



# THE SUN

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## Seattle Bridge Day Camp Grows Up: Year 4

by *Sleepless in Seattle (Cheryl Zettler)*

It's now Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 11:30 pm, hours after the end of our week-long Bridge Day Camp. I'd love to be asleep, but I simply can't shut down the adrenaline or the memories of this year's awesome campers and the exciting program we're so proud of. We've grown from three campers our first year to 20 this year, including three who traveled from out of state specifically to attend this day camp!

This year, camp was six days long (instead of five), in the comfort of a newer, larger facility on Mercer Island. Our program offers two levels and will evolve as we grow. We always feature a series of short presentations and handouts, each on a specific bridge topic, followed by prepared hands to practice that topic. We have two talented, professional, ACBL-certified teachers, Nick Tipton and Alan Tesler, plus a growing team of dedicated volunteers who coach each foursome through their practice hands as needed.

Our Grand Finale Bridge Bash began today with a potluck buffet, where new camper friends sat together with their families. (Did we want the families of campers to become friends so they can host mini-bridge games before we meet again next summer? I'll

just say "Wow! What a great idea!") Camp ended with a mini duplicate tournament, where campers partnered with a new buddy, family member, or coach. All hands were prepared to cover only the topics studied. Daniel He-Shidong He were 1st N/S (with a 73.81% score!), with Roger Wang-Yuan Wang in 2nd. Jeff Tu-Ruthie Bunin were 1st E/W, followed by Eli Gerlach-Ann Romeo. We're so proud of all of the campers, whether you made the final four or not!

Special thanks to the ACBL and Seattle Bridge Unit 446 for their generous support and encouragement. We intend to repay you with some fresh, bright players who will one day knock your socks off!

To learn more about our program, or to be added to our mailing list for the 2015 Day Camp, contact Larry Li at [larry@pacgal.com](mailto:larry@pacgal.com) or 206-353-7220.

**More day camp  
photos inside!**



*Future Life Masters!*



*Campers eagerly await the final scores as Nick Tipton posts the results*

# CLUB NEWS

## University of Washington Bridge Club

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Greetings! Our summer games have gone quite well, averaging 4+ tables a session. We provide a happy launch for new players, and always welcome veterans. Our game is on Sunday in the U-District; street parking is free. Supervised play begins at 5:00, sanctioned game starts at 6:00, and we're usually done by 9:30. In July, we welcomed John Kraha as our newest director.

We sent the 2014 UW team, with returning champion Lee Holstein and new teammates Elana Helfand, David Rubin, and Charles Fleck, to defend their National Collegiate Championships title at the Las Vegas NABC in July. The competition was being held as this issue went to press. This team will be returning next year, so come to the club and help build our champions!

—Ann Romeo



## Mercercrest Bridge Club (MCBC)

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Come out on Tuesday nights to Mercercrest! We pride ourselves on our hospitality and our friendliness, and we have competition for players of all levels.

Every week the hands are pre-made, hand records are available, and full results including the contracts on all the hands are available online minutes after the game at <http://www.bridgeinseattle.org/mercercrest/results/>.

We also have a mailing list for announcements. Contact us at [mercerislandbridge@gmail.com](mailto:mercerislandbridge@gmail.com) to sign up.

We have two more NAP games on August 5 and 26. NAP games at the club are the first step toward winning a free trip to the 2015 Spring Nationals. These games cost \$9. We also have a club championship on September 9 at

the regular price, and an International Fund game on September 23 for \$9. What do you think about the number of special games we hold? Drop us a line and let us know.

We will be closed during the Lynnwood regional on August 19.

Top masterpoint winners in May out of 60 players receiving masterpoints were Stan Christie (4.91), Ray Miller (4.73), Chris Jarvis (4.58), Jeff Ford (4.55), and Kim Eng (4.51). Top winners in June out of 63 winners were Sharon Miller (6.16), Gary Haldane (6.16), Mike Ring (4.74), Chris Pesce (3.63), Suzanne Sax (3.33), and Amy DeShaw (3.33). Congratulations to all the winners!

—Jeff Ford



## Seattle Bridge Center (SBC)

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SBC is now posting hand records and contracts at:

<http://www.acbl.org/clubresults/results.php?id=MTY3NjAx>

**NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS** qualifiers continue in August. Please check the calendar or our website for dates and times.

**SBC WILL BE CLOSED** August 18-24 for the Lynnwood Regional, August 29-September 1 for Labor Day, and September 5-7 for the Bothell sectional.

