

Intermediate NEWS

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Pro-Am Special

If you played in the GNYBA Pro-Am as an am. Please use this Newsletter as a discount certificate for the **Thursday Afternoon 49er game** or the **Friday Evening 49er game** at the Manhattan Bridge Club. During the months of February and March your card fee for these games will be \$5, no other specials will apply.

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UPCOMING LESSONS:

Beginner, Advanced Beginner and Intermediate Classes
Please call (212) 799 4242 ask for Jeff Bayone
for latest schedule and personal class placement.

PLAN THE PLAY (SOLUTION ON PAGE 4)

♠ JT 7	N	♠ AKQ 9 8
♥ 3 2	W	♥ KJT 9 8
♦ AK	S	♦ 2
♣ KQ 7 5 3 2		♣ A 6

Contract is 6♠ by East. Lead is the ♥Q. **Plan the Play.**

NEW Weekend format:

Both Saturday and Sunday evenings will be run as **ACBL Short games**. Games will start at 7:00 and 8:45. Play 12 quick boards and catch a movie or play both sessions and earn more masterpoints.

Card fees are \$5 for 1 session or \$10 for both

February - March

Special Events

Please Sign Up Early

JUNIOR FUND GAMES

Wednesday February 5 1:00 pm
Tuesday February 11 1:00 pm
Friday February 14 7:30 pm
Monday February 24 7:00 pm
Thursday February 27 7:30 pm
HAND ANALYSIS NIGHT
Friday Evening, February 28 at 7:30 pm
Junior Fund Games \$1 extra. Sectionally rated

ACBL-WIDE SENIOR GAME

Monday Afternoon, February 24 at 1:00 pm
\$1 extra. Sectionally rated.

ACBL-WIDE CHARITY GAME

Tuesday Evening, March 11 at 7:00 pm
Open and 299'er sessions will be available.
Please reserve early we have limited space
\$2 extra, Sectionally rated

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK

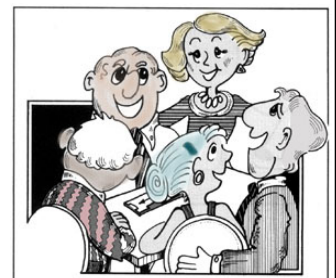
Monday March 24 to Sunday March 30
Extra Masterpoints, No Extra Money!
Every session is club championship rated



February Special

Play in Tuesday
Intermediate Game

and play free
Wednesday Night



What was that Double?

by Zeus Arias & Kerry Kappell

This is simply the toughest question we face on a recurring basis as bridge players. A common trend has been to move toward more takeout oriented doubles. The basic principle is that all doubles are takeout unless specifically discussed as penalties.

Rule #1: If it is your first time to double, the double is takeout.

Corollary: If you could have previously made a takeout double, double is penalty.

e.g. 1♥ – P – 1NT – P;
2♣ – P – 2♥ – P;

P – X is takeout

Rule #2: Double of an opponent's natural notrump bid is penalty, if partner has taken a call (Double or Bid)

e.g. 1 of any suit – (1NT overcall) – X is penalty

Corollary: Double of a conventional notrump response is takeout.

e.g. 1♥ – P – 1NT (forcing) – X is takeout

Rule #3: If partner has described both the strength and distribution of her hand, double is penalty. When partner preempts or bids a natural notrump or otherwise signs off in a part-score, she has limited her hand and double by you is penalty.

e.g. Preempt – (New suit) – X is penalty

e.g. 1♥ – P – 2♥ – P;
P – 3♣ – P – P;
3♥ – X is penalty

Rule #4: When the opponents bid and freely raise a suit, double is takeout. This will either be a takeout double (if partner passed) or a responsive double (if partner acted). Is the name really important?

Corollary: When partner has overcalled or made a takeout double and RHO bids a new suit, double is penalty.

e.g. 1♣ – X – 1♥ – X

Rule #5: Double of an opponent's cue bid is lead directing. It's a good idea to have enough length or strength to defeat the contract if the opponents decide to play there.

