



# THE SUN

Seattle Unit 446 Newsletter

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## Bringing Bridge to the Next Generation

by Anne Farmer

In May, Queen Anne Bridge and Bridge4Youth launched Seattle NextGenBridge, a new educational initiative, with generous grants from the ACBL Education Foundation and Unit 446 and with support from District 19 and the UW Bridge Club.

We have a great, enthusiastic group of volunteers who are introducing bridge in local middle schools through the Seattle Public Schools and Seattle Parks & Recreation's Community Learning Centers afterschool program, using a sixteen-hour curriculum provided by the ACBL.

We're now at Mercer Middle School with teacher Shirley Johnson, McClure Middle School with Anne Farmer, and Denny Middle School with Bernard



*Bernard Mann with students at Denny Middle School*

Mann. Alan Tesler and Robbie Reaber went to Washington Middle School, where we will be starting fall classes. Thanks to Lori Chisholm and her staff at the schools for giving us the opportunity and encouragement to teach bridge to their kids. We are open to other schools' participation too and hope to add more schools in the fall.



*Anne Farmer and Shirley Johnson at Mercer Middle School*

Join us in bringing bridge to the next generation! Volunteer teachers and helpers are needed in the fall. All ACBL members are invited to participate (TAP certification not required). Donations of card tables, bidding boxes, and duplicate boards are also welcome. For more information, contact Anne Farmer at (206) 441-7244 or [queenannebridge@gmail.com](mailto:queenannebridge@gmail.com).



**For more information on another local youth bridge program, the 4th annual Summer Bridge Day Camp, see page 9!**



# CLUB NEWS

## University of Washington Bridge Club

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Come join us for a friendly game every Sunday night through the summer at 6:00 (except during local sectionals). Doors are open at 5:00 for practice play. You're more than welcome to help our collegiate players master a new convention or card-playing sequence. Our hospitality is great, we're usually done by 9:30, and street parking is free in the U-District on Sunday. Lots of singles come to this, so e-mail if you are looking for a partner and we'll get you hooked up. Hope to see you soon!

—Ann Romeo



## Mercercrest Bridge Club (MCBC)

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Come out on Tuesday nights to the Mercercrest Bridge Club! We pride ourselves on our hospitality and our friendliness, and we have competition for players of all levels. In fact, within the last few months we have had players with less than ten masterpoints and a player with more than 18,000.

Every week the hands are pre-made, hand records are available, and full results including the contracts on all the hands are available online a few minutes after the end of the game. Check out the latest results 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.

The summer means it's time for NAP qualifying. These games award extra masterpoints at the club, and scoring above average or in the top half of your bracket makes you eligible to play in the District NAP finals later this year. The top three pairs in each flight win money toward a trip to the Spring 2015 national tournament to

compete in the national events. We will have NAP qualifier games on June 3, June 17, and July 15. These games cost \$9.

Every year around July 4 we have a "Celebrate America" party. Players are encouraged to dress festively, and to bring food to share. This year's party will be on July 1. It will also be a Club Membership game which means extra masterpoints for the winners. This game will be our standard \$8 entry.

Did you know that you can try out many new conventions at our club that aren't allowed everywhere? We know that it's hard to play things in tournaments without getting a chance to practice them, and it's also fun to see what the other players cook up. Our main rule is that if you play something unusual you have to alert it properly and you have to be generous in your explanations to the opponents. For exact details on what's permissible, ask one of the directors.

Top masterpoint winners in March out of 70 players receiving masterpoints were Mike Christensen (3.83), Ken Christiansen (2.91), Ray Miller (2.70), Clay Laughary (2.56), Dennis Heller (2.41), and Shawn Abernethy (2.33). Top winners in April out of 77 winners were Ray Miller (4.47), Mike Christensen (4.38), Brian Zaugg (3.90), Mike Ring (3.08), Dell Berg (2.64), and David Hankins (2.64).

—Jeff Ford



## Seattle Bridge Center (SBC)

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**D19 STaC (SILVER POINTS)** every session Monday, June 2 through Sunday, June 8 except for Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

**WORLDWIDE PAIRS** Friday, June 6 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, June 7 at noon. The hands will be played in clubs all around the world. You will be able to check

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your results online and see how you compare with other countries. Souvenir booklet with hand analysis for all players. Please call or e-mail to make reservations.

**NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS** qualifying games are here during June, July, and August. Please check our calendar or website for dates and times.

**SBC WILL BE CLOSED** Friday, July 4. Have a safe and happy holiday.

**SPECIAL UNIT SANCTIONED GAME** Sunday, July 13 at 1:00 pm. Reservations please.

**FRIDAY IS OUR ONLY EVENING GAME** at 7:30 pm and we need your help to keep it going. Please come support our game when you can. We have hand



Queen Anne Bridge, with Seattle Parks & Recreation, began Easybridge classes in January at the Queen Anne Community Center, resulting in many new duplicate players and ACBL members. Congratulations, Easybridge graduates — way to go! Thanks to director John Givins for keeping us all focused and having fun, fun, fun, and to Marc Hoffman, Gina Saxby, and the Queen Anne CC staff for all their hard work. Queen Anne Bridge is taking the summer off, and will resume Easybridge classes on Saturday mornings in the fall, along with Friday Fun Nights (duplicate for newbies). Contact (206) 441-7244 or [queenannebridge@gmail.com](mailto:queenannebridge@gmail.com) for more information.

—Anne Farmer

records and serve hot soup and homemade bread in case you have not had dinner.

**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).

**HALF PRICE GAMES (\$4)** Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am and Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm. Full-time students always pay half price (\$4 plus any additional charge for special events).

**UNLIMITED FREE PARKING** with handicap access. **A PARTNER IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE.**

**MARCH TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS** were Frank Burke, Bob Kirk, Terry Chinn, and Corrine Joinette. **APRIL TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS** were Joe Ulrich, Frank Burke, Suzanne Sax, and Mary McCune.

—Patti McCallum



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Greetings from the Eastside Bridge Center! We are pleased to announce that Lindsey Smith, who for many years has been a devoted participant in club matters, has now assumed the responsibilities of club manager. Please feel free to contact her with suggestions about all aspects of the club's activities.

Summer will bring many special games to Eastside including the World Wide Bridge Contests, the 3rd International Fund Game, four weeks of NAOPs, and one week of Club Championship Games. On June 21, we will participate in the ACBL's "Longest Day" program, a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association. Please check our website for the schedule of all of these games.

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Congratulations to the following club players on their recent ACBL promotions [see p. 11]: John Krah, Marilyn Dierickx, Joyce Doland, Irving Sonkin, Yoko Reilly, and Gilda Joyce!

Good luck to the large contingent of ESBC players going to Las Vegas for the Nationals!

See you at the club!

—Wayne English



## Des Moines Bridge Club (DMBC)

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The best deal in the Seattle area, with a friendly group of bridge players, only \$6 at 10:30 every Friday. We will be having a STaC game on June 6, a Club Championship game on June 27, and a Charity game on July 18. My prayer is that everyone that comes to the club has fun and does their very best. Hope to see you.

—Yvonne Kirkland



## Rainbow Bridge Club (RBC)

<http://www.rainbowbridgeclub.org>

Rainbow is still looking for that ideal location for us to move into. Until that happens, our weekday games are on hiatus. Check out our website for the latest info on potential permanent locations. However, our Saturday evening games are going strong, hosted at Seattle Bridge Center [see address, p. 2]. Every Saturday is a special game! June 21 and July 19 will be Charity Open Swiss Team games.

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

—Nick Tipton



On May 1, the Mercer Island Bridge Club hosted a 50th Anniversary celebration for Julie and Ole Godefroy. Dinner was served, followed by a stratified team game complete with duplicated boards and hand records, with 24 teams in attendance. Local bridge players who have been fortunate enough to partner Ole or Julie, play a team event with them, or just know them and love them, were pleased to celebrate the event.

The Godefroys have been playing bridge together in the greater Seattle area for the past 46 years, and have been an active part of the bridge community throughout that time. Ole co-chaired the last two Seattle NABCs as well as serving on the Unit 446 board of directors. Julie also served on the

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unit board as Membership Chairman, instituting several procedures to help clubs retain members and new members feel welcomed to the game. The Godefroys own and operate Godefroy Realty in Seattle.

MIBC would like to thank all those who contributed food items, worked in setup and tear down, loaned supplies, and helped direct the game. We could not have accomplished such a great event without your help.

