

# TABLE TALK

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## Tales from the front

By Marty Hirschman

### Triple Delight

This kind of triple squeeze pretty much plays itself...

IMPs. Neither vul.

		<b>NORTH</b>	
		♠AQ1054	
		♥J8	
		♦1064	
		♣J74	
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠J98		♠K3	
♥43		♥K109765	
♦732		♦QJ98	
♣Q10832		♣A	
		<b>SOUTH</b>	
		♠762	
		♥AQ2	
		♦AK5	
		♣K965	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
--	--	--	1NT
Pass	2♥	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dbf	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: 4 of hearts

This hand came up during

a Swiss team at the February sectional. My partner, North, was Lynne Schaeffer.

Tr. 1: 4♥ - 8 - 9 - Q

2: 2♠ - 9 - 10 - K

3: K♥ - 2 - 3 - J

4: 5♥ - A - 3♣ - 4♣

5-7: Spades, leaving:

		♠5	
		♥	
		♦1064	
		♣J7	
♠		♠	
♥		♥107	
♦732		♦QJ9	
♣Q108		♣A	
		♠	
		♥	
		♦AK2	
		♣K96	

Tr. 8: 5♠ - 10♥ - 2♦ - 3♦

Tr. 9: 7♣ - A - 6 - 8. East had only one heart left to cash.

Making 3. +400. We won 6 IMPs when South played 2♠ +170 at the other table. (When in with K♠, West cashed A♣. Declarer later led

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## Second Annual MBA/SOMBA Sectional

June 25-28, 2015

Bridge Connection (248-356-6254)

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### Thursday, June 25

Swiss Team Lesson for New Players.....	12:30 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams .....	1 p.m.
Stratified 0-300 Swiss Teams .....	1 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs .....	7 p.m.
Stratified 0-300 Pairs .....	7 p.m.

### Friday, June 26

Stratified Open Pairs .....	10 a.m.
Stratified 0-300 Pairs .....	10 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs .....	2:30 p.m.
Stratified 0-300 Pairs .....	2:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs.....	7 p.m.
Stratified 0-300 Pairs .....	7 p.m.

### Saturday, June 27

Stratified Open Swiss Teams playthrough-7 matches.....	10 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs .....	10 a.m.
Stratified 0-300 Pairs .....	10 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs .....	2 p.m.
Stratified 0-300 Pairs .....	2 p.m.

### Sunday, June 28

Stratified Open Swiss Teams playthrough-7 matches.....	11 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs .....	11 a.m.
Stratified 0-300 Pairs .....	11 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs .....	3 p.m.
Stratified 0-300 Pairs .....	3 p.m.

Stratified Events: Open Pairs A = 3000+, B = 1000-3000, C = 0-1000  
0-300 MP Events: (0-20) (20-50) (50-100) (100-300) (as attendance warrants)  
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**Michigan Bridge Association's  
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August 27-30, 2015**

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**Thursday, August 27**

**NOTE NEW THURSDAY SCHEDULE**

Stratified Open Pairs.....	10 a.m.
*Stratified Non-LM Pairs .....	10 a.m.
<i>Swiss Team Lesson for New Players</i> .....	2:10 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams .....	2:30 p.m.
*Stratified Non-LM Swiss Teams .....	2:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs.....	7 p.m.
*Stratified Non-LM Pairs .....	7 p.m.

**Friday, August 28**

Stratified Open Pairs.....	10 a.m.
*Stratified Non-LM Pairs .....	10 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs.....	2:30 p.m.
*Stratified Non-LM Pairs .....	2:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs.....	7 p.m.
*Stratified Non-LM Pairs .....	7 p.m.

**Saturday, August 29**

Stratified Open Swiss Teams playthrough-7 matches.....	10 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (single session) .....	10 a.m.
*Stratified Non-LM Pairs (single session).....	10 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (single session) .....	2 p.m.
*Stratified Non-LM Pairs (single session).....	2 p.m.

**Sunday, August 30**

Stratified Open Swiss Teams playthrough-7 matches.....	11 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (single session) .....	11 a.m.
*Stratified Non-LM Pairs (single session).....	11 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (single session) .....	3 p.m.
*Stratified Non-LM Pairs (single session).....	3 p.m.

**\*Starred events are open only to non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 masterpoints**

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# IT'S YOUR BID

By Marty Hirschman

Aim for a small plus? Invite game? Bid game? Invite slam? Bid slam? Invite a grand? We've got it all in this challenging set.

Congratulations to Bob Katz for his perfect score and to Sandy Birnholtz, Seymour Mandell and Ken Van Cleve for high score among readers.

You too can have it all. Just send in your answers to next issue's hands, found at the end of this article.

1. IMPs. N-S vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠AQ10 ♥AK10 ♦K ♣KJ8543

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

Pass Pass Pass 1♣

Pass 1♦ Pass ?

Action	Score	Votes
3NT	100	17
2♥	50	3
2NT	40	2
1♥	20	0
3♣	20	0

*In modern expert practice, when you open one of a minor, partner responds in one of a suit and you jump to 3NT it shows a semi-solid 6-card suit, stoppers in the unbid suits and about 18 or so HCPs. KJ8xxx doesn't qualify as semi-solid, but we have 2+ stoppers in each major and 20 HCPs. Close enough.*

**Chuck Burger** (3NT): Usually better suit, but best slam try when pard has good clubs and max cards. The club 10 would help if he doesn't.

**Joe Chiesa** (3NT): Clearly I advertise a more formidable club suit, but life can be unfair and we may yet reach 6♣ as partner will know I have long clubs and a hand too good for 3♣. 2♥ or 2♠ might be irremediable, and to what end? Too good for 2NT, and even I wouldn't bid 3♣!

**Sam Hirschman** (3NT): I hate making a jump-shift into a major on 3 cards. I hate this less. Maybe a 4-3 major fit would play better, but it's not like I need to try to eke out 420 to beat the 400s.

**Marilyn Maddox** (3NT): Partner as a passed hand did not bid a major, so I want the lead to come into my hand.

**Howard Perlman** (3NT): A bit of a distortion as this typically is a semi to solid minor, but the major 10s make this hand too good to chance not getting to game.

