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MOON AND GRUE TWO GOOD IN THE JOE WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

Yesterday, Hee-Jung Moon and Joe Grue triumphed mightily in the second of our Blue Riband events, the Joe Wakefield Memorial Championship Pairs.

Earlier in the week, Joe had given some very useful playing tips to the audience at the Prophet's Second Panel Shoa-w and obviously practised what he preached

We salute this Peerless Pair on an absolutely magnificent win.

TEAM SENIOR FLOORS OPPOSITION IN THE GORHAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP K.O. TEAMS

The distinguished and gruelling Championship Knock Out Teams Event was won this week by the team of
(L to R)
Nigel Bird (London),
Ellis Feigenbaun (California),
Marjorie Michelin (California)
and
Brian Senior (Nottingham)

There will surely be pop-corking at the Princess tonight!

Many congratulations to all!

BANQUET TICKET COLLECTION
Please collect your banquet tickets from the Hospitality Desk today BEFORE 1 P.M.
Tickets will be paid for as a charge to your room if you are a resident in the hotel or by CASH if not.

DREAM TEAMS

Congratulations to the awesome foursome of (L to R) Sally Kneser (CO), Karen Haines (NJ), Cyndi Sauvage (CO), and Deb Crisfield (PA). WHO WON THE Bracket 2 of the Joe Wakefield Memorial Championship Teams yesterday. Let's Hear it for the girls!

Three cheers for old friends Bill Souster and Sheena Rayner who won the X Bracket of the Joe Wakefield Championship Memorial Pairs yesterday. Sheena can now open some fizz and Bill can now collect that Bermuda chopping board!

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Valerie Remmers and Dale Remmers from BC Scored top honours in the B/C section of the Joe Wakefield Memorial Championship Pairs yesterday and we applaud them on this fine result.

PLUS, PLENTY MORE PEERLESS PLAYERS

Congratulations to Bill Souster and John Glynn on winning a section top in the side game on Tuesday afternoon
Bill's win has contributed significantly to domestic harmony in the Ed's household but he has been sent back into the fray to win another section top so that she can get one of those lovely Bermudian chopping boards.
There has always been domestic harmony in the Glynn household and the last thing John needs is a Bermudian chopping board.
Way to go, you two!

Lynn Hamlin and Debbie Ware were overall winners in the Bermuda Gold Rush Pairs and we applaud them on this fabulous feat

MARQUETTE MI MAGNIFICENCE

Players from Marquette MI totally cleaned up in the Thursday morning side game with, on the left, Emalyn Nikstand (who is actually from Wisconsin) and Mollie Freier taking the N/S top and, on the right, Cerona Stevens and Karen Reese taking the E/W top!
There must be something in the water in that part of the world.
Well played, Ladies!

GOLDEN GIRLS

It's a golden time for Laura Gastelum (CA) at our Regional as she has achieved Gold Life Master (or Mistress) status while here.
We are proud that this milestone was reached at our Regional Revival and we say very well done to her.

Meanwhile, Susan Salek and Ann Johnson picked up some shiny gold points yesterday and so they naturally think that our Regional, which is apparently famous in NJ, is "wonderful, great fun with nice people"
We appreciate the compliment and congratulate them on their gold haul.

Madeline and John Sharp from Ontario clearly enjoyed their 1st place in Section C of the Bermuda Gold Rush Pairs. They are friends of Edna Clay, who used to live in Bermuda and Edna has clearly told them that we like a bit of fizz in our winners so glasses raised to them!

