



APRIL 2005

DISTRICT 5 2005 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

April 1-3, 2005 Seven Cities Sectional, Titusville PA

April 2, 2005 Johnstown 299'ers, Johnstown PA

April 15-17, 2005 Buffalo Spring Sectional, Amherst NY

April 23-24, 2005 Great Lakes Sectional, Erie PA

April 23-24, 2005 Morgantown Sectional, Morgantown WV

April 29-May 1, 2005 Akron Springtime Sectional, Akron OH

May 24-30, 2005 ALL AMERICAN REGIONAL, INDEPENDENCE OH

June 10-12, 2005 Greensburg Sectional, Greensburg PA

June 13-19, 2005 District 5 STaC at participating clubs

District 5 Olympiad IV

What is it?

A sectionally rated stratified pairs bridge competition among District V units. Players from each unit compete in 3 sessions of bridge to win Olympic points (and silver points). The Unit that has players accumulating the most Olympic points over the 3 sessions will be awarded a trophy. The trophy will be passed along to the victorious Unit at the next Olympiad. The trophy at the first Olympiad was won by the Akron Unit and Olympiad II and III trophies were won by the Cleveland unit. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall winners of each session.

And if that isn't enough....

Immediately following each session of bridge, Dick Early, Diamond Life Master, will display hand records on an overhead projector. He will offer hand analysis and answer any questions you may have about a particular hand you played, defended or bid.

Where's the Game?

Holiday Inn – I-77 at Rockside Road, Independence, Ohio

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Deadlines for Columns and Tournament Information:

June Issue – April 15

August Issue – June 15

October Issue – August 15

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More on the Olympiad

When Do We Start Playing?

August 20 & 21, 2005

1st Session Competition Saturday
at 1:00 p.m.

Hand Review at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Session Competition Saturday
at 7:00 p.m.

Hand Review at 10:30 p.m.

3rd Session Competition Sunday
at 11:00 a.m.

Hand Review at 2:30 p.m.

Closing Ceremonies and
Awards at 4:00 p.m.

On the Road by 6:00 p.m.

Do I Qualify?

You must be a resident of District 5 (ACBL membership is not required, but it will be encouraged) to win Olympic points. You must play with a member of your unit in order for the Olympic points won to be credited to your unit. Players outside District V can participate but are only eligible to win silver points – no Olympic points. You must have fewer than 750 masterpoints (Life Masters included).

How Much is It Going to Cost Me?

Entry fees are \$9 per person per session. Room reservations through the Holiday Inn can be made at (216) 524-8050. Though not mandatory, advance registration is strongly recommended.

Why Would I want to Do This?

Bring home the trophy for your unit! If you win, you get to wear a gold medal around your neck! Test your skills against players from other units! Silver points! It's fun! Make new friends around the district! You just may learn something new.

You Still Haven't Answered all my Questions!

**Contact Sharon Fairchild (440) 333-2536
or Dick Early (330) 928-1104.**

Canton Connection

By John Tscholl

Our Unit is sponsoring an **Audrey Grant** Bridge Festival featuring the nationally renowned teacher and author at the Atwood Lake Lodge on June 12, 13, 14, 2005.

Cost of the 3-day festival including lessons and bridge games is \$135.00. There will be 5 two-hour lessons taught by Audrey, 4 bridge games and a banquet, plus hospitality. Reservations are limited. To make your reservation, contact **Jerry McEntee** at (330) 498-0729.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual June Sectional at Lake Cable Clubhouse on June 24, 25 and 26. More information will appear in my next column.

Congratulations to newly elected Board of Directors, **Jack Hickey, Don Little, Janet Shaheen** and **Jim Tedrick**.

Springtime Sectional

AKRON UNIT 107

April 29 – May 1, 2005

Site: Tadmor Templem 3000 Krebs Drive, Akron, OH

Friday, 1:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 499ers

A 2000+, B 1000-2000, C 0-1000
A 300-500, B 100 -300, C 0-100

Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 499ers
1st of 3 Sessions

A 2000+, B 1000-2000, C 0-1000
A 300-500, B 100 -300, C 0-100
BRACKETED Handicap KO Teams

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.

2nd of 3 Sessions
1st of 2 Sessions Stratified Open Pairs
Single Session Stratified 499ers

BRACKETED Handicap KO Teams
A 2000+ B 1000-2000, C 0-1000
A 300-500, B 100 -300, C 0-100

Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

3rd of 3 Sessions
2nd of 2 Sessions Stratified Open Pairs
Single Session Stratified 499ers

BRACKETED Handicap KO Teams
A 2000+, B 1000-2000, C 0-1000
A 300-500, B 100 -300, C 0-100

Sunday, 11 a.m.

2-Session Play through BRACKETED Swiss Teams 7 Rounds, 7 Boards each

Tournament Chairs

Mike Stahr

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Tournament DirectorStephanie Alexander

Sanction # S0505021

COST \$8 per player per session
\$84 per Sunday Swiss Team
(includes 4 lunches)
\$2 Extra charge for
non-ACBL members

PRIZES Scrip for overall winners

HOSPITALITY

AFTER FRI EVENING SESSION
BETWEEN SAT SESSIONS
BEFORE SUN MORNING SESSIONS

Akron Alert

By Jim Sullivan

The Springtime Sectional – The Springtime Sectional will again be held at the Tadmor Temple on April 29 thru May 1. The Tadmor Temple is easy to find for everyone driving south on Interstate 77. Go to the 120-mile exit (Arlington Road). Turn right and go about 50 feet to Jarvis Road. Turn right and go for less than a mile as it winds around. Turn right at the first street (this will be Krebs Street) and drive straight back to the parking area of the Tadmor Temple. If you need a partner for any of the events, contact **Shirley Lundstrom** at Lund225@cs.com and phone 330-923-9545, or **Barb Schidlowski** at phone 330-673-0885.

