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Plan Ahead

UNIT 222 TOURNAMENTS

2017 HOLIDAY SECTIONAL NORTH SHORE EVENT CENTER	DECEMBER 27-30
2018 VALENTINE SECTIONAL	FEBRUARY 7-10
2018 SPRING FLING – STURTEVANT	APRIL 13-15
2018 SUMMER SECTIONAL – WAUKESHA	JULY 18-21
2018 REGIONAL	AUGUST 21-26

**2018 MEETING NOTICE
GREATER MILWAUKEE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER**

Dear Members of Unit 222,

The 2018 annual meeting and dinner will be held on Saturday May 19, 2018 at The North Shore Event Centre; 7065 N. Port Washington Road in Glendale.

Bridge will start at 9 a.m. and will follow the format we have used in the past with the New Style Pairs Final or a Stratified Open Pairs (side) game. The Unit Dinner (lunch), meeting and awards ceremony will begin at approximately 12:30. The afternoon session, a second New Style Pairs Final and Stratified Open Pairs (side) game, will follow at approximately 2 p.m.

Qualifying games for the morning New Style Pairs event will be held at the local clubs; April 30 – May 5th. The afternoon New Style Pairs event qualifying games will be held May 7-12th. They will be listed in the 2018 Unit Calendar as Progressive Pairs Qualifying. Just a reminder, that if you do not qualify for the New Style Events there is always a side game.

The event will be like last year; bridge will cost \$8 per session and people will be able to play in one or both sessions. Instead of a buffet lunch, people can either bring their own lunch or buy a box lunch with part of the cost supplemented by The Unit. The price of the box lunch to bridge players will be \$5. Payment for bridge and lunch will be done on May 19th

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either tournament chair; Tom Krueger at: tomk4848@gmail.com or Richard Krueger at: reseed4@yahoo.com. My e-mail address is jrpereles@gmail.com and my cell phone is (414) 559-3463. I look forward to seeing you on May 19th.

Please note all GMBA Flyers are posted on the Unit222.com website.

John Pereles
President GMBA

SPRING

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March 24-26, 2017

Total masterpoints awarded: 642

TOP 50 UNIT 222 WINNERS

24.31 Tamas Szabo
18.01 Donald Urquhart
17.61 Robert Steuer
17.55 George Urquhart
17.26 Lee Petzold
17.09 Janet Urquhart
17.04 William McFall
13.60 Aniko Szabo
12.41 William Malesevich
12.41 Michele Foran
11.78 Paul Karas
10.42 Mary Ann Heinitz
9.57 Alan Horowitz
9.20 John Winter
8.33 Doug Henry
8.33 David Schudson
8.33 Bob Marheine
8.32 Yvette Neary
8.32 John Pereles
8.08 Marilyn Wescott
7.39 John Meyers
6.96 Nishat Chishti
6.42 Wesley Hanson
6.42 Marlene Backus
6.42 James Vagourdes
6.31 Richard Arneson
6.31 Gloria Arneson
5.70 Mary Matthews
5.42 Ronald Gould
5.27 Janet Holmes
4.74 Gwen Rotter
4.66 Lizabeth Kennedy
4.66 Carolyn Hammond
4.58 Judy Burzynski
4.46 Kerry Smith

4.45 Ellen Easley
3.96 Joanne Rattan
3.74 David Spicuzza
3.73 Paul Dorsey
3.58 Henry Sokol
3.48 Betty Marggraf
3.33 Henry Allen Venzant
3.27 A Brothers
3.10 Kathleen Allen
3.04 Margaret Parsons
2.98 William Parsons
2.98 Suzanne Haidinger
2.98 Monica Ansay
2.98 James Bruckner
2.90 Steven Picus

• Paul Dorsey
Tournament Chair



Sectional July 13 – 16, 2017

Total masterpoints awarded: 1416

TOP 50 UNIT 222 WINNERS

36.35 Tamas Szabo
31.55 William Malesevich
31.55 Michele Foran
24.60 John Winter
24.60 Emmanuel Vuvunas
24.38 Bob Marheine
23.62 Kerry Smith
22.63 Nishat Chishti
21.25 Yvette Neary
18.86 Paul Schroeder
17.11 Suzanne Haidinger
16.46 Laina Marsh
15.62 Joan Stein

