

TABLE TALK

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Richard and Martha
Gazley of South
Burlington are this
issue's featured
personalities

DICK: I had an idyllic childhood in the Washington, DC, area in the 1930's, but the impending war required that my father, an aviation pioneer, convert peacetime industry to making warplanes. In the years 1940 – 1943 I moved four times, settling finally in the Cleveland area. After college and the army we lived in the New York City area until the end of 1970. I have always enjoyed new experiences. I have worked, among others, as a gray iron foundryman in Cleveland; a cowboy in Montana; a chemical engineer at the nuclear facilities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee; a bargeman on the Yukon River; various positions at Standard Oil; manager of both chemical and plastics companies; furniture maker; and pollution control engineer/designer/builder. I can wrangle a whiteface out of a draw, build a sideboard, clean up the air in a paper mill – just don't ask me to find the trump king!

In high school I was part of an expedition that located on the north shore of Lake Huron the remains of the first sailing ship on the Great Lakes and the bones of its crew. The *Griffon* was built by Robert, Sieur de LaSalle and had disappeared from history when it was wrecked in a storm in November, 1698.

My interests in retirement include foreign travel and, here at home, hiking, skiing, reading, writing and music. Since retirement Marti and I have traveled in Turkey, Nepal, Italy (four times), Spain, Madeira, the Canaries, Morocco, Greece, Crete, Kenya, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Russia and Finland (twice each) and Egypt. Prior to retirement we had lived and traveled in Europe.

My mother was an excellent bridge player, once winning a tournament partnered with Oswald Jacoby. When I asked her to teach me, she said, "Bridge is for women."

Nevertheless I bought a board game where one slid covers that revealed individual cards so that a hand could eventually be played. I drifted from this dreary solitary occupation to chess. It was a no-brainer to follow Marti into duplicate. I am most grateful to those who have helped me understand this game. *Jackie*: No, you lead *toward* the honor; *Frank*: Not *every* discard has to mean something; *Kathy*: Maybe you reach the contract this way; *Bry*: You bid *that* suit?; *Mike*: Common sense is always useful. Thank you and all the other players who have been so generous with your hard-won knowledge.

MARTI: I also moved a great deal in my childhood, from Georgia, where I was born, through seven moves to settle in Princeton, NJ. I met Dick on a blind date at Cornell my sophomore year. He didn't like coeds (he thought a date with a Wells girl was being arranged) and took me to the movies on a Sunday afternoon so he wouldn't have to talk to me. But then he took me out to dinner, and, as they say, the rest is history. My roommates and I tried to play bridge at college, but none of us knew how so we improvised, aided by a Goren book. When we scored we thought you were minus if you failed to make a contract. Whoever had the smallest minus was the winner.

Dick and I raised four daughters in the New York suburbs for 15 years. The late 1960's were a time of great social and political ferment. The hippies were inventing a new life-style, so we figured we would too. We moved to VT in 1971, bought a small business designing, building and selling furniture on Shelburne Road, and ran it together for nine years. Then I branched out on my own, eventually going into fund-raising at UVM and Norwich University. Dick and I did NOT work well together! All chiefs and no Indians! However we did make beautiful music together, playing violin/piano duets and other chamber music for many years.

When I retired in 1994 I wanted to learn to play bridge properly and was delighted to find a superb club in Burlington. I began with the Heart series, held at Gloria Singer's home, and she became the first of many good friends we have made through the club. In 2004 after living in Huntington Center for 30 years, we built a house in South Burlington. We love living in the city and the opportunity to play much more bridge. The club is very central to our lives. Special thanks to all the club members who have encouraged and supported us as we have worked at learning this fascinating, frustrating, wonderful game.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM CARLOS GALVAN

Hello friends,

I am inquiring as to the availability of a few good men and women to assist me in putting Vermont's best foot forward at the upcoming Boston Nationals. Dates: November 20 – 30, 2008. Vermont's day is Friday,

November 21. Location will be the Marriott and Westin Hotels, Boston, MA.

