

The Shuffler

The Newsletter of the Petoskey Bridge Club



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Petoskey, Michigan

The President's Message



Congratulations! You did it. So many people played at the club last year that the all-time annual attendance record was broken. We had a total of 2,292 tables, up 8 percent from the previous year. It is hard to believe but our club had the **SECOND** highest attendance in the state of Michigan!

As was predicted in the last edition of *The Shuffler*, Bernadette Burkhardt and Allison White started teaching bridge lessons to Petoskey Middle School students last fall. They were ably assisted by Eva Walker, Janice Smolinski, Jeanette Aspenleiter, and Marsha Harrison. Nancy Nardizzi provided wonderful cookies and brownies which the students loved! We are grateful to all of them for their efforts in introducing a younger generation to the great game of bridge. In fact, it was so successful that lessons continued in January and February.

But wait, there's more! We were approached by the Petoskey library director, Val Meyerson (who used to play bridge at the club with her husband, Tom Johnson) to see if we would be willing to teach bridge lessons at the library. Allison immediately picked up the ball and ran with it. The concept is that the library and North Central Michigan College will offer a mini-course of beginner/refresher bridge lessons. The lessons will be taught by Allison and Bernadette at the library on Friday afternoons in May and June. I'm sure they could use some help – especially from those players with 200+ masterpoints who are not eligible to play on Fridays. The last lesson will be held at the club in a party atmosphere. If there is sufficient interest we would hold a sanctioned low-masterpoint game on Saturdays during the summer, following which, these newly-addicted bridge players can graduate to the Friday game or beyond.



Record table counts. Neither rain nor snow, nor sleet can deter our winter stalwarts from playing. Pictured here on December 31st.

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This year we will be holding a Non-Life Member (NLM) sectional tournament at the club on June 25-26.(page 6) One modification this year is that the Swiss Team game on Sunday will be far shorter in duration. Instead of 7 rounds of 7 boards we will probably play 6 rounds of 5 boards. Thanks, once again, to Joe Hollis and Nancy Colbert for arranging this tournament.

We will also be hosting a Regional tournament (*page 6*) at the casino in August. As in the past, Mike Sears, is the tournament chair and this year the partnership chair will be Julie Kennedy. Thanks to both.

The Pro-Am games continue to be popular. This first of this year's games will be held on Friday, June 10. As before, the split between Pros and Ams will be at 200 MPs.

Please note that we switch to our summer schedule (weekday games starting at 10:00) on Monday, May 2.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the club.

Larry

**Summer Schedule Effective
Monday May 2nd**

Monday - 10:00am - Open game
Tuesday - 10:00am - Open game
(Strats are 0-50, 50-200, 200 up)
Wednesday - 10:00am Open game
Thursday - 10:00am Open game
Friday - 10:00am 0-199 er game
(Strats are 0-20, 20-50, 50-199)
Sunday -1:30pm Swiss team game
will be held on the second Sunday
of the month. (*Reservations are
needed for the Swiss.*)

The Next Generation...a beginning

Can Petoskey Middle School's Builders become Bidders as well? Yes, if Allison White, Bernadette Burkhardt and several other players have anything to say about it.

Allison and Bernadette led the Petoskey Duplicate Bridge Club's effort to introduce the game to the schools' boys and girls. It reflects nearly a year of preparation that included persuading the school's principal to give it a try and a trip to Chicago for Burkhardt and White to get up to speed on the ACBL's national youth program.

The first two weeks in October got off to a slow start, with just one table of players.

But then the adviser to the school's Builders service club and another teacher stopped by the classroom to ask what was being taught. When they returned a week later, they brought a dozen students from the 6th, 7th and 8th grades with them – "enough for four tables," Bernadette said happily.

The students were given a grounding in bidding, offensive and defensive card play and scoring. They use duplicate boards and bidding boxes to reinforce the ideas of a game of skill.

The program was slated to continue through the end of 2015, but continued through February.

Congratulations to all the Students and their instructors!



Bernadette Burkhardt and Jeanette Aspenleiter explain how honor-point counting works



Eva Walker helps students understand some of the basics of contract bridge.

