

**Michigan Bridge Association's
Vince & Joan Remy Motor City Regional
October 12-18, 2015**

William Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road,
Farmington Hills MI

Monday, October 12

Handicapped Bracketed KO Teams 1:30 & 7 p.m.
(Continues Tuesday at 1:30 & 7:30 p.m.)
Stratified Charity Pairs (0-750, 0-3000, unlimited)..... 1:30 & 7 p.m.
Stratified Charity Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 & 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13

Horizontal Stratified Swiss Teams (0-750, 0-3000, unlimited)..... 9:30 a.m.
(Continues Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.)
Stratified Open Swiss Teams (0-1500, 0-3000, unlimited)..... 1:30 & 7 p.m.
GOLD RUSH Stratified Swiss Teams (0-100, 0-300, 0-750).. 1:30 & 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14

Handicapped Bracketed KO Teams 1:30 & 7 p.m.
(Continues Thursday at 1:30 & 7 p.m.)
Sylvia Stein Stratified Open Pairs (0-1500, 0-3000, unlimited) . 1:30 & 7 p.m.
GOLD RUSH Stratified Pairs (0-100, 0-300, 0-750)..... 1:30 & 7 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (0-750, 0-3000, unlimited)..... 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 15

Horizontal Stratified Swiss Teams (0-750, 0-3000, unlimited)..... 9:30 a.m.
(Continues Friday at 9:30 a.m.)
Stratified Open Swiss Teams (0-1500, 0-3000, unlimited)..... 1:30 & 7 p.m.
GOLD RUSH Stratified Swiss Teams (0-100, 0-300, 0-750).. 1:30 & 7 p.m.

Friday, October 16

Handicapped Bracketed KO Teams 1:30 & 7 p.m.
(Continues Saturday at 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.)
Stratified Open Pairs (0-1500, 0-3000, unlimited) 1:30 & 7 p.m.
GOLD RUSH Stratified Pairs (0-100, 0-300, 0-750)..... 1:30 & 7 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (0-750, 0-3000, unlimited)..... 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 17

(light lunch served after 1st session)

Handicapped Bracketed Compact KO Teams..... 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (0-1500, 0-3000, unlimited) 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
GOLD RUSH Stratified Pairs (0-100, 0-300, 0-750)..... 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (0-750, 0-3000, unlimited)..... 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 18

(light lunch will be provided)

Marilyn & Myles Maddox Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 11 a.m. playthru
(Flight A: 0-5000, unlimited; Flight B: 0-750, 0-1500, 0-3000)

SIDE PAIR GAMES (0-750, 0-3000, unlimited):
Side Series #1: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 1:30 & 7 p.m.
Side Series #2: Friday 1:30 & 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

You must play two sessions of the same series to win gold points.

**INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER SCHEDULE
(limited to players with fewer than 300 MPs)**

Strats: 0-20, 0- 50, 0-100, 0-200, 0-300, as attendance allows
Tuesday, October 13, through Friday, October 16
Stratified I/N Pairs (single sessions)..... 1:30 & 7 p.m.
Saturday, October 17 (light lunch served after 1st session)
Stratified I/N Pairs (single sessions)..... 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 18 (light lunch served after 1st session)
Stratified I/N Swiss Teams (single sessions) 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Average MPs will be used to determine strats in all events.
All players in Gold Rush events must have fewer than 750 MPs.
KO Handicapping: Teams that average more than 7500 MPs will be handicapped at 7500 MPs.

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■**Friendly Friday BC**, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms. Ed Anthony, 248-648-0989. Friday 12 p.m.

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■**Neighborhood Club**, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms. James Schmidt, 586-463-9835. Thursday 12 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m.

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■**Thursday Evening Bridge**, Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. Dorothy Kuhn, 734-761-6691. Thursday 7 p.m.

■**Trenton DBC**, 2700 Westfield, Trenton. Charles May, 734-301-3872. Thursday 7 p.m.

■**War Memorial**, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe. Judith Thomas, 313-372-4218. Monday 12 p.m.

■**Young Center BC**, R.A. Young Recreation Center, 5400 McKinley, Dearborn Heights. Joyce Kozma, 313-274-5587. Wednesday 11 a.m.

**MBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
OCTOBER 2015**

The annual election for the MBA Board of Directors will take place on the last four days of the V.O. Remey Motor City Regional, Oct. 15-18, 2015, in Farmington Hills. Voting ends at the start of the Sunday event. If you cannot attend the tournament, please fill out and mail an absentee ballot according to the directions below. One ballot per MBA member, please. A second ballot is provided for use by households with two MBA members.

Statements of the candidates appear on the following two pages.

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JONATHAN FLEISCHMANN

I have enjoyed my last four years on the MBA board, including participation in newcomer education programs and the opportunity to chair our annual regional. I look forward to the chance to contribute further as a board member in the coming term.



MARILYN NATHANSON

I am running for the board because, after a hiatus of 40 years, I find bridge enjoyable and challenging! Since joining the MBA I have created and “run” the MBA Facebook page, take pictures at tournaments, and assisted Bill Landrum and Shelley Boschan in creating the MBA-SOMBA Directory. I enjoy the many people who share my passion for the game and would like to give back to those who continue to help me as well as be an active participant in our bridge community.



BOB ONDO

I have only been playing bridge for a short time, but have been active at the bridge table and value the friendships I have developed. I am willing to serve the unit in a variety of ways. I feel the top priority is to introduce our game to new players; I feel that I am especially positioned as a newer player to know how to do so. I am enthusiastic about our game, and would appreciate your vote.



ZACHARY WASSERMAN

It's my pleasure to announce that I am running for the MBA board. I am excited for the opportunity to contribute to the game I have enjoyed growing up.

