Meet Michigan’s winning mini-Spingold squad

Editor’s note: A team of five 20-something Ann Arbor players won the 0-1500 mini-Spingold KO, a multi-day limited national championship, at the summer North American Bridge Championships in Philadelphia. A month earlier, they also won the Sunday Swiss Teams at the Toledo Regional. Here are their stories:

Jonathan Fleischmann
I’m 24 years old and live in Bloomfield Hills with my father, two brothers, and a sister. I’m an attorney less than a year out of law school. I started playing in 1999.

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DON’T FORGET TO VOTE

The annual election for MBA Board of Directors will be held during the last four days of the October regional. If you cannot be there on one of those days, you can still vote by completing and sending in an absentee ballot. See page 5. Candidates’ pictures and statements appear on pages 6 and 7.
Michigan Bridge Association Unit #137
2012 VINCE & JOAN REMEY
MOTOR CITY REGIONAL
October 8-14, 2012
Site: William Costick Center,
28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills MI 48336
(between Inkster and Middlebelt roads)
248-473-1816

Intermediate/Newcomers Schedule (0-299 MP)
Single-session Stratified Open Pairs: Tue. through Fri., 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams: Sun. 11 a.m. & TBA (single-session events)

Side Game Schedule
Side Game Series 1: Tues. through Thurs., 1 & 7 p.m.
Side Game Series 2: Fri., 1 & 7 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
To be eligible for gold points and overall awards, a player must play in two sessions of the same event.

—— NOTE EARLY SATURDAY START TIMES ——

Stratifications
Stratified events: A=unlimited; B=0-2,000; C=0-750
Sunday stratified Swiss team: A=unlimited; AX=0-3,000;
B=0-2,000; C=0-1,000, D=0-500
I/N: 0-20; 20-50; 100-200; 200-299 as attendance warrants
Average MP will be used to determine strat in stratified pairs and team events.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Comfort Inn, 30715 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills MI, 248-471-9220. Bridge rate: $69.99 per room, plus tax (includes continental breakfast)

Chairmen: Don Rumelhart, 734-474-2539, drumelhart@aol.com
Robert Katz, 734-669-2091, rjkaa@sbcglobal.net

Partnerships: Marilyn Crane, 734-591-3431, mqcrane@yahoo.com
MOTOR CITY REGIONAL
SCHEDULE OF MAIN EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8
Handicap Bracketed KO Teams #1................................. 7 p.m.
(continues Tuesday at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.)
Charity Stratified Open Pairs (one session) .................. 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9
Stratified Open Swiss Teams................................. 1 & 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10
NEW EVENT: Gold Rush Pairs .......................... 1 & 7 p.m.
(0-300, 300-750 MP)
Sylvia Stein Stratified Open Pairs ........................ 1 & 7 p.m.
Handicap Bracketed KO Teams #2............................... 1 & 7 p.m.
(continues Thursday at 1 & 7 p.m.)
Stratified Open Swiss Teams (single session) ........... 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11
Stratified Open Swiss Teams................................. 1 & 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
NEW EVENT: Gold Rush Pairs .......................... 1 & 7 p.m.
(0-300, 300-750 MP)
Stratified Open Pairs* .................................................... 1 & 7 p.m.
"Winners’ names will be inscribed on the Ray Jacobstein Trophy"
Handicap Bracketed KO Teams #3............................... 1 & 7 p.m.
(continues Saturday at 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.)
Stratified Open Swiss Teams (single session) ........... 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
NEW EVENT: Gold Rush Pairs .......................... 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
(0-300, 300-750 MP)
Stratified Open Pairs.................................................. 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
(All Saturday pair events will consist of two 24-board sessions)

NOTE EARLY SATURDAY START TIMES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams..................................... 11 a.m. (Playthrough)
Seven 7-board matches; light food will be served

Handicapping for bracketed knockouts: Teams that average more than 5000 MPs will be handicapped at 5000 MPs

District 12 website: www.district12bridge.org
MBA CLUB DIRECTORY

OPEN GAMES
Burns Center Bridge, 1320 Baldwin, Ann Arbor. Dick Fortune, 734-677-5674. Wednesday 12 p.m.
Burns Park Bridge, 1320 Baldwin, Ann Arbor. Mike Crane, 734-981-1038. Thursday 12 p.m.
Downriver BC, Southgate Civic Center, 14700 Reaume Pkwy., Southgate. Ron Smith, 519-969-4441. Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
Huron Valley Bridge Club, 9525 E. Highland Rd., Howell. Jim & Cheryl Perna, 248-887-9283. Thursday, 6 p.m.
Plymouth Community BC, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Jim & Cheryl Perna, 248-887-9283. Tuesday 11:30 a.m., Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
Thursday Evening Bridge, 1830 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. Dorothy Kuhn, 734-761-6691. Thursday 7 p.m.
Trenton DBC, 2700 Westfield, Trenton. Carl May, 734-301-3872. Thursday 7 p.m.
War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe. Judith Thomas, 313-372-4218. Monday 12 p.m.
Young Center BC, R.A. Young Recreation Center, 5400 McKinley, Dearborn Heights. Elaine Reininger, 734-287-3067. Wednesday 11 a.m.
MBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
OCTOBER 2012

(Ballot deleted)
SHELLEY BOSCHAN
I am running for re-election to the board. I have found the members of this board to be a group of very dedicated bright people who work diligently to address the needs of the MBA community. It has been an honor to serve with them, which I hope to continue for two more years. As an architect, I try to bring as much creativity to the committee as possible. In addition, my extensive experience working with numerous non-profit organizations has also proved helpful.