Face it, duplicate bridge has a bad reputation. A lot of people won't even give it a try because they think it is not so much a game as a cut-throat competition played by old people who cackle at opponents mistakes when they aren't chewing out their partners for judgment errors.

Of course that's not what goes on at the Petoskey Bridge Club. Every day we open our doors it is really the start of a party, with friends sharing pleasant conversations and a central reason for being there. Sure there are a few prickly guests (you know who you are), but overwhelmingly it is an occasion for fun, challenge and even some learning.



Fortunately, the size of our "guest list" in terms of active players and number of tables played has grown a bit in recent years. That mirrors a larger trend; nationally, ACBL's 168,000 member total is up from years past. But the numbers appear to reflect America's growing cohort of longer-living retirees rather than a boom in popularity among the under-60 crowd. Half of ACBL members are over 70 years old. Recent revelations of cheating at the most competitive levels haven't burnished the game's appeal. And while northern Michigan is getting increasingly attractive as home for the silver-haired, it isn't Florida or Arizona or other retirement destinations where clubs can count on newcomers to refresh their contests. If we want this exceptional club to continue to flourish, we – all of us and not just the board of directors – should be thinking of ways to attract new players and increase the frequency of play by existing members. What follows are some of the ideas that arose in recent talks with players here and at other clubs.

Finding New Players

- Start a game for players with zero to 5, 10 or 20 masterpoints. This could be run concurrently with the present Friday game for those with fewer than 200 points. New players could develop a feel for the game without fear of embarrassment. Experienced players would provide post-game analysis of bidding and play.
- Advertise our games in new places, including church social groups, retirement communities and other social networks. Reach out to players from the successful new games at Walloon Lake and Birchwood.
- Emphasize our teaching role, including the beginner lessons. Continue the school outreach program of last winter. (See Page 2)
- Operate a lending library of basic bridge books. Emphasize the Common Game analysis of hands.

More Play by Present Members

- Start a formal mentoring program for less experienced players. (See Page 5)
- Provide regular postplay analysis for the Friday game.



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- Reinstate a 200-point or non-Life Master game concurrent with the Tuesday Open game (See Page 1)
- Recognize monthly, quarterly and annual masterpoint leaders as well as Ace of Clubs and Mini McKinney leaders.

Continue the Conversation

Jean and Shirley Carpenter had a vision for this club as a dynamic community of players, one that was constantly trying to expand knowledge of and love for bridge. We are a wonderful club, unique not only in our dedicated building but also in our commitment to continue to grow in new and interesting ways.

Allison White Suggests...

After working with Bernadette Burkhardt on the in-school project (See Page 2), Allison White was quick to offer extra ideas. Here are her suggestions:

- Encourage tournament attendance. Going to tournaments together fosters camaraderie, and competing in stratified games builds confidence and excitement. Plus, tournaments introduce players to the wide and wonderful world of bridge.
- Hold games like 8 is Enough to encourage newer and more-veteran players to become better acquainted and more comfortable with each other.
- Be ambassadors for the game and the club, wherever we are. Work to dispel whatever negative, stereotypical associations people may have about playing duplicate bridge. Reassure folks that we're a delightful group and would enjoy having them play with us.



The October Pro-Am was most enjoyable, as you can see from the smiling faces on the left. ***Jonathan Friendly's*** brother-in-law took these wonderful photographs of all the friendly people who play at our club.

DID YOU KNOW?



When there is no penalty for a **revoke:**

1. when the offenders do not win the revoke trick or a subsequent trick.
2. when the revoke is the second one is the same suit by the same player. A penalty still applies to the first revoke.
3. when the revoke involves a card belonging to dummy, or any other faced card (a penalty card, for example).
4. when one of the non-offenders has made a call on a subsequent deal.
5. when attention is first drawn to the revoke after the round has ended.
6. when the revoke occurred on the 12th trick. A revoke on the 12th trick must be corrected if discovered before all four hands have been returned to the board.

MENTORING TAKES AMBITION AND TACT

by Jonathan Friendly

Howard Braun says that mentoring less-experienced duplicate players “is one of the most satisfying experiences I have had at a bridge club. You watch them struggle – and succeed – and you know you have helped them do it.” Braun, 76 is among a dozen players at the St. Petersburg Bridge Club in Pinellas Park, FL, who are currently helping develop promising competitors. Some want help with the more complicated conventions and play techniques; others need guidance in basic bidding and declarer play and defense.

