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THE LAST HURRAH FOR TEAM SENIOR

The curtain may be falling on this year's tournament but the standards certainly aren't as was convincingly demonstrated by Team Senior who, after winning the prestigious Gorham's Knock-Out Teams throughout the week, also aced Flight A of yesterday's IGI Stratiflighted Swiss Teams.

Nigel Bird (London), Ellis Feigenbaum (California), Marjorie Michelin (California), and Brian Senior (Nottingham) take the final bow in our Revived Regional and with it goes the last hurrah of 2024, for it is now time to bring the curtain down on what we hope has been an unforgettable tournament for you all.

After the success that this team has had this week, if they're at the Prizegiving tonight, we'd better see all four of them on the dance floor electric sliding for all they're worth!

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TOP TEAMS TOO!

The X Flight in the IGI Swiss yesterday was won by Bill Souster, David Ezekiel, Nicola Adamson, and Malcolm Lewis.
This was a popular win as it involved a) the Prophet, b) a past distinguished local player and his partner, and c) the Ed's husband.
Nice job, Team!

Winning in Flight B of the IGI Swiss event yesterday was the team of (L) Roma Cheung, Will Sutherland, Kathleen Hart and Joanne Grandy, and we congratulate them on this splendid win.

Taking top honours in Flights C and D in the IGI Swiss yesterday was the local team of Betsy Baillie, Sharon Shanahan, Claude Guay and Lisa Ferrari.
Bravo to all;
Bermuda couldn't be prouder.

Victorious in the Wed/Thurs afternoon Swiss Teams event were (L to R): Joel Wooldridge, Janie Woo, Ruth Weston and Richard Palmer.
While Ruth and Richard have been coming to our Regional for many years, it is the first time here for Janie and Joel.
With this fine win under their belts, we're confident that they're having a great time and we hope to see them back here again.
Meanwhile, it's Bliss in the Swiss for them and we congratulate them.

BRONZE BRAVAS

Congratulations to June Stephenson from Toronto who became a Bronze Life Master or Mistress with us this week.

Local Player, Sancia Garrison, also achieved Bronze Life Master or Mistress status this week; in fact, she scored a two in one, becoming Life Master or Mistress and Bronze at the same time!

Women are certainly doing it for themselves at our Tournament in 2024, and we're thrilled that they've achieved their milestones in Bermuda.

No wonder this local team is striking a jaunty pose for (L to R) Judy King, Steve Cosham, Martha Ferguson, and Sancia Garrison (missing Harry Kast) took top honours in Flight C of the Swiss on Wed/Thurs aft. Such a picture and a result positively shouts out for a big "Yayy!

More local players excelled yesterday as Diana Diel and Elizabeth McKee took very top honours in the afternoon side game. Winning Women are at it again and we say glory, glory to them.

Meanwhile, Will Sutherland and Kathleen Hart came first in the Mon/Tues Eve BC Pairs and we say well played to them both.

THE MASTERPOINT TROPHY WINNERS

THE MAUDE LINES TROPHY

Awarded to the visiting player who has won the most master points in Trophy Events this week

Marjorie Michelin and Ellis Feigenbaum of Laguna Woods CA have had a fantastically successful week with us and fully deserve this prestigious award.

THE NORMAN BACH TROPHY

Awarded to the local player who has won the most master points in Trophy Events this week

One of the loudest cheers of the night was for Charles Hall who won this coveted award, a just reward for excellence at the bridge table and for being nice to all his partners. Well done, Charles!

THE LONGTAIL TROPHY

Awarded to the visiting junior player who started the week with 50 or fewer points and has won the most master points this week.

This award went to Debbie McLean and Susan Kerr, of Paris ON who had a brilliant week with us. Unfortunately, they had left by the time of the Prizegiving, but we raised a glass or two to them in their absence.

THE KARL STANLEY HICKS TROPHY

Awarded to the local junior player who started the week with 20 or fewer points and has won the most master points this week

The winner of this award was James Mulderig who played well and consistently throughout the week. Well done, James!

