

Reno Holiday Regional

SIXTH EDITION TUESDAY DECEMBER 31, 2013

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS (20 VP). 11 a.m.
 & TBA
 (A: 3000+, 0-3000; BCD: 1250-2000, 500-1250, 0-500)
 Year End SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified). 11 a.m.
 Year End SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified). 3 p.m.



Party Attire Encouraged!



Today is the last day of the penultimate **Reno Holiday Regional** and your last chance to win some points to take into the New Year. I sincerely hope YOU are the one who wins! There will still be time to get your picture taken, and towards the end of the game we will be offering cheese and wine (plus beer and sparkling cider) as a celebration. Please take the time to say thank you to your hard working Hospitality and Partnership folks. They have done a great job, haven't they? **Rich Scroggin**, **Kaz Nojima**, and **Grace Martin** paired you up, handed out apples, candy, and victory beads, answered your questions, found your lost keys and generally took care of all of us. Thanks to **Merle Stetser** for keeping the Bulletin interesting and entertaining, to **John Zamboni** for taking photographs, and to **Rich Carle** for posting the Bulletin and game files on the District 20 website. Finally, I wish to heartily thank our directing staff, headed by **Brian Russell**, with **Patty Holmes**, **John Gram**, **Jeff Jacob**, and **Steve Kaessner** assisting.

Happy 2104! District 20 would love to see you at its tournaments next year: Vancouver in February, Sunriver (near Bend) in May, Medford in August, and Seaside in September. I hope you will start now planning to attend the final Reno Holiday Regional from December 26-31, 2014. We expect to make it a special tournament celebrating over 35 years of good bridge fun in Reno and other types of fun as well! Why we may even hand out some free plays to couples who married here!

Marie Ashton, Tournament Manager

MONDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

| | A | B | C | 10.0 Tables | |
|------|---|---|---|---|--------|
| 7.00 | 1 | | | Steve Cohen, Reno NV; Paul Kushner, S Lake Tahoe CA | 65.70% |
| 5.25 | 2 | | | Lin Goldstein - Satish Gupta, Reno NV | 59.87% |
| 3.94 | 3 | | | Steve Print - Charlotte Falk, Reno NV | 56.15% |
| 2.95 | 4 | | | Jay Roll, Clovis CA; David Taylor, Seattle WA | 56.00% |
| 3.96 | 5 | | | Martin Blain, Sherman Oaks CA; Nels Erickson, Reno NV | 55.62% |
| 2.45 | 6 | | | Rich Carle, Longview WA; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI | 54.41% |
| 4.13 | | 1 | | David Schmidt, Chilliwack BC; Diane Bishoff, Reno NV | 51.27% |
| 3.21 | | 2 | 1 | Al Walker, Gardnerville NV; Beverly Meyer, Carson City NV | 49.75% |
| 2.41 | | 3 | 2 | Margie Erardi - Richard Bianchi, Stockton CA | 49.39% |



On July 4, 1910, Reno hosted "The Fight of the Century," a heavyweight championship boxing match between John Arthur "Jack" Johnson, the black title holder, and James J. "Jim" Jeffries, a former champion seeking to regain the title he had vacated in 1904. Jeffries had refereed a championship bout between Marvin Hart and Jack Root five years earlier, but the promotion of the ex-champion as "The Great White Hope" focused world-wide attention on his 1910 contest with the outspoken black pugilist. Gamblers had their money on Jeffries, but Johnson easily handled his opponent and Jeffries's trainers called the fight in the fifteenth round to save their man from the disgrace of a knockout. Promoted by Tex Rickard, the fight brought over 30,000 fans to Reno, some 22,000 of whom packed the arena.



