

The Hawkeyer

Unit 216 Update

By Dee Wilson

Unit to Host NAP

During the months of June, July and August, clubs scheduled North American Pairs (NAP) qualifying games. Any player who qualified during these games is invited to attend the District 14 NAP finals at the Des Moines Bridge House October 3rd and 4th. There will be a separate event for each strata for this competition. The A strata event will be open to any players. Likewise, there will be a B strata only event and C strata only event. Check with your club manager to verify if you qualified.

The competition will be enjoyable and the reward great. The winning pair in each strata will earn \$700 per person to attend and play in the NAP event at the March NABC in Reno. The second place pair in each strata will earn \$300 per person to attend and play in the NAP event at the NABC and the third place winners will not earn any cash award but will be able to compete in the NAP event in Reno. The overall winners in the A strata for the four ses-

sions combined will earn 36 gold points. The B winners will earn 24 gold points and the C winners will earn 3.75 gold points and 11.25 red points. Masterpoints will be awarded at each of the four sessions also.

2009 Regional Report

Attendance was UP! We were concerned about the attendance with the down economy and did not know what to expect, but were pleasantly surprised. We had 993 ½ tables, an increase of 130 tables over our last Regional in 2007. Thanks to all of the volunteers and player support from our Unit 216 players. We had players from 22 different states and two foreign countries. It was also a time to congratulate four players from Unit 216 who got those last gold points and earned their rank as Life Masters at the Regional.

On Thursday, July 2, Floyd Jones met a player for the afternoon side game through the partnership desk. He and Floyd came in first place in all three stratats. While the players were waiting for the results to be posted, I

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was speaking with the visitor and he explained that he had flown into Kansas City that morning and was driving to Minnesota after the game. He had learned about our Regional in the Bridge Bulletin and stopped to play on his way to Minnesota. The results were posted and I congratulated him on their 64% game. The awards read 1.77 followed by asterisks and 1.11 red. He inquired about the 1.77 points and I explained to him that these points con-

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Unit 216 Club Directory

Ames

Heartland Senior Services
205 South Walnut

Sunday

Jayne Larson 292-5616

6:30 PM Open game

Tuesday

Ray Schoenrock 232-4717

7:00 PM Open game

Thursday

Ira White 292-5616

7:00 PM Open game

Des Moines

Bridge Center
10190 Hickman Court,
Clive, IA 270-0868

Sunday

Gregg Walsh 771-4802*

1 PM 500/2000/open

Monday

Nancy Wilson 285-9916*

11 AM Free lesson

12 PM New players 5/10/20

12 PM 100/200/300

12 PM 1000/2000/open

May-December

6:15 PM Free lesson

7 PM New players

10/30/50

Tuesday

Nancy Wilson 285-9916*

11 AM Free lesson

12 PM 200/500/1000

Wednesday

Gregg Walsh 771-4802*

(Pat Peterson 225-0712)*

7 PM 300/750/1250

Thursday

Joan Anderson 277-0903

11 am Free lesson

12 PM 20/50/100

(Scott Riley 238-0606)*

12 pm open stratified

(Pat Peterson 225-0712)*

BOLD=Game owner

*=Partnerships

Marshalltown
Senior Center
20 E State St.

Wednesday

Larry Parks

641-752-6121

6:30 PM Open game

Ottumwa

Hotel Ottumwa

Monday

Rita Stegemann

641-684-8727

6:30 PM Open game

Pella

611 Franklin St.

Thursday

Bill White 847-977-2380

7 PM Open game



**Chug on down to the
 Des Moines
 Bridge Center
 for the
 Cornbelt
 Tournament
 Sept. 17-20**

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Hands from Council Bluffs

By Helen Gustafson

John and I were having breakfast Saturday morning in Council Bluffs when Jeff Miller joined us. I have known Jeff for 27 years, having played with him in 1982 in Cincinnati at the ACBL Nationals. At that time, John was head of the Emergency Room at Iowa Methodist Medical Center and would fly home to work for a couple of days during the 10 day tournament. I would either pick up partners or tour the city while he was gone. We always see Jeff at the Nationals, but rarely at the Regionals we attend. "With whom are you playing?" I asked. "Brad Carmichael," he replied, "and George Jacobs and Steve Beatty are our partners." "How are you doing?" I said. "We won the 4 session knockout yesterday," Jeff said.