Starting Times – Please note the starting times for all sessions. Sessions on Friday will be 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The time for the Saturday sessions will be 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. There will be no Saturday evening session. The Bracketed Swiss Teams will start at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Events – There will be Stratified 499ers Pairs events at both sessions on Friday and Saturday. This Sectional will feature a three-session Bracketed Handicap KO Team event, with the first session at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and the final two sessions on Saturday. There will be Stratified Open Pairs

at both sessions on Friday. On Saturday the Stratified Open Pairs will be a two-session event. Bracketed Swiss Teams will be held on Sunday. Teams will only play against teams in their Bracket. Also, lunch will be included in the entry fee on Sunday.

People planning to stay at a hotel should call the Comfort Inn @ 330-645-1100, Red Roof Inn @ 330-644-7748, or any of the several nearby Hotels/Motels that are all listed under Akron in the AAA Tour Book. Look for hotels near the intersection of Arlington Road and the 120mile exit of Interstate 77.

For more information about this tournament, contact co-chair **Mike Stahr** at Mstahr@adelphia.net and phone 330-592-7292, or **Sue Bussan** at phone 330-929-3143.

Next Akron Sectional – The second Akron sectional will be in October as it was last year. The Autumn Sectional will be held October 7 – 9 at the Tadmor Temple. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar.



Tri-County Themes

By Alex Bealles

Spring has sprung and hopefully many Unit 229 players sprang to new heights at the NABC's in Pittsburgh last month. The next issue will contain full highlights of Unit 229 accomplishments.

In the meantime, there are a number of significant accomplishments to report. The 2004 Mini-McKenney and 2004 Ace of Clubs final results are in and for the second straight year, the same person won both awards at each level. The winners are:

- Rookie of the Year: **Sheila Rabovsky**
- Junior Master: **Gioacchino Castronovo**
- Club Master: **Mary Louise Weber**
- Sectional Master: **Ruth McConnel**
- Regional Master: **Alan Martin**
- NABC Master: **Dolores Kelly**
- Life Master: **Ron Sperber**
- Bronze Life Master: **George Aggen**
- Silver Life Master: **Lorraine Worsley**
- Gold Life Master: **Jan Horwitz**

There have been two unit games so far this year. In January, Pat Wilde and Mary Anne McNeirney were first in a 5-table Howell movement. In February, Iola Croner and Jane Crowley were first N/S while Lynn Rafferty and Marilyn Entzi were first E/W.

Following the current trend, I have been opening lighter and lighter hands lately. I don't like it but I find it necessary to keep up with the rest of the field. One of two things (sometimes both) seems to happen when I do this. First, I end up having to put my crummy hand down as dummy so everybody at the table can laugh. Second, my partner never stops bidding. The worst example of this happened at a recent sectional. Playing against an A team on Sunday, I opened a light 1S in second seat. After a deluge of forcing bids by partner, I found myself putting down the dummy for 6H. The opponents promptly said, "Our partners will never bid that." My partner chipped in, "I can't believe you opened that!" Hopefully, she will forget that hand before the next time we are supposed to

Erie Excitement

By Linda Taylor McKeever

The Lake Erie snow continues to fall, but it doesn't stop our faithful bridge players from forging their way to the Erie Bridge Center. We recently held our annual election meeting and unit game. Special thanks to Judie Lambertson, Kathleen Horan and Eileen Cutri for providing the delicious brunch.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Molly Baker, Sonia Flowers, Dave Perry and Helen Walters, all of whom died in 2004, and are sadly missed from our bridge world.

2005 Officers

President	Alan Koseff
Vice President	Arlene Millhouse
Secretary-Treasurer	Doris Kirsch
Membership	Terry McCammon
Maintenance	Warren Weber, Jim Wise and Mel Skol Audrey Twiss
Sunshine	
5th Column and Bulletin Boards	Linda McKeever
Education	Arlene Millhouse Eileen Cutri Florence Daub Jane Theuerkauf

Kathleen Horan has graciously agreed to serve as Tournament Director with Eileen Cutri as Co-Chair.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the outgoing board members Alice Doubet, Judie Lamberton and Kathleen Horan for the many hours they contributed.

Congratulations to our 2004 weekly game winners:

Monday	Grand Slam Club Bob Rizzo
Tuesday	Double Trouble Bill Schneider
Wednesday	EBA Open Game Player of the Year Ben Scott
Novice Game	Isabel Colt
Friday	Grand Slam Game Randy Cox

We will miss **Doris Lang** who moved to Wisconsin to be closer to her family.

The March 13th game was a special trophy game named for our dear friend and faithful member, **Ben Scott**, who is moving to Hendersonville, North Carolina. Ben came to the United States 36 years ago from

London, England. He taught physics at Penn State Behrend Campus. A life and silver master, Ben has been playing bridge for 60+ years. He was President of Erie Bridge Association in 1969, and he was instrumental in securing the land and helping to build our present structure. **Jane Stolz** was a bridge director at the time and her husband, Ted, was the contractor. Working closely with Ted, Ben spent an entire summer on the project. His contribution of time and skills has continued to the present. Painting, replacing furnace filters, installing toilets, Ben has done it all. One member remembers holding onto Ben's legs while he stood on a bridge table changing light bulbs. He was a bridge director for many years and held all of the officer positions. The Erie Scrabble Club was founded three years ago by Ben who is also a certified director for its 25 members. Here is a little known fact — Ben submitted the name for the 5th Column, the District V Periodical. Tongue in cheek, the Fifth Column is a faction operating in the interest of a foreign country to undermine the position and power of its own state. Ben's plans in Hendersonville include playing bridge, golf and Scrabble. Our best wishes go with Ben and his wife, Mary, who is also a life master. They will be greatly missed.

