

# Daily



# Bulletin

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## Surprise! You've been elected to the Bridge Hall of Fame!

It's not often that ACBL Goodwill Committee Chair Aileen Osofsky is rendered speechless, but it happened (almost) at Monday's meeting of the committee she has served for so long and so well.

Osofsky had just finished introducing Mark

Lair, newly elected to the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame, and was listening on the side as Steve Robinson, a member of the selection committee, described the different ways a person can earn a cherished spot in the Hall.

"You can be elected the way Mark was," Robinson explained, "or you can be given the von Zedtwitz Award, for people who would have been elected in their time as players but who aren't known to many now."

Explaining further, Robinson said the third way is to receive the Blackwood Award, for individual contributions to bridge without necessarily being a great player.

The latest recipient of the Blackwood Award, Robinson said, was chosen by unanimous vote of the Hall of Fame committee – "and it's the chairman of this meeting."

You could have knocked Osofsky over with a feather, and she breathlessly took the podium as the assembled group took to their feet for a rousing ovation.

"It's more than I can believe," Osofsky said. "I do this because I love it, and everyone makes me feel so welcome . . . I better shut up now."

There was more: "Don't tell my son (Alan Osofsky) that I didn't know what to say."

The standing ovation for Osofsky was the second one of the meeting, the first being for Lair, who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 2009 Summer NABC in Washington DC. Betty Ann Kennedy, already in the Hall of Fame, told the group she was honored to call Lair a friend. "He is the epitome of the Southern gentleman," she said, "and he is a born-again Christian who lives his

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Aileen Osofsky and Mark Lair, soon to be members of the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame, with current member Betty Ann Kennedy.



NABC Co-Chairs Eric Snow (back), Betty Starzec and Toni Snow with Goodwill Chair Aileen Osofsky.

## Watch out for Orpha Gips, she's after your matchpoints

Orpha Gips has been playing bridge for more than 60 years and has been a duplicate player for more than 40. The 95-year-old Austin TX resident is approaching Silver Life Master status, but for all her experience, she had never attended an NABC until she sat down to play on Monday at the Spring NABC in Houston.

"I thought it was time," she said.

Gips says she took up bridge during World War II. "I was a war widow," she says, "and I just didn't have much else to do." About 20 years later, she discovered duplicate in the "little oil town" of Luling, about 45 miles from Austin.

"We had a little duplicate club there," she recalls, "and we usually had four or five tables." She moved to Austin about 40 years ago.

Although she doesn't travel to tournaments a lot, Gips is still heavily involved in the game, playing frequently and coordinating partnerships for a senior

recreation center in Austin.

Gips plays 2/1 with only a few gadgets. She enjoys bridge, she says, "because it is a challenge." She played on Monday in a Senior pairs game. "We didn't do so good," she says, "but we'll do better tomorrow."

Asked what she likes best about the game, Gips is quick with a response: "Winning!"

Then she says more seriously: "I love the people . . . making new friends and keeping the old ones."



Dan Suty and Jim Hilton.

## Texans take Silver Ribbon championship

Dan Suty of Houston and Jim Hilton of Austin scored up their first NABC championship with their win in the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs.

The winners stood eighth in the field after the two qualifying rounds and moved up to third after the first final session. Their final score of 2303.59 was 65 matchpoints ahead of second-place pair Gaylor Kastle of Boca Raton FL and Lewis Finkel of Jupiter FL.

Suty and Hilton recently renewed a partnership from their college days at the University of Michigan. A retired public school teacher, Suty now works part-time as a math teacher at North Harris Community College in Houston. Hilton, who lived in New Jersey before moving to Austin, retired last month from a career as a corporate attorney for Johnson and Johnson.

## Nickell advances with big Vanderbilt rally

Down 67 IMPs at the half of their match against the Morrie Kleinplatz squad, the Nick Nickell team outscored their opponents 123-45 in the second half to win 183-172.

Kleinplatz, of Windsor ON, was playing with Mark Leonard, Ypsilanti MI; Roger Lord, St. Louis, and Wojciech Kurkowski, Las Vegas.

Nickell (Richard Freeman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Zia Mahmood and Bob Hamman) is seeded No. 1.

Two other relatively high seeds did not fare as well, as No. 11 Richard Schwartz went down to No. 54 Barry Rigal 151-124, and No. 13 Jim Mahaffey was toppled by No. 52 China Longzhu Open 131-118.

## Goodwill Message

"Only a few of us will win championships, but all of us can win new friends. And, unlike the coveted silver trophies, we keep the friends without having to win them again and again."

The late Dick Frey, editor of *The Bridge Bulletin*, wrote these words in 1960 but they are still applicable almost 50 years later.

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman  
National Goodwill Committee



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

**Tuesday, March 17**  
10 am - Noon **Bridge Sub-committee meeting.** Meeting Room 326.

**Wednesday, March 18**  
4:30 - 7 pm **Junior Lounge.** Juniors who attend mentoring/coaching lessons on Bridge Base Online or any Juniors under 26 are invited to come and meet Lynn Deas, Valerie Westheimer and others. BBO mentors are invited, too. Meeting Room 327.

**Thursday, March 19**  
10 am - Noon **Foundation for the Preservation and Advancement of Bridge meeting.** Meeting Room 326.

**Friday, March 20**  
11:30 pm - 2 am **Women's Team Trials meeting.** Meeting Room 331.

**Saturday, March 21**  
10:30 am - Noon **Understanding Changes in the Laws seminar.** Club managers and directors are invited to join ACBL National Director Rick Beye and the ACBL staff for an overview of the recent changes in the 2008 Laws of Duplicate Bridge. A question-and-answer session will be included. Meeting Room 344.

**Sunday, March 22**  
11 am - 5:30 pm **Vugraph.** Room: TBA.  
8 pm til **Vugraph.** Room: TBA.

### CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Be sure to hear these free expert lectures in Houston.

**Tuesday, March 17**  
12:15 pm Haig Tchamitch *Support Doubles*  
6:45 pm Larry Cohen *Bidding Over Preempts*

**Wednesday, March 18**  
12:15 pm Kitty Cooper *Spoil Declarer's Plan*  
6:45 pm Barry Harper *Hand Evaluation and Revaluation*

**Thursday, March 19**  
12:15 pm John Zilic *The Missing Diamond!*  
6:45 pm Ellen Kent *Director - Why Call?*

**Friday, March 20**  
12:15 pm David Berkowitz *Partnerships*  
6:45 pm GS Jade Barrett *The Learning Curve*

### LATE NIGHT/ENTERTAINMENT

*Entertainment will be provided in Lanier Ballroom J at 11:30 p.m.*

**Tuesday, March 17**  
Irish dancers

**Wednesday, March 18**  
Dance to High Resolution

*Food will be served nightly in the Lanier Ballroom pre-function area at 11:30 p.m.*

**Tuesday, March 17**  
St. Patrick's mashed potato bar

**Wednesday, March 18**  
BBQ sandwiched and chips



*Jim and Mimi Lawrence, of Brookshire TX, flank Phillip Alder who spoke Monday on defensive signals. Alder is bridge columnist for The New York Times.*

#### Learn from the best

There are talks by well-known expert bridge players each day. The best news is they are free. Come and enjoy and learn.

