maker

Margarete came to MN from Germany many years ago. She started as a hobby beekeeper at Richardson Nature Center. This hobby led her into candle making and her business "HoneyGlow" evolved. People love to buy her non-toxic candles made of pure beeswax. They burn with no smoke: she uses pure cotton wicks. Her candles are naturally scented with honey and are made in MN.

Cassie Tyler, Seamstress (Jackets by Cassie)

Cassie Tyler has designed and made clothing since she was a teenager. She started quilting 4 years ago and enjoys the vivid colors of the fabrics. She has been married 40 years and lives in Elk River, MN.

Char Thelen, American Doll clothes

Char retired after 33 years of teaching at the elementary level. She dabbles in sewing and enjoys the challenge of creating something different. Doll clothes, baby items, and bunny apparel are her forte. She lives in Monticello, MN with her husband of 34 years.

Donna Peterson

Donna has been crafting for 40 years. She has taught knitting, crocheting and quilting. She owned and operated a quilt shop for 6 years and now runs a quilting business from her home. Donna lives in rural Monticello with her husband, Scott.

Jeremy Lewis, Book Desk

Buy any 2 books and get a discount of 10% off both books.

Four great books to look for: *How to Play Like and Expert without having to Be One* by Mel Colchamiro; *The Rodwell Files* by Eric Rodwell; 2009 Book of the Year: *A Bridge to Inspired Declarer Play* by Julian Laderman and 2010 Book of the Year: *Take all Your Chances* by Eddie Kantar.



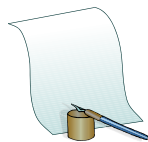
Daily Door Prizes in the Open Games

Thursday: drink bottle with straw from N. St. Paul, Carl Pavano autographed baseball, free play at TCBC



Friday: Famous Dave's BBQ sauce and meat rub drink bottle with straw from N. St. Paul, coffee cup from Anchor Bank, free play at TCBC

Saturday: bridge tote bag, pen and note pad, bridge key chain, metal coffee cup from Anchor Bank, free play at TCBC



Sunday: Famous Dave's BBQ sauce and meat rub, drink bottle with straw from N. St. Paul, bridge tote with pen and note pad, free play at TCBC

We have certificates from Green Mill that offer 20% discount if group spends \$25 +.

Roger Anderson

Aide-de-Camp Stratiflighted Swiss Team Sunday
(from Sharon Anderson)

Roger Anderson aide de camp... I want to recognize Roger and all he has done to support me in my role as President this year.

Many things are best done through teamwork.

Hats off to Roger!



Sharon Anderson,
ACBL President, 2012

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

No Smoking Policy: No smoking is allowed in or around the playing area, lobby, washrooms, fire exits, or service areas.

Partnerships: Singles should check in at the partnership desk 45 minutes before game time to allow the partnership people time to arrange partners. The desk will be open prior to the morning, afternoon, and evening sessions.

Hospitality and Information Desk: Check there for hand records, tournament schedules, and area information. A bulletin box on the desk is available for you to submit any interesting hands, amusing bridge-related stories, or puzzles for publication. If you become a new life master while at the tournament, please drop a note in the bulletin box. Include the event so we know how you went over the top.

Recorder Slips, should you need them, are available from the directors.

Score Corrections: For pair events, the score correction period expires at the start of the next session. For the last session of an event, the correction period expires after twenty-four hours or thirty minutes after the end of the tournament, whichever is earlier. See the director as soon as possible if you discover an error in your score. The appeal period for a director's ruling expires thirty minutes after the completion of the session.

Turn off your cell phones!

**Penalties will be assessed if phones
ring in the playing area ...
whether or not they are answered!**



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Tues-Saturday: Restaurant Shuttle

If you are from out of state and without a car, we have a small number of volunteers available to drive you to a some area restaurants for dinner (Sunsets, Axel's Bonfire, The Machine Shed, Outback Steakhouse, Olive Garden, Champps, Taste of Thai, and Chili's). You must sign up for this service by 1:15 each day at the information desk.

