

Albuquerque Bridge Player

Unit 374's Quarterly Newsletter

President's Column

As I occasionally do when I can't think of anything to write, I look at what I wrote last year at this time. So this column will represent an update of what has happened in the last year.

Karin Kelsey announced her retirement from the District 17 Board of Directors. Frank Fine was elected by the Unit Board of Directors to replace her and has assumed an active role by representing our unit's interests, especially in the area of regional tournaments. The District 17 board wants to hold more tournaments in the district to increase the district revenue. We feel that too many tournaments impact our own regional attendance. Frank resisted this trend on our unit's behalf.

Kat Tiano replaced Pam Himes as Unit Membership Chair. Since that time, Kat has embraced this job with a passion. She diligently gathered members' information for the directory to help produce one of the best directories we have published for the unit. (By the way, we have quite a few directories available for distribution. If you want one, just ask a unit board member the next time you play at DCBC.) In addition, Kat has kept track of every member's status – active, inactive, moved in, moved out, dues paid, dues not paid, etc. She likes it when you pay your dues. Even though we keep track of unit members, it is the ACBL that you are a member of and we ask that you notify them when you change your address.

Pianola was website software we

were considering using. Jerry Wellman has taken charge of this and it looks like it will have limited use. He still uses this for some informational mailings but it will probably not be used as the focal point for unit activities.

The size of Sunday games has been a concern. Since last year, we have tried a couple of experiments to attract 0-500 players that seem to be successful. We have also observed that team games draw more players than the normal pairs game. Karel Toohey has re-organized the hospitality for Sunday games. We now ask that members volunteer to bring the snacks

and set them up before the game. The unit has budgeted \$40 as a guideline for the cost of the snacks at a regular game. We appreciate our members who volunteer for this and will be happy to reimburse you for what you spend, up to \$40.00. If you need suggestions, Karel has created some sample menus for guidance. This system has been in place for several months and seems to be really working well. We thank the members who have already participated.

A mentoring program has just been created in conjunction with DCBC. After nearly a year of operation under the guidance of Jerry Wellman and Mark Brownstein from the Unit Board, it seems to be very successful. Jerry's position is to help mentors and mentees find each other and then negotiate their own playing arrangements with a minimum of interference. If you want to be introduced to the

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program just ask Jerry or Mark to get started.

Rudy Krall recently reached the milestone of Platinum Life Master. A couple of weeks ago he reached another milestone – 90 years old. Congratulations again, Rudy.

This year we have decided not to hold the traditional bridge seminar weekend. This has been a very successful program with enthusiastic participation for the first few years. We think that a short hiatus will make everyone appreciate the next one that we plan to hold in 2016.

We just held the Spring Sectional and attendance was up 32 tables from last year, thanks to your continued support and the efforts of Tournament Chair Felix Moore and volunteers. Good job.

So that takes care of what happened a year ago versus this year. I think it is progress and I am looking forward to next year when the new unit president will have a chance to do this column.

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-Bill Kass

Buddha Says

TEAM TRIALS.

In early May, I traveled with Phoenix's Leon Lowe to play in the trials to pick the second team to represent the USA in the World Championships this fall in Chennai (Madras) India. The Nick Nichols team with Meckstroth, Rodwell, Levin, and Weinstein had already qualified as USA1. Lee and I were playing with some old bridge buddies of his from Michigan. Anyone can participate if you have a team and pay the very steep entry fees. There were 21 teams entered (most very strong all-pro teams.) The event had two parts; a round robin to cut the field to 16 teams, then knockout matches to determine the winner. Three teams had byes to the knockout phase, so 18 teams played 17 five board matches over the first Friday and Saturday. The matches were scored by IMPs converted to victory points using the new 20-point scale that counts every IMP. There were nine matches on Friday and eight on Saturday. All matches were played using screens and all the boards were

duplicated. Throughout the week, you were allowed nine minutes per hand, a really long time even with screens, and our team was always the first to finish, so I guess we didn't think quite as much as the other contestants. Our team played well in the round robin (we won 10 of the 12 matches that Lee and I played) and had qualified for the KO's with two matches to go. A good thing, because we lost our last two matches. We did beat Mike Passel and Billy Miller and Mark Lair's teams.