**SPECIAL UNIT SANCTIONED GAME** Sunday, September 14 at 1:00 pm. Please let us know if you will be attending as it helps us to plan on how much food to provide.

**BRIDGE CLASSES** — Nick Tipton, director of the Rainbow Bridge club, is teaching an introduction to bridge with classes on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm and intermediate classes on Saturday mornings. Both classes keep adding more students. Please contact Nick by e-mail at [nick\\_tipton@yahoo.com](mailto:nick_tipton@yahoo.com).

We have half-price (\$4) games Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am and Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm. Full-time

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students always pay half price (\$4 plus any additional charge for special events). We serve hot soup, homemade bread, and fresh fruit and veggies with our Friday evening game.

**MAY TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS** were Joe Ulrich, Terry Chinn, Corrine Joinette, and Mike Bovarnick.

**JUNE MASTERPOINT LEADERS** were Mary McCune, Jerry Lebow, Joe Ulrich, and Allen Custer.

—Patti McCallum



## Eastside Bridge Center (ESBC)

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<http://www.bridgewebs.com/eastside>

Eastside Bridge Center is committed to becoming the friendliest, most enjoyable bridge club in the Pacific Northwest. If you have not visited in some time, please try us out again. The new management team (Lindsey Smith, Manager, and Paulette Hauck, Assistant Manager) have instituted several new games for novice players (Monday mornings, Tuesday nights, and Friday mornings), and have added delicious free snacks to all games.

Did you know that Eastside is moving this fall to a wonderful location off of 124th near Willows Road? Stan Roberts has approved a remodel of the facility and the purchase of new furniture, new chairs, new tables, plus much more. The new location is convenient to 405 and only about 6-8 minutes from the present facility.

Another new happening is the ESBC in-house newsletter. It will keep Northwest players informed about the move and all that is happening at Eastside. Sue Johnson has volunteered to edit this newsletter, and has started a contest for naming the newsletter. Submit your name suggestions to Lindsey at [ESBplayers@gmail.com](mailto:ESBplayers@gmail.com) or drop suggestions in the yellow box at the front desk. Watch for the first edition August 15. If you wish to contribute

## Rising Stars

by Dick Yarrington

The auction was	♠AJ1072
like all the other tables, I	♥J3
imagine. South opened	♦109
2N and became declarer	♣J963
in 3N after a transfer to	(Melinda)
spades. Sitting West, I	♠86
led a routine heart.	♥Q9874
Mary Greeniaus took the	♦753
♥A on the third round.	♣K75
She found the inspired	(Mary)
play of leading the ♠9	♠K9
from her hand and pass-	♥A52
ing it, hoping it would	♦AQJ4
lose — thus boosting	♣AQ10x
her chances of making	
the game! If it loses, she can overtake the ♠K on the	
next round and score four spade tricks. But Melinda	
Westgate countered with the great play of ducking	
her ♠Q, thus thwarting the development of the spade	
suit! Eventually, 3N foundered. These ladies may not	
have a whole lot of experience but they both demon-	
strated great bridge skill here.	

news, have a bridge column, etc., please send the information to [esbcnews@comcast.net](mailto:esbcnews@comcast.net).

This summer brings many special events at ESBC. A new event begins August 1, Friday night, and is our first quarterly “Congratulations” open game. ESBC wishes to honor those Eastside players who have achieved higher ranks. All players are welcome to come and enjoy a glass of wine, dessert, and fun hands of bridge. We continue to offer North American Pairs (NAP) qualifying sessions

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in August. Red and black points are awarded. On August 10, Jeff Ford will direct a Unit MUG Chocolate Fountain Swiss Teams game (potluck at 12:30 pm, game at 1:00 pm). Our monthly "Ladies Night" continues to be a great success. Who can turn down a potluck, wine, and bridge! The next Ladies Night is Friday, August 29 at 6:15 pm. Reserve your spot with Lindsey.

Please note that our website has details on all of our special events. Be sure to visit the website often. Check out our calendar, our news page, and the lessons section, and let us know if you have news or ideas for this site. Bridgewebs has many more details about each game result and more information about the masterpoint races than the old website.

Congratulations to Jackie Buroker and Jessie Brunswig for their 69% game in June and to Greg Ho and Stan Roberts for their 68% game. Check our website for the top June and July masterpoint winners. The competitions are now updated daily, which is another feature of the new website.

See you at the table!

—Dianne Cox



## Queen Anne Bridge (QAB)

Queen Anne Community Center  
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Come one! Come all! We have open, stratified duplicate bridge games every Saturday at 10:00 am. Refreshments will be served. Newcomers welcome! Only \$7, or \$2 for juniors.

