



Unit 174 Newsletter September 2021



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Please visit the Unit 174 Website (www.acblunit174.org) to view updated information about the activities in our Unit and at our Clubs.



President's Message

5th President's Message

Well, we've had a year and a half of a pandemic, followed by a very long, hot summer and now a wet and messy beginning to fall. Then our August and October tournaments were canceled. We remain hopeful that we will be able to host our January Lone Star Regional from January 24th thru the 30th. Plans are underway to make it the best tournament ever. We will be offering both Teacher and Director courses the weekend prior to the LSR, so mark your calendars.

Being home-bound has become our new reality. Bridge players are fortunate in that, while many of our Unit 174 clubs are starting to offer more F2F games, 3 of our clubs have Virtual games every day, so there are lots of opportunities to play our favorite game. Between Netflix, Prime, Hulu, sports, and your other TV favorites, there is always something to watch. And curling up with a good book- especially on a rainy day - is still my favorite way to pass the time at home.

Our world has changed drastically since March of 2020, so we have all learned new coping skills. I, for one, am still trying to master Zooming. My granddaughter has been helping me. Staying home day after day has presented many challenges, but staying healthy is everyone's priority. There is a light at the end of this tunnel, and we hope it is not a freight train!

Karen Nussbaum, President, Unit 174



New Members and Rank Advancements

ACBL notifies us each month about the members new to our Unit and those who advanced a rank as of the 6th day of the previous month. Below are listed those players who either joined our unit or advanced a rank.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following players to our unit:

Anita West - College Station

Joy Cook - Crystal Beach

Suzanne Sebo - Cypress

Barbara Scales - Dickinson

Cynthia Blankenship - Humble

David Nicholls - Humble

Nicholas Demarco - Spring

From Houston: **Norman Berlat, Yanga Bhavsar, Elizabeth Gibbens, Wayne Gibbens, Martha Hanson, Stanley Hoffberger, Paulette Howard, Don McGuirt, Dorothea Pongetti, Amy Siler, and Leo Womack**

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Listed below are the new Unit 174 Masterpoint Milestones reported by ACBL for September 21. An explanation of ranks may be found [on the ACBL website](#).

Junior Master (5 Masterpoints) (199 in Unit 174)

Anna Haine, Edward McKee, Carter Nash, Judi Whaling

Club Master (20 Masterpoints) (203 in Unit 174)

Janie Kobes, Richard Kobes

Sectional Master (50 Masterpoints) (226 in Unit 174)

Kathleen Sharman

Regional Master (100 Masterpoints) (231 in Unit 174)

Sue Sullivan

NABC Master (200 Masterpoints) (187 in Unit 174)

Lynn Hershey, Harshad Patel

Life Master (98 in Unit 174)

Robert Dennis, Doris Everette

Bronze Life Master (254 in Unit 174)

Nancy Shomette

Silver Life Master (190 in Unit 174)

Lessley Cain, Bobbie Moutz

Ruby Life Master (164 in Unit 174)

James Evans, Allison Ochsner, Wes Peirce, Joan Wold

Gold Life Master (103 in Unit 174)

Mary McDonald, Constance Singleton

Sapphire Life Master (65 in Unit 174)

Nancy Reader

Emerald Life Master (14 in Unit 174)

Paul Nimmons

Congratulations to all for these accomplishments!

174 Unit News

[BCOH Fall 499r NLM Sectional Tournament](#)

The Bridge Club of Houston is holding a 499r NLM Sectional Tournament at their club from September 30th through October 3rd. Silver points will be awarded!!

[North American Pairs](#)

Club-level qualification began in June and ran through August 2021. No Unit-level qualification is required. The District-level qualifier will be held at the San Antonio Sectional on Saturday, January 15, and Sunday, January 16, 2022. All ACBL members who qualified at the Club level are eligible to play in the District-level qualifier.

Contact Joyce Gore with any questions at joygore@comcast.net.

[Reservations Open for Austin NABC!](#)

Austin, Texas is hosting a North American Bridge Championship this November! The NABCs are hosted by ACBL and held three times a year at varying locations across the U.S. and Canada.

Club News

Below please find the information reported to us by the clubs in our Unit. Please send your club's news to unit174newsletter@gmail.com. Your information must be received by the 15th of the month to be included in the monthly Unit 174 Newsletter. Additional information on all our clubs is available on the [Unit 174 website](#). Or, click a club name below to jump the club website.