## SCORES

### Experts:

Bob Katz .....	500
Brenda Bryant .....	490
Sam Hirschman .....	490
Chuck Burger .....	480
Bob Cappelli .....	480
Don Rumelhart .....	470
Gene Benedict .....	460
Sheldon Kirsch .....	450

### Readers:

Sandy Birnholtz .....	460
Ken Van Cleve .....	460
Seymour Mandell .....	460
Margaret Carden .....	450

Marlene Mandell .....	440
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Dave Graff .....	380
Bob Ondo .....	380
Elmer Winkelman .....	360
J. Morris Swiger .....	340
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Peter Bolgar .....	320
Valentin Enache .....	320
Bob Solomon .....	320
Irv Hershman .....	300
Jerry Jefferies .....	280

## HOW THE PANEL VOTED

	1	2	3	4	5
Julie Arbit	2♥	2♥	2♠	4NT	DbI
Gene Benedict	3NT	3♥	3♠	4♣	6♥
Norm Bolton	3NT	3♥	3♣	4♣	5♦
Bob Brent	3NT	3♣	3♠	6♣	DbI
Brenda Bryant	3NT	4♥	3♠	3NT	6♥
Chuck Burger	3NT	4♥	3♠	4NT	DbI
Suzy Burger	3NT	3♥	3♠	4♠	5♦
Bob Cappelli	3NT	4♥	3♠	4NT	DbI
Joe Chiesa	3NT	2♠	3♣	4♣	6♣
Jonathan Fleischmann	2♥	2♠	3♠	4♣	5♠
Sam Hirschman	3NT	4♥	3♠	3NT	6♥
Bob Katz	3NT	4♥	3♠	3NT	6♣
Sheldon Kirsch	3NT	4♥	3♠	5NT	6♣
Morrie Kleinplatz	2♥	2♥	2♠	DbI	6♥
Marilyn Maddox	3NT	4♥	4♠	4NT	6♣
Myles Maddox	3NT	3♥	3♠	3NT	6NT
Howard Perlman	3NT	4♥	3♠	3NT	Pass
Irv Rosenstein	2NT	3♥	3♠	4♠	6♣
Don Rumelhart	3NT	4♥	3♠	4♠	6♣
Dick Temkin	3NT	2♥	3♠	6♣	6♥
Bob Webber	3NT	2♠	3♠	4♣	DbI
Willie Winokur	2NT	4♥	3♠	4NT	DbI

Other ideas:

**Julie Arbit** (2♥): Partner should not have a 4-card heart suit, and it is the least of evils.

**Jonathan Fleischmann** (2♥): I am usually loath to jump-shift into a three-card major, but I must force to game somehow. 3NT shows a different club suit.

**Irv Rosenstein** (2NT): I would have bid 3NT with better club spots.

*It seems odd to me, but a few panelists said they would have opened 2NT (Suzy Burger, Perlman) or might have (Fleischmann), while Norm Bolton liked the hand so much he would have opened*

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2♣ and rebid 2NT.

*When this hand came up on Bridge Base, partner held scant values: ♠962 ♥92 ♦97432 ♣A76. That, nonetheless, was good enough to manage 9 tricks when clubs ran.*

2. MTPTs. Both vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠AJ102 ♥AQJ2 ♦9 ♣10953  
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
-- Pass 1♣ Pass  
1♠ 1NT 2♣ ?

Action	Score	Votes
4♥	100	10
3♥	70	5
2♥	60	3
2♠	60	3
3♣	50	1
Dbl	10	0

*Partner's passed-hand 1NT overcall shows the two unbid suits. Should be a decent passed hand at the vulnerability, but might be just 5-4 or 4-5, and can't be 5-5 with a good 10 HCPs since partner would have opened with that hand.*

*So I would be reluctant to go all the way to game, particularly at matchpoints. And I have too much defense to worry about the opponents making a lot of tricks in a black suit. I am worth a strong advance, possibly 3♣ because*

3♥ might be viewed as pre-emptive.

*Staying low:*

**Julie Arbit (2♥):** I will compete to 3♥ if they bid 3♣.

**Dick Temkin (2♥):** Given partner's opening pass, 1NT should be lighter and possibly more distributional than a takeout double. In any event, I'll try to buy it with 2♥. Double is not in the picture.

**Morrie Kleinplatz (2♥):** Plenty opposite passed hand. I will decide what to do if they compete further. At matchpoints, I will probably double and aim at 200. My singleton diamond is a negative for game.

*Middling:*

**Gene Benedict (3♥):** Invites game, lets partner off the hook with a bad hand.

**Irv Rosenstein (3♥):** Partner has no more than 3 black cards. My stiff diamond and 4 hearts are pure.

**Bob Webber (2♠):** Followed by 3♥. Strong game try with spade value.

**Jonathan Fleischmann (2♠):** This auction has me in murky territory with most partners. I want to encourage game in hearts. Whether partner interprets this as showing the

higher-ranking of his suits or just more stuff in spades than clubs, I have him covered.

*Going all the way:*

**Brenda Bryant (4♥):** Tough. I would probably punish partner and bid 4♥.

**Don Rumelhart (4♥):** I can't imagine a hand where a vulnerable partner would come into an auction where 4♥ doesn't have an excellent play.

**Chuck Burger (4♥):** Could invite in hearts after a 2♠ bid or 3♣ bid when I correct diamonds to hearts. Partner did not double, but his bid (vul.) showed 5-5 or 5-6. I might even be defending.

**Sam Hirschman (4♥):** I have great values, so I'm planning on losing something like two clubs and one of something else.

**Bob Katz (4♥):** Partner should be 5-5 in the red suits with something reasonable when vulnerable. Maybe ♠xx ♥K10xxx ♦KQxxx ♣x.

**Marilyn Maddox (4♥):** Partner doesn't need much to make game on a cross-ruff.

**Joe Chiesa (2♠):** I intend to bid 4♥, but want to preclude partner from being brilliant



and saving over 4♠ or 5♣ as I have an answer to those bids.

*When this hand came up on Bridge Base, partner had “committed” (as Edgar Kaplan used to derisively write) the Sandwich NT with ♠Q65 ♥8763 ♦AK743 ♣4. No worries: With Kxx of hearts on-side and the queen of spades filling out your holding in that suit, 4♥ sailed home.*

3. MTPTs. N-S vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠KJ10852 ♥K ♦62 ♣A632  
**WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH**  
 Pass 1♥ Pass 1♠  
 Pass 2♦ Pass ?