The Godefroys write, "Know we are deeply moved by the huge response at your bridge club to our 50 years together. And we were amazed at not only the dinner but the best cake we've ever eaten. Long Live the Bridge World, the world is a better place because of bridge."

—Barbara Nist



## Alki Bridge Club (ABC)

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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! 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.

Check out our website for schedule of games and results! It has integrated results that you could spend hours studying!

—Nick Tipton



## Mercer Island Bridge Club (MIBC)

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Mercer Island is the fastest growing bridge club in the area. We are enjoying our fantastic new location, right alongside I-90 on Mercer Island. We offer a light lunch with our Tuesday morning game and hot appetizers on Thursday evening. Last Thursday of the month is Pizza Pairs! On Monday evenings we have a 0-500 game with hand records, duplicated boards, light snacks and discussion group following the game for those interested. We make every effort to accommodate singles – advance notice is appreciated but not required.

—Barbara Nist



## Emerald Bridge Club (EBC)

Brooklake Community Center  
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<http://home.comcast.net/~emudd/bridge.html>

Stratified Open Pairs, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am. Call Dennie Dye at (253) 939-0733 for a partner. Come and join us at the Emerald Bridge Club – it's a gem of a game!

—Carmen Flak

# ARTICLE

## Rabbit Leads a Heart

by Peiyush Jain

[This article, originally published at *BridgeWinners.com*, uses characters from one of the classic works of bridge humor, the *Menagerie* series by Victor Mollo.]

Under pressure from the regional bridge authorities, the members of the Griffin club reluctantly agreed to hold an “instant matchpoint” game, using hands which had previously been played at more than 100 tables. The scores would be compared against the results from those tables, rather than the tables present at the club. The results slip, which contained the contracts and the opening leads at those 100+ tables, would be available as soon as the board was played.

The Hideous Hog agreed to play with the Rueful Rabbit. Before the game, the Hog said, “Raise me with two trumps, or a singleton honour. Feel free to double the opponent’s contract. No transfers when you open no trumps.” The Rabbit, who prided himself on keeping up with the latest trends, said, “Let’s play third and fifth leads and upside-down count and attitude.” The Hog agreed with a generous wave of his hand. He ignored the Rabbit’s carding anyway.

Meanwhile, Karapet was saying to Papa, “Never raise me with just three — they always split 5-0. Never double the opponent’s contract. Never use Stayman or transfers — they result in a fatal lead directing double. Why, just last Tuesday...”

He was interrupted by the arrival of the Hog and the Rabbit. On the first board, Papa as dealer picked up ♠AKQJ10 ♥A107 ♦A3 ♣AKQ and opened 2♣. Karapet responded 2♦, Papa bid 2♠, and Karapet jumped to 4♠, showing four spades and 0-4 points.

Papa counted ten tricks in his hand, plus one more for his declarer play, plus one more with the Rabbit on opening lead. Since he was bidding the slam anyway, he

deceptively invoked Keycard Blackwood first to give the opponents a chance to make a potentially helpful lead-directing double. Karapet dutifully bid 5♦, showing 0 or 3 keycards, and Papa’s 6♠ closed the bidding. The Rabbit and the Hog had passed throughout.

The Rabbit led the ♥8, and this is what Papa saw:

Dummy: ♠5432 ♥J93 ♦Q2 ♣J1098

Declarer: ♠AKQJ10 ♥A107 ♦A3 ♣AKQ

Commencing his usual internal monologue with an imaginary kibitzer, Papa thought, “See! Count on the Rabbit! The lead marks the Hog with ♥KQxxx(x). I win the ♥Q with the ♥A, draw trumps, cash my high clubs, and force an entry to dummy by overtaking the ♥10 with the ♥J to throw my diamond loser on the ♣J. Twelve easy tricks and a well-deserved top!”

Congratulating himself, Papa called for the ♥3 from dummy, and was taken aback by the appearance of the ♥2 on his right. After getting over the initial shock, he thought, “The Hog is a good player, but this is brilliant! With ♥KQxxx(x) he realizes that he can duck to deny me the entry to dummy. He deserves a good result, but unfortunately for him, I am declarer. I can still make the hand — wait and see.”