15.35 Bonnie Elliott
 14.27 Mary Lou Findley
 14.15 Ted Witt
 14.09 Bud Stein
 13.92 Joyce Bessette
 13.92 Dale Bessette
 13.61 Robert Gentz
 12.09 Paul Stern
 11.42 Susan Zlotocha
 11.36 James Bruckner
 11.32 Melodee Curtes
 11.32 Barbara Schuelke
 10.38 Thomas Ohlgart
 10.03 Paul Karas
 9.98 Betty Marggraf
 9.56 David Schudson
 9.48 Joseph Wollman
 9.48 David Wollman
 9.20 Mary McCormick
 8.76 Marlene Backus
 8.73 Janet Holmes
 8.65 Janet Urquhart
 8.65 George Urquhart
 8.15 Mark Kinzer
 7.40 Gabriel Tawil
 7.30 Vicki Sosnay
 7.10 Michael Fehrenbach
 7.08 Harry Kollman
 7.08 Don Solomon
 6.99 Thomas Allen
 6.99 Gerald Haig
 6.77 Margret Salazar
 6.72 Sharon May
 6.42 Kathleen Allen
 6.26 Eric Mane
 6.20 Nancy Burke
 6.20 Mary Goulet
 6.20 Mary Emory
 6.20 Joanne Kelly

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I would like to thank all the people who brought food to feed the hungry crowd. Our hospitality has made this tournament very popular among out of town people as well as our own unit. Without the help of the entire unit this would not be possible. Thanks to Janet Holmes and Judy

Burzynski for running the kitchen and keeping the people well fed. I would also like to thank Sue Zlotocha for her excellent job as Partnership Chair, not an easy task.

■ Sharon May
 Tournament Chair



Milwaukee Summer Fun Regional

August 22 – 27, 2017

Total masterpoints awarded: 2257

Top 50 Unit 222 Winners

37.01 Kerry Smith
 33.14 Bob Marheine
 31.64 Eric Mane
 26.15 Ronald Gould
 25.86 Tamas Szabo
 24.85 Paul Karas
 23.91 William Malesevich
 23.37 William McFall
 22.76 Emmanuel Vuvunas
 22.03 George Kaiser
 21.33 Dorothy Coakley
 21.20 Gabriel Tawil
 20.02 Robert Steuer
 18.63 Nishat Chishti
 16.44 Michele Foran
 16.12 Paul Schroeder
 16.03 Robert Gentz
 16.00 Muriel Becker
 15.24 Paul Stern
 15.22 David Schudson
 13.55 Melodee Curtes
 13.55 Barbara Schuelke

13.45 James Bruckner
 11.98 William Parsons
 11.80 Joan Stein
 11.68 Yvette Neary
 11.14 John Winter
 10.52 Judson Gordon
 10.52 Donald Scholz
 9.95 Winona Wilson
 9.95 Kris Stephens
 9.13 Larry Sherkow
 9.13 George Friedman
 9.13 Daniel Dennehy
 8.83 Donald Urquhart
 8.76 Ted Witt
 8.70 Maryjoy Madrigrano
 8.27 Nancy Lieberman
 8.09 Mary Emory
 8.04 Judy Burzynski
 8.00 Elizabeth Kennedy
 7.15 Marlene Backus
 7.10 Mary Goulet
 6.85 Mary Lou Findley
 6.66 Suzanne Haidinger
 6.30 Wesley Hanson
 6.30 Richard Dorfman
 6.18 Steven Picus
 6.18 Henry Sokol
 6.05 George Urquhart

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The summer regional was a success and I would like to thank everyone who attended. We got a lot of compliments on the venue and the hospitality. Special thanks go to the following people who worked so diligently to make this tournament enjoyable and profitable:

Mardi Mattison for designing the flyer and her usual great job as Partnership Chair as well as volunteering to be a fill-in for several sessions.