RESULTS

WED/THURS AFT SWISS
22 Tables

	A	B	C		
11.20	1			Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Janie Woo, New York NY; Richard Palmer, Fountain Hills AZ; Ruth Weston, Marshfield MA	98.00
8.40	2			Jenny Koenecke, Kingston MA; Jean Shaffer - William Shaffer, Milton MA; Lawrence Schell, Weymouth MA; Elizabeth Paige, Duxbury MA	83.00
6.30	3	1		Caryl Marcellus - Dawne Griffiths - David Ellis - Craig Ellis, Toronto ON; Graham Fenton, Gtr Manchester ; Brenda Fortunate, Grand Blanc MI	74.00
4.73	4	2	1	Sancia Garrison - Judy King, Warwick Bermuda; Harry Kast - Martha Ferguson, Hamilton Bermuda; Stephen Cosham, St Georges Bermuda	73.00
3.73	5			Rachael Gosling - John F. W. Glynn, Paget Bermuda; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Gertrude Barker, Warwick Bermuda	70.00
3.33	6	3	2	Maria Wilson - Lynne D'Arville - Sandy Walker - Sonia Cartwright, Nassau Bahamas	67.00
2.50		4		Richard Gray - Wendy Gray, Southampton Bermuda; Sheena Rayner, Wk 09 Bermuda; Magda Farag, Smiths Parish Bermuda; Elysa Burland, Warwick Bermuda	64.00
1.83		5/6		Robert Young - Shiaomay Young, Northfield IL; Dorothy Zeide, Stamford CT; Ilene Mankoff, Boynton Beach FL	62.00
1.83		5/6		Valarie Remmers - Dale Remmers, Plano TX; John Luebkemann, Addison TX; Jane Clipper, Hamilton Parish Bermuda	62.00
1.86			3	Patricia Opderbeck, Newtown Square PA; Debbie Jones, Bryn Mawr PA; Annabelle Curran, Bala Cynwyd PA; Demry Sibson - Jane Zarfoss, West Palm Beach FL	61.00

WED-FRI AM SIDE PR SERIES
28.50 Tables / Based on 16 Tables

8.20	1/2	Ketan Shevde, Great Neck NY	128.23%
8.20	1/2	Nirmala Shevde, Great Neck NY	128.23%
5.53	3/4	Mollie Freier, Marquette MI	117.16%
5.53	3/4	Emalyn Nikstad, Wausau WI	117.16%
3.58	5/6	Cerona Stevens, Marquette MI	114.38%
3.58	5/6	Karen Reese, Marquette MI	114.38%
3.79	7/8	June Bunn, Ft Walton Beach FL	113.83%
3.79	7/8	Jo Watford, Niceville FL	113.83%

RESULTS

FRI AM SIDE GAME 3RD OF 3 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH					SECTION K	EAST-WEST				
A	B	C				A	B	C		
1	1		Mary Lyons Scott, Hanover NH; Nancy Fleming, Exeter NH	61.93%		1	1		Nirmala Shevde - Ketan Shevde, Great Neck NY	68.94%
2	2		Allison McGeough, Saint Augustine FL; Karen Haines, Summit NJ	54.36%		2	2		Molly Taussig, Warwick Bermuda; John Burville, Pembroke Bermuda	66.10%
3	3	1	Carol Pastushok, Plainsboro NJ; Barbara Burian, Fairfield CT	54.17%		3	3		Jane Zarfoss - Demry Sibson, West Palm Beach FL	57.39%
4	4	2	Carol Chiodo, Blue Bell PA; Anita Ficken, Flourtown PA	53.98%		4	4		Peter Donnellan - Lynanne Bolton, Warwick Bermuda	55.68%
5			Belinda Metzger - James Metzger, Darien CT	51.33%		5			June Van Iderstine, Burlington ON; Gail Titus, Oakville ON	55.30%
								1	Lisa Lamason, Lafayette Hill PA; Eileen Maginnis, Flourtown PA	46.59%
								2	Wenda Krupp, Devonshire Bermuda; Jane Gregory, Crawl Bermuda	37.69%

FRI AM SIDE GAME
12.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.17	1	1		Nirmala Shevde - Ketan Shevde, Great Neck NY	68.94%
3.13	2	2		Molly Taussig, Warwick Bermuda; John Burville, Pembroke Bermuda	66.10%
2.57	3	3		Mary Lyons Scott, Hanover NH; Nancy Fleming, Exeter NH	61.93%
1.76	4	4		Jane Zarfoss - Demry Sibson, West Palm Beach FL	57.39%
1.32	5	5		Peter Donnellan - Lynanne Bolton, Warwick Bermuda	55.68%
0.99	6	6		June Van Iderstine, Burlington ON; Gail Titus, Oakville ON	55.30%
2.04			1	Carol Pastushok, Plainsboro NJ; Barbara Burian, Fairfield CT	54.17%
1.53			2	Carol Chiodo, Blue Bell PA; Anita Ficken, Flourtown PA	53.98%
1.15			3	Lisa Hadar, Woodbury NY; Jeffrey Bennett, Jericho NY	49.81%

Congratulations to two more Golden Girls who came first in Section C of the Gold Rush Pairs.

They, too, are from Marquette MI, just like two sets of winners yesterday.

Well done, ladies.

