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# **Pikes Peak Regional**

**Colorado Springs, Colorado**  
**October 8–14, 2018**

## **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel**

1775 Cheyenne Mountain Blvd 80906

**719-576-8900 or [group.doubletree.com/PPRB](http://group.doubletree.com/PPRB)**

Reserve your rooms before September 8, 2018

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**More information: [coloradospringsregional.com](http://coloradospringsregional.com)**

This is a Zero Tolerance Tournament. Please be considerate of others and refrain from wearing fragrance

# Bons Mots



By Bonnie Bagley, National Board Representative

## Breaking News

It was recently announced that Bahar Gidwani has been relieved of his duties as ACBL CEO. This was a decision that was not lightly made by the Board of Directors. Joe Jones, ACBL CFO, is the Interim Executive Director. A Search Committee has been appointed by President Jay Whipple, consisting of Paul Cuneo, Chair, District 16; Joann Glasson, District 4; Georgia Heth, District 8; A.J. Stephani, District 11; Claire Jones, District 18; and Richard Popper, Board of Governors Chair.



## Board of Directors Meeting

Philadelphia, one of my favorite NABC locations, was the site for the Spring NABC. This was my third Philadelphia NABC, and the tournament was as wonderful as the previous two. What was not to love? After all, Philadelphia is the city of brotherly love; founded by William Penn, who named the city from the Greek words *philos*, “love” or “friendship”, and *adelphos*, “brother”. Penn had experienced religious persecution and wanted his colony to be a place where anyone could worship freely. Philadelphia is steeped in history—home of the Liberty Bell; Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were signed; and Christ Church, founded in 1695, where Benjamin Franklin is buried. And across from the host hotel is one of America’s largest and oldest public markets, the Reading Terminal Market, housed since 1893 in a National Historic Landmark building. The Market has an incredible selection of locally grown and exotic produce, locally sourced meats and poultry, plus the finest seafood, cheeses, baked goods, and confections, in addition to the widest variety of restaurants under one roof.

At the NABC we held the first BOD meeting of 2018 . . . .

### **Elections and Appointments:**

Claire Jones of Regina, Saskatchewan and D18 (Western Canada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Utah), was reelected ACBL Treasurer for a one-year term beginning May 1, 2018.

### **Appointments Made by the ACBL President and Ratified by the BOD:**

**2018 NABC Seeding Chairman:** David Berkowitz.

**Competition and Conventions Committee:** Will Ehlers and Jeff Goldsmith were appointed for one-year terms from the end of the 2018 Spring NABC through the end of the 2019 Spring NABC. Tom Carmichael, Doug Doub, and Jeff Ford were appointed for three-year terms from the end of the 2018 Spring NABC through the end of the 2021 Spring NABC.

**Disciplinary Committee:** Craig Allen, Mitch Dunitz, Mike Kovacich, and Jeff Miller were appointed for three-year terms from the end of the 2018 Spring NABC through the end of the 2021 Spring NABC.



**Ethical Oversight Committee:** Peter Boyd, Bart Bramley, Lesley Davis, and Karen Walker were appointed for three-year terms from the end of the 2018 Spring NABC through the end of the 2021 Spring NABC. Kevin Bathurst was appointed to fill the remainder of term of Robb Gordon's three-year term, which runs from Spring 2018 through the end of Spring 2019 NABC.

**Hall of Fame Committee:** Karen McCallum, Kerri Sanborn, and David Berkowitz were appointed for three-year terms from the end of the 2018 Spring NABC through the end of the 2021 Spring NABC.

**Laws Commission:** Lynne Feldman, Matt Koltnow, and Chip Martel were appointed for five-year terms from the end of the 2018 Spring NABC through the end of the 2023 Spring NABC.



### Motions Considered:

- Revised ACBL Convention Charts are approved effective November 22, 2018. The current General Conventions Chart, ACBL Mid-Chart, ACBL Superchart, and ACBL Limited Conventions will be replaced by the Basic Chart, Basic+ Chart, Open Chart, and Open+ Chart.

- Masterpoint awards for Non-Life Master Regionals limited to those with fewer than 750 points will be 33% Gold/67% Red in their championship events as calculated using the appropriate formulas (General or Knockout).
- The following changes in the Spring NABC schedule, effective Spring 2019 were approved:
  - The Lebar IMP Pairs will move from the first Friday and Saturday to the first Sunday and Monday.
  - The Silver Ribbon Pairs will move from the first Sunday and Monday to the first Friday and Saturday.
  - The Flight B & C North American Pairs will move from the first Sunday and Monday to the second Saturday and Sunday.
- ACBL may sponsor up to eight Regionals at Sea (RaS) per year (previously four) but must obtain approval on the scheduling of RaS from the Districts that contain a port of departure, port of return, or port of call for a RaS. ACBL must also attempt to avoid conflicts with all land based regionals.
- A motion to increase District Final masterpoint awards for the North American Pairs and the Grand National Teams passed. A second reading is required, which will be at the Atlanta Summer NABC.
- A motion to allow 65% of tables at NLM Regionals to count toward the masterpoint awards at concurrent sectionals passed. This also requires a second reading.

A good portion of the meetings was allotted for discussion items about the BOD's strategic goals of increasing membership, improving technology, and supporting our volunteers. The next meeting will be before the Atlanta Summer NABC, which is July 26-August 5. I look forward to seeing you then or at the Denver Rocky Mountain Regional, May 22-28.

Please do not hesitate to email me at *bonnie@bonniebagleyd17.com* or call me at 719 593-0205.

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# District 17 News

## Grand National Teams

This issue of *ScoreCard* will be out before the District Finals of the Grand National Teams are done. To see the winners and their pictures go to our District 17 web site home page - [d17acbl.org](http://d17acbl.org) - on about May 30.

## North American Pairs (NAP)



The NAP 2018 District 17 Finals will be held at the [Pikes Peak Regional](#) in Colorado Springs, Colorado this fall. Flight B will be on Friday October 12, while Flight A and Flight C will be on Saturday October 13. To play in the finals you need to qualify in your local club during June, July, or August and be a paid up ACBL member. The first three finishers get expense money to attend the National Finals in the Spring of 2019 in [Memphis TN](#). The awards are \$700 each for first, \$300 apiece for second, and \$200 each for third.

For more information contact Jim Horton at [jhorton2739@gmail.com](mailto:jhorton2739@gmail.com) or 480-200-7566. Else visit [d17acbl.org](http://d17acbl.org) – the District 17 web site.

## Workshop on Law Changes for Directors

A free three hour workshop just for directors will be given by Ken Horwedel, ACBL director at the Talking Stick Resort on Sunday August 12th at 2:00 P.M (the day before the Phoenix regional starts) to address the 2017 Law changes.

## The Longest Day: Alzheimer's fund raiser

If your club is not listed below ask them why! Or look at [http://www.acbl.org/clubs\\_page/special-events/the-longest-day/](http://www.acbl.org/clubs_page/special-events/the-longest-day/) for how to get involved in this year's Longest Day event.



The following D17 clubs were registered at press time to participate in the sixth annual The Longest Day fundraising event, which supports Alzheimer's disease care and research. This year, games may be held any time during the week of June 21, 2018, not just on the longest day of the year. If your club has not signed up yet, encourage it to do so!

