

Monterey Clambake Regional

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FAST PAIRS
Stephen Goldstein - Zane Gary Brown



SENIOR PAIRS
Garey Hayden - Dana Hastings



SENIOR PAIRS
Gerry Fox - Steve Smolen



SENIOR PAIRS
Tom Jacobson - Kate Hill



SENIOR PAIRS - FLIGHT C
Ken Henry - Alan Morris

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- Stratified Swiss Teams (34 teams)**
1. Vinita Gupta, Woodside - Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV - Leo Bell, Long Beach - Huub Bertens, Bend OR
 2. Robert Morris - Sam Dodson - Eddie Wold, Houston TX - Carolyn Labouliere, Seabrook TX - David Caprera - Anne Brenner, Denver CO
 - 1/2B. Lee Pesavento - Lo Pesavento, Alamo - Sherry Larsen Beville, San Leandro - Susan Kovacevic, Alameda
 - 1/2B.1C. Leo Rolandelli - Patricia Rolandelli, Orinda - Marilyn Horan, Walnut Creek - Rosemary Hagman, Oakland
 - 2C. Judith Remmers - Barbara Page - Connie Arnold - Gail Vick, Modesto

- Stratified Swiss Teams (24 teams)**
1. Jackie Stewart, Pebble Beach - Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV - Huub Bertens, Bend OR - Leo Bell, Long Beach
 2. Eddie Wold - Sam Dodson - Robert Morris, Houston TX - Anne Brenner - David Caprera, Denver CO - Carolyn Labouliere, Seabrook TX
 - 1B. Helen Spalding - Richard Spalding, San Francisco - Christopher Osborne - Charles Osborne
 - 2B. Joelle Benioff - Joyce Friedman - Alice Sobel, San Francisco - Nancy Herzog, Kentfield
 - 2C. Jacqueline Montgomery - Susan Pratt - Mary Cotham, Fort Worth TX - Diane Washabaugh, Aledo TX

- Stratified Swiss Teams (46 teams)**
1. Pat Galligan, San Mateo - Robert Ng, Millbrae - Edward Frymoyer, Half Moon Bay - Sarita Mathiasen, Albany
 - 2.1B. Alan Hamilton - Susan Hamilton, Angels Camp - Robert Solomon - Lydia Solomon, Hathaway Pines
 - 2B. Ron Coffee, Seaside - Marianne van Gelder, Monterey - Charles Messenger, Salinas - Maja Maja, Marina
 - 1C. Edward So, Pleasanton - Philip Freiburger, Los Gatos - Steve Burnham, Sparks NV - Yu Chang, Milpitas
 - 2C. Josephine Murray - Mischel Postas, Campbell - Laura Walters - Karen Rice, San Jose

- Stratified Swiss Teams (28 teams)**
1. Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park - Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV - Huub Bertens, Bend OR - Leo Bell, Long Beach

2. Chris Compton, Dallas TX - Kay Enfield, Santa Fe NM - David Grainger, Roseville - Chris Moll, Raleigh NC
- 1B. Elan Winkler, Mountain View - James Harris - Eileen Zefting, Palo Alto - Lynn Giusti, Sunnyvale
- 2B. Michael Gritz - Ety Yenni - James Edmondson - Judy Edmondson, Santa Barbara

- Flight A/X Teams (44 teams)**
1. Mary Ann Berg, Atherton - Geoff Hampson - Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV - Mark Lair, Canyon TX
 - 2/3. Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park - Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV - Huub Bertens, Bend OR - Suresh Mahajan, Del Mar - Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods
 - 2/3. William Watson, Sunnyvale - Eugene Hung, Palo Alto - Li-hung Chen, Cupertino - Ari Greenberg, San Francisco
 - 1X. Geoff Hopcraft, Piedmont - Jannes van 't Oever, Berkeley - William Campbell, Pacific Grove - Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame
 - 2/3X. Tien-Chun Yang - Peter Sun, San Jose - Qing Yang, Cupertino - Kou-Ping Cheng, Saratoga
 - 2/3X. Manuela Marani, Los Gatos - Ronald Karr, Sunnyvale - Daniel Raider, San Mateo - Fred Chasalow, Belmont

