District 23 Bridge week 2018

July 2 – 8, 2018

Tuesday, July3

**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 and (1) pick up your award, (2) track down our photographer, Dave White today. We’d all like see your smiling face in tomorrow’s Daily Bulletin.

Promotions?

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 the Daily Bulletin editor (if you can find him) know so we can suitably congratulate you.

Tournament Directing Staff

Ken Horwedel – Director-in-Charge

Scott Campbell

Arleen Harvey

Patty Holmes

Peter Knee

Brandon Sheumaker

Gary Zeiger

**Today’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

2:15PM

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

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Contrary to what the tournament flyer says, there WILL be a Gold Rush Pairs event on Thursday: 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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

**299-er Quiz**

Here’s a little gem for you. It’s matchpoints. Your opponents are known to be skillfull players, and also adventurous bidders. With both sides vulnerable, you pick up the following garbage in fourth seat:

♠4 ♥109764 ♦963 ♣10973

LHO deals and opens 1♠. Partner calls 1NT, which (in your methods) shows 15-18 HCP. RHO doubles (penalty), and you try 2♦, a transfer. LHO passes, partner accepts the transfer. Somewhat unexpectedly, LHO calls 2NT. Pass, pass, and partner pulls the red card. RHO passes; over to you. (Answer on page 4).

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.)

**Wednesday’s Schedule**

10:30 AM

AM Side Game – session 2 of 5

299-er Pairs – single session

**Bernie Mateer** Stratiflighted

Pairs – session 1 of 2

**Lois Miller**Gold Rush

Pairs – session 1 of 2

Betsy Ross KO – session 3 of 4

Firecracker KO – session 1 of 4

2:15PM

Guest Lecture – **Leo Bell,** “How to Irritate Partner”

3:00 PM

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Betsy Ross KO – session 4 of 4

Firecracker KO – session 2 of 4

**Bernie Mateer** Stratiflighted

Pairs – session 2 of 2

**Lois Miller**Gold Rush

Pairs – session 2 of 2

Stratified Swiss Teams – single session

7:30 PM

Blackbird Turbo Swiss – session 1 of 2

PM Side Game – session 2 of 5

**Today’s Honoree**

Today’s Gold Rush Pairs game honors Mark Schreiber, son of Bill Schreiber, past president of ALACBU, and stepson of the late Diana Griffel, was approximately 24 points shy of attaining his Life Master status when he passed away in September of 2008 at the age of 27. As with most young players, Mark’s bidding was a little on the wild side, but he could defend and play a hand as well as many players with 20 years experience.

“If you want to come forth on the 5th, don’t drink a fifth on the 4th.”

**The Continuing Adventures of PatoMike and *Sharp* Fang**

at the Pasadena-San Gabriel Sectional

with Janet Ju and George Wang

by Mike Savage



South was looking for blood if North (third seat) had a full opener but neither found a double of 3♣.

Scoring: IMPs

Dealer: South

Vulnerability: North-South

North

♠ A Q 9 x x

♥ x

♦ A xx

♣ 9 8 x x

West East

♠ K x ♠ J x

♥ 10 x x ♥ A J 8 x x

♦ J 10 x ♦ K Q x x

♣ A J 10 x x ♣ x x

South

♠ x x x x

♥ K Q 9x

♦ x x x

♣ K Q

The bidding at our table:

**N E S W**

pass pass

1♠ pass 2♣\* pass

2♠ dbl rdbl 3♣

all pass

\*Drury

Lead: low heart

The bidding at the other table:

**N E S W**

all pass!

West could have done a trick better, but as the play went, N/S did not miss the opportunity to defeat 3♣ three tricks for plus 300. Should either have found a double? BTW, North’s 2♠ rebid showed a hand that he wouldn’t open in 1st or 2nd chair. For me North had an opener in any seat. Having opened 1♠ in 3rd seat, after the 2♣ Drury bid, IMHO it’s worth bidding 2♦, saying I have a full but minimum opener.

Best defense holds N/S to 9 tricks in spades and maybe North’s 2♠ bid convinced East that the time was ripe for balancing, to their regret. Against 3♣ North led a heart, declarer won the ace and led a trump, South played the queen and declarer won his ace. Wanting to lead another trump towards his J109x, declarer led a diamond, North ducked and dummy’s king won. Now another club was led, South winning his king. South now cashed a heart, North pitching a diamond and then started tapping West with spades. This held declarer to one heart, one diamond and four clubs for down three and a 7 IMP gain for us.

**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!)

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

Answer to 299-er Quiz

This hand is a test of partnership trust. Do you trust your partner? Let’s see, what’s going on? LHO opened the bidding, and so should be credited with at least a shapely 11-count. Partner has 15-18, and vulnerable should have closer to 18 than 15. RHO doubled for business, proclaiming that his side holds the balance of power, so he must hold at least 9 HCP.

So partner knows you are pretty much broke. Yet he still made a business double. (It *cannot* be for takeout; he already knows your suit!) So partner figures he can beat 2NT with little or no help from you.

I hope you trusted partner not to be an idiot, and you passed. If you pulled to 3♥, partner is in for a very rough ride. His hand:

♠ KJ1097 ♥J8 ♦AKQ ♣AQ4.