## Arizona

PC Duplicate Bridge Club, Goodyear – Sue Woodard, [suew@aol.com](mailto:suew@aol.com)

Kiva West Duplicate Bridge Club, Sun City West – Bonnie Burns, [jekeane903@gmail.com](mailto:jekeane903@gmail.com)

Bridge for Better Brains, Tucson – Joyce Honorof, [smallslamsbridgeclub@gmail.com](mailto:smallslamsbridgeclub@gmail.com)

## Colorado

Jean Henry Memorial Team, Boulder – Patti Tussi, [patti@tussey.com](mailto:patti@tussey.com)

Bridge Lovers to End Alzheimer's Disease, Broomfield – Allen White, [allen.b.white@noaa.gov](mailto:allen.b.white@noaa.gov)

Unit 360, Bridge to End ALZ, Colorado Springs – Jodi Wyss, [kteach123@msn.com](mailto:kteach123@msn.com)  
& Deb Kirkendall, [debkirksings@gmail.com](mailto:debkirksings@gmail.com)

Durango Bridge Club, Durango – Anita Hobbs Davis, [anitahobbsdavis@yahoo.com](mailto:anitahobbsdavis@yahoo.com)

## New Mexico

Duke City Bridge Club, Albuquerque – Karen Souter, [karensoutar@aol.com](mailto:karensoutar@aol.com)



The 2017 Longest Day North Arizona Steering Committee: Standing L to R: Sue Hagerty, Terry Coe, Barbara Starrett, Al Spaet. Seated L to R: Linda DePew, Joyce Honorof, Sue Young.

Last year, three Northwest Tucson clubs - Small Slams Bridge Club, Mountain View Bridge Club, and The Bridge Center of Greater Tucson - united to participate in an incredibly successful Longest Day fundraiser. They hosted several activities, which included various bridge games - duplicate, social, and newcomers - mah-jongg, canasta, a 50/50 raffle, and a silent auction to raise money. There was a sea of purple shirts, made available for sale by the Alzheimer's Association.

The full report is on page 9 of last year's August *ScoreCard* which can be found at <http://contractbridgeforum.com/past.html> along with other past issues.



# ALBUQUERQUE SPRING SECTIONAL

Duke City Bridge Center

8616 Northeastern NE

Albuquerque, NM

JUNE 8 (9AM, 1PM & 7PM)

JUNE 9 (10AM & 2PM)

JUNE 10 (10AM & TBA)

199er events Fri. & Sat.

Partnership: Bob Zipp

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Unit 374: [abqbridge.com](http://abqbridge.com)



# PHOENIX DESERT EMPIRE REGIONAL

## Talking Stick Resort & Casino

**August 13-19, 2018**

**By JoAnne Lowe, Tournament Chair**

**Join us at the beautiful Talking Stick Resort** for a week of bridge and fun. The schedule should appeal to all players. We have KOs, bracketed round robin teams, stratified and a Board-a-Match Swiss teams, stratified pairs, gold rush pairs, and I/N games plus a Monday Pro/Am.

**2016 room rates in 2018?** Unheard of, yet that is exactly what it will cost at this four diamond hotel. There is NO RESORT FEE, plus FREE WIFI is included as well as free parking, use of the 24-hour health club, and a coffee maker and a refrigerator in all rooms.



Relax at the spa after bridge

Talking Stick is a cultural and entertainment destination that has six restaurants, including a buffet, fine dining, seafood bar, and café. There are also a number of bars, a spa, and several pools on site. A 36 hole



championship golf course, Butterfly Wonderland, and OdySea Aquarium are nearby.

To book a room at the hotel call (866) 877-9897 and either use code #12685 or just tell them you're coming for the Desert Empire Regional. Bookings must be made before July 23rd to get the special rate. Register online at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/73351?groupID=2089287>



Discuss the hands around a fire pit

**Dennis Dawson**, an ACBL Grand Life Master and World Champion Bronze Medalist, is offering a workshop on Monday morning. There will be expert speakers daily Tuesday through Saturday.

Be sure to register to receive a convention card holder and a \$5 voucher to use at the concession stand and Black Fig Coffee Bistro. The registration desk is the hub for many activities. Random draw gifts will be given away daily. Win a basket filled with many goodies by guessing the number of cards in our jar. The number changes daily, so you can guess each day. Be sure to check each day to see if you are a winner!

**Food vouchers** will be given away all during the tournament. [Click here for the flyer](#) with more information.

**A three hour workshop for directors addressing the 2017 Law changes** will be given by Ken Horwedel, ACBL director on Sunday August

12th at 2:00 P.M (the day before the regional starts). The class is free for all directors.

"Best View at Dusk" Orange Sky | Talking Stick Resort



# Loveland NLM Gold Rush Regional

**August 10-12, 2018**

By John Grossmann, Tournament Chairman

## **Strike Gold! More fun! More gold points!**

The non-Life Master regional is the hot new event where less experienced players can begin their quest for gold masterpoints. Everyone competes with players at the same level. No sharks. Only players with less than 750 masterpoints who are not Life Masters may participate.

“The entire staff from our first year is back and looking for ways to infuse fun into our NLM Regional,” said Unit President John Wolf, “we are excited to pack the house again.”



Judith Cunningham and Brook Mark celebrate their top award of 15 masterpoints in 2017

The Strike Gold NLM regional tournament in Loveland, Colorado features two session pair games starting at 10:00 a.m on Friday and Saturday. Sunday will have a double session Swiss Team event with lunch provided that also begins at 10:00 am. Three days. Three chances to win gold and red points.

ACBL has increased the gold point awards in 2018. Players who place in the overalls in two session events will earn 33% gold and 67% red masterpoints. Players also win gold for section tops in a two session event.



Collect your tourney patch featuring “Dusty”, a crusty miner who knows where to find the gold. Top pairs and teams win vials with real gold! Out of town players may win gasoline gift cards. The first 25 players in the door on Friday will get a BOGO coupon good for Saturday or Sunday. ACBL members with 0-5 masterpoints play for free. And perhaps a few surprises.

Stimulating lessons are scheduled each day. Larry Matheny (the long time *ScoreCard* author of “Improve Your Play”) will speak about “Disciplined Bidding”. John Grossmann will explore how to find entries and identify transportation. Come early on Sunday for bagels and tips on team strategies.





Partnership Chair Robyn Leming

Our enthusiastic Robyn Leming will help you find a partner or build a team. Contact her at (480) 284-1013 or email [robynleming@yahoo.com](mailto:robynleming@yahoo.com). The tournament chairperson is John Grossmann (719) 233-9464.

Strike Gold! is conveniently located at the McKee Building in the Larimer County Fairgrounds, just off Interstate 25 at exit 259. Easy access. Lots of free parking. A dozen local restaurants. Check the Unit 363 website for a list of motels.

For more information, see the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* or [click here for the flyer at the ACBL](#) or go to the unit web site -



[\*northerncoloradobridge.com\*](http://northerncoloradobridge.com)



# DURANGO Sectional

## June 15 - 17

Great scenery and fine restaurants

<https://goo.gl/maps/RTzFW5HBb1z>

Partnership Chair,  
Don Squires [dasqui@frontier.net](mailto:dasqui@frontier.net)  
970-759-5245

Friday: 1:30 & 7:00 Single Session Pairs  
Saturday 10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Pairs  
Sunday 9:30 until 5:00 Stratified Swiss  
KO starts Friday at 7pm (3 sessions)

FLYER: [web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2018/06/1806068.pdf](http://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2018/06/1806068.pdf)





# Tournament Results

## Scottsdale Arizona NLM Regional Results

**CLICK here for the Winner Slideshow**

**Dr. Paul Morris**





**Ken Holtzman**

**Dr. David Bloxham**





**Gary Kenst, Mimi Kenst, Jack Berton, Jr., and John Barker**

The NLM regional was a great success. Registration and giveaway gifts were a hit and the players enjoyed listening to expert speakers between sessions.

