

Upcoming Tournaments

Tucson Spring Sectional April 15-18, 2010

Head to the Holiday Inn Palo Verde at 4550 South Palo Verde Road April 15-18 for Tucson's spring bridge tournament.

Review to the ad elsewhere this issue of *ScoreCard* for complete information on special bridge rates, the schedule of events, and other information. Please join us.

Colorado Springs Spring Sectional April 22-25, 2010

The Colorado Springs Spring Sectional is April 22-25, 2010 at the Norris-Penrose Event Center at 1045 Lower Gold Camp Road. That's Thursday night through Sunday with the expected schedule of events, as set forth in the ad you will find elsewhere in this issue of *ScoreCard*. Also check the ad for good rates at the host hotel, the Clarion Hotel.

Las Cruces Down Country Sectional April 23-25, 2010

Tournament bridge in Las Cruces will be April 23-25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 2755 East Idaho. Take note of the new location.

The easy to remember schedule with identical events both Friday and Saturday can be found in the ad elsewhere this issue of *ScoreCard*. Check it out and plan to play. We'll see you there

Santa Fe Sectional April 30-May 2, 2010

Plan on spring bridge in Santa Fe, April 30 to May 2 at the Santa Fe Community College at 6401 Richards Avenue. Check out their ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* for the full schedule of events. It's easy to remember: Friday and Saturday are identical, Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams on Sunday.

Boulder Bonanza Sectional April 30-May 2, 2010

The Boulder bridge unit's annual spring tournament is April 30 to May 2 at the longstanding playing site, the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont, Colorado.

The ad this *ScoreCard* issue provides details on location and schedule of events.

Laughlin Sectional April 30-May 2, 2010

The Spring Laughlin Sectional is at the River Palms Hotel, April 30 to May 2. Check the ad this issue for details on the truly amazing host hotel rates. Plenty of events to play in. Check it out in this *ScoreCard* issue and join us.

Phoenix Silver Sun Sectional May 14-16, 2010

The annual Phoenix Silver Sun Sectional is again played on the campus of ASU West Campus on Thunderbird Drive in Glendale, Arizona. The full schedule of games is in the ad below.

The dates are May 14-16 which is just around the corner. See you there!

Stewart's World of Bridge –Book Review

By Jared Johnson
ScoreCard Editor

Check out *Frank Stewart's World of Bridge* (Squeeze Books, Vivisphere Publishing, Poughkeepsie, New York). Stewart is a syndicated bridge columnist and has also been a frequent contributor to the American Contract Bridge League's *Bridge Bulletin*. He has an immense reservoir of experience to draw upon from his own playing as well as kibitzing top players.

Some of his fictional characters include Cy the Cynic who seldom seems to get it right. Says Cy, "Experience is a hard teacher. She gives the test first and the lesson afterwards."

Elsewhere Stewart notes that "nobody can teach experience," but this book comes close. Indeed, you can learn a lot from studying the mistakes made by players, both fictional and real.

It's an excellent collection of instructive hands presented in entertaining fashion.

Here is an excellent lesson in logic that Mr. Spock would be proud of:

All vulnerable, *East* dealer

North
♠ K10753
♥ J852
♦ Q54
♣ 7

West	East
♠ Q4	♠ 986
♥ 7	♥ AK
♦ 108762	♦ AKJ9
♣ K9532	♣ Q1064

South
♠ AJ2
♥ Q109643
♦ 3
♣ AJ8

North	East	South	West
3♥	INT	2♥	Pass
	Pass	4♥	

Opening lead: ♦6

Remember that at the table you can't see all four hands. You have two trumps losers and a diamond loser, and must find the ♠Q to make your contract. Without further information, the notrump bidder is an overwhelming favorite to hold that card. Of course, when you see the hand

in a book you can almost guess what is going to happen. It isn't going to be a lesson hand just to have the ♠Q turn up where expected, with *East*. But follow the logic.

After the ♦6 lead, declarer calls small from dummy, *East* winning the jack. *East* continues with the king and you ruff. A throw-in play doesn't look likely, but since you have trumps to burn, you play the ♣A, ruff a club, play the ♦Q, *East* covering with the ace, you ruffing, and ruff another club. Then you play a trump.

East wins the ace and king of trumps and exits with a diamond, forcing you to ruff in hand and it is decision time.

Start counting. *East* has the ace, king and jack of diamonds and the two high trumps honors for 15 points.

West turns out to have led a diamond from nothing. Surely if *West* had the king and queen of clubs, he would have led from that holding. That puts at least one club honor in the *East* hand, at least the queen, so we are up to at least 17 points. *East* can't have the ♠Q, so you finesse *West* for that card and make your contract.

Well played. Just apply a little logic and at least occasionally at the bridge table, it will be like you have that bridge column hand diagram right in front of you.

Santa Fe Sectional April 30, May 1,2 2010

Same Schedule Both Days
Friday and Saturday,
April 30 & May 1
Note - New KO's
start each morning @ 9AM
9:00 a.m.

Bracketed KO session 1
Stratified Pairs
299'er Pairs

1:00 p.m.
Knock Out session 2
Swiss Teams, single session
Stratified Pairs, single sess
299'er Pairs, single session

7:00 p.m.
Knock Out, final session
Stratified Pairs, single sess

Sunday, May 2 10:00 a.m.
Strati-flighted Swiss Teams,
2 Sessions
Lunch Provided
(play-through' short break)

LOCATION

Santa Fe
Community College
6401 Richards Ave.

I-25 Exit 278
North on Cerrillos
East onto Rodeo
South onto Richards to
Community College

Holiday Inn
4048 Cerrillos 800-465-4329
Courtyard by Marriott
3347 Cerrillos 505.473-2800
Fairfield Inn by Marriott
4150 Cerrillos 505.474-4442
Sleep Inn
8376 Cerrillos 505-474-7570

Apv Masterpoint limits are:
Teams Strat A/X A3000+ X 0-3000
Strat B/C/D 300/500/1500
Pairs Strat A/B/C
unl/1500/500
299'er 50/150/300|

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PHOENIX SILVER SUN SECTIONAL



May 14 - 16, 2010

ASU West Campus
4701 West Thunderbird Drive
Glendale, AZ 85306 (602) 543-7751

Friday, May 14

10 am & 3 pm	Stratified Open Pairs	Single Sessions
10 am & 3 pm	Stratified 199er Pairs	Single Sessions
7:30 pm	Stratified Open Pairs	Single Session
7:30 pm	Silver Bracketed KOs	1st Round

Saturday, May 15

10 am & 3 pm	Stratified Open Pairs	Single Sessions
10 am & 3 pm	Stratified 199er Pairs	Single Sessions
10 am & 3 pm	Silver Bracketed KOs (cont'd)	2nd and 3rd Rounds

Sunday, May 16

10 am & TBA	Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	2 Session Event
10 am & TBA	Stratified 199er Swiss Teams	Single Sessions

Cafeteria open for lunch

Stratified Events:

A = 1500+	D = 100-200
B = 500-1500	E = 50-100
C = 0-500	F = 0-50

Strati-Flighted Events:

A = 5000+	B = 1000-1500
X = 0-5000	C = 500-1000
	D = 0-500

Stratifications for all events will be based on average masterpoint holdings of the players. If an event has an upper limit, every player must fall within that limit.

KO teams: Brackets will be based on average MPs for all team members. Top bracket may be handicapped.

Entry Fees:

\$11 per session for paid up members
\$12 for non or unpaid ACBL members
Members with <10 MPs play FREE!

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- Hospitality breaks every session
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