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South Carolina Unit 160 of the American Contract Bridge League

Oct to December, 2006

Play Problem
North (Dummy)

♠ 532
♥ K75
♦ Q76
♣ K763

South (Declarer)

♠ AKJT
♥ AQT
♦ AK
♣ AJT2

Opening lead, ♦9 by West. Make 6NT.

You have a bidding mis-understanding and only get to 6NT instead of 7C. A minute or so after the opening lead you see 7C requires a correct club guess and a fortunate lie in spades, perhaps about a 20% combined chance. You, of course plan to tell your teammates that the auction went perfectly. Note 6NT requires one of two guesses. Can you improve on this.

West leads the diamond nine and East plays the diamond 4. The opponents are experts, and they play upside down count and attitude, unless they want to mislead you. Plan the play in 6NT. See inside for a solution.

Columbia Regional Report

The Oct 16-22, 2006, regional in Columbia attracted 845 players from around the globe. A strong set of professional teams added to the local excitement.

There were 1757.5 tables, about as expected, and OUR players took home **4,213** masterpoints! Amazing.

Congratulations to **Joyce Hampton** of Blythwood, a new Silver Life Master, and winner of 90.10 points, the highest scoring SC player at the tournament. **Wayne Hollingsworth** and **Richard Brown** were 2/3 with 67.45 points each.

A more full report will appear next issue.

Changes in Rank

Here are major changes in rank since September, 2006. Our congratulations to all listed below:

New Life Master:

Norman Cowen, Pawleys Island
Myrtle Anderson, Aiken
Darrell Elder, Surfside Beach
Geri Welch, Aiken

New Bronze Life Master

Sherrill Cuzzell, Summerville
James Johannigman, Spartanburg
Shirley dean, Anderson
Norris Peterson, Pawley's Island
Clarke Smart, Pawley's Island
Mary Townhill, Lexington
Dennis Johnson, Fort Mill

Silver Life Master

Dick Briggs, Fripp Island
Robert Hampton, Blythwood
Joyce Hampton, Blythwood
Steven Gajdalo, Hilton head
Annie Hawkins, Aiken

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The opening lead can be from 9x, 98x, 98xx, or maybe 98xxx. The ♦4 by East suggests the start of an echo (showing an odd number of diamonds) unless East wants to be obscure, thinking its more important to give you, declarer, no information than to tell partner anything too revealing to you.

You have two black queens to worry about. Since there are two finesses possible in clubs, you wait on clubs. You set up a spade finesse by: winning trick one in hand. You cash the spade king and watch. West plays the ♠4 and East the ♠6. If honest, it shows an even number for each. You cash a second diamond and West plays the ♦5 and East the ♦J. (The ♦3 and ♦2 are both missing.)

Now what?

Continued further on.

Problems With Their 1NT Opening By Spencer Hurd

When the opponents open 1NT against you, do you and your present partner play a convention like DONT, Brozel, Cappelletti, Landy, Helms, Reverse Helms, Astro, or whatever. It may not be enough!

Most Flight A pairs have picked one they like and probably stick to it. You should too.

But the purpose of this note is to suggest that reliance on a single convention, with very little discussion, while not useless, is very dangerous.

For example, bidding 2H over RHO's 1NT shows, in some systems, both majors. Suppose no one is vulnerable. Which hand qualifies (FOR YOU) as a 2H bid against their 1NT ?

- a) ♠QJ765 ♥QJ765 ♦54 ♣2
- b) ♠KJ765 ♥QJ765 ♦A4 ♣2
- c) ♠QJ765 ♥T9765 ♦AK ♣2
- d) ♠QJ75 ♥AQJ75 ♦543 ♣2
- e) ♠AJ765 ♥KJ765 ♦A4 ♣2
- f) ♠QJT765 ♥KQJ76 ♦5 ♣2
- g) ♠Q9765 ♥QT9765 ♦4 ♣2
- h) ♠KJ765 ♥AT765 ♦54 ♣2
- i) ♠KT765 ♥AT9765 ♦4 ♣2
- j) ♠KQJ5 ♥AK65 ♦54 ♣542

Is there a principle which would insure you and partner agreed? Are your answers the same at match points and at IMPs?

