

Can't Cost – Chapter 15

by John Stiefel



The “can’t cost” theme occurred in this hand from the Open Pairs National Championship in Detroit. The opponents were one of the best pairs in the world.

Vulnerability: Both

Dealer: South

Auction: 1NT (15-17) – 3NT

Opening Lead: 3♠ (4th best vs. NT)

NORTH

♠ A J 5 4

♥ 5 4 3 2

♦ K 2

♣ A Q 2

SOUTH

♠ T 6 2

♥ A Q J 6

♦ A J 4 3

♣ K 3

North’s 3NT bid is worthy of comment. He reasoned that slam in NT was very much against the odds and that slam via a 4-4 major fit was possible but unlikely. On the other hand, the combined partnership assets of 29-31 high card points might very well produce as many tricks in NT as it would in a potential 4-4 major suit fit (if there was one). Finally, North realized that bidding 3NT after a long thought might tip off the opponents that the partnership assets were in the slam zone and, as a result, might induce West to make a passive opening lead rather than the normal 4th best lead that might be more likely to help partner (declarer).

Indeed, the opening lead did help South who played low from dummy at trick one. East won the Q♠ and returned the 7♠ to South’s 6. West’s 8 and dummy’s Jack. With nothing better to do, South played a heart at trick 3 and inserted the Queen. This was captured by West’s King and the K♠ was returned to trick 4, dummy’s Ace winning and East discarding a diamond. At trick 5, declarer played a heart to his Ace, both opponents following. Trick 6 was won by South’s J♥, West throwing a club and East following.

This was the 7 card ending.

NORTH

♠ 5

♥ 5

♦ K 2

♣ A Q 2

SOUTH

♠

♥ 6

♦ A J 4 3

♣ K 3

At this point, South realized that most North-South pairs were apt to play 4♥, making 11 tricks, so cashing out for 10 tricks in NT was likely to be a poor score. (There is no diamond loser in 4♥ as one diamond can be ruffed and the other discarded on a high club.) The only way to make 11 tricks in NT, however, is to make a trick with the J♦ so, like it or not, South had to go all out to make 11

tricks. Therefore, it “can’t cost” (much) to risk only getting +600 by trying to pick up the Q♦ one way or the other. Once South decided to go all out for 11 tricks, he realized that he had to cash his last heart followed by three rounds of clubs. On these tricks, West discarded a club on the last heart and then threw another diamond on the third round of clubs. Meanwhile, East discarded a club on the last heart and followed to all three rounds of clubs. Now it was trick 10, this was the 3-card ending and South had to decide what to do.

NORTH

♠ 5

♥

♦ K 2

♣

SOUTH

♠

♥

♦ A J 4

♣

Everyone followed to the K♦ and East followed when the 2♦ was led to trick 12.

Now what?

(See page 12 for the answer.)

Milestones and Congratulations

John Stiefel has crossed the 15,000-masterpoint mark!

New Life Masters

Gerald Krawitz

Jatin Mehta

Marilyn Meyers

Renee Nelson

Thomas Proulx

Jason Rotenberg

Lawrence Stern

Lynn Zimmer

Gold Life Master

(2500 MPs)

Bernard Schneider

Silver Life Master

(1000 MPs)

Nancy Bartone

Kenneth Hirshon

Muriel Lipman

Muriel Romero

Bronze Life Masters

(500 MPs)

Florence Mahony

Joyce Marino

Marilyn Meyers

Renee Nelson

Lynn Zimmer



Making History in Boston - 2008 Fall Nationals

The Boston Nationals which seemed to be far in the future are now visible on the horizon and approaching quickly. Over two years of planning by volunteers from all parts of District 25 will be coming to fruition on November 20 when the 2008 Fall Nationals begin. The 11 day event will provide bridge players from all over the world the opportunity to enjoy our New England hospitality. One of the events being planned is State Days Plus during which our 6 New England States plus Cape Cod, the Hartford Bridge Club, and the Goodwill Committee will each have a day dedicated to them to share their unique features and some special treats with those attending the tournament.

CT State Day will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2008. Several volunteers from our unit have been planning for the day and your help is needed to showcase our state to bridge players world-wide. Some of the ways in which you can help include:

- Join the CT State Day Planning Committee. We will meet on Saturdays during the lunch break at the remaining CBA 2008 sectionals prior to the Nationals.

- Gather posters, brochures, and other informational items about CT (check Welcome Centers, Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, etc.) for the display tables (one per host hotel at the Marriott and Westin). We need coverage across all counties of our state.
- Suggest, solicit, donate non-perishable products produced in our state for give-aways. If you have a connection to someone from a CT-based business or tourist location, let us know. We would like to coordinate our approach to solicit donations. Based on the thousands of players who attend the National events, this provides a very broad audience for advertising by donating some promotional items.
- Volunteer to help on CT State Day. We will need volunteers to be at our display tables at non-game times throughout the day on 11/25, as well as help out with other general volunteer needs for the Nationals, such as, Registration and Prizes.
- Dedicate a game in someone's honor. For a donation of \$100 a single session game event can be named for them which would include a brief write-up in the daily bulletin.

- **MOST IMPORTANT: Plan to attend the Boston Nationals on CT State Day. All CT players will receive a name badge to wear on their day.**

Mark your calendars, and make your travel arrangements. With the 2008 Fall Nationals based in our home territory don't miss the excitement of such a major bridge event and the opportunity to meet bridge players from around the world. All levels from novice to experienced are encouraged to attend. There will be I/N (Intermediate/Novice) games and Senior events held in their own designated areas with special hospitality planned. Game times are scheduled throughout the day to accommodate all schedules starting at 9 am ending with midnite KOs. Attend with a team, a partner, or on your own. The Partnership Desk is available to help you find a partner for any type of event. Check out the ACBL website under NABC tournaments for all of the details.

For any questions about the Boston Nationals or how you can help at CT State Day, please contact Ausra Geaski via email at ausrag@aol.com or by phone at 860-533-7271. Thanks for your support!

