

TABLE TALK

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NEW SITE FOR ANN ARBOR SECTIONAL

The Ann Arbor Tournament will take place on Sat-Sun January 28-29, 2023 at a newly renovated event space at Washtenaw Community College. The Morris Lawrence Building features a dropoff area, plentiful parking and accessible spaces, large seating area, and public art gallery. The playing room is over 3000 ft², with ample lighting. Players will receive a break to go



out for lunch, and entry fees will be reduced compared to a tournament that provides lunch. There are many convenient lunch options within two square miles of WCC, including at Arborland Center.

The tournament will have Stratified Swiss Teams with handicapping both days. MBA hopes to see you there!

SAVE THE DATES

OCT 10-16: MBA MOTOR CITY REGIONAL

OCT 17-23: ROYAL STaC
(Sectional Tournament at Clubs - win large gold, silver, red, and black MP awards!)

JAN 28-29: Ann Arbor Sectional



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Motor City Regional Schedule

Monday Oct. 10	Grass Roots Fund Stratified Open Pairs (<i>double session but may play single session</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Gold Rush Pairs (<i>double session but may play single session</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday Oct. 11	Stratified Swiss Teams (<i>double session</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Stratified Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs (<i>single sessions</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Daytime Side Pair Series #1 (<i>single sessions 1 and 2 of 6</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday Oct. 12	Sylvia Stein Open Pairs (<i>double session</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Gold Rush Pairs (<i>double session</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Stratified Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs (<i>single sessions</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Daytime Side Pair Series #1 (<i>single sessions 3 and 4 of 6</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Thursday Oct. 13	Bracketed Swiss Teams (<i>double session</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Stratified Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs (<i>single sessions</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Daytime Side Pair Series #1 (<i>single sessions 5 and 6 of 6</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Friday Oct. 14	Stratified Open Pairs (<i>double session</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Gold Rush Pairs (<i>double session</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Stratified Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs (<i>single sessions</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Daytime Side Pair Series #2 (<i>single sessions 1 and 2 of 4</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Saturday Oct. 15	Stratified Open Pairs (<i>double session</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Gold Rush Pairs (<i>double session</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Stratified Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs (<i>single sessions</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Daytime Side Pair Series #2 (<i>single sessions 3 and 4 of 4</i>) 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Sunday Oct. 16	Marilyn and Myles Maddox Bracketed Swiss Teams (<i>playthrough</i>). Intermediate/Newcomer teams guaranteed in lower bracket. 10:00 a.m.

Michigan Bridge Association's

Vince and Joan Remy Motor City Regional

Monday, October 10 — Sunday, October 16, 2022 at Michigan Bridge Connection, 26776 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076

WELCOME

New Members

Hazel Fredrickson
Rune Fredrickson
Cecil Miskel
Lorna Prescott
Fangqing Yuan

Transfers

Michael Jacobson
Brenda Lessel
Evie Lichter
Gregory Magreta
Marilynn Magreta

Murali Mani
Amelia Musser
Marilyn Whims

Michigan Bridge Association's Michael Graham Ann Arbor Sectional

January 28—29, 2023
Washtenaw Community College
Morris Lawrence Building
4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
734-677-5060

Saturday January 28	Stratified Swiss Teams. 10:00 a.m.
Sunday January 29	Stratified Swiss Teams. 10:00 a.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams	All teams compete in the same field, but for masterpoint awards, your score is only compared with others in your stratum. A handicap will be given to B and C teams when they are matched against higher ranked teams. The stratifications and handicaps will be determined as the attendance warrants.
ACBL Regulations	Proof of COVID vaccination is required to play. Mask requirement will depend on ACBL regulations at time of tournament. Please check the ACBL website for updates on tournament regulations.
Other Information	<p>The newly renovated Morris Lawrence Building features ample parking, a drop-off area, and accessibility throughout the space. There is a large, open atrium overlooking a pond, and public art gallery adjacent to the playing room.</p> <p>Free coffee and snacks will be provided throughout the day.</p> <p>There will be a break for lunch. Arborland Center and Washtenaw Avenue are nearby with many options.</p> <p>The entry fee for the Ann Arbor Sectional will be reduced from last year.</p>
Contact Information	<p><u>Tournament Chair</u> Julie Arbit: jarbit24@gmail.com, 301-512-5679</p> <p><u>Partnerships</u> Marcy Toon: mtoon@umich.edu, 734-478-3394</p>



MBA VOTES TO RENAME JOINT SUMMER SECTIONAL

MBA voted to rename the Sectional falling in June to honor longtime Director Ken Van Cleve. Pending SOMBA's vote, the tournament will be officially renamed. Ken directed tournaments across Michigan and the Midwest for three decades, as well as

in NABCs. As a director, Ken was consistent and industrious, and always managed to find the humor in the amusing bridge situations that would inevitably arise. Ken was also a solid player himself. MBA is pleased to be able to honor and remember how integral Ken was to the success of Michigan tournament bridge for many years.

