District 23 Bridge week 2018

July 2 – 8, 2018

Monday, July 2

**Welcome to Long Beach!**

We have a full line-up of games and speakers for you this week – as usual. Before we get down to brass tacks, though, here are a few Important Announcements:

**Parking**

To get the reduced rate for daily parking you must get your parking ticket validated. Check at the hospitality desk (or the hotel front desk) for information. $6 for self-park.

**Session / Section Winners**

If you finish atop your section (pairs) or win any event, drop by the Hospitality desk (according to the posted schedule) and (1) pick up your award, (2) find Dave White, who is performing the photography functions here in Long Beach. We’d all like see your smiling face in tomorrow’s Daily Bulletin.

**Today’s Schedule**

10:30 AM

299-er Free Workshop + Lunch

Guest Speaker: **Marjorie Michelin**, “Jacoby and Texas Transfers”

1:00 PM

Pro-Am Pairs – single session

Afternoon Side Game – session 1 of 6

7:00 PM

Stratified Charity Pairs – single session

Starburst KO – session 1 of 4

**Tuesday’s Schedule**

10:30 AM

AM Side Game – session 1 of 5

Starburst KO – session 2 of 4

299-er Pairs – single session

**Mark Schreiber** Gold Rush

Pairs – session 1 of 2

Stratiflighted Pairs – session 1 of 2

Betsy Ross KO – session 1 of 4

2:15 PM

Guest Lecture – **Chris Compton**, “One Hand: Four Leads”

3:00 PM

Afternoon Side Game – session 2 of 6

Starburst KO – session 3 of 4

**Mark Schreiber** Gold Rush

Pairs – session 2 of 2

Stratiflighted Pairs – session 2 of 2

Betsy Ross KO – session 2 of 4

Stratified Swiss Teams – single session

7:30 PM

Starburst KO – session 4 of 4

PM Side Game – session 1 of 5

**Bridge Quote-for-the-Day**

To me, the “short club” is more of a bludgeon than a club, and one whose lethal effect is usually directed at one’s self or one’s partner. (Helen Sobel, Charles Goren’s favorite partner and one of the best female bridges player of all time. She’d make the short list of “best player all time,” too.)

Tournament Directing Staff

Ken Horwedel – Director-in-Charge

Gary Zeiger

Brandon Sheumaker

Peter Knee

Patty Holmes

Scott Campbell

Tournament Committee

Mike Marcucci– District 23 President

Kevin Lane – District Director

Stan Holzberg – Tournament Chair

Peter Benjamin – Tournament Manager

Kim Wang – Caddy Master

Penny Barbieri – Hospitality & Newcomers

Diane Sachs – Partnerships

Gerri Carlson – Publicity & 299-er Education

Margie Michelin – Pro Speakers

Jeff Grotenhuis – Novices &

Intermediate/Newcomers

Tom Lill – Daily Bulletin

Dave White – Photography

**The Chronicles of Steve**

From the Compact KOs in the Rancho Mirage Regional with Linda and Jay Tipton

by Mike Savage



After East’s red-suit double, our South made a support redouble instead of bidding his diamonds.

Scoring: IMPs

Dealer: South

Vulnerability: none

North

♠ J 9

♥ A 10 8 x x

♦ void

♣ A K 10 7 x x

West East

♠ x x ♠ x x x x

♥ Q 9 x x ♥ K J x x

♦ K 8 x ♦ A Q 10 x x

♣ Q x x x ♣ void

South

♠ A K Q 10 x

♥ void

♦ J x x x x

♣ J 9 8

The bidding at our table:

**N E S W**

1♠ pass

2♣ dbl rdbl\* 2♥

3♥ pass 3♠ pass

6♣ all pass

\* 3 card support

The bidding at the other table:

**N E S W**

1♠ pass

2♣ pass 2♦ pass

2♥ pass 3♣ pass

3♥ pass 3♠ pass

4♦ pass 5♣ all pass

At our table after a double for the red-suits South chose to make a support redouble rather than bid a topless 5-card diamond suit, so now N/S quickly bid an excellent 6♣ slam.

At the other table, East chose not to double 2♣ so South now rebid 2♦ and perhaps this was the deciding factor in their N/S not reaching 6♣ since North envisioned wasted diamond honors.

[*Ed. note: perhaps the message here is that while it’s often a good idea to compete in the auction with minimal values ... you must remember that doing so can not only give away information that helps during the play, but gives the opponents additional options during the bidding.*]

**299-er Quiz**

A usual, we’ll start off Bridge Week with an easy one. It’s matchpoints, both vulnerable. Partner deals, and you pick up this nice hand:

♠ A J 5 ♥ 9 2 ♦ A 10 5 3 ♣ K J 8 4

The auction:

**Pard RHO You LHO**

pass 1♣ pass 1♥

pass 2♥ pass pass

2♠ 3♣ ?

Over to you. Find the answer on page 4.

