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Minnesota Gopher

Regional



May 19-25, 2014

at the Ramada Mall of America (old Thunderbird) 2300 E. American Blvd., Bloomington, MN

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Today, Friday, May 23

Morning Side Game Series #4	(Best 2 of 4)	10:00 am
Morning Swiss Teams II	(1st of 2 Sessions)	10:00 am
I/N Single Session Pairs	(0-300)	10:00 am
<u>Pink Choice Pairs</u>	(0-2,000, 2000+) (1 st of 3 sessions, play 2 of 3)	10:00 am
<u>Pink Gold Rush Choice Pairs</u>	(0-300, 0-750) (1 st of 3 sessions, play 2 of 3)	10:00 am
Lunch & Learn in the Hospitality Suite Rm 215 1:20-2:00pm		
Afternoon Side Game Series	(Best 2 of 4)	2:15 pm
Crimson KO Teams	(1st of 4 sessions)	2:15 pm
<u>Pink Choice Pairs</u>	(0-2,000, 2000+) (2nd of 3 sessions, play 2 of 3)	2:15 pm
<u>Pink Gold Rush Choice Pairs</u>	(0-300, 0-750) (2 nd of 3 sessions, play 2 of 3)	2:15 pm
I/N Single Session Pairs (0-300)		2:15pm
Crimson KO Teams	2nd of 4 sessions)	7:15 pm
<u>Pink Choice Pairs</u>	(3 rd of 3 sessions)	7:15 pm
<u>Pink Gold Rush Choice Pairs</u>	(0-300, 0-750) (3rd of 3 sessions, play 2 of 3)	7:15 pm
Swiss Teams (VPs)	(Single Session)	7:15 pm
I/N Single Session Pairs (0-300)		7:15pm

Gopher Highlights:

The District Board has a dinner meeting between sessions tomorrow. Sharon Anderson's report is on page 9.. Your ideas re. league policies DO make a difference. Let your voices be heard.

The top bracket in the second KO was won by Jackie Evans, Jacob Morgan, Carol Cummings and Bill Cummings.

Betty Triliegi & John Dunstan certainly had a memorable day. They were forced to enjoy their raffle win with **Lynn & Disa**, in the morning Side Game (finishing 1st & 2nd) because they were still alive in the second bracket of the KOs. And they went on to win their bracket playing with **Joe Koester** and **Max Glick**. Great job!!!

The first morning Swiss was a repeat performance by **Peg Kaplan, Bill Kent** and **Vern & Monte Evans**. They were undefeated and racked up nearly 82% of the available victory points.

The Choice Pairs title went to **Roger & Sharon Anderson** with an overall 60.5% game. **Patricia Montain & Karen Thelen** were 2nd in A and first in B just 2% behind

GNT Motion Editorial

I would like to see our district set an example for the league. We generate revenues for grass roots events from GNT club qualifying games, unit and district finals, profit from the NAP district final, grass roots fund games, and GNT fund raisers. **Let a district Grass Roots committee to propose to the board each year how to distribute the revenues from all of our grass roots revenue streams.** Given these varied sources the stricture in district policy that the GNTs should be **"self-supporting" clause should be stricken.**

The GNTs have not been 'self-supporting' since the board vote in Sioux City to give the NAP net to the GNT district champions. This year the NAP profit was ~\$3,000! Distributing all of this to this year's GNT champions seems excessive. I've been coordinating the GNTs for 6 years and building the team subsidy from \$500/ team to \$2,000/team is not that easy. **If you are a district champion heading to an NABC you should be winning a trip... not winning the right to pay for one.**

Holding the NAP and GNT district finals in conjunction with a regional or sectional means not having to make a trip for a standalone

event. We may find that more players come to a tournament early to practice for a district final. If co-location costs table count, grass roots funds could be used to reimburse the sponsoring unit for their loss of table fees.

A round robin final in Flights B & C produces many more team entries on day 2. If grass roots funds were available we could return to a semifinal and final KO structure for Flights B & C, but only if the district policy re. self-supporting is changed. Take the pressure off GNT activities. I hope we can get this done.

There's an adage at the table: Support with support. By reserving all of the revenues from grass roots activities to be used to support grass roots activities we can have better venues, better promotion, and better contest conditions including subsidies. Mike Cassel, D14 GNT Coordinator

USBF Team Trials Report

Another missed opportunity

Closed Room - 2014 USBC R16 C - 12-May-2014

Board 28
 Vul: NS
 Dealer W

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A	♥ Q J 8 4	♠ 5 3 2	♥ 5 3
♦ 9 6 4	♣ A Q 8 7 4	♦ J 8 5	♣ J T 6 3 2
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ J T 6 4	♥ K 9 7	♠ K Q 9 8 7	♥ K 9 7
♥ A T 6 2	♦ K Q 7 2	♦ K Q 7 2	♣ 5
♦ A T 3			
♣ K 9			

SOUTH Koneru	WEST Kamil	NORTH Krekorian	EAST Coren
--	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Lead: ♦5

♦K	♦A	♦6	♦5
♠7	♠6	♠A	♠5
♥K	♥A	♥4	♥3
♦Q	♦T	♦4	♦8
♠K	♠4	♦9	♠3
♣5	♣9	♣Q	♣3
♥7	♣K	♣4	♣2
♠Q	♠T	♣7	♠2
♥9	♥2	♥Q	♥5
♦2	♥6	♥J	♥6
		♣A	♣T

Declarer's clues along the way:

East leads a low diamond marking West with only 3 (Kamil-Coren are not forcing club players) Declarer is able to shed his last diamond on a top spade. Now a successful club finesse. When the CK falls on the second play of the suit, a club ruff in dummy, it's looking pretty much like West is 4=4=3=2. With the heart 7&9 as equals it was a fatal error to not ruff the second club with the 9 which allows for a finesse of HT. It's a play that cannot cost, and here is critical.

