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President's Message: All signs are that the Club seems to be virtually unaffected by the continuing sluggish economy. Some of our games are growing, and some are dwindling. But overall we are pretty stable. We have been able to keep card fees under control, and we are always looking for ways to enhance the playing experience at the Club.

We will have two Board of Governors seats up for election in December. Remember that this is a Members-Owned Club; you can put your thoughts and energy to the benefit of all by serving for a three-year term on the Board. Please see the Club Secretary (Elaine Clair) to get your name placed on the ballot this year.

My tenure as President will shortly end. A sincere thanks to all of the Club members for an enjoyable time, and a special thanks to the Board members with whom I was privileged to serve.
Dave LeGrow, President, e-mail dave.legrow@att.net

Club Manager's Message: The North Penn board of governors has approved two items that will be new to our club.

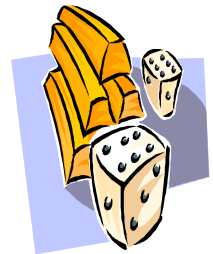
(1) The starting time of the Wednesday game will be moved up to 10:00 a.m. effective January 4. Attendance at the Wednesday game has been slipping and this is being done in the hope that the earlier starting time and correspondingly earlier finish time will appeal to players who do not currently play at North Penn on Wednesdays. I think this is an exciting change. You will have an extra two hours of afternoon time to run errands, go to appointments or prepare a gourmet dinner. The game will be over long before schools let out easing the traffic for your drive home or to any other destination. I hope you'll give it a try. You might find that you like it.

(2) "Member/Guest" week – Members are encouraged to come with a partner who has never played at North Penn before. The guest plays for free. This could be a player new to duplicate or an established player who just hasn't been to our club before. This is scheduled for the week after Thanksgiving. Note that the guest must play with the member.

Gold Points – There will be two occasions to win GOLD points at the club in October. This is a great opportunity for newer players to win a little bit of gold in the comfortable setting of a local club. There won't be another chance to win gold at a club game until Fall 2012.

1. The Club Appreciation Swiss Teams on Friday evening, October 28, awards 5 percent gold for all master points won. As long as you win at least one match, you will get some gold.
2. The Flight "C" NAP District Final is on Saturday, October 22. 25 percent gold awarded for those finishing in the overalls.

Mitch Snyder, Club Manager, e-mail bridge4all@comcast.net



Member Achievements:

Tay Adams	Junior Master	Jean Wells	Junior Master
Kay Hurewitz	Club Master	Richard Wells	Club Master
Anne Cheney	Club Master	Marshall Friedenberg	Sectional Master
Nancy Fair	Regional Master	Jeanne Moon	Life Master
Sharon Weintrob	Life Master	Bill Rumpa	Life Master
Joan Bernstein	Bronze Life Master	Bruce Lieberman	Silver Life Master
Al Schindler	Gold Life Master		



Charity Games: Our club continues to spread goodwill in our area to many in need. The Women's Center of Montgomery County and the Montgomery County SPCA each received checks totaling over \$200 from our club. I hand deliver the checks to the recipients, and every time the organization expresses their sincere gratitude to our club. You may read their notes of appreciation posted at the club. As always, if you know of a group in need, please let me know and I will place it on the schedule. Many thanks to all!

Lisa Collins, Charity Chair

Sunshine: Please welcome our newest members: Judy Rubin, Mita Roy, Marilyn Carter, Ed Alcock, Maryann Frampton, Evelyn Cutler, Kay Hurewitz, Tom Kriz, Dave Willgruber, Dolores Victor, Ray Victor, Ed Hino, Ralph Levitan, Phyllis Levitan, Christiane Helson, Bill Rumpa, Nick Nazerenko, Gail Howard, and Nancy Parke.



“Happy Birthday” to Dave Dodgson (10/2), Preston Kupsow (10/8), Jean Le Vito (10/11), Ginny Tinner (10/13), Bob Umfer (10/18), Mary Ellen Roth (10/25), Sandy Sill (10/28), Larry Abramovitz (11/15), Mary Cusato (11/22), Helena Tucker (11/27), Bruce Lieberman (11/30), Fred Snyder (12/3), Jim O’Brien (12/5), Arnold Selig (12/9), Arlene Lessack (12/17), Sue Bailey (12/25), Lois Kittredge (12/27), Kathy Chalek (12/28), Ed Leach (1/9), Penny Szabo (1/15), Sylvia Sussman (1/15), Norm Garfield (1/15), Lucille Schlack (1/17), and Marge Ross (1/26).