MARCY TOON

Having enjoyed playing bridge since I was a teenager, I welcome the opportunity to support the activities of our ACBL unit and to promote the game among newcomers.



MARILYN CRANE

I have been an MBA member for many years and a board member for eight years. I enjoy being on the board and working on the Partnership Desk. Tournaments are important not only because of the competition but also bringing friends together. I would appreciate your vote.



STACEY TESSLER

As a member of MBA for the past 20+ years, I am running for a fourth term for the MBA board. As the recording secretary I am responsible for taking minutes at the MBA board meetings. I enjoy working to promote active participation at club games, as well as tournaments. I continue to direct games in Ann Arbor and encourage young players and beginners to give duplicate bridge a try. During the past year I initiated two beginner games in Ann Arbor. I look forward to serving on the board for another term and would appreciate your vote.



How to access the Joint MBA-SOMBA directory

You can reach the Joint MBA-SOMBA member directory by going to the District 12 website at district12bridge.org. Click on Member Directories, then on MBA/SOMBA.

You will have to put in your ACBL number, and click on the box in front of the statement that you will not use the information for commercial purposes other than contacting members you already know.

Next, you must punch in at least the first three letters of the last name of the player you are trying to look up. There is no way to look at all the listings at one time.

IT'S YOUR BID

By Marty Hirschman

Exclamation points were flying this issue, as tricky questions of whether to bid games or slams drove our expert panelists to the brink.

Congratulations to Jonathan Fleischmann for his perfect 500 and to Kerry Lafer, who was best among readers.

You, too, can go to the brink – and perhaps win someone's congratulations – by submitting your answers to next issue's problems, found at the end of this article.

1. MTPTs. Both vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠QJ74 ♥AQ92 ♦9842 ♣J
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
2♥ Dbl Pass ?

Action	Score	Votes
Pass	100	6
2NT	100	6
2♠	80	4
3♠	60	2
3NT	60	2
4♠	60	2

I thought I had the ideal It's Your Bid problem here: One with six plausible answers. However, it turns out there is a conventional treatment for this hand...sort of:

Howard Perlman (2NT): Lebensohl [relay to 3♣, usually weak] followed by 3♠. Invitational but with ability to play 3NT.

That sounds great, but the commentary by the other 2NT bidders reveals they don't all

play Leb followed by 3♠ to mean the same thing, and don't all share the same follow-up plan.

Don Rumelhart (2NT): Lebensohl followed by 3♠, showing invitational values and four spades. I play an immediate jump to 3♠ would show five spades. Who knows, passing the double or bidding 3NT could be right.

Bob Brent (2NT): Lebensohl. If partner puppets to 3♣ and it is not doubled, I will shoot out 3NT. If partner overrules me with diamonds, I can invite with 3♠.

Bob Cappelli (2NT): I will follow up with 3NT to show stopper(s) in hearts. 9 should be easier than 10. The key to the hand is the J of clubs.

Bob Katz (2NT): For my system, this is easy. I don't want to commit the hand to 4♠

SCORES

Experts:

Jonathan Fleischmann ...	500
Don Rumelhart.....	490
Bob Webber	480
Gene Benedict	470
Suzy Burger	460
Marilyn Maddox.....	460
Myles Maddox.....	460
Brenda Bryant.....	450

Readers:

Kerry Lafer	470
J. Morris Swiger	440
Val Enache.....	400
Marlene Mandell.....	400

James Walter	390
Jim Reed	380
David Graff.....	340
Doris Jefferies	330
Patty Becker.....	310
Sarah Lampert	310
George Pope.....	310
Jerry Viedrah.....	300
Margaret Carden	280
Irv Hershman.....	280
Seymour Mandell	270
Barb Reed.....	270
Bob Ondo.....	240
Jerry Jefferies.....	220

HOW THE PANEL VOTED

	1	2	3	4	5
Julie Arbit	Pass	4♣	3NT	5♦	Dbl
Gene Benedict	2♠	4♥	3NT	6♥	5♠
Norm Bolton	3NT	5♣	Dbl	5♦	5♠
Bob Brent	2NT	3♠	3NT	4♠	5♠
Brenda Bryant	4♠	4♥	3NT	6♥	5♠
Chuck Burger	3♠	4♥	3NT	4♥	5♠
Suzy Burger	2♠	4♥	3NT	4♥	5♠
Bob Cappelli	2NT	Dbl	Pass	4♥	Dbl
Joe Chiesa	Pass	4♥	Pass	4♥	6♠
Jonathan Fleischmann	2NT	4♥	3NT	5♦	5♠
Sam Hirschman	4♠	4♥	Pass	4♥	5♥
Bob Katz	2NT	4♥	Pass	5♦	5♠
Sheldon Kirsch	Pass	4♥	3NT	4♥	6♠
Morrie Kleinplatz	2♠	4♥	Pass	6♥	6♠
Marilyn Maddox	3NT	4♥	3NT	5♦	5♠
Myles Maddox	3♠	4♥	3NT	5♦	5♠
Howard Perlman	2NT	4♥	Pass	6♥	6♠
Irv Rosenstein	Pass	4♥	3NT	6♥	5NT
Don Rumelhart	2NT	4♥	Pass	5♦	5♠
Dick Temkin	Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦	5NT
Bob Webber	Pass	4♥	Pass	6♥	5♠
Willie Winokur	2♠	Dbl	4NT	6♥	6♦

when 3NT may be the right spot. I hear people say all the time that double has to have four spades, which is nonsense. 2NT will force 3♣ and then 3♥ by me will show four spades and a heart stopper. I expect partner to bid 4♥ with four spades to right-side this, or with only three spades to bid 3NT.

