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PANDEMIC FORCES HANDS ONLINE

The COVID-19 pandemic took hold in North America beginning in February 2020, and by mid-March, live bridge activities spanning the entire continent had come to a screeching halt. As clubs shuttered and tournament cancellations rolled in, the spotlight turned to a previously unpopular option: online bridge. The most prominent interface for online play - Bridge Base Online (BBO) -

experienced dramatic spikes in usership overnight. The site's capacity was expanded over three-fold to accommodate 60,000 users simultaneously. Of the many BBO options for play and kibitzing, the Support Your Club games have continued to steadily gain traction. By the second week in April, BBO and ACBL had developed a trio of ways to support local bridge clubs,

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BURGER ENTERS HALL OF FAME WITH VON ZEDTWITZ

Congratulations to Chuck Burger on his ACBL Hall of Fame Von Zedtwitz award. The Von Zedtwitz is awarded to players with outstanding tournament records who have achieved prominence in high-level competition, but have not been in the "limelight" for some time. Chuck has earned 11 NABC+ titles: two pairs events, five team games, and four



Board-A-Matches, which uses arguably the most difficult

form of scoring. His most recent win was representing D12 in the Grand National Team final in Montreal in 2005 with longtime

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**Tournament subject to cancellation due to COVID-19*

Joint MBA/SOMBA Sectional

June 25—28, 2020

at

The Michigan Bridge Connection

26776 Twelve Mile Road, Southfield

Located just west of Northwestern Highway

248-356-6254

Thursday, June 25

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 a.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs 10:00 a.m.

Stratified Swiss Teams 2:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs 2:30 p.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs 2:30 p.m.

Friday, June 26

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 a.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs 10:00 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs 2:30 p.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 27

STRATIFIED Swiss Teams 10:00 a.m.
- Two Sessions with a Lunch Break -

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 a.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs 10:00 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs 2:00 p.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 28

BRACKETED Swiss Teams 10:00 a.m.
- Two Sessions with a Lunch Break -

(The teams are divided into two or more brackets based on the average masterpoints of each team. Each bracket is a separate event with its own masterpoint awards. The purpose of bracketing is to establish groups within which each team is competitive.)

**Approximately one-hour lunch break on your own
on Saturday and Sunday**

No smoking in the building

Stratified Events: A = 3000+, B = 1000-3000 and C = 0-1000
0-500 Stratifications: 0-100, 100-300 and 300-500, as attendance warrants
Average masterpoints will be used to determine stratifications
All pairs events are single session

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PASSING THE BATON

As I plan my first issue as new Table talk editor, ideas swarm and nervous anticipation rises as I foresee my words meeting the eyes of hundreds of members of our MBA community. First thing's first: A monstrous "THANK YOU" to Marty Hirschman, Marcy Abramson - and those who came before - for making Table Talk the engaging, diverse piece it is today.

In a world where up-to-the-second information is available at the tap of a finger, the art of newsletters is drifting away. My hope for Table Talk is to continue the structure that has been well-honed over the years, and pilot new features here and there in an attempt to amplify our reception and audience. Be on the lookout for columns such as "Bridge Book Reviews," "Trophy Standings," "Intermediate/Newcomer Nook," and "Good for the Gander." The last one is a recent concoction, and will provide common auctions to discuss with your regular partners, so that you are on the same page.

My plan is to release three TT issues per year, after the following MBA tournaments:

Spring: Michigan State Sectional
(Mid-April)

Summer: Russell Roosen
Sectional
(Mid-September)

Fall: Motor City Regional
(Mid-December)

In addition to mail and electronic delivery via District12Bridge.org, I am also gauging interest in receiving an email copy ONLY. This would save about \$1/person and significant paper waste.

If you would like to cease mailings of Table Talk and only view it via email/online, please email:

Jarbit24@gmail.com

The tree-hugger in me thanks you in advance, but acknowledges the tangibility of reading print. Feel free to use the above email for questions, comments, suggestions, and concerns as well.

Save the Date!

JUNE 24

THE LONGEST DAY

Alzheimer's Association benefit

*Clubs set own dates: This is for the Bridge Connection & potential partners.

****Subject to cancellation/online due to COVID-19.**

It's Your Bid

Thank you Marty Hirschman for providing the hands for this issue (although they were received as particularly diabolical!), as well as his countless hours of effort put into It's Your Bid over the years. This column was always the first feature I'd turn to, even long before I was invited to join the panel. I plan to retain the same format and scoring scheme, both of which have served Table Talk and other, similar publications well over the past 50+ years. I'd also like to welcome Marty to the panel, and announce a new incentive for both panelists and readers:

The highest scoring expert AND reader each year in It's Your Bid will receive a free play at the MBA October Regional!

This year, the winner will be gleaned from this current issue and the late Summer one, but most years will incorporate scores from three issues.

Readers - the next issue's hands are listed at the end of the column, along with an email and physical address to which you may send your answers.

CURRENT ISSUE SCORES

EXPERTS

Chuck Burger.....490
Linda Perlman.....480
J. Fleischmann.....470
Suzy Burger.....460
Kurt Dasher.....460
Dennis Kasle.....460
John Koschik.....460
Owen Lien.....460
Irv Rosenstein.....460
Dick Temkin.....460
M. Kleinplatz.....455*
Don Rumelhart.....450
Joe Chiesa.....440

Bob Katz.....440
Sheldon Kirsch.....440
Brenda Bryant.....430
Myles Maddox.....430
Bob Brent.....420
Willie Winokur.....420
Bob Webber.....390
Gene Benedict.....380
M. Hirschman.....380

*Editor awarded extra credit for word choice in Problems #3 & #4.

**Thank you to S. Mandell for the welcome and artwork sent with responses.

READERS

George Pope.....450
Patty Becker.....450
Vali Enache.....430
James Walter.....420
Gerald Wahl.....410
Seymour Mandell** 400
Margaret Carden.....390
Jerry Jefferies.....380
Irv Hershman.....370
Neil Manley.....340
Doris Jefferies.....330
J. Morris Swiger.....320

HOW THE PANEL VOTED

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

1. MPs. EW Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠J3 ♥KT75 ♦J872 ♣Q82

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
P	1♠	P	1N
P	3♦	P	?