The lessons are daily at 12:15 and 6:45 and held in the Intermediate-Newcomer area on the fourth floor.

#### New Life Master

**Susan Seitz** of Des Moines IA earned Life Master status in the side game playing with her husband Michael Smith. Seitz needed 1.5 points of any color and earned 2.05 red.

If you make Life Master or achieve a New LM rank during this tournament, don't forget to tell the Daily Bulletin about it in Room 339.

#### Child Care

Child care is available daily from noon to 5 pm and 7 pm to midnight.

For more information, contact Donna Compton at the Hilton-Americas in Romm 12009.



#### White tops 10,000 MPs

Ed White of Grand Blanc MI was on the winning team in Sunday's Bryan/College Station A/X Swiss Teams, pushing his masterpoint total past 10,000 and making him a Platinum Life Master.

White was playing with Marty Hirschman of Southfield MI and Lisa Berkowitz and Susan Miller of Boca Raton FL.

He is the president of a management company in Flint MI.



**Gavin Wolpert** has advanced to the rank of Grand Life Master, a rank requiring more than 10,000 masterpoints and a win in an NABC+ event. Wolpert lives in Las Vegas, but is formerly of Toronto. He won the Blue Ribbon Pairs in 2006.



#### Hollywood Squares big success

*By Toni Snow*

The entertainment committee wants to thank our Hollywood Squares star-studded cast consisting of David and Lisa Berkowitz, Chris Compton, George Jacobs, Jill Meyers, Shawn Quinn, Eric Rodwell, John Sutherland and Eddie Wold. Their performance Sunday night was side-splitting. We and the audience certainly appreciate their contribution to our NABC.

Don't miss the St. Paddy Day Irish Dancers tonight.

#### ACBL restaurant shuttle

*4 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily*

**Shuttle Route 1:** This bus will circle every 10 minutes. There will be two buses on this route.

**Stop 1:** Stopping in front of House of Blues on Caroline St. Houston Pavilions-following restaurants located here:

House of Blues  
McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant  
Guadalajara del Centro  
Josephine's Ristorante  
**Stop 2:** Stopping on Lamar St. next to Massa's Seafood Grill  
Massa's Seafood Grill.  
Strip House

**Shuttle Route 2:** This bus will circle every 20 minutes. There will be four buses on this route.

**Stop 1:** Stopping on Texas Ave next to Hard Rock Café.

Bayou Place-following restaurants located here:

Hard Rock Café  
Mingalone Italian Bar and Grill  
Slick Willie's

**Stop 2:** Stopping at Sambuca's on the corner of Travis and Texas.

Main Street-following restaurants located here:

Azuma Sushi and Robata Bar  
Cabo  
Café Express  
Chipotle  
Flying Saucer Draught Emporium  
Frank's Pizza  
Sambuca's Jazz Café  
Timpano Chophouse and Martini Bar  
Yatra Brasserie  
Zula

**Pick up and drop off located at the Hilton Americas EAST ENTRANCE.**

**Buses will pick up where you were dropped off at the restaurant locations.**



# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Dear New Players:

By Marti Ronemus

Here's an e-mail that was in my box this morning. "Dear Marti, I'm having a wonderful time here in Houston, but I've got a problem. There aren't enough potty breaks, and when they DO have one, there are too many people heading for the same spot. Do you have any advice? Signed, Cross-legged in Ballroom Five."



Didn't I tell you I would tackle the problems no one else will? This is a problem I personally understand. I was making plans to go to Washington for Inauguration Day until my husband reminded me I would be more than an hour from a potty at any given time.

This is not a trivial problem. What good is remembering that you play reverse Drury if all you can think about is your next potty break? And, naturally I've got advice.

**1. Know the location of every single restroom.** Often there are restrooms that aren't as much on the beaten track as others. I found a super one at Gatlinburg and another Hunt Valley. And no, don't ask me, because I'm not sharing!

**2. Get a table near the door.** If you buy your entry early, you can often get a table exactly where you want to be. The closer to the exit near your selected restroom, the better.

**3. Wear sneakers.** You want to be able to get a running start when a window of opportunity opens.

The best strategy of all, however, is *Learn to play faster!!* Listen, gang...seven and a half minutes a board is enough time to play your boards, go potty, get a drink of water (oh, did I mention? There's a link between fluid consumption and potty breaks!), and take a nap. If you learn to play faster you can schedule your *own* breaks.

The benefits of playing faster are myriad: Everyone will love you, as rapid play gives everyone a chance for a break! Also, slow play conversely makes you despised and scorned. There are actually some very foolish people who play

slowly as a (supposed) strategy for good boards. They think their opponents are so dumb that they'll forget what cards have been played! Just how long does it take to play 13 cards, anyway?

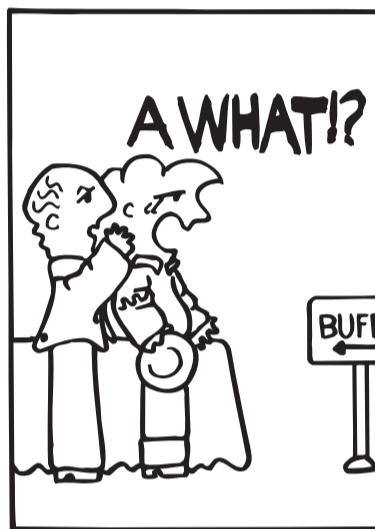
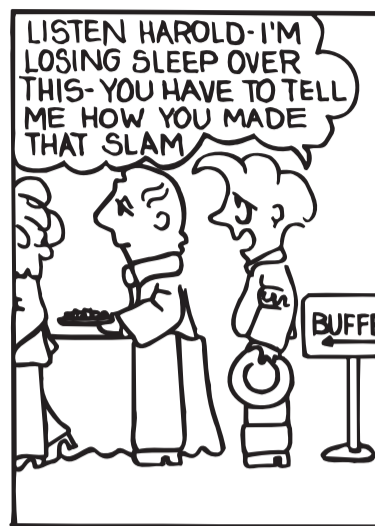
The key to playing faster is to *make a plan when the dummy comes down.* Whether you are declarer or defender, take a minute, visualize the hands based on the bidding, and make your plan.

As declarer, take time to *read the opening lead.* Often that will give you the placement of all five honors in the suit led. You'll start to get a feeling for where the cards you need to finesse are. *Know how many more tricks you need, then make your plan and get going.* You may have to change in mid-stream, but (to mix metaphors) you can't get out of the garage 'til you've got a map. There are whole books written on making your plan. Read them.

*Know that no matter how long you look at those cards, they won't turn into aces.* I've watched people stare at the cards, rub them, squeeze them, change their position in the hand. None of it works. They will still be losers.