corner of E. 4th and Toana Sts. -- Reno

MONDAY MORNING EARLY BIRD SIDE GAME

| | | A | B | 3.0 Tables | |
|------------------|---|---|---|--|--------|
| 1.97 | 1 | | | Donald Cline, Ventura CA; Jack Waller, Ridgecrest CA | 62.00% |
| 1.48 | 2 | | | Lyle Burnett, Vancouver WA; Susan Carle, Longview WA | 53.00% |
| SECTION G | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | | | Donald Cline, Ventura CA; Jack Waller, Ridgecrest CA | 31.00 |
| 2 | 1 | | | Lyle Burnett, Vancouver WA; Susan Carle, Longview WA | 26.50 |

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (Monday Morning)

| | | A | B | C | 8 Tables | |
|------|---|---|---|---|--|-------|
| 2.73 | 1 | 1 | | | Al Walker, Gardenerville NV; Jacqueline Chandler, Reno NV; Robert Anderson - Don Peterson, Carson City NV | 56.00 |
| 2.05 | 2 | | | | Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Marjorie Michelin - Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA | 53.00 |
| 1.94 | 3 | 2 | | | Mary Ann Chestnut, Kalispell MT; Gerda Reimers, Colorado Spgs CO; Sharon Bahry, Reno NV; Koba Ter Neuzen, Victoria BC | 47.00 |
| 2.12 | 3 | 1 | | | Jim Hutter, Ames IA; Grace Martin, Sparks NV; Mariann Berge, Sarasota FL; Sarah Simmerman, San Leandro CA | 45.00 |



I've gradually come to the conclusion that conventions, while undeniably useful, are overrated.

August Boehm, Bridge Bulletin, August 2010, p. 47

MONDAY AFTERNOON YEAR END SIDE GAME

| | | A | B | C | 8.0 Tables | |
|------|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| 2.73 | 1 | | | | Dick Duff, Denver CO; Daniel Williams, Henderson NV | 62.20% |
| 2.43 | 2 | 1 | | | Mel Edelblute - Virginia Jensen, Reno NV | 61.61% |
| 1.68 | 3 | | | | Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Faye Parsons, Saratoga CA | 59.82% |
| 2.12 | 4 | 2 | 1 | | Lillian Johnson - Mona Fleischmann, Sparks NV | 56.85% |
| 1.37 | 5 | 3 | | | Ian Kirk - Darrell Graham, Portland OR | 55.65% |
| 1.59 | | 4 | 2 | | Reba Jo Berland - Mary Ryckebosch, Reno NV | 49.11% |
| 1.19 | | | 3 | | Barbara Chism, Reno NV; Carol Barker, Sparks NV | 48.81% |

| | | | NORTH-SOUTH | SECTION H | | | EAST-WEST | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|-----------|-----|-----|-----------|--|---|---|--------|
| A | B | C | | A | B | C | | A | B | C | |
| 1 | | | Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Faye Parsons, Saratoga CA | 100.50 | 1 | | | Dick Duff, Denver CO; Daniel Williams, Henderson NV | | | 104.50 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | Lillian Johnson - Mona Fleischmann, Sparks NV | 95.50 | 2 | 1 | | Mel Edelblute - Virginia Jensen, Reno NV | | | 103.50 |
| 3 | 2 | | Ian Kirk - Darrell Graham, Portland OR | 93.50 | 3/4 | 2/3 | | Lyle Burnett, Vancouver WA; Susan Carle, Longview WA | | | 82.00 |
| | | 2 | Reba Jo Berland - Mary Ryckebosch, Reno NV | 82.50 | 3/4 | 2/3 | 1 | Barbara Chism, Reno NV; Carol Barker, Sparks NV | | | 82.00 |

