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To the person who invented the
zero:

Thanks for nothing!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

With September comes board elections and the opportunity to welcome new board members and thank departing members for their service.

This year's new members are Donna Heckscher and Andrea Malinowski. Donna owns and operates Shuffles2 in Sussex County. Andrea brings the enthusiasm of a new bridge player to the board.

Leaving us after years of service are Nancy Robbins who has handled communications and Marilyn Haskins who has had a major role in providing hospitality. Thanks for all your contributions. Til next time.

Rick



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THE WELCOME MAT

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Special guest columnist: Paul Amer

“Sam Was with Me in Toronto” by Paul Amer

David Kessler, renowned grief expert, highly recommends writing as a way to grieve. I have not written much since research grant proposals and technical papers at UD, and that ended over 8 years ago. So I will give David's recommendation a try.

The title says it all.

I just returned from the ACBL Summer Nationals in Toronto, where my winning D4 GNT-A team -- consisting of longtime Bridge Studio friends Mark Henderson, Bern Rehberg, Jeff Ruben, and me -- got clobbered in the opening day's round robin. Twenty-three teams competed, with the top 16 advancing into a 4-day knockout. Suffice to say we did not just miss out on making the top 16.

So Jeff and I moved on to play in the 0-6000 Bruce LM Pairs. It was a 3-day event, with 96 pairs starting, the top 52 qualifying for the 2nd day, and then the top 28 of those 52 qualifying for the 3rd day.

Jeff and I easily made it to the 2nd day in 29th place. Then we proceeded to play some of the worst bridge we've played in years, either together or with others. Some examples: revoking while (not) following to declarer running his 6 card diamond suit; missing a rescue redouble for a minus 1600 absolute bottom; and overbidding to 2 slams which failed by multiple tricks. And those were just my mistakes! I will leave it to Jeff to confess his bridge sins. ☺

At the end of Day 2's play, Jeff and I began discussing which event to play on our final day in Toronto. Then we learned that, miraculously, our two 49% sessions managed to qualify us 27th out of the 28 pairs, allowing us to play on Day 3. Our carry-over was 0.77 MPs, while the leaders carried over 18.29 MPs, just under 1½ boards.

We thought we did well in the morning session of Day 3, and reality hurt when our game was just a little over average. That was good enough, however, to move us from 27th to 15th.

Before I present a few hands, I will share advice that Sam regularly gave his old man. I hear his voice in my head every time I play: "Dad, don't play scared bridge."

In the first hand of the final session with both sides vulnerable, I picked up:

♠QJ6 ♥Q9843 ♦K65 ♣T2

Partner opened 1♣. RHO overcalled 1♥, and I bid 1NT. That ended the auction and LHO led the ♠9. Dummy came down and I was looking at:

♠AK
♥652
♦QT7
♣KJ753

♠ 9 led

♠QJ6
♥Q9843
♦K65
♣T2

Given the overcall and lack of a heart lead, it was clear East held ♥AKJT7. Perhaps we had a bit of good fortune to have been kept out of our 8 card heart fit. Can I make 1NT? Looks like 3 spades, 1 or 2 diamonds depending on the location of the ♦J, maybe 1 heart and some number of clubs. A lot of

work to be done before the opponents establish their spade tricks. Making 1NT should be a good score, but making 1NT was far from obvious.

How would you play the hand?

I won the ♠A (perfect play so far!) and led the ♣3 from dummy, RHO played low, I played the ♣T and it won. A good start. I returned the ♣2 and LHO played low. Surely LHO did not duck the ♣Q allowing my ♣T to win. I put up the ♣K and RHO dropped the ♣Q. Nice! Two club tricks won with the suit splitting 4=2 ... too bad they weren't 3=3. It was time to change suits. Do I attack diamonds or hearts? It seemed like I could afford to play hearts. Even if I lost 3 heart tricks and the 2 minor suit aces, I'd still make my contract and a possible overtrick.

So I played a low heart, and RHO went up with the ♥A. To my surprise, LHO dropped the ♥T. RHO had overcalled on ♥AKJ7. Suddenly my heart suit was looking quite promising. RHO returned a spade which I won perforce in dummy (another nice play ☺). I led a small heart and RHO played the ♥7. I won with the ♥8. LHO showed out. (At least RHO did not overcall on ♥AKJ.)

