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UNIT NEWS

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Hope you and your family had a Happy 4th of July.

PITTSBURGH SUMMER SECTIONAL July 29-July 31

Dust off your bridge shoes and put them on for our **Summer Sectional at Masonic** starting Friday, July 29 and running through Sunday, July 31. The flyer is on our website, www.pittsburghbridge.org

Hopefully you accumulated lots of points during STaC Week in June. The Sectional will enable you to earn **more masterpoints** since the ACBL is offering a **20% Award Increase** at F2F Sectionals and Regionals from May 30, 2022 to May 28, 2023.

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Come to enjoy our "Pittsburgh Hospitality" with Continental Breakfast and Lunch included through the weekend. Ron Franck is Chairing this event and he and his volunteers will leave no stone unturned to present an event as spectacular as we have had in the past.

If you previously registered your Vax Card, you don't need to resubmit proof of vaccination. However, if you were not at the Spring Sectional in May, you are required to submit proof of vaccination at the door or by sending your name, ACBL # and vaccination card to Vax@Pittsburghbridge.org

Cleveland's Silver Bowl Sectional will be held Friday, August 5 through Sunday, August 7 at Rocky River Memorial Hall

Regional Tournament

Yeah, our Regional is back! Although it's a shortened version we hope you will enjoy it. The Pittsburgh Roni Regional starts Friday, September 2 and runs through Sunday, September 4 **at Masonic**. The Regional Tournaments are run by our District. The Sectional Tournaments are run by our Unit. We are Unit 142 in District 5.

Entry Express

The ACBL has a program to register for tournaments prior to the event (currently only Regional Tournaments). This is a plus for the organizers of the event to gauge the approximate size of the tournament and it reduces waiting in line to purchase an entry, a plus for our players. The ACBL has more information on their website regarding this program. Bear in mind, this is not yet launched for Sectionals.

Are you curious about the dates of tournaments

Tournament information in our District and Unit can be found on our website www.pittsburghbridge.org under the Tournament Schedule tab. Tournaments throughout the country and beyond can be found on the ACBL website.

Free Games

There's still time to take advantage of free play! Those with **0-5 Masterpoints** and those who are **Mentoring or being Mentored** qualify until Labor Day.

You need to register online at our website under the appropriate tab. Reimbursement procedure is on the registration flyer.

NABC, Providence July 14-24. Good luck to our Grand National Team qualifiers who will be attending the NABC tournament. We'll be looking for your names as winners in the August Bulletin. Good luck to all of our membership who will be attending. It gives me hope for the future of bridge to see that there is a Youth NABC in Providence July 21-23.

New Convention Card: Many of our Directors probably have a good supply of the old Convention Cards. This is your opportunity to deplete their supply by playing F2F so they could order the new Convention Cards. You can download the new card on ACBL's website. There are tutorials online and each month in the ACBL Bulletin they go over sections of the card.

We Need Bridge Teachers: Teachers are needed to keep our game growing and introducing the masses to the Wonderful Life of Bridge. Check out the ACBL for teaching opportunities and paths to teaching under Teachers' Lounge.

Climbing up the Ranks: I didn't see anyone from our area advancing in the June ACBL Bulletin. I'll keep my eyes peeled for the July Bulletin, looking for your name.

Survey Results

50 of 68 respondents are back to playing F2F bridge. 10 of the 18 who haven't are worried about COVID. 12 have found playing online more convenient, cheaper, or both. 7 have either had their club close or are not interested in playing in smaller games. (I find this last reason kind of funny – how are our games going to get back to “normal” if everybody waits for everybody else to start playing again?) One is refusing to get vaccinated in order to play. (I didn't know Eric Rodwell had moved to our Unit. That's a joke, but Eric has given up bridge because of the vaccination requirement.) Many people, even those who have returned to play, have lost one or more partners for various reasons. Several people (including me) have gone back to work.