MONDAY AFTERNOON STRATIFIED 299ER PAIRS

| | | A | B | C | 6.0 Tables | |
|------|---|---|---|---|--|--------|
| 2.26 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | Michael Hu - Linzhi Hu, San Jose CA | 56.25% |
| 1.70 | 2 | | | | Sal Bulkley - Dick Crane, Reno NV | 55.83% |
| 1.27 | 3 | | | | Joan Curtis - Leslie Curtis, Simi Valley CA | 54.17% |
| 0.95 | 4 | | | | Dee Minazzoli, Newbury Park CA; Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR | 53.33% |
| 1.34 | | 2 | 2 | | Elisabeth Price - Jonathan Price, Reno NV | 51.67% |
| 1.01 | | 3 | | | Donald Coker - Donna Cohen, Bend OR | 50.42% |
| 0.76 | | 4 | | | Gloria Randle, Carson City NV; Roberta Earhart, Dayton NV | 48.75% |

| | | | NORTH-SOUTH | SECTION G | | | EAST-WEST | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|-----------|---|---|-----------|---|---|---|-------|
| A | B | C | | A | B | C | | A | B | C | |
| 1 | | | Joan Curtis - Leslie Curtis, Simi Valley CA | 65.00 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Michael Hu - Linzhi Hu, San Jose CA | | | 67.50 |
| 2 | | | Dee Minazzoli, Newbury Park CA; Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR | 64.00 | 2 | | | Sal Bulkley - Dick Crane, Reno NV | | | 67.00 |
| | 1 | 1 | Donald Coker - Donna Cohen, Bend OR | 60.50 | | 2 | | Elisabeth Price - Jonathan Price, Reno NV | | | 62.00 |
| | 2 | | Raymond Yue, Reno NV; Claudia Cochran, Covina CA | 58.00 | | | | | | | |



If you lead an [unsupported] ace, you will often learn what you should have led.

Mike Lawrence, Bridge Bulletin, January 2010, p. 43

How to Be a Good Partner

Marty Bergen, *The Bridge Bulletin*, January 1984

1. Remember that this is only a card game. Have a good time and make sure partner does too.
2. Don't give lessons (unless you are being paid to do so).
3. Like partner and root for him/her 100 percent. Remember you and partner are on the same side... and [partner] wants to win as much as you do. It's OK to be nice to a partner you happen to live with.
4. When you choose to play bridge with someone, it is unfair to get upset when he/she doesn't play any better than usual.
5. Never say anything to partner unless you would want him/her to say it to you. ... Never "result" (criticize partner for a normal action that didn't work this time).
6. If you feel the urge to be nasty, sarcastic, or critical, excuse yourself and take a walk.
7. When you have time between hands, try to discuss topics other than bridge. Never discuss a hand just played with your partner except to clear up a misunderstanding in bidding or defense.
8. Think twice before verbally analyzing a hand (you may be wrong). Never assume partner made a mistake until the hand is over and you have time to think it through.
9. When asking another player about a disaster, ask about *your* hand, not partner's. Don't ever criticize or embarrass partner in front of others. Never side with an opponent against your partner.
10. If you are too good for a partner, or don't enjoy playing with him/her, choose someone else next time rather than being a martyr (but don't dump a partner unless you're sure).



THE COLOR OF BRIDGE MASTERPOINTS

Masterpoints are awarded in six colors: platinum, gold, red, silver, black and unpigmented. The color of each point indicates the difficulty of the event in which it was won, as well as the member's relative achievement in that event. Color coding makes it possible to ascertain a member's performance record in high-rated games.

Platinum Points

Platinum points are awarded for NABC+ events (which are national-rated events with no upper masterpoint limit) and include the national-rated senior and women's events with no upper MP limit. They are never awarded for junior, flight B, or other restricted events.

Gold Points

Gold points are awarded for overall placings and section tops in regional and NABC events of at least two sessions. The upper masterpoint limit of the event must be at least 750 masterpoints, and the award applies only to the top two stratifications or flights of stratified or stratiflighted events. Pairs filling in for one session of a two-session event receive any gold points earned. In open-bracketed events (such as a bracketed knockout team), each bracket will award some percentage of the overall award as gold, irrespective of the masterpoint holding of the teams in that bracket. Partial gold points may also be awarded for special games, such as the ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game.

Red Points

Regional tournaments and regional events at NABCs award red points except for overall and section tops (see Gold Points). Grand National Teams events, North American Open Pairs events, and certain other special games afford players the opportunity to earn red points at their local clubs.

