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Seattle Unit 446 Newsletter

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Delfs, Weyn Win Unit Trophies

History had its eyes on Bryan Delfs this year — Seattle bridge history, that is. Bryan took a relatively early lead in the unit's Microsoft Trophy race and he was not throwing away his shot (yes, Bryan is a fan of the musical *Hamilton*), consolidating his lead decisively in the last two sectionals.



Bryan Delfs

both 2017 and 2018, Bryan has a strong case to be considered the area's King of Swiss Teams!

Jonathan Weyn won the Jabon Trophy, for most masterpoints won in the unit's sectionals by a player starting the year with fewer than 20 masterpoints. Congratulations, Bryan and Jonathan!

If you want to be in "the room where it happens," grab a partner ("that's your second/Your lieutenant when there's reckoning to be reckoned") and come on down to play in one of the sectionals next year! The next tournament will be February 15-17 at Vasa Park in Bellevue.

Kathy Gilman Wins Trifecta

Congratulations to Kathy Gilman and Andrea James, who won the third of this year's three special "Trifecta" unit games, the Fast Pairs. This sealed the overall Trifecta win for Kathy, who

also won this summer's Eight is Enough team game. It was also Andrea's second consecutive win in the Fast Pairs! Thanks to all the players who came out for these events.



Andrea James, Kathy Gilman

Unit Fast Pairs (Trifecta)

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
1.46	1	1		Kathy Gilman - Andrea James	60.65%
1.02	2			Kevin Bolan - Eric Sieg	57.87%
0.57		2		Rosemay Vazeux - Bernard Mann	46.30%
0.38			2	Helen Pyne - Sylvia Bailey	45.37%

Trifecta Final Standings

Rank	Name	Total MPs
1	Kathy Gilman	4.21
2	Leah Sieg	2.75
3	Andrea James	2.44

Round Robin Playoff Updates

All but one of the semifinal matches in the three brackets of the unit's Round Robin team competition this year had been completed as this issue went to press.

In the top bracket, Chalfan picked to play Sieg and Eng played Scholes. Both Chalfan and Eng had defeated their semifinal opponents in regular season match play, but were defeated in the playoffs. #3-seeded Sieg (Eric Sieg, Bryan Delfs, Tom and Jenni Carmichael) and #4-seeded Scholes (Ken and Sandy Scholes, Pat

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and Polly Dunn, Ray Loftis, Leo Schwartz) will play in the finals to determine the winner of the top bracket.

The first middle bracket semifinal pitted the Hendrickson and Hudesman teams. In the regular season Hudesman had dispatched Hendrickson handily. However, as in the top bracket, the lower-seeded team got their revenge in the semifinals. Hendrickson (Hugh Hendrickson, Barbara Higgins, Alan Tesler, Beau Hovda, John McCaslin, Diana Thompson) awaits the winner of the semifinal between the Romeo and Cline teams.

In the third bracket, the string of upsets finally stopped, as the higher seed won in both semifinals. Falls (Jeannie Falls, Bruce Baker-Harvey, Jonathan Weyn, Barbara Erickson) defeated Shute to advance to the final and Blanchett (Mary Blanchett, Kathleen Brown, Carolyn Wyman, Rona Vissner) defeated Mossman. Falls and Blanchett will square off to determine the third bracket champions!

Congratulations to all the semifinalists and good luck to all teams in the finals! For complete team rosters and additional event updates as they become available (including how to sign up for next year!), see <http://www.bridgeinseattle.org/>. There will also be a party for all 2018 Round Robin participants in early 2019.

School Days, School Days

by Anne L. Farmer

Seattle NextGenBridge is back in seven schools this year and we have expanded on the Eastside. Our participating schools and teachers are: Denny Middle School, taught by David Skover and me; Wash-



David Skover and Anne Farmer with Denny Middle School students



Teaching at McClure Middle School

ington Middle School, with Wayne English and Judy Dubester; Whitman Middle School, with Theresa Eck and Steven M. Lewis; McClure Middle School, with Bill Bumpas; Islander Middle School on Mercer Island, with John Weinberg, Sylvia Bailey, and Bill Campbell; Rose Hill Middle School in Kirkland, with Ann Romeo and Steve Lewis; and the Northwest Chinese School, where Greg Herman (three-time USBF junior champion) teaches with high school bridge player Jessie Cai and her father Roger. David Taylor and Shirley Johnson are kind enough to serve as our substitutes.

It's been a fun fall with new, enthusiastic teachers each bringing a unique style to their students. We present a minimum of 16 hours of ACBL instruction, allowing for flexibility in approaches as a variety seems to work best. Sometimes we just play hands, or do hand analysis or exercises.

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With such a great lineup of school bridge teachers, it's no wonder the competition is heating up. At the start of class, new students find bridge a bit daunting as they start to absorb all those funny rules we have, bridge terminology, and the "secret code" of bidding. After a while, the kids start to relax and ease into the game. It's



Wayne English with Washington Middle School students

easy to tell when they're focused — no more cutting up, excessive laughter, or talking as they start to zero in and focus on the finer details.

