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Take Your Time

by Harold Feldheim

For the successful declarer, before starting play, there is a sequence of thought. A common acronym for this process is **ARCH**. This stands for **A**nalyze the lead, **R**eview the auction, **C**ount your tricks, and **H**ow to proceed. This hand from a Swiss team match is rather simple but needs preparation to avoid a tragic result

Dealer: South
Vulnerability: None

NORTH
♠ K 8 2
♥ A K 5 4
♦ K 5 4
♣ K 9 6

SOUTH
♠ A J 7
♥ Q 6
♦ A 7 3
♣ A J 7 4 3

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Opening Lead: ♦ J

The auction is a bit aggressive; opposite a 15-17 no-trump, North should content himself with a quantitative raise to 4NT. With a middle-range hand, South would probably carry on to slam based on his fifth club.

Except for the location of the ♦ Q, there's not too much information to be garnered from the lead. Counting our tricks, we can see nine tricks on top; two spades, three hearts, two diamonds, and two clubs. To develop tricks, the club suit

would seem to be the candidate, but let's do some concrete counting. If the club finesse wins and the clubs divide 3-2, you'll take 12 tricks, with a spade finesse for 13 tricks. But there are two dangerous possibilities; first, that the club finesse is off-side, and second, that the suit misbehaves and breaks 4-1 or worse. In either case, you'll need to find the ♠ Q. Having determined this, for a subtle reason, the right play is to start with the spade finesse.

Why? If the finesse loses, you'll need to bring home five club tricks. But if the finesse wins, you'll only need four club tricks; a luxury that permits a safety play. Since we know what's necessary if the spade finesse loses, let's presume the finesse wins. Now, barring a 5-0 split, the contract can be insured by cashing the ♣ A and leading a club towards the king-nine. If West plays the ten or queen, win the king and clear the suit. If West plays small, cover with the nine. East will most likely win the trick but once more, you'll take four club tricks. Finally, if West fails to follow suit, win the king and lead towards the jack in hand and again, you'll capture four club tricks. In all cases, you can count 12

tricks; three spades, three hearts, two diamonds, and four clubs. The complete hands:

NORTH
♠ K 8 2
♥ A K 5 4
♦ K 5 4
♣ K 9 6

WEST	EAST
♠ 10 4	♠ Q 9 6 5 3
♥ 10 3	♥ J 9 8 7 2
♦ J 10 9 8 6	♦ Q 2
♣ Q 10 8 5	♣ 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 7
♥ Q 6
♦ A 7 3
♣ A J 7 4 3

Now I freely admit that if we shift the ♣ Q from West to East, you might well take all 13 tricks, but 30 points seems a small price to pay for some added security. By using **ARCH** at the start of a hand, you'll find that often you can have a remarkably positive effect on your own luck.



MILESTONES AND CONGRATULATIONS

New Life Masters

Leo Arnaboldi Jr.
Annet Bonfanti
Carolyn Joseph
Susan Kellman

Silver Life Master

(1000 MP's)

Jane Finn
Lois Flesche
Andrew Krasuski
Harriet Levin
Jean Schiaroli

Bronze Life Master

(500 MP's)

Leo Arnaboldi Jr.
Gary Cohen
Belinda Metzger
Phillip Olschefski

Play or Defend

by Brett Adler



The following hand from a recent Knockout Teams match was interesting in that the more I thought about the hand, the more I “flip-flopped” as to whether I wanted to declare or defend.

Dealer: North
Vulnerability: Both

NORTH
♠ A K Q 2
♥ 10 3
♦ A K Q 10 4
♣ 10 6

WEST
♠ 9 7 6
♥ A 8 7
♦ J 7 6 5
♣ A Q 9

EAST
♠ J 10 8 5 4
♥ Q J 9 2
♦ 2
♣ 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 3
♥ K 6 5 4
♦ 9 8 3
♣ K J 8 5 3

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Opening Lead: ♦5

I am sitting South and my partner Larry Lau, North. After North’s 2♠ bid which showed a very good hand, my 2NT bid showed a minimum balanced hand and North understandably bid game as he has values and a source of tricks.

