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The Finer Art of Swindling

By Harold Feldheim

In my old chess playing days, one expert invoked the theory that "Nobody wins by giving up." With this in mind, sometimes it pays to look for a point of hidden luck in the most hopeless looking situations.

The following hand, from a recent OK Bridge tournament, is a pretty example of this optimistic theme.

North
(Claire 9)
♠ K 10 7
♥ 10 7 6
♦ J 7 6 5 3
♣ Q 5

South
(Feldheim)
♠ A J 6
♥ Q 5
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ A J 8 7

S	W	N	E
1♦	P	3♦	P
P	P		

North's preemptive 3D, although within the appropriate point range, is, in my opinion, somewhat flawed due to the outside defensive values in the black suits. My own personal pref-



erence would have been 1NT but 3D is certainly a close choice.

Be that as it may, West started a small heart, East winning the first two tricks with the A-K. Noting my queen at trick two, East switched to a club.

I ducked, losing to West's king. Since I'd lost three tricks and was missing the A-K of trump, prospects certainly looked worse than grim.

What can one do against good defense plus the unlucky location of the club king? The answer is: look for your share of the luck

Believe it or not, there was still a slight chance. In the unlikely event that the missing trumps were precisely K 9 8 with East and the singleton Ace with West, I could give East a real problem. Winning the next trick with the club queen, I played the diamond Jack from dummy.

Picture poor East's dilemma. If West held the 10-spot, not covering would be a disaster. So up popped the

king. The sight of the Ace appearing from West was clear proof that there is a bridge God with a good sense of humor.

The complete hands:

North
(Claire9)
♠ K 10 7
♥ 10 7 6
♦ J 7 6 5 3
♣ Q 5

West
(Anon.)
♠ 9 8 3 2
♥ 9 4 3 2
♦ A
♣ K 9 6 4

East
(Anon.)
♠ Q 5 4
♥ A K J 8
♦ K 9 8
♣ 10 3 2

South
(Feldheim)
♠ A J 6
♥ Q 5
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ A J 8 7

Is there a moral to this hand? Let's try this:

When things look absolutely hopeless, one should look for a useful "Futile Gesture." It tones up the general play and when it works, it makes up for a lot of zeroes!

SPECIAL ALERT!! MARK THE DATES

Make sure to qualify for the North American Pairs District Final held on Oct. 18 and 19 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge. Qualifying games will be held in clubs throughout August. Check with your local club. Kay Howe, NAOP coordinator, 203-299-1630, naopcoord@nebridge.org.

Next Regional Tournament
Marriott Hotel, Springfield,
Aug. 27 - Sept. 1

Next Sectional
Ukrainian Nt'l. Home, Hartford,
Sept. 19 - 21

Pairing: Carol Schaper 860-651-9160
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Regional
Sheraton Danbury Hotel, Danbury,
Nov. 5 - 9



The Can't Cost (CC) Method

By John Steifel

Some hands are “easy” and some are “hard,” so solving the hard hands is a goal we all share. Most of us use two methods to solve hard hands – random guess (RG) and deep thought (DT). Too often, people waste time with DT on easy hands, but that’s another subject. This article suggests a third method, Can’t Cost (CC) and includes a couple of examples to illustrate.



John Steifel

The CC principle is this: if you know a particular play can’t cost, just do it. You don’t need to figure out if or how it might gain, only that it can’t lose. Said another way, it’s often easier to figure out a “can’t cost” play to an early trick than all the details involved in thinking about what might happen later.

Let’s look at a couple of problem hands and analyze them using CC and DT. When looking at these hands, focus on the fact that CC is easier than DT especially when you consider all the details of DT. (I won’t discuss RG other than to make two observations: First, sometimes it’s the only way – even for the best players. Second, when you do use RG, don’t act unsure - play like you know what you’re doing even when you don’t.)

