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2012 EMBA Winter Sectional Results

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

April 13-15
Spring Sectional, Watertown

NEWCOMER TOURNAMENT

APRIL 21-22 2012
Bridgespot, Woburn, MA

May 25-27
Memorial Sectional,
Watertown



Winner of the Friday night Open Pairs -
Dick Majcher, Woburn, MA (on left) and Joe
Silvestro, Waltham, MA



Tony and Audrey Larosa of Lynnfield, MA were
the overall winners for Flt A, B and C 299er
game Saturday morning.

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EMBA Board Positions

If you are interested in getting more involved in EMBA, consider running for a position on the EMBA Board. If you are interested in serving as a director or an officer for the term beginning January 2013, or if you want to recommend someone for consideration, please contact Carole Weinstein, EMBA Nominating Committee chair, by April 30. Carole can be reached at (978) 263-6409 or caroleweinstein@verizon.net

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2012 EMBA Winter Sectional Results (contin'd)



Larry Kernan, Bedford, MA (on left) and Henry Porter, Stoneham, MA recorded a section top and were tied for second overall

Alan and Jean Berg, Holden, MA also had a section top and were tied for second overall in the morning 299'er and won outright in the afternoon 299'er game.



Sandy Drum, Dover, Ma (on left) and Marina Polestra, Boston, MA won the afternoon Open Pair game nearly two full boards ahead of the second place finishers





Cancian team, winners of the 299'er Swiss event on Sunday
from the left: Richard Giles, Roz Rosenthal, Carole Cushing, and David Cancian



Winners of the Saturday morning Open pair game - Lloyd Arvedon (on left) and John McLaughlin



President's Message

EMBA will be sponsoring a 199'er sectional for our newer players this April 21st and 22nd at The Bridge Spot in Woburn. I would like to encourage players who are new to the game of bridge and particularly those of you who have recently joined the ACBL and never attended a sectional tournament to play one or both days of the tournament. This event is designed for the enjoyment of our less experienced players and newcomers. The pace of the game is more relaxed than our open sectionals at the Armenian Cultural and Arts Center in Watertown and is held in a friendly, social atmosphere. It is a great opportunity to make new friends and interact with other players of similar ability and interests while enjoying a morning or afternoon of bridge. On Saturday there will be one session games that begin at 10:30 am and 3:00 pm. The main event will be stratified into three flights: Flt A 100-199 , Flt B 50-99 , and Flt C 0-49. There will also be a separate game for players with 0-20 masterpoints. If you would like to try tournament bridge, but are nervous about competing against more experienced players, this event is for you. On Sunday there will be a 4 round Swiss team event beginning at Noon. Many players discover they love Swiss team events because they find it to be less demanding than pairs in the sense that overtricks do not matter so much – the emphasis is on just making your contract. Each morning thirty minutes before game time there will a free lecture given by Dean Panagopoulos, one of EMBA's most accomplished players. There will be great hospitality during the events and between sessions on Saturday we will be offering a free buffet lunch. On Sunday, a brunch will be served before the Swiss team game. Event winners will receive trophies and awards in addition to silver points. The games will be directed by Dean Panagopoulos, assisted by Bob Gaudet and others who will insure a friendly relaxed atmosphere. Dean will be happy to help anyone looking for a partner or teammates or to answer any other questions you may have about the event. He can be contacted by phone at 781-937-7768 or by e-mail at info@bridgespot.com. I hope to see many of you there!

--Jim Rasmussen



Bid 'Em Like You Got 'Em, Then Go Get 'Em!

by Mark "The Shark" Aquino

I was shocked to learn that Bob Simpson, owner of the Westwood Bridge Club, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away on February 10th at age 49. Today's article is dedicated to Bob as a tribute to all the cheerfulness and joy he has brought over the years to bridge players like me and my wife Susan, who was the declarer in today's hand from the last session we played at Bob's club.