Action	Score	Votes
3♠	100	17
2♠	40	2
3♣	40	2
4♠	30	1
2NT	30	0

*You have 11 HCPs, also known as invitational values, and a good 6-card suit. Conveniently, a jump rebid of 3♠ shows exactly those things.*

**Gene Benedict** (3♠): Invites game, shows a 6-card suit.

**Bob Katz** (3♠): Shows six pretty good spades and invitational values, which is exactly what I have.

**Howard Perlman** (3♠): Invita-

tional. Fear a misfit, but 2♠ just seems too conservative.

**Don Rumelhart** (3♠): Invitational. My lack of a fit with partner's suit prevents me from forcing to game.

**Sam Hirschman** (3♠): It's not IMPs, thank God. If partner passes, I might be lucky to make 3. My spades are just good enough.

**Chuck Burger** (3♠): Invitational. The spade 8 got me. Pard will bid game on short spades with good hand, but not bid over 2♠.

**Dick Temkin** (3♠): Invitational with a good six-card suit. If we belong in NT, partner needs a club card and it may need to play from his side.

**Bob Brent** (3♠): Going plus at matchpoints. Would go to game at IMPs.

*Note that some of the 3♠ bidders felt they were close to bidding only 2♠, while others almost decided to force to game. That fits right in with some of the other panelists' answers:*

**Morrie Kleinplatz** (2♠): At matchpoints I will stay low, as I'd rather risk missing game than risk getting a minus. Partner should raise with

more than a minimum and adequate spade support. But if he has ♠x ♥Axxxx ♦KJxx ♣Kxx, I'll be glad we stopped at the 2-level. At IMPs, I would bid 3♠.

**Norm Bolton (3♣):** Let's find out what's going on.

**Marilyn Maddox (4♠):** Too good to just invite.

**Joe Chiesa (3♣):** Don't do this at home if you have misallied with a partner who opens "good" 9-counts. Although the hand may only be invitational, I am forcing as 2NT misaligns NT (Qx of clubs opposite), and 3♠ may fetch a pass where partner is short in spades and we have 9 tricks at NT.

4. IMPs. None vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠AQ ♥Q ♦A42 ♣KQ97652  
**WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH**  
 Pass 1♦ 2♠ 3♣  
 3♠ Pass Pass ?

Action	Score	Votes
3NT	100	5
4NT	100	5
4♣	100	5
4♠	70	3
6♣	60	2
5NT	50	1
Dbl	50	1

*The barrage by the oppo-*

*nents has left us in a tough spot since we have slam-invitational values (or out-and-out slam values if we have a fit) and are not sure what suit or notrump to play in. Let the guessing begin.*

**Sam Hirschman (3NT):** I have the spade stopper. Partner probably has some mediocre 12-count, so I'm not worried about missing a slam (though sometimes I'll be cold for 6♣ and go down in 3NT).

**Bob Katz (3NT):** Partner could have most anything and yet not have a good enough hand to bid over 3♠. Maybe a 2-4-5-2 hand, for example. On these types of auctions, you just cannot worry about a heart stopper.

**Howard Perlman (3NT):** It's heavy, might make a slam, but it's my last chance. Wish I could bid an invitational 4NT.

**Julie Arbit (4NT):** Should be quantitative, and partner will rate club honors highly in evaluating his hand.

**Bob Cappelli (4NT):** This hand may well make 6♣, but I am going to make the quantitative bid of 4NT.

**Chuck Burger (4NT):** Blackwood. Pass with 0, or bid 6♣ with 1 or 2 and expect to

catch 2+ clubs. I like 4♣ if forcing. Too good for 3NT, which could be best.

**Marilyn Maddox** (4NT): Willing to take a chance partner could have either A or J of clubs.

**Willie Winokur** (4NT): Vanilla variety.

**Gene Benedict** (4♣): I hope 3♣ established a game-force. Partner's next bid will clear things up.

**Norm Bolton** (4♣): Too much potential for slam to bid a dull 3NT.

**Bob Brent** (6♣): May miss a grand but partner's pass indicates minimum values. Partner should have some clubs as he is short in spades.

**Suzy Burger** (4♠): Looking for minor slam. Will raise either minor to 6.

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**Joe Chiesa** (4♣): Ace of hearts KQ of diamonds and Jx of clubs makes 6♣, or we may have a diamond slam. 4♣ describes my hand and keeps all contracts in play. If 3NT is our last plus, mea culpa.

**Jonathan Fleischmann** (4♣): Natural and forcing. I expect to play this hand in a club or notrump slam so that my spade holding is protected.

**Morrie Kleinplatz** (Dbl): Just too good for 3NT. Over 4♣ or 4♦ I will bid 4♠. Over 4♥, I will bid 5♣, which should suggest clubs with diamond tolerance and at least interest in slam.

**Don Rumelhart** (4♠): I think that slam is extremely likely. 4♠ tells partner this and asks him to describe his hand further.

**Irv Rosenstein** (4♠): Let partner tell me more about his hand. We should have a play for 6♣ or 6♦.

**Dick Temkin** (6♣): if we give EW the spade KJ, it's hard to construct a hand for partner that doesn't have a decent or better play for this. Not bidding 5NT for minors: No way he'd expect a 3-7 hand.

**Sheldon Kirsch** (5NT): Pick a slam...and I hope he picks clubs.

Some comments on the above comments:

- Assuming the opponents have 9+ spades as advertised, partner almost has to have at least two clubs. Otherwise he is 2-4-6-1 and probably would have bid 4♦ over 3♠. With 2+ clubs opposite, we are worth a shot at slam.

- That slam should be 6♣, which will play easily. We should not be offering partner a choice of strain.

- Unless you have a special agreement, 4NT is Blackwood, probably RKC for clubs — the only suit you have shown.

- Notice how good it is here to play regular RKC rather than 1430: First of all, the zero response to 1430 commits you to slam off two aces. And whether partner thinks it is RKC or regular Black, you'll get a response you can understand.

When this hand came up on Bridge Base, partner held: ♠K ♥10754 ♦K109876 ♣AJ. Ace of diamonds-x-x-Q, followed by the finesse against the jack — the standard “Restricted Choice” play, made even more likely than usual to succeed because East is known to be long in spades — brought in 6♣ for a 10-IMP pickup.