For the KO's, the United States Bridge Federation (the group that does international stuff for the ACBL) seeded the entire field. We were seeded 14 and played the number three seed. That team was Jimmy Cayne, Michael Seamon, Zia Mahmood, Mike Kamil, Curtis Cheek and Joe Grue. The KO matches were eight segments of 15 boards each (120 total) over two days. Play started at 10:00 in the morning and lasted until about 7:30. It's a nice schedule that lets you go to dinner and chill out after the day's play. We fell way behind early, losing the first two segments, but then rallied and had a 30 IMP lead after the sixth segment. Unfortunately, we got killed in the seventh segment and lost a little in the last to lose by 25 IMPs. To win the event, contestants had to play and win three more matches – 60 boards a day, over six more days. The seedings were remarkably good. The four semi-finalists were the one, two, three and five seed, and seed one played seed two for the championship.

I told Leon that I didn't come to Chicago to pass, so in every situation I took the most aggressive action. On hand after hand that I felt I'd overbid and it was OK, it turned out that the result was the same at the other table. I opened this hand one spade: S T9532 H 98 D AKQ8 C 86. At the other table, Zia opened one diamond and we ended up with a push.

We lost 10 IMPs on the following hand, when an opponent opened one heart with: S Kxxx H Txxxxxx D K C K, and heard his partner raise to two hearts and then bid a cold game. Our partners passed it out.

The experience of playing against some of the world's best players was wonderful. I played thirty boards with Zia on my side of the screen, and thirty more when he was holding my hands. Our team was plus IMPs on those 60 boards. Zia was by far the most congenial of all the players we faced. But the best

part of playing in the trials was the enormous support our team had from the Albuquerque players at home watching on BridgeBase and cheering us on. I really can't thank you enough. Maybe next year we will be asked again. I hope so.....

-Joe Harris

DCBC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Duke City Bridge Club needs your help! Although the board members and the directors work hard every day to make your club an inviting and pleasant place to play bridge, we are hard pressed to do it all.

Without the work of the volunteers that currently make coffee, pick up boards, arrange the library, replace light bulbs, etc., the directors and board members would never have time to do their regular duties.

If every member of Duke City Bridge Club were to volunteer a half hour a month, that would amount to over 300 hours of work. What work you ask? There are always a hundred little things that need doing. Making coffee during the games so that the directors have the time to do what they need to do. Helping to pick up boards and Bridgemates after the games. Cleaning the backs of the guide cards, cleaning the bidding boxes, weeding. The list goes on and on.

If you would be willing to help, please let any board member know and I am sure that we could make use of your talents.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to make sure that they lock all valuables out of sight in their cars. We have recently had two vehicles vandalized in our parking lot during the daylight hours. Put packages and other things of value in your trunk, be sure your car is securely locked, and watch for strangers lurking in our parking lot.

Thank you for playing bridge at Duke City and here's hoping all of your bridge decisions are the right ones.

-Rick Weigle

EDUCATION COMMITTEE COLUMN

Susan Zimmerman and I, and our wonderful education committee members (Bob Zipp, Athena

Kelly, Pat Newman, and John Keck), have been hard at work. At our first meeting, we had several excellent discussions. The first was about students coming out of classes not knowing all the basics of bidding. The instructors agreed, unanimously, that the reason for this was the amount of course material forced on the students in such a short amount of time. To try a solution to the problem, we are extending each class by 1/2 hour per class, and extending the class length by 1-2 weeks. In addition, the Conventions Class will be split into 2 courses. The first course will be devoted primarily to the nuances of bidding and the only conventions that will be taught are those that are started in the beginning class: Stayman and Jacoby transfers. The second half will continue the bidding and other necessary conventions.