GRANT PETERSEN
Earned a business degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. I have been an ACBL member for just over seven years and have attained the rank of Silver Life Master. I’m a certified ACBL instructor and director. I took up the game online and soon discovered there was so much more to it than I realized. This realization turned into a passion for the game and its community. This passion has led me to start a not-for-profit company that teaches youth bridge and, most recently, the ownership of the Bridge Connection.

BILL ARLINGHAUS
Bill Arlinghaus represents District 12 on the ACBL Board of Directors. He is a 5-time President of the MBA. He has served on the MBA Board for over 25 years total. He was co-chair of the 2008 Detroit NABC. Bill is Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at Lawrence Tech. He has been married to Sandy for 46 years. He enjoys contributing to bridge and requests your vote to continue.
TERRY T. BROWN
During the past several years, while being privileged to serve as a member of the MBA board, I have come to appreciate how, despite being part of a larger community, the most important aspect of the game still occurs here at the local level. Home is where the hearts, as well as the spades, diamonds, and clubs are. We have an excellent board, and I hope to continue to be a part of it. Thanks!

WILLIE WINOKUR
A vote for me would be appreciated.

PATTI STONER
I learned to play bridge in college, and fell in love with the game. Have played for over 47 years. “Kitchen table bridge,” as a working mother, all I had time for. In the last four years, have started playing competitively. I play club bridge, in Plymouth, and play in every tournament I can find. I am a big fan of BBO; it has introduced me to players from all over the world. I would like to give something back to the wonderful game that I play, so I would like to be considered for a place on the board.
IT'S YOUR BID

By Martin Hirschman

I try to stay away from problems that involve a guess as to what conventions are being played, but I largely failed in this regard on Problem 5, and somewhat failed on Problems 1, 2 and 4. I will try to be more careful in the future. (But the proliferation of conventions has made this more difficult.)

Congratulations to Don Rumelhart who had the high score among our expert panelists, and to Sarah Lampert who had the highest reader score.

Thanks to Bert Newman for submitting problem 2, Ed Herstein for problem 3, and Mark Leonard for 4 and 5.

Join the growing number of readers who are sending in their answers. Next issue’s problems appear at the end of this article.

1. MTPTs. None vul. As SOUTH, you hold: ♠4 ♥KQJ64 ♦K762 ♣Q43

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Pass 1♣ Pass 1NT*
Pass 2♣** Pass ?
*Forcing, usually 5-11 HCPs
**Three or more diamonds

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HCPs, while 3♥ surely should show six of them with invitational values. That leaves the panel (and my) choice of 2NT, which should show about 10+ to 11 points without overstating any particular distributional feature.

Bryant (2NT): Not perfect but a value bid.

Kirsch (2NT): Right on strength, and I have a source of tricks.

Myles Maddox (2NT): Shows the strength of my hand.

Marilyn Maddox (2NT): 2♥ would not show the strength of hand.

Winokur (2NT): Looks like an ad (commercial) for “Bart.”

Playing Standard, we could raise to 3♥, but in 2/1 Game Force partner could have just three diamonds. 2♥ would tend to show 6 hearts (or 5 very good ones) and just 6-10
### SCORES

**Experts:**
- Don Rumelhart ..........480
- Suzy Burger ................470
- Howard Perlman ........460
- Bob Webber ..........460
- Mary Smith ................450
- Willie Winokur ..........450

**Readers:**
- Sarah Lampert ............440
- Sam Hirschman ..........430
- Neil Manley ..........430
- Patty Becker ..........400
- Vali Enache ..........400
- Irv Hershman ..........390

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Not really. The Bart convention gives responder a way to show five hearts and invitational values, but only after a 2♣ rebid by opener after the Forcing NT response. It does not apply after a 2♦ rebid.

How will we find our 5-3 heart fit if we have one?

Smith (2NT): If partner accepts, she bids 3♥ with 3 hearts.

Rumelhart (2NT): Right on values and shape. 2NT allows partner to bid 3♥ with 3 or re-bid diamonds with long diamonds.

Webber (2NT): Hope partner will bid a 3-card heart suit on the way to game.

The heart bidders:

Chuck Burger (2♥): Can’t hide this suit. Over 2♠: 3♣. 2NT doesn’t do the job.

Bolton (2♥): Get plus score. Go low on likely misfit.

Chiesa (2♥): All bids brook disaster. Pass is exceedingly cautious, even by FDA standards. 2NT shows the values but suppresses hearts, and you may lack a sufficient club stopper. 3♦: You should have another diamond, and you give up hearts. 3♥: I lack a heart. Give me the heart 10, or vul. at IMPs, and I would try 3♥. 2♥ is wimpy but should get me a plus in a high-paying strain.

Katz (2♥): Options are 2♥, 2NT, and 3♥ in my opinion. Too risky not to get hearts into play at matchpoints. Just a tad short of a 3♥ bid.

Perlman (2♥): Seems automatic. Might strike gold (5-3-4-1) or even 5-3-3-2. If 5-2-4-2 should be very playable. With a singleton heart partner can retreat to 2♠ and I can correct.

Temkin (3♥): All bids are flawed, but this one has the most upside, especially at matchpoints.

Benedict (3♥): You must invite game with 11 HCPs.

Brent (3♥): Best if partner has

Overheard...

...at the Bridge Connection (Southfield MI):

A woman yelled at her left hand opponent: “I can see your whole hand.”

LHO replied: “Then tell me how to bid it!!”

--Reported by Deedie Holtzman
a heart fragment. 2NT a close second, with 3♦ a distant third! This keeps 3NT still viable! Your problems are tougher than the Bridge World (and often better).

2. MTPTs. None vul. As SOUTH, you hold:
   ♠AQ10 ♥KQJ104 ♦6 ♣AJ102
   WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
   1♦ Pass 1♥ ?

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Many readers will be surprised to find out that the expert consensus is that a 2♥ bid here is natural.