Westwood Duplicate Bridge Club
February 5, 2012 - Sunday Afternoon Pairs

Dir: South
Vul: E/W

♠ A 9 7 3
♥ 10 9 4 2
♦ A J 5
♣ A 4

♠ Q 5
♥ A K J 6 5
♦ Q 10 9
♣ Q 8 7

♠ K J 10 2
♥ Q 3
♦ K 8 7 3
♣ J 10 3

♠ 8 6 4
♥ 8 7
♦ 6 4 2
♣ K 9 6 5 2

Contract 4♠ by South Opening Lead 8 of ♥

First, I should explain how it was that Sue and I became the only pair in the room to arrive at an ambitious 4S contract on these cards. After 2 passes, I opted to open this hand 1H. We tend to promise 4+ diamonds when we open 1D in 3rd or 4th seat and we play a form of Drury, so I didn't think this would get us too high, while still allowing us to find a spade fit, if one existed. Rightly or wrongly, I decided to raise Sue's 1S response to 2, and now I had a mild dilemma when she trotted out "3C". If she held something like Kxxxx, x, Kx, Kxxxx, and suits were friendly, we might even have a slam on this hand, so I couldn't see passing. Instead, I stalled with a 3D bid, and who could blame Sue for now bidding 4S.

The defense started with 3 rounds of hearts and Sue did well by ruffing the third round with the JS of trumps, while West discarded a

club. Now Sue played the 2 of spades to dummy's Ace and returned a spade to East's Q and her K. With a trump still left out, Sue now played a diamond to dummy's J and East's Q. Here was the position:

♠ 8	♠ 9 7	♠
♥ ---	♥ 10	♥ A K J 6 5
♦ 6 4	♦ A 5	♦ Q 10 9
♣ K 9 6 5	♣ A 4	♣ Q 8 7
	♠ 10	
	♥ ---	
	♦ K 8 7	
	♣ J 10 3	

East got out safely with the 10 of diamonds, which Sue won in dummy and made the key play of ruffing dummy's last heart with her remaining trump the 10 of spades, as West discarded his last diamond. By this line of play, Sue performed what is known as a "dummy reversal". (No, this isn't a way to get even for some rude comment, and make one's husband look silly, but rather a way to score an extra trick by trumping losers in declarer's hand, and using dummy's master trumps to draw trumps. On this deal, even though she only had 4 spades in each hand, Sue, through careful play, was able to ruff two spades in her hand, and still draw 3 rounds of trumps.) Sue now crossed to dummy's club Ace, cashed the 9 of spades, discarding a club from her, as West had to follow with his remaining trump the 8. Now Sue was able to cash all the diamonds, pitching dummy's sole loser, the small club, and scored up her game – for a cold top!

Today's Shark's Pointers are 1) Keep the image of Bob Simpson's smile and cheerful demeanor with you at all times – at and away from the table.

2) Always remember to count your winners and your losers, and 3) When you need an extra trick, look for opportunities to separate your trump tricks, and execute a neat "dummy reversal", just like my wife did on this rather spiffy hand.

In Memoriam...

It is with great sadness that we report the recent death of Robert G. Simpson at the age of 49. Bob was born in Needham, MA, and graduated from Needham High School in 1981. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve and worked for the U.S. Postal Service and several companies in the computer industry, but his passion in life was duplicate bridge. For the past several years he ran the Westwood Duplicate Bridge Club and was an ACBL tournament director who directed at many EMBA sectionals. He lived the saying "If you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life."

Visit www.acblemba.org for more information, our next sectional:



Eastern Massachusetts Bridge Association
Spring Sectional
April 13-15, 2012
 Armenian Cultural and Educational Center
 47 Nichols Avenue, Watertown, MA



Friday April 13 7:30 PM

Single Session STRATIFIED PAIRS

Strats - By partnership average: A: open; B: < 1500; C: < 500

Single Session 299er Pairs (play separately, strats TBD)

Saturday April 14 10:30 AM & 3:00 PM

Two Single-Session STRATIFIED PAIRS

Strats - By partnership average: A: open; B: < 1500; C: < 500

Short break between sessions; Buy a sandwich, salad or BVO

Two Single-Session 0-299er PAIRS (play separately, strats TBD)

Single-Session 0-49er PAIRS (play separately; (10:30 AM only)

Sunday April 15 10:30 AM

STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS (8 matches)

Flighted by team average; flights play separately

A: X Flight; A: open; X: 6-30000

B: C: D Flight; No player > 2000; B: < 2000; C: < 1000; D: < 500

Playthrough; with short lunch break; Pizza included in entry fee.