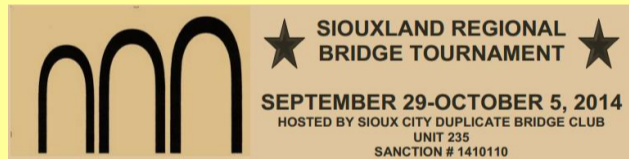
Bridge Verbiage:

Stock Market Signals:
Standard and Poor

Cool Bridge Link #5:

<http://lidoreen.blogspot.com/search/label/Oren%27s%20DD%20Challenge>

The double dummy bridge problem with the answer on the back page today comes from a blog out of Israel. Bridge with Oren Lidor, a teacher and club owner in Tel Aviv has an interesting site, particularly if you like tough puzzles.



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The NAP district finals will be held over 2 sessions on Saturday, October 4.

Tomorrow: Saturday May 24

Morning Side Game Series #2	(Best 2 of 4)	10:00 am
Morning Swiss Teams II	(second)	10:00 am
I/N Single Session Pairs (0-300)		10:00am.
.. Lunch & Learn in the Hospitality Suite Rm 215		
Afternoon Side Game Series #2	(Best 2 of 4)	2:15 pm
Crimson KO Teams	(Semifinals)	2:15 pm
Kelly Green Compact KO	(1 st & 2 nd rounds)	2:15 pm
Brown Stratified Pairs	(0-2,000,2,000+) (1 st of 2)	2:15 pm
Brown Gold Rush Pairs	(0-300,0-750.(1 st of 2 Sessions)	2:15pm
I/N Single Session Pairs (0-300)		2:15pm
District 14 dinner Board Meeting		
Crimson KO Teams	(Finals)	7:15 pm
Kelly Green Compact KO	(SF & final rounds)	7:15 pm
Brown Stratified Pairs	(0-2,000,2,000+) (2 nd of 2)	7:15 pm
Brown Gold Rush Pairs	(0-300,0-750.(2 nd of 2 Sessions)	7:15pm
Evening Single Session Pair/Team Game	(win masterpoints in either pair or team portion)	7:15 pm
I/N Single Session Pairs (0-300)		7:15pm

Thursday results

Sky Blue KO Brk 1 9 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
32.06	1	Jackie Evans, Rochester MN; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Carol Cummings, Owatonna MN; William Cummings, Monticello MN
22.44	2	Kerry Brothers, Oxbow ND; Linda Webb - Frank Knier, Fargo ND; Sarah Imig, Sioux City IA
12.82	3/4	Bill Kent, Iowa City IA; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN; Vernon Evans - Monte Evans, Redfield SD
12.82	3/4	Harry Sapienza, Minnetonka MN; Kerry Holloway, Bloomington MN; Joseph Rice - Brian Crossley, Minneapolis MN

Sky Blue KO Brk 2 9 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
15.62	1	Joseph Koester, Brooklyn Park MN; Max Glick, Minneapolis MN; Betty Trillegi, Pompano Beach FL; John Dunstan, Bloomington MN
10.93	2	Linda Brammer, Minneapolis MN; Barb Zipoy, Bloomington MN; Judy Hansen, Eagan MN; Mary Sass, Apple Valley MN
6.25	3/4	Jay Olson, St Paul MN; Rosella Vanek, Gardner ND; Sharon Maris Marion McDonald, Spirit Lake
6.25	3/4	Thomas Hammond, Woodbury MN; Jeanette Juba, S Saint Paul MN; Avery Haak, Oak Park Hts MN; Yonsey Karasek, Hayward WI

Sky Blue KO Brk 3 9 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
9.50	1	Robert Bonine, Mendota Heights MN; Dennis Whelpley, Maltomedi MN; Bob Jonason, Minneapolis MN; Richard Plaisance, Eden Prairie MN
6.65	2	Carol Hieb, New Hope MN; Juanita Burke - Ellen Eid, Plymouth MN; Marlene Kettler, Maple Grove MN
3.80	3/4	Michael Salscheider - Jean Witz - Pushpa Prakash, Rochester MN; Jane Trahms, Lakeville MN
3.80	3/4	Larry & Patti Huiras, Hudson WI; Elizabeth Hughes, Minneapolis MN; Ann Cole, Albuquerque NM