MBA Board of Directors Election

Fall 2022

The annual election for the MBA Board of Directors will take place on the last four days of the Motor City Regional, Oct. 13-16, 2022. Voting ends at the start of the Sunday event.

If you cannot attend the tournament, please fill out and mail an absentee ballot (below). Return ballots to the editor (return address on back cover).

Candidate statements and photos appear on page 15-16.

INDICATE SELECTION WITH AN "X" BY THE CANDIDATE'S NAME. SELECT NO MORE THAN SEVEN (7).

_____ Shelley Boschan*
_____ Jane Gardner*
_____ Owen Lien*
_____ Bob Ondo*
_____ Grant Petersen*
_____ Irv Rosenstein
_____ Richard Temkin*

* indicates incumbent candidates

Absentee Voting

The name(s) of the voter(s) must be on the outside of the envelope. No more than two ballots per envelope; if two ballots are in an envelope, the names of both voters must be provided on the outside of the envelope. Absentee ballots must be mailed. Return ballots to listed address by October 12, 2022.

MBA Wants Your Feedback!

All MBA players who have not opted out of electronic communications from the ACBL should have received an email survey on Aug. 29 from MBA. With this survey, MBA seeks to gather player opinions on scheduling and game formats for weekends at tournaments. The questions gauge opinions on start times, length of play, and formats (e.g. pairs vs. teams).

As of Sept 5, MBA had received 43 responses to the survey. Many respondents said they do not always play on the weekend days due to family, religious, or sporting event conflicts.

As to Saturdays, 34 players responded to a question about game times, with 20 preferring two single-session events and 14 preferring the current standard of one all-day event. Of the 20 preferring two single sessions, 14 prefer two pairs games and 6 prefer a morning pairs and an afternoon Stratified Swiss.

Of the 33 responses to a question about length of play on Sundays, the field was split nearly 50-50 between preferring a shorter format (e.g. 10am-3pp) compared to the current standard of an all-day Swiss.

IN MEMORIAM

Lempi Allen
James Smyth

North American Pairs Qualifier

Top pairs can represent D12 at the 2023 Spring NABC in New Orleans
(Flight A = 3 pairs
Flights B&C = 4 pairs)

Sunday, Oct. 30

Bridge Connection, 11am

First place: \$700/player
Second place: \$300/player
(upon participation in the NABC final)

*Pre-qualification required. Check
District12Bridge.org for list of qualifiers.

Similarly, the split between preferences for Bracketed vs. Stratified Swisses on Sundays was split nearly 50-50.

Per ACBL formulas, Bracketed Swisses tend to give higher MP payouts, and are often preferred by players, but strong attendance is a factor in the success of this format.

MBA is taking these responses into consideration in tournament planning for 2023.

The survey remains open. If you need the survey emailed to you again, contact the editor at: Jarbit24@gmail.com.

It's Your Bid

Thank you to the panelists for participating in It's Your Bid! The winning panelist and reader for 2022 have received a free play for the Motor City Regional in October. The director will have the two winners' names.

2022 Panel Winner:

Suzy Burger (1480)

Honorable Mentions:

Bob Webber (1440)

Marty Hirschman (1430)

2022 Reader Winner:

Ray Gentz (1260)

Honorable Mention:

Neil Manley (1250)

CURRENT ISSUE PANEL

Suzy Burger.....480	Irv Rosenstein.....440
Bob Webber.....480	Mark Bendure.....430
Don Rumelhart.....470	Brenda Bryant.....430
Dick Temkin.....470	John Koschik.....420
Marty Hirschman...460	Joe Chiesa.....410
Owen Lien.....460	Dennis Kastle.....410
Jonathan Fleischmann.450	Bob Katz.....410
Gene Benedict.....440	Myles Maddox.....410
Kurt Dasher.....440	Willie Winokur...400
Morrie Kleinplatz...440	Sheldon Kirsch...390
Linda Perlman.....440	

READERS

Ray Gentz.....410
J. Morris Swiger....400
Reuven AnafShalom.400
Neil Manley.....390
Paul Chirgwin.....360
Irv Hershman.....340