We need folks to work the welcoming table at both hotels at the appointed breaks --- also to set up and tear down. In addition, we need individuals who would contact companies head-quartered in Vermont, to donate something -- food, product, etc. For example, I plan to contact King Arthur Flour, located right down the road in Norwich, Vermont. Vermont Teddy Bear, Ben and Jerry's, Burton Snow Boards, etc. are all head-quartered in Vermont.

I need to know no later than January 31, 2008.

Please email me at c.galvan@carlin.org if you are willing to help, or telephone me at (802) 785-4180

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to this matter.

This is your editor speaking: I have printed Carlos' message in larger than usual type, because of the very high importance I place on it. Every 9 or 10 years, New England has a national tournament, always located for obvious reasons in Boston. Before 2008, Boston had national tournaments in 1970, 1980, 1990, and 1999. Because of its location, most of the national tournament burden falls on the Eastern Massachusetts unit. We in Vermont are asked to do one thing -- take responsibility for one of the state days. Carlos is doing an enormous service to our unit by agreeing to chair the effort for our state day. He needs our help. We cannot let him down. We cannot embarrass him or our state. Get right on this, people.

Imagining Other Scenarios

By Alan Wertheimer

There was a hand from the President's Cup on which Steve Bean and I earned one of our few good boards. Given my partner's actual holding, we were in an excellent contract. Nonetheless, this was not necessarily so, and this hand demonstrated that we can learn from what might have occurred as well as from what actually occurred.

Partner opens 1H and you find yourself with the following hand

S AK H KQ64 D Void C AK106542

You immediately think of a grand slam. Partner held

S J H A8532 D A10832 C Q3

Luckily, if one asks for aces, as I did, one finds out that partner has 2. and so one knows that 7H is virtually cold. If partner has 1 or 2 clubs, he should be able to ruff out your club suit. About the only club holding that might give partner trouble is xxx with a 3-0 club split. Of course, a 4-0 trump break would also scuttle the contract.

Unfortunately, my partners (I don't know about yours!) sometimes open 1H on something like

S Qx H J10xxx D AQJx C Qx

If partner has the hand above, one needs to find out whether he has the ace of hearts or the ace of diamonds. Some pairs have the tools to do so (exclusion Blackwood) and others do not (we did not). We got lucky, because my partner had both aces, but I wonder what I would have done, if he had shown only 1. Would I have gambled on 7?

As you can see, Steve has a marginal opening hand. It's almost impossible not to get to 7H, if partner opens 1H and has 2 aces. Only 8 out of 19 pairs got there, because I suspect that some players with my partner's hand did not open. (2210 was worth 14.5 mp on a top of 18).

But suppose we change thing slightly so that partner has a hand virtually everyone would open, for example

S Qx H AJxxx D AQxx C ?x

Or

S QJx H AJxxx D Axxx C ?

In both hands the ? in the clubs indicates an unknown club, possibly the queen, possibly a less valuable spot card.

7H is basically cold on either hand whether or not partner holds the club queen. Moreover, everyone will drive to at least 7H with my hand. If we were playing IMPs, it wouldn't matter whether we get to 7H or 7NT. But, at match points, if everyone gets to at least 7H, then bidding and making 7H won't be an especially good board. If partner has the Q or Qx of clubs or 3 small clubs, then 7NT is a good bet (7 club tricks, 5 hearts, 2 spades and 1 diamond = 15 tricks). And so, I have been wondering how I might have tried to figure out whether partner had the Q of clubs --- enabling the run of the clubs. I still don't know.

We are all inclined to think we can learn from our mistakes – the hands that do not go well. I think this hand from the President's Cup illustrates that we can learn from the hands that do go well, but might not have under different circumstances. The hand from the President's Cup shows the importance of adequate bidding tools.