This is a hand in one of the rounds that helped them to their victory. (Some of you may have read about this hand in Peggy Kaplan's column in the daily bulletin at the tournament.) George sees the auction begin: 1S – P – 2H. Holding 0-0-K 10 9 8 x x x and A J 10 x x, George tables the 5D card. George's LHO bids 5H, but George's partner puts down 6D. RHO now bids 6H. George decides a save at 7 is right so bids 7D. His LHO delivers the double card. Steve puts down: x x x, 10 x x x, A Q x x, Q x. George is a lucky fellow and finds the club king in the slot for 2330.

At their table the first four bids are identical but over 5D Brad leaps to 6H, ending the auction. The opponents didn't find a diamond lead which would set the slam, but led the A of clubs – making 6H for 3310 match points for the Jacob's team or 22 IMPS. Here's the hand:

	♠ x x x	
	♥ 10 x x x	
	♦ A Q x x	
	♣ Q x	
♠ A K 10 x x x		♠ Q J x x
♥ K J x x		♥ A Q x x x
♦ J		♦ Void
♣ x x		♣ K x x x
	♠ Void	
	♥ Void	
	♦ K 10 9 8 x x x x	
	♣ A J 10 x x	

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Flu shots on Thurs. Oct 15th



Council Bluffs cont. from page 3.

After blitzing our first round in the Council Bluffs Sunday Swiss, John and I sat down against George and Steve. George said he hadn't seen us for a while, and I replied that, unfortunately, missed the last two nationals. While dealing I told him I had only caught the last part of his lecture on Pre-empts Saturday night, but had heard very positive comments on it. He laughed and said he had heard since then there had been numerous -500s, -800s, -1100s and -1400s. On the first board George opened 2H-P-P and I said, "George, you practice what you preach" and bid 2S. George passed and John bid 2NT. Steve passed and I tabled 3NT, all pass.

Helen
♠K Q 10 8 6
♥8 4
♦K 5
♣A Q 10 5

Steve
♠A 4 2
♥A 5
♦A Q 4 2
♣9 7 5 3

George
♠9 7 3
♥Q J 9 6 3 2
♦J 8
♣8 4

John
♠J 5
♥K 10 7
♦10 9 7 6 3
♣K J 2

John would not have bid 2NT if he hadn't known their weak preemptive style. At the other table, Jeff and Brad got to 3S for =140 against our +400 for 3NT. On our second board, I opened with 1D while John was still looking at his hand. "Alert" calls George knowing our Forcing Club style. "Thank you, George," I said. We went on to win the match 22 to 3, but as always it is interesting when George is at the table. He is not only an international expert, a many time North American champion (his team won the Vanderbilt in March), a columnist for the Bridge Bulletin, but believes bridge is a game to be enjoyed. I hope some of you in Council Bluffs heard his lecture and got to play against him. It's always an interesting experience - as in "George's World."

Cards

By Terry Swanson with apologies to Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never see
A hand so lovely quite as
thee.

A hand whose point count is
so high
It sends my hopes up toward
the sky;

A hand that screams "bid all
the way,
It will depend upon your
play."

A hand that yet may reach a
slam
If partner helps me all he
can!

Upon those hopes I place
my all.
I bid that slam when it's my
call.

Bids are made by fools like
me,
Result: this hand went
down by three!

Middle School Bridge Program to Restart in October

By Kathi Kellen

Merrill School has again invited us to have an after school program this fall.