And finally, and probably most important, *T.C.O.B. (Take Care of Business)!* First, play the hands. Save the conversation for when the boards are finished. Get the cards out of the board! Once cards are out of the board, all talking about past boards or chit-chat ceases. Smile extremely nicely at the new arrivals, a quick, "Hi, I'm Sally and this is George," and get down to it! Save the, "Oh, you're from Pittsburgh. Do you know my cousin Charlie?" for after the boards.

If the people are still talking about other boards when they arrive, just pull the cards out of the board and say sweetly, "Let's see what mysteries *this* hand holds," and take it from there.



If anyone wants to discuss the board, say – again, nicely – "Let's finish all these first." Sometimes you'll be following a slow pair and these techniques will be especially needed. "Let's play these and get caught up."

If you follow all this advice, you'll be far ahead of the rest of the gang, and well able to take a break whenever you want one. Ah, sweet relief.

I can't wait to see what other problems you want solved. Remember, here's where you get the honest scoop on the *real* problems of bridge. I'm waiting, with advice on every possible subject. Sometimes it's even right. [mronemus@comcast.net](mailto:mronemus@comcast.net)

## Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: South ♠ 4 3 2  
 Vul: None ♥ A  
 ♦ Q 10 8 7 5 3  
 ♣ K Q J

♠ K Q J 7 5      ♠ 10 9  
 ♥ K J 5 3 2      ♥ Q 9 8 4  
 ♦ —              ♦ 9 4  
 ♣ 10 7 5         ♣ A 9 4 3 2

♠ A 8 6  
 ♥ 10 7 6  
 ♦ A K J 6 2  
 ♣ 8 6

West	North	East	South
			1♦
2♦	3♥	4♥	5♦
All Pass			

Opening lead: ♠ K.

**Bidding commentary:** West's 2♦ is a Michaels cuebid, showing 5-5 or 6-5 in the majors (either way) with typically 7-11 HCP. North has a choice of responses. One is to leap to 5♦, another is to cuebid 2♥, one of the opponent's known suits, showing a strong hand with diamonds. A third is to make a game-forcing jump in one of their suits to show a singleton in that suit with great support. No

point in bidding hearts naturally when West is known to have at least five!

**Lead commentary:** Even though East has shown something in hearts, dummy has shown a singleton heart and a spade lead stands out like a beacon.

**Play commentary:** From declarer's perspective, the spade position is recurring. It is very likely that the suit is breaking 5-2. If so, by winning the second spade, you cut the spade communication between the East-West hands. Observe. You win the second spade, draw trumps and drive out the ♣A. East wins, but has no spade to return, so you can discard a spade on a high club. If you win the first spade (ugh!), East can return a spade upon

winning the ♣A, and now you lose two spades and a club. The general rule when playing a trump contract holding A-x-x facing x-x-x in the suit that has been led – one high card to remove – is to win the second round of the suit.



David and JoAnn McGuire played in the 0-5 Happy Bridge game Sunday. They have played in their local club in League City TX, but this is their first tournament. "We are surprised at how relaxed it is," said JoAnn.



*Want a map or need help finding a restaurant? Want to find out things to do? Would you like a shopping coupon? The Information Desk on fourth floor is your answer. Volunteer Barbara Nance of Bryan-College Station TX and Kathleen Craig of the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau are there to help you from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. "If you don't need anything, just come on by to say 'hi,'" says Nance. "We appreciate the help from the Convention and Visitors Bureau," she added.*

## Planes, trains & automobiles

By Barbara Seagram

[www.barbaraseagram.com](http://www.barbaraseagram.com)

My husband, Alex, and I decided to go to Reno for their annual New Year's Regional. We arrived in Reno on Dec. 23 and had arranged to fly to Los Angeles on Dec. 24 and to fly back the same day. We just wanted to visit a close friend, Alan Le Bendig, who we hadn't seen in ages.

Calling home to check voice mail before crashing in Reno ... a message from Alaska Airlines: "Don't go to the airport in Reno on 24th, the flight is canceled." The return portion was still intact from L.A. back to Reno.

We called Alaska Airlines and were told to call American Airlines (go figure). AA put us instead on to US Air, Phoenix to LA. We'd be in L.A. three hours later than planned, but it would have to do.

We shelved all plans of playing bridge with our friends in L.A. and planned just a short visit for lunch. That all worked out ...at LAX, about to return to Reno, about to board the plane at 5.45 p.m. Alaska Air announced: "The flight is canceled. Go to the ticket counter."

Never go to the ticket counter when they tell you to. There are already 40 people ahead of you who have been bumped. There is one person in charge dealing with all of it and the line moves at a snail's pace.

It was Christmas eve, so there weren't any other flights available anyway. So back to the phone to call American Airlines. They were kind but could only get us a flight back to Reno on Dec. 29 (it was now the 24th).

I suggested that they get us as close to Reno as possible. San Francisco was the best they could do. On a good day, it would be a four- to five-hour drive to Reno.

I called Avis and arranged to rent, then found that they don't allow chains on their tires. Driving through the mountains, you have to have chains. Great! We canceled the rental car and called Greyhound.

We would arrive in San Francisco at 10.30 p.m. (by plane). We took BART to downtown San Francisco (it was superb). We then walked to the bus station through downtown SF. The 1:15 a.m. bus was sold out, so we opted to spend the night in the bus station versus going to a hotel for four hours (they tend to look askance at you if you want to have a room for only four hours!).

We were dressed for LA, so we had no warm clothing. We had fortunately "borrowed" two blankets from American Airlines, so we survived the night at the bus station, where they keep the temperature at 66 degrees – and everything they say about the tenants in bus stations at night is true!

The bus took off at 6.15 ...we were on our way! Near Sacramento, the bus driver announced that the highways were all closed, so that was it. He wished us all well and told us to enjoy the next three to four days in Sacramento as there was no way to get to Reno.

I borrowed a cell phone from someone on the bus and called Amtrak. We got the last two seats on the train from Sacramento to Reno and took off at 10:34 a.m. It is usually a 90-minute car ride. It took eight and a half hours.

We had to stop for two hours here and there to allow other trains to pass us (they were down to a single track) and to allow the flanger to hook up with us. The flanger is a special train that ploughs ahead and pulled us over the mountain.

Omigod...dashing through the snow we weren't. There were several other stops along the way. At one point we envisioned walking the rest of the way to Reno – Alex in his sandals and short sleeves and me, wrapped in red American Airlines blankets.

On the bright side, you have never seen such incredible beauty as the snowy mountains and snow-covered trees. Everyone on the train bonded, we sang, and a volunteer commentator told us about the history of the area and pointed out the scenic attractions. We would have missed all of this flying overhead. Amtrak is incredibly comfortable. Their staff is amazing.

We arrived in Reno 24 hours after leaving L.A. and felt lucky to have made it back at all. It's a great tournament and you really should go sometime.

