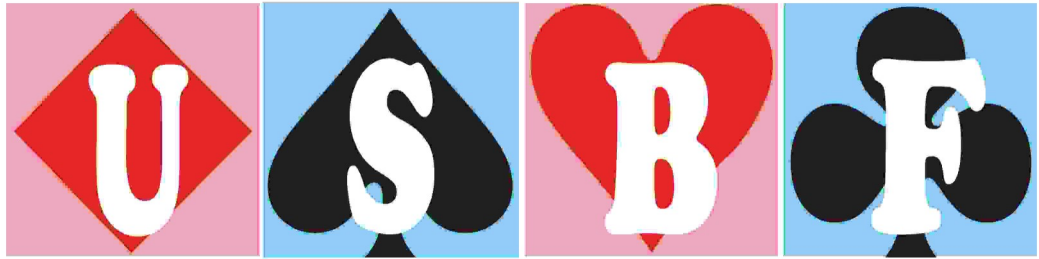


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Time Date	9:15 am Tuesday – Saturday 10 am Sunday	1:30 pm	7:00 pm	
Mon. 10/8	Today's News: Free Coffee morning and afternoon Free lunch Candy at the Informaiton Desk Kivel Electric Compact KO Harold Dodson Open Pairs	Pre-Tournament Stratified Charity 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

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

Puzzle 2

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

Thanks to all the Chairperson and Volunteers:

Every day, on page 6 of the Daily Bulletin, we have run a list of the Chairpeople and their job descriptions. These people have spent endless hours working to make this tournament a success.

For several, their jobs started month before fruition. **Patti Stuhlman, Wayne Gergen and Sue Jackson** have coordinated the entire cast of characters to produce the wonderful, exciting, and masterpoint-profitable experience you've enjoyed all week.

Each of the other chairs took his or her work seriously. The hospitality was awesome. The caddies worked tirelessly. The directing staff kept things moving in an organized and civil manner.

Overall, the tournament was a perfect experience for everyone.

Thanks to the USBF for the opportunity to hold this in District 14!

Thanks to all those listed on page 6 for their wonderful efforts.

Thanks to all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to join us in St. Paul. We hope you had fun!!

Puzzle 2

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

Solutions



Puzzle 1

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

Puzzle Page ...

Three friends from different villages in Austria are members of the same Oompah band. Can you work out the age of each man (39, 40, 42), his occupation (one is a farmer), the instrument he plays and the name of his village (one is Obersdorf)?

1. Boris (who isn't the hotel keeper) is older than the tuba player (who isn't from the village of Alpansee).
2. The man who plays the flugelhorn isn't the oldest band member.
3. The man aged 40 is from a village with the same initial letter as the village the accordion player comes from.
4. The policeman is younger than Wilhelm.
5. The man from Ottenbach is either the youngest or the oldest and may or may not be Walter.

Name	Age	Occupation	Instrument	Village



New York (CNN). At John F. Kennedy International Airport today, a Caucasian male (later discovered to be a high school mathematics teacher) was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a compass, a protractor and a graphical calculator. According to law enforcement officials, he is believed to have ties to the Al-Gebra network. He will be charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.

Two mathematicians are studying a convergent series.
 The first one says: "Do you realize that the series converges even when all the terms are made positive?"
 The second one asks: "Are you sure?"
 "Absolutely!"

"Students nowadays are so clueless", the math professor complains to a colleague. "Yesterday, a student came to my office hours and wanted to know if General Calculus was a Roman war hero..."

It is only two weeks into the term that, in a calculus class, a student raises his hand and asks: "Will we ever need this stuff in real life?"

The professor gently smiles at him and says: "Of course not - if your real life will consist of flipping hamburgers at MacDonald's!"

Answer to Puzzle:
 No Peeking!!

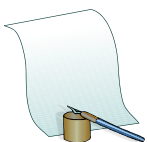
Obersdorf	Tuba	Hotel Keeper	40	Wilhelm
Alpansee	Flugelhorn	Policeman	39	Walter
Ottenbach	Accordion	Farmer	42	Boris
Village	Instrument	Occupation	Age	Name

Daily Door Prizes in the Open Games

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 +.



Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a jack-o-lantern by its diameter?

A: Pumpkin Pi!

Teacher: "Who can tell me what 7 times 6 is?"

Student: "It's 42!"