Rule #6: If pass is forcing, double is penalty. A pass is forcing when you are in a game forcing auction, have already bid a game, or after a 2/1 bid.

e.g. 1x – P – 2y (2/1 GF) – 2z; X is penalty

e.g. 1M – P – 2N (Forcing Raise) – P;

4M – 5m – X is penalty, pass is forcing.
(i.e. Forcing Pass)

Rule #7: Double of preempts are takeout. This comes in the takeout variety (if partner hasn't bid) or negative variety (if partner has bid). You should play this at least as high as 4♥ if not 4♠ or 5♦. Really.

If the double is not listed above or defined as some other convention (Snapdragon, Negative, Support, Lead Directing etc...), the double is assumed to be takeout; it shows the values to bid at the given level without the shape or distributional requirements to bid at the given level.

More doubles:

If you have a fit in a competitive auction and pass is not forcing; double is a game-try. (i.e. extras / Maximal)

If you don't have a fit in a competitive auction and pass is not forcing, double shows values. (i.e. Responsive)

If this is your first call in the auction, but you have already passed in the first round, double shows a trap of RHO's suit.

Most pairs can greatly improve their results by having some simple agreements to cover undiscussed auctions. Add some spice to your results!

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GNYBA ACE of CLUBS LEADERS FOR 2003

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

- 1 OFER ROM NEW YORK NY 59
- 2 SHELLY DUNIETZ NEW YORK NY 57
- 3 STEEN RASMUSSEN NEW YORK NY 38
- 4 STEPHEN WEISS NEW YORK CITY NY 34
- 5 RHONNY BINDEROW BAYSIDE NY 29
- 6 SCOTT HEAYDON NEW YORK NY 25
- 7 RICHARD WHITEHEAD BROOKLYN NY 22

JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR

- 1 SERGE WIND NEW YORK NY 49
- 2 LOIS BARNETT NEW YORK NY 41
- 3 SETH COHEN NEW YORK NY 41
- 4 FRAN POSNICK NEW YORK NY 31
- 5 NORA KANDEL NEW YORK NY 27
- 6 JOYCE GREENBERGER NEW YORK NY 24
- 7 JOSEPH NEWMAN NEW YORK NY 24

CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR

- 1 BILL BEGERT NEW YORK NY 88
- 2 MARCIA BEILIN NEW YORK NY 64
- 3 PATRICIA GOLD NEW YORK NY 60
- 4 VIRGINIA CAVE NEW YORK NY 59
- 5 JUDITH YABLON FLUSHING NY 53
- 6 HANK CORTSEN NEW YORK NY 49
- 7 SUMIYO ITO NEW YORK NY 49

SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

- 1 MARION SCHAPIRO NEW YORK NY 93
- 2 RITA KRONOVET NEW YORK NY 83
- 3 JACQUES SCHMITT JACKSON HEIGHTS NY 80
- 4 SCOTT LEVINE NEW YORK NY 75
- 5 ALBERT GARFINKLE NEW YORK NY 75
- 6 BETH LASKY NEW YORK NY 71
- 7 LINDA TRIGOBOFF NEW YORK NY 69

REGIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

- 1 ZACK WILDE NEW YORK NY 157
- 2 HARRY MILLER OAKLAND GARDENS NY 107
- 3 JANE ROSENBLUM NEW YORK NY 100
- 4 EMMY COHN NEW YORK NY 96
- 5 HARVEY WOLFSON NEW YORK NY 92
- 6 BARBARA KIMMEL NEW YORK NY 88
- 7 PATRICIA MAHNKEN STATEN ISLAND NY 86

NABC MASTER OF THE YEAR

- 1 SALLIE SEARS NEW YORK NY 122
- 2 SANDRA LEVITT NEW YORK NY 115
- 3 DAVID MAIDMAN NEW YORK NY 114
- 4 WALTER FARBER NEW YORK NY 93
- 5 JEAN LUDWIG NEW YORK NY 93
- 6 MARILYN LOESBERG NEW YORK NY 80
- 7 PATRICIA WAGNER NEW YORK NY 80

LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

- 1 KERRY KAPPELL WOODSIDE NY 94
- 2 RONALD UNGER NEW YORK NY 91
- 3 ELLIN KRONTHAL NEW YORK NY 67
- 4 JILL WEISS NEW YORK NY 67
- 5 DEDE PACHOS MAMARONECK NY 62
- 6 PETER BONFANTI NEW YORK NY 62
- 7 MICHELLE LATTMAN NEW YORK NY 59

BRONZE LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

- 1 ARTHUR LOEB NEW YORK NY 154
- 2 SUSAN SCHNELWAR NEW YORK NY 149
- 3 LEAH JAY NEW YORK NY 126
- 4 AVIV SHAHAF NEW YORK NY 113
- 5 GILI HABERBERG NEW YORK NY 111
- 6 SUSAN JACKOWITZ NEW YORK NY 110
- 7 SHELDON ROTHCHILD NEW YORK NY 109

SILVER LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

- 1 MARIN MARINOV NEW YORK NY 199
- 2 LEW WALTER NEW YORK NY 189
- 3 IRVING GEWIRTZMAN QUEENS NY 173
- 4 JULIA WEISS NEW YORK NY 163
- 5 WALTER SOOK FOREST HILLS NY 152
- 6 STANLEY ROTH NEW YORK NY 151
- 7 MELANIE TUCKER NEW YORK NY 149

GOLD LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

- 1 MALLE ANDRADE NEW YORK NY 191
- 2 LEE VINES NEW YORK NY 178
- 3 R JAY BECKER NEW YORK NY 178
- 4 JESUS ARIAS NEW YORK NY 155
- 5 RITCHEY GOODWIN NEW YORK NY 155
- 6 JONATHAN GREENSPAN NEW YORK NY 149
- 7 ANATOLE KONDRATIEFF NEW YORK NY 146

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

- 1 AARON SILVERSTEIN NEW YORK NY 175
- 2 JAMES SAMPSON NEW YORK NY 169
- 3 KENT MIGNOCCHI BRONX NY 134
- 4 GLENN EISENSTEIN NEW YORK NY 116
- 5 G. MARGIE GWOZDZINSKY NEW YORK NY 92
- 6 BJORN FALLENUS NEW YORK NY 80
- 7 JILL LEVIN BRONX NY 70

GRAND LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

- 1 JUDI RADIN NEW YORK NY 185
- 2 GAIL GREENBERG NEW YORK NY 144
- 3 JOHN SOLODAR NEW YORK NY 143
- 4 JACQUI MITCHELL NEW YORK NY 110
- 5 JIM KREKORIAN NEW YORK NY 9
- 6 DOROTHY TRUSCOTT BRONX NY 4
- 7 ROBERT LEVIN BRONX NY 3



NEW O-300 INTERMEDIATE GAME

STARTING SUNDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 6

PLEASE CALL FOR DETAILS (212) 799-4242

ASK FOR JEFF OR ZEUS



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Supervised Play & Intermediate Duplicate Games

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Monday	12:30 pm	Supervised Play
	7:00 pm	49'er Pairs
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Supervised Play
	7:15 pm	299'er Pairs
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Supervised Play
	6:30 pm	Supervised Play
Thursday	1:00 pm	0-20 Pairs
Friday	12:45 pm	299'er Duplicate
	7:00 pm	49'er Pairs
Saturday	1:00 pm	Supervised Play

Wednesday Special: Play in the morning game and get a \$5 discount for the afternoon

Plan The Play Answer:

You win the ♦ Ace and lead a spade to the Ace, cash the ♣ Ace and lead a low spade to dummy's 10.

If the spades are 3-2:

Cash the ♦ King and pitch a ♣.

Then ruff a ♣ high and pull the last trump with the ♠ Jack.

If the spades are 4-1:

Draw the remaining trumps and try to run the clubs.

When the clubs do not run, lead a ♥ to the Jack. Against best defense, you will need north to have a singleton or doubleton Queen ♥, since south should duck the first heart with Axx.

"A New Approach to Play and Defense Volume 2" by Edwin Kantar