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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



The Unit has faced stiff head winds that are not going away. Membership is down, participation in tournaments and club games is down, and our membership continues to age up. We face the economic realities that at less than half the attendance we need to breakeven, the Cincinnati Bridge Center will raise rent sooner rather than later. More after the Board Meeting on November 17, 2022. Meanwhile **I ask every member to play 1-2 games more per week to help reduce our deficit.**

Be sure to attend the Membership Meeting Thursday November 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the CBC (followed by 8 is Enough Swiss Teams – the must fun game of the week!) The Membership meeting is your chance to learn more about the Unit, get your questions answered, and have your suggestions heard. The Board will attend, and act on your best ideas and concerns.

I have only respect and thanks for all Board Members and the wonderful volunteers who stepped forward to help make the CBC shine during the month of October. Let me recognize Bert Luken who coordinated the North American Pairs Championship District 11 Finals held Oct 15 & 16. Cecilia Kloecker, Stephanie Jones and Terry Barrett managed hospitality and preparations. Fresh flowers and great food were deeply appreciated by everyone in attendance. John Williams chaired the Spooktacular Sectional Oct 27-29. Terry Barrett stepped forward again to provide decorations and hospitality. We deeply appreciate your efforts on behalf of our members and visitors from surrounding units. Your help is what makes our Unit work! We also recognize Tim Crank ACBL Tournament Director for running both events smoothly.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to support bridge in our Unit, please talk to one of our Board

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Members. We have a number of roles that can use your help.

I want to congratulate **Jim Barrett, Bill Brewer and John Meinking** on their election to the 2023 board of directors. Each will serve a 3-year term. Officers for the 2023 Board will be determined in mid-December. Three of us are going off the board this year. I recognize Tom Mess for his service and contributions as Unit Secretary, Education Chair, game director, and manager of our subleases. Gary Herrington also leaves us having been appointed to the board months earlier. Thank you both for all you have done for bridge in our Unit.

If you would like to recognize any Unit Member for exemplary service to bridge in our Unit, please notify a board member. You will be asked to provide a short note summarizing why your nominee should be considered. The **Jerry Steuernagle Award** and the **Patty Eber Award** will be presented at the Holiday Party Planned for December 17, 2022. Please see the Unit 124 News below

for the discussion and description of each award. Please note – current Unit Board members are not eligible to receive these awards.

Based on a survey of 20,000 members the ACBL has decided to continue requiring vaccinations for participation in ACBL Tournaments (unless prohibited by state law) through the end of 2022. The Unit will take up this question in our December meeting. There are strong views on both sides of the issue. Unfortunately, a decision that should be made based on best science has been infused with political polarization. We will make the best decision based on the knowledge at hand at the time.

Now, it's my turn - to bid you all farewell as your Unit President. I have been blessed with this opportunity to serve you and the Board for many years. I am finally term limited, so I must take my leave. I thank all of you for the honor and privilege of serving you, our unit. I've enjoyed working on behalf of bridge for all of us, and for the chance to give back to this game we all love. I have learned much and appreciate every experience. I cherish every new friend I have met along the way.

*"Goodbye doesn't mean forever
Let me tell you goodbye doesn't mean
We'll never be together again
Though we may be so far apart you still
Will have my heart"¹*

See you at the tables!

Steve Steve Moese
President, Unit 124 Board of Directors

ONE STEP FORWARD

This ALERT welcomes back past contributors. Mike Ma and Dean Congbalay have graced our pages before. We welcome Cliff Pleatman to this issue. AJ Stephani has a message to share with every Unit Member. You can check out their contributions in the pages that follow.

We offer a special remembrance for one of our own – Robert S Brown who authored the unforgettable series “Ruminations” on these pages. His voice quieted, his quill empty, we fill the void he leaves with fond memories and thanks for his support over the years.

¹ From “Goodbye Girl” by David Gates. *This footnote in honor of Robert S Brown who did more with words than I could ever imagine.*

If you are reading this and spend most of your bridge online, have you ever thought of writing about your experience? We would be happy to publish articles about online bridge from members of our Unit.

Do you know someone who would like to learn to play bridge? We have several ways to help people get started – all of them fun. Contact Larry Newman ljn.newman@gmail.com

I trust your holidays will be enriched with good times shared with family and friends. We all have much to be thankful for.

Wishing You Good Bridge and Good Luck,

Steve

Steve Moese
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UNIT 124 NEWS

John Altman Jr. reports that the ACBL Club Director class he ran was attended by 9 candidates. We await their certification with bated breath! We also thank John for his work to make this important event happen. 9 candidates far exceed our expectations.

In order to serve the interest of our community and create an addition income stream for the Unit we have subleased space for a friendly non sanction game run by Bob Letourneau on Fridays at 11 AM. There is a sanctioned Open game at the same time. You can contact Robert at bobjlet@gmail.com

NAP D11 Finals at the CBC

The Cincinnati Bridge Center is preferred by District 11 for its central location, easy access, and superlative facility for accommodating fields for this premier grass roots event.



Bert Luken coordinated the event for the CBC and Cecilia Kloecker, Stephanie Jones and Terry Barrett prepared the reception for our out-of-town visitors. Everyone was pleased with the hospitality we offered.

Thank you!

Here are the qualifiers from our Unit:



C1-Carolyn Murray-Stephanie Jones



C2-Jonathan Burns-Terry Raulin



B3 - Isaac Stephani & Stephen Vogel

MPs		Flt/R	Player	Player
24.00	G	A1	Adam Burton <i>Dayton, OH</i>	Scott Gates <i>Miamisburg, OH</i>
18.00	G	A2	Jerry Clerkin <i>Bloomington, IN</i>	John Hinton <i>Greenwood, IN</i>
13.50	G	A3	Douglas Simson <i>Columbus, OH</i>	Shan Au <i>Westerville, OH</i>
16.00	G	B1	James Bishel <i>Columbus, OH</i>	Daniel Loveland <i>Powell, OH</i>
12.00	G	B2	R Blaine Mullins <i>Frankfort, KY</i>	William Davis <i>Lexington, KY</i>
9.00	G	B3	Stephen Vogel <i>West Chester, OH</i>	Isaac Stephani <i>Cincinnati, OH</i>
6.75	G	B4	David Whitesell <i>Yellow Springs, OH</i>	Stephen Lonski <i>Englewood, OH</i>
10.00	G R	C1	Stephanie Jones <i>Terrace Park, OH</i>	Carolyn Murray <i>Cincinnati, OH</i>
7.50	G R	C2	Jonathan Burns <i>Cincinnati, OH</i>	Terry Raulin <i>West Chester, OH</i>
5.63	G R	C3	Michael Thill <i>Dayton, OH</i>	Don Burke <i>Dayton, OH</i>
4.22	G R	C4	Prashant Balwally <i>Centerville, OH</i>	Robert Bradford <i>Dayton, OH</i>

If any qualifier chooses not to participate the next pair in order of finish will be invited. All who play in New Orleans receive a stipend to mitigate some of the cost of travel as follows:

Place/Flight	Subsidy
1st Place, A/B/C	\$700 per individual from the ACBL
2nd Place, A/B/C	\$300 per individual from the ACBL
3rd Place, A/B/C	\$200 per individual from District 11
4th Place, B/C	\$150 per individual from District 11

The ACBL pays by check at the Tournament. D11 pays by check when pairs present the Treasurer with proof of participation.

About the NAP

You can find information about the District Finals at: http://www.district11bridge.com/District_11_NAP_FAQ.html

History

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_American_Pairs
At inauguration, the open pairs contest was named the Grand National Pairs with 61,000 starting pairs participating in the initial local stage in August 1978 - the ultimate winners arising from the 1979 Spring NABC. The contest was renamed the North American Pairs in

Here are the qualifiers for the NABC Finals to be held in New Orleans in March 2023:

deference to the participation of all country members of the ACBL.

Flight A - The Baldwin North American Pairs Flight A is a grassroots event that begins in the summer at the local club level. Qualifiers at the club level advance to unit competition and those qualifiers advanced to district finals. Three pairs from each district – more, depending upon attendance – qualify for the North American final.

Winners are honored by the Baldwin Memorial Trophy and also receive certificates of recognition. The trophy is named for Col. Russell J. Baldwin (1889–1969), U.S. Army officer and expert on tournament procedure who was ACBL Honorary Member of the Year in 1943. Baldwin was active as an organizer from the earliest days of contract bridge. He became a director of the American Bridge League and its treasurer shortly after its founding in 1927. He was a member of the ACBL Laws Commission and primarily responsible for the first Duplicate Code issued in 1935. Baldwin was active as a tournament director from 1927 until 1941.

After service in World War II, he was ACBL business manager from 1946 until 1951. He was recalled to military service at the outbreak of the Korean War and retired from the U.S. Army in 1957. He rejoined ACBL in 1958 and was in charge of tournament scheduling until his retirement in 1963.

Flight B – Known as the Golder North American Pairs - Flight B, the first stage of the event is also conducted at the local club level with qualifiers advancing to unit competition. Those qualifiers then advance to the district finals where three pairs – more, depending upon attendance – qualify for the North American final. The inaugural event was held at the 1992 Spring NABC.[2]

Winners have their names inscribed on the Golder Cup and will also receive a certificate of recognition. The trophy is presented in memory of Benjamin M. Golder (1894–1946) of Philadelphia, who died the day before the close of his term as 1946 ACBL president. He was named ACBL Honorary Member of the Year for 1947. His widow Peggy Golder, later Solomon, was an ACBL Hall of Fame player.

Flight C – Players in the North American Pairs - Flight C, compete for the President's Cup. The inaugural event was held at the 1987 Spring NABC.