Ron Gould who manned the Registration desk and also filled in as a spare for three days.

Ted Witt, Richard Krueger, Kathy and Jim Karolewicz, and Ron Gould who helped set-up the playing site Monday night and populate the bar afterwards. Tamas Szabo, Jim Karolewicz, Kurt Litscher, Ron Gould, Michael Fehrenbach, and Suman Subnis who helped take down the room and put away supplies on Sunday.

Also volunteering to act as spares were: Jan Litscher, Anna Rindfleisch, Mark Harrington, Jim Vagourdes, Vinod Chaudhary, Lisa Clapsaddle, Jud Gordon, Ron Cohn, Mark Nehs, Richard Johnsonbaugh, Judy Burzynski and Nishat Chisti.

Thanks so much for their hard work to our Swiss Team caddies Michael Fehrenbach, Nico Schudson and Alayna Cee.

Wes Erni gets a lot of credit for an excellent job on his Thursday lecture which was both informative and entertaining. Everyone who attended enjoyed his talk on Trump Management (and it wasn't the least bit political in nature).

Our directors did a great job getting the game going on time and making for a very smoothly run tournament. Thanks go to Bill Harris, Diane Martin and our Director-in-charge Peter Wilke.

Thanks also to our Treasurer Sandy Palmer for her efficient handling of the tournament financials.

- Yvette Neary – Tournament Chair



Fallfest
October 5 - 8
2017

Total masterpoints awarded: 978

Gary Williams
Swiss Team Trophy Winners

Don Solomon – Bob Marheine
Tom Fogarty – Robert Lass

TOP 50 UNIT 222 WINNERS

38.37 Kerry Smith
31.52 Mark Kinzer
25.31 Bob Marheine
22.68 Paul Stern
22.32 Betty Marggraf
21.76 Bud Stein
17.44 William McFall
17.22 Gabriel Tawil
16.26 Dorothy Coakley
15.56 Donald Scholz
15.45 Suzanne Haidinger
13.96 Henry Sokol
13.74 William Malesevich
13.74 Michele Foran
13.33 Tamas Szabo
12.50 Ronald Gould
12.48 Monica Ansay
11.92 Muriel Becker
11.92 Barbara Aronson
11.67 Paul Schroeder
10.95 Irene Bolton
10.55 Mary Goulet
10.26 Laina Marsh
10.16 Yvette Neary
10.01 Robert Steuer
8.97 Don Solomon
8.13 Sharon May
8.05 Paul Karas
8.04 Nishat Chishti
7.89 Harriette Myers
7.83 Esther Wiviott
6.89 Nancy Burke
6.07 Steven Picus
5.71 Jill Polacheck
5.60 Marlene Backus
5.28 Lana Putter
5.12 Margaret Parsons
4.31 Nancy Lieberman
4.25 John Winter
4.23 Vicki Sosnay
4.21 Joan Brengel
4.20 Judy Burzynski
4.17 Barbara Volk
4.08 Joanne Behling
4.07 Kathleen Allen

3.95 James Vagourdes
3.86 Aniko Szabo
3.81 Sandy Palmer
3.68 Winona Wilson
3.58 Marlene Feldman

Our Fallfest Sectional at Cardinal Stritch University was well attended and successful. Everyone enjoyed the boundless hospitality especially all the home baked goodies. Thanks go to Jan Litscher and Judy Burzynski for donating so many delicious treats and recruiting Marlene Bacus, Peggy Parsons and Irene Bolton to bake as well.

More Thanks go to: Mardi Mattison for her work on the flyer and also as Partnership Chair and for sparing. We always need spares and appreciate anyone who volunteers to help out. This year we thank Kathy Wiljanen, Kathy Karolewicz, Vicki Sosnay, Marlene Feldman, Margie Salazar, Ron Cohn, Dennis Nathan, Kurt Litscher, Gwen Rotter and Ron Gould who volunteered to spare.

