



NEWS

An American Contract Bridge League Club

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Club Appreciation Week

Sunday October 19th – Saturday October 25th



A full week of **upgraded games** as a simple thank you for supporting the club. All sessions award extra masterpoints at no extra cost. We even have two of our most popular special events during the week:

Sunday Evening Swiss Teams, October 19th
4 Matches 6 boards per match

Wednesday Evening BAM, October 22nd
24 Boards scored both as a BAM and a Pair game
Player will receive the higher of the 2 masterpoint awards

Please contact Zeus or Ellen if you need teammates
Regular Card fees All sessions

PLAN THE PLAY (SOLUTION ON PAGE 4)

♠ A Q J	N	♠ 5 4
♥ A Q 2		♥ 6 3
♦ Q J 9 6 2	W	E
♣ A J 3	S	♣ 10 7 6 2

Contract: 3NT.

The opening lead is the ♥7, to the six, Jack and Queen.

Which East / West cards should make up trick two?

Club Championship Week

Monday September 15th – Sunday September 21st



A full week of Club Championship rated games as a simple thank you for supporting the club. All sessions award extra masterpoints at no extra cost. Trophies will be awarded for the champions of the Monday Eve 49er, Tuesday Eve 299er and Friday Aft 299er games

Sunday Evening Hand Analysis, September 21st
Hand analysis Provided

Please signup Early as space is limited.
Regular Card fees All sessions

September - October

Special Events

Please Sign Up Early

HAND ANALYSIS GAMES

Tuesday Evening, Sept 8th, 7:00 pm
Sunday Evening, Sept 21st, 7:00 pm
Wednesday Evening, Oct 22nd, 7:00 pm

GOLD POINT GAME

Wednesday Evening, Sept 10th 7:00 pm
Only chance to win GOLD at the club this year!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK #3

Monday Evening September 15th – Monday Aft September 22nd
All Sessions Club Championship rated
No Extra Money
Sunday Evening session will include **HAND ANALYSIS**

SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS

Sunday Evening, Sept 28th
Sunday Evening, Oct 19th

CLUB APPRECIATION WEEK

Sunday October 19th – Monday October 27th
All Sessions Club Championship rated
No Extra Money
Wednesday Evening session will include **HAND ANALYSIS**

SECTIONAL WEEK

Monday October 27th – Sunday November 2nd
All Sessions award Silver points
\$2 extra; Sunday Evening will be a full 24 board game

New Sessions starting this September

- ♣ Thursday Afternoon 0-99
Sept 18th 1pm
- ♦ Friday Evening Supervised play
Sept 19th 7 pm
- ♥ Sunday Afternoon 0-299
Sept 21st 1:30 pm
- ♠ Intermediate Lessons:
Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, then
play in the Wednesday evening duplicate all for \$10
extra. For information contact Zeus.

Splinters

One of the major problems encountered in auctions is duplication of values. For example, one of you holds: **KQJ5** of a suit and the other a stiff **6**. You never realize this during the auction and end up too high because you both take aggressive bids based on your individual holdings in this key suit.

On the other side you might hold **xxxx** opposite **x** and never discover this trick taking resource until the play starts. For these reasons, Splinters were developed.

Splinters are double or triple jumps in a new suit. They show adequate trump support for partner (4 cards in a major / 5 cards in a minor), a game forcing hand, and a singleton or void in the bid suit. Some players require controls in the outside suits, but this is not a popular treatment. Splinters are generally used over major suit openings

ex. 1♥ - (P) - 4♣

or

1♠ - (P) - 4♦

But can be used over minors to:

ex. 1♦ - (P) - 3♥

or

1♦ - (P) - 3♠

Why so specific?

Basically the "useful space" principle is at work here. If your bid takes up a great deal of space, it must be very accurate, since there is less room to discover variations in the hand. We make the bids very specific so less information is required to use them effectively.

Splinters are generally very expensive calls and for this reason, the requirements are fairly exact.

Assume partner opened 1♥, What would you do with these hands? Why?

♠ QJ72 ♥ AJ2 ♦ 2 ♣ KQJ97	♠ QJ2 ♥ AJ72 ♦ 2 ♣ KQJ97	♠ KQJ ♥ AJ72 ♦ 2 ♣ QJ972
♠ AK32 ♥ 5432 ♦ AK32 ♣ 2	♠ AKQ32 ♥ 5432 ♦ AK3 ♣ 2	♠ AK3 ♥ 5432 ♦ AKQ32 ♣ 2

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Supervised Play & Intermediate Duplicate Games