EasyBridge classes are back by popular demand this fall, starting with a free lesson Friday, September 12, at 6:00 pm, continuing with beginner classes on Friday evenings from September 19-November 21 (only \$110 for 11 weeks). Get on the fast track to modern bridge!

—Anne Farmer



## Des Moines Bridge Club (DMBC)

Des Moines Senior Center  
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[yesk@comcast.net](mailto:yesk@comcast.net)

Come join our great group of friendly bridge players at Des Moines on Fridays at 10:30. The best deal in town at \$6.00. We have special games with extra points on August 15 and September 26. We will not have a game on September 19. My prayer is that everyone that comes to the club has fun and does their very best.

—Yvonne Kirkland



## Alki Bridge Club (ABC)

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<http://www.alkibridgeclub.com/>

We've got two solid games each week, on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am. We average 18+ tables on Mondays and 15+ tables on Wednesdays! Alki features Pre-Dealt hands with hand records every game and Bridgemates for immediate and accurate scoring. We have a non-playing director to keep the game moving. We are located in West Seattle for all you south-enders and Vashonites. The room is spacious and bright and a full service deli provides excellent soup, salads, and sandwiches for lunch. We play at 10:30 am with a break from 12:00 - 12:25 for lunch.

Every game is open and the first Monday and Wednesday of every month is a special game. August 4 and 6 will be NAP qualifying games. September 1 and 3 will be club championships. We will be closed Wednesday, August 20 for the Lynnwood regional.

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Get there early to ensure seating! We look forward to seeing all of you! Cost is just \$7 for all games. Contact Nick for more information or partnerships.

—Nick Tipton



## Emerald Bridge Club (EBC)

Brooklake Community Center  
726 S 356th St, Federal Way  
(253) 939-0733

Stratified Open Pairs, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am. Call Dennie Dye for a partner at (253) 939-0733.



Carmen Flak

[Editor's note: Carmen Flak, who wrote the Emerald Bridge Club news for the SUN for many years, passed away on February 28. Besides bridge, she loved gardening, opera, and wearing red, and "was always the life of the party and had friends from all walks of

life." Condolences to her family and bridge friends.]



## Mercer Island Bridge Club (MIBC)

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The games continue to improve as we become more established in our new location. We now have new shades in the playing area to protect from the sunshine we have been enjoying this summer.

If you are looking for a friendly, lower keyed game,

the Monday night 0-500 game continues to grow and all three of the gentlemen, Craig Mills, Craig Ruden, and Moises Saul, are now certified directors. Good work, guys.

Things coming in the fall — we are working on our own webpage and expect to have it ready by fall. Also, we will have a full time teaching room in the lower level of the fellowship hall. Look for a complete list of classes being offered in the next bulletin.

MIBC will offer two more NAP qualifying games on Tuesday, August 12 and Thursday, August 14. The entire month of September we will be holding International Fund Games, offering extra masterpoints for the same low price. MIBC pays the extra money to the International Fund to provide more masterpoints to the players.

MIBC will be closed the week of August 18 to allow all our players to attend the District 19 Regional in Lynnwood. Good luck to all our players. We expect to have more Life Master parties immediately following.

Enjoy the rest of this wonderful summer and continue to play bridge.

—Barbara Nist



## Rainbow Bridge Club (RBC)

<http://www.rainbowbridgeclub.org>

We believe that we have located a very workable facility to begin our next incarnation. The Seattle Indian Health Board, located near 12th & Jackson, has agreed in principle to host our club after they complete renovations sometime in September. Until then, we will continue to hold games on Saturdays at 6:00 pm at Seattle Bridge Center [see address, p. 2]. All games are open and every game is a special game of some kind, generally \$7. On August 16 and September 20 we will have Charity Swiss Team games. We will be closed August 23 during the Lynnwood regional. Check our website for game information as well as updates on the new facility.

Questions? Running late? Call Nick to reserve your spot in the game at (206) 484-3303.