5. MTPTs. N-S vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠K7 ♥A972 ♦KQ32 ♣A53

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

-- 1♠ 2♦ Dbl

Pass 4♥ 5♣ ?

Action	Score	Votes
6♣	100	6
6♥	90	5
Dbl	80	6
5♦	50	2
5♠	40	1
6NT	40	1
Pass	40	1
5♥	20	0

*I slightly demoted double because of the strong majority for bidding a slam.*

That doesn't mean I'm confident about 6♥ making: There's the danger of a diamond ruff, and quite possibly a bad trump break. But we have an awful lot of material opposite partner's presumed 17+ points (or equivalent playing strength) to give up on slam.

**Brenda Bryant (6♥):** I am nervous hearts are bad. But partner must either have a good hand or 5-5 or 6-5 in the majors.

**Sam Hirschman (6♥):** Partner bid 4♥ when I showed 8+ points with four hearts and nothing more. We should make this. I have the minors

fairly well covered. Might go down on ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff.

**Dick Temkin** (6♥): Even if we have all the key cards, suits rate to be breaking badly, so I'll settle for six.

**Gene Benedict** (6♥): We could be off the ace of diamonds.

**Morrie Kleinplatz** (6♥): (Second choice, 6♠.) The hand makes me nervous (diamond ace and a ruff), but the odds favour slam. If I bid 6♣ and partner bids 6♦ we may have a grand. Still, the heart weakness worries me. Partner might be bidding on shape: ♠AQJxxx ♥K10xxx ♦Ax ♣void, in which case we have a likely heart loser. Since there is no room to find all this out, 6♥ leaves them in the blind, and even with a ruff coming RHO might not lead the unsupported ace.

*I definitely disagree with one part of the previous answer: East **will** lead the ace of diamonds about 110 percent of the time that he has it. (N.B., I didn't take the "u" out of Morrie's "favour" since he is from south of the Detroit River, eh.)*

*I'm not crazy about the idea of cue-bidding, which is basically an effort to get to 7♥.*

*Our trumps are too thin for that. Also 5♦ ought to show first-round control, which we don't have.*

**Norm Bolton** (5♦): Worth a cue.

**Suzy Burger** (5♦): Slam invitational.

**Irv Rosenstein** (6♣): Casting a rosy glow over the auction [*Another Edgar Kaplan quote; see the last issue of Table Talk—M.H.*]. Should be able to make at least 6♥.

**Sheldon Kirsch** (6♣): Might be a grand slam here.

**Marilyn Maddox** (6♣): On the way to 6♥. Doesn't cost anything to show club ace.

**Don Rumelhart** (6♣): Grand slam try. Partner will need to infer that I don't have first-round control of diamonds or spades, but should assume that I don't have two losers in either suit.

*I'd be nervous about risking the following bid:*

**Jonathan Fleischmann** (5♠): I don't fancy defending at these colors. Trumps are set since I promised hearts for my double, so 5♠ should be control-showing.

*These panelists won't run*

*into a ruff, but they could go down multiple tricks:*

**Myles Maddox** (6NT): Hearts don't figure to split favorably. Should be a squeeze on East and West.

**Joe Chiesa** (6♣): I don't have to live in Copenhagen to know there is something rotten in the state of Denmark. I intuit partner may have a minimum opener with 6-5, 5-6 or 5-5 in the majors. Although I secretly believe double is best, I will bid 6♣ as I have a 16-count when I could have a 6-count...I am not playing 6♥ or 7♥ on a 4-4 fit as suits may not split well. Shooting for 6NT. If partner bids 6♦ I should bid 7♥ as partner has heard the auction, knows I have but four hearts and, on a good day, will know how many hearts he has.

*The doublers:*

**Julie Arbit** (Dbl): I'm terrible at matchpoints, but with things breaking badly I'd rather defend.

**Willie Winokur** (Dbl): And lead a club. Can we make a slam with everything foul? If we can, my bid is bad.

**Bob Cappelli** (Dbl): Don't think we have enough trumps, but if partner pulls, I must con-

sider whether to bid 6♥.

**Chuck Burger** (Dbl): Since pass isn't forcing. If pard is 6-5 or 5-6, he may pull. Otherwise I'm looking at a club and a diamond [loser] or diamond ruff and bad suit breaks, if that matters.

*Pass ought to be forcing, since partner's jump to game presumably announced that this is our hand. Apparently agreeing with me on this point is a frequent Burger partner:*

**Howard Perlman** (Pass): Intend to play at least 6, but maybe partner has a diamond void? Would bid a grand over partner's 5♦, and if partner passes LHO's correction [*to 5♦, I guess—M.H.*] I would bid 6♣ giving him another chance.

*More doublers:*

**Bob Brent** (Dbl): Our suits are going to break badly. Taking a small plus, hopefully.

*Funny. If I doubled I'd be hoping for a large plus.*

**Bob Webber** (Dbl): Slam is unclear with bad splits certain. Unless East has a sixth club, we may hold them to four clubs and the ace of diamonds.

## NEXT ISSUE'S HANDS

1. MTPTs. N-S vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠QJ74 ♥AQ92 ♦9842 ♣J  
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
2♥ Dbl Pass ?

2. IMPs. Both vul. As SOUTH, you hold: N-S vul.

♠AKJ54 ♥void ♦A ♣Q1096542  
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
- - 3♥ ?

3. MTPTs. Both vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠K96 ♥A ♦KJ1096 ♣A1043  
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
- Pass 3♠ ?

4. MTPTs. None vul. As SOUTH, you hold:

♠AKJ6432 ♥KJ96 ♦void ♣87  
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
- 3♥ 4♦ ?

5. IMPs. N-S vul. As South, you hold:

♠1098432 ♥AK6 ♦4 ♣AJ10  
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
3♦ Dbl 4♠ Dbl  
Pass Pass 5♦ ?

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## Gone but not forgotten

Last issue we printed the list of the top 100 masterpoint holders in MBA.

That list did not include our top players who have passed from the scene.