The classes will probably be Tuesday afternoon again from 2:30-3:30 and start the first Tuesday in October.

The students are fun to work with and it is fun to see them excited about the game.

I am looking for volunteers to assist the program. Anyone who plays at the bridge center is welcome to help regardless of skill level. Volunteers can help every week or once or twice a month. Last year students filled 4-5 tables almost every week. We ended the year with eleven 6th graders and three

7th graders and two 8th graders. I expect we will have at least 20 – 28 students this year.

We will all be in one room (unless we have too many to fit) with the experienced players playing hands while the new students learn the basics. Then the experienced players can get a lesson while the new players play. **The students do love to play and they take the game seriously.**

One volunteer per table worked well last spring, so I hope to do this again. The students love the volunteers and the individual attention they have from them. The students frequently inquire

when a volunteer will return if the volunteer is not there every week.

Also it would be big help if someone would duplicate boards for the students. I can have boards at the Bridge Center so you and your friends could make them up before or after any game while you visit.

My goal this year is to have returning students ready to play at the Bridge House by Christmas break and new students by the summer.

Please support this program by volunteering to help. Call me, Kathi Kellen, at 277-7468 or talk to me at the Bridge House. Thanks.

Working toward the Gold

By Herb Strentz

Come October at the Des Moines Bridge Center, we'll have some team games where the payoff will include gold points, even one-one-hundredth of a gold point — .01 in ACBL bookkeeping. Don't scoff at such an amount, at least not when Dick Bruckman is around. Dick went into the summer regional in Des Moines needing 16.01 gold points to get the Life Master ranking. Played well. Well enough to get 16 gold

points. So near yet so...

Since then, bridgewise he's been doing three things:

1. Waiting for the notice from the ACBL that there had been a scoring error and, indeed, he did get 16.01 gold points, or maybe even 16.02!
2. Explaining to his grandchildren that, no, not yet was he a master of life or whatever that honor is.
3. Biding his time until October.

Anita Gogerty Updated

By Paul Spong

Congratulations to Anita Gogerty. The May, 2009 issue of *THE HAWKEYER* contained an article written by Kathi Kellen that highlighted Anita's quilting skills. Anita took several of her quilts to the 2009 Iowa State Fair this summer and was awarded a second place, fourth place, and an honorable mention. Way to go Anita!

Imagination, visualization and the art of bidding

By the Cantankerous Cardmudgeon

A number of years ago I taught a beginning bridge class. Along the way I was trying to emphasize listening to what your partner's bid meant and visualizing hands. I said, for instance, that if your partner opened 1 Heart, all you could ascribe to their hand was 5 or more hearts and 13 to about 21 points. Then I had them do a few exercises with no cards at all, just explaining what various bids and rebids meant and visualizing how their hands would fit together.

Several lessons later they related to me that they had been to lunch together in a

restaurant and during their meal were bidding hands with no cards at all. Finally

Try it with your partner:
Do a few exercises with no cards at all, just bid and rebid and explain what your partner's bid means and visualize how the hands would fit together.

a lady from an adjoining table couldn't stand it any more, approached their table and asked what they were doing. "Bidding bridge hands," they said. The lady gave them a rather long

look, examined the cardless table carefully and said, "But you don't have any cards!" With a short pause, one of the gals said, quietly, "Oh, we know."

Every time I taught the ACBL Club Series I became more convinced that even quite experienced bridge players could benefit by reviewing very basic bidding. Such things as what bids are forcing could, for instance, be added by more experienced players. Even without any cards! Those girls were a lot of fun as they demonstrated to the lady who asked what they were doing.

When opponents begin with a NT bid and end in a NT bid, add the opener's points (16), plus your points, plus the dummy's points; subtract that number from 40 and you will know how many points your partner has. DO IT EVERY TIME.