Hand 1: Problem (you are South)

North
 ♠ A 10
 ♥ K J 3 2
 ♦ Q 8 6 4
 ♣ A 3 2

South
 ♠ 9 7 5 3
 ♥ Q
 ♦ K x x
 ♣ Q 10 6 5 4

You reach 3C after RHO doubles your partner’s 1D opening bid and LHO shows a 5-card heart suit. The defense starts with a low heart to RHO’s ace, the 10 of diamonds to the LHO’s ace and a low spade. Plan the play.

Hand 2: Problem (you are East)

North
 ♠ A x x x x
 ♥ 10 x x
 ♦ x x
 ♣ Q J

East
 ♠ Q x x
 ♥ J x
 ♦ Q x x x x
 ♣ x x x

Opponents reach

6H after South opens 2C, rebids 2H and drives to slam (via RKC) after North raises. Partner leads the ace of clubs, dropping declarer’s king, and continues with a low club, dummy’s queen winning and declarer throwing a diamond. Then he leads a low heart from dummy. Plan the defense.

Solution to Hand 1

Hand 1 – CC method: Play a low spade at trick 3 because it can’t possibly cost. You have one sure spade loser (the ace of spades and two heart winners will take care of three of your spades, but there’s no place to put the fourth) and RHO (East) can’t possibly do you any harm when he wins trick 4. Go from there. When you do, you’ll find yourself +110 via ace of clubs, king, jack of hearts gives you spade pitches; club to 10 with LHO showing out, back to dummy in spades or diamonds, and third round of clubs.

Hand 1 – DT method: The bidding and play suggest that RHO has 4 3 2 4 distribution (LHO bid hearts twice and didn’t try to give RHO a diamond ruff when he won his ace). So, because your club spots are weak, you’ll have to play ace and another club and then when RHO ducks, return to dummy to lead another club. If you win the ace of spades right away, however, the only re-entry to dummy is the diamond queen; but playing a second round of diamonds allows RHO to win the third round of clubs with his king, put LHO in with a spade (you still have one loser left in

that suit) and get a third round diamond ruff. So, to counter this, execute a “scissors coup” by ducking the spade at trick 3. This is a bit complicated but you don’t have to do all this DT if you make the much easier CC play.

The complete hand:

North
 ♠ A 10
 ♥ K J 3 2
 ♦ Q 8 6 4
 ♣ A 3 2

East (RHO)
 ♠ K J x x
 ♥ A x x
 ♦ 10 x
 ♣ K 9 8 7

West (LHO)
 ♠ Q x x
 ♥ 10 x x x x
 ♦ A J x x
 ♣ J

South
 ♠ 9 7 5 3
 ♥ Q
 ♦ K x x
 ♣ Q 10 6 5 4

Solution to Hand 2

Hand 2 – CC method: Play the jack of hearts. This can’t possibly cost regardless of what the trump position is. See what happens. You end up setting the hand.

Hand 2 – DT method: Somehow visualize the actual layout including partner having the 9 of trump. With this layout, declarer will go down if he believes the jack of hearts false card. From his point of view, playing the second high trump runs the risk of a third round uppercut in spades at trick 10, after king of spades, ace, king of diamonds, diamond ruff, ace of spades to pitch the last diamond. This is a serious risk if RHO has a stiff jack and LHO has 9 x x of trump.

Not playing the second high trump at trick 4 avoids the uppercut risk by preserving a trump re-entry to declarer, and only loses if someone has a singleton diamond. If you can figure out layouts like this, call me as soon as possible. I’d like the opportunity to play with you – anytime – anywhere.

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The Oracle

By Gloria Sieron

Do you speak Duplicate Bridge? Bridge players have their own language and vocabulary. When greeting another DBP, instead of saying "How do you do?" you can expect to hear "How did you do?"

The ancient Greeks traveled to The Oracle at Delphi to see how they were doing. The duplicate bridge player looks to the scoring Traveler for the answers.

How many times have you heard this from partner? "Pair 5 made 7 tricks at 1 NT and you went down 3."

Let's look at this deal from a recent club game.