[APPLE CLUBS](#)

Our games begin at 11:30 am sharp at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr. 77042. Please plan to arrive by 11:15. Virtual club games Wednesdays at 3 pm. All games at \$3/person.

For information, please contact:

Monday - Apple - Paul Cuneo
paulcuneo@sbcglobal.net - 281-851-0422

Friday - Apple II - Brigitte Sandifer
sandiferdb@gmail.com - 281-494-1464

Results and additional information at appledbcs.com.

Current requirements:

- **All players must furnish proof of vaccination. You may do that by bringing your vaccination card to the game or sending a photo of it to Paul.**
 - **Only drinks in bottles or covered containers are permitted. No food is allowed at the tables during play. You're welcome to bring food and eat before the game starts.**
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[BRIDGE CLUB OF HOUSTON](#)

BRIDGE CLUB OF HOUSTON (BCOH)
www.BridgeWebs.com/bcoh

Mentor/Mentee Games

1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm, Contact Roxie Walker for reservations:
713-203-5877 or roxie_w@hotmail.com

BCOH Open Games (Face 2 Face)

Monday: 11:55am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:30 am

“8 is Enough” September 28th at 10:30 and October 12th and 26th at 10:30

(register at the club or call 281-651-6550)

Beverages and snacks provided for all F2F games

BCOH Online

Three Houston virtual clubs - Apple, BCOH, Clear Lake (ABC) - are offering a coordinated game schedule (see CHOOSE HOUSTON Section below)

- Morning (Mon-Friday): 199er -9:50am; 499er-10:00am; Open 10:10am
 - Afternoon (Mon-Friday):
199er-12:50pm
499er-12:55
Open-1:00pm 749er-3pm Open- 3:30
note 3:00 on Wednesday (Monday, Wed, Friday): 299er-2:45pm
 - Evening: Open-Tuesday-7pm; Thursday-7pm; Saturday-7pm
 - Weekends:
Saturday: 199er-3:15pm; Open-12:00pm, 3:30pm
Sunday:199er-11:50am; Open-12:00pm, 3:30pm
Future Life Master: Apollo(0-20pts)-Tuesday 3:05pm
Gemini(0-50pts)-Thursday 9:55am
Discovery(0-100pts)-Tuesday and Thursday 2:45pm
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CHOOSE HOUSTON

Coordinated Online Game Schedule

Three Houston virtual clubs - Apple, BCOH, Clear Lake (ABC) - are offering a coordinated game schedule, shown below and [available on the U174 website](#). Hosting responsibilities have been assumed as follows:

- Morning and Midday: BCOH and Clear Lake
- Afternoon: Apple and Clear Lake
- Evening: BCOH
- Weekends: BCOH and Clear Lake

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:50 AM	199er						
9:55 AM				0-50 FLM Gemini			
10:00 AM	499er						
10:10 AM	Open						
11:50 AM							199er
12:00 PM						Open	
12:50 PM	199er						
12:55 PM	499er						
1:00 PM	Open						
1:10 PM	BottiePalooza (Player / Robot)						
2:45 PM	299er	0-100 FLM Discovery	299er	0-100 FLM Discovery	299er		
3:00 PM	749er						
3:05 PM		0-20 FLM Apollo	Open			199er	
3:30 PM	Open				Open		
7:00 PM		Open		Open		Open	

Finding the Games

If **CHOOSE HOUSTON!** games currently pop up in your game queue, they will continue to do so. If you are a visitor, search for "Houston" rather than for a particular club. And, if you really *must* know... the host club will be identified in the Details view of the game.

The Monday morning game queue will look something like this:

CHOOSE HOUSTON! BCOH/CLBC 199er

9:50

CHOOSE HOUSTON! BCOH/CLBC 499er

10:00

CHOOSE HOUSTON! BCOH/CLBC Open

10:10

All About Greater Houston Players

We wish that conditions were such that all our Houston players were playing in Houston F2F clubs. And while some of our players are playing F2F, many are not. Therefore, we are striving to strengthen our Houston online community. We hope the players you meet at Houston virtual tables later become your partners, teammates, or opponents at Houston tournament tables.

