

# DAILY BULLETIN

~ Burt Garrell Syracuse Regional Bridge Tournament ~



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## Welcome to the Burt Garrell Regional



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The Tournament committee and all the volunteers from Unit 112 have worked hard to provide tournament participants with the finest playing venue, facilities and events.

The week promises to be fun and entertaining for everyone. Enjoy team games, knockouts, pairs, lectures, hospitality, prizes, partners and most of all, old & new friends.

We are back at the Holiday Inn which offers many amenities including a complimentary shuttle for hotel guests. See the front desk to avail yourself of this service or to get directions to local attractions such as the Carousel Mall, Wegmans, or the Dinosaur BBQ. Information about restaurants in the area is available at the convention table.

Our tournament is a Split Regional with Harrisburg PA. Regionally rated pairs games will be compared over the two tournament sites giving overall winners the opportunity to win a greater number of masterpoints. We've increased the duration of the tournament offering an extra day. And we've introduced a new game for players who have less than 750 masterpoints.

On Tuesday and Saturday we are offering a Golden Opportunity Game for players with fewer than 750 masterpoints. On each day we will play a two session event. Come out and play on Tuesday or Saturday or both days.

We are honoring two longtime players and tournament organizers with the Lori D and Judy B Sidegame Series. Lori

Deruisseaux and Judy Butcher were a mainstay of the Syracuse bridge community. They had a regular bridge partnership which spanned many years. And they worked together to better the Syracuse bridge community. They brought with them an energy which was unique and endless. Together they'd organized many tournaments and guaranteed that the events would be a success.

Pick up your Welcoming Gift when you register. And if you are a 199<sup>er</sup> we have a special gift for you.

Each evening the Hospitality Suite will be open after the last session of bridge. Come in with your partner, have a soda, some pretzels and a snack and then explain why you took the view which won the board.

If you have any questions or problems, please let us know and we'll do our best to help. We welcome your feedback so we ask that you complete a brief survey which is available at the Welcome Desk. Your enjoyment of this tournament is important to us. Please use this as an opportunity to help us improve our regional.

Have a fantastic tournament, win loads of points and plan a return trip to this tournament next year!!

*Gerry Radway  
Margie Spence  
for the Tournament Committee*

# Did you hear the warning?

Dir: South  
 Vul: NS

♠ J109  
 ♥ 9642  
 ♦ KQ5  
 ♣ 1073

♠ 54		♠ 862
♥ AQ10		♥ J85
♦ J932		♦ 10876
♣ KQJ8	♠ AKQ73	♣ 962
	♥ K73	
	♦ A4	
	♣ A54	

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Dbl	2♠	pass	4♠
pass	pass	pass	

Opening lead: ♣K

You have a wonderful hand but it's lost some of its luster given the takeout double on your left. Your feeling is reinforced when you see dummy and the heart position is revealed. You are

looking at five losers, three hearts and two clubs. Dummy's diamonds will accommodate one of the losers but where does the other one go?

West leads the ♣K and East plays the ♣2, which in their methods is discouraging.

Clearly, East has little in the way of high cards so West must have all the remaining picture cards.

If we play from our hand we can't prevent West from cashing four winners. Our only hope is to play for an endplay and have West either lead a heart or give us a ruff and sluff.

Correct technique is to win the second club. (We'll use the third club to throw West into the lead.) But first we must do some work, and we must do it carefully.

After we win the club, we draw only two rounds of trump. We need to keep a trump in dummy for our endplay.

Now we take three rounds of diamonds and pitch a club on the third diamond. Finally we lead dummy's third club and discard a heart.

If all goes according to plan, West will have to win the club but not have a spade as an exit card. West now must either lead a heart or play a minor suit allowing us to ruff in dummy and discard a heart.

Careful play let's us bring home a good contract.

# Can you make the killing lead?

Opening leads are often clear, especially if partner has bid. You can't go wrong if you lead partner's suit. When it doesn't work we all know whose fault it is. But oftentimes making a decision on what to lead is a nightmare as nothing looks appetizing. Terence Reese used to say: "There are no blind leads, only deaf bridge players!"

Playing at IMPs, what is your lead?.