Here's a hand that came up in the intermediate game at the tournament while I was watching:

♠ A J 9	♠ K Q 5 3
♥ A	♥ K 5 4
♦ A 5 3	♦ K 7
♣ A K Q 10 4 3	♣ 7 6 5 2

West opened with 2♣. East responded 2♦ (waiting). West now bid 3♣. East raised to 4♣. West bid 4NT, asking partner how many aces he had. West, of course, knew that East had no aces as he had all of them but if you want to ask about kings, then you have to go through the hoops. West then asked about kings. When West discovered that their side had all the aces and all the kings, he now bid 7♣. The two hands have at least 14 tricks (!) in clubs or notrump. They got to the grand and that's all that matters. Only two pairs got to a grand slam on this hand. No guts, no glory! Bid more, it's fun!

## ACBL discounted parking

*Please arrive early to take advantage the discounted parking. When lots sell out, we are unable to offer additional spaces. The discounted parking is provided by the Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, not the Hilton Americas.*

Discounted parking for the Houston NABC is available at the following locations:

**George R. Brown Convention Center (GRBCC) and Hilton Americas garage.** Please note there are no in-and-out privileges with the discounted parking. A person from the Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau will be at the entrance of the garage from 6 a.m. until 7:30 pm. Please identify yourself as a bridge player or show your convention card. You will be given a parking pass that must be presented to the parking attendant upon exit to receive the \$5 parking. The garage is

## Rough justice

*Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer  
The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,  
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,  
And by opposing end them.  
Hamlet – Act 3, Scene 1*

By Mark Horton

One of the few things I dislike about this game is the way good bridge can sometimes go unrewarded. Take a look at this deal from the final of the Silodor Open Pairs:

Dlr: North	♠ A 5 4
Vul: N-S	♥ A Q 8 6
	♦ A 9 4
	♣ A J 5

♠ Q 7 3	♠ K J 9 8
♥ J 10 7 5	♥ 4
♦ 8 5 3 2	♦ K Q J 10 7
♣ 10 9	♣ 8 6 3

♠ 10 6 2
♥ K 9 3 2
♦ 6
♣ K Q 7 4 2

Obviously you would like to like to bid a slam on the North-South cards, and it is not impossible to construct an auction where North-South go All In, for example:

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Redbl	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

Of course, that will not happen very often, even in a star-studded field, but you would expect a fair number of pairs to reach six hearts.

Alas, those heart slams appear to be doomed by the 4-1 heart break A quick glance at the recap sheets did not reveal a single plus 1430. (If anyone made the slam, report it to the Daily Bulletin!)

As a play problem, seven hearts is easy. You have to assume trumps will divide 3-2, so all you need to do is ruff two diamonds.

You could adopt that line in six hearts, but it's not clear to me how important that potential overtrick might be, as in a pairs event a making slam is always a decent board.

On a diamond lead declarer can win with the ace, ruff a diamond and then play a trump, simply covering West's card. Even if East wins with a singleton honour it will be easy enough to arrange one more diamond ruff and draw trumps.

That is certainly the indicated line at IMPs, where making the contract is all important.

If West finds a spade lead (a decent choice against six hearts) declarer does not have the luxury of the safety play in trumps.

Do you feel that the North-South pairs who reached a slam on this deal were hard done by – along with all the East-West pairs who saw their opponents stop in game?

connected to the Hilton Americas with a skywalk on the second floor of the hotel.

There are 400 discounted spaces available. The availability will fluctuate each day depending on the number of overnight cars.

**If you leave the garage you will have to pay for parking and upon re-entering you will have to get a new pass (if available).**

**Parking lot at Polk and Chenevert.** Please note there are no in and out privileges with the discounted parking. The entrance for this lot is on Polk and is two blocks from the Hilton Americas Houston. There are 200 discounted parking spaces available. The cost is \$5 per day. You will pay upon entering the lot.



# TOURNAMENT APPEALS

In order to keep the bridge public informed of appeals results in a timely fashion, the NABC Daily Bulletin staff publishes write-ups. Every effort is made to ensure that these reports are accurate and complete. However, before they are published in the NABC Appeals Casebook revisions may be made.



## APPEAL CASE 1

Subject: Unauthorized Information – Tempo  
Event: Silodor Open Pairs  
Session: First Qualifying

Jill Wooldridge

Board #8 ♠ A 2  
Vul: None ♥ A K J  
Dlr: West ♦ 10 4  
♣ K 10 9 8 5 2

David Bakhshi

♠ 8 7 6 5 4  
♥ 9 7 5 2  
♦ 6  
♣ Q 7 6

Tommy Garvey

♠ Q 10  
♥ 8 4 3  
♦ A Q 9 7 5 3 2  
♣ 3

Irma Schulman

♠ K J 9 3  
♥ Q 10 6  
♦ K J 8  
♣ A J 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	3♦	3NT (1)
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

(1) East–West alleged a break in tempo (BIT) – disputed by North–South.

**Facts:** The opening lead was the ♦A. The contract made 6NT for a North–South score of plus 990. The director was called after the play. East alleged a 30-second break in temp (BIT) and West alleged a BIT of 20–30 seconds at South’s first turn to call. North–South thought the BIT was between seven and 10 seconds. North stated that the reason she pulled 3NT was because of the lack of a diamond stopper.

**Director’s Ruling:** The director judged: that

(1) There was an unmistakable BIT and that unauthorized information was available from that BIT.

(2) The UI demonstrably suggested that North bid rather than pass.

(3) That pass was a logical alternative – in fact, normally after one opens 1NT and partner responds 3NT (without first mentioning another suit), there is no logical alternative call other than pass.

In accordance with Laws 12 and 16, therefore, the director adjusted the table result to 3NT by North, making seven, and a score of North–South plus 520

**The Appeal:** Both pairs appealed and all four players attended the hearing.

The STOP card was not used. North–South felt the time taken was ten seconds. North was worried that South did not have a diamond stopper. A double by South would have been negative. South said she considered double and thought of 4NT right after she bid 3NT.

Time was close to 30 seconds according to East–West. They considered that pass was a logical alternative. East said that he might lead the ace of diamonds against 3NT.

Because perceptions of time can differ, the committee asked each player in turn to demonstrate the length of the hesitation by waiting as long as the hesitation at the table had taken and then saying “3NT.” North took nine seconds, South 12.5, East 17, and West 25 seconds.

**The Decision:** The committee found the following:

(1) There was an unmistakable hesitation, partially because South took well over 10 seconds in the demonstration.

(2) The BIT demonstrably suggested doubt about 3NT as a contract.

(3) Pass is a logical alternative.

The committee judged that leading the ♦A was unlikely, and some felt a self-serving statement by East–West. The committee judged, however, that on a normal heart lead declarer would likely play on diamonds for her twelfth trick. Therefore, in accordance with Laws 12 and 16, the committee adjusted the result to 3NT by North, making six, North–South and a score of plus 490 for both sides.

Both appeals were found to have merit.