REVISED SCORE FOR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

WED AFT SIDE GAME
19.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.69	1			Nicola Adamson, Kent CTS 3NU ; J. Malcolm Lewis, Kent Me13 8pj England	64.19%
4.55	2	1	1	Wenda Krupp, Devonshire Bermuda; Jane Gregory, Crawl Bermuda	61.21%
3.41	3	2		Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS	60.83%
2.56	4	3		Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	60.01%
2.33	5	4		Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; Alan Gellert, Jensen Beach FL	58.54%
1.63	6			Jean Louis, Naples FL; Dianne Hastings, Orillia ON	56.77%
1.63	7			Mustafa Cem Tokay, New York NY; David McCreery, East Hampton NY	56.65%
2.19		5	2	Marjory McDonald - Sue Howe, Toronto ON	55.33%
1.08		6		Betsy Baillie - Peter Donnellan, Warwick Bermuda	55.18%
1.64			3	Patrick Cerra - Barbara Cerra, Southampton Bermuda	52.82%
1.23			4	Carol Jones, Paget Bermuda; Shirley Higgins, Hamilton Bermuda	50.79%
0.92			5	Susan Kerr - Debbie McLean, Paris ON	50.43%
0.69			6	Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton Bermuda; Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08 Bermuda	46.76

EIGHT IS NOT ENOUGH

Over the last decade or so, Tournament Queens have reigned supreme at the Bermuda Regional and here's a reminder of the Great Eight who have made our Regional what it is today.

Lynanne Bolton

Donna Leitch

Jane Clipper

Judy Bussell

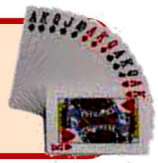
Katrina Van Pelt

Kathy Keane

Sheena Rayner

Rachael Gosling

THE BACKHANDER – YESTERDAY'S BEST
by ROBERT TODD



Interesting Decision

Dealer: North
Vul: N/S Vul

	♠ AKQJT986 ♥ K5 ♦ 6 ♣ AQ	
♠ 3 ♥ Q97 ♦ KJ85 ♣ T9743		♠ 54 ♥ A8643 ♦ AT92 ♣ 65
	♠ 72 ♥ JT2 ♦ Q743 ♣ KJ82	

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
2♣	P	2♦	X
2♠	P	2NT	P
4♠	All Pass		

It seems like this week there have been more 8-card and 9-card suits than I've seen in a while. Some people say, "oh those computer hands", but many of them say that right have they have shuffled and dealt them! It really has been a week of some fun hands and I hope that you got to hold a few of them.

This hand seemed to have a different auction at every table in the Thursday Morning Pairs. At most of the tables, N/S ended up with 11 tricks, but at many of them they have a chance at 12 tricks if they had played carefully.

For this auction West make a lead directing double and that got East to lead the ♦A and another ♦D. Can you see how to make 12 tricks now?

You could play low from the dummy (South) and ruff. Then run all of your trump. If either player has the ♥A and long ♣ then on the run of the Spades they will be squeezed – or there could be lots of other ♣ squeeze.

But there is a better line of play. Did you see it?

Ruff the ♦ with the ♠8! Then play the ♠A. And now unblock the ♣AQ. You can then play the ♠6 to the ♠7 – a dummy entry!! – and use the final two ♣ winners to discard both of your ♥.

Remember to manage your spots in the trump suit, they can be extremely helpful for transportation!

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

WED-THU AM A/X PAIRS SECOND SESSION

SECTION D

A	X		
1	1	Bill Souster, Newport Gwent ; Sheena Rayner, Wk 09 Bermuda	63.54%
2		Joe Grue - Hee-Jung Moon, New York NY	63.02%
3		Marjorie Michelin - Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	55.73%
4	2	Michael Klein, Falls Church VA; Stephen Rzewski, South Dennis MA	53.13%

WED-THU AM B/C PAIRS SECOND SESSION

		NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION E			EAST-WEST	
B	C			B	C		
1		Donna Johnson, Lawrence KS; Laura Gastelum, Lomita CA	66.48%	1		Dale Remmers - Valarie Remmers, Plano TX	67.61%
2/3		John F. W. Glynn - Rachael Gosling, Paget Bermuda	53.22%	2		Joanne Grandy - Rosemary Cheung, Toronto ON	58.52%
2/3		Terry Jones, Falls Church VA; Lucia Enica, Washington DC	53.22%	3		Saunie Canuso, Osterville MA; Greg Winkler, Centerville MA	54.55%
4/5		Heather Burling, Newmarket ON; Margaret Farmer, Mississauga ON	53.03%	4		Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda; Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke Bermuda	53.03%
4/5		Charles Hall, Smiths Parish Bermuda; Tony Saunders, Paget Bermuda	53.03%	5		Jean Louis, Naples FL; Dianne Hastings, Orillia ON	52.46%
	1	Mary Lyons Scott, Hanover NH; Nancy Fleming, Exeter NH	45.45%		1	Debbie Thomas, Tampa FL; Linda Russell, Boynton Beach FL	48.86%
					2	Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS	46.21%

