

Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional
April/May 2009



Cincinnati Bridge Association
District 11, ACBL

Improving our partnerships

Continual Improvement
Shared Learning

Thanks to Joe Pike for the Excel approach he defined.





How do we improve?

- Play more / Mentors
- Take Lessons
- Read Books /CDs/ Study
- Work Things Out / Model
- Seek / Try new ideas / Google
- Develop New Approaches

Start with your game.
Study what you do
Identify improvement areas
Track your progress
Put *post mortem* to work!



Bridge is PARTNERSHIP - Learning benefits both partners.

Collaborative learning seeks balance, not dominance.

Effective learning reinforces what we do well and focused on major causes.

We change what will have most impact to improve our game.





Key ingredients

- Personal scorecards
- Hand records – if available
- Press Reports (available electronically)
- **C**onstructive **B**alanced **A**pproach





CBA Approach



- Take Partner's perspective. Start with empathy.
- Identify what you could have changed 1st.
- Avoid the heat of the moment.
- Always seek **balance**.
- Give / receive objective feedback:
 - **Continue** (*done well*), **Start** (*not done*), **Stop** (*done ineffectively*).
 - Objective, actionable, relevant & timely
 - Mutual benefit
 - Emotion-free

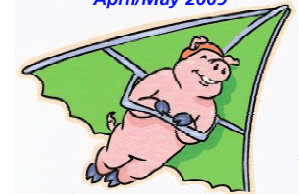




Analyzing a Pairs Game

- Get hand record and personal scores
- Get copy of Press Report
- Find very low scores.
 - Problem solve the result you got
 - Look at what the field did
 - Identify PAR Result (Judgment/Goal for board)
- Share learnings





Press Report – Finish Summary

EVENT>Stratified Pairs | SESSION>Tuesday Eve | SECTION> A E-W

 DATE>March 3, 2009 | CLUB NO.>139402 | 03/03/2009 22:16

 DIR> Bob VeVerka | RATING>Club Masterpoint (100%, 80%, 80% Open) | MOVEMENT>MITCHELL

 AVE> 108.0 | TOP> 8 | MP LIMITS>None/1500/500 | CLUB>C.B.A.

PAIRS IN STRAT A=11/B=5/C=3

No	Name	Name	Overall			Section			Score	Pct	Final Awards
			Flt	Rnk-A	Rnk-B	Rnk-C	Rnk-A	Rnk-B				Rnk-C
1	4550331 Jagmohan Malhotra	K840227 Frank Lichtenberger	B	.	.	.	.	.	105.50	48.84	
2	4329082 Robert Smith	4329090 Phyllis Smith	C	.	.	.	.	.	84.50	39.12	
3	N836042 Margaret Young	L991148 Ronald Babcock	A	.	.	.	.	.	112.00	51.85	
4	N753171 Amy Fisher	K742217 Shirley Gilmore	A	.	.	.	4	.	113.50	52.55	0.67 (SA)
5	4145372 Ambrish Bansal	4501160 D. Thomas Terwilliger	C	5	1	1	3	1	122.00	56.48	1.04 (SB)
6	O693431 Amitabh Raturi	K631024 Nancy Sachs	A	4	.	.	2	.	123.00	56.94	1.13 (SA)
7	L996107 Paul Pschesang	O026702 Peggy Barrett	A	2	.	.	1	.	132.00	61.11	1.50 (SA)
8	O148050 Heroldine Ukelson	6148069 Louis Ukelson	B	.	.	.	.	.	93.50	43.29	
9	3454010 D Kalberg	8673438 Thomas Arnson	C	.	3	.	.	2	106.50	49.31	0.73 (SB)
10	L874001 Michael Purcell	K082411 Stephen Moese	A	.	.	.	.	.	87.50	40.51	
11	P565615 Sherby Chernin	O698468 Vijay Vasudevan	A	.	.	.	.	.	108.00	50.00	
Totals									1188.00		