**DIC:** Henry Cukoff

**Committee:** Aaron Silverstein (Chair), Ed Lazarus, John Lusky, Chris Moll and Jim Thurtell.

## APPEAL CASE 2

Subject: Misinformation  
Event: North American Pairs – Flight A  
Session: Second Qualifying

Leo Lasota

Board #26 ♠ 9 8 7  
Vul: Both ♥ K 9 3  
Dlr: East ♦ K J 10 4 3  
♣ 10 3

Richard Oshlag

♠ K 5 4 3  
♥ J 8 7 4  
♦ Q  
♣ Q 8 6 2

Dave Smith

♠ A 10  
♥ A Q 5  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ A K J 7 5

Mark Shaw

♠ Q J 6 2  
♥ 10 6 2  
♦ A 9 8 6  
♣ 9 4

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
3♣ (1)	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) Checkback Stayman.

**Facts:** South led the ♠J and 3NT made three for an East–West score of plus 600. The director was called at the end of play of the deal.

Before the opening lead, South asked about the 3♣ bid and was told that it was checkback. He asked if 3NT was a choice of games. East said, “I don’t know.” West said nothing, and later said it was undiscussed.

**Director’s Ruling:** There was no evidence that East–West had any undisclosed agreements. In accordance with Law 40, the table result of 3NT by East making three, and a score of East–West plus 600, was allowed to stand for both sides.

**The Appeal:** North–South appealed the director’s decision. East was the only player who did not attend the hearing.

South believed that there must have been a partnership agreement. He suggested that East must know that it showed 4–4 in the majors or he would have corrected to 4♥.

West confirmed that they had no partnership agreement, and, recently at East’s request, had agreed to stop playing Wolff signoff.

**The Decision:** South implied that had he known that West was showing 4–4 in the majors, he’d have led a diamond instead of a spade.

South and West confirmed their difference of interpretation when asked whether 3NT was “choice of games.”

After reviewing Laws 20, 40 and 41 (with assistance from the screening director, Olin Hubert), the committee found no evidence of a partnership understanding.

Therefore, the director’s decision to allow the table result of 3NT by East making three, and an East–West score of plus 600 was upheld.

The appeal was found to have merit.

**DIC:** Henry Cukoff

**Committee:** Mike Kovacich (chair), Dan Gerstman and Chris Moll (scribe).

## Goodwill

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District 16 Director Dan Morse, right, with Goodwill Chair Aileen Osofsky and NABC Co-Chair Eric Snow.

faith and is a devoted family man. He is also one of the world’s great players.”

When Osofsky regained her composure, she resumed her duties as mistress of ceremonies, praising the tournament committee of the Spring NABC, virtually identical to the group that put on the highly successful 2002 Spring NABC in Houston.

Co-Chairs Eric and Toni Snow and Betty Starzec were introduced to loud applause and took time to thank their volunteers for what they have done so far to make the tournament fun for everyone.

Osofsky took a moment to announce that Starzec had been appointed to the national Goodwill Committee.

ACBL President Jerry Fleming congratulated the tournament organizers and suggested that everyone in attendance try to remember “what it felt like when you were first nominated to the committee.”

Jay Baum, ACBL’s chief executive, offered congratulations to Lair and Osofsky and noted that the ACBL “has only two things to offer – masterpoints and goodwill.” He said Lair and Osofsky should be “in other halls of fame too.”

Former ACBL President Dan Morse, who represents District 16 on the ACBL Board of Directors, talked about his choices for the 2009 Volunteers of the Year – Houstonians Eric Snow and Bert Onstott.

Snow, Morse said, has served in a variety of capacities, including chair of two NABCS, unit and district president, “and he does everything that anyone asks him to do.”

Onstott, said Morse, “is the most organized person in the world. He helped set up an online partnership service.”

Also on the agenda was announcement of grants from the ACBL Charitable Foundation, which awards funds to districts on a rotating basis. It’s the district’s choice in how to allocate the funds. Receiving \$5000 each are Texas Hearing and Service Dogs and the BlueBird Circle (for children with neurological problems), both of Houston; the Family Guidance & Outreach Center of Lubbock, and Meals on Wheels Plus of Abilene.

## Slow Play

Slow play, as opposed to careful or thoughtful play, is discourteous to your opponents — and to all other competitors as well. Players and pairs who take more than their allotted time are subject to penalty.

In general, pairs who are rarely late will be warned while pairs who are habitually tardy and/or pay no attention to time limits will be penalized.

# TODAY'S PAIRINGS IN THE

**71 Teams**  
 Nick Nickell - Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Richard Freeman, Atlanta GA; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX  
 vs  
 Dan Morse - John Zilic, Houston TX; Ira Hessel - Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX; Nagy Kamel, Plano TX

James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon, Hollywood FL; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria - Fulvio Fantoni, Rome Italy; Claudio Nunes, Roma Italy  
 vs  
 Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID; Johan Upmark, 115 58 Stockho Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Stockholm Sweden; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Bengt-G Ran Olofsson, Ume Sweden

Aubrey Strul, Delray Beach FL; Michael Becker - Larry Cohen - David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Lew Stansby, Dublin CA  
 vs  
 Franck Multon, Nice France; Pierre Zimmerman, Geneva C Switzerland; Thomas Bessis, Paris 750 France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Mouline France; Lionel Sebbane, Clichy France

Roy Welland, New York NY; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA  
 vs  
 Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL; Tadashi Teramoto, Tokyo Japan; Kazuo K. Furuta, Kanagawa-Ken 21 Japan