Outside Publicity

Have you ever had an interest in writing articles and submitting them for publication?? Here's your chance. The PBA is looking for someone to write articles on bridge to spread the word of this wonderful world of competition and challenge. Many neighborhood publications and online neighborhood newsletters are looking for articles to fill in their content. Please let me know if you're interested lorraineanna4@gmail.com

BOARD

Four of our Board Members are up for re-election. As of this writing we have 14 Members of the Board and our ByLaws allow 15. If you're interested in becoming a Board Member, Ken Bergman is in charge of the Election and has Petitions to be distributed to anyone who would like to serve. Contact Ken or anyone on the Board.

Play well, play often in F2F games

Have a happy and healthy summer.

THURSDAY NIGHT SWISS TEAMS

The Unit Board has voted to hold a Swiss Teams Event on the 2nd Thursday of every month, starting August 11th. We will combine this with a pot luck supper, as I'm sure that many of you are as tired of your own cooking as I am of mine. It will be held at the Glenshaw Valley church that many of you frequent in daylight but can't seem to find after dinner. I hope to see many of you there.

So we can better plan for drinks and such, please preregister your team with me at crb1164@verizon.net. Please put team game in the title of your message – I get a whole lot of emails.

THE ROUND FROM HELL

CRAIG BIDDLE

Directing the Thursday night game gives me plenty of opportunity to kibitz. I have kibitzed Steve Robinson, Bob Hamman, Kevin Bathurst, and Michael Rosenberg, but the Pittsburgh Unit is a distinct step down from that rarefied air. Here is a five board round I kibitzed recently where it seemed that everyone was desperately trying to avoid getting any matchpoints.

Deal 1

North: ♠K42 ♥AK6 ♦J43 ♣Q1063

South: ♠A10965 ♥QJ73 ♦7 ♣AK2

North South

1♣ 1♠

1NT 2♦

2♠ 4♠

Pass

A note on the bidding. 2♦ was new minor forcing, and if North had held ♠K42 ♥AK106 ♦J43 ♣Q63 he should have replied 2♥ in case South had 5 spades and 4 hearts. 4-4 fits are usually better than 5-3 fits because the 5-3 fit can provide discards if it is a side suit. And you're risking nothing, since if South didn't have 4 hearts he would have had no reason to use NMF if he didn't have either 5 spades or 5+ cards in North's minor and slam interest.

In any case, South got the ♥4 opening lead. He won in dummy and called for the ♠K. East discarded a heart. It didn't matter on this deal, but with, say, the ♠9 in dummy instead of declarer's hand leading low from dummy would save a trick against the 5-0 break off side. If East had played a low spade, should South have put in the ♠10? Yes. West will have no spade 2% of the time and a small singleton 8.4% of the time, he will have a singleton Q or J 5.6% of the time and QJ doubleton 3.4% of the time. So putting in the 10 wins 10.4% of the time and loses 9% of the time. Little things like that add up over the course of a session.

Deal 2

North: ♠74 ♥J93 ♦AJ1064 ♣K72

South: ♠A3 ♥AQ1075 ♦Q92 ♣Q94

North South

Pass 1♥

2♥ Pass

The opening lead was the ♠Q. Declarer won in hand and played a spade back. East won the King and played a heart. Declarer finessed and West won the K and played the ♣J. Declarer covered. This was wrong. Why? Declarer knows that only East can win a trick outside of clubs the rest of the way. So he should keep a high club honor in dummy and use the one in his hand that might otherwise be led through if the diamond finesse loses. And if declarer ducks in dummy, East would set up two club tricks for declarer by winning the Ace.

Deal 3

North: ♠K1052 ♥6532 ♦-- ♣AQ872

South: ♠QJ974 ♥K7 ♦Q103 ♣KJ3

North East South West

Pass 1♥ 1♠ 1NT

2♥ 3♦ Pass Pass

4♠ All Pass

Note the use of the cue-bid raise to invite game after partner overcalls. Why North accepted his own game invitation is above my pay grade, although if he was not a passed hand he could easily have had a slam try for the cue-bid raise. Here, he had nearly a high card maximum and a void in the suit the opponents had just decided was their best known fit. On the downside, South had passed, which has to show a bad hand for play in spades. I suppose North decided he wasn't going to let them play 4♦ so he might as well try to stampede them into 5.