WED-THU AM GOLD RUSH SECOND SESSION

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION G				EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1			Susan Salek, Chicago IL; Ann Johnson, Morristown NJ	57.51%	1			Sancia Garrison, Warwick Bermuda; Desmond Nash, Sn 02 Bermuda	68.10%
2			Katharine Link - Barbara Daly, Flourtown PA	57.40%	2	1		Lynn Hamlin, Haverford PA; Deborah Ware, Bryn Mawr PA	67.02%
3	1	1	John Sharp - Madeline Sharp, Carrying Place ON	57.04%	3			Linda O'Malley - Brendan O'Malley, Lafayette Hill PA	58.73%
4	2		Betsy Baillie, Warwick Bermuda; Joyce Pearson, Southampton Bermuda	52.24%	4			Sandy Walker - Sonia Cartwright, Nassau Bahamas	57.54%
5			Judi Zucker, Boston MA; Connie Lampert, Wayland MA	52.14%	5			Patricia Opderbeck, Newtown Square PA; Debbie Jones, Bryn Mawr PA	52.99%
						2		Claude Guay - Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton Bermuda	51.27%
						3		Donna Brookins, Naples FL; Julie Lilie, Evanston IL	49.58%
							1	Carol Moore - Carol Cappuccio, Marquette MI	43.81%
6	3		Alan Gellert, Jensen Beach FL; Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	53.53%	6	3		Sally Duff - Rhonda Patterson, Raleigh NC	51.28%
	4		Susan Bowness - Paulette Clayton, Pinehurst NC	53.21%		4		June Van Iderstine, Burlington ON; Gail Titus, Oakville ON	50.96%
		1	Katherine Fiske,				1	Karen Day, Portland ME; Sheila Pechinski,	

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

THU AM SIDE GAME 2ND OF 3 SESSION

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION J			EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C	
1	1		Mollie Freier, Marquette MI; Emalyn Nikstad, Wausau WI	66.03%	1		Karen Reese - Cerona Stevens, Marquette MI	57.85%
2			Angela Huang - Jocelyn Macdonald, Toronto ON	60.42%	2		Elizabeth Paige, Duxbury MA; Jenny Koenecke, Kingston MA	53.04%
3			June Bunn, Ft Walton Beach FL; Jo Watford, Niceville FL	57.85%	3		J. Malcolm Lewis, Kent Me13 8pj England; Nicola Adamson, Kent	52.56%
4	2		Belinda Metzger - James Metzger, Darien CT	56.41%	4/5	1/2	Margaret Clark - Sarah Hargrove, Pinehurst NC	52.24%
5			James Thomas, Burlington NC; Nancy Marshall, Greensboro NC	54.97%	4/5	1/2	Carol Pastushok, Plainsboro NJ; Lawrence Schell, Weymouth MA	52.24%
			Pinehurst NC; Johanna Edgar, Southern Pines NC	53.04%			Scarborough ME	49.36%
		2	Wenda Krupp, Devonshire Bermuda; Jane Gregory, Crawl Bermuda	40.38%				

WED-THU AM A/X PAIRS
5.0 Tables / Based on 49 Tables

	A	X		
25.81	1		Joe Grue - Hee-Jung Moon, New York NY	57.29%
19.36	2	1	Bill Souster, Newport Gwent ; Sheena Rayner, Wk 09 Bermuda	55.47%
14.52	3	2	Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke Bermuda; Margaret Way, Paget Bermuda	55.21%
10.89	4		Michael Klein, Falls Church VA; Stephen Rzewski, South Dennis MA	54.69%