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verted to gold if he played in another afternoon side game. He was excited about the win and told me that he had no gold points and may never earn any. The next afternoon I was around the partnership desk at noon

and here he was looking for a partner for the Friday afternoon side series game. He drove three hours from Minnesota Friday morning and was returning after the game (a six hour round trip). He played and accumulated another .65 red points that afternoon and converted the 1.77 to gold.

It may not have cost him \$100 per point, but it is likely these were the most hours anyone spent behind the wheel to earn those first gold points.

Atrox Pactum (terrible contracts)

Here's one from Joan Anderson and Harriet Byers:

Undoubtedly one of the worst contracts I was ever in was when Harriet and I were playing in Council Bluffs. I opened a minor suit with 18+ points and Harriet responded 1NT. I then had a large senior moment...I forgot I opened! I ask for Aces and Harriet shows 0 or 3 and I drive to 7NT... short 3 Aces! We had a great laugh then and still do every time one of us says, "Do you remember when..."

Good Insights, Great Thoughts and Some of My Stuff, Too

By Herb Strentz

The mantra, after all, is “Bridge is a partnership game.” But do our actions speak louder than our words? How seriously is the “partnership” angle considered when you’re anxious to play? Pat Peterson phones to say an out of townner is looking for a game Wednesday night and his probation officer vouches for him.

Sounds good to me!

Our grounds for getting partners or inflicting a partner on someone else could be improved. That came to mind as the U.S. Senate went through its inquisition of Judge Sonia Sotomayor, the President’s nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court.

Maybe we could learn something from such a review — like having a committee to arrange partnerships or having question-and-answer forms for prospective partners to fill out. Couldn’t hurt.

Here’s what such a committee might learn from me.

QUESTION: To begin with, can you tell us what “Bridge is a partnership game” means to you.

ANSWER: Ah, yes! Partners in Bridge. Accomplices in ACOL, the Brotherhood of Blackwood, Colleagues in Cappelletti, the Dynamic Duo of Doubles, Entrepreneurs in End Plays....

QUESTION: All right already. We get the point. Just summarize your approach to partnerships without the alliteration.

ANSWER: Well, you need someone to blame for your 30 percent games.

QUESTION: Maybe we should have stuck with alliteration, like Getting Garroted in Gerber. Can you explain how you and Phyllis Leaverton arrived at a 4-club contract on a 1-2 fit?

ANSWER: Well, in the first place, it was a 2-3 fit, and in the second place 6-No did not make either.

QUESTION: Is it true that when you partner with Helen Gustafson, you routinely bid one trick higher when it is likely she will be the declarer?

ANSWER: Absolutely not! That is nonsense! What a silly idea! At times, I’ll have you know, I will bid two or three tricks higher.

QUESTION: What inferences do you draw from opponents’ comments and questions and non-verbal behavior?

ANSWER: It depends upon my partner at the time. Like when I play with Dr. Mike Harvey, it is all pretty straightforward. With no prompting at all the opposing pair share all their ailments, the nature of the medications they are under, what happens when they twist an arm a certain way. Like I said, no need to draw inferences at all.

QUESTION: Is it true that you did not double Ali Dogruyusever at 7-No Trump, even though you were on lead and held AKQ in one suit?

ANSWER: I probably would not double Ali in such a situation if I held AKQJ10. Toss in the 9, however, and I might take a shot at it.

QUESTION: In the recent regional tournament, in the Swiss team finals, you alone appeared to be responsible for the swing of about 1,500 points away from your team in three hands. By your own calculations, you figured 1,500 points! By your own calculations! How do you explain that?

ANSWER: Well, I’ve always been kind of good at math.

QUESTION: Have you ever had the occasion to bid out of turn, lead out of turn, revoke, pass partner’s cue bid, pitch an Ace when

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you meant to pitch a loser from another suit, trump a partner's winning trick, not return partner's lead for what would have been a sure set, not take the setting trick at your only opportunity to do so, lose count of trump, play for a 3-2 split with six cards outstanding in that suit, or lose a finesse you did not have to take in the first place?