A sticky situation at both MPs and IMPs, strong jump shifts often leave responder in the lurch. We are always reticent to bypass 3NT, especially looking at a stopper in both unbid suits. On the other hand, 4♠ or 5♦ could be the best game, depending on

partner's diamond length and spade quality. One modern treatment uses a jump to 3♣ as a "catchall" for strong hands - allowing 3♦ but to promise 4 pieces - but it requires follow-ups and is not standard, so here 3♦ could only be a 3-card suit (e.g. with 6331 shape).

Action	Votes	Score
3♠	13	100
3N	6	80
3♥	2	60
4♦	1	50
P	0	20

Joe Chiesa (3♠): Oftentimes 3♦ is contrived here. 3♠ admits of 3nt should partner so bid, 4♠ or diamond contracts if that suit is rebid. Partnerships should distinguish the meanings of 3 and 4♠ and 4 and 5♦.

Morrie Kleinplatz (3♠): Match-points.

Owen Lien (3♠): Just punting, no clear bid. Yes I have a ♦ fit, but don't want to encourage slam too much - leave next move to partner. Will bid 4♦ over 3NT - should be a weaker hand else I would've raised ♦ immediately.

Linda Perlman (3♠): Not right hand for 4♦. Maybe partner will bid 3N. Happy to play 4♠ also.

Willie Winokur (3♠): Every time I bid a reasonable 3NT with this sort of hand...they run 5 Club tricks.

Brenda Bryant (3N): Anything could be right (e.g. 3♠, 4♦) but my hand is balanced and I have stopper(s) in the unbid suits.

Jonathan Fleischmann (3N): 3♠ is a close second choice. I can't count on partner to bid 3NT when it is right, and partner still can pull to 4♠ with a really big hand with extra spades. 4♦ is not an option when the standard agreement is that 3♦ doesn't even promise four and 3NT may be our best spot.

Marty Hirschman (3N): Most of my material is in the "other" two suits. I usually won't raise the jump shift minor suit unless I have 5 of them or slam ambitions; we don't want to play in a 4-4 minor suit when we probably should be in 3NT. Second choice: 3♠.

Sheldon Kirsch (3N): At least I won't be alone in this bid.

Dick Temkin (3N): Hamman's Rule. Doesn't necessarily end the auction.

Don Rumelhart (3♥): Let partner know that I have a heart stopper in case he wants to bid 3NT.

2. IMPs. EW Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠KQ ♥AJ973 ♦T84 ♣874			
<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
			P
1♣	1♠	2♣	?
<u>Action</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Score</u>	
X	10	100	
2♥	8	90	
2♠	4	60	
3♠	0	30	

There is a stylistic element to this question, both in the nature of doubles and the strength of overcalls. The modern style of responsive doubles describes one of two hands:

A. 4-5 in the other major and tolerance for partner's major.

B. Exactly 4 in the other major and enough strength to bid again later.

That way, the bid of 2♥ is reserved for strong hands with 5+ hearts; the question on this hand is, how strong of a hand do you need for this? There is also a case for raising spades with two honors there.

Suzy Burger (X): Will correct ♦ to ♠, showing hearts and implying doubleton spade.

Owen Lien (X): Responsive. Must bring hearts into the picture but don't want to over-emphasize them by bidding 2♥ with a mediocre suit and with such a nice doubleton for ♠. Will bid 2♠ if partner continues 2♦, but will bid (much) more if partner bids 2♥.

Jonathan Fleischmann (2♥): Given my failure to open 2♥ at favorable vulnerability in first seat, partner won't expect more than five hearts from me. With a singleton heart, I should catch a 2♠ rebid even with only five.

Morrie Kleinplatz (2♥): I'd like to say that this bid implies Spade tolerance, but that is wishful thinking.

John Koschik (2♥): I have close to opening values, and partner will not play me for six hearts after passing in first seat. I must have spade tolerance.

Bob Webber (2♥): Partner seems to be short in clubs. We would prefer to ruff club losers with the shorter ♥ suit, rather than the longer ♠ suit. Second choice 2♠.

Gene Benedict (2♠): If partner gets excited, I have three useful cards for him.

Joe Chiesa (2♠): A sound raise albeit lacking a trump. Both 2♥ and responsive double imperil establishing the spade fit. 2♥ risks playing there when out of fit and a responsive double will not serve to unearth a 5-3 heart fit, in any event.

3. IMPs. All Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠J ♥AJ8 ♦QT985 ♣AKQ7			
<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
			1♦
P	1♥	3♠	?
<u>Action</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Score</u>	
X	10	100	
4♥	6	80	
4♣	5	70	
P	1	50	

Although support doubles (an Eric Rodwell creation) have come into vogue, it is fairly impractical to play them past 2M. Where preempts are concerned, doubles often have to just show extras with no specific requirements, but some do have the agreement that it promises 3-card support as well. With the spade shortness, 4♥

is a tempting contract - even in a Moysian (4-3) fit. This hand was played between two top level foreign teams in 2019 (Lavazza v. Zimmerman). Both tables landed in 4♠ after a double for the call in question. 4♠ is cold, as is 5♥ (E was 7042; N was 2614).

Sheldon Kirsch (X): Should be values not necessarily spades.

Morrie Kleinplatz (X): Slight overbid, but pass is pusillanimous.

Linda Perlman (X): Like a support X. Too good to pass. This is not a penalty X, unless partner wants to defend.

Don Rumelhart (X): Shows cards, asking partner to look at his hand and do something intelligent.

Brenda Bryant (4♥): X might be right (support or partner passes for penalty), but I can ruff in the short hand, and I have heard of the game bonus

Bob Katz (4♥): Sometimes you have to make bids that lie a little simply because there is no better alternative.

Irv Rosenstein (4♥): Should play okay even if 4-3 fit, taking ruffs in short hand.

Gene Benedict (4♣): This bid shows five-four shape with extra values, a four-three heart fit probably won't

won't play well.