Here is a list of deceased players who would have made the top 100 list, along with their final masterpoint total:

Joan Remey Moore, 18,901  
Phil Leon, 18,041  
Rick Kaye, 9,382  
Vince Remey, 8,935  
Sylvia Stein, 6,269  
Mike Graham, 5,757  
Richard Mydloski, 5,180  
Richard Goodwillie, 5,072  
Beverly Bluth, 4,968  
Albert Silber, 3,836  
Dorothy Morochnick, 3,227  
Curt Muller, 2,988  
Gerald Dillon, 2,883  
Harold Weinstein, 2,836  
Raymond Jacobstein, 2,773  
Edith Jones, 2,696  
Audrey Melander, 2,657  
Isabel Pingel, 2,297  
Marge Lewan, 2,271

### IN MEMORIAM

Mickey Bowman

## FRONT, from page 1

to J♣ for 10th trick.)

Passing 3♥x would have been better.

### Duck

This hand came up in an ACBL matchpoint mini-tournament on Bridge Base.

MTPTs. Neither vul.

NORTH	
♠Q743	
♥A2	
♦J5	
♣A9763	
WEST	EAST
♠862	♠J109
♥K109543	♥Q87
♦K6	♦973
♣85	♣KQJ2
SOUTH	
♠AK5	
♥J6	
♦AQ10842	
♣104	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
--	--	--	1♦
2♥	Dbl	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Opening lead: 10 of hearts

I was West.

Declarer won the A♥, cashed three spades ending in dummy, then ran the J♦, which I ducked in tempo. Declarer repeated the finesse, which lost. There was no long-

er an entry to declarer's hand, and he wound up down one.

Declarer would have been well advised to take the diamond finesse before playing both high spades from his hand.

+50 was worth 78 percent of the matchpoints on the deal.

### Undershooting

This one is from a Swiss teams at the Toledo sectional in March.

IMPs. E-W vul.

NORTH	
♠KQJ9	
♥AK743	
♦Q92	
♣3	
WEST	EAST
♠A4	♠53
♥J82	♥Q10965
♦AJ653	♦K8
♣Q97	♣10865
SOUTH	
♠108762	
♥void	
♦1074	
♣AKJ42	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
--	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Opening lead: A of spades

I was West. My partner was Ed White.



Tr. 1: A♠-K-3-2  
2: 3♦-2-K-4  
3: 8♦-7-A-9  
4: 5♦-Q-5♠-10  
Down 1.

At the other table, West led A♦, then J♦-Q-K-7. East next returned a club. Declarer cashed two clubs, throwing a diamond from dummy before leading a trump. Making 4, so our team won 10 IMPs.

You can draw your own conclusions about my choice of lead and continuation, and about whether East at the other table should figure out from the J♦ to return a trump instead of a club.

## TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

**June 14-19:** FLINT REGIONAL

**June 25-28:** Southfield sectional (MBA & SOMBA)

**July 10-12:** Toledo sectional

**July 13-19:** LANSING REGIONAL

**Aug. 27-30:** Southfield sectional (MBA)

**Sept. 11-13:** Traverse City sectional

**Sept. 20:** NAP district finals (Lansing)

**Oct. 2-4:** Midland sectional

**Oct. 12-18:** MOTOR CITY REGIONAL, Farmington Hills (MBA)

**Oct. 23-25:** Toledo sectional

## Letter: No points for online play

### To the Editor:

You are one of the MI bridge players I truly admire, but I feel a need to rebut your editorial on the first two pages of the March 2015 issue of Table Talk.

I am one of the players who is on the opposite end of the pendulum on this issue from you. I feel that online bridge is similar to party bridge, fun and social, but does not have the elements of tournament play that merit masterpoints.

I enjoy playing with friends online occasionally, especially because we are limited by much distance and this makes for great opportunities to spend time playing 'bridge with friends.' I especially like watching World events and competitions that BBO broadcasts which enable kibitzers to learn from and hear discussions about the many interesting hands shown.

I recently found several club masterpoint certificates from 1993 that I had neglected to turn in to the ACBL. This finding gave me the opportunity to note how hard I worked at these club games to come in the top 5 pairs to earn partial points – always playing at

least 24 boards a session. One of the certificates showed a club championship at which there were 10 tables and my partner & I placed third, earning .33.

Yes, masterpoints are easier to come by at local clubs and tournaments today than they were 30 years ago, but online, they're almost meaningless. As you stated, people can play less than an hour or 12 hands and amass points. And there is good reason to discuss the 'cheating' element.

I have played online with married couples who have 2 computers in 2 different rooms (or even in the same room) who are able to discuss hands while in play, and I will admit to the time when I was so surprised by the bid or play made by a partner that I have called him/her on the phone while still online as a partner. I'm sure I'm not the only one...

Since I don't agree that there should be any points awarded for online bridge, I am totally in favor of separating points earned online from points earned at club games and tournaments and not counting online points for any award.

In fact, I suggest a new

award listing for online points only (if one doesn't already exist). As it stands now, a player who earns enough points to become a Life Master including online points should get a certificate which has an "\*" denoting that fact (as used in sports statistics).

**Thanks for your time,  
Julie Kraus**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The March 2015 article regarding online bridge was the opinion of the editor. Michigan Bridge Association has taken no particular position regarding online play.

### **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!!!**

MBA has a new page on Facebook, with lots of interesting features, results and links.

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The administrator of the page is Marilyn Nathanson. You can contact her at: [mnathanson@ameritch.net](mailto:mnathanson@ameritch.net)

## White washes field at Michigan State Sectional

Ed White of Grand Blanc won two events and over 30 masterpoints to lead the field at the Michigan State Sectional, held March 26-29 at the Bridge Connection in Southfield. Here are the results of the tournament:

### MASTERPOINT LEADERS:

- 1, Edward White, 30.65
- 2, Julie Arbit, 24.54
- 3, Jerrold Grossman, 22.85
- 4, Bert Newman, 22.14
- 5, Jack Shartsis, 21.07
- 6, Robert Katz, 20.94
- 7, Larry Cohen, 20.89
- 8, John Koschik, 18.61
- 9, Frank Treiber III, 18.17
- 10, Lynne Schaeffer, 17.05

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

**SWISS TEAMS FLIGHT A:** 1, Debra Eaves, Norman Bolton, Marilyn & Myles Maddox. 2/3, Ronald Horwitz, Steven Winokur, Brenda Jaffe, Steven Shumer. 2/3, Jack Shartsis, William Winokur, Lynne Schaeffer, Walter Goldsmith. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Horwitz team. 2, Brad Dracka, Grant Petersen, Bob Rasmussen, Arthur Wasserman. 3, Robert Raf, Georgene Cronin, Michael McGaw, Steven Jacob. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Dan Sutherland, Thom Allen, Fred Goodell, Frederick Sill. 2, Thomas King III, Victoria Vallone, Thomas

Ciaramitaro, Warren Block. 3, Lakshmi Vora, Naresh Kapila, Deepak Dighe, William Landrum.