ANSWER: Yes, yes, yes, guilty to all of those.

Isn't everyone? But you have to understand that the board you are referring to was a pretty complex hand, and it was late in the session.

QUESTION: Any final comments?

ANSWER: Only that I hope the committee will act speedily in finding me a partner. I feel a 30-percent game coming on.



Life on the B List

By Paul Devin

Most of what we read in the Bulletin and our newsletters are written by people who are more confident than those of us who are B players... sometimes in big games, we are C players. We understand the game and we sometimes win, but we do enjoy more embarrassing moments than those at the "wine and review" table. Players on the A list seldom have the joy of trying to forget a major error that lingers long after the scoring is over.

I began making goofy mistakes right out of the chute. When I started playing bridge in the 50s, we had a wonderful club at Fort Riley, Kansas. The director was a retired officer, who

made Gregg look like the leader of a sensitivity group. He made it a point to speak loud enough to make sure the entire group could share in the shame of a guilty party.

My first duplicate game was at that club. Not long into the contest, I had a singleton trump and was pretty sure that my right hand opponent was hoping for a successful finesse. So, I waited for quite a bit before dropping my only trump. I did not know the term "tempo" from a load of hay. The director was called and after the complaint, asked my reason for hesitating. I not only told him but I proudly announced that I wanted the declarer to think I

had more trump cards. In a booming voice, he congratulated me on my successful deception and joyfully awarded us a zero. Later, my overcall of a "spa-double" added to my discomfort.

For myself, and the rest of you B list players the joy goes on. It was just last week that I called for "a club" from the board instead of the "king of clubs." The king would have won the trick and would have been my 12th trick in a baby slam—down one and a zero. I have found the best thing to do is to say, "Dad-gumit, sorry, pard," and then let that mistake lead to a couple of more while I stew about it.

2009 Fall Mentoring Program

The fall mentoring program will consist of four games. The dates are Oct. 16 and 23 and Nov. 6 and 13. The games will pair a player with less than 300 masterpoints with a life master. The games are an opportunity for lesser experienced players to work on their game with the help of a mentor and become more comfortable in playing in open games. There will be signup forms at the Des Moines Bridge House in Sept. If you can mentor for the games or a portion of the games please contact Nancy Wilson at 285-9916 or newilson@msn.com.

A Simple Question

By Peter Wityk

I am playing in a matchpointed pairs game with a strong, regular partner against a competent pair albeit one not a favorite to win. As second to speak, Vulnerable against Not, I pick up

♠KJ1042 ♥K652 ♦8 ♣A93

The dealer Passes.

This seems a straightforward opening bid, both majors, sufficient quick tricks and 13 points with distribution. So, I open One Spade. West Passes Partner responds Two Diamonds. Well, there go some of my values down the drain.

Over the dealer's second Pass, I have to bid out my pattern with Two Hearts. . West again Passes and partner jumps to Four Spades. Dealer Passes again.

I certainly have no place to go, so I Pass and West Passes as well. The auction has been

N	E	S	W
			P
1♠	P	2♠	P
2♥	P	4♠	P
P	P		

The King of Clubs is led and the following dummy appears.

♠ A 6 5
♥ A
♦ Q J 9 6 5
♣ 10 7 5 4

♠ K J 10 4 2
♥ K 6 5 2
♦ 8
♣ A 9 3

Well, it would seem that I have a lot of work to do. We were both a bit pushy and I will need a bit of luck to bring this one home. It

looks like two club losers, a diamond loser and trump need to behave. But, I have the ingredients for 10 tricks.

I call for the 4 of clubs from dummy. East follows with the 8 and I win the Ace. To have any chance I need to trump a lot of losers. To start the process, I lead the 8 of diamonds. West plays the seven, I play the Queen from dummy and East wins the Ace.

He thinks for a moment and returns the seven of hearts. Now, that is strange. I play the deuce from my hand, West the trey and dummy perform wins the Ace.