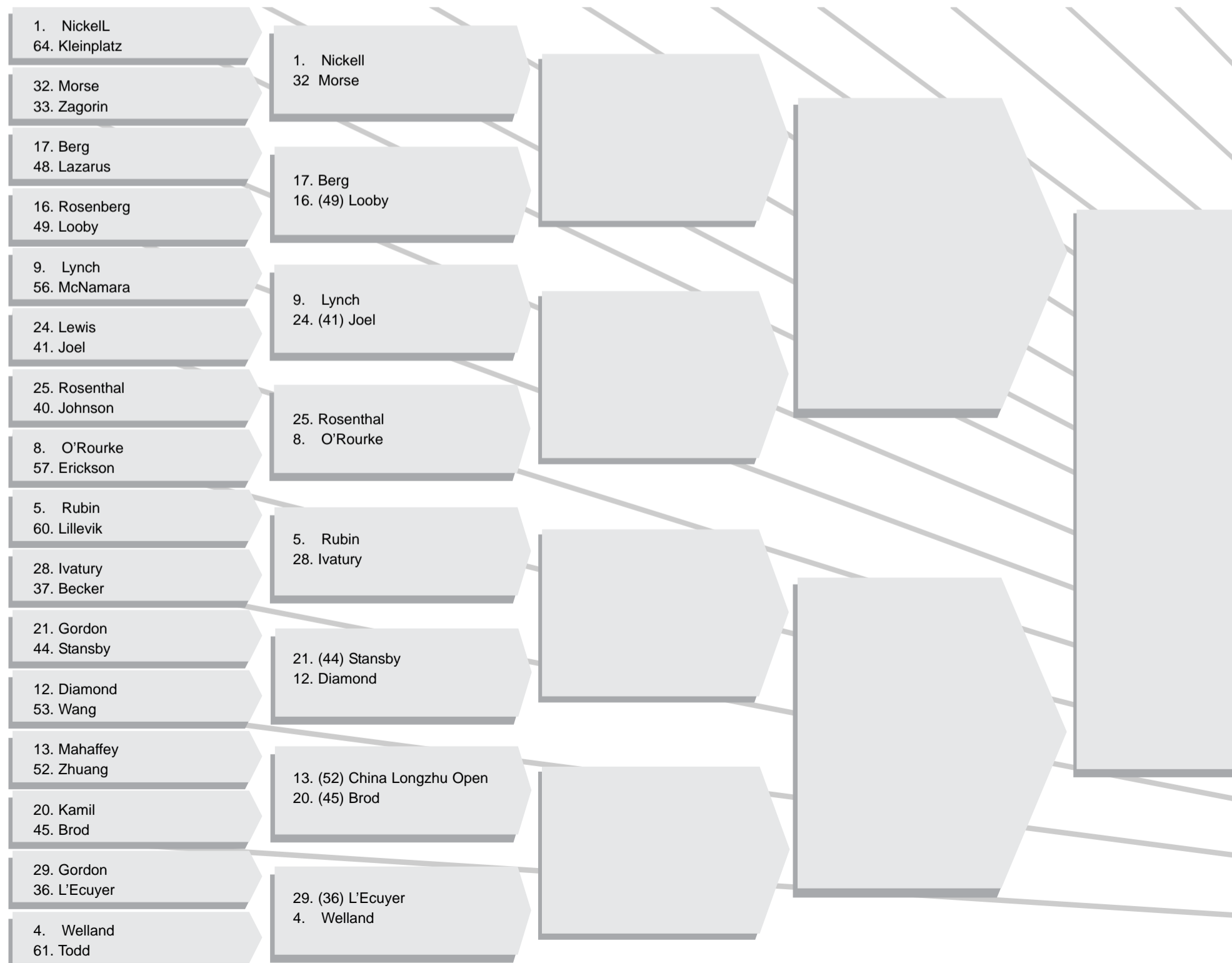
Ron Rubin, Miami FL; Russell Ekeblad, Providence RI; Peter Weichsel, Encinitas CA; Matt Granovetter,

Cincinnati OH; Louk Verhees, 2215 SH Voorhou Netherlands; Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands  
 vs  
 Uday Ivatury - Christal Henner-Welland, New York NY; Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam 3 Netherlands; Bas Drijver, Capelle Aan Den Netherlands; Vincent Ramondt, Alphen Aan Den Netherlands; Berry Westra, Krmibn Rrn Den Netherlands

Ralph Katz - George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Walid Elahmady - Tarek Sadek, Cairo Egypt; Robert Levin, Bronx NY; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY  
 vs  
 Marc Bompis, Bourg La Reine France; Albert Faigenbaum - Dominique Pilon - Jean Quantin, Paris France

Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Ca Norway; Tor Helness, Oslo Norway  
 vs  
 Robert Hampton, Blythewood SC; Gavin Wolpert, Singer Island FL; John Hurd, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY; Eldad Ginossar, Moshav Zofit Israel; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba 44 Israel

Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Espen Lindquist, Trondheim Norway; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma PR 43100 Italy; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Boye Brogeland, Norway  
 vs  
 Andrew Rosenthal - Brian Glubok - Aaron Silverstein, New York NY; Tom Townsend, London W9 1sd England; David Gold, Reading R Great Britain; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL



# VANDERBILT KNOCKOUTS



Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell - Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV; Joe Grue, New York NY; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Bart Bramley, Dallas TX

vs

Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; Tobi Sokolow, Austin TX; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Jill Levin, Bronx NY

Andrew Gromov - Victoria Gromova - Tatiana Ponomareva - Aleksander Dubinin, Moscow Russia; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice 40-479 Poland

vs

John Sutherlin, Dallas TX; Dan Gerstman, Buffalo NY; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Feldman, Hoboken NJ

John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Eric Greco, Philadelphia PA; Geoff Hampson - Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV; Brad Moss, Mill Valley CA

vs

JoAnna Stansby, Dublin CA; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Allan Falk, Okemos MI; Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Jeffrey Miller, Naperville IL

Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; Reese Milner, Los Angeles CA; Sam Lev, New York NY; Gary Cohler, Miami FL; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk Poland; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland

vs

John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Jim Krekorian - Chris Willenken - Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ

Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Doug Doub, W Hartford CT

vs

Frederic Wrang, Stockholm 1 Sweden; Martin De Knijff, Las Vegas NV; Johan Sylvan, 114 42 Stockhol Sweden; Marten Gustawsson, Stockholm Sweden

Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; Huub Bertens, Tilburg 50 Netherlands; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn 304G Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Hoorn Netherlands

vs

Jim Looby, Burbank CA; Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA; Ed Ulman - Ed Freeman - Craig Huston, Portland OR; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA

Seymon Deutsch, Laredo TX; John Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Win Allegaert - Jaggy Shivdasani, New York NY; Hemant Lall, Dallas TX; Kenneth Schutze, Austin TX