At matchpoints: we would overcall to show both majors with each of these hands! Comments: yes, Hand (a) is terrible and we would not overcall if vulnerable. Hand (c) is poor because the suits are poor. It's dangerous to overcall when both suits are poor. Hand (g) is amazing, terrible, etc. But at matchpoints you should overcall.

At IMPs: Here, there is more emphasis on suit quality. There is doubt about hands (a), (c), (g), but if White vs Red, you should overcall with (g). The other two are very doubtful.

Have you and your partner agreed on follow up bids? What is partner doing in these auctions (again, suppose 2H shows both majors):

RHO	You	LHO	Pard
1NT	2H	Dbf	??

Suppose the player on your left doubles. The double is alerted as "x" where "x" might be Cards, Takeout, Minors, Natural, Penalty oriented, or something else. Now Partner responds with one of several (possibly ambiguous) bids:

(a) Pass – simply means, "I have nothing much to bid, but I have at least as many hearts as spades."

(b) 2S – a weak bid, correcting to spades, promising more spades than hearts. May be as weak as xxx, xx, xxxx, xxxx.

(c) Redouble – about ten useful points with equal length in the majors, at least 3-3, for example ♠KJx ♥AT9 ♦Q542 ♣762. This is minimum. [This should be alerted as "Constructive, natural."] Somebody will bid. The opener's side will not pass. The redoubler should bid to the 3-level after the opponents run to 3 of a minor. [*Of course, there is no such thing as SOS redouble here!*] Remember, most players intend the double here for business, unless alerted. You or partner should not redouble unless this sequence has been discussed.

(d) 3H, 3S – these are limited, somewhat pre-emptive raises. Pard should have 7 or so points with some *shape*. Ex: Bid 3S with ♠KT76 ♥65 ♦JT654 ♣K2 or with ♠KT76 ♥5 ♦JT654 ♣K42

(e) 2NT – this is a cue bid, a serious game try in one of your suits. The 2NT bidder usually has an opening bid and support for at least one of your suits. [You should now rebid 3H with any minimum. Bid 4H (partner corrects to 4S or passes) with any "nice" hand. Bid 3NT to say pick the suit pard, I have equal length.

Here are some other problem situations with NT bidding:

1. ♠5 ♥KT8652 ♦4 ♣KQJ62

1NT	2H	2S	P
P	?		

This time YOU are the overcaller. Here assume 2H is "Hearts and a minor." Or assume 2H is natural.

Shoulds you pass or bid again. Does it matter about the NT range of points?

2.

You	Opp	Pard	Opp
1NT	P	P	2S
P	P	?	

What should Pard do with ♠5 ♥765 ♦AT52 ♣Q9765.

3. Pard Opp You Opp
 1NT P 2S P
 2NT P ? Here 2S is a
 transfer to 3C, possibly with a very bad hand. By
 agreement, partner's 2NT answer shows a good hand and
 a good fit for clubs (so you can risk 3NT on many hands
 where there is a potential for 9 tricks assuming 5 or 6 in
 clubs.) If you play opener's responses to 2S the other
 way around, pretend opener rebid 3C here. You have:

♠A8 ♥A9 ♦J7 ♣QT98542

4. Pard Opp You Opp
 1NT 2C 2S P
 2NT P ?

You hold: ♠A8 ♥A9 ♦J7 ♣QT98542

(Same as last time but the opponent has shown "a one-
 suited hand, not necessarily clubs") The opponent has an
 overcall somewhere but your 2S call showed clubs
 ("Systems On" over 2C). And partner showed extras by
 not accepting the transfer.