Wed-Thur AM Swiss 17 Tables 8rounds 20pt VP Scale

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
9.45	1			Bill Kent, Iowa City IA; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka ; Vern & Monte Evans, Redfield SD	131.00
7.09	2			John Koch, Saint Cloud MN; John Lijewski, Cloquet MN; Terrence Lijewski, Hudson WI; Paolo Ranaldi, Eau Claire WI	118.00
5.32	3			Jackie Evans, Rochester MN; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Brian Crossley, Minneapolis MN; Michael Cassel II, Roseville MN; Barry Purrington, Eagan MN	92.00
3.99	4			Greg Caucutt - Pat Burrows - Carol Mahoney, Rochester MN; Sharon Christenson, Edina MN	90.00
2.93	5/6			Kerry Brothers, Oxbow ND; Linda Webb - Frank Knier, Fargo ND; Sarah Imig, Sioux City IA	87.00
5.90	5/6	1		Linda Brammer, Minneapolis MN; Barb Zipoy, Bloomington MN; Shelly Husebo, Eden Prairie MN; Joseph Koester, Brooklyn Park MN	87.00
4.43		2		Audrey Witham - Robert Witham, Clearwater FL; Dallas Burns, Eden Prairie MN; Dale Hamernick, Osseo MN	84.00
3.96		3	1	Keith Thompson, Saint Paul MN; Andrew Yeckel - Michele Grindal, Minneapolis MN; James Peterson, Edina MN	82.00
2.97		4	2	David Gronbeck - Ingrid Stocking, Minneapolis MN; Joseph Ambrose, Inver Grove MN; Richard Cottle, St Paul MN	76.00

Thursday 2 Session Swiss Team 16 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
9.10	1			Thomas Smith - Rita Xistris, Plymouth MN; David Glenn - Nancy Glenn, Eagan MN	103.00
6.83	2			John Koch, Saint Cloud MN; Paolo Ranaldi, Eau Claire WI; John Lijewski, Cloquet MN; Terrence Lijewski, Hudson WI	102.00
5.12	3			Peg Waller, Eden Prairie MN; Ronald DeHarpporte, Edina MN; Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz, Lakeville MN	101.00
3.84	4			Paul Meerschaert, Saint Paul MN; Cynthia Balderson - Robert Schachter, Eden Prairie MN; Carole Miner, Rochester MN	95.00
5.90	5	1		Diane Henson - Larry Henson, Minnetonka MN; David Trevor, Bloomington MN; Mark Lasoff, Minneapolis MN	91.00
4.43		2		Alan Rauch, Fort Worth TX; Carl Hartness, Plymouth MN; Wayne Reynolds, Clearwater MN; Paul Sitz, Ramsey MN	85.00
3.32		3		Peg Mitchell, Minneapolis MN; Phyllis Anderson, Saint Paul MN; Marv Riedesel - Mary Johnson, Prior Lake MN	81.00
2.49		4		Wayne Gergen - Larry Johnson, Minneapolis MN; Clifford Lundberg, Elk River MN; Jeff Dziuk, Maplewood MN	80.00
3.21			1	Mary McIntyre - Larry McIntyre, St Paul MN; Robert Pfeffer, Saint Paul MN; Clifford Shaw, Wesley Chapel FL	66.00

Red Stratified Thursday Choice Pairs 24.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
11.90	1			Roger Anderson - Sharon Anderson, Eagan MN	60.48%
8.93	2	1		Patricia Montain, Coon Rapids MN; Karen Thelen, Minneapolis MN	58.47%
6.69	3			Terry Beckman - Kathy Beckman, Brooklyn Park MN	58.08%
6.20	4	2		Frank Morgan, Bloomington MN; Donna Nesser, Minneapolis MN	57.96%
3.97	5			Barry Purrington, Eagan MN; Michael Cassel II, Roseville MN	57.44%
3.40	6			Jim Skonnord, St Paul MN; John Allen, Saint Paul MN	57.22%
5.69	7	3	1	Margaret Lichty, Rochester MN; Dorothy Haukom, Mantorville MN	56.90%
4.27		4	2	Noralee Mogol, Saint Paul MN; Bill Madden, Mendota Heights MN	56.10%
3.20		5	3	Rose Palmer, Richfield MN; Phyllis Houlson, Roseville MN	55.55%
2.36		6		Colin Kehe - Theresa Kehe, Minneapolis MN	55.30%
2.40			4	Scott Eller - Joseph Dixon, Minneapolis MN	54.25%
1.90			5	Sherm Stanchfield - Susan Sanger, St Louis Park MN	52.19%
1.63			6	James Essex, St Louis Park MN; Tom Juntunen, Minneapolis MN	51.92%

Choice Pairs Thurs Morn Session May 22, 2014
 Scores after 8 rounds Average: 50.0 Section J K North-South

Pair	Percent	Section Rank	MPs	Names
		A B C		
J 9	61.81	A 1	3.27	Gold Evan Sachs - Jack Rhatigan
K 4	60.83	C 2 1 1	2.36	Gold Rose Palmer - Phyllis Houlson
J 1	59.58	B 3/4 2	1.65	Gold Patricia Montain - Karen Thelen
J 3	59.58	A 3/4	1.39	Red Terry Beckman - Kathy Beckman
K 9	55.28	A 5	0.65	Red Deborah Watson - Ruth Pope
J 8	53.75	C 6 3 2	1.21	Red Sherm Stanchfield - Susan Sanger
K 2	52.78	C 7 4 3	0.87	Red Margaret Lichty - Dorothy Haukom
J 4	51.25	B 5	0.47	Red Gene Brandl - Charles Howard
K 3	51.11	C 6 4	0.61	Red Mary McDougall - Jane O'Meara

Choice Pairs Thurs Morn Session May 22, 2014
 Scores after 8 rounds Average: 50.0 Section J K East-West