In any case, the play's the thing. West led the ♥Q to the ace, and a heart came back to the K and J. What now? It's clearly right to ruff a diamond here and lead a high trump from dummy. If spades are 3-1, this basically guarantees that you'll make 5. But East shows out on the first spade. Now West is in a dilemma. If he wins this spade, he can't prevent you from making 5. So he has to duck. Now you play a club to hand, ruff a diamond, play a club to hand, and ruff a diamond. This is what you see now:

North: ♠ ♥65 ♦-- ♣AQ8

South: ♠QJ97 ♥♦ ♣3

And you know that West has ♠A8x left, and is out of hearts. So you know that West is going to make two trump tricks whatever you do. Since you can afford to lose two more tricks, you might as well cash a high club from dummy. If West ruffs, you will ruff his diamond return and put the ♠Q on the table, claiming 2 of the last 3 tricks.

But if West follows, then you will ruff the next trick high. If West overruffs, you will ruff his diamond return, draw trumps, and claim. To avoid letting you make 5 after your high ruff, West must discard his last card (a diamond) and duck when you lead a high spade to the next trick. This is a very important concept to remember when you have a long trump holding on defense – sometimes you can create a tenace position by discarding instead of overruffing with a high trump. This is where my concept of remembering how many of the cards BETWEEN yours in a suit have been played shows to advantage.

In real life, declarer played a high spade from hand before ruffing a diamond. West ducked, but declarer now ruffed a diamond, played a club to hand, and ruffed another diamond. Then he tried to ruff a heart in hand with the ♠7 and got overruffed. West drew dummy's last trump with the ♠A and declarer still had a diamond to lose. Another lost opportunity, this time for both sides. I know it's scary to new players to not try to draw trumps right away, but ruffing one teeny diamond at trick three shouldn't scare you very much.

Now for an instructive defensive problem. (You knew I would give you one of those, didn't you?)

Deal 4

North: ♠AKJ85 ♥Q72 ♦K1097 ♣2

West: ♠Q3 ♥1064 ♦QJ32 ♣QJ75

North	East	South	West
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	Pass	Pass	Pass
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1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
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2♦	Pass	2NT	All Pass
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1NT was intended as forcing, 2NT suggested a maximum pass without a spade fit. You lead a low club. Partner comes through like a champ, winning the ♣A and playing back the ♣10, Declarer ducks this, and you leave partner on play. He plays a third club and declarer now goes up with the King. Declarer leads the ♠10. Do you cover? If so, why? If not, why not?

You know that declarer has at most two spades, so partner has at least 4. You also know that declarer has at most 4 hearts, since he would have bid 2♥ with 5 of them. So you should cover, in case partner has 4 spades to the 9. In real life West ducked, and declarer made two underserved overtricks.

Deal 5

North: ♠K109 ♥K543 ♦A1095 ♣A7

South: ♠753 ♥J103 ♦87 ♣KQJ84

North	East	South	West
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1♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
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Pass	Pass	2♣	All Pass
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After an unusual auction, N-S reached the eminently sensible contract of 2♣. West led the ♥7. What do you think the heart layout is? What do you play from dummy?

Unless West has led low from A7 or Q7, or high from 76 doubleton, East has ♥AQ986. So East is going to win this trick. What do you want him to have to win it with?

You'd rather have him win the Queen, so you can preserve the ♥K in dummy as long as possible. Or, you can think of it this way – if you play the King, East will play Ace, Queen, and another, and at the conclusion of this trick dummy will have the ♥5. If you play low, East will play Queen, Ace, and another and dummy's last heart will be the King.

Which heart should you play from hand? You should play the Jack or 10, concealing the 4, to try to convince East that his partner has led from a doubleton. If you succeed in this elementary ruse, East may decide to not continue hearts, fearing setting up a situation where you can pitch a loser on the 3rd round of hearts while forcing West to ruff the trick to avoid letting the ♥K win. This probably won't succeed, but at least you may force East to expend some mental energy that may benefit you on the next board.