Teacher: "Very good! - And who can tell me what 6 times 7 is?"

Same student: "It's 24!"

The chef instructs his apprentice: "You take two thirds of water, one third of cream, one third of broth..."

The apprentice: "But that makes four thirds already!"

"Well - just take a larger pot!"

"That math prof's marriage is falling apart!"

"No wonder! He's into scientific computing - and she's incalculable!"

A woman in a bar tries to pick up a mathematician.

"How old, do you think, am I?" she asks coyly.

"Well - 18 by that fire in your eyes, 19 by that glow on your cheeks, 20 by that radiance of your face, and adding that up is something you can probably do for yourself..."

Theorem. A cat has nine tails.

Proof. No cat has eight tails. Since one cat has one more tail than no cat, it must have nine tails.

Trigonometry for farmers: swine and coswine...

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: E-W

North
 ♠A 8 5 3
 ♥Q 8 6 2
 ♦A Q
 ♣A Q 4

West **East**
 ♠10 2 ♠K J 9
 ♥7 ♥K J 3
 ♦J 10 9 5 3 ♦K 7 4 2
 ♣J 9 6 3 2 ♣10 8 7

South
 ♠Q 7 6 4
 ♥A 10 9 5 4
 ♦8 6
 ♣K 5

West	North	East	South
--	1♣	pass	1♥
pass	3♥	pass	4♥
pass	pass	pass	

Opening Lead: ♦J

It's nice to have a helpful partner, but sometimes a defender does not want help. Consider Herb Lavine, of Westfield, NJ, who was East on today's OKbridge hand.

Declarer won the first trick with the diamond ace and played three rounds of clubs, pitching his other diamond. Then a heart was led to the ace and another heart back toward dummy. Meanwhile, Herb had a plan. He could tell from declarer's play that South was 2-2 in the minors and, therefore, 4-5 in the majors. If partner held the queen of spades, the contract would be set. But if South held that card, South would make the contract by cashing the ace of spades and leading a spade toward his queen.

While declarer was busily cashing his clubs, Herb conceived of this plan: After winning his trump tricks, he will shift cunningly to the jack of spades. If partner has the 10 of spades, the plan may work. Declarer will play Herb for J-10-9 and duck to the ace, then lead a spade back and play low, playing West for the doubleton king. On the actual layout, partner will win the 10 of spades on the second round of spades and Herb will eventually score the king for the setting trick. Even if declarer ruffs out the queen of diamonds, the scheme will succeed, because West will give a ruff-sluff after winning the ten of spades, but it will do declarer no good.

On the way to this forum, however, West discarded the deuce of spades on the second round of trumps, just to let Herb know that he had no help there.

Dealer: North Vul: N-S

North
 ♠A Q 9 6 5 4 3
 ♥J 3
 ♦A 8 2
 ♣2

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

South
 ♠--
 ♥A 9 8 4 2
 ♦K 10 9 6 4 3
 ♣K 4

West	North	East	South
--	1♠	2♣	2♥
3♣	3♠	pass	4♦
pass	4♥	pass	5♦
pass	6♦	pass	pass
pass			

Opening Lead: ♣9

Welcome to the "Why me, Lord?" hand of the month. The hand took place on OKbridge during a match against my wife last month. I was East, she was South. Notice first the fine-tuned auction. Over 1♠ I slipped in a 2♣ bid just to make sure I'd get a club lead against any contract played by my wife. Then she bid 2♥, bypassing her six-card diamond suit, for economical purposes. Later, when North took a preference to hearts, my wife decided ace-fifth opposite a doubleton would not play so well, and corrected to 5♦, hoping for better support there. North didn't see it as a mere correction!

Naturally my partner led a club, which is just what I wanted, or so I thought. This lead set up declarer's king of clubs for a heart discard. I shot back a heart at trick two, but she rose with the ace, took her discard and ruffed a heart. Then came a spade ruff followed by another heart ruff, our queen and king of hearts falling.

The ace of diamonds was cashed, another spade ruffed, and the king of diamonds brought down the last trumps. It was so easy. We scored minus 1370 for a loss of 14.24 imps. Bridge is really fun.

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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.

These are actual notes from Doctors patient charts...

1. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
2. On the 2nd day the knee was better and on the 3rd day it disappeared completely.
3. She has had no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.
4. The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 1993.
5. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
6. Discharge status: Alive but without permission.
7. Healthy appearing decrepit 69 year-old male. Mentally alert but forgetful.
8. The patient refused an autopsy.
9. The patient has no past history of suicides.
10. Patient has left his white blood cells at another hospital.
11. Patient's past medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40 pound weight gain in the past three days.
12. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
13. Between you and me, we ought to be able to get this lady pregnant.
14. Since she can't get pregnant with her husband, I thought you might like to work her up.
15. She is numb from her toes down.
16. While in the ER, she was examined, X-rated and sent home.
17. The skin was moist and dry.
18. Occasional, constant, infrequent headaches.
19. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
20. Rectal exam revealed a normal size thyroid.
21. She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life, until she got a divorce.
22. I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.
23. Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.
24. Exam of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.
25. The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.
26. The patient was to have a bowel re-section. However, he took a job as a lawyer instead.
27. Skin: Somewhat pale but present.
28. The pelvic examination will be done later on the floor.
29. Patient was seen in consultation by Dr. Blank, who felt we should sit on the abdomen and I agree.
30. Large brown stool ambulating in the hall.
31. Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.

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.



Section Top Prizes:
Best of Edgar Kaplan
Section Top Prizes available at the Information Desk

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Dealer: South Vul: E-W

North

♠K Q 10 2
♥10 5 3
♦K Q 2
♣9 8 6

West

♠6 5
♥9 2
♦9 8 6 5 3
♣A J 7 5

East

♠J 8 7 4
♥J 8 7 6
♦J
♣10 4 3 2

South

♠A 9 3
♥A K Q 4
♦A 10 7 4
♣K Q

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	2♣
pass	2♦	pass	2NT
pass	4♣	pass	4♥
pass	6NT	pass	pass
pass			

Opening Lead: ♦5

Dealer: West Vul: None

North

♠7 5 4 3
♥J 9 6
♦4 2
♣A 6 5 3

West

♠A K 8
♥Q 7 2
♦8 7
♣K J 10 9 7

East

♠Q J 10 9 6
♥8 5 3
♦10 9 6 3
♣8

South

♠2
♥A K 10 4
♦A K Q J 5
♣Q 4 2

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

Opening Lead: ♠K

Bob Jones, of Florida, was West on this hand from a Vanderbilt match. North-South reached a close 6NT contract, after South showed 22 or 23 points and North used modified Gerber, receiving a "0 or 3 aces" response. Jones led a low diamond to the jack and ace.

Declarer now had 11 sure winners: six major-suit tricks, four diamonds and one club. He led a diamond back to dummy's queen and cashed another diamond. East discarded two clubs on the diamonds. Now a club was led to the king and Jones played low. This was the killing defense.

Declarer cashed the ace of diamonds, throwing a club from dummy. East threw his last club, the 10, coming down to four cards in each major. Declarer tested hearts first, but after three rounds the jack did not fall. Thinking that East might still hold the ace of clubs, along with the jack of hearts, declarer went after spades by cashing three rounds. But the jack of spades did not drop and declarer conceded the last two tricks.

Declarer could have guessed to make the contract by cashing only two spades, ending in his hand, and then leading the fourth heart to East for an endplay. But this was hard to guess. Meanwhile, Jones had saved the day by laying off the first round of clubs. If he wins the king of clubs with the ace, declarer must make the slam. After four rounds of diamonds and two rounds of clubs, East is a dead duck. He must come down to seven cards and cannot hold four cards in both majors.

Ralph Cohen, of Memphis, was South on today's hand in a game in Toronto many moons ago. East-West were using a strange system, where 1♣ was strong or natural and responder had to keep the bidding open. East's 1♦ bid was a negative. Cohen overcalled his four-card heart suit and then took a chance on finding the right dummy when he next jumped to game.

West led the king of spades and Buddy Marsh (North) put down the dummy, apologizing for such a weak one. West continued with the ace of spades when East signaled encouragement. How would you play the hand?

Ralph saw that he was getting tapped in the long hand and there was nothing he could do about it. He would need trumps to divide 3-3, but, because of the bidding, the chance of finding the queen of hearts outside was very small. Ralph then saw a neat solution. He ruffed the ace of spades with the ace of hearts and led the 4 of hearts at trick three.