Upcoming Events

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|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| MAY | | 8 (pm) | Local (Split) Championship | 25 (am) | Unit-Wide Championship |
| 30 - May 4 | Ethel Keohane Senior Regional | 17-27 | ACBL Summer Nationals Las Vegas, NV | OCTOBER | |
| 8 | ACBL Int'l Fund Game | 18 (pm) | ACBL International Fund Game | 10 (am) | Local (Split) Championship |
| 12 | Unit-wide Charity Game | AUGUST | | 13-19 | Danbury Fall Regional (District 3) Danbury, CT |
| 18 | Local (Split) Championship | 1-3 | Connecticut Summer Sectional Hamden, CT | NOVEMBER | |
| 23-28 | New York City Regional New York, NY | 11 (pm) | Local (Split) Championship | 1 (am) | Local (Split) Championship |
| JUNE | | 19 (pm) | Unit-Wide Championship | 12-18 | STaC |
| 6 (pm) | Worldwide Bridge Contest | 27-Sep 1 | New England Fall Regional Nashua, NH | 20-30 | Fall Nationals! Boston, MA |
| 7 (am) | Worldwide Bridge Contest STaC | SEPTEMBER | | 24 (pm) | ACBL-wide Charity Game #2 |
| 9-15 | New England Summer Regional | 10 (am) | Local (Split) Championship | DECEMBER | |
| 18-22 | Sturbridge, MA | 11 (pm) | ACBL-wide Instant Match Point | 3 (am) | Unit-Wide Championship |
| JULY | | 12-14 | Sid Cohen Sectional Wallingford, CT | 12-14 | Jeff Feldman Sectional Guilford, CT |
| 3 (pm) | Unit-Wide Championship | | | | |

My Bet With the Devil

by Bernard Schneider



I once made a bet with the Devil. You know what I mean. We all do from time to time. The Devil offers you eternal success and fame if you win the bet, and you believe there is no way you can lose. Fool that you are, you make the bet and do lose, changing your life forever. I was in Montreal, on July 20, 1967, playing at the Summer Nationals; exactly 4:12 in the afternoon. If the Devil is going to go through the trouble of personally arranging a wager, you definitely will not forget, *ever!*

In those days, I was part of a group of college-age students in New York City. Some had set their sights on professional bridge careers, and some, like Alan and Peter, Mike and Ronnie, and Broadway Billy (Eisenberg) were moving up and starting to make a name for themselves.

My partner, Howard Marks, and I had a strong partnership, and were well known locally. Our bridge development had been put on hold when Howie, through superhuman (lack of academic) effort, had contrived to drop out of college. Think 1965, the Vietnam War, and Howie was immediately drafted. Two years later, and none the worse for wear, he was about to be discharged.

Making up for lost time, it was off to Montreal. Our friends had set up with some rising stars from the Washington area for the Spingold. But first we needed to demonstrate our merit in the Non-Life Master's Pairs. No problem. I knew that bridge fame and fortune, wine, women and, song would be eternally ours.

Seriously folks, the Non-LM Pairs was an important event back in the day. Masterpoints were extraordinarily hard to come by. First, there were no Swiss teams, bracketed teams, or the like. Team events were universally board-a-match which could well have ruined the ACBL, since they were so fiendishly difficult. There were no stratified events, where you could win masterpoints by finishing even below average. All events were against the big boys. Regional Open Pairs were not two or three sections, as today, but could run upwards of 30 sections. Finishing in the overalls was a Herculean task. And then there was something called gold points, which could only be won by winning sections or finishing overall at national or regional events. Who had the money to take off on a frolic and a gambol?

In short, there were many strong players who had not achieved life master status; and although there could be a wide variety of skill levels in an event such as this, one needed to "prove one's bones" at this level, before moving on to the next.

The Non-LM pairs was a four-session event, and on the first day, we were a bit rusty. By the third session, we were hitting our stride, and stood about sixth overall going into the final session. The last session was going well and, with the blind optimism of youth I could see the bright lights of bridge stardom beckoning. Then, the following happened in round nine.

Two women came to the table. They looked to be about 35-40, give or take. My initial sense was that they were "not from New York, or any place like New York." One always tries to get a read on new opponents, particularly at a national event where so many are unfamiliar. But, these women said little, and were on the serious side of being serious.

I sat North, and the following auction transpired (vulnerable against not).

NORTH

♠ A Q 9 x x
♥ x x
♦ K
♣ A K J x x

SOUTH

♠ K x
♥ A K T 9 8 7 6
♦ Q
♣ T x x

| East | South | West | North |
|----------|-------|------|----------|
| Pass | 1♥ | pass | 1♠ |
| 2♦ | 2♥ | 3♦ | 4♣ |
| 4♦ | 4♥ | 5♦ | 5♥ |
| Double | pass | pass | redouble |
| All pass | | | |

Before turning to the play (and you may well think about how you would play this hand on a (very) low spade lead), a word about the bidding. Howie and I learned the game playing against very strong opposition. They knew how to double and how to defend (much better than we knew how to play our dummies). As a result, we developed a Roth-Stone structure with an emphasis about always having your bid. If you made a free bid, you could pretty much make the contract in your own hand. His two heart bid was

not far from what I would expect. When Howie freely bid 4 hearts, and I held the black suit controls, I would be well within my partnership rights to bid 6 hearts directly.

But there was something hypnotic about the auction. The opponents were both passed hands and, never stopped bidding, each time bidding one more, all in tempo. My partner was also a member of the "bid one more in tempo club," and thus over 4 hearts, I too joined the club and bid only 5 hearts. But then to be doubled in 5 hearts was more than too much—it was sacrilegious. There was no possibility the opponents could score three tricks.

A spade, as low as the serpent in the Garden of Eden, slithered onto the table. Time stood still. My partner sat totally frozen, not raising his eyes from his cards; the opponents were similarly motionless. He thought for a while, played the queen of spades, and went back into a deep trance.

At this point, a director came by and looked over my shoulder. He knew we were in contention and asked me what the contract was. He then offered me a bet. If my partner made the contract, he would assure us eternal success as bridge professionals. Roth-Stone, Forquet-Garozzo, Meckwell, Marks-Schneider We would win every single tournament we would play in—fame and fortune, wine, women and, song (Had he read my thoughts?) would be our destiny. But, if my partner went down, I must give up all hope of becoming a professional bridge player. "You got a deal," I said, without a moment's thought.