There you have it, five boards, about 8 lost opportunities for a better score. Most of the errors were in card play. People always ask me what conventions they should learn. About ¾ of the errors in club games are card play errors, and you will have an average of 13 card play decisions per deal. Meanwhile, conventions, even common ones, only come up a few times a session at most, and many that everyone plays come up rarely. What's the best use of your study time? Books on card play. I recommend:

The Rodwell Files, by Eric Rodwell. The first half of this book is suitable for I/N players and if mastered will quickly move you up to a higher category. The second half of the book covers a lot of more difficult plays, but Eric explains things well.

Introduction to Declarer Play – 2nd Edition, Eddie Kantar

Introduction to Defense – 2nd Edition, Eddie Kantar – Eddie is one of my favorite writers. He mixes in humor with instruction, and explains the process required to come to the right conclusion clearly.

KANTAR ON DEFENSE

EDDIE KANTAR

North: ♠K987 ♥J1094 ♦3 ♣A765

East (You): ♠63 ♥AK8765 ♦A1042 ♣2

W N E S

Pass Pass 1♥ 1♠

3♣# 4♠ All Pass

Weak jump in competition

West leads the ♥2 to the 4, King, and Queen.

You're not fooled by declarer's little falsecard, since partner would lead the 3 from 32 doubleton. You return the ♥8 to tell partner to return the higher side suit. Partner ruffs and plays the ♦6 to your Ace.

What do you do now?

You must play another little heart to force declarer to ruff high. You would do this even if you knew partner was out of trumps, since nobody wants to lose the first 4 tricks when they're in a major suit

game. After declarer ruffs high, he won't be able to take a ruffing finesse in hearts to set up a discard from his hand. And you know that partner has six, not seven, clubs because of the pass as dealer. This type of play is called "killing a discard," and you will see it often.

THE CUE-BID RAISE

CRAIG BIDDLE

Deal 3 from my article above showed a hand where a cue-bid was used to show a good raise after partner's opening bid was overcalled. This is a very common gadget, and can also be used after they open the bidding and partner overcalls. Indeed, I have seen auctions start:

W	N	E	S
1♥	1♠	2♠	3♥

Here both sides are using cue-bids as raises. Why do we do this?

It's useful, in competitive auctions, to play jump raises of partner's suit that he bid at the 1-level to show about 4-7 points and 4-card support. This is called a mixed raise, and its main message is that we probably don't have a game, and might not make this, but because it shows a little something the penalty might well be less than what they could make if we kept quiet. But now we have to have a surrogate for the invitational raise.

And we don't need to bid their suit to play any more. If we can make more tricks than they can with their suit as trumps, we will nearly always score better by taking those tricks on defense, even if we don't double them. So our cue-bid raise after partner opened the bidding starts at about 8 points with 4 trumps and 9 with only 3 (assuming that partner has shown 5 or more) if we can cue-bid below 2 of partner's suit. Let's work with 1♥-1♠-Pass-2♥, Pass as an example. Assume that they don't bid any more.

- 2♠ says, "I don't see a game if you have a minimum (8-10 or so)."
- 2NT is a game try with a stopper in their suit. We could end up in 2NT, 3NT, or 3 or 4♠.
- 3 of a minor is a game try, just as after a single raise. It says, "Even if you have 8-10 points, if you can help me in this suit we should bid game. You will return to 3♠ with 8-10 and no help, or bid game, or (if you have a good notrump sort of hand) you can cue-bid 3♥ to tell partner you're interested in 3NT and he should bid it with help in their suit."
- 3♥ says, "Maybe we should play notrump, do you have help for my stopper?" It's forcing to game. It could also be the start of a slam try where you don't care where partner has help as long as he has some useful cards.
- 3♠ is simply a power game try, asking you to bid game with more than 10 points.
- And of course 4♠ is the end of the auction (unless you have an extra ace or more).

Now let's look at 1♠-2♥-Pass-2♠, Pass

This is a little different, because you have no 2-level raise available. So we do without the mixed 3-level raise, and just play that as about 6-8 or so. Otherwise, things are much as above. 2NT is a try for game suited for notrump. 3 of a minor needs help there. 3♥ denies interest.