I led a low diamond to dummy's ♦Q and it won. It appeared LHO held 2 aces and a long spade suit headed by the 9. Another small heart from dummy saw RHO put up the ♥A and return a diamond. The lack of a spade return confirmed RHO's shape to be 2=4=5=2, so I played low, and fortunately LHO did not hold the ♦J. LHO won the ♦A, cashed his ♣A, and I claimed holding top ♠Q, ♥Q, ♦K.

Here's the full deal

	♠AK	
	♥652	
	♦QT7	
	♣KJ753	
♠987532		♠T4
♥T		♥AKJ7
♦A4		♦J9832
♣A964		♣Q8
	♠QJ6	
	♥Q9843	
	♦K65	
	♣T2	

Plus 150 was an absolute top. Two other NS pairs played 1NT by N and were down 2, a 4 trick difference from our result. Four NS pairs played in hearts making 7, 8, or 9 tricks, presumably when East did not overcall his 4 card heart suit. Six EW pairs played and made 2♠.

The next hands went well; either we were in the right contract making the right number of tricks, or the opponents were not.

Then with both sides vulnerable, I picked up ♠AQJ97 ♥874 ♦Q ♣QT62 Partner passed and RHO opened 1♣. I overcalled 1♠. LHO passed and partner cue bid 2♣ showing a limit raise in support of my spades. RHO bid 3♣. I should have doubled 3♣, but if I did, there would be no story to tell. I bid 3♠ and that was passed out. West led the ♣5, and I was looking at:

♠852
♥AKJ62
♦8542
♣8

♣5 led

♠AQJ97
♥874
♦Q
♣QT62

RHO won with the ♣K and returned the ♦7. I expected a spade return to cut down on dummy's club ruffs. RHO appeared worried about dummy's hearts. LHO won my stiff ♦Q with the ♦A and returned a low diamond on which RHO played the ♦K. I ruffed and led a heart to dummy's ♥K on which RHO played the ♥9. Then I led ♠2 from dummy and RHO quickly played the ♠K, which appeared to be a singleton.

I won and led the ♣6, LHO discarded a diamond, and I ruffed with the ♠5. I now believed RHO had 1 spade, 7 clubs, 3 or 4 diamonds (at the time I thought with ♦K7, RHO would not have led the ♦7, but that was not necessarily correct) and therefore 1 or 2 hearts. Looked like the heart finesse was odds on with LHO holding 3 or 4.

But wait ... LHO has the ♦A and maybe the ♦J. If he had the ♥Qxxx, he certainly would have made a negative double over my 1♠ bid. Even with 3 hearts, he'd have 5 diamonds, ♠Txxx, and with the ♥Qxx, he might have bid 1nt or made a negative double. I decided RHO had the ♥Q. So I cashed the ♥K. RHO dropped the ♥Q with an air of disgust. Another queen magically fell offside under my king. I cashed the ♥J to reach this ending:

	♠8	
	♥62	
	♦85	
	♣	
♠T64		♠
♥		♥
♦JT		♦9
♣		♣KJ97
	♠QJ9	
	♥..	
	♦	
	♣QT	

I now led the good ♥2 from dummy, but I ruffed with the ♠Q as LHO discarded a diamond. I led the ♣T. Best defense is for LHO to ruff higher than dummy's ♠8 and lead a spade, leaving me with the losing ♣Q in my hand. But that didn't happen. Defense is hard. LHO discarded his last diamond, I ruffed with the ♠8, and led dummy's good ♥6 pitching my ♣Q.

LHO was forced to ruff and lead from his ♠T6 into my ♠J9 spades. 3♠+1. Plus 170 beat out the other pairs playing in spades or hearts, but it wasn't a top because 2 EW pairs played 3♣X and 4♣X, respectively down 1 and 2. I did say I should have doubled 3♣, didn't I? It did turn out that 2 EW pairs made 3♣ and 4♣.

Here's the full hand:

♠852		
♥AKJ62		
♦8542		
♣8		
♠T643		♠K
♥T53		♥Q9
♦AJT63		♦K97
♣5		♣AKJ9743
	♠AQJ97	
	♥874	
	♦Q	
	♣QT62	

For the entire session, it seemed every hand was going our way; no mistakes. I had visions of 70+%. Even had the fantasy of winning or coming in 2nd and getting our photo in the Bulletin. It was not to be, but our session score of 63.12% was good enough to move us up to 4th place. Not bad, going from 27th to 4th out of an original field of 96 pairs.