Press Report – Scores Recap

BOARD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		17>	18>	19>	20>	21>	22>	23>	24>	25>	26>	27>	28>	29>	30>	31>	32>	33>		
1>	8	3-		6		6	6	1-	0	1-	3-		5	5	8	0	2-	5	1		7		2-								
	100	-120	----	50	----	50	50	-150	-400	-150	-120		-50	-50	530	-300	-100	-50	-150	----	50	----	-100								
2>	6-	5		2		8	6-	2	2	2	2		6	3	7-	3	0	3	3		3		7-								
	-170	-620	----	-690	----	300	-170	-690	-690	-690	-690		-630	-650	100	-650	-1440	-650	-650	----	-650	----	100								
3>	5-	3		8		2	7	-	4	5-	-		0	8	2-	5-	5-	5-	5-	2-		1									
	140	-200	----	200	----	-500	150	-800	-100	140	-800		-450	100	-170	50	50	50	50	-170	----	-420	----								
4>	3	3	5-		0		7	1	8	5-	3		-	-	2	8	3	5-	5-	5-		5-									
	-170	-170	100	----	-800	----	140	-650	150	100	-170		170	170	620	660	630	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	
5>	1	7-	4-		6		4-	3	7-	1	1		2	5-	5-	5-	8	5-	1	3		0									
	-130	300	100	----	110	----	100	-100	300	-130	-130		PASS	200	200	200	300	200	-90	100	----	-300	----								
6>	7-	0	2-		4-		4-	2-	7-	1	6		----	1	4-	7	8	1	3	1	4-		6								
	620	100	140	----	170	----	170	140	620	110	450		----	-100	140	210	620	-100	100	-100	140	----	170								
7>	4	0	1-	4		7-		6	4	7-	1-		----	6	4-	1	7	1	3	8	4-		1								
	-650	-800	-660	-650	----	-600	----	-630	-650	-600	-660		----	140	110	PASS	170	PASS	100	200	110	----	PASS								
8>	5-	0	7	2		2		4	2	5-	8		----	1	4-	7-	7-	4-	4-	4-	0		2								
	200	50	420	140	----	140	----	170	140	200	800		----	-420	50	100	100	50	50	50	-480	----	-140								
9>	6-	5	1-	4		6-		1-	1-	8	1-		----	3-	1-	8	3-	1-	6-	6-	0	5									
	-140	-170	-420	-200	----	-140	----	-420	-420	-110	-420		----	-120	----	-150	PASS	-120	-150	-90	-90	-900	-100	----							
10>	4	1	0	8	6		7		3	2	5		----	1	3	1	8	5	6-	1	6-	4									
	-120	-180	-200	100	-100	----	-90	----	-140	-150	-110		----	-200	----	-110	-200	800	150	200	-200	200	-100	----							
11>	4-	1	8	1	7		6		4-	1	3		----	3-		0	1	5	7	2	3-	8	6								
	-90	-140	120	-140	110	----	-50	----	-90	-140	-100		----	-170	----	-800	-420	-130	-90	-180	-170	50	-110	----							
12>	3	8	5	0	3		3		1	6-	6-		----	1	1	3-	8	3-	3-	3-	6-	0	6-								
	520	1020	720	-690	520	----	520	----	490	940	940		----	420	----	450	980	450	450	450	450	480	-50	480							
13>	5	1	8	5	1	5		1		5	5		----	1-		1-	1-	4	7-	7-	5	1-	6								
	-170	-620	-140	-170	-620	-170	----	-620	----	-170	-170		----	-120	----	-120	-120	-90	110	110	-70	-120	100								
14>	2	5	5	8	-	5		5		-	5		----	6		2-	6	6	2-	8	0	2-	2-								
	170	400	400	650	150	400	----	400	----	150	400		----	-400	----	-430	-400	-400	-430	100	-460	-430	-430								
15>	2	2	2	8	5	6		2		2	7		----	8		6	0	1-	7	3-	1-	3-	5								
	-650	-650	-650	-150	-600	-300	----	-650	----	-650	-200		----	110	----	90	----	-140	-110	100	-100	-110	-100	-50							
16>	0	1	6-	2-	6-	6-	4		6-		2-		----	2		4	7-	1	7-	5-	5-	0	3								
	-200	-100	800	500	800	800	620	----	800	----	500		----	-400	----	-170	----	100	-430	100	-110	-110	-490	-200							
17>	5	5	8	0	2-	5	1		7		2-		----	6		1-	1-	8	7	0	3	4	5								
	-50	-50	530	-300	-100	-50	-150	----	50	----	-100		----	-50	----	-500	----	-500	570	140	-800	-300	-150	-100							