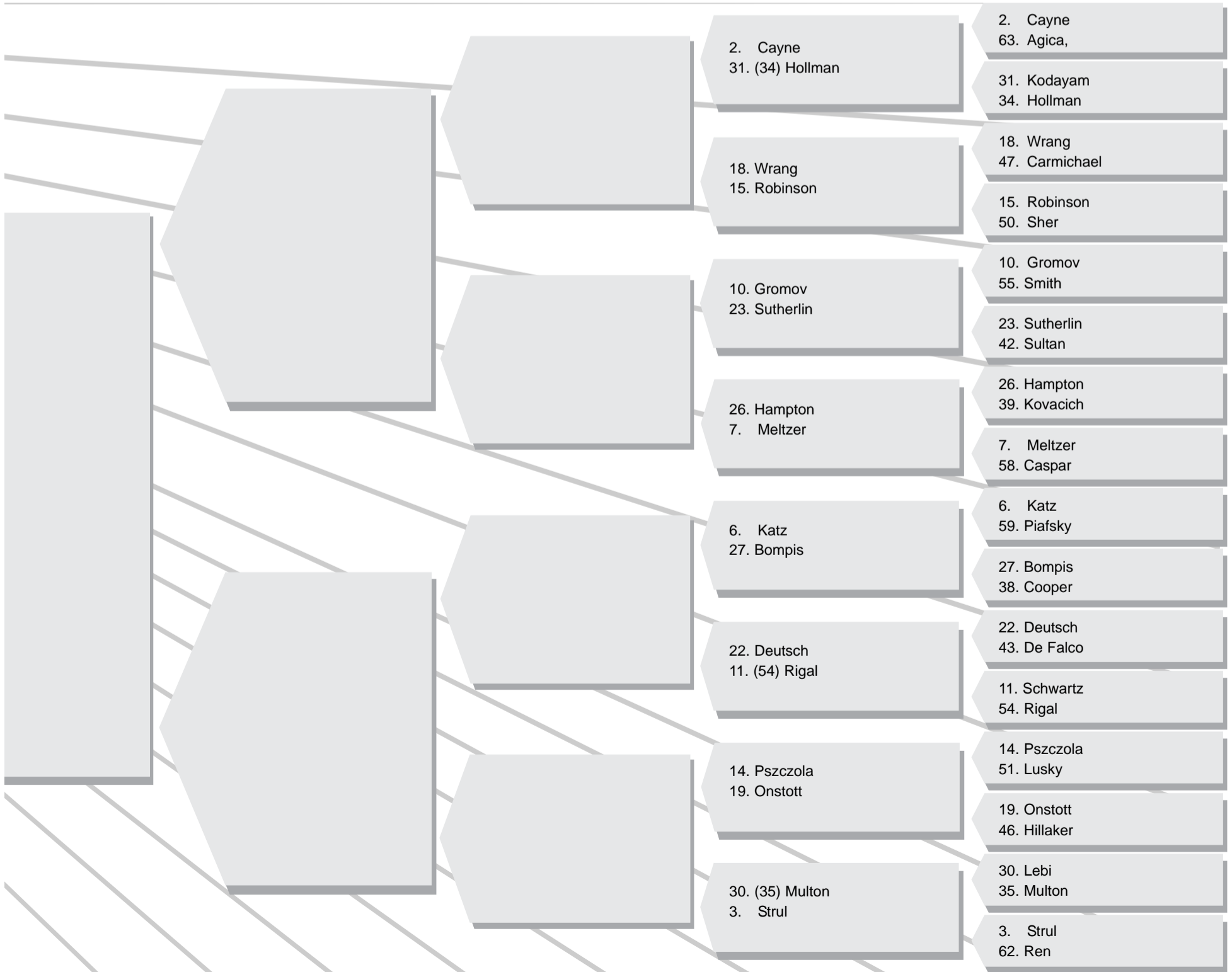
vs

Barry Rigal - Shane Blanchard - Robert Blanchard, New York NY; Alex Ornstein, Roslyn Heights NY; Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY

Geoffrey Brod, Naples FL; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; Glenn Eisenstein, New York NY; Allan Rothenberg, W Hartford CT; Stephen Earl, Avon CT; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT

vs

Ze Jun Zhuang, Shanghai 200125 People's Republic of China; Wei Min Wang, Shanghai People's Republic of China; Jian Ming Dai - Lixin Yang, Beijing People's Republic of China





Jane Armstrong is the Publicity Chair for the tournament. The NABC has been on television twice and on the front page of the Houston Chronicle newspaper. Besides lots of press releases and e-mail messages, Armstrong says, "I have good connections."

## Zero for three

By Barry Rigal

This comes from the first round of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams. It's a three-part teaser.

You hold

♠K 8 7 6 4 ♥Q ♦10 6 ♣A K Q 9 8.

Partner opens 1♥, you bid 1♠ (yes, 2♣ might work). Partner rebids 2♥, you bid 3♣ and hear 3NT from partner. Pass or correct to 4♥.

Let's say you pass 3NT. Now switch to the defense.

♠ K 8 7 6 4  
♥ Q  
♦ 10 6  
♣ A K Q 9 8

♠ J 3  
♥ 10 5 2  
♦ Q J 9 7 5 3  
♣ 7 2

You lead the ♦Q, and declarer wins the ♦K as partner drops a discouraging 2. Declarer leads a heart to the queen, then plays four rounds of clubs, your partner winning the ♣J on the fourth round. Declarer pitches two hearts on the third and fourth clubs, what do you discard? At the table, West pitched a heart and a diamond.

After winning the ♣J, your partner continues with the ♦4.

Finally, as declarer, you get to see the full deal:

♠ J 3	♠ K 8 7 6 4	♠ A Q 10 2
♥ 10 5 2	♥ Q	♥ K 7 3
♦ Q J 9 7 5 3	♦ 10 6	♦ 4 2
♣ 7 2	♣ A K Q 9 8	♣ J 6 4 3
	♠ 9 5	
	♥ A J 9 8 6 4	
	♦ A K 8	
	♣ 10 5	

As declarer, you take the first diamond, lead a heart to the queen, which holds, play four rounds of clubs and win the diamond return as West pitches a heart and a diamond. You cash the ♥A – no king appears. You now have a choice of lines: you can play a spade to the king, hoping the defenders have only two diamonds to cash, with the ♠A onside. Or you can play for 6-2 diamonds with the ♠A offside by exiting with a heart to endplay East.

To decide, consider how West would have discarded if he had the ♠A and five diamonds. He would have pitched a spade, not a diamond, of course. So you must play East for the ♠A.

So who got the board right at the table? Not North, who should have corrected to 4♥, which is easy on a diamond lead. Not West, who should have pitched a spade, not a diamond, and not South, who failed to draw the right inference and went down anyway.

## It's bridge, Jim, but not as we know it

By Mark Horton

The first episode of *Star Trek* was broadcast on Sept. 8, 1966 on the American television network NBC. Since then it's become an enormous franchise, spawning feature films, spin-off series, magazines, books, songs, toys and of course, many famous phrases.

One of the classic lines occurred when, on seeing new life on a strange planet, Dr. McCoy turned to Captain Kirk and said in an ominous tone: "It's life, Jim, but not as we know it."

I have unashamedly adapted it to reveal some of the stranger happenings I have encountered so far – and the tournament has hardly begun!

Dlr: North ♠ 9 8  
Vul: Both ♥ 10 5 3  
♦ 9 7 6 5 2  
♣ 5 4 3

♠ Q J 10 4	♠ 6 5 2
♥ A 4 2	♥ 7 6
♦ J 10 5 3	♦ A Q 8
♣ A 7	♣ K Q 10 8 6
	♠ A K 7 3
	♥ K Q J 9 8
	♦ K
	♣ J 9 2

West	North	East	South
	Horton		Helman
	Pass	Pass	1NT (!)

All Pass

In the modern game, you will not find too many people passing on those East cards, and when the Rabbi elected to kick off with a somewhat eccentric opening bid, he stole the pot.

West led the queen of spades and declarer won with the ace and played a heart to dummy's ten. When that held, the Rabbi boldly went where no Rabbi has gone before (You knew I was going to split that infinitive, didn't you?) and played a diamond. If East had risen with the ace, the defenders would still be taking tricks, but he played low and the Rabbi won with the king and reverted to hearts. West won and continued with a spade and South won and cashed out. (I can't help wondering...if declarer ducks the second spade would West have played another?)

Plus 90 was by no means a top, as several East-West pairs attempted 3NT and, oblivious to the Rabbi's Rule, an early diamond finesse saw them go crashing off.