### THURSDAY NIGHT PAIRS

**FLIGHT A:** 1, Jonathan Fleischmann, Kurt Dasher. 2, Donald Rumelhart, Clark Malcolm. 3, Kathy & Curt Hofer. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Rumelhart, Malcolm. 2, Hofers. 3, Renata Wasserman, James Walter. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Hofers. 2, Wasserman, Walter. 3, Daniel Schiffer, Rita Rubin.

### FRIDAY AM PAIRS FLIGHT A:

1, Jerrold Grossman, Julie Arbit. 2, Donald Rumelhart, John Koschik. 3, Larry Cohen, Steven Kaplan. **FLIGHT B & C:** 1, Cohen, Kaplan. 2, Fran & Gerald Wigod. 3, Richard Cantley, Dennis Waniolek.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

**FLIGHT A:** 1, Edward White, Bert Newman. 2, Jerrold Grossman, Jack Shartsis. 3, Robert Katz, Julie Arbit. **FLIGHT B & C:** 1, Edward Lough, Paul Chirgwin. 2, Steven Shumer, Steven Winokur. 3, James Walter, Genie Baker.

### FRIDAY NIGHT PAIRS

**FLIGHT A:** 1, Bert & Kathy Newman. 2, Steve O'Guin, Joe Monro. 3, Steven Kaplan,

Randy Rodnick. **FLIGHT B:** 1, O'Guin, Monro. 2, Kaplan, Rodnick. 3, James Walter, Genie Baker. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Kaplan, Rodnick. 2, Walter, Baker. 3, David McIntyre, Tracey King.

**SATURDAY AM PAIRS**

**FLIGHT A:** 1, Steven Jacob, Curt Hofer. 2, Kathy Newman, Denise Brown. 3, James & Cheryl Bloom. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Jacob, Hofer. 2, Blooms. 3, Larry Cohen, George Christian. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Cohen, Christian. 2, Jeffrey London, Robert Solomon. 3, Robert Shubow, Ronna Galin.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS FLIGHT A:**

1, George Christian, Larry Cohen. 2, James & Cheryl Bloom. 3, Brenda Bryant, Jim Fatka. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Christian, Cohen. 2, Blooms. 3, William Landrum, Allan Tushman. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Christian, Cohen. 2, Michael Moore, Charles Royer. 3, William Niemczyk, Phyllis Cohn.

**SATURDAY SWISS TEAMS**

**FLIGHT A:** 1, Edward White, Gene Owens, Gary Brinker, Joseph Ernsthausen. 2, Sheldon Kirsch, Henry Shevitz, Robert Katz, Frank Treiber III. 3, Richard Temkin, Irving Rosenstein, John Koschik, Michael Crane. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Suzanne Baker, Jagjit Singh, Darryl Haynes, Vic-

ki Neiberg. 2, James Walter, Martha Toon, Stuart Dombey, Chris Brewer. 3, Richard & Lucy Peacock, Fred Batten, Martha Henkel. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Walter team. 2, Peacock team. 3, Deepak Dighe, Thomas Ciar-amitaro, John Vollmayer, Naresh Kapila.

**SUNDAY AM PAIRS FLIGHT**

**A:** 1, Jane Gardner, Barb Ferrera. 2, Sarah & Richard Furlow. 3, J. McConkie, Joyce Bear. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Gardner, Ferrera. 2, McConkie, Bear. 3, Jane Lehman, Joan Capuano. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Lehman, Capuano. 2, Mary Robinson, Jill Rastelli.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS**

**FLIGHT A:** 1, Seymour & Marlene Mandell. 2, James Egan, Graham Putnam. 3, Jane Gardner, Barb Ferrera. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Egan, Putnam. 2, Gardner, Ferrera. 3, Kai Liu, Xingjicin Ma.

**SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS**

**FLIGHT A:** 1, Chuck & Suzy Burger, Robert Mendelson, Marvin Zucker. 2/3, Martin Hirschman, Lynne Schaeffer, Susan & Gordon Pames. 2/3, Leonard Melander, Brenda Bryant, Joe Chiesa, Jim Fatka. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Julie Arbit, Jonathan Fleischmann, Ed Herstein, Jordan Kaye, Kurt Dasher. 2, Michael McGaw, Robert Raf, Steven Jacob, Sandy Birn-

holtz. 3, D. Abraham, Patti Stoner, James Gruenberg, Dennis Ebendick. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Abraham team. 2, Deepak Dighe, John Vollmayer, Lakshmi Vora, Vishwas Gadgil.

### **Non-life master winners**

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON SWISS:** David & Barbara Dursum, Neal Gehring, Germaine Hegarty

**THURSDAY NIGHT PAIRS:** John Vollmayer, Larry Cohen

**FRIDAY AM PAIRS:** Barb Ferrera, Jane Gardner

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS:** Julian Prince, Steven Miller

**SATURDAY AM PAIRS:** Warren Block, Thomas King III

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS:** Fred Goodell, Allen Taylor

### **2015 STEIN TROPHY RACE**

**Compiled by Patti Stoner**

- 1, Julie Arbit, 34.53
- 2, Bob Katz, 32.10
- 3, Susan Parnes, 26.83
- 4, Lynne Schaeffer, 24.01
- 5, Jerrold Grossman, 22.07
- 6, Bert Newman, 21.62
- 7, Jordan Kaye, 18.57
- 8, John Koschik, 18.23
- 9, Sheldon Kirsch, 18.08
- 10, Martin Hirschman, 17.87.

### **GNT UPDATE**

Here are the winners of the Grand National Teams district level, held April 11-12 at the Bridge Connection in Southfield. The winners have earned the right to represent District 12 in the national finals at the Summer NABC in Chicago in August.