Answers:

(1) Bid 3C, regardless of the NT strength. You have a
 great hand and can't let them play at a comfortable level.
 How many times have you sat in 2S and hoped they
 wouldn't bid? You must pressure them when you have
 the hand for it.

(2) Toughest of the set. Bid 2NT if you have *agreed* it is
 for the minors. A double should be either cards, with 2 or
 3 spades (but not a "stack"), about 7+ to 8 points, and
 penalty oriented - or cards and for takeout. By the way, I
 would never double unless I had discussed this exact
 situation. And I would want better hearts for any takeout
 bid. Say ♠8 ♥A94 ♦K754 ♣T9854, at least. Most play
 2NT as "natural." Not what I want here.

A purely penalty double, with the bidder on
 your left, is the worst of choices, as it will so rarely come
 up. Better agree on "A double by responder of a 4th seat
 overcall shows cards with a general take out in mind."
 Partner can always pass a takeout double with a trump
 stack of his own. With the opening

♠AJ9 ♥KQ42 ♦QJ5 ♣AT9,

I would be glad to pass a balancing double. I would
 expect 5 tricks in my hand. The 2NT bid looks better and
 better as a minor suit takeout (or 2 lower unbid suits).

(3) You intended to bid (at least) game. Many would
 immediately jump to 3NT, end of story. But should you
 bid towards a slam? Should you jump to 5C, a bid
 partner must pass? Despite that seven-bagger of yours,
 usually a slam occurs when responder has more points
 than shown here or has some serious shortness. And you
 has no singleton or void. Expert partnerships should
 create a tool for showing shortness here, and discuss
 replies. A simple approach is okay. Partner is advertising
 a hand which can invite 3NT. With this hand bid 3NT at
 matchpoints - at IMPs, I sympathize with an effort to get

to 5C, but you need to discuss follow ups beyond a 3NT
 decision first.

Queries: Hard auctions submitted by various players.

1. This hand involves a precision 2C auction. "I had
 ♠8 ♥AJT8654 ♦A7 ♣T42.

Pard	Opp	Me	Opp
2C*	2S	3H	P
3NT	P	??	

* Shows 11-16 with 6+ in clubs.
 Should I pass or bid 4H?"

Answer: This auction is about the same as a standard
 auction which has gone:

1C	1S	2H	P
3C	P	3H	P
3NT	P	?	

Playing Western Cue Bids (a 3S bid instead of 3NT),
 opener could have asked for help in spades. But he
 didn't. You should pass since you have 3 clubs, and
 probably should pass with only 2 clubs. Your length in
 clubs makes it better for pard's chances of running his
 club suit. A bid of 4H is a slight mistake. [Maybe you
 should have bid 4H over 2S, and then you wouldn't be
 agonizing here.]

2. This hand involves whether you should overcall or
 not

Opp	You
1C	??

Should you overcall or not with

♠--- ♥JT8543 ♦A852 ♣842

Yes, you should overcall 1H. Hands with a 5 card major
 and singleton play well, and, of course, a 6 card major
 and a void could play really well. It might be your hand.
 Also, look at it this way. Somebody will bid spades
 shortly. Get your bid in while you can. You expect to
 pass later unless amazing things happen. Although your
 hand is a "weak two bid" type, the suit is so bad, I
 wouldn't want to go to the 2-level. But I still want to bid!
 Say, "Partner, I counted 5 points for high cards and 5
 points for your excellent dummy play."

3.	Opp	Joe	Opp	Mary
	1H	2H	4H	P
	P	5C	P	??

What should Mary bid with this hand?

♠QT9 ♥942 ♦QJT73 ♣T9

Pass. Joe would not make this 5C bid without substantially longer clubs than spades. Mary has shown no support for spades, so Joe is really going out on a limb to bid 5C, and he would have to have a self-sustaining suit to do it. Your spades will be appreciated. But you have no ruffs in either case. Imagine Joe has:

♠A8753 ♥9 ♦--- ♣KQ87542

Clubs is safer.

