

MCLB DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

September 3, 2018

CONGRATULATIONS

Wayne Carpenter & Laverne Niksch
on your 75.38% game on August 27 in Michigan City.

Read their names in "Big Games" in the
November ACBL Bridge Bulletin.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 7 Verne Lee

GET WELL WISHES

Dick Brewé

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to
Carol & John Teshima
on the passing of her mother, Patricia Bessegato
and to
Ellie Parkerson
on the passing of her brother, Marty Bergerson

THANKS FOR THE AUGUST 27TH YUMMIES

Marge Quigley – Almonds & Banana Nut Bread
Viktoria Vollar – Chocolates
Laverne Niksch – Carrot Cake
Marci Meyer – Blueberry Muffins

THANK YOU

Laverne Niksch for pears from your tree and the
pasteurized pear juice – WHAT A TREAT!!

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

North American Pairs qualifers are held annually by ACBL. The MCLB clubs were permitted to hold two NAP qualifying games per sanctioned session during the months of June, July and August. When you looked at club results for an NAP game during these months and saw a "Q" by your name, this meant in addition to the half red/half black masterpoints you won that day, you and your partner qualified to compete in the District 12 NAP finals which will take place on September 16 in Lansing, MI. The top three eligible pairs in Flight A and the top four eligible pairs in Flights B & C will each qualify to compete in the 2019 Spring NABC in Memphis in March, 2019. Winning partnerships at the District finals will receive a monetary compensation from ACBL to help with expenses at the NABC's. If you and your partner are interested in attending the District 12 NAP qualifier, Marci Meyer has registration information. We are fortunate that the Unit 154 move to District 12 enables our players to qualify at a location much closer to home than in previous years.

STRATIFICATION FOR THE NAP FINALS

Flight A – Open (No masterpoint limit)
Flight B = 0-2500 masterpoints
Flight C – Non-life masters with fewer than 500 masterpoints

MCLB DBC QUALIFIERS FOR NAP FINALS

(Partnerships playing in District 12 finals **MUST** belong to the ACBL)

Sally Allen	Pat Manning
Janet Andreotti	Lynn Martin
Lynn Bayman	Glen McGeady
Ivye Benson	Gloria McMahon
Doug Booth	Keith Meyer
Betty Brewé	Marci Meyer
Dick Brewé	Laverne Niksch
Mary Jane Brodie	Tom O'Connell
Mariana Bruce	Mary O'Neil
Bernie Budzik	Donna Pope
Kathy Budzik	June Reisinger
Wayne Carpenter	Milda Roszkewicz
Pat Costello	Judy Selund
Dan Cunningham	Dan Simon
Peg Cunningham	Sharon Snyder
Ed D'Ouille	Ron Stevenson
Michele Eckert	Barbara Stroud
Mary Ennes	Connie Sullivan
Mary Ann Filipiak	Jim Sullivan
Rita Fink	Dianne Swygert
Cindy Garver	Carol Teshima
Naomi Goodman	John Teshima
Don Grote	Chuck Tomes
Charlie Halberstadt	Marcy Tomes
Mary Ann Hart	Molly Trafas

Janet Jones	Tom Van Gilder
Knoefel Jones	Sis Wallés
Susan Keeley	Jim Wareham
Jayne Krol	Bill Wendt
Lori Law	Marge Winfield
Mags MacEntee	Carl Zurcher
Peter MacEntee	Bill deFuniak
Betty Madigan	Kathy Peterson (S.B.)

FYI

All editions of the MCLB DBC weekly newsletter
now appear on the Unit 154.org website.
Look under News from Club
We're certainly not fancy or colorful, but we're there!

No fun quizzes this week. It's picnic day!! Enjoy!

ANSWERS

(from August 27, 2018)

BRIDGE JEOPARDY

1. You open 1H. Partner responds 1NT.

What are the two things partner is telling you?