0-99 MP Sectional Tournament: A sectional tournament for 0-99s is being held on Monday and Tuesday, November 14 and 15 at James-Lorah Hall, 100 Broad Street, Doylestown. Contact Jane Ball for more information (janeball@msn.com).

Bridge Classes: One three-week course is being offered starting Monday, January 9 on “Bridge Basics.” The class will meet twice a week (Monday and Thursday evenings). A minimum of eight students is required. Contact Mitch Snyder or go to the NP Website for more information.



One five-week “Beyond the Basics” course is being offered beginning on Monday evening, March 5. A minimum of eight students required. Contact Mitch Snyder.

Novice/Intermediate Games: The game on Fridays starting at 10:00 a.m. is for bridge players who have less than 750 master points. The game is followed by a free lesson in the form of a post-mortem. Reservations are not required. Contact Mitch Snyder for more information.

The game on Wednesday evenings (7:00 pm.) is for bridge players who have less than 500 master points. Reservations are not required. Contact Dave Legrow for more information.

Holiday Parties: This year's holiday parties will be held the week of December 12. Please plan on bringing your favorite *homemade* dessert. (Board of Governors election is same week.)

Swiss Teams: Come as a team or pair (teammates guaranteed). Singles will be accommodated if possible. Swiss Teams matches are played Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on October 7, 28; November 11, 18; December 2, 16, January 13, 27.

Miscellaneous: Due to the Conshohocken Sectional and the Lancaster Regional, there will be no games Friday morning and evening, October 14 and no evening game, Friday, November 4.

At The Table: West is Dealer and N-S is vulnerable. You were South.

	S Q53		
	H QT2		
	D Q2		
	C KJT82		
S AT96		S 742	
H AJ64		H 87	
D K9654		D J8	
C -		C A96543	
	S KJ8		
	H K953		
	D AT73		
	C Q7		



Bidding:	West	North	East	South
	1D	Pass	Pass	1NT
	Pass	Pass	Pass	

The lead was 6 of spades. When you saw the dummy hand, you wished you were playing 3NT. However, Pard did the right thing not overcalling 2C after 1D because the suit is not very good and too many quacks. Although with his 2C overcalling, you could possibly have reached 3NT.

Forget about a game contract. Let's focus on overtricks. You won the opening in hand and play the Q of clubs, West dropped a diamond and you dropped your jaw. East had 6 clubs to the A9 ! Suddenly you felt lucky not playing 3NT. After ducking the first club, East took the second one and returned a spade. West won with the A and played another spade, ending at the table with our Q. You played a heart to the K in hand, taken by West and she cashed the 13th spade. She then play a diamond, won by dummy's Q. Before this, you already knew West started with 9 cards in red suits. Also, East could not have more than a Jack after her A of clubs was played. It was well set up for red suits squeeze against West. The fact that she played a diamond at this point clearly indicated that she had the J of hearts. Cash the KJ of clubs, discarding a diamond and a heart, and West was hopeless. She could not protect both K of diamonds and J of hearts.

Diagrams below for your thought process are easy to follow. In real battle, mental picture is important. This hand is not difficult because of West's opening and distribution.

6 cards left : West played the 6 of diamonds, won by North's Q.

5 cards left : North played K of clubs.

4 cards left : North played J of clubs.

3 cards left : on North's J of clubs, West had to let go a heart of a diamond, either was fatal.

6 cards left :	S	5 cards left :	S
	H QT		H QT
	D Q2		D 2
	C KJ		C KJ

S
H J64
D K96
C -

S
H 87
D J8
C 96

S
H J64
D K9
C

S
H 87
D J
C 96

S
H 953
D AT7
C

S
H 95
D AT7
C

4 cards left :

S
H QT
D 2
C J

3 cards left

S
H QT
D 2
C

S
H J6
D K9
C

S
H 87
D J
C 9

S
H J(6)
D K(9)
C

S
H 87
D J
C

S
H 95
D AT
C

S
H 9
D AT
C

1NT making 3 was a pure top. Of course, finessing for West to have the J of hearts would be an odds-on favor. Squeeze, however, is more fun.