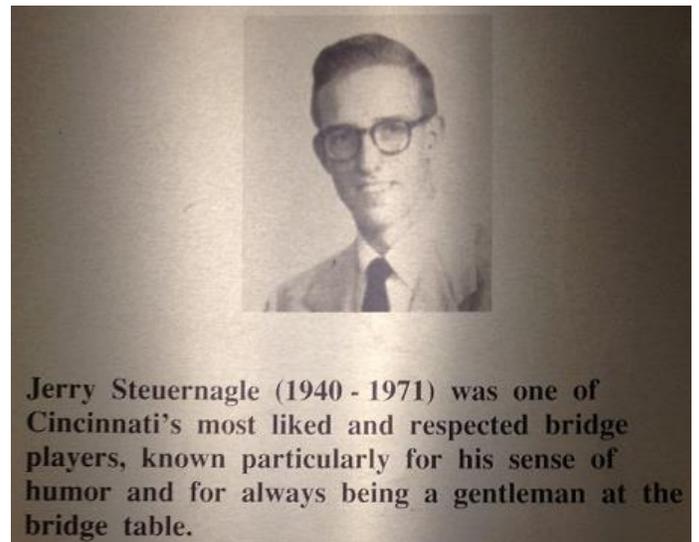
The trophy was presented in 1942 by Morgan Howard, ACBL president that year. For many years it was awarded to the winners of the President's Pairs, a standalone event

at the Summer NABC. As in the other two flights, Flight C competition begins each summer at the local club level and qualifiers advance to unit and district competitions with three pairs from each district – more, depending upon attendance – qualifying for the North American final.

Nominees for Unit Awards Requested!

2022 Jerry Steuernagle Award

Please send your nominations for the Jerry Steuernagle Award to Steve Moese stephenmoese@gmail.com. The **Jerry Steuernagle Award** is presented annually to the duplicate bridge player best exemplifying the principles of ethics, kindness, and high character in bridge. The award is based on 4 Factors: 1) Contribution to the promotion of Duplicate Bridge, 2) Action in setting high ethical standards, 3) Compassion, sportsmanship and sense of humor, 4) willingness to help less experienced players.



2022 Patty Eber Award

The **Patty Eber Award** is given to the individual demonstrating extraordinary service to the Unit and to Duplicate Bridge. Please send your Patty Eber Award Nominations to any Unit Board Member.

2023 Board Members - Elect



James Barrett



Bill Brewer



John Meinking

Congratulations on your election to the Board of Directors for Unit 124.



Cincinnati Spooktacular Sectional

Congratulations to all who placed overall in the Spooktacular Sectional at the CBC!

Thanks to everyone who supported the CBA by playing in the Spooktacular. Tim Crank directed in his usual fine style. A special thank you to Terry Barrett for handling decorations and refreshments and encouraging NLMs to play. Our attendance was “**eerily**” flat from last year, but our “**spirits**” were high. There were 395 silver master points awarded to 110 players over the three days. It was “**spooky**” to see so many successful players. Hoping all who joined had a “**spine-chilling**” good time. We hope to see even more of you next year for some “**ghoulishly**” good bridge enjoyment.



Oct 27-29, 2022

Thu AM Open Pairs - 10.0 Tables / Based on 14 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
6.60	1	1		Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Stephen Vogel, West Chester OH	59.67%
4.95	2			Anne Frayne, Dayton OH; Vickie Sebastian, Beavercreek OH	56.58%
3.71	3			Mike Ma, Cincinnati OH; Stephen Moese, West Chester OH	53.91%
2.78	4			John Meinking, Maineville OH; Lorna Davis, West Chester OH	53.50%
2.09	5			R Wayne Penrod, Kettering OH; Dallas Moore, Trotwood OH	52.47%
2.60	6	2	1	Agnes Boswell - Kathy Dewitt, Cincinnati OH	52.26%
1.95	3	2		Mercer Reynolds, Cincinnati OH; Karen Meyer, Naples FL	51.65%
1.46	4			Cecilia Kloecker - Henry Jackson, Cincinnati OH	51.44%
1.22	5	3		Annette Kereiakes - Linda Pretz, Cincinnati OH	50.41%
0.92	4			Steven Simon - Karen Husky, Cincinnati OH	49.38%

Thu AM NLM Pairs - 4.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
1.93	1	1		Bruce Tepper - Andrew Berger, Cincinnati OH	64.58%
1.45	2			Stephen Baldwin, Cold Spring KY; James Eger, Cleves OH	59.72%
1.09	3			Mary O'Connell - Sandra Fielman, Mason OH	54.17%
1.15	2			Jim Steinke, Loveland OH; Linda Costura, Cincinnati OH	52.78%

Thu Aft Open Pairs - 7.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
6.30	1	1		William Atteberry - John Williams, Cincinnati OH	63.71%
4.73	2			Stephen Lonski, Englewood OH; Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH	57.29%
3.54	3	2		Cecilia Kloecker - Barbara Boswell, Cincinnati OH	53.42%
2.66	4	3	1	Mercer Reynolds, Cincinnati OH; Karen Meyer, Naples FL	52.49%
1.99	5	4		Robert Lail, Beckett Ridge OH; Anne Rinaldi, Cincinnati OH	52.43%
1.93	2			Terry Raulin, West Chester OH; Tim Oppelt, Cincinnati OH	49.38%
1.45	3			Betty Murdock, Milford OH; Erin Oblinger, Cincinnati OH	47.27%

Thu Eve 8 is enough Swiss - 8 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.96	1	1		Kevin Henry - Potter Orr - A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Monica Ibarra, Covington KY	59.00
2.97	2	2	1	Carla Runda, Maineville OH; Judy Crotty Hall - Joann Katz - Jerry Katz, Cincinnati OH	50.00
2.23	3			John Altman - John Altman, Cincinnati OH; Bert Luken, Erlanger KY; John Meinking, Maineville OH	47.00

Fri AM Open Pairs - 13.5 Tables / Based on 17 Tables

MPs A B C	Names	Score
7.43 1	Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH; Stephen Moese, West Chester OH	63.71%
5.57 2	Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH; Stephen Vogel, West Chester OH	58.49%
4.18 3	Adam Burton, Dayton OH; Scott Gates, Miamisburg OH	58.16%
3.13 4	Joe Fisher - Amy Fisher, Cincinnati OH	56.89%
2.35 5	Kay Mulford, Cincinnati OH; Bill Coombs, Hamilton OH	54.65%
3.47 6 1 1	Eileen Barrett, Cincinnati OH; John Masters, Naples FL	53.47%
2.60 7 2	M Mulford-Jacobs - John Williams, Cincinnati OH	52.72%
1.95 3 2	Carol Scovic, Blue Ash OH; Deborah Luongo, Kettering OH	52.43%
1.46 4	Vernon Goetz, Villa Hills KY; Henry Jackson, Cincinnati OH	52.26%
1.38 5 3	Dennis Kalberg - Martin Petersen, Milford OH	51.92%
1.03 4	Lanny Cai, Nicholasville KY; Zigang Pan, Mason OH	51.60%
0.78 5	Janet Willenborg - Phyllis Mendoza, Cincinnati OH	51.44%

Fri Morn NLM Pairs - 3.0 Tables

MPs A B C	Names	Score
1.79 1 1	Bob Gruber - Paul Kollman, Cincinnati OH	64.58%
1.34 2	Tim Oppelt - Joanne Oppelt, Cincinnati OH	58.50%
1.15 2	Jim Steinke, Loveland OH; Linda Costura, Cincinnati OH	51.50%

Fri Aft Open Pairs - 8.5 Tables

MPs A B C	Names	Score
5.23 1 1 1	Janet Willenborg - Phyllis Mendoza, Cincinnati OH	58.73%
3.92 2 2	M Mulford-Jacobs - John Williams, Cincinnati OH	58.20%
2.94 3	Stephen Vogel, West Chester OH; Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH	57.74%

2.21 4 3	Cecilia Kloecker, Cincinnati OH; Joe Pike, Edgewood KY	57.44%
1.65 5	Barbara Levinson - Barbara Boswell, Cincinnati OH	55.29%
1.41 4 2	Judy Barron - Martha Geller, Cincinnati OH	50.60%

Sat AM Open Pairs - 11.0 Tables

MPs A B C	Names	Score
5.78 1	Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH; William Higgins, Cincinnati OH	62.96%
4.34 2	Michael Purcell, Loveland OH; Stephen Moese, West Chester OH	62.22%
3.25 3	Mike Ma - Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH	59.81%
2.44 4	Dallas Moore, Trotwood OH; R Wayne Penrod, Kettering OH	59.63%
3.47 5 1	Robert Lail, Beckett Ridge OH; Barry Wauligman, Hamilton OH	58.33%
2.60 6 2	Donald Etson, Hamilton OH; John Williams, Cincinnati OH	57.22%
2.31 3 1	Huang-Chia Chang, Cincinnati OH; Monica Ibarra, Covington KY	50.93%
1.46 4	Cynthia Schultz, Bethel OH; Jeanne Dell, Cincinnati OH	49.07%
1.73 5 2	Robert Roark, Cincinnati OH; Zigang Pan, Mason OH	48.70%
1.30 3	Paul Lyons, Kettering OH; Don Burke, Dayton OH	46.85%
0.97 4	Todd Barker - Michelle Barker, Cincinnati OH	46.30%

Sat Aft Open Pairs - 6.0 Tables

MPs A B C	Names	Score
5.60 1	Craig Satersmoen, Huber Heights OH; John Hinton, Greenwood IN	60.00%
3.68 2/3 1	Barbara Boswell - Peggy Barrett, Cincinnati OH	57.92%
3.68 2/3	Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH; John Taylor, Burlington KY	57.92%
2.76 4 2 1	Todd Barker - Michelle Barker, Cincinnati OH	57.50%
2.07 3 2	Phyllis Mendoza - Janet Thurnau, Cincinnati OH	53.75%
1.55 4 3	Mercer Reynolds, Cincinnati OH; Karen Meyer, Naples FL	49.58%

Total masterpoints: 395.14 earned by 110 players.

Total attendance: 72 tables.