West went up with the queen and, suspecting something, continued trumps instead of leading another spade. But Ralph was under control. He won the jack of hearts in dummy, playing the 10 underneath it, and ruffed another spade with the king of hearts. Then he led a club to the ace, drew the last two trumps with the 9 of hearts and spread his five diamond tricks on the table. His trick count was 10: two ruffs in hand with the ace-king of hearts, two trump tricks in dummy (the jack and nine), five diamonds and the ace of clubs. Now Buddy sat up in his seat and said, "I had a nice dummy for you, didn't I?"

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

A new iPad could be yours.

Buy a \$5 raffle ticket at the information desk

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

Free Lunch Menu:

Saturday – Char-broiled burgers with potato salad and chips

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

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

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

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Dinner Shuttle – Sue and Steve Jackson and Tom Hammond

Hotel Liaison & Budget – Patti Stuhlman

Education Grant – Sue Jackson and Stephanie Miller

A special thank you to our Donors and Sponsors:

Hospitality -- Units 103 MN; 178 Minneapolis; 241 Omaha; 184 Lincoln; Barb Zipoy -- candy

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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

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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:

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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!

Harold Dodson By Steve Gaynor

In 1974 Harold was a young star in Detroit while I was a novice. He introduced me to 'Dodson Standard' (like transfers over opponents' strong openers). I came to MN in 1983, Harold graciously gave me games. Afterward, we went to Mary Finnegan's for more bridge, Daiquiri's, and good fun. In a 1983, 150 team Swiss with Rich Briand and Gregg Van Dyke, we finished 6-2

-- pretty good since only Harold was a life master. In a memorable match against Howard Weinstein and Ralph Katz, Harold showed them how to play the ultra-super Moysian fit in 4H – a 4-1 trump fit, making! Harold is the Minor Slam King. He once made 6D, with diamonds AJ9x opposite Kx! We both love Detroit Tiger Baseball, the glories of 1968 and 1984, and last year's playoff defeat of the Yankees. Here's to you Harold.

Board 25
 Dealer: N
 E/W vul.

♠ KQJ9765
 ♥ Xxx
 ♦ AQx
 ♣

♠ Ax
 ♥ AKxx
 ♦ Jxxx
 ♣ xxx



♠ 8x
 ♥ Xx
 ♦ Kxxxx
 ♣ KQxx

♠ T4
 ♥ QJxx
 ♦ X
 ♣ AJxxxx

A Hand from the Morning Swiss Teams...

North	East	South	West
4S	All Pass		

What a dismal hand for East/West! If you make the "normal" club lead, declarer wins the ace in dummy, pitching a heart. He now plays a diamond to the ace, ruffs a diamond, ruffs a club, ruffs a diamond, and comes off dummy with a heart or a club.

A club is best since you have six clubs between your two hands and seven hearts.

When the smoke clears, you will lose one spade and two hearts for +420.

I made an error and chose the queen of hearts off dummy. Now I had to guess the trump position to avoid uppercutting my own hand. I was lucky and guessed right.

At the other table, my teammate led a trump and it was all over but the shouting.

FRIDAY CHOICE PAIRS 2 OF 3 SESSION

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION G	EAST-WEST				
					A	B	C		
3.15	1		Terry Beckman - Kathy Beckman, Saint Michael MN	68.17%	3.15	1		Dan Sershon, Duluth MN; Larry Oakey, Minneapolis MN	61.43%
2.26	2	1	Kay Johnson, Minneapolis MN; Judith Strobush,	56.10%	2.21	2		J Thomas Holzer, Plymouth MN; Richard Ekstrum,	59.98%
1.58	3		Pat Burrows, Rochester MN; Jackie Evans,	55.19%	2.16	3	1	Jeanine Hall, Cottage Grove MN; Beverly Ryan,	55.75%
1.58	4	2	Dave Hoffman, Oronoco MN; Bill Heyer, Medford MN	54.21%	1.10	4		Stephen Maltzman, Oro Valley AZ; Donna DePesa,	55.66%
1.32	5	3	1 Karen Thelen, Minneapolis MN; Patricia Montain,	53.63%	1.51	5	2	1 Richard Cottle, St Paul MN; Charles Frisch,	55.54%
0.79	6	4	Hai-Sheng Wu - Richard Towner, Mankato MN	51.29%	1.08	6	3	Joseph Browan, Maplewood MN; Carrie Kaplan,	55.13%
0.92	7	5	2 Elizabeth Herbert, Leawood KS; Bob Herbert,	50.54%	0.92	7	4	2 Rajiv Kapadia - Anne O'Meara, Mankato MN	54.14%
					0.43		5	Grant Boadwine, Preston MN; Ann Van Ryn, Rochester MN	50.73%