Each partnership must have two identically filled-out convention cards on the table at all times.

Hands of the Day by Matthew Granovetter

Dealer: North Vul: None

North	
♠	K Q 5 2
♥	J 6
♦	K Q
♣	A K J 10 3
West	East
♠	--
♥	K Q 5 3 2
♦	8 6 3
♣	8 7 6 5 4
South	
♠	A J 7 6 4
♥	10 8 7
♦	7 4 2
♣	Q 2

West	North	East	South
--	1♣	1♦	1♠
2♥	4♠	pass	pass
pass			

Opening Lead: ♥ K

Quiz Question: How did East-West defeat South's 4♠ contract?

If South can see all the cards, there is no way for East-West to defeat him. He has only two heart losers and one diamond. The third heart can be ruffed in dummy or discarded on the clubs after he draws the trumps. But suppose the East hand is different. Let's give East 3-2-6-2 shape, more specifically 1093, A9, AJ10953, 94. How will the play go?

East will overtake the opening lead with the ace of hearts, cash the ace of diamonds and then lead the 9 of hearts. He hopes that his partner holds the jack of spades, so that a third round of hearts will promote a trump trick. But declarer, holding all four trump honors, ruffs the third heart high in dummy and makes his contract.

On the actual hand, East did the same thing. He overtook his partner's king of hearts with the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds and led the nine of hearts. West won and played a third heart. Can you blame South for ruffing high in dummy?

Dealer: East Vul: Both

North	
♠	10 2
♥	5 3
♦	A 4 3 2
♣	J 8 6 3 2
West	East
♠	7
♥	A K Q 10 7 6 4
♦	10 6 5
♣	7 4
South	
♠	A K Q J
♥	J 9
♦	Q 9 8
♣	A Q 10 9

West	North	East	South
--	--	pass	2NT
pass	3NT	pass	pass
pass			

Opening Lead: ♥ A

One of the pleasures of the game comes from interesting systems and conventions. I personally love to try out new ideas. One of the drawbacks, however, of today's methodologies is in the strictness of the methodologists. In the "old days" when we tried a new convention, we still left room for judgment. But today? Heresy! I find it strange that aggressive liberal players use ultra-light opening bids and preempts while at the same time demand absolute ultra-conservative adherence to the old Goren point-count. In other words, they do not leave any room for thinking!

Enough philosophy. I offer you this example from the finals of the World Olympiad Open Pairs this August. North-South were using a 2NT opening-bid range of 19-to-21. Does that mean that South must open 2NT with his 19 points, where 16 of them are concentrated in his two suits? (Here was a hand that could easily produce 10 tricks in spades on a 4-3 fit facing a hand without a heart stopper. In fact, 4♠ isn't a such a bad contract on this hand with a combined 4-2 trump fit!)

The answer among today's nouveau riche scientists is a resounding "yes." Stick to the system — count those points! Never deviate! Well, you see what it gets. West (Fred Gitelman) was preempted right out of the auction, but he didn't mind. He wisely refrained from doubling the final contract (since both North and South would have skiddaddled out of 3NT to 4♣) and cashed seven hearts to defeat the contract three tricks.

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MN USBF Regional Bridge Tournament October 8-14, 2012

Committees, Hospitality and Events at the Tournament

Caddies – Chair Verda Gould

youth caddies - weekend - the Retired Aquatennial Senior Organization caddies Monday through Friday.

Partnership – Chair Maureen Weiman

Volunteers work 45 minutes before game time. 1 volunteer before morning game, 2 volunteers before afternoon, 1 volunteer before evening session Maureen is matching people before the tournament for those who have asked for partners. She has also recruited standby partners for each session so that we will be able to match the maximum number of people.

Information Desk – Chair Wayne Gergen -- Bridge Center of St. Paul

Volunteers work 45 minutes before game time to answer questions about the tournament and local restaurants, etc. – Candy is available at the Info Desk. Convention card holders are for sale \$2 -- flyers and restaurant guides on table. 1 volunteer in the morning, 2 before the afternoon and evening sessions A sign up sheet for the Restaurant Shuttle (for out of town guests) will be at the Info Desk every day Tuesday through Saturday. Solicit door prizes from the restaurants.