Pair	Percent	Section Rank	MPs	Names
		A B C		
K 3	65.14	B 1 1	3.27	Gold Frank Morgan - Donna Nesser
K 1	58.33	C 2 2 1	2.29	Gold Lynne Castoldi - Scott Smith
J 2	58.06	C 3 3 2	1.64	Red Nita Fronk - Marylou Doerrie
J 9	56.25	A 4	1.14	Red Jim Skonnord - John Allen
K 4	55.28	C 5 4 3	0.91	Red Noralee Mogol - Bill Madden
K 9	55.00	C 6 5 4	0.63	Red Bob Awde Jr - Gary Rowland
K 5	53.33	C 7 6 5	0.47	Red Scott Eller - Joseph

Thursday Choice Pairs Thurs Aft Session May 22, 2014										
Scores after 13 rounds			Average: 50.0			Section G North-South				
Pair	Percent	Section Rank			C/O	Final	MPs			
		A	B	C						
11	61.12	A	1			0.00	61.12	3.97	Gold	Stephen Jackson - Paul Eberman
14	60.70	B	2	1	1	52.78	56.90	2.95	Gold	Margaret Lichty - Dorothy Haukom
12	58.36	C	3	2		0.00	58.36	2.07	Red	Rod Halvorson - Kathryn Callahan
16	56.86	C	4	3	2	55.28	56.10	1.48	Red	Noralee Mogol - Bill Madden
3	56.69	A	5			59.58	58.08	0.79	Red	Terry Beckman - Kathy Beckman
15	56.44	A	6			0.00	56.44	0.66	Red	Larry Oakey - Dan Sershon
7	55.10	C	7	4	3	48.47	51.92	1.03	Red	James Essex - Tom Juntunen
10	53.43	C	8	5	4	42.64	48.25	0.67	Red	Theresa Kornwolf - Kathy Kay Dahle
1	53.34	C	9	6	5	42.36	48.07	0.49	Red	Deborah Ridenour - Judy Ayer
6	52.26	B	10	7		49.86	51.11	0.42	Red	Gerry Schultz - Donna Wegner
21	51.34	B		8/9		0.00	51.34	0.35	Red	Colin Kehe - Theresa Kehe
22	51.34	B		8/9		65.14	57.96	0.35	Red	Frank Morgan - Donna Nesser

Thursday Choice Pairs Thurs Aft Session May 22, 2014										
Scores after 13 rounds			Average: 50.0			Section G East-West				
Pair	Percent	Section Rank			C/O	Final	MPs			
		A	B	C						
3	65.38	A	1			46.25	56.20	3.97	Gold	Ardy Bakshian - Jean Boettcher
22	61.71	A	2			0.00	61.71	2.78	Red	Patti Stuhlman - Jonathan Cohen
18	61.62	A	3			0.00	61.62	1.99	Red	Barry Purrington - Michael Cassel
21	58.61	A	4			0.00	58.61	1.39	Red	Roger Anderson - Sharon Anderson
9	58.11	A	5			56.25	57.22	0.79	Red	Jim Skonnord - John Allen
13	57.44	B	6	1		59.58	58.47	2.56	Gold	Patricia Montain - Karen Thelen
7	55.69	B	7	2		45.00	50.56	1.79	Red	Sudhakar Divakaruni - John Stern
5	55.10	C	8	3	1	53.33	54.25	1.90	Red	Scott Eller - Joseph Dixon
10	54.26	C	9	4	2	0.00	54.26	1.33	Red	Ted Peck - Thomas Olson
24	53.68	A	10			55.28	54.45	0.40	Red	Deborah Watson - Ruth Pope
8	51.67	C		5	3	44.31	48.14	0.95	Red	Dave Drewes - Wayne Drewes
4	50.67	C		6	4	60.83	55.55	0.67	Red	Rose Palmer - Phyllis Houlson
14	48.08	C			5	48.06	48.07	0.38	Red	Pat Burford - Nancy Copenhaver

Thursday Choice Pairs 3rd Of 3 Session May 22, 2014												
Scores after 6 rounds			Average: 50.0			Section H North-South						
Pair	Percent	Section Rank			C/O	Final	Overall Rank			MPs		
		A	B	C			A	B	C			
2	59.58	B	1	1		51.34	55.30		6	2.36	Gold	Colin Kehe - Theresa Kehe
7	57.50	B	2	2		0.00	57.50			1.39	Red	Sherry Hansen - Brad Peterson
5	56.25	A	3			50.42	53.22			0.99	Red	Richard Ekstrum Warren Nelson
6	52.92	A				61.62	57.44	5		3.97	Gold	Barry Purrington Michael Cassel

Thursday Choice Pairs 3rd Of 3 Session May 22, 2014												
Scores after 6 rounds			Average: 50.0			Section H East-West						
Pair	Percent	Section Rank			C/O	Final	Overall Rank			MPs		
		A	B	C			A	B	C			
1	62.50	A	1			58.61	60.48	1		11.90	Gold	Roger Anderson Sharon Anderson
7	52.92	C	2	1	1	0.00	52.92			1.39	G/R	Sandy Nelson - Betty Salber
5	51.67	A	3			61.12	56.58			4.96	G/R	Stephen Jackson