I received the ♦5 lead and cashed dummy’s two top diamonds to determine that the diamonds weren’t breaking. If I could get to my hand, I could finesse for the ♦J, and I decided that there was almost a 75% probability of making the hand as I would play for one of the two missing aces to be on my right (East),

and play low towards my Kings. It is not quite 75% as I will go down if the ♣A is on my right and East plays second hand high, to play a heart through me from a holding such as QJx.

I played low to my ♣K which lost and a spade was returned. I delayed the heart play by playing dummy’s remaining club but when that lost to the queen and another spade was returned, I had run out of options. I played low to my K♥ which of course also lost, and when the smoke had cleared I was down three for -300: “I want to defend.”

I try not to let a bad result rattle me, but I was interested in the play of the hand and trying to work out if the hand was makeable so it was time for flip-flop number one.

On the second trick when East didn’t have any diamonds left he pitched a small spade – I should have thought about this more as it suggested there was spade length on my right and therefore shortage on my left.

I should therefore play the top two diamonds as I did, followed by all three of my spade winners stripping the hand on my left of spades. Then I can lead low to my K♣ and whether West returns a club or a heart it allows me to win the trick in my hand and finesse the diamond for nine tricks: “I want to declare.”

But after more thought, I realized that after winning the ♣A West can play back a diamond letting me finesse his Jack and giving me eight tricks but not nine: “I want to defend.”

But on that defense, I can take my eight tricks and then play dummy’s last club to West’s queen who is then endplayed as either a club or heart gives me my ninth trick: “I want to declare.”

This last flip-flop was only brief, as I realized that West can cash his ♣Q straight after winning the Ace, stripping the last club from dummy, and then exit with ♦J. The limit of the hand is now eight tricks as there is no end play: “I want to defend.”

At this stage I lamented that it is a shame that I didn’t get a heart or club lead putting me in my hand at trick one. I could then make the hand if I finessed diamonds on the first round of the suit. Hold everything. If I’m thinking of finessing diamonds on the first round, I could have finessed for ♦J on the lead I received. I can then cash the first eight tricks in diamonds and spades before playing a club towards my hand which after eight rounds is down to ♥K6 and ♣KJ8. West only has clubs and hearts left so must give me my ninth trick after winning the ♣A: “I want to declare.”

Essentially a spade lead is the only suit to legitimately beat the contract (double dummy), but finessing for the ♦J on the first round of the suit after the ♦5 lead is a big play. If West has led fourth highest, the rule of 11 suggests he must have the Jack, but he could easily be leading through dummy from a weak holding such as ♦5 2.

Fortunately this board resulted in -300 at both tables so there was no swing. But, if my teammates ask, I’ll say I received a spade lead.



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Can't Cost – Chapter 24

by John Stiefel



In this deal from a recent Grand National Pairs Qualifying game, South (Geof Brod of Avon, CT) applied the “Can’t Cost” principle to find a very important (in matchpoints) overtrick.

Dealer: East
Vulnerability: East-West

NORTH
♠ A J 10
♥ A 10 7 5
♦ J 5
♣ A K J 4

SOUTH
♠ Q 3
♥ 4 3
♦ A 10 9 8 6 5 4 2
♣ 3

West	North	East	South
		1♥	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Opening Lead: ♥K

The auction merits some discussion. Many people would settle for 3♦ at South’s first turn, but I think that’s too conservative at favorable vulnerability. After all, South has a reasonable expectation of taking seven tricks and coming within three tricks of his bid, which is the guideline for pre-empting non-vulnerable. Also, North, on average, will hold 1.67 – or 2 – diamonds, so the “Law of Total Tricks” suggests bidding to a 10-trick diamond contract; i.e. 4♦.