Single Session 299er SWISS TEAMS (4 matches)

Thanks to our hosts: **Barry Herring,
 Grace & Peter Lombardo**

PATNERSHIP HELP: available at playing site

Emergency ONLY phone: 978-852-4666

Visit EMBA at www.acblemba.org

Awards for EMBA's winners of last year's MiniMcKinney and Ace of Clubs will be presented just before the start of the morning Pair game at the EMBA sectional on Saturday, April 14th.

Other Tournaments:

Attention 199ers!

NEWCOMER TOURNAMENT APRIL 21-22 2012

Bridgespot, Woburn, MA

Saturday April 21, 2012 Single Sessions 10:30 AM and 3:00PM

Stratified Pairs 0-20 Events and 0-199

Sunday April, 22 2012 Single Session Team Game starts at Noon

May 25-27

Memorial Sectional, Watertown

STaC June 25-July 1

Various Clubs

August 3-5

Summer Sectional, Watertown

October 6-7

Cape Fall Sectional, Sandwich

December 7-9

Holiday Sectional, Watertown

SPECIAL CLUB GAMES

401 Sunday	Westwood* ChC IMP	
402 Monday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* ChC	
402 Monday	Newton@Reyim* Ch	
402 Monday	Westwood* ChC ST	
402 Monday	Aliyah in Needham Ch	
403 Tuesday	Puritan* ChC	
403 Tuesday	Rock Harbor* ChC	
403 Tuesday	Westwood* ChC	
403 Tuesday	MIT Ind Ch	
403 Tuesday	Newton@Reyim Ch	
404 Wednesday	Dartmouth* ICC	
404 Wednesday	Newton@Reyim* Ch	IMP
404 Wednesday	Westwood ChC	
405 Thursday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.*	ChC
405 Thursday	Newton@Reyim* Ch	
405 Thursday	Puritan* ChC	
405 Thursday	Westwood* ChC	
405 Thursday	Newton@Reyim Ch	
406 Friday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.*	No game
406 Friday	Newton@Reyim* Ch	
406 Friday	Puritan* 499er	
407 Saturday	Puritan* ChC	
409 Monday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.*	ChC
409 Monday	Oak Street* ChC	
409 Monday	Puritan* ChC	
409 Monday	Westwood ChC	
410 Tuesday	Bridge Spot ICC	
410 Tuesday	MIT BP	
410 Tuesday	Newton@Reyim ICC	
411 Wednesday	Puritan* ChC	
411 Wednesday	Westwood*	ChC ST
411 Wednesday	Winchester Ch	
412 Thursday	Bridge Spot* UW	
412 Thursday	Dartmouth* UW	
412 Thursday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.*	ChC
412 Thursday	Newton@Reyim* UW	
412 Thursday	Puritan* UW	
412 Thursday	Westwood* UW	
412 Thursday	Newton@Reyim	No game
413 Friday	Brewster-Seaside* ST	
413 Friday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.*	ChC
413 Friday	Newton@Reyim*	No game
413 Friday	Puritan* 499er	
413 Friday	Westwood* ChC	
413 Friday	Westwood No game	
414 Saturday	Westwood* No game	
415 Sunday	Westwood* No game	
416 Monday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.*	ChC HP
416 Monday	Newton@Reyim* No game	
416 Monday	Oak Street* No game	
416 Monday	Westwood* Marathon	10am
416 Monday	Westwood* Marathon	2pm
416 Monday	Aliyah in Needham	Ch IMP
416 Monday	Dartmouth Ch	
416 Monday	Westwood Marathon	7:15pm
417 Tuesday	Puritan* ChC	
417 Tuesday	Westwood* ChC IMP	
417 Tuesday	Bridge Spot UG	
417 Tuesday	Harriett Leavitt UG	
417 Tuesday	MIT UG	
417 Tuesday	Newton@Reyim UG	
418 Wednesday	Dartmouth* Ch	
418 Wednesday	Harriett Leavitt*	CC(U)
418 Wednesday	Newton@Reyim* Ch	