I call for the five of diamonds which draws the trey, my deuce of spades and the deuce of diamonds from West.

I cash the King of Hearts discarding the five of clubs from dummy while West and East follow with the ten and the four respectively.

I lead the five of hearts to the Queen, the five of spades and the eight of hearts. The nine of diamonds gets the four from East, my four of spades and the ten from West.

The six of hearts gets the ten of diamonds from West, the six of spades from dummy and the nine of hearts from East.

The ace of spades gets the seven, my ten and West's trey.

Now the queen of diamonds is ruffed with the eight. Since it costs nothing to discard at this point, I discard the trey of clubs and West follows with the King.

Now East continues with the jack of hearts. Again, it costs nothing to discard a club and East discards the deuce of clubs.

East now leads the nine of spades. I win the
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Bridge Center Spotlight: Tony and Vonnie Salem

By Kathi Kellen

I've known Tony and Vonnie for 40+ years. Thanks to them for telling us your story about Bridge and CFUM. Here's their story in their own words. - Kathi

Tony (74) and Vonnie (72) Salem.

Tony is a retired computer programmer and Vonnie is a retired school librarian. They have 4 adopted children and 4 grandchildren. (You have probably heard them brag about the twins!) Vonnie still works 12 hrs per week for Drake Early Head-Start. Tony volunteers many hours per week at Children and Family Urban Ministries and considers it a job even though he does not get a paycheck. Vonnie volunteers at the FreeStore and for Des Moines Public Schools.

Bridge History

Tony and Vonnie have played social bridge for many years. When they had 4 teenagers in the house, Vonnie started playing duplicate to get her mind on other things. She called it "cheap therapy." When Tony retired, Vonnie asked him to learn to play a decent game of bridge. He says he is still

working on it and some day it may happen. They have taken many lessons at the Bridge Center, club series, diamond series, heart series and supervised play.

Vonnie's sister and brother-



in-law Kaye and Bob Whitmore of Sioux Falls, South Dakota also play bridge and have played at the Des Moines Bridge House several times.

Tony and Vonnie attended a limited game tournament at Mystic Lake Casino in Minnesota. Going into the last round they were way ahead. The hosts were so excited and took their picture and got a lot of personal information for an article in their newsletter. Their team blew the last round and someone else won the game. However, the winners had escaped without notice and winners picture was never

taken for publication in the bulletin.

CFUM History

Tony's favorite charity is Children and Family Urban Ministries where he has been very active even prior to his retirement. CFUM, as it is called, serves children and families in the neighborhood of 8th and College in Des Moines.

Tony is giving up a few duties, such as being treasurer and serving supper to about 100 people once a month, but he is still available for fund-raising and errands.

Monday through Thursday at 6 a.m. he opens the 'Breakfast Club' to about 60 Moulton school children. On Wednesdays Larry and Donna Cheeves serve breakfast and they also make popcorn for special occasions in the neighborhood. Another bridge player Ron Peterson serves breakfast on Fridays.

Many people at the Bridge House have contributed checks, and every one is appreciated. Greg holds a charity game for CFUM once a month. To Greg and all the players who have contributed to CFUM, "Thank you all so very much!"

Up the ACBL Ladder (July through August)

New Members: Pam Alvord, Donna Barger, Jean Bell, Mary Ann Bergmann, Nellie Bobenhouse, Marilyn Caffrey, Colleen Clark, Alex Ervanian, Michael Hamm, Jim Hughes, Marcia Lippold, Carol Long, Janann Noftager, Paul Rober, Sheri Susich, Denise Dornbier, Joyce Johnson, Craig Nelsen, Donna Schoenfeld, Carol Smith, Ellen Taylor, Beverly Broyles, Larry Nulph, Richard Sorfonden, Jacqueline Unger

New Junior Masters (5 MP): David Kelley, Mary Ann Bergmann, Nellie Bobenhouse, Mary Harlan, Harvey Harrison, Jim Hughes, Connie