Thursday's Side Game Series

Thursday Morning Side Game 7.0 Tables 2 nd of 4 Sessions									
MPs	A	B	C	Names					Score
2.58	1			Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Betty Triliegi, Pompano Beach FL					65.67%
1.94	2			Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; John Dunstan, Bloomington MN					61.25%
2.43	3	1		Peggy Opatz, Bloomington MN; Avis Von Eschen, Sun City AZ					57.83%
2.12	4	2	1	Thomas Carlson, Ankeny IA; Ari Fuad, Eden Prairie MN					55.17%
1.59	5	3	2	Mary Seymour, Mendota Heights MN; Patricia Myser, Mendota Hgts MN					54.42%
1.19		4	3	Vivian Kania, Rosemount MN; Monica Bieter, Saint Paul MN					50.25%

Morning Side Game Thurs Morn Session May 22, 2014											
Scores after 6 rounds			Average: 60.0			Section L North-South					
Pair	Pct	Score	Section Rank			Overall Rank	MPs				
			A	B	C	A	B	C			
2	61.25	73.50	A	1		2			1.94***	Lynn Deas - John Dunstan	
3	57.83	69.40	B	2	1	3	1		2.43	Red	Peggy Opatz - Avis Von Eschen
5	55.17	66.20	C	3	2	4	2	1	2.12	Red	Thomas Carlson - Ari Fuad
7	45.57	54.68	C						0.81	Red	Orwin Carter - John Connolly

Morning Side Game Thurs Morn Session May 22, 2014											
Scores after 6 rounds			Average: 60.0			Section L East-West					
Pair	Pct	Score	Section Rank			Overall Rank	MPs				
			A	B	C	A	B	C			
4	65.67	78.80	A	1		1			2.58***	Hjordis Eythorsdottir - Betty Triliegi	
3	54.42	65.30	C	2	1	5	3	2	1.59	Red	Mary Seymour - Patricia Myser
7	50.25	60.30	C	3	2	4	3	3	1.19	Red	Vivian Kania - Monica Bieter

Thursday Aft Side 7.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.58	1			Pat Burrows - Greg Caucutt, Rochester MN	65.42%
2.13	2/3	1/2	1/2	Richard Estry - Alan Larson, Rochester MN	60.00%
2.13	2/3	1/2	1/2	Marshall Blizzard - Henry Cousineau III, Minneapolis MN	60.00%
1.37	4	3	3	Sandra Lyons, Bloomington MN; Jane Schoening, Edina MN	57.08%
0.82	5			Dianne Carr - Lee Steinmeier, Duluth MN	55.83%
1.03		4		Dallas Burns, Eden Prairie MN; Dale Hamernick, Osseo MN	55.00%
1.04			4	Shelley Mann, Woodbury MN; Diana Jensen, Stillwater MN	51.67%

Scores after Pair	6 rounds Pct	6 rounds Score	Average: Section Rank	60.0 Rank	Section Overall Rank	L Rank	North-South MPs	Names
3	65.42	78.50	A 1	1	1	1	2.58***	Pat Burrows - Greg Caucutt
1	60.00	72.00	C 2	1	1	2/3	1/2	Richard Estry - Alan Larson
2	51.67	62.00	C 3	2	2		4	Shelley Mann - Diana Jensen

Thursday Aft Scores after Pair	Side 3 of 6 rounds Pct	5 Session Average: Section Rank	May 22, 2014 Rank	Section Overall Rank	L Rank	East-West MPs	Names	
7	60.00	72.00	C 1	1	1	2/3	1/2	2.13*** Marshall Blizzard - Henry Cousineau
4	57.08	68.50	C 2	2	2	4	3	3 1.37Red Sandra Lyons - Jane Schoening
3	55.83	67.00	A 3			5		0.82Red Dianne Carr - Lee Steinmeier
5	55.00	66.00	B				4	1.03Red Dallas Burns - Dale Hamernick



I/N Spotlight: I/N Volunteer Crew

Jim Peterson, this year's I/N Chair has learned from last year's experience as co-chair with Christine Garner: "The way to insuring that the I/N participants have a rewarding experience at the regional is to have enthusiastic volunteers overseeing the players' day-to-day needs. We have been able to publish many more pics of I/N winners this year thanks to Sandy. When you see these folks be sure to say "thank you"

Diane Jim Sandy

I/N Players Alert:

If you are first overall in your stratum you are entitled to have a trophy. Look for your name in **BOLD** in the overall listings. See the I/N coordinators, Jim Peterson or Christine Garner if you have any questions.

I/N Single Session Pairs

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.53	1	1	1	Donald Bluhm - Ken Schenk, St Paul MN	63.53%
2.65	2	2		Robert O Connor, Jackson MN; Donna Heinsbroek, Savannah GA	62.53%
1.99	3	3		Karin Dunleavy, Wayzata MN; Diana Bell, Eden Prairie MN	60.06%
1.49	4	4		Margaret Getman, St Paul MN; Craig Smith, Luzern Swaziland	57.28%
1.42	5	5	2	Kathy Horn - Greg Horn, Loudon TN	57.25%
1.06	6	6	3	Wayne Leebaw - Carl Adamec, Minneapolis MN	55.97%
0.80			4	A Reid Shaw, minnetonka MN; John Ramsey, Minneapolis MN	52.82%
0.60			5	Timothy Whiteis, Long Lake MN; Sharon Young, Plymouth MN	51.72%