Jonathan Fleischmann (2NT): Lebensohl. I plan to grab notrump and spades to protect my heart holding. I'm unwilling to defend only 2♥ when under the opener.

I asked Jonathan how he was going to show both notrumps and spades at his next turn. He wrote back: "My initial bid takes care of me-siding notrump, and I plan to bid 3♠ over 3♣ to take care of that strain. I confess that the exact nature of the Lebensohl followups depends largely on my specific agreements, so I'd have to take a different approach with different people."

With or without Lebensohl, the panel is all over the map about how much to bid and in what strain.

Gene Benedict (2♠): The queen of hearts and jack of clubs could be worthless. Spades might break badly.

Partner may not have four spades. It looks right to be conservative.

Suzy Burger (2♠): Soft values with wastage in hearts. If partner makes any move, will try 3NT.

Chuck Burger (3♠): Kaplan said doubles are for takeout and I believe him. Value bid but tempting to pass.

Norm Bolton (3NT): Could be right, but who else can bid it?

Marilyn Maddox (3NT): Double stopper in hearts.

Sam Hirschman (4♠): There are lots of more complicated auctions I could try, and maybe 3NT is right some of the time. I don't care. Partner showed spades. I have spades, we're playing in spades.

Brenda Bryant (4♠): 3NT might be right but risky with singleton. A high cross ruff might work if spades are bad.

Six of 22 panelists chose to avoid guessing about level and strain by going for the gusto against 2♥x.

Julie Arbit (Pass): I'd rather take a good shot at going plus on this board than attempting

to land in the exact right number of spades.

Irv Rosenstein (Pass): Try for 500.

Dick Temkin (Pass): There is no assurance that we have a game, and if we do, we may be able to hold this to five tricks.

Bob Webber (Pass): Don't like anything.

Sheldon Kirsch (Pass): Since 2NT is Lebensohl, I can't bid that as being invitational. I could take a chance that partner has four or more spades and that they don't split badly. Pass seems like the most logical choice.

Joe Chiesa (Pass): If I adjudged game as better than 50 percent, should go there as I do not expect 800. BUT: 1) I do not know which game, as spades and NT need not both make, and 2) I have but invitational values. In spades Her Majesty is a tramp and I am only worth 3♠. In NT I am worth 2.4 NT, and 2NT may be precluded by Lebensohl. If no game, I hope to win. If others are in the wrong game I win.

I basically agree with Fleischmann, C. Burger and the other bidders that the two-level is too low to play for penalty with only

four trumps under the bidder. Re notrump, we have stoppers but few tricks. That leaves me inviting in spades, either directly or via Lebensohl.

When this hand came up at the table, partner held ♠109xx ♥x ♦AK10x ♣A98x and opener had ♠Kxx ♥KJ107xx ♦xx ♣Q10. It looks like 2♥x is down 1 while spades makes about 8 or maybe 9 tricks. NT is booked for 7 or 8 tricks.

Morrie Kleinplatz (2♠): I'll win the event on a different board.

I like the sound of that comment, projecting as it does a sense of calm in very rough seas. But I'm not sure it embodies the right mental approach to matchpoints.

2. IMPs. Both vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠AKJ54 ♥void ♦A ♣Q1096542
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
-- -- 3♥ ?

Action	Score	Votes
4♥	100	17
Dbl	50	2
3♠	40	1
4♣	40	1
5♣	40	1

This one seems obvious to me and most of the panelists: Cuebid 4♥, showing five spades and a long minor, a la Michaels.

Gene Benedict (4♥): Michaels-type cuebid showing a two-suited hand.

Brenda Bryant (4♥): Tough hand. I want to bid 5♣, but if partner has spades, I am an idiot.

Suzy Burger (4♥): Doesn't quite describe this powerful player, but it's a start.

Howard Perlman (4♥): The real problem is what to bid if partner bids 4♠. I would bid 5♣ over 4♠, allowing partner to evaluate his possible minimum (e.g., ♠Qxxx ♥xxx ♦Jxxx ♣Ax).

Joe Chiesa (4♥): The real problem emerges on the next round as length in a black suit and club king is sufficient for slam.

Sheldon Kirsch (4♥): If partner bids 4NT, I'll bid 6♣.

Morrie Kleinplatz (4♥): Michaels and Grand Slam Force (just kidding). Will pass 4♠, bid 6♣ if partner bids 4NT and hope for one of the two top honors.

Funny, I hadn't considered bidding a slam by myself on this hand. In 6♣ we'll not only need at least Kx of clubs, but we also will have to set up the spades for no losers, and spades rate to break badly.

Other ideas:

Bob Brent (3♠): I doubt the bidding will stop there, and I still may have a chance to show my clubs later.

Julie Arbit (4♣): Non-Leaping Michaels. It's rare but when it comes up it's wonderful. I will likely cuebid or bid 5♣ over partner's action.

Fleischmann also mentioned that convention, but opted for 4♥ in the context of this bidding contest.

Norm Bolton (5♣): Difficult. Guess what partner has. Partner should look at his A or AK of clubs and he'll know what to do.

Bad karma, I guess, but my partner probably wouldn't be looking at any clubs at all.

Thanks to Bob Cappelli for suggesting this problem. He reports that partner actually held: ♠xx ♥K109xx ♦K9xxx ♣K, which means double apparently was the big winner at the table.

Bob Cappelli (Dbl): Plan to correct 4♦ to 4♠, showing spades and clubs and game-going values.

I'm not buying that plan. Whatever double followed by 4♠ is supposed to show, I doubt partner will guess we

have much longer clubs than spades, so it seems unlikely that he or she will correct spades to clubs with say two spades and three clubs. In 4♠, then, we usually will get tapped out, taking perhaps five or six fewer tricks than we would have gotten in clubs.