Ode, Linda Pineo, Robert Pineo, Michael Plymale, Susan Plymale, Peter Reed, Rita Reed, Marie Walker, Sharon Calkins, Sheila Goebel, Doris Hamm, Joyce Knock, Carol Panzer, Karen Stahlhut

New Club Masters (20 MP): Jan Carr, John Hampel, Mary Hampel, Helen Hom, Roseanne Rinderknecht, Michael Rovner, Susan Lehmann

New Sectional Masters (50 MP): Anne Izzolena, Carolyn Nielsen, Don Riley, Judith Sheldon, Ulrichson, Jerry Burgess, Phyllis Kitchen

New Regional Masters (100 MP): Joann Friedman, Jeri McDaniel, Ruth Shirk

New NABC Masters (200 MP): Mark Ravreby, Bob Seitz, Diana Spencer

New Life Masters (300 MP): Terry Brown, Diane Kasdorf, Mary Miller, Mike Miller, Bruce Pattison

New Bronze Life Masters (500 MP): Winnie Casper, Diane Kasdorf, Mike Miller, Bruce Pattison, Cindy Rovner, Toby White

New Silver Life Masters (1000 MP): Robert Sandahl, Dee Wilson,

Unit Statistics

Total Members = 468

Rookies (0-5) = 43

Junior Masters (5+) = 46

Club Masters (20+) = 65

Sectional Masters (50+) = 52

Regional Masters (100+) = 53

NABC Masters (200+) = 40

Life Masters = 30

Bronze Life Masters = 74

Silver Life Masters = 41

Gold Life Masters = 19

Diamond Life Masters = 2

Emerald Life Masters = 1

Platinum Life Masters = 0

Grand Life Masters = 2

New Player Workshop

By Nancy Wilson

When we started working on promoting our regional tournament this year, I heard several comments from the new players that they were not ready to play in a tournament because they were not good enough. After hearing this, I thought it might be a good idea to have a workshop for the new players before the tournament to answer any questions about tournament

play and to demonstrate how team games work.

The Unit board authorized the event and subsidized the expenses for giving them a free lunch and game. With the help of Stan and Betty Gustafson and Dee, we were pleasantly surprised to have fifty-five players attend the workshop. They certainly came prepared with more questions than we had time

to answer. Most of them stayed to play in the game.

The message that we tried to convey to the new players is that tournaments are designed for players of all levels and new players can have fun at tournaments without being experienced bridge players.



Jack and claim the last trick with the king.

The complete hand was

	♠A65	
	♥A	
	♦QJ965	
	♣10754	
♠3		♠Q987
♥Q103		♥J9874
♦K1072		♦A43
♣KQJ62		♣8
	♠KJ1042	
	♥K652	
	♦8	
	♣A93	

Post Mortem

*Four spades making four for +620 was worth 7 of 8 matchpoints. Someone was allowed to make 5. I never did find out how that happened. Really, the hand was a straightforward matter of taking 7 tricks via the top club, the top two hearts, two ruffs in dummy and two ruffs in hand. Then figure out how to take three tricks on A of trump opposite KJ10. Note the last paragraph above in the play of the hand. I hate to expose writer's tricks but here goes. "I won the Jack ..." How did I know that would happen? It's a simple question really. Stop and think about the hand. East was unable to return a club after trick three. **One club.** East showed out of diamonds on the 4th round. **Three diamonds.** West showed out on the 4th round of hearts. **Five hearts.** That leaves exactly **four spades.** Isn't it simple when you stop and think about it?*

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IBPA members voted on the very best of these tips.

I didn't count the number of these tips Schogger included but it is a long list, probably close to 100. I didn't recognize all of the experts' names but each had a link to her/his biography -they were all bridge experts.

The authors and articles included Jean Besse (a Swiss Bridge expert) who wrote an article titled, "Beware of your trump tricks. When you see a chance for an early overruff, don't be in too much of a hurry to take it."