North		West		East		South	
♠	7 2	♠	Q 9 5 4	♠	J 10 8 6	♠	A K 3
♥	8 7 4	♥	A 10 9	♥	K J 5	♥	Q 6 3 2
♦	8 7 2	♦	A K J 9	♦	10 5 3	♦	Q 6 4
♣	J 10 9 7 6	♣	8 3	♣	K 5 4	♣	A Q 2

With South's 17 high-card points, even the most timid would open one no trump, playing the popular range of 15 to 17. West thought for a while, realized there was no sensible action but a pass, North had his green card ready and East had nothing to add.

Let's say West leads the diamond ace just to take a look at the dummy. West sees South's terrified expression upon seeing the award-winning worst dummy of the session. East contributes the ten of diamonds – East has read the page in the book on defensive signaling which recommends playing his highest card in the suit led when partner leads the ace – to unblock the suit. The queen of diamonds is two points of declarer's 15 to 17.

Doing the math, West knows East has 8 or 9 points. East will eventually win a trick and West is confident that East will lead a diamond capturing declarer's queen. West has a 4-card spade suit as well and wisely decides to shift to a spade at trick two after winning the ace of diamonds.



Gloria Sieron

South wins the king of spades and bravely hopes to set up clubs for a few extra tricks. South plays the ace of clubs. West signals high-low indicating a doubleton. This gives East the information to duck when declarer plays the queen, knowing declarer has another club to reach the dummy.

Declarer attempts to set up hearts, but when East gets the lead, the defense collects 3 more diamond tricks, and persists with spades until declarer takes his ace. That's declarer's last trick. Defense has won 4 diamonds, 2 spades and 3 hearts. Down three.

But the Traveler says that Pair 5 made one no trump. The Oracle can think of a few ways to allow declarer to make extra tricks:

1. West leads his 4th best diamond instead of the ace.
2. East does not notice West's high-low signal and takes the king of clubs when declarer plays the queen.
3. West starts hearts instead of spades at trick 2.

Can you suggest any other way the defense can be helpful in making the declarer's score look good on the Traveler?

Welcome New Members

Caroline R. Blecherman, Newington
 Donna M. Favreau, Bethel
 Peggy Lawencelle, Southington
 Peter B. Leighton, Bridgeport
 Lois M. McNamara, New Canaan
 Joyce J. Muller, Easton
 Maribeth R. Pennoni, Hamden
 Lynne M. Rohrer, Greenwich

Jacqueline V. Steiner, Stamford
 Ann L. Sturrock, Darien
 Ian L. Sturrock, Darien
 Joan Taber Symcak, Hamden
 Janet B. Teller, Hamden
 Martin Wayne, Greenwich
 Joy K. Walker, Fairfield

Transfers into the Unit

Doris S. Alexander, Falls Village
 Doris M. Benedict, Torrington
 Adele Breslow, Darien

Betty Carl, New Canaan
 Louise A. Cavallero, Milford
 Jane P. Dance, New Canaan
 Marlene M. Green, New Canaan
 Roselyn Grossman, Bridgeport
 Margaret Hanson, Greenwich
 Gloria Hoffenberg, Hamden
 Janet P. Hunsicker, New Canaan
 Jack Jacobson, Southbury
 Don W. James, West Hartford
 William H. Johnson, Wallingford
 Jayne Kertes, Norwalk



Hamden Bridge Forum

Tuesday

Player of the Year Leaders

1. Fredda Kelly
2. Jon Ingersoll
3. Bob Hawes
4. Joel Tames
5. Helen Molloy

Leading Pairs

1. Bob Hawes - Joel Tames
2. Fredda Kelly - Helen Molloy
3. Eleanor Seaman - David Walker
4. Billie Hecker - Muriel Romero
5. Bill Johnson - Ted Rodgers

Leonora Stein Memorial Cup

Muriel Romero took the lead into the last week of the finals, but her bid to become the second player to win a cup three years running fell short. Fredda Kelly's strong final session gave her a third cup victory; Fredda and Billie Hecker are the only players to win both Tuesday-only cups.