WED-THU AM B/C PAIRS
12.0 Tables / Based on 44 Tables

	B	C		
17.72	1		Dale Remmers - Valarie Remmers, Plano TX	59.92%
13.29	2		Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda; Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke Bermuda	57.27%
9.97	3		Donna Johnson, Lawrence KS; Laura Gastelum, Lomita CA	56.06%
7.48	4		Saunie Canuso, Osterville MA; Greg Winkler, Centerville MA	55.93%
5.91	5		Terry Jones, Falls Church VA; Lucia Enica, Washington DC	54.82%
5.06	6		Karen Haines, Summit NJ; Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA	54.57%
4.73		1	Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS	48.43%
3.55		2	Jane Stephenson - Heather O'Connor, Toronto ON	47.88%
2.66		3	Mary Lyons Scott, Hanover NH; Nancy Fleming, Exeter NH	46.32%

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

WED-THU AM GOLD RUSH
13.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.28	1	1		Lynn Hamlin, Haverford PA; Deborah Ware, Bryn Mawr PA	63.69%
3.96	2			Sancia Garrison, Warwick Bermuda; Desmond Nash, Sn 02 Bermuda	61.93%
2.97	3			Linda O'Malley - Brendan O'Malley, Lafayette Hill PA	58.32%
2.23	4			Sandy Walker - Sonia Cartwright, Nassau Bahamas	56.86%
1.76	5			Patricia Opderbeck, Newtown Square PA; Debbie Jones, Bryn Mawr PA	54.90%
2.65	6	2	1	John Sharp - Madeline Sharp, Carrying Place ON	54.86%
1.76	7			Susan Salek, Chicago IL; Ann Johnson, Morristown NJ	54.06%
1.99		3		Claude Guay - Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton Bermuda	53.43%
1.76		4		Maria Wilson - Lynne D'Arville, Nassau Bahamas	53.07%
1.18		5		Claire Holloway - Sandra Curtis, Toronto ON	50.69%
1.87			2	Lisa Hadar, Woodbury NY; Jeffrey Bennett, Jericho NY	47.62%

THU AM SIDE GAME
14.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.55	1	1		Mollie Freier, Marquette MI; Emalyn Nikstad, Wausau WI	66.03%
3.41	2			Angela Huang - Jocelyn Macdonald, Toronto ON	60.42%
2.24	3/4			June Bunn, Ft Walton Beach FL; Jo Watford, Niceville FL	57.85%
2.80	3/4			Karen Reese - Cerona Stevens, Marquette MI	57.85%
2.63	5	2		Belinda Metzger - James Metzger, Darien CT	56.41%
1.08	6			James Thomas, Burlington NC; Nancy Marshall, Greensboro NC	54.97%
1.97		3		Alan Gellert, Jensen Beach FL; Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	53.53%
1.48		4		Susan Bowness - Paulette Clayton, Pinehurst NC	53.21%
1.90		5	1	Katherine Fiske, Pinehurst NC; Johanna Edgar, Southern Pines NC	53.04%
1.49		6/7		Margaret Clark - Sarah Hargrove, Pinehurst NC	52.24%
1.49		6/7		Carol Pastushok, Plainsboro NJ; Lawrence Schell, Weymouth MA	52.24%
1.43			2	Karen Day, Portland ME; Sheila Pechinski, Scarborough ME	49.36%

Local players Heather Woolf and Aida Bostelmann triumphed in the B/C/D Pairs on Wed/Thurs and we say very well done to them.

The bells all over Bermuda would ring out if we could arrange it.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

WED-THU AFT B/C/D PAIRS SECOND SESSION

SECTION G

B	C	D		
1	1		Jane Stephenson - Heather O'Connor, Toronto ON	68.75%
2/3	2/3	1	Howard Berman, New York NY; Carole Berman, Boca Raton FL	54.86%
2/3	2/3		Aida Bostelmann - Heather Woolf, Paget Bermuda	54.86%
		2	John Sharp - Madeline Sharp, Carrying Place ON	52.08%

THU AFT SIDE GAME 2ND OF 3 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH SECTION J

A	B	C		
1			Lucia Enica, Washington DC; Terry Jones, Falls Church VA	57.93%
2	1		James Leitch, Smiths Parish Bermuda; Greta Marshall, Paget Bermuda	54.33%
3	2		Inger Mesna - John Rayner, Hamilton Bermuda	53.82%
4	3		Louise Rodger, Paget Bermuda; Molly Taussig, Warwick Bermuda	53.74%
5			Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke Bermuda; Margaret Way, Paget Bermuda	52.31%
		1	Charles Roraback - Molly Roraback, Litchfield CT	45.63%