3. MTPTs. Both vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠K96 ♥A ♦KJ1096 ♣A1043

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

-- Pass 3♠ ?

Action	Score	Votes
3NT	100	11
Pass	90	9
Dbl	50	1
4NT	50	1

The panel is bitterly divided on this one. I'm betting my money, er, matchpoints on 3NT. We are just a small heart short of 3NT being the normal bid over 3♠, and passing with 15 points is losing bridge.

Jonathan Fleischmann (3NT): I will not pass with this much, especially since I can hold up once in spades.

Julie Arbit (3NT): Partner didn't open 2♥, which is good. It means he may have more minor cards fitting with me. Putting the heart king and diamond ace in his hand gives me a good shot at nine tricks.

If doubled, I will pull to a minor.

Brenda Bryant (3NT): Somebody has to bid it.

Chuck Burger (3NT): Pass too timid for me. At least I can hold up in spades if needed.

Suzy Burger (3NT): Too much to pass, double not right, 4NT too committed to minors and the 5-level.

Irv Rosenstein (3NT): Last chance to bid the NT game.

Gene Benedict (3NT): Hamman's Rule: If you have a choice of bids choose 3NT. You might be able to hold up the king of spades and knock East out of the defense.

Bob Brent (3NT): Hamman's Law...It's only one board!

Joe Chiesa (Pass): One stopper, one heart. No tricks. Sadly, the majority will say "Hamman's Rule. I have a stopper. If partner produces seven tricks, it's cold."

Don Rumelhart (Pass): I hate to pass, but nothing seems right. I'll hope for a plus score.

Dick Temkin (Pass): Opposite a passed hand, I don't think this is enough for 3NT. The stiff heart ace is not pulling full weight.

Bob Cappelli (Pass): This may be the last plus score. No guarantee that we have a game after partner has passed.

Sam Hirschman (Pass): I like going plus on this hand. I'll lose to the people who just bid 3NT when it makes. I don't really have a great spade stopper or nine tricks without serious help from a passed-hand partner.

Howard Perlman (Pass): Chances of game slim opposite passed partner. Better placed if partner reopens after LHO passes.

Bob Katz (Pass): If it is our hand, partner may balance.

Morrie Kleinplatz (Pass): Hope that partner reopens with a double. Then I'll have a new problem.

At the table, partner held ♠Q7 ♥KQJ10 ♦Q83 ♣J952. I doubt many players would reopen with a double on that hand. 3NT makes about 10 tricks; you put up the queen of spades at trick one, forcing East to win the trick. Later West wins the ace diamonds and has no more spades to play.

I was puzzled by this answer:

Norm Bolton (Dbl): Not perfect, but what is!

I emailed Norman and asked what he planned to do if partner responded 4♥. He wrote back: "5♦. So sue me!"

4. MTPTs. None vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠AKJ6432 ♥KJ96 ♦void ♣87
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
-- 3♥ 4♦ ?

Action	Score	Votes
5♦	100	8
6♥	90	7
4♥	80	6
4♠	50	1

We are going to make 12 tricks in hearts most of the time that partner has the ace of hearts and a singleton or the king of clubs. And if partner does not have the ace of hearts, the opponents may be able to make game in a minor. So it makes sense to at least go to the five-level to look for slam.

Don Rumelhart (5♦): It could be our hand or the opponents' hand. I'll see what this brings.

Julie Arbit (5♦): Hopefully partner will catch on with a club control.

Dick Temkin (5♦): If partner is looking at the heart ace and

club king (or ace), he should be accepting my slam try as he cannot have more. It's unlikely that partner is opening 3♥ on a suit headed by the Q10 in first seat, so we should be safe at the five level.

Bob Katz (5♦): We may have a grand slam. If partner bids 6♣, then I will bid 7♥.

Jonathan Fleischmann (5♦): I suppose I'll respect partner's 5♥ signoff. 4♠ isn't forcing, and 4NT won't help clarify the club situation.

Or should we just bid it?

Brenda Bryant (6♥): ...and pray. I would not cue because I might alert them to a non-diamond lead.

Gene Benedict (6♥): Match-point gamble. I've always wanted to do this. This gives the opponents a problem: What am I doing?

Morrie Kleinplatz (6♥): Let them guess whether to sacrifice or not and what to lead if they don't.

Irv Rosenstein (6♥): It may make if they lead a diamond. Or they may make 5+ diamonds. Let them guess at the 7-level!

Howard Perlman (6♥): Who knows what they can make...

and it may well take a club lead to beat us. If they bid 7♦, I will have to decide what to do, though if I choose to defend and they have both spade and heart voids I will be sorry for not taking out insurance.

Going slow...

Sheldon Kirsch (4♥): I'm on lead against diamonds, so I don't need to do anything clever.

Chuck Burger (4♥): And bid again. Poker bid of 6♥ too likely to get club lead, and I don't believe we have a club control.

Sam Hirschman (4♥): My preempt style (light but outside controls allowed) makes this more difficult, but we could easily have a heart and club loser or two club losers. The auction isn't totally over yet either. I just don't think it's likely we'll make 6, and 5 isn't even 100 percent (Spade ruff? Heart and two club losers?)

Suzy Burger (4♥): Probably won't end the auction. Will compete to 5♥.

Bob Cappelli (4♥): Walking the dog! I want to get doubled in 5♥. If they bid 5♣ over 4♥ I

will bid 5♥ over that. If they raise 4♦ to 5♦ and then also bid the 6th diamond ahead of me, I plan to pass and try to cash two spades to defeat it rather than try to make 6♥ off two cashing clubs.