—Nick Tipton

# KNOCKOUT SECTIONAL RESULTS

## Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
9.67	1			Kumud Gokhale - Anant Gokhale	63.74%
7.25	2			Jamie Steen - Mac Steen	63.24%
4.64		1		John McCaslin - Beth McCaslin	59.28%
3.48		2	1	John Krah - Daniel Poore	58.82%
2.61			2	Bruce Scharf - Mary Hanson-Spofford	58.26%

## Friday Afternoon 0-200 Pairs

MPs	D	E	F	Names	Score
2.19	1	1	1	Nancy Sundberg - Helen Gibson	62.59%
1.64	2	2	2	David Lindstrom - Sandra Lindstrom	62.31%

## Friday Evening Open Pairs

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
8.00	1			Randy Corn - Marty McCune	66.50%
6.00	2			Harry Steiner - Yoko Barnett	63.59%
4.08		1		Chris Jarvis - Liliana Diaconescu	60.92%
3.06		2	1	Karen Hudesman - Donald Stark	58.25%
1.30			2	Andrew Purvis - Roger Lowe	50.81%

## Friday Evening 0-200 Pairs

MPs	D	E	F	Names	Score
1.52	1			Marjorie Mandery - Roger Mandery	61.67%
1.14	2			Leigh Castoldi - Paul Evanoff	59.58%
1.19		1	1	Mary Geraghty - Mary Jo Eldenburg	59.17%
0.89		2	2	Sue Rewak - Jeanne Johnson	51.67%



*John Stafford, Rose Bolson*

## Saturday Evening Open Pairs

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
6.17	1			John Stafford - Rose Bolson	63.02%
4.63	2	1		Will Fox - Stan Roberts	60.96%
3.47		2		R Ginter - Yat Sing Ma	60.52%
1.90			1	Carl Ostertag - James Lapinski	58.75%
1.30			2	Ray Brown - Paul Howell	52.88%

## Saturday Evening 0-200 Pairs

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
1.43	1	1		Paul Evanoff - Carroll Vaughan	59.50%
1.07	2	2		Rodney Waldbaum - Carl Berkenwald	56.00%

## Saturday Evening Swiss Teams

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.17	1			Chris Gibson - Ray Miller - Kim Eng - Jeff Ford	59.00
2.38	2			Ray Loftis - Jim Aitken - Pat Dunn - Ken Christiansen	55.00
2.11		1	1	Dave Drischell - Martha Potter - Jim Stickman - Mary Hanson-Spofford	49.00
1.58		2		Grant Deger - Marjorie Mandery - Roger Mandery - Richard Sentner	43.00



*Barbara Higgins, Helene Fornia*

## Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
8.17	1	1		Helene Fornia - Barbara Higgins	64.58%
6.13	2			Andrew Sherrill - Yayoi French	64.10%
4.60		2		Michael Perrault - Asbjorn Dalan	63.62%
1.84			1	Albert Cook - Dennis Crocker	53.37%
1.38			2	Ted Greeniaus - Mary Greeniaus	50.48%

## Saturday Afternoon 0-200 Pairs

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.28	1	1	1	David Lindstrom - Sandra Lindstrom	65.34%
1.71	2	2		Om Goel - Hardyal Virk	60.33%
0.96			2	Mary Jo Eldenburg - Mary Geraghty	57.20%

## Sunday Afternoon 0-200 Pairs

MPs	D	E	F	Names	Score
1.62	1			Roger Mandery - Marjorie Mandery	63.75%
1.19	2/3	1/2	1	David Lindstrom - Sandra Lindstrom	61.25%
1.19	2/3	1/2		Joyce Doland - Dina Wells	61.25%
0.74			2	Colin Hooks - John Coder	50.83%

## Sunday Open Pairs

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
12.25	1			Marty McCune - Paul Schwaighart	936.69
9.19	2			Ray Miller - Chris Gibson	915.81
5.27		1		Sharon Miller - Gary Haldane	892.24
3.95		2		Joel Fuhrman - William Campbell	869.55
2.76			1	Bruce Scharf - Mary Hanson-Spofford	731.45
2.07			2	Grant Deger - Richard Sentner	730.16

*Thanks to Jeff Ford and Kim Eng  
for Knockout Sectional photographs!*

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## SECTIONAL RESULTS, CONT.

### Knockout Teams Bracket I

MPs	Rank	Names
24.20	1	Stan Christie - Ken Scholes - Harry Steiner - Dave Setterholm
16.94	2	Michael Christensen - Cristal Nell - Michael Ring - Pat White



*Ken Scholes, Stan Christie, Harry Steiner, Dave Setterholm*

### Knockout Teams Bracket II

MPs	Rank	Names
10.27	1	Tim White - Renae Gunstone-White - John Aslin - David Taylor
7.19	2	Donna Gerard - Krishna Rustagi - Margaret Marshall - Clint Hatstrup



*Tim White, John Aslin, Renae Gunstone-White, David Taylor*

### Knockout Teams Bracket III

MPs	Rank	Names
6.51	1	Peter Chow - Eri Griffin - Yoko Reilly - Meg Okada
4.56	2	Karen Hudesman - Donald Stark - Elizabeth Saul - Moises Saul