Hospitality and Hotel Liaison – Patti Stuhlman

Coordinate the lunch between the morning and afternoon sessions Free AM and afternoon Coffee, Snack Bar Liaison,

Dinner Shuttle – Sue and Steve Jackson A sign up sheet for the Restaurant Shuttle (for out of town guests) will be at the Info Desk every day Tuesday through Saturday.

Signage – Stephanie and Larry Miller

Chat Bridge – Jean Boettcher and Stephanie Miller

Bridge Discussion Coordinator – Chair Mike Cassel

– 12:15-12:45 pm Wednesday-Saturday will organize the speakers for the daily Lesson series.

Intermediate Newcomers Program – Chairs Larry and Stephanie Miller

Publicity, New Player Helpers, distribute trophies; Monday – Free Newcomers Game for 0-5. Coordinate the speakers program and I/N door prizes.

Raffle of Ipad – Stephanie and Larry Miller

Properties – Chair John Ferguson

120 tables to be delivered, set-up and returned and 400 bidding boxes. Recruit people for set up and take down.

Sue Jackson -- Scoremate system from Mpls and St. Paul

Daily Bulletin – Suzi Subeck, editor

Each day assembles the daily bulletin. Please submit any information that you would like to see in the Daily bulletin.

Vendors and Bookseller – Mary and Larry McIntyre – recruit vendors and bookseller for the tournament.

Seeding Committee – Chair Steve Gaynor Plan seeding for pair events to assure more even distribution of the sections.

Appeals Committee – Chair John Koch Convene appeals committees when needed at the tournament.

PR – Chair Nancy Glenn and Annie Schaeffer

Send flyers to clubs in the district; distributed them at the Mpls. and St. Paul Bridge Centers. Flyers at the district tournaments. Distribute I/N flyers to 199 games and lessons.

General Coordination – Organization and Troubleshooting – Patti Stuhlman, Wayne Gergen and Sue Jackson

Ad in the August ACBL bulletin. Hotel liaison; budget; office supplies; support for committees Compose the email blast sent out from the ACBL to neighboring districts.

Cold Is A Relative Thing

65°

Arizonans turn on the heat.

People in Minnesota plant gardens.

60°

Californians shiver uncontrollably.

People in Minnesota sunbathe.

50°

Italian & English cars won't start.

People in Minnesota drive with the windows down..

40°

Georgians don coats, thermal underwear, gloves, wool hats.

People in Minnesota throw on a flannel shirt.

35°

New York landlords finally turn up the heat.

People in Minnesota have the last cookout before cold weather sets in.

20°

People in Miami all die.

Minnesotans close the windows.

0°

Californians fly away to Mexico.

People in Minnesota get out their winter coats.

10° below zero:

Hollywood disintegrates.

The Girl Scouts in Minnesota are selling cookies door to door.

20° below zero:

Washington DC runs out of hot air.

People in Minnesota let the dogs sleep indoors.

30° below zero:

Santa Claus abandons the North Pole.

Minnesotans get upset because they can't start the snowmobile.

-40°

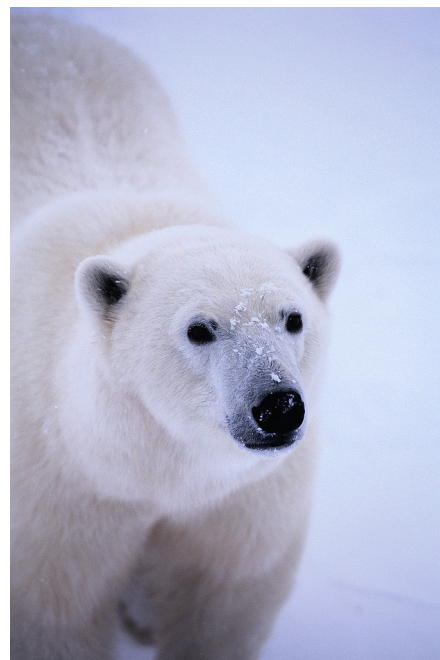
ALL atomic motion stops.