The club manager, Charles Gill, explained that the mentor-mentee partnerships sometimes play in the Tuesday afternoon open game along with a wide range of players but they can and do play in any open game that the club runs. The mentees, he said, “aren’t there to win points but to build their experience and comfort levels.” Gill said he put the partnerships together, relying on his knowledge of the personalities of the players and his guess about how they might get on. Most have worked out, he said, but “a couple of times the players just didn’t match up well. When that happens, we can change the pairings.”

Mentees pay the \$7 table fee for both themselves and their mentors; “pretty cheap for a-one-on-one lesson,” Gill noted. The partnerships agree in advance to play together at least 6 times over three months and most accomplish that goal, he said. Braun, who is close to becoming a Life Master and who competed in the North American Pairs in Reno in March, emphasizes the skill of thinking in bridge rather than memorizing a lot of advanced conventions, focusing on defense and play of the hands. He acknowledges that he can be abrasive from time to time with some of his regular partners, but tries to curb his impatience with his mentees. “He’s tough but he knows what he is doing,” said Nancy Colbert, a mentee of Braun’s last year.

The rules forbid teaching at the table during the game. Mentors can make notes to give pointers about the “troublesome hands” to be talked about after the game, and mentees can record hands or questions they too would like to review later. A sheet handed out in December when the program started cautioned mentees “Do not be overly sensitive to constructive criticism.”

The partners need to be clear about the goals, he said. One handout notes:

“Some possible goals the mentee may choose from:

- to feel more comfortable playing up,
- to mix and get to know more players,
- to understand table etiquette and proper behavior,
- to understand director rulings,
- to explore basic conventions,
- to solidify bidding understandings,
- to recognize your weaknesses and gain strengths,
- to recognize your strengths and receive encouragement”



Working on filling in their convention card

Gill said it takes some extra effort to keep the program moving smoothly but that is has become a real asset of the club, both in building player skills and increased overall play. Most mentees “learn faster and become more confident and become regular players at the club” because of the experience, he said.



Call the Director

Your opponent bids out of turn or makes an insufficient bid. You expose a card improperly or fail to follow suit. You think you know how to correct the problem.

Don’t!

Call the director for any failure to follow correct procedure. Fixing those mistakes is the director’s responsibility, not yours. Your efforts to fix something may make the problem worse, possibly by giving your partner unauthorized information.

PLAY

PETOSKEY REGIONAL AUGUST 15-21

VOLUNTEER

This year, the Unit 195 regional bridge tournament will be held Monday through Sunday, Aug. 15-21, at Odawa Casino in Petoskey, with the Petoskey Bridge Club as the host. As you know, regional tournaments (and national tournaments) enable players to win gold masterpoints, which are necessary to become a Life Master. Ninety card tables will be available for each of the three daily sessions (yes, we'll need you to loan your card tables to the club for tournament use). More than 1000 tables of play are expected for the week with players from all over the country participating. You can see the tournament schedule online at our Petoskey Bridge Club website, or at www.acbl.org. And of course, as the tournament nears, we'll be asking for volunteers to help with setup, teardown, and manning the registration and partnership desk. For additional information, contact tournament chairman Mike Sears at (231) 582-0604, mmsears@sprynet.com, or partnership chairperson Julie Kennedy at (231) 537-3110, tandjken@centurylink.net.



NEED SILVER MP's ? PLAY IN PETOSKEY NLM SECTIONAL

June 25 - 26, 2016 Petoskey Bridge Club • Space is Limited - Reservations Required

Saturday, June 25

10:00 am Stratified NLM Pairs - single session

3:00 pm Stratified NLM Pairs - single session

Sunday, June 26

10:00 am Stratified NLM Swiss Teams - play through

Lunch provided midway through

Stratifications: A=200 - 500 NLM; B=50 - 200; C=0 - 50 All Games Stratified by Average MPs

Chairperson: Joe Hollis, 231 437-3096 riverbluff48@mac.com

Partnerships: Nancy Colbert, 231 330-1600 colberttampa@aol.com

Need a phone number? Find the Club Roster at www.petoskeybridgeclub.com. Listed are telephone numbers and email addresses of our members. Obtain the password from any director or board member. To add, change or correct your listing email updates to: petoskeybridgeclub@gmail.com



Feel disconnected at the Club? Not anymore, A WIFI hot zone has been established in our bridge center. Check with the director for the password.