### Monday Open Board-A-Match

MPs	A	X	Names	Score
16.23	1		Rajendra Gokhale - John Maki - Dick Yarrington - Jackie Buroker	34.00
12.17	2		Alain Schreiber - Allen Reiter - Charles James - Andrea James	32.50
7.51	1		Michael Ring - Jennifer Chalfan - David Brower - Michael Christensen	29.00
4.93	2/3		Marci Knipschild - Steven Lewis - Bill McGear - Sheryl Clough	28.50
4.93	2/3		Kim Eng - Jeff Ford - Chris Gibson - Chris Moore	28.50



*Jackie Buroker, John Maki, Rajendra Gokhale, Dick Yarrington*



*Moises Saul, Elizabeth Saul, Karen Hudesman, Don Stark*

### Monday 0-2000 Swiss Teams

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
7.38	1/2			Terrance Chinn - Maxine Ogino - Ken Fox - Gary Matsumoto	97.00
7.38	1/2	1	1	Karen Hudesman - Donald Stark - Elizabeth Saul - Moises Saul	97.00
4.76		2	2	Grant Deger - Richard Sentner - Marjorie Mandery - Roger Mandery	92.00

For complete Knockout Sectional results, see:

<http://tinyurl.com/q3nf9r3>

## Hospitality Corner

*Ann Romeo*

Treats are needed for our upcoming sectionals, the Suntan Sectional September 5-7 and the Fall Sectional October 31-November 2. Cookies, a cake, veggies, cheese — anything you want to share with your fellow weekend bridge warriors is welcome.

At both tournaments, we will provide lunch during the Sunday Swiss from the caterer we have used for the past few events, Cele's Meals ([celesmeals.com](http://celesmeals.com)). I've heard good feedback about their food. There will be a surcharge of \$7.00 per person when you buy your team entry. Let me know what you think at [annromeo@gmail.com](mailto:annromeo@gmail.com).

## COLUMN

### Director, Please!

by Jeff Ford

#### *Four other tables did WHAT?!*

*After I play a board I make sure to tell my partner what our percentage was on the board, and what contracts all the other people played in. That's OK, right?*

No, not really. There are multiple reasons why this is a bad idea. It is sometimes impolite to your opponents or to your partner, and it can affect the scores at other tables.

Let's start with politeness. Imagine you've just gone down in a contract and an opponent says, "We got 95%. Looks like almost everyone else made the contract." Even if they mean it entirely innocently, it's hard not to feel like they are rubbing in your bad result. And it's not much better when it's a 5% score, and your partner says the same thing. If you're just curious how you did on a board, you can always look online after the game, or get a summary at the end.

Saying scores aloud also may make it impossible for neighboring tables to bid the board fairly. How would you like to sit down against a pair that just overheard "Only half the people bid the cold slam" on the board you're about to play? In fact, if you do hear anything about a board you are about to play, you should talk to the director before you play the board. There are several remedies available at that point that the director can help with to make it fair for everyone. You should not just assume you will be able to ignore what you heard, and you *definitely* aren't allowed to use it.

Finally, doing all this slows down the game. If you always finish on time you can ignore this one, but if you're ever finishing a round late, you should be doing everything you can to get the next round started. Looking at the scores after the hand is a privilege, not a right.

*Good to know. So if I see someone else do this at the table, I should tell them to stop, right?*

Yes, as long as you are directing the game. Otherwise, no. It is never a player's responsibility to correct the behavior of another player. If someone is doing something wrong, your two choices are to ignore it or to talk to the director. It's just human nature to be defensive when someone corrects us, whether we are in the wrong or not. Trying to correct others yourself will cause more problems than it solves.

*If having the scores on causes so many issues, why do clubs turn them on?*

I don't know. Please resubmit your question to "Club Owner, Please!" But in seriousness, they're on because a lot of players like to have them on. If they're turned on at your club (and you're not behind!) it's fine to look, and to pass the machine around so other people can look, so long as you don't discuss the scores out loud. In fact, you shouldn't be doing any discussion of the board you just played where other people can hear it.

*Is it true that if people don't send you questions, you make up questions you wish people had asked?*

Yes.

*But Jeff, what can I do to prevent this from happening in the future?*

If you have a topic you'd like to learn about, or a ruling or hand you have a question about, drop me a line at [jeff.ford@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.ford@gmail.com), and I'll try to include it in a future column.