Silver Points

Silver points are awarded for success in events at sectional tournaments. Progressive sectionals and Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs) also award silver points.

Black Points

These are awarded for overall positions, section positions, and match awards in sanctioned club games and unit games, and in all other levels of tournament competition except those in which other colored points are awarded. There are some special events (usually at clubs) that award points where some portion of the award will be in black points and the remainder will be in another color.

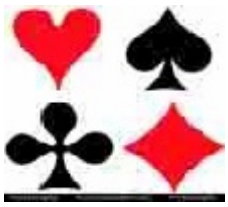
Unpigmented Points

These points are awarded for success in online (internet) play and are colorless.

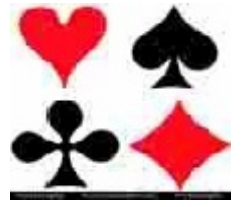
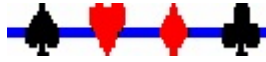
In the on-line bridge world, Warren Buffett competes under the name "T-bone" (his usual order at his hometown steakhouse), and Bill Gates uses "Chalengr" (short for Challenger, the type of private jet he flies).

Edward McPherson

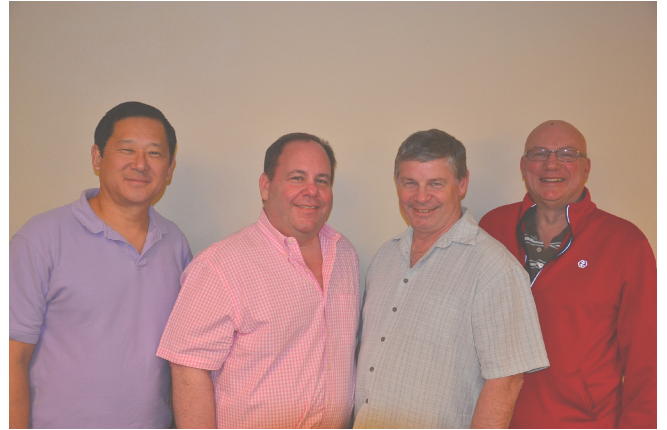




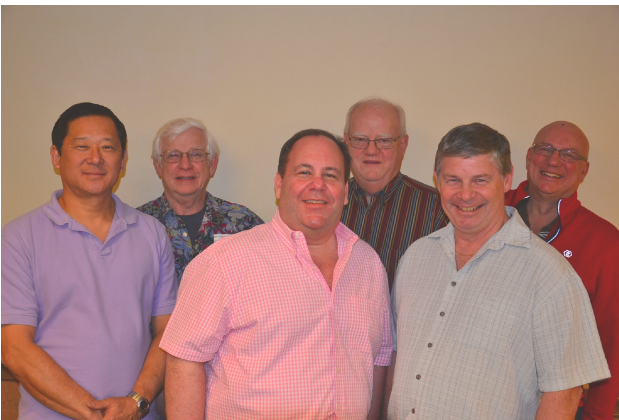
WINNERS' PICTURES!!



Kenji & Ayako Miyakuni, Tokyo, Japan
1st in Section, December 26 Open Pairs



Jackpot Compact Knockout Bracket 1 winners:
Mark Itabashi, Billy Miller, Roger McNay, and
Dennis Metcalf



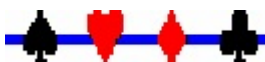
Holiday KO winners in Bracket 1: Mark
Itabashi, Dan Hoekstra, Billy Miller, John
Ashton, Roger McNay, & Dennis Metcalf



Tom Howell & Richard Michelsen, Reno, NV
1st in Section, Open Pairs, December 26



Standing teacher is Susan Powell. Players include Yashi Shaw, Sparks, NV; Azelia Leon, Reno, NV; Smit Shaw, Sparks, NV (close-up), and Katherine Dyer, Reno, NV (back to camera with glasses).