Thanks also to Kurt Litscher and Don Scholz who helped me with the set up of the room; Judy Burzynski and Bob Steuer who manned the Intermediate/Newcomer desk; George Bleskachek who filled in as Director; Michael Fehrenbach who caddied; and Sandy Palmer who handled the financials. We are grateful to everyone who pitched in on Sunday to take down the room and also to everyone for their support of this tournament and hope to see you in 2018.

■ **Yvette Neary**
Tournament Chair



IN MEMORIAM

MARIAN BRILL

Marian passed away on September 16. She was a great lady, a great hostess, and a fierce bridge player. She and Frank Heilbronner were a winning partnership for years. She hosted an annual *widows* group at her home for lunch and bridge, and she was vice president of the East Bay Duplicate Bridge Club until her demise. She will be missed equally by her many partners and opponents

- Submitted by: Marj Thien

Marian was a beautiful person with many talents, skills, and interests. In addition to bridge, she loved politics, business, finance, literature, and the fine arts. With her enthusiasm and energy, she was a fabulous hostess. We all miss her presence and friendship.

- Submitted by: Gerry Schmidman



BRENDA GORDON

Brenda passed to Eternal Life on July 2 at age 67. Cherished wife of Judson for 46 years.

Brenda enjoyed Christian fellowship and Bible study. She was a legal secretary for 40 years. Brenda was a Silver Life Master in GMBA Unit 222 where she had many, many lifetime friends

- Source: Krause Funeral Home

ELEANOR (ELLIE) POLLOCK

Ellie passed away on October 22 at the age of 82. She was a member and former board member of the Woman's Club of Wisconsin and the Junior League of Milwaukee. She was a former president of the East Bay Duplicate Club. She was a writer, reader, bridge teacher, tour leader and story teller.

- Source: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



LOUIS YAEGER III

Lou passed away on April 11 at age 70. He was a proud graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He found much satisfaction in his 27-year career at St. Joseph's Hospital and Wheaton Franciscan Services as VP of Support Services and was a founding partner of the Broadlands Golf Club.

Lou immensely enjoyed serving as Trustee and choir member at St. Mary's and was active on various committees there and in the community. He was an avid bridge player, pianist and gardener. He will be remembered for his generosity, quick wit and integrity.

- Source: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



ALLAN WEINKAUF

Al passed away on October 18th at age 88. He was a very well-liked bridge player by all of us in the Waukesha games.

Al was a friend to anyone who'd listen, and with his booming voice, everyone could listen.

- Submitted by: Scot Rutherford

SHIRLEY (SUKI) WEISENTHAL

Suki passed away April 27 at age 88.

Beloved wife for over 68 years of Dr. Charles Weisenthal, she was a long-time resident of Milwaukee and was very active in charitable causes. She graduated with a degree in social work from Michigan State University.

A lifelong competitive bridge player, she achieved the rank of gold life master. In addition to bridge, her greatest enjoyments were reading and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends.

- Source: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



FACTS

- The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$16,400.
- Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.
- Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.
- A comet's tail always points away from the sun.
- Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.
- The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.
- Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.
- The University of Alaska spans four time zones.
- Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.



“Work It Out, pard!”

BY WES ERNI

In a competitive bidding situation (when your opponents open the bidding or overcall during the auction), how can you tell when your partner is making a game try? Some times you just have to figure it for yourself!

A well known handy tool to invite game is the "help-suit game try". Honors are more potent when "surrounded" by other "friendly" honors. So once a suit is agreed upon, bidding a new suit is a clear request for "help".

BIDDING: 1S P 2S P
3C*

Holding	If Pard ...	BUT...	If Pard
AKJxx	Qxx		Qxx
Ax	xxx		xxx
Xxx	xxx		AQxx
KJx	AQxx		xxx
	GREAT!		AWFUL!

But this construct is shot to hell when the opponents "stick in a bid":

1S P 2S 3D
3H?

As 3S is merely competitive, 3H is the only invitational bid available, and thus is completely artificial (no help suit inference at all).

If the opponents are even "nastier."

1S P 2S 3H
?

There can be no invitational "bid". Many pairs use the "Maximal Overcall" Double to invite

game, but at the price of losing the penalty double.