Papa won the ♥10, drew trumps in three rounds, and cashed the ♣AKQ (to which all followed) and the ♥A (both opponents following small). “We are at the fork in the board, if you will,” he continued. “I can still make the hand if I can tell who has the ♦K. If the Hog has it, I can exit with a heart, endplaying him. If the Rabbit has it, then I can play ♦A and ♦Q. The Rabbit will have to win and give me a ruff-and-sluff for the twelfth trick.

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“Now, who has the ♦K, you ask? Remember the Hog’s failure to double Karapet’s 5♦ bid! That inference is good enough to place the ♦K with the Rabbit. Of course, if it was a better player like me, capable of making a deceptive psychic lead-directing double...”

Papa played ace and another diamond. The Rabbit won the ♦K and started squirming in his seat. Papa thought, “Aha! As we inferred. Let him squirm for some time. I will claim just before he is about to play a card.”

After some agony, the Rabbit detached a card. Papa was about to claim when he was totally shocked to see that it was the ♥Q, which took the setting trick. This was the whole hand:

<p>“You...you...led the ♥8 from KQ84?”, spluttered Papa.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Karapet)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠5432 ♥J93 ♦Q2 ♣J1098</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Hog)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠6 ♥652 ♦J87654 ♣763</p>
<p>“Yes, we are playing third and fifth”, said the Rabbit.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Rabbit)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠987 ♥KQ84 ♦K109 ♣542</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Papa)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠AKQJ10 ♥A107 ♦A3 ♣AKQ</p>

“But what on earth were you thinking about when you got in with the ♦K!?”

“I was trying to remember whether we play top of a doubleton or lower of touching honours in this situation. Maybe I should have played the king. In any case, at least it did not cost a trick.”

Karapet opened the results slip. “Again everything has happened to me,” he wailed. “Every declarer made twelve tricks — in 4♠, in 6♠, in 6N, and even the South who was passed in 2♣. At all tables, the lead was ♥K.”

“Maybe they weren’t playing third and fifth,” said the Rabbit, as they drew cards for the next board.

### Unit and District Board Elections

Each year Unit 446 as a whole elects four members to three-year terms on the Unit Board. Anyone in the unit who is an ACBL member in good standing is welcome to run for one of the positions. Incumbents whose term is expiring may run for reelection once. The Board works best when we have a cross-section of the entire membership represented. So whether you’re young or old, on the east side or the west side, a new player or a veteran, please consider running for the Board!

Board members whose term is expiring are Jen Chalfan, David Taylor, Ray Miller, and Steve Kanner. Steve is completing his second term, and so is ineligible to run for reelection. Thanks to all four for their service these past three or more years.

Please e-mail [sboard@lists.kence.org](mailto:sboard@lists.kence.org) or contact a current board member if you are interested in running. Include a candidacy statement (up to 150 words) of why you would like to serve, along with a photo (optional). If there are more than four candidates, a ballot will be conducted this fall. The deadline for filing is September 7.

The unit also appoints two representatives to the District 19 board for three year terms. Pat Dunn’s term expires at the end of this year, and he is not seeking reappointment. He has been serving, not just as a board member, but also as the coordinator of the D19 NAP and GNT competitions. Thanks to Pat for his service. The District board generally meets during the Mondays prior to D19 regionals. If you are interested in the position, please contact a board member or e-mail [sboard@lists.kence.org](mailto:sboard@lists.kence.org). The appointment for 2015-2017 will be made at a meeting later this year.

## COLUMN

### Director, Please!

*by Jeff Ford*

*When something strange happens at my table, should I always immediately call the director?*

99% of the time, if something strange happens at your table, you should immediately call the director. By calling right away there is the highest probability that things can be sorted out and you can get back to playing bridge. It also helps to avoid the temper flares that sometimes occur when players start to argue at the table instead of letting the director explain the rules.

However, there are two exceptions. The first is when you are dummy. If something strange happens and no one else notices or comments on it, then you need to keep your mouth shut until the end of the hand. It's perfectly OK to call then, and depending on what happened, the score still might be changed. For example, maybe you notice a revoke no one else sees. Wait until the end of the hand, then politely but quickly ask that people not shuffle their cards, and call for the director to explain what happened.