Kudos and major thanks to my partner Jeff for his support over the past year+, and I am not talking about his holdings in my trump suit.

Sam and I played in this same event (Bruce LM 0-6000 pairs) in Providence 2 years ago. We came in 3rd, our pinnacle bridge moment together. That was the last time I did, or will ever play bridge with Sam, my son and 20-year bridge partner.

Thank you, Sam, for forever being with me at the bridge table in Toronto.



By the way, Sam's mom and 2 sisters (Jill, Sarah, Libby) told me there was no way Sam was going to let Jeff and me do better than Sam and I did in Providence. ☺

THE RESULTS ARE IN

Diamond State Sectional

Wilmington, DE

Sep 06-08, 2024

Fri AM A/X Pairs - 6.0 Tables

MPs A X Names	Score
7.56 1 Edward Kung - Elaine Weintraub, Philadelphia PA	61.85%
5.67 2 Paula Varrassi, Milton DE; Trina Williams, Bethany Beach DE	58.52%
4.25 3 John Dickenson, North Wales PA; William Ravreby, Merion Station PA	55.93%
3.19 4 Peter Filandro - Marie Filandro, Wilmington DE	54.44%



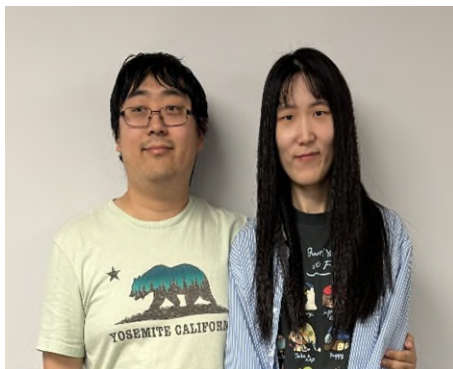
Elaine Weintraub and Edward Kung

Fri AM B/C/D Pairs - 17.0 Tables

MPs B C D Names	Score
4.64 1 1 William Even, Palmyra PA; Bobbie Goodyear, Boiling Springs PA	66.70%
3.48 2 William Sedlis, Reading PA; Melody Henderson, Wilmington DE	64.39%
2.61 3 2 1 William Tannery, Haddon Township NJ; Art Ford, Marlton NJ	61.53%
1.96 4 3 Mervin J.H. Jones - Joyce Cosby, Wilmington DE	60.19%
1.47 5 Gilbert Deleeuw, Douglassville PA; Rex Saffer, Broomall PA	56.98%
1.39 6 4 Shauneen Hutchinson, Greenville DE; Lynn Dealy, Chadds Ford PA	56.70%
1.16 5 Nancy Robbins, Wilmington DE; Teresa Young, New Castle DE	55.68%
1.55 6 2 Jodee Scannapieco, Broomall PA; Michael Leonard, Haverford PA	54.62%
1.16 3 Sandy Harrison, Ardmore PA; Stuart Scherr, Wynnewood PA	54.36%
0.87 4 Rose Stinnett, Swedesboro NJ; Mary Previtera, Westville NJ	52.76%
0.92 5 Robert Hatton - Richard Bradley, Smyrna DE	49.20%

Fri Aft Open Pairs - 18.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
7.33	1	1	1	Yiran Liu - Kaiwen Wang, Fort Lee NJ	68.21%
5.50	2			Mark Bolotin - Ala Hamilton-Day, Philadelphia PA	65.05%
3.61	3/4			Andy Kaufman, Upper Gwynedd PA; Neal Satten, Philadelphia PA	58.60%
3.61	3/4	2	2	Prem Premakumar, Media PA; Paul Cassedy, Baltimore MD	58.60%
2.32	5			Elaine Weintraub - Edward Kung, Philadelphia PA	58.37%
1.74	6			Donna Morgen - Richard Morgen, Havertown PA	57.13%
1.90	7	3	3	Rich Lepley - Mary Reilly, Lewes DE	55.77%
1.42	4			Mike Kohler, Coopersburg PA; Arup Mukherjee, Bethlehem PA	54.86%
1.07	5	4		William Even, Palmyra PA; Bobbie Goodyear, Boiling Springs PA	50.90%
0.80	6	5		Marlene Winkleman - William Buskirk, Wyomissing PA	49.32%