Click on the on the image above to see the winners in a slideshow. Friday winners were Dr. Paul Morris and Dr. David Bloxham. Saturday winners, John Rogers and Ken Holtzman, were first time partners and Ken became a Life Master as a result

Ren Holzman, were first time partners, and Ren became a Life Master as a result of the win. Gary & Mimi Kenst, Jack Berton, Jr., and John Barker won on Sunday.

Click on the link below to go to the ACBL website for the full overall listings:

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2018/04/1804078.htm>

or this link for the ACBL live display with recaps:

<http://live.acbl.org/events/1804078>

Please join us next year for the 2019 NLM Regional April 26 -28.

## Sectional Results

Click on the tournament name to get to the results page at ACBL

### April

13-15 ..... [Colorado Springs CO](#)

13-15 ..... [Las Cruces I/N NM](#)

27-29 ..... [Glenwood Springs CO](#)

27-29 ..... [Scottsdale \(Phoenix\) AZ](#)

28-29 ..... [Denver I/N CO](#)

30-May 4 [Las Vegas NV](#)

### May

4-6 ..... [Longmont \(Boulder\) CO](#)

4-6 ..... [Santa Fe NM](#)

<b>Pikes Peak Regional</b> Colorado Springs, Colorado October 8-14, 2018	<b>More information:</b> <a href="http://coloradospringsregional.com">coloradospringsregional.com</a>
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# District 17 Member Achievements