Vermont Bridge Association Top 100

December 2007

List based on 12/21 VBA membership roster

1.	Anne Hoffman	6,456	51.	Rigmor Shawcross	916
2.	James Gordon	4,888	52.	Barbara Philpet	864
3.	Frank Hacker	4,760	53.	James Thomas	861
4.	Phil Sharpsteen	3,284	54.	Gene Kazlow	860
5.	Mike Farrell	3,064	55.	Jon Stokes	849
6.	Gerald DiVincenzo	3,014	56.	Paul Cohen	816
7.	Kathy Farrell	2,884	57.	Don Campbell	806
8.	Fred Donald	2,873	58.	Gary Feingold	782
9.	Wayne Hersey	2,738	59.	Ed Schirmer	776
10.	June Dorion	2,708	60.	Jim Daigle	739
11.	Don Sondergeld	2,694	61.	Bob Silverman	735
12.	Michael Engel	2,477	62.	Mary Granger	731
13.	Cliff Gordon	2,413	63.	Stuart Osborn	721
14.	Courtney Nelson	2,393	64.	Eileen Fleiter	720
15.	Patricia DiVincenzo	2,329	65.	Elizabeth Clewley	699
16.	Dave Shaw	2,289	66.	Mitch Kontoff	698
17.	Edsel Hughes	2,100	67.	Irene Vignoe	692
18.	Jackie Kimel	2,052	68.	Jean-Guy Beliveau	690
19.	Rudy Polli	1,996	69.	Ed Brass	599
20.	Bob Smith	1,969	70.	Patricia Earle	594
21.	Pierce Smith	1,961	71.	Norma Jakominich	590
22.	Judie Donald	1,956	72.	Eleanor Thall	561
23.	Lynn Carew	1,882	73.	Theresa Ingram	560
24.	Nick Ecker Racz	1,644	74.	Raymond Johnson	541
25.	Jack Rihn	1,642	75.	Alan Wertheimer	539
26.	Beatrice Spier	1,635	76.	Joyce Stone	521
27.	Pat Nestork	1,492	77.	Bonnie Clouser	521
28.	Andy Avery	1,483	78.	James Holzworth	508
29.	Barbara Fitzgerald	1,407	79.	Nancy Lolli	503
30.	Peter Bouyea	1,402	80.	Bob Chiabrandy	482
31.	Gerow Carlson	1,378	81.	Sarah Bastick	479
32.	Stan Rosenthal	1,365	82.	Ron Silverman	472
33.	Bryant Jones	1,338	83.	Pearl McGrath	467
34.	Penny Lane	1,279	84.	Kotze Toshev	467
35.	Linda Bouyea	1,248	85.	Richard Gazley	463
36.	Paul Reardon	1,227	86.	Connie Beliveau	460
37.	Steve Dunham	1,197	87.	Martha Gazley	452
38.	Jay Friedenson	1,183	88.	George Malek	447
39.	Chris Acker	1,182	89.	Lois Mailloux	442
40.	Michale Arnowitt	1,146	90.	June Silverman	438
41.	Michael Gore	1,139	91.	Jane Trachtenberg	420
42.	Ruth Stokes	1,111	92.	Marsha Anstey	417
43.	Marcia Wilkins	1,084	93.	Hazel Stannard	403
44.	Mary Tierney	1,069	94.	Grant Pealer	386
45.	William Sibley	1,036	95.	Ruth Brass	386
46.	Mary Azarian	1,013	96.	Anne Farrell	382
47.	Dave Perrin	976	97.	Betty Stanley	360
48.	Louise Acker	960	98.	John A. Newton	358
49.	Jesse Stalker	942	99.	James Chase	354
50.	Bill Schiring	919	100.	Richard Unger	351

GIVE ME YOUR HEARTY, TIRELESS BRIDGE PLAYERS

By Dave Shaw

It's January and the "snowbirds" have gone south. The membership of the Vermont Bridge Association peaked at 434 this past summer, a 20 year high. If history repeats, we'll drop to 382 for the winter. That's 52 players, most of them active, regular club players, who are gone for the next few months. For club owners and managers, that's bad news because those 52 club players are 20 to 25% of all club players. What to do? What to do!

Here's my suggestion. If you're one of those hearty Vermont club players staying in the North Country, play more or at least play as much. If your regular partner is a snowbird, please ask your club manager to find a partner for you or call someone with whom you'd like to have a game. Your club manager has a recent Vermont Bridge Association directory (if not, call me at 800/639-8000) which lists the names and phone numbers of all members.

Here's another suggestion. Just as you don't want to sit out the winter without playing your favorite card game, there's someone just like you waiting for your call. But if no one takes any initiative, neither of you will play. So, pick up the phone.