Seriously, at the recent Lynnwood Regional and the unit's NLM Sectional in November, there were several young people playing (with young partners, parents, or grandparents) and their bridge manners were excellent. They are taught Zero Tolerance in bridge class, at camp, or by their relatives and it shows! But occasionally they are not made to feel welcome by a few grumpy players. I have seen these students, who are playing fine and in tempo, discounted, rushed, and criticized by adult players who should know better. Maybe these "grownups" are not prepared for how good these young players are and are not very accepting of being defeated by them. The youngsters have every right to play in clubs and tournaments so wake up and smell the roses....remember they are the future of bridge. Please be kind and support our young bridge players.

SNGB students will show off their new found bridge skills at the Happy Holidays Tournament on December 7, hosted by SNGB board member Barbara Nist at the Mercer Island Bridge Club. Anticipation is also building for the Annual School Tournament in the Spring.

Not to mention plans are already in the works for the Youth NABC in Las Vegas in the summer of 2019. Several of our students' parents are planning the trip there as a family

vacation. Others who would like to attend really need your help. Please support our efforts to raise \$10,000 to send the greater Seattle area students to the YNABC, July 25-27, 2019. It is hard to accept that there are kids who want to go but can't due to financial limitations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated for this cause.



Northwest Chinese School students with Roger Cai, Greg Herman, and Jessie Cai

I have the great honor to be the Youth Liaison Chair for the 2019 YNABC. Our goal is to host 500 young players at this event. An excellent group of volunteers from across North America comes together to make this happen for the kids. Your time is needed to volunteer for registration, banquet assistance, table monitoring, and many other positions which require very little except helping the kids have a great experience.

Volunteers receive ACBL scrip and the joy of seeing
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Check out Seattle NextGenBridge's new website at [https://www.seattlenextgenbridge.com/!](https://www.seattlenextgenbridge.com/)

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Bill Campbell, Sylvia Bailey, John Weinberg

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young people enjoy bridge like we do. Please join us in making the 2019 YNABC the best ever! For more information, e-mail seattlenextgenbridge@gmail.com or call us at (206) 441-7244 or (206) 854-0008. Thanks so much for your support.

Home Bridge for Kids!

by Ann Romeo

For those with kids who have begun to learn the game of bridge, we have started a Home Bridge program. We are meeting on Sundays, either in Sammamish or Queen Anne. If you have a young bridge player in your life who is interested in playing face-to-face with other kids, please e-mail me at annromeo@gmail.com, and I'll add you to the list. We would

love to get these kids ready to play at the Youth NABC taking place in summer 2019 in Las Vegas, and our hope is that Home Bridge will provide some of the necessary coaching and encouragement to prepare our youth to take their game to the next level. If you would like to help, let me know — we'll need coaches!

Hospitality Corner

by Ann Romeo

We have an upcoming tournament on February 15-17 at Vasa Park. All treats and snacks are welcomed, especially those with a Valentine's Day theme. I send out an e-mail reminder for cookies and treats — if you want to join our Cookie Brigade, e-mail me at annromeo@gmail.com. Thanks!



Plan the Play

(Dummy)

♠QJ52

♥Q

♦KQ94

♣K1063

(Declarer)

♠K4

♥AJ8

♦AJ106

♣Q852

At IMPs, you declare 3N (after a strong notrump and Stayman auction, with the opponents silent). LHO leads the ♥10, covered by dummy's ♥Q and RHO's ♥K.

You should probably win this, making it unsafe for LHO to continue hearts if he gets in (if he leads from his presumed ♥9 into your ♥J8, it gives you an extra trick).

How do you continue from here?

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CLUB NEWS

University of Washington Bridge Club

Christ Episcopal Church
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Greetings! Come play with us over the chilly days of winter. Our game is on Sundays in the U District, with supervised play at 5:15, sanctioned game at 6:00, and we're usually done by 9:30. The game costs \$6. Students play free! Let me know if you need a partner, and come play!

SPECIAL GAME coming up: we'll have a holiday party on Sunday, December 30 with a GNT Qualifying swiss team game! So, put together your team and let me know if you are planning to attend. If you don't have a team, let me know and we'll find you partners!

—Ann Romeo



Mercer Island Bridge Club (MIBC)

VFW Hall (Post #5760)
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(425) 351-2464
bnist2@gmail.com

<http://www.bridgeresults.net/calendar.cgi?club=68>

This is the time of year that we reflect on those things we really appreciate. At MIBC, we have the nicest, friendliest players in all the ACBL. I know that I would not be able to make MIBC work without the help of my excellent group of volunteers.