Sure, once in a while 4♦ will be doubled and go for a number while 3♦ would have escaped undoubled. Much more often, however, 4♦ will put substantially more pressure on the opponents or lead to a profitable sacrifice.

North and South both showed interest in a slam with their 4♥ and 5♣ bids, but

the partnership subsided in 5♦. Note that slam would have been cold if South had the K♦, which he might have had for his bid.

South won trick one with dummy’s ♥A, East signaling with the nine. Then he led a trump to East’s queen and his ace. He now had 11 tricks – seven diamonds, two clubs, and two major suit aces – so he set his sights on a possible overtrick.

South played dummy’s ♣A,K, discarding his losing heart. Then he ruffed a club in his hand, but the queen did not appear. With nothing better to do now, South lead another trump at trick six, East’s queen winning and West discarding a spade. East led the ♥Q to trick seven, which South ruffed, West following suit. This was the six-card ending.

NORTH
♠ A J 10
♥ 10 7
♦ - - -
♣ J

SOUTH
♠ Q 3
♥ - - -
♦ 9 8 6 5
♣ - - -

It now appeared that the only remaining chance for an overtrick would be the spade finesse, but South realized that there was little or no chance for that to succeed. The opponents had 16 high card points between them and West had already shown three of them at trick one. If West had the ♠K, too, that would only leave ten high-card points for East for his first seat opening at unfavorable vulnerability – no aces, one king, three queens and one jack.

So South decided that it “couldn’t cost” to play three more trump, keeping dummy’s ♠A, ♥10 and ♣J in the 3-card ending. West threw a low club and two low spades while East threw two low hearts followed by a low spade. South’s only remaining chance now was to lead a spade to dummy’s ace, while he still had a trump left, and – sure enough – East’s King dropped!

The 3-card ending (with East still to play to trick 10) was:

NORTH
♠ A
♥ 10
♦ - - -
♣ J

WEST	EAST
♠ 9 5 4	♠ K 8
♥ - - -	♥ J
♦ - - -	♦ - - -
♣ - - -	♣ Q

SOUTH
♠ Q 3
♥ - - -
♦ 5
♣ - - -

Note that East had no good discard to trick 10. A heart or club discard would have set up dummy’s 10 or J right away while the actual spade discard set up South’s Queen at trick 13.

“Deep thought” people will note that South executed a “trump squeeze”; i.e. because of South’s ability to ruff, East is squeezed in three suits – even though he sits behind North in all those suits. It’s easier, though, to look at South’s play as “Can’t Cost” because he refused to make a “Can’t Win” play (the spade finesse).

Note that a spade lead would not have stopped South’s overtrick, as he would play ♣A K to discard a spade and then play ♠A J for a ruffing finesse against East.

The complete hand was:

NORTH
♠ A J 10
♥ A 10 7 5
♦ J 5
♣ A K J 4

WEST	EAST
♠ 9 7 6 5 4 2	♠ K 8
♥ K 6	♥ Q J 9 8 2
♦ 3	♦ K Q
♣ 10 8 6 2	♣ Q 9 7 5

SOUTH
♠ Q 3
♥ 4 3
♦ A 10 9 8 6 5 4 2
♣ 3





Bridge Forum (Hamden)

SECOND QUARTER RESULTS

TUESDAY

Player-of-the-Year: Louise Wood and Carl Yohans are tied at the end of June, with Louise having a better tie-breaker. The top pair of Don Brueggemann-Esther Watstein are tied for third, with Mary Connolly and Jon Ingersoll in fifth and sixth, also within reasonable distance of the lead. Leading Pairs: After a scramble for the lead, Brueggemann-Watstein took the lead and acquired a bit of separation, but Connolly-Ingersoll finished June with two strong games to challenge. Louise Wood is in two of the top five partnerships, third with Fredda Kelly and fifth with Bob Hawes, sandwiching Rita Brieger-Harold Miller in fourth.