GREAT LAKES SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Please Note Change of Dates

When: April 23 and 24, 2005

Where: Erie Bridge Center
1221 Grant Avenue
Erie PA

Contact: Kathleen Horan - Tournament Director 814-866-0048
Erie Bridge Center 814-833-1706

Saturday, April 23, 2005 – 10:30 a.m. session and 3:00 p.m. session

Novice – 0-100 points
Open – 0-300 points
Open – 300-1000 points
Open – 1000 points

Sunday, April 24, 2005 – Noon Session
Swiss Teams

Come to the Sectional and enjoy a day or two of good fellowship and bridge.

Unit 111 News

By *Cathy Marsteller*

I wish to extend our sympathy to the family & friends of **James Shook** on his recent death. Indeed he will be missed.

The president's trophy race is held each year at the Warren club. It goes to the winner of the most points in their home games. Again this year the winner was **Bern Olmstead**. Top 2 runners up were **Cathy Marsteller & Brenda Merkich**.

The SS club now has a webpage, which was started by **Jim Gillam**. You can check here for the scores of all the SS games. The website can be visited at <http://users.zoominternet.net/~jgillam/>

Robert Carroll has assumed the role of the Warren rep to the unit board.

Once again Unit 111 had outstanding results at the Rock n Roll Regional tournament in Cleveland. **Vern DeJong** made the top 10 list with 39 points!! Also with over 20 points were **Lynn Rafferty, Bern Olmstead, and Chet Mody**. These players cashed in almost all the events they entered so I will not list all their individual accomplishments. Let it suffice to say "Y'all done good!" In the Thursday Open Pairs, 1st overall in C were **Robert Pekkanen & Robert Carroll**. 5th overall in the Friday Open Pairs were **Cathy Marsteller & Brenda Merkich**. In the bracketed Swiss teams – 1st in their bracket were: **Sylvia McCauley, Dee Bloom, Mary Ann Sukonik, and Irene Lenno**. 3rd in their bracket were: **Karen Pekkanen, Bobbi Meyers, Bob Pekkanen, & Robert Carroll**.

Additional players receiving points are: **Sally Veauthier, Paul Neidlinger, Nancy Michael, Chuck Coleman, and Donna Coleman**.

Our unit Valentine game was held on Sunday, February 13. I met a new player there and think I fell in love. His name is **Bradley Sevcak**. Oh, did I forget to mention that he is 10 years old? He was playing with his mother Kathy who is also new to the game. In fact they are both taking lessons from **Donna Coleman**. This young man is being home schooled and he gets some math credit for the bridge lessons. After all, there are a lot of percentages and probabilities to be learned in this game. He and his mom have been playing with a group of newcomers, also under the direction of **Donna Coleman**. Donna tells me that he is flying toward the top of the point accumulation list. I can understand that. When he played against me, he let out a low whistle as his eyes were wide and he pulled out the 2C card. He proceeded to a major game contract and played it flawlessly. The next hand he opened 1NT. This young man is a good example of someone with card sense. After all, you pay to bid, but the old-timers still think you need cards. It was a pleasure to meet this pair and I will look forward to seeing them again. If Bradley continues to play this game, you will be seeing his name someday in the national bulletin. Welcome to the game!

Until we meet again – have fun, play bridge, and remember the difference between genius and stupidity – genius has its limits!

Pittsburgh Potpourri

By Mary Anne McNeirney

As I write this, the excitement is building. The Nationals will come to our city in just three weeks. All the last minute things are getting done. For instance, my committee is calling all the bridge players nearby to both invite them to the event and inform them of the wonders that it will provide. We are also letting them know about the parking situation so they can make the arrangements necessary for their attendance. I recently received my schedule from the Information Chairmen, Barb and Ken Bergman, for the duties I'll enjoy during the tournament. Trudy Cohn, our Tour Chairman, gave me beautiful posters advertising the tours her committee has arranged so that the local club members can consider taking some of the jaunts. Obviously, Judy Haffner and Arlene Port have done a grand job of organizing the volunteers. As I have listened to the players talk about their jobs for the tournament, both my anticipation and expectations increase. I hope that you were there and enjoyed this gala celebration! Since the Nationals absorbed almost all our time and energy, we will probably not have a spring sectional. We have not been able to locate a site, but if by some magic one is found, we'll tell you about it in a mailing.

Our secretary and Board member, Catherine Thompson is leaving us in April and moving to Philadelphia. We extend best wishes for her success there, but we will greatly miss her. She enriched our unit.

It always saddens me when one of our bridge clubs dies. The Monday noon Masonic game is no more. As I played there each week throughout its existence at that site, I am particularly sorry to say goodbye to it. It had originally been Lila Smith's game and was the largest Monday game in Pittsburgh. Times change. About 60% of the people who originally came to that site have either died or moved out of the area. I am missing it. But I did have time to get my car fixed, see the dentist, and do some shopping today (the cloud's silver lining, but I'd rather play bridge).

I am computer challenged. I have been unable to access my e-mail, get on the web, send e-mail for at least fifteen of the last thirty days.

My brother came over yesterday and I told him the same sad story I have just told you and he said, "I'll see if I can help." I swear he did the exact same things that I had done, but somehow I was on the Web again. He couldn't explain what I had done wrong, but I was truly grateful that I could now get this submitted in a timely fashion so that all of you would be able to read my meanderings in April, and I would be able to access my club results daily (What a wonderful service this is at pittsburghbridge.org).