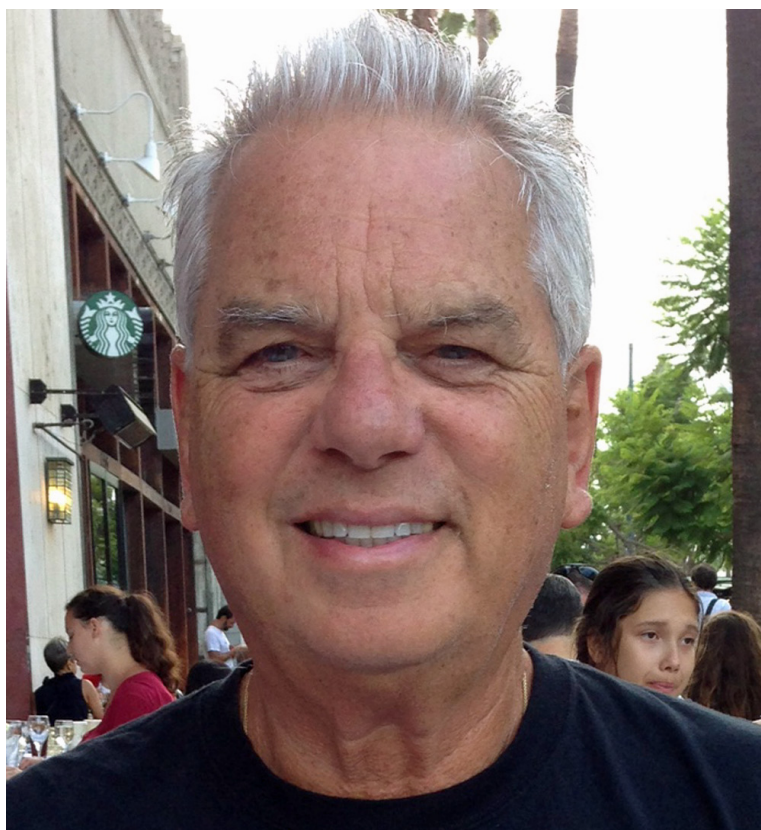
## NEW LIFE MASTERS

### ARIZONA



Mel Cofman – Scottsdale

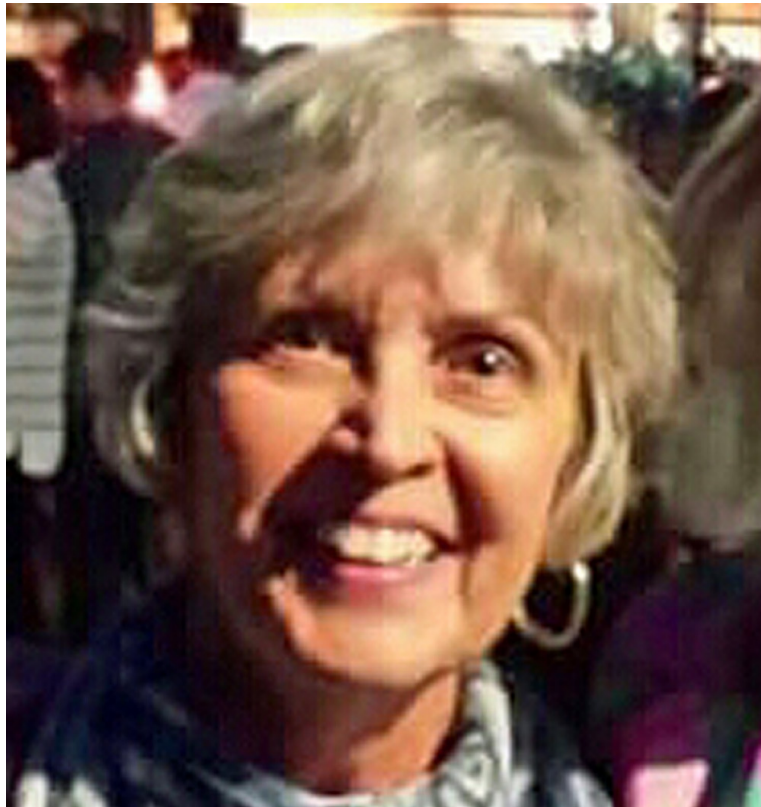




Jeff Chasen – Phoenix

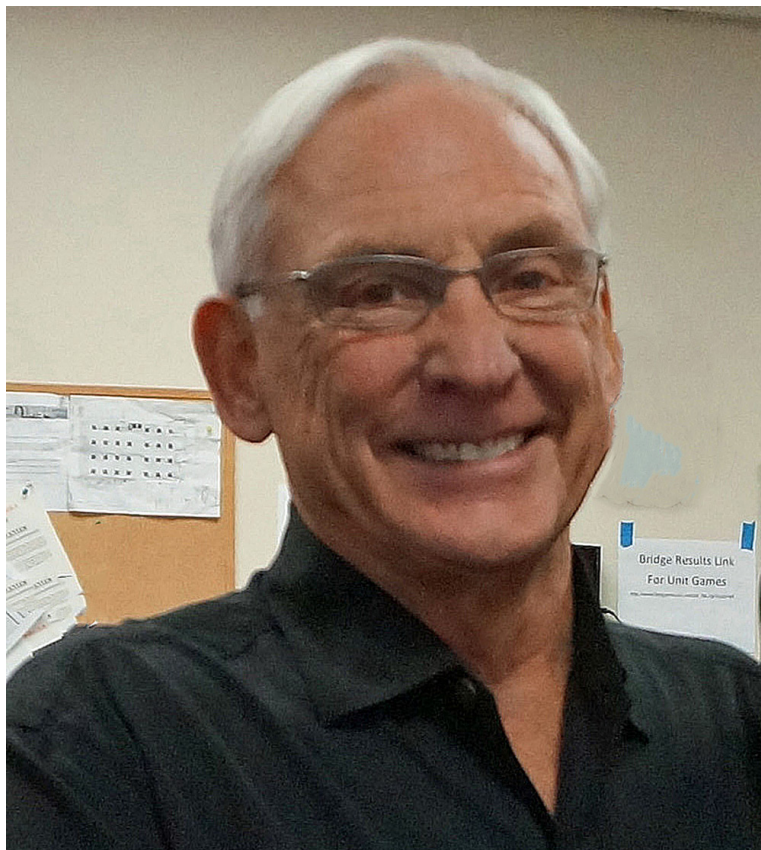


Ken Holtzman - Scottsdale

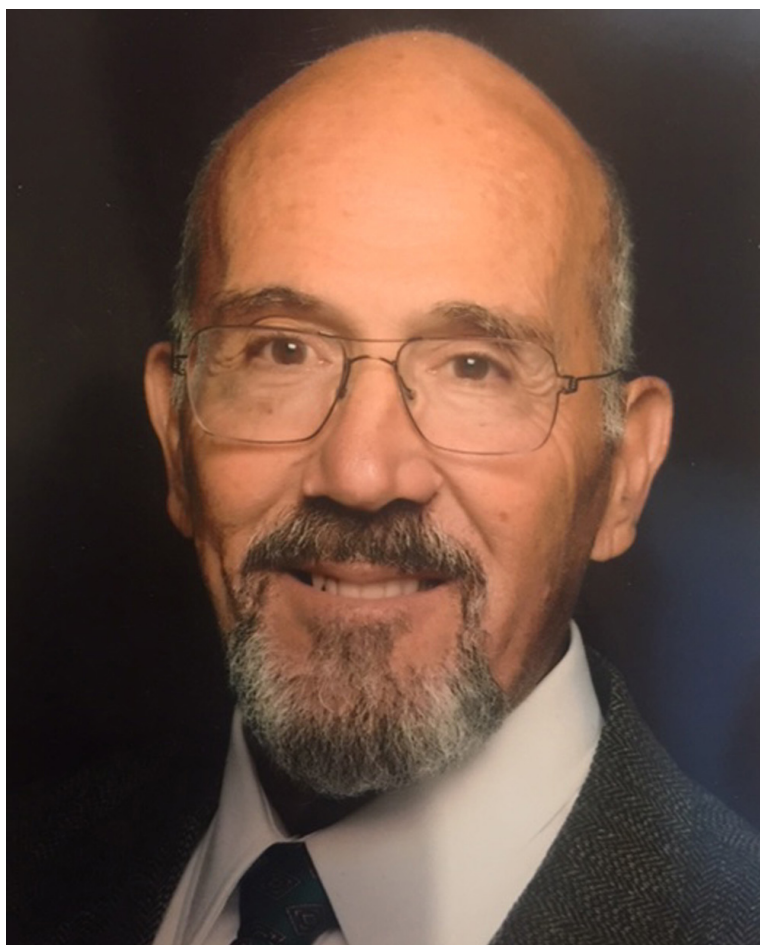


Jo Lindamood - Scottsdale

## COLORADO



Tom Baesl - Colorado Springs



Russell Farkouh - Durango

If you become a Life Master please send your photo to the editors – [coopers@d17acbl.org](mailto:coopers@d17acbl.org) - as well as any thoughts you wish to share about your experience.



# **PRESCOTT SUMMER SECTIONAL**

## **JUNE 22, 23 & 24, 2018**

**Unit: 355 District 17**

**Partnership Chair: Geri Schaarschmidt**

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**Phone - 602-509-1563**

**Sessions at 10 am & 3 pm**

**[www.adultcenter.org](http://www.adultcenter.org)**

**1280 East Rosser Street**



# John's Journal

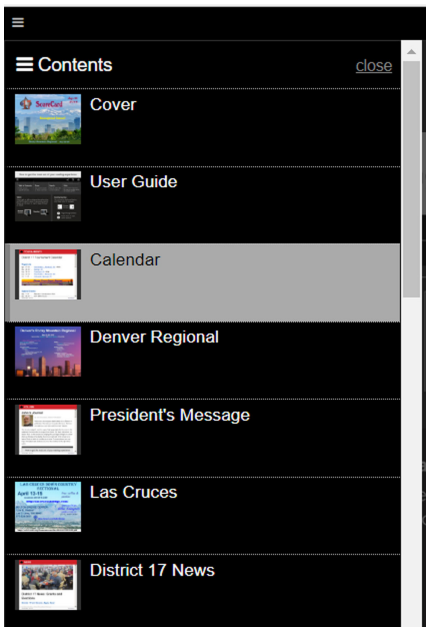


By John Grossmann, District 17 President

The inaugural edition of the *D17 ScoreCard* generated lots of comments. We received positive feedback about the overall look and readability. A few folks missed some of their favorite authors. Me too.

## How to Print it

Some players asked how to print multiple pages and how to download a file for a tablet reader. Bonnie Bagley rose to the challenge. She created a super PDF for the entire ScoreCard. You can find a link to this file on the [District 17 website](#) in the “news” part of the home page. A new menu tab on our website reads *District 17 ScoreCard*, where you can find the super PDF, guidelines for ads, and links to prior editions.



## Table of Contents

We received some questions about the table of contents. Our digital vendor, Nxtbook, provides a standard TOC which can be opened by clicking on the “hamburger”, the icon with three horizontal lines at the top left of the screen. On tablets or phones you need to touch any blank area on the screen to get a top navigation bar with the hamburger icon at the left.

A click on any headline in the TOC catapults the user to that article or ad. We ruled out a custom

TOC because of the significant extra cost.

## ScoreCard Stats

The Nxtbook software is giving us lots of information about our readership. The

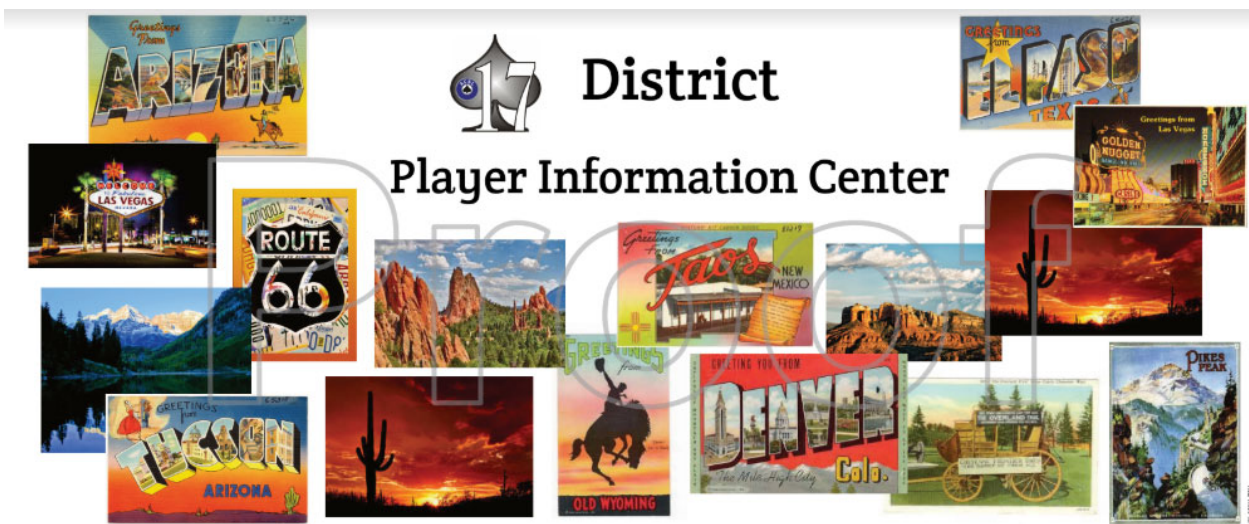
The Nxtbook software is giving us lots of information about our readership. The average player spends 8½ minutes per visit. A Windows based desktop/laptop was used by about half of all players. Apple products included 430 iPads, 237 iPhones, and 255 Macs. Android tablets and phones were chosen by 142 bridge players. Smaller numbers were accessing *ScoreCard* via Kindle, Chrome, or Linux software. (Kindle readers were the most dedicated readers, spending 20 minutes reading *ScoreCard*!)

