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doubled requesting South to show his suit.

Levin: 3♥. Competing with stiff club, hoping partner realizes I could have just bid 4♥ myself and I am under pressure with a stiff in their suit.

Rosen: 3♥. I wouldn't hazard 4♥ with this cheesy minimum.

J.S.: *If you bid 3♥, partner will raise to game. It is a lucky make because the spade ace is in front of partner's king (unless you are playing against Johan Upmark - who underled his spade ace at trick one and was able to give partner a spade ruff).*

At three tables North-South sold to club part-scores (taking nine tricks) and at two tables 4♥ was bid and made.

Problem 5.

East/West vul, IMP scoring
You are South holding:

♠A74 ♥AK7 ♦AKQ1083 ♣7

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
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J.S.: *If you would have bid different previously, please say so.*

Lawrence: Pass. Can't imagine bidding. North has denied five spades and he has heard about my shape. You didn't offer a comment on North's 2NT bid. I am assuming 2NT was tentatively weak so a slam is out of the question. Also, partner knows I have a very good hand since I bid 3♠, something I would hesitate to do with three spades and a minimum reverse. Since North has been informed as to my shape (I would not bid this way with a doubleton club) I don't have to worry about 3NT.

Give partner this hand: ♠Q982 ♥J43 ♦94 ♣QJ65. What contract, if not 3NT, do you want to play?

Meyers: Pass. I have shown my hand. I would have opened 2♠, too many tricks in my own hand: if partner has a club stopper and diamonds behave.

Roeder: Pass. You have a bit extra but pard's auction could not be more negative. You have bid your hand well in describing the stiff club. Time to rest.

Lee: Pass. Partner has bid as discouragingly as possible and I have already shown major extras, three spades, and implied club shortness.

Levin: Pass. I would have opened 2♣, but I have no safety in bidding again now.

J.S.: *Those comments have stated the situation perfectly in my view.*

Rosen: Pass. If partner's hand will produce slam I would get a new partner. Going on suggests the poor guy is an idiot. Don't punish pard for keeping the bidding open. Comes a time to stop beating a dead horse.

J.S.: *I wish Bill wouldn't beat around the bush like that.*

Stakgold: 4NT. I reluctantly agree with the bidding so far, but if one of my small hearts or spades were a club, I would have opened 2♣ and rebid 3NT over a 2♦ response. As things are, I still think there is a chance for slam and partner should have a good idea of my hand. If I only had ♦AK10xxx, I would bid the same up to now but pass 3NT.

Ivaska: 4NT. I play that 4NT over 3NT is invitational. Partner's bids could hardly be more discouraging, but I feel I'm worth another try. After all, I have nearly nine tricks in my own hand, at least one of which I haven't shown yet. I'm sure that North will play me for a stiff club, since I would need one to justify my sequence.

J.S.: *Only half of the six pairs managed to stop in the 3NT (North held: ♠Q652 ♥J94 ♦5 ♣KJ986), the limit of the deal because West held ♦Jxxx and the spade king was over the queen. On our problem auction Bas Drijver bid 4♦ over 3NT eventually reaching 5♦. Fantoni-Nunes bid to 4♠ and one other pair bid to 5♦.*

Happy New Year!

D(avid) J. Weiss, Parity Leads in Defence

As a defender, your primary objective should be to obtain the tricks to which your side is entitled. Of course, one would like more than that, but declarer's advantage in knowing his combined assets is usually enough to make just getting what the defenders are due a challenge.

A. Duck the Ace	J. Rubber Bridge	T. (*) Norman
B. Jeff Meckstroth	K. Innovate	Kay (Anag. of "Yank Roman")
C. White House	L. Thousand	U. Duos
D. (*) Elwell	M. (*) Yellow	V. Ego
(Hidden Word: Jofel? Well, ...)	(Charade: Yell + Ow!)	W. Four Aces
E. Idiot's Delight	N. Lightner	X. Earthenware
F. Signalling	O. Eddie Kantar	Y. (*) Noose (Rev. Hidden Word: W[e soon] ...)
G. Sheehan	P. Adjusted	Z. Curtis Smith
H. Peter Boyd	Q. Day	aa. Evan
I. Automatic	R. Substitute	
	S. Ionesco	

Solution to the Hand of the Month

(See the problem on page 7)

- ♠ K102
- ♥ A63
- ♦ AK10
- ♣ QJ76
- ♠ 76
- ♥ K87
- ♦ 8762
- ♣ 10953
- ♠ 43
- ♥ QJ109
- ♦ Q75
- ♣ AK42
- ♠ AQJ985
- ♥ 542
- ♦ J43
- ♣ 8

I have to admit, when I am using hands like this for teaching purposes, I like to indulge my sadistic streak: I instruct all three players to put their cards face down on the table at trick 2, and then write down on their scratch pads the exact rank of all cards played to trick 1. You would be surprised how often they are unable to do this ... even to the extent that they cannot even remember their own spot card!

Let's count the tricks on this easy hand: there are six trump tricks

and the three top tricks in the red suits. If the diamond queen is with West, a straight finesse will bring home the contract ... but that is only a 50-50 proposition: is there anything better?

The answer, of course, is yes! Take a close look at those powerful club spots, and you should be able to come up with the winning line.