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		
1			Joe Grue - Hee-Jung Moon, New York NY	68.36%
2	1	1	Sandra Curtis - Claire Holloway, Toronto ON	60.63%
3			Charles Hall, Smiths Parish Bermuda; Stephanie Kyme,	60.59%
4	3		Jean Louis - Linda Smith, Naples FL	59.32%
5			Joanne Grandy - Rosemary Cheung, Toronto ON	53.33%
		2	Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS	51.71%
		3	2 Julie Lilie, Evanston IL; Donna Brookins, Naples FL	47.48%

NORTH-SOUTH SECTION K

A	B	C		
1			Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda; Diana Diel, Smith Bermuda	68.58%
2	1	1	Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08 Bermuda; Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton Bermuda	63.30%
3	2	2	Betsy Baillie, Warwick Bermuda; Delton Outerbridge, Paget Bermuda	60.41%
4			Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA; Sally Kneser, Englewood CO	57.77%

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		
1	1	1	Peter Fishbach, Duluth GA; Robert Mann, Roslyn NY	55.17%
2			Miyoko Boswell, Ramsey NJ; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	51.20%
3	2		Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; Alan Gellert, Jensen Beach FL	51.04%
4			Karen Haines, Summit NJ; Cyndi Sauvage, Englewood CO	48.76%
		2	Carla Dimuzio - Paul Dimuzio, Maple Glenn PA	48.60%

Local Favourite Greta Marshall scored impressively in the Thursday afternoon side game. Greta did not play alone but her partner, Jim Leitch, had to rush home to tender to a brand new puppy. Doggone it Congratulations to both on a fine score.!

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

WED-THU AFT B/C/D PAIRS
4.0 Tables

	B	C	D		
4.59	1	1		Aida Bostelmann - Heather Woolf, Paget Bermuda	60.42%
3.44	2	2		Jane Stephenson - Heather O'Connor, Toronto ON	56.94%
2.58	3			Heather Burling, Newmarket ON; Margaret Farmer, Mississauga ON	52.43%

THU AFT SIDE GAME
20.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.88	1			Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda; Diana Diel, Smith Bermuda	68.58%
4.41	2			Joe Grue - Hee-Jung Moon, New York NY	68.36%
4.20	3	1	1	Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08 Bermuda; Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton Bermuda	63.30%
3.15	4	2	2	Sandra Curtis - Claire Holloway, Toronto ON	60.63%
1.86	5			Charles Hall, Smiths Parish Bermuda; Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke Bermuda	60.59%
2.36	6	3	3	Betsy Baillie, Warwick Bermuda; Delton Outerbridge, Paget Bermuda	60.41%
1.05	7			Jean Louis - Linda Smith, Naples FL	59.32%
2.22		4	4	Peter Fishbach, Duluth GA; Robert Mann, Roslyn NY	55.17%
1.80		5		James Leitch, Smiths Parish Bermuda; Greta Marshall, Paget Bermuda	54.33%
1.29		6		Inger Mesna - John Rayner, Hamilton Bermuda	53.82%
0.83			5	Lisa Hadar, Woodbury NY; Jeffrey Bennett, Jericho NY	49.28%

BRACKETED KO TEAMS - 01
9 Tables

31.33 1 Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, W5 3ex England; Marjorie Michelin - Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA

21.93 2 Barbara McLendon - Iulian Rotaru, New York NY; Radu Nistor - Raluca Dobrescu, Aventura FL

12.53 3/4 Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke Bermuda; Margaret Way, Paget Bermuda; Charles Hall, Smiths Parish Bermuda; Miyoko Boswell, Ramsey NJ

12.53 3/4 Margie Sullivan, Sagamore Beach MA; Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA; Michael Klein, Falls Church VA; Stephen Rzewski, South Dennis MA

BRACKETED KO TEAMS - 02
8 Tables

12.22 1 Cyndi Sauvage - Sally Kneser, Englewood CO; Karen Haines, Summit NJ; Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA

8.55 2 James Thomas, Burlington NC; Lucia Enica, Washington DC; Nancy Marshall, Greensboro NC; Terry Jones, Falls Church VA

BY POPULAR DEMAND – HOT TODDY'S NOTES FROM TUESDAY

Competitive Bidding – They Open the Bidding

Opponents Open the Bidding

When the opponents open the bidding, we use a variety of different tools to compete in the bidding. We use different tools versus different opening bids – 1-Level, 2+Level Preempts, and 1NT Openings.