Chuck Burger (2♥): Natural. Will double later if possible. Values to double now but spades may not be playable with diamond taps, and subsequent heart bid ambiguous.

Bryant (2♥): If I have an understanding with my partner that hearts here is natural...if not I would double.

Kirsch (2♥): I certainly have my bid and then some.

It seems normal to do something right away. If we pass now, partner will never suspect we have such a big hand.

Temkin (Dbl): Must start with a double with this big hand. Too much to pass and try to catch up later.

Smith (Dbl): What’s the problem? Have to bid.

Bolton (Dbl): Spade game is still possible.

Marilyn Maddox (Dbl): Partner needs little to make part score: 5 small clubs or spades.

The plurality of the panel passes now, hoping to pick up a penalty or figure out what to do later.

Benedict (Pass): The opponents may be in trouble if they lack a diamond fit. I plan to double a NT contract to demand a heart lead. Bidding now lets them off the hook.

Brent (Pass): Will come in later (maybe). If West bids 1♠ or 1NT and it goes pass to me, I have an easy 2♥ bid. If opener psyched, he got me.

Katz (Pass): If auction dies at either 1NT or 2♦, I will double. For now, I will sit and wait to see where this is headed.
Chiesa (Pass): I suspect I could double or bid 2♥ natural, but there is no rush to insinuate myself into their forcing auction at this point. For me 1NT would not be natural and I would not employ it in any event.

Perlman (Pass): No rush to enter the auction yet. Will double a NT rebid if the opportunity presents and weigh other options accordingly.

Rumelhart (Pass): I see no reason to rush into this auction.

Webber (Pass): No reason to be involved yet.

Winokur (Pass): Pass for now, decide on what to do next round.

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

♠K543 ♥Q5 ♦A10652 ♣AQ
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
-- 1♦ 3♣ ?

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We could start with a negative double, the panel choice, but if partner has no 4-card major, we'll miss 3NT, which is our most likely game. Or we can bid 3NT, and give up on game or slam in spades or diamonds. I'll let the panel fight it out...

Benedict (3NT): Spades or diamonds might be better, they might run the heart suit, but Hamman's rule applies with a choice of bids, bid 3NT.

Bolton (Dbl): Can bid NT later over hearts or raise spades.

Brent (3NT): We may have a diamond or NT slam, but I want the lead coming to me. And partner hasn't passed 3NT yet (although he probably will).

Bryant (3NT): It's matchpoints...who knows?

Chuck Burger (Dbl): Must see what pard does. Over 3♥, 3NT now easy. Over jumps or spades, I will move toward slam. The [immediate] matchpoint bid of 3NT too lazy for me.

Chiesa (4♦): There are only two viable bids. 3NT is not one of them. If that is my preferred contract I should double first, then bid 3NT over 3♥.
It costs nothing to attempt to find a 4-4 spade fit. Double is fine if I discover 4-4 spades, but over 3♥ it is not possible to set diamonds as trump and try for a diamond slam. 4♦ does that in one bid.

**Katz (Dbl):** Negative double brings spades into play. If partner bids hearts, then I can bid 3NT.

**Kirsch (3NT):** Games before slams.

**Marilyn Maddox (Dbl):** Will bid 3NT over 3♥ bid.

**Perlman (3NT):** Negative double might work best if a spade slam is on. However the real problem comes when LHO subtly raises to 4♠. I can't bid NT naturally now and have probably endplayed myself. The double stopper along with extra values and big fit makes this probably the safest game. Sure we might make a diamond slam, but we still need a lot from partner who is not barred from bidding.

**Rumelhart (Dbl):** Partner's next bid will tell me in what direction we should head. If he bids 3♦ or 3♠, I will cue bid; over 3♥, I will bid 3NT.

**Smith (3NT):** Used to double. Too many accidents.

**Temkin (Dbl):** Will bid 3NT if response is 3♥.

**Webber (Dbl):** Converting heart bids to NT.

*Thanks to Ed Herstein for submitting this problem. Ed writes: “I didn’t want to hear something uncomfortable such as 4♦ or 4♥ over a double, so I bid 3NT which was passed out. That didn’t work out too well when LHO played his seven hearts from the top. Pard held ♠AQJ10 love x x.*

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

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WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

-- 1♥ Pass 2♥
Pass 2♦ Pass 2♠
Pass 3♥ Pass 3♥
Pass 3NT Pass ?

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*I don’t agree at all with this:*

**Kirsch (Pass):** Partner has
heard me pushing for environs far and beyond, and has basically refused.

*Or this:*

**Chiesa** (Pass): I have shown my pattern and a hand with slam interest. Partner does not have solid diamonds (else 3♦/2♣).

*Or this:*

**Marilyn Maddox** (Pass): Partner doesn’t have solid diamond suit.

As far as partner knows, 3♥ simply meant that I don’t have a stopper (or enough stopper) to bid 3NT, possibly with a partial stopper (Qx, Jxx) or perhaps Ax(x).

We have 18 quite good HCPs, and partner could have up to 15 and/or solid or almost solid diamonds. So we certainly need to make another move. 4NT is the obvious choice, a “quantitative” raise, inviting bigger things.

**Brent** (4NT): Quantitative of course. One last shot at slam. I have certainly described my mitt.

**Chuck Burger** (4NT): Quantitative. Give him/her one more chance. 6♦ likely playable.

**Perlman** (4NT): Clearly constructive and non-forcing. Partner knows my pattern perfectly. He can move if his diamonds are good enough (KQJ10xx(x)).

**Rumelhart** (4NT): I clearly have extras, but I am reluctant to insist on slam without a second diamond. Partner will continue on with solid diamonds.

**Smith** (4NT): Can’t give up on slam.

**Webber** (4NT): Hope we can make it if partner passes.

**Benedict** (4NT): Quantitative. I won’t criticize passing, but partner might have a nice diamond suit and the king of clubs. You should invite slam with 18-19.