Thursday Morn I/N Pairs 15.0 Tables

I/N Pairs Thurs Morn Session May 22, 2014										
Scores after 12 rounds			Average: 132.0			Section I			North-South	
Pair	Pct	Score	Section Rank			Overall Rank			MPS	
			A	B	C	A	B	C		
11	62.53	165.09	B	1	1	2	2	1	2.65Red	Robert O Connor - Donna Heinsbroek
14	57.25	151.14	C	2	2	5	5	2	1.42Red	Kathy Horn - Greg Horn
12	55.97	147.77	C	3	3	6	6	3	1.06Red	Wayne Leebaw - Carl Adamec
4	54.65	144.27	B	4	4				0.62Red	Judith Bratton - Ruth Brunelle
8	54.51	143.90	B	5	5				0.35Red	Helen Vagle - Ananda Ratnayake
7	53.51	141.27	B	6	6				0.30Red	Mary Hueismann - Kay Peterson
9	52.82	139.45	C					3	0.80Red	A Reid Shaw - John Ramsey
13	51.72	136.55	C					4	0.60Red	Timothy Whiteis - Sharon Young

I/N Pairs Thurs Morn Session May 22, 2014										
Scores after 12 rounds			Average: 132.0			Section I			East-West	
Pair	Pct	Score	Section Rank			Overall Rank			MPS	
			A	B	C	A	B	C		
10	63.53	167.73	C	1	1	1	1	1	3.53Red	Donald Bluhm - Ken Schenk
3	60.06	158.55	B	2	2				1.99Red	Karin Dunleavy - Diana Bell
12	57.28	151.23	B	3	3				1.49Red	Margaret Getman - Craig Smith
11	53.39	140.95	A	4					0.62Red	Sandy Nelson - Betty Salber
7	53.19	140.41	B	5	4				0.48Red	Rebecca Rogers - David Bryant
1	52.31	138.10	B	6	5				0.30Red	Jerry Bartlett - Carol Saunders
2	48.86	129.00	C					2	0.62Red	Valerie McGrath - Lois Sperl
5	48.69	128.55	C					3	0.45Red	Thomas Remick - Ryan Holler

Thurs Aft I/N Pairs 13.0 Tables




This was their last session at the Gopher before heading back to Watertown SD

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.25	1	1		Peg Silliman - Sue Koob, Watertown SD	61.24%
2.44	2	2	1	Valerie McGrath - Lois Sperl, Wabasha MN	60.85%
1.83	3	3		Donna Paulsen - Shirley Evans, Northfield MN	57.61%
1.37	4			Sandy Nelson, Minneapolis MN; Betty Salber, St Paul MN	57.51%
1.10	5	4	2	Ryan Holler, Eagan MN; Thomas Remick, Bloomington MN	53.84%
0.82	6	5		Kathleen Buraglio, Oakdale MN; Marylou Schauls, Stillwater MN	53.73%
0.73			3/4	R Kurtenbach - Barbara Kurtenbach, Minneapolis MN	51.58%
0.73			3/4	Sharon Young, Plymouth MN; Timothy Whiteis, Long Lake MN	51.58%

Scores after 12 rounds										
Average: 132.0			Section I			North-South				
Pair	Pct	Score	Section Rank			Overall Rank			MPS	
			A	B	C	A	B	C		
3	60.85	160.64	C	1	1	2	2	1	2.44Red	Valerie McGrath - Lois Sperl
4	57.51	151.82	A	2		4			1.37Red	Sandy Nelson - Betty Salber
12	53.84	142.14	C	3	2	5	4	2	1.10Red	Ryan Holler - Thomas Remick
10	52.81	139.41	B	4	3				0.57Red	Judith Bratton - Ruth Brunelle
6	51.93	137.10	A	5					0.33Red	Robert Scroggins - Denise Scroggins

Thurs Aft I/N Pairs Thurs Aft Session May 22, 2014										
Scores after 12 rounds			Average: 132.0			Section I			East-West	
Pair	Pct	Score	Section Rank			Overall Rank			MPS	
			A	B	C	A	B	C		
5	61.24	161.68	B	1	1	1	1		3.25Red	Peg Silliman - Sue Koob
2	57.61	152.09	B	2	2	3	3		1.83Red	Donna Paulsen - Shirley Evans
7	53.73	141.86	B	3	3	6	5		0.82Red	Kathleen Buraglio - Marylou Schauls
12	51.84	136.86	A	4					0.57Red	Larry Crowder - Douglas Smith
9	51.77	136.68	B	5	4				0.42Red	Margaret Getman - Craig Smith
6	51.58	136.18	C					1/2	0.73Red	R Kurtenbach - Barbara Kurtenbach
10	51.58	136.18	C					1/2	0.73Red	Sharon Young - Timothy Whiteis

Thursday Eve 299er Pairs 6.0 Tables



MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.26	1	1		Susan Olson, Northfield MN; Kimberly Ann Fernelius, Edina MN	68.33%

1.70	2			Robert O Connor, Jackson MN; Donna Heinsbroek, Savannah GA	61.67%
1.34	3	2		Roni Faber, Bloomington MN; Mayo Hart, Minnetonka MN	57.50%
1.01	4	3		Edward Finn, Minneapolis MN; James Meyer, Eagan MN	54.58%
1.37		4	1	Lois Head - Charles Head, St Cloud MN	52.92%
1.03			2	Elizabeth Hasselman, Minneapolis MN; Denise D'Aurora, Edina MN	47.92%