- (1) Partner has 6-9 high-card points; 6-12 high-card points if playing 2/1
- (2) Partner does not have a 4-card spade suit.

2. Partner opens the bidding 1S and you bid 1NT.

Partner rebids 2S.

What two things can you count partner on having?

- (1) Partner has six spades
- (2) Partner has a minimum opening hand – no more than 12-13 points

3. You open 1C and partner bids 2NT.

What three things does partner's bid tell you?

- (1) Partner has 10-12 high-card points.
- (2) Partner has no singleton or void.
- (3) Partner does not have a 4-card major.

4. Your RHO bids 1H and you bid 2H.

What three things does this bid tell your partner?

- (1) You have 5 spades and 5 of an unknown minor – A Michael's Cue Bid.
- (2) You have shortness in hearts.
- (3) Per Larry Cohen – bid is usually made with a weakish hand or a very strong hand – not inbetween.

5. You open 1H and partner bids 4D.

What four things does the 4D bid tell you?

- (1) Partner has 4+ hearts.
- (2) Partner has a singleton or void in diamonds – a Splinter bid.
- (3) Partner has game-going values.
- (4) Partner has interest in slam.

6. You open 1H and partner bids 4H.

What two things does partner's bid tell you?

- (1) Partner has at least 5 hearts (Some bid this with only 4 hearts).
- (2) Partner has a weak hand with maximum of 7-8 points.

7. You open 1H.

Partner responds 1S.

You now bid 3S and partner bids 4D.

What two things does this 4D bid mean?

- (1) 4-diamond bid cue-bids a control -- shows the Ace of diamonds.
- (2) Spades is the agreed trump suit. The 4-diamond bid shows interest in slam.

8. You open 1NT.

Your partner bids 4C.

What two things does partner's 4C bid tell you?

- (1) Partner is bidding Gerber (over NT) asking for Aces.
- (2) Partner has a strong hand – 16+ points.

Kudos to those who worked out last week's puzzle and came up with the correct answer (16) for the maximum number of bids (including passes) possible to end up in a contract of one diamond?

Please remember the
ACBL ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY
will be enforced every week.

MCLB DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUBS

September 10, 2018

LABOR DAY PICNIC & BRIDGE

12 Tables of Bridge
A fun day with fabulous food & friends!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 11 Knoefel Jones
September 16 Dave Miller

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to our Valparaiso DBC friends on the loss of their bridge friend Alice Giedemann.

MOVING UP IN THE RANKS

Congratulations to Don Grote!
He now has 20 masterpoints
and has earned the rank of Club Master.

LONG BEACH DBC

Duplicate Bridge at the Long Beach Community Center will be held in Room 12 for the months of September and October.
Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL FUND GAMES

September is International Fund Games month.

This Fund game awards extra masterpoints. The ACBL charges the club extra table fees each session for these games, and the money raised helps support North American participation in international bridge events.

The MCLB DBC will hold International Fund Games every session in September. In addition, various special games will be held throughout the year, including club championship games, other special fund games, charity games, and NAP's to name a few.

Club members will always be notified the week before via this newsletter as to the type of game that will take place the following week.

NORTHERN INDIANA UNIT 154

Tom O'Connell & Marci Meyer represent the Michigan City/Long Beach Duplicate Bridge Clubs on the Northern Indiana Unit 154 Board of Directors. Barbara Stroud represents Portage, Chesterton & Valparaiso.

There are 11 active clubs in Unit 154. In addition to the five listed above, other clubs are located in Angola, Gary, Highland, Fort Wayne, Kokomo and Mishawaka (South Bend)

WANT TO PLAY NEARBY ON ANOTHER DAY?

PORTAGE – BEACH BRIDGE CLUB

Wayne Carpenter, Club Manager
Tuesday – 11:00 a.m.

2100 Willow Creek Road – Portage Park Department
Phone: 219-929-1003

VALPARAISO DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Charlie Halberstadt – Club Manager
Wednesday – 11:00 a.m.