4. You have ♠8 ♥QJT76 ♦AQ8 ♣8653

Pard	Opp	You
1H	1S	??

Bid 3S. A splinter raise of hearts

Does it matter if 1H was "Precision" (and thus limited to about 15/16 points)?

Not really. Show what you have. If partner has

♠753 ♥A8643 ♦JT ♣A2,

you will make game in hearts with one finesse (and 3S is cold with 4S possible). Holding

♠A432 ♥AK543 ♦JT7 ♣2

slam is on the diamond finesse – and this is not a maximum. If partner makes a slam try with 4C, cooperate with 4D.

5. At matchpoints, you hold:

♠T ♥K9765 ♦AJT3 ♣K98

You	Opp	Pard	Opp
1H	P	2H	2S

?? Do you pass or bid 3H?

Bid 3H. Normally you are expected to bid 3H only when you have nine trumps combined. But here 2S figures to make. The singleton is the key factor. A 3H bid is not invitational to game or even encouraging. Pard is expected to pass, even with a great maximum (so don't worry about your lack of high cards). Holding instead

♠T ♥KQ765 ♦AQT3 ♣K98

you should bid 3D, natural and a game try in hearts - partner should evaluate her hand and decide between 3H (6-7 points) and 4H (9 points). With only xxx, JTxx, Kxx, QJx in Pard's hand, you can probably make game.

6. What is the best lead?

Opp	Me	Opp	You
1C	P	1S	P
2S	P	3S	P
P	P	P	

You have:

♠843 ♥KJT6 ♦AQ72 ♣92

This one is easy. Lead a trump.

PLAY PROBLEM from p. 1, continued.

Now you lead the heart ten to the king in dummy and see the ♥4 on your left and the ♥3 on your right.

You lead a spade from dummy and on East's ♠7 (two or four spades, if honest) insert the jack which loses to the queen. West returns the ♦7 to dummy's queen. East drops the ♦T (which you knew he had) as you discard a small club. You cash two spades. West follows and East discards two hearts.

You cash two hearts and East follows as West discards once, the club 4. Everyone is down to three cards. You know West started with 4-2-3-4, or 4-2-4-3 or 4-2-5-2. What do you do? (Who has the missing small diamonds?)

Probably you figured it out. Here is the hand.

Play Problem		
North (Dummy)		
♠ 532		
♥ K75		
♦ Q76		
♣ K763		
West		East
♠Q984		♠76
♥64		♥J9832
♦985		♦JT432
♣Q984		♣5
South (Declarer)		
♠ AKJT		
♥ AQT		
♦ AK		
♣ AJT2		
Opening lead, ♦9 by West. Make 6NT.		

East was ready to echo in diamonds (showing an odd number). But, he decided his hand had only worthless cards. He could only hope you had losing finesses to take into West's hand (as you did). The only thing he could try was to confuse you about count. He knew that West has to have any missing black cards, especially clubs, if the defense is to succeed..

The actual declarers were Mike Moss (down only one in 7NT) and Zia Mahmood (down two in 7C) playing in the 2005 US International TeamTrials. Moss-Gitelman used a neat convention (Kokish 2H) in their auction, but they mis-used it too.

Moss	Gitelman
2C	2D
2H	2S
2NT	6NT
7NT	

Here, 2H was “Kokish” which shows either hearts OR a big NT hand of 25 or more points. The 2S bid asks which and 2NT shows, “I have a big NT hand, Partner.”

The bid is supposed to be used so that narrow NT ranges can be described and so that an opening of 3NT can be used for other purposes.

The pair played that 2NT showed 23+. This hand suggests that their use of Kokish is not best. Gitelman made a slightly aggressive bid but Moss thought he had extra enough to bid on. “Only one liberty in each slam decision,” says Charleston Ace.