We learned that the most commonly used links are to tournament flyers. The April edition had nearly 2000 unique readers, with 500 players returning for a second visit. Our goal is to drive that number to 4000 readers an issue.

### District 17 Bridge Buzz

The D17 Board is excited to introduce the *District 17 Bridge Buzz*, an online newsletter emailed to players in the months when *ScoreCard* is not published. It was launched in May 2018. *Bridge Buzz* will focus on upcoming tournaments, events, and breaking news and provide you links to access the details. Cindy Shoemaker, Tucson Unit 356 President, is our newsletter editor. Email her at [cndyshoemaker@yahoo.com](mailto:cndyshoemaker@yahoo.com)

Reminder: We are currently using the Pianola email system ACBL has established. To receive the newsletter (or an email notice that *ScoreCard* has been published) you need to have a current email address in your profile at ACBL. Go to ACBL, log in with your ACBL number and password, and check the email address in your profile.



The first “proof” of the Information Desk Banner

### Tournament Information Desk



Something new: Becky Rogers suggested that at each regional, D17 Board members should staff a tournament information desk. Roger that. We will have laptops, tablets, and smart phones to demonstrate the *ScoreCard* technology. Look for our banner with historic postcards and scenes from the southwest. Drop by for a hard candy. Ask a question. Make a comment. Your feedback will help keep bridge administration focused and efficient.

### The Apps Are Coming



**We have an App for that!** The Android App will be available at the same time as this issue of *ScoreCard*. Search for “D17 ScoreCard” in the Play Store. Load this app on your Android smart phone or tablet and get instant access to the current edition of *ScoreCard*, as well as past issues. You can even download and read issues offline. Our vendor is working on the Apple app and we hope it will be available in June at the Apple store.

You are always welcome to send me an email at [Blackstone.co@comcast.net](mailto:Blackstone.co@comcast.net)



On the following pages we have articles from our regular columnists. Please feel free to send us - [coopers@d17acbl.org](mailto:coopers@d17acbl.org) - bridge questions, humorous anecdotes, or an article of your own for this section.

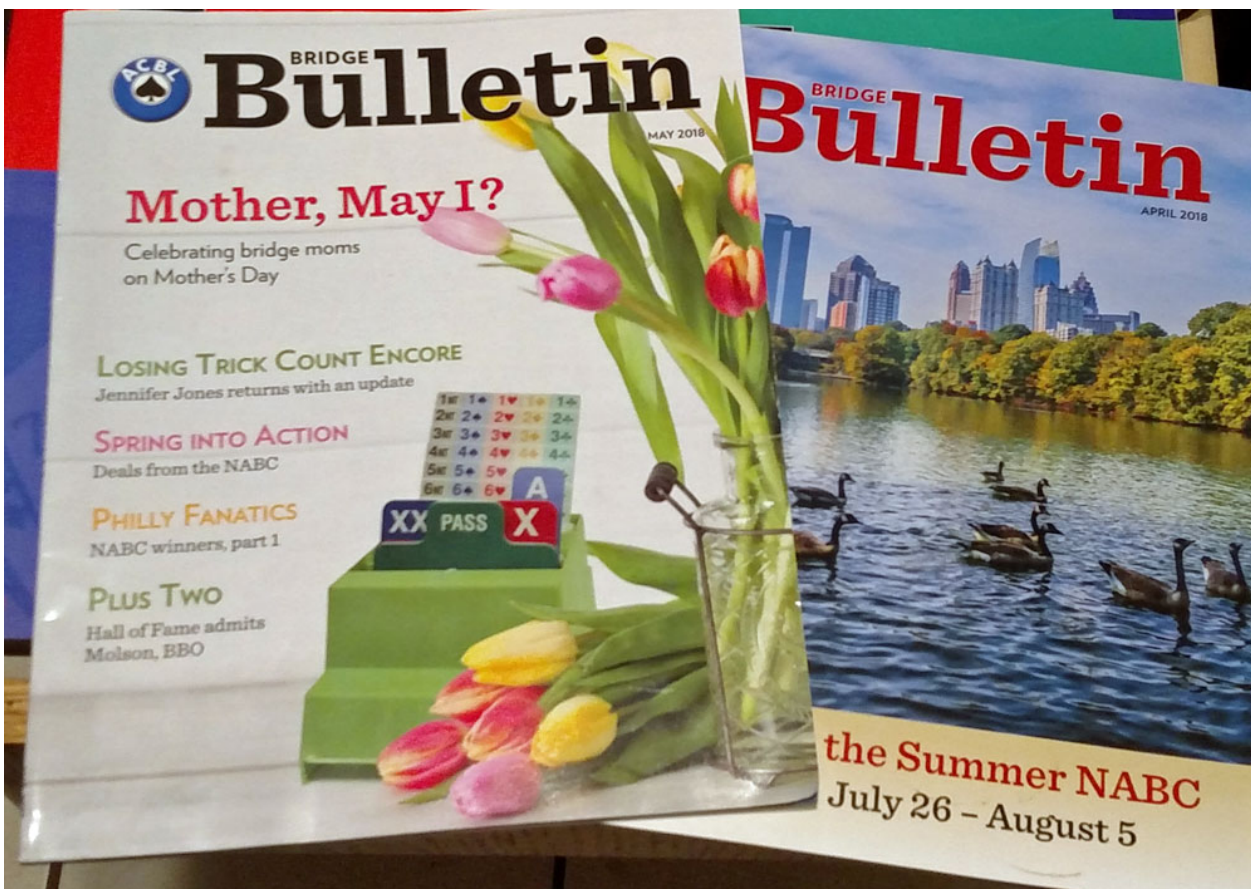


# Advice for the New Player

By Chris Hasney, Hereford, Arizona

## Basic Concepts

If I were starting over today, what would I want to know, and when? That's certainly something to ponder about life in general. When it comes to bridge, I got thrown in the deep end – open games at the club and Flight A at tournaments. But, as a result, I got overexposed to some things, such as conventions, and underexposed to others such as basic declarer play, concepts of defense, general bidding structure, and how to think about all of them. I read a lot of books, mostly in the wrong order. If that's you, you might find this column helpful. If you are so new that even this doesn't make sense, welcome! This column is a map to the contract bridge mine field you just entered.





**You MUST read, not just throw cards.** First, if you haven't yet done so, join the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). It's cheap, and comes with discounts at tournaments and a major monthly bridge magazine, the *Bridge Bulletin*. The magazine is dangerous, as are almost all bridge periodicals. By necessity they cover a lot of ground, trying to offer something of interest to a mass of players with varying focus and experience. As a newbie, or a born again player, you should concentrate your reading on the Editor's column ("In First Seat") which gives you a feel for current events in bridge, followed by anything in the Newer Players section. Caution: Don't implement anything new to you until you've discussed it with your bridge teacher and your regular partner(s) to be sure it is compatible with where you are in the game.

Other *Bulletin* authors who write articles I'd hand to any beginner are August Boehm, Jerry Helms, and Eddie Kantar. I'm not dissin' the other writers – read them all if you can understand them, but they can be a bit advanced. The reason I chose Boehm, Helms, and Kantar is because their work tends to concentrate on a good player's thought process rather than on bidding and carding understandings. You should be developing those skills from your classes, which often don't include enough time for how to "think bridge."