AFT SIDE GAME SERIES 4 OF 5 SESSION

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION K	EAST-WEST				
					A	B	C		
2.15	1	1	1 Paul Nesvig, Eaganul MN; Robert Bonine,	60.60%	2.15	1		Ernest Ledbetter - Barbara Vasilevsky, Las	65.03%
1.51	2		Paul Gutterman, Eagan MN; Jon Weinberg,	59.85%	1.68	2	1	Pat Weber, Saint Paul MN; Paski Paskaradevan,	55.07%
1.08	3		Dona Gilbertson, Oak Park Hts MN; Jeffrey Arenson,	55.12%	1.18	3/4	2	1 Emalyn Nikstad - James Nikstad, Wausau WI	54.55%
0.75	4		Greg Caucutt - Genny Rice, Rochester MN	54.73%	0.92	3/4		Dave Hellwig, Minneapolis MN; Cecil Frank,	54.55%
1.24	5	2	John Dunstan, Bloomington MN; Ottillie Bello,	52.08%	0.84	5	3	Frank Morgan, Bloomington MN; Donna Nesser,	52.80%
0.89	3		Avery Haak, Oak Park Hts MN; June Phillips, Bozeman MT	51.90%	0.81		2	Charlotte Boyles, Bloomington MN; Eleanor McIntosh,	50.00%
0.62	4		Wayne Pinsonneault, Saint Paul MN;	49.62%					
0.81		2	Lucy Rooney, W St Paul MN; Joan Shapiro, Mendota	47.16%					

		CHOICE PAIRS MORNING SESSION						
		NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION G		EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
2.22	1	1	Linda Skillings, Coon Rapids MN; Beverly Leclerc, Susan Jackson, Roseville MN; Donald Priewert,	63.89%	2.22	1	Lance Chamberlain - Carol Mahoney, Rochester MN	65.51%
1.55	2			59.72%	1.55	2	John Stern, Apple Valley MN; Deborah Watson,	56.25%
1.17	3	2	Dale Frink, Bismarck ND; Michael	56.25%	1.67	3	1 Diane Wright - Richard Wright, Minneapolis MN	52.31%
0.84	4	3	Grant Boadwine, Preston MN; Ann Van Ryn, Rochester MN	53.01%	1.17	4	2 Bill Lough, Edina MN; Jim Stepnes, Richfield MN	51.85%
0.81		2	Eileen Johnsen, St Cloud MN; David Boushek,	46.76%	0.84		3 Dave Hoffman, Oronoco MN; Bill Heyer, Medford MN	50.23%

		MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES FRIDAY SESSION						
		NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION H		EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1.49	1		Gregg Van Dyke, Saint Paul MN; Warren Nelson,	69.79%	1.49	1	1 Robert Bonine, Mendota Heights MN; Paul Nesvig,	68.75%
1.31	2	1	1 Carol Ann Paulson, Minneapolis MN;	50.00%	1.04	2	Adrienne Pearsons - Don Pearsons, Winnipeg MB	57.50%
0.92		2	Richard Estry - Alan Larson, Rochester MN	46.35%	0.98		2 Helen Hart, Des Moines IA; Gloria Ward, West Des	54.38%

FRDAY AFT INTERMEDIATE NOVICE 11.5 Tables

A	B	C		
2.72	1/2	1	Susan Sanger, St Louis Park MN; Barbara Person, St Louis Park MN	58.04%
2.72	1/2		Susan Flaherty - Betty Salber, St Paul MN	58.04%
1.53	3/4	2/3	A. Luke Ratnayake, St Paul MN; Everard Ratnayake, Minneapolis MN	56.85%
1.53	3/4	2/3	1 Joyce Woodworth, Sedona AZ; Gary Rowland, Golden Valley MN	56.85%
1.55	5		Pushpa Prakash - Judith Argue, Rochester MN	56.80%
1.10	6/7	4	2 Judith Bratton - Donald Bailey, Minneapolis MN	56.13%
0.94	6/7		Ann House, Eden Prairie MN; Nita Fronk, Minneapolis MN	56.13%
0.83		3	Judith Holderbach - Alexis Campbell, Stillwater MN	50.30%