I give thanks to Steve Kasner who comes over each week to set up our tables and make our game ready to play, Bill Campbell who duplicates the hands and produces the hand records each week for our games, and Craig Ruden who serves as my go-to person and who is always there to help set up and clean up. Craig Mills and Moises Saul, in addition to all those previously listed, are there to direct when I am out of town pursuing those elusive masterpoints. 2019 is the year I should finally make Grand Life Master.

Meg Okada, John Emmerson, Bill Jolly, David Mack,

and Bill Campbell help break down our space on Tuesday. I am truly grateful for these men, I could not run the club without them.

MIBC offers three upcoming GNT Qualifying team games, on December 3, January 28 (Pizza Teams), and January 29 (Last Chance Qualifying daytime game).

We will be closed for the holiday season following the game on December 18 and will reopen on January 7.

May you have a blessed holiday season and a very successful time at the bridge tables in 2019.

—Barbara Nist



Alki Bridge Club (ABC)

West Seattle Senior Center
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<http://www.alkibridgeclub.com/>

Thank you all for coming to our little corner of Seattle! Our games are every Monday and Wednesday at 10:30 am, with a break from 12:00 to 12:25 for lunch. All games are open. Alki features pre-dealt hands with hand records, Bridgemates for immediate and accurate scoring, and a non-playing director to keep the game moving. Cost is \$9, plus \$1 for some special games.

Check out our website for results and game schedule.

Masterpoint leaders for 2018 are Harry Steiner (69.21), Elaine DeShaw (54.31), Edith DeShaw (48.79), Wayne English (48.51), and Monty Gray (45.09).

December 3 and 5 are West Coast STAC Games (\$11 entry). December 12th is our Holiday Party and Charity Game! December 17 and 19 are Club Membership Games (regular price, but BOTH members of your partnership must have ACBL numbers to win masterpoints).

January 2 and 7 are Club Championship games (regular price).

Check the calendar page of our website for the status of our December 26 game.

—Nick Tipton

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Des Moines Bridge Club (DMBC)

Des Moines Senior Center

2045 S 216th St

(206) 824-1192

yesk@comcast.net

Come join our great group of friendly bridge players at Des Moines on Fridays at 10:30. Check out the Club Results pages at acbl.org for game results and special games we may have in the future.

We will have our Christmas Bridge Party on December 21. Please sign up for this event. We will have a STAC silver point game on January 18. We are closed on December 7.

My prayer is that everyone that comes to the club has fun and does their very best. Hope to see you.

—Yvonne Kirkland



Seattle Bridge Center (SBC)

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(206) 282-6414

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<http://www.seattlebridgecenter.net>

SBC is conveniently located in North Seattle. We have eight weekly games, all of which except Tuesday nights are open to all. Tuesday morning and Saturday evening games are Charity Games (or the equivalent) at no extra cost!

Join us Tuesday nights for our Rookie Duplicate Game! FREE if you have under 20 masterpoints! Brand new players are always welcome!

Other upcoming Special Games: December 3-7 are West Coast STAC Games (\$12 entry). December 10-15 are ACBL Membership games (regular price, but BOTH members of your partnership must have ACBL numbers to win masterpoints). January 14-19 are Club Championship games (regular price).

Our Holiday Party and potluck will be December 13 at 10:30 am!

We are closed on Christmas Day, December 25.

2018 masterpoint leaders (Lorraine Leach Award) are Jim Thompson (98.84), Terry Chinn (94.27), Rose Bolson (86.79), Joe Ulrich (82.67), and Krishna Rustagi (82.08).

—Nick Tipton



Mercercrest Bridge Club (MCBC)

Mercer Island Congregational Church

4545 Island Crest Way, Mercer Island

<http://www.bridgeinseattle.org/mercercrest/>

mercerislandbridge@gmail.com

Join us every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm for delicious snacks and a great bridge game. We will have our annual Holiday Party on December 18, and we will be closed on December 25. If you need a partner, e-mail us at mercerislandbridge@gmail.com and we will find you a good partner.

Congratulations to our top masterpoint winners for September/October: Bryan Delfs (12.56), Eric Sieg (9.91), Mike Christensen (6.85), Ray Miller (6.36), and Chris Pesce (5.68).

—Shawn Abernethy



Eastside Bridge Center (ESBC)

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

As the holiday season approaches, we hope your plans include time at the bridge table. We have some special events planned, and look forward to seeing you!

December 3-8 brings the Western District STAC Games — a chance to earn silver points! The week concludes on Saturday, December 8 with our annual Holiday

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Seattle Bridge Unit (SBU) would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members as well as members who have recently transferred into our unit! All new members will receive one free play at each of the local clubs. Be sure to check your e-mail!

New Members: Carlos De Souza, Douglas James, Caroline Jarvis, Christopher Morrow, Lynn Mowe, Mary Vernon, Justin Yu

Transfers In: Greg Herman, Jim Carr, Ronnie Ferestien

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON THEIR RANK ADVANCEMENTS!