Simple Excel Example



NS											Charges				Comments		
	PAIRS										MPs	Steve	Mike				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Our Contract	Best Spot	Diff				
1>	4		-5	-1	-1	7	-5	-1	8	-1							
	-400	----	-170	-420	-420	-140	-170	-420	50	-420	4HW+4						They bid it others didn't.
2>	-1		-5	3	4	-7	-7	-1	-5	0							
	-200	----	140	-100	110	730	730	-200	140	-500	2SS-2	2HX+3	6	1			Last time I correct with a singleton in your suit. This is a losing call.
3>	-3		8	5	7	-3	-	-	6	2							
	-150	----	110	-120	100	-150	-630	-630	-110	-600	3NW+4	3NW+3	1.5	1			9 tricks are cold. They bid game. I should NOT continue Hearts. A spade switch is as good as a lead.
4>	3	-1		7	-4	7	0	7	-1	-4							
	-150	-600	----	620	-100	620	-630	620	-600	-100	4SN+4						Balancing double on shape alone pays off
5>	0	-2		-5	7	-2	-2	-5	8	-2							
	300	500	----	650	680	500	500	650	850	500	4SS+5	+3					
6>	0	-1		-5	8	3	-1	-5	-5	-5							
	-150	-110	----	-50	110	-100	-110	-50	-50	-50	1NS-1						
7>	0	2	2		6	6	6	6	2	6							
	-200	-100	-100	----	120	120	120	120	-100	120	2NS+2						
8>	3	6	8		6	1	1	1	4	6							
	130	170	420	----	170	50	50	50	140	170	3CW-1	3SS+4	5		1		North is too big with great support to pass 3C out. Double and I will get us to spades.
9>	-2	-2	7		-2	-2	7	-2	7	-2							
	420	420	450	----	420	420	450	420	450	420	4SN+4	4SN+5	4.5		1		Ruff out diamonds then play club to dummy. Either Club sets up for H pitch or ruf sluf.
10>	-6	-6	5	8		-3	-1	-1	0	-3							
	-130	-130	-170	100	----	-200	-650	-650	-1100	-200	4SW+5		2		1		Guess we should be preempting with North hand?
11>	6	6	3	3		6	0	3	8	1							

TOTAL	29.5	11.5	18	Charges (MPs)
Actual	111.5			
Ideal	141	3	5	Charges (Count)
% Ideal	65.28%			
% Actual	51.62%			
				Bidding
				Defense
				Declaring