A note from Ken Salter and my response: If West had exited with the king of diamonds, instead of the 6, he would have foiled the squeeze. (Ken)

Good observation, Ken. The squeeze would have been broken. However, the finesse of the J of hearts would be still in place. Why would West lead the K of diamonds when a heart would have been easy or easier? The answer must be that he had the J of hearts. We still came up with same tricks, just losing the fun of squeeze. If you played the K of diamonds to kill squeeze in the heat of battle, you are a tough customer.

Albert Horng, Club Member

Effective Bidding: Effective bidding requires that partners understand each other's bids to have the same meaning. Many apparently simple calls are misunderstood because partners use those bids in slightly different ways. These differences constitute "style." And style is something that most partnerships do not discuss in detail.

The following is a questionnaire that is intended to expose differences in style. It is to be taken separately and subsequently to be compared to partner's replies. There are no "correct" or "incorrect" answers, just those with which your partner agrees or disagrees. Note that these are very common hands, some of which are guaranteed to surface the next time you play. Where two partners do not agree, it's time to sit down and discuss these particular sequences.

- As dealer with neither side vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 7 ♥ Q T 8 ♦ K Q J 4 ♣ A J 8 5 2 What is your call?
If your partner responds 1♥, what is your call?
If your partner responds 1♠, what is your call?

- Neither side vulnerable, your partner opens 1♦ and you hold:
♠ Q 8 5 ♥ K 9 5 ♦ Q 9 8 2 ♣ K T 2 What is your call?



- 3) As dealer with neither side vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ 9 ♥ A J 9 7 ♦ A J T 7 4 ♣ K 5 3 What is your call?
 Your partner responds 1♠. What is your call?
- 4) Neither side vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ K 8 4 ♥ K 8 6 ♦ A Q 8 6 ♣ J 7 5
 Your right-hand opponent (RHO) opens 1♥, what is your call?
 Your left-hand opponent (LHO) opens 1♥, followed by two passes. What is your call?
 Your left-hand opponent (LHO) opens 1♥; your partner doubles, and your RHO passes.
 What is your call?
- 5) Neither side vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ 8 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ K 8 7 6 4
 You are on lead against a 4♠ contract and your partner has overcalled hearts. You have not
 supported hearts. What is your lead?
 You are on lead against a 4♠ contract and your partner has overcalled hearts. You have
 supported hearts. What is your lead?
 You are on lead against a 4♠ contract and your partner has overcalled diamonds. You have
 supported diamonds. What is your lead?
- 6) As dealer with neither side vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ Q J 4 ♥ A Q T 9 3 ♦ K 6 ♣ K J 3 What is your call?
- 7) Neither side vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ Q 7 6 4 ♥ 8 ♦ 9 7 6 4 2 ♣ K 7 2
 Your partner opens 1♣. What is your call?
 Your partner opens 1♥. What is your call?
 Your partner opens 1♠. What is your call?
 Your partner opens 1NT. What is your call?
- 8) Neither side vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ K Q J 7 4 ♥ 7 5 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ T 7
 Your right-hand opponent (RHO) opens 1♥. What is your call?
 Your right-hand opponent (RHO) opens 1♠. What is your call?
- 9) Neither side vulnerable, your partner opens 1♥ and you hold:
 ♠ K 8 6 4 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ Q 8 7 2 ♣ 9 6 What is your call?
- 10) Neither side vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ K J 8 ♥ 9 7 6 3 ♦ K 5 ♣ Q T 8 3
 Your partner opens 1♦ and your RHO overcalls 1♠. What is your call?
 Your partner opens 1♦ and your RHO overcalls 1♥. What is your call?
- 11) Neither side vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ A J T 8 ♥ A K 8 5 ♦ A K J 7 ♣ T
 Your partner opens 1♣. What is your call?
 Your partner rebids clubs at the lowest level. What is your next call?