RESULTS

FRI AFT SIDE GAME
10.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.79	1	1		Louise Rodger, Paget Bermuda; Patricia Siddle, Warwickn Bermuda	67.36%
2.84	2			Karen Reese - Cerona Stevens, Marquette MI	64.81%
2.13	3			Gertrude Barker, Warwick Bermuda; Jane Smith, Southampton. Bermuda	61.81%
2.50	4	2	1	Donna Brookins, Naples FL; Julie Lilie, Evanston IL	61.11%
1.87	5	3		Elysa Burland - Molly Taussig, Warwick Bermuda	56.94%
1.58	6	4		June Van Iderstine, Burlington ON; Gail Titus, Oakville ON	55.79%
1.05		5		Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS	55.09%
1.64			2	Barbara Burian, Fairfield CT; Carol Pastushok, Plainsboro NJ	54.63%
1.23			3	Barbara Cerra - Patrick Cerra, Southampton Bermuda	50.46%
0.92			4	Kathleen Keane, Warwick Bermuda; Carol Jones, Paget Bermuda	43.06%

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4	4		Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS	55.09%	4	2	1	Barbara Burian, Fairfield CT; Carol Pastushok, Plainsboro NJ	54.63%
		2	Kathleen Keane, Warwick Bermuda; Carol Jones, Paget Bermuda	43.06%			2	Barbara Cerra - Patrick Cerra, Southampton Bermuda	50.46%

WED-FRI AFT SIDE PR SERIES
34.50 Tables / Based on 20 Tables

9.19	1/2	Diana Diel, Smith	123.35%
9.19	1/2	Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire	123.35%
5.42	3/4	Louise Rodger, Paget	121.77%
5.42	3/4	Patricia Siddle, Warwickn	121.77%
3.50	5	Jean Louis, Naples FL	116.09%
4.46	6/7	Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS	115.92%
4.46	6/7	Glen Dexter, Lunenburg NS	115.92%
3.44	8	Betsy Baillie, Warwick	115.59%
4.11	9	Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	111.21%
2.77	10	Molly Taussig, Warwick	110.68%

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FRIDAY AX SWISS
10 Tables / Based on 28 Tables

	A	X		
13.30	1		Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, W5 3ex England; Marjorie Michelin - Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	103.00
9.98	2		Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA; Margie Sullivan, Sagamore Beach MA; Michael Klein, Falls Church VA; Stephen Rzewski, South Dennis MA	86.00
7.48	3	1	Bill Souster, Newport Gwent ; David Ezekiel, Hamilton Bermuda; J. Malcolm Lewis, Kent Me13 8pj England; Nicola Adamson, Kent CTS 3NU	70.00
5.61	4		Rachael Gosling - Margaret Way, Paget Bermuda; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke Bermuda	61.00
3.99		2	Richard Palmer, Fountain Hills AZ; Ruth Weston, Marshfield MA; Ann Baum, Waltham MA; Kathleen Kenney, Naples FL	60.00
2.99		3	Brenda Fortunate, Grand Blanc MI; Graham Fenton, Gtr Manchester ; Heather Burling, Newmarket ON; Margaret Farmer, Mississauga ON	59.00

FRIDAY BCD SWISS
19 Tables

	B	C	D		
7.61	1			Joanne Grandy - Rosemary Cheung - Kathleen Hart, Toronto ON; Will Sutherland, North York ON	92.00
5.71	2	1	1	Claude Guay - Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton Bermuda; Betsy Baillie, Warwick Bermuda; Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08 Bermuda	77.00
4.28	3			Caryl Marcellus - Dawne Griffiths, Toronto ON; Valarie Remmers - Dale Remmers, Plano TX	74.00
3.32	4	2	2	Malcolm Moseley, Devonshire Bermuda; Mark Stevens, Warwick Bermuda; Mike Dawson - Joann Dawson, Aylmer ON	72.00
2.54	5	3		Brendan O'Malley - Linda O'Malley, Lafayette Hill PA; Katharine Link - Barbara Daly, Flourtown PA	70.00
2.04	6/7	4/5		Judy King - Sancia Garrison, Warwick Bermuda; Stephen Cosham, St Georges Bermuda; Martha Ferguson, Hamilton Bermuda	69.00
2.04	6/7	4/5		Desmond Nash, Sn 02 Bermuda; John F. W. Glynn - Delton Outerbridge, Paget Bermuda; Marion Silver, Smiths Bermuda	69.00

MASTER POINT RESULT FOR THE SENIOR TROPHIES

**Please note that these results are the results FROM THE TROPHY EVENTS -
for the full master point tables, please check pp 9-11 and/or the website at www.bermudaregonal.com**

The Visitors' Top Thirty Result for the Maude Lines Trophy

1	58.18	Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA
2	58.18	Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA
3	54.48	Brian Senior, Nottingham
4	54.48	Nigel Bird, W5 3ex
5	42.13	Barbara McLendon, New York NY
6	42.13	Radu Nistor, Aventura FL
7	40.63	Bill Souster, Newport Gwent
8	37.91	Iulian Rotaru, New York NY
9	37.91	Raluca Dobrescu, Aventura FL
10	33.40	Michael Klein, Falls Church VA
11	33.40	Stephen Rzewski, South Dennis MA
12	28.28	Hee-Jung Moon, New York NY
13	28.28	Joe Grue, New York NY
14	24.53	Nicola Adamson, Kent CTS 3NU
15	24.53	J. Malcolm Lewis, Kent Me13 8pj
16	24.44	Terry Jones, Falls Church VA
17	24.44	Lucia Enica, Washington DC
18	24.43	Dale Remmers, Plano TX
19	24.43	Valarie Remmers, Plano TX
20	22.62	Miyoko Boswell, Ramsey NJ
21	22.51	Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA
22	22.51	Margie Sullivan, Sagamore Beach MA
23	22.14	Will Sutherland, North York ON
24	22.14	Kathleen Hart, Toronto ON
25	19.73	Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON
26	18.99	Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL
27	18.99	Cyndi Sauvage, Englewood CO
28	18.74	Karen Haines, Summit NJ
29	18.74	Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA
30	18.47	Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg

Total Masterpoints reported: 1134.67
Players selected: 30 out of 345

The Bermudians' Top Thirty Result for The Norman Bach Trophy

1	45.33	Charles Hall, Smiths Parish
2	44.42	Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke
3	44.42	Margaret Way, Paget
4	39.98	Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire
5	37.55	Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke
6	27.80	Rachael Gosling, Paget
7	21.33	Sheena Rayner, Wk 09
8	16.69	John Burville, Pembroke
9	15.82	Peter Donnellan, Warwick
10	15.82	Lynanne Bolton, Warwick
11	10.66	Claude Guay, Hamilton
12	10.66	Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton
13	10.56	David Cordon, Warwick
14	9.26	Wendy Gray, Southampton
15	9.26	Richard Gray, Southampton
16	8.49	Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08
17	8.49	Betsy Baillie, Warwick
18	7.43	John F. W. Glynn, Paget
19	6.99	Desmond Nash, Sn 02
20	6.95	Harry Kast, Hamilton
21	5.98	Judith Bussell, Devonshire
22	5.73	Delton Outerbridge, Paget
23	5.52	Sancia Garrison, Warwick
24	4.84	Inger Mesna, Hamilton
25	4.84	John Rayner, Hamilton
26	4.82	Marion Silver, Smiths
27	4.09	Erika Jones, Pembroke
28	3.48	David Petty, Paget
29	3.32	Malcolm Moseley, Devonshire
30	3.32	Mark Stevens, Warwick

Total Masterpoints reported: 468.74
Players selected: 46 out of 345

NURSERY RHYME NONSENSE

**More like Winkin', Blinkin' and Nodding OFF
by the end of this Regional.
This could actually be a pic of the Ed's husband,
who stayed with her every night into the early hours and still played
winning bridge the following day!**

MASTER POINT RESULT FOR THE JUNIOR TROPHIES

Please note that these results are the results FROM AT LEAST THREE EVENTS - for the full master point tables, please check below and on the website at www.bermudaregonal.com

The Visitors' Top Twenty Result for the Longtail Cup

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	3.85	Jeffrey Bennett, Jericho NY
6	3.64	Lillian Lawrence, Smithfield NC
7	3.64	Clara Wellons, Smithfield NC
8	3.39	Anita Ficken, Flourtown PA
9	2.45	Ilene Mankoff, Boynton Beach FL
10	2.45	Dorothy Zeide, Stamford CT
11	2.39	Linda Johnson, Brookline MA.
12	2.09	Cynthia Belcher, Blue Bell PA
13	1.77	Stephanie Craft, Montgomery AL
14	1.77	Rhonda Hodgson, Eclectic AL
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	0.83	Julia Tadman, Bermuda

Total Masterpoints reported: 73.07
Players selected: 20 out of 345

The Bermudians' Top Seven Results for The Karl Stanley Hicks Cup

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 345

THE EDITOR'S THANKS

The Bulletin Ed would like to thank the following for all their help in Bulletin production and in other ways:

The Bulletin Rescue Squad. When the cyber gremlins attacked, especially on opening night, it was a great comfort to have a crack team of tekki wizards (David Metcalfe and Rachael Gosling) and people who kept the machinery lubricated, if you catch my drift (Bill Souster and Steve Cosham).

The Expert. This year, Robert once again braved the Lioness's Den all on his-er-todd, expert-wise. Not only did he survive the ordeal, but he actually delivered brilliant lectures and did well at the bridge table to boot.. Thanks to him for being invariably cheerful and extremely accommodating with the extras demanded of him. If he's on medication, the twitching isn't obvious; then again he seems to have found the right direction (again, if you catch my drift!) since we last saw him here!

Rachael and the Comeback Committee. The Revival Queen and all her Come-Backers have been extremely supportive and helpful throughout, despite their own busy schedules, proving themselves a Top-Class Committee in every way.

Rachael and Teddy Gosling. Special thanks to these two who kept the intricate machinery of bulletin production well and generously lubricated this week – if you catch my drift for the third time - hic!

The HP Staff. The HP staff have been enormously helpful and accommodating all week, going the extra mile on many occasions. Special thanks to Zouhair Bair who took good care of me from the outset. I also thank and apologize profusely to the HP staff who will have to clear away the many, many empty wine glasses and other late-night debris when we leave.