*Girl power!*

## Unit and District Board Elections

Interested in running for the Seattle Unit Board? Each year the unit as a whole elects four members to serve a three-year term. Board members may serve up to two consecutive terms. Current board members whose terms are ending this year are Steve Kasner, David Taylor, Jen Chalfan, and Ray Miller. Everyone but Steve is eligible to run for re-election if they wish. Anyone in the unit who is an ACBL member in good standing is welcome to run for a position on the board. Whether you are young or old, from the east side or the west side, a new player or a veteran, we encourage you to run!

If you are interested in running, please contact a board member or e-mail [sboard@lists.kence.org](mailto:sboard@lists.kence.org). Include a statement of candidacy (up to 150 words) explaining why you would like to serve (and, optionally, a photo). If there are more than four candidates, your statement (and photo) will be printed along with a ballot in the October/November SUN, with balloting held through the Fall Sectional. The deadline for filing is August 31.

Pat Dunn is also stepping down from his position on the District 19 Board at the end of the year. The representative to the District Board is chosen by the Unit Board rather than by a general election. If you are interested in that position, a three-year term, please let the Unit Board know.

Thanks to Steve, Ray, David, Jen, and Pat for their service to the bridge community!



*Campers, families, staff, and delicious food at the potluck*

For more on the Unit Board, see: <http://www.bridgeinseattle.org/board>

# ARTICLE

## An Important Detail

by Dan Romm

North: ♠A106 ♥AK4 ♦AK5 ♣AQ86

South: ♠KJ ♥Q762 ♦QJ10 ♣KJ73

You decide to upgrade the South hand to a 14-16 1N opening, which partner raises straight to 7N. The opening lead is the ♣4, which goes to the ♣6, ♣9, and ♣J.

The contract has a good chance. You need a 3-3 heart split, or to guess the location of the ♠Q, or a defensive mistake. The basic play is to run the clubs (forcing discards which may be helpful), test the hearts, and decide which way to finesse in spades if necessary (the distribution of the opponents' hearts and clubs may provide a clue). But there is more to the hand! What is it?

The key detail to the correct play of the hand is the order in which you cash your clubs! You should win the second club in *dummy*, in order to preserve a choice as to where to win the third club, and carefully note what club LHO plays on the second round. If it's lower than the 4, he likely started with two clubs; if it's higher than the 4, he likely started with more than two clubs. (Assuming a normal lead, the ♣4 could be from ♣42 or ♣1054.)

If you judge LHO has two clubs, you should win the third round in your hand and lead the fourth towards dummy; if you judge RHO has two clubs, win the third round in dummy and lead the fourth towards your hand. Why? This will force the hand short in clubs to make *two* discards before he sees his partner's potentially helpful first discard! (On the third club, his partner follows suit; on the fourth club, he will play ahead of partner.)

Why could this be important? Suppose an opponent has a hand such as ♠Qxx ♥10xxx ♦9xxx ♣xx. If declarer's red suits were reversed, discarding a diamond would be fatal. He would like to discard safely from the red suit(s) where declarer has only three cards, but has

no way to know which it is. He may delay the issue by pitching a spade on the third club, but pitching another spade on the fourth club could also be fatal on a variety of layouts while at least one of the red suits must be safe, so he will likely guess a red suit to discard from. Giving him a 50% chance of guessing wrong represents a significant increase in your odds of making the contract which should not be squandered – especially in a grand slam!



## Learn Bridge in a Day?

“Learn Bridge in a Day” is a fast, fun introduction to the basics of bridge. It is ideal for true beginners, people returning to bridge after a long absence, or those who wish to test the waters before committing to formal classes, ages 10 and up. Tell your non- or social-bridge-playing friends about it!

“Learn Bridge in a Day”, with Atlanta's Melissa Bernhardt, will be offered Saturday, September 13 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Queen Anne Community Center (1901 1st Ave. W, a block from Queen Anne Ave.). The cost is \$50 per person which includes a light lunch, student workbook, and a few surprises! Space is limited, so reserve your seat now! Please call (206) 386-4240 to register. Thank you.

## ARTICLE

### Dennis's Menaces

*by David Wright*

Dennis Heller (a regular at the Mercercrest club game on Tuesday nights) impressed Larry Cohen with his play on the following hand. It was written up in Larry's column in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin. See if you can match his play. You declare 7H after RHO, vulnerable in first seat, opens 3D. LHO leads the ♦J.