Please keep in mind that this effort for Houstonians has been brought to you by a group of volunteers, not by a paid professional staff. We may misstep. If we do, we will fix it. Please be patient with us. And let us know what you think. This entire program was

developed based on YOUR feedback. We trust you and hope you trust us to help the Greater Houston Unit 174 thrive.

CLEAR LAKE BRIDGE CLUB

Monday, September 13th, Clear Lake Bridge Club opened its doors again and is eager to see everyone at the table!

THERE'S MORE! "BIG THINGS" are happening in our CHOOSE HOUSTON Virtual Club! We are introducing games to be offered Monday through Friday around 1:00 PM. In addition to Open Pairs, 499ers, and 199ers, Clear Lake is offering a regular Player/Robot Game!

Early Afternoons...Monday thru Friday

199ers	12:55 PM
499ers	1:00 PM
OPEN	1:10 PM
Player/Robot	1:14 PM

For all of our Open Game players, we hope you activate your lives by coming to the club. Do you want to play more? We are pushing back our Virtual Club Late Afternoon Open Game to 3:30. That's right! Play at the club, and when you get home...if you are not 'bridged out', refresh and log on to play 18 boards at 3:30!

Stay tuned via our website at www.clearbridgeclub.org for more updated information.

Activate your life...come back to the tables! And when you do play online, please remember to CHOOSE HOUSTON!

CYPRESS NORTHWEST DBC

Cypress NW DBC meets at the Richard and Meg Weekly Community Center, and games are played every Tuesday and Thursday starting at noon, with sign-up beginning at 11:30. For more information, contact Jim Warren at **832/851-4745** or **jwarren760@gmail.com**.

Proof of vaccination is required to play.

FORT BEND DBC

**Fort Bend Duplicate Bridge-We Are Open!
Come Play Live Bridge! Open Game Tuesdays at 9 am**

- You must be fully vaccinated; bring your shot record if you have not had it verified before
- Masks are strongly encouraged
- Hand sanitizer throughout the playing area
- Coffee and individually wrapped snacks
- We use bridge mate ii bridge pads
- Club championship in October and November
- Hand records after every game
- Nice balance of friendly a, b, & c players
- Most games are only \$5.00 per player

Contact: Eric Watson ewat2004@aol.com 832 287 9107
Location: Jacks Conference Center 3232 Austin Parkway Sugar Land, TX 77479

FUTURE LIFE MASTERS (FLM)

Excitement and enthusiasm continue to rise with regard to our FLM (Future Life Masters) program. Our BBO games have risen to exceed the 100 mark. The newcomers to bridge are increasing in number as we increase the games offered.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES

APOLLO: 0-20 Masterpoints

Tuesday: 3:00 pm Houston Unit 174 FLM Apollo 0-20
Assisted Play

2nd Saturday: 9:00 am Houston FLM Apollo 0-20 Assisted Play &
Board Review

GEMINI: 0-50 Masterpoints

Monday: 4:00 pm D16 0-50 FLM Gemini

Thursday: 9:55 am ChooseHouston 0-50 FLM Gemini

DISCOVERY: 0-99 Masterpoints

Tuesday: 2:45 pm ChooseHouston FLM Discovery

4th Wednesday: 3:10 pm ChooseHouston FLM Mixer Madness

Thursday: 2:45 pm ChooseHouston FLM Discovery

ALL PLAYERS MUST HAVE A BBO SCREEN NAME WITH AN
ACBL# IN THEIR BBO ACCOUNT.

ALL NEWCOMERS, PLEASE JOIN US!

To learn more about our FLM Playing Groups, CLICK HERE: [Future Life Masters](#)

LAKE CONROE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Lake Conroe is open for face-to-face games. Games are \$8 and are held every Friday at 10:30 am.

The LCBC is nonprofit and very supportive of charities throughout Montgomery county.

To play at LCDBC, we require full Covid vaccination, but masks are optional.

Please bring your lunch, as there are refrigerators and microwaves for your use. We provide coffee, tea, and snacks.

For further info, contact Penny Grassedonio at 832-361-4577 or czthdaypjpg@gmail.com.

LONE STAR BRIDGE CLUB

Lone Star Bridge Club hosts face-to-face games on Mondays at noon and Thursdays at 10:30 am. Games are \$5 per person. Proof of vaccination is mandatory, and masks are optional.