Joe Chiesa (4♥): Both strategic and tactical problem. How high to go and how fast to get there. I do not know the answer. Therefore I will walk the dog and decide whether to let them play 6♦. 5♦ is ill conceived as partner will not bid 6 with losing spades, the heart ace and club king, and it offers LHO a chance to double. 5♥ is only right if I know what to do over 6♦.

A different idea:

Bob Brent (4♠): Ostensibly lead directing for later (maybe much later), followed by hearts at the 5-level. We may need to sac at the 6-level. Easier at IMPs. And if diamonds are led, we will make 7!

Or you could go down in 4♠.

This hand came up on Bridge Base. Partner held: ♠Q ♥Q1087543 ♦85 ♣AQ10, so 6♥ was cold and was worth 89.77 percent of the match-points.

5. IMPs. N-S vul. As South, you hold:

♠1098432 ♥AK6 ♦4 ♣AJ10
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
3♦ Dbl 4♣ Dbl
Pass Pass 5♦ ?

Action	Score	Votes
5♠	100	12
6♠	60	4
Dbl	50	2
5NT	50	2
5♥	40	1
6♦	40	1

Assuming partner has at least three spades, East's 4♣ bid was either a lead director or, more likely, an out-and-out psychic. It is tempting to just bid 6♠.

Joe Chiesa (6♠): What I thought I could make when partner doubled. East thinks so, too. Cannot find 7♠ if there.

Sheldon Kirsch (6♠): So righty has a spade void... Time to bid what I can make.

Morrie Kleinplatz (6♠): Again, let them guess. I thought people had stopped psyching these days. Nice to see that there's a little of that still around.

Howard Perlman (6♠): Probably too aggressive, but if I bid 5, how can partner bid a slam off AK and A in the

rounded suits? Opponents might save when we can't make a slam.

But we could be off a diamond and a spade.

Norm Bolton (5♠): Gotta play that 4♠ bid as a psych.

Brenda Bryant (5♠): I don't believe the opponent. And surely partner has some spades????

Bob Brent (5♠): Nice try, Mr. East. May be asking for a lead with a void or just messing with us. We may miss a slam, but if pard has AKxx or better in spades, he should trust me and bid 6. I can pick up QJx thanks to my opponent. If pard has ♠AKJx ♥Qxxx ♦Ax ♣KQx (unlikely), he should bid 7!

Gene Benedict (5♠): Bidding this shows a good hand, and gives partner an out with a minimum takeout double.

Chuck Burger (5♠): Despite the likely psych, I can't bid a slam but I can show values to the 5-level.

Jonathan Fleischmann (5♠): East's 4♠ looks to have been a psych, and I mean to expose it. Meanwhile, I don't expect to set 5♦ enough to offset our vulnerable game or slam. Since the 4♠ bid might have

been a lead director with something like AQx, I won't bid a slam just yet.

Other ideas:

Bob Cappelli (DbI): I already showed spades and cards. This shows defense as well.

Julie Arbit (DbI): Again. I am happy to defend if East has shown a lead-direct in spades and presumably both partner and I are looking at a diamond. We may not get enough out of 5♦x, but without much hope for a fit, I'm fine defending.

The problem is you rate to collect +300 against 5♦x and lose 8 IMPs to the +650 in 5♠ at the other table..

These answers scare me a little:

Irv Rosenstein (5NT): Pick a slam. I have already exposed the spade psych, so let partner choose a long suit if he has one. If he is mostly balanced, then as little as ♠AKxx ♥Qxxx ♦xx ♣Qxx and we are on a finesse for 6♠. And partner rates to have better than that.

Dick Temkin (5NT): Partner knows I have spades. It's likely he has them, too, in which case he can bid the spade slam. If he doesn't, I'm prepared to play in 6♥ or 6♣. Un-

likely that we're off two aces, but will have to pay off if we are -- unless partner has a diamond void.

Sam Hirschman (5♥): We may end up in our 4-3 heart fit instead of our 6-3 spade fit. I think 4♠ is a psych, but I'm not sure what to do about it. If vulnerability were different, I'd just defend.

I'm not seeing the upside of introducing hearts – or hearts and clubs – as possible places to play. Whether East has or does not have any spades, spades will almost always

play much better than any other strain. Partner isn't going to play us for six spades, so he will make the wrong choice when he has as many as four spades and another four-card suit.

And East will be laughing all the way to the bank.

Thanks to Dr. Kevin Fay for suggesting Problem 5. He did not provide the companion hand. Send all inquiries regarding this problem to the Internal Medicine Dept. at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit or your local medical provider.

NEXT ISSUE'S HANDS

1. MTPTs. Both vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠Q3 ♥AKQJ42 ♦K10 ♣K72
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 – – Pass 1♥
 Pass 1♠ Pass ?

2. MTPTs. None vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠AQ10765 ♥A32 ♦A1085 ♣void
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 – – – 1♠
 Dbl 1NT Pass ?

3. MTPTs. E-W vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠AKQ63 ♥9 ♦KQJ5 ♣Q63
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 Pass Pass Pass 1♠
 Pass 2♦ Pass ?

4. MTPTs. Both vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠AKJ4 ♥AKJ75 ♦K8 ♣52
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 – 1♦ Pass 1♥
 Pass 1NT 2♣ 2♠
 Pass 3♥ Pass ?

5. MTPTs. Both vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠AJ7 ♥K982 ♦AK6 ♣A54
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 – 1♦ Pass 1♥
 Pass 1NT Pass ?