FRIDAY MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES 5.5 Tables

A	B	C		
2.43	1		Gregg Van Dyke, Saint Paul MN; Warren Nelson, Cloquet MN	69.79%
2.28	2	1	1 Robert Bonine, Mendota Heights MN; Paul Nesvig, Eaganul MN	68.75%
1.37	3		Adrienne Pearsons - Don Pearsons, Winnipeg MB	57.50%
1.71	4	2	2 Helen Hart, Des Moines IA; Gloria Ward, West Des Moines IA	54.37%
1.31		3	3 Carol Ann Paulson, Minneapolis MN; Barbara Eichten, Wilmingtton MN	50.00%
0.96		4	Richard Estry - Alan Larson, Rochester MN	46.35%

FRIDAY AFT SIDE GAME SERIES 12.5 Tables

A	B	C		
3.49	1		Ernest Ledbetter - Barbara Vasilevsky, Las Vegas NV	65.03%
2.88	2	1	1 Paul Nesvig, Eaganul MN; Robert Bonine, Mendota Heights MN	60.60%
1.96	3		Paul Gutterman, Eagan MN; Jon Weinberg, Minnetonka MN	59.85%
1.47	4		Dona Gilbertson, Oak Park Hts MN; Jeffrey Arenson, Saint Paul MN	55.12%
2.16	5	2	Pat Weber, Saint Paul MN; Paski Paskaradevan, Newport MN	55.07%
0.83	6		Greg Caucutt - Genny Rice, Rochester MN	54.73%
1.62		3	2 Emalyn Nikstad - James Nikstad, Wausau WI	54.55%
1.22		4	Frank Morgan, Bloomington MN; Donna Nesser, Minneapolis MN	52.80%
1.24		5	John Dunstan, Bloomington MN;	

1.19			Ottillie Bello, Short Hills NJ	52.08%				
	3		Charlotte Boyles, Bloomington MN; Eleanor McIntosh, Minneapolis MN	50.00%				
INTERMEDIATE NOVICE FRIDAY AFT SESSION								
			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION I	EAST-WEST			
	A	B	C		A	B		
1.55	1		Pushpa Prakash - Judith Argue, Rochester MN	56.80%	1.32	1/2	1	Susan Sanger, St Louis Park MN; Barbara Person, 58.04%
0.94	2/3	1	Judith Bratton - Donald Bailey, Minneapolis MN	56.13%	1.32	1/2		Susan Flaherty - Betty Salber, St Paul MN
0.94	2/3		Ann House, Eden Prairie MN; Nita Fronk, Minneapolis MN	56.13%	0.66	3/4	2/3	A. Luke Ratnayake, St Paul MN; Everard
0.54	4		Larry Ebnet - Kathleen Ebnet, Rochester MN	53.74%	0.79	3/4	2/3	1 Joyce Woodworth, Sedona AZ; Gary Rowland, Golden
0.31	5		William Eldredge, St Paul MN; Vivian Kania,	52.38%	0.31	5		Frank Bonello - Barbara Bonello, Minneapolis MN
0.62		2	Judith Holderbach - Alexis Campbell,	50.30%	0.55		2	Ruth Tiplady, Woodbury MN; Y Angela Minto,
								48.51%

Another Hand from the Morning Swiss Teams...

Board 29
Dealer: N
All Vul.

♠ Qx
♥ Txxxx
♦ J
♣ AKQJx



♠ KT97x
♥ AK
♦ Q98xxx
♣

North	South
1H	2D
3C	3NT

From South's viewpoint, when North opens 1H, it seems best to bid 2D, hoping to bid and rebid spades later. There is some argument for bidding 1S, allowing partner to bid 2C since he is a big favorite to hold that suit.

That will work best if the hand is truly a misfit... but 2D will work best when the hand turns out to be slam going.

Over 2D, North bid 3C. This guaranteed a decent opener with a five card club suit or a reverse strength hand if only four clubs.

There didn't seem to be any point in introducing the spade suit. North will not have four spades and a reverse strength hand. North would bid 2S, NOT 3C with that holding. A 5/3 spade fit will probably not play any better than 3NT.