The second item discussed was class prices and teacher pay. It was decided that in order to attract and keep good teachers, we needed to increase their pay. Historically, all our teachers were volunteers and they burned out quickly. Eventually, a small stipend was given, but certainly not enough to compensate for all of their work. We have had a great deal of difficulty in attracting and/or keeping good teachers. To accommodate an increase in teacher pay, we need to increase the prices of the classes. Our prices, again historically, started out free, then a fee was charged, but barely enough to cover costs. This discussion, of course, had to go to the DCBC Board for discussion and approval. At the time of this writing, final pricing has not yet been determined, but the board is supportive of the goals, which are two-fold. The first goal is to have standardized prices based on the number of classes given in each course. The second is to be somewhat in line with Osher (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UNM Continuing Education for people 50 years of age and above.) Osher appears to have the lowest pricing for continuing education in the city.

The third and final discussion held was regarding an alliance with Osher. Jim Monroe, a popular instructor for Osher, approached Maralie Belonge, the director of the program, to discuss the possibility of offering bridge lessons to their members. She became quite excited about the prospect. She came for a tour of our club and to speak with Jim and me about the possibilities. Only minutes after she left, Jim and I took the discussion to the DCBC Board meeting.

The board was very supportive and as of this writing, negotiations are continuing. It is thought that we would teach two classes for them, beginning in January 2016. One class would be for those people who have never played bridge, and the other would be for those that have played social bridge and want to get into duplicate. As Osher has over 1200 members, many of whom are military retirees, this looks to be a mutually beneficial alliance. They are looking for new members, as are we.

If any of you have any ideas on any of the above, please feel free to speak to Susan, me, or any Education Committee member. We welcome your input.

-Linda Hays, Chair, Education Committee

DISTRICT 17 UPDATE

Each spring, District 17 board members may appoint an individual to the District Goodwill Committee. Appointees are to be D17 members in good standing who have gone far above the call of duty in service to the district or their unit and exhibit Goodwill attributes. Qualifications for nomination may include: individuals who strive to practice active ethics; whose conduct both at the bridge table and away from the bridge table is commendable; who promote bridge as an activity among new players, at club and unit games as well as at tournaments and who contribute to a playing environment at these venues that is conducive to fun and learning. The Goodwill Committee slogan is **"It is nice to be important but more important to be nice."**

I am pleased to have nominated **Joe Harris**. He exemplifies all those qualifications. I asked Joe for a brief autobiography of his bridge life. Here is his (understated) response.

I started playing duplicate in the early 50's. I'd play booky in the afternoons and play with my mom at the Newman Center at UNM. After college, work and bridge were the overriding aspects of my life. I met both of the women I have been married to in bridge classes that I taught, and over the years I've taught many, many classes. I regularly directed games at the bridge club for over 50 years. Since retiring from my day job, I've been mentoring some great students almost full time. I've also been writing a bridge

column for our local unit publication and fill-ins for the bulletin at our tournaments.

His nomination will be voted on at the District 17 board meeting in Las Vegas, June 28.

Membership on the D17 GW Committee is a lifetime appointment. Current Unit 374 GW Committee members are Merlene Krall (appointed 1996), Karin Kelsey (2011), Jo Crumley (2012), Felix Moore (2013), Rick Weigle (2014) and Jill Burtram (2014).

After many recent regionals showing a decline in table count, the recent Denver Regional was up about 70 tables (plus an additional 82 tables for the Grand National Teams). The table count was 2,161.5, roughly 40% higher than we average. Of course they draw from a much larger local market.

As previously reported, the Fall Phoenix Regional has been canceled. (Flyers listing the District 17 Regional showing it are incorrect.) Both Tucson and Las Vegas attempted to put plans together to be substitute hosts, but neither plan worked out. For good Fall competition, consider the North American Bridge Championships (NABCs) in Denver November 26 – December 6. Events for novices at the national championships run throughout the 11-day event, to be held at the Sheraton Denver Downtown.