HOW THE PANEL VOTED

	1	2	3	4	5
Mark Bendure	P	6N	2♣	4♦	4♥
Gene Benedict	4♣	4N	2♣	4♦	X
Brenda Bryant	4♣	5N	2♣	3♠	4♥
Suzy Burger	4♣	4♦	2♣	4♦	4♥
Joe Chiesa	4♣	4♦	2♣	4♣	3N
Kurt Dasher	4♣	6♦	2♣	3♠	4♥
Jonathan Fleischmann	5♣	4♣	2♣	3♠	X
Marty Hirschman	4♣	4♣	2♣	4♣	X
Dennis Kastle	5♣	4♦	2♣	5♣	X
Bob Katz	P	4♣	2♣	5♣	X
Sheldon Kirsch	5♣	6♥	2♦	4♦	4♥
Morrie Kleinplatz	4♣	6N	2♣	4♣	4♥
John Koschik	2♠	4♣	2♣	3♠	X
Owen Lien	4♣	4♣	2♣	5♣	4♥
Myles Maddox	4♣	4♣	1N	4♦	3N
Linda Perlman	P	4♦	2♣	4♦	4♥
Irv Rosenstein	5♣	6♦	2♣	4♦	4♥
Don Rumelhart	4♣	4♣	2♣	3♠	X
Dick Temkin	4♣	6N	2♣	4♦	4♥
Bob Webber	4♣	4♦	2♣	4♦	4♥
Willie Winokur	5♣	4♣	2♦	4♣	X

1. MPs. E/W Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠T7542 ♥65 ♦4 ♣86432

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♦ 2♣ 2♦* ?

*Natural, 6-9HCP

At favorable vulnerability, the conditions are ripe to preempt and eat up valuable bidding space, even with 0 HCP (but some useful shape). However, this is most useful when the opponents are likely to have the bulk of the HCP in the deck, which is not necessarily the case here. Many panelists did jump in clubs, but varied on the level, as the opponents have not established a major suit fit.

Action	Votes	Score
4♣	12	100
5♣	5	80
P	3	60
2♠	1	50

Suzy Burger (4♣): No need to bid 5 right away. If they stumble into a heart fit, I will compete with 4♠.

Joe Chiesa (4♣): Best guess at these colors. Opps are unlikely to have an 8-card major suit fit. 5♣ may be a phantom and the opps are aware of their ♦ fit.

Morrie Kleinplatz (4♣): Hoping to get them to stop in 4♦, which would be ambiguous by opener.

Table Talk

Owen Lien (4♣): A hedge on my paucity of HCP and my terrific distribution. Looks like partner is likely to be 1=4=3=5 given that opps are not looking for a major.

Jonathan Fleischmann (5♣): With 5-5 distribution and no clear defense at favorable vulnerability, I'll maximize the pressure on the opponents.

Sheldon Kirsch (5♣): Get them guessing now.

Irv Rosenstein (5♣): I don't know who makes what, so let them guess at a high level.

Willie Winokur (5♣): Very fearfully, not because the penalty might be too big, but, it may catapult them into an unbidable but makeable slam.

Mark Bendure (P): Yes, I see that I have excellent club support and not a lot of defense, which would ordinarily be ample reason for some pre-empt in clubs. But, with my 0 HCPs and those announced by RHO, it looks like LHO and partner have about 32 HCPs between them. If they are evenly divided, partner's honors should be well-positioned over LHO's, so there is no need for a desperate jump.

Bob Katz (P): Automatic. I have zero. Partner will never play me for zero if I bid. Also I don't need to tell the opponents that we have at least 10 clubs.

John Koschik (2♠): Time for some fooling around.

2. MPs. E/W Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠J8 ♥AKQ9865 ♦Q ♣A32

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

	1♦	P	1♥
P	3N*	P	?

*Long minor and stoppers in unbid suits

This treatment for 3N is fairly common, given that 18-19 point balanced hands would always rebid 2N. Here, 3N represents about 7-8 playing tricks, counting on partner for 1-2 given that s/he had enough to respond. However, few partnerships likely have discussed follow-ups for when responder has slam interest. Panelists here opted for a large variety of slam tries, or simply leapt to slam to keep things straightforward.

Action	Votes	Score
4♣	8	100
4♦	5	80
6N	3	70
4♦	2	60
4N	1	50
6♥	1	50
5N	1	50

Marty Hirschman (4♣): Cue bid. If partner cues spades, I will bid a grand. Otherwise, 6NT.

Don Rumelhart (4♣): Cue bid telling partner that I am interested in more than game.

Linda Perlman (4♦): Should be forcing, set trump; this time a really good hand, sky's the limit maybe. Also with some partners 4♦ is RKC.

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Bob Webber (4♦): Since the diamonds aren't solid, does this show an 8-card suit? Anyway, if partner shows the ♠A, we will play a grand slam. Otherwise, 6♦. If the opps can cash two spades, bad luck. If they actually do it, worse luck.

Dick Temkin (6N): I'd bid 4N if I was confident partner would take it as blackwood.