Leonora Stein Memorial Cup: After close 4-2 wins in the quarterfinals and semifinals over Fredda Kelly and Carl Yohans, Joe Pagerino swept both halves of both games in the finals for a 6-0 win over Shirley Fruchter. Joe's first cup win marked the first time that the men have won any cup four years out of five. Both times Bob Hawes has won this cup, he has presented it to a male successor; no other cup has gone from one man to another.

FRIDAY

Player-of-the-Year: Fredda Kelly leads with a little margin, but Arlene Leshine, PoY in 2001 and 2004, is second, having made a stronger showing early in the year than usual. Billie Hecker, Shirley Fruchter and Marie Strickland round out the top five. If Louise Wood is to retain her stranglehold on this title which she has held since 2006, she will have to rally from 16th place. Leading pairs: Hill Auerbach-Larry Stern have a fair-sized lead over Brenda Harvey-Robert Klopp and Janice Bruce-Carl Yohans. Billie Hecker is in three of the top seven partnerships – fourth with Louise Wood, fifth with Muriel Lipman and seventh with Fredda Kelly.

Aldyth Claiborn Memorial Cup: We just missed a Carlene final. Carl Yohans held up his end by defeating Bob Hawes in

the semifinals, but Arlene lost to Fredda Kelly. Fredda took a 2-1 lead with a carryover of 3.67 match points into the second game of the finals, and added 8 points to her lead in the first half. Carl rallied strongly in the second half. When they met in the last round, Carl needed 9.5 of 16 possible matchpoints to complete the comeback. On the first board of the round, Fredda opened a close light 1♠ in third seat, scored +140 for a tie for top, and cruised to the win, her seventh overall and her fifth different cup win of the six. The Claiborn Cup continues its two distinctions of being the only cup not to have been won more than once by anyone and the only cup to have been won exclusively by women.

TUESDAY/FRIDAY COMBINED

Overall Player-of-the-Year: Robert Klopp, Louise Wood and Brenda Harvey were the top three players of spring. For the half year, the top ten are: 1, Louise Wood; 2, Rita Brieger; 3, Robert Klopp; 4, Harold Miller; 5, Brenda Harvey; 6, Janice Bruce; 7, Shirley Fruchter; 8, Billie Hecker; 9, Fredda Kelly; 10, Arlene Leshine.

Helen Frank Memorial Cup: Resembling a seventeen-round Swiss, this cup reminds me of the Belmont when it is won with a strong closing surge. This year, early leaders included Tracy Selmon, Shirley Fruchter and Bernard Gee before Louise Wood went ahead at the end of May. Five consecutive lead changes led to Rita Brieger pulling ahead for a while. Inge Bellis, who had the 7th-best STaC week in the state in early June, rose to third place. Brenda Harvey finally took the lead and held it entering the last game on June 29, when Brenda, Rita, Mary Connolly, Billie Hecker and Marge Simson remained in contention. Mary, who had been in 38th place after June 18, put up a score of 75% or better in one half of each of the last three games to move to 12th, then third and finally to first, winning her first cup ahead of Rita, Billie and Brenda.

Board 1 from the last round of the final game decided the Helen Frank Cup, and it all came down to the seven of clubs:

NORTH

♠ 6 3 2
♥ 10 9 7 4 2
♦ Q J 5
♣ J 8

WEST

♠ A 10 5
♥ J 5
♦ A K 10 9 4
♣ 10 9 4

EAST

♠ K Q 8
♥ K Q 3
♦ 8 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2

SOUTH

♠ J 9 7 4
♥ A 8 6
♦ 6 2
♣ A Q 7 3

Mary was North, partnering Jon Ingersoll; Billie, East, partnering Judy Pieper. Billie and Judy were the only E-W pair to reach 3NT, which surprised me. After a spade lead and a diamond finesse, North could use direct access to the Psychic Hot Line to divine in which suit South holds KJ, KQ or AQ and sufficient length and spots. Following the Rule of Ireland. When in Doubt, Lead Clubs (as the suit closest in appearance to shamrocks). Mary was rewarded with, if not a pot of gold, at least a silver cup. Exchange the six and seven of clubs and 3NT would have been unsinkable given sufficient care. The top for making 3NT would have resulted in victory for Billie.

