



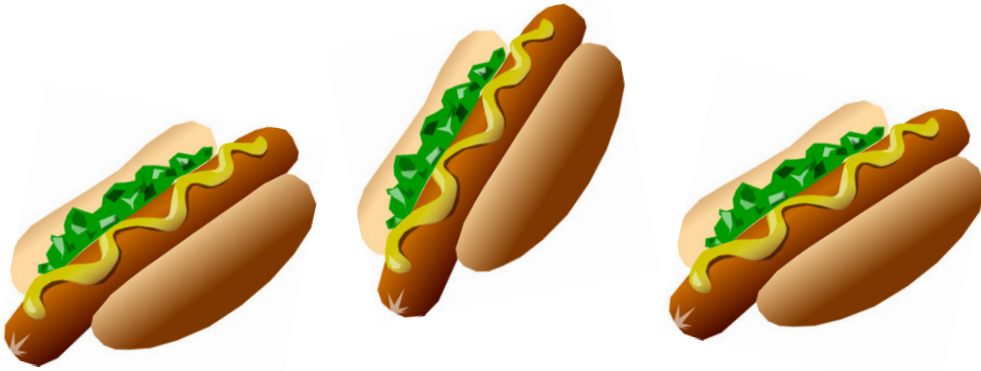
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Free Hot Dogs!

The skinny on the schedule for today's teams events

Play gets under way at 10:30 with Flight A teams playing six 9-board rounds and the Gold Rush teams playing six 8-board rounds.

Both groups will have a short break at approximately 1:30 at which time players will be offered one complimentary hot dog apiece with chips. Coffee, tea, and iced tea will be provided.

But don't dawdle over lunch. The break will be only about 30 to 45 minutes to allow the directors to get the second half started earlier and everybody on his way home earlier.

Oh, yeah?

And what about you?

Merlin Vilhauer and Rich Carle found themselves in an interesting auction Friday.

With the opponents not bidding, Vilhauer opened with 1 club. Carle responded with 1 spade, holding 5-4 in the majors.

Vilhauer, for some reason, thought Carle had jump shifted, so he bid 2NT over the 2 spade bid he imagined he saw. Carle bid 3 hearts to show his second suit, and Vilhauer signed off in 3NT.

During the play, Vilhauer thought he already had 9 tricks, so didn't bother trying to set up a heart trick, but--alas--he had only 8 tricks. Down one. If he had set up the heart trick earlier he would have made the contract.

When the dust cleared, Vilhauer asked, "Where's that 19-point hand you promised me?", knowing by then that the bidding hadn't gone the way he thought it had.

Carle countered, smiling, "Where's that declarer play you promised me?"

When players tease each other good-naturedly, you know it's a good partnership.

Today's Events

10:30 and TBA

Strati-Flighted Swiss
Teams (2 sessions)

GNT District Finals
Flight A (2-session Swiss)

GNT District Finals
Flight B (2-session Swiss)

One District 20 team
from each flight advances
to the GNT National
Finals at the 2012 Summer
NABC in Philadelphia.

Always good advice

Mark Jernigan of Ashland was in an open pairs game Friday was playing six hearts, off the king-jack of trumps and an ace. With 10 trumps, the ace in his hand and queen in dummy, declarer led a heart from dummy. When RHO followed with a small heart, he went up with the ace, hoping to drop the king, but LHO played the jack. Down one.

Declarer lamented his bad luck but his partner, Bulletin editor Jim Flint, offered that there was a way to make the contract.

"How?" Jernigan asked, incredulously.

"East. You make if your LHO drops the king under your ace and then your queen takes his jack," Flint said, grinning.

"Yes!" Jernigan said, admonishing his LHO: "You know you ALWAYS have to show count!"

If only.