The “proper” Kokish responses to 2S are:

2NT: 24-25

3NT: 26-27

4NT: 28-30

With (a balanced) 22-23, one opens 2C and rebids 2NT (over say 2D).

The auction 2C-2D, 3NT is supposed to show a hand of 20-21 points with nine running tricks, say

♠AT ♥K6 ♦A9 ♣AKQJT52

In theory, after the jump to 3NT directly over 2D, responder can look at his cards and estimate the level to which the pair should bid by counting likely tricks. If you count up to 12 tricks, go to slam. Holding, say, ♠KQJ43 ♥T86 ♦5432 ♣8 responder only needs to bid 4C (gerber) and put it in 6NT. Opener must have the spade ace for the NT bid.

Kokish properly used could have saved the day. (Maybe Gitelman should have bid 4NT with his eight points and let opener go to 6NT with a maximum.)

The Zia-Rosenberg auction was better in a way:

2D 2H

3NT 4C

4S 5NT

6C 7C

Here 2D was multi, either a bad weak two bid or some strong balanced hand. 2H asks which (pass or correct to 2S if a weak two bid, bid NT if strong) The 3NT bid showed 27-28 (evidently a rare auction). 4C was Baron (bid 4-card suits up the line, please). Opener showed spades, 5NT said pick a slam. 6C offered clubs as a choice (6NT is always a fall-back position). But 6C subtly invited a grand in clubs with a fit. With no ruff, I think Zia should just pass or bid 6NT. Still, if the clubs had been AQJ2 and the hearts Ax, the grand is on a spade finesse at worst.

Incidentally, these players, on essentially the same teams, wound up last year and this year in the semi-finals (2005) or finals (2006) of the US International Team Trials. Note they erred: but both teams bid aggressively to optimistic contracts with a big payoff. These are two of the most successful teams in bridge today. If they agree on a style and/or strategy at IMPs, we had all better take notice.

Unit 160 Board Meeting, August 5, 2006

ATTENDING: Rick Giles, Rich Regan, Barbara Kiebler, John Kiebler, Fred Ferguson, Louise Burns, Alan Brooks, Joyce Lauterbach, Henry Momand, Ann Rickard, Don Buchanan, Fred Chisholm, Spencer Hurd, DaMaris Rorie, and Tony Devereux. PROXIES: Mary Alice Shenefiel for Harold Haase, Fred Ferguson for Nancy Haase, and Joe Mydosh for Carmelita Hicks.

PRESIDENT BUCHANAN called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

next reported on the status of the new Unit 160 web site [unit160bridge.org] and there was agreement that it was working well. Suggestions were made that changes and additions should be directed to Larry Rich, the programmer. One suggestion was that the Palmetto Preempts could be disseminated on the web site and this would be a considerable cost-saving change for the Unit. [Last January's Palmetto Pre-Empts was posted to the web almost a month before it reached local clubs. Was this noticed. The Jul-Sep issue was posted early September (without page 8) but printed and disseminated late September. Members should let their area Board members know if this matters to them.]

Also club tournament sponsors could advertise on the web site with more details than might be provided by the District 7 publication. [This can of course already be done by submitting electronic (MS Word or PDF) copy to DaMaris Rorie, Fred Ferguson, or Spencer Hurd who can forward it to Larry Rich. Club directors can post local club info already.]

It was also suggested that the minutes of our meetings could be posted there.

Member Rich Regan reported on attending the Gatlinburg District 7 meeting and was quite impressed with their push to attract younger members. He discussed their Youth Camps and Bridge in Schools which have been very successful in Atlanta. He mentioned that Barbara Heller and Patty Tucker were spearheading these efforts and would be glad to disseminate their strategies and offer assistance to those who would be interested in working with the youth. Rich also stated that the ACBL was offering special needs funds to attract new growth in this area.