Tools for Competing After They Open – Direct Seat Actions

- Simple Overcall
  - 1-Level Overcalls
- 7-18 points with a 5+card suit. With a longer suit, the maximum HCP is lower.
- 2-Level Overcalls (not jump overcalls
- 12-18 points with a 5+card good suit. With a quality 6+card suit this overcall can be made with 10-11 HCP.
- Suit Quality for Overcall
- The fewer HCP, the better suit quality needed. With only a good suit, and not good values, consider a preemptive jump overcall instead of a simple overcall.
- 1-level overcalls are extremely wide-ranging in suit quality (as well as HCP).
- Some players overcall 4-card suits at the 1-level with a good hand and good suit (at least an opening hand).
- 2-level overcalls should be a good 5+card suit (often 6+card suit). Partner will raise with 3-cards, violating the LOTT. Make overcalls with a 5-card suit at 2-level only with a good hand.
- Vulnerability also affects suit quality requirements: NV be aggressive; Vul have a decent suit.
  - Hand Strength – Buckets

  Just as we think of Opener's hand as belonging to *Buckets* (ranges of strength) we also think of different buckets for Overcaller's hand strength. At the 1-level Overcaller's possible hand strengths are:

- 7-9 points Subminimum Values
- 10-12 points Minimum Values
- 12-14 points Sound Values
- 15-18 points Extra Values

2-Level overcalls have either Sound or Extra Values (not Min or Sub-Min Values).

- Preemptive Jump Overcall
  - Overcalling at higher levels requires more playing strength. This extra hand strength involves suit quality, HCP, and extra shape of hand. With fewer HCP we need compensating values to overcall at a high level.
- 1NT Overcall
- Takeout Double
- Michaels Cuebid
- Unusual NT

Tools for Competing After They Open – Sandwich Seat Actions

When partner is a passed hand, we may make an overcall for a variety of reasons.

- To try to win the contact.
- To help partner make a good opening lead (lead-directing).
- To make the bidding more difficult on the opponents (destructive).

Options for Bidding

- 1-Level Overcalls
  - 7-18 points with a 5+card suit. With a longer suit, the maximum HCP is lower.
- 2-Level Overcalls (not jump overcalls)
- Takeout Double – More strength and less shape
- Michaels Cuebid – More shape and less strength (usually min-max style)
- Natural Cuebid -- Bidding RHO's suit (usually natural)
- Unusual NT – The most shape and least strength

Tools for Competing After They Open – Balancing Seat Actions

In the Balancing Seat we generally "borrow a King" from partner.

- 1-Level Overcalls
- 2-Level Overcalls (not jump overcalls)
- Jump Overcalls -- Intermediate
- Takeout Double
- Michaels Cuebid – More shape and less strength (usually min-max style)
- Natural Cuebid -- Bidding RHO's suit (usually natural)
- Unusual NT – The most shape and least strength

MASTERPOINT RACE UPDATE
for the Senior Trophies

Please note that these tables represent master points earned IN TROPHY EVENTS ONLY.
For a more comprehensive list of master points earned, please consult
the Total Masterpoint lists on the Regional website at www.bermudaregional.com