Thursday Eve 299er Pairs Only Session May 22, 2014											
Scores after Pair	Pct	6 rounds Score	B	Average: 60.0			Section I			North-South	
				Section Rank	A	B	C	Overall Rank	A	B	C
3	68.33	82.00	B	1	1		1	1		2.26Red	Susan Olson - Kimberly Ann Fernelius
6	54.58	65.50	B	2	2		4	3		1.01Red	Edward Finn - James Meyer
4	52.92	63.50	C			1		4	1	1.37Red	Lois Head - Charles Head
1	47.50	57.00	C			2				0.52Red	Larry Kinney - Thomas Hinck

Thursday Eve 299er Pairs Only Session May 22, 2014													
Scores after Pair	Pct	6 rounds Score	A	B	C	Average: 60.0			Section I			East-West	
						Section Rank	A	B	C	Overall Rank	A	B	C
5	61.67	74.00	A	1			2			1.70Red	Robert O Connor - Donna Heinsbroek		
3	57.50	69.00	B	2	1		3	2		1.34Red	Roni Faber - Mayo Hart		
2	52.08	62.50	B		2					0.58Red	Lois Leistiko - Shirley Billigmeier		
1	47.92	57.50	C			1			2	1.03Red	Elizabeth Hasselman - Denise D'Aurora		

Thursday Eve Swiss 13 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
5.37	1			Pat Smith, Bloomington MN; Marsha Devine, Minneapolis MN; Wayne Mattern, Bismarck ND; Donald Prierwert, Rochester MN	56.00
4.03	2			Tony Ames - Judy Nassar - Tony Ames II, Minnetonka MN; Nicholas Erpelding, Hopkins	50.00
3.74	3	1	1	Wayne Drewes, Hawley MN; Dave Drewes, La Crosse WI; Gary & Eunice Smith, St Paul	47.00
2.46	4/5	2/3		Avery Haak, Oak Park Hts MN; Yonsey Karasek, Hayward WI; Sudhakar Divakaruni, Scottsdale AZ; Dave Hellwig, Minneapolis MN	44.00
2.46	4/5	2/3	2	Mary Browne, Minneapolis MN; Amy Dutton, W St Paul MN; Jolene Gust - Manon Franz, Mendota Hgts MN	44.00
1.58		4		Pat Burford - Nancy Copenhaver, Omaha NE; Donna Wegner, Sioux Falls SD; Gerry Schultz, Sioux Falls SD	43.00

Another thing to tell your partner after dummy comes down weaker than expected: "Where is the hand you held during the bidding?"

Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbor, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes. -Frank Stewart

District 14 Director's Report: Spring 2014

- We are in the process of conducting a gap analysis to understand exactly where we stand on the ACBLscore+ (replacement for current ACBL score). This project at an estimated cost of 1.4M is running behind schedule.
- Spring financials were generally in line with estimates and there are no significant variances to report. March tournaments showed improvement over January and February figures. Most notably, Regional table count was up 53% over last March and STaCs increased by 117%. Sectionals showed a decline of 1% from last March. The solid numbers were due, in part, to more tournaments being run this year.
- The first notice was sent to employees to begin the process of terminating the pension plan. All equities in the pension investment account have been sold and the account balance stands at \$7.4 million.
- A \$25,000 payment was recently made to cover the deductible to settle a claim for a slip and fall case at a tournament in Arizona. Tournaments run by Units and Districts are covered under the ACBL insurance policy. The ACBL also covers the cost of the deductible, should there be a claim against a Unit or District covered under the ACBL policy.
- As of the end of February, ACBL Membership stands at 167,763. This year membership has decreased by 48 people. Full membership statistics can be found at: [http://web2.acbl.org/bb/bod/Active Membership Statistics.pdf](http://web2.acbl.org/bb/bod/Active%20Membership%20Statistics.pdf).

- David Berkowitz was appointed as 2014 NABC Seeding Chairman and Michael Huston was appointed 2014 NABC Appeals Chairman.
- District 14's Jade Barrett was appointed for a one-year term on the Competitions and Conventions Committee.
- Club Appreciation Games: October has been designated as Club Appreciation Month. During this month, club managers may run one Club Appreciation Pair Game (pays 100% black sectional rating) and one Club Appreciation team game (pays sectional Swiss rating with 5%gold) in place of a regularly scheduled session.
- The 2014 operating budget showed a projected excess of revenues over expenses of \$5,832. The 2014 capital budget of \$890,000 showed an increase of \$220,000 for the ACBL score+ project.
- Effective April 1, annual dues increased from \$37 to \$39. (\$28 or \$29 for new members.) The last increase was 4 years ago. Tournament sanction fees increased 1.5% (\$4.23 a table for Regionals and \$2.94 for Sectionals).

Sharon Anderson, D14 Board Representative

DON'T READ THIS IF YOU HAVEN'T LOOKED AT THE PROBLEM ON PAGE 10

Answer Arrange to pitch a top spade on one of the hearts and throw East in with the spade 2 after all side suits have been stripped.

District 14 Board Meeting Agenda (Saturday dinner meeting)

1. Minutes of July 27, 2013, meeting for approval
2. Financial Report – Sharon Anderson
3. North American Pairs (NAP) – Wayne Gergen
4. Grand National Teams (GNT) – Mike Cassel
5. Tournament Coordinator Report --- Larry Brobst (schedule at www.lebjab.net)
6. Webmaster Report – Peggy Kaplan
7. District 14 Director Report – Sharon Anderson's written report
8. Old Business
 - District 14 Regional Tournament Oversight Committee
 -District 14 Grass Roots Fund Committee
9. Desire to participate in the Western Stac



Lunch & Learn

Interested I/N players go over hands with tournament co-chair, Sue Jackson at the Wednesday Lunch & Learn session.