Club managers might gather the names of people who are available to play this winter and what months they are around. I know the Burlington Club gets more active helping with partnerships in the winter.

Let's play BRIDGE!

Table Talk Distribution

It should come as no surprise that the cost of distributing Table Talk is continually rising. The VBA could realize significant savings by distributing TT via email. We already have a short list of members who are receiving their Table Talk this way. There is one advantage, for sure: The picture of the featured personality is in color, instead of in black and white as it ends up in the paper copy.

Would you like to receive your TT issue via email. Table Talk is a Word document, so you will need to be able to open a Word document. We offer the following options

1. Continue to receive TT via regular hard copy
2. Receive TT via email
3. Receive both distributions (While this is least desirable, we are willing to do this for a while to help members become acclimated to email distribution.)

4. If you would like to see whether TT via email can work for you, we are willing to send you this issue via email.

If you would like to try TT via email, send your email address to Frank Hacker at frhac@charter.net. Please indicate which of options 2,3, or 4 you would like.

By the way, my email address is always on the first page masthead. You are always welcome to communicate on any bridge subject.

Timing is Everything

By Frank Hacker

Here is a hand of some interest from the most recent Killington Sectional. South is declarer in 4 spades. The opening lead is the queen of clubs.

S	76543
H	932
D	K102
C	42

S	KQJ10
H	KQ7
D	A754
C	AK

You can see one spade loser, one or two heart losers and a diamond loser. Also, dummy is very short of entries. If you can lead up to the heart KQ twice, you can limit your heart losers to one, providing that the ace is on side. The two needed entries will be the king of diamonds and a diamond ruff in dummy after you give up a diamond trick. Of course, the heart ace may be off side, in which case you might make the hand if diamonds split 3-3. Unfortunately once you lead a heart toward the KQ and off side ace, it will probably be too late to switch to the other line of attack. The defense will continue hearts, setting up their second heart trick. They will take the setting trick as soon as you let them in with their diamond trick. You could alternatively just play for the 3-3 diamond split. This would not be good play since the diamond split has a much lower probability than the on side ace of hearts. Is there some way to time the play so as to combine your chances?

First things first, however. You win the club ace, and lead the spade king. Opponent wins the ace and continues with another club. You draw trump (they split 2-2). Now you combine your chances by leading a diamond to the 10. Let's say, East wins the trick and leads a heart. You play the king. Whether it wins or loses, you play diamonds at your next opportunity. A diamond to the king followed by a diamond to the ace will set up a diamond winner when diamonds are 3-3. In which case, you simply throw dummy's

losing heart. If diamonds are not 3-3, you can ruff the last diamond and lead up to your remaining heart honor. This way you make the hand when either hearts or diamonds cooperate. Here is the actual layout of all the cards

S 76543
 H 932
 D K102
 C 42

S 98
 H J8654
 D Q9
 C QJ109

S A2
 H A10
 D J863
 C 87653

S KQJ10
 H KQ7
 D A754
 C AK

As you can see the heart ace is on side and the distribution is somewhat more forgiving than it might be.

Timing is Everything--- Part 2

By Frank Hacker

This time you are declarer at 3NT with the opening lead of the queen of clubs

S AK62
 H Q9532
 D J
 C 952

S 543
 H J10
 D KQ10953
 C AK

You have gotten to 3NT on minimum values. Still, it looks like you have 9 tricks, the 4 black top cards and 5 diamond tricks. You cleverly win the opening lead with your club ace and pause for thought. The opening lead has attacked one of your entries, so it looks like you'll have to lead the diamond king or queen from hand and cannibalize your diamond jack. After congratulating yourself for your outstanding acumen, you lead the

diamond king. East wins the ace and returns a club. So far -- so good, but when you cash the diamond queen, east shows out. East had a singleton ace and west's diamond 8 will be a second stopper --- down 2. It turns out that you could have made the hand by leading a low diamond to the jack at trick 2. East would have been forced to win the ace and your high club would provide the requisite entry to enjoy your 5 diamond tricks.