Just win dummy's ♥A at trick 2, draw trump ending in dummy, and push the ♣Q through East; naturally he will cover. (If he doesn't, you immediately pitch a heart loser). But when he does cover, you ruff away his ace and re-enter dummy to lead another club. This one he can't cover, so you pitch a losing heart and can claim your contract with six trump tricks, A-K-A in the red suits ... and the mighty ♣6, which will be a winner on power, giving you a discard for your possible diamond loser.

Congratulations, all you I/Ns: As Jackie Gleason would say: "How sweet it is!"

Presidents Day Regional

February 10-16, 2015

Tournament Highlights

- New Knockouts Daily
- Five Days of 0-750 Gold Rush Pairs
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- IMP Scored Pairs Sunday
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Tuesday, February 10

- Games at 1:00 TBD
- 7 LINCOLN BRACKETED KOs Rd 1
Continues Wednesday 9, 1 & 7
Stratified Charity Pairs
99/299ers Stratified Charity Pairs

Wednesday, February 11

- 9 LINCOLN KOs Teams - round 2
Morning Stratified Side Pairs 1st of 5
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 STRATIFIED DAYLIGHT PAIRS
1 Monroe Stratified Side Pairs, 1st of 4
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 JEFFERSON BRACKETED KOs 1-2
Continues Thursday 1 & 7
LINCOLN KOs - rounds 3 & 4
0-1500/1500-3000/3000+ PAIRS
"IKE" GOLD PAIRS 0-300/300-750
- 7 Stratified Swiss Teams
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
Monroe Stratified Side Pairs 2nd of 4

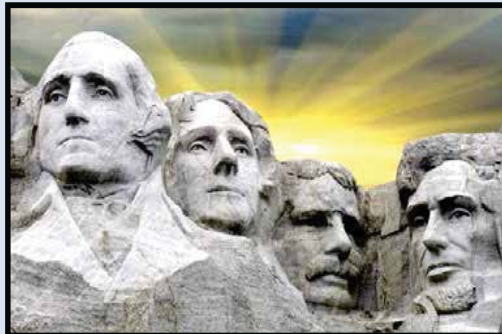
Thursday, February 12 GOODWILL DAY

- 9 MADISON SWISS TEAMS 1st of 2
Morning Stratified Side Pairs 2nd of 5
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 STRATIFIED DAYLIGHT PAIRS
1 Monroe Stratified Side Pairs, 3rd of 4
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 U.S. GRANT BRACKETED KOs 1 & 2
Continues Friday 1 & 7
JEFFERSON KOs - rounds 3 & 4
0-1500/1500-3000/3000+ PAIRS
CUPID GOLD PAIRS 0-300/750
- 7 Stratified Swiss Teams
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
Monroe Stratified Side Pairs 4th of 4

Friday, February 13

- 9 MADISON SWISS TEAMS - 2nd session
Morning Stratified Side Pairs 3rd of 5
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 STRATIFIED DAYLIGHT PAIRS
1 Presidents Stratified Side Pairs, 1st of 6
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 WASHINGTON BRACKETED KOs 1 & 2
Continues Saturday 1 & 7
U. S. GRANT KOs - rounds 3 & 4
0-1500/1500-3000/3000+ PAIRS
TRUMAN GOLD PAIRS 0-300/750
- 7 Stratified Swiss Teams
Presidents Stratified Side Pairs 2nd of 6
99/299ers Stratified Pairs

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Saturday, February 14

- 9 WILSON SWISS TEAMS 1st of 2
continues Sunday 9am
Morning Stratified Side Pairs 4th of 5
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 STRATIFIED DAYLIGHT PAIRS
1 FREE STUDENT GAME 0-5 mps
Presidents Stratified Side Pairs, 3rd of 6
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 JACKSON BRACKETED KOs
Continues Sunday 1 & 7
WASHINGTON KOs - rounds 3 & 4
0-1500/1500-3000/3000+ PAIRS
ADAMS GOLD PAIRS 0-300/750
- 7 Stratified Swiss Teams
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
Presidents Stratified Side Pairs 4th of 6

Sunday, February 15

- 9 WILSON SWISS TEAMS - 2nd session
Morning Stratified Side Pairs 5th of 5
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **0-1500/1500-3000/3000+ PAIRS**
NEW! DAYLIGHT 0-300/750 GOLD PAIRS
Presidents Stratified Side Pairs, 5th of 6
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 ROOSEVELT COMPACT KOs
JACKSON KOs rounds 3 & 4
IMP Scored STRAT OPEN PAIRS
- 7 Stratified Swiss Teams
99/299ers Stratified Pairs
Presidents Stratified Side Pairs 6th of 6

Monday, February 16

- ****EARLY START 10am****
- A-X SWISS TEAMS
56 boards with a short break
Strat A 3000+ Strat X 0-3000
- B - C - D TEAMS 49 boards with a short break
Strat B 1000 - 2000 Strat C 500 - 1000
Strat D - 0 - to 500
- SENIOR SWISS 55+yrs as of 12/31/13
49 boards with a short break
- FAST STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS
10am and TBA with a short break
299ers Swiss Teams (2nd session TBA)

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Stratified Events Key Unless otherwise posted.
A 2000+ B 750 - 2000 C 0 - 750
Eligibility is based on masterpoint total of top player.
Stratification is determined by average of pair/team