- 1 16.74 Stephen Vogel, West Chester OH
- 2 15.71 Stephen Moese, West Chester OH
- 3 15.42 John Williams, Cincinnati OH
- 4 13.31 Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH
- 5 10.14 Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH
- 6 9.86 Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH
- 7 8.87 Barbara Boswell, Cincinnati OH
- 8 8.08 Phyllis Mendoza, Cincinnati OH
- 9 7.80 Cecilia Kloecker, Cincinnati OH
- 10 7.42 Mike Ma, Cincinnati OH
- 11 7.21 M Mulford-Jacobs, Cincinnati OH
- 12 6.75 Mercer Reynolds, Cincinnati OH
- 13 6.75 Karen Meyer, Naples FL
- 14 6.60 Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH
- 15 6.44 John Hinton, Greenwood IN
- 16 6.44 Craig Satersmoen, Huber Heights OH
- 17 6.33 John Meinking, Maineville OH
- 18 6.30 William Atteberry, Cincinnati OH
- 19 6.27 Monica Ibarra, Covington KY
- 20 6.17 R Wayne Penrod, Kettering OH
- 21 6.17 Dallas Moore, Trotwood OH
- 22 6.01 Janet Willenborg, Cincinnati OH
- 23 5.78 Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH
- 24 5.78 William Higgins, Cincinnati OH
- 25 5.46 Robert Lail, Beckett Ridge OH
- 26 5.41 Anne Frayne, Dayton OH
- 27 4.95 Vickie Sebastian, Beavercreek OH
- 28 4.89 John Taylor, Burlington KY
- 29 4.73 Stephen Lonski, Englewood OH
- 30 4.57 Michael Purcell, Loveland OH
- 31 4.18 Scott Gates, Miamisburg OH
- 32 4.18 Adam Burton, Dayton OH
- 33 3.96 Todd Barker, Cincinnati OH
- 34 3.96 Potter Orr, Cincinnati OH
- 35 3.96 Michelle Barker, Cincinnati OH
- 36 3.96 Kevin Henry, Cincinnati OH
- 37 3.96 A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH
- 38 3.68 Peggy Barrett, Cincinnati OH
- 39 3.56 Judy Crotty Hall, Cincinnati OH
- 40 3.47 John Masters, Naples FL
- 41 3.47 Eileen Barrett, Cincinnati OH
- 42 3.47 Barry Wauligman, Hamilton OH
- 43 3.27 Tim Oppelt, Cincinnati OH
- 44 3.13 Joe Fisher, Cincinnati OH
- 45 3.13 Amy Fisher, Cincinnati OH
- 46 3.11 Linda Costura, Cincinnati OH
- 47 3.11 Jim Steinke, Loveland OH
- 48 3.04 Kay Mulford, Cincinnati OH
- 49 2.97 Joann Katz, Cincinnati OH
- 50 2.97 Jerry Katz, Cincinnati OH
- 51 2.97 Carla Runda, Maineville OH
- 52 2.92 Henry Jackson, Cincinnati OH
- 53 2.79 Martin Petersen, Milford OH
- 54 2.78 Lorna Davis, West Chester OH
- 55 2.76 Zigang Pan, Mason OH
- 56 2.62 Bruce Tepper, Cincinnati OH
- 57 2.60 Kathy Dewitt, Cincinnati OH
- 58 2.60 Donald Etson, Hamilton OH
- 59 2.60 Agnes Boswell, Cincinnati OH
- 60 2.54 Huang-Chia Chang, Cincinnati OH
- 61 2.35 Bill Coombs, Hamilton OH
- 62 2.23 John Altman, Cincinnati OH
- 63 2.23 Bert Luken, Erlanger KY
- 64 2.21 Joe Pike, Edgewood KY
- 65 2.07 Janet Thurnau, Cincinnati OH
- 66 1.99 Anne Rinaldi, Cincinnati OH
- 67 1.95 Deborah Luongo, Kettering OH
- 68 1.95 Carol Scovic, Blue Ash OH
- 69 1.93 Terry Raulin, West Chester OH
- 70 1.93 Andrew Berger, Cincinnati OH
- 71 1.79 Paul Kollman, Cincinnati OH
- 72 1.79 Bob Gruber, Cincinnati OH
- 73 1.73 Robert Roark, Cincinnati OH
- 74 1.46 Vernon Goetz, Villa Hills KY
- 75 1.46 Jeanne Dell, Cincinnati OH
- 76 1.46 Cynthia Schultz, Bethel OH
- 77 1.45 Stephen Baldwin, Cold Spring KY
- 78 1.45 James Eger, Cleves OH
- 79 1.45 Erin Oblinger, Cincinnati OH
- 80 1.45 Betty Murdock, Milford OH
- 81 1.41 Martha Geller, Cincinnati OH
- 82 1.41 June Cushman, Cincinnati OH
- 83 1.41 Judy Barron, Cincinnati OH
- 84 1.38 Dennis Kalberg, Milford OH
- 85 1.34 Joanne Oppelt, Cincinnati OH
- 86 1.32 Larry Klein, Cincinnati OH
- 87 1.30 Paul Lyons, Kettering OH
- 88 1.30 Don Burke, Dayton OH
- 89 1.22 Linda Pretz, Cincinnati OH
- 90 1.22 Anton Habash, Oxford OH
- 91 1.22 Annette Kereiakes, Cincinnati OH
- 92 1.09 Sandra Fielman, Mason OH
- 93 1.09 Mary O'Connell, Mason OH
- 94 1.03 Lanny Cai, Nicholasville KY
- 95 0.92 Steven Simon, Cincinnati OH
- 96 0.92 Karen Husky, Cincinnati OH
- 97 0.75 Philip Hinkle, Columbus OH
- 98 0.75 Arianne Hinkle, Columbus OH
- 99 0.74 James Barrett, Cincinnati OH
- 100 0.69 Lewis Temples, Loveland OH

- 101 0.59 Stephanie Jones, Terrace Park OH
- 102 0.59 Mike Burns, Cincinnati OH
- 103 0.51 Carolyn Murray, Cincinnati OH
- 104 0.46 Susan Hermans, West Chester OH
- 105 0.46 Robert Zangri, Centerville OH
- 106 0.46 Jeanne Weyers, Cincinnati OH
- 107 0.23 Terry Barrett, Cincinnati OH
- 108 0.23 Robert Prorise, Cincinnati OH
- 109 0.23 Melissa Hellmann, Cincinnati OH
- 110 0.23 Marilyn Prorise, Cincinnati OH



After close to 15 years as our landlord, Mr. John Ataman sold his interest in the property to Forza Commercial Real Estate 6365 Castleplace Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Our new landlord has been very attentive to our needs. Three parking lot lights that had been out of order under our prior landlord has been repaired. They called an arborist to trim trees blocking access to the two pole lights at the back of the rear parking lot and had Duke Energy repair them. They repaired the light at the front parking lot. They replaced 3 HVAC Units that served our space so we now have sufficient heating and cooling capacity for our play area. These repairs were overdue and will likely reduce the costs for heating and cooling. They also washed away the algae and mold that had discolored our rear entry and the back wall of the building. They even cleaned our awning. There has been much recent activity at the building renovating space that had fallen into disuse. There are two tenants under contract for the remaining space and they will be moving in soon. Our building is coming back to life.

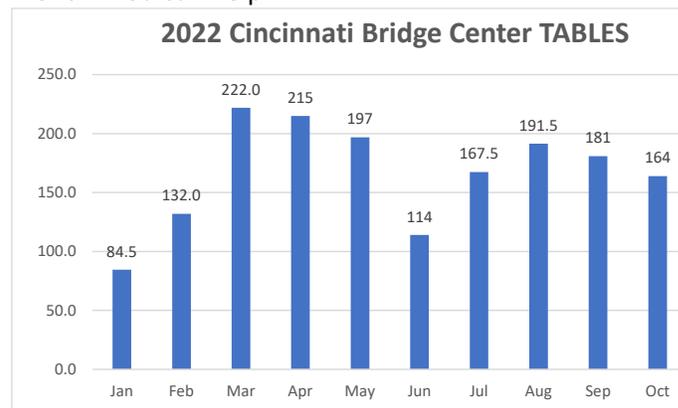
You might have noticed that the price of soda has gone up in the vending machine in our space. We do not own that machine and we make no profit from its sales. We have added paper towel dispensers to the women's room inside our space and the men's room in the public area. This way we can dispense folded towels as needed. They run short during weekend tournaments.

Our lease on the property ends August 2027.

CBC Table Counts

Here is an update on the attendance at the Cincinnati Bridge Center. Recall that the Unit leases the bridge center Monthly attendance needed for breakeven financial operation – 400 tables. Tables by month to date:

After 10 months in 2022 bridge clubs have managed to attract an average 167 tables per month. This is 42% of the attendance we need to break even on the cost of the bridge center. That means we lose about \$3480 per month. You can help.



**PLAY MORE AT
THE CBC!**

NAME TAGS

Contact Joanne Earls – 772-4395; jolman@fuse.net

Your Name Here
Cincinnati Bridge



First nametag **FREE** to new members! Else \$4 each.

PARTNERSHIPS!

If you're looking for a partner for a single game, call the director of the game - s/he knows others who are available for that game. Find directors' names on the Bridge Club's websites. You can meet prospective partners at lessons or during supervised play.

**Have You Thanked
a Volunteer Today?**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday November 17

6:00 PM

CINCINNATI BRIDGE CENTER



Stay to Play 8 is Enough Swiss 7 PM

Supervised Play

Supervised play is a fun, informal opportunity for I/N players to play with peers and hone skills at the same time. Experienced coaches advise every table and answer your questions as they occur. Hand records reinforce learning. While these games do not award ACBL Masterpoints, they reward I/N players with improved skill, new friends, and a deeper appreciation of the fun that bridge offers. Don't forget the free seminar 1/2 hour before supervised play begins!