The Director walked away. At that very moment, Howie led a heart from dummy, East played low, and Howie went up with the Ace. West showed out, and a chill went up my spine. Howie felt something too, and raised his eyes from his cards. He had not heard my conversation with the Director, but he

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One Too Many Key Cards

by Gloria Sieron

have adopted a strong two diamond bid to show 19 to 21 points and a six-card or longer suit. Bridge theorists believe any hand within one or one and one-half tricks of game can be opened with a strong two club bid regardless of high card point count.

After pass, pass, South opened 2♣. Playing two diamonds waiting, North responded 2♦. South named his suit, bidding 2♠. With 10 HCP, North bid 3♦, showing a diamond suit and values. South rebid 3♠, showing an excellent suit and inviting North to pick a game or slam. North now bid 4NT (RKB) and South had a problem. Since holding 5-key cards is an extremely rare bridge occurrence, South was not certain of the correct response playing 1430 Roman Key Card Blackwood. (According to "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know," Seagram & Smith, Master Point Press, Toronto, 1999, p. 154, South's "correct" response is 5♥ showing 2 or 5 keycards with no Q♠, *ed.*)

Also, if South knew what to respond holding all five key cards, would partner interpret that response?

To avoid confusion, South decided to leap to 6♣ over 4NT and all passed. West led the Q♣. South won the K in the dummy and, observing "eight ever, nine never" led the J♠ for the losing finesse. West continued with the J♣, taken by South's A. Look at West's holding after South

plays five spade tricks, plus the Ace and King of clubs.

NORTH

♠
♥ Q T
♦ K J 9
♣ 9

WEST

♠
♥ K 2
♦ Q 8 7
♣ T

EAST

♠
♥ Immaterial
♦
♣

SOUTH

♠ 7 6
♥ A 2
♦ A 2
♣

When South plays the spade 7 at trick eight, if West parts with a heart, his King will fall under North's Ace and the Queen in Dummy will provide the twelfth trick, if he discards a diamond, the Queen will pop-up on the way to the dummy, and the Club 9 will be the fulfilling trick if West throws the Club 10.

Those who made only five spades may claim they are not advanced enough to perform a simple pop-up squeeze. Be brave, try it! Run a long suit, put pressure on the opponents. You may be surprised with a well-earned result. 

NORTH

♠ J
♥ Q T 9 3
♦ K J 9 4 2
♣ K 9 4

WEST

♠ Q 5 4
♥ K 2
♦ Q 8 7 3
♣ Q J T 3

EAST

♠ 3 2
♥ J 8 7 6 5
♦ T 6
♣ 8 7 5 2

SOUTH

♠ A K T 9 8 7 6
♥ A 4
♦ A 5
♣ A 6

Dealer: North
Vulnerability: None

When this deal was played at Ann Cady's Friday Scan Bridge Club only one pair bid and made the slam, scoring 1430. One bid a slam and went down one. Six pairs bid game, four scored 12 tricks, two made only eleven.

With only 19 high card points, many Souths might be reluctant to open with a strong two club bid. A few players

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realized that something other worldly was happening. He lead a club to dummy, and played a heart. East splits her honors, wins the next one, cashes the Ace of Diamonds, and plays a club. Howie alertly plays the ten from his hand, but to no avail. West covers with the queen and Howie is stuck in dummy. East's shape is 1-4-6-2. There are only black cards in dummy, and East is void in both black suits. Howie takes a moment to see if there is any possible salvation, but he now knows there is none. Down one.

Back to earth, the rest of our game is mush. We finish nowhere. When we try to find our friends to make arrangements for the Spingold, we have been abandoned. Cast from Bridge Grace.

As I walk outside, I meet the Director. "Are you really a Director," I ask. "Of course," he says, "I direct all sorts of things." A ray of hope crosses my mind..

"No fair; the bet wasn't fair. There is no way my partner can legitimately make this hand, without taking a first round heart finesse, and that risks going down on a spade ruff."

The Director replies calmly. "What else are the opponents bidding on, except extreme distribution, and what can East be doubling on except four hearts? But, I am always fair, in my fashion. Even if you don't take a first round heart finesse, the hand is cold. Win the opening spade lead in your hand, and cash a high heart. When West shows out, East's hand is marked— six diamonds, four hearts, and three black cards. Presumably East wanted a spade lead, so when she gets in, she can underlead her ace of diamonds for a spade ruff. Thus she has one spade and two clubs. "It is the Dentist's Coup," he said with a wry smile. "Simply cash a second round of clubs, and lead a heart. When East splits and wins the second heart, she only has red cards, and cannot put you in

dummy. By the way, I am, oh, so fond of the Dentist's Coup, since dentists and I do a lot of good work together."

I feel myself sinking towards the abyss. "No fair," I say. "You offered the bet after my partner won the first spade in dummy. If he later cashes the top clubs, he can get to dummy only by overtaking the spade king with the ace, leaving him with a club loser."

The Director elevated himself and looked down down down on me. "I am tired of bridge playing mortals blaming me for their own shortcomings. The spade suit will be blocked as such, but West is caught in a simple black suit squeeze on the run of the hearts. Your partner would find it." There was No Exit.

Howie and I have worked, had careers, and raised families. It has been a good life. But we have never become bridge professionals. I think it's about time I told Howie why. 

The Bridge Gods At Work

by Tom Proulx (with a big assist from Gloria Sieron)



I want to thank Gloria Sieron for this hand. (I hope she likes what I did with it.) Sometimes you just get caught up in a hand and can't stop thinking about it. When you edit a bridge newsletter you get to share your obsession with unsuspecting readers.

NORTH

♠ J 9 7 3
♥ 2
♦ A 6 5 4
♣ Q 9 8 6

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 6
♥ K Q J T 9 8
♦ K J 7
♣

Dealer: North
Vulnerability: None

Looking at these two hands, 6♠ by N-S would seem to be the optimum contract, needing little more than a 3-2 trump split. So, I was intrigued to learn that, in a 10-table club game, 8 pairs played in 4♥, one pair played 6♥ and, one pair played 4♠. The other piece of information that caught my attention was that, at one table, the contract was 4♥ by North down 1!

I decided I would ask a few bridge players how they would bid this hand. The first question was: What do you bid as South after Pass, Pass? Of the 11 people I asked, 9 bid 1♥ and 2 bid 2♠. So, we will assume that you open 1♥. The next hand bids 2♠. Of the 9 people who opened 1♥, 7 thought North could make a negative double while 2 thought North did not have enough for anything other than pass. After a negative double there are various ways to bid and everyone reached at least 4♠ with 5 people bidding slam.