All the Bells and Whistles

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	T	U	X	Y	Z	AA	AB			AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI
1			Our Pair # / Direction = 4				ev															possible		Lost		MP	
2	Pair Number				MP top = 8										vs.	our	vs	vs	vs			MP	MP	Opp'tunity		Losses		
4	brd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	pr	Flt	mp	A	B	C	Joe's Comment			score	Diff	JP	part	JP	part
80	26>	1		5-	3	1	5-	1	5-	8		5-		1	B	3.0		3		The fact that he could make 4 doesn't override my not winning my DK and setting him. If the opponents come bearing gifts, it is impolite to not accept with gratitude.			4.0	1.0	1.00		1.0	
81		(130)	----	100	(110)	(130)	100	(130)	100	800	----	100	----							26 dir-E vul - both								
83	27>	3-		3-	6-	1-	6-	6-	6-	1-		0		1	B	6.5		6.5		- C - D - N - 2D - 2H; I think I do have a 3H bid, and you probably don't accept. No one else got to 4.			6.5	0.0	0.67		0.0	
84		140	----	140	170	50	170	170	170	50	----	(50)	----							27 dir-S vul - none								
86	28>		2-		7	2-	2-	2-	7	7	5	0		7	B	7.0		7		N - 2S - 2N; OK, I should bid 2C, then 2D. Now what? Is 2N now invitational? What would 2S be? If my H's and S's were reversed, how do I bid this, given that N 2C 2D 2H is garbage? Are all 2C auctions, except the garbage one above, invitational?								
87		----	(50)	----	120	(50)	(50)	(50)	120	120	110	----	(100)							28 dir-V vul - NS								
89	29>		4		1-	7	7	0	7	4	4		1-	7	B	1.5		1.5		N - - X - 2D; I think if I bid 2D, I'm saying I can play D's or H's, but not C's. If I can play in either C's or D's, or C's or H's, I bid C's. You pass, or bid D's, I pass or correct. thus, if I bid D's, I'm saying I can't play C's, so by inference, should be able to stand H's. Otherwise, how do we ever play in a 9 or 10 card D fit when we only have 7 (or even 6) H's?			3.5	2.0	0.50	0.50	1.0	1.0
90		----	170	----	110	200	200	(120)	200	170	170	----	110							29 dir-N vul - both								
92	30>		6		3	6	3	8	6	1	3		0	7	B	3.0		3		We're in 2S. Some only made 2, but I think you can and should make 3.			5.5	2.5	1.00		2.5	
93		----	140	----	110	140	110	500	140	90	110	----	(300)							30 dir-E vul - none								
104	34>		4		1		8	6-	6-	3	0	2	5	8	C	1.0		1		A normal contract for them, and a poor mp result for us at the same time.								
105		----	(400)	----	(660)	----	(120)	(150)	(150)	(600)	(690)	(630)	(210)							34 dir-E vul - NS								
107	35>		2-		7		2-	2-	2-	8	5-	5-	0	8	C	7.0		7										
108		----	PASS	----	100	----	PASS	PASS	PASS	140	50	50	(110)							35 dir-S vul - EV								
110	36>		5		2		8	-	5	5	-	5	5	8	C	2.0		2		DH 3Ct 3H - 4H - - X; You've got 2 1/2 tricks, so I only need 1 1/2. Not certain, but not impossible. The question is, is it more or less likely? I say less, but only by a small margin.			4.5	2.5	0.67		1.7	
111		----	(620)	----	(790)	----	(170)	(800)	(620)	(620)	(800)	(620)	(620)							36 dir-V vul - both								
113																				egregious MP & charges			132.5	15.0	2.5	3.5	6.0	9.0
114																				Percent score with no egregious errors			61.3%					
116																				total MP & charges			139.5	22.0	3.9	4.9	7.9	10.7
117																				# of boards played			27					
118																				Average mp per board			5.2					
119																				Percent score			64.6%					
120																				total mp			117.5	26.5	27.5	63.5		
																				vs A			4.4	4.4	4.6	4.2		
																				vs B			4.4	4.4	4.6	4.2		
																				vs C			4.4	4.4	4.6	4.2		
																				MP top = 8			54.4%	0.55	0.57	0.53		

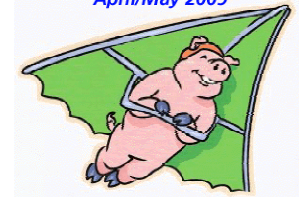
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Turbocharge Learning with Excel

- Download Press Report in Excel
- Exit download to usable format
- Find 3-5 hands worth studying
- Assess charges (learning purposes)
- Add metrics (**MPs lost**, success against A/B/C stratas, **types of errors**).
- Share with partner for joint PoV
- Agree to joint corrective actions.
- Accumulate several match results. Identify patterns and learning goals.