Junior Master (5 MPs): Betsy Bohnert, Jim Chen, Amy Curtis, Carlos De Souza, Jerry Guenser, Esther Platt, William Watts

Club Master (20 MPs): Mary Dunnam, Stanley Oskamp, Arthur Resnick, Cheryl Weise

Sectional Master (50 MPs): Edward Shen, Chuck Shively, Jonathan Weyn, Linda Whatley, Gail Williams

Regional Master (100 MPs): Grant Davis, Rui Gong, Colin Hooks, Sally Neu, Barbara O'Neal, Yasue Scherb, Katy Titcomb, Julia Yan Ye

NABC Master (200 MPs): Dan Betts, Kevin Epley, Susan Waggoner

Life Master (300/500 MPs): Kathy Brown, Steven Mark Lewis, Philip Woo

Bronze Life Master (500/750 MPs): Larry Baum, Kathy Brown, Martha Jenkins, Nat Raman

Silver Life Master (1000 MPs): Thomas Brown, Miriam Goldberg, Farhad Nozari

Ruby Life Master (1500 MPs): Karen Hudesman, Lee Silvas

Gold Life Master (2500 MPs): Andrew Sherrill

Diamond Life Master (5000 MPs): Cynthia Glad

Emerald Life Master (7500 MPs): Ray Loftis

Total membership 1,431 as of November 1, 2018

If you'd like to get involved with helping the growth of bridge in our area, please don't hesitate to contact a board member. SBU is run totally by volunteers dedicated to showing greater Seattle how fun and amazing our game is. We would love your help!

—Patti McCallum



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Party. Potluck begins at 12 noon, with game time at 1:00 pm. Great food, prizes and bridge!

We will hold our traditional Swiss Teams game on New Year's Eve, Monday December 31. Champagne and appetizers will be served. Game time is 8:00 pm.

The club will be closed on December 24 and 25 and January 1.

In the new year, we will begin a Winter Mentor Games series, running January 22 through February 19. Watch for sign-ups coming in December. We love fos-

tering novice players, and the mentoring program has been very effective. If you know someone who might be interested, please be sure to let them know about this opportunity! Also for the novice player: we have a 0-400 limited game running concurrently with the open game at noon on Mondays. We have regularly had 6-8 tables for the limited game.

As always, thank you for support. From us to you: Warmest wishes for Happy Holidays and Peace and Joy in the New Year!

—Susan Johnson

FALL SECTIONAL RESULTS



Paul Martin, Dave Roselle

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
12.38	1	1		Paul Martin - David Roselle	67.03%
9.29	2			Harry Steiner - Yoko Barnett	64.10%
3.10		2		Bryan Delfs - Kathy Gilman	59.16%
2.32			1	Monty Gray - Mirjana Reams	55.49%
1.74			2	Thomas Stever - Terence Block	55.31%

Friday Afternoon 0-750 Pairs

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
2.53	1	1	1	Allen Sussman - Steven Levy	61.01%
1.90	2	2		Susan Servais - Sharon Riddle	59.52%
1.17			2	George Hubman - Katy Titcomb	57.14%

Friday Afternoon 0-200 Pairs

MPs	D	E	F	Names	Score
2.05	1	1		Linda Whatley - Beth Velling	63.99%
1.54	2	2	1	Sharon Mossman - Laura Miller	59.23%
1.15	3	3	2	Peter Starcevich - Nancy Gerard	57.14%



Bryan Delfs, Eric Sieg

Friday Evening IMP Pairs

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
7.56	1	1		Bryan Delfs - Eric Sieg	40.67
5.67	2	2	1	Muhunthan Sivapragasam - Peiyush Jain	36.33
1.49			2	Susan Cothorn - JC Chupack	24.62

Friday Evening 0-750 Pairs

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
1.56	1			Douglas Johnson - Steve Gillett	60.00%
1.17	2			Kamlesh Batra - Shiv Batra	58.00%

Friday Evening 0-200 Pairs

MPs	D	E	F	Names	Score
1.19	1/2	1/2		Sharon Mossman - Laura Miller	59.72%
1.19	1/2	1/2		Sandra Tone - Gail Williams	59.72%



Pat Dunn, Ray Loftis

Saturday Open Pairs

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
28.00	1			Patrick Dunn - Ray Loftis	62.00%
21.00	2			Michael Christensen - Stanford Christie	59.53%
15.75		1		Bryan Delfs - Eric Sieg	59.23%
11.81		2	1	Anne S Kao - Jerry Tierney	59.16%
9.33			2	Rolf Swenson - Peter Van Zijl	58.75%

Saturday Afternoon 0-200 Pairs

MPs	D	E	F	Names	Score
2.60	1			Michael O'Neal - Barbara O'Neal	61.87%
2.10	2	1	1	Arthur Kelstrup - Robert Goughnour	61.70%
1.58		2		Sulu Nisargand - Jim Downing	61.33%
1.18			2	Linda Hill - Sally Casey	60.78%

Saturday Afternoon 0-750 Pairs

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
3.52	1	1		Dean Dubofsky - Rosemay Vazeux	63.46%
2.64	2			Sandy Thor - Christine McKenna	62.82%
2.30		2		Susan Servais - Sharon Riddle	59.94%
2.11			1	Mike Derrenberger - Gordon Chin	54.01%
1.58			2	Douglas Johnson - Steve Gillett	53.69%

Saturday Evening 0-200 Pairs

MPs	D	E	F	Names	Score
1.53	1/2			Stanley Slete - Robin Farmer	62.50%
1.63	1/2	1		Graham Dell - Bill Cochran	62.50%
1.22			2	Sandra Tone - Gail Williams	61.11%

For complete Fall Sectional results, see:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc7fzgkj>

SECTIONAL RESULTS, CONT.