People in Minnesota start saying..."Cold enough for ya?"

-50°

Hell freezes over.

Minnesota public schools will open two hours late.



In Minnesota, we grin and bear it!

BREVITY

BY GUY & RODD & DAN



Dealer: South Vul: Both

North

♠ Q 9 7 2
♥ K 10 9 3
♦ A 6 5 4
♣ 5

West

♠ A J 6
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ K J 10 3
♣ 6 4

East

♠ K 8 3
♥ J 6 4 2
♦ Q 9 7
♣ 9 7 2

South

♠ 10 5 4
♥ 7
♦ 8 2
♣ A K Q J 10 8 3

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	3NT
double pass	pass	pass	

Opening Lead: ♥ A

The "rule" against notrump contracts is "Lead fourth from your longest and strongest." The exception to the rule is when your RHO has opened a gambling 3NT, showing a long solid minor. In this case, you lay down an ace to get a look at dummy. Today's hand is the exception to the exception.

South opened 3NT, showing the solid minor and no outside ace or king. When West doubled, North passed, saying: "Partner, I am content to play here." North's pass was quite informative, because North could quite easily remove 3NT doubled to 4♣, asking partner to pass with clubs or correct to diamonds.

Two world-class players sitting West in a team match both led the ace of hearts against 3NT, adhering to the "exception to the rule" idea: Lead your ace and look at dummy. When they did, they saw that they had established declarer's ninth trick: the king of hearts. They both shifted smartly to the jack of spades (hoping partner held K-T-8-x), but declarer covered and when a spade was returned, declarer claimed 10 tricks for a score of 950. As you can see, the ace-of-spades lead would have worked OK, since West has time to switch to diamonds. But the original rule of fourth from your longest and strongest would have worked as well.

When West heard North pass, willing to stick it out in 3NT doubled, West could take an inference that North held a high honor in three suits: spades, hearts and diamonds. So a diamond lead was the best chance.

Dealer: South Vul: None

North

♠ 5
♥ A K Q 8
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ A K J 8

West

♠ 7
♥ J 7 6 5 3
♦ J 10 9
♣ 10 7 5 4

East

♠ Q 8 4 3
♥ 9 4
♦ A K 7 5 4
♣ 9 3

South

♠ A K J 10 9 6 2
♥ 10 2
♦ 3
♣ Q 6 2

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	4♠
pass	6♠	pass	pass
pass			

Opening Lead: ♦ J

Marshall Miles first wrote about today's hand, played in a matchpoint event. Put yourself in the East chair and decide how you would defend against 6♠ after the 4♠-6♠ auction and partner's jack-of-diamonds lead. Declarer calls low from dummy.

When you see partner's jack hit the table, you have to be happy that your partner found your ace-king suit. But don't get too happy! Think. The object here is to defeat 6♠. How can you be sure of defeating 6♠, as long as South follows to at least one round of diamonds?

If South has only one diamond, you still expect to score a trump trick with the queen, but will you? Suppose the jack of diamonds wins the first trick and partner continues with another diamond lead. South ruffs, leads a heart to dummy and takes the spade finesse. Then a top spade reveals the 4-1 split. So South leads a second heart to dummy and scores a second diamond ruff. A club to dummy is followed by a third diamond ruff. Then another club to dummy sets up a trump coup. Declarer calls for the queen of hearts. East holds the Q-8 of trumps and a diamond. South holds the king-jack of spades and the queen of clubs. So there is nothing East can do.

Let's return to trick one. Miles says that East must overtake the jack of diamonds and shift to either a heart or a club, attacking dummy's entries. Now the trump coup will fail (try it). After staring at this hand for a long time, I had to agree with Miles: "You're right, but it's easier said than done!"