As always I welcome your comments. Email me at finefrank@gmail.com, call me at 463-2400, or catch up with me at a game at DCBC.

-Frank Fine

A BOOK REVIEW BY KAREN SOUTAR

Louis Sachar, the author of the book *Holes*, which was also made into a movie by the same name, wrote a book in 2010 called, *The Cardturner, A Novel About a King, a Queen, and a Joker*. Several of us at DCBC enjoyed it immensely. It's a youth book, so it's a quick read about Grand Uncle Lester, who plays bridge. When he becomes blind as a consequence of diabetes, he hires his grand nephew, Alton, to tell him what cards he's dealt. Alton then plays the cards as directed by his uncle. The book is about relationships, outlooks on life, and duplicate bridge. (Sachar, himself, is an avid bridge player.) Alton and his friends become intrigued by the game. Whenever basic bridge terms are described, a whale symbol (ala

Moby Dick) marks the section, so readers can skip this part if they wish, continuing with the rest of the novel. Those of us from DCBC found those sections to be quite accurate. I highly recommend the book, and I will leave a hardback copy at the club. If there is high demand, I can order other copies.

-Karen Soutar

THE BRIDGE CONVENTION "KINGWOOD"

On Page 47 of the June 2015 Bridge Bulletin, Lynn Berg explains the "Kingwood" convention. But instead of Kingwood, she calls it Quantity-Quality bids. Bobby Wolff has featured this convention a couple of times in his column in the Albuquerque Journal. I asked him its name and he calls it a "mini-maxi" convention. My partners and I have used this convention for about five years with no problem. We look at it as a sort of "royal" convention and so have named it Kingwood. If you add it to your arsenal, this article hints at the overlapping it might have with the use of new minor forcing and support doubles.

Consider these four hands which you might hold. They are similar, but if your partner is playing a heart contract, she will like #4 as the dummy hand best, and #1 least:

1. ♠-62 ♥-AT3 ♦-KJ96 ♣-A873
2. ♠-62 ♥-AQ3 ♦-KJ96 ♣-A873
3. ♠-62 ♥-AT73 ♦-KJ96 ♣-A83
4. ♠-62 H♥-AQ73 ♦-KJ96 ♣-A83

You open one diamond and your partner responds one heart. The opponents are silent. Your rebid for #3 and #4 will be two hearts with no distinction between the two hands. If your rebid is 1NT for #1 and #2 (not playing Kingwood), your partner will likely pass with fewer than 11 points when two hearts probably will be your best contract. With 11 or more points your partner can inquire with new minor forcing.

Supposing that after your partner's one heart response, your RHO overcalls one spade. Your rebid for #3 and #4 will be two hearts as before, showing four hearts. For #1 and #2, your rebid is double, playing support doubles, showing three hearts. There

is no distinction between #1 and #2 nor between #3 and #4.

Now let's say you and your partner are playing the Kingwood convention. You open one diamond and partner responds one heart. This time, whether RHO passes or overcalls one spade, two clubs or two diamonds, your rebid with any of the four hands will be two hearts. With fewer than 10 points, partner will pass. If opponents then bid again, partner, with eight or nine points, may compete to three hearts. With 10 or more points, partner invokes Kingwood by bidding 2NT. You alert and, if asked, say, "Kingwood, asking me to describe my hand". You then make a mini-maxi bid for each of the three hands respectively: three clubs, three diamonds, three hearts or three spades. Three clubs means three card support with less than 14 points; three diamonds means 3 card support with 14 or more points; three hearts shows 4-card support with less than 14 points, and three spades shows 4-card support with 14 or more points. It is now partner's duty to set the contract.

-Kent Jones

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

Local qualification for this grass roots event is in full swing! Make sure that you qualify before the end of August. Qualification games are listed on the Electronic Bulletin Board at Duke City Bridge Center. Stratifications are A: Open, B: 0-2500, C: 0-500NLM. These strats are based on your masterpoint holding at 1 June 2015

Once you have qualified, you may enter the District Finals, which will be held during the Albuquerque Regional in January. All members of Unit 374 will have their entry fees paid for by either the unit or District 17. After the District Finals, the top three pairs in each stratification will be invited to participate in the national finals that will be held at the Spring NABC in Reno NV.