**New Life Masters**

Congratulations to all our District 23 members who have earned the coveted Gold Card since our Christmas Holiday Regional:

Zu Ming Cheng

Laura Gastelum

Chien-San Han

D Kleinfeld

Kristi Kubo

Karraine Murray

Saul R. Priever

Joerg Rottenbacher

Thomas E. Stephenson

David Stern

Judith C. Tomic

If you earn enough points this week to get that Gold Card at our tournament – or any other promotion, for that matter – let Penny (Hospitality Desk) or Dave (our photographer) know so we can suitably congratulate you.

Get Your Results

Would you like to have your session results delivered to you right after each session? It *can* be done! Simply go to www.acbl.org, click on the LIVE button at the top of the home page, and follow the instructions. You will get an email after each session you play, with a link to your results – contract, result, matchpoints for each deal – and your masterpoints if any. (For team games, of course you don’t get the contracts and results, since these are shuffle-deal-and-play events.)

**Schedule of Speakers**

We have another winning line-up of speakers for you, to help you improve your game. (Not that *your* game needs improvement, but there’s always partner!)

Monday

10:30: Margorie Michelen, 299er Workshop and lunch. “Jacoby and Texas Transfers” Reservations required.

Tuesday

2:15: Chris Compton, “One Hand: Four Leads”

Wednesday

2:15: Leo Bell**,** “How to Irritate Partner”

Thursday

2:15: Marjorie Michelin, “Match Point Play”

Friday

2:15: Master Solvers Panel – Mitch Dunitz, Moderator, with an all-star panel:

Ellen Anten

Ifti Baqai

Leo Bell

Mark Itabashi

John Jones

**Today’s Speaker**

Marjorie Michelson



Jacoby and Texas Transfers

Part-Score? Game? Slam?

Marjorie, Grand Life Master, is a local favorite speaker for her enthusiasm and energy! She is always available to answer questions, help anyone who is in need. She is the secret partnership for tournaments all over the region and makes bridge fun! She is a bridge teacher and lives in Laguna Woods with her husband Ellis, a club owner, director, teacher and Israeli National Champion.

Answer to 299-er Quiz

Although you probably have the best hand at the table, if you do anything but PASS, you are hanging partner out to dry – punishing him for competing. Let’s see what partner might hold: RHO should have 12 HCP or so, LHO 6 for his 1♥ response, and you have 13. That’s 31, leaving around 9 for partner. He didn’t want them to play a comfortable 2♥ (maxim: “never let them play 2♥ when they want to”). He may have only 4 spades. Evidently RHO has an unbalanced hand and doesn’t want to defend 2♠.

As it turns out, on the deal being illustrated, partner can make 2♠, but not 3♠. If the opponents double, minus 200 will be a terrible matchpoint score. Even -100 may not be good; you have some clubs and 3♣ might not make, either. Principle to live by: when partner balances (i.e., reopens the bidding in the pass-out seat), you don’t even need to look at your hand. Just pass. Trust partner; he’s bidding your values for you. To quote Eddie Kantar, “it only hurts for a little while.”

**Remember**

When an irregularity occurs at the table, calmly summon a Director. Do not attempt to “fix” things by yourself. You are most likely to worsen the situation (for your side!) if you try to rectify the error without the Director’s help.

**Bridge Odds-‘n-Ends**

Did you know ...

…several cards have more-or-less humorous nicknames. For example, the ♣4 is the “Devil’s Bedposts.” (Well, you need a little imagination here.) The ♦9 is the “Curse of Scotland” (for reasons that are no longer clear – various dubious explanations are given). The ♦7 is the “beer card” – if the defenders set the contract, or declarer fulfills his contract, and the last trick is won by the ♦7, then the trick winner calls “Beer Card” and partner must buy him a beer. And of course the ♥K is the “Suicide King.”

… although a 4-4-3-2 hand pattern is more common that a 4-3-3-3 pattern, each *individual* 4-3-3-3 hand is more probable than each *individual* 4-4-3-2 hand. Isn’t math fun?

Special Requests

It has come to our attention that players want, or need certain changes in our game. Well, we are nothing if not accommodating. However, there are no free lunches (“TANSTAAFL”), so here’s the price sheet:

North South seating (1)...................................$  10  
N/S seating just prior to game time (1)…...…$  25  
Not follow the slow pair.................................$  50  
Last round sit out (2).......................................$100  
Extra time to discuss/play the hand................$125  
Director fills in during your cell phone call...$150  
Favorable ruling..............................................$200  
Favorable ruling after partner hesitates..........$250  
Change of name on score sheet......................$300  
Make it warmer..............................................$350  
Make it cooler................................................$350  
Make it just right...........................................$500 (Please note that requests for temperature change higher and lower usually comes from players sitting at same table.)

Alka Seltzer............................................No charge

1. Free if the request falls under the ADA
2. Free if there are an even number of pairs in the section.

All checks should be made payable to the District 23 Scholarship Foundation.

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