The Prophet Ezekiel We tremble before his awesomeness, but praise and thank him for the columns which he brought down from the metaphorical mountaintop and graciously shared with us. We simply are not worthy, although we try year after year!

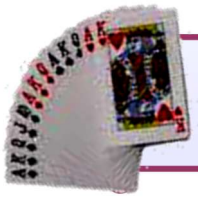
The Directors. The Famous Five were – well – spiffing once again this year and special thanks go to **Jack** who contributed articles and fillers to bridge the Bulletin gaps and to up the Rag's information and entertainment wattage. Thanks also to **David Metcalfe**, the Keyboard Wizard, who, once again solved computer snafus when all seemed lost. And big thanks, as ever, to **Jack and Lisa Rhind** for their continued and generous pre-tournament hospitality over the years.

Stephanie Kyme and Sheena Rayner. Thanks to La Presidenta and our great friend Sheena Rayner for their amazing hospitality and helpfulness during our visit, which gave us a very comfortable and enjoyable lead-in to the frenzied business of bulletin production.

Sheena, Victor, Stephanie, and Molly. Thanks to these roadsters for taking us for a ride - one way and another, thus helping us avoid having to hire a Toy-Town car.

Bill. Unusually, the ole ball and chain and I have seen a great deal of each other this week as he has been extremely helpful in the bulletin room, industriously spotting misplaced apostrophes and folding the bulletins with the sharpest of creases. So, I thank him for all the extra support when he has seen me truly at my worst.

AND, OF COURSE, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU
for turning up for photos promptly,
for all the lovely and supportive things you've said about the Rag,
and for reading it in the first place!



TOTAL MASTER POINT RACE - TOP 300

1	80.17	Brian Senior,	Nottingham
2	80.17	Nigel Bird,	W5 3ex
3	68.89	Marjorie Michelin,	Laguna Woods CA
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9	44.93	Margaret Way,	Paget
10	44.93	Miodrag Novakovic,	Pembroke
11	43.20	Bill Souster,	Newport Gwent
12	42.85	Stephen Rzewski,	South Dennis MA
13	42.85	Michael Klein,	Falls Church VA
14	42.13	Barbara McLendon,	New York NY
15	42.13	Radu Nistor,	Aventura FL
16	41.92	Hee-Jung Moon,	New York NY
17	41.92	Joe Grue,	New York NY
18	39.41	Stephanie Kyme,	Pembroke
19	37.91	Raluca Dobrescu,	Aventura FL
20	37.91	Iulian Rotaru,	New York NY
21	33.01	Mustafa Cem Tokay,	New York NY
22	33.01	David McCreery,	East Hampton NY
23	32.70	Rachael Gosling,	Paget
24	31.96	Margie Sullivan,	Sagamore Beach MA
25	31.96	Rena Lieberman,	North Easton MA
26	29.01	Margie Knickle,	Lunenburg NS
27	29.01	Glen Dexter,	Lunenburg NS
28	28.58	Robert Todd,	Tallahassee FL
29	28.22	John F. W. Glynn,	Paget
30	27.01	Lucia Enica,	Washington DC
31	27.01	Terry Jones,	Falls Church VA
32	26.26	Dale Remmers,	Plano TX
33	26.26	Valarie Remmers,	Plano TX
34	25.92	Carolyn Overland,	Toronto ON
35	25.60	Daniele Panayotatos,	Orangeburg NY
36	25.52	Kathleen Hart,	Toronto ON
37	25.52	Will Sutherland,	North York ON
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39	24.17	Miyoko Boswell,	Ramsey NJ
40	23.14	Sheena Rayner,	Wk 09
41	22.58	Karen Haines,	Summit NJ
42	22.43	Ruth Weston,	Marshfield MA
43	22.43	Richard Palmer,	Fountain Hills AZ
44	22.12	Deborah Crisfield,	Philadelphia PA
45	21.15	Sharon Shanahan,	Hamilton
46	20.85	Peter Donnellan,	Warwick
47	20.44	John Luebkemann,	Addison TX
48	19.82	John Burville,	Pembroke
49	19.77	Cyndi Sauvage,	Englewood CO
50	19.77	Lynanne Bolton,	Warwick
51	19.05	Jenny Koenecke,	Kingston MA
52	19.05	Elizabeth Paige,	Duxbury MA
53	19.01	Delton Outerbridge,	Paget
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57	18.74	Sandy Walker,	Nassau
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60	17.93	Saunie Canuso,	Osterville MA
61	17.63	Lisa Ferrari,	Smiths FI08
62	17.54	Gail Greenberg,	New York NY
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65	16.37	Nirmala Shevde,	Great Neck NY
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67	16.20	June Bunn,	Ft Walton Beach FL
68	15.86	Gail Titus,	Oakville ON
69	15.86	June Van Iderstine,	Burlington ON
70	15.59	Betsy Baillie,	Warwick
71	15.40	Heather O'Connor,	Toronto ON
72	15.40	Jane Stephenson,	Toronto ON
73	15.14	Missie Cleek,	Fripp Island SC
74	15.14	Marshall Williams,	Beaufort SC
75	14.90	Donna Johnson,	Lawrence KS
76	14.76	James Metzger,	Darien CT
77	14.76	Belinda Metzger,	Darien CT
78	14.21	Sancia Garrison,	Warwick
79	14.16	Margaret Farmer,	Mississauga ON
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81	13.49	Jean Shaffer,	Milton MA
82	13.42	Lynne D'Arville,	Nassau
83	13.42	Maria Wilson,	Nassau
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85	13.13	Jeff Hand,	New York NY
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92	12.71	Nancy Marshall,	Greensboro NC
93	12.71	James Thomas,	Burlington NC
94	12.37	Graham Fenton,	Gtr Manchester
95	12.30	Audree Newman,	Niceville FL
96	12.26	Molly Taussig,	Warwick
97	12.25	Karen Reese,	Marquette MI
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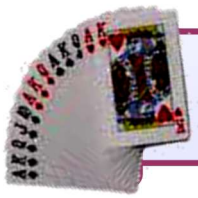