Suzy Burger (4♣): Followed by 4♥ over 4♦.

Bob Webber (4♣): I wish Dbl showed this hand pattern and strength, but Dbl is what I would want to do with reversed majors.

Marty Hirschman (P): We basically have a good minimum range opener with no sure fit. Partner will act with a good hand, usually with a reopening double. Then we can guess to bid 4♥. BTW, this hand is a poster child for why the league should allow opening 1NT with a singleton jack. Why must they impose their idea of good bridge on us?

4. MPs. None Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠J4 ♥AT932 ♦Q42 ♣K83

<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
P	1♠	2♣	X
2♥	P	3♣	?
<u>Action</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Score</u>	
X	18	100	
P	4	60	
3♠	0	40	
4♥	0	20	

Some panelists suggested they would have bid 2♥ the first time, instead of making the negative double. This is certainly borderline, and tends to reflect partnership styles with regard to opening bids. From Marty's

standpoint in writing the problems, it was a negative double, which has clear pros and cons, as would 2♥. Regardless, most panelists felt that they could not let the opponents play in 3♣ at all-white (the best time to compete!) but weren't quite sure where to go. This tends to lead to the infamous D.S.I. (Do Something Intelligent) Double. On the hand in question, everything sits wrong for the opponents in 3♣, right down to the club spots, and doubling them turns out to be the best option.

Bob Brent (X): Now it's partners problem...willing to defend.

Chuck Burger (X): Primarily penalty to protect our equity.

Bob Katz (X): Protesting. This hand was an automatic 2♥ bid the first time around [...] Now you are boxed.

John Koschik (X): I've memorized the number, -470. Sometimes 570.

Morrie Kleinplatz (P): Pusillanimous. I would have bid 2♥ the first time.

Owen Lien (P): Don't want to encourage partner to turn our likely plus into a minus. If another double were penalty-oriented, I would go for that, but it just advertises additional values.

5. IMPs. E/WVul. SOUTH holds:

♠J73 ♥AKJ4 ♦JT986 ♣K

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

Action	Votes	Score
2♦	9	100
1N	8	90
X	3	60
3♦	1	50
P	1	50

Some of the toughest problems in bridge occur when suit length and suit strength do not coalesce. Here, with a ratty diamond suit and such good hearts, it is much better to pass over the 1♥ opening than bid. However, when the opponents try to stop low, there is a lot to consider, including the vulnerability, potential that either side could be making a game, and what certain calls (like 1N) would convey here. The panel was very well split, the true hallmark of a good bidding problem!

Jonathan Fleischmann (2♦): Double and 1NT both have their appeal, but I'm looking for the surest plus score at IMPs. Partner almost can't have fewer than two diamonds on this auction given my hearts, their spade fit, and her failure to open 3♣. She will have some values, too, given the opponents' willingness to play 1♠.

Owen Lien (2♦): Tough. I'll go for 2♦. Not a great suit but can't let them steal. Would balance INT if I knew it would end the auction but afraid opps may compete and we won't know whether to compete in diamonds or not. Also, 2♦ less likely to get tagged for a number if my partner hasn't any values (she never does). Jonathan Fleischmann will tell me this is a bad bid as trumps never split better than 5-1 and only way to avoid those bad trump splits is to play in notrump.

Dick Temkin (2♦): Too good to pass and let them play at the one level.

Marty Hirschman (1N): Too strong to pass, and 2♦ would be very committal. I have a lot of my hand in RHO's suit. Opps often will be just 4-3 in spades. They used to say "Stoppers are for children" in this kind of situation. If INT is doubled, I can consider running to 2♦; can't go back to INT from 2♦x.

John Koschik (1N): Bidding has a whiff of matchpoints, but they have to double and beat me two. Even then it might cost only 4 IMPs. I don't expect partner to bid 2♣ unless he has six. On the plus side, this could be a double partscore swing. Did I mention my defense sucks?

Bob Webber (1N): Let them figure out my hand.

Bob Katz (X): RHO could have very
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minimal values on this auction. Double is the best starting point, intending to convert ♠ to ♦.

Bob Brent (P): Too dangerous to bid at IMPs.

SUMMER 2020 HANDS

A big thank you to our panelists for their time and effort! Readers, submit your responses by July 15 via: Jarbit24@gmail.com

OR

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

♠AT8 ♥AKQT54 ♦KT65 ♣Void

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		P	1♥
P	2♦*	P	?

*Game forcing, 4+♦

2. MPs. All Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠K42 ♥AT73 ♦9765 ♣AK

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♥	?

3. MPs. All Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠Void ♥AKJ6 ♦AT9 ♣K75432

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♣
P	1♠	P	?

4. MPs. NoneVul. SOUTH holds:

♠K97 ♥64 ♦K32 ♣86543

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	2♠
P	3♣*	P	?

*Help Suit Game Try (Natural, 3+)

5. MPs. All Vul. SOUTH holds:

♠KT87 ♥Void ♦AKQ53 ♣AJ96

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	3♥	P	?

Welcome

New Members

Nirouz Atka
Laoma Beck
Anna Crudgington
Phyllis Kettlewell
Andrea Mattei
Loren Miller

Transfers In

Jean Becker
Larry Burgess
Reba Dabbs
Stephen Hu
Barbara Johnson
Joanne Koscielski
Michael Koscielski
Kathy Landschulz
John Monnich
James Neubacher
Jacqueline Van Keirsbelek
Constance Wahab



ONLINE BRIDGE

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all of which pay out black points, which qualify for the Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs masterpoint races:

1) Support Your Club ACBL-wide games at 10:00, 5:10, and 7:30. Log on with your partner to register two hours prior to each game time. Games consist of 18 boards (~2 hours). Cost: \$6/each (\$4 goes to the club(s) you play at).

2) Support Your Club Daylong Tournament. Play 18 boards with robot partner and opponents any time each day. Cost: \$6/each (\$4 goes to the club(s) you play at).

3) ACBL Virtual Club Games. Club managers can create games (open AND limited) for players of a specific bridge club. The Bridge Connection and Bridge Central are participating. Check club websites for info, or click “virtual clubs” on the BBO home screen.