A low diamond to the jack would be a horrible play against any distribution except a singleton ace. I guess we'll just have to chalk this one up to bad luck.

Not so fast, my friend. You blew it.

All you needed to do, was to lead a spade to dummy at trick 2 and lead the diamond J from dummy. If east played low, you would overtake as originally planned. On the actual hand, you would have seen the ace and simply have played small. It's true that singleton ace on the right has a very small probability, but it costs absolutely nothing to be careful. Once again timing is of paramount importance. Here is the complete hand.

		S	AK62		
		H	Q9532		
		D	J		
		C	952		
S	Q7			S	J1098
H	A			H	A8764
D	87642			D	A
C	QJ1087			C	643
		S	543		
		H	J10		
		D	KQ10953		
		C	AK		

Vermont On The Tournament Trail

Many Vermonters have done well recently at the San Francisco Nationals and at a number of regionals.

Here is a list of recent Vermont successes

<u>San Francisco Nationals:</u>	Penny Lane	34.39	Rhoda Chickering	20.74
	Don Sondergeld	33.25	Sandy Desilets	20.74
	Mary Savko	22.53	Jay Friedenson	13.57
	Ellie Hanlon	22.53		
<u>Naples Regional:</u>	Don Sondergeld	64.73	E. Zelkin	19.84
	Michael Zelkin	19.84		

<u>Danbury:</u>	Michael Zelkin	16.40	Jay Friedenson	11.53
	E. Zelkin	16.40		
<u>Lancaster:</u>	Penny Lane	53.02		
<u>Daytona:</u>	Ellie Hanlon	68.82	Mary Savko	68.82
<u>Mansfield:</u>	Phil Sharpsteen	17.52	Frank Hacker	14.79
	Norma Jakominich	16.18		

Vermonters On The Way Up

Congratulations to the following VBA members who have achieved new ranks in the master point hierarchy. Well done!!

Junior Master:

Linda Aronson
Catherine Loew
Margaret Nadeau

Barbara Reilly
Sylvia Stringos

Barbara Wright
Jackie Zierler

Club Master:

Sharon Conova
Marjorie Hurley

Nancy Madden
Donald Stygles

Willy White, Jr.

Sectional Master:

Mark Adair
Vivienne Adair

Donald Bly
Betty Faulkner

Ping Gee

NABC Master: Rhoda Chickering

Life Master: **Bonnie Clouser**
Barbara Unger
Richard Unger

Bronze Life Master: Bonnie Clouser

2007 President's Cup

The 2007 President's Cup took place at the Burlington Bridge Academy on October 8. There was a 2 session pair game with a wonderful turkey dinner between sessions.

The Vermont Bridge Association annual meeting also took place between sessions. The overall winners were

MP	A	B	C	Names	
6.16	1			Patricia DiVincenzo – David Shaw	610.50
4.62	2			Wayne Hersey – Edsel Hughes	595.00
3.97	3			Phil Sharpsteen – Frank Hacker	593.50
3.06	4			Gerald DiVincenzo – Nicholas Ecker Racz	592.00
1.95	5			Mary Savko – Ellie Hanlon	559.50
2.62	6			Judith Donald – Fred Donald, Jr.	548.00
4.10		1	1	John Newton – Sally Newton	513.50
3.08		2	2	Karen Kristiansen – Sheila Long	510.00
2.11		3/4		Martha Gazley – Richard Gazley	494.50
2.02		3/4	3	Richard Clark – Willy White, Jr.	494.50
1.30		5		Carlos Galvan – Jesse Stalker	490.00
1.48		6		Patricia Earle – Gladys Rocheleau	486.50
0.98			4	Rhoda Chickering – Sandy Desilets	475.00
0.73			5	Edward Buttolph – Harold Smith	467.50

Bidding for Average

By Phil Sharpsteen

I had some trouble coming up with a title for this article and it probably still isn't the best. In my case it would be average bidding! The subject of this article is an instructive hand from a top bracket regional Swiss event. The idea is not to go out of your way to try to 'pick off the opponents' at the one level. We all want the great story of how we collected +800 by doubling a frisky opponent at the one level, but always trying for such a result often greatly distorts your own constructive auction. Since this endeavor is a pet peeve of my regular partner, I am not even tempted! The hand is as follows with south dealing and NS vul:

		S	4		
		H	KJ4		
		D	Q1053		
		C	Q10753		
S	J8743			S	1092
H	A1052			H	Q
D	KJ6			D	A982
C	J			C	AK864
		S	AKQ9		
		H	98763		
		D	74		
		C	92		

The auction began with 3 passes to east who opened with 1 club. I as south now decided to double (you have to be aggressive to hold your own in a flight A Swiss). I planned to correct a 1 diamond response to 1 heart showing both majors for my initial action. West decided to redouble with his 10 points which tends to set the stage for trying to defend and maybe collect +500 or so. Clearly, without my double, west would bid 1 spade and this is perhaps still the best action. (I would ignore the double and bid 1 spade with the west cards – it is most descriptive and helps shut out competition in hearts. After all, the doubler may only have 3 spades.)

After the redouble, my partner chose to bid 1 diamond. Without the redouble, he would have made the same bid, as the club spots are not robust enough to play 1 club doubled. (QJ1098 would be sufficient!) East, with 4 diamonds doubled. I now followed through with my plan and bid 1 heart. West, with 4 hearts, doubled. My partner passed with a fine tolerance for hearts and that ended the auction. You can see that, left with room to explore, NS have ended in 2 spades and it takes great defense to beat this contract.

In actual practice, the first trick was the club jack to the 3, A and 2. Trick 2 was the heart Q to the 3, 2 and K. Trick 3 was the club 5 to the 4, 9 and heart 5. The heart A was lead to trick 4. West then thought a long time before clearing trump at trick 5 with the heart 10 lead. South now has 4 hearts plus 3 spades – making 1 heart doubled for +160!

East-West can make make 2 or 3 spades without a spade lead and would have probably played and made 2 if west had bid 1 spade instead of the redouble. As it turned out, our teammates were in 4 spades doubled and came very close to making after a low heart lead to the singleton queen in dummy! So we picked up 2 imps with all this action and 2 very tough contracts to play and defend! That was the end of the good news! As can often happen at this level of play, our opponents got the remaining 6 boards right and our team was blitzed!

One afterthought: What our opponents did in the auction would actually be correct technique at a higher level e.g. where we were trying to find a spot to play in a weak 1NT doubled runout sequence. They double with 4 cards in the bid suit and we bid suits up the line hoping to play an undoubled contract.

2007 Perrin Pairs

The annual Dave and Lyn Perrin appreciation pairs took place on Saturday Dec 1 at the Burlington Bridge Academy. There was a 2 session pair game with a fabulous dinner between sessions. The overall winners were

MP	A	B	C	Names	
5.10	1			Phil Sharpsteen – Frank Hacker	377.49
3.88	2	1	1	Richard Clark – Gordon Johnson	363.07
2.88	3			Patricia DiVincenzo – Rudolph Polli	362.73
2.82	4	2		Lynn Carew – Pat Nestork	360.16
2.12	5	3		Jon Stokes – Ruth Stokes	345.23
1.59	6	4		James Chase – Stan Rosenthal	345.20

1.85	5	2	Mark Adair – Vivienne Adair	343.99
1.39	6	3	Sally Newton – John Newton	338.71
1.01		4	Thomas Holmes – Zander Ponzo	308.61

2007 Trophy Races Final Standings

Tiernan Trophy Race

Every year the Vermont Bridge Association awards the Tiernan trophy to the VBA member who accumulates the most master points in the 4 Vermont sectional tournaments. Congratulations to this year's winner **Phil Sharpsteen** who has won the trophy for the seventh time. Here is the final top 10. Please accept my humble apology for any errors or omissions.

1.	Phil Sharpsteen	39.66	6.	Mike Farrell	29.75
2.	Jerry DiVincenzo	38.75	7.	Bryant Jones	29.24
3.	June Dorion	35.82	8.	Kathy Farrell	27.83
4.	Wayne Hersey	35.24	8.	Patti DiVincenzo	27.83
5.	Frank Hacker	31.62	10.	Bob Smith	23.56

Scott Aborn Trophy Race

Every year the Vermont Bridge Association awards the Scott Aborn trophy to the VBA member who starts the year as a non-life master and who accumulates the most master points in the 4 Vermont sectional tournaments. Congratulations to **Sally and John Newton**, last year's winners, for their repeat victory. Here is the final top 10. Once again, my humble apology for any errors or omissions.