*Other ideas:*

**Temkin** (6♦): Could make a slam try with 4♦, but I’m not sure what that’s going to accomplish. Even if partner has only a 6 or 7-card solid suit, slam is likely to have some play. Put it in diamonds instead of NT in case we need a ruffing finesse in clubs.

**Katz** (6♦): I don’t like the auction. I would have bid 4♠ mi-
norwood at my previous turn, allowing more room to determine the right final contract, likely either 6NT or 6♦. If partner has the wrong distribution and opponents make their best lead, we may go down, but I have too much to pass.

**Bolton** (4♦): Blackwood. Eight diamonds and a king would be nice.

_I would have liked to see more discussion about 6♦ vs. 6NT. It's matchpoints, after all, and on some layouts clubs, not the diamonds, will be the principal source of tricks._

_Thanks to former Michigan player Mark Leonard, now living in Long Beach CA, for sending in this problem. He bid 4NT and partner bid 6NT with ♠Kx ♥xxxx ♦AKQxxx ♣K. 6NT was excellent, with many chances for a 12th trick, one of which came home at the table. (However, 6NT is even better if declared from South, protecting against an opening heart lead through the AQx. Should we have bashed out 6NT over 3♣? What would 4NT have meant over 3♣?)_

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5A. IMPs. None vul. As SOUTH, you hold: 
♠KQJ10432 ♥764 ♦ void ♠KQ7

**WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH**

Pass 2NT Pass ?

5B. Assuming you transfer at some level and partner takes the transfer, what do you bid next?

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Should we be trying to protect against bidding 6♠ without a heart stopper or off two cashing aces? Or should we focus on getting to 7 when partner has a healthy hand with the aces of spades, hearts and clubs? Do we always want to be in 7 if partner has the missing aces in those three suits? And, do we have some way to ask for the aces other than the ace of diamonds, e.g. Exclusion Blackwood, and, if so, which is exclusion: 3♥ (Jacoby transfer) then 5♦ or 4♥ (Texas transfer) then 5♠? Questions, questions, questions.
Myles Maddox (3♥/6♠): Opponent has to make a blind lead. Good chance to make even missing two aces other than the ace of diamonds.

Rumelhart (3♥/4♠): Then 5♠. Partner should get the picture when I return to spades.

Webber (4♥/4NT): Four aces and one king makes 7NT. Four aces and no kings makes 6NT. Anything less and we play 6♠.

Chiesa: (4♥/4NT): Obviously a good hand for exclusion Blackwood. Surely partner should declare here to protect his hand. Since I will not likely stop short of 6♠ in any event I bid 4NT (RKC for spades) [after the Texas transfer]. If partner reveals four aces, I can either bid 5NT (then 7NT if he shows one king), or shoot out 7♠ on a finesse if I need a board. If partner shows three aces, I will subside in 6♠. A scientific 5♠ over 4♠ evinces no easy road to 7♠.

Four of the six experts who bid 3♥, then 5♠ said they thought it was Exclusion Blackwood.

Kirsch (3♥/5♦): Exclusion RKCD! If we have two heart losers (and they cash them) this game is getting too tough for me.

Marilyn Maddox (3♥/5♠): Should be Exclusion Blackwood.


Brent (3♥/5♠): Exclusion: It should be clear to pard. Looking for a grand. If partner has Ax QJx AKJQ Axx, I am in trouble, but if it’s my lucky day they will lead a club.

But,

Temkin (3♥/5♠): Pinpoint diamond shortage to let partner evaluate his hand. This should imply no more than a one-loser suit since opener could have two small spades. If he cues clubs or hearts, will bid 6♦ to show the void.

Two of the five experts who bid 4♥, then 5♠ said they thought that was Exclusion Blackwood:

Chuck Burger (4♥/5♦): Exclusion RKC because I’m an optimist.

Katz (4♥/5♦): Exclusion Blackwood with spades as trump. If partner bids 5♣ (showing one key card) then we play 5♠. If
partner bids 5NT showing two key cards, we play 6♠. If partner shows all three, then I can count 12 tricks with partner still having plenty of cards left and so I next bid 6♦ on the way to either 7♠ or 7NT. (6♦ means we have all the keys and the queen of spades and I am looking for 7.)

But,

Smith (4♥/5♦): Cuebid. Wish it was exclusion, but it isn’t.

Benedict (4♥/5♦): Partner might have wasted diamond values opposite a void. Over 5♥, I will try 6♣.

Thanks to Mark Leonard for submitting this problem. At the table, the 2NT opener had ♠Ax ♥AKx ♦Axxx ♣Axxx, so 7♣ and 7NT were cold.

NEXT ISSUE’S HANDS

1. MTPTs. Both vul. As SOUTH, you hold:
   ♠Q ♥A10982 ♦J1096 ♣A64
   WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
   3♠ 3♣ Pass ?

2. MTPTs. Both vul. As SOUTH, you hold:
   ♠KQ2 ♥Q32 ♦AK654 ♣74
   WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
   -- -- 1♥ ?

3. MTPTs. Both vul. As SOUTH, you hold:
   ♠KJ5 ♥AJ75 ♦AQ1043 ♣J
   WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
   -- -- Pass 1♠
   1♥ Dbl Pass ?

4. MTPTs. Both vul. As SOUTH, you hold:
   ♠7532 ♥4 ♦KQ7654 ♣95
   WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
   1♥ 1NT 2♥ ?
   Please assume that 2NT would be Lebensohl (relay to 3♣, usually with just competitive values).
   Also, for informational purposes, how do you usually play 2NT here?