After, say, 1♥-2♣ we are going to be more interested in notrump. We may also want to investigate the other major, but we won't use the cue-bid for that. After 1♥-2♣-Pass-2♥, Pass we will bid notrump more often, even with no extra values. And we will jump to 3NT with more than a minimum – these games often make on less than 25 points when the minor suit is good for 6 tricks. We will also want to investigate the other major now and then if our style is to overcall 2♣ with something like ♠AQxx ♥xx ♦xx ♣KQ10xx. So bidding an unbid major, rather than asking for help, is looking for a 4-4 fit. And after partner overcalls 2 of a minor, we DON'T bid a new major with a misfit, bidding a new major shows a decent hand and a 5-card suit and is intended to look for game, not a better contract. This new major bid is forcing, but doesn't promise a rebid. So overcaller should try to bid something that will be a suitable contract if partner has a minimum hand.

When you first adopt this, you just have to remember that once you have made a cue-bid raise of a major, you can only play in that major or notrump; all other bids are forcing. And after you cue-bid raise a minor, you can play game in a 4-4 major fit if you find one, in addition to the minor and notrump.

STREAKS AND BIG GAMES

CHRIS WANG

Big Games:

Judy Haffner & Harold Haffner 70.83 Rodef Thurs
 Kenneth Bergman & William Holt 75.00 Steel City Thurs
 Kenneth Eichler & Sue Israelson 70.00 Greensburg Fri
 William Holt & Randy Pearson 73.81 Lebo Fri
 William Holt & Constance Hoehstetter 70.00 Allegheny Wed

Streaks:

2 in a row:

Cecilia Powell Export Mon
 Ronald Sain Greensburg Wed
 Bud McElhaney Temple Emanuel Wed
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 Gail Carns Glenshaw Mon
 Asim Ulke Glenshaw Mon
 Sue Israelson Export Mon
 William Holt Lebo Fri
 Randy Pearson Lebo Fri

Jan Assini Glenshaw Sat
 Frank Cymerman Glenshaw Sat
 Kenneth Eichler Export Mon
 Patricia Cunkelman Greensburg Wed
 Ronald Sain Greensburg Wed
 Kenneth Bergman Steel City Thurs
 William Holt Steel City Thurs
 Kenneth Eichler Greensburg Fri

OUR PEOPLE

MARILYN PAINTER

First of all, let me thank Phyllis Geinzer for the many years that she did this. And welcome to Marilyn Painter, our new reporter. Here's her first column.

Our condolences go out to several members of our bridge community

Valda Legita Cox, age 87, died May 8. A native of Latvia, Velda immigrated to the US after fleeing her country during the Russian invasion. She was a prominent studio potter and ceramics educator and a frequent vendor at the area's art fairs.

Kathy Renshaw, age, 78, of Valdese, NC, sister of unit member Nancy Welsh, died May 22. (Nancy Welsh 238 Independence Way Sewickley, Pa 15143)

Robert Littman, husband of member Gerrie Littman, died June 17 after a lengthy illness. Robert graduated from medical school and practiced as a urologist.

(Gerrie Littman 1049 Parkview Blvd. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217)

Marilyn Frohlich, age 85, died May 24 after a short illness. On a personal note, around 1960, I joined a 2-table bridge group. Marilyn was (or became) a member. Basically, we were all terrible bridge players, but we made some mean Pina Coladas. The group dwindled down until I sometimes invited my dad to play so we had a foursome (he was the only one of us that could actually play bridge). The group ended and many years go by....like 35. I decided to take lessons and eventually joined the ACBL. Meanwhile, Marilyn raised her family, worked, retired and then, she too joined the ACBL. So, it all came around and here we were, both back playing bridge. Marilyn was a kind and generous person. (David Frohlich 1231 Denniston Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa 15217)

Ruth Eiler died May 19. She wasn't currently a member of our unit, but had been. She was from Mt Lebanon so perhaps remembered by some of our 'southern' members.