All games coming up are opportunities for extra points, and the first Monday, October 4th, is a free lesson from Jeff Kroll starting at 11 am, with time for questions before the game at noon. The topic is Hand Evaluation and Slam Bidding. The next topic is when to open 1NT and when to open a 5 card major, followed by the differences in bidding notrump vs. the major in IMPS vs. Matchpoint.

AND we have just started having free PIZZA for lunch on the first Thursday of each month. The next one will be Thursday, October 7th.

If you need a partner, please get in touch with Sandra Maalouf - 936-597-8756

We serve only individually wrapped snacks, coffee, and bottled water.

For questions about the club, please call Linda Sutton at 936-443-3600

KATY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Katy DB meets every Wednesday. Sign-in starts at 11:30, and the game begins at noon. The club meets at the Steve Radack Community Center - 18650 Clay Road, Houston, Texas 77084. For more information, contact Jim Warren at **832/851-4745 or jwarren760@gmail.com.**

Proof of vaccination is required to play.

Available Classes

St. Martin's Episcopal Bridge Class - Instructor Tom Janke

ST.MARTIN'S IS BACK!

After almost a 2-year hiatus, St. Martin's has completed renovations as of August 31. The activity center and the St. Martin's Cafe are both open!

Beginning Bridge is scheduled for Mondays from 10-12 am. Register online with the church at this website: stmartinsepiscopal.org. \$120 for 8 weeks beginning September 13. (No class October 11.)

Traditional supervised play is scheduled for 1-3 Mondays starting September 13. No pre-registration is required for this class. Just come on in. \$10 each week. (No class October 11.)

St. Martin's Cafe is also open from 11-1 Monday-Thursday. This is a world-class cafe serving lunch with many varieties of entrees and other choices each day. It's fun to come for lunch, visit with the other players and friends, then head up for supervised play.

The location of the church is 717 Sage, Houston, 77056.

**Covid Vaccination is strongly requested.
Anyone not vaccinated must wear a mask.**

Tom Jahnke
713-824-0693
tomtomj211@yahoo.com

[Houston School of Bridge -](#)

Online Classes using Zoom and SharkBridge

Houston School of Bridge offers the final two courses of Patty Tucker's Beginning Bridge Series starting in October. Classes are on Saturday Mornings from 9:00 am to Noon. You must have a computer and a Zoom login (free) to participate.

**October Course Beginning Bridge III - Play of the Hand
\$40**

November Course Beginning Bridge IV - Defense \$40

- The classes are very relaxed and combine an introduction, examples, and hand play illustrating the lessons.
- Our goal is to help you be comfortable either playing social bridge or competitive bridge. It's up to you!
- If you and your partner sign up for both sessions, both classes will cost \$60 per person, a savings of 25%.
- The courses use Patty Tucker's (2020 ABTA Teacher of the Year) very popular Beginning Bridge Series. The new student is responsible for purchasing the relevant Beginning Bridge Handbook from [Beginner Class Series - Bridge With Patty](#) for \$10/handbook.

If you are interested in taking these classes, please email houstonchoolofbridge@gmail.com or call Jeanne Phelps at 713-933-8455.

[Joyce Ryan](#)

Joyce Ryan is now teaching at St John the Divine at River Oaks Blvd and Westheimer.



Guest Editors

[Counting at Bridge by Jack Lavigne](#)

This article is about counting suit distributions and hand patterns at bridge. As a new player, I learned to count trumps.

Take this trump suit for example:
KQ32 opposite AJ94

- I lay down the A and both opponents follow.
- I count: 4 have been played; I have 6; that is 10; there are three left.
- Now I play to the K and all follow.
- I count: 8 have been played; I have 4; that is 12; there is one trump out.
- I know that I must draw one more trump. That is good but places a demand on your energy and concentration.

A Better Way

There is a better way that expert bridge players use. They have committed to memory ***suit patterns***. They would look at the first example and mentally compute that the trumps must break either:

4-4-3-2
4-4-4-1
or 4-4-5-0

Understand that the expert doesn't generate these patterns, they are in his memory bank and available upon demand.

He lays down the A and when both opponents follow, the 4-4-5-0 suit pattern is removed. When all follow to the K the suit pattern must be 4-4-3-2, and he knows that one trump is out.

This same technique applies to all suits and further, to all ***hand patterns***.