John Cunningham, Tony Alberts

Saturday Evening 0-750 Pairs

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
2.60	1			D John Cunningham - Tony Alberts	64.09%
2.19	2	1		Mike Derrenberger - Gordon Chin	60.46%
1.64		2		Douglas Johnson - Steve Gillett	54.09%

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams

MPs	A	X	Names	Score
11.00	1		Cristal Nell - Bryan Delfs - Brad Bart - Tom Carmichael	90.00
8.25	2		Jeff Ford - Kim Eng - Ray Miller - Eric Sieg	74.00
4.19		1	Brian Koblenz - Richard D'Litzenberger - Reidun Decker - John Swanson	63.00
3.14		2	Diana Thompson - John McCaslin - Hugh Hendrickson - Beau Hovda	58.00



Tom Carmichael, Bryan Delfs, Brad Bart, Cristal Nell

Sunday 0-2500 Swiss Teams

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
4.04	1			Dex Stuberg - Glenn Young - Dave Walker - Joseph Ulrich	90.00
3.03	2	1	1	Dave Drischell - Martha Potter - Ruthann Quinn - Susan Cothorn	77.00
2.27		2	2	Ted Greeniaus - Mary Greeniaus - Lisa Brock - Craig Mills	70.00

Sunday Morning 0-200 Swiss Teams

MPs	D	E	F	Names	Score
1.17	1	1	1	Laura Bethel - Mary Silk - Beth Velling - Linda Whatley	57.00
0.88	2	2		William Herman - Michele Herman - Tom Frankum - Sarah Frankum	48.00

Non-Life Master Sectional Results

Saturday Morning 0-100 Pairs

MPs	D	E	F	Names	Score
1.56	1			Bruce White - Larry White	60.42%
1.28	2	1		William Bumpas - Gregory Harris	59.17%
1.03		2	1	Richard Bauer - John Ullstrom	56.67%
0.77			2	Lorretta Elderkin - Karen Weeks	53.75%



Bill Bumpas, Bruce White, Gregory Harris, Larry White

Saturday Non-Life Master Pairs

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
6.19	1			Susan Waggoner - Terry Jacobson	62.34%
4.64	2	1	1	Larry Coats - Don Kelly	57.15%
1.45			2	Arthur Resnick - William Tenneson	52.62%



Jim Dowling, Terry Jacobson, Rona Visser, Susan Waggoner



Gretchen Shively, Chuck Shively

Sunday Morning 0-200 Pairs

MPs	D	E	F	Names	Score
1.56	1	1	1	Gretchen Shively - Chuck Shively	57.29%
1.17	2	2		Mary Abbott - Mary Dunnam	54.69%
0.78			2	Julia L Goldstein - Martin Goldstein	52.08%

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*Bruce Baker-Harvey, Barbara Erickson,
Jonathan Weyn, Jeannie Falls*

Sunday Non-Life Master Swiss

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
3.58	1	1	1	Jonathan Weyn - Jeannie Falls - Bruce Baker-Harvey - Barbara Erickson	77.00
2.35	2/3	2/3		Steven Levy - Allen Sussman - Carl Berkenwald - Rodney Waldbaum	73.00
2.35	2/3	2/3		John McClure - Mike Shafer - Susan Meredith - Mary Adele Hornish	73.00

For complete Non-Life Master Sectional results, see:

<https://tinyurl.com/yaswdvho/>

District 19 NAP Finals

Unit 446 players in bold

Flight A (Open)

MPs	Rank	Names	Score
24.00	1	Bryan Maksymetz - Ben Takemori	62.20%
18.00	2	Cameron Doner - Dan Jacob	60.06%
13.50	3	Dave Grubbs - Stephen Hosch	55.01%
10.13	4	David Huang - Sidney Yang	54.73%

Flight B (0-2500)

MPs	Rank	Names	Score
16.00	1	Chris Pesce - Rex Tu	58.18%
12.00	2	Christopher Class - Bonnie Broders	56.71%
9.00	3	Hugh Hendrickson - Ann Romeo	55.99%
6.75	4	Richard Sentner - William Pontius	55.81%

Flight C (0-500/NLM)

MPs	Rank	Names	Score
10.00	1	Morris Chen - Qiang Hua	62.76%
7.50	2	Guilherme De Souza - Felipe Souza	62.24%
5.63	3	Paul Thompson - Michael Thompson	57.62%
4.22	4	Colin Hooks - Elliot Kavesh	56.52%

*Complete Microsoft and Jabon
Trophy race final standings will
appear in the next issue.*

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Solution to Plan the Play

You have four diamonds and two heart tricks. What is the safest way to add three tricks in the black suits?