Daily Upstairs Mini-Lesson Schedule

Time: 12:15 pm to 12:40 pm.

In the main playing area

Wednesday , 10/10,
Thursday , 10/11, Mike Cassel
Friday, 5/25 John Koch
Saturday, 5/26 Curt and Ben Kristensen



Howie Weinstein/Steve Garner, Q & A with World Class "ex-Locals"
An Intro to Getting into the Bidding, by Bill Treble
Un-Conventional Doubles
The Junior Program and Bridge in China



A Raffle to Benefit the USBF Regional

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The proceeds from the raffle help us offer hospitality for the USBF Regional

The charity pairs donation is going to the University of MN Masonic Cancer Center
The University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center is one of only 40 institutions in the United States to hold the designation of National Cancer Institute. It is awarded only to institutions that make ongoing, significant advances in cancer research, treatment, and education

Free Lunch Menu:

Thursday – Assorted wraps and pasta salad buffet

Friday—Ham, Turkey or Roast Beef Sandwich, Chips and Coleslaw
Saturday – Char-broiled burgers with potato salad and chips

Sunday – Ham, Turkey or Roast Beef Sandwich, chips and coleslaw

USBF Regional Committees: Thank you to all our exceptional volunteers and supporters.

From Co-chairs: Patti Stuhlman, Sue Jackson and Wayne Gergen, Committee chairs:

Caddies – Verda Gould

PR – Anne Schaeffer and Nancy Glenn

Partnerships – Maureen Weiman

Information Desk - Wayne Gergen

Vendors and Bookseller – Mary and Larry McIntyre

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Dinner Shuttle – Sue and Steve Jackson and Tom Hammond

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A special thank you to our Donors and Sponsors:

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Game Sponsors: Kivel Electric, In honor of Jeannette Wier, In honor Roger Anderson, In honor of Esta Van Zandt; In honor of Harold Dodson

Section Top Awards: *The Best of Edgar Kaplan* from the USBF and Bridge World

Door Prizes: Machine Shed Restaurant, Famous Dave BBQ, Twin Cities Bridge Center; City of North St. Paul; Anchor Bank

These newsletters can be accessed online at the USBF website: <http://www.usbf.org/> ... They newsletters are uploaded sometime around midnight each day of the tournament!

The SportAccord World Mind Games ...

The SportAccord World Mind Games online tournament started in September and will go on till the end of October. One winner will be selected for each sport and will be invited for a one week journey to attend and watch the 2012 SportAccord World Mind Games in Beijing (travel and accommodation included). He will also have the chance to play against some of the world's best worldwide players of his sport. Online winners will also receive a commemorative medal and a certificate at the closing ceremony of the event. 2 Samsung tablets and 2 Swatch watches will be awarded in each sport to more players depending on their performance.

All the players are welcome to play on the participating platforms:

BBO

FUN BRIDGE

OURGAMES

Other sports included are Chess, Draughts, Go and Qiang Xi.

Verda Gould, president, District 14, reminds us that **ZERO TOLERANCE** is in effect. Please be mindful. Be respectful to your partner as well as your opponents. Everyone will have a better experience and you will bear no penalties. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

ALERT: Speaker Program Update... please read!

The "upstairs" Speaker Program from 12:15-12:40pm will be conducted in the large playing area at the far (North) end away from the directors' table. Mike Cassel will speak today!! Mike is an excellent player and does a great deal of work for bridge in District 14. Don't miss it!

A Hand from the 2nd KO

Board 6 ♠ AJT9876
 Dealer: E ♥ Txx
 E/W Vul. ♦ X
 ♣ Ax

♠ Xx
 ♥ Q
 ♦ QT9xx
 ♣ KJTxx



♠ Qxx
 ♥ K9xx
 ♦ Kxxx
 ♣ Qx

♠ K
 ♥ AJ8xx
 ♦ AJx
 ♣ xxxx

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1H
2NT (minors)	3D (inv or better in spades)	Double	Pass
Pass	3H	Pass	4H
All Pass			

This hand gave us a chance to use Unusual vs. Unusual... something that rarely occurs. North's 3D bid showed spades and a decent hand. East's double gave North a chance to fully describe her hand by bidding 3H to indicate an invitational hand with both majors.