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Excerpts from the District Director's Spring Report

Congratulations to District 12 members Don Rumelhart and Jonathan Fleischmann who were on the winning six-man team of the 0-10,000 KO at the Spring NABC in New Orleans. Also, congratulations to Dennis Kastle who finished second in the Lehtar IMP Pairs event.

The ACBL had a long winter with the flood that engulfed headquarters at Horn Lake, MS and with the death of Jeff Johnson, who died suddenly and is believed to be irreplaceable. One of the last projects that Jeff worked on was securing a NABC for Columbus, Ohio in July 2020. Jeff was the ACBL's Chief Operating Officer (COO) and was instrumental in running all the NABCs.

ACBL Score+ continues to be a topic of interest and controversy. In addition to replacing our COO, the CEO is busy hiring a Chief Information Officer (CIO) who will oversee this project.

Our Technology Committee has had three meetings this year and is hoping to use some pieces of the recently failed Score project to become part of the newest ACBL Score+. We are in a

holding pattern until the new CIO is hired.

ACBL membership is down slightly this year, basically due to the failure to retain members. We have averaged 1,000 new members a month this year, but can't keep even with retention (and death) rates.

A number of Convention Chart modifications became effective May 1, 2015. See <http://www.acbl.org/changes-to-the-general-convention-chart/>

Two which are of interest to me include:

Over 1NT, double and 2♣ were the only allowable bids to show an unspecified one-suiter. Now 2♦ can be used to show one (unknown) major.

Transfers after an overcall are allowed by both the opener's partner and the overcaller's partner to show length in the transferred suit.

Effective January 1, 2016, in sectional and regional KO events, players who sit out ½ of each segment will lose 5% of the total masterpoint awards for each segment they don't play.

Dennis Carman,
District 12 Director
May 18, 2015

Fleischmann roasts field at Joint MBA-SOMBA sectional

Jonathan Fleischmann racked up over 32 masterpoints to lead all players at the 2nd Annual Joint MBA-SOMBA Sectional, held June 25-28 at the Bridge Connection in Southfield. Here are the results of the tournament:

MASTERPOINT LEADERS:

1. Jonathan Fleischmann, 32.83
2. Leonard Melander, 28.09
3. Robert Katz, 28.04
4. Grant Petersen, 27.24
5. Robert Mendelson, 26.33
6. Henry Shevitz, 23.70
7. Sheldon Kirsch, 23.39
8. Michael McDonald, 23.37
9. Jack Shartsis, 22.43
10. Jerrold Grossman, 21.65

THURSDAY OPEN SWISS TEAMS FLIGHT A:

1/2, Leonard Melander, Robert Mendelson, Jeffrey & Sheila Lesser. 1/2, Edward White, Gene & Chris Owens, Irving Rosenstein. 3, Ronald Horwitz, Brenda Jaffe, Michael Giordano, Richard Becher. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Phyllis Cohn, Jonathan Fleischmann, Kurt Dasher, Brad Dracka. 2/3, Grant Petersen, Michael McDonald, Michael Kaleel, John Dreifus. 2/3, Dolores Bright, Thomas Hunt, Ross Weinstein, James Rowe Jr. **FLIGHT C:** 1/2, Gerald Mandell, Seymour Mandell, Edward Klarman, Audrey

Koloff. 1/2, Lynn Root, Anthony Savant, Harrison Fletcher, William Landrum. 3, Sushila Aggarwal, Norman Wechsler, Sylvia Wohlman, James Wedell.

THURSDAY NIGHT PAIRS

FLIGHT A: 1, Sheldon Kirsch, Henry Shevitz. 2, Robert Katz, Michael Alioto. 3, Subhash Gulari, Grant Petersen. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Phyllis Cohn, Jonathan Fleischmann. 2, Alan Cohn, Dan Sutherland. 3, Mark Hugger, Ed Herstein. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Cohn, Sutherland. 2/3, Klaus Brondum, Albert Sayed. 2/3, Shirley Shane, Clarence Merskin.

FRIDAY AM PAIRS FLIGHT A:

1, Daniel Marcus, Richard Temkin. 2, Robert Katz, Jonathan Fleischmann. 3, Michael McDonald, Grant Petersen. **FLIGHT B:** 1, McDonald, Petersen. 2, Richard Menczer, Dennis Potocsky. 3, Ginny Poulter, Chris Peters. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Archie Gopigian, Roger Chan. 2, Edward Klarman, Audrey Koloff. 3, Steven Kaplan, Larry Cohen.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

FLIGHT A: 1, Leonard Melander, Robert Mendelson. 2, Jerrold Grossman, Jack Shartsis. 3, Dorina & Gheorghe Beres. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Bereses. 2, An-

thony Savant, Harrison Fletcher. 3, Michael McDonald, Grant Petersen. **FLIGHT C:** 1 & 2, same as B. 3, Larry Cohen, Steven Kaplan.

FRIDAY NIGHT PAIRS FLIGHT

A: 1, Michael McDonald, Grant Petersen. 2, Seymour & Marlene Mandell. 3, Jonathan Fleischmann, Kurt Dasher. **FLIGHT B:** 1 & 2, same as A. 3, Nancy Stein, Rita Levin. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Stein, Levin. 2, Chris Wiggins, William Landrum. 3, Robert Palmer, Fay Solomon.

SATURDAY AM PAIRS FLIGHT

A: 1, Richard Becher, Michael Giordano. 2, Anastasia Tessler, Wilbur Argersinger. 3, Kerry Lafer, Larry Cohen. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Tessler, Argersinger. 2, Lafer, Cohen. 3, Robert Palmer, George Seroka. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Lafer, Cohen. 2, Palmer, Seroka. 3, Jon & Sally Lusk.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

PAIRS FLIGHT A: 1, Anastasia Tessler, Wilbur Argersinger. 2, Bert & Kathy Newman. 3, Mary Smith, Henry Shevitz. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Tessler, Argersinger. 2, Stanley Jacobson, Edward Bloom. 3, John Borden, Thomas King III. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Borden, King. 2, Charlene Spitz, Michael Hughes. 3, Edward Lough, Peggy Roberts.