Overall Results:

1. Fredda Kelly
2. Muriel Romero
3. Florence Schannon
4. Helen Molloy

Friday

Player of the Year Leaders

1. Louise Wood
2. Muriel Lipman
3. Dee Altieri
4. Emma Q. Antonio
5. Arlene Leshine

Leading Pairs

1. Jan Lewis - Helen Molloy
2. Muriel Romero - Florence Schannon
3. Dee Altieri - Emma Antonio
4. Judy Kramer - Arlene Leshine
5. Fredda Kelly - Florence Schannon

Aldyth Claiborn Memorial Cup

A dramatic final session could have seen this cup swing on one hand, as the leaders' partners all performed brilliantly. Florence Schannon gave Emma Antonio the lead with a clever penalty double. Helen Molloy was the only player to bid a cold slam for her partner Jan Lewis, who would have won the cup by making a doubled game. But in the end, Norman Silver, whose brilliant run for this cup in 2000 left him disappointed in second place, came through with his best game of the year with Ginny Anderson, giving Ginny her first out-right cup win (she had become the holder of another cup, after a third-place finish, when runner-up Val Dyer and then-winner Morse Ginsberg died).

Combined Player of the Month

April – Louise Wood
 May – Louise Wood
 June – Muriel Romero

Helen Frank Memorial Cup

Louise Wood led this individual version of a 17-session Swiss from the end of the second round, winning this cup for the third time in four years and a record-breaking sixth cup competition overall. She built up a big lead twice, coming back to the pack after losses to David Walker in Round 6 and Hill Auerbach in Round 12. A penultimate-round win over current holder Jon Ingersoll gave Louise a virtually certain win, and she cruised through to victory.

Final Standings:

1. Louise Wood
2. Bill Johnson
3. Helen Molloy
4. Bob Hawes
- 5-6. Jon Ingersoll - Janice Bruce

Norwalk Bridge Center

On June 16 and 17 Norwalk Bridge Center (aka Wilton Bridge Studio or NBC) hosted a series of lectures by Larry Cohen, 2002 ACBL Player of the Year and noted author of books about the Law of Total Tricks.

Over 100 students of the game attended one or more of his four lectures and learned not only about the Law, but its applications in bidding and defending against preempts, playing hands as declarer and signaling partner during a hand about suit holdings. His presentations were excellent. Comments about his visit were so positive that he is expected to return in the future, probably in conjunction with the Nationals in NYC in 2004. Anyone interested in his next visit should contact NBC and get on the list for future notification.

On July 9, NBC held its quarterly team game championship and 19 teams of all levels, from 0 to over 14,000 masterpoints, contended for the title. Masterpoints and prizes were allocated to each of 3 strats.

Strat A

1. Jim and Elaine Misner - Paul Burnham - John Campbell (A "B" team beating out much higher ranking adversaries.)

Strat B

1. Jim and Elaine Misner - Paul Burnham - John Campbell
2. Lynn Condon (our newest Life Master and NBC associate director) - Jennifer Williams - Warren Williams - Bill Filip

Strat C

1. Mel Weisel - Fran Mann - Suzanne Goldstein - Gail Schulze.

The club will hold its annual Katherine Halsey Charity Club Championship on August 27 at 12:30 pm. Katherine, a loyal and frequent attendee at Wilton's games from the first day it opened until close to her death last year at 102, thought of the club as her second home. She often commented on how the Wilton Studio had allowed her to find new partners even after she'd already buried 3 generations of previous partners.

Wee Burn

The spring series ended on June 19, with the following leaders: (The Fall Series will start September 4.)