Wee Burn News

Belated congratulations to Jean Thoma who was our 2009 "Player of the Year." Trophy games were held May 11 and the following were winners:

Coulter Cup: Lose Berry –
Ann Fuller

Robertson Bowl: Joan Hoben –
Penny Glassmeyer

The following players did well in the Spring Series:

1. Mary Richardson–Betty Hodgman
2. Lois Berry–Ann Fuller
3. Linda Cleveland–Karen Barrett
4. Molly Morgan–Stan Steckler
5. Janet Soskin–Kathie Rowland
6. Madeleine Pollock–Lorraine Belleveau

Players are reminded that the Fall Series will begin on September 9. One member of each partnership must be a Wee Burn member.

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Tips From the Experts

by Robert L. Klopp

In the past issues of the Kibitzer I referenced free lessons downloadable from the ACBL website (www.acbl.org) and how to set up your own feedback system for improving your game. In this article I'll discuss "Tips From the Experts."

We commonly refer to duplicate players as A, B, or C players. Ignoring the obvious difference in master points earned, which is often a measure of how long a person has played, as much as how well a person plays, I've found no correlation between these players and how well they do, except that the A players make fewer mistakes. An analysis of the spread sheet results from many games over the last several years confirms this.

Assuming this to be true, then, we can all learn from the "experts" at the club level up through the national level. One of my regular partners got a tip after having bid and made a 4♥ contract, only to find out that his was the lowest score, hence, a zero. His, "I guess I didn't play it too well." was answered by one of the opponents (an A player) who suggested that winning the opening lead in dummy and disposing of two club losers on the top diamonds would have made 5♥. This is what I mean by tips from the experts.

Dealer: North
Vulnerability: None

Opening lead: 2♥

NORTH	
♠	A K 5 2
♥	Q J 8 7 5
♦	5
♣	Q 6 3
WEST	
♠	J 10 9 4
♥	K 4 3
♦	8 7 2
♣	K 10 8 4
EAST	
♠	Q 8 3
♥	6 2
♦	J 10 4 3
♣	A 9 3 2
SOUTH	
♠	7 6
♥	A 10 9
♦	A K Q 9 6
♣	J 5 4

It is very important to realize that there are some people who do not like to discuss hands with their opponents at the table. Do not be offended if an opponent is not willing to discuss a hand. He may simply be thinking about issues related to his own game.

These tips must not interfere with the game, or the time constraints, and usually occur after all hands for the round have been played. The rules do not restrict the players from post mortems, and advice. Serious players are always open to ways to improve their game. The discussion afterwards may be the only time you have to speak to this individual.

What other players and directors insist upon is that this discussion is done in a quiet manner and within the time constraints. This means that the downstream players don't need to know about this lesson ahead of time. Be sure to thank the opponents for the opportunity to improve your game.



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Woodway Country Club

Winners of the Spring Series at the Woodway Country Club were:

First Janet Soskin –
Barbara Johnson

Second Belinda Metzger –
Brenda Greene

Third Mildred Fromm –
Eleanor Allen



2010 Calendar

AUGUST

- 3 Day Unit-Wide Championship
- 9 Night Local (Split) Championship
- 20-22 Summer Sectional,
Greenwich, CT
- 17 Night Local (Split) Championship
- 24 Day Local Championship

SEPTEMBER

- 1-6 New England Fall Regional,
Nashua, NH
- 10-12 Sid Cohen Sectional,
Hartford, CT
- 15 Day Local (Split) Championship
- 16 Night ACBL-wide Instant Match
Point
- 23 Day Unit-Wide Championship