After a 2♠ opening, West doubles showing good clubs. The consensus at that point was Pass by North. However, it is quite clear that there are many thoughts regarding what your partnership agreements could be. Do you and your favorite partner have an understanding?

Perhaps now would be a good time to look at all four hands.

NORTH

♠ J 9 7 3
♥ 2
♦ A 6 5 4
♣ Q 9 8 6

WEST

♠ 2
♥ A 7 6 5 4
♦ 3 2
♣ A K J T 7

EAST

♠ T 8 5 4
♥ 3
♦ Q T 9 8
♣ 5 4 3 2

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 6
♥ K Q J T 9 8
♦ K J 7
♣

Try as I might, I can't figure out any way for NS to make slam against good defense. In fact, played from the North as one pair did at the club in question, 4♥ can go down on the lead of a low club unless declarer pitches at trick one. Otherwise West can force declarer in clubs twice more to keep trump control. They got to 4♥ from the North since South opened 2♠ and North responded 2♥ over the double showing 2 controls. (Yes, I know it may not be the optimal response or system.)

I certainly can see how, at the table, South may choose to place his/her trust in the long suit and drive to 4♥. However, most of my panelists thought they should get to ♠. All agreed that slam is a reasonable shot. In any event, on this hand virtue will have to be its own reward. The Bridge Gods have decreed that slam will not make.

I would like to thank the following people who took the time to respond to my email on this hand: Brett Adler, Rich DeMartino, Bernard Schneider, Bill Wood, John Stiefel, Jason Rotenberg, Jim Greer, Al Wolf, Nick France, Judy Hess and, Paul Burnham. 

Barb Shaw Trophy - 2008

The Barb Shaw Trophy is given to the person who wins the most masterpoints at the first sectional of the year and who starts the tournament with fewer than 300 masterpoints.

The winner of the Barb Shaw Trophy for 2008 is
Bryony Youngs from New Haven.



Bridge at the Lunatic Fringe

Number 8 – Second Hand Play, Part Five

Depriving Dummy of an Entry

by Allan Wolf

In this article, I'll continue with exceptions to "2nd hand low." In certain conditions, playing 2nd hand high can deprive the dummy (usually the dummy hand, but could be declarer's) of an important entry. In the following example, the proper 2nd hand high play can be recognized by an astute defender as almost surely the correct play, but that is not always the case, and at times the winning play involves considerable risk, as we shall see in a 2nd hand later in the article.

Majorca

♠ A 6 3
♥ Q 8 5 2
♦ 9 4 2
♣ 5 4 3

Prof. Lobochevski

♠ 7 5 4
♥ K J 6 3
♦ A K 7
♣ 9 6 2

Minna

♠ K Q J T 9 8 2
♥
♦ J 8 7
♣ A Q J

Warren

♠
♥ A T 9 7 4
♦ Q T 9 3
♣ K T 8 7

The bidding:

| | | | |
|-------|-----------|---------|--------|
| Minna | Professor | Majorca | Warren |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♥ |
| 4♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

After a light 3rd seat opening bid by Warren, Minna immediately took a shot at 4♠, perhaps a bit overly aggressive, and this was passed around.

The professor led the A♦ (A from A-K), and seeing his partner's upside-down, encouraging 3, continued the suit. So the defense started by taking the first three diamond tricks. When Warren tried to cash a heart trick, Minna carefully ruffed high.

To make the contract, Minna needed the club finesse, and most likely she needed to take it twice. On the hoped-for 2-1 trump split, she could manage two entries to dummy: a high trump from hand, followed by a second high trump, overtaken with dummy's Ace—that

would be one entry, and with trumps now gone, the carefully preserved 2 to dummy's 6 would provide the second entry.

But alas, on the first trump lead, Warren showed out. The trumps were 3-0, with the professor having all three. Now Minna saw a second chance for two entries to dummy. On the second lead of the deuce of trumps toward dummy, she could take the proven finesse against the seven of trumps, winning with the six when 2nd hand played low.

Then a club finesse, and back to dummy with the Ace of trumps for a second club finesse.

Of course, the professor saw through this plan, since declarer's trump holding was an open book. He didn't know exactly what the club position was, but he knew it could not be wrong to deprive declarer of a second entry to dummy. So when Minna led the deuce toward dummy, he put up the 7 (2nd hand "high"), forcing the Ace, and blocking the second entry. A 2nd hand high play involving the 7 as the high card certainly is rare!

Minna took the club finesse once, but in the fullness of time, still had to lose the setting trick to the King of clubs.

A more spectacular (and dangerous) variation of this kind of play occurs when dummy has the A J (and perhaps several more) of a suit, while declarer's holding is exactly Q doubleton. Now if declarer leads low toward the AJ, intending to finesse the Jack, LHO can prevent a second entry by rising with the K. Conversely, if declarer leads the Q from hand, LHO must play low, rather than "cover an honor with an honor."

(I believe that I've seen this play written up as made by a bridge expert in an actual game, but I can't remember the details. If any of my readers knows, please contact me.)

In any event, the professor took advantage of a similar holding to pull off a swindle, against his nemesis, Cecil Horne, who was well known for making the "expert play" at the wrong time. A

good swindle in bridge can be ever so much more gratifying than executing a very difficult technical play, like some complex squeeze.

Majorca

♠ 7 6 3
♥ T 8 5 2
♦ A J 7 4
♣ 4 3

Cecil Horne

♠ 5
♥ Q 9 6
♦ K 8 5
♣ Q J T 6 5 2

Visitor

♠ A 8 4
♥ J 7 4 3
♦ T 9 3
♣ 9 8 7

Prof. Lobochevski

♠ K Q J T 9 2
♥ A K
♦ Q 6 2
♣ A K

The bidding can best be forgotten, as the Professor and Warren had a misunderstanding, and reached an awful slam which had almost no play.

Upon winning the opening club lead, the professor saw that the best legitimate chance was to find Cecil (West) with a doubleton or singleton K♦, in which case that suit could bring home three tricks without losing any. There was also a possibility of a heart – diamond squeeze against West. But the professor thought these chances unlikely, so he tried the effect of an immediate diamond lead toward dummy. Tricky or deceptive plays are generally most effective when made as early in the play as possible.