DaMaris Rorie indicated that she would be very interested in initiating such a program in Columbia and would contact Patty Tucker for further information.

Tournament Chair Louise Burns reported that Columbia Bridge Club and Myrtle Beach need to get their tournament sanctions in and reminded members of the \$50.00 late fee. She also mentioned the Hilton Head Camellia Classic tournament budget which had been submitted including a deficit which was expected. Member Alan Brooks advised the Tournament Chair to

resubmit a balanced budget to Louise, and several members suggested ways of economizing.

PRESIDENT BUCHANAN then announced that unfortunately member Carmelita Hopkins had submitted her resignation from the Board, but had indicated that her proxy, **Joe Mydosh**, was a very qualified replacement. The Board unanimously voted that he become a new board member, completing her term.

Member Spencer Hurd stated that he had brought the Palmetto Preempts for distribution and asked that Board members take whatever number of copies were needed to their local clubs.

Member Henry Momand has done a good job coordinating where the copies are going and seeing that Secretary Rorie mails the remaining copies to whichever clubs are not represented at the tournament.

PRESIDENT BUCHANAN introduced Barbara Kiebler from Hilton Head who had previously sent a letter to the Board asking that a \$550.00 deficit from their last Sectional be considered for reimbursement. After a quite lengthy discussion, this request was denied.

STaC results were reported by Larry Rich to have improved by 25%. District Treasurer Len Case had informed all participating Unit secretaries to e-mail an address to him and he would send their reimbursement. Unit 160 has received \$688.03 for their clubs' participation.

PRESIDENT BUCHANAN adjourned the meeting at 12:15p.m. The next meeting time and place will be announced later.

Hilton Head Sectional, Nov 16-19, 2006

There were 360.5 tables over the weekend, making this once again our Unit's largest sectional tournament.

The 345 players who attended won a total of 1582 master points!

Open Pair winners: Paul Thurston (ON) and O. Gordon Lien (Augusta). Mel Volmert (MO) and Dick Briggs (HHI). Paul Thurston and Dabney Townson (Pooler, GA), twice. Dabney Townsend and Larry Haislip. Karen Couser and Elizabeth Hanson (HHI). Thomas and Judith Costikyan (Saint Helena Isl).

First Bracket KO winners: Ellen and Larry Allen (Summerville, Bill Wisdon (NC), Tom Rutledge (Charleston). (Twice). Second bracket KO winners: Theodore and Betty Cooley (Bluffton) and John and Barbara Kiebler (HHI). Paul Patton, Lillian Frauend, Ed Crenshaw (HHI), and Missy Fazio (Bluffton). 3rd Bracket: Alice Fillingham, Harriet Kulbersh, Karen Grace, and Patricia Carmody (GA).

Sat Swiss: Dabney Townsend, Larry Hayslip, Diana Mullaly (HHI), and Mary Alice Shenefiel (bluffton).

The Sunday Swiss was won by area players Carol and Alan keller (HHI) and Nancy Atkins (Roswell, GA) and Lura McKinney (Savannah). Second was the team O. Gordon Lien, Carl Becker (Chas.) Evelyn Kleinsasser (FL), F. Marion Fletcher (GA).

Allen Team Congratulations:

We have to congratulate the Allen Team: Larry and Ellen Allen, Bill Wisdom and Tom Rutledge, all of whom led the master point scoring with 31.04 points. They won all these points but not in the Sunday Swiss! All were won in the OTHER team events.

Fifth to eighth with 25 master points were the McKinney team: Lura McKinney, Nancy Atkins, and Carol and Alan Keller. 9th to 12th were the McLaughlin team with 24.38 points: Mark and Susanne Mc Laughlin, and Evelyn and Dave Hall, all of Charleston.