The above points are well known, but what I find very interesting are the more "ambiguous" situations.

2S 3D 3H? What is 3H?

Twenty+ years ago, I had a ring-side seat to a "vigorous" post-game free-for-all over what 3H was (curiously divided along gender lines). One position was . . . "Natural, of course, what's the debate?" The other was . . . "Invitational in Spades, of course, what's the debate?"

As there is no known trump fit here, the case for "Natural" seemed obvious -- but the 3D bid took away the Weak Two's crucial 2NT inquiry. And the case for 3H artificial and forcing grew stronger as more analysis was done.

Even partners who play "New Suits Non-Forcing" over Weak Two bids will find "the math" convincing. The principle reason of NSNF (New Suit Non-Forcing) is to ESCAPE some partner's systemically shabby suits, so once the opponents have bid, there is no longer a need for NSNF. By far the most common reaction to 0-1 cards in partner's 2 bid suit, is to DEFEND (with doubling for penalty a distinct possibility). How often do players want to invite game WITHOUT a fit here? Very rarely, I would think!

There are other examples of this “Work It Out, pard!” invitational concept.

1D P 2D 2S
3D 3H?

The *overcalling* side has no agreed suit, but c'mon, was the 3H bidder asleep the first round? Passing 1D does not deny considerable values, but it does deny a heart suit -- at least one worthy of showing at the 3 level later without a fit. Additionally, although I trust opponent's

bidding nowadays about as much as I trust North Korean dictators, there is too much bidding going on here for partner NOT to have a fit here -- 3H *MUST* be inviting game in spades.

P 1D 1S 3D
3H?

Here's another example of "practical" invitational bidding. The 3H bidder's initial pass screams spade FIT and no awesome heart suit here (a good heart suit would just be a happy coincidence). Which hand would you be more comfortable bidding 3H on (remember partner "only" overcalled 1S).

Kx		Kxx
AKxxx	OR	AKxxx
xxx		xxx
xxx		xx

When there is no "clue" from partner's previous bidding (or should I say passing), it becomes murkier. You *could* treat the above option the same even if there wasn't that initial pass, but you may regret that approach occasionally -- particularly if partner "reads" things differently. One simple guide that can help: After the opponents raise to the 3 level (if a clear "WIO" bid is not available), doubling is invitational in support of partner's overcall.

1D 1S 3D X*	OR	P 1H 1S 3H X*
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*Practical application of the
"Maximal Overcall Double"

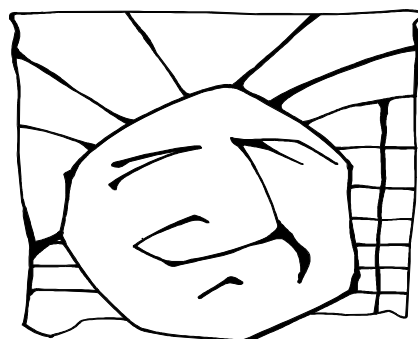
I know you are saying, "Wait, those are responsive doubles!" Well, an "appropriate" responsive double is FAR less likely to be held here than a basic invitational supporting hand -- and so is a committal penalty double. Obviously, this better be a clear partnership understanding, given it is not as "obvious" as the earlier examples.

What if the raise is only at the two level?

1S 2H 2S ?

Well, the "Responsive Double" and the "Good/Bad 2NT" conventions are conveniently available to be used at this level. Both conventions are well documented, so I will refrain from doing so here.

I hope I have shed some light on a few of the "rarely debated" challenges in competitive bidding.



Ole Olson is on his deathbed in a nursing home, and he knows the end is near. Ole's wife, his daughter, his two sons, and his nurse, Audrey, are at his side.

"So", Ole says to his family, "Sven, my oldest son, I want you to take the Minnetonka houses; daughter Lena, take the apartments over in Edina; son Rasmus, I want you to take the offices over on Hennepin; and Lena, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings downtown."

Nurse Audrey is just blown away by all this. As Ole slips away, she says, "Mrs. Olson, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property."

Lena replies, "Property? No, that was his paper route!"