EXTRA POINTS SPECIAL CLUB GAMES (contin'd) EXTRA Fee MAY APPLY

418 Wednesday	Westwood ChC	509 Wednesday	Winchester Ch ST	530 Wednesday	Westwood* UW
418 Wednesday	Winchester Ch	510 Thursday	Dartmouth* ACBL IF	531 Thursday	Westwood* CC
419 Thursday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* ChC	510 Thursday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* ChC	531 Thursday	Newton@Reyim Ch ST
419 Thursday	Puritan* ChC	510 Thursday	Westwood* ChC ST	601 Friday	Harriett Leavitt* CC
419 Thursday	Westwood* ChC	510 Thursday	Newton@Reyim CC	601 Friday	Newton@Reyim* NAP
419 Thursday	Newton@Reyim Ch	511 Friday	Bridge Spot* UW	601 Friday	Puritan* 499er
420 Friday	Brewster-Seaside* ChC	511 Friday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* ChC	601 Friday	Westwood* IF IMP
420 Friday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* ChC	511 Friday	Newton@Reyim* UW	601 Friday	Bridge Spot WW
420 Friday	Newton@Reyim* Ch ST	511 Friday	Puritan* UW 499er	601 Friday	Westwood WW
420 Friday	Puritan* ChC 499er	511 Friday	Westwood* UW	602 Saturday	Bridge Spot* WW
420 Friday	Bridge Spot ChC ST	511 Friday	Westwood JF	602 Saturday	MidCape* WW Rsvrtns Req @D-Y SrCtr
421 Saturday	Westwood* ChC ST	512 Saturday	Westwood* CC	602 Saturday	Puritan* NAP
422 Sunday	Westwood* ChC	513 Sunday	Westwood* IF ST	602 Saturday	Westwood* WW
423 Monday	Newton@Reyim* Ch	514 Monday	Newton@Reyim* Ch IMP	603 Sunday	Westwood* NAP
423 Monday	Puritan* ChC	514 Monday	Westwood* ICC	604 Monday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* ChC
423 Monday	Westwood* ChC IMP	514 Monday	Aliyah in Needham CC	604 Monday	Harriett Leavitt* CC
423 Monday	Westwood ChC	514 Monday	Provincetown Opening night	604 Monday	Newton@Reyim* NAP
424 Tuesday	Bridge Spot* UW	515 Tuesday	Puritan* CC	604 Monday	Puritan* NAP
424 Tuesday	Puritan* UW	515 Tuesday	Rock Harbor* ST	604 Monday	Westwood* NAP
424 Tuesday	Westwood* UW	515 Tuesday	Westwood* CC	604 Monday	Aliyah in Needham NAP
424 Tuesday	MIT Ch	516 Wednesday	Dartmouth* Ch	604 Monday	Westwood NAP
424 Tuesday	Newton@Reyim Ch ST	516 Wednesday	Newton@Reyim* CC	605 Tuesday	Westwood* NAP
425 Wednesday	Puritan* Mentor	516 Wednesday	Hamilton ChC	605 Tuesday	MIT Stratified <20MP, >20MP
425 Wednesday	Westwood* ChC	517 Thursday	MidCape CC	605 Tuesday	Newton@Reyim NAP
425 Wednesday	Hamilton CC	517 Thursday	Newton@Reyim* Ch ST	606 Wednesday	Bridge Spot* ICC
425 Wednesday	MidCape No game	517 Thursday	Puritan* ChC	606 Wednesday	Newton@Reyim* Ch
426 Thursday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* No game	518 Friday	Newton@Reyim* CC	606 Wednesday	Puritan* NAP
426 Thursday	Newton@Reyim* Ch	518 Friday	Puritan* 499er	606 Wednesday	Westwood* ICC
426 Thursday	Newton@Reyim Ch IMP	518 Friday	Westwood* EF ST	606 Wednesday	Hamilton NAP
427 Friday	Brewster-Seaside* No game	518 Friday	Westwood CC	606 Wednesday	Westwood NAP