Nov 5

9:30 Seminar Speaker: John Williams

Sign In Sheet: Lorna Davis

Regular Volunteers: Bob Fisk, Jane Duncan

Nov 12: Louisville-Lexington Regional

9:30 Seminar Speaker: John Williams

Sign In Sheet: Lorna Davis

Regular Volunteers: Terry Brausch, Mike Purcell

Nov 19: Indy Sectional

9:30 Seminar Speaker: Bob Fisk

Sign In Sheet: Lorna Davis

Regular Volunteers: John Williams, Jane Duncan

Nov 26: Thanksgiving Weekend

9:30 Seminar Speaker: John Williams

Sign In Sheet: Lorna Davis

Regular Volunteers: Terry Brausch

Dec 3

9:30 Seminar Speaker: Bob Fisk

Sign In Sheet: Lorna Davis

Regular Volunteers: John Williams, Terry Brausch

Rank Promotions

Congratulations to all our members who achieved new ranks this past quarter. You can check your recorded Masterpoints and rank through MyACBL at www.acbl.org. Once on the website click on MyACBL. (If you haven't registered, it will help you create your password). The ACBL will create a current status report for you!

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2022	August	September	October
Junior Master	Thomas Kiefhaber Dave Newnam Jeanette Novakovich David Stifel	Nell Wickstrom	Korwyn Kearns John Stinnett
Club Master	John Roesch	Vijay Doshi Mary Millard	Huang-Chia Chang Jonathan Eaton
Sectional Master	David Loebach	Linda Costura	
Regional Master	Gary Herrington	Pauline Hudson	Jim Steinke
Silver LM			Janet Thurnau
Sapphire LM			PETER WHIPPLE

CLUB CORNER

NORTHERN KENTUCKY BRIDGE CLUB



Website: <https://www.bridgewebs.com/nkbc/>

Currently offers games Tuesday and Friday Mornings, and Wednesday Evening. Check their website for details.

On November 11, the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club will elect 3 members to the NKBC Board of Directors. Our current Board of Directors consists of:

President	Howard Simon
Vice President	John Wolfe
Secretary	Peggy Ammon
Treasurer	Tim Martin

Club Manager Cordell Coy

Terms for Howard, Peggy, and Tim are expiring.

In the election, you will vote for not more than 3 candidates. Here is a list of members willing to serve a two year term:

Peggy Ammon	My reason for running for nkybc board is to keep the harmony we have enjoyed in 2022 and help our bridge family grow. Hospitality is a key component to welcome players and help them enjoy their time at our club.
Tim Martin	With my experience as a founding member, past president, and current treasurer, I would hope I could expect your vote, but more importantly I want to earn your vote. With responsible fiscal policies and keeping expenses under control, it has allowed us to keep game fees low and give back to our loyal membership, free games, a free membership to ACBL and the added cost of fund games that the club absorbs. More benefits are planned, at the same time growing our club and providing a friendly yet competitive playing experience is a top priority.
Gerry Mirus	As a past board member as well as Co-chair of the NKY Sectional and Hospitality Chair for the club, I feel qualified to serve on the current board. I would appreciate your vote and if elected I am willing to do all I can to keep our club the friendly and hospitable club that we all love and care about.
Howard Simon	I have been a member of this club for twelve years and have served on four Board of Trustees, two as president. I feel I have the experience to work with other board members to promote the game of bridge and insure our growth in a friendly atmosphere.

ANDERSON BRIDGE CLUB



Website: <https://www.bridgewebs.com/anderson/>

The new location is the **Mt Washington Rec Center, 1715 Beacon St., Cincinnati, OH 45230** Players will pay a \$10 annual membership to the MWRC. Games then cost \$5 each. The annual membership entitles all players to use of the MWRC facility.

The weekly game is growing nicely and has moved to Mondays.

CINCINNATI BRIDGE CENTER



Website: <https://www.bridgewebs.com/cincinnati-center/>

All games are subject to change, so please stay current by checking the websites.

Welcome Bill Brewer! Bill returns to Unit 124 and the greater Cincinnati area and has jumped right in to running games at the CBC. Bill has started Bill's Bridge Club on Tuesdays at 11 AM. He is adding a 299er game starting November 1, 2022.

Isaac Stephani has updated the Wednesday NLM game to a U1500 game. This is a friendly game with fun people. Give it a try!

The Saturday 1 PM Open game needs players. You already know UC and USO are going to win, and the Bengals play on Sundays. So, we expect to see you at the CBC on Saturdays with 406 more of your friends! Join us for a fun Saturday afternoon.

70% GAMES

Date	Game	Player	Player	%
9/3/22	CBC	Steve Moese	Mike Ma	72.40
8/19/22	CBC	John Meinking	Larry Klein	71.73
8/16/22	NKBC	Timothy Martin	Mary Ann Boyle	77.12

Kinda' Goofy...



By Dean Congbalay
dcongbalay@comey.com

Bill's kinda goofy. So am I. Maybe that's why we're buds.

For the first time in many moons, we met for supper recently at the Reading Skyline.

When our waitress appeared at our customary booth, I eagerly ordered my 3-way. Bill opted for a 4-way — onions, no beans.

We laughed, joked and told stories. Talked about health (some good, some not great). Business. Home. Life in general.

After we finished our chili and our second round of oyster crackers, we headed up the street to the bridge center. John, a young married lawyer, directs the Monday night game.



I remember when he was in the seventh grade (Grrr, talk about feeling old...).

It was great reconnecting with folks — many of whom I hadn't seen since before the pandemic. There's no substitute for in-person gatherings.

Bill and I had some good boards, some not great. But we both had a lot of fun, and I drove away with a smile on my face.

Kinda goofy. We'll do it again soon.

Farewell



By AJ Stephani

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It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I have resigned from the ACBL Board of Directors, effective today. I wanted to provide all of you with at least a partial explanation for my actions, for several reasons:

Beginner Bridge Classes



By Larry Newman

I have been teaching bridge classes for beginners since 2016. My curriculum is divided into 10-week courses, which I call Bridge 101, Bridge 102 and Bridge 103 (clever names, original ... don't you think?!). They are timed to coordinate with the University of Cincinnati adult education program (OLLI). Folks can sign up for classes by contacting me at LtpBridge@gmail.com. Alternatively, during enrollment periods they can sign up through the University of Cincinnati at <https://www.uc.edu/about/continuing-ed/olli.html>. Maximum class size: 24 students. *My appreciation to the University of Cincinnati (OLLI), the ACBL and the CBA for their support.*

Typically, the 1st course begins in late September, the 2nd in late January and the 3rd in late April. Classes are held at the CBC on Tuesdays from 2:45 to 5:00pm (with an

occasional class given virtually). It is my hope to build interest in this great card game of ours and to promote face to face bridge. And I am hopeful that each year some of my students will go on to join the ACBL and join us in our games at the Cincinnati Bridge Center and other affiliated games in the region.

My 1st course (Bridge 101 ... I love that name!) has just started a few weeks ago. If you know of people who have played a little bridge but still really need to learn the basics, it may not be too late for them to join the other 20 students (the next beginning course won't come around again until September 2023). Should you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them contact me ASAP at Ltpbridge@gmail.com.

Thanks. 😊

- I abhor the generic "personal and family reasons" explanation, especially when it's clear the truth lies elsewhere;
- I wanted to at least try to squash shotgun speculation about my personal motivations, particularly when the resignation occurs before my new 4-year term has even begun;
- Most of all, the ACBL membership deserves better – our organization exists for you, to preserve your enjoyment of bridge, and to act as the steward of our great game in North America to ensure it survives to live another day. You are owed an explanation.

It's always more challenging to work to create positive change from the inside; however, the alternative creates the risk of unnecessary disruption and undesirable revolutionary dynamics. I have chosen to volunteer my

time over the past 13 years from within the ACBL organizational structures in place – first at the Unit and club level, then at the District level, and over the past 6 years, from within the ACBL Board of Directors.

Working from this position has many advantages – I've forged many relationships that I consider among the most meaningful in my life, and I'm gratified in what I feel are positive contributions to the way the ACBL works.

The restrictions, however, can feel confining and exhausting at times – the learning curve for operating within an organization as complex and timeworn as the ACBL is steep. You agree to comply with certain rules and norms, personal relationships must be maintained to remain effective, and trust and respect must be earned slowly and incrementally.

Over the last few years, I began to lose confidence in ACBL management, one of the two groups that is primarily responsible for its continued existence and operation. Unfortunately, I now believe it is far past the point of repair – it's no longer a reclamation project, it's a "tear-it-down and start over" one. I want to emphasize that I have considerable respect and admiration for much of the staff in Horn Lake that I have worked with personally over the years. Unfortunately, without competent leadership and support, even the best employees find themselves exhausted and drained.

My evolution has roughly coincided with the advent of the COVID era, though many of the dynamics pre-date that time and other reasons have been raised in its wake. The governing body for the ACBL, the Board of Directors, has a responsibility to act in the best interests of the organization. Like many of the members of that body, I began to ask questions about how to respond to these challenges, what actions we might take, and how to think about our future as an organization responsible for a game in trouble. I salute the diligence and dedication of many of my colleagues – we're all volunteers serving a game we love, like many of you, and we work hard to preserve it.

As my confidence eroded, I held out hope that our Board would respond quickly and responsibly. I increased my efforts and sought to convince our leadership that the situation was growing more dire than we had previously seen:

- Our membership, which has been falling for decades, has dropped precipitously in the last several years;

- New member growth is less than half of what it was 2 years ago, and almost a third of what it was 5 years ago;
- Tournaments are running anywhere between 35-55% of table counts compared to 2019;
- Clubs, particularly larger permanent-location bridge centers that are the engine of new player growth and volunteer development, are struggling to keep their doors open as their costs continue to rise while revenues dramatically decrease;
- Our Virtual Club program lacks any semblance of a coherent structure, allowing large pools to cannibalize the original reason that the program was created in the first place (providing a broad cross-section of FTF club owners with a life raft through the early stages of the COVID shutdown);
- There's not a hint of anything resembling an online bridge strategy or even the suggestion of how we might leverage the online experience to cross-pollinate our FTF game that forms the cornerstone of our tournaments and NABCs;
- Our internal Information Technology capacity, which was already taxed prior to the advent of COVID, has struggled mightily to handle the challenges of the last several years while engaging in expensive new projects that have borne little fruit or generate increases in productivity;
- Morale in Horn Lake among direct service staff is reported to be very low, perhaps even lower than when we terminated the prior CEO in April 2018;
- Our Recorder's Office has failed to adjust to the challenges and the scale of online cheating (though the potential of new technologies and procedural developments has begun to be realized over the last year);
- We have strayed from our core competencies as a membership organization (protecting the Masterpoint brand, well-run and cost-effective tournaments for our Districts and Units, serving the daily needs and interests of our members) in search of developing "shiny new objects" (new programs

and projects) that growing organizations might have the luxury of exploring but we simply cannot afford (not to mention the absence of organizational competence to pull off successfully);

- Administrative overhead in our national HQ based in Horn Lake continues to increase in the face of declining revenue, and total executive level compensation has ballooned over the last 3 years;
- Most alarmingly, we have utterly failed to respond to the threat of the average age of our membership, which has been increasing for longer than the overall number has been declining, and *has risen at a faster rate in the 2 post-COVID years than it did before* (this year, the rate has appeared to stabilize, though it continues to rise).