Yiran Liu and Kaiwen Wang

Fri Aft 499er Pairs - 4.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	Names	Score
1.60	1	1	Laura Di Virgilio, Churchville PA; Bruce Neff, Huntingdon Vly PA	63.19%
1.20	2	2	Carl Coan - Lynne Coan, Rehoboth Beach DE	61.11%
0.90	3		Sandy Harrison, Ardmore PA; Stuart Scherr, Wynnewood PA	58.33%

Sat AM A/X Pairs - 10.0 Tables / Based on 24 Tables

MPs	A	X	Names	Score
7.79	1	1	Bharat Rao - Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA	60.70%

5.84	2	Lynn Condon - Mark Bolotin, Philadelphia PA	58.85%
4.38	3 2	Ethan Derman, Baltimore MD; Michael Haas, Haddonfield NJ	58.37%
3.29	4	Steven Blomstedt, Wilmington DE; Deepak Khanna, Blandon PA	56.34%
2.46	5	Ala Hamilton-Day, Philadelphia PA; John Hogan Jr, Rehoboth Beach DE	55.49%
1.85	6	Arthur Korth, Galloway NJ; Jay Apfelbaum, Philadelphia PA	54.87%
2.44	3	Monica Knopf, Harrisburg PA; Michael Zeller, Dallastown PA	51.44%

Sat AM B/C/D Pairs - 14.0 Tables

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
4.13	1	1		Nancy Robbins, Wilmington DE; Teresa Young, New Castle DE	65.09%
3.10	2	2	1	Rose Stinnett, Swedesboro NJ; Mary Previtera, Westville NJ	62.28%
2.32	3			Tamara Holm, Millesboro DE; Kim Holm, Millsboro DE	61.83%
1.74	4			Helen Leibowitz - Janet Johnson, Philadelphia PA	59.62%
1.49	5	3	2	William Tannery, Haddon Township NJ; Clifford Sokolic, Marlton NJ	56.66%
1.44	6			Mike Kohler, Coopersburg PA; Debbie Schenkel, Wilmington DE	54.59%
1.11	4			Rich Lepley - Mary Reilly, Lewes DE	54.14%
1.03	5	3		Rebecca Bergey, Mechanicsburg PA; William Even, Palmyra PA	53.85%
0.77	6	4		Mary Harding Cist - Barbara Brooks, Wilmington DE	52.81%

Sat Aft Open Pairs - 18.0 Tables / Based on 23 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
7.56	1	1	1	Ethan Derman, Baltimore MD; Michael Haas, Haddonfield NJ	63.57%
5.67	2			Jay Apfelbaum, Philadelphia PA; Arthur Korth, Galloway NJ	60.97%
4.25	3			Peter Filandro - Marie Filandro, Wilmington DE	60.29%
3.19	4			Douglas Dye, Wyndmoor PA; Patricia Civale, Chesterfield NJ	59.73%
2.39	5			Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Andrew Markowitz, Lahaska PA	59.28%
1.79	6			Lynn Condon - Mark Bolotin, Philadelphia PA	57.13%
1.35	7			Bharat Rao - Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA	57.01%
1.12	8			Donna Morgen, Havertown PA; Howard Kahlenberg, Philadelphia PA	56.56%
2.17	2	2		Kaiwen Wang - Yiran Liu, Fort Lee NJ	55.32%
1.63	3	3		Rich Lepley - Mary Reilly, Lewes DE	54.07%
1.22	4			Tamara Holm, Millesboro DE; Kim Holm, Millsboro DE	48.30%
0.95	5			Mike Kohler, Coopersburg PA; Debbie Schenkel, Wilmington DE	47.96%



Michael Haas

Sat Aft 499er Pairs - 5.0 Tables

MPs A B Names	Score
1.72 1 Michael Leonard, Haverford PA; Jodee Scannapieco, Broomall PA	59.50%
1.29 2 Clifford Sokolic, Marlton NJ; William Tannery, Haddon Township NJ	59.00%
1.34 3 1 Bruce Neff, Huntingdon Vly PA; Margaret Dooley, Wyncote PA	57.00%
0.73 4 Sandy Harrison, Ardmore PA; Stuart Scherr, Wynnewood PA	55.00%
1.01 2 Don Adams, Malvern PA; Marie-Louise Ingersoll, Newtown Square PA	46.00%