**OPEN FLIGHT:** Robert Mendelson, Allan Falk, Suzy & Chuck Burger, Howard Perlman, Martin Hirschman

**FLIGHT A:** Jonathan Fleischmann, Yi Ouyang, Kurt Dashner, Julie Arbit, Jordan Kaye

**FLIGHT B:** Steven Winokur, Samuel Hirschman, Robert Trenary, Beth Armstrong

**FLIGHT C:** Martha & Inderpal Bhatia, Reuven Anaf-Shalom, Timothy Romlein

### **WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS**

Vyto Dailide  
Wendy Dendel  
Richard Fruehauf  
Mary Macdougall  
Wendell Smitherman

### **WELCOME, TRANSFERS**

Janet Abramson-Borson  
Joyce Bell  
Martina Garland  
Steven Garland  
Gordon Moore

## **21st Century methods for dealing with Interference over our 1NT opening bid using negative doubles and 3-level invitational transfers**

**By Marty Hirschman**

**(Note: Thanks to Ed Herstein and Jonathan Fleischmann for providing much of the material in this article. I am presenting a somewhat simplified, though not simple, version here.)**

### **Introduction**

We have our methods down pat when partner opens 1NT and the next player passes. But when RHO overcalls, it often takes us out of our comfort zone. The modern methods outlined below aim at making us feel at home again.

### **Old Methods**

The traditional approach to dealing with overcalls of our 1NT opening is to play double as penalty, two of a new suit to play there, 2NT as competitive (about 7-9 HCPs), a bid of 3 of the opponent's suit as Stayman, and a non-jump bid of 3 of a new suit as competitive (somewhere between "just to play there" and invitational).

### **Lebensohl**

The Lebensohl Convention, which became popular in the

last quarter of the 20th century, changed 2NT (after an overcall of 2♦, 2♥ or 2♠) into a relay to 3♣. After opener takes the relay, responder then either 1) passes 3♣, 2) bids a new suit, just to play there ("competitive"), 3) bids 3NT, showing values for game with a stopper in the opponent's suit, or 4) bids 3 of the opponent's suit for Stayman with a stopper in the opponent's suit. If instead of bidding 2NT, responder directly bids three of a new suit, that is forcing, while cue-bidding the opponent's suit is Stayman without a stopper, and bidding 3NT directly over the overcall shows values for game without a stopper.

This was an improvement over the old methods, but left responder with few game-invitational auctions. Also, keeping double as penalty leaves responder at a competitive disadvantage in finding a playable fit with modest values (about 4+ to 8 HCPs).

### **Negative Doubles**

We long ago gave up penalty doubles when we open one of a suit and the opponents

overcall. Adopting negative doubles there solved all the problems we used to have competing with modest values and no long suit. The same advantages are available using negative doubles after partner opens 1NT and the next hand overcalls 2♦, 2♥, 2♠ or 3 of any suit. Double is for takeout, usually with 4 of the unbid major, and shows enough values to be comfortable forcing partner to bid at whatever level the auction is at.

Although we are giving up the penalty double, we sometimes will be able to punish the overcaller if we pass. Opener will reopen with a double with a healthy-looking hand and just two pieces in the opponent's suit. That's basically the same thing we do when partner opens one of a suit and the next player overcalls in a suit we would like to double for penalty.

We can still play Lebensohl to cover the single-suited "competitive" hands as well as the Stayman and 3NT hands, with or without a stopper, as set forth above.

### **Three-level Invitational Transfers**

The remaining problem is the invitational hands with a 5+-card suit. This is now

solved by playing our three-level new-suit bids as transfers to the next highest unbid suit, promising invitational or better values. Each such three-level new-suit bid transfers to the next suit up, except the suit below opponent's suit transfers to the suit above the overcalled suit. Opener takes the transfer if he has a minimum and therefore does not wish to play in game opposite invitational values. With extras, opener jumps to game in the suit shown by responder, bids 3NT or makes another bid in the absence of a stopper in opponent's suit.

If opener takes the transfer, showing a minimum, and responder actually has more than invitational values, he bids again, just as he would playing regular Jacoby Transfers.

### **Sample auctions**

**1NT (2♥) Dbl** = Negative, usually with 4 spades and about 5 or more HCPs, but possibly any balanced 8-9

**1NT (2♥) 2♠** = 5+ spades, to play

**1NT (2♥) 2NT** = Lebensohl relay to 3♣ with some 5+-card suit and competitive values, or a stopper plus game-forcing values (see above)

**1NT (2♥) 3♠** = Transfer to diamonds with 5+ diamonds and

at least invitational values

**1NT (2♥) 3♦** = Transfer to spades with 5+ spades and at least invitational values

**1NT (2♥) 3♥** = Stayman without a heart stopper

**1NT (2♥) 3♠** = 5+ clubs with at least invitational values

**1NT (2♥) 3NT** = To play, but without a heart stopper

**1NT (2♠) Dbl** = Negative, usually with 4 hearts and 8+ HCPs, possibly any balanced 8-9

**1NT (2♠) 2NT** = Lebensohl relay to 3♣ with some 5+-card suit and competitive values, or a stopper plus game-forcing values (see above)

**1NT (2♠) 3♠** = Transfer to diamonds with 5+ diamonds and at least invitational values

**1NT (2♠) 3♦** = Transfer to hearts with 5+ hearts and at least invitational values

**1NT (2♠) 3♥** = 5+ clubs with at least invitational values

**1NT (2♠) 3♣** = Stayman without a spade stopper

**1NT (2♠) 3NT** = To play, but without a spade stopper

**1NT (2♦) Dbl** = Negative usually with at least one 4-card major and about 5 or more HCPs, possibly any balanced 8-9

**1NT (2♦) 2♥** = To play

**1NT (2♦) 2♠** = To play

**1NT (2♦) 2NT** = Lebensohl, as above

**1NT (2♦) 3♣** = Transfer to hearts

with 5+ hearts and at least invitational values

**1NT (2♦) 3♦** = Stayman without a stopper in diamonds

**1NT (2♦) 3♥** = Transfer to spades with 5+ spades and at least invitational values

**1NT (2♦) 3♠** = 5+ clubs and at least invitational values

**1NT (2♦) 3NT** = to play, but without a diamond stopper

**1NT (3 of a suit) Dbl** = Negative, with at least 8 HCPs

**1NT (3 of a suit) 3 of a suit** = 5+ of that suit, forcing

### Odds and Ends

■All the above applies when the overcalled suit is natural, whether or not the bid promises a second suit.