Pairs Press Reports for CBA

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Mon Mar 2 - Homestyle !!
Tue Mar 3
Wed Mar 4
Thu Mar 5
Fri Mar 6
Sat Mar 7
Sun Mar 8

AWARDS APPRECIATION

TUESDAY

PLEASE PLAY

DESSERTS & B

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March 2009

Session: M-Morning, A-Afternoon, E-Evening, L-Late, S-Special
Venue: cbc-Cin Br Ctr, nec-New Engl Club, eab-Erie Ave Belles
Reports: PR-Press Recap, HR-Hand Record

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 A cbc HR PR	2 M cbc HR PR	3 M cbc HR PR M nec PR E cbc HR PR E cbc PR	4 M nec PR	5 M cbc HR PR E cbc HR PR	6 M cbc HR PR M cbc PR	7 A cbc HR PR
8 A cbc PR	9 M cbc HR PR	10	11	12	13	14

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			Flt	Rnk-A	Rnk-B	Rnk-C
1	M994744 Carol Greve	Liz Lin	A	.	.	.
2	F241925 Dean Congbalay	3209822 C Willig	B	.	.	.
3	N966329 Adam Parrish	K344009 Marshall Tuly	A	3	.	.
4	8700567 Gail Schimpf	4074297 Suzy Haerr	C	.	2	2
5	M027841 Joe Fisher	1238175 Mike Ma	A	1	.	.
6	L965589 William Higgins	J997254 Yauheni Siutsau	A	6	.	.

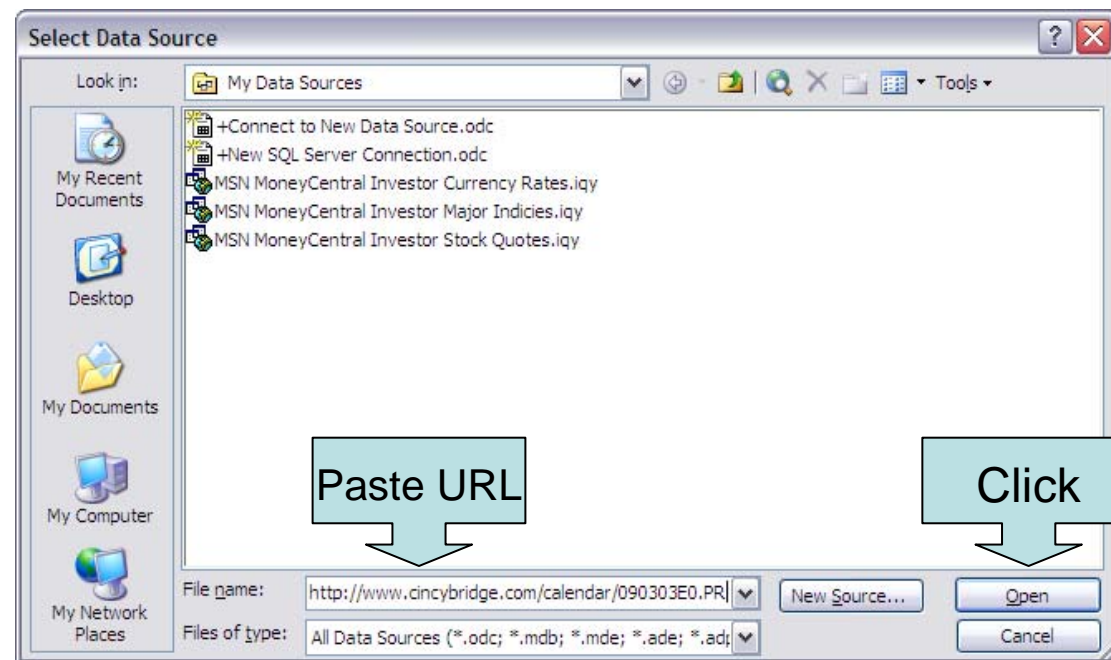
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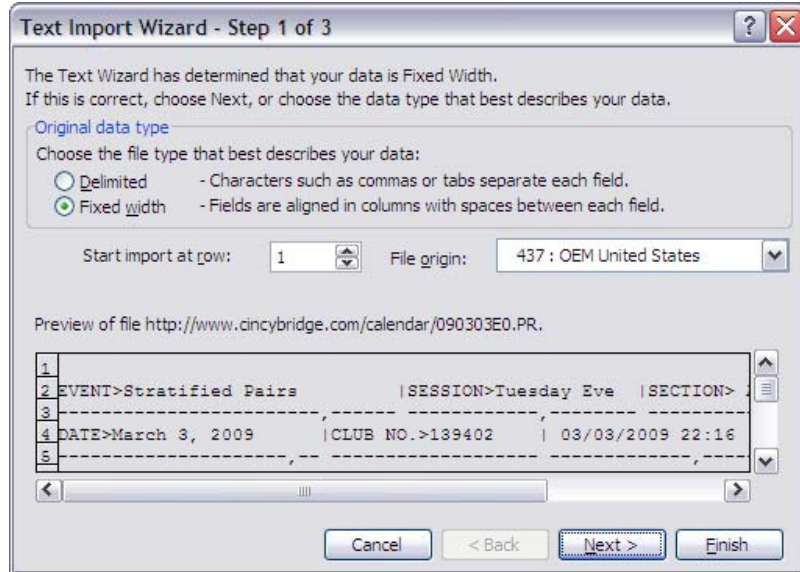