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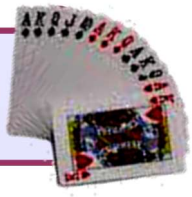

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115	10.49	Martha Ferguson, Hamilton
116	10.44	Diana Diel, Smith
117	10.40	Jane Grewcock, Summit NJ
118	9.72	Heather Schneeberger, Hyannis Port MA
119	9.72	Steven Colman, South Hamilton MA
120	9.59	Heather Woolf, Paget
121	9.32	Harry Kast, Hamilton
122	9.12	Katharine Link, Flourtown PA
123	9.12	Barbara Daly, Flourtown PA
124	9.01	Mike Dawson, Aylmer ON
125	8.99	David Petty, Paget
126	8.99	Carole Berman, Boca Raton FL
127	8.99	Howard Berman, New York NY
128	8.96	Tony Saunders, Paget
129	8.94	John Rayner, Hamilton
130	8.80	Nancy Fleming, Exeter NH
131	8.67	Craig Ellis, Toronto ON
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133	8.63	Malcolm Moseley, Devonshire
134	8.63	Mark Stevens, Warwick
135	8.51	Marjory McDonald, Toronto ON
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139	8.48	Marion Silver, Smiths
140	8.46	Debbie McLean, Paris ON
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143	8.32	Robert Young, Northfield IL
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145	7.99	Elizabeth Carlson, Summit NJ
146	7.91	Karen Day, Portland ME
147	7.91	Sheila Pechinski, Scarborough ME
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169	6.87	Lynn Goldberg, Morristown NJ
170	6.72	Katherine Fiske, Pinehurst NC
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173	6.57	Sandra Curtis, Toronto ON
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177	6.54	Lynn Hamlin, Haverford PA
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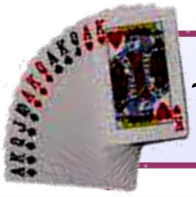

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204	4.99	Linda Lin, Santa Monica CA
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209	4.73	Lynn Gonchar, Naples FL
210	4.70	Gloria Rego, Warwick
211	4.67	Ronald Allard, Bedford NH
212	4.67	Louise Allard, Bedford NH
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214	4.63	Alyce Wellons, Smithfield NC
215	4.41	Judy King, Warwick
216	4.41	Roberta Meadow, New York NY
217	4.36	Jorie Malelo, Boca Raton FL
218	4.36	Holly Economos, Elmwood Park IL
219	4.35	Magda Farag, Smiths Parish
220	4.34	Paulette Clayton, Pinehurst NC
221	4.25	Annabelle Curran, Bala Cynwyd PA
222	4.24	Patricia Opderbeck, Newtown Square PA
223	4.21	Rhonda Patterson, Raleigh NC
224	4.21	Sally Duff, Raleigh NC
225	4.18	Veronica Boyce, Hamilton
226	4.09	Allison Ryan, Easthampton MA
227	4.03	Connie Lampert, Wayland MA
228	4.03	Judi Zucker, Boston MA
229	3.97	Tim Mardon, Studio Lane F
230	3.96	Elizabeth Bussiere, Marquette MI
231	3.94	Diana Downs, Warwick Wk
232	3.89	Barbara Cerra, Southampton
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234	3.88	Rita Lee, New Providence NJ
235	3.85	Jeffrey Bennett, Jericho NY
236	3.85	Lisa Hadar, Woodbury NY
237	3.71	Rosemary Smith, Hamilton
238	3.69	Lorna Anderson, Saint George
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245	3.31	Demry Sibson, West Palm Beach FL
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257	2.81	Charles Roraback, Litchfield CT
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259	2.81	Jane Zarfoss, West Palm Beach FL
260	2.80	Carolyn Homer, Toronto ON
261	2.78	Duncan Silver, Smiths Hs01
262	2.78	Greta Marshall, Paget
263	2.71	Joseph Anton, Boston MA
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267	2.55	Carol Eastham, Southampton
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269	2.48	Caroline Svensen, Paget PG 05
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278	2.22	Peter Fishbach, Duluth GA
279	2.22	Robert Mann, Roslyn NY
280	2.19	Jean Schilling, Paget
281	2.19	Catherine Kennedy, Paget
282	2.13	Jane Smith, Southampton.
283	2.09	Karen Gallagher, Philadelphia PA
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285	2.01	Mollie Slattery, Palm Beach FL
286	2.01	Catherine Chicos, Gladwyne PA
287	2.00	James Leitch, Smiths Parish
288	1.99	Lois Head, Saint Cloud MN
289	1.97	Geoff Bell, Paget
290	1.77	Stephanie Craft, Montgomery AL
291	1.77	Rhonda Hodgson, Eclectic AL
292	1.75	Christina Stephens, Eclectic AL
293	1.75	Cathy Boone, Eclectic AL
294	1.69	Suefan Johnson, Smithfield NC
295	1.69	Elizabeth Lawrence, Birmingham AL
296	1.61	Elaine Stevens, Pembroke
297	1.48	Susan Bowness, Pinehurst NC
298	1.48	Deborah Tormey, New York NY
299	1.38	Barbara King, Smithfield NC
300	1.38	Sandra Winborne, Smithfield NC