■We still play Texas Transfers (4♦ to 4♥ and 4♥ to 4♠), on after interference through 3♣. If the overcall is 3♦, 4♦ is “pick a major” and 4 of a new major is to play.

■After a 2♣ overcall of 1NT, whether natural or artificial, double is Stayman. Other bids are what they would have been had there been no overcall.

■After a double of 1NT, redouble is a relay to 2♣ to play 2♣ or 2♦ with a weak hand and 5+ of that suit. Other bids are what they would have been had there been no double. (“Systems on.”)



**Solution to  
At the Wheel**  
From back page

<b>NORTH</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠QJ5		♠964	
♥98642		♥AJ107	
♦A		♦Q642	
♣A942		♣J5	
<b>WEST</b>			
♠1082			
♥KQ			
♦98753			
♣Q86			
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠AK73			
♥53			
♦KJ10			
♣K1073			

You have 8 tricks on top. It is tempting to play on clubs for the 9th, but there is a danger that the opponents will win a club trick and cash four hearts to beat you (if they are 4-2). Unfortunately, the auc-

tion has pinpointed this defense.

A better approach is to play on hearts, despite the lack of high cards there. Eventually you will score the 5th heart for the game-going trick.

This assumes that West's lead of the 9 of diamonds denies a higher card. If the opponents persist with diamonds, you will score your jack for the 9th trick.

In the unlikely event that the opponents play on clubs, you will be in no worse shape than you would have been playing on them yourself, and probably much better. Either you may pick up the suit for no losers or, if you've played two rounds of hearts and then have to lose a club, the defender you lose the club to may not have any more hearts to play.

**MOVING  
UP...**

**JUNIOR  
MASTERS**

Michael Boland  
Maria Conti  
Jamie Ling  
Jane Monnich  
Carrie Osborne  
Michele Rambour  
Mary Robinson

Ann Solomon  
Paul Temple  
Mary Jane Zorzit

**SECTIONAL  
MASTERS**

Sally Carter  
Patty McCracken  
Craig Ross

**REGIONAL  
MASTERS**

Michael Betzold

Dennis Ebendick  
Norman Rotter  
Susan R. Smith

**NABC  
MASTER**

Rekha Dave

**SILVER LIFE  
MASTER**

Ellen Silverest

## **MBA/SOMBA JOINT ONLINE DIRECTORY OPENING FOR BUSINESS**

The MBA/SOMBA Joint Online Member Directory was expected to be open for business by early June.

You can reach the directory in one of three ways:

- Through the District 12 website at: [district12bridge.org](http://district12bridge.org)

- Through the SOMBA web page at:

<http://www.district12bridge.org/unit203/>

- Through the Michigan Bridge Association page on Facebook at: [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/michiganbridgeassociation)

You will have to put in your name and ACBL number to access the information in the directory, then punch in at least the first three letters of the last name of the person you are trying to look up.

If no phone number or email address appears next to the player's name, that means they probably did not grant permission for this information to appear in the directory. At this time, only about 30 percent of our members have authorized use of their information.

Although most players have provided their phone numbers to ACBL, and many have provided their email addresses, ACBL will not allow us to use this information in the directory

unless the individual member gives us explicit permission to do so.

If your information does not appear in the directory, the most likely explanation is that you did not sign and turn in a permission form. If you wish to have your information listed, print out, sign and send in a permission form. The form appears on the facing page.

If you find an error in YOUR personal record, or if you wish to make a change in YOUR personal record, then please send the information to Bill Landrum at:

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via email, and he will make the correction to your personal record.

### **March sectional attendance up**

Attendance was 316.5 total tables at MBA's Michigan State Sectional, held March 26-29 at the Bridge Connection in Southfield. That was up from 246.5 tables at the previous running of the tournament, in January 2014 at the Knights of Columbus hall in Livonia.

## MBA-SOMBA JOINT MEMBER DIRECTORY

**NOTE:** The Michigan Bridge Association (MBA) and Southern Michigan Bridge Association (SOMBA), American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) units 137 and 203, respectively, are launching a joint Member Directory. The initial plan is to provide the directory online, to be posted on the SOMBA website with a link on the District 12 website. The online directory will be accessible by MBA and SOMBA members on the inputting of their ACBL numbers. In addition, we may later print the directory and distribute it to members of MBA and SOMBA.

**If you wish to have your phone numbers and/or email address appear in the directory, you must fill out, sign, date and submit this form. Make sure to print carefully and include all punctuation. Phone listings must include area code and number.**

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give permission to Michigan Bridge Association and Southern Michigan Bridge Association to publish the above information about me in the Joint MBA-SOMBA Member Directory and any republication, update, portion or excerpt thereof, and to publish any phone numbers and/or email address that I have provided or will provide in the future to MBA, SOMBA and/or the American Contract Bridge League.

I understand that all members of Michigan Bridge Association and Southern Michigan Bridge Association will have access to the directory, and that other individuals or entities, while not intended users, might gain unauthorized access to the directory.

Further, I hereby release Michigan Bridge Association and Southern Michigan Bridge Association, their officers, agents, employees, volunteers and contractors, from liability for any direct or indirect damages that I may suffer as a result of the publication of my phone numbers and/or email addresses in the directory, including but not limited to damages caused by any use made of the published information by members and/or non-members of MBA and SOMBA.

**SIGN HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR COMPLETED FORM IN THE DESIGNATED BOX AT AN MBA OR SOMBA TOURNAMENT.  
ALTERNATIVELY, YOU MAY MAIL OR EMAIL A SIGNED COPY  
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**Posh Gulati, MD, 521 S. Spinningwheel Lane, Bloomfield Hills, MI  
48304, Subgul@aol.com, 248-335-3246 H/ 248-390-7438 Cell**

## AT THE WHEEL

By Marty Hirschman

IMPs. E-W vul.

### NORTH

♠QJ5

♥98642

♦A

♣A942

### SOUTH

♠AK73

♥53

♦KJ10

♣K1073

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
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Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: 9 of diamonds (standard leads)

East follows to trick one with the 2 of diamonds. Plan the play.

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