At the other table, West overcalled 2C rather than bidding 2NT and North bid 2S... a negative free bid. There was no alert, and when the auction sailed back to West, he asked and was told it was non-forcing. The director allowed East to take back her Pass.

East competed with a double and North, who apparently did not intend for 2S to be passable, jumped back into the auction at his first opportunity, with 4S.

Because of the fortuitous heart position, 4S is a simple make on the hand.

At our table, science led us astray as we bid 4H instead of 4S. 4H turns out to be a clumsy contract at best. The opening lead was a diamond. Declarer won the ace, trumped a diamond in dummy, crossed to the king of spades, trumped another diamond and led the S7.

East fell from grace when he didn't cover and declarer pitched a club. Now, because of the unusual NT bid, declarer knew that West had short hearts. Dutifully, he led the HT from dummy and ran it to the singleton queen. The club return was won with the ace. The SA was cashed, pitching a club, and another spade was led.

East had no choice but to trump this. South overruffed and exited with his last club. Now he was sure to score two of the last three tricks to make four hearts.

Whew!

Like the story below, another interesting IMP push!!

A Crazy Push at IMPs from Bill Voedisch of Marine, Minnesota

During the first round of the Esta Van Zandt KO, against the Ken Gee team, at favorable vulnerability, I picked up the following hand: S:AKJx H: JT8 D: Void C: KJT87x. Before I can do anything, the three bidders in front me had plenty to say. The bidding started with North on my left: 4H-5D-X ... oh great. I huddle and, fearing the worst, I redouble asking pard to pick a black suit. It goes P-5H! ("No YOU pick a black suit!") -P-6C-P-P-X-all pass.

Small club out, reveals this dummy from partner, Denny Cerkenik: S: xx H: Kx D: AQJxxxx C: 9x. RHO won the ace and returned a spade. I rose and was at the crossroads. Do I try to pick up the trump suit or do I ruff a spade? Thinking RHO started with C: AQxx, I decided to ruff a spade, first playing the king, noticing the queen on my left. I ruffed my small spade in dummy with the 9, ruffed a diamond to hand, cashed the king of clubs, as both follow, giving up a club to RHO, spade back to my jack and then, a heart allows me to get to the board for a heart pitch on the ace of diamonds... Down 2, -300.

Comparing scores, we were amused to see partners, Paul Gutterman and John Weinberg, bring back +300 when those same hands tried 6D, also doubled, and also down two for a push!

Both sides in slam on the same cards, yet there is no suit game anywhere that makes by anyone. Our cards can perhaps manage 3NT, but with an 8 bagger in hearts in the dealer's hand, that was never going to be an option as both dealers opened 4H. Turns out my winning call is to pass 5D doubled as we net 200 for 5 IMPs. The distribution of the four hands, starting with the dealer: 2-8-1-2, 2-2-7-2, 5-0-5-3, 4-3-0-6. Pretty wild.

We were the only team to beat the Gee squad in the KO, but it was in the opening round-robin where all 3 teams went one and one and we had the fewest net IMP's so we were left behind!

MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES 7.0 Tables

A	B	C		
2.58	1	1	Bill Lough, Edina MN; Jeffrey Arenson, Saint Paul MN	58.33%
2.12	2	2	1 Margaret Rich - Larry McIntyre, St Paul MN	56.25%
1.59	3	3	2 Marsha Udow, Winnipeg MB; Susan MacRae, Thunder Bay ON	54.58%
1.11	4	4	Jim Mulbrandon, Verona WI; Dale Hamernick, Osseo MN	53.75%
0.82	5		Patti Stuhlman, Minneapolis MN; Nelsine Christensen, Eagan MN	53.33%
1.19		3	Dominic Antonelli, Altoona IA; Frederick Eriksen, Murray NE	52.08%