1. Ellie Allen, Barbara Munson
2. Whitey and Ellie Spelbrink

3. Jean Thoma, Karen Barrett
4. Laura Wilks, Betsy Philips
5. Penny Glassmeyer, Susan Mayo
6. Marilyn Tjader, Martha Hathaway



Darien Community Association Spring Session 2003 Winners:

1. Vivian Gaines and Ann Towne
2. Frank Johnson
3. Betty Hodgman
4. Wyman Proctor
5. Bob Arrison and Betsy Philips
6. Whitey Spelbrink and Bob Towne
7. Susie Nix
8. Martha Hathaway and Marylin Tjader
9. Brooke Megruie
10. Margretta DeVivo and Peter Hussey

Stamford Bridge Club

The Stamford Bridge Club held its annual dinner and meeting at Pellicci's restaurant in Stamford. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Election of officers included: Joan Martin - President; Dean Montgomery - Vice President; Bud McMaster - Treasurer; Rita Doucette - Assistant Treasurer; and Terry Lubman as Secretary. The Board of Directors includes Stan Steckler, Carlos Munos, Natalie Cohen and Allan Stauberg.

The following Awards were given: High Average - Paul Burlison, High Average for non-life master - Mary Lou Woods. Allan Clamage was congratulated for his standing in the Seniors.

Those attaining life master and bronze life master and silver life master were also recognized. Following the meeting, the STaC game was held at our regular location.

Shoreline and Madison Bridge Clubs

The Shoreline Bridge Club and the Madison Duplicate Bridge Club have joined forces (electronically at least). The Monday p.m., Tuesday p.m., and Thursday a.m. games results are posted on a shared website which can be accessed by going to: www.bridge-results.com/results/5022/cal.html <<http://www.bridgeresults.com/results/5022/cal.html>> Be sure to type the whole address.

This site gives the recap of the Shoreline Monday night game, and the Madison Tuesday evening and Thursday morning games. Upcoming special events that require a sign-up (2 session games, team games, etc.) will be noted.

Results of recent special Club Championship two-session games follow:

Shoreline winners:

Strat A: Sara Corning - Lenny Russman

Strat B: Dick Augur - Forrest Smith

Strat C: Karen Allen - Susan Addiss

Winners at the Madison Tuesday

Gilda Grazziano memorial,

Strat A: Charlie Halpin - Helen Kobernusz, with

Strat B: June Hearrell - Mike Bolgar

and **Strat C:** Dee Altieri - Marjorie Ehrenfreund

Branford Bridge Club

Eileen Schwall and Betty Puklin were overall first place winners in the BBC's StaC game in June. Scoring a 63.99 percent game, they ranked fourth overall in the State for the Wednesday afternoon event. Both are C players.

Also winning a spot on the state level were Marvin Jamron and Robert Kidd. They, too, are C players.

North-South winners:

Norman Silver - Ann Honig

Lincoln McGuinness - Selden Henry;

and tied for 3/4; John McGuire - Joan Panico, Muriel Lipman - Sybil Fleischer.

East-West winners:

Eileen Schwall - Betty Puklin

Marvin Jamron - Robert Kidd

3 Doris Kerwin - Eleanor DeBarros

4/5 Carl Yohans - Flora Schannon,

Alan and Barbara Blake.

Master Point Race

Carl Yohans with 10.55 master points leads in the MP race at the BBC for the first half of 2003. Other leaders for the first half include:

2. Louise Wood

3. Fritz Reimers

4. Marvin Jamron tied Robert Kidd

5. John McGuire tied Joan Panico

June Master Point Race

John McGuire and Joan Panico

Carl Yohans

William Johnson

Muriel Lipman

James and Jean Haglind.

Games will resume on a weekly basis at the Branford Community House on Wednesday, August 20 at 10 a.m. For information or partnerships, call Director Lois Flesche at 488-3585 or e-mail lwflesche@aol.com.

Madison Duplicate Bridge Club

Jackie Zwilliger and Margaret Mason were the overall first place winners in the Club Championship played in mid-June at the MDBC. Other overall winners were:

2. John McGuire - Gernot Reiners

3. Julia Kramer - Arlene Leshine

4. Joan Panico - Lenny Russman

Lynn Gallagher and Dolores Johnston.

Thursday StaC game, North-South:

Joan Panico - Dee Mozzochi

Arlene Leshine - Dee Altieri

John McGuire - Gernot Reiners

Margaret Mason - Lenny Russman.

East-West:

Grace Postman - Denise Lombard;

Norman - Rita Levine

Cynthia Michael - Louise Cavallaro

Larry Stern - Robert Vander Wiede.