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 - Data → Import External Data → Import Data
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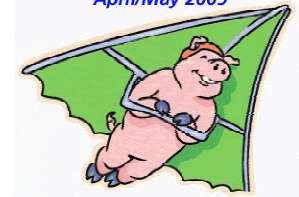


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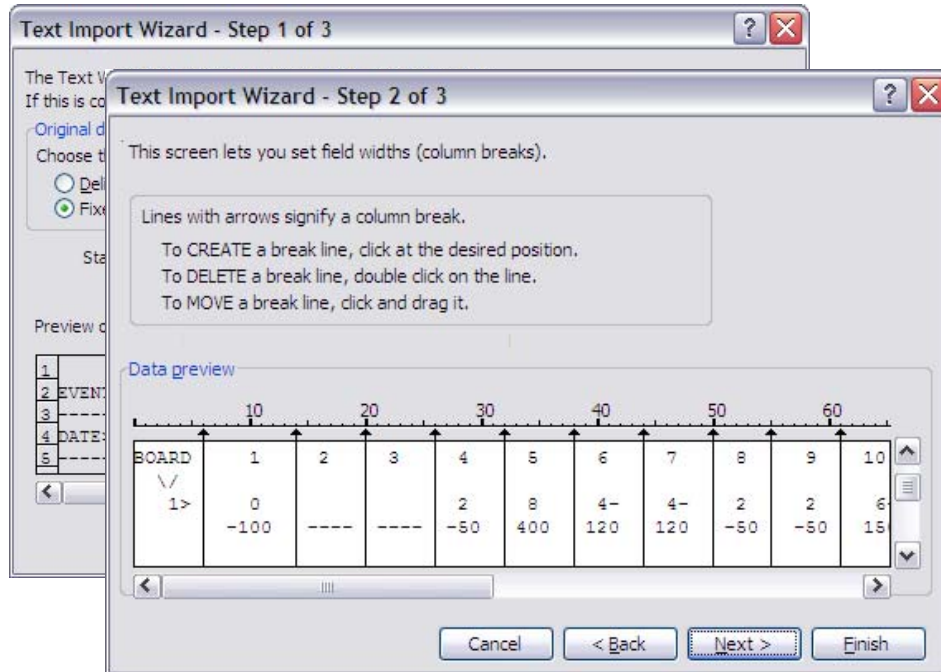
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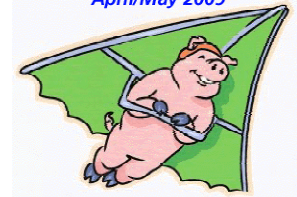