**In this District 17 Scorecard e-zine please devour anything contributed by Rod Bias.** He teaches foundational concepts every player should know. I really like the other writers too, but let's face it, it doesn't do a beginner much good to clarify the mechanics of the inverted minor raise structure with and without interference when the reader is struggling to remember which suits are majors and which are minors, and why that's important information.

**Whenever possible I'll give you homework reading.** We all learn in different ways. When it comes to reading, it often helps to see how different authors attack the same objective. Here's your first assignment: Go to the [D17 ScoreCard archives](http://read.nxtbook.com/acbl_district_17/scorecard/june_2018/index.html#advice_for_the_new_player_chr) and read the articles by Rod Bias. There aren't that many, he's not been writing for us that long. But, trust me, there's gold in every one, maybe even Platinum in your future.

Chris Hasney is an accredited bridge teacher from Hereford, Arizona. He supports the college bridge and rubber bridge revival movement. He is the



author of *Simplicity Bridge* published as an e-book through [Lybrary.com](http://Lybrary.com)



**Ruidoso High School**  
**125 Warrior Drive**  
**<https://goo.gl/maps/RKsLKzwz3Kw>**

**Sessions: 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM**

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**[tinyurl.com/y83943bt](http://tinyurl.com/y83943bt)**

**Partnership: Cathy McCloskey**  
**[cathymc7@hotmail.com](mailto:cathymc7@hotmail.com)**







# The I/N Crowd

By Rod Bias, Phoenix, Arizona

## Never Repeat Yourself Never Repeat Yourself

A few days ago I happened to see a newcomer open one club. Her partner bid something or other and the “newbie” bid two clubs with this strong suit: AKJ7. Newcomers to bridge sometimes do not understand the guideline that says, “Don’t bid the same cards twice.” Say what you have to say. When you run out of things to add, shut up! She already said she liked clubs; that’s old news. What’s new?

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“Don’t bid the same cards twice.” For example, when your opening bid is one of a major, you promise five cards in that suit. When you bid that same suit a second time, you are adding more information about that suit, not simply repeating yourself, and therefore you are promising six cards in it. If you bid it again, you add another card and promise seven cards.

When your opening bid is one of a minor, you promise three cards in that suit. When you bid that same suit a second time you are adding more information about that suit, not simply repeating yourself. Now you are promising six cards in the suit. Notice that a rebid of a major or minor shows a six-card suit. Never bid a four card suit twice; (almost) never bid a five card suit twice. Before you open with a five card minor, have an idea where you are headed. (Hint: If your hand is 5-3-3-2, aim for notrump, but watch your partner’s bids along the way.)

To plan your second bid before you make your first bid is sound advice. Before you bid one grape, think: If partner bids one strawberry, what will I do? If partner bids one orange, what will I do? If partner bids one apple, what will I do? If partner bids one banana, what will I do? Have an idea where you are headed.

Today I opened a minor. My pesky LHO (left hand opponent) bid two hearts. My partner doubled. We play that this double shows exactly four cards in the other major (this idea first appeared in 1957 and was called “Sputnik”, but in the last several decades it has become known as a “negative double”). Partner was obviously willing to play at the three level.



The only game I could think of at the three level was 3NT. I had seven diamonds topped by AKQJ, so that should serve as a good “source of tricks.” I also had AQ5 in partner’s spade suit. That’s eight winners. Oh yes, I almost forgot. I also had the ace of clubs. That’s nine winners. Partner must have the KJ and two low spades and a couple of good hearts.

Perhaps too many things punctured my mind at the same time. I decided that a lead through partner’s hearts might scuttle our slam. So I tried what I thought was a [western cue bid](#) and called three hearts ... so that the lead would run to partner’s hand. Partner bid three spades. I already knew he had four spades! Surely he would not “bid the same cards twice.” Does he have five spades? Is he missing both the ace and king of hearts? Maybe his heart stop is only QJ and a low one. Oh well, I can trump the second round of hearts myself. I pulled the 6♠ card from the box. Down three.

Yes, he had the heart king. Yes, the spades split badly. Six notrump is so cold icicles are hanging on it. All I had to do was bid it, instead of trying to “right-side” the contract



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# Ruling Our Game

By Bill Michael, Colorado Springs, Colorado

## Oops! I Meant to Bid 1♥

A newer player from Arvada, Colorado, wrote to us about a mechanical error that led to a disaster: “South opened 1♦. Intending to bid 1♥, I reached for the bidding box, pinched, and bid 1♠. North passed before I realized my mistake. Dismayed and not knowing what I could do, I watched mutely as partner jumped to 4♠. Was there anything I could have done?”



Law 25 tells us what we can do in this situation. It generally provides that a player who means to bid one thing but inadvertently bids another may change his bid if he discovers his error before his partner calls. [Click here if you want to read the new \(in 2017\) Law 25 in its entirety.](http://read.nxtbook.com/acbl_district_17/scorecard/june_2018/index.html#ruling_our_game_bill_michael)

Following are some elaborations of what Law 25 means:

First, if your partner has already taken a call after you've misbid, don't say anything. The law doesn't allow us to let you change your bid at that point, and you'll provide information to the table that is unauthorized for your partner but authorized for your opponents. It doesn't gain anything for you; it can only hurt your side.

Second, it doesn't matter how you came to realize that you've misbid. Say you intended to bid 1♠, and you put down what you thought was the 1♠ card on the table. You hear your partner say "15-17," look down, and see that 1NT is on the table. You may have the right to correct the misbid - stop the action and call the director immediately.

Third, A player must act promptly once he realizes that an error has been made.

Fourth, to be allowed to change your call you must have simply grabbed the wrong card. The director should never accept that it was a misbid if the cards come from different areas of the bidding box - bids, which are a level and a denomination - 1♥, 3N, etc., - are in one part of the box, and calls (passes, doubles, and redoubles) are in the other. It's insulting to yourself, the other players, and the director to try to convince anyone that you meant to bid 3♥ and "accidentally" pulled out a double.

Fifth, don't blurt out what you meant to bid. It's always possible that the ruling will be that it was not a mechanical misbid, and by announcing what you wanted to bid you will have given your partner illegal information. The opponents get to use this information to their best advantage, putting you at a disadvantage, and your partner will have ethical problems, putting your side at a further disadvantage. It is sufficient, and best procedure, simply to stop the action by saying something like "whoops, I grabbed the wrong card, let's call the director."

Sixth, these rulings are subjective. The director should talk to the player who claims to have put out the wrong bidding card away from the table and question him. The burden is on the player to convince the director that it was a slip of the fingers, not a slip of the mind. The conscientious director will endeavor to determine what thought was in the mind of the player who misbid. If it's not a clear decision, the director should generally rule that the initial call was the intended call.

Seventh, protect yourself - look at the card you are about to put on the table before you set it down. This will avoid the problem and get the results into the arena of actual play, instead of into the hands of the judges - always a preferable thing.