If you're dummy and someone else points out something strange, but no one seems to be calling for the director, you have the right to call, and it's a good idea to do so. You are only prohibited from "drawing attention", not from calling once attention has already been drawn. Finally, if there is unpleasant or inappropriate behavior at your table, it is right to call the director even as dummy. No one has to put up with bad conduct.

The second exception is related to the topic of the last couple columns — what to do when your partner tells your opponents your bid means one thing, but you thought it meant something else. It is illegal to call the director during the auction when this happens. Even if you have the best of intentions of helping the other side

understand what you meant, it gives your partner information to which they are not entitled.

When you actually should call depends on two things — first, on whether you were right or your partner was right; second, on whether your side ends up declaring or defending the hand. If your partner was right and the opponents were given a correct explanation of your agreements, then you don't need to say anything at any point about the fact that you misbid. Over the course of the hand the opponents will probably figure it out, and they may call the director just to make sure this is what happened.

However, if you were right, then you need to tell the opponents that the explanation your partner gave doesn't match your agreements. If you or partner are about to declare the hand, do this at the end of the auction, before the opening lead. The law requires you to call the director and tell the opponents in the director's presence that your side had a misexplained bid. The director will ask some questions, possibly taking people away from the table to do so, and may allow an opponent to change their final call. Exactly what happens isn't important to remember — that's the director's job!

What if the opponents end up declaring the hand instead? Then you don't call the director until the end of the hand. It might seem unfair to the opponents that they don't get to know about the mistake, but the director will adjust the score if their play was affected. More importantly, you aren't allowed to wake up your partner to the fact that they explained wrong before they defend the hand.

*Have a topic you'd like to learn about, or a hand or ruling you have a question about? E-mail [jeff.ford@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.ford@gmail.com) and I'll try to include it in a future column.*





## Summer Bridge Day Camp, July 7-12

*Cheryl Zettler*

Hard to believe that it's already time to enroll the kids in SUMMER DAY CAMP! BUT if you know children who like strategy games, sign them up soon for the best deal in the Northwest! Now in its fourth year, Seattle's own Bridge for Youth Day Camp is sponsored by local non-profit Bridge4Youth, plus Seattle Bridge Unit 446. We've received the full endorsement of the ACBL and, most importantly, from returning students and their enthusiastic parents. Space is limited and registration is well under way! Here are the details:

**Registration deadline:** June 23, 2014

**Camp dates and times:** July 7-11 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, PLUS a celebration lunch and fun mini-tournament on July 12, 11:30 am-4:30 pm.

**Total cost:** \$50 (NOT a typo!). All materials included. Financial aid is available.

**NEW venue:** Mercer Island Congregational Church, 4545 Island Crest Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040. A larger space, centrally located, with ample parking.

**Age groups:** 10-14 and 15-18.

**Experience:** zero to returning beginners.

**Teachers:** ACBL-certified instructors Nick Tipton and Alan Tesler, plus a dedicated team of volunteer coaches. Instructors teach Standard American.

**Questions?** E-mail Larry Li at [larry@pacgal.com](mailto:larry@pacgal.com) or phone (206) 353-7220.

More details & registration form (scroll to bottom) at:

<http://www.b4youth.org>



## Hospitality Corner

*Ann Romeo*

Greetings from Hospitality! Thanks to all who contributed to make the May KO Sectional a success. We have another big event coming up in September, and we can use even more help. So, bake a cake or a batch of cookies, or buy a store-made treat and drop it by Hospitality. Thanks!

## Tell Your Friends!

### *Learn Bridge In A Day?™*

Whirlwind Bridge offers the popular *Learn Bridge in a Day?™* seminar designed to move new bridge players quickly along the initial learning curve. Typical participants include true beginners, those returning to bridge after long absences, and those merely wanting to "test the waters" before committing to formal classes. The five-hour seminar includes both class instruction and coached play.



Seattle NextGenBridge and Unit 446 are hosting "Learn Bridge in a Day", a crash course in duplicate bridge with Atlanta's Melissa Bernhardt, on Saturday, September 13, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Stay tuned for more details!

# ARTICLE

## Making the Wright Play

*by David Wright*

Bridge players use the term “percentage play” to mean the play that succeeds against the most probable distribution of the unseen cards, or the play that wins most often against all the possible distributions of the unseen cards. A hand came up in a Round Robin match last year that illustrates the concept.