Our Board of Directors has long straddled the lines separating strategic direction, responsible oversight and micromanagement in addressing these challenges, and many of us are wary of the appearance of impropriety in this regard. But that does not eliminate our obligation to take action for when the organization is adrift without either the structure to address these challenges or the proper management team to operate within that structure.

Our Board has engaged in a continuous thread of dialogue throughout the year about how to address to these challenges. To date, we have not responded in a manner that I believe reflects either the urgency with which we need to act or the recognition of the scope of these challenges.

I have reached the exhaustion point where I feel it's no longer worthwhile to keep trying. I wish I had more left in the tank, but recent experiences have left me with little hope that we will ever find a way out of this situation. I have served this organization for 6 years faithfully, and I hope most people who have worked with me believe I have served with integrity and some degree of competence. In the end, I have failed to achieve what we all hope for when we embark on this kind of volunteer service – to leave the organization in better shape than when we begin.

It's easy to look back at everything I should have done differently – times when I should have spoken up, and those when I should have kept my mouth shut – but I will leave knowing that I have done all I can to act for the

ACBL's best interests without causing further unnecessary disruption.

I have greatly enjoyed serving all of you, and with my colleagues, and I hope to be more successful in my future endeavors (bridge-related and otherwise) than I've been

On behalf of the Unit Board of Directors we extend our profound thanks and appreciation to AJ for his many years of service at all levels of the bridge community. We wish him only the best in his new endeavors.

– Steve Moese for the Unit 124 Board of Directors.

in this one.

A REMEMBRANCE



This is far from a Ruminator – you will always own that title, Robert. Consider this an eclectic remembrance spiced by an old man's selective memory.

I first met Robert in the Cincinnati Bridge Center parking lot. I couldn't help but admire the Ford GT he was driving – the street car replica of Ford

vs Ferrari in Le Mans fame. He was a car enthusiast's enthusiast.



Having had the Ford GT for a while, he found the ride too bumpy and was tired of hitting his head given the rough area roads, so he did what anyone would do – he sold the car and got himself a Dodge Viper and a Bentley. He gave up few horsepower in that change and got an engine roar anyone would be envious of.

Ours was a casual friendship. Robert was eager to learn bridge and to do well. He had a very wry sense of humor that made everyone an ally. He played as many games as he could at the CBC. He also never hesitated to help out. He brought with him another lawyer Mr. Steven Felson. Steven, it turns out, was an editor's editor and had a knack for creative bridge writing. Robert certainly gave Steven much inspiration and even more material. Much of it graced these pages over the years.

A very successful attorney Robert S Brown has an amazing set of contributions to Cincinnati. Several rise to the level many call historic. I reprise his obituary here to provide background, but to also include a footnote, something fans of "Ruminations" in the ALERT will surely recognize.



"Robert S Brown, age 79, passed away on August 7, 2022, as a result of a stroke suffered in April. He was preceded in death by his mother Shirley Smock Brown and his father Jacob William Brown. He is survived by his five children: Jason, Adam (Tess), Jane, Alexandra, and Nicholas; one granddaughter

Rhonda; and by his sisters Barbara Hild (Guy), Deborah Cummins (James) and Penny Brown. He is also survived by his loving and devoted companion Doreen Beatrice. Robert is a 1960 graduate of Walnut Hills High School, received a BA degree from UC in 1964, and a JD degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1967 where he served on the Editorial Board of the Law Review. He received an LLM degree in taxation from New York University College of Law in 1968. He was a part-time faculty member of UC Law School for many years teaching corporate taxation. In 1972 Robert was elected to serve on the Cincinnati Board of Education during a time when race and segregation became forefront issues. In voting for an unpopular plan of integration, he was quoted in the Enquirer as stating, "In terms of the future, unless we are able to live in a truly integrated society, society won't hold together at all." Robert was also a past officer of the Community Action Commission, and a past board member of Camp Livingston, and the Contemporary Arts Center, past president of HOME (Housing Opportunities Made Equal), and the year 2000 recipient of the biennial Charles P. Taft Civic Gumption Award. In his practice of law, Robert was scholarly, compassionate, and effective in guiding his clients along the legal pathways. He possessed strength of character, and respected a worthy opponent, and was himself one."²

One of my all-time favorite bridge memories involve both Robert and Steven, and my goof friend Mike Purcell. Louisville Lexington run a Regional Tournament in early November. Mike and I made a commitment to play

several days, typically in team games. We'd heard that Steven needed only a few Gold Points to become Life Master (Robert had reached that level shortly before the tournament). We invited Robert and Steven to play with us in the hopes we could find a way to an overall finish with just enough points to do it. The game we chose was an open Swiss Team even. Mike and I caused us to play in the top flight. Steven and Robert weren't fazed. They had faced much tougher competition than their teammates! After the first round we eked out a win against a team unknown to us. In the second we beat a pro team narrowly. The third saw a comfortable win against a strong Cincinnati team, and the fourth round left us with our fourth win. 4 in a row was certainly unexpected. By our calculations, all we needed was a comfortable win over one of the next three teams and Steve would be a new Life Master. Try as we might we lost the fifth match by a small margin. Nothing memorably wrong. The sixth saw another defeat, this time the opponents simply got to better contracts. The final match ended up in a close loss. No, I cannot remember the hands – because they themselves are irrelevant. What mattered was the good feeling that we gave our best effort. The very next day Mike and I played in a KO and won our first 2 matches. Robert approached us at the end of the evening round (about 10 PM or so) and asked if we knew of any other Cincinnatians who were still in the ballroom. We rounded up several mutual friends. Robert and Steven then went to the nearby steak house across the foyer. The induced to staff to reopen the restaurant (it had closed ½ hour earlier). We gathered around one large table with glasses of Moet, shrimp, and other small bites, while Robert shared that he and Steven had managed a top finish in the Gold Rush pairs – with just enough gold to get Steve home. The celebration was typical Robert S Brown – only the best, with the best conversation about topics of the day among good friends.

I would have the privilege and pleasure of sharing Robert's hospitality in his Law Offices and in his newly acquired penthouse apartment on Central Parkway in Cincinnati. I could always count on interesting people, intelligent conversation, superb food artfully prepared by professional chefs, and some of the best wines available anywhere in the world.

The first time I visited Robert's new apartment we found a very modern decor with enormous space filled with

² Robert S Brown Obituary,
<https://www.cincinnati.com/obituaries/cen219224>

objects d'art, wild beast trophies (many) and an amazing wine collection.



Steve & Laura Moese Dec 21, 2018 Robert's Penthouse

He proudly showed us his cellar garage with a turntable for his cars so that he could park them all safely inside.



Steve Moese, Robert Brown, Laura Moese, John & Kathy Meinking, Steven Felson 12/21/18 – Robert's Party

Robert helped Unit 124 in many ways. He consulted with us when we were considering whether to move the CBC to new space or stay in our current building. He explored purchase, rental, and new construction options. He helped us determine that staying was better than leaving. Robert provided 400 printed copies of the ALERT every issue for our local readers (not only could we not afford the postage; we could not afford the printing). Robert provided much needed financial support when covid struck. He also contributed what I personally consider the most creative, articulate and wry series of articles ever to grace the pages of the ALERT (Steve Felson - If you return with your Star Trekky "Episodes" tales about intergalactic bridge, I will call this a tie).

The very first Ruminations article failed the writer's approval as rendered in these pages. As Editor I took

charge of making format unified across our authors and prided myself on using NY Times rules for print. Well, when I ran across Robert's byline, I naturally corrected what he had submitted. Robert S Brown became Robert S. Brown. After all we all put a period after our middle initial. Robert was livid! "What do you think you are doing changing my middle name? My middle name is S and I am proud of it. Remove the offending period. Ans so I learned another life lesson. When intelligent people present you with something odd, don't try to make it conform to the familiar.

I always found delight and inspiration in his writings. Yes, he accused me of having too heavy a blue pencil, but that was my job.



Robert, Romeo, and Steven

Here we see Robert and Romeo Bodrogi-Podoaba and Steve Felson at a good-bye party for Romeo. You might surmise by the hat that Romeo was moving from Cincinnati to Houston.

Robert was a friend to all, and a hero for human rights in Cincinnati.

Marion Spencer, the Mother of Civil Rights in Cincinnati, passed away on July 7, 2019. Robert was a keynote speaker delivering a very personal eulogy that showed his attention to relationship and to fairness in society, and his commitment to civil rights. I never had the chance to tell Robert how much I admire his work, indeed all the very heavy lifting, that he did to promote inclusion in Cincinnati. Robert proudly called Ms. Spencer "Mom" and I believe that affection was reciprocated.

Robert you are a good friend and are deeply missed by too many to count. We are lucky to have known you. Rest assured that my plebeian prose can no longer irritate you and my hefty blue pencil is not longer a barrier to expressing your thoughts your way. The good news? You are now where you will never take another losing fessie! God bless you. and thank you on behalf of everyone you have helped. Condolences to all your friends and family.

[Editor - The ALERT is unable to recognize all the members who have passed away during the time since covid. We recognize everyone on the website with a notice and link to their obituary as available].