OCTOBER

- 8 Day Unit-Wide Championship
- 16 Day Local (Split) Championship
- 25-31 Danbury Fall Regional
(District 3), Danbury, CT

NOVEMBER

- 2 Night Local (Split) Championship
- 4 Day Unit-Wide Championship
- 6-7 District 25 North
American Pairs
Cromwell, CT
- 10-14 New England Regional,
Waterbury, CT
- 17-23 Sectional Tournament at
Clubs
- 25-Dec 5 Fall Nationals, Orlando, FL
- 29 Night ACBL-wide Charity Game
#2

DECEMBER

- Nov 25 - 5 Fall Nationals, Orlando, FL
- 8 Day Unit-Wide Championship
- 10-12 Jeff Feldman Sectional,
Hamden, CT
- 13 Day Local (Split) Championship
- 26-30 New York City Holiday
Regional, New York, NY



Results

UNIT-WIDE CHAMPIONSHIP Monday Morning May 10, 2010

FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

1	J. Orr – H. Feldheim
2	J. Gischner – C. Graham
3	M. Scarfi – L. Spagna
4	V. Hauptfeld – M. Leclair
5	W. Joelson – M. Feinson
6	J. Segal – H. Zusman
7	M. Harris – D. Greenwald
8	P. Amedeo – C. Marcella

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

1	M. Scarfi – L. Spagna
2	P. Amedeo – C. Marcella
3	P. Glassmeyer – J. Hoben
4	M. Hayward – W. Williams
5	A. Siuta – P. Palmer
6/7	M. Richardson – J. Soskin
6/7	J. Thoma – B. Hodgman

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

1	C. Hue – M. Raphan
2	K.J. Hershberg – M. Albertell
3	B. Moore – D. Damberg
4	H. Jancis – M. Jancis
5	A. Goldblum – P. Fishbach
6	S. Evans – S. Goering

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FRIDAY MORNING SENIOR PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1			N. Cohen – D. Greenwald
2/3	1	1	J. Weiss – M. Arnold
2/3			V. Hauptfeld – C. Zultowsky
4	2	2	K. Wood – B. Adams
5	3	3	R. Kistner – C. McLaughlin
6	4		D. Elie – S. Larson
	5		A. Housholder – S. Rodricks
	4		M. Gussak – N. Healy

FRIDAY MORNING OPEN PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1			R. Teitelman – M. Schaffel
2	1		D. Blackburn – L. Green
3	2		J. Hess – M. Hayward
4	3		J. Tames – D. Keller
5			K. Wiland – D. Doub
6			J. Williams – B.J. Corbani
	4		J. Jacobson – R. Twersky
	5		J. Proulx – J. Orr
6/7			I.A. Borcea – M. Mahland
6/7	1		M. Madigan – F. Morris
	2		B. Kaplan – J. Kaplan
	3		R. Derrah – S. Derrah
	4		M. Eisenberg – L. Abrahamson
	5		L. Englehart – C. Hill

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SENIOR PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1	1		D. Elie – S. Larson
2			J. Stiefel – S. DeMartino
3	2	1	K. Wood – H. Dobyns
4	3	2	M. Eisenberg – L. Abrahamson
5	4		B. Harvey – R. Hawes
6	5	3	L. Bowman – J. Morrin
	4		M. Gussak – N. Healy

FRIDAY AFTERNOON OPEN PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1			B. Schneider – R. DeMartino
2	1	1	R. Derrah – S. Derrah
3			R. Teitelman – M. Schaffel
4			M. Mason – C. Graham
5			H. Zusman – D. Montgomery
6			H. Lawrence – E. Hunt
	2		J. Jacobson – R. Twersky
	3		J. Hess – M. Hayward
	4		E. Misner – J. Misner
	5	2	M. Dworetsky – M. Wavada
	6		B. Sloan – A. Ardolino
	3		L. Stern – R. Vander Wiede
	4		R. Lebel – P. Chakraborty