Visitors' Scores in Trophy Events, as of Thursday Afternoon
The Maude Lines

1	44.88	Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA
2	44.88	Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA
3	42.13	Barbara McLendon, New York NY
4	42.13	Radu Nistor, Aventura FL
5	41.18	Nigel Bird, W5 3ex
6	41.18	Brian Senior, Nottingham
7	37.91	Iulian Rotaru, New York NY
8	37.91	Raluca Dobrescu, Aventura FL
9	33.15	Bill Souster, Newport Gwent
10	28.28	Joe Grue, New York NY
11	28.28	Hee-Jung Moon, New York NY
12	23.66	Lucia Enica, Washington DC
13	23.66	Terry Jones, Falls Church VA
14	23.42	Michael Klein, Falls Church VA
15	23.42	Stephen Rzewski, South Dennis MA
16	22.12	Miyoko Boswell, Ramsey NJ
17	20.15	Dale Remmers, Plano TX
18	20.15	Valarie Remmers, Plano TX
19	19.73	Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON
20	18.99	Cyndi Sauvage, Englewood CO

Total Masterpoints reported: 617.21

Players selected: 20 out of 342

Bermudians' Scores in Trophy Events, as of Thursday Afternoon
The Norman Bach

1	44.83	Charles Hall, Smiths Parish
2	38.81	Margaret Way, Paget
3	38.81	Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke
4	38.73	Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire
5	36.30	Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke
6	22.19	Rachael Gosling, Paget
7	21.33	Sheena Rayner, Wk 09
8	16.69	John Burville, Pembroke
9	15.82	Lynanne Bolton, Warwick
10	15.82	Peter Donnellan, Warwick
11	10.56	David Cordon, Warwick
12	9.26	Wendy Gray, Southampton
13	9.26	Richard Gray, Southampton
14	6.95	Harry Kast, Hamilton
15	5.39	John F. W. Glynn, Paget
16	4.95	Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton
17	4.95	Claude Guay, Hamilton
18	4.95	Desmond Nash, Sn 02
19	4.73	Judith Bussell, Devonshire
20	4.09	Erika Jones, Pembroke

Total Masterpoints reported: 354.42

Players selected: 20 out of 342

MASTERPOINT RACE UPDATE
for the Junior Trophies

Please note that, in order to qualify for the junior master point trophies, your points must be earned in NEWCOMER SESSIONS ONLY.

Visitor Juniors' Scores in at least three novice sessions as of Thursday Afternoon
The Longtail Trophy

1	8.46	Debbie McLean, Paris ON
2	8.46	Susan Kerr, Paris ON
3	4.63	Katie Smith, Smithfield NC
4	4.63	Alyce Wellons, Smithfield NC
5	3.64	Lillian Lawrence, Smithfield NC
6	3.64	Clara Wellons, Smithfield NC
7	2.70	Jeffrey Bennett, Jericho NY
8	2.09	Cynthia Belcher, Blue Bell PA
9	1.86	Anita Ficken, Flourtown PA
10	1.83	Ilene Mankoff, Boynton Beach FL
11	1.83	Dorothy Zeide, Stamford CT
12	1.77	Rhonda Hodgson, Eclectic AL
13	1.77	Stephanie Craft, Montgomery AL
14	1.77	Linda Johnson, Brookline MA
15	1.75	Cathy Boone, Eclectic AL
16	1.69	Elizabeth Lawrence, Birmingham AL
17	1.69	Suefan Johnson, Smithfield NC
18	1.38	Sandra Winborne, Smithfield NC
19	1.17	Tess Ferree, Morristown NJ
20	0.71	Paul Dimuzio, Maple Glenn PA

Total Masterpoints reported: 58.92
Players selected: 22 out of 342

Bermudian Juniors' Scores in at least three novice sessions as of Thursday Afternoon
The Karl Stanley Hicks Trophy

1	5.34	James Mulderig, Saint Simons GA
2	2.19	Catherine Kennedy, Paget
3	1.21	Jamie Sapsford, St George
4	0.91	Amanda Ingham, Warwick
5	0.74	Maria Wakely, Hamilton
6	0.65	A Diana Rayner, Devonshire
7	0.62	Keri McKittrick, Hamilton Parish

Total Masterpoints reported: 11.66
Players selected: 7 out of 342

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Introduction

Opener has many options for ways to bid hands with lots of HCP. With very strong hands in competitive auctions, this often involves making a double and bidding. It can be much harder to describe a hand that can take a lot of tricks, but does not have a tremendous amount of HCP. There are many special jump bids available to Opener (or Interferer) to describe this type of hand.