SATURDAY SWISS TEAMS

FLIGHT A: 1, Jerrold Grossman, Jack Shartsis, Norman Bolton, Debra Eaves. 2, Carol & Dennis Kastle, Robert Bitterman, Daniel & Barbara Marcus. Mark Bendure. 3, William Arlinghaus, Robert Mendelson, Leonard Melander, Lynne Schaeffer. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Margaret Moore, Michael McGaw, Robert Raf, Georgene Cronin. 2, Beatrice Treleaven, Darryl Haynes, K. Van Alstine Jr., Mark Gensterblum. 3, Satish Shah, George Christian, Thomas Hunt, Ross Weinstein. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Susan Parker, Phil Reynolds, Betty Barca, Mary Matthews. 2/3, Charles & Susan Smith, Marce Lee, Beth Kordt. 2/3, Martha & Inderpal Bhatia, Klaus Brondum, Mark Hugger.

SUNDAY AM PAIRS FLIGHT A:

1, Darryl Haynes, Freda Mills. 2/3, Gerald Wigod, Deanna Holtzman. 2/3, Barbara Clifton, Teri Ford. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Jerrie Sasson, Sharyanne Kollin. 2, Peggy Roberts, Lynn Martin. 3, Marilyn Collins, Joel Grossman. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Sasson, Kollin. 2, Stanley Jacobson, James Wedell. 3, Chris Hill, Ann Margosian.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

FLIGHT A & B: 1, Lisa Karam, Bob Ondo. 2, Rosemary Sharland, Wilma Swayze. 3, Joel Grossman, Marilyn Collins. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Karam, Ondo. 2,

Grossman, Collins. 3, John Abbot, Lucile Caron.

SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS

FLIGHT A: 1, Lynne Cook, Rose Burke, Margaret Moore, Georgene Cronin. 2, Michael Alioto, Robert Katz, Jonathan Fleischmann, Kurt Dasher. 3, Edward White, Bert Newman, Sheldon Kirsch, Henry Shevitz.

FLIGHT B: 1, Zachary Wasserman, Grant Petersen, Alan Cohn, Michael McDonald. 2, Michael McGaw, Robert Raf, Charles Schiff, Kerry Lafer. 3, Vishwas Gadgil, Lakshmi Vora, John Vollmayer, Deepak Dighe.

FLIGHT C: 1, Gadgil team. 2/3, Anthony Savant, Harrison Fletcher, Arlene & Kenneth Geisler. 2/3, Satish Shah, Thomas Hunt, Cassandra Rodger, Dennis Waniolek.

299er Winners

THURSDAY SWISS: Susan Meneilley, Robin Myles, Lawrence Freedman, George Pope

THURSDAY NIGHT PAIRS: Dennis Ebendick, Tom Baer

FRIDAY AM PAIRS: Barb Ferrera, Jane Gardner

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS: Chris Hill, Ann Margosian

SATURDAY AM PAIRS: John Abbott, Pat Garant

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS: Douglas Sweeder, William Ahlstrom

DEFENSE

By Marty Hirschman

IMPs. Neither vul.

NORTH

♠87

♥54

♦87653

♣K1054

WEST

♠65

♥K876

♦AQ4

♣9732

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

Pass Pass 2♠ Dbl

Pass 2NT* Pass 3♥**

All Pass

*Weak relay to 3♣ (but not showing clubs)

**Natural, extra strength

Opening lead: 6 of spades

Partner (East), wins the ace of spades, declarer playing the jack.

Partner switches to the J of diamonds to declarer's king and your ace. You try to cash the queen of diamonds, but declarer ruffs with the 3.

Next declarer plays the jack of clubs to dummy's king, partner following with the 8. Then a heart is played from dummy to partner's 2, declarer's 9 and your king. Now what?

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MADDOXES

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points. They won countless regional and sectional events, and were co-winners of the Stein Trophy, MBA's player of the year award, in 1998.

This year the MBA board decided to honor "their lifetimes of achievement at the bridge table and exemplary service as teachers and ambassadors of the game" by naming the Sunday event at the Motor City Regional the Marilyn and Myles Maddox Stratiflighted Swiss Teams. That called for a party, which was held July 22 at the Bridge Connection in Southfield.

Here are some facts about the Maddoxes:

Myles was born in Vincennes IN in 1925, and his family later moved to Detroit. His father was in the trucking business. He served in the Navy from 1944-1946, sailing on ships based at Guantanamo in Cuba. The ships escorted merchant vessels that supplied the Allies in Europe. He played pinochle while in the service, but not bridge.

Marilyn was born in 1929 in Detroit. Her dad was a manager of orders and billing for Socony Vacuum, which eventually merged into what is now Exxon. When she was about

11 or 12, she and her friends learned bridge from the mother of one of the friends. They played "Culbertson" bidding methods. At the time she lived in Birmingham, but her family soon moved back to Detroit, and Marilyn didn't play bridge again until she and Myles took up the game together.

They met at the home of a mutual friend shortly after Myles got out of the Navy. They were married three years later.

Myles got his bachelor's degree at Eastern Michigan University. While there, he and Marilyn would play in the Friday night duplicate bridge game at EMU. He later got a masters in political science at Wayne State University and went on to teach social studies and driver ed in the Detroit public schools.