You need to knock out the black aces and, as noted above, you don't care if you lose the lead to LHO — he has to exit "safely" rather than continue hearts, giving you time to knock out the other ace. The danger is that RHO has both aces — or that each opponent has one black ace and you play on the "wrong" suit (where RHO has the ace) first. Is there a better play than simply hoping LHO that has both aces, or that you guess which black suit to lead first?

Yes! Since you don't want to lose the first trick to RHO, you can exploit "second hand low" by leading *through* him, making it expensive for him to take his ace(s). The correct play is to cross to dummy in diamonds and lead a low spade. If RHO flies in with the ♠A you have nine tricks, so he must play low and you play the ♠K.

Assuming this wins, you cross to dummy in diamonds again and lead a low club towards the ♣Q! Again, if RHO flies in with the ♣A you have nine tricks, while if LHO wins he can do nothing to hurt you (if he plays a club you go up with the ♣K), so suppose the ♣Q also wins. Now you can establish your ninth trick with the ♠QJ — at this point, you no longer need to worry about losing a trick to RHO!

Do you see why you have to play the black suits in this order? Since you need three black suit tricks, you first play the suit where RHO will give you *three* tricks (♠KQJ) if he flies with the ace. (If you play clubs first, you cannot guarantee three tricks even if RHO flies with the ♣A — he might have ♣AJ9x.) After winning one spade, you play the suit where RHO will give you *two* tricks (♣KQ) if he flies with the ace. Once you have a trick in each black suit, you simply go back to the suit where you can establish the ninth trick by force.

[from Positive Declarer's Play by Terence Reese and Julian Pottage]