SATURDAY MORNING STRATIFIED A/X PAIRS

A	X	Names
1	1	R. Friedman – A. Wolf
2		D. Stiegler – P. Lord
3	2	V. Hauptfeld – M. Leclair
4		J. Smith – S. Budds
5		L. Bausher – S. Becker
6	3	R. Klopp – R. Hawes
	4/5	A. Geaski – B. Kliman
	4/5	S. Field – L. Condon

SATURDAY MORNING STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS

B	C	Names
1		L. Green – D. Blackburn
2		K. Barrett – D. Thompson
3		A. Housholder – A. Hummel
4	1	M. Eisenberg – S. Petrie
5		J. Tames – D. Keller
6	2	E. Nuki – J. Stroup
	3	J. Gensheimer – N. Phillips
	4	D. Wright – T. Karnkowski

SATURDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1	1		S. Werblood – M. Goldberg
2	2		J. Kuebler – H. Sturges
3			S. Byron – W. Rinehart
4	3		L. Eppler – C. McLaughlin
5			D. Doyle – C. Kesmodel
6			C. Tellar – J. McGarr
	4		M. Whittemore – J. Whittemore

5			R. Talbot – L. May
	1		F. Ilovici – R. Ilovici
	2		P. Fredrickson – D. Migliaro

SATURDAY AFTERNOON STRATIFIED A/X PAIRS

A	X	Names
1	1	H. Kobernusz – C. Graham
2	2	S. Smith – D. Rock
3		B.J. Corbani – M. Feinson
4		B. Loop – M. Fromm
5	3	S. Field – L. Condon
6		J. Stiefel – R. DeMartino
	4	R. Friedman – A. Wolf
	5	B. Reich – B. Lewis

SATURDAY AFTERNOON STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS

B	C	Names
1		A. Housholder – A. Hummel
2		L. Wood – F. Kelly
3		L. Flesche – S. Fruchter
4		A. Leshine – C. Yohans Jr.
5/6		M. Connolly – E. Hunt
5/6		E. Nagle – H. Strauss
	1	B. Buehler – R. Lebel
	2	G. Pedersen – S. Alpert
	3	M. Eisenberg – S. Petrie

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1			N. Matthews – C. Taylor
2			C. Curley – M. Colburn
3	1	1	F. Ilovici – R. Ilovici
4			S. Schmerl – J. Schmerl
5	2	2	L. Lacava – G. Levinson
6	3		R. Talbot – L. May
	4		J. Kuebler – H. Sturges
	5	3	A. Kallish – A. Chaudhuri

SUNDAY SWISS BRACKET 1

Rank	Names
1	G. Brod, D. Doub, R. DeMartino, S. Becker
2	S. Smith, D. Rock, K. Ciesluk, B. Downing
3	J. Greer, M. Lucey, P. Burnham, W. Wood

SUNDAY SWISS BRACKET 2

Rank	Names
1	J. Williams, J. Segal, S. Field, A. Wolf
2	D. Ross, M. Stasiewski, S. Corning, L. Russman
3	P. Miller, L. Green, J. Schiaroli, N. Tkacz



7NT Missing an Ace

by Gloria Sieron

Dealer: South
Vulnerability: North/South

NORTH		EAST	
♠	A K Q 9 7 3 2	♠	4
♥	4	♥	Q 9 8 6 2
♦	7 4 2	♦	A J 10
♣	A 6	♣	Q 9 5 3
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	10 5	♠	J 8 6
♥	7 5 3	♥	A K J 10
♦	9 6 5 3	♦	K Q 6
♣	J 10 8 4	♣	K 7 2
West	North	East	South
Pass	4♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	4♥
Opening lead: ♣J			

South opens 1NT. With eight sure tricks in his own hand, North is definitely thinking slam possibilities. The game is match points so the extra ten points for making a notrump contract will be important. North is fairly certain that after a one no trump opener, most pairs will reach a slam either in spades or no trump.