Other free and paid playing (and kibitzing!) options are also available. BBO uses “BB\$” as currency which are for sale via Paypal or a credit card. Be sure to link your ACBL number in your BBO profile for ACBL events. Good luck!

Table Talk

Michigan Youth Bridge Camp 2020

ONE WEEK ONLY!

The 2020 Michigan Youth Bridge Camp is a seven-day summer sleepover camp scheduled for July 5-11 in Fenton for youth ages 11-16.

Classes are divided into Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced groups, with instruction tailored to every level. Campers also participate in traditional summer camp activities, including water sports, ropes courses, archery, ziplining, volleyball, nature walks, team games and more on the 700 acres of YMCA Camp Copneconic (10407 North Fenton Rd, Fenton, MI 48430).

Thanks to a generous grant from the ACBL Education Foundation and other contributions, the cost of Michigan Youth Bridge Camp is much less than other residential camps. It's \$425 for those who apply prior to May 15, \$450 by June 1 and \$500 thereafter.

This will be our third camp, but MYB needs your help to succeed. Please "talk it up" at your local games, print off copies of our flyer at www.district12bridge.org and distribute them where appropriate, volunteer as a counselor or one-day mentor, make a donation or sponsor a camper, including a relative, neighbor or caddy. Help us grow bridge!

Interested parties can get more information at

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www.district12bridge.org

or call Susan Woodrow, MYB Executive Director at **248-760-1818**.

Age Report

The average age of MBA players rose to 73.77 from 73.51 since the end of 2019. The average ACBL member age increased by 0.05 years to 72.80, both of which reflect trends for the past decade. MBA players have been ACBL members an average of 25.10 years, down from 25.36 last quarter.



CONGRATULATIONS 2019 MBA MINI MCKENNEY WINNERS!

0 to 5

Barbara Snow - 24.07

5 to 20

E J Chidiac - 41.45

20 to 50

Eric Wiedmayer - 65.37

50 to 100

Gary Boyers - 155.77

100 to 200

Charles Royer - 97.55

200 to 300

James Egan - 88.41

300 to 500

Maria Conti - 125.68

500 to 1000

Barb Ferrera - 191.47

1000 to 1500

Steven Winokur - 287.89

1500 to 2500

Julie Arbit - 421.55

2500 to 3500

Margaret Moore - 317.57

3500 to 5000

John Koschik - 344.97

5000 to 7500

Jonathan Fleischmann - 727.08

7500 to 10,000

Robert Brent - 286.86

Over 10,000

Owen Lien - 1287.76

GOOD FOR THE GANDER

Michael Rosenberg - a top player originally from Scotland, now out of Southern CA, and organizer of the US Junior Bridge Program - is chock full of sage wisdom that he imparts to aspiring players in a graceful, unassuming manner. If you ask him what the most important bidding convention is, he will respond with a smile, and deflect. To Rosenberg, having the “best” conventions/treatments is subsidiary to having firm agreements that both parties will remember with regularity. Thus, a new column entitled “Good for the Gander” will provide readers with commonly undiscussed auctions. Take a moment to discuss before your next game together if you don’t already have an agreement:

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♦*

2♦

*11-15 HCP, could be as few as 2 diamonds (“could be short”).

Many experts play this as natural, showing diamonds (this is **ALERT-ABLE**). However, it is also perfectly reasonable to play it as Michaels (showing the majors) for consistency and memory’s sake. Take a second to discuss this auction, and the parallel one over a “could be short” 1♣ opening.

IN MEMORIAM



Howard Abrams



Ed Herstein

Howard Abrams (Huntington Woods) was a longtime local bridge player. He frequently partnered with Jack Shartsis and Bruce Coryell. He was an esteemed attorney and directed charitable giving on his behalf to the Access to Justice Fund, a campaign by the Michigan State Bar Assoc.

Ed Herstein learned to play bridge at the University of Michigan, in the ages of 50+ table games in the basement of the Union. He had a kind and passionate soul, and was constantly trying to traverse the fog clouding the theoretical. Ed was fascinated by technology (smart phones, safety features on his shiny sports car, etc.), and applied that to bridge as well. To Ed, the more problems something solves - and the shinier - the better. Ed will be sorely missed by many partners, mentees, and friends. A compilation of memories from some of Ed's close friends can be found on pages 16-17.



CONGRATULATIONS 2019 MBA ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS!

0 to 5

Barbara Snow - 22.32

5 to 20

Michael & Nancy Mullin - 16.22

20 to 50

Eric Wiedmayer - 51.13

50 to 100

Gary Boyers - 87.88

100 to 200

Roma Anderson - 63.56

200 to 300

Julian Prince - 43.04

300 to 500

Maria Conti - 63.04

500 to 1000

Bob Ondo - 96.19

1000 to 1500

Steven Winokur - 93.84

1500 to 2500

James Walter - 146.89

2500 to 3500

Margaret Moore - 213.40

3500 to 5000

John Koschik - 114.23

5000 to 7500

Jonathan Fleischmann - 186.39

7500 to 10,000

Brenda Jaffee - 173.33

Over 10,000

Bert Newman - 236.22

REMEMBERING ED HERSTEIN



The following is a highlight reel of contributions remembering Ed Herstein of Ann Arbor, MI:

Dick Bauman: Ed was a tremendous mentor. He would take notes and go over hand records after the game to point out possible bidding improvements and lines of play. He was a very firm believer in trashy weak twos, with quite sophisticated responses to greatly improve chances for success.

Jonathan Fleischmann: Many people talk about the importance of bringing young people into the game of bridge. Ed did that... He loved thinking about bidding system, and I remember how he lit up when I answered his first partnership question: "what is your tolerance for complexity"? Ed said he would always rather play fun systems that made things interesting at the risk of occasional mix ups than sit in his chair and be bored playing Mom-and-Pop

bridge... A look around the top levels of American bidding systems reveals that Ed was often ahead of his time, adopting methods before they became widely popular... I'll miss him.