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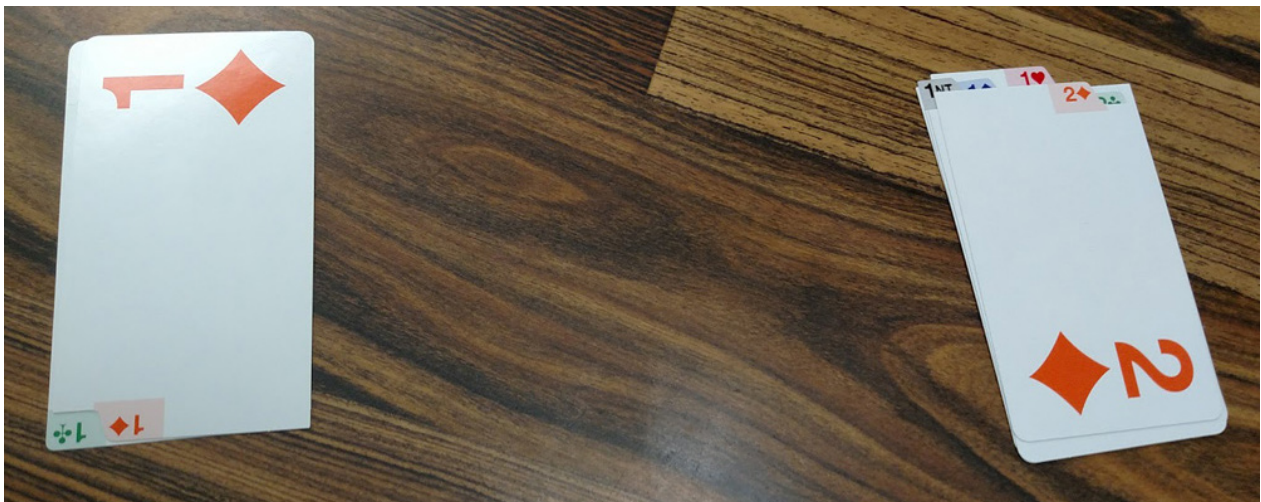
# Conventional Wisdom

By Curt Soloff, Denver, Colorado

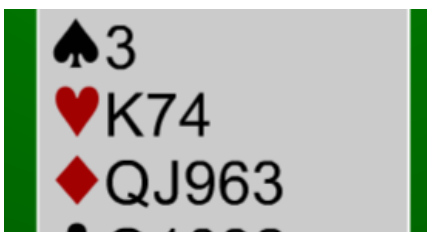
## Inverted Minors, Part II

In our last installment, we outlined the basic requirements for raising opener's minor suit to the two level:

1. Five card (or longer) support for the minor
2. No four card (or longer) major
3. A hand that is frequently unbalanced and not better described with some number of NT



Let's take a look at some different hands responder might hold and how the bidding should proceed after partner opens 1♦, keeping in mind that responder has two ways to raise a minor: forcing and non-forcing. The single raise is forcing for at least one round of bidding, while the double raise is non-forcing.

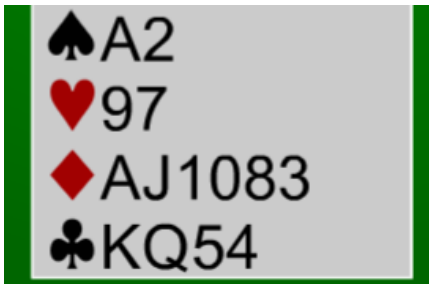


While you would bid 2♦ playing standard raises, this is a textbook jump to 3♦ playing inverted raises: five card diamond support, no four card major, and a hand that should not bid 1NT due to the singleton



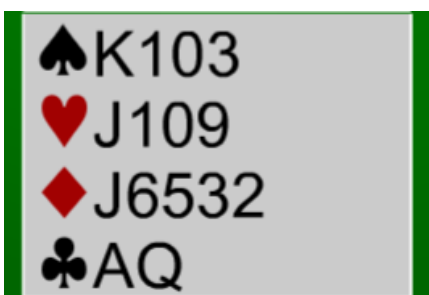
spade. The hand is a little soft to treat as

invitational, but the jump raise paints a pretty good picture of what you hold.



Bid 2♦, forcing for one round. You plan to force to game, but in what strain? If partner can rebid 2NT, you would happily raise to 3NT. On the other hand, if partner doesn't bid 2NT then you may have to do a little probing to make sure you aren't wide open in the heart suit; 5♦ might have excellent play on some

deals where 3NT would fail.



You have invitational values with five diamonds and no four card major. Looks like you will start with 2♦, right? Well, a one round force in diamonds isn't the "wrong" bid, per se, but is it really the best description? You are balanced, with honors scattered across all four suits. Wouldn't you like the opening lead coming into your hand? Get this hand

off of your chest with one swift bid: a jump to 2NT. Note: if your partnership plays 2NT as game forcing rather than invitational, then you will have to start with 2♦ instead.



Hmm. Now that's an odd one. Did partner really mean to open 1♦? Well, some kind of raise is certainly in order, and we could make a case for just about any level of diamond bid with this distributional freak. But if you fool around with a 2♦ or even a 3♦ call, you leave the door open for the opponents to easily find their big major fit (double

fit, in fact).

The most practical thing to do is just bid a game—jump directly to 5♦! This is the bid that puts maximum pressure on your opponents. As Kit Woolsey likes to say, this bid has two ways to win: Perhaps the game will make; perhaps it is a great save against a 4♥ or 4♠ contract. Let the opponents figure out what to do at the five level, because they have a difficult guess when you rob them of their bidding space.



What fantastic diamond support you have! You surely belong in game and possibly in slam. You are champing at the bit to give partner a big 'ol diamond raise so that you may proudly table a dummy with phenomenal trump support. But not so fast.

Your spades are not as pretty as the diamonds, but your first response should be 1♠. Couldn't your partner hold four spades to the AKQ? Clearly opener's points are not in the diamond suit, so possessing two or three top spade honors is hardly far-fetched. Always go back to your duplicate scoring fundamentals and remember that the majors remain the favorites. If you look for a spade fit and it isn't there, you can always place the contract in diamonds later. Responder is the captain of the auction more frequently than opener, so don't be afraid to take the auction slowly and make a couple of forcing bids while you probe for the best contract.



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# Improve Your Play

By Larry Matheny, Fort Collins, Colorado

## *Dangerous Assumption*

Bridge is very demanding, so it's essential to maintain your concentration. You must also realize that it can be dangerous to make assumptions.

**Hand Diagram:**

- North (N):** ♠ Q4, ♥ J54, ♦ K9763, ♣ K52
- South (S):** ♠ AJ62, ♥ A1032, ♦ AQJ, ♣ A3
- West (W):** ♠ 1087, ♥ K76, ♦ 10854, ♣ 1098
- East (E):** ♠ K953, ♥ Q98, ♦ 2, ♣ QJ764

**Bidding:**

WEST	NORT	EAST	SOUT
Pass	3NT	Pass	2NT
Pass			Pass

**Scores:**

3NT South  
NS: 0  
EW: 0

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**Opening Lead:** ♣10

**Bidding:** North-South had a routine auction to game.

**Play:** Although it's often best to lead a major suit after this auction, West chose the ♣10. Declarer counted his tricks and came up with nine: one spade, one heart, five diamonds, and two clubs. Since game did not appear to be in danger, he won the

ace of clubs and followed with a low spade from his hand. The queen lost to the king and East played a second club. Declarer won the king and cashed the ace and queen of diamonds. When East failed to follow to the second diamond, declarer's trick count dropped to eight. With no way to get back to dummy's fifth diamond, the contract failed by one trick.

This was a team game and declarer's job was to ensure the contract and not worry about overtricks. After winning the ace of clubs, it would be a simple task to cash the AQJ of diamonds before leading spades. Now the contract was safe and the jack of spades would be the tenth trick.

Upon comparing scores, North's teammates were very disappointed to lose 12 IMPs.