Monday	12:30 pm	Supervised Play			
	7:00 pm	49'er Pairs			
Tuesday	Noon	Advanced Supervised Play			
	7:15 pm	299'er Pairs			
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Supervised Play			
	6:30 pm	Supervised Play			
Thursday	1:00 pm	0-99 Pairs (begins Sept 18)			
Friday	12:45 pm	299'er Duplicate			
	7:00 pm	Supervised play (Sept 19)			
Saturday	Noon	Supervised Play			

CLUB SCHEDULE

Duplicate Games Every Day

Mornings

10:30 am Wednesday (12 boards)

Afternoons - Lunch served 45 min before game time

1:00 pm Monday-Friday

1:30 pm Saturday and Sunday

Evenings

Monday	7:00 pm	49'er Pairs			
	7:00 pm	Open IMP Pairs			
Tuesday	7:15 pm	299'er Pairs			
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Stratified Pairs			
Thursday	7:30 pm	Handicapped Pairs			
Friday	7:00 pm	49'er Duplicate			
	7:30 pm	Stratified Pairs			
Saturday	7:30 pm	Stratified Pairs			
Sunday	(12 boards per session)				
	7:00 pm	ACBL Short Game			
	8:45 pm	ACBL Short Game			

Generally stratified at 0-300 / 0-750 / Open

♠ 2 ♥ AQ32 ♦ AK32 ♣ 8762	♠ 2 ♥ AQ32 ♦ A732 ♣ K862	♠ 2 ♥ 5432 ♦ AQ32 ♣ AK62
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| 1. 2♣ is best. Good suit; and you don't have 4 trumps | 2. 2♣ is best. Good suit and no spade control; gives you room to find it if needed | 3. 4♦ (splinter) |
| 4. 4♣ (splinter) | 5. 1♠. Spades may be a source of tricks, they need to be mentioned. | 6. 2♦. Same reason as #5. A suit this good is begging to be bid. |
| 7. Make a natural forcing raise, with no club control; give yourself room to find it. | 8. 3♠ (Splinter) | 9. 3♠ (Splinter) |

MBC 1 st ever Knockout, Aug 17th		
Rank	Mps	Players
1	3.60	Kerry Kappell - Barbara Raynor - Barbara Kimmel - Alan Bentley
2	2.70	Jay Brown - Patricia Brown - Rosalie Traster - Tony Traster
3	1.98	Carol Vinelli - Gordon Kiernan, Jr - Alice Hughes - Edie Pearlman
4	1.68	Ellen Friedman - Nicolas Bloom - Charles Nurse - Sue Potter

Open Swiss Sunday Eve Session Aug 24, 2003

Rank	Mps	Players
1A	3.50	Nick Bloom, Ellen Friedman, Richard Feuer, Rose Harrison, H D Grace, Sue Pringle
2A / 1B	2.63	Faith Sorkin, Karelei Tulenko, Harvey Wolfson, Beth Lasky
3A	1.97	Susie Schnelwar, Kerry Kppell Burt Kniager, Zack Wilde Jesus Arias
4A	1.48	Jack Kelly, Sharon Wajswol, Hazel and Jules Schoenberg



ACBL INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME

Wednesday Evening -
September 10, 2003

**LIMITED TO 15 TABLES.
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Card Combination Quiz

	A	B
1.	Q2 A54	J3 AK54
2.	KQ2 654 Best play for 2 tricks	AQJ 432 Best play for 3 tricks
3.	KJ10 432 Best play for 2 tricks	AJ10 432 Best play for 2 tricks
4.	AQ10 432 Best play for 2 tricks	QJ2 543 Best play for 1 winner
5.	KJ2 543	QJ9 A54 Best play for 3 tricks

1A: Low to the Queen. The only real chance for 2 tricks is to find the king to your left.

1B: Low to the Jack. In order to take 3 tricks you must score the Jack, Ace and King.

2A: Low to the King, then return to hand and lead low to the Queen. Best chance for 2 tricks is to find the Ace to your left.

2B: Low to the Jack, then return to hand and low to the Queen.

3A: Low to the ten, then low to the Jack. You will need the Queen onside.

3B: Low to the ten, then low to the Jack. You need either the King or Queen to your left.

4A: Low to the ten, then low to the Queen. You will need the King or Jack to your left.

4B: Low to the Queen, then low to the Jack. Like 3B and 4A, you need one of the key honors to your left.

5A: Low to the Jack. Playing low to the King, Ace or Queen to your left will then produce a trick. (try 5B on your own)

Plan the Play Solution: (From page 1)

Spade Queen to the Four

You have 2 hearts, at least 4 diamonds, a club and need 2 spades for 3NT. The timing is the thing here The only entry for North is in spades, so prepare your second spade trick while you can still hold up on the heart stopper.

If you kings are off side. Ace and another spade will result in down finesse the diamonds first you will go down whenever the diamond and spade 1 when south has both missing kings.

"I Challenge You" by Victor Mollo