A STaC is a Sectional Tournament at Clubs. This is how it works:

A STaC is essentially a SECTIONAL Tournament except that the individual sections of the SECTIONAL take place at individual clubs, at or about the same time, instead of together at one large location. Every game at every participating club you attend during STaC Week may be part of the tournament. The results of the game you play in will be combined with the results from all of the other clubs playing at the same time and one giant OVERALL will be tallied. Let's say that Olean, Canton, Greensburg, Cumberland and Parkersburg are all playing at the same time. Scoring is first done on a club-by-club basis and SILVER points awarded for each section. Then the results of all four games are combined as if everyone were playing under one roof. Highest percentage score is first overall, next is second overall, and so forth. Because you are competing against so many people, you can earn a lot of points. All of them, whether they are section awards or overall awards, will be SILVER.

Yes, it will cost a little more to play in a STaC game. ACBL sanction fees are higher and a director must be paid to coordinate the gathering and issuing of points.

District 5 Summer STaC

June 13th – 19th, 2005

Additional information can be found at the following website:

<http://arejayare.net/d5stac.htm>

Players, make sure your favorite club is participating! Club managers, be sure to sign up!

Grand National Teams Superflight – District Final

By Craig Biddle

District 5's representatives in the superflight GNT this year are **Phil Becker, Kumar Bhatia, Frank Cymerman, Dan Gerstman, Ken Kranyak, and Joel Woolridge**. They defeated my team, which included **Don and Kathy Sulgrove and Niel Waletzky**, in a 64-board final by a 191-100 margin. We had led the match at the halfway point, but in the second half they had much the better of it and some late swinging that went sour made the score look lopsided. It wasn't nearly that much of a runaway.

Four teams entered this event, so the first day was a round-robin of 20-board matches against each of the other three teams. The winners went 3-0, and each of the other teams won one match. We qualified for the final on the basis of the most victory points, since our win was by a 50 IMP margin and our two losses were by 9 (to the winners) and 5 (to **Gail Carns, Brian Ellis, Rich Finberg, and Bob Zwack**). In this match, Rich produced one of the best-played hands ever at any level.

North

♠ A4
♥ KQ98754
♦ Q52
♣ 8

South

♠ KJ1075
♥ A6
♦ K83
♣ AKQ

South North

2NT	4♥	(transfer to hearts)
4♥	4NT	(RKCB)
5♥	6♥	
all Pass		

On the opening lead of the ♣3, Rich won in hand and played a low heart to dummy. His foresight was rewarded when I showed out on his left. Now, his only chance was to win six tricks in the black suits so he could discard all of dummy's diamonds. He realized that it was horribly unlikely that his RHO had four spades to the Q, so he played Ace, King, and ruffed a spade, as they split 3-3, then came back to the ace of hearts to cash two clubs and finally lead a spade winner, pitching the last diamond from dummy while Niel ruffed with his natural heart trick. I am equally sure that if I had been the one with 4♥, Rich would have played ace of spades, spade to the Jack to cater to either 3-3 spades with the Q onside or the very likely 4-2 spade break with 4 on his right. Yes, Niel, I should have led the ♦A with my heart void in case you had a sure trump trick. But, we qualified anyway. And if I had led the ♦A, I would have deprived Rich of a chance to play a hand he can be proud of forever. So I apologize to my partner and teammates for my foolishness, thank them for playing well enough on the other hands that we qualified for the final anyway, and take some consolation in the fact that a true brilliancy was required to punish me.

On the second day, we played a further 44 boards, with the 20 boards from the round-robin being carried over at full value, so we spotted our opponents a 9 IMP lead. We overcame this lead in the next 11-board segment with a little luck and a lot of good play. The second segment of the day started off with a bang at our table. On the first board, Joel and Dan bid efficiently to a laydown slam that was duplicated at the other table.

On the next hand, I held ♠AKQJ ♥10652 ♦74 ♣K54 and Niel opened 1♥ in second seat, vul. vs. not. As I was mentally reviewing our agreements after a Jacoby 2NT, Dan reached deep into his bidding box and flopped the 6♦ card boldly on the table. Well, there are no guidelines on what to do here, but I think that my thought process here was for the most part pretty sensible, so let me share it with you. I doubt you'll ever be faced with a direct 6-level preempt like this, but you will frequently have to deal with competitive auctions where you have to decide whether to bid a doubtful slam or play for a penalty. Most or all of what I thought about applies to those situations in general.

My first thought was – could they make this? The answer was – yes, of course. Dan could have the other 11 diamonds, and they could have a side winner. But I didn't think this was at all likely. So I went on to the next question – how badly can I expect to beat this if I just double? I decided that a two or three trick set was most likely. Compared to a vulnerable game at the other table, this would be accepting a loss of 4 or 8 IMPs without a fight. So now I knew I had to tackle the tough question – should I bid 6♥?

First, I had to consider what I should do if the pair at the other table stopped in game and was allowed to play. We were vulnerable, so if I bid a slam and go down we lose 13 IMPs, while if I bid a slam that they don't bid at the other table we win 13. I decided to use a 6 IMP loss as an average result if I doubled, since that was the average of -4 and -8 from my earlier question. Next I obviously had to factor in the possibility that the opponents at the other table will have less interference and simply bid to a good slam – in this case if I double, a two-trick set loses 15 IMP and a three-trick set “only” 14. Those numbers didn't appeal to me, so I filed them away in the “good reasons to bid one more” column.