As you can see, no contract is a prize, however, 3NT has a play. You receive the expected spade lead. You have no choice but to rise queen since you will never see dummy unless the opening leader has the SA. (The only alternative is to play for East to hold the singleton SA.)

The queen of spades holds the trick so you have a chance. The real question is how many clubs to cash. On the first two clubs, you pitch diamonds. If the SJ is with East, you will be able to take four spade tricks and two heart tricks so you need only three club tricks.

On the other hand, if clubs are 4-4, you will only need two spade tricks. You could choose to play two more rounds of clubs hoping for the 4-4 break, however, if clubs are not 4-4, you might go down even when the SJ is right because the opponents may be able to take one spade, three diamonds and a club.

South decided to take the middle ground. He cashed a third club pitching a diamond and led a spade. When the jack came up on his right, he was basically home free. While it is possible that the opponents could cash four diamond tricks, it is unlikely they would even try to do this, since South had made a two over one in diamonds.

In fact, West won the SA and exited a heart. South claimed nine tricks stranding the good club in dummy but winning 10 IMPs when the opponents stopped in 3H making three.

FRI EVE	SWISS	TEAM	11 Tables
A	B	C	
3.19	1		Barbara Vasilevsky - Ernest Ledbetter, Las Vegas NV; Judy Nassar, Minnetonka MN; Elise Parish, Omaha NE 115.00
2.58	2/3	1	Avery Haak, Oak Park Hts MN; June Phillips, Bozeman MT; Marsha Devine, Minneapolis MN; Jay Olson, Saint Paul MN 78.00
2.09	2/3		Nancy Wittwer, Falls City NE; Linda Webb, Fargo ND; Dan Parish, Omaha NE; Don Pearsons, Winnipeg MB 78.00
1.35	4		Carol Rynders, Saint Paul MN; Ronald Lampe - Beverly Lampe, Monona WI; Art Ardy Bakshian, Spring Park MN 66.00
2.28	2	1	Michael Salscheider, Rochester MN; Dale Frink, Bismarck ND; Charles Frisch, Minneapolis MN; Richard Cottle, St Paul MN 65.00
1.71	3	2	Kathy Beranek, Mishicot WI; Pat Malmanger, Bella Vista AR; Michael Callahan, Minneapolis MN; Roman Rommelfanger, Manitowoc WI 61.00

FRI AFT CHOICE PAIRS 18.0 Tables

A	B	C	
9.80	1		Dan Sershon, Duluth MN; Larry Oakey, Minneapolis MN 60.44%
7.35	2		Terry Beckman - Kathy Beckman, Saint Michael MN 59.62%
5.51	3		George Bleskachek, Eau Claire WI; Steven Gaynor, Minneapolis MN 58.54%
4.13	4		Lance Chamberlain - Carol Mahoney, Rochester MN 58.22%
3.84	5		J Thomas Holzer, Plymouth MN; Richard Ekstrum, Crystal MN 56.78%
6.79	6	1	Linda Skillings, Coon Rapids MN; Beverly Leclerc, Vadnais Hts MN 56.46%
5.09	2		Jeanine Hall, Cottage Grove MN; Beverly Ryan, Saint Paul MN 53.89%
3.82	3		Dave Hoffman, Oronoco MN; Bill Heyer, Medford MN 52.10%
2.86	4		Grant Boadwine, Preston MN; Ann Van Ryn, Rochester MN 51.89%
2.26	5		Hai-Sheng Wu - Richard Towner, Mankato MN 50.98%
3.96	6	1	Elizabeth Herbert, Leawood KS; Bob Herbert, Lawrence KS 50.97%
2.97	2		Rajiv Kapadia - Anne O'Meara, Mankato MN 49.56%
2.23	3		Eileen Johnsen, St Cloud MN; David Boushek, Saint Cloud MN 48.05%
1.67	4		Dale Frink, Bismarck ND; Michael Salscheider, Rochester MN 47.84%

FRIDAY EVE SIDE GAME SERIES 5.5 Tables

A	B	C	
2.43	1	1	Betty Triliegi, Palm Springs CA; John Dunstan, Bloomington MN 59.90%
1.82	2	2	Mignon Nearmyer, Plymouth MN; Gene Nelson, Maple Grove MN 57.30%
1.37	3	3	Marjorie Burnett - Rodney Burnett, Ankeny IA 56.77%
1.03	4	4	Paul Becka - Anne Ziomek, Minneapolis MN 56.25%