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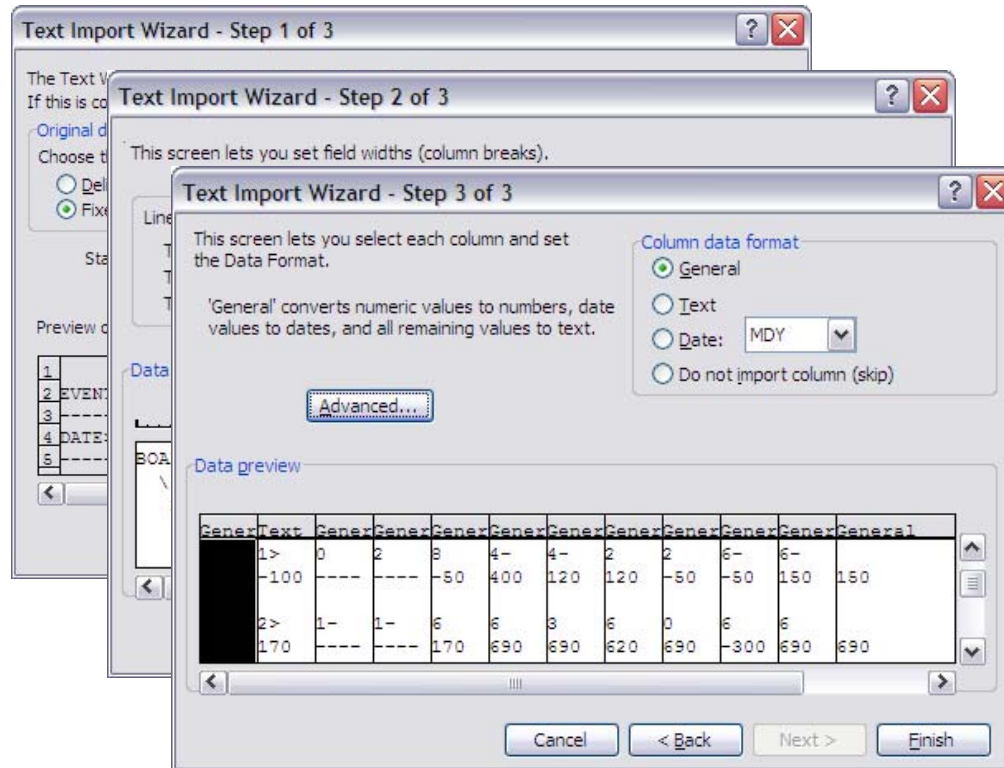
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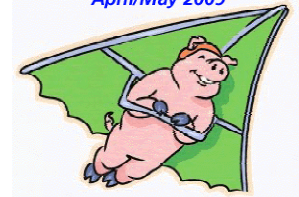


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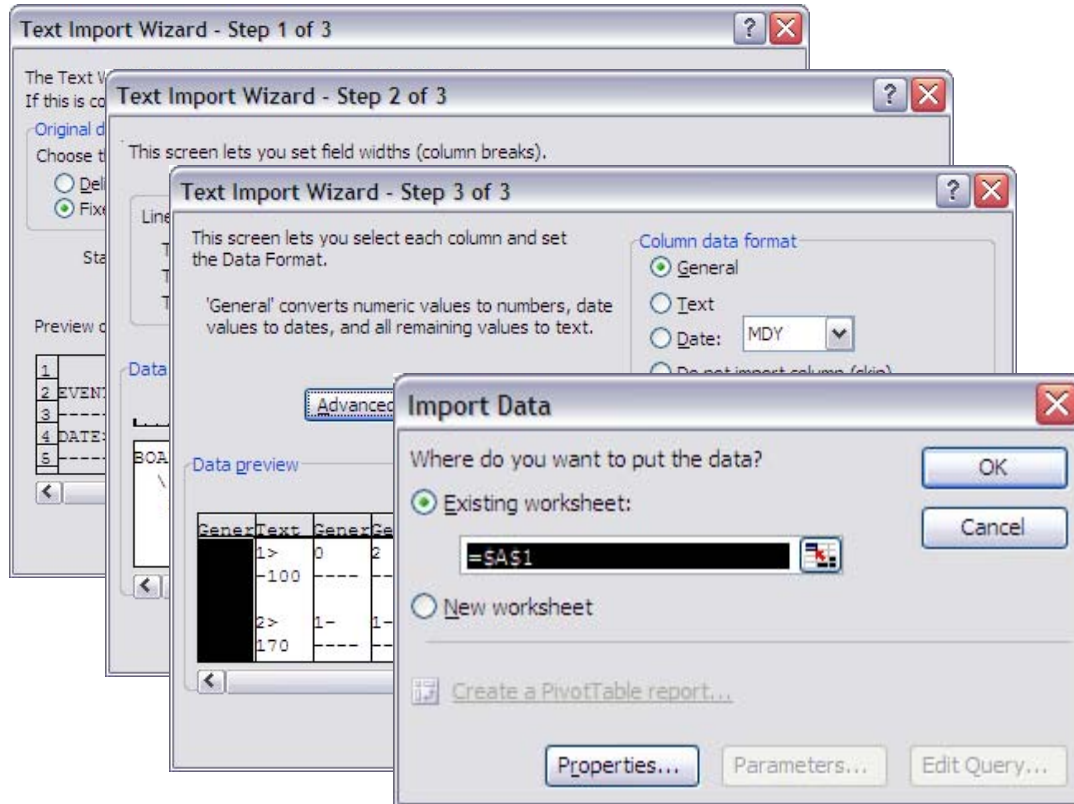
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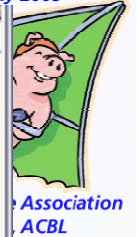
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Excel Data