Gene Benedict (4N): Hopefully asking for aces. If partner has 2 aces, I will try 6♥.

Brenda Bryant (5N): Tough hand... I would bid 5N, inviting a grand. This may not be clear and partner may just "pick a slam."

Sheldon Kirsch (6♥): Partner should have enough to make this, if I'm sure 4♣ is a slam try that's my bid.

3. MPs. All Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠T5 ♥AJ7 ♦9732 ♣A943

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

	1♣	1♦	?
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At matchpoints, getting to play 1N can often be advantageous when the HCP are roughly split between two sides. However, holding only 9732 in the opponent's suit and being vulnerable dissuaded most panelists, and the consensus was to raise clubs, instead.

Action	Votes	Score
2♣	18	100
2♦	2	60
1N	1	50

Mark Bendure (2♣): Just about right on strength, and partner usually has at least four. 1N is also reasonable, but if we belong there it will likely play better from the other side.

Gene Benedict (2♣): Notrump should be played from partner's side.

Suzy Burger (2♠): Not worth a LR (2♦) without knowing club length.

Jonathan Fleischmann (2♠): While there are hands where the only reasonable choice is bidding 1N without a stopper (say one fewer club and one more spade), raising seems on point here.

Morrie Kleinplatz (2♣): At MP's I won't get aggressive. Will accept all game tries from here.

Irv Rosenstein (2♠): 1N is right on strength, but wrong-sides the contract.

Sheldon Kirsch (2♦): This is enough for a limit raise.

4. IMPs. N/S Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠KJT652 ♥AJT7 ♦KJT ♣void

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		P	1♠
P	2♦	P	2♥
P	3♥	P	?

This already interesting hand gets even more awkward - and powerful - after partner makes a game-forcing bid typically showing 5+ diamonds. All panelists opted

for a natural or control-showing bid to indicate a slam-going hand, but the specifics varied greatly. Some prioritized showing partner the fitting diamonds, while others went with a cheaper control of 4♣, or 3♠.

Still others opted for 5♣, which many partnerships will recognize as "Exclusion RKC." This asks partner how many keycards they have OUTSIDE of the excluded suit. That way, if we're missing one keycard but it's the ♣A, we can still get to a grand slam given our club void.

Action	Votes	Score
4♦	9	100
3♠	5	80
4♣	4	70
5♣	3	60

Mark Bendure (4♦): This should describe the club shortness, help in diamonds and interest in slam. Since partner is more or less end-played into bidding 4♥, I will move past game.

Linda Perlman (4♦): Hoping to help partner the most. Maybe should bid 3♠ to see what happens next showing good 6-4.

Irv Rosenstein (4♦): Show the diamond feature; if partner can show a spade control, then slam is likely.

Kurt Dasher (3♠): Cue bid. Minimum in HCPs, but working void and good diamond cards make this worth a slam try.

Don Rumelhart (3♠): Showing first- or second- round control. Partner is showing extras and asking if I am interested in slam...boy am I interested.

Joe Chiesa (4♣): So much to say. Can play ♥s or ♦s. If I fail to bid 4♣ now, I may not be able to recover.

Marty Hirschman (4♣): I'm not good enough for 5♣, exclusion RKC, which will get me to 6♥ when partner has something like

♠x ♥KQxx ♦AQxxx ♣Qxx
(which will need good luck, and there is no guarantee he will have the queen of diamonds).

Willie Winokur (4♣): Cheapest control. Will cue diamonds next.

Bob Katz (5♣): Exclusion. If partner has 2 without the Queen then we will simply have to find it. Other option is to cue bid 3♠, but all that does is make things more complicated later.

5. MPs. None Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠AQ ♥A97643 ♦AKJ6 ♣7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		3♠	?

Preempts tend to be especially disruptive when we hold a strong hand with a long, but mediocre suit. Here, the dilemma falls between a double that may mis-lead partner if we don't have a convenient chance to clarify our hand, and bidding game which may undervalue our strength too much.

3N is also an option, as it could be our only making game and it is hard to get there if we don't simply bid it now.

Action	Votes	Score
4♥	11	100
X	8	90
3N	2	60

Morrie Kleinplatz (4♥): What else?

Linda Perlman (4♥): I do have 6. Tough to handle if I double first.

Dick Temkin (4♥): 3N is a strong second choice.

Jonathan Fleischmann (X): I plan to pull 4♣ to 4♥, but cuebid 4♠ over 4♦. If partner bids 4♥ (a guy can hope!), I'll keycard.

Bob Katz (X): Most flexible. Double followed by 4♥ is not perfect but not an overbid. 3N is silly. Not good to go down in 3N on a hand that makes a slam.