With practice (typically takes a couple of months) one can, toward the end of a hand, know how many cards each opponent holds in every suit! This can be extremely valuable.

Let's look at an example.

West opens 3 ♠ and you end up in 7NT.

North
♠ Kxx
♥ Axx
♦ KQx
♣ AJ86

South
♠ Ax
♥ KQJx
♦ AJx
♣ K1097

West leads the Q of spades and you count your tricks, 2 spades, 4 hearts, 3 diamonds, and 2 clubs, 11 tricks total.

Clearly, you must find the Q of clubs to emerge with 13 tricks. On the surface, with West long in spades, East figures to hold the longer clubs.

One might go ahead and play to the A of clubs and hook East for the Queen, but let's not rush into things.

Investigating what appears to be non-interesting suits sometimes gives valuable clues. Win the A of spades and note that East follows.

Next, play A and a heart to the K. West follows to the first heart but shows out on the second. The expert mentally notes that hearts are 1-3-5-4 around the table.

Now play the A and K of diamonds, West follows the first diamond but shows out on the second. Diamonds are 1-3-6-3 around the table.

Now pause and consider, if West holds 7 spades for his opening 3rd bid, then his distribution must be: that's right, he is 7-1-1-4 and holds 4 clubs.

To make sure, you lead a spade to the K and East shows out, pitching a diamond. Now it is 100%: West holds 4 clubs.

Lay down the K from your hand, and after East follows with a small club, lead the 10, and with complete confidence hook West for Q. Making 7NT.

Summary

Using suit and hand patterns is the easiest way to count. With practice, you will find that you have extra energy and concentration available to perform all the other challenging tasks required to be a master player.

For your reference, below is a subset of suit/hand patterns. They are grouped based upon the largest number of cards held. The frequency of occurrence and relative frequency of occurrence within each group are shown rounded to the nearest tenth.

Pattern				Probability	Relative Probability
4	4	3	2	21.6	61.4
4	3	3	3	10.5	30.0
4	4	4	1	3.0	8.5
Total				35.1	100.0

Pattern				Probability	Relative Probability
5	3	3	2	15.5	35.0
5	4	3	1	12.9	29.2
5	4	2	2	10.6	23.9
5	5	2	1	3.2	7.2
5	4	4	0	1.2	2.8
5	5	3	0	0.9	2.0
Total				44.3	100.0

Pattern				Probability	Relative Probability
6	3	2	2	5.6	34.1
6	4	2	1	4.7	28.4
6	3	3	1	3.4	20.8
6	4	3	0	1.3	8.0
6	5	1	1	0.7	4.3
6	5	2	0	0.7	3.9
6	6	1	0	0.1	0.4
Total				16.5	100.0

Pattern				Probability	Relative Probability
7	3	2	1	1.9	53.3
7	2	2	2	0.5	14.5
7	4	1	1	0.4	11.1
7	4	2	0	0.4	10.3
7	3	3	0	0.3	7.5
7	5	1	0	0.1	3.1
7	6	3	0	0.0	0.2
Total				3.5	100.0

Unless you want to impress your friends, don't bother memorizing these numbers. One should realize that the top five patterns are 4432 followed by 5332, 5431, 5442, and 4333. The top five account for slightly over 70 percent of all distributions.

September 2021 ACBL Bulletin Notes

Jeff Kroll and Sam Khayatt

The articles that we think are the most beneficial to most players are:

1. "The Bidding Box" moderated by Josh Donn, Problem 6 (p. 38). The Bridge Bulletin auction shows how to reach the excellent 6S contract which both pairs missed. The key bid was cue-bidding clubs twice to show a void.
2. "It's Your Call" by Sue Munday and Karen Walker, deal 1 (p.4). In an auction that has a double call that is not clearly defined but does show extra values, the majority of the panel bids 3NT with a stopper in the opponent's suit (spades).
3. "Parrish the Thought by Adam Parrish (p. 45) explains the logic in declaring when the defense gets off to a lead you don't expect.
4. "Reasoning with Robert" by Robert Todd (p. 46), explains how playing responder's 1NT response to a major as being semi-forcing has advantages.
5. "Lessons Learned" by Michael Berkowitz (p. 48) explains when to duck and the importance of ducking in tempo.
6. "Ask Jerry" by Jerry Helms (p. 51) explains game-suit help tries and that honors are worth more together than scattered.
7. "Mike's Bridge Lesson" by Mike Lawrence (p.52) discusses when to force declarer to ruff. By paying attention to your partner's carding, you can return a card that your partner will either win or ruff.