Marty Hirschman: Ed was particularly interested in devising new conventions and improvements on existing ones -- building a better mousetrap. Several of his articles on new or revised methods were published in the Bridge World... As of late 2019, Ed had >5,500 masterpoints and was 30th on the MBA list of top living MP holders.

John Koschik: Ed and I go way back, back... Clattering down through the decades, we tried everything new, a few things old, and several more somewhere in between. Ed then, as it turned out he always would, tinkered at the edges of every bidding system he built. And when he wasn't tinkering, he brought out the cleaver. Our relationship goes back to a time we naively believed was like no other. It was in the wake of the JFK assassination, when civil rights were on everyone's mind, many for, others resolutely opposed. Add into this mix a crescendo of television news covering a country called Vietnam. At this moment Ed became editor of The Michigan Daily. He and every reporter were certain what they were writing was of greater significance than their grade on

next Friday's exam in Econ 470.

In the wee hours of each day, Ed sat in...the Daily building and waited... Ed clipped the first bundle's wire and grabbed the top copy. Then he sat down and read page one through page eight. Every article, every word... Now, at 5:30am, it was time to go home and sleep. Maybe Ed already was the person we came to know in our world of bridge--careful, clear headed, passionate, certain of his ground. I will miss Ed, and I will never forget his focus on what he believed was right.

Steve MacKay: Ed was a gentle soul. I never heard him say an unkind word to or about anyone...I was fortunate to be on the receiving end of many of Ed's new ideas. Sometimes I felt that Ed was allowing me to be one of his "testing grounds." One day - many years ago - we were on an hour long drive to a bridge tournament (from Ann Arbor to Flint I believe). My job was to keep my car on the road while trying to digest the endless list of new ideas that we would be implementing that day. Without saying a word during the entire hour, I listened as carefully as I could, trying to understand and remember everything Ed was telling me - no easy task as much of it was complicated and exotic. Finally, as we were pulling into the parking lot of the tournament site,

Ed turned to me with a question. You can imagine how exciting this was. It seemed that Ed was actually about to give me a chance to contribute to the immense theoretical preparation that was going to carry us through the day. In a very serious voice, Ed asked me, "Do you think our 2NT should be 20-21 or 21-22?" .

Norm McLennan: I met Ed during our first semester at the University of Michigan. We lived in the same house in South Quad. What I enjoyed most about Ed was his questioning everything. We discussed politics, religion, ethics, philosophy, literature, everything under the sun. He wouldn't accept superficial answers. We came to examine ideas from every angle just for the fun of it. I give Ed the credit for my being able to pass the Foreign Service oral exam on the first try. After so many years with Ed, debating with others was easy.

Graham Putnam: Ed delighted in mentoring young players and it pleased him when their playing skills surpassed his own. However, it was unusual for him to help an older novice player the way he welcomed and helped me. Over a period of four years he provided the knowledge and skill to our partnership while I provided the frustration and disappointment. Yet he stuck with me. My one positive contribution was to name his favorite system "Trash Twos."

**Tournament subject to cancellation due to COVID-19*

Russell Roosen Sectional

August 27—30, 2020

at

The Michigan Bridge Connection

26776 Twelve Mile Road, Southfield

Located just west of Northwestern Highway

248-356-6254

Thursday, August 27

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 a.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs 10:00 a.m.

Stratified Swiss Teams 2:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs 2:30 p.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs 2:30 p.m.

Friday, August 28

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 a.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs 10:00 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs 2:30 p.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 29

STRATIFIED Swiss Teams 10:00 a.m.
- Two Sessions with a Lunch Break -

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 a.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs 10:00 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs 2:00 p.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 30

BRACKETED Swiss Teams 10:00 a.m.
- Two Sessions with a Lunch Break -

(The teams are divided into two or more brackets based on the average masterpoints of each team. Each bracket is a separate event with its own masterpoint awards. The purpose of bracketing is to establish groups within which each team is competitive.)

**Approximately one-hour lunch break on your own
on Saturday and Sunday**

No smoking in the building

Stratified Events: A = 3000+, B = 1000-3000 and C = 0-1000

0-500 Stratifications: 0-100, 100-300 and 300-500, as attendance warrants

Average masterpoints will be used to determine stratifications

All pairs events are single session

Tournament Chair: Jonathan Fleischmann, 734-255-6104, jonathan@safeoffices.com

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and Jane Gardner, 248-719-2941, janegard@umich.edu

Publicity: Allan Tushman, 248-939-1793, altushman@yahoo.com

NEW ACBL PRESIDENT SEES HOME BOD RESTRUCTURING



A fellow Midwesterner, Georgia Heth began her term as ACBL president in January, after being elected in November at her 52nd ACBL Board of Directors meeting. As the longest-serving current member of the ACBL BoD, Heth is no stranger to close votes and diverse interests governing the unwieldy organization. She mentions “institutional memory” and laments sitting through many different attempts to “change things.” These experiences, coupled with organizational intuition, prompted Heth to ensure a recent failed vote to restructure the ACBL BoD would remain on the docket for the Columbus NABC once a few new Directors took their seats in the new year. Although the BoD met only remotely due to the cancellation of the Spring NABC, District 12 Director Dennis Carman reports

that the realignment motion carried by a vote of 20-4-1. It will be enacted after a second reading during the Montreal NABC, and 17 positive votes. The restructuring plan has been revised since it was published in the last edition of Table Talk. The motion still aims to downsize the BoD responsibilities to five “core functions” - Executive, Audit, Finance, Exec. Director Review, and Governance. It will transfer game-related and non-core functions (e.g. scheduling, masterpoints, disciplinary oversight) to ACBL management. The logic behind the downsize is twofold:

- 1) Ensure that the BoD can perform its duties efficiently.*
- 2) Save on expenses in excess of \$100,000 per year on travel and lodging for Directors.*

Under the revised plan, District 12 will be grouped with D13 and D14, which encompass the UP and Chicago, and stretch as far as the Dakotas. It will have the 6th largest population of the 13 new regions. Region representatives will be selected by unit boards, with weighted votes based on membership. Grassroots (GNT & NAP) tournaments will be unaffected. Following the successful vote, Heth has her sights set on plans from the Education Foundation to

better attract social bridge players to the League. A combination of already projected “difficulties down the road” and costly current events will necessitate unprecedented creativity in technology, game formats, and education to keep duplicate bridge afloat.