A good deal for the participants as Sue and her partner, Mike Hoffman had a 68% game on Wednesday morning. A good time to query them on how to get a section top!

Bid like the best even if you can't play like the best

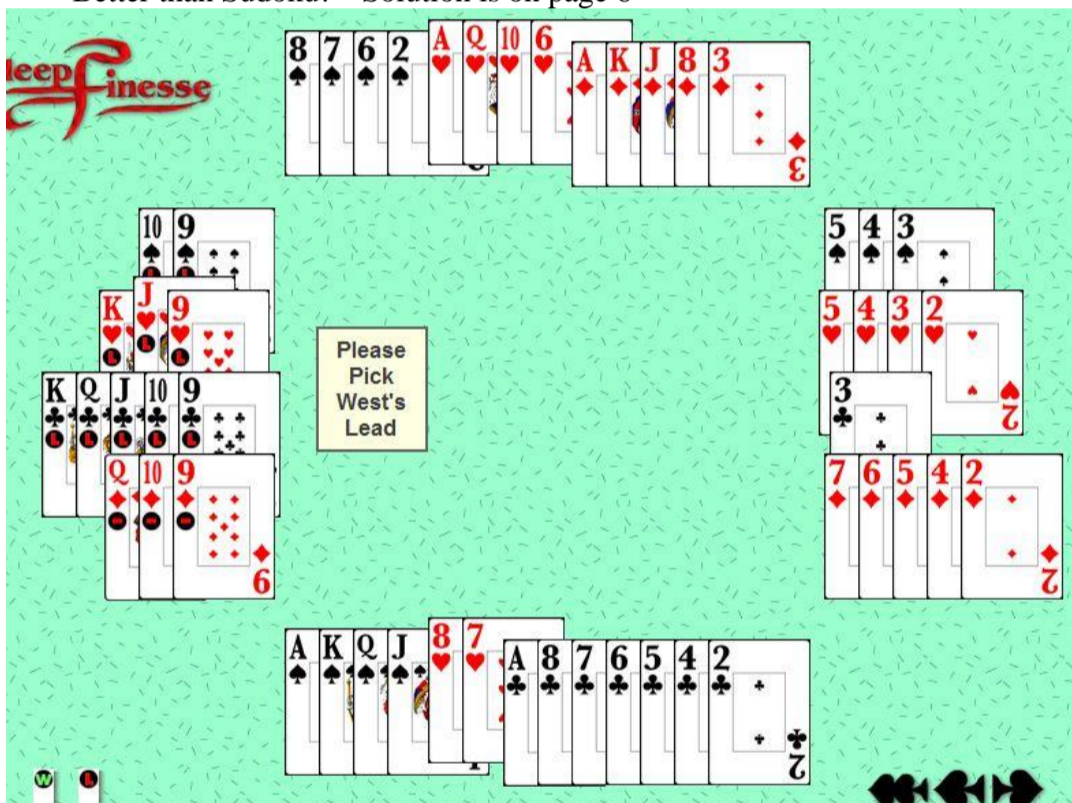
The Nickell team recently won the USBF Team Trials in Scottsdale AZ. They become USA 1 for next year's Bermuda Bowl. The tourney began with a round-robin and then 120 board KOs. When the field was reduced to 8 I looked at the convention cards of the pairs that were posted on the USBF website. I've previously looked at expert carding methods: std or upside-down carding and do you show attitude count or suit preference and when.... Very instructive

This year I looked at 3 bidding treatments: an opening 2D bid, an opening 3N, and what 2S is by the responder to a 1N opener

An opening bid of 2D is		An opening bid of 3N is		A response of 2S to an opening 1N is	
Weak	9	Gambling	10	Range/Size Ask	16
Precision 4=4=1=5 -1	7	Namyats (solid major)	9	Transfer to Clubs	5
Flannery	3	Minor Suit preempt	1	Minor Suit Stayman	1
Multi	2	Unmarked	3	Natural	
Other	1				

Following the trends in expert bidding practice may not help you play like the best, but it might help you learn to bid like them. I saw a few disasters in the trials when pairs played varying methods for the same bids based on position or status as a passed or unpassed hand. E.g. Levin & Weinstein play 3N as Namyats in 1st & 2nd seat and Gambling in 3rd or 4th. Great if you never forget. Danny Kleinman wrote a book called "**The No-trump Zone**". If you want to take the next step beyond 1N 2N as invitational I recommend it.

Double Dummy Problem Solution: You are in 6N on the lead of the CK. Answer is on page 9
Better than Sudoku! Solution is on page 6



<http://lidororen.blogspot.com/2014/01/double-dummy-challenge-21.html>

Look for each session's recaps on the ACBL Website for the Minneapolis Grand Slam Club

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/101691/2014/05/140520E.HTM>

1. Bookmark the link then click on it when you want to look at your results
2. Set the link to the **DATE** you want
3. Identify the session: **M=**morning, **A=**afternoon, **E=** evening

Mike Flader has been uploading overall results to the ACBL website as the tournament progresses. Check out how you and your friends are doing

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2014/05/1405021.htm>