1.	Sally Newton	18.50	5.	Mark Adair	6.81
1.	John Newton	18.50	7.	Karen Kristiansen	5.27
3.	Bonnie Clouser	10.15	8.	C. Kirk Osterland	6.22
4.	Tom Osmer	8.30	9.	Carlos Galvan	5.68
5.	Vivienne Adair	6.81	10.	Karen Kristiansen	5.53

VERMONT FALL SECTIONAL RESULTS

Killington, VT
October 26-28, 2007

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

MP	A	B	C	Names	PCT
6.33	1			Wayne Hersey – Bryant Jones	66.35
4.75	2			Sandra Hammer – Courtney Nelson	63.54
3.56	3			Lou Kelleher. – June Dorion	61.79
4.28	4	1	1	Josephine Walker – Carl Payne, Jr.	59.75
2.00	5			James Thomas – Rudolph Polli	59.05
3.21	6	2	2	Lorraine Streeter – Thomas Cronin	58.81
2.41		3		Lee Pearson – Mary Anne Pickett	58.22
1.81		4	3	Sally Newton – John Newton	57.53
1.35		5		Joseph Phillips – Marje Barton	56.42
1.40		6		Edward Hornidge – Richard Bobilin	56.25
1.05			4	Elizabeth VonRiesenfelder – Penelope Daly	54.01
0.79			5	Anne Van Royen – Charles Van Royen	53.37
0.81			6	Helen Lewis – Julianna McAllister	51.61

Friday Evening Open Pairs

MP	A	B	C	Names	PCT
4.67	1			Frank Hacker – Phil Sharpsteen	69.15
3.50	2	1		Rich Stevens – Albert Muggia	67.50
2.63	3			Wayne Hersey – Bryant Jones	63.84
1.97	4			Robert Smith – C. Kirk Osterland	63.19
1.48	5			Jackie Kimel – David Shaw	61.08
2.41	6	2		Lee Pearson – Mary Anne Pickett	58.95
1.95		3	1	David Wooden – May Beck	55.71
1.46		4	2	Julianna McAllister – Helen Lewis	55.46
1.02		5		Elizabeth VonRiesenfelder – Claus Buchthal	55.23
0.84		6		Edward Hornidge – Richard Bobilin	53.76
1.10			3	John Nelson – Linda Nelson	49.04
0.82			4	Barbara Varney – Lynn Beebe	47.11
0.62			5	Marolyn Ciarletta – Michael Ciarletta	45.96

Saturday Morning Open Pairs

MP	A	B	C	Names	PCT
3.00	1			Judy Hill – Richard Hill	61.25
2.25	2	1		John Nelson – Linda Nelson	60.83
1.69	3			William Peruzzi – Peg Peruzzi	59.17
1.30	4	2		John Conova – C. Kirk Osterland	55.75
1.05	5			John Riopelle – Shirley Grady	54.17
0.97		3		Lynn Beebe – Ping Gee	51.00
0.73		4		Marolyn Ciarletta – Michael Ciarletta	50.92

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

MP	A	B	C	Names	PCT
6.50	1			Michael Rogers – Babette Rogers	64.71
4.88	2			Fred Donald, Jr. – Judith Donald	61.38
3.66	3			Wayne Hersey – Robert Smith	61.12

4.42	4	1	Edward Hornidge – Richard Bobilin	60.28
2.06	5		Sandra Hammer – Courtney Nelson	59.46
1.54	6		Robert Donald – Diane Burger	59.12
3.23		2	Pat Nestork – Bonnie Clouser	55.77
2.49		3	Ruth Stokes – Jay Fridenson	55.75
1.86		4	Rosemarie Viscardi – Flora Farrell	55.63
1.40		5	Norma Jakominich – Donald Campbell	54.79
1.05		6	Carlos Galvan – Jesse Stalker	53.21
2.38		1	Ron Silverman – June Silverman	51.77
1.79		2	Rayona Eaton – Carolyn Columbus	51.60
1.34		3	Mary-Eliz Fitzgerald – Stephanie Mason	51.58
1.00		4	Layton Davis – William Wade	51.28
0.75		5	Susan Wright – Penelope Daly	51.12
0.92		6	Judith Ward – Suzanna Thurber	50.53