LIFETIME TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS

MPs	Name	52	3796.11	CHRISTENSEN, Mike	104	2295.72	STAFFORD, John	
1	22281.04	DUNN, Pat	53	3747.52	ENG, Kim	105	2288.07	SIEG, Eric
2	17569.36	SCHOLES, Ken	54	3661.07	KIRKLAND, Yvonne	106	2287.49	McCALLUM, Mark
3	16061.29	DUNN, Polly	55	3635.99	BARNETT, Yoko	107	2267.74	CASTNER, Kevin
4	14483.44	BEATTY, Steve	56	3610.99	BERG, Dell	108	2248.24	ROSENFELD, Jason
5	13852.33	LORTZ, Henry	57	3577.81	FRENCH, Yayoi	109	2240.05	DESHAW, Elaine
6	13677.03	HO, Sun-O	58	3429.87	GILLMAN, Tami	110	2237.23	BELUR, Jack
7	12481.94	MILLER, Ray	59	3400.63	REITER, Allen	111	2228.61	RING, Michael
8	11850.84	BLUSTEIN, Maury	60	3378.70	SELLERS, Jess	112	2186.76	BARKHOUSE, Craig
9	11832.36	SCHERMER, John	61	3331.16	WILLINGHAM, Ross	113	2161.63	WRIGHT, Carol
10	10591.62	CHRISTIANSEN, Ken	62	3318.57	RANASARIA, Arvind	114	2157.87	GETZ, Robert
11	9931.93	BERRY, Dee	63	3240.74	SANDS, Brad	115	2145.56	FULTON, David
12	9782.23	NIST, Barbara	64	3173.71	HANDLEY, Steven	116	2126.38	EMMERSON, John
13	9257.98	STEINER, Harry	65	3173.39	PUTNAM, Roger	117	2099.35	GERARD, Bryan
14	9190.34	AITKEN, Jim	66	3140.10	JAMES, Andrea	118	2090.99	MURDOCH, Doris
15	8730.62	HARTLEY, Patti	67	3132.24	CHALFAN, Jen	119	2090.80	LAND, Thomas
16	8680.68	CHRISTIE, Stanford	68	3102.86	MOORE, Chris	120	2070.27	STRAND, Paula
17	8088.04	STEINER, Carlyn	69	3094.70	TRENOR, C	121	2054.31	McCLURE, Del
18	7550.80	LOFTIS, Ray	70	3068.63	TAYLOR, David	122	2051.98	ERWIN, Sharon
19	7345.57	BOLSON, Rose	71	3067.60	DELFS, Bryan	123	2051.20	CHINN, Terry
20	7329.49	ROBERTS, Stan	72	3058.17	GOODMAN, Susan	124	2043.36	MILLER, Sharon
21	7306.68	GRUBBS, Dave	73	3055.84	GIVINS, John	125	2040.67	WHITE, Tim
22	7085.05	SETTERHOLM, Dave	74	3039.90	SAX, Suzanne	126	2022.94	OGINO, Maxine
23	6527.37	BOVARNICK, Mike	75	2962.46	FORNIA, Helene	127	2008.34	YAN, Dong
24	6004.38	McCUNE, Mary	76	2914.14	ZAUGG, Brian	128	1997.92	LEWIS, Patricia
25	5966.57	SCHOLES, Sandra	77	2912.91	BREEZE, Bill	129	1990.67	SCHRODER, Maureen
26	5829.11	GODEFROY, Ole	78	2876.10	LEWIS, Steven	130	1978.40	HUFFAKER, Harold
27	5803.60	ZASTERA, Craig	79	2859.98	SCHWARTZ, Leo	131	1971.07	EWING, Laurel
28	5774.07	LIU, Yinghao	80	2810.99	SWANSON, John	132	1969.92	NELSON, Marion
29	5589.62	SCHWAIGHART, Paul	81	2786.70	ENGLISH, Wayne	133	1965.04	ADAMS, Kay
30	5521.56	DESHAW, Edith	82	2767.42	HESSON, Galen	134	1914.39	DEVELIN, Mike
31	5502.02	PEOPLES, Gertrude	83	2746.52	FUHRMAN, Joel	135	1912.73	BASS, Nancy
32	5475.14	GODEFROY, Julie	84	2724.29	SCAVONE, Jim	136	1885.86	ALEXANDRO, Frank
33	5071.53	McCUNE, Marty	85	2711.89	HAGEN, Bill	137	1879.85	WEINBERG, John
34	5055.19	GLAD, Cindy	86	2651.29	THOMPSON, Diana	138	1876.77	GUNSTONE-WHITE, R.
35	4920.54	HILDEBRAND, David	87	2611.88	ROSENSTOCK, Natalie	139	1868.85	McCASLIN, John
36	4711.81	ABBOTT, Helen	88	2578.89	FUJII, Elizabeth	140	1839.09	HESS, Judy
37	4487.76	SCHREIBER, Alain	89	2566.58	ROSELLE, David	141	1838.47	ROBINSON, John
38	4434.01	FORD, Jeff	90	2519.59	SHIRAI, Elizabeth	142	1829.14	COX, Dianne
39	4424.37	STEEN, Jamie	91	2503.66	SHERRILL, Andrew	143	1809.28	JESSE, Rosemarie
40	4408.79	BINNEY, David	92	2484.84	BUE, Eric	144	1787.47	KUSCHNER, Douglas
41	4389.82	SELYMES, Emery	93	2408.12	BENDER, Albert	145	1780.10	DURYEA, Dennis
42	4365.03	BREIDENBACH, Sis	94	2399.56	DESHAW, Amy	146	1777.24	PUTNAM, Margo
43	4358.84	CARTER, Richard	95	2391.10	HAUCK, Kathy	147	1755.59	ABERNETHY, Shawn
44	4298.68	HOSTETLER, Norm	96	2368.36	LAZAR, Allan	148	1740.34	BAER, David
45	4295.42	NELL, Cristal	97	2364.07	KALISH, Stephen	149	1739.15	WESTGATE, Melinda
46	4173.66	BUROKER, Jackie	98	2363.47	HUFFMAN, Edith	150	1737.56	TIPTON, Nick
47	4072.98	SLEMMONS, George	99	2359.63	McGEE, Warren	151	1725.34	VAILLANCOURT, Karen
48	4052.39	BREEZE, Marilyn	100	2359.56	McHARG, Barbara	152	1721.97	SVARC, Katherine
49	4019.13	BIALEK, Sharon	101	2327.61	MARDESICH, Mike	153	1702.35	SILVAS, Art
50	3954.98	GLAD, Don	102	2317.15	TUCKER, Ben	154	1699.99	MOEN, Margaret
51	3826.53	BIALEK, Norm	103	2296.18	PITELL, Peter	155	1676.76	CLINE, Kevin



Seattle ACBL Unit 446 invites you to our **Sweetheart Sectional** **February 15-17, 2019**



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Jenni Carmichael

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LOCATION & DIRECTIONS

Vasa Park Resort

3560 Lake Sammamish Pkwy, Bellevue, WA 98008

Remodeled Site • Free On-Site Parking • Nearby Restaurants

From I-90, take Exit #13, and go North on West Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE for about 1¼ miles. The parking lot is on your left.