Tuesday StaC game, North-South:

Joan Panico - Bobbi Smith

Donald Brueggemann - Esther Watstein

William Wamester - David Domizi

Ruth Teitelman - Micki Schaffer

East-West:

Grace Postman - Nancy Earel

Gloria Hoffenberg - Betty Puklin

Jackie Zwilliger - Dee Mozzochi,

Helen Kobernusz - Louise Cotsales

Master Point Race

Leading in the Master Point Race for the first half of 2003 is Lenny Russman with 24.29 points. Others in the top point earners are:

2. Margaret Mason

3. Grace Postman

4. Joan Panico, Karen Abate

The Madison Duplicate Bridge Club meets Tuesday evenings at 7:15 and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Partnerships are provided and may be arranged by calling Directors David Hyatt at 203-488-7027 or Lois Flesche at 203-488-3585.



THE HARTES' CLUB

1131 North Street (exit 25 off the Hutch)
St. Gregory's Armenian Church
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SEPTEMBER SPECIAL! We cordially invite all bridge players to be our guests at our Thursday morning OPEN duplicates during the month of September, 2003. Game time is 9:30 AM. Breakfast and lunch included. Hope to see you at our tables!

GAME SCHEDULE

Afternoon Games: Monday THROUGH Friday at 1:00 pm
Morning Games: Monday, Thursday AND Friday at 9:30 pm (20 boards minimum)
Evening Games: Monday AND Tuesday at 6:30 pm*

The friendliest game in town - Partners guaranteed! All games open/stratified.
J A C K P O T - every game (72% game or better wins the pot)
PLAYER OF THE MONTH - every month (one week on the house)
PRE-DEALT HANDS on THURSDAYS - post-game discussion with Gail on the day's hands
*BRIDGE BINGO - Mondays at 6:20 pm (free entry to winner)
*Evening Games include wine and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 pm, full dinner at 6:00 pm

CLASS SCHEDULE

Mondays: 10 am - 12 noon Intermediate (Gail Harte Greenberg)
1 pm - 3 pm Intermediate (Debbie Rosenberg)
1 pm - 3 pm Intermediate: Defense (Gail Harte Greenberg)
Tuesdays: 10 am - 12 noon Intermediate (Debbie Rosenberg)
Wednesdays: 10 am - 12 noon Advanced Beginners (Jack Greenberg)
Thursdays: 10 am - 12 noon Advanced Intermediate (Gail Harte Greenberg)
1 pm - 3 pm Adv. Int.: Mod. Bidding Conventions (Gail Harte Greenberg)
Fridays: 9:30 am - 11:30 am Low Intermediate (Gail Harte Greenberg)
10 am - 12 noon Advanced Beginners (Lisa Berkowitz)
1 pm - 3 pm NEW Beginners (Lisa Berkowitz)

SUPERVISED PLAY

Wednesdays: 1 pm - 3 pm (Jack Greenberg)

CARD FEES (include morning bagels/daily lunch/evening dinner - 1/2 hr pre-game)
Morning Game: \$7
Afternoon Game: \$13
Evening Game or Supervised Play: \$15
Class: \$25

Discounts: \$3 off for 2nd paid activity, \$4 off for 3rd paid activity, and \$5 off for all subsequent paid activities in the same calendar week.

East Hartford Sectional May 16 - 18

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs Strat A

1. Scott Loring - Henry (Roy) Andrews
2. Howard Zusman - Don Stiegler
3. James Greer - Maeve Mahon
4. John Stiefel-Richard De Martino

Strat B

1. Elizabeth Nagle - Susan Seckinger
2. Selma Moffie - Barbara Simons
3. Nancy Bartone - Kathleen Frangione

Strat C

1. Selma Moffie - Barbara Simons
2. Marilyn Kay - Raymond Fortier
3. Michael Kreiger - Vince D'Souza

Fri. Aft. Senior Pairs Strat A

1. Beverly Saunders - Robert Kemp
2. Patrick Salve - Partab Makhijani
3. Sarah Budds - Charlotte Brody
4. Betty Ustanowski - Nancy Krech