A lot of points were won by 299-er players and tops on the list were

1 and 2: Patricia Carmody and Harriet Kulbersh 13.95

3 and 4: Betty Ted Cooley 12.6

5 Karen Grace 11.11

6 and 7: Roger and Sandy Anderson (Dacula, GA) 9

North American Pair Results: SC Players Win In Two Flights

The North American Open Pairs (NAOP), a national championship, begins at local clubs with qualifying games. Players scoring high enough may compete in the District Finals. This year the District 7 Finals were held in Spartanburg at the sectional there, and we have the result!

SC Players Neuffer and Lebioda Win Flight A

The Flight A section was won by Hap Neuffer and Lucas Lebioda, both of Columbia. A familiar partnership to tournament goers, they have won various District events like this before. This year they won an especially difficult event, and close behind were many well-known top-rated pairs.

1. Hap Neuffer and Lucas Lebioda 60.77 %
2. Richard Burton, Beatrice Kemp (Dacula, GA), 58.85%
3. Bill Wisdom and Randy Joyce (NC) 56.67 %
- 4 Kay Joyce and Dan Fowler (NC) 55.83 %
4. Harold Triplett (NC) and Chris Moll (TN) 55.83 %

SC Players Norteman and Russell Win Flight B

The Flight B section is limited to player under 2000 master points, a very tough competition. Still, William Norteman (Woodruff, SC) and George Russell (Moore, SC) fought their to the top.

1. William Norteman and George Russell, 57.7 %
2. Sarah Robinm Donald Gardner (NC) 56.7 %
3. Audrey Ventura, Lance Shull (NC) 55.01 %
4. Arthur Moore, David Ashby (NC) 54.08 %
5. Bill Waters, Michael Morris (TN) 54.03 %
6. Brad Vander Zanden, Davuid Shepler (TN) 53.98 %
7. Andre Asbury (Atl), David Koberly (Spartanburg) 53.92 %

Flight C Goes to NC Players

A clean sweep occurred for *Carolina* players, with Craig De Almeida and James Cunningham of Durham winning Flight C.

1. Craig De Almeida, James Cunningham, 59.17%
2. William and Rita Mitchell (Suwanee, GA) 59 %
3. Patricia Bradshaw and Allen Gordon (NC) 56 %
4. Carole Salerno, Mary Ann Safrit (NC) 54.8 %
5. Siva Jayaraman and Richard Starr (Atl) 53.4 %.

The top players (usually the first three spots) win the right to continue in the event at the next ACBL Nationals (St. Louis, this spring) in the national finals of the NAOP. These pairs will also receive some financial support for the trip (usually a bit more for first, but never enough to pay all the expenses).

Congratulations. Good luck this spring.

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The Top 100 in Masterpoints - November 2006