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
142	DIR	> Bob Ve	Verka	RATING>Club	Masterpo	int (100%, 80%, 80% Open)	MOV	EMENT>	MITCHE	LL			
143	---	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	---	---	---				
144	AVE	> 108.0	|TOP>	8 |MP LIMITS>N	one/1500	/500 |CLUB>C.B.A.							
145	---	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	---	---	---				
146	PAI	RS IN ST	RAT A=11/B=5/C=3										
147	---	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----							
148	No		Name		Name	|F	lt|R	nk-A|R	nk-B|R	nk-C	Rnk-A	|Rnk-B|	Rnk-C
149	---	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	---	---	---				
150	1	4550331	Jagmohan Malhotra	K840227	Frank Lichtenberger	B							
151	2	4329082	Robert Smith	4329090	Phyllis Smith	C							
152	3	N836042	Margaret Young	L991148	Ronald Babcock	A							
153	4	N753171	Amy Fisher	K742217	Shirley Gilmore	A					4		
154	5	4145372	Ambrish Bansal	4501160	D. Thomas Terwilliger	C		5	1	1	3	1	
155	6	O693431	Amitabh Raturi	K631024	Nancy Sachs	A		4			2		
156	7	L996107	Paul Pschesang	O026702	Peggy Barrett	A		2			1		
157	8	O148050	Heroldine Ukelson	6148069	Louis Ukelson	B							
158	9	3454010	D Kalberg	8673438	Thomas Arnson	C			3			2	
159	10	L874001	Michael Purcell	K082411	Stephen Moese	A							
160	11	P565615	Sherby Chernin	O698168	Vijay Vasudevan	A							

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
22	9 L82	4489 J	ames Ed	miston	L2	24678	Rob We	idenfe	ld			A	
23	10 329	5915 J	ohn Alt	man	32	95923	John A	ltman				C	
24	11 N67	6436 J	oseph L	utz	70	39603	Jean S	turtev	ant			A	
25										To	tals		
26													
27													
28					**P	AIRES**							
29	BOARD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
30	V												
31	1>	0			2	8	-4	-4	2	2	-6	-6	
32		-100	----	----	-50	400	120	120	-50	-50	150	150	
33													
34	2>	-1			-1	6	6	3	6	0	6	6	
35		170	----	----	170	690	690	620	690	-300	690	690	
36													
37	3>	-2			1	4	-7	5	0	6	-7	-2	
38		-140	----	----	-150	100	800	200	-200	500	800	-140	
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Finishing Touches

- Keep Summary and Score Recap on separate worksheets.
- Add columns for comment and analysis
- Share with your partner so you arrive at a consensus assessment, not just one person's opinion.
- Note where change would yield most improvement – **AND GET TO WORK!!!**





Final Word

- Goal is to get on same ramp with partner.
- Avoid radical change from the latest disaster
- Instead find ways current tools would work when evenly applied.
- Surprise yourselves with the profits from trust x precise execution.