Cecil eyed the two of diamonds, and went into a trance before playing to this trick. Why was the Professor playing on diamonds first, when trumps had not yet been touched? Ah! He must need to lead trumps from dummy! And without further consideration, Cecil put up the King of diamonds, thinking that declarer's original diamond holding might be Queen doubleton. In Cecil's subconscious, the chance to make a



BRIDGE FORUM (Hamden)

Winter News

TUESDAY

Player of the Year - Robert Klopp takes the first quarter lead as the only player in the top ten in all three categories.

Billie Hecker is second, followed by the partnership of Harold Miller-Rita Brieger, with Bob Hawes rounding out the top five.

The top five pairs are bunched fairly closely: 1 Rita Brieger-Harold Miller (811 Pair Points), 2 Bob Hawes-Jon Ingersoll(728), 3 Billie Hecker-Muriel Romero(714), 4 Jean Pyne-Pat Rooney(691), 5 Pat Gibbs-Tony Tusa(662).

Leonora Stein Memorial Cup Early Rounds - The qualifying groups provided several surprises, including the elimination of this cup's only two-time winner and the defending Player of the Year. Half of the sixteen quarterfinalists were attempting to reach their first cup final, but only one reached the semifinals. At press time, 2005 champion Louise Wood and 2000 champion Billie Hecker had clinched berths in the finals, with the remaining two places up for grabs between defending champion Robert Klopp, 2006 champion Bob Hawes, three-time cup finalist Inge Bellis, and first-timer Sara Ann Auerbach, who had survived five elimination matches.

FRIDAY

Player of the Year - Louise Wood, who last year became the first player to defend the Player of the Year title for either Friday or tuesday, is going for three in a row, taking the lead in all three categories. Sylvia Alpert is not far behind in second, followed by Shirley Fruchter, Billie Hecker and Fredda Kelly.

The top pairs are: 1 Sylvia Alpert-Lois Flesche(820), 2 Hill Auerbach-Larry Stern(670), 3 Marge Weiss Simson-Carl Yohans(552), 4 Muriel Lipman-Louise Wood(537), 5 Dee Altieri-Brenda Harvey(482).

Aldyth Claiborn Memorial Cup Early Rounds - This cup, which usually produces at least one surprise finalist, has been remarkably formful. 22 of the top 24 seeds came through the qualifying rounds. The men were all eliminated before the semifinals, and were led by Hill Auerbach, who finished tenth. At press time, 2004 champion Louise Wood and five-time cup winner Fredda Kelly had clinched berths in the final, with the other two places contested by 2006 champion Muriel Lipman, four-time cup winner (and Aldy's regular Tuesday partner in the 1990's) Muriel Romero, two-time cup winner Billie Hecker and one-time cup winner Helen Molloy.

Special Event

On Saturday, January 12, many of her friends joined Emma Q Antonio as she celebrated her 90th birthday at the Wallingford home of her daughter, Valerie Thurston. After posing for photographs in which the vast majority of guests wore hats, the party enjoyed luncheon and a six-table Individual. Sylvia Alpert took first prize with a score of 63%. Billie Hecker won second prize, Gert Pedersen the consolation prize, and Carl Yohans received the special gift bag for the top (as in only) gentleman playing. Fioretta Masler, who has given up bridge for competitive ballroom dancing, stopped in during the game, but could not be prevailed upon to dance an exhibition tango with Emma's grandson.

Interestingly, Emma won at the club both the day before her party and in her first appearance at our game the week afterwards, on what happened to be the 91st birthday of Zsa Zsa Gabor.

HARTFORD BRIDGE CLUB

We are saddened by the death of Howard A. Merblum in early March. A former President of the Hartford Bridge Club, Howard was a noted bridge champion and an inveterate student of the game.

Howard is survived by his wife of 65 years Ruth, his son Franklin and his wife Susan, and his two granddaughters Rebecca and Christina. Howard and Franklin made a distinguished bridge partnership locally and nationally. Their accomplishments were recently highlighted in the Hartford Courant and the New York Times.

The Hartford Bridge Club is naming a game in Howard's memory at the Boston Nationals on November 23.

The HBC will also be honoring Louise Zachs at that event in recognition of her celebrating her 105th birthday in June.

WEE BURN NEWS

The Winter Series at Wee Burn was highly contested and ended in a tie for first place between:

Mary Richardson-Betty Hodgman and Connie Bergin-Ann Towne.

Other winners were:

- 3, Lois Berry-Jan Moller
- 4, Marilyn Tjader-Martha Hathaway
- 5, Molly Morgan-Stan Steckler
- 6, Mary Beach-Betsy Philips
- 7, Ed Meyer-Peter Hussey
- 8, Janet Soskin-Barbara Johnson

Ten teams competed in the Spring Swiss: Winners:

- 1, Penny Glassmeyer, Joan Hoben, Linda Cleveland, Karen Barrett.
- 2, Ellie Allen, Ann Fuller, Lois Berry, Jan Moller.

A spring charity game, with proceeds going to the ACBL charity foundation was won by: Lois Berry and Jan Moller, with Mary Richardson and Betty Hodgman as runners-up.

Scott Loring Trophy - 2008

The Scott Loring Memorial Trophy is awarded to the Flight B player winning the most master points at our Scott Loring Memorial Sectional held this year April 25-27 in Guilford, CT.

**The winner of the Scott Loring Trophy for 2008 is
Brian Lewis from Branford.**

Results

Winter In Conn Hamden 2/29/08-3/02/08

Friday PM Open Pairs

| A | B | C | Names |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | | Nora Tkacz - Robert Rising |
| 2 | | | Jean Orr - Harold Feldheim |
| 3 | | | Richard DeMartino - Lawrence Lau |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | Audrey Cadwallader - Belinda Metzger |
| 5 | 3 | | Jennifer Williams - Richard Blair |
| 6 | | | Ruth Teitelman - Micki Schaffel |
| | 4 | 2 | Phillip Olschefski - Carolyn Olschefski |
| | 5 | | W Kenneth Graebe - Pierina Graebe |
| | | 3 | Tracy Selmon - Hillel Auerbach |