In hearts he will probably take 6 or 7 tricks, max. Even if the sky falls in, on defense he rates to take two spades (his double calls for a spade lead, of course), three diamonds, and a club, six tricks, +200. And that’s the worst-case scenario. His ♣Q may be useful, and who knows? The ♠Q could be in dummy, or the ♠8 might drop, giving him THREE spade tricks. Declarer in 2NT starts with ♠A and ♥AKQ, four tricks. It’s likely partner will be endplayed to lead up to the ♣Q, five tricks. Depending on the lie of the opponents’ cards and the play, that may be IT: +800 to you on a part-score deal.

Trust, trust, trust ...

**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.

**Today’s Speaker**

Chris Compton,

“One Hand: Four Leads”



National and world Grand Life Master. Chris plays bridge professionally, runs his bridgeclub, teaches extensively, and represents the USA often in International Competition.

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

If safety were the sole consideration in bidding then clearly one would hardly ever bid at all. – S. J. Simon

**Bridge Odds-‘n-Ends**

Did you know ...

… Ely Culberston, the Big Name in bridge in the 1930s and 1940s (until supplanted by Charles Goren) deliberately used terms with a high degree of sexual innuendo for his bidding and playing techniques. Nowadays, we think little of such phrases as “approach forcing” and “she was squeezed and unable to protect her honor,” but that’s where they came from. Great salesman, was old Ely.

In a deck of cards, the four 7’s are unique in that they are the only spot cards that are asymmetrical – the odd spot, the seventh, is not centered on the face of the card.

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We regret that due to a communication snafu between the Directors and the Editor, the results from Monday afternoon will not be available until tomorrow’s Daily Bulletin.

MON EVE CHARITY PAIRS ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH SECTION M EAST-WEST

A B C A B C

3.65 1 Charles Fonarow, 3.65 1 Carole Liss, San

Los Angeles CA; Rafael CA;

Walter Schafer 65.85% Valentin 66.36%

2.56 2 Brian Gilbert, 2.56 2 Sherman Gao -

Irvine CA; Allan Weidong Pei, Brea CA 61.22%

Deserpa, Tempe AZ 64.10% 1.83 3 Marjorie

1.83 3 Stephen Sturm, Michelin, Laguna

Fullerton CA; Woods CA; Marcus 59.62%

Subba Ravipudi, 57.97% 1.28 4 Mark Itabashi,

1.28 4 Ellis Feigenbaum Murrieta CA;

- Matthew Peter Gelfand, 55.33%

Mallory, Laguna 55.61% 1.97 5 1 Milton Kalikman,

0.73 5 David Abelow, La Azusa CA; Clinton

Jolla CA; Phyllis Lew, Claremont CA 55.29%

Yates, San Diego CA 52.40% 1.38 6 2 Edward Piken,

0.61 6 Bob Etter, Elk Palos Verdes Pn

Grove CA; Jack CA; Michael 52.23%

Waller, Dana Point CA 51.60% 1.31 3 1 Jonathan Harvey -

2.08 1 1 Charles Rauch, Arleen Harvey,

Monterey CA; Riverside CA 50.48%

Jeannette Stern, 48.44% 0.92 2 Jim Liu, Saratoga

1.46 2 Arlene Greengard CA; Jack Kaminer,

- Stanley Huntington Bch CA 47.69%

Greengard, 47.92%

1.04 3 2 Charles Laine -

Richard Buhl,

Long Beach CA 47.82%

0.73 4 Renee Hoffman,

Seal Beach CA;

Betty Witteried, 46.47%

MON EVE CHARITY PAIRS

15.0 Tables

A B C

7.29 1 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV 66.36%

5.47 2 Charles Fonarow, Los Angeles CA; Walter Schafer Jr, Fountain

Valley CA 65.85%

4.10 3 Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA; Allan Deserpa, Tempe AZ 64.10%

3.08 4 Sherman Gao - Weidong Pei, Brea CA 61.22%

2.31 5 Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Marcus Evans, Orange CA 59.62%

1.83 6 Stephen Sturm, Fullerton CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA 57.97%

1.30 7 Ellis Feigenbaum - Matthew Mallory, Laguna Woods CA 55.61%

4.16 1 Milton Kalikman, Azusa CA; Clinton Lew, Claremont CA 55.29%

3.12 2 Edward Piken, Palos Verdes Pn CA; Michael Piken, Torrance CA 52.23%

2.80 3 1 Jonathan Harvey - Arleen Harvey, Riverside CA 50.48%

2.10 4 2 Charles Rauch, Monterey CA; Jeannette Stern, Carmel By Sea CA 48.44%

1.46 5 Arlene Greengard - Stanley Greengard, Torrance CA 47.92%

1.58 3 Charles Laine - Richard Buhl, Long Beach CA 47.82%

1.18 4 Jim Liu, Saratoga CA; Jack Kaminer, Huntington Bch CA 47.69%

MON-TUE KO-1

9 Tables

vs vs

Cookie Potter, Sunset Beach CA Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA

Kevin Dwyer, Melbourne FL Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV Alex Fowlie, San Marcos CA

Shan Huang, Melbourne FL Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA Robert Perlsweig, Wdland Hills CA

Kevin Bathurst, Palm Bch Gdns FL Weishu Wu, Irvine CA Peter Benjamin, Culver City CA

Cecilia Rimstedt, Kungsbacka Sweden

vs vs

Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA Eric Leong, Oakland CA Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA

Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA William Bailey, Mill Valley CA

Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA Chris Compton, Dallas TX John Ramos, Los Angeles CA

Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA Brian Glubok, New York NY Aaron Jones, San Francisco CA

Note: these are two 3-way matches. Team members are listed vertically.