Theresa Friday died May 16. She, too, wasn't a current member of our unit but had been. She lived in Sewickley.

Now for some good news:

Carol Henderson is home after a long hospitalization. Her recovery has been remarkable.....considering the seriousness and length of her stay. And that is just wonderful. (Carol Henderson 148 Chapel Harbor Dr. Pittsburgh, Pa 15238)

Sue Golier is recovery from surgery. She will be in rehab for about a week....and hopefully, back to bridge soon after. Our wishes for a speedy recovery!!

Contact Information

I am (and maybe many others too) still using the unit directory that Jimmy Klein published. Dated 2016, it is very much out of date. As an example, my land line is listed, which I no longer use. This column is a reliable and safe way for any member to update/share their address and/or phone or add an email address. Please feel free to send such to me. My cell phone is 412 708-7433 (or text) and email is marilynlpainter@yahoo.com. Note the middle initial 'l'.

Also, please send any member news to me for future newsletters.

Lastly, I want to thank our directors who have worked so hard to bring the games back, post-Covid shutdown. And also our members who come out and support the directors and each other. It's time to mothball the Jammies and attend live games.

Bridge Lessons from Richard Finberg

(doublemenot@gmail.com or (412) 304-9254 cell)

Opening Leads: This 5-week group course on Zoom allows you to use both the auction and the best odds to when you choose your opening lead. You play at your own individual Shark Bridge table, so only you and I will see your choice of leads. The course is based on the writings of top experts, including a computerized analysis of opening leads and their frequency of success. Did you know, for example, that on the auction 1NT-3NT, the defenders average about 7.2 total cards in each major suit compared to declarer/dummy's average of 5.8 cards – giving the edge to major suit leads on that auction? Also, learn about Lightner slam doubles and other lead directing bids. **Lessons start Friday, July 8, at 11 a.m.** but other times can also be made available. (\$60 for 5 hours of instruction; handouts/summaries included; 2nd person in the same household is free).

Team Game training: With Sectionals and Regionals now re-opening, there will be many opportunities to play team games. But IMP tactics and MP tactics differ greatly. I can give your entire team 3 hours of Zoom/Shark Bridge IMP training for \$60 (either in a single session or in two 1½ hour sessions) –that's \$5/hour per person for a 4-person team). Face-to-face training is also available at somewhat greater cost.

Introductory Lesson Package: For \$99, you get a **FREE** 18-board playing lesson with me on BBO followed by a critique of the hands, plus 5 hours of individual instruction, plus copies of my 3 most popular pamphlets (on bidding, play and IMP tactics). (7 hours of individual training, a \$140 value— save \$41). Lessons can be daytime or evenings, as you wish.

Squeeze Lessons (and other advanced play technique): For players who want to become true experts, I have more than 50 squeeze hands loaded into Shark Bridge, so you can play the hands as many times as you wish until you thoroughly understand how to make squeezes work whenever possible. Learn the basic and most often occurring squeezes in 6 hours or continue longer for an in-depth study of squeeze play. I also teach such topics as trump management, avoidance plays, suit combinations, blocking and unblocking plays, combining chances, deception and bidding judgment.

**FREE lessons on Zoom the first Monday of each month.
Please contact me for times and Zoom link.**

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Pairs Entries \$25 / pair
Team Games \$50 / Team/Session
Sunday Swiss Teams \$100/team
499er Swiss \$ 88/team

Participants must be ACBL members.
Lapsed members either renew, or
pay \$4 extra per session.
Free 120-day memberships available
to 1st time members.

Friday, July 29

10:30 AM ★ Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs* (1 session)

Lunch Included !

3:00 PM ★ Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs* (1 session)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Saturday, July 30

10:00 AM ★ Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs* (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams* (1st of 2)

Lunch Included !

2:30 PM ★ Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs* (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams* (2nd of 2)
Single Session Swiss Teams*

Sunday, July 31

Lunch Included !

10:00 AM ★ Stratified Open Swiss Teams (7 rounds of 7 boards)
Stratified 499er Swiss Teams* (6 rounds of 6 boards)
Separate Play-through Events / 30 point VP scale

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