Formal management of the club resides with a non-profit corporation. Larry Willis is the president. Pam Ziegel is the vice-president. Bernadette Burkhardt, Dave Deal, Joe Hollis, LaVonne Reed, and Mike Sears are board directors as are Larry and Pam. The board has regular and special meetings to conduct its business, and is elected annually at a July meeting of members of the non-profit corporation. Any ACBL member may be a member of the non-profit corporation and participate in the July meeting. Corporation annual dues are \$50 payable before July 1.

All who play at the club are considered club members. No annual dues are required.

LET'S BE HONEST

by Jonathan Friendly

Here's the scenario. You and a regular partner both have read the same recent news stories about cheating at the highest level international competitions. You both noticed the simplicity of the technique that the Monaco team players Fluvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes were said to have used: if they played their opening lead toward the table vertically, they still had an ace, king or queen of that suit in their hand; if horizontally, they didn't. (The players have denied that they were cheating, and no final verdict has been rendered.) You and partner agree that the alleged Fantunes system would be easy to use.

A month later you and your partner are in the final round of a regional knockout. Your partner needs 6 more gold points to make life master. You are on lead, holding the king in a suit partner bid. It might be a valuable late entry. How are you going to play that opening card – vertical, horizontal or just a random toss? If you are one of the world's top players and your team sponsor is prepared to pay a \$50,000 bonus for winning the Bermuda Bowl, would you cheat? If it is gold points for a partner in need, would you cheat?

At our level at the Petoskey Bridge Club, the temptation is pretty small, maybe just some bragging rights at the end of a Sunday Swiss. Or a handful of silver at the sectional. Maybe you're thinking gold at the August Regional. Chances of getting caught? Nonexistent.

But you're not a swindler. Your parents taught you early on that you don't take unfair advantage of others. So you toss out the card and hope for the best. Or at least that is what we say we would do and what we expect our PBC opponents would do too. No trickery with coughs like the German doctors. No rearrangement of the bidding box or the board as the Israeli experts are said to have done.

But when the declarer is on the board and leads a suit and partner fingers first one card and then the other, do we file that information away for the second or third lead of the suit? We're not supposed to, of course, but it's pretty difficult to unknow something that basic and harder still not to use that information. After all, declarer is entitled to use partner's hesitation so why can't I? Doesn't everyone?

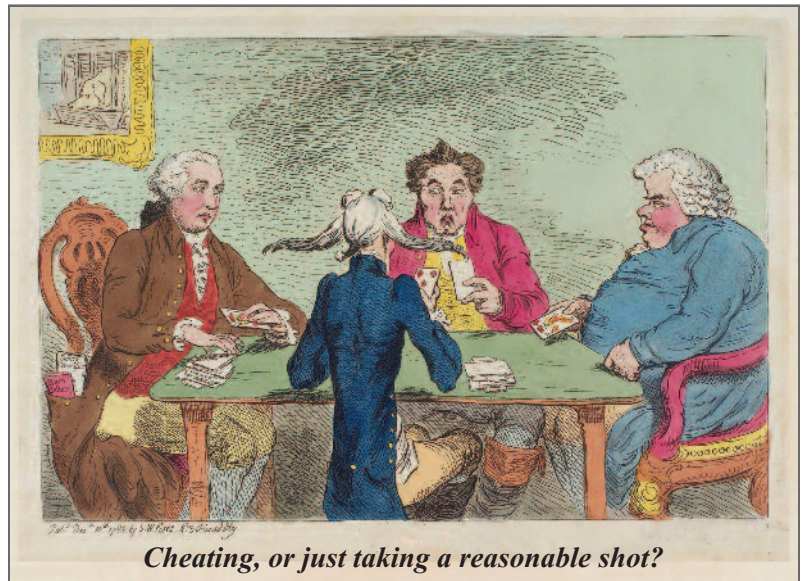
Defending a suited contract, when opponent asks about carding, do you say "upside-down attitude with trump echoes" or just "upside down," like everyone else?