Zia Mahmood, wrote an article called, "Roll over Houdini, when they don't cover they don't have it." It gave clues about how to play

hands when you know a finesse is going to lose.

Matthew Granovetter, wrote "Keep your guesses to yourself." His point is if you have a guess to make, don't let the opponents in on the secret - don't hesitate, do it smoothly!

Jens Auken (a Copenhagen lawyer) wrote, "The kill point." He believes in every contract there is a trick (the kill point) when the action of a bridge player is decisive for the fate of the contract, so play in tempo but . . . not so quickly you misplay the "kill point."

I hope you check out the site. In addition to bridge tips, fun hands, and good links it's a bit of an insight into bridge in Europe.

Remember New Requirements for Life Master to take place Jan. 1, 2010

As of January 1, 2010, the requirements for attaining Life Master status will change to 500 total masterpoints, of which, 50 must be gold or platinum, 50 red, gold or platinum, 75 silver and 75 black.

If you are not a Life Master and your ACBL membership is not active as of December 31, 2009, you will have to fulfill the new requirements.

So if you're not an ACBL member, JOIN NOW!

Favorite Internet Sites

By Terry Swanson



I find a lot of sites on the internet by browsing with different browsers. Personally I always start with MetaCrawler – mostly because a long time ago I put it on my favorites bar and it's convenient. I can't imagine how many times I've typed some variation of "Duplicate Bridge" into MetaCrawler. Yet, I always seem to find at least one new site. The other day I found Harold Schogger's site. Not a common enough name in the U.S. for me to recognize it. But I double-clicked away and found a really interesting site.

<http://www.haroldschogger.com/index.htm>.

His home page says, "Having established one of the most well-known bridge clubs in 1983 in London, the 77 Bridge Club, *Harold Schogger is now devoting his time to teaching, playing and writing. Harold is a member of the International Bridge Press Association, an English Bridge Union Teachers' Association, Gold Level Holder, and an English Bridge Union Premier Life Master. Harold co-founded the online bridge teaching school 'THE*

BRIDGE FORUM'. He can often be found on *OK Bridge and Bridgebase.com* where he plays and teaches. "

It's a site that's chock full of good stuff. Some of it is about his club and classes. I did take a minute to day-dream about popping over to London for a few weeks to take "How to read the Opponents Hand" so I could report back to you. I couldn't quite work it out before press time—or convince Harry it was a good idea.

He covers a wide range of topics, including bridge stories, anecdotes, fascinating hands, his hand of the week and many more. Not only is there the hand of the week but he has archived the weekly hands for the last three years. I was a little worried that the bidding might be confusing if he were using ACOL. It wasn't too much of a problem though. The thing I liked about the Hand(s) of week is they stressed planning your lead and how you would either play or defend the hand.

He has a page for teachers, "Teaching Tips" that some of you teachers might like to

look at. Another page has links that include some from the UK. I looked at the English Bridge Union page and found a link to what they call "mini-bridge" which is a clever way to get primary school children into bridge. I'm going to try in on my 12 and 11-year old granddaughters.

In addition to the archived hands of the week, interesting hands from History were fun to look at. One is A Mississippi Heart Hand that was set up to lure victims into a betting trap. South's hand is ♠A K Q ♥A K Q J 10 9 ♦void ♣A K Q J and distribution is such that does he not only not make a slam, he can't make a game and at 4H goes down 4. Don't believe me? Check it out at <http://www.haroldschogger.com/mississippi.htm>. He has twelve hands that are equally as much fun!

Another interesting page is the "Bols Expert Tips." From 1974-1994 the world's bridge experts submitted expert tips to BOLS the Dutch Distillers and each year a panel of eminent

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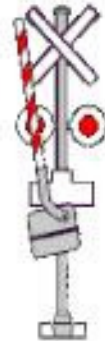
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