Friday PM Senior Pairs

| A | B | C | Names |
|--------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | | Edward Shepherd - Kathy Shepherd |
| 2 | | | Betty Jane Corbani - David Blackburn |
| 3 | | | Vesna Hauptfeld - Charlotte Zultowsky |
| 4 | 2 | | Aimee Housholder - Rochelle Shapiro |
| 5 | | | Doris Greenwald - Natalie Cohen |
| 6/73/4 | 1 | | Edward Konowitz - Larry Bowman |
| 6/73/4 | | | Marie Strickland - Marge Fiedler |
| | 2 | | G. Thomas Pumo - Christine Pumo |

Friday Evening Open Pairs

| A | B | C | Names |
|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | | | Ausra Geaski - Thomas Gerchman |
| 2 | | | David Rock - Sonja Smith |
| 3 | | | Paul Proulx - Don Stiegler |
| 4 | | | Jean Orr - Harold Feldheim |
| 5 | | | Allan Clamage - Howard Zusman |
| 6 | | | Richard DeMartino - Lawrence Lau |
| | 1 | 1 | Richard Benedict - Inge Schuele |
| | 2 | | Elaine Misner - James Misner |
| | 3 | | George Tinning - John Farwell |
| | 4 | 2 | Sheldon Rosenbaum - |

Joseph Pagerino

Saturday AM A/X Pairs

| A | X | Names |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Dana Rossi - Bryony Youngs |
| 2 | | Allan Clamage - James Greer |
| 3 | 2 | Jennifer Williams - Richard Blair |
| 4 | | Brian Lewis - Bill Reich |
| 5 | | William Ehlers - Susan Wexler |

Saturday AM 299er Pairs

| A | B | C | Names |
|--------|-----|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Doug Dey - George Tinning |
| 2 | 2 | | Sandra Zieky - Calvin Zieky |
| 3/53/5 | 2/3 | | Donna Doyle - Carol Kesmodel |
| 3/53/5 | 2/3 | | Mary Whittemore - Jesse Whittemore |
| 3/53/5 | | | John Gorby - Gloria Gorby |

Saturday AM B/C Pairs

| B | C | Names |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Linda Green - David Blackburn |
| 2 | | Karen Barrett - Douglas Thompson |
| 3 | 2 | Harry Jancis - George Smedes |
| 4 | | Mary Witt - Claire Sauer |
| 5 | | Robert Kistner - John Farwell |
| | 3 | Victor Mazmanian - Vivian Wu |

Saturday PM B/C Pairs

| B | C | Names |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Linda Green - David Blackburn |
| 2 | 2 | Victor Mazmanian - Vivian Wu |
| 3 | | Fredda Kelly - Louise Wood |
| 4 | | Sharon Larson - Joe Proulx |
| 5 | | Billie Hecker - Muriel Romero |
| 6 | | Elaine Misner - James Misner |
| | 3 | Curtis Bristol, Jr - Pere Pittard |

Saturday A/X Pairs

| A | X | Names |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | | Richard DeMartino - Allan Rothenberg |
| 2 | | William Ehlers - Susan Wexler |
| 3 | 1 | Ausra Geaski - Bunny Kliman |
| 4 | | Betty Jane Corbani - Harold Feldheim |
| 5 | | Maeve Lucey - Howard Lawrence |
| | 2 | David Rock - Sonja Smith |
| | 3 | William Titley - Henry (Roy) Andrews |

Saturday PM 299er Pairs

| A | B | C | Names |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Rebecca Minniear - Donna Bauman |
| 2 | | | Margot Hayward - Diana Sanford |

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|-----|---|---|------------------------------|
| 3/4 | | | Helen McBrien - Jill Fouad |
| 3/4 | 2 | | George Tinning - Doug Dey |
| 5 | 3 | | Jackie Stone - Jane Loughlin |
| | 4 | 3 | Donna Doyle - Carol Kesmodel |
| | 5 | | Gloria Gorby - John Gorby |

Sunday Swiss

| A | B | C | Names |
|-----|-----|---|---|
| 1 | | | Frances Schneider, Bernard Schneider, Lawrence Lau, Brett Adler |
| 2 | | | James Greer, Maeve Lucey, Allan Clamage, Howard Lawrence |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | David Blackburn, Linda Green, Paul Miller, Harry Jancis |
| 4/5 | 2/3 | | David Ross, Sarah Corning, Constance Graham, Helen Kobernusz |
| 4/5 | 2/3 | | Nora Tkacz, Jean Schiaroli, John Farwell, Robert Rising |
| 4/6 | 2 | | Carol Seager, Bari Boyer, Jean Fast, Chickie Lemay |
| 4/6 | | | Deborah Noack, Gary Seckinger, Brian Lewis, Bill Reich |
| 4/6 | | | James Misner, Elaine Misner, Jason Rotenberg, Thomas Proulx |
| | 3 | | Joshua Parks, Evan Morse, Scott Horowitz, Alex Dezieck |

Unit-wide Championship

Monday Daytime, January 28, 2008

| A | B | C | Names |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | | Elisabeth Van Wagenen - John Lovell, Hartford BC |
| 2 | 2 | | Jill Fouad - Jim Misner, Valerians |
| 3 | 3 | 1 | Peter Hussey - Mary Beach, DCA Darien |
| 4 | | | Allan Clamage - Don Stiegler, Scandinavian Club |
| 5 | 4 | 2 | Julia Farkas - Patricia Forbes, DCA Darien |
| 6 | 5 | 3 | Richard Benedict - Inge Schuele, West Hartford BC |

Results

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| | | | | |
|---|---|--|-----|-----|
| 7 | 6 | Pete Amedeo - Carmela Marcella, Waterbury BC | 3 | 4/5 |
| 8 | 7 | 4 Jean Mazo - Linda Kornblum, Hartford BC | 4/5 | 1 |
| 9 | | Janet Soskin - Mary Richardson, DCA Darien | 6 | 2 1 |
| | 5 | Marian Teitz - Hasida Korper, Valerians | 7 | 3 |
| | 6 | Ben Eells - Bernie Rosen, West Hartford BC | 8 | 4 |

| | |
|-----|--|
| 3 | Jim Cleary - David Margolin, Hartford BC |
| 4/5 | Ronald Brown - Douglas Doub, Hartford BC |
| 4/5 | 1 Rachel Brown - Laurie Robbins, Hartford BC |
| 6 | 2 1 Susan Lewis - Lillian Clark, Avon |
| 7 | 3 Reginald Harvey - Thomas Lorch, Hartford BC |
| 8 | 4 Arlene Leshine - Gertrude Pedersen, Hamden |
| 9 | Marie Abate - Betty Ustanowski, Hartford BC |
| 5 | Robert Cross - Jeanne Striefler, Hartford BC |
| 6 | Maureen Denges - Carol Schaper, Hartford BC |
| 7 | Barbara Fisher - Carmela Marcella, Waterbury |
| 2 | Pauline Vehslage - Marie Cornelio, Avon |
| 3 | Terry Blank - John Knopf, Norwalk/Wilton |
| 4 | Bob Benson - Ian Fuller, Norwalk/Wilton |
| 5 | David Strong - Mary Jane Strong, Waterbury |
| 6 | Fred Bird - Jean Little, Avon |