Partner fails to alert your Bergen response, but you can tell she now realizes her mistake just from the look on her face after she stops at 3. Do you bid the game or honor the system requirement for a pass? The look on her face is unauthorized information, but you are a bit of a gambler and had been thinking of jumping directly to 4 anyway. Cheating, or just taking a reasonable shot?

A long-time partner hovers his hand over the bidding box after you and he have pushed opponents up one level. Years of experience tell you he was thinking about doubling, not bidding on. How do you get that information out of your head when the bid comes round to you and you were honestly thinking of doubling also?

Sure, we aren't at a Vanderbilt or a National Pairs final, but we should not pretend that the opportunity to cheat rarely arises on Cemetery Road. It should be easy to be honest when the stakes are a 1 percentage point improvement in the Wednesday Open final tally.

Maybe the most we can rely on is our internal code of ethics and our desire for an untroubled conscience and a good night's sleep.



KUDOS TO OUR CLUB STARS



CHANGE OF RANK

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS: Tom Daly, Linda Kerr

NEW CLUB MASTERS: Linda Carter, Gloria Ferris, Cheryl Lawton, Duane Lawton,

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER: Pam Gnodtke, Kathryn Thompson, Donna Waterston, James Waterston

NEW REGIONAL MASTER: Juris Brants, Jan Coltman, Susan Jackson, Judy Knowles,

NEW NABC MASTERS: Jeannette Aspenleiter, Jonathan Friendly, Kathy Henricks, Carol Vial, Nancy Colbert



NEW LIFE MASTER: *Arlene Loca*

Arlene placed first in the 300-500 mp races for the 2015 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Awards in unit 200.



NEW LIFE MASTER: *Josie Doherty*

UNIT 195 and 200 2015 Ace of Clubs Awards

Larry Shepherd, Juris Brants, Martha Treiber, Joseph Hollis, Mason Rosenthal, Elizabeth Stephen, Debbie Sears, John Kreag, Geoffrey Goldich, David Fowler, Paul Nelson, Roy Sjoberg, **Ann Hyndman,(first)** Margaret Sjoberg, John Burleson, **Ann Hart, (first)** Nancy Nardizzi, Grace Thayer, Ginny Braidwood, Dale Thayer, Amelia Musser, **Arlene Loca, (first)**, Eva Walker, John Hastie

2015 Mini-McKenney Awards

Janice Smolinski, Juris Brants, Gloria Ferris, Nancy Colbert, Joe Hollis, Carole Vial, Martha Treiber, Josie Doherty, Carole Vial, **Arlene Loca, (first)**, Ann Hyndman, Juris Brants, Joel Scheitler, Janet Coltman, Barb Harbaugh, **Ann Hart,(first)** Martha Treiber, Joseph Hollis, Mason Rosenthal, Dale Thayer, Amelia Musser, Ginny Braidwood, John Kreag

TOP TEN MASTERPOINTS WON PLAYING AT THE PETOSKEY BRIDGE CLUB FOR 2015

Position	Name	Total
1	Paul Nelson	116.75
2	Carol Bertschinger	92.45
3	Geoff Goldich	83.02
4	Dave Fowler	78.67
5	John Kreag	77.32
6	Arlene Loca	76.94
7	Pamela Ziegel	76.03
8	Linda Roberts	60.17
9	LaVonne Reed	53.4
10	Joe Hollis	52.35

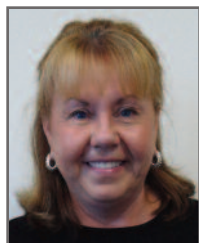


NEW RUBY LIFE MASTERS

*Carol Bertschinger
not pictured: Jim Burt*

Paul Nelson

Pandy Huff



NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Debbie Sears



NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Don and Bernadette Burkhardt

The ACBL added three new designations for masterpoint rankings

RUBY LIFE MASTER A Life Master with 1500 (at least 300 silver, red, gold or platinum)

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER A Life Master with 3500 (at least 700 silver, red, gold or platinum, of which at least 350 must be gold or platinum)

EMERALD LIFE MASTER A Life Master with 7500 (at least 1500 silver, red, gold or platinum, of which at least 750 must be gold or platinum)

WINTER NOTES & STUFF



A Warmer Way to Silver

Ginny Braidwood and **Arlene Loca** figured out how to beat winter blues in February – a road trip to Alabama and Florida in pursuit of silver points and PBC friends. First stop was four days with **Lynne Parker** and **Dave Williamson** in Fairhope, AL. They played in a sectional tournament in Gulf Shores, organized by **Susan** and **Bill Trimble**, picking up 3.5 silver points by, among other things, besting their hosts and the Trimbles in the Swiss event.