5. E-W vul. As SOUTH, you hold:
   ♠void ♥QJ74 ♦AQ985 ♣A1042
   WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
   -- Pass 4♠ ?
   Also, for informational purposes, how do you play double and 4NT here?

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Shartsis rules at Detroit District

Jack Shartsis won three events and led the masterpoint race at the Detroit District Sectional, held June 21-24 at the Livonia K of C hall.

Here are the results of the tournament:

**MASTERPOINT LEADERS:**
1. Jack Shartsis, 32.99
2. Lynne Schaeffer, 26.92
3. Robert Cappelli, 20.08
4. Michael Alioto, 18.50
5/6. Debra Eaves, 17.33
5/6. Norman Bolton, 17.33
7. John Buchheister, 17.23
8. Martin Hirschman, 16.80
9. Michael Giordano, 15.83
10. Robert Katz, 15.68

**THURSDAY OPEN SWISS**
**FLIGHT A:** 1, Norman Bolton, Debra Eaves, Jack Shartsis, Morrie Kleinplatz. 2, David Gillespie, Marilyn Crane, Larry Simon, Wes Burgar. 3, Lynne Schaeffer, Susan Parnes, Gordon Parnes, Suzy Burger. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Gillespie team. 2, James Hill, Joyce Bell, Carolyn & Mitchell Simmer. 3, Peter Bolgar, Rita Rubin, Daniel Schiffer, Barb Marti. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Mildred & James Bourdow, Dennis Waniolek, Richard Cantley. 2, Harrison Fletcher, Anthony Savant, Sook Wilkinson, Kathy Simpson.

**THURSDAY NIGHT PAIRS**
**FLIGHT A:** 1, Jack Shartsis, Michael Giordano. 2, Kathy & Bert Newman. 3, Zachary Wasserman, Ed Herstein. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Arthur Wasserman, Robert Rasmussen. 2, Peter Bolgar, Barb Marti. 3, Jonathan Fleischmann, Jin Hu. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Fleischmann, Hu. 2, Miriam & Alfred Shaw. 3, Daniel Schiffer, Rita Rubin.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS**
**FLIGHT A:** 1, Lynne Schaeffer, William Winokur. 2, Kurt Dasher, Jack Shartsis. 3, Michael Giordano, Richard Becher. **FLIGHT B:** 1, Scott Miller, Harry Jagtiani. 2, Margaret Sellgren, Neil Manley Jr. 3, David Gillespie, Larry Simon. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Paul Chirgwin, Patti Stoner. 2, Ellen Silverest, Lakshmi Vora. 3, Geraldine Spilman, Cydnie Reich.

**FRIDAY NIGHT PAIRS**
**FLIGHT A:** 1, John Buchheister, Beverly Gardner. 2, Michael Giordano, Richard Becher. 3, Jack Shartsis, Barry Lippitt. **FLIGHT B:** 1, John Reed, Robert Chekaluk. 2, David Gillespie, Larry Simon. 3, Clarke Cunningham, Sandy Binholtz. **FLIGHT C:** 1, Reed, Chekaluk. 2, Larry Lewis, Naresh Kapila. 3, William Niemozyk, Ronna Galin.
SATURDAY SWISS TEAMS
FLIGHT B: 1, J. Morris Swiger, David Aderente, Ellen Hsi, Elmer Johansen. 2, Margaret Davis, Margie Ried, Jane Edson, Wilma Swayze. 3, Max Glick, Jin Hu, Zachary Scherr, Jonathan Fleischmann.
FLIGHT C: 1, Davis team. 2, Glick team. 3, Ellen Silverest, Lakshmi Vora, Dennis Waniolek, Richard Cantley.

FLIGHT B: 1 & 2, same as A. 3, Kraut, Bloom.
FLIGHT C: 1, Wiggins, Landrum. 2, Kraut, Bloom.

FLIGHT B: 1, Abraham, Gruenberg. 2, Shaws. 3, Nancy Stein, Mary Schaff. 
FLIGHT C: 1/2, Constance Jones, Joan Wentz. 1/2, Ann Schimelpfenig, John Aoun.

SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS
FLIGHT A: 1, Robert Cappelli, John Buchheister, Michael Alioto, Robert Katz. 2, Marilyn & Myles Maddox, Michael Crane, Bob Webber. 3, Martin Hirschman, Lynne Schaeffer, Joe Chiesa, Gordon Parnes.
FLIGHT B: 1, Robert Raf, Michael McGaw, Steven Jacob, Sandy Bimholtz. 2/3, Corey Powell, Julie Arbit, Michael Bastedo, Cassandra Hall. 2/3, Jin Hu, Max Glick, Zachary Wasserman, Jonathan Fleischmann.
FLIGHT C: 1/2, same as B 2/3. 3, Tom Shellberg, Gretchen Dietz, Wilma Swayze, Rosemary Sharland.

199er Winners
THURSDAY SWISS TEAMS: Constance Jones, Joan Wentz, Robin Myles, Susan Meneilley
THURSDAY NIGHT PAIRS: Richard Durham, Judy Schmidt, tied with Diane Pasik, Lori Briscoe
FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS: Daniel Vecchioni, Frank Pysz
FRIDAY NIGHT PAIRS: Kenneth & Arlene Geisler
SATURDAY AM PAIRS: Glenda Herb, Mary Scharff
1st SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS: Ilene Fowler, Flo Lanthier, Lois Beyer, Jean Klarich
2nd SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS: Constance Jones, Joan Wentz, Kenneth & Arlene Geisler
Russell Roosen Sectional

Here are the results of the Russell Roosen Sectional, held August 23-26 at the Livonia K of C hall:

MASTERPOINT LEADERS:
1, Robert Crafton, 17.38
2, Michael Giordano, 17.18
3, Michael Alioto, 16.31
4, Leonard Melander, 15.69
5, Robert Cappelli, 15.58
6, Frank Treiber, 13.77
7, Gordon Parnes, 13.72
8/9, Jonathan Fleischmann, 13.55
8/9, Jin Hu, 13.55
10, Joe Monro, 13.16

THURSDAY OPEN SWISS


FLIGHT C: 1, Savant team. 2, Silverest team. 3, Shelley Boschan, Joel Grossman, Beth Gursky, Steven Kaplan.