Since North has nine points in the spade suit, plus the ♣A, he decides that no trump should be the final contract. South will have his points in the three other suits. Checking for aces (employing the “Can’t Cost” principle) North bids 4♣ (remember good old-fashioned Gerber?) South responds 4♥ since he has but one Ace. So North settles for 6NT.

West is on lead but his ESP isn’t working and he doesn’t guess to lead a diamond to partner’s Ace. Instead, he leads the ♣J, taken by the King in declarer’s hand.

South can easily claim 12 tricks by giving up the ♦A. *(Even at matchpoints, that is the way the hand should be played. But then, there would be no story. Ed)* However, he is one of those players who understands the thrill and excitement of duplicate bridge. Giving up the ♦A is just too simple.

In addition to the ♣K, Declarer now runs the seven spade tricks. See what happens when declarer cashes the ♣A.

NORTH		EAST	
♠	---	♠	---
♥	4	♥	Q 9 8 6
♦	7 4 2	♦	A
♣	A	♣	---
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	---	♠	---
♥	---	♥	A K J 10
♦	9 6	♦	K
♣	J 10 8	♣	---

East is in obvious pain. If he discards a heart, declarer throws the diamond king and a simple heart finesse will provide declarer with 13 tricks. If he discards a diamond, declarer’s King is now good and he discards ♥10 and again makes 13 tricks with the heart finesse. There you are. Making 7NT, even though missing an ace.



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SUNDAY SWISS BRACKET 3

Rank	Names
1	J. Rotenberg, E. Misner, J. Misner, T. Proulx
2	C. D’Arrigo, S. Rudd, R. Derrah, S. Derrah
3	I.A. Borcea, M. Mahland, D. Deacon, P. Tungatt

SUNDAY SWISS BRACKET 4

Rank	Names
1	S. Zieky, C. Zieky, J.S. Coppa, E. Coppa
2	M. Eisenberg, S. Petrie, V. Orefice, E. Inman
3	P. Brasher, B. Moore, R. Aspinwall, M. Molwitz
4	D. Cohen, R. Hawes, D. Nussbaum, R. Lebel

UNIT-WIDE OPEN PAIRS

Tuesday Daytime June 15, 2010

FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

1	D. Doub – C. Joseph
2	E. Nagle – K. Frangione
3	G. Holland – C. Palmer
4	C. Sauer – B. Kistner
5	B. Watson – J. Gaztambide
6	L. Condon – D. Stiegler

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

1	G. Holland – C. Palmer
2	C. Sauer – B. Kistner
3	B. Watson – J. Gaztambide
4	G. Reiners – S. Reiners
5	P. Palmer – A. Siuta
6	M. Eisenberg – J. Hirsch

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

1	G. Holland – C. Palmer
2	M. Eisenberg – J. Hirsch
3	A. Sarkar – B. Sarkar
4	I. Rivers – I. Larson
5	M. Colburn – J. Dinius
6	M. Rotatori – R. Neff

UNIT-WIDE OPEN PAIRS

Wednesday daytime July 14, 2010

FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

1	J. Krug – G. Brod
2	D. Favreau – J. Williams
3	J.B. Williams Jr. – L. Evans
4	E. Anania – J. Anania
5	H.J. Krauser – M. Krauser
6	G. Carroll – C. Michael

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

1	D. Favreau – J. Williams
2	J.B. Williams Jr. – L. Evans
3	E. Anania – J. Anania
4	H.J. Krauser – M. Krauser
5	J. Mehta – O. Chhabra
6	C. Hall – H. Hall

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

1	E. Anania – J. Anania
2	H.J. Krauser – M. Krauser
3	C. Hall – H. Hall
4	R. Labinger – D. Friedman
5	L. Levy – L. Levy
6	D. Andrews – A. Dougherty



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