Dummy: ♠A8765 ♥942 ♦102 ♣AK2

Declarer: ♠— ♥AKQJ10763 ♦A9 ♣543

There are twelve top tricks and setting up dummy's fifth spade (hoping for a 4-4 split) offers a straightforward route to the thirteenth. Since you are going to draw trumps anyway, you use dummy's trumps as entries for the spade ruffs first, saving the club honors for later. You play a high trump from hand at trick two (RHO showing out), then the ♥6 to dummy's ♥9. You play the ♠A from dummy (throwing a club from your hand, let's say) and ruff a spade *high*, saving your ♥3 to lead to dummy's ♥4 at the next trick. You ruff another spade, both opponents following, but when you cross to the ♣A and ruff another spade, RHO shows out. Both opponents have discarded small diamonds when unable to follow suit.

What do you know about the opponents' hands? Everyone is down to four cards and you have seen all the small diamonds. For his 3D bid, and on the opening lead, RHO likely has the ♦KQ. He showed out of hearts and spades, so his other two cards must be clubs. LHO has a winning spade and his other three cards must be clubs.

Setting up the spades didn't work, but suppose that rather than give up at this point, you cash a trump and see what happens. If LHO discards his spade, dummy's spade will be good, so he discards a club. Dummy's diamond can be pitched (the diamond in your hand is just as good)

and RHO can afford to discard a diamond honor.

When you cash your last trump, LHO still has to keep his spade, so he pitches another club. Dummy's spade can never win a trick now, so you discard it. RHO has to keep a high diamond or your ♦9 will be good, so he throws a club. Do you see what has happened? Dummy is down to the ♣K2, and the opponents each have only one! Dummy's ♣2 takes the last trick. You have executed a double squeeze!

Experts might recognize the double squeeze position immediately, as Dennis did. Even if you never heard of a squeeze, if you keep track of what you know about the opponents' hands and ask yourself, "What will they do if...?", you have every chance of making this contract! (You do need to save the right cards in your hand and dummy when discarding – this is perhaps where understanding of squeeze technique plays the biggest role. It was in fact necessary to throw a club from hand on the ♠A, keeping the potential diamond winner behind the opponent with all the higher diamonds. If you had thrown a diamond from hand on the ♠A, or a club from dummy instead of a diamond on the penultimate trump lead, you could no longer make the contract.)

The great bridge author Terence Reese wrote of a similar hand, "To play such hands correctly it is not necessary to be a master of squeeze technique. The important thing, as always, is to keep alive as to what is going on."

*Membership news and rank advancements  
were not available for this issue. Look for a  
complete listing in the next issue!*



Director in Charge: Matt Koltnow

Special rates for players under 26!

Seattle Bridge Unit 446

# Suntan Sectional

September 5-7, 2014 – Bothell Union Hall

Sanction #: S1409056

Just 30 minutes NE of Seattle!



## Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

- 0-200 Pairs (single session)
- Stratified Open Pairs (single session)
- 0-200 Pairs (single session)
- Stratified IMP Pairs (single session)

1:30 pm

7:30 pm

## Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

*"Grass Roots Day" – Benefit for D19 NAP/GNT fund*

- 0-200 Pairs (single session)
- 0-750 Pairs (session 1 of 2)
- Stratified Open Pairs (session 1 of 2)
- 0-200 Pairs (single session)
- 0-750 Pairs (session 2 of 2)
- Stratified Open Pairs (session 2 of 2)

1:00 pm

7:00 pm

## Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

- 0-200 Swiss (single session)
- Stratified Swiss (session 1 of 2)
- 0-200 Swiss (single session)
- Stratified Swiss (session 2 of 2)

10:30 am

TBA

There will be a lunch break between sessions on Sunday; a small surcharge will apply for lunch

Single session entries are accepted for Saturday's events

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### Directions from I-405:

From I-405, take exit 24 for NE 195<sup>th</sup> St. Head east on 195th St (this is a right turn if you're coming from the south, and a left turn from the north). Then take the second right on 120<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. The site will be on your right in less than half a mile.

### Stratification

- 0-200 Pairs/Teams 0-50, 50-100, 100-200
- 0-750 Pairs/Teams 0-100, 100-300, 300-750
- Open Pairs/Teams 0-500, 500-2000, 2000+

- Stratification is based on the average MPs of the pair/team
- In all limited events, no player can exceed the upper limit
- Midchart conventions are permitted in the Saturday Open Pairs





# AUGUST 2014

**Sun**                      **Mon**                      **Tue**                      **Wed**                      **Thu**                      **Fri**                      **Sat**

1                      2

ESBC Congratulations Game  
(7:00)

3                      4                      5                      6                      7                      8                      9

**SBC NAP Qualifiers (all sessions, 8/3-8/16)**

ABC NAP Qualifier

MCBC NAP Qualifier

10                      11                      12                      13                      14                      15                      16