-Felix Moore

BIOGRAPHY OF HENRY BRETTON

The following article is a biography of Henry Bretton, one of our most treasured North Room bridge players. For those of you who didn't experience the trials and tribulations of the 2nd World War, this piece may not interest you. But most of us are aware of the extraordinary sacrifices and bravery of the boys we sent overseas to fight for our country, and I think we can be extremely proud of having one of them in our midst. (ed. note)

I was born on May 18, 1916 in Berlin, Germany. My name, Hans-Heinz Bismark, was that of my stepfather. Shortly before I went overseas in 1944 with U. S. Military Intelligence, the War Department advised me to change my name for personal security reasons. I chose the English-sounding Bretton. I married Marian More in 1951 and we had two children. Our son, Alexander, passed away in 2001, my dear wife, in 2007. Our daughter, Elizabeth More Bretton, MD, married John F. Lorio, and lives and practices in Albuquerque.

After I graduated from a German high school, I emigrated to the U. S. in 1938, my mother following me within a few months. Determined to go to college, I enrolled at NYU Night School, and completed my first semester before joining the U. S. Army. Upon return from overseas duty, thanks to the GI Bill, I obtained my graduate degree at Yale and my Ph. D. in political science at the University of Michigan in 1951. It was there that I started by teaching career, attaining the rank of full professor. In 1969, I was invited by the Trustees of the State University of New York to teach at the College at Brockport with the rank of Distinguished Professor. Over the years, I taught as a visiting professor with Ford and Rockefeller Foundation Grants, at the following universities: In Austria, Innsbruck (1956), University of Vienna in Diplomatic Academy at Vienna (1985), the Universities of Ghana, West Africa (1968), and Kenya, East Africa (1969). My family always accompanied me, my children attending local schools. I retired in 1985 from Brockport as a Distinguished Professor Emeritus. Over the years I authored six books of my own and two with others. I also authored several dozen scholarly articles published in professional journals in the U. S. and abroad.

In 1940, after a one-year assignment as security liaison in a German prisoner of war camp in Delaware, I was about to be commissioned as a military police officer when the War Department intervened, assigning me instead to Military Intelligence training at Camp Ritchie, MD. I started my military intelligence service as a member of a team of six, which took me to combat in Europe; Germany in particular. I am proudest of the Bronze Star awarded to me for service while the team was attached to an Armored Reconnaissance Squadron. I received the medal for the following action: during the Battle of the Ruhr, I was ordered to investigate a war crime. I identified, tracked through enemy-held territory, and delivered to a U. S. Military Justice, a German officer who had executed three members of a U. S. tank crew after they had surrendered. My rank at the time was private. In recognition of that action, I was promoted to Technical Sergeant Fourth Class. After the war in Europe ended, I was transferred to the Secret Intelligence Section of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS-SI – the precursor of the CIA). My rank then was Technician 4th Grade, in effect a secret agent stationed near the Soviet zonal border.

Aside from the foregoing, two instances warrant to be mentioned, and both saved me from needless but certain death: On May 7, 1945, two of my comrades and I were ordered to attend the surrender of the German town of Simbach on the Austrian border. Traveling in an open jeep, we were about to turn a corner when a German woman, frantically waving her arms, shouted, "Halt! Halt!" We stopped and I asked her what was up. In German, she told me "there is a crazy guy around the corner. He sits in a tank. The tank is no good, but the gun is. He has sworn the first Americans coming around that corner will be sent to hell". We thanked her, turned around, warned the first tank we saw, and attended the surrender of the town at their city hall. Needless to say, a shot from a tank gun into an open jeep would have blown us to smithereens.