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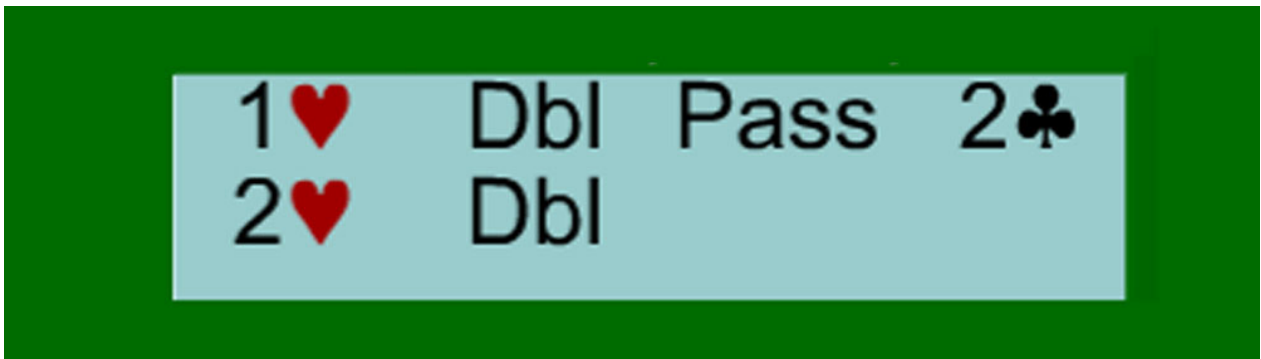
# Constructive Bidding

By Robert Todd, Tallahassee, Florida

## Competitive Doubles

### General

In most auctions, a double shows the values to compete in the bidding, but no clear opinion about what to do; we are “non-committal”. There are many different names for these doubles: takeout, negative, responsive, etc. These doubles are similar in that they are used to compete in the bidding and search for a fit or a *better* fit. In this lesson, we will examine some more complex situations where we might use double.



### More Doubles: A Common Case

On some hands we start with a takeout double and then end up with a chance to make another double. These auctions come up more often than one would think—my partners never bid the suit I want them to when I make a takeout double! When we make a takeout double, we promise 3+ card support for all of the unbid suits. If partner bids one of the suits for which we have “good support” (4+ cards) and the opponents continue to compete, we may raise if we have extra values. But if we have extra values and only three card support for the suit that partner has bid, we use a second takeout double to show this. For example:

This second takeout double shows extra values (about 14+ points) with only three

card support. An example of a perfect hand for making a second takeout double in the above auction is:



### General Double Ideas: Direct Seat

Let's continue our discussion with a detailed look at the theoretical meaning of our doubles in different competitive situations. Our direct seat doubles tend to have very specific meanings. Let's look at the different situations and the meaning of double in each of them.

*When we are not known to have a fit, double is for takeout:*

- The doubler is looking for a fit.
- Double shows enough values (combined with what we know about partner's hand) to compete to this level.

*With a known fit, a double is generally "card showing".*

- Double is cooperative and shows some defense. It says that we want either to compete in the auction by rebidding our suit or double the opponents for penalty, and that we want input from partner in making this decision. We have "convertible values" – cards that are good for both offense and defense.
- We usually do not have extra length in our known fit—that would violate the Law of Total Tricks (LOTT).
- We do not promise a trump stack (actually we deny one), but we like to have some values in the opponents' suit. A holding such as 10xx is perfect for this double.

**double.**

- If the opponents' suit is immediately under our suit we no longer have room to make a game try. In this situation we use double as our game try (called a Maximal Double). The maximal double takes precedence over the cooperative card-showing double—it is more important for us to bid game in our own suit than to penalize the opponents.

### For Example

After 1♠-P-2♠-3♣:

- 3♠ is competitive - an offensively oriented hand with no interest in game. Generally, LOTT.
- Pass shows EITHER a minimum hand with only a five card suit OR a trap pass.
- Double is cooperative and card showing. You should have some defense and some offense.
- 3♦♥ is a Help Suit Game Try. You should have an offensively oriented hand with extra values.

### Penalizing: the Trap Pass

With a pure penalty double (trump stack) in the direct seat, we make a “trap pass” and wait for partner to reopen with a double. The general idea is that we have them where we want them, so we leave them there. If partner passes the hand out, we are fine with that – we will take our plus score. But if partner has some defense and can reopen with double, then we will take a very large plus score!

### General Double Ideas: Balancing Seat

When we make a balancing seat double we are often striving to compete and we are using double as our last resort. These doubles are more flexible in their shape and meaning. Let's look at some of the different situations and the meaning of double in each of them.

*With no known fit, a double is for takeout.*

- It is looking for a fit and showing more values than previously shown.
- We may double in the balancing seat with fewer points or with less than

perfect shape because this is the final chance for our side to compete in the bidding.

*With a known fit, a double is generally card showing.*

- Double is cooperative and shows defense.
- Double denies having additional trump (LOTT.)
- Double promises some defense, but does not promise a strong trump holding. In fact, we will frequently have trump shortness if we are underneath the long suit.

## Conclusion

Compete, Compete, Compete. This is the motto of modern bidders, especially in matchpoint events. If you are going to accomplish this, then becoming comfortable and proficient with the double card is the most important thing you can do. Spend some time thinking about how you can expand your use of the double card to help you further compete in the bidding.



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Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Los Alamos, New Mexico

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El Paso, Texas

August 31-September 3

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# D17 ScoreCard Changes for the Online Version

By Steve and Kitty Cooper, *ScoreCard* editors



Welcome to our second issue of the online version of D17 ScoreCard.

Once you download the D17 ScoreCard App, you will be able to quickly click to both the current and past issues of the new online *D17 ScoreCard* from your phone or tablet. All three of the Western Conference publications including

*ScoreCard*, current and past, can be found at [contractbridgeforum.com](http://contractbridgeforum.com)

This month's president's column, John's Journal, discusses some of the statistics reported for our first issue. One of the surprising things we learned is that most people read the articles consecutively, starting at the cover and proceeding to the end, maybe dropping off on the way. Very few seemed to have used the hamburger table of contents icon (TOC) to click through to an article. Hopefully his article explaining the TOC and the D17 information desk at the Denver Regional will change this.

Windows Desktop	827
iPad	399
iPhone	286
Macintosh Desktop	249
Android Mobile	70
Android Tablet	24
Linux Desktop	15
Kindle	13
Android Device	10
Chromium OS Desktop	8
Windows Tablet	3
Unknown	1
Motorola Mobile	1

To the left are the actual numbers for the different devices used for reading *ScoreCard* as of May 7.

Once again, we wish to remind you that our advertising requirements have changed drastically. At least for the rest of 2018, tournament ads will be free. If your submitted ad needs a lot of work on our end, we will charge a setup fee depending on how

much time it takes to redo.

The new guidelines are available online here:

[d17acbl.org/uploads/newsletter/AdGuidelinesOnlineD17.pdf](http://d17acbl.org/uploads/newsletter/AdGuidelinesOnlineD17.pdf)

Please feel free to send us feedback at [coopers@d17acbl.org](mailto:coopers@d17acbl.org) or via the feedback form on the [D17 web site](#).





## ***D17 ScoreCard* volume I issue 2**



D17 ScoreCard is a bi-monthly publication announced to over 9,000 bridge players in our district by email blast, website postings, Social Media, and Apps.

### **Deadlines**

*D17 ScoreCard's* deadline for articles and ads is the fifth of the preceding month; However, earlier submissions are always preferred. Although we welcome unsolicited articles, there is no guarantee of publication.

Articles submitted will be edited, and may be cut; the author will receive a copy of the edited article before publication.

Email all ads and copy to: Steve & Kitty Cooper, *D17 ScoreCard* Editors - [coopers@D17acbl.org](mailto:coopers@D17acbl.org)

### **Advertising**

Ads for District 17 tournaments are free for the rest of 2018. For commercial ad pricing please contact John Grossmann below.

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