THURSDAY NIGHT PAIRS
FLIGHT A: 1, Michael Giordano, Richard Becher. 2, Cono Emanuele, Kurt Dasher. 3, Zachary Wasserman, Joe Monro.

FLIGHT B: 1, Wasserman, Monro. 2, Clarke Cunningham, Sandy Birnholtz. 3, Ellen Silverest, Cheryl Kreger.

FLIGHT C: 1, Silverest, Kreger. 2, Stu Cohen, Ange Jaffrelot. 3, David Armstrong, Stephen Rosenquist.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS
FLIGHT A: 1, Frank Treiber III, Joe Monro. 2, Ruth Metevier, Charlotte Kartsonis. 3, Brenda Jaffe, Margaret Moore.

FLIGHT B: 1, Michael Kaleel, Neal Strand. 2, George Stankovich, Sardarsinh Gohel. 3, Larry Lewis, Naresh Kapila.

FLIGHT C: 1, Kaleel, Strand. 2, Lewis, Kapila. 3, Julie Herman, Barbara Button.

FRIDAY NIGHT PAIRS
FLIGHT A: 1, Gary Brinker, Kurt Dasher. 2, Michael Alioto, Robert Cappelli. 3, Michael Giordano, Jack Shartsis.


FLIGHT C: 1, Cohen, Jaffrelot. 2, Hu, Fleischmann. 3, Margaret Davis, Wilma Swayze.
SATURDAY SWISS TEAMS
FLIGHT B: 1, Fleischmann team. 2/3, Satish Shah, Charles Schiff, Thomas Hunt, Ross Weinstein. 2/3, Grant Petersen, Michael McGaw, Michael McDonald, Robert Raf. 
FLIGHT C: 1, Richard Cantley, Dennis Waniolek, Kenneth & Arlene Geisler. 2, Deepak Dighe, Larry Lewis, Shobana Joshi, Lakshmi Vora.


FLIGHT B: 1, Ellen Silverest, William Gregg. 2, Margaret Carden, Glenn Groustra. 3, 1, William Landrum, Chris Wiggins. FLIGHT C: 1, Carden, Groustra. 2, L. Nicholas Treinen, John Vollmayer. 3, Miriam Shaw, Marti Kaftan.

SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS
FLIGHT A: 1, Martin Hirschman, Lynne Schaeffer, Gordon & Susan Parnes. 2, Michael Alioto, Brenda Bryant, Robert Crafton, Frank Sensoli, Robert Katz. 3, Norman Bolton, Debra Eaves, Christine & Gene Owens. 

199er Winners
THURSDAY SWISS TEAMS: Adrienne Kanter, Linda English, Gerald Grueter, Margie Ried 
THURSDAY NIGHT PAIRS: Albert Sayed, Martha Toon 
FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS: Thomas King III, John Borden 
FRIDAY NIGHT PAIRS: Douglas Sweeder, William Ahlstrom 
SATURDAY PAIRS: L. Nicholas Treinen, John Vollmayer 
SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS: Jerry Bernadotte, John Vollmayer, L. Nicholas Treinen, George Christian
Mini-Spingold

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when I saw my grandmother, Leah Snider, host a biweekly Howell at her house. She taught me the basics, and I started kibitzing her at the game at Temple Israel. There I ran into Zach Wasserman, who was already playing with his grandfather, David Buskirk. I played with Zach for the first time in the summer after we finished 7th grade, and we've been playing together ever since. He and I have developed a strong partnership and an enduring friendship. I now have just shy of 1,000 master-points.

I went to high school at Lahser in Bloomfield Hills from 2001-2005. I did my undergraduate degree in economics with a minor in philosophy at U of M. I continued on to U-M Law School in summer 2009. I graduated in December 2011, took the Bar exam this February, and passed. I have a temporary job and I'm looking for work as a prosecutor, but am willing to consider anything litigation-related.

At Michigan, Zach and I met many wonderful bridge players, including Kevin Fay, Mark Leonard, and the math graduate students. We played with

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Jan. 24-27: Livonia sectional (MBA)
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April 1-7: District 12 STAC
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May 31-June 2: Kalamazoo sectional
June 10-15: BAY CITY REGIONAL
June 20-23: Livonia sectional (MBA)
some of them in the National Collegiates, and later in the Grand National Teams. I qualified with Max, both Zachs, Ben Weiss, and Brian Wyman in the 2009 Flight C GNTs, which they went on to win that summer, while I was starting law school.

In September 2010, Jin Hu started attending the weekly college bridge club in the Michigan Union. I had no regular partner for the game at the Ann Arbor City Club, so I asked Jin to play. We hit it off instantly, and I quickly pulled to have her join our GNT team for the coming year. Max, both Zachs, Ben, Jin, and I then qualified for Flight B, and we went on to make it to the round of eight in Toronto.

For the 0-1500 mini-Spin-gold, we worked out a lineup where we could each play with two other teammates. I played with Zach W. and Jin, Jin played with Max, Max played with Zach S., and the Zachs played together.

We had a relatively easy go of things through the first three days of knockouts. Our semifinals were difficult, and we lost the middle two quarters. Starting the final quarter down by 20 IMPs, we fought hard to pull out the win. The finals were relatively effortless, as the opponents withdrew after a 96-1 second-quarter thrashing in which I did not participate.