- B/C/D Swiss Teams (34 teams)**
- 1B. Ron Coffee, Seaside - Charles Messenger - Ronald Loiacano, Salinas - Martha Hawley, Carmel Valley
 - 2B. Ron Studen - Anita Studen, Novato - Liliane Kirchhoff, San Francisco - Stuart Sechriest, San Diego
 - 1C. Elan Winkler, Mountain View - James Harris - Eileen Zefting, Palo Alto - Lynn Giusti, Sunnyvale
 - 2C. Jo Ellen Praklet - James Heiner, Pleasanton - Phillip Mumford - John Liebenberg, Livermore

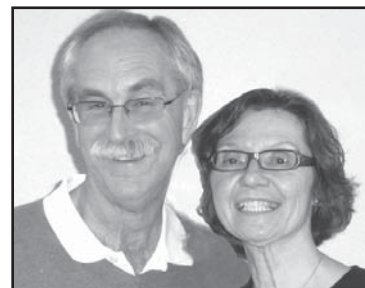
- Senior Swiss Teams (13 teams)**
1. Kate Talbot, San Mateo - Zakir Mohammed, San Francisco - Barbara Luttrell, San Jose - Bonnie Janzen, Hayward
 2. Barbara Meier - Martin Gutschenritter - Judy Gutschenritter, Fort Collins CO - Billie Turner, Greeley CO
 - 1B. Helen Macdonell, Atherton - Eusebio Menezes, Cupertino - Anthony Trebaol, Milpitas - Michele Musy, Menlo Park
 - 2B.1C. Walter Thorpe - Maja Maja - Ewan Eby - Thomas Eby, Marina



KNOCKOUT TEAMS BRACKET IV
Susan Haas - Marily Avey
Marlene Lamoureux



CHARITY PAIRS
Nick Wiebe - Crispin Barrere



GOLD RUSH PAIRS FLIGHT D
Jeff Toman - Mary Toman

Solution to the Hand of the Month

(See the problem on page 7)

- ♠ A96
 - ♥ AQ10965
 - ♦ J9
 - ♣ 105
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- ♠ K753
 - ♥ 7
 - ♦ 842
 - ♣ K8743
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- ♠ J10
 - ♥ J83
 - ♦ 107653
 - ♣ J92
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- ♠ Q842
 - ♥ K42
 - ♦ AKQ
 - ♣ AQ6

Here are the answers to the questions:
 (1) How many major chances to take 12 tricks do you have? Three. Count your 11 sure tricks, so you need only one more. The ♠K will be with East 50% of the time, spades will break 3-3 36% of the time, or the ♣K with East 50%. Combined chances of success are approximately 84%:

(75% for one of the kings being favorably placed, plus 9% for the 3-3 spade breaks when both black finesses are losing.)
 (2) Which chance should you test first? You draw trumps, then lead the ♠6 from dummy, putting up the ♠Q unless East hops in with the king.
 (3) Which chance do you test second? You win whatever West returns, then unblock ♠A, preparing to run diamonds to discard ♠9 and ruff the suit good whenever it breaks 3-3.
 (4) What chance do you watch for along the way, and what is your fallback chance? You watch for the ♠J10 doubleton ... as in the diagram above. Now the spades have been established by force, so you can claim ... with an extra trick, so to speak! And it's a good thing on this layout, since the fallback chance of the club hook is not working.
 (5) As a side question, if you were playing matchpoints in a strong field, are you happy with your contract of 6♥, or would you prefer to be in 6NT?

You should prefer 6NT. If everyone is in one slam or the other, scoring 1440 instead of 1430 gives you a tie for top 75% of the time, and a tie for bottom only 9% of the time. I can live with generating that sort of a score.