605 Beech St. – Banta Senior Center, Valparaiso
Phone: 219-617-5566

Other Unit 154 clubs and game schedules can be found on the www.unit154.org website

EDDIE KANTAR DEFENSIVE TIPS

Never, but never forget you are playing with a partner. It pays to consider what things may look like from partner's point of view, particularly when you are privy to some information that partner isn't.

When making a blind lead, don't be looking for miracles in any suit partner could have overcalled at the one level, but didn't.

When you have a poor hand, partner hasn't bid and the opponents stop at the one- or two-level, assume partner has strength in the opponents' first bid suit(s) – or the opponents don't know how to bid.

You cannot defend properly unless you watch the cards, particularly the little fellows.

If partner has a chance to double an artificial bid (Stayman, Jacoby Transfer, Cuebid, etc.), particularly at a high level and doesn't, look elsewhere for the killing lead unless you have a strong sequence of your own in one of those suits.

Lead Inferences:

If partner doesn't lead your suit, assume partner is:

Void in your suit.....or

Has a side-suit singleton that he has led.....or

Has a side-suit sequence.....or

Has the Ace and fears declarer may have the King.....or

Has forgotten the bidding!

Did you mark your calendar for the weekend of October 19-21 for the Northwest Indiana Sectional in Highland?

MCLB DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUBS

September 17, 2018

EXCITING NEWS FROM UNIT 154

ACBL members received an email this week from Gary Chaney, Unit 154 President, announcing the new unit website and thanking Kim Grant, Unit Webmaster, for her hundreds of hours of work in designing and maintaining the website. As Gary said, this new website with its new software and platform will enable Kim to bring our Unit 154 membership the news from Northern Indiana more quickly and in greater detail.

The website highlights all Unit 154 clubs, the Unit Board of Directors, Tournaments, District 12 News, News from Clubs (our weekly newsletter is now on this site), Rising in the Ranks, the Unit By-Laws, Standing Rules and the Unit's Election Matrix.

Please put the newsletter in your "favorites" and read it often. If you had visited the old website, you need to clear that out of your browsing history and then type in the website address: www.unit154.org

VISITORS TO MCDABC

We love first-time visitors to our duplicate game, and thanks to Carl Zurcher for bringing Tom Edwards and Jim Foglesong from LaPorte.

Visitors from the Valparaiso Duplicate Club were Dee Brown & Dee VanBeeber.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING LAST WEEK

Sally Allen	Dry Roasted Peanuts
Mariana Bruce	Cookies
Tom Van Gilder	Tomatoes @ LB game

CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere sympathy to Wayne Carpenter on the loss of his brother.

YOUR FIRST YEAR IS FREE!!

ACBL dues for a new member are \$117 for three years.

However.....

Unit 154 pays your first year dues of \$49

If.....

You pay your second & third year dues of \$68 total.

In other words.....

You become a 3-year member for \$68.

This offer is for new members only and you must go through Marci Meyer, Wayne Carpenter or Charlie Halberstadt to receive this rate.

If you call ACBL directly, you will not get this savings and does not include players who were former members of ACBL.

See Page 2 for Membership Benefits

2012 CHICAGO TRIBUNE BRIDGE QUIZ

BY TANNAH HIRSCH

What do you bid now in each hand shown?

#1 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q84 ♥ 5 ♦ AQ95 ♣ AQJ2

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
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1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
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#2 Both vulnerable, playing 2/1, as South you hold:

♠ AKQ98 ♥ J76 ♦ K65 ♣ 96

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
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1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
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#3 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 965 ♥ KJ10643 ♦ 93 ♣ AK

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
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		1♦	Pass
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1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
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#4 Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ K87 ♥ QJ954 ♦ VOID ♣ 108653

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
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		1♦	Pass
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1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
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#5 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A85 ♥ J10652 ♦ 6 ♣ Q1095

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
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		1♦	Pass
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1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
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(Answers Next Week)

HAVE SOMETHING NEWSWORTHY?