John Koschik (X): Then 4♥ over 4♣; and 4♠ over 4♦. Partner never bids 4♥ when I hold this.

Don Rumelhart (X): I am too strong just to bid 4♥. I will bid hearts should partner bid clubs and jump up on the table should partner bid a red suit.

Willie Winokur (X): Am I missing something here?

Joe Chiesa (3N): 3♠ suggests that hearts may not be splitting thus I eschew 4♥. Dbl will often cull 4♣, 4♦, or 5♣. Thereafter what emerges will not be pretty.

Winter 2023 Hands

1. IMPs. N/S Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠Q75 ♥J965 ♦T953 ♣A9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			P
P	1♣	1♥	P
2♥	2♠	P	?

2. IMPs. None Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠void ♥K ♦QT964 ♣QJT9842

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			?

3. MP. E/W Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠QJT4 ♥Q84 ♦K98732 ♣void

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	X	P	?

4. MP. All Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠A85 ♥Q75 ♦QT83 ♣QJ4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
P	1♠	2♦	?

5. MP. All Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠QJT95 ♥Q76 ♦AJT5 ♣3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	1♥	1♠	2♣*
X**	2♦	2♠	?

*Cue bid, limit raise+

**Long club suit

Readers, submit your responses
by Dec 1:

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Mailing address on back cover

NEW ACBL MILESTONES

Junior Master (5)

*Karen S Bollinger
Mark Bus
Diane Conde
Richard Fisher
Brad Orr
Pamela Sackett*

Club Master (20) ♠

Michael Rosenberg

Sectional Master (50) ♠♠

Mary Campbell

Regional Master (100) ♠♠♠

*Julie Grygotis
Murali Mani*

NABC Master (200) ♠♠♠♠

*EJ Chidiac
Norm Kakarala*

Bronze LM (750) ♠♠♠♠

John Beckman

Silver LM (1,000) ♠♠♠♠

*Gregory Dressler
Michael Koscielski
William Niemczyk
Henry Zhang*

Ruby LM (1,500) ♠♠♠♠

Penelope Rudolph

Gold LM (2,500) ♠♠♠♠

*Peter Bolgar
William Rouse
Steven Winokur*

Sapphire LM (3,500) ♠♠♠♠

Mark Bendure

INTERMEDIATE/ NEWCOMER NOOK

Hand Patterns & How to Use Them!

One of the most reliable ways to elevate your bridge results is to develop fast recall of the possible distributions for 13 cards. This may sound daunting at first, but for many players they are as routine as signing your name.

Familiarizing yourself with these hand patterns is actually a two-for-one benefit to your game. You can use them to:

- » Count out the distribution of a given person's hand
- » Count out the distribution of one suit across all four hands

Sometimes, you may even do both on the same hand! See the diagram below for the most common patterns you will see on a regular basis.

Within each category, they are sorted from most common → least common. Some players will hang this over a kitchen sink or on a bathroom mirror and glance at it regularly to gradually grow familiarity.

Being able to quickly deduce the shape of an opponent's hand or layout of an entire suit can help you make tough decisions such as whether to risk a finesse as declarer, whether to duck a trick on defense, which card to save with two tricks to go, how many trumps declarer has left, and so much more.

Recalling these patterns automatically will save mental fatigue from manually counting hands out for an entire game. Happy counting!

» See the adjacent page for examples of using hand patterns.

LONGEST SUIT = 4	LONGEST SUIT = 5	LONGEST SUIT = 6	LONGEST SUIT = 7
4432	5332	6322	7321
4333	5431	6421	7222
4441	5422	6331	7411
	5521	6430	7420
	5440	6511	7330
	5530	6520	

Declaring: After E/W cash three diamond tricks and switch to a heart, we begin to pull trump. Spades are friendly and we are able to pull four rounds. We now count that East started with 3♠, 3♦, and 6♥ (from the auction). Thus, they have only one club so we cash the ♣A and play a club to the J to finesse West's Q.

Follow the play below. The letter in parentheses indicates the hand on lead.

T1: (S) ♦J - ♦3 - ♦A - ♦7
T2: (N) ♦2 - ♦K - ♦5 - ♦4
T3: (E) ♠2 - ♠7 - ♠K - ♠4
T4: (W) ♥6 - ♥4 - ♥J - ♥2
T5: (E) ♠5 - ♠A - ♠J - ♠6

Defending (South): From the auction, we can count the \spadesuit suit (4-2-4-3) and determine

E has no more ♦, so we switch to clubs before they get pitched on a spade and get 3♣ tricks, plus a trump uppercut for -1 (Defense's tricks: 1♠, 1♥, 1♦, 3♣).