**SBC NAP Qualifiers (all sessions, 8/3-8/16)**

MIBC NAP Qualifier

DMBC Special Game

RBC Charity Swiss

17                      18                      19                      20                      21                      22                      23

SBC closed

**PUGET SOUND REGIONAL — ESBC closed, SBC closed, ABC closed, MIBC closed, MCBC closed, RBC closed**

Lynnwood Convention Center (3711 196th St SW) — see tournament flyer at <http://tinyurl.com/hjeqoww>

ESBC, MIBC Closed

24                      25                      26                      27                      28                      29                      30

**Regional, cont.**

**ESBC NAP Qualifiers (all open games, 8/25-8/30)**

**SBC Closed**

MCBC NAP Qualifier

ESBC Ladies' Night (6:15)

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SBC Closed

# SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

1	SBC Closed ABC Club Championship	2	ABC Club Championship	3	ABC Club Championship	4		5	SUNTAN SECTIONAL — SBC Closed	6			
7	Sectional, cont.	8		9		10		11		12		13	
14		15		16	MCBC Club Championship	17		18		19		20	
	SBC Unit Game												
21		22		23		24		25		26		27	
28		29		30	MCBC Int'l Fund Game								

DMBC Closed

RBC Charity Swiss

DMBC Special Game

# CLUB SCHEDULES AND LOCATIONS

**Sunday**

1:00 pm Seattle Bridge Center Half price  
 6:00 pm UW Bridge Club

**Monday**

10:00 am Eastside Bridge Center Open/0-500  
 10:30 am Alki Bridge Club  
 Seattle Bridge Center  
 7:00 pm Eastside Bridge Center 0-2000  
 Mercer Island Bridge Club 0-500  
 Seattle Bridge Center Lessons + Play

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Eastside Bridge Center  
 Emerald Bridge Club  
 10:30 am Seattle Bridge Center  
 11:00 am Mercer Island Bridge Club  
 7:00 pm Mercercrest Bridge Club  
 Eastside Bridge Center 0-50

**Wednesday**

10:00 am Eastside Bridge Center  
 10:30 am Seattle Bridge Center Half price  
 Alki Bridge Club  
 Noon Ronald Methodist Church Senior, 0-2000  
 7:00 pm Eastside Bridge Center 0-500

**Thursday**

10:00 am Eastside Bridge Center  
 Emerald Bridge Club  
 10:30 am Seattle Bridge Center Free Lunch  
 6:30 pm LeEtta King Bridge Club  
 7:00 pm Mercer Island Bridge Club  
 Eastside Bridge Center

**Friday**

9:30 am Eastside Bridge Center 0-200  
 10:00 am Eastside Bridge Center  
 10:30 am Des Moines Bridge Club  
 Seattle Bridge Center  
 6:30 pm Vashon Bridge Club *(except first Fridays;  
 time varies, call first)*  
 7:30 pm Seattle Bridge Center

**Saturday**

9:00 am Seattle Bridge Center Lessons + Play  
 9:30 am Eastside Bridge Center 0-20 "Fun Bridge"  
 10:00 am Queen Anne Bridge  
 Noon Seattle Bridge Center  
 1:00 pm Eastside Bridge Center  
 6:00 pm Rainbow Bridge Club

**All games are open unless otherwise specified.**

**Locations:**

Ronald Methodist Church  
 17839 Aurora Ave N (entrance on Linden, not Aurora)  
 Margaret Marshall, (206) 363-5484/(206) 972-1941 (cell)

LeEtta King Bridge Club  
 Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave S  
 (206) 226-9732

Vashon Bridge Club  
 Location varies, call for details  
 James Dam, (206) 567-5279/[eadnjd@comcast.net](mailto:eadnjd@comcast.net)



*More youth bridge! On Friday, June 20, a school bridge tournament was held for participants in the NextGenBridge program in the Seattle Public Schools, with pizza, prizes, and a giant trophy!*

See "Club News" starting on p. 2 for other club information.

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## TOURNAMENT TRAIL

Check out [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) for most current information

**August**    1-3        **Bremerton Sectional**  
              18-24      **LYNNWOOD (Puget Sound) REGIONAL**  
              29-Sep. 1 **Lacey (Olympia) Sectional**  
                          **Spokane Sectional**  
                          **Burnaby (Vancouver), BC Sectional**

**September** 5-7        **Bothell Sectional**  
                  12-14      **Portland, OR Sectional**  
                  22-28      **SEASIDE, OR REGIONAL**

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The newsletter is edited by David Wright.