The other event which also explains how I miraculously came to live 99 years, came about as follows: Shortly after I had joined the OSS, a suspicious OSS officer, set to discover what our allies, the Soviets, were really up to in the East German Zone, took steps to assemble a squad of secret agents

to parachute into that zone. Searching the records at our headquarters in Wiesbaden, he came upon my name. I appeared to be tailor-made for the job: born in Berlin, grown up in East Germany, fluent in German and holder of the Bronze Star earned under conditions resembling those of the planned drop. But when he asked by commanding officer, Naval Commander Richard Helms (later head of the CIA) to transfer me to his command, Helms declined. I never learned the reason. Tragically, time and place of the operation were betrayed to the Russians by communist or communist-leaning agents in the OSS. (Like FDR, OSS Commander Donovan was inclined to accept communist and communist-leaning agents on the grounds that, after all, the Soviets were supposed to be our trusted allies.) Immediately after they landed, the nine-man squad was met by Soviet Secret Police and all were executed on the spot.

After I was discharged from military service, I was commissioned 1st Lieutenant Counter Intelligence Reserve. Eventually, though proud of it, I had to resign that commission. My professional duties, calling for frequent overseas stays to teach and conduct field research abroad, conflicted with the duties of a reserve officer. I was also getting on in age. Worth special mention: Local politics and my Africa connection led to serving as president of the African American Community Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. I also served as a member of the U. S. Department of State's "Citizens' Advisory Committee on African Affairs".

ADDENDUM TO VAMPIRE COLUMN

In our last issue, Cindy Harris wrote a column about bridge players who worked as laboratory professionals specializing in blood analysis. She was unable to interview Barbara Briscoe and Ann Cole at the time. Here are their biographies:

Barb Briscoe is an Albuquerque native. She graduated with distinction from UNM and was a member of two honorary societies. She has one daughter, Jennifer, whose family lives in Albuquerque. After working for several years as a histotechnologist, she decided she would like to participate in a diagnostic field of pathology called cytology. Cytotechnologists screen exfoliated materials microscopically to diagnose cancer and other diseases. This involved returning to UNM for an additional 40 hours, or two semesters, of training. She then qualified for national as well as international registration and worked in that field for 33 years at SED Medical Laboratories. In the 1980's, Barb was a board member and very active volunteer for both the New Mexico Art League and New Mexico Multiple Sclerosis Society. Barb loves spending time with family and enjoys reading, traveling and watercolor painting. She is a member of Amapola Co-op Gallery in Old Town. When people say, "Oh, you're an artist," she responds, "No, I just paint a little".

Ann Cole grew up in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. She graduated with a degree in medical technology from the Medical College of Virginia, Mary Washington. She moved to Florida, working at the Halifax Hospital in Daytona Beach. She married and moved to Orlando. She lived there 19 years and became a manager of a laboratory. Pursuing a related career, she moved to Minnesota and went into medical sales for 14 years. She moved to New Mexico in 1999. Locally, she worked for Lovelace and SED Laboratories. She learned to play bridge by taking lessons at the YWCA when she was 14. Her other interests include singing with the NM Women's Chorus for 15 years and playing with the Band of Enchantment as a drummer. Ann has accumulated about 300 masterpoints. She plays with several partners at the DCBC. Ann is also a motorcycle enthusiast.

Newer Players Page

SCORING WHILE YOU'RE BIDDING

It's very troubling to see bridge players using the Bridgemates to tell themselves what score they got on a board. One of the first things you have to learn at bridge is suit rankings, so you'll know how to bid. And along with suit rankings, you learn what suits are worth: you get 20 points for each trick taken in clubs and diamonds, 30 points for each trick taken in hearts and spades, and 40 points for the first trick taken in NT + 30 points for all subsequent tricks. You add 50 points for making a part score and 300 or 500 points for fulfilling a game contract. And you learn that you are penalized for not fulfilling your contracts. 50 points for each non-vulnerable trick and 100 when you're vulnerable. This very elementary lesson is the bedrock of bridge and it needs to be memorized. In time, toting up your score will be second nature. But until then, you need to "do the math" so you can use it while you bid. It should shape every decision you make. E.g. : if I bid 3 spades and go down 2 vulnerable (-200), and the opponents have stopped at 3 diamonds (60+50 for a part score = 110), then I shouldn't bid 3 spades. These are numbers you need to have readily at hand before you take that bid card out. You don't wait until the hand is over to look at the Bridgemate and see your error. Train yourself to crunch the numbers, and then use them to improve your game.