1) You hold ♠752 ♥Q1097 ♦74 ♣9854

West	North	East	South
	1♥	pass	2♣
pass	3♣	pass	3NT
pass	pass	pass	

2) You hold ♠83 ♥J10643 ♦K2 ♣8754

West	North	East	South
			1♠
pass	2♣	pass	3♠
pass	4♠	all pass	

3) You hold ♠A754 ♥3 ♦KQ74 ♣Q1097

West	North	East	South
	1♦	pass	2♥
pass	3♥	pass	4♥
pass	pass	pass	

4) You hold ♠A754 ♥3 ♦KQ74 ♣Q1097

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Dbl	pass	pass	pass

5) You hold ♠A754 ♥3 ♦KQ74 ♣Q1097

West	North	East	South
	1♣	pass	1♥
pass	3♥	pass	4♣
pass	4♦	pass	5♥
pass	5NT	pass	6♥

1) ♦7: Clearly you want to lead one of the unbid suits but why is a diamond the better lead? Partner could easily have bid 1♠ yet didn't. So lead from your shortest and weakest!

2) ♦K: You just heard a strong auction and it is most likely that declarer will succeed. This is a desperate situation and it requires a desperate lead. You can't make this lead at matchpoints but at IMPs you have little to lose. You may catch partner with the ace or queen and you may get a third round ruff.

3) ♣10: It's usually bad form to lead opponent's side suit unless you are really rally strong. So that rules out a diamond lead. The spade suit is not attractive. So it appears that a club is the right lead. From this interior sequence the correct lead is the ♣10.

4) ♥3: Lead a trump. You expect partner to have a trump stack and to draw trump early in the play.

5) ♠4: South's jump to 5♥ asked her partner to bid a slam without two spade losers (the unbid suit.) North's 5NT continuation showed the ♠K. So, it is a reasonable gamble to underlead the ♠A, hoping that declarer has a king-jack guess to make at trick one. Agreed, this lead may be fatal but if it works you are golden.

# Not a misprint

Dir: South      ♠ 9  
 Vul: Both      ♥ K43  
                     ♦ 7  
                     ♣ AKQ98732

♠ A653	♠ Q104
♥ 982	♥ AJ1065
♦ AKJ84	♦ 962
♣ J	♣ 64
♠ KJ872	
♥ Q7	
♦ Q1053	
♣ 105	

West	North	East	South
1♦	3♦	pass	pass
pass	pass	pass	3NT

Opening lead: ♦A

North's bid is not a misprint. A common usage for the jump to the three level in a suit opened on your right is to ask partner to bid 3NT with a stopper in that suit. The ideal hand for such a bid is a long solid minor suit, normally 8+ tricks. You may quibble that a diamond stopper with South may not be enough. A stopper in spades opposite the singleton would also be handy.

Sitting West you lead the ♦A and partner plays the ♦2 (discouraging) and South the ♦5. How should you proceed?

East's discouraging ♦2 confirms that South holds the ♦Q, a fact expected from the bidding. You need to find East's entry in order for partner to lead a diamond through South. A heart shift would be fatal if South had the ♥A and East the ♠K. But a low spade switch would be equally disastrous if South has the ♠K. What to play next?

The solution is to play the ♠A at trick two and watch for partner's signal. If East encourages, play a second spade; if East discourages switch to the ♥9. A high heart denies interest in that suit. Partner will win the ♥A and return a diamond to defeat 3NT by one trick.

## 199<sup>er</sup> and section top Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for section tops in the 199<sup>er</sup> games as well as section tops in all pairs events.. You can pick up your prize at the table outside the playing center.

The table will be open from 12:30 - 1:00 pm, 6:30 - 7:00 pm and after the last evening session from Tuesday through Saturday. The prize desk will also be open on Sunday morning from 10:30 - 11:00 am.

## Need a partner?

The partnership desk will find you someone to play with. Whether you are looking for one person for a pairs game or three people to complete a team, stop by the desk and they will gladly match you with players of your calibre.

The desk will be open:

Monday	6:00 - 7:00		
Tuesday	12:00 - 1:00	6:30 - 7:00	
Wednesday	8:30 - 9:00	12:00 - 1:00	6:30 - 7:00
Thursday	12:00 - 1:00	6:30 - 7:00	
Friday	8:30 - 9:00	12:00 - 1:00	6:30 - 7:00
Saturday	12:00 - 1:00	6:30 - 7:00	
Sunday	10:00 - 11:00		

## Sunday Food Bar

For the convenience of players there will be a food bar which will operate in the lobby immediately outside the playing area from noon until 4pm on Sunday. Sandwiches and hot entrees will be available for purchase.

## Hospitality

After this evening's game, look for some of that famous Syracuse hospitality.. Your favorite partner will be there to value and continuation of discuss hands from today's play. The hospitality suite, Board Room 4, will be open for an hour after the evening session.

## Interesting hands/exciting plays

Report any special occurrences at the table to the editor by leaving your name and pertinent information at the information desk. Every effort will be made to include your story in the next issue of The Daily Bulletin.