Follow the play below:

T1: (S) ♥Q - ♥K - ♥5 - ♥2
T2: (W) ♥4 - ♥8 - ♥A - ♥T
T3: (E) ♠4 - ♠2 - ♠J - ♠Q
T4: (N) ♣K - ♣6 - ♣7 - ♣2
T5: (N) ♣3 - ♣T - ♣J - ♣4
T6: (S) ♥J - ♥7 - ♦3 - ♥3
T7: (S) ♣A - ♣5 - ♣8 - ♣Q
T8: (S) ♣9 - ♦2 - ♦5 - ♥6
T9: (E) ♠7 - ♠5 - ♠A - ♠8
T10: (W) ♠3 - ♦6 - ♠K - ♠6

Defending (South): after the 3rd spade trick, we know that spades began 2-4-4-3 around the table, making declarer 4-5-1-3. So, if declarer starts running the remaining trumps, we are safe to pitch our K8 of diamonds and save our winning spade instead.

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Remembering Larry Mori



Larry Mori was a five-time national champion who lived and played in the Detroit area for many years. Originally from New York, Mori was a licensed psychotherapist educated at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. The following is a remembrance from Joe Chiesa, a regular partner of Mori.

I had the distinct pleasure of partnering Larry on KO and Swiss teams throughout the Midwest for a number of years. Together with Bill Melander as sponsor and a cast of multiple 4th, 5th, and 6ths, we often succeeded, but that is not what I take with me.

Larry was a consummate professional and disported himself with kindness and good cheer with nary a cross word for foes and friends alike. If critical, of himself. Of the scores of treatments and conventions he proposed, all were well-reasoned. Over the years we had many wonderful conversations in

far-reaching fields. Bridge was but one of many skills he mastered. He was expert at word games although English was a second language, and was an able cook. He could speak to a number of sports and was non-pareil as a raconteur.

Although at first but a bridge partner, he became my friend and I shall miss him. RIP, Larry.

TEST YOUR DEFENSE SOLUTION (FROM LAST PAGE)

♠ 2		
♥ AQ9876		
♦ JT3		
♣ 873		
♠ KJ75		♠ QT9863
♥ 5		♥ JT4
♦ Q5		♦ A4
♣ AKT652		♣ J4
♠ A4		
♥ K32		
♦ K76432		
♣ Q9		

Contract: 4♠E

This hand comes from the final round of Larry Mori's first national pairs title - he previously tied for first in a National Swiss in 1990. At the table, Larry's opponent noted declarer's pitch of the ♦4 from hand, and opted to play a diamond. However, if North is on the ball, the order in which s/he plays the clubs (high-low) should give suit preference to partner. If South is attentive, s/he will know to cash a heart. That one overtrick was the difference in the final score between 1st and 2nd place.

MBA Board of Directors Candidates (Cont'd, pg. 16)



Shelley Boschan: *I am running for my sixth term on the board. I have greatly enjoyed the experience of representing our membership in this privileged position. I was instrumental in creating the online directory and continue to keep it updated for the benefit of both units. I am always available by email, cell phone or in person to address individual issues. I will gladly direct you to the proper person or venue to create a successful outcome. I look forward to serving another term.*



Jane Gardner: *I would like to serve our bridge community on the MBA board. I am always willing to lend a helping hand whether it be at a club event, a tournament, or one on one with a fellow bridge player. I have already served the MBA in numerous ways including working at the tournament partnership desk. I am a participant at several clubs in the state, and attend many tournaments both locally, and out of state. I have my ear to the ground, players, listening to fellow bridge to learn ways we can make our game more enjoyable for all.*



Owen Lien: *I have been playing bridge for over 20 years. I moved to Detroit from Hendersonville NC in September 2015. I have significant experience from working as a certified director. I am seeking election to bring a youthful perspective to the decision-making process. Having lived in District 7 (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and parts of Tennessee and Virginia), I have seen how the largest regionals and sectionals in the country are made successful. I look forward to the opportunity to promote bridge in my new hometown.*



Bob Ondo: *I am running for the board because I am able to see and represent the viewpoints of our players. Among my other roles in bridge, I am a club director, club manager, tournament chair, and teacher. I remember what it is like to start out in bridge, as I am a relatively newer player and work a lot with players who are learning the game. I feel that my experience in my different roles and enthusiasm for the game will benefit the MBA board, and would appreciate your vote.*



Grant Petersen: *The duplicate bridge community is aging and there needs to be an infusion of new blood. As a current, and hopefully future board member, I understand the needs of new bridge players. It is important to offer opportunities for new players to learn the game in a friendly environment. In addition, we must continue to make the game fun and competitive for our more experienced players. My experience as a club owner, teacher and director affords me the ability to understand the needs of all types of players. I would love the opportunity to continue to serve the MBA membership.*