My teammates have become my close friends. I'm saddened that many of them are graduating and moving away, and I hope we continue to get together regularly to play bridge and spend time together.

Zachary Wasserman

I am 24 years old. I graduated from the University of Michigan in 2009 with a bachelor of music (French horn performance). I have played in a number of professional orchestras at the local level and additionally have taken interest in working at my family’s business, “Henry the Hatter.” The store, founded in 1893, is the oldest traditional men’s dress hat store still in existence in the country. It is located in downtown Detroit.

I recently moved to Detroit myself and have been working at the store on and off for the past three years. My future may include some combi-
nation of music performance, teaching music, and Henry the Hatter. I may continue on in school to get a master’s degree at some point, most likely related to music performance or music theory.

My grandparents Dave and Judy Buskirk started teaching me bridge when I was about 8 years old. I started playing in club games with them at age 9 and have very much enjoyed the game ever since. My grandparents had a friend, Leah Snider, who also played duplicate in this area. Leah happened to have a grandson who was only one month apart in age from me: Jonathan Fleischmann.

The two of us met and began playing together at age 11. We both started at U of M in fall 2005. In college we met several other friends and played at the University bridge club on a regular basis. We represented the University in collegiate events in the Las Vegas Summer nationals (2008). That was when my friends and I started playing in national tournaments more often and took the game to the next level. In 2009, Max, Zach and I were part of a five-man team that won the Grand National Teams Flight C. The other two were Ben Weiss and Brian Wyman.

**Max Glick**

I am 27 and originally from Pittsburgh. My Dad taught me to play bridge when I was in high school. I was about 16 when I first played in a club at the Jewish Community Center in Pittsburgh. I played there pretty regularly during high school and during breaks from college at Rice, and I still make it back to the club once or twice a year. I played at the school club at Rice, and also some duplicate, but I didn't really start playing tournaments until I got to Michigan.

I came to Ann Arbor in 2007 for math grad school. I met other bridge folk in the math department and through the university bridge club which Jonathan was running at the time. I currently have 650 points. I would estimate I earned at least 500 of these playing with Zach Scherr since getting here.

I just completed my degree. I am moving to the University of California-Berkeley where I will be a math postdoc in combinatorics.
Zachary Scherr

I am 26 years old and grew up in Great Neck NY. I went to Cornell for undergrad and am now a 5th year Ph.D student in math at the U of M. My area of specialization is number theory.

My first experience with bridge came in my senior year of high school. I took a computer programming class, and one day all of the computers in my school stopped working. My teacher, Mr. Weisswange, didn't know what to do with us in the meantime so he decided to teach us all the basics of bridge. A few friends and I started a bridge club together at the high school, and we played and learned together nearly every day.

In college I had trouble finding people to play bridge with, so I abandoned the game. Only when I got to graduate school in 2007 did I pick the game up again. Fellow team-mate and friend, Max Glick, heard that I used to play bridge, and he asked me to be on his collegiate team. I was skeptical at first, since I hadn't played in four years, but he took me under his wing and patiently helped me improve my game. He and I have been a regular partnership since then, and I have been very fortunate to learn from his brilliance over the past five years. I have almost 500 masterpoints.

Only after getting serious about bridge did I learn from my parents that my deceased grandfather used to be an exceptional bridge player. My father told me that my grandfather used to partner regularly with Sam Stayman, before Sam became a professional. Unfortunately my dad never learned the game, and I never got to talk to my grandfather about his experience before he passed away.

I have one more year left in my studies, so I'll still be in Michigan for that time. I plan on going into academia by becoming a math professor and researcher. I will continue to play the game that I love, and I hope that even though the members of our mini-Spingold team will be going off in different directions, we will still be able to meet up and compete at future nationals together.

Jin Hu

I will be 28 in October. I was born in Jinan, China, [about 270 miles south of Bei-
jing] and my family shuttled between Jinan and the Yellow Sea port city Qingdao [about 250 miles to the east]. I came to the U.S. shortly before my 6th birthday. We stayed in Lansing for a few years because my parents were doing graduate work at MSU. Afterwards, we moved to Ft. Collins CO for a few years, and eventually settled in Des Moines.

I went to Northwestern in Evanston, and am currently finishing up my Ph.D in Computer Science at Michigan. I am planning on defending my dissertation sometime in October. Starting in November, I am going to work for IBM in Fishkill NY.

I learned to play bridge in college and I was lucky that I had a very enthusiastic teacher/friend. In fact, I was scared to go play duplicate, but after a year or so of playing casually, he convinced me to go. Of course, my fears were completely justified, because it took us over a year to finally scratch. I played off and on since then, but nothing too serious until the fall of 2009.

By that point, I had about 80 masterpoints, and had let my membership lapse (big mistake). At that time, I received an email from Max Glick, stating that he was reviving the University of Michigan Bridge Club. So I decided to go.

I was fortunate enough to meet Jonathan, and for the next year and half, he was nice enough to stick with me as a partner despite some pretty terrible results. He was patient, and taught me a lot of what I know now. Our partnership now is very strong, and I couldn't imagine playing with anyone else during the critical semi-final quarter.

Along the way, I also picked up Max as a semi-regular partner. He taught me a lot about declarer play. In general, I am very grateful to find these guys. Not only did they take a (random) chance on a person they hadn't known for very long, they were also supportive in teaching and mentoring to help me improve my game.

By the end of 2011, I had about 250 points, and currently have around 400. However, due to my mistake (letting my membership lapse), under the new rules, achieving life master requires 500. In fact, I was the only non-LM on the mini-Spingold
The running joke is that I, the “client,” will just let my four or five LM “pros” carry me for the foreseeable future.