Our favorites

Page 38, "The Bidding Box," Problem 6, by Josh Donn—Cue bidding

<i>West</i>	<i>East</i>
♠ AJ10753	♠ K9642
♥ 106	♥ K3
♦ QJ1093	♦ AK6
♣ —	♣ 1094

	West	East	
		1♠	
A splinter, showing at most one club, at least four spades, and enough for game. With a known 11 card spade fit and a decent five-card side suit, West knows there is enough for a spade game, and maybe a spade slam if the hands fit	4♣	4♦	Cue bid, showing a diamond control. With a known nine-card spade fit (or longer) and at most one club loser, West's hand went from being a mediocre opener to a strong hand.
Denies a heart control and shows a void in clubs. Cue bidding the same suit twice shows a void. Controls are bid up the line; holding the ♥A, West would have bid 4♥.	5♣	6♠	West expects to lose just the ♥A. With the club void and the long spades, it is likely West will cover the diamond loser in the East hand.

Page 45, "Parrish the Thought" by Adam Parrish—*Why that lead?*

♠ 874
♥ KQ98
♦ J63
♣ AQ3

♠ A3
♥ AJ1043
♦ KQ
♣ J875

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♠	Dbl	1♥
All Pass			4♥

When the defenders have bid and raised a suit, they normally lead it. If they don't, it's generally for a good reason. Good reasons for not leading their suit are:

1. Not wanting to lead or under-lead the ace. Both are usually poor leads.

2. Another lead is even better, such as:

- Trump if they believe declarer will be ruffing in the shorthand
- A singleton to try to get a ruff
- The top of a nice sequence

The double of the 2♠ bid is lead-directing. Holding the ♠A, declarer knows West does not have to consider leading or under-leading it. Looking at his hand and dummy, the declarer can see that it is unlikely that West has a nice club holding. So, the ♣4 must be a singleton.

Declarer must win the ♣A and immediately draw trump. Allow the defense the ♣K and discard the losing spade on the ♦J.

♠ J 3 ♥ 10 7 6 4 ♦ J 7 5 ♣ 10 9 6 3	N W — E S	♠ Q 9 ♥ Q 9 5 ♦ Q 10 8 6 4 2 ♣ Q 2	
♠ 10 8 5 2 ♥ A J 3 ♦ 3 ♣ A K J 7 5		♠ A K 7 6 4 ♥ K 8 2 ♦ A K 9 ♣ 8 4	

West, leads the ♣A, picking up the ♣3, ♣2 and ♣4

The ♣A is the proper lead. When we have four or more trumps, we typically do *not* want to ruff. We want to force declarer to ruff in the longhand. Our goal is to get to a point where our trump holding is longer than the declarer's and so the declarer loses control of the hand. The ♦3 would be a poor lead.

West	North	East	South
2♣	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	Dbl

East should follow with the ♣2. The queen is too important a card to use as a signal on trick one. Many partnerships have an agreement that playing a queen under a partner's ace promises the jack or shows a singleton.

Neither applies here.

West, having seen all the club spots except the ♣Q and ♣8, evaluate the suit. Holding three clubs (♣Q82), East would have raised the 2♣ bid to 3♣. Holding the ♣82 doubleton, East would have played the ♣8 on the first trick, not the ♣2 (assuming standard signals). So, East started with either the ♣Q2 doubleton or the ♣2 singleton.

Whatever East's holding, West now needs to play a low club. East will either win the ♣Q, if he started with ♣Q2, or will ruff if he started with the ♣2 singleton. Note that we *do* want to ruff in the East hand – the EW hand that is short in trump.

In this case, East would win the ♣Q and return heart, leading toward the weakness in the board. West would continue clubs at every opportunity, eventually setting the contract two or three.

From the Editors

We are excited to have the opportunity to send out the Unit 174 Newsletter. The September 2021 Issue is our first result. If you would like to have an event, class, or article of interest published in the Unit 174 Newsletter, please send your name, phone, email, and event title to unit174newsletter@gmail.com and your name will be added to the request for newsletter information email list for next month.

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