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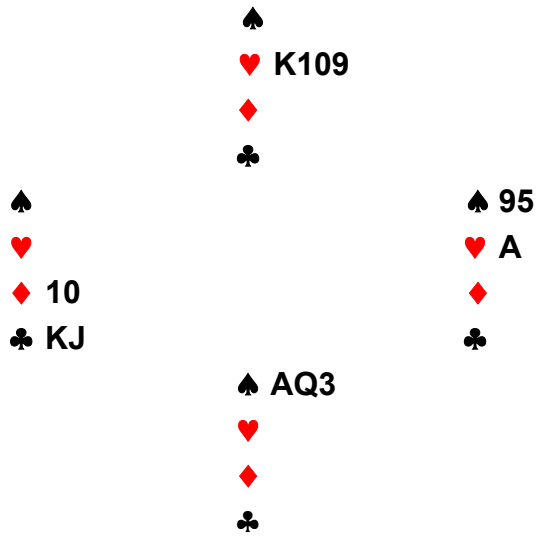
PROFIT FROM THE PROPHET – THE LAST HAND

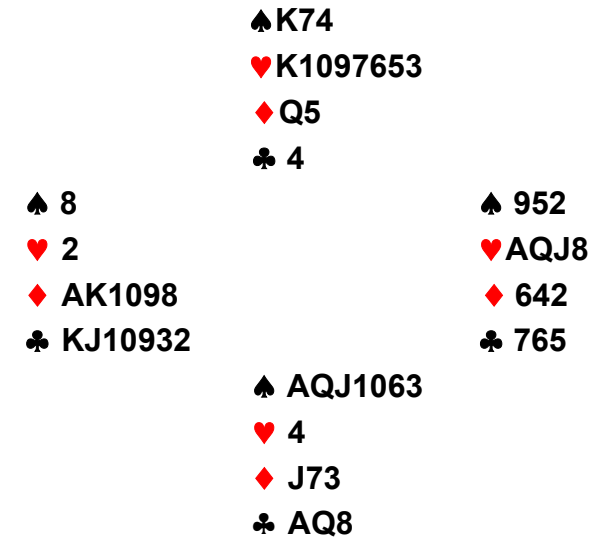
This hand came up recently on BBO - partner went down one on what I thought was a reasonable line of play at the time, though something about the hand bugged me, and when I looked later I discovered what it was – it's always a lot easier in hindsight.

N/S Vul – Dealer South
The bidding was key!

Partner (South) opened 1 Spade and West bid 2NT showing the minors. I had a difficult bid as, although I had 3 good spades for partner, the hand was likely to play better in hearts even opposite a doubleton, but 3 Hearts, in my opinion, needed a better hand so I doubled to show some cards. East passed and so did South, and West now bid 3 Clubs. I bid 3 Spades and partner bid 4 Spades which ended the auction.

West started with two top diamonds and then led the heart 2, almost certainly a singleton. East won the jack and returned a small heart. Partner ruffed with the 10 of spades, played the Ace of Clubs and ruffed a club, now a heart ruff with the jack of spades and another club ruff. Now the King of Spades to arrive at this position when a heart is played from dummy:





Of course, we can see how the cards lie, but partner couldn't and if West had started with a 2-1-5-5 hand he would have a trump left so ruffing the heart with the queen would be right – that is what partner did and went one down.

Where is the clue? In the bidding! When I doubled and East passed he was saying to partner "I have no preference in the minors as I have equal length in both, so you choose!" That means that East has to have a 3-4-3-3 hand which leaves West with a 1-1-5-6 hand and that West had no trumps left, so ruffing with the trump 3 was safe!