SCHEDULE

Friday, February 15th

10:30am 0-200 Stratified Pairs (1 session)
0-750 Stratified Pairs (1 session)
Open Stratified Pairs (1 session)

3pm 0-200 Stratified Pairs (1 session)
0-750 Stratified Pairs (1 session)
Open Stratified Pairs (1 session)

Saturday, February 16th

"Grass Roots Day" (benefits D19 NAP/GNT fund)
More masterpoints & additional \$1 entry fee

10:30am 0-200 Stratified Pairs (1 session)
0-750 Stratified Pairs (1 session)
Open Stratified Pairs (session 1/2)

3pm 0-200 Stratified Pairs (1 session)
0-750 Stratified Pairs (1 session)
Open Stratified Pairs (session 2/2)

Sunday, February 17th

10:30am 0-200 Swiss Teams (1 session)
0-750 Swiss Teams (2 sessions)
Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)

Start times for the second session of Sunday's 2-session events will follow a brief break, with exact time announced at the event.

- Daylight schedule all weekend
- Discounts for players age 25 and under (entry fee details are posted on our website)

Note: Meals are not provided on-site

NEED A PARTNER OR TEAM?

GET MATCHED UP:

- Email sbu446partnership@gmail.com, and we'll try to match you up (responses sent starting ~3 weeks before event).
- Visit our on-site partnership desk **30 minutes prior to event start time**

SELF-SERVICE:

- Visit acbl.org/partnershipdesk (ACBL login required) to update your profile and search for partners
- Post your request on our Facebook event page, visible to anyone who visits the event

STRATIFICATION

0-200 Pairs and Teams:	0-50, 50-100, 100-200
0-750 Pairs and Teams:	0-200, 200-500, 500-750
Open Pairs & Teams:	0-1250, 1250-3000, 3000+

- Stratification is based on the average MPs of the pair/team, but no player may exceed the upper limit of limited events.
- Limited events subject to minimum attendance

Website: <http://bridgeinseattle.org> Facebook: <http://facebook.com/SeattleBridge/>

DECEMBER 2018

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ABC STAC Game
 MIBC GNT Qualifying Swiss
STAC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) Games — all sessions, ESBC (12/3-12/8) and SBC (12/3-12/7)
 ABC STAC Game
 DMBC Closed
 ESBC Holiday Party/STAC


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ABC STAC Game
 MIBC GNT Qualifying Swiss
SBC — Membership Games, 12/10-12/15
 ABC Holiday Party/Charity Game
 SBC Holiday Party

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ABC Membership Game
 MCBC Holiday Party
 ABC Membership Game
 DMBC Christmas Party

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ESBC Closed
 MIBC Closed
 All clubs closed
 MCBC Holiday Party


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UWBC Holiday Party/
 GNT Qualifying Swiss
 ESBC New Year's Eve Swiss
 MIBC Closed

JANUARY 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



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ESBC, MIBC Closed

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ABC Club Championship


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ABC Club Championship

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SBC — Club Championship Games, 1/14-1/19

DMBC STAC Game

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MIBC GNT Qualifying Swiss

MIBC GNT Qualifying Swiss

CLUB SCHEDULES AND LOCATIONS

Sunday			Thursday		
6:00 pm	UW Bridge Club		10:00 am	Eastside Bridge Center	
				Emerald Bridge Club	
Monday			10:30 am	Seattle Bridge Center	
10:30 am	Alki Bridge Club		6:30 pm	LeEtta King Bridge Club	
	Seattle Bridge Center		7:00 pm	Seattle Bridge Center	
Noon	Eastside Bridge Center	Open/0-400 Light Lunch	Friday		
7:00 pm	Mercer Island Bridge Club		10:00 am	Eastside Bridge Center	Open/0-200
			10:30 am	Des Moines Bridge Club	
Tuesday				Seattle Bridge Center	
10:00 am	Eastside Bridge Center		6:30 pm	Vashon Bridge Club	<i>(except first Fridays; time varies, call first)</i>
	Emerald Bridge Club		Saturday		
10:30 am	Seattle Bridge Center		9:30 am	Eastside Bridge Center	0-20 "Fun Bridge"
11:00 am	Mercer Island Bridge Club		1:00 pm	Seattle Bridge Center	
7:00 pm	Mercercrest Bridge Club			Eastside Bridge Center	
	Seattle Bridge Center	Rookie Duplicate		Seattle Bridge Center	
Wednesday			6:30 pm		
10:30 am	Alki Bridge Club				
Noon	MAM	Senior			
	Eastside Bridge Center	Light Lunch			
7:00 pm	Eastside Bridge Center	0-750			

All games are open unless otherwise specified.

Locations:

Emerald Bridge Club
Fife Community Center, 2111 54th Ave E, Fife
Dennie Dye, (253) 939-0733

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

MAM
Halcyon Mobile Home Park, 12216 Ashworth Ave N, Seattle
Margaret Marshall, (206) 363-5484/(206) 972-1941 (cell)

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December	7-9	Fircrest (Tacoma) Sectional
January	25-27	Vancouver, BC Sectional
	26-27	Portland, OR Sectional

2019 D19 REGIONALS

April 8-14	VICTORIA, BC
June 10-16	PENTICTON, BC
June 17-23	ANCHORAGE, AK
August 19-25	LYNNWOOD, WA
October 21-27	PASCO, WA
October 28-Nov. 3	WHISTLER, BC

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