In IMPs, it would be silly to throw away the extra 9% of success chances for absolutely no gain in IMPs won!
 (My thanks to Budak Barkan for pointing out the hand to me, and to John Strauch for crunching the percentage numbers.)

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Problem 5

Neither side vulnerable, IMP scoring
 You are South holding:

♠AQ732 ♥A65 ♦8 ♣AK62

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
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J.S.: Would you have bid 2♦?

Mohan: Seems like a 2♦ bid is game force with no clear action - my hand seems to be a game force with no clear action. *duh* ...

Savage: I would have bid 2♦, and over 2♣ I will bid 3♣, allowing for game in clubs, hearts, spades or notrump.

J.S.: That seems clear to me. The remaining panelists have doubts.

Abdou: 3♣. If pard bids 3♥ over that I have an easy raise. Bidding 2♦ feels bulky and non-descriptive. We can't bid to a good club game if I don't mention them, say opposite: ♠x ♥Kxx ♦QJxx ♣Qxxxx, after having been forced to bid 2♦. Ugh, now we are in never-never land.

Lawrence: 2♦ is okay. It lets me follow up with 3♣ now. Surely there is some distinction between 3♣ and 2♦ followed by 3♣. If only my partnership knew what it is. Curious, John, why did you not also ask if 1♠ was the correct call over 1♦ versus making a takeout double?

Kantar: 3♣. Why, oh why, didn't I double 1♦? At this point I like 3♣ better than 2♦.
J.S.: I am pleased to have the opportunity to answer the questions and complaints. You didn't double initially because it would be the incorrect call. By bidding 1♠ and reserving a takeout double for the next round should the opponents compete in diamonds or notrump, you are able to describe a strong hand with the possibility of playing other strains and at the same time show the five-card spade suit. If instead you double initially, you may well have to overstate the spade suit or risk playing a four-three heart contract. For example, after: 1♦ - Dbl - 2♦ - 2♥; 3♦ you have no good bid. As for cue bidding 2♦, then bidding 3♣, versus an immediate jump to 3♣, the former shows a game forcing hand with no clear action (after partner's 1NT advance) while the latter shows a five-card club suit. However, another question is raised which I cannot dismiss so summarily:

Hamilton: If I were sure pard would take 2♦ as a cue bid, sure. Certainly a case can be made for it to be natural (♠AJxxx ♥xx ♦KQxxx ♣x). So if I think pard has taken it as a cue, 3♣ now seems clear-cut. A direct jump to 3♣ after the 1NT should show five clubs and thus more playing strength and fewer HCP.

J.S.: I will argue that if the opponents have bid only one suit the cue bid is necessary for use as takeout. But there are auctions where it is not clear, for example: 1♦ - 1♠ - Dbl - 1NT; Pass - 2♦. There always seems to be another auction which requires partnership discussion. It is good there is no problem number 6.

Kit Woolsey, "Partnership Defense (in Bridge)"

(See the Puzzle on page 10)

The old problem of what to lead from three small against a suit contract has never been satisfactorily resolved ... I am strongly against the lead of the middle card: partner will know exactly what you have after the second round of the suit, but the damage will usually have been done by then.

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| A. Kantar | K. Phantom | U. Paul Soloway |
| B. Ideal Start | L. Attaguile | V. Deaf |
| C. The Web | M. Right-Hand | W. EFOS |
| D. Western Cue | N. Truscott | X. Fit The Hand |
| E. Overall | O. Negative Double | Y. Evaded |
| F. Off Three | P. Elwell | Z. Namyats |
| G. Little Old Lady | Q. Roth-Stone | aa. Shabby L.M. |
| H. Schleifer | R. Sheinwold | bb. Easy |
| I. Exact Count | S. Hamman | |
| J. Yarborough | T. Inverted Minors | |