Finally, I started the hard work of constructing normal hand-types that Niel might have where the other table would not be in slam. I looked at balanced hands briefly, but didn't think they were terribly likely. Then I started thinking about hands where Niel was short in diamonds. I finally decided that many of those hands gave an acceptable play for slam in these circumstances. I was willing to accept a bit less than a 50% chance to make since doubling was conceding about half of the possible swing for going down in slam anyway. So I bid 6♥. Niel's hand was ♠xxx ♥A98xxx ♦A ♣Axx, so we were in a very good contract. But Joel doubled with his ♥KQJ, so we did, in fact, lose 13 IMPs. And doubling would have been the winner since the opponents' spades were 3-3 and we could have had +800. I am unrepentant – I think my reasoning was sound and led me to the decision that was most likely to be right in similar situations.

My retribution was swift, though. On the very next board, in third seat with the opponents vulnerable, I looked at ♠AQ76 ♥void ♦AKQ87654 ♣3. So I did what I thought was best psychologically – I reached deep into my bidding box and opened 6♦! Did I do this to “get even?” No, not really. That's a losing attitude at the table; many more IMPs are lost than won. And trying to pick a specific board to “win IMPs back” is even crazier, even one with a swingly hand like this.

I was very sure, though, that if I opened 1♦ I was going to hear a lot of heart bidding somewhere. If from the opponents, they might find a good save and if from partner, it was not going to give me any useful information. And I was even more sure that if I bid spades, it would help Joel and Dan a whole lot more than it would help my side, and they're way too good for me to beat if I make bids that help them. So I decided to preempt.

Once I made that decision, it seemed like a good psychological move to open 6♦. I decided that it was very likely that I would have a play for slam opposite many hands, most of which I would be unable to convince partner were valuable. Also, I thought that I might gain by (1) keeping the opponents from finding a good save, (2) making a lead from the ♠K attractive, or (3) deterring Joel from leading an unsupported BA since he had to expect me to have one or more voids. Good players have a strong tendency to lead from unsupported Kings against small slams, since they realize that they need to set up a trick that can be cashed immediately – if the defense has two winners, the slam is going down anyway.

Joel did, in fact, lead a spade from the King, and Niel (thank you ever so much, partner) tabled ♠J9 ♥AQ102 ♦J102 ♣K932. So I put up the ^{TMJ} in dummy, pitched my club on the ♥A, drew one round of trump, and played ace of spades, spade ruff. Making 7. At the other table, on a slightly slower auction, Don led a heart, so we won only 1 IMP for my auction, although the slam could have been defeated with a club lead.

Later in the match, Joel and I had two card-play battles when I was declarer in 3NT. Both were well played all around, so I will show them. The first was:

	Dummy		
	♠ KJ93		
	♥ A		
	♦ 108743		
	♣ K52		
Joel		Dan	
♠ 105		♠ Q872	
♥ J1063		♥ 952	
♦ KJ52		♦ Q	
♣ Q87		♣ A10943	
	Declarer		
	♠ A64		
	♥ KQ874		
	♦ A96		
	♣ J6		

I had opened 1♥ in third seat, and Niel bid 1♠. I rebid 1NT, Niel raised to 2NT, and I went on to game. Joel led the ♦2 and I won the Queen with the Ace. I played the six of diamonds at trick two to the 7 (to mess with Joel's mind for a split-second) and Dan pitched the ♣4 (he couldn't be sure he could afford a higher one, and certainly didn't want to pitch from any other suit at this juncture). I played a third diamond, and Joel knocked out the ♥A getting a discouraging 2 from Dan. I played another diamond, and the spotlight was on Joel. He came through for his team by shifting to the ♣Q (any club is good enough because Dan has both the 10 and 9, but the Q caters to more holdings than low would have). I did the best I could by ducking, but Dan ducked again when Joel continued. I was forced to rely on the spade finesse, and so went down. Note that I can't try to endplay Dan by cashing winners and leading the ♣K since I need to burn the ♠A to cash my hearts and the ♠K to lead a third round of clubs. If I had done that, Dan's hand would have been high.

I got the better of Joel on this next board, but it was only 2 IMP rather than the 10 he gained for finding his difficult defense. Our auction revealed that I had 20-21 with 4♠ and without 4♥, and Niel had shown 4♥ without 4♠.

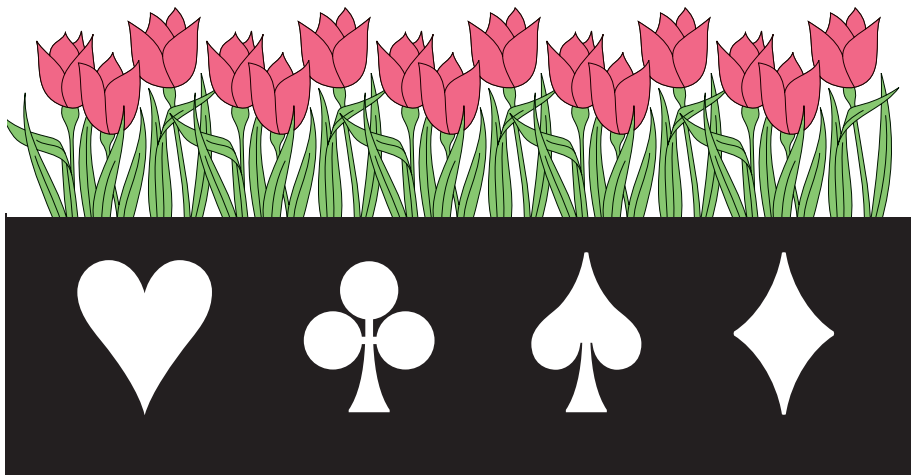
	Dummy
	♠ void
	♥ Q1085
	♦ 10974
	♣ J6432
Joel	Dan
♠ J8632	♠ K754
♥ AJ6	♥ 9432
♦ J8	♦ K632
♣ K105	♣ 9
	Declarer
	♠ AQ109
	♥ K7
	♦ AQ5
	♣ AQ87

Joel led a spade, and Dan made a good choice by not playing third hand high after I pitched a diamond from dummy – he played the 7 instead. I won the 9 and played Ace of clubs, Queen of clubs. Yes, on a double-dummy basis, Joel could have won this trick profitably, but he ducked since Dan would have played the ♣9 from all of ♣9, ♣98, and ♣97 – his play had more than 2:1 odds in his favor.