IN PAIRS 8.5 Tables

A	B	C		
2.68	1		Pushpa Prakash - Judith Argue, Rochester MN	64.43%
2.01	2	1	Richard Redfern, St Paul MN; James Meyer, Eagan MN	55.96%
1.51	3		Christine Garner, St Paul MN; Vivian Kania, Rosemount MN	55.29%
1.34	4	2	Betty Shidler - Marsha Woolums, Rochester MN	55.02%
0.85	5		Neal Black, Saint Paul MN; William Eldredge, St Paul MN	53.74%
1.37		3	1 Patricia Nigbur, Rochester MN; Shirley Wayne, Longmont CO	53.44%
0.76		4	Nancy Hokanson - Robert Nelson, Hudson WI	51.76%
1.03		2	Kathryn Bruce, Edina MN; Gretchen Crosby, Minneapolis MN	45.66%

AFT SIDE GAME SERIES 11.0 Tables

A	B	C		
3.19	1	1	1 Sherm Stanchfield - Susan Sanger, St Louis Park MN	63.10%
2.39	2	2	Gary Raymond - Walter Case, Lincoln NE	59.52%
1.79	3	3	Peggy Opatz, Bloomington MN; Nancy Gordon, Minneapolis MN	57.74%
1.96	4		Beverly Lampe - Ronald Lampe, Monona WI	55.65%
1.37	5		Dale Hamernick, Osseo MN; Elise Parish, Omaha NE	55.36%
1.71	6/7	4	2 Dominic Antonelli, Altoona IA; Frederick Eriksen, Murray NE	54.46%
0.84	6/7		Mary Holman Allen, Mahtomedi MN; John Allen, Saint Paul MN	54.46%
1.28		5	3 Darnell Blume, Ramsey MN; Jan Bruinooge, Osseo MN	53.27%
0.96		4	John Jacobsen, Minneapolis MN; June Phillips, Bozeman MT	52.98%

INTERMED NOVICE 13.0 Tables

A	B	C		
3.25	1	1	Betty Shidler - Marsha Woolums, Rochester MN	64.58%
2.44	2		Sherry McPhillips, Minneapolis MN; Richard Plaisance, Eden Prairie MN	63.83%
1.83	3	2	Faith Fawcett - Joy Warkentin, Thunder Bay ON	61.74%
1.37	4		Adele Brellenthin, Edina MN; Barbara Finn, Minneapolis MN	60.42%
1.20	5	3	Charlie Disney, Roseville MN; Helen Vagle, Edina MN	59.28%
1.58	6	4	1 Lloyd Sines, Big Lake MN; Janis Sines, Eagan MN	56.25%
0.68		5	Janice Hartness, Plymouth MN; Janice O'Keefe, St Paul MN	52.46%
1.19		2	Joseph Kivel, Saint Paul MN; Alexis Campbell, Stillwater MN	50.57%
0.89		3	Andrew Bell - Diana Bell, Eden Prairie MN	50.38%
0.67		4	Mary Stern - Gary Stern, Minneapolis MN	49.81%

JEANNETTE WIER OPEN PAIRS 2 OF 3 SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH SECTIONS G H EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C	
3.73	1		Brian Crossley, Minneapolis MN;	3.73	1	1	Karen Thelen, Minneapolis MN;
			Barry Purrington,				Patricia Montain,
2.61	2		J Thomas Holzer,	2.61	2	2	Grant Boadwine,
			Plymouth MN;				Preston MN; Ann
			Richard Ekstrum,				Van Ryn, Rochester MN
			69.34%				57.56%
			62.15%				

Late Change... please disregard info on page 9!! Speakers will be presenting from 12:50-1:15 in the big room. Bring your lunch inside and enjoy a Lunch and Learn.

Someone took home the wrong ladies' black car coat yesterday. The coat that was left at the playing site had dog biscuits in the pocket. Please return the coat taken mistakenly to the information desk... and rescue your coat from playing room B. Thank you!!