Strat B

1. Beverly Saunders - Robert Kemp
2. Patrick Salve - Partab Makhijani
3. Arnold Grushkin - Beverly Grushkin

Strat C

1. Arnold Grushkin - Beverly Grushkin
2. Mary Murphy - Patricia Schackner
3. Bob Albert - Jack Shen

Fri. Eve Open Pairs Strat A

1. John Stiefel - Richard DeMartino
2. Eva Hunt - Michael Bolgar
3. Kamla Chawla - David Kowarsky
4. Robert Lavin - Joel Wolfe

Strat B

1. Eva Hunt - Michael Bolgar
2. J. Peter Tripp - Douglas Thompson
3. Susan Seckinger - Elizabeth Nagle

Strat C

1. Jan Kulas - Zbigniew Gudaneck
2. Charles Schneider - Carolyn Schneider
3. Adam Hansen - David Moses

Sat. am A-X Pairs Strat A

1. Micah Adler - Roger Webb
2. John Stiefel - Richard De Martino
3. Ting-Li Chen - Nelson Lu
4. Elaine Jaworowski - Richard Jaworowski

Strat X

1. Micah Adler - Roger Webb
2. Ting-Li Chen - Nelson Lu
3. Igor Alex Borcea - Facundo Chamut

Sat. a.m. BCD Pairs Strat B

1. Patrick Salve - Joan Salve
2. Suzanne Leary - John Leary
3. Deborah Noack - John Farwell

Strat C

1. Suzanne Leary - John Leary
2. Stanley Kaplan - Natalie Kaplan
3. Betty Pratt - Barbara Clark

Strat D

1. Suzanne Leary - John Leary
2. Betty Pratt - Barbara Clark
3. Guan-Yu Shi - Je-Wei Chen

Sat. a.m. 199er Pairs Strat A

1. Laura Marcopulos - Norah Bisley
2. Sandra Werkheiser - Florence Girard
3. George Hoffnagle - Elizabeth Gallagher

Strat B

1. Laura Marcopulos - Norah Bisley
2. George Hoffnagle - Elizabeth Gallagher
3. Roger Norris - Joe Stankewich

Strat C

1. Laura Marcopulos - Norah Bisley
2. George Hoffnagle - Elizabeth Gallagher
3. Joseph Pagerino - Jean Orr

Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs Strat A

1. Ruth Kuzma - Helma Strauss
2. Kay Howe - Pat Hartman
3. Tom Macbeth - Lloyd Arvedon
4. Robert Casey - Harris Jacobs

Strat X

1. Ruth Kuzma - Helma Strauss
2. Bess Economos - Lesley Meyers

3. Marjorie Lennon - John Kilbourne

Sat. Aft. BCD Pairs Strat B

1. Deborah Noack - John Farwell
2. Je-Wei Chen - Guan-Yu Shi
3. Stuart Carlsen - Marilyn Colman

Strat C

1. Je-Wei Chen - Guan-Yu Shi
2. Suzanne Leary - John Leary
3. Roz Sternberg - Diane Natrass

Strat D

1. Je-Wei Chen - Guan-Yu Shi
2. Suzanne Leary - John Leary
3. Roz Sternberg - Diane Natrass

Sat. Aft. 199er Pairs Strat A

1. Roger Norris - Joe Stankewich
2. Bernard Shorr - Josephine Thibadeau
3. Charles Schneider - Carolyn Schneider

Strat B

1. Roger Norris - Joe Stankewich
2. Bernard Shorr - Josephine Thibadeau
3. Charles Schneider - Carolyn Schneider

Strat C

1. Charles Schneider - Carolyn Schneider
2. Paul Norman - Arlene Norman

Sat. p.m. Open Pairs Strat A

1. Jane Smith - Barb Shaw
2. Dan Hertz - Natalie Hertz
3. David Rock - Helen Pawlowski
4. Steve Becker - John Malley

Strat B

1. David Rock - Helen Pawlowski
2. Jo-Anne Kerr - E. Joan Wilson
3. Melvin Ginsberg - Razelle Ginsberg

Strat C

1. Jo-Anne Kerr - E. Joan Wilson
2. Tom Sagui - Jason Chiu
3. Adam Hansen - David Moses

Sun. Flight A Swiss

1. Melvin Marcus - Alan Applebaum - Sheila Gabay - Paul Kinney
2. Howard Lawrence - Frank Blachowski - Debbie Benner - Arthur Crystal