I played a third club, and Joel won and shifted to the ♥6 after much thought. I played small and won Dan's 9 with the K. Now I played a heart to dummy and Joel won the Ace. Still trying to beat the contract, Joel played yet another spade, allowing me to make 3 spades, 3 hearts, four clubs, and one diamond. But even if he had found the ♥J

exit, I could have cashed dummy's winners and taken the diamond finesse in the three-card ending where my other two cards would have been the two aces in the suits that contained all of the remaining cards.

This final was, overall, well played. Our team played well enough to require a team with over 46,000 masterpoints to come up with one of their better efforts to win. We lost IMPs through errors, to be sure, but neither of our pairs has any reason to be ashamed of our efforts. We went wrong in a number of 50-50 guess situations, and our opponents made few mistakes. The better team won, and our district will be well-represented in Atlanta. Good luck, guys!



Greensburg Sectional

Saint Joseph Center

Route 30 East, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

June 10, 11, 12, 2005

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Stratified Open Pairs	1:30 & 7:00 P.M.	A 1500+, B 500-1500, C 0-500
Stratified 199er Pairs	1:30 & 7:00 P.M.	A 100-200, B 0-100
Handicap Knockout Teams	7:00 P.M.	

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Stratified Open Pairs	12:00 & 6:00 P.M.	A 1500+, B 500-1500, C 0-500
Stratified 199er Pairs	12:00 & 6:00 P.M.	A 100-200, B 0-100
KO's Continued	12:00 & 6:00 P.M.	
Speedball Swiss Teams	9:45 P.M.	

Meal Tickets Available Friday and Saturday

199er Trophy for Overall Performance!

Pair Games Single Session \$8.00 per person

Hospitality All Sessions Non-Smoking Tournament

No Additional charge for Non-ACBL members

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Two Session Stratified Swiss Teams 11:00 A.M. & TBA

A 1500+, B 500-1500, C 0-500

Entry Fee \$92 Per Team, Meals Included

Coordinator – Peggy Shivetts

724-537-6405

Partnerships – Arlene Jacobelli

724-523-5547

Reservations – Kitty Jo Helman

RD3 Box 486B, Latrobe, PA 15650

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WEEKEND PACKAGE

\$88 Per Person, Double Occupancy Dorm Room

\$100 per person single dorm room

2 Nights, 2 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts

Other Packages Available, \$50 Deposit Required

Checks payable to Gbg. Dup. Bridge Club

Directions: 3 miles East of Greensburg, PA on US Rt. 30, Exit 7 PA Turnpike onto Rt. 30 East approximately 12 miles. Bypass Greensburg to St. Joseph Center located on the Westbound side of Rt. 30

RESULTS

Rock And Roll Regional

Independence, OH

January 12-18, 2005

Wed Aft Side Series Pairs – 16 Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Barbara Sobel – Harold Fast
2			Edia Shai – Mina Ronen
3/4	1/2		Jeno Triboldt – Erna Pavick
3/4	1/2	1	Nancy Fingerhut – Hilma Robinson
		2	D Calco – Janet Fitchko

Wed Aft NLM Pairs – 18 Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Adam Zachlin – Charles Wen
2	2	2	Wm Roberts – Mary Roberts

Wednesday Eve Swiss – 17 Teams

A	B	C	
1	1	1	J Kirsits – A Beroza -T Fraas – E Universal
2			F Eberlin – J Knudson – M Ronen – E Shai
4	2		P Miller – D Largent – T Sternheimer – M Fainer
3/4	2		T Rice – J Rice – L Stahl – J Stahl

Wednesday Open Pair – 40 Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Robert Sulgrove – Richard Rudolph
2			Kenneth Bergman – Barbara Bergman
	1		Mary Gleghorn – Nancy Evans
	2		Nancy Hunter – Ronald Kral
		1	Marilyn Hurin – Jean Friedman
		2	Russell Kalbrunner – Robert Leibold

Side Game Series – 22 Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Martin Baff – Roger Tiktin
2	1	1	J Rose – Gary Collins
3	2		Harvey Bernstein – Irene Bernstein
		2	Dana Nuetzel – Marie Nuetzel

Wed Eve Non LM Pairs – 10 Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Judy Saccogna – Nancy Moore
2	2	2	Harry Keagler – Robert Kay

Thu Aft Side Game Series – 30 Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Donald Rop – Jack Knudson
2			Ellen Wolfe – Edia Shai
4	1		Donald Barrick – Henry Essig
6	2	1	John Viola – Raul De La Iglesia
		2	Russell Kalbrunner – Robert Leibold

Thu Aft NLM Pairs – 16 Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Robert Werner – Isabel Worthington
2	1	1	Ellen Miles – Julie Stein
3	2		Jean Bloomfield – Sandy Babbush
4	3	2	Sarajane Goldstein – Linda Kendall

Bracketed KO II – A – 9 Teams

1	C Revill – L Loux – J Bachelder – P Leon – M Cassel II
2	H Sachs – S Ruskin – B Keidan – D Beers

Bracketed KO II – D – 14 Teams

1	D Henderson, E Dus-Garden – L Staaf – L Lutz
2	A Gordon – J D'Antonio – M Tiglio – C Bolen

Bracketed KO II – C – 9 Teams

1	R Wolf – M Genuth – S Leff – H Weisblat
2	R Ellison – C Childress – F Lipton – J Spretino

Bracketed KO II – B – 10 Teams

1	L Faivre – D Warrick – J Bossart – R Hammond
2	C Berkman – J Bress – M Kramer – L Finegold

Thursday Open Pair – 48 Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Richard Early – Warren Oberfield
2			Eugene Gordon – Lewis Bernard Jr, John Marhofer – S Graham Kelly
	1		Dennis Bushman – Danan Fan
	2		Robert Pekkanen – Robert Carroll
		1	Jane Larcom – David Larcom