Bidding Quiz - Problems



Bob Jones Quizzes – Unit 124

Every Saturday morning participants get an advanced copy of the Bob Jones quiz. If you'd like to participate, please send an email to Mike at rmikeburnsi@gmail.com. Feel free to send questions to any commenters. There is rarely one correct answer to bidding problems. You can see

all past quizzes on the unit 124 website:

<http://www.cincybridge.com/CBA-Weekly-Bidding-Quiz.html>

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠A 9 5 3 ♥9 8 5 3 ♦K 8 6 5 ♣6

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1NT Pass Pass ?

No crime in passing. Your methods allow you to double, starting a sequence to show both majors, or to bid 2D, showing diamonds and a major.

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q7 ♥9 5 ♦Q J T 7 ♣A Q T 6 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1H Pass 1NT Pass

2D Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠7 6 ♥A J 4 3 2 ♦Void ♣A T 9 8 6 5

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

2D Pass Pass 3C

Pass Pass 3D ?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A K 7 2 ♥A Q T 5 ♦A K 7 ♣T 6

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1C Pass Pass Dbl

Pass 1D 1H ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – East-West vulnerable

♠9 7 3 ♥A Q T 9 7 ♦T ♣9 8 7 5

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1S Pass 2S ?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – North-South vulnerable

♠T ♥K T 7 6 4 ♦A T 5 4 ♣Q J T

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1D 1H 1S ?

What call would you make?

Bonus Question - Both Vulnerable

♠K Q 7 ♥Q J 9 5 4 3 ♦Q 7 5 ♣7

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

P 1C P 1H

P 1S P ?

Look for answers on Monday.

Answers on p. 19

Gourmet Ducks

By Mike Ma

In general, I am not a fan of playing the public games on BBO. However, I do like playing private games. If you have 8 people, you can have a nice team game. But even if you only have one table, you can still play duplicate. In particular, you can use Archived hands from tournaments and compare with the experts who play those hands instead of random BBO players.

The following two hands are taken from 2018 Spingold SF at NABC. The two teams who played them were Gawrys vs. Tulin. You get to play the hands and compare to the pair from each team who sat your direction. You get your imp score vs. them.

For example, you sit EW and bid and make 4♠ on a hand for +620, while the two EW pairs in that Spingold match both make 4, but one bid game for +620 and the other only bid 3 for +170. You are +0 vs. one pair for 0 imp and +450 vs. the other pair for +10 imps. You average the two and your score for that hand is +5 imps. This way of scoring is called cross-imps. Cross-imps can be very frustrating against random BBO players, no matter what level you are. But when it is scored against players of known caliber, it can be fun and worthwhile.

Because you are comparing against experts, your scores really mean something and you can learn much by looking at what the experts did the same or different from you, and why. The following two hands happen to be consecutive hands from that match which are both quite interesting. I will start with the second hand first for pedagogical reason. In the bidding below, bids with parenthesis are those by opponents, and those without are by your side.

First hand, you hold

♠Q9843
♥Q64
♦985
♣T5

You partner opened
1♦ – (X) – P – (3♣)
P – (3NT)
ending the auction.

You are on lead.

This is imps, and your principal goal is to set the contract, especially when it is game. Normally you would lead partner's suit, but the 1♦ opening promised usually 4+ and only 3 if 4=4=3=2. And your partner could double 3NT for

a ♦ lead and she didn't (By the way, do you and your partners have agreement about what X of 3NT here would mean?).

For what is worth, you chose to lead a 4th best ♠. Dummy showed up with:

♠K
♥K5
♦Q74
♣QJ9876
2

That ♦ holding coupled with your RHO (right hand opponent) bidding 3NT probably meant a ♦ lead would not have been productive. Dummy played the K per force, and your partner played the A. Yeah!. Partner then continued with the ♠7, while declarer played 2 and then J. For brevity, let's

say you decided that partner had 3 ♠s, and her 7 would be from 76 or 75 at this point. What do you play on the ♠J by declarer?

It is natural to capture an honor with an honor, and take the J with the Q. In this case, it would be also the usual 3rd hand high. Did you? If you did, the hand was over. You can continue ♠, but declarer takes the 10, knocks out your partner's ♣ honor, and goes to dummy with the ♥K. Your partner has no ♠ to play when in with the ♣K. At the second trick, you could see you had no entry, and you must preserve communication to partner's hand. So, you must duck declarer's ♠J, and hoped declarer did not have 9 tricks then. When in with the ♣K, partner now had another ♠ to lead, and your Q98 sat behind declarer's Tx for 3 more tricks and down 1. This kind of ducking by defense is quite common and we should all have it in our repertoire. We should be alert to recognize it when it occurs.

At the Spingold match, both players holding your hand actually showed their ♠ suit over the X (wow!), and dummy at your table was the declarer in 3NT at both tables. Knowing you had ♠, your partner naturally led one. But not seeing the other hands, she was not clairvoyant enough to lay down the ♠A. After that making 4 was easy. So, if you ducked the second ♠, you earned +12 imps. If not, the hand was a push.

Now the other interesting hand. This time your hand was

♠Q932
♥K97
♦KQ954
♣8

Your partner opened and the auction was
1♣ – (1♠) – 2♦ – (2♠)
3♣ – (P) – 3NT
ending the auction with you as declarer.

As expected, your LHO led a small ♠. Having supported ♠ voluntarily, leading low marked him with an honor. Dummy showed up with

♠10
♥QJ5
♦AJ6
♣AKT652

(Did you think she could have more than one ♠?)

Your RHO took the A and returned the 7. Both the bidding and the plays thus far said your LHO had ♠Kxx or Jxx, with the former more likely as he might have led J from Jxx. What ♠ do you play on trick 2?

Count tricks first. You are pretty sure you have 5 ♦ tricks, and you have 2 sure ♣ tricks, which make 7. Once you knock out ♥A, you will have two ♥ tricks. So, you have 9 tricks and making 3NT provided you do not lose 4 ♠ tricks. So how should you play to the second ♠?

Your choices are ♠Q, 9 or 3. Say you play the Q, if your LHO has the K, he will take it and play another ♠. Your 9 will be stop the suit for now. But after RHO knocks it out, then she will cash her 5th ♠ when in with her likely ♥A. If you play the 9, finessing the J, same thing. LHO takes the K and returns another ♠ and they will knock out your ♠Q before you play ♥. What about the 3? Your RHO's 7 will hold. But now the suit is blocked if LHO plays low. And if he overtakes with the K, you now have two ♠ stoppers. Playing the 3 seems like it is giving them a trick they don't deserve, but it is the winning line! Note that if LHO has the ♥A, any ♠ play by you work, so your play does not depend on RHO having the ♥A. It is true that if your LHO started with Jxx, then your correct play is the Q. But not only is Kxx more likely than Jxx as mentioned above, but it also requires your RHO to false card on trick 1, playing the A from AK. Furthermore, the play of the 9, the most obvious card at first sight is never right.

At the Spingold match, Multon, a world champion, made the correct play of the ♠3, and made 3NT. At the other table, your partner opened a Precision 2♣ (6+ ♣ intermediate hand 10-15 HCP), and understandably you were conservative, and 2♣ was the contract making 4. So, if you played the ♠3, you were +3.5 imps. Otherwise, you were -7.5 imps.

Most Challenging Bridge Skill

By Cliff Pleatman

Defense is the most challenging bridge skill. Communication with partner can be a 2-edged sword, often providing an easy roadmap for declarer. Therefore, a miscommunication is often called for. White lies are rooted in kindness in the real world. In bridge a white lie to partner can get them on the right track and maximize your results. In fact, great defenders lie all the time.

♠Q843

♥975

♦AJ65

♣K4

Dir: North

Vul: None

♠A5
♥A8632
♦K74
♣1086

	North	
West	17	East
	South	

♠1062
♥KQJ10
♦Q108
♣752

	10	
11		8
	11	

♠KJ97
♥4
♦932
♣AQJ93

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	3	2	-	3	-
S	3	2	-	3	-
E	-	-	2	-	-
W	-	-	2	-	-

In 3rd seat South must open his 11-count 1♣. Partner makes a negative double over the 1♥ overcall. East bids 2♥ and we eventually get to a 3♠ contract. West leads the ♥A. An alert East knows continuing ♥s is fruitless. Given the opening ♣ bid, shifting is a must, best bet to ♦s. West doesn't know pard has 4 ♥s and will likely continue ♥s.

What to do?

Dropping the ♥K confirms a solid sequence, but playing the ♥Q(!) is a white lie, denying the ♥K. West knows (wink, wink) to shift and a ♦ makes sense given the opening bid. Otherwise South makes 5 ♠s.

Bidding Quiz - Answers

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

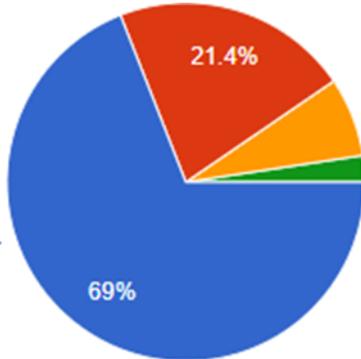
♠A 9 5 3 ♥9 8 5 3 ♦K 8 6 5 ♣6

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1NT Pass Pass ?

Question 1

42 responses

- Pass
- Double
- 2D
- No Answer



Bob Jones X We favor bidding, but bid what? If you show both majors, partner will know exactly what your suits are, so we would double. A very close decision.

Steve Vogel Pass I am tempted to overcall to show the majors (not 2♦, as it has a greater risk of landing us in a 4-3 diamond fit), especially given that I expect a club lead against 1NT. Still, I am lacking in both high cards and intermediates. If my intermediates were better, I might choose to bid, but with this hand, I would pass.

Joe Muenks Pass Partner rates to have some values so no need to risk a good chance at a plus and then go minus. Note my pattern of middle of the road calls. It is as important not to lose hands as it is to win hands like making a hero bid here that rates to work 51% of the time.

Bob Fisk X Not sure why there isn't a better bid to show both majors, but we play the hand we're dealt (pun intended). I suppose my double works well if partner has a "trap pass" of a 1NT opener.