BURGER WINS VON ZEDTWITZ

(FROM PAGE 1)

partner Howard Perlman, and teammates Michael Zerbini and Perry Johnson. The ACBL planned to formally present the award at the esteemed Hall of Fame dinner at the Montreal NABC this July, but will have to reschedule . Congratulations Chuck!

TEST YOUR PLAY SOLUTION

(FROM LAST PAGE/BACK COVER)

People seem to either love or hate these hands. A big plus is that you have a TON of information about the opps' hands. West's most likely shape is 0751. In that case, we'll have to lose 1♣ (a finesse will not capture Q9x with East)) and 1♥, and rely an ill-fated diamond finesse. Kudos if you figured it out - duck the ♠T. West will be stuck on lead and will have to either give you a ruff/sluff to shed your ♦ loser, or play into your ♦ tenace. East's clubs will fall under the AK and you will be scoring it up in no time!

D12 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

**Please refer to emails and District12Bridge.org for additional cancellations and postponements due to COVID-19.*

~~Apr 19:~~ Grand National Teams
District Qualifier (Southfield)
Rescheduled for August 23

~~Apr 26:~~ MBA/SOMBA Pro-Am

~~May 7-9:~~ Grand Rapids Sectional

~~May 11-17:~~ Wolverine Regional

~~May 29-31:~~ Kalamazoo Sectional

~~Jun 1-7:~~ Toledo Regional

~~Jun 13:~~ Lansing I/N sectional

~~Jun 15-21:~~ District 12 STaC

~~Jun 25-28:~~ MBA/SOMBA joint
sectional (Southfield)

~~Jul 24-26:~~ Lansing sectional

~~Aug 1-2:~~ Saginaw NLM Sectional

~~Aug 7-9:~~ Fort Wayne Sectional

~~Aug 10-15:~~ Petoskey Regional

~~Aug 27-30:~~ Russell Roosen
Sectional

~~Sep 11-13:~~ Traverse City Sectional

~~Sep 17-19:~~ Holland Sectional

NOTABLE CANCELTIONS

SOMBA REGIONAL - MAY
TOLEDO REGIONAL - JUNE
MONTREAL NABC - JULY

RULE THE GAME/ EXTINGUISH THE FLAME

A new multipurpose column will serve to educate MBA players on the complex legalese of Duplicate Bridge Laws, as well as respond to inquiries describing a “flame” (dispute) within a partnership without using an controversial “blame” paradigm. Feel free to submit your rule questions and/or flames to the editor for response in the following issue (contact information can be found on page 27).

In the first iteration, we will address a contentuous issue in duplicate bridge:

HESITATIONS

When Partner A hesitates (long enough to constitute a “Break in Tempo” - BiT) during an auction, it can convey unauthorized information to Partner B. This does NOT mean Partner B is disallowed from taking action. Partner B should proceed as if there had been no BiT. If the opponents believe Partner B took advantage (often inadvertently) of the information gleaned from the hesitation, they should call the director. Proper procedure is to wait until the

Tournament Spotlight:

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

A “Grassroots” Event

Grab a team and play in the District Qualifier on **Sun, Aug 23** at the Bridge Connection in Southfield!

Play only against teams **IN YOUR FLIGHT** and earn **travel funds** and the right to represent District 12 at the Tampa NABC in November!*

*GNT Finals usually occur at the start of the Summer NABC, but have tentatively been rescheduled for the Fall this year.

auction is over, ask if the opponents acknowledge the BiT, and wait to call the director upon seeing the bidder’s hand at the end of play. The director will generally then poll players with Partner B’s hand. If the poll reveals that there was a logical alternative to the bid Partner B chose, the contract and result will likely be adjusted.



NEW ACBL MILESTONES

Club Master (20) ♠

James Adams
Barbara Brown
Bruce Browne
Elizabeth Crane
Lucy Hallock
Cynthia Harris
Helene Koenig
Jay Munz
Cindy Schaefer-Munz
Barbara Snow
Elliott Snow
Jason Wang

Sectional Master (50) ♠♠

E. J. Chidiac
Shirley Lindbergy
Bruce Madigan
Kathleen Quilter

Regional Master (100) ♠♠♠

Kikuko Kobayashi
Maxine Moseley
Eric Wiedmayer

NABC Master (200) ♠♠♠♠

Gary Boyers
Charles Royer

Adv. NABC Master (300) ♠♠♠♠♠

Joan Capuano

♠ AJT75

♥ KQ753

♦ T

♣ QT

WEST

1♠

2♥

3♥

♠ 93

♥ J92

♦ A73

♣ AKJ54

EAST

2♣

2N

4♥

INTERMEDIATE/ NEWCOMER NOOK

To 2/1 or not to 2/1?

A common question plaguing burgeoning players revolves around the enigmatic “2/1.” Most players initially learn “Standard American.” The main difference between the systems occurs when we open 1M (Major). In 2/1, a bid of 2 of a new, lower ranking suit over a 1M opening is GAME-FORCING! The appeal is that we do not have to jump to show extra strength, and can make better use of bidding space to find the right game/slam. The “Forcing 1NT” is what we have to deal with to have this luxury - any NON-GF hands must start with an awkward 1NT bid (even with 10-11 HCP). Despite the awkwardness, experts agree that 2/1 is superior. When you’re ready to take the plunge: get a good book/teacher, and use the hands below to justify why 2/1 really it is worth the initial headache!

♠ Q9632

♥ K8

♦ 97

♣ AQJ5

WEST

1♠

2♣

♠ J

♥ 9653

♦ QJT962

♣ K3

EAST

1N

2♦

East uses the Forcing 1N, then rejects both of West’s suits for his own 6-piece diamond suit (non-forcing).

East can bid 2N (because 2♣ was GF), allowing them to unearth the heart fit.