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams - 6 Tables / Based on 20 Tables

MPs A X Names	Score
8.25 1 Jay Apfelbaum, Philadelphia PA; Arthur Korth, Galloway NJ; Michael Shuster, Collegeville PA; Andy Kaufman, Upper Gwynedd PA	76.00
6.19 2 Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Randall Berseth, Bear DE; Jess Stuart, West Chester PA; Bharat Rao, Berwyn PA	65.00
5.20 1 Lynn Condon - Mark Bolotin - Ala Hamilton-Day, Philadelphia PA; RADU VASILESCU, West Chester PA	54.00

BCD Swiss - 14 Tables

MPs B C D Names	Score
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4.95	1	1	William Herdle, Wilmington DE; Marla Lawson - Karin Schwenk, Downingtown PA; Pamela Scalamandre, Cherry Hill NJ	100.00
3.71	2		Betsy Cutler, Allentown PA; Gilbert Deleeuw, Douglassville PA; Mike Kohler, Coopersburg PA; Debbie Schenkel, Wilmington DE	79.00
2.78	3	2	Rex Saffer, Broomall PA; Becky Levinson, Moorestown NJ; Christina Carter, Swedesboro NJ; David Laskin, Cherry Hill NJ	72.00
2.09	4		Kim Holm, Millsboro DE; Tamara Holm, Millesboro DE; John Strange - Caroline Hughes, Wilmington DE	68.00
2.06	5	3 1	William Even, Palmyra PA; Kamrul Khan, Hummelstown PA; Monica Knopf, Harrisburg PA; Rebecca Bergey, Mechanicsburg PA	65.00
1.46	4		Shauneen Hutchinson, Greenville DE; Lynn Dealy, Chadds Ford PA; James Koss, Medford NJ; Craig Rohner, Marlton NJ	62.00
1.55	2		Carl Coan - Lynne Coan, Rehoboth Beach DE; Marie Caruso - Jeanmarie Leonard, Wilmington DE	60.00

BCD Swiss - 14 Tables

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
4.95	1	1		William Herdle, Wilmington DE; Marla Lawson - Karin Schwenk, Downingtown PA; Pamela Scalamandre, Cherry Hill NJ	100.00
3.71	2			Betsy Cutler, Allentown PA; Gilbert Deleeuw, Douglassville PA; Mike Kohler, Coopersburg PA; Debbie Schenkel, Wilmington DE	79.00
2.78	3	2		Rex Saffer, Broomall PA; Becky Levinson, Moorestown NJ; Christina Carter, Swedesboro NJ; David Laskin, Cherry Hill NJ	72.00
2.09	4			Kim Holm, Millsboro DE; Tamara Holm, Millesboro DE; John Strange - Caroline Hughes, Wilmington DE	68.00
2.06	5	3 1		William Even, Palmyra PA; Kamrul Khan, Hummelstown PA; Monica Knopf, Harrisburg PA; Rebecca Bergey, Mechanicsburg PA	65.00
1.46	4			Shauneen Hutchinson, Greenville DE; Lynn Dealy, Chadds Ford PA; James Koss, Medford NJ; Craig Rohner, Marlton NJ	62.00
1.55	2			Carl Coan - Lynne Coan, Rehoboth Beach DE; Marie Caruso - Jeanmarie Leonard, Wilmington DE	60.00

Bridge in View NLM Sectional

Ocean View, DE
Sep 20-21, 2024

Fri AM 0-500 Pairs - 5.5 Tables

MPs A	B C	Names	Score
1.83	1 1	Richard Lepley, ; Mark Conheady, Rehoboth Beach DE	68.75%
1.37	2 2	Rita Gilbert, Lewes DE; Frank Falcone, Tolpin 13	62.96%
0.90	3/4	Carl Coan, ; Cindy Hoadley, Lewes DE	55.21%
0.90	3/4 3	Donna Heckscher, Dagsboro DE; Marcy Boyle, Lewes DE	55.21%