Not easy at all and a bit more complex than I usually like for my disciples, but if it just gets you thinking about recreating distributions based on the bidding, you will get something from it. There are usually clues on every hand – if you have eyes to see.

A FINAL SALUTE TO ALL THIS WEEK'S WINNERS

Congratulations to you all! We hope you've had the best of times and that you'll come back next year to defend your titles!

Sat, 27th	**The Ernie Owen Charity Pairs**	**Gail Greenberg (NY) and Jeff Hand (NY)**
	Newcomer Stratified Charity Pairs	Shirley Higgins (Bda) and Veronica Boyce (Bda)
Sun, 28th	**Bracketed Round Robin Teams (1)**	**Barbara McLendon (NY) and Julian Rotaru (NY)** **Radu Nistor (NY) and Raluca Dobrescu (NY)**
	Bracketed Round Robin Teams (2)	**Richard Gray (Bda) and Wendy Gray (Bda)** **Peter Donnellan (Bda) and Lynanne Bolton (Bda)**
	Bracketed Round Robin Teams (3)	**Desmond Nash (Bda) and Nick Kempe (Spain)** **Claude Guay (Bda) and Sharon Shanahan (Bda)**
	Stratified Side Game – Pembroke 1	Marjorie Michelin (CA)and Ellis Feigenbaum (CA)
	Stratified Side Game – Pembroke 2	Brian Senior (UK) and Nigel Bird (UK)
	Stratified Side Game – Pembroke 3	J.Malcolm Lewis (UK) and Nicola Adamson (UK)
	Newcomer Stratified Pairs – morning	Susan Kerr (ON) and Debbie McLean (ON)
	Newcomer Stratified Pairs – afternoon	Diana Downs (Bda) and Gloria Rego (Bda)
Mon, 29th	Sun-Mon Morn Swiss Teams	Brian Senior (UK and Nigel Bird (UK) David McCreery (NY) and Mustafa Cem Tokay (NY)
	Stratified Side Game – Paget 1	Hee-Jung Moon (NY) and Joe Grue (NY)
	Stratified Side Game – Paget 2	Andrea Newman (FL) and June Bunn (FL)
	Stratified Side Game – Peget 3	James Mulderig (GA) and Robert Mulderig (GA)
	Newcomer Stratified Pairs - morning	Alyce Wellons (NC) and Katie Smith (NC)
	Newcomer Stratified Pairs - afternoon	Christina Stephens (AL) and Cathy Boone (AL)
Tues, 30th	**The Alan Douglas Memorial Pairs**	**Stephanie Kyme (Bda) and Charles Hall (Bda)**
	The Gosling's Gold Pairs	**David Petty (Bda) and Delton Outerbridge (Bda)**
	Stratified Side Game – Warwick 1	Brian Senior (UK and Nigel Bird (UK)
	Stratified Side Game – Warwick 2	David McCreery (NY) and Mustafa Cem Tokay (NY)
	Stratified Side Game – Warwick 3	Gertie Barker (Bda) and John Glynn (Bda)
	Newcomer Stratified Pairs - morning	Lillian Lawrence (NC) and Clara Wellons (NC)
Wed, 31st	Stratified Side Game – Devonshire 1	David McCreery (NY) and Mustafa Cem Tokay (NY
	Stratified Side Game – Devonshire 2	Nicola Adamson (UK) and Malcolm Lewis (UK)
Thurs, 1st	Wed-Thurs Aft Swiss Teams	Janie Woo (NY) and Joel Wooldridge (NY) Ruth Weston (MA) and Richard Palmer (AZ)
	The Gorham's Championship KO Teams	Brian Senior (UK and Nigel Bird (UK) Marjorie Michelin (CA)and Ellis Feigenbaum (CA
	The Joe Wakefield Memorial Pairs	**Hee-Jung Moon (NY) and Joe Grue (NY)**
	The Bermuda Gold Rush Pairs	**Lynn Hamlin (PA) and Deborah Ware (PA)**
	Stratified Side Game – Paget 1	Mollie Freier (MI) and Emalyn Nikstad (WI))
	Stratified Side Game – Paget 2	Diana Diel (Bda) and Elizabeth McKee (Bda)
Fri, 2nd	**The IGI Stratiflighted Swiss Teams A**	**Brian Senior (UK and Nigel Bird (UK)** **Marjorie Michelin (CA)and Ellis Feigenbaum (CA**
	The IGI Stratiflighted Swiss Teams X	**Bill Souster (UK) and David Ezekiel (Bda)** **Nicola Adamson (UK) and Malcolm Lewis (UK)**
	The IGI Stratiflighted Swiss Teams B	**Joanne Grandy (ON) and Roma Cheung (ON)** **Kathleen Hart (ON) and Will Sutherland (ON)**
	The IGI Stratiflighted Swiss Teams C&D	**Sharon Shanahan (Bda) and Claude Guay (Bda)** **Betsy Baillie (Bda) and Lisa Ferrari (Bda)**