If you have some interesting news, have something you'd like to see in this weekly newsletter, send get-well wishes, or know of a missed birthday or anniversary, let Marci know.

EXTRA MASTERPOINTS THIS WEEK FOR INTERNATIONAL FUND GAME

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP A TOURNAMENT FLYER NORTHERN INDIANA SECTIONAL OCTOBER 19-21
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JOIN THE ACBL (AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE)

YOUR MEMBERSHIP OFFERS THE FOLLOWING:

- ◆ Helps support our unit and our two clubs.
- ◆ Receive the opportunity to win and track your masterpoints by having them recorded, and earn new ranks.
 - ◆ A new member may claim the points they have won during the year preceding the date on which they join ACBL to a maximum of 20 masterpoints.
- ◆ Eligible for Ace of Clubs & Mini-McKenney MP awards.
- ◆ Receive “*The Bridge Bulletin*” This monthly 84-page bridge magazine is packed with news, quizzes, lessons & tips for players of all levels.
 - ◆ Provides support for bridge education.
- ◆ Receive discounts with major retailers through the member perks program powered by Abenity, who has partnered with ACBL to bring these benefits.
- ◆ Collection of Abenity perks includes local and national discounts, with savings at hotels, restaurants, retailers, attractions and more.
 - ◆ Popular offers include
 - 2 ½¢ B&W copies & 12¢ color copies from Office Depot.
 - 25% off Papa John’s
 - 40% off the Men’s Wearhouse & Jos. A. Banks Clothiers
 - 15% off services from Firestone & Jiffy Lube
 - Up to 29% off Regal, AMC, & Cinemark Theaters eTickets
 - Up to 15% off 75,000 hotels worldwide, cruise discounts plus
 - 125,000 additional offers are available from brands like Costco, Olive Garden, Six Flags, Sam’s Club, Sea World, Macaroni Grill, Brooks Brothers, LA Fitness, DirecTV, Target.com, Red Lobster, Disneyland, Williamsburg, etc.

◆◆ GET A TASTE OF ACBL ◆◆

ACBL offers prospective new members a temporary membership for one month for a fee of \$7.99

This temporary membership offers exclusive benefits like tracking masterpoints, an issue of *The Bridge Bulletin* and no extra tournament fees.

This option is only available to players who have never been a full-year member, and the rate can be renewed monthly.

NOTE: Once you sign-up for this temporary membership, you will not be able to take advantage of the “first year free” offer from Unit 154.

You do the math.....it is much more feasible to pay \$68.00 and receive a 3-year membership.

SNOWBIRDS PLEASE STAY IN UNIT 154

Thank you for honoring this “SNOWBIRD” request from Michigan City & Long Beach representatives to Unit 154: Tom O’Connell & Marci Meyer

Unit 154

is asking all ACBL members who are “Snowbirds” to please keep your unit affiliation in Indiana when you move to your winter address.

The Reason:

The ACBL pays a portion of your annual ACBL membership dues to the unit twice annually six months apart. When ACBL automatically changes your mailing address for the winter, it has a default treatment that automatically changes you to a new unit.

This benefits the unit in which you reside in the winter (NOT Unit 154) as they receive that portion of your ACBL dues based on where you are at the time of the payment.

Most of you go to Florida, and the Florida units are so big that they really don’t need the added income, so help out Unit 154 by keeping your unit affiliation unchanged.

When Unit 154 moved from District 12 to District 8, the Regional Tournament in Fort Wayne was given up, so all additional monies that the unit can receive are needed.

When you move to your winter address, you can still retain your Unit 154 affiliation and you can still receive *The Bridge Bulletin*.