Then it was off to West Palm Beach for more table time with **Jill Soderquist**. Arlene reports alerting Ginny's 3 club response to her opening 1 spade as "Bourbon." Nothing like learning a new convention while you're tripping.



Josie Doherty and **Brill Key** teamed up to play in Aspen, Colorado this winter. Josie playing with another partner had a 70.83% game.

Betty Stephen while playing at the St Louis Bridge Center this fall, said the following occurred: "I was playing a contract and at trick nine my LHO was missing two cards. Director was called. After much searching, the missing cards were found in the person's BIDDING BOX. I made my contract and no penalty was imposed. Probably not the correct ruling, but hey, this is a game!"

Winter Notes

Pictured in the Wednesday Bulletin at the Reno Nationals this Winter



YUM! A holiday luncheon.



Ann Hart and **Barb Harbaugh** of **Petoskey MI** traveled to Reno to play in the Intermediate/Newcomer games. They are having lots of fun and proudly representing the new, modern Petoskey Bridge Club. In case you are wondering, Barb is not related to the head football coach at the University of Michigan.

Jonathan Friendly and his team won the final Swiss at the Sarasota Regional, picking up 10 gold points. He also played with **Pat Grams** and **Jan Coltman**, winning silver in several sectional events.

Allison White and **Linda Roberts** both became certified club directors.

Margaret Ruemenapp sends a thank you for all the get well wishes - it is truly appreciated and she hopes to be back soon and sends, slams to you all!

MORE WINTER NOTES & STUFF



Allison White leads an informal discussion after the game.



Pam Ziegel's mini-lesson before Tuesday's game.

VISIT THE
LIBRARY AND PICK
UP
A BOOKMARK
PROMOTING THE
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Helping the Library

Now that you have moved on from the beginning stages of duplicate play, do you have any instruction books that you would be willing to donate to the club library?

It would be nice if we could let the newcomers borrow books on basic bidding and play technique. But to do that, we ought to have a few more recent volumes on hand to lend out. It is nice to have Charles Goren's "The Elements of Bridge" on the shelf, but a lot has changed in the 70 years since that was written. Having some Barbara Seagram or Dave Bird or Eddie Kantar on hand would be more useful.

Area Regional and Sectional Tournaments April 2016 thru October 2016

Apr 8-9	Bloomfield Hills	Sectional I/N
Apr 9-10	Southfield MI	GNT/NAP
Apr 23-23	Lansing	Sectional I/N
Apr 28-30	Grand Rapids	Sectional Open
May 6-8	Frankfort	Sectional Open
May 9-15	Farmington Hills	Regional Open
May 20-22	Kalamazoo	Sectional Open
Jun 6-12	Toledo OH	Regional Open
Jun 13-19	STaC D12	Sectional STaC
Jun 23-26	Southfield [Detroit]	Sectional Open
Jun 25-26	Petoskey	Sectional I/N
Jul 8-10	Lansing	Sectional Open
Jul 16-17	Kalamazoo	Sectional I/N
Aug 5-7	Freeland [Saginaw]	Sectional Open
Aug 12-14	St. Joseph	Sectional Open
Aug 15-21	Petoskey	Regional Open
Aug 25-28	Southfield [Detroit]	Sectional Open
Sep 9-11	Traverse City	Sectional Open
Sep 17-17	Lansing	Sectional I/N
Sep 18-18	Lansing	GNT/NAPNAP
Oct 6-8	Grand Haven	Sectional Open
Oct 7-9	Midland	Sectional Open
Oct 17-23	Farmington Hills	Regional Open
Oct 28-29	Bloomfield Hills	Sectional I/N
Oct 28-30	Toledo	Sectional Open
Oct 31-Nov 6	STaC D12	Sectional STaC

"The real secret of the expert is to make logic seem like flair."