Single-Suited Hands

First, let's look at options for how to show 1-suited hand with lots of tricks. Our general rule is,
"Associate 3NT bids with trick-based hands, not High Card Points!"

Solid Minor Hands

- Gambling 3NT Opening Bid -- 7+card solid suit, AKQ++, and no outside A or K. Combination of a preempt and a powerful hand.
  - 1m opening bid then jump rebid to 3NT – gambling hand plus one outside trick (A or K).
  - With more tricks (another A or K) open 2♣.

Hands with More HCP but Somewhat Broken Minor Suit

- Consider opening 3NT in 3rd/4th Seat – "To Play". Usually a long minor with other HCP.
- Consider opening 2NT with 18-19 HCP, good 6c minor, and a semi-balanced hand.
- Consider opening 1NT with 13-14 HCP, very good 6c minor, and a semi-balanced hand.

Hands with Lots of HCP and a Long Single-Suit (Traditional)

- Open 2♣ with about 10+tricks in a minor or about 9+tricks in a Major.
- With a single-suited slightly weaker hand make a jump shift into short suit to set the GF -- usually a 3-card minor suit.

Setting Trump

- Jump in suit after a 2♣ opening bid shows at good hand with at most a one-loser suit. Asks Responder to start cuebidding.
- Jump rebid, usually by Opener, in 2/1 GF auctions does not promise a tremendous amount of extra HCP, instead shows a great suit -- at most one-loser suit and asks partner to start cuebidding.

Strong Single-Suited Hands in Competition

- Jump overcall of 3NT to show long running minor suit with a stopper in the opponent's suit.
  - (1X) 3NT or (2X) 3NT.
- Jump cuebid of the opponent's suit shows long running minor suit without a stopper in the opponent's suit (Western Cuebid). Asks partner for a stopper in the opponent's suit.
  - (1X) 3X or (2X) 3X.
- "Double and Bid" suit with more HCP as a part of the playing strength of the hand.
- Jump Overcalls of a preemptive bid show strong hands with long strong suit.

Two-Suited Hands

There are also hands that have two long suits and a lot of trick-taking power without too many HCP.

Jump Shift and Reverse Auctions (Traditional 2-Suited Hands)

- With a strong 2-suited hand with equal length, open the higher-ranking suit and jump shift into the lower-ranking suit.
- Otherwise, open the longer suit and either jump shift or reverse into the shorter suit.
- Open 2♣ only with huge hands that are 2-suited. These are usually a good number of HCP and at least 10 tricks in your hand.

Strong Two-Suited Hands in Competition

- A Michaels cuebid with a strong hand with both Majors (or Major-minor). Most partnerships play Michaels cuebids as Min/Max -- either weak (5-11 HCP) or strong (16+ HCP).
- The Unusual NT can be used to show the two lowest unbid suits, but most partnerships play that 2NT is not a strong bid. A jump to 4NT can be used to show a much more distributional hand, or even a 2NT bid followed by jumping to game or slam can be used to show a distributional hand with lots of HCP.
- "Double and Bid" with lots of HCP and no other good action to describe the hand.
  - Double and Rebid longest suit with a longer suit and powerful hand.
  - Double and Rebid Major with a Major and a minor and a powerful hand.
  - Cuebid the opponent's suit, after making a takeout double, to make sure to force the bidding when still not sure where to play or how to describe the hand.
- Vs. Preempts there are many options for showing strong 2-suited hand
  - Leaping Michaels
  - Unusual 4NT
  - Jump Cuebid at 4-Level
  - "Non-Leaping" Michaels

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

(FRIDAY, February 2nd)

9:30 a.m.
The IGI Championship Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
(Session 1 of 2 – *continues this afternoon)*
Open Side Game – Devonshire Series (Session3 of 3)
99er Game (0-99 points)

2;00 p.m.
The IGI Championship Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
(Session 2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Hamilton Series *(Session 3 of 3)*
99er Game (0-99 points)
Senior Trophy Event in Bold

6:30 p.m.
Gala Dinner Dance+
and Prizegiving
in the
Harbourview Ballroom

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