To make this change and not affect your Unit 154 affiliation, you need to contact one of the following ladies in ACBL Membership stating your desire to have them mail *The Bridge Bulletin* to your winter address, but keep your membership in Unit 154.

Cindy Wages cindy.wages@acbl.org
Linda Aldridge linda.aldridge@acbl.org

If you wish to call Cindy or Linda directly at ACBL rather than send an email, contact them at (662) 253-3100.

FROM ACBL REGARDING THE CLOCK

Bridge is a timed event. Players will be given an average of 7.5 minutes per deal and should learn to use the time wisely. Slow play is discourteous not only to the opponent of the moment, but to all of the other players in the room.

It is the responsibility of every player at the table to try to catch up when their table has fallen behind.

You and your partner should not discuss the hands you have just played until the end of the day.

MCLB DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUBS

September 24, 2018

MASTERPOINT MILESTONES

Betty Brewe Sectional Master
Dick Brewe Sectional Master

Sectional Master = 50 MP's including at least 5 Silver Points

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Glen McGeady September 24
Kathy Stout September 25
Tom O'Connell September 27
Dottie Healy September 29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Carol & John Teshima September 25 - #42

SENDING GET WELL WISHES

Norm Filipiak

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? THANKS FOR SHARING!

Daryl Penfold Peppers
Tom VanGilder Cherry Tomatoes

WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS

If you miss a copy of the weekly newsletter, there are always extra copies in file folders on the front table or on the Unit 154 website under "News from Clubs"

www.unit154.org

TO SPEED UP YOUR GAME

Always make the opening lead face down to prevent a lead out-of-turn, and always do so before writing the contract on your private score sheet.

THINGS NEVER HEARD AT BRIDGE

I'm really getting great cards!

Cool! A 3-board sit-out.

No matter which direction we sit, the cards always go our way.

The temperature in this room is always great!

Boy, are we having a good game today!

I loved that Director call.

BRIDGE HUMOR

Sylvia accompanied Orville, her bridge partner, to the doctor's office. After his checkup, the doctor called Sylvia into his office alone. "Orville is suffering from a very severe stress disorder. If you don't follow my instructions carefully, he will surely die. Never point out any mistakes he makes. Be pleasant at all times. Don't burden him with conventions and bidding systems. Always give him a hug when he feels down. And never discuss the hands. If you can do this for he next few months, I think Orville will totally regain his health."

On the way home, Orville asked Sylvia, "What did the doctor say?" "He said you're going to die," she replied.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS TO

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#1 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

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South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
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ANSWER: Had you held a 4th spade, your hand would be good enough for a jump raise in partner's suit. As it is, the best you can do for the moment is bid two clubs. If partner takes any action, raise spades next.

#2 Both vulnerable, playing 2/1, as South you hold:

♠ AKQ98 ♥ J7 ♦ K65 ♣ J96

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
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ANSWER: You have a minimum opening bid with tolerance for partner's suit, but what do you want to do? Partner's 2/1 response has promised another bid, so pass and see what he does. His rebid should solve your problem.

#3 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 965 ♥ KJ10643 ♦ 93 ♣ AK

South	West	North	East
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
???			

ANSWER: It is a close decision between a jump to game in hearts or NT. Let partner make the decision after you jump to three hearts. If he bids 3NT, that's the spot.

#4 Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ K87 ♥ QJ954 ♦ VOID ♣ 108653

South	West	North	East
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
???			

ANSWER: You have a dead minimum responding hand with little or no help for partner. However, you know he has at least a 6-card diamond suit, perhaps longer, so don't try to improve the contract. There is little hope of finding a better spot. Pass.

#5 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A85 ♥ J10652 ♦ 6 ♣ Q1095

South	West	North	East
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
???			

ANSWER: To try to find any contract better than 3NT is asking for trouble. However, if you can't resist the impulse to take some other action, a bid of 3C might be acceptable.

Don't forget to pick up the NW Indiana Sectional Flyer