- Hugh Kelsey

MASTERPOINTS OR MYSTERYPOINTS?

By Larry Willis

Ever wondered why a pair who has a lower percentage (and therefore finish lower in the results table) got more masterpoints than you and your partner? Or why the top few pairs got masterpoints and then there was a gap until some pairs further down the table won masterpoints? Well, I am going to try to unravel some of those mysteries.

All pair games have three stratifications (strats) labeled A, B and C. At our club each pair is assigned to a strat according to the total number of masterpoints held by the higher player. Note that at ACBL tournaments (including the Sectionals and Regionals held here in Petoskey) each pair is assigned to a strat based on the average masterpoints of the pair.

At the end of the game the results are also (confusingly) divided into three groups named A, B and C. All players may win MPs in the top group (A). Only B and C players may win MPs in the B group, and only C players can win MPs in the C group. So if you are an A pair you must finish in the top group to get any MPs. Let's look at the game played on Thursday, July 2 last year to see how this works. There were 12 tables with, of course, 12 pairs playing N/S and the same number of pairs

Understanding Results
This is the first of two articles explaining how to read the Results page at the end of an event. Part II will look at entries such as score percentages, fractional masterpoint awards, "tops," and the difference between "SA" and "OA."

playing E/W. The top few rows of the N/S results are shown below.

July 2, 2015 - Thursday Morning Pairs

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MP Limits - Open/750/300

Pos	No	Players	Section Rank	Match Points	Tops	Score %	Master Points
North / South							
1	6	Stephen Billings & Norm Nasson	B 1 1	116.50	168	69.35	1.20 SA BIK
2	12	Susan Trimble & Joel Scheitler	A 2	98.29	168	58.51	0.84 SA BIK
3	4	Ted Robinson & Lois Haefner	A 3	94.79	168	56.42	0.60 SA BIK
4	2	Miriam Cotanch & Celia Biener	A 4	86.79	168	51.66	0.42 SA BIK
5	9	Joe Brubaker & Jim Smyth	A 5	85.00	168	50.60	0.24 SA BIK
6	7	Lynne Parker & Julie Kennedy	A	82.50	168	49.11	
East / West							
1	6	Mike & Debbie Sears	A 1	96.50	168	57.44	1.20 SA BIK
2	5	John Kreag & Carol Bertschinger	A 2	96.21	168	57.27	0.84 SA BIK
3	3	Bob Goebel & Philomena Dillhoff	A 3	95.21	168	56.67	0.60 SA BIK
4	7	Paul Nelson & Geoff Goldich	A 4	94.71	168	56.38	0.42 SA BIK
5	8	Larry Willis & Mark Hess	A 5	90.00	168	53.57	0.24 SA BIK
6	10	Martha Quay & Amie James	B 1	88.50	168	52.68	0.40 SB BIK
7	1	Dave Williamson & Arlene Loca	A	87.13	161	51.86	
8	2	Bob Hannah & Dave Fowler	B 2	85.71	168	51.02	0.28 SB BIK
9	4	Edward Kukla & Clair Waterson	A	84.71	168	50.42	
10	12	Carol Gove & Bunny Armstrong	C 1	78.50	168	46.73	0.24 SC BIK

Following the players' names is their strat, then the next column shows those that "placed" in the A group. In this case there are 5 pairs in the A group, but that number varies depending on the number of pairs playing.

Note that for that day the pair at the very top is in the B strat. They came in "1st in A" and also "1st in B". The number of MPs for "1st in A" is 1.20 and for "1st in B" it is .40 MPs. They do not get both amounts, only the higher amount of 1.20 MPs. Sometimes a pair who placed 5th in A and 1st in C will receive the MPs for the latter because they are greater than those of the former.

Looking at the E/W results we can see the top five pairs happen to be in the A strat. Then the next pair is in the B strat so they get 1st in B.