2019 MBA TROPHY WINNERS

Stein

*Most points in Overall places in MBA
Tournaments*

Linda Perlman

Mouser

Most points at Motor City Regional

Mike Alioto

Marsee

Most points in calendar year

Owen Lien

Bluth

*Most points in MBA Tournaments
(Flight B: <2000)*

Steven Winokur

Winokur

*Most points in MBA Tournaments
(Flight C: <750)*

Graham Putnam



NEW ACBL MILESTONES

Life Master (500) ♠♣♥♦

Dianne Arman
Susan Michelotti

Bronze LM (750) ♠♣♥♦

Dianne Arman
Tyrone Loving
Bob Ondo
Corey Powell
Paul Stunkel
Yanping Zhang

Silver LM (1000) ♠♣♥♦

Susan Hayes
Geraldine Spilman
John Lusk

Ruby LM (1500) ♠♣♥♦

John Gajar
Gail Geiger
Anne Roberts

Gold LM (2500) ♠♣♥♦

Marilyn Crane

Sapphire LM (3500) ♠♣♥♦

Allan Tushman

Diamond LM (5000) ♠♣♥♦

Rhonda Monro

Emerald LM (7500) ♠♣♥♦

Robert Katz

Platinum LM (10,000) ♠♣♥♦

Brenda Jaffe

ACBL PASSES THE BUCK

ACBL is raising Tournament Director billing rates and sanction fees for all sectionals, regionals, and STaC events. They notified

district and unit representatives of the change set to take place April 1, 2020, justifying the change with “increasing costs to provide these services” and stating that they have remained unchanged since

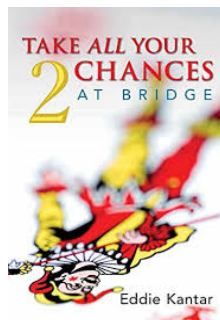
2016. It is possible that ACBL is (finally) better incentivizing careers as a tournament director. There is a director shortage nationwide, and many of the League's most qualified staffmembers are nearing or have reached retirement age. On the other hand, it is unclear what other services they refer to in raising table fees.

The new fee schedule raises rates differently for tournaments, ranging from increases just under 20¢/table for open sectionals, to over 60¢/table for cruises. Regional fees will go up by 26¢/table. While that may seem like a pittance, consider that there are 3-5 regionals in the ACBL most weeks of the year. Usually at least two per month hit 1500+ tables, not to mention big draws like Gatlinburg (7000+), Atlanta (3000+), and Las Vegas (2000+). This is, of course, in addition to the 50-100 sectionals that occur each month. Overall, the ACBL has made some costly personnel, technology, and investment decisions over the past decade. And while it will take good money to hire, train, and retain top notch directing staff, units and districts are caught in the middle yet again, not wanting to raise entry fees but being pinched for pennies by the powers that be.

BOOK REVIEW

BY JULIE ARBIT

Take All Your Chances At Bridge By Eddie Kantar



I first learned to play bridge in 2010 from friends in Ann Arbor, and was eager to pick up fancy conventions like 1430 and XYZ. However, my most prominent mentor at the time - Jonathan Fleischmann - knew the merits of a solid foundation that is not built on fleeting conventions that come up once per session, if lucky. Instead, he lent me *Take All Your Chances at Bridge* by Eddie Kantar, and later, the sequel. This series was the first that ignited an important spark in my mind: it finally clicked that you can use information about the opponents' hands to visualize them and make decisions accordingly. Easier said than done! But, I slowly began imagining hand shapes and HCP thanks to these books, and my bridge game to this day owes a lot as a result.



ANN ARBOR SECTIONAL RESULTS

In the future, Spring TT issues will feature both Ann Arbor and Michigan State Sectional results. Tallies for the trophies will also be provided.

Turnout for the Ann Arbor Sectional was up 7 total tables in the Swiss Team games since 2019, likely attributable to the new site and amenable weather. The Washtenaw Golf Club was very well received for space, staffing, accommodations, and lunch, and their price was right in line with the budget. We have a comparable contract in process for next year.

**Bridge Connection
Save the Dates!**

JUNE 5 & 6

WORLDWIDE

BRIDGE CONTEST

JULY 13

INSTANT

MATCHPOINT GAME

**Subject to cancellation/online due to COVID-19.*

MASTERPOINT LEADERS

Jerry Grossman - 20.17
Sheldon Kirsch - 20.17
Steve Winokur - 18.28
Frank Trieber - 18.28
Gary Brinker - 15.89
Bob Brandow - 15.89
Bob Webber - 14.31
Jack Shartsis - 11.92
Robert Christensen - 11.72
Gary Theis - 11.72
Suzanne Baker - 11.72
Jagjit Singh - 11.72

SATURDAY SWISS

A B C

Names

1		Jerry Grossman - Sheldon Kirsch - Henry Shevitz- Mary Smith
2		Linda Perlman - Owen Lien - Brenda Bryant - Suzy Burger
3	1	Ching-Po Wang - Xingyu Zhang - Henry Zhang - Yanping Zhang
	2	Arthur Wasserman - Gail Geiger - Stephen Carpan - Jeffrey Lagarias
	3	Suzanne Baker - Jagjit Singh - Gary Theis - Robert Christensen
1		Mark Hugger - Bob Ondo Rich Oom - Sharon Oom
2		Fred Goodell - Robert Langtry - Thomas Broyles - Douglas Hauke
3		Matthew Evett - Susan Evett - Graham Putnam - James McNamara

SATURDAY AM 0-500

A B C

Names

- 1 Robert Bell - Mary Stewart
- 2 1 1 Michele Rambour - Gary Glenn
- 3 2 2 Eric Wiedmayer - Annette Comstock
- 3 Daniel Rose - Ronald Whitney
- 3 Deborah Defever - Grace Rashid

SATURDAY PM 0-500

A B C

Names

- 1 1 Daniel Rose - Ronald Whitney
- 2 2 1 Peter Hellekjaer - James Verhage
- 3 Jean Hellekjaer - Thomas Johnson
- 3 2 Ronald Bishel - Mike Bishel
- 3 Daniel Hakes - Dennis Kwapis