3. Phyllis Bausher - Larry Bausher - John Stiefel - Joyce Stiefel
4. Maeve Mahon - James Greer - Russell Friedman - Allan Wolf

Sun. B/C Swiss Flight B

1. Alan Tuvin - Michael Scarborough - Jason Grove - David Lesieur
2. Ronald Brown - Allen Segal - Lea Selig - Dianne Elie
3. Arnold Grushkin - Beverly Grushkin - Barbara Dempsey - Pieter De Kadt

Flight C

1. Arnold Grushkin - Beverly Grushkin - Barbara Dempsey - Pieter De Kadt
2. Richard Gauthier - Sally Gauthier - Jeff Martin - Joanne Pieciak
3. Norma Augenstein - Stanley Augenstein - John O'Shea - Gernot Reiners



Meet the Mid-Year Leaders



By Allan Clamage

How did you do in club games so far this year?

In some ACBL categories, Connecticut players rank with the best in the nation. The following gives the names (maybe yours) and national rankings. To give you a better idea of how well they're doing, remember that nation-wide, there are many, many contenders. For instance: Rookie Meryl Reyman of Greenwich ranks 18th out of 18,717 And Doug Doub of West Hartford ranks 59th out of 166,520!

Please note that the MPs shown are those posted by the ACBL as of July 7, and may not include all points actually won in this period.

CT Players National Ranking

Total points as posted July 7

Nat'l. Standing	MPs won
Rookie	
18.	Meryl Reyman 42
29.	Stuart Reyman 38
Regional Master	
22.	Warren Williams 118
Silver Life Master	
17.	Lawrence Lau 301
Gold Life Master	
28.	Rita Ellington 301
Diamond Life Master	
26.	Doug Doub 455
Youth	
23.	Lindsay Pearlman 38
Seniors	
7.	Allan Clamage 84
23.	Don Stiegler 60
Barry Crane Top 500	
59.	Doug Doub 455
73.	Rich DeMartino 429
175.	Harold Feldheim 317
195.	Lawrence Lau 301
197.	Rita Ellington 301
313.	Tom Smith 251
453.	John Stiefel 219

Congratulations to all!



The Can't Cost (CC) Method

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In the real world of a National Knock-out, my partner, Mel Colchimiro, didn't try to visualize this exact layout, but he did make the CC play of the jack of hearts and declarer went down when I ruffed his ace of diamonds. Teammates made the slam easily at the other table by playing ace, king of trump and claiming after RHO played low from the jack, x, and we went on to win the match by 2 IMPs.

The complete hand:

		North		
		♠ A x x x x x		
		♥ 10 x x		
		♦ x x		
		♣ Q J		
East		West		
♠ Q x x		♠ J x x		
♥ J x		♥ 9 x		
♦ Q x x x x		♦ x		
♣ x x x		♣ A 10 x x x x x		
		South		
		♠ K		
		♥ A K Q x x x		
		♦ A K J x x		
		♣ K		

Conclusions

1. We make more mistakes on "hard" hands than on "easy" hands.
2. One way to cut down mistakes on hard hands is to improve our DT. (Indeed, there are hands where DT is the only method that works.)
3. Another way is to convert "hard" hands to "easy" hands by using CC.
4. It's all in your mind. The more hands you think are "easy," the better you will play.



Congratulations to:

Milestones...

Silver Life Master

Helen Kobernusz

Bronze Life Master

Marilyn Karlan

J. Peter Mangels

Congratulations

to the 2nd Place winners:

Doug Doub, Frank Merblum

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