As the next pair is in the A strat they cannot win points in the B group. Below them is another B pair so they get 2nd in B. Further down, the top C pair gets 0.24 MPs for 1st in C.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays the strats are C=0-300, B=300-750, A=750+. However, on Tuesdays they are C=0-50, B=50-200, A=200+. This is to ensure that more of the pairs under 200 win masterpoints. Pairs with more than 200 MPs can win MPs only if they finish in the A group. Players with more than 200 MPs are ineligible to play on Fridays where the strats are C=0-50, B=50-100, A=100-200.

ACBL charity games are held the first full week of each month and also on the third week for about half of the months of the year. We have to pay ACBL far higher "table fees" for these charity games, but in return, more masterpoints are available to be won. Also, when the results are computed the N/S pairs and the E/W pairs are combined before MPs are awarded. This why we "balance the field" before the start of these charity games.

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A charity game held on Tuesday, October 20 last year had 11 tables. The top six N/S pairs and E/W pairs are shown in the results table below. Because they are combined you have to look at the percentages (Score %) of each pair to determine the order.

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Ranking | Scorecards | Matrix | Travellers | Hands

MP Limits - Open/200/50

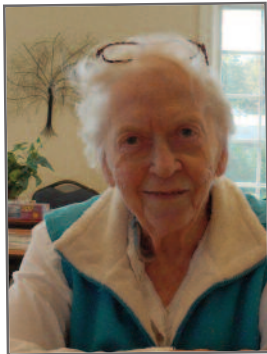
Pos	No	Players	Section Rank	Overall Rank	Match Points	Score %	Master Points
North / South							
1	5	Tom & Julie Kennedy	A 1	1	119.00	70.83	3.94 OA Blk
2	7	Duane & Cheryl Lawton	C 2 1 1	2 1 1	108.50	64.58	2.96 OA Blk
3	2	Carole Vial & Dave Fowler	A 3	3	102.00	60.71	2.22 OA Blk
4	11	Dave Williamson & Ann Hyndman	A 4		89.50	53.27	0.69 SA Blk
5	8	Arlene Loca & Allison White	A		86.00	51.19	
6	6	Marsha Harrison & Jean Fochtman	B 2		85.00	50.60	0.42 SB Blk
7	9	Judy Knowles & Patti Grannis	B		76.00	45.24	
East / West							
1	4	Paul Nelson & Carol Bertschinger	A 1	4	99.00	58.93	1.97 SA Blk
2	6	Joyce Radgens & Bob Giddings	A 2	5	97.50	58.04	1.38 SA Blk
3	8	Kathy Snyder & Sally Stump	B 3 1	6 2	95.00	56.55	0.99 SA Blk
4	11	Carl Luepnitz & Les Atchison	C 4 2 1	3 2	94.50	56.25	0.72 OB Blk
5	9	Eva Walker & John Hastie	A		88.00	52.38	
6=	3	Roger Wolthuis & Dale Freeman	A		85.50	50.89	
6=	7	Tim & Barb Clagett	C 2	4 3	85.50	50.89	0.54 OB Blk

We can see that the top three N/S pairs have the highest percentages followed by the top three E/W pairs as noted by the numbers 1 to 6 under Overall Rank. Congratulations to C players Duane & Cheryl Lawton in coming in second overall among some very stiff competition. Carl Luepnitz and Les Atchison came in first in C in their section. However, they came in third in B Overall (both sections combined) which “paid” a higher number of MPs. That’s why there is OB over to the far right. O=Overall B=Group B. The final column shows “Blk” because virtually all games at the club result in Black MPs being awarded.

For a couple of months in the summer we have too many tables for a single section so we split the tables into two sections. When

this happens, the N/S and E/W from both sections are combined in determining MPs. This summer when we need to split into two sections there will be one section for 0-199 players only. However, any pair with fewer than 200 MPs may play in the other section if they wish.

News and Notes



With Sadness we note the passing of **Connie Tanner** this Winter. She was a mighty force in LTCT many years ago and of course had a fine career as a musician and teacher. Connie often played bridge at the Petoskey Bridge Club. Connie will be missed by us all. There is a lovely article written about Connie in the Petoskey News - Review:

http://www.petoskeynews.com/featured-pnr/connie-tanner-remembered-as-teacher-performing-arts-leader/article_c3248bd9-53d0-547c-9694-e2ef57a5ea61.html



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