Saturday Evening Flight B/C/D Pairs

MP	B	C	D	Names	PCT
4.02	1			Carlos Galvan – Jesse Stalker	61.81
3.02	2	1		Jean-Guy Beliveau – Connie Beliveau	61.45
2.26	3	2		David Wooden – Mae Beck	59.27
1.70	4	3		Stanley Kaplan – Natalie Kaplan	58.10
1.27	5			Barbara Varney – Barbara Fitzgerald	57.41
0.95	6			Bonnie Clouser – Pat Nestork	56.71
1.09		4		Lorraine Streeter – Thomas Cronin	55.32
1.61		5	1	Mark Adair – Vivienne Adair	54.63
1.21		6	2	John Newton – Sally Newton	54.04
0.91			3	Marolyn Ciarletta – Michael Ciarletta	51.74
0.68			4	Linda Hartt – Bruce Eisen	48.84

Saturday Evening Flight A Pairs

MP			Names	PCT
5.67	1		Derrick Niederman – Margaret Malaspina	57.74
4.25	2		Jay Keenan – Geoffrey Phipps	53.57
3.19	3		Pierce Smith – Stewart Mackeigan	51.79

KO Teams Bracket 1

MP		Names
9.00	1	Judy Dubay – William Dubay Steve Bloom – Betty Bloom
6.75	2	Kathleen Farrell – Michael Farrell Patricia DiVincenzo – Gerald DiVincenzo

KO Teams Bracket 2

MP	Names

5.25	1	Gerald Russell – Nancy Russell Barbara Parks – Joan Dobert
3.94	2	Jean-Guy Beliveau – Connie Beliveau Alden Edwards – Jennifer Edwards

Sunday Open Swiss Teams

MP	A	B	C	Names	SCORE
8.25	1			William Dubay – Judy Dubay Betty Bloom – Steve Bloom	118
6.19	2			Fred Donald Jr. – Rudolph Polli Phillip Sharpsteen – Frank Hacker	106
4.64	3			Kathleen Farrell – Michael Farrell Patricia DiVincenzoGerald DiVincenzo	104
3.48	4			Paul Reardon – Layton Davis Wayne Hersey – Mary Tierney	103
2.61	5			Daniel McGuire – Geoffrey Phipps Wayne Burt – Jay Keenan	101
4.42	6	1		Jon Stokes – Ruth Stokes William Schiring – Jay Friedenson	94
2.91		2/3		Edward Gove – Rose Gove Julianna McAllister – Helen Lewiss	88
2.91		2/3	1	Jacqueline Walker – Carl Payne, Jr. Thomas Cronin – Lorraine Streeter	88
1.86		4		Bryant Jones – Richard Gazley Martha Gazley – Barbara Fitzgerald	84

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 Crown Plaza

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April 4-6 Vermont Sugar-time Sectional
 (See Flier at end of this issue)

May 16-18 Vermont Spring Sectional
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May 26-June 1 Regional, Saratoga Springs

Vermont Sugar-time Sectional

Burlington Bridge Academy
7 Green Tree Drive
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Friday April 4th:

1:30PM Open Pairs, Stratified
Under 100 Pairs (an opportunity to win silver points)
7:30PM Open Pairs, Stratified
Under 100 Pairs

Saturday April 5th:

1:00PM Open Pairs, Stratified
Under 100 Pairs

7:00PM Open Pairs, Stratified
Under 100 Pairs

Sunday April 6th:

10:30AM 1st Session Open Swiss Teams, Stratified
Under 200 Swiss Teams, Stratified
TBA 2nd Session Open Swiss Teams, Stratified

Open Stratifications: A: unlimited B: <1500, LMs & >500 C: NLM <500
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