Marilyn had one year of college – at Central Michigan. She taught bridge for about 35 years, at the Village Club in Birmingham, the Bloomfield Hills Country Club, and at private homes

The Maddoxes had three sons (one now deceased). They have three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. One of their sons is the manager of a health food store in Sarasota

FL. The other just retired as psychologist at a state hospital in Columbia MO.

While their children were still young, Marilyn and Myles were able to get a sitter and play at the Highland Park Bridge Club. As they got more serious about the game, they graduated to the Knickerbocker and to Tom Weeks' game at Schoolcraft and Greenfield.

They kept playing against better players, studied the game, and got a lot of advice from some of the top competitors, the Remeys in particular. Marilyn would play in the Women's Pairs with Joan, while Myles played the Men's with Vincent or with Jim White.

Myles made Life Master in 1962, Marilyn a year later. Myles still has a masterpoint edge of about 800 points over Marilyn. They are 4th and 5th on the list of living top masterpoint winners in MBA, 6th and 7th on the unit's all-time list.

Back when they started playing, there were very few conventions: just Stayman, Blackwood. No Weak Two Bids, no Negative Doubles, and certainly no artificial raises or support doubles. Over the years bidding evolved and they changed with the times,

with Myles often taking the lead. "You need to learn this," Marilyn recalls him saying.

"Max Lipin used a Negative Double against us and it killed us," Marilyn remembers. Shortly thereafter they added Negative Doubles to their repertoire.

They have a lot of memories of bridge back in the day. "There was no Zero Tolerance back then," says Marilyn.

One time Phil Leon passed his partner Marie VerLinden in a forcing bid. She didn't say anything. But the next week, when he passed her in another forcing bid, Marie called across the room to Bud Smith, "The [S.O.B.] did it again!"

Another time, Myles was playing with the great but sometimes caustic Sylvia Stein. He had overbid his hand, and when it hit the table as dummy, Sylvia remarked: "I'm good, but I'm not that good."

Although the Maddoxes mostly get along swimmingly at the table, the game has occasionally tested their civility toward each other. "One time we didn't speak to each other while riding home after playing the Mixed Pairs at a regional in Lansing," Marilyn remembers. "Then we got a call that we had won!"

Asked what advice she would give to couples who play bridge together, she said, "You have to have one partner that doesn't get too excited or angry. Don't treat your partner like an enemy. And be flexible."

When the Maddoxes were getting started, "Vince and Joan helped us a lot," Marilyn remembers. "We were the new kids on the block."

We now call our big yearly tournament the Vince & Joan Remey Motor City Regional. No doubt Vince, who passed away in 1988, and Joan, who died a decade later, would be pleased to share the annual spotlight with their good friends and frequent teammates, our beloved Marilyn and Myles. — M.H.

CADDIES WANTED

MBA needs caddies for upcoming tournaments. The pay rate is \$35 per session, plus \$10 for lunch when the caddy works two consecutive sessions in one day and lunch is not otherwise provided.

If you or someone you know wishes to caddy, contact caddy co-chair Marilyn Crane at mqcrane@yahoo.com or 734-591-3431.

How to transfer to MBA

Are you an MBA member?

If you want to transfer your membership to the Michigan Bridge Association (ACBL unit 137), you need to send an email to Cindy Wages at the ACBL. Her email address is cindy.wages@acbl.org

You should indicate your name, address, ACBL number, your current unit membership (I presume unit 203), and include a statement requesting your membership transfer to unit 137, Michigan Bridge Association. This request must come directly from you.

—Paul Pomeroy,
Membership Chair, unit 137

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Mary Begg
Xingjian Ma
Deb Mexicotte
Janice Skadsen

WELCOME, TRANSFERS

Herbert Eder
Debora Roberts

SOLUTION TO DEFENSE

From page 23

NORTH

♠87
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WEST

♠65
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EAST

♠A109432
♥Q2
♦J1092
♣8

SOUTH

♠KQJ
♥AJ1093
♦K
♣AQJ6

Partner started with six spades, four diamonds and at least one card each in hearts and clubs. If partner started with just one heart, then declarer had six and the hand is over. Say you return another diamond. Declarer will just ruff, pull all your trump and take the rest of the tricks with the KQ of spades, his ace of clubs and his other club. (Whatever second club partner started with will fall under declarer's ace.)

So you should assume that partner started with two hearts

and one club.

You could play your last diamond, taping declarer down to one fewer trump than you. He will ruff, pull trump and play winners until you ruff in. That will be your last trick, for a total of just four defensive tricks.

Much better: Play a club giving partner his ruff. Then he can tap declarer with a diamond and you will still get your long trump: Down 1.

Thanks to Howard Perlman and Bob Webber who have been keeping me out of trouble recently by vetting my problems and proposed solutions.

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MBA has a new page on Facebook, with lots of interesting features, results and links.

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The administrator of the page is Marilyn Nathanson. You can contact her at: mnathanson@ameritch.net

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Oct. 2-4: Midland sectional
Oct. 10: Lansing NLM sectional
Oct. 12-18: MOTOR CITY REGIONAL, Farmington Hills (MBA)
Oct. 23-25: Toledo sectional
Oct. 29-31: Grand Haven sectional
Oct. 30-31: SOMBA I/N sectional
Nov. 12-15: Farmington Hills sectional

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Jan. 9-10: Jackson sectional
Jan. 30-31: Ann Arbor sectional (MBA)
Feb. 11-14: Farmington Hills sectional
Mar. 4-6: Toledo sectional
Mar. 31-Apr. 3: Southfield sectional (MBA)
April 8-9: Bloomfield Hills I/N sectional
Apr. 28-30: Grand Rapids sectional
May 9-15: FARMINGTON HILLS REGIONAL
May 20-22: Kalamazoo sectional