Steve Moese X Mel Colchamiro discusses the strategy and metrics for interfering over their NT. While Mel's "Rule of 6+2" applies in direct seat (the position over the NT bidder), any hand with a singleton should bid when behind the NT bidder,

especially if our methods do not allow a penalty double of 1NT. I save 2♦ here for at least 5 cards in that suit.

Mel's Rule of 6+2: Count the number of cards in your 2 longest suits (8). Count the number of losers in the hand (8). If the number of cards minus the number of losers is 2 or more, and you have at least 6 HCP in the 2 longest suits, then interfere. If not, pass. This hand passes in direct seat, but balances in 4th seat.

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

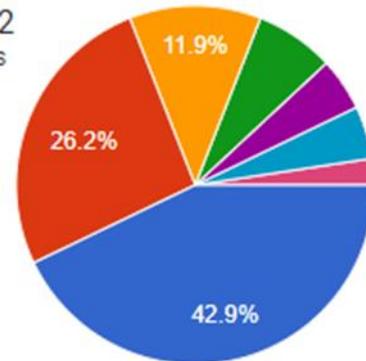
♠Q7 ♥9 5 ♦Q J T 7 ♣A Q T 6 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1H Pass 1NT Pass
2D Pass ?

Question 2

42 responses

- 3D
- 3C
- 2NT
- 2S
- 2H
- Pass
- 3NT



Bob Jones 2♠ Too strong for 3♦. Make the expert bid of 2♠, showing a good raise to 3♦. What else could it mean?

Steve Vogel 2♠ This bid shows a better diamond raise than a rebid of 3♦, as it cannot show spades because I skipped spades to bid 1NT originally. This bid is called "the impossible 2♠ bid."

Joe Muenks 2NT The question assumes you are playing 2/1 so keep playing that system; 2NT shows 10-12 HCP and a pretty square hand. If you're playing standard you bid 2♣ last round and now you bid 3♦ showing both minors, 10-12, and no spade stopper.

Bob Fisk 2♠ This is the "Impossible 2♠ Bid" showing an invitational raise for partner's minor-suit rebid. It's "impossible" because I would have already bid Spades over 1♥ if I had 'em. If I bid 3♦ here, it's more of a courtesy raise (picture xx xx QTxxx AJxx). Partner can sign off in 2NT holding a minimum hand

and only three Diamonds (picture KJx ATxxx Kxx Jx). Playing in 2NT will pay better than playing in 3♦ at Matchpoints if partner is balanced.

Steve Moese 2NT I prefer to have 5 card minor in this position to raise partner. Since this hand is balanced (2=2=4=5) I invite with 11 HCP by bidding 2NT. If the hand were 3=1=4=5 I would bid 2♠ - the impossible spade bid (1NT usually denies 4+ spade cards in this auction). That shows a good (invitational) raise of opener's minor suit.

Another impossible spade rebid exists when the auction goes

(1♥ - 1NT); (2♥ - 2♠)

By agreement this shows 5/5 in the minors in an unbalanced hand with invitational values (10-11 HCP). 2NT would be a balanced invite - please have exactly 2 hearts for that bid.

Final tip - If partner rebids their major and you were waiting to make a 3-card limit raise of partner's suit - BID GAME."

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠7 6 ♥A J 4 3 2 ♦- ♣A T 9 8 6 5

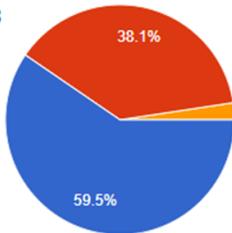
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

2D Pass Pass 3C
Pass Pass 3D ?

Question 3

42 responses

● 3H
● Pass
● Double



Bob Jones 3♥ Partner may hate you for bidding again, but there is too much to lose by passing. Bid 3♥.

Steve Vogel 3♥ This bid would suggest a stronger hand than I have, but the devil in me will not let me sell out to 3♦ with 6-5 shape. It might get us into trouble, but nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Joe Muenks Pass You stretched a tad to balance in at the 3 level and now you've successfully pushed the opponents up. Let's try for a better result defending 3♦ than others got defending 2♦. Bidding 3♥ now, in my opinion, shows a better hand. Next

time, knowing you get 1 bid, consider balancing with 2♥.

Bob Fisk 3♥ You were hoping for this auction when you bid 3♣--otherwise why on earth would you hide your 5-card major? That's rhetorical. By the way, you did well not to think that a 2NT overall in balancing position was the "Unusual 2NT". It's not--it would have shown 18-19 HCP and a balanced hand. Dodged a bullet there.

Steve Moese 3♥ What else? If they compete to 4♦, I will rebid 4♥ completing the picture of my hand. Marty Bergen says "6-5 come alive" for a good reason. (If partner doubles 4♦, we will defend). This vulnerability is a reason to get in their space.

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

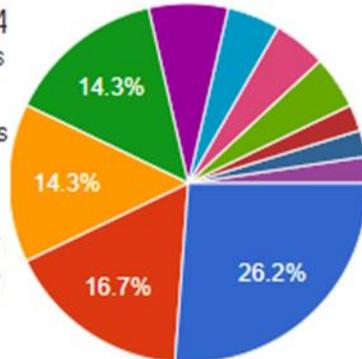
♠A K 7 2 ♥A Q T 5 ♦A K 7 ♣T 6

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1C Pass Pass Dbl
Pass 1D 1H ?

Question 4
42 responses

● Double
● 1S ● Pass
● 1NT ● 2S
● 2D ● 3D
● 3C ● 3NT
● 2H ● 2NT



Bob Jones 1NT An awkward decision. The club stopper is a little flimsy, but we like 1NT.

Steve Vogel 2♦ 1NT in this auction shows 19-20 HCP. The big flaw is that I do not have a club stopper, but should I still bid it? I believe East's heart bid shows 4 hearts, club support and willingness to compete to 2♣ if partner does not have heart support. With that in mind, I think it is more likely that partner has a real diamond suit and we will do better in diamonds than notrump. The alternatives are to double (but what does that show?) or to pass, which I would not consider.

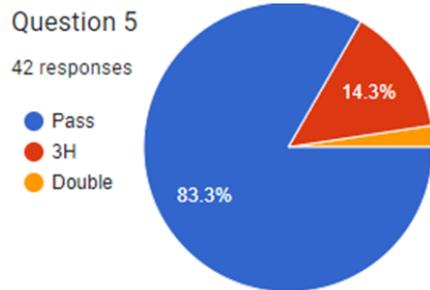
Joe Muenks **X** This double announces more than 17 HCP, no suit of our own, less than primary diamond support (in the old days we called 4 trump support "primary") and some flaw preventing us from bidding a 16-18 pt NT (Double then NT is 16-18 now). Partner now knows our holding and is well-informed to decide what to do.

Bob Fisk **X** This is still for takeout. If partner is weak and has an extra Diamond, they can bid 2♦ and you'll play there. If partner has four Diamonds and a Club stopper, they can bid 1NT. Partner could still be 4-2-5-2, and 1♠ will play nicely. Side question: How many points do you think partner has? Let's see--12 for your LHO, five for righty, 20 for you, that leaves ... um, three for partner. Hopefully it's QJxxx in Diamonds, and you might come away with +130 for taking ten tricks if the Heart King is onside and your partner is able to ruff a Club in dummy. Nicely played, pard!

Steve Moese **2♥** We have a strong hand and want to hear if partner can stop clubs for 3NT. Since they have bid 2 suits, cue-bidding 2♥ asks for a Club stop. (It also happens to suggest a good hand with a 3-card raise for Diamonds).

Q 5 – East-West vulnerable
 ♠9 7 3 ♥A Q T 9 7 ♦T ♣9 8 7 5

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 1S Pass 2S ?



Bob Jones **3♥** Partner is short in spades and he didn't bid, so he doesn't have much. We want a heart lead and are willing to risk a 3♥ bid to get it. Bid 3♥.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Partner (with relative shortness in spades) still has a say. No need to pre-balance with this hand, but is it worth a heart bid to direct the opening lead if the opponents play the hand?

Some would say yes, but I would worry that partner would expect me to be much stronger for a 3♥ bid as an unpassed hand.

Joe Muenks **Pass** Epls, balance aggressively, bid in direct seat honestly. I'm trying to figure out what consideration the columnist is trying to trick us into within a bidding contest because if it's not a quiz question I hope you all pass.

Bob Fisk **Pass** You have zero safety taking a bid here, since your LHO is unlimited. Your partner doesn't have an opening hand with two Spades, since they didn't make a takeout double over 1♠, so any thought that partner holds xx xxx KQxx AKxx is pure fantasy.

Steve Moese **3♥** Are we crazy? - like a fox. First, look again at the vulnerability. Second, when their auction goes 1M-P-2M, we make a "prebalance" bid - Marty Bergen called this OBAR - for Opponents Bid and Raise bids. This offers a lead director for partner, and could be a sound sacrifice. Our partner has at most 2 spades and might have 0 or 1. That means we have complementary shortness (spades and diamonds). So values in the round suits will be working in our favor. If this were a balanced hand, we would pass in tempo. Note OBAR bids need to be treated just as if the auction went

1M - P - 2M - P
 P - 3Z

Here we take a K from partner and bid accordingly. In the past, this direct 3-bid meant great strength - a very rare situation. By pre-balancing we hope to find partner with at least 3 hearts.

Finally, we want a ♥ Lead.

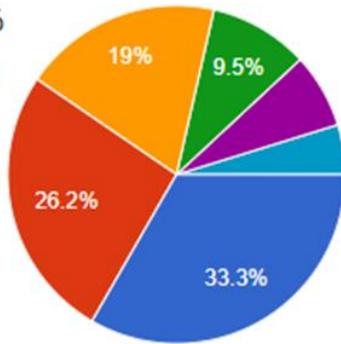
Q 6 – North-South vulnerable
 ♠T ♥K T 7 6 4 ♦A T 5 4 ♣Q J T

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 1D 1H 1S ?