Irv Rosenstein: *I grew up in Detroit and now reside in Troy. Bridge has been a part of my life since I learned to play as an undergraduate student at Wayne State University in the 1960's. We have all seen the declining attendance at local clubs and tournaments. I would like to help promote bridge as a member of the MBA board.*



Richard Temkin: *I have been on the board since 1992, serving as president five times. I negotiated the Agreement with SOMBA to allow MBA to hold its sectionals at the Bridge Connection. More recently, I was MBA's negotiator in the attempt to merge with SOMBA. Past accomplishments include serving as the MBA Representative on the NABC Steering Committee and arranging for low parking rates at the Detroit NABC; and writing a complete update of MBA's by-laws. I would appreciate being returned to the board so that I may continue to serve you.*

Good for the Gander:

AUCTIONS TO DISCUSS WITH REGULAR PARTNERS

The return of this column features two auctions that are each open to multiple, reasonable meanings. Take a moment to discuss these and come to a consensus with your regular partners before you are put in the hot seat with no agreement to rely on!

» **If you play support doubles and redoubles: Do they apply after we open 1♣ and partner responds 1♦?**

Example: 1♣ - (P) - 1♦ - (1♠) - X

» Common options:

- » Yes
- » No, this shows four in the unbid major

» **Doubles of the opponent's two-suited bid (e.g. Michaels, Unusual 2N).**

Example: 1♥ - (2♥) - X

» Common options:

- » Showing support in partner's suit ('Stolen Bid')
- » Willingness to double the opponents in one or both of their suits - subsequent doubles are penalty

2022 MBA - SOMBA Joint Sectional Results

Overall Masterpoint Winners

Steve Winokur - 39.89
Frank Trieber - 37.40
Jerry Grossman - 33.34
Mike Crane - 32.46
Owen Lien - 32.29
Brenda Bryant - 27.85

Single-Session Open Pairs

Thurs AM

1. Bob Katz - Jonathan Fleischmann (72.42%)
2. Mike Crane - Lori Strager (59.02%)

Fri AM

1. Brenda Jaffe - Walter Goldsmith (63.50%)
2. Jerry Grossman - Debra Eaves (61.13%)

Fri PM

1. Owen Lien - Steve Winokur (67.68%)
2. Linda Cobham - Gerald Laflamme (61.45%)

Single-Session Swiss Teams

Thurs PM

1. Marty Hirschman - Bob Webber - Sheldon Kirsch - Jerry Grossman (64)
2. Dick Temkin - Samir Zeine - Willie Winokur - Irv Rosenstein (52)

Single-Session 0-500 Pairs

Thurs AM

1. John Berry - Richard Voss (65.83%)
2. James Wedell - John Lowry (62.08%)

Thurs PM

1. Peter Hellekjaer - James Verhage (65.08%)
2. John Berry - Richard Voss (62.69%)

Fri AM

1. Robin Lewis - Patricia McCabe (70.64%)
2. James Smith - Alberta Smith (68.25%)

Fri PM

1. Constance Chapp - Lucretia Karo (60%)
2. Barbara Snow - Julie Grygotis (55%)

Two-Session Swiss Teams

Saturday

A-1st: Steve Winokur - Frank Trieber - Dick Temkin - Mike Crane (95)

B/C-1st: Joel Grossman - Evelyn Rosen - Jerrie Sasson - Matt Rosenthal (69)

Sunday

Bracket I: Steve Winokur - Frank Trieber - Brenda Bryant - Owen Lien (97)

Bracket II: Marcy Toon - Corey Powell - Lun Kuen Wong - D. Abraham (108)

2022 Russell Roosen Sectional Results

Overall Masterpoint Winners

Bob Webber - 42.90
Mike Crane - 39.20
Dick Temkin - 33.61
Jerry Grossman - 31.00
Mary Smith - 30.43
Steve Winokur - 22.26
Frank Trieber - 22.26

Single-Session Open Pairs

Thurs AM

1. Marty Hirschman - Bob Webber (66.96%)
2. Peter Bolgar - Arnold Fink (60.99%)

Fri AM

1. Jonathan Fleischmann - Julie Arbit (64.44%)
2. Mark Bendure - Mike Alioto (62.04%)

Fri PM

1. Jerry Grossman - Sheldon Kirsch (64.67%)
2. Mary Smith - Irv Rosenstein (64.14%)

Single-Session Swiss Teams

Thurs PM

1. Jim Walter - Richard Bauman - David Aderente - Ricky Wasserman (52)
2. Lynne Cook - Dick Temkin - Sondra Shubiner - Irv Rosenstein (51)