## Bridge Lectures

At noon each day, the tournament will feature speakers offering their experience on various bridge topics. These lectures are a benefit to all novice/intermediate players. All classes will conclude in time for you to play the morning game.

Tuesday	Mary Lyke	Power of cue bidding the opponents' suit
Wednesday	Dan Boye	Preempting for fun and profit
Thursday	Joann Glasson	Planning the play in NT
Friday	Sally Hill	How to respond to partner's overcall
Saturday	Dan Boye	Slam your opponents (bidding style to reach slam contracts)

## Bulletin Editor

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## Bulletins on the Internet

Full color versions of the bulletin are available at: <http://www.rababridge.org/leftmenupages/2010syrsummerregional/monday.pdf>

# Steal of the tournament

Dlr: South  
Vul: EW

♠ Q97  
♥ J7  
♦ Q98432  
♣ Q7

♠ 843  
♥ 10854  
♦ A5  
♣ J1054

♠ AKJ10652  
♥ K  
♦ 107  
♣ A86

♠ -  
♥ AQ9632  
♦ KJ6  
♣ K932

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♠
pass	2♠	3♥	4♠
pass	pass	pass	
Opening lead: ♥4			

This hand came from the Sunday Swiss and South clearly made the best steal of last year's regional. South won the hand cheaply and saw that this deal might be a double game swing.

East wins the ♥A and continues with the ♥Q.

South saw that she was in danger of losing two diamonds, one club and one heart. Clearly it is necessary to set up dummy's diamonds for club pitches.

South's best play is to discard a diamond on the ♥Q. This effectively plays East for the ♣K and hopefully no spade to use as an exit.

On this actual layout, East's best play is a low diamond to partner's ♦A. West shifted to a club but it was too late.

South won the ♣A, played a spade to dummy's ♠9, noting that East had no spades. South then ruffed a diamond high and played a spade to dummy's ♠7 and ruffed another diamond establishing dummy's long suit.

A third spade to dummy drew the remaining trump and South could discard losing clubs on dummy's good diamonds.

South was thankful that she did not have to contend with a 5♥ bid West.

## Tournament Schedule

### Monday, August 2

- Kickoff KOs (1<sup>st</sup> Rnd, continues Tuesday) 7 pm
- Stratified Charity Pairs 7 pm

### Tuesday, August 3

- Kickoff KOs 9 am, 1 pm & 7 pm
- Syracuse KOs (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Rnds) 1 pm & 7 pm
- Stratified Open Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm
- Lori D's Sidegame Series (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Rnds) 1 pm & 7 pm
- **Golden Opportunity Game (2 Sessions) 1 pm & 7 pm**

### Wednesday, August 4

- Morning Compact KOs (1<sup>st</sup> Rnd) 9 am
- Syracuse KOs (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Rnds) 1 pm & 7 pm
- Rochester KOs (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Rnds) 1 pm & 7 pm
- Stratified Open Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm
- Lori D's Sidegame Series (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Rnds) 1 pm & 7 pm
- 199<sup>er</sup> Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 1 pm & 7 pm

### Masterpoint Stratification

A 2000+, B 750 - 2000, C 0 - 750

#### Golden Opportunity Game

A 300 - 750, B 100 - 300, C 0 - 100

### Thursday, August 5

- Morning Compact KOs (2<sup>nd</sup> Rnd) 9:00 am
- Rochester KOs (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Rnds) 1 pm & 7 pm
- Utica KOs (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Rnds) 1 pm & 7 pm
- Stratified Open Swiss Teams 1 pm & 7 pm
- Judy B's Sidegame Series (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Rnds) 1 pm & 7 pm
- 199<sup>er</sup> Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 1 pm & 7 pm

### Friday, August 6

- Watertown Compact KOs (1<sup>st</sup> Rnd) 9:00 am
- Utica KOs (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Rnds) 1 pm & 7 pm
- Binghamton KOs (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Rnds) 1 pm & 7 pm
- Stratified Open Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm
- Judy B's Sidegame Series (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Rnds) 1 pm & 7 pm
- 199<sup>er</sup> Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 1 pm & 7 pm

### Saturday, August 7

- Watertown Compact KOs (2<sup>nd</sup> Rnd) 9 am
- Binghamton KOs (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Rnds) 1 pm & 7 pm
- Ithaca Compact KOs 1 pm & 7 pm
- Stratified Open Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm
- Judy B's Sidegame Series (5<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Rnds) 1 pm & 7 pm
- **Golden Opportunity Game (2 Sessions) 1 pm & 7 pm**

### Sunday, August 8

- Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 11 am
- 199<sup>er</sup> Swiss Teams (Single Session) 11 am