1	17,300	Ellen Allen	Summerville	51	2,628	Ann Rickard	Spartanburg
2	16,565	Larry Allen	Summerville	52	2,619	Eunice Johnston	Mt Pleasant
3	15,761	Tom Rutledge	Charleston	53	2,618	Mickey Langley	Mt Pleasant
4	10,828	Mark McLaughlin	Charleston	54	2,608	Chaford Brown	Greenville
5	10,596	Susanne McLaughlin	Charleston	55	2,597	Mary Alice Shenefiel	Bluffton
6	9,812	Richard Guarneri	Charleston	56	2,593	Joyce Nichols	Charleston
7	9,291	Wayne Hollingsworth	Irmo	57	2,588	Elaine Cagle	Georgetown
8	8,822	Richard Brown	Easley	58	2,588	Sandy Pierce	Greenville
9	8,330	Hugh Brown Jr	Mc Cormick	59	2,544	Rosalyn Silverstein	Anderson
10	7,328	Happoldt Neuffer	Columbia	60	2,423	Carl Coghill Jr	Campobello
11	7,130	Kurt Gandenberger	Pendleton	61	2,406	Genevieve Brady	Columbia
12	5,498	Bobbie Scott	Clemson	62	2,301	Helen Valois	Hilton Head
13	5,094	Marvin Shatz	Hilton Head	63	2,292	Ken Fasching	Columbia
14	5,061	Spencer Hurd	Charleston	64	2,282	James Hawkes	Charleston
15	4,678	Hughes Hughes	Greenville	65	2,265	Jeff Kittredge	Greenville
16	4,633	Greg Roberts	Aiken	66	2,239	Rosalie Orvin	Charleston
17	4,530	Stan Given	Little River	67	2,195	J. Lauterbach	Columbia
18	4,508	Jeff Ziemer	Taylors	68	2,178	Dottie Kennedy	Charleston
19	4,323	Genie Warshauer	Mt Pleasant	69	2,160	Carl Becker	Charleston
20	4,013	Giles Belski	N Myrtle Bch	70	2,114	Gary Donner	Bluffton
21	4,001	Bettye Burt	N Myrtle Bch	71	2,095	Bill Gutermuth Jr	Taylors
22	3,907	Virginia Bednar	Bluffton	72	2,086	Andrew Hurd	Charleston
23	3,854	George Nichols Jr	Columbia	73	2,080	Reece Blackwell	Greenville
24	3,801	Charles McCharen	Aiken	74	2,078	James Cobb	Inman
25	3,746	Brian Lipscomb	Columbia	75	2,066	Patricia Seiler	Hilton Head
26	3,601	Leonard Smith	Taylors	76	2,044	Jeanette Johnson	Hilton Head
27	3,599	Ronald Perry	Hilton Head	77	2,033	Johanna Blackwell	Greenville
28	3,570	Martin Johnson Jr	Folly Beach	78	2,027	Charlotte Taylor	Hilton Head
29	3,559	Tom Nasser	Fort Mill	79	2,026	Mildred Villani	Myrtle Beach
30	3,370	John Gray III	Aiken	80	2,024	Joyce Rampey	Spartanburg
31	3,240	Velma Lamp	Columbia	81	2,018	Cynthia Deaton	Charleston
32	3,169	Tina Radding	Charleston	82	2,006	Evelyn Brandon	Myrtle Beach
33	3,160	Eleanor Hack	Columbia	83	2,004	Joseph Blalock	Columbia
34	3,114	Leroy Christeson	Anderson	84	2,000	George Russell	Moore
35	3,065	Anil Bose	Clemson	85	1,982	William Kelly	Anderson
36	3,052	Tony Devereux	Pawleys Is	86	1,968	Z. Przedpelski	Salem
37	3,022	Robert Benbrook	Belton	87	1,966	John Deketshendorf	Bluffton
38	2,949	Pat Webb	Cayce	88	1,956	Gloria Freer	Hilton Head
39	2,885	Dave Hall	Charleston	89	1,950	Janet Weir	Spartanburg
40	2,882	Pat Lauterbach	Columbia	90	1,943	Harold Moore	Hopkins
41	2,865	James Gentry Jr	North Augusta	91	1,941	Alice Moore	Hopkins
42	2,826	Robert Webb	Cayce	92	1,914	Harold Rhyne Jr	Charleston
43	2,823	Alan Keller	Hilton Head	93	1,905	Roma Ervin	Hilton Head Is
44	2,773	DaMaris Rorie	Columbia	94	1,871	Rich Regan	Lyman
45	2,761	Marjorie Edens	Lexington	95	1,863	Jane Neidenthal	Charleston
46	2,742	Helen Jinks	Greenville	96	1,863	Lillian Fraund	Hilton Head
47	2,734	Michael Jinks	Greenville	97	1,843	Rajan Iyer	Aiken
48	2,706	Lucas Lebioda	Columbia	98	1,834	Barb. Hollingsworth	Irmo
49	2,694	Carol Keller	Hilton Head	99	1,827	Anna Le Boutillier	Anderson
50	2,661	Lillian Keisler	Chapin	100	1,796	Batty Bain	Taylors