Friday PM Senior Pairs

| A | B | C | Names |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | | | Janet Gischner - Jane Smith |
| 2 | 1 | | Ogden Bigelow, Jr - Terry Fidler |
| 3 | | | Sarah Budds - Kathleen Frangione |
| 4 | | | Charlotte Zultowsky - Mary Leclair |
| 5 | | | Paul Wolf II - Harris Jacobs |
| 6 | | | Lenny Russman - Richard Blair |
| | 2 | | Sue Falk - Joseph Sanders |
| | 3 | | Edward Shepherd - Kathy Shepherd |

Unit-wide Championship

Tuesday Daytime February 5, 2008

| A | B | C | Names |
|-----|---|---|--|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | George Holland - Carl Palmer, Newtown BC |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | Libby Lardie - Agnes Kling, Newtown BC |
| 3 | | | Hilda Silverman - Susan Pflederer, Hartford BC |
| 4 | | | Terry Brewster - Warren Williams, Wilton Bridge |
| 5 | 3 | | Marylin Noll - Lea Selig, Hartford BC |
| 6/7 | 4 | | Bill Watson - Paula Beauchamp, Hartford BC |
| 6/7 | | | Allan Clamage - Don Stiegler, Wilton Bridge |
| 5 | | | Karleen Heller - Marilyn Barnes, Newtown BC |
| 6 | | | Judith Pyka - Ruth Kuzma, Hartford BC |
| | 3 | | Tom Pumo - Tom Pritchard, Newtown BC |
| 4/5 | | | Jerry Hudson - Karen Emott, Hartford BC |
| 4/5 | | | Mary Murphy - Patricia Schackner, Hartford BC |
| 6/7 | | | Donald Fosberg - Virginia Labbadia, Hartford BC |
| 6/7 | | | Raymond Fortier - Sheldon Rosenbaum, Hartford BC |

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|---|--|
| 9 | Betty Ustanowski, Hartford BC |
| 5 | Robert Cross - Jeanne Striefler, Hartford BC |
| 6 | Maureen Denges - Carol Schaper, Hartford BC |
| 7 | Barbara Fisher - Carmela Marcella, Waterbury |
| 2 | Pauline Vehslage - Marie Cornelio, Avon |
| 3 | Terry Blank - John Knopf, Norwalk/Wilton |
| 4 | Bob Benson - Ian Fuller, Norwalk/Wilton |
| 5 | David Strong - Mary Jane Strong, Waterbury |
| 6 | Fred Bird - Jean Little, Avon |

Friday Evening Open Pairs

| A | B | C | Names |
|---|-----|---|--|
| 1 | | | Richard DeMartino - Larry Bausher |
| 2 | | | Janet Gischner - Jane Smith |
| 3 | | | Bill Reich - Brian Lewis |
| 4 | | | Lois Zeisler - Gloria Sieron |
| 5 | | | Phyllis Bausher - Mark Stasiewski |
| 6 | | | Vesna Hauptfeld - Edith Swatzburg |
| | 1 | 1 | Phillip Olschefski - Carolyn Olschefski |
| | 2 | 2 | Constance Sommer - Susan Swope |
| | 3 | 3 | Lawrence Stern - Lee Herdle |
| | 4 | | Joseph Sanders - Sue Falk |
| | 5/6 | | Andrew Krasuski - Janusz Jablonski |
| | 5/6 | 4 | Joseph Goldberg - Alfred Bruhn |

Spring in Connecticut Guilford, CT April 25-27, 2008

Friday PM Open Pairs

| A | B | C | Names |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | | | Constance Graham - Alice Hummel |
| 2 | | | Allan Clamage - Don Stiegler |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | Richard Benedict - Elizabeth Nuki |
| 4 | | | Margaret Mason - Helen Kobernusz |
| 5 | | | Richard DeMartino - Larry Bausher |
| 6 | | | Gail Carroll - Nancy Earel |
| 2 | 2 | | Edward Konowitz - Eric Frieden |
| 3 | | | Elizabeth Nagle - Helma Strauss |
| 4 | 3 | | Jatin Mehta - Hasmukh Shah |
| 5 | 4 | | Lawrence Stern - Lee Herdle |

Saturday AM A/X Pairs

| A | X | Names |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | | Howard Lawrence - Frank Blachowski |
| 2 | | Allan Clamage - James Greer |
| 3 | | William Hunter - Shome Mukherjee |
| 4 | 1 | Daniel Livingston - Brian Lewis |
| 5 | | Victor King - Jonathan Fieldman |
| 6 | | Kerry Wiland - Douglas Doub |
| | 2 | Sonja Smith - David Rock |
| | 3 | Helen Kobernusz - Constance Graham |

Saturday AM B/C Pairs

| B | C | Names |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | | Karen Barrett - Douglas Thompson |
| 2 | 1 | Lawrence Stern - Robert Vander Wiede |
| 3 | | Eva Hunt - Michael Bolgar |
| 4 | 2 | Richard Benedict - Gary Cohen |

Unit-wide Championship

Friday Daytime April 11, 2008

| A | B | C | Names |
|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | | | Harris Jacobs - Janet Gischner, Meriden |
| 2 | | | Richard De Martino - Brett Adler, Fairfield |

Results

5 Sue Falk - Joseph Sanders
 6 3 Pere Pittard - Curtis Bristol, Jr
 4 Bert Chang - Adi Chehna

Saturday AM 299er Pairs

| A | B | C | Names |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Peter Fredrickson - Donald Migliaro |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | Cherry McLaughlin - Lawrence Eppler |
| 3 | 3 | | Mary Whittemore - Jesse Whittenmore |
| 4 | 4 | | Margery Gussak - Norma Healy |
| 5 | | | Marshall Holley - Teresita Holley |