Reno Youth Players, December 26: Reno Youth Bridge is an organization to teach bridge to youths of school age. Kathy Lane is the President and the event at our Regional was managed by Bud Brewer. Again, we thank the organization for promoting our game!

'13 WRAP-UP BRACKETED KNOCKOUT TEAMS

10 Tables

| | | |
|-------|-----|---|
| 30.58 | 1 | Ken Gee, Regina SK; Kenji Miyakuni - Ayako Miyakuni, Tokyo 167-004 Japan; Robert Porter, Henderson NV |
| 21.41 | 2 | Chip Dombrowski - Douglas Laird, North Bend OR; Nelda Linman, Bend OR; Joe Conti, Thousand Oaks CA |
| 12.23 | 3/4 | Mary Ann Chestnut, Kalispell MT; Gerda Reimers, Colorado Spgs CO; Fraser Anderson - Eileen Anderson, Grand Forks BC |
| 12.23 | 3/4 | Mary McManus - James Caldwell, Houston TX; Dennis Hanel, Twin Falls ID; Joe Blackford, Lincoln CA |



DOUBLE DOWN COMPACT KNOCKOUT TEAMS

13 Tables

| | | |
|-------|---|--|
| 14.78 | 1 | Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Dennis Metcalf - John Ashton, Portland OR |
| 10.35 | 2 | William Callaham - Judi Callaham, Fair Oaks CA; Veronica McMurdie, Sacramento CA; J. Jay Roll, Clovis CA |
| 6.65 | 3 | Robert Porter, Henderson NV; Malcolm McLaughlin, San Jose CA; Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR; Ken Gee, Regina SK |
| 5.17 | 4 | Gary Nitzberg - Douglas Smith, Carson City NV; Bob Wierman, Anderson CA; July Ratley, Redding CA |



WELCOME 2014 COMPACT KNOCKOUT TEAMS



13 Tables

| | | |
|-------|---|--|
| 15.03 | 1 | Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Ellis Feigenbaum - Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA |
| 10.52 | 2 | Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; John Ashton - Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR |
| 6.76 | 3 | John Zamboni, Caldwell ID; Denis Racine, Pittsburg CA; Bob Wierman, Anderson CA; July Ratley, Redding CA |
| 5.26 | 4 | Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR; Malcolm McLaughlin, San Jose CA; Doug Hansford, Delta BC; Ken Danielsen, Surrey BC |



New Year's Resolutions

(List appearing in the *Daily Bulletin* at the 1992 fall NABC in Orlando)

1. I will not criticize or express disapproval of an opponent's play or bid.
2. I will politely call "Director, please" whenever there is an irregularity.
3. I will not comment that an opponent's error was anticipated or needed for my action to succeed.
4. I will refrain from offering unsolicited advice.
5. I will not discuss previously played boards with my partner in the presence of new opponents.
6. I will stop all cross-table conversation as soon as one hand is removed from the next board.
7. I will not engage in lengthy postmortems between hands and between rounds.
8. I will keep cards in my hand until it is my turn to play.
9. I will not take the cards of other players from the board after play.
10. I will remain at the table until the next round is called and will pass the boards immediately.



Since July 1961 the American Contract Bridge League has been assigning each member a 7-digit player number. The last digit in each number is a self-checking device by which the computer knows when to throw out incorrect numbers. The method by which the checking digit is computed is interesting. Multiply the first 6 digits by 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, and 2 respectively, then add these products. Then divide the total of the sum of the products by 11 and note the remainder. Subtract the remainder from the divisor, 11, and the resulting difference should equal the check digit. If it does not, or if the net result of this work is a remainder of 1, then the number is not used. When a player achieves Life Master status, this is indicated by a change in their player number by the substitution of a letter for the first digit, alphabetically, from J for 1 to R for 9.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Initial number | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| L.M. letter | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R |

Treats!!!

Wrap up the tournament with a glass of wine, beer, or sparkling cider and some cheese as you finish playing this afternoon!