427 Friday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* No game	519 Saturday	Puritan* ChC	606 Wednesday	Winchester NAP
427 Friday	Puritan* 499er	520 Sunday	Westwood* ChC IMP	607 Thursday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* ChC
427 Friday	Westwood* ChC	520 Sunday	Bridge Spot* Lunch Party	607 Thursday	Newton@Reyim* NAP
428 Saturday	Westwood* ChC	521 Monday	Westwood* CC	607 Thursday	Westwood* NAP
430 Monday	Newton@Reyim* Ch ST	521 Monday	Bridge Spot* UW	607 Thursday	Newton@Reyim NAP
430 Monday	Aliyah in Needham Ch	521 Monday	Newton@Reyim* UW	608 Friday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* ChC
501 Tuesday	Puritan* CC	521 Monday	Puritan* UW	608 Friday	Newton@Reyim* Ch IMP
501 Tuesday	Westwood* JF ST	521 Monday	Westwood* UW	608 Friday	Puritan* NAP 499er
501 Tuesday	MIT Stratified <20MP,>20MP	521 Monday	Aliyah in Needham Ch	608 Friday	Westwood* NAP
502 Wednesday	Westwood* CC	521 Monday	Westwood CC	608 Friday	Westwood NAP
503 Thursday	Newton@Reyim* CC	522 Tuesday	MIT CC ST	609 Saturday	Westwood* NAP
503 Thursday	Puritan* CC	522 Tuesday	Newton@Reyim CC	610 Sunday	Westwood* EF
504 Friday	Newton@Reyim* Ch	523 Wednesday	Puritan* Mentor	611 Monday	Bridge Spot* CC
504 Friday	Puritan* CC 499er	523 Wednesday	Westwood* JF IMP	611 Monday	Bridge Spot* CC
504 Friday	Westwood* CC	523 Wednesday	Westwood CC	611 Monday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* CC
504 Friday	Bridge Spot UG	523 Wednesday	Winchester CC	611 Monday	Newton@Reyim* Ch
504 Friday	Westwood UG	524 Thursday	Bridge Spot* ICC	611 Monday	Oak Street* CC
505 Saturday	Puritan* CC	524 Thursday	Newton@Reyim* ICC	611 Monday	Westwood* NAP
506 Sunday	Bridge Spot* ChC ST	524 Thursday	Westwood* ICC	611 Monday	Aliyah in Needham NAP
507 Monday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* ChC	525 Friday	Puritan* ChC 499er	611 Monday	Dartmouth NAP
507 Monday	Newton@Reyim* CC	525 Friday	Westwood No game	611 Monday	Westwood NAP
507 Monday	Puritan* CC	526 Saturday	Westwood* No game	612 Tuesday	Bridge Spot* CC
507 Monday	Westwood* CC	527 Sunday	Westwood* No game	612 Tuesday	Puritan* NAP
507 Monday	Dartmouth Ch	528 Monday	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* HP	612 Tuesday	Rock Harbor* CC
507 Monday	Westwood IF IMP	528 Monday	Harriett Leavitt* No game	612 Tuesday	Westwood* NAP
508 Tuesday	MIT Pro-am Ch	528 Monday	Newton@Reyim* No game	612 Tuesday	Bridge Spot CC ST
508 Tuesday	Newton@Reyim Ch	528 Monday	Oak Street* No game	612 Tuesday	Harriett Leavitt CC
509 Wednesday	Newton@Reyim* Ch ST	528 Monday	Aliyah in Needham No game	612 Tuesday	MIT NAP
509 Wednesday	Puritan* CC	529 Tuesday	Puritan* ChC	612 Tuesday	Newton@Reyim Ch IMP
509 Wednesday	Westwood EF IMP	530 Wednesday	Bridge Spot* UW	613 Wednesday	Bridge Spot* CC
		530 Wednesday	Harriett Leavitt* UW	613 Wednesday	Dartmouth* NAP
		530 Wednesday	Newton@Reyim* UW	613 Wednesday	Newton@Reyim* NAP
		530 Wednesday	Puritan* UW		