Dummy: ♠x ♥AQx ♦Axxx ♣AKJxx

Declarer: ♠KJ10987xx ♥x ♦xx ♣Qx

At one table a 4S opening was raised directly to 6S and an unthreatening heart was led. Declarer won the A and now had only to pick up the trumps for one loser. When the spade was led from dummy, RHO followed small. Which card do you play? Is it just a guess?

Consider all the possible layouts of the four missing spades — and on which of those layouts your play makes a difference. If RHO has all four, you are always down, so you can forget about that. LHO can't have all four now that RHO has shown one, so forget about that too.

What if they are 2-2? If LHO has AQ you are always down, and RHO can't hold AQ-doubleton since he just played a small one, so forget about those cases. That leaves Ax/Qx on either side — now, whichever card you play, you will make the contract half the time.

What about if spades are 3-1? If either opponent has AQx you are always down, and the possibility of stiff honor with RHO has now been eliminated. What about a stiff honor with LHO? Stiff A won't help since you don't have another trump in dummy to finesse the Q again. And the stiff Q? Aha! This is not a guess; the K is the correct play — the best percentage play for one loser. It wins against half of the Ax/Qx splits, plus when LHO has the singleton Q. The J wins against the other half of the Ax/Qx splits, but never when trumps are 3-1.

At another table, these hands had a slower auction which allowed RHO to get in a double for a diamond lead, and then stopped in 5S. In this contract declarer could afford two trump losers, but not a diamond as well. After a diamond was led, the natural line of play was to try to shake a diamond on the clubs before playing trumps. RHO followed to the third round of clubs and declarer pitched the diamond loser, but a new complication arose as LHO ruffed with a small trump. Declarer ruffed the next diamond, crossed to the heart A, and led a trump up, again needing to play the suit for one loser. As at the first table, RHO followed small. Which card do you play?

Superficially you seem to be in the same position as at the first table — but the fact that this time you have already seen a small spade from LHO alters things significantly! Now you know you can never win if the trumps were 3-1 (since the three-card holding could only be AQx once both opponents have shown a small trump). You can only make the contract if LHO ruffed in from an original holding of honor-x — and, if so, at this point you really do have a 50/50 guess which honor it is!

I don't suggest it is appropriate to try to solve all play problems this way “from scratch” at the table — often there will be too many possible layouts of the unseen cards (even in a single suit) to enumerate all the individual cases in a reasonable amount of time. However, understanding the basic principle may help you to take mental “shortcuts” — e.g., to remember common suit positions, or recognize analogous positions when they arise.

For example, suppose you reach a small slam at IMPs with a trump suit of AQJ8xxx in hand opposite a small singleton in dummy. You have no side suit losers and

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Greetings! The Seattle Bridge Unit (SBU) would like to extend a hearty welcome to all new members and to all members who recently transferred into our unit! All new members will receive one free play at each of the local clubs.

If you'd like to get involved with helping the growth of bridge in our area and showing people how fun and amazing this game is, please don't hesitate to contact a board member. The SBU is run 100% by volunteers who want to keep bridge in Seattle awesome. We would love your help!

**New Members:** Dorothy Billington, Patrica Bjornson, Matt Deasy, Laurence Drews, Lorretta Elderkin, Julie Hamann, Patti Hulvershorn, Sandy Johnson, Cathy Kay, Lee Killough, Ken Koch, Paul Kulchenko, Zoanne Landry, Dr. Jack Lynch, Tony Marshall, Maxine Mattson, Karen McCann, Patricia McLean, Joanne Nordin, George Olson, Joyce Rice, Cathleen Ruggiero, John Sims, Mary Ellen Thompson

**Transfers:** Penn Curran, Janet Johnson, Fae Kettering, Mary Kirkendall, Mary Noland, Dale Ranz, Dr. Beverly Shapiro, Shirley Smith, Oyvind Tafjord, Jeff Wallace, Carol Williams, John Williams

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON THEIR RANK ADVANCEMENTS!