Thur Eve Side Game – 32 Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Brian Ellis – Roni Gitchel
2			Jan Assini – Sandra Fleischman
5	1		Stephanie Bernstein – Kathy Eisner
6	2		George Pope – Lloyd Danner
		1	Robert Leibold – John Schneider
		2	Jean Picone – Paula Shrut

Thur Eve Non LM Pairs – 10 Pairs

A	B	
1		Judy Saccogna – Joan Froelich
2		Al Carusotti – Leonard Synk
4	1	Nancy Schreck – Joanne Stoddard
	2	Keith Klafehn – Judith Taylor

Thursday Swiss Teams – 23 Teams

A	B	
1		D Sulgrove – K Sulgrove – M Baff – R Ticktin – K Kranyak – L Kranyak
2		M Paulone Carns – G Carns – J Marshall – R Franck
4	1	B Goldberg – H Ellis – R Sukenik – D Wasserman
	2	J Buford – S Buford – C Cooperider – C Steele

Fri Aft NLM Pairs – 20 Pairs

A	B	C
1		John Parker – Marianne Parker
2		Mary Elder – John Elder
3	1	Wm Roberts – Mary Roberts,
4	2	1 Nancy Schreck – Joanne Stoddard
6	4	2 William Issa – Barbara Tuber

Fri Aft U/1500/500 Side – 26 Pairs

A	B	C
1	1	Nancy Evans – Mary Gleghorn
2	2	1 Tony Asher – Husein Nakhooda
3	3	2 Charles Callam – Walter Callam

Fri Eve Open Pair – 76 Pairs

A	B	C
1		Frank Treiber III – Diane Travis
2		Peter Grover – Kumar Bhatia
4	1	Rosalyn Sukenik – Diane Wasserman
	2	Robert Phifer – D Albertone
		1 Kurt Rusch – Dot Rock
	2	Martin Mayer – Robin Mayer

Fri Eve Side Game – 32 Pairs

A	B	C
1	1	1 Donald Moyer – Katy Moyer
2		Niel Waletzky – Joan Ann Waletzky
3/4	2/3	Michael Stahr – Jayne Fleming
3/4	2/3	2 James Stahl – Linda Stahl

Fri Eve Non LM Pairs – 14 Pairs

A	B	
1	1	Rita Davis – Sue Pisanelli
2		Emme Hawn – Kathleen Horan
3	2	Ildiko Baxter – Marilyn Doman

Friday Evening Swiss – 12 Teams

A	B	C
1		G Buffington – R Schnarrenberger – S Roy – J Bomalaski
2	1	1 M Shapiro – J Shapira – R Roberts – S Roberts
3	2	M Tamburro – B Holdstein – M Wilk – C Kromar
4	3	2 A Roberts – A Roberts – P Miller – B Miller

Morning Knockout – 11 Teams

1	J Bachelder – M Cassel II – S Dub – L Loux – P Leon – C Revill
2	P Spooner – A Freeman – M Reeve – J Reeve

Morning Swiss Teams – 10 Teams

A	B
1	R Sulgrove – R Rudolph – G St Pierre – R Baldwin
2	K Pollock – F Schenker – J Costello – B Heyman
	1 V Vertes – M Genuth – R Wolf – M Zinamon
2	S Hall – C Obermeyer – J Fant – Mary Fant

Sat Aft Side Game – 36 Pairs

A	B	C
1		Ronald Kral – Robert Urmanic
2	1	Eva Lefton – Jacqueline Sharp
4	2	1 Linda Stahl – James Stahl
5	3	2 Retha Lakins – Helen Lloyd

Sat Aft NLM Pairs – 18 Pairs

A	B	C
1	1	1 Kristen Kemp – Linda Beringer
2		Marge Spira – Beverly Nagy
3	2	2 Nancy Schreck – Joanne Stoddard

Side Game Series – 163 Players

1	Edia Shai
2	Harold Fast

Sat Eve Side Game – 22 Pairs

A	B	C
1		Ronald Kral – Robert Urmanic
2		Jean Warzinski – Irene Toth
5	1	1 Linda Stahl – James Stahl
6	2	2 Linda Beringer – Kristen Kemp

Side Game Series (EVE) – 162 Players

1	Vernon De Jong
2/3	Katy Moyer
2/3	Donald Moyer

Knockout III – 1 – 9 teams

1	S Landen – D Gerstman – R Kaye – P Rajadhyaksha
2	C Revill – J Bachelder – L Loux – P Leon – M Cassel II

Knockout III- C – 16 Teams

1	D Mehok – M Mc Connell – D Hess – J Smith
2	N Ogan – L Kest – M Zinamon – V Vertes

Knockout III- B – 10 Teams

1	F Plunkett – W Bedard – J Plunkett – L Ostrow
2	L Faivre – D Warrick – J Bossart – R Hammond

Flight A/X – 46 Pairs

A	X
1	Patrick Spooner – Elbert Hargesheimer
2	1 Brian Meyer – Teresa Fraas
3	2 Sally Veauthier – Vernon De Jong

Sat Stratflighted B/C/D – 52 Pairs

B	C	D
1		George Manos – Boots Frey
2		Hope Ellis – Diane Wasserman
	1	1 Susan Conrad – Mary Anne Kriesen
	2	Lille Mortensen – Betty Hitchcock
4	2	Kanti Chavada – Suman Agarwal