Fri AM 0-20 Pairs - 3.0 Tables

MPs A B	Names	Score
0.95 1	Cynthia Williams, ; Deborah Trone, Hanover PA	59.00%
0.71 2	Alex Koriakin - Patrick Quinn,	57.82%

Fri Aft 0-500 Pairs - 8.0 Tables

MPs A B C	Names	Score
2.06 1	Roger McAlevey - Mike Vogel,	70.83%
1.56 2 1	Marcy Boyle, Lewes DE; Donna Heckscher, Dagsboro DE	65.77%
1.16 3	Kurt Weidner - Louise Weidner,	62.20%
0.87 4	Carol Bason - Tom Bason, Frankford DE	60.42%
1.17 5 2	Charles Pritzlaff - Olivia Pritzlaff, Silver Spring MD	54.76%
0.88 3	Rita Gilbert, Lewes DE; Frank Falcone, Tolpin 13	50.89%
0.66 4	Hilary Stephens - Randy Stephens,	50.60%
1.04 1	Alex Koriakin - Patrick Quinn,	47.32%
0.69 2/3	Merrie Johnson, Millsboro DE; Jessica Julian,	46.43%
0.69 2/3	Dawn Dupre - Leslie McClintick,	46.43%

Sat AM 0-500 Pairs - 4.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	Names	Score
1.60	1		Mark Conheady, Rehoboth Beach DE; Jean Marie Leonard,	58.33%
1.20	2		Richard Lepley, ; Cindy Hoadley, Lewes DE	54.76%
0.90	3		Roger McAlevey - Mike Vogel,	52.98%

Sat AM 0-100 Pairs - 4.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	Names	Score
1.38	1	1	Frank Falcone, Tolpin 13; Larry Banker,	61.36%
1.04	2		Merrie Johnson, Millsboro DE; Jessica Julian,	60.85%
0.78	3	2	Dawn Dupre - Leslie McClintick,	58.19%
0.58	4		Daniele Schwarz, ; Betsy Fiacre, Wright Sr 34	53.19%

Sat Aft 0-500 Pairs - 3.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	Names	Score
1.49	1		Mark Conheady, Rehoboth Beach DE; Jean Marie Leonard,	56.00%
1.12	2		Roger McAlevey - Mike Vogel,	52.00%

Sat AM 0-100 Pairs - 3.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	Names	Score
1.19	1		Merrie Johnson, Millsboro DE; Jessica Julian,	66.00%
0.89	2		Dawn Dupre - Leslie McClintick,	50.00%

TOP 5 MASTERPOINT WINNERS

1. Mark Conheady 4.92
2. Roger McAlevey 4.08
3. Mike Vogel 4.08
4. Frank Falcone 3.63
5. Jean Marie Leonard 3.09

First Southern Delaware Non-Life Master 0-500 Sectional a Hit with Players

When Kim Holm approached Trina Williams and me in August, and suggested we co-chair a Non-Life Master Sectional in September we gasped and said that's too soon. Kim the perennial optimist said, "you can do it and if you build it they will come." Thus we were off to the races. John Hogan agreed to sign on as our director, Donna Heckscher secured the venue and provided the boards and a committee of wonderful volunteers came together. The result was two joyful days of bridge, happy players and proud winners on September 20-21. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers: Carol Bason who handled hospitality and the kitchen, Mike Vogel who does it all with a smile, Kim and Tammy who support bridge in so many ways, and the players who pitched in to clean up and break down the room.

We plan to do this again and will send out flyers as soon as we have definite dates.

Paula

10 pictures are worth 10,000 words!



NLM Sectional Players



John makes a ruling



Deborah Trone and Cynthia Williams 1st Place 0-20 Sat. A.M.



Mark Conheady and Richard Lepley: 1st Place 0-500 Fri. A.M.



Roger McAlevey and Mike Vogel 1st Place 0-500 Fri. P.M.



Patrick Quinn and Alex Koriakin 1st Place 0-50 Fri. P.M



Mark Conheady and Jean Marie Leonard 1st Place 0-500 Sat A.M. and P.M.



Larry Banker and Frank Falcone 1st Place 0-100 Sat. A.M.



Mark Conheady and his loot 3x a Winner!



Merry Johnson and Jessica Julian 1st 0-100 Sat. P.M.