**Junior Master (5 MPs):** Tony Alberts, Cathy Boorman, Paul Boorman, John Cockburn, Charles Dailey, David E. Dailey, Melanie Doren, Joyce Johnson, Jannie Rutherford, Dr. John Shoosmith, Mary Stoa, Eric Swanson, An Tootill

**Club Master (20 MPs):** Sharon Boileau, Mary Geraghty, Patricia Johnson, Kathy Lichtenberg, Gloria Betty Schlueter, Lilia Sharp, Katy W. Titcomb, Susannah Walker, Janice Weinberg

**Sectional Master (50 MPs):** Janet Bolton, Marilyn Dierickx

**Regional Master (100 MPs):** Leigh Castoldi, Joyce Doland, Irving Sonkin

**NABC Master (200 MPs):** Barbara Kampe, John Krah, Linda Longmire, Daniel Poore, Yoko Reilly, Lynn Shapley, Xiang Tu

**Life Master (500 MPs):** Joan Bickel, Penny Lepp, Ray Lepp

**Bronze Life Master (500 MPs):** Joan Bickel, Leslie Milstein, Mirjana Reams, Gilda Joyce

**Silver Life Master (1000 MPs):** Charles Gravenkemper, Don Mehaffey

**Diamond Life Master (5000 MPs):** Julie Godefroy, Charles James

**Platinum Life Master (10000 MPs):** Sun-O Ho

**Grand Life Master (10000 MPs + NABC Championship):** John Schermer

Total Members: 1405 as of 5/1/14

—Kim Eng

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there appears to be no danger of a ruff, so your only problem is to lose no more than one trump trick. You lead the trump from dummy and RHO follows small. What is the best play – A, or Q?

If the trumps are 3-2, you will make the contract either way (whether the finesse wins or loses). If trumps are 4-1, there is only one distribution where the contract

can be made – stiff K offside! (Finessing won't help with king-fourth onside, since you can't repeat the finesse.)

Therefore the correct (percentage) play — at IMPs; might you play differently at matchpoints? — is A, then Q, making the contract whenever it can be made. As in the original hand, the extra chance of dropping an honor offside (while breaking even, compared with the alternative play, against the other favorable holdings) is what gives the correct play its advantage.

Director in Charge: Matt Koltnow

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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>

1:30 pm 0-200 Pairs (single session)

Stratified Open Pairs (single session)

7:30 pm 0-200 Pairs (single session)

Stratified IMP Pairs (single session)

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

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

1:00 pm 0-200 Pairs (single session)

0-750 Pairs (session 1 of 2)

Stratified Open Pairs (session 1 of 2)

7:00 pm 0-200 Pairs (single session)

0-750 Pairs (session 2 of 2)

Stratified Open Pairs (session 2 of 2)

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

10:30 am 0-200 Swiss (single session)

Stratified Swiss (session 1 of 2)

TBA

0-200 Swiss (single session)

Stratified Swiss (session 2 of 2)

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



# JUNE 2014

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

1    2    ABC Charity Game    3                      4    ABC Charity Game    5                      6    DMBC STaC                      7

SBC NAOP Qualifier                      SBC D19 STaC Games (all sessions, 6/2-6/6)  
ESBC NAOP Qualifiers (all sessions, 6/2-6/6)                      SBC, ESBC Worldwide Pairs

8    9    10    11    12    13    14

SBC STaC    MCBC NAOP Qualifier    SBC, ESBC Worldwide Pairs  
SBC NAOP Qualifier    SBC NAOP Qualifier    ESBC Club Championship

15    16    17    18    19    20    21

SBC NAOP Qualifiers (all sessions, 6/16-6/21)    ESBC The Longest Day

22    23    24    25    26    27    28

MCBC NAOP Qualifier    ESBC NAOP Qualifiers (all sessions, 6/23-6/28)  
SBC NAOP Qualifiers (all sessions, 6/22-6/26)    RBC Charity Swiss  
DMBC Club Championship

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<b>June</b>	6-8	<b>Spokane Sectional</b>
	9-15	<b>PENTICTON, BC REGIONAL</b>
	27-29	<b>Sequim Sectional</b>
<b>July</b>	11-13	<b>Anacortes Sectional</b>
	17-27	<b>LAS VEGAS, NV NABC</b>
<b>August</b>	1-3	<b>Bremerton Sectional</b>
	18-24	<b>LYNNWOOD (Puget Sound) REGIONAL</b>

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