SUNDAY BRACKET 1

A B C

Names

- 1 Steven Winokur - Frank Treiber III - Robert Brandow - Gary Brinker
- 2 Jerrold Grossman - Jack Shartsis - Sheldon Kirsch - Bob Webber
- 3 Suzanne Baker - Jagjit Singh - Robert Christensen - Gary Theis

SUNDAY BRACKET 2

A B C

Names

- 1 Martha Toon - Pamela George - D Abraham - Catherine Feldmann
- 2 Mark Hugger - Bob Ondo - Rich Oom - Sharon Oom
- 3 Gail Geiger - Stephen Carpmann - Clark Malcolm - David Graff

SUNDAY BRACKET 3

A B C

Names

- 1 Stephen Leist - James Peresta - Richard Voss - John Berry
- 2 Corey Powell - Renata Wasserman - James Egan - Graham Putnam
- 3 Lisa Karam - Carrie Osborne - Pamela Radike - Mary Jo Campbell

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*To all compulsive balancers:
LHO bids 1♥-P-P and you hold.
Kx. xx. AKJx. Qxxxx
If you bid.....a likely minus 980 or even minus 1010 with a non-Diamond lead.
Common game. 12/6/19. Noon*

-Willie Winokur

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A CALL FOR HYGIENE

Given the demographics of our community, and the nature of the game requiring many to touch the same items, it is time we take more care in practicing hygiene at the bridge table. Whether you are eating, coughing, sneezing, fixing your hair, or using the restroom, please take care to respect the health of others, even after the imminent danger of the pandemic has passed. Club managers and directors may want to consider additional guidelines.

Didn't receive an emailed copy of Table Talk in mid-April?

Check your ACBL profile to ensure you are subscribed to electronic communications.

**Further questions? Email
Jarbit24@gmail.com**

SMALL FRY: A RULE OF 11 STORY

♣QT752

♣6

♣A4

Irv Rosenstein is no stranger to amusing bridge plays. In a recent Sectional, he held the South cards above and was declaring in NT. West led the ♣6 to the 5, J, A. Using the Rule of 11, Irv knew that there were five clubs higher than the 6 outstanding; we have four of them, and East played the J, so he had no more higher than the 6. So, Irv spun the ♣4 on the table, West played the 3, Irv ducked this with the 2 in dummy, and East showed out.

What is the lowest card you've ever won a trick with on the first/second round of a suit? Can you beat the 4?

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN CLUB DIRECTORY

WASHTENAW COUNTY

♠ Ann Arbor Bridge Club
2114 Pauline Blvd
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-657-0549

Weds - 7p

♠ Ann Arbor Genesis
2309 Packard St
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734-678-5549

Tues - 7p

♠ Bridge on the Park
1320 Baldwin
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
248-935-0909

Weds - 12p

♠ Burns Park Bridge
1320 Baldwin
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
248-935-0909

Thurs - 12p

GENESEE COUNTY

♠ Flint Dupl Bridge Club
4467 Beecher Rd
Flint, MI 48532
8106596083

Sat - 1p

♠ Key-Card Club
3065 N Genesee Rd
Flint, MI 48506
810-875-9770

Mon - 1p

WAYNE COUNTY

♠ Downriver Bridge Club
14680 Dix Toledo Rd
Southgate, MI 48195
734-675-3687

Tues - 10:30a

♠ Ford DBC
1 American Way
Dearborn, MI 48126
810-225-2278

Tues - 7p

♠ Friendly Friday BC
375 Lothrop Rd
Grosse Pt, MI 48236
760-415-7313

Fri- 12p

♠ Neighborhood Club
375 Lothrop Rd
Grosse Pt, MI 48236
760-415-7313

Thurs - 12p

♠ Plymouth DBC
525 Farmer St
Plymouth, MI 48170
248-343-3877

Tues & Weds - 11:30a

♠ Trenton DBC
2700 Westfield
Trenton, MI 48183
313-320-5173

Thurs - 7p

♠ War Memorial
32 Lakeshore Rd
Grosse Pointe, MI 48236
313-372-4218

Mon - 12p

♠ Young Center BC
5400 McKinley
Dearborn Hgts, MI 48125
313-274-5587

Weds - 11a

OAKLAND COUNTY

♠ Bridge Central
38651 Woodward Ave
Blmfield Hls, MI 48304
586-944-4218

Tues - 11a, < 2000

♠ The Bridge Connection
26776 W 12 Mile Rd
Southfield, MI 48034
248-356-6254

M, T, W, Th, F - 12p

S - 12:30p

Weds - 11a, < 200

Thurs - 11a, < 750

Sat - 10a, < 100

♠ Highland DBC
205 N John St
Highland, MI 48357
248-343-3877

Fri - 12:15p

♠ Friendly
3179 Livernois
Troy, MI 48083
586-775-7363

Fri - 11a

MACOMB COUNTY

♠ Shore-Point Bridge Club
21800 Marter Rd
St Clair Shores, MI 48080
586-201-0045

Tues - 12p



2020 MBA MINI MCKENNEY STANDINGS

0 to 5

Michael Garcia - 4.82
Nirouz Akta - 4.71
Archie A Sader- 3.41

5 to 20

Gerald Poissant - 9.90
Aneel Karnani - 7.56
Norm Kakarala - 6.31

20 to 50

Robin Wagner - 11.61
Gail S Soderling - 7.15
Elliott Snow - 6.32

50 to 100

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Sue Moll - 6.35
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TEST YOUR PLAY

IMPs. All Vul. N/S hands:

♠ JT984

♥ 5

♦ J75

♣ AJ72

♠ AKQ63

♥ 3

♦ AQ

♣ K8543

<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
-------------	--------------	-------------	--------------

			1♠
4♥	4♠	P	P
5♦	P	5♥	5♠
AP			

West leads the ♥A, then switches to the ♣T. Plan the play.

Solution, page 20

Thanks to Marty Hirschman for providing this hand from a recent regional in Portland, OR.

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