CAG=Club appreciation game, CC= Club champ, Ch=Charity, ChC=Charity club champ,*=day game, HG=Handicap game, HP=Holiday party, ICC= Interclub champ,

IF= International Fund, IMP=IMP pairs, JF=Junior fund, MG=Membership, ST= Swiss team, UG=Unit game, Consult www.acblemba.org for locations.

613 Wednesday Puritan* Mentor
 613 Wednesday Westwood* NAP
 613 Wednesday Westwood NAP
 613 Wednesday Winchester NAP
 614 Thursday Bridge Spot* CC
 614 Thursday Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* CC
 614 Thursday Newton@Reyim* NAP
 614 Thursday Puritan* NAP
 614 Thursday Westwood* NAP
 614 Thursday Brewster-Nauset CC
 614 Thursday Newton@Reyim NAP
 615 Friday Brewster-Seaside* ST
 615 Friday Bridge Spot* CC
 615 Friday Dennis-Yarmouth Sr.* CC
 615 Friday Newton@Reyim* NAP
 615 Friday Puritan* 499er
 615 Friday Westwood* NAP
 615 Friday Bridge Spot CC
 615 Friday Westwood NAP
 616 Saturday Puritan* NAP
 616 Saturday Westwood* NAP
 617 Sunday Bridge Spot* Lunch Party
 617 Sunday Westwood* NAP
 618 Monday Newton@Reyim* NAP
 618 Monday Westwood* ChC
 618 Monday Westwood JF
 619 Tuesday Westwood* IF
 619 Tuesday MIT NAP
 619 Tuesday Newton@Reyim NAP
 620 Wednesday Harriett Leavitt* CC
 620 Wednesday Newton@Reyim* NAP
 620 Wednesday Westwood* NAP
 620 Wednesday Westwood EF
 621 Thursday Newton@Reyim* Ch IMP
 621 Thursday Westwood* ChC IMP
 622 Friday Puritan* 499er
 625 Monday Bridge Spot* STaC
 625 Monday Harriett Leavitt* STaC
 625 Monday Newton@Reyim* STaC
 625 Monday Oak Street* STaC
 625 Monday Puritan* STaC
 625 Monday Westwood* STaC
 625 Monday Aliyah in Needham STaC
 625 Monday Bridge Spot STaC
 625 Monday Dartmouth STaC
 625 Monday Westwood STaC
 626 Tuesday Bridge Spot* STaC
 626 Tuesday Puritan* STaC
 626 Tuesday Rock Harbor* STaC
 626 Tuesday Westwood* STaC
 626 Tuesday Bridge Spot STaC
 626 Tuesday Harriett Leavitt STaC
 626 Tuesday MIT STaC
 626 Tuesday Newton@Reyim STaC
 627 Wednesday Bridge Spot* STaC
 627 Wednesday Dartmouth* STaC
 627 Wednesday Harriett Leavitt* STaC
 627 Wednesday Newton@Reyim* STaC
 627 Wednesday Puritan* STaC ST
 627 Wednesday Westwood* STaC
 627 Wednesday Bridge Spot NLM STaC
 627 Wednesday Westwood STaC
 627 Wednesday Winchester STaC
 628 Thursday Bridge Spot* STaC
 628 Thursday Dartmouth* STaC
 628 Thursday Newton@Reyim* STaC
 628 Thursday Puritan* STaC
 628 Thursday Westwood* STaC
 628 Thursday Newton@Reyim STaC
 629 Friday Brewster-Seaside* STaC
 629 Friday Bridge Spot* NLM STaC
 629 Friday Bridge Spot* STaC

Board 19 ♠98
 South Deals 1063
 E-W Vul K 853
 ♣K 1098
 ♠AJ106 ♠5
 A982 KQ7
 A1042 QJ96
 ♣Q ♣A6432
 ♠KQ7432
 J54
 7
 ♠J75

W 6 ; EW 4 ; EW 3N; E 5 ; EW 3♠; W 3♠; E 2♣

Wes:	North	East	South
Emily	R.R.	Reid	Eric

			2 ♣
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Seasoned bridge players are familiar with the colorful characters in the late Victor Mollo's fictional bridge club. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victor_Mollo describes the cast, including "Rueful Rabbit (RR), a small, timid man who can barely hold his cards together and can't always tell diamonds from hearts, but has such incredible luck that even the cards he accidentally drops (several at once, occasionally) become the right ones."

Some of Mollo's books are still in print, but not the first of this series, *Bridge in the Menagerie*. It remains one of the most popular bridge books of all time (but not always compatible with modern zero tolerance). On amazon.com, used copies are pricey, and one new copy is available for just under \$3,000!

The Rueful Rabbit made a guest appearance for this deal as Eric's partner. The auction was normal enough, and R.R. led his partner's suit. Emily captured Eric's ♠Q with the ♠A, played a heart to dummy, and passed the ♦Q for a finesse. At this point, R.R. played his pair of kings, and I was called.

Ruling: the ♠K must be played to the trick, and the ♣K becomes a major penalty card to be played at the first opportunity. As you can see, the ♣K is the only return that holds declarer to nine tricks and a poor matchpoint score. Otherwise, declarer will get at least one more spade trick.