Saturday PM A/X Pairs

| A | X | Names |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | | Maeve Lucey - Brett Adler |
| 2 | | Howard Lawrence - Frank Blachowski |
| 3 | | Dean Montgomery - Richard Wieland |
| 4 | 1 | Elizabeth Nagle - Kathleen Frangione |
| 5 | | Ann Cady - Harold Feldheim |
| 6 | | Doug Dey - Don Stiegler |
| | 2 | Sonja Smith - David Rock |
| | 3 | Daniel Livingston - Brian Lewis |

Saturday PM B/C Pairs

| B | C | Names |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| 1 | | Rita Brieger - Harold Miller |

| | | |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 2 | 1 | Constance Sommer - Susan Swope |
| 3 | | Louise Wood - Fredda Kelly |
| 4 | 2 | Virginia Goggin - Alfred Guntermann |
| 5 | | Arthur Haut - Elaine Haut |
| 6 | | Beverly Grushkin - Arnold Grushkin |
| | 3 | Robert Klopp - Brenda Harvey |
| | 4 | Inge Schuele - Michael Wavada |

Saturday PM 299er Pairs

| A | B | C | Names |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | | Carolyn Wieder - Susan Petrie |
| 2 | 2 | | Sandra Zieky - Calvin Zieky |
| 3 | 3 | | Margery Gussak - Norma Healy |
| 4 | | | Barbara Barrette - Beatrice Meyers |
| | 4 | | Carol Gregware - Bill Gregware |

Sunday Swiss Teams (Bracket I)

| Rank | Names |
|------|---|
| 1 | Tom Joyce, Marsha Futterman, Hilda Silverman, Susan Pfederer |
| 2 | Melvin Marcus, Victor King, Richard DeMartino, William Hunter |
| 3 | Burton Gischner, Janet Gischner, Jane Smith, Barb Shaw |

Sunday Swiss Teams (Bracket II)

| Rank | Names |
|------|--|
| 1 | Henry (Roy) Andrews, Constance Graham, Margaret Mason, Lenny Russman |
| 2 | Paul Miller, Linda Green, Harry Jancis, David Blackburn |
| 3 | Brian Lewis, Daniel Livingston, Douglas Deacon, Paul Tungatt |
| 4 | Jason Rotenberg, Thomas Proulx, Elaine Misner, James Misner |
| 5/6 | Frederic Bird, Jean Little, Robert Cheah, Ruby Cheah |
| 5/6 | Edward Shepherd, Kathy Shepherd, R. S. Hall, Nancy Hall |

Sunday Swiss Teams (Bracket III)

| Rank | Names |
|------|--|
| 1 | Robert Vander Wiede, Mary Jane Vander Wiede, Doug Dey, David Hyatt |
| 2 | Alex Dezieck, Joshua Parks, Scott Horowitz, Zachary Gidwitz |
| 3 | Robert Klop, Tadeusz Karnkowski, Brenda Harvey, Charles Heckman |

2007 CBA Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race Winners

0 to 5 Masterpoints

Carolyn Wieder - Rocky Hill

5 to 20 Masterpoints

Jackie Stone - Greenwich

20 to 50 Masterpoints

Constance Sommer - Old Greenwich

50 to 100 Masterpoints

Richard Benedict - Avon

100 to 200 Masterpoints

Robert Klopp - New Haven

200 to 300 Masterpoints

Bernie Snyder - Stamford

300 to 500 Masterpoints

William Watson - West Hartford

500 to 1000 Masterpoints

Kenneth Hirshon - Stamford

1000 to 2500 Masterpoints

Sonja Smith - North Granby

2500 to 5000 Masterpoints

Lawrence Lau - Westport

5000 to 7500 Masterpoints

Geoffrey Brod - Naples

7500 to 10,000 Masterpoints

Larry Bausher - West Hartford

Over 10,000 Masterpoints

Richard DeMartino - Riverside
 With 1,150.17 points, Rich had the highest point total of anyone in the CBA for 2007.

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brilliant, heroic play overshadowed any possible risk. Now the professor was home free, losing only the A♠, but not a diamond trick.

Once again, Cecil had made the “expert play”, handing declarer an impossible contract. 

(ANSWER to “Can’t Cost - Chapter 15” from page 2)

Play the K♦ to drop West’s Q. If you have been counting, you will know that East started with 5 clubs, so his 13th card is a club. You can also count West’s hand. He started with 4243 distribution, so his last 2 cards must be the Q♦ and J♠. In other words, the third round of clubs “squeezed” him. After the hand was over, East noted to West that he should have discarded a diamond, not a club, to trick 8. In that way, South wouldn’t have been able to get a complete count on the hand. 

2007 CBA Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race Winners

0 to 5 Masterpoints

Carolyn Wieder - Rocky Hill

5 to 20 Masterpoints

Stephen Shamroth - West Hartford
With 25.66 points, Stephen just beat Jackie Stone of Greenwich by 0.16 points and Sandra Zieky of West Hartford by 0.18 points!

20 to 50 Masterpoints

Harold Fink - Fort Lauderdale

50 to 100 Masterpoints

Richard Benedict - Avon

100 to 200 Masterpoints

Robert Klopp - New Haven
With 86.99 points, Robert just beat Jatin Mehta of Trumbull by 0.85 points.

200 to 300 Masterpoints

Bernie Snyder - Stamford

300 to 500 Masterpoints

William Watson - West Hartford

500 to 1000 Masterpoints

Kenneth Hirshon - Stamford
With 257.57 points, Kenneth recorded the most points by anyone in the CT Ace of Clubs race for 2007.

1000 to 2500 Masterpoints

Lesley Meyers - Bloomfield

2500 to 5000 Masterpoints

Marilyn Goldberg - West Hartford

5000 to 7500 Masterpoints

Jim Cleary - Bloomfield

7500 to 10,000 Masterpoints

Larry Bausher - West Hartford

Over 10,000 Masterpoints

Douglas Doub - West Hartford
With 90.72 points, Doug just beat Harold Feldheim of Hamden by 0.32 points.

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