A bidding system is fashioned by you and your partner to find out if you have enough points, or compatible distribution, to either declare at the game level or settle for a part score. The magic word here is distribution, because, as we all know, with the right distribution, a game can be made with less than 25-29 points. So, while you're bidding, you are primarily looking for a "fit" with partner's hand, or 8 or more cards between you in one suit. So, holding this hand, after partner opens a club,

Qx
xxxx
AKxxx
Xx

good bridge players will always bid one heart. It doesn't matter that there are no honors in the suit;

what matters is that there are four or them, and if opener also has four, a fit has been established on the first round of bidding. Many inexperienced players have been known to bid one no-trump with this holding. But all good bridge players know that a one no-trump response to one club or one diamond shows precisely 6-9 points and no 4-card major. If you follow this rule, you are giving your partner extremely important information about your distribution on the first round of bidding. If you wait to show your four-card major until later in the bidding, you will be jacking up the level of your auction to the point where you are reaching a contract that is unmakeable. Assume your partner opened with this hand:

xx
AKxx
Qxx
Axxx

If you bid 1NT, partner would have to pass (he cannot bid 2H as this would be a "reverse" bid* showing 17 or more points). The opponents would undoubtedly reel off five spades and your score would be 120. But if you bid one heart, partner can happily raise you to two hearts and you could make either 3 or 4 hearts (140 or 170). This is where knowing how to score is important.

Talk this over with your partners and make sure they are following this rule. It will make your bidding much easier, and give you a leg up on determining each others' distribution and subsequently, your optimum contract.

*A reverse bid is a bid of a suit that ranks higher than the suit you originally bid (e. g.: opener: 1 diamond; responder 1 spade; rebid by opener; 2 hearts) and shows 17-19 points; the second suit being shorter than the first suit bid.

-Susy Law

Membership Matters

RANK PROMOTIONS

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

John Altman
Francine Cogen
Catherine Curtis
Deborah Detorie
Gordon Hennessy
Diann Messuri
Ken Meyers

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Jeanette Brenholdt
George Chip Hair, Jr.
Donald McBride
Susan Sackinger
Leonie Wellman

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Louise Belanger
Sally Gosnell
Amelia Smith
Kenneth Wood

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Robert Katz
John Keck
Mark Vitale

NEW NABC MASTERS

Carolyn Dawley

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Cherri Berry
Craig Tyner
Katherine Tyner
Pat Zick

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Cherri Berry
Egda Delaney
Michael Delaney
Ethel Giovanis
Cindy McBride

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Jerry Keeran
Sue Weix

NEW MEMBERS

Robert Anderson
Charles Brown
Julie Cresswell
Irmgard Grote
Sylvia Lyon
Bob McPheeters
Magdalena Monserrat
Mary Sarty
William White
Meghan Wolfe

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**COMING UNIT GAMES
 SCHEDULE**

Sunday games start at 1.30pm. All games are stratified and award enhanced masterpoints.

July

- 5: NAP Qualifier (Pairs)
- 12: NAP Qualifier (Pairs)
- 19: Charity Pairs
- 26: Swiss Teams

August

- 2: Pairs Championship
- 9: NAP Qualifier (Pairs)
- 16: Charity Pairs
- 23: STaC Pairs (silver pts.)
- 30: NAP Qualifier (Pairs)

September

- 6: GNT Qualifier (Teams)
- 13: Pairs Championship
- 20: Pairs Championship
- 27: GNT Qualifier (Teams)

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