Law 23 says, "When the play has been completed, the Director awards an adjusted score if he considers the offending side has gained an advantage through the irregularity*. * As, for example, by partner's enforced pass." The footnote is the key - this rule is intended to protect against the possibility of violating the rules for gain (cheating). For example, in the bad old days, some people would make an insufficient bid with the intent to bar partner from the auction.

In this case, there could be no possibility of intentionally violating the rules for gain. It was just an accident, and I let the result at the table stand. After all, anybody who could drop the ♠K on the table could choose to thumb it out there as well. Suppose R.R. had intentionally exposed both cards at the same time, essentially leading to the next trick while winning the current one - poor style, but no technical difference from what happened. It would be unfair to require the ♠K to be led, but then add a penalty if it happens to be a good lead.

- Pete Matthews

P.S. The Hideous Hog was also present in spirit that evening, for our annual meeting game. It must have been the great dinner orchestrated by R.R! See "Bid Their Suits!" at <http://web.mit.edu/mitdlbc/www/contrib.html#SessionNotes>.

NIFTY 150!

1. Lloyd Arvedon, Natick MA 24,122
2. William Hunter, Peabody MA 21,267
3. Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA 19,902
4. Sheila Gabay, Newton MA 19,415
5. Melvin Marcus, Waltham MA 17,166
6. Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA 13,935
7. Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA 13,721
8. Daniel Colatosti, Boca Raton FL 12,275
9. Chet Davis Jr., Vero Beach FL 10,577
10. Mary Green, Carlisle MA 9151
11. Charles Drum, Dover MA 9117
12. Bill Irvine, Quincy MA 8960
13. Roy Green, Carlisle MA 7754
14. Sandra Drum, Dover MA 7687
15. Ilse Rothman, Dartmouth MA 7476
16. Stephen Rzewski, South Dennis MA 7356
17. Haven Sharaf, Danvers MA 7286
18. Edward Rothman, Dartmouth MA 7140
19. Marlene Keliher, Chestnut Hill MA 6973
20. Alan Applebaum, Brookline MA 6965
21. William Braucher, Billerica MA 6883
22. Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA 6878
23. Carolyn Sessler, Boca Raton FL 6788
24. Margie Sullivan, Sagamore Beach MA 6661
25. Rick Binder, Waltham MA 6577
26. Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA 6267
27. Barbara Stone, Weston MA 6124
28. Robert Barr, Reading MA 6038
29. Carole Weinstein, Acton MA 5833
30. Bob Gorse, Bedford MA 5823
31. Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA 5765
32. Glenn McIntyre, Bedford MA 5406
33. Ronald Newburg, Marblehead MA 5385
34. Harriett Leavitt, Swampscott MA 5178
35. Randall Ray, Wrentham MA 5164
36. Leslie Popper, Peabody MA 5102
37. Lou Kelleher, Dover MA 5059
38. Alan Watson, Lexington MA 5008
39. Norman Humer, Andover MA 4990
40. Irv Block, Marblehead MA 4966
41. Joseph Cappannelli, Stoneham MA 4866
42. Richard Burns, Needham MA 4792
43. Lewis Gamerman, Westwood MA 4748
44. Richard Freedman, N Billerica MA 4716
45. John Lindsey II, Cambridge MA 4648
46. Amnon Gabay, Newton MA 4599
47. David Leopold, Natick MA 4585
48. Luke Gillespie, Wayland MA 4517
49. Richard Zeckhauser, Cambridge MA 4466
50. David Metcalf, Newton MA 4374
51. Kevin O'Donnell, Lynnfield MA 4318
52. John McLaughlin, Melrose MA 4280
53. Stephanie Hamilton-Diesel, Saugus MA 4257
54. Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA 4237
55. Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA 4207
56. Donald Caplin, Waltham MA 4200
57. Jeanne McKenzie, Medford MA 4138
58. Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA 3972
59. Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA 3937
60. James Rasmussen, Cambridge MA 3929
61. Donna Marshall, Reading MA 3918
62. Judy Fiske, Sagamore Beach MA 3899
63. Gerald Seixas, Ashland MA 3892
64. James Streisand, Sudbury MA 3864
65. John McDermott, West Roxbury MA 3758
66. Nataly Goldin, Chestnut Hill MA 3741
67. Charles Polay, Chelmsford MA 3731
68. Phyllis Sheckman, Sharon MA 3694
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