District 14 President, Verda Gould, relaxing after a long day working at the tournament!

1.87	3		Lance Chamberlain, Rochester MN;	56.40%	1.87	3	3	Jim Stepnes, Richfield MN;	56.87%
2.66	4	1	Diana Hunke - Maurice Hunke, Golden Valley MN	55.19%	1.31	4	4	Joseph Browan, Maplewood MN;	55.03%
1.86	5	2	1 Charles Frisch, Minneapolis MN;	55.02%	0.75	5	5	Richard Peterson, Anne Schaeffer, Apple Valley MN;	54.84%
1.33	6	3	2 Leonard Greene, Dave Kuschel, Minot ND;	53.92%	0.62	6	6	Nancy Glenn, Eagan MN	54.41%
0.93	7	4	Patricia Baker, Judith Strobush, Amery WI; Elaine Prebonich, New	53.66%	0.53	7		V Edwards, Iowa City IA; James Tenbroeke,	54.08%
0.53	8	5	David Kruter - Kenneth Marier, Saint Paul MN	53.48%	0.47	8		Dennis Ryan - Barbara Tysdahl, Menomonie WI	52.77%
0.44	9	6	John Stern, Apple Valley MN; David Neiman,	52.91%	0.98	9	2	Bill Heyer, Medford MN;	52.43%
0.74		7	3 Thomas Utter, Mendota Heights MN; Jeanette	49.79%	0.70		3	James Snyder, White Bear Lake MN; Karen	50.12%

JEANNETTE WIER OPEN PAIRS 1 OF 3 SESSION

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION G	EAST-WEST				
A	B	C			A	B	C		
2.22	1	1	1 Patricia Anderson - Connie Weed, Fargo ND	56.48%	2.22	1	1	Joseph Browan, Maplewood MN;	58.56%
1.55	2	2	Dennis Ryan - Barbara Tysdahl, Menomonie WI	56.25%	1.55	2	2	Patricia Sohler, Sartell MN; Jean Leighton, Saint	54.63%
1.11	3	3	Grant Boadwine, Preston MN; Ann Van Ryn, Rochester MN	55.09%	1.15	3	3	1 Pat Reinardy - Susan Thiess, Eau Claire WI	51.62%
0.78	4	4	Jim Stepnes, Richfield MN; William Voedisch,	52.55%	0.78	4	4	David Kruter - Kenneth Marier, Saint Paul MN	50.93%
0.81		2	Karen Thelen, Minneapolis MN; Patricia Montain,	50.23%	0.81		2	Peter Reed - Rita Reed, Clive IA	50.46%

WED EVE SWISS TEAM 12 Tables

A	B	C		
3.34	1		Don Domansky - David McLellan - Roland Laframboise - L Hansen, Thunder Bay ON	104.00
2.73	2	1	Wayne Gergen, Minneapolis MN; J Williams, Saint Paul MN; Walter Case - Gary Raymond, Lincoln NE	78.00
2.05	3	2	Jeanine Hall, Cottage Grove MN; Thomas Baruth, Shoreview MN; Grayce Hartman - Judy Hammond, Woodbury MN	73.00
1.41	4		Dan Parish, Omaha NE; Don Pearsons, Winnipeg MB; Carol Mahoney - Jackie Evans, Rochester MN	71.00
1.54		3	Jim Mulbrandon, Verona WI; Bill Carlson, Minnetonka MN; Jeff Dziuk, Maplewood MN; Larry Johnson, Minneapolis MN	68.00
1.97		1	Faith Fawcett - Joy Warkentin, Thunder Bay ON; Gary Rowland, Golden Valley MN; Diana Bell, Eden Prairie MN	58.00



Playing in the big room last night in the 7pm session.

The final session of the Jeanette Weir pairs was scored improperly. Therefore, the event overalls are not yet determined and cannot be published... nor can the results from the final session.

Because the directors spent such a long time attempting to recreate the results from the pair game, time constraints prevented them from including the KO results on the bulletin disk.

These results will be in tomorrow's bulletin.