Bracketed Swiss 1 – 8 Teams

1	S Landen – D Gerstman – R Kaye – P Rajadhyaksha – C Tita
2	D Sulgrove – K Sulgrove – M Baff – R Tiktin

Bracketed Swiss II – 8 Teams

- 1 M Ryan – R Feasley – P Facinelli – B Heyman
- 2 R Park – W Holt – R Quinlan – C Hoehstetter

Bracketed Swiss III – 8 Teams

- 1 J Costello – D Steffan – B Meyer – B Universal
- 2 R Zimmermann – P Howell – C Caplan – P Caplan

Bracketed Swiss IV – 8 Teams

- 1 D Wasserman – C Friedman – H Adelstein – E Lefton
- 2 R Trogdon – R Wood – H Essig – D Paul

Bracketed Swiss V – 8 Teams

- 1 D Bloom – S McCauley – M Sukonik – I Lenno
- 2 C Kleis – R Van Bergen – N Di Geronimo – J Harbert

Bracketed Swiss VI – 8 Teams

- 1/2 D Mikstay – D Bishop – B Bishop – J Smith
- 1/2 J Novak – A Rathje – D Seelinger – C Jain

Bracketed Swiss VII – 8 Teams

- 1 D Piovano – G McKimm – H Lloyd – R Lakins
- 2 L Hirsch – T Watts III – M Fawzy – M Finnegan

Bracketed Swiss Teams VIII – 8 Teams

- 1 J Fleming – M Stahr – S Agarwal – K Chavada
- 2 D Henderson – E Dus-Garden – V Shanafelt – L Staaf

Bracketed Swiss IX – 11 Teams

- 1 M Shapiro – J Shapiro – R Roberts – S Roberts
- 2 W Roberts – M Roberts – R Kalo – A Kalo

Nat Gerstman Sectional

Grand Island, NY
Jan 21-23, 2005

Fri Aft Strat Open Pair – 32 Pairs

- | A | B | C |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 | | Harold Baba – Thomas Kinnear |
| 2 | | Joel Wooldridge – Dan Gerstman |
| 5 | 1 | R. Anthony Auriemma – Ronald Olsen |
| | 2 | 1 John Kirsits – Allen Beroza |
| | 3 | 2 Eleanor Whelan – D Nan Denn |

Fri Aft Strat 299er Pairs – 19 Pairs

- | A | B | C |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Nancy Kessler – Carlton Stone |
| 2 | 2 | Henry Chudy Jr. – William Rich |
| 4 | 4 | 1 Barbara Pieterse – Paula Kotowski |
| 5 | 5 | 2 John Nichter – J Garrity |

Fri Eve Strat 299er Pairs – 8 Pairs

- | A | B | C |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Sally Kellar – Herbert Heller |
| 2 | 2 | 1 Ken Meier – Dorothy May |
| | | 2 Ernie Sibbett – James Cowell |

Fri Eve Strat Open Pair – 31 Pairs

- | A | B | C |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | | John Kilmer – Jay Levy |
| 2 | | Joel Wooldridge – Dan Gerstman |
| 4 | 1 | John Lewis – Margaret Schomers |
| 5 | 2 | Dick Wilson – Arlene Bristol |
| | 4 | 1 John Mackay – Lynda Fox |
| | | 2 Elaine Universal – Teresa Fraas |

Sat Aft Strat Open Pair – 22 Pairs

- | A | B | C |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| 1 | | Paul Thurston – Saleh Fetouh |
| 2 | 1 | 1 John Ricotta – John Mackay |
| 3 | 2 | 2 Brian Heaphy – John Martin |

Sat Eve Strat Open Pair – 16 Pairs

- | A | B | C |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | | Elbert Hargesheimer – Robert Olin |
| 2 | | Gur Baykal – Margaret Baykal |
| 3 | 1 | Douglas Megill – Mark Pascale |
| 4 | 2 | 1 Wallace Graham – Donna Graham |
| | | 4 2 Judith Padgug – Robert Padgug |

Flight A Swiss Teams – 8 Teams

- | A | X |
|---|--|
| 1 | D Baker – F Chivers – B Kay – L Woods |
| 2 | J Wooldridge – J Mathis – G Fried – J Kilmer |
| 3 | 1 J Levy – S Fetouh – P Wooldridge – B Mampe |

Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams – 11 Teams

- | B | C | D |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | | W O'Connell Jr. – J Reineck – E Harvey – D Steffan |
| 2 | | B Bronstein – J Marvin III – R Feasley – M Crone |
| 3 | 1 | J Mackay – E Sibbett – J Cowell – P Barry |
| | 2 | 1 N Kessler – C Stone – A Beroza – J Ricotta |

DISTRICT 5 GNT

Meadville, PA

Feb 26-27, 2005

GNT Superflight – 2 Teams

- 1 K Kranyak – F Cyerman – K Bhatia – D Gerstman – J Wooldridge – P Becker
- 2 N Waletzky – C Biddle – D Sulgrove – K Sulgrove

GNT Flight A – 3 Teams

- 1 J Wooldridge – W Rushmore – P Wooldridge – J Marshall – J Levy
- 2 A Greer – B Meyer – B Mampe – J Costello

GNT Flight B – 4 Teams

- 1 E Harvey – M Ryan – J Kelley – J Graf
- 2 J Gullo – J Allen – H Ellis – D Wasserman

GNT Flight C – 4 Teams

- 1 D Henderson – D Webb – V Shanafelt – J Buford – S Buford
- 2 J Ricotta – T Fraas – J Kirsits – A Beroza – E Universal – B Universal