I am a fan of slams. In an early round of the mini-Springold, I held this hand in third seat at favorable vul:

\[ \spadesuit x \heartsuit AK8x \diamondsuit Kx \clubsuit AQ1098x. \]

Partner, Max, opened 1♠. Well, I got excited, and we had the following auction (opps passing throughout):

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3♦ and 3♠ were cue bids. 4NT was 1430 RKC, and 5♦ showed 0 or 3 key cards for clubs.

The king of spades was led, and partner tabled:

\[ \spadesuit Axxxx ♥109 ♦AJ ♠Kxxx. \]

Clubs split 3-0, but 7♣ still came home. +1440 for the good guys. At the other table, they stopped in 3NT (1♣-2♠-3♣-3NT), so +14 IMPs for us. I like 28 HCP grands.

**ALSO IN PHILLY...**

In addition to the winning mini-Springold team, several Michigan and former Michigan players snared high overall places in championship events at Philadelphia:

**SENIOR SWISS TEAMS:** 2, Howard Perlman, Jeffrey Starr & team. 3, Robert Cappelli, Robert Katz & team.

**MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS:** 4, Martin Hirschman, Lynne Schaeffer, Gordon & Susan Parnes. 5, Brenda Bryant & team.

**Schaeffer leads 2012 Stein trophy race**

Compiled by Bill Arlinghaus

With just the Motor City Regional to go, Lynne Schaeffer leads this year’s Edward F. Stein Memorial race. The trophy goes to the MBA player who wins the most masterpoints in overall placings in our tournaments. Here are the current standings:

1. Lynne Schaeffer, 72.13
2/3. Marilyn Maddox, 63.50
2/3. Myles Maddox, 63.50
4. Marty Hirschman, 61.40
5. Mary Smith, 54.11
6. Sheldon Kirsch, 53.93
7. Norm Bolton, 45.29
8. Mike Giordano, 35.88
9. Kurt Dasher, 33.59
10. Bob Katz, 31.56
In Memoriam

Local player and club director Rob Boughton, 33, passed away suddenly on May 19 from multiple pulmonary emboli.

Rob was a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Michigan Tech University with dual degrees in Computer Science and Secondary Education. He started his duplicate bridge career in 2004 and had reached the milestone of Bronze Life Master.

A member of the MBA, he placed at or near the top of his masterpoint category in the Mini-McKenney races almost every year from 2004-2011.

Rob was very well liked and respected in the metro Detroit area as both a player and a director at clubs in Plymouth, Southfield and Dearborn. Rob directed online at the Total Points Tournament Club on Bridge Base with the moniker of TD_Rob. He was working toward his goal of becoming an ACBL tournament director.

Well known for his great sense of humor, gentle ways, big smile and distinctive laugh, Rob was always the optimist. He was very willing to lend a helping hand with his computer expertise, setting up tournament rooms, or storing MBA’s bidding boxes.

Rob was one of those lucky people who was truly happy with what he was doing for a living and managed to pass that happiness on to those who were fortunate enough to know him. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family along with the assurance that he will long be remembered by the many friends he made in the bridge world.

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RAY FELDMAN
Ray Feldman was a well-known club player and was the brother-in-law of Willie Winnokur.

Dick Mydloski (bottom right) with teammates (clockwise) Cristina Tita, Timur Aydin and Barry Lippitt after a 2006 win at the Ann Arbor sectional.

RICHARD MYDLOSKI
Well-known Detroit area expert Dick Mydloski died in May following a lifelong struggle with polio. The native Detroiter lived in Taylor and had worked as an accountant and auditor for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. He was 69.

Dick had a strong record of wins in local tournaments, particularly pair games. He invented and wrote about bidding conventions, including the article “Cue-bid Splinter,” which was published in Bridge World in March 1987. He authored the Mydloski convention, which uses transfers by responder after opener jumps to 2NT at his second turn.

A member of the MBA board in the 1980s, Dick served as coordinator for the Grand National Teams event and wrote occasionally for Table Talk. He was a frequent lecturer at local tournaments.

Although he struggled to walk with braces, and was wheelchair-bound in his last years, Dick remained upbeat. He had a wry wit, sometimes sporting T-shirts emblazoned with off-color jokes that started “Bridge is like sex...”

“Dick was a great friend and bridge partner, one of the best players in Michigan,” writes Jerry Grossman. “We will miss his insight at the bridge table and his great sense of humor.” --M.H.

ROSEMARY SMITH
Rosemary Smith was the wife of Ron Smith, who directs some games at the Trenton Bridge Club and at the Bridge Connection in Southfield.
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Anniversary
This issue marks my 25th anniversary as editor of Table Talk.
I’m out of space in this issue, so look for a long self-indulgent article or articles next time. –M.H.
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SOLUTION TO DOUBLE DUMMY
From back page
NORTH
♠️3
♥️3
♦️KJ106
♣️AQJ10754

WEST
♠️AQJ5
♥️A1075
♦️983
♣️82

EAST
♠️9642
♥️Q964
♦️A742
♣️6

SOUTH
♠️K1087
♥️KJ82
♦️Q5
♣️K93

The defense needs to lead twice from the East side, but East has only one entry. However, there is an answer.

West must lead precisely the 10 of hearts at trick one!

Assuming declarer wins the jack and plays on diamonds, East can win and lead the queen (or 9) of hearts, finessing against declarer’s remaining K82. If declarer covers, East gets back in with the 9 of hearts to lead a spade through the king. Alternatively, declarer ducks the queen of hearts, and East then shifts to spades.

If declarer ducks the opening lead, East simply plays a spade through when in with the ace of diamonds.

Either way, the defense gets two spades, two hearts and one diamond.

On any other lead, declarer cannot be defeated.
DOUBLE DUMMY
By Marty Hirschman

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SOUTH
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♦Q5
♣K93

Deep Finesse says East-West can defeat 3NT by South.
Can you see how?
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