FRI EVE I/N PAIRS 5.0 Tables

A	B	C	
2.12	1	1	John Connolly, St Paul MN; Kurt Schultz, Stillwater MN 59.00%
1.39	2/3	2/3	A. Luke Ratnayake - Everard Ratnayake, St Paul MN 58.00%
1.39	2/3	2/3	Shirley Billigmeier, Long Lake MN; Lois Leistikko, Bloomington MN 58.00%
0.89	4		Susan Sanger, St Louis Park MN; Barbara Person, St Louis Park MN 57.00%

FRI AFT CHOICE PAIRS FINAL SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH SECTION J EAST-WEST

A	B	C	A	B	C
2.33	1		2.33	1	
		Dan Sershon, Duluth MN; Larry Oakey, Minneapolis MN 59.49%			George Bleskachek, Eau Claire WI; Steven 67.59%

1.63	2		John Stern, Apple Valley MN;	1.63	2		J Thomas Holzer, Plymouth MN;	
			Deborah Watson,	55.56%			Richard Ekstrum,	53.70%
1.17	3		Keith Connolly -		1.67	3	1	1
			Rebecca Anspach,				Elizabeth	
			Minneapolis MN	54.63%			Herbert, Leawood	
0.82	4		Stephen Maltzman,		1.17	4	2	
			Oro Valley AZ;				Nancy Glenn, Eagan MN	51.16%
			Donna DePesa,	54.40%	0.84		3	
1.48	1		Jeanine Hall,				Richard Towner,	
			Cottage Grove MN;				Mankato MN	50.69%
			Beverly Ryan,	52.08%				
1.07	2	1	Rhea Dickson -					
			Rita Bertsch,					
			Rochester MN	50.23%				

EVE SIDE GAME SERIES FRI EVE SESSION
SECTION H

	A	B	C					
1.96	1	1	Betty Triliegi, Palm Springs CA;	John Dunstan, Bloomington MN				59.90%
1.37	2	2	Mignon Nearmyer, Plymouth MN;	Gene Nelson, Maple Grove MN				57.30%
1.15	3	3	1	Marjorie Burnett - Rodney Burnett, Ankeny IA				56.77%
0.69	4	4	Paul Becka - Anne Ziomek, Minneapolis MN					56.25%
0.81		2	Carol Ann Paulson, Minneapolis MN;	Barbara Eichten, Bloomington MN				46.35%

FRI EVE I/N PAIRS ONLY SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH SECTION I EAST-WEST

	A	B	C		A	B	C	
1.06	1	1	1	John Connolly, St Paul MN;	1.06	1	1	1
				Kurt Schultz,				59.00%
0.74	2	2	A. Luke Ratnayake - Everard		0.74	2		
			Ratnayake, St Paul MN	58.00%				57.00%
								58.00%
								57.00%

A buddy and I were golfing one afternoon and getting somewhat bored with the round; so when we came upon the water hazard with two ducks sitting quietly on the water, I bet him ten bucks he couldn't hit a duck and five dollars he couldn't even get one to move. Being a guy, he took the bet.

He launched four tee shots toward the ducks, and even threw two by hand, and the ducks still wouldn't budge. Only after he lost six golf balls did he realize the ducks were decoys.

A cowboy was trying to buy a health insurance policy. The insurance agent was going down the list of standard questions.

"Ever have an accident?"

"Nope, nary a one."

"None? You've never had any accidents."

"Nope. Ain't never had one. Never."

"Well, you said on this form you were bit by a snake once. Wouldn't you consider that an accident?"

"Heck, no. That dang varmint bit me on purpose."

A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around.

If he stopped, she stopped. Furthermore she kept staring at him. She finally overtook him at the checkout, and she turned to him and said, "I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease; it's just that you look so much like my late son." He answered, "That's okay."

"I know it's silly, but if you'd call out 'Good bye, Mum' as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy." She then went through the checkout, and as she was on her way out of the store, the man called out, "Goodbye, Mum."

The little old lady waved and smiled back at him. Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his groceries.

"That comes to \$121.85," said the clerk.

"How come so much? I only bought 5 items."

The clerk replied, "Yeah, but your Mother said You'd be paying for her things, too."