Single-Session 0-500 Pairs

Thurs AM

1. Jean Hellekjaer - Diane Kosuda (61.27%)
2. Norm Kakarala - David Mitchell (58.25%)

Thurs PM

1. Robert Hammell - Gregory Filter (60%)
2. Peter Hellekjaer - James Verhage (57.29%)

Fri AM

1. Norm Kakarala - David Mitchell (68.75%)
2. James Verhage - David Nelson (60.32%)

Fri PM

1. Joy Selesko - Jack Bourget (61.46%)
2. Julian Prince - Constance Wahab (56.77%)

Two-Session Swiss Teams

Saturday

Bracket I: Dick Temkin - Henry Shevitz - Mike Crane - Mary Smith (96)

Bracket II: Stephen Leist - Murali Mani - Tom Bonfils - Jane Gardner (86)

Bracket III: Robert Bell - Terri Johnson - Robert Hammell - Gregory Filter (66)

Sunday

A-1st: Jonathan Fleischmann - Kurt Dasher - Mike Alioto - Bob Webber (99)

B/C-1st: Corey Powell - Renata Wasserman - Marcy Toon - Lynn Cundy (73)

2022 MASTERPOINT RACE LEADERS

Mini McKenney

0-5

1. Terrance Larson - 17.90
2. Richard Fisher - 6.63

5-20

1. Michael Rosenberg - 9.48
2. Edwin Clarke- 6.57

20-50

1. Gerald Poissant - 32.71
2. James Adams - 19.17

50-100

1. Veronica Alger - 70.49
2. Barbara Snow - 33.67

100-200

1. Erich Schifter - 40.44
2. Julie Grygotis - 39.80

200-300

1. Robin Wagner - 95.88
2. Jill Rastelli - 24.28

300 to 500

1. Mary Robinson - 43.90
2. Charles Royer - 43.24

500 to 1000

1. Yanping Zhang - 192.04
2. Henry Zhang - 172.54

1000 to 1500

1. Zingyu Zhang - 104.02
2. Penelope Rudolph - 89.63

1500 to 2500

1. Steve Winokur - 95.86
2. Steve O'Guin - 61.61

2500 to 3500

1. Marilyn Nathanson - 130.61
2. Mark Bendure - 122.48

3500 to 5000

1. Rose Burke - 120.89
2. Joe Monro - 93.79

5000 to 7500

1. Kurt Dasher - 171.31
2. Charlotte Miller - 95.14

7500 to 10,000

1. Jonathan Fleischmann - 563.66
2. Lynne Cook - 377.90

10,000 +

1. Owen Lien - 982.26
2. Mike Levine - 439.01

Ace of Clubs

0-5

1. Terrance Larson - 17.90
2. Diane Conde - 5.69

5-20

1. Michael Rosenberg - 9.48
2. Lucie Greenberg - 4.94

20-50

1. James Adams - 19.17
2. Gerald Poissant - 16.84

50-100

1. Veronica Alger - 67.22
2. Barbara Snow - 28.33

100-200

1. Julie Grygotis - 35.99
2. Donald Cleveland - 25.68

200-300

1. Robin Wagner - 94.83
2. Jill Rastelli - 22.68

300 to 500

1. James Korte - 26.83
2. Mary Robinson - 25.44

500 to 1000

1. Gary Boyers - 93.32
2. Susan & Charles Smith - 74.45

1000 to 1500

1. Penelope Rudolph - 55.32
2. Janet Macdonald - 48.75

1500 to 2500

1. Steve O'Guin - 45.58
2. Barbara Kalnick - 43.24

2500 to 3500

1. Marilyn Nathanson - 114.67
2. Jim Walter - 68.66

3500 to 5000

1. Rose Burke - 95.15
2. Robert Freeburn - 68.23

5000 to 7500

1. Charlotte Miller - 70.89
2. Richard Becher - 51.35

7500 to 10,000

1. Lynne Cook - 344.45
2. Sondra Schubiner - 206.80

10,000 +

1. Brenda Jaffe - 179.95
2. Bob Webber - 93.41

Test Your Defense

DUMMY (W)

♠ KJ75

♥ 5

♦ Q5

♣ AKT652



SOUTH

♠ A4

♥ K32

♦ K76432

♣ Q9

MPs, all vul
Contract: 4♠E

East opens 2♠, South passes.
West bids 4♠ to end the auction.
South leads the ♣Q and play
proceeds as follows:

T1: ♣Q-♣A-♣8-♣4

T2: ♠5-♠2-♠Q-♠4

T3: ♣J-♣9-♣A-♣7

T4: ♣T-♣3-♦4-♠A

South ducks the first round of
trump to try to gain insight into
the red suits. When s/he gets in
on the third round of clubs, what
should South lead to T5?

Solution, page 14.

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