Question 6

42 responses

- 4H
- 2S
- 2D
- 2H
- 3H
- 3S



Bob Jones **3♠** Perfect for a splinter bid, showing a game-forcing heart raise with shortness in spades. Bid 3♠.

Steve Vogel **2♠** My partner and I play that a cuebid of the opponent's higher suit shows 4+ card support and 10+ points. I prefer this bid over a direct raise to 4♥ which would show more of a defenseless hand with long hearts. This cuebid showing values will allow partner to make a more informed decision if the opponents compete to 4♠ (likely).

Joe Muenks **2♠** I'm a big advocate of showing a good support hand with a cue bid and bid higher with more when given 2 suits to choose from. This allows you to use 2♥, 3♥ and 4♥ for very weak hands with increasing trump cards and warns partner away from penalty doubles.

Bob Fisk **3♠** I play this as showing 4+ Hearts, a limit raise or better, and shortness in Spades (splinter). I rock! Picture partner with xxx Axxxx Kx Kxx (making five).

Steve Moese **4♥** We don't want west to have an easy time showing spade support. Let them make the last guess. Slam when they bid and raise is not in the picture.

Bonus Question - Both Vul

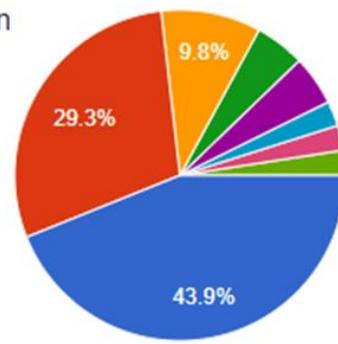
♠K Q 7 ♥Q J 9 5 4 3 ♦Q 7 5 ♣7

	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
P	1C		P	1H
P	1S		P	?

Bonus Question

41 responses

- 2C
- 2H
- 3H
- 2NT
- 1NT
- 2S
- 3S
- 3NT



Bob Jones **NO ANSWER**

Steve Vogel **2♣** (XYZ) This hand is of invitational value with 6 decent hearts. With such a hand, my plan is to follow up my 2♣ bid with 3♥ over partner's forced 2♦ response. Playing XYZ, a direct 3♥ rebid shows more of a slammish hand. I play that all invitational hands go through 2♣ following 3 1-level bids.

Joe Muenks **2♣** Playing XYZ, bid 2♣ then 2♥ over partner's forced 2♦. Playing standard to show the same hand bid 3♥ announcing 10-12 and 6 reasonable hearts. With the spades fitting you hope there aren't too many wasted values in clubs whereby xxx or Jxx in diamonds in dummy dooms you.

Bob Fisk **2♣** (XYZ). After partner's forced 2♦ bid, I'll rebid 2♥. If partner had rebid 1NT instead of 1♠, I'd rebid 3♥, but partner doesn't have to have any Hearts on this auction. If partner bids 2NT over 2♥, I'll pass (after a long pause). If partner raises to 3♥ over 2♥, I'll bid game. Picture partner with Jxxx Kxx KJx Axx.

Steve Moese **2♣** (XYZ) or 3♥ (depends on bidding methods). By rebidding 1♠, partner has shown an unbalanced hand with at least 8(9) cards in the black suits. Using XYZ we can initiate an invitational sequence by bidding 2♣. Partner will "puppet" to 2♦ and we rebid 2♥. We need to avoid rebidding 3♥ here in case partner is 4=1=3=5, likely on the auction. If partner has 14+ HCP they will try 3NT. If they have 4=2=2=5, they will try 2NT after which we can try 3♥ safely.

Secrets Bridgmates Keep

By Steve Moese

If you played much bridge before 1993, you will remember we scored duplicate pair games using paper travelers. The Boards came to the table with slips of paper tucked in the north slot. They were folded several times and security printed so no one could see what was written on the other side. Inside the folded oblong was a small table where the scorer wrote down the NS and EW pair numbers, the number of the board played, the contract and result, then the numerical score. The score went in the NS or EW column as a positive result. When the internet became available in 1995, it wasn't long after that people wanted a way to score electronically. There are several solutions, but among the more common is the Bridgmate. This is a small device that looks like a calculator and has buttons made for keeping a duplicate bridge score. There is an input screen, an approval screen, and a review screen when needed.



Here we see the table is playing Board 2 in a 3 NT Doubled contract by West. The opening lead (optional) is the $\spadesuit 10$. The hand is still underway because the result has not yet been input. (The pair numbers are not discernable in this picture, but they are there!).

These devices cost about \$150 each and use what we can kindly call ancient analog technology.

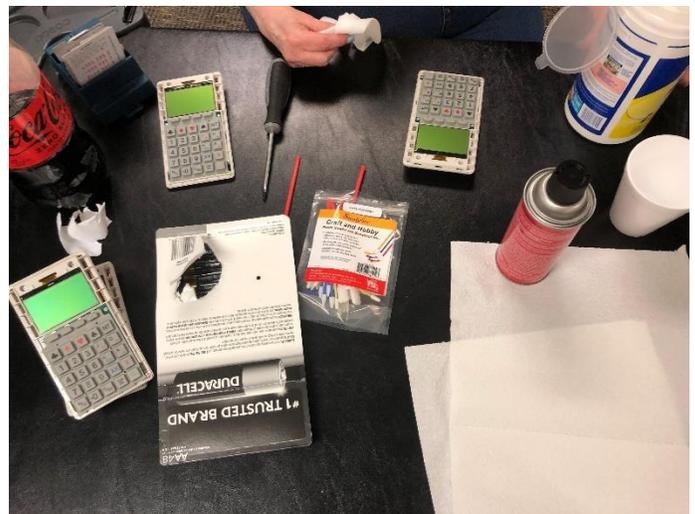
They communicate to a dedicated server that compiles the results and trades data with the ACBLScore software running the game. Directors like it because all scoring is automatic, saving much time and effort. The software has the ability to check for "strange" results. A strange result usually occurs when the scorekeeper mistakes the direction of the declarer (NS for EW) or when a strange contract is reached. The director will usually consult the scorecards of the pairs involved to see what the intended scores were. Sometimes they need to discuss the strange result with the participating pairs.

These little devices are battery powered and need periodic maintenance. That's when they give up their secrets.

Ever notice that the Bridge Mate is slow? Or perhaps that the Keys are spongy or sticky? Maybe a key doesn't work anymore? Have you thought about why that might be?

Just before the first Flying Pig Regional in 3 years, three of us gathered in the Cincinnati Bridge Center to provide much needed maintenance to over 36 machines. We needed them for the big tournament and we didn't want them to malfunction or present any problem to the smooth execution of those games.

Here's the team's equipment for the maintenance operation:



There is a pack of spongy cleaning tools, and some electronics cleaning spray along with disinfection wiped and plenty of paper towels. You can also see three Bridge Mates with their face plates removed but the button pads still in place. The faceplates, button pads, and the underlying printed circuit board will all need attention. Have a look:



Do you have any idea where that grungy dirt comes from? Two guesses – time’s up! That’s right – your fingers! (And the occasional spill of food or drink). The act of eating finger food at the table transfers that food to the cards and the Bridge Mates. I leave it to the reader to decide what’s best to solve this problem. Of course, there’s a lot of work to do to get this sticky organic soil out from all the parts of the machine that are affected. This work takes time and patience – there are hundreds of nooks and crannies that need attention. And there are a bunch of machines too.



Each one of the devices requires 2 standard alkaline AA batteries. Always good to change these once a year. Also, it’s good to clean and maintain the Bridge Mates once a year.



As you can see, while the Bridge Mate might look nice on the outside, garbage can be lurking under the skin.



Thanks to Deborah Cummings for organizing this clean-up and for all our players who eat food away from the table and wash their hands thoroughly before returning to the table to play. Bridge Mates will stay much cleaner that way and not have so many secrets to hide!

On the left is the printed circuit with the touch sensors exposed. The grimy gunk gets into the recesses in the buttons. Notice on the left there is one button completely obscured in black gunk. That’s why that button was not working. No surprise is it that that is the “OK” button, one that is pushed several times each hand. Notice on the right how the sponge tipped cleaning tool fills with that gunk. That’s why we need a bag full of those handy scrubbers.

Did you know the CBC has an AED device available in case of a medical emergency? We just replaced the batteries (due every 5 years or so). Next time you visit, take the time to locate where it is. It is fully automatic and will save the life of someone experiencing cardiac arrest.



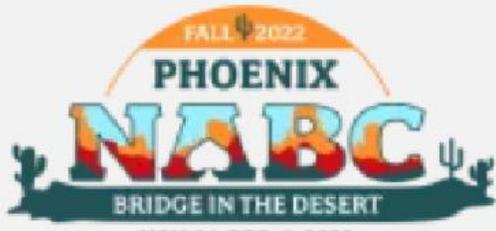
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		• 99'er Pairs *	
Wednesday NOV 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War Admiral Gold Rush Pairs (2 Sessions) • War Admiral Open Pairs (2 Sessions) • Barbaro Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions) 		
		• 99er Pairs *	
Thursday NOV 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat London Gold Rush Swiss Teams (2 Sessions) • Pat London Open Swiss Teams (2 Sessions) 		• “Eight is Enough” WIN GOLD Horizontal Swiss (Round 1)
Friday NOV 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat Gold Rush Pairs (2 Sessions) • Secretariat Open Pairs (2 Sessions) • Citation Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions) 		• “Eight is Enough” WIN GOLD Horizontal Swiss (Round 2)
		• 99er Pairs *	
Saturday NOV 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seattle Slew Gold Rush Pairs (2 Sessions) • Seattle Slew Open Pairs (2 Sessions) • Smarty Jones Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions) 		
		• 99er Pairs *	
Sunday NOV 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Churchill Downs Gold Rush Swiss: 0-100/100-300/300-750 (2 Session Playthrough) • Churchill Downs Open Swiss: 0-1,500/1,500-5,000/5,000+ (2 Session Playthrough) 		<p>Be Sure to Vote By Absentee Ballot Before Coming!</p>

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