A sure way to end up with a poor result is to be uncertain about the strength of partner's bid – as in this example:

Dlr: North ♠ A J 10 2  
Vul: Both ♥ 7  
♦ A Q J 10 8  
♣ A 7 4

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

West	North	East	South
	Horton		Helman
	1♦	3♥	Pass
3NT	Dbf	4♥	Dbf
All Pass			

For some reason West thought three hearts was intermediate.

Declarer ruffed the diamond lead and tried a spade to the king. North won and switched to a heart, so South took the queen and ace, cashed the queen of spades and played a club. The ace followed by another spade trick completed the rout.

My next example is one of those annoying situations where good defence not only goes

unrewarded, but also ends up earning a dreadful result:

Dlr: South	♠ 9 6 2	
Vul: Both	♥ J 8 6 3	
	♦ A 6 5 4	
	♣ 7 5	
♠ A K 3		♠ Q 8 7 4
♥ 10 7 2		♥ A K Q 9 5
♦ K Q 9 2		♦ 10 3
♣ K 10 2		♣ 8 6
	♠ J 10 5	
	♥ 4	
	♦ J 8 7	
	♣ A Q J 9 4 3	

West	North	East	South
			3♣

3NT All Pass

North led the seven of clubs, and when South put in the jack, West ducked.

With so many points in dummy, the realistic target for the defence is three tricks and it is clear that the most likely place to find one is in the diamond suit. If partner's diamond is the ace, it doesn't matter what you do, but if it is the king it will be catastrophic if you cash the ace of clubs – declarer will then have four spades, five hearts, and a trick in each minor.

So the indicated defence is to switch to a diamond. Declarer put up the king, North took the ace and returned...a diamond. Goodbye top, hello bottom.

Dlr: East ♠ A Q 10 9 8 6 4  
Vul: Both ♥ 9 4 2  
♦ 6  
♣ J 10

♠ K J 7	♠ 3
♥ A J 5	♥ K Q 10 7
♦ A J 3 2	♦ K 7
♣ K 7 6	♣ Q 9 8 5 4 3
	♠ 5 2
	♥ 8 6 3
	♦ Q 10 9 8 5 4
	♣ A 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1NT	2♣ (1)	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) Single-suited hand.

When North leads a spade – the queen was the card chosen at several tables – declarer won with the king, crossed to dummy with a heart and played a club. I hope you were ready with the ace, as the subsequent spade return gives your side the next six tricks.

Even if you didn't, you may be consoled by the fact that minus 600 was comfortably above average, as some Norths bid too many spades and went for a number, while others decided a spade lead was far too likely to give up a vital trick.

## Vugraph operators needed

Coverage of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams begins today on Bridge Base Online and vugraph operators are needed.

As a vugraph operator, you get a front-row seat at an exciting match, a few Bridge Bucks and the gratitude of thousands of spectators around the world.

If you have a session free on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday and want to help out, contact Jan Martel. E-mail is best: marteljan@gmail.com. Her hotel room at the Hilton Americas is 10055. You may also call her cell phone (leave a message because it's usually turned off): 530-574-5780.

To watch the Vanderbilt online, you need access to a computer and the Internet except for Saturday, when the final will be shown in an auditorium at the hotel (location to be announced).



## Paging Mr. Zero ... Mr. Absolute Zero!

By Barry Rigal

All right, I exaggerate. This is how to score 8.5 out of 77 matchpoints on Board 9 from the first final session of the Silodor Open Pairs. If you have tears, prepare to shed them now.

Dlr: North ♠ A J 6 2  
 Vul: E-W ♥ A 10 9 8  
 ♦ 10 6 3  
 ♣ 6 3

♠ Q 7 5 3  
 ♥ K Q 3 2  
 ♦ K J  
 ♣ A Q 10

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Dbl	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West leads a low club to East's ♣K and your ♣A. You draw trumps in three rounds and East pitches the ♦8. Since East has an honest and open countenance, you lead a diamond from dummy to your ♦K. Mission accomplished: It holds.

East's bidding and discards mark him with four or more diamonds and five or more clubs. He's also shown up with two hearts, so he's short enough in spades that West cannot hold the doubleton ♠K. It's possible that West holds four spades, so you lead the ♠Q to guard against a singleton 10, 9 or 8 in East's hand. West covers with the ♠K and you win dummy's ♠A, East following with the ♠4.

You lead a low spade from dummy and East pitches. Rats! Spades are splitting 4-1. No justice. West wins and fires back a third spade, which you win with dummy's ♠J. You now have the choice of cashing your ten tricks or guessing to finesse for the ♣J. A lead to your ♣10 will collect your 11th trick if it wins – or send you down one if it loses.

East's double of 2♣ with just ♣Kx x x would be remarkably aggressive – particularly with a stiff spade and the ♦A, which means he would not mind the lead of either red suit. That convinces you to try the finesse for the ♣J.

Here's the full deal:

Dlr: South ♠ A J 6 2  
 Vul: None ♥ A 10 9 8  
 ♦ 10 6 3  
 ♣ 6 3

♠ K 10 9 8                      ♠ 4  
 ♥ J 5 4                            ♥ 7 6  
 ♦ 9 7 2                            ♦ A Q 8 5 4  
 ♣ J 5 2                            ♣ K 9 8 7 4

♠ Q 7 5 3  
 ♥ K Q 3 2  
 ♦ K J

♣ A Q 10

To go down in 4♥, you needed to find the only 4-1 spade break that would not let you claim 11 tricks – and then run into an East who would double 2♣ with this weak holding. His excuse: "I thought North bid 2♦!"

### Notice to players

Each player must have an ACBL convention card filled out and on the table. Please note that other types of convention cards, such as the WBF convention card or homemade cards that do not sufficiently resemble the ACBL convention card, are not acceptable substitutes.

### Masterpoint disclaimer

Scores as reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections.

The masterpoint awards as shown are, therefore, also subject to change.



Gail Greenberg and Jeffrey Hand won the Rockwell Mixed Pairs in 2008.

### Rockwell Mixed Pairs

The Mixed Pairs is a four-session event with two qualifying and two final sessions. Each pair must consist of a male and female partnership. The Rockwell Trophy, donated by Helen Rockwell in 1946, is presented to the winners.

The record holder in the Mixed Pairs is Sidney Silodor, who won the event five times — including 1955 and 1956 with Helen Sobel. John Crawford won the event three times — in 1948 and 1949 with Margaret Wagar and in 1959 with Dorothy Truscott, the first time they had ever played together.

#### Winners:

1946 Anne Burnstein, Alvin Roth  
 1947 Evelyn Ansin, Charles Goren  
 1948 John Crawford, Margaret Wagar  
 1949 John Crawford, Margaret Wagar  
 1950 Peter Leventritt, Ruth Sherman  
 1951 Edith Rosenbloom, Sidney Silodor  
 1952 Anne Burnstein, Alvin Roth  
 1953 Jewel Hodge, Paul Hodge  
 1954 Said Haddad, Betty Windley  
 1955 Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel  
 1956 Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel  
 1957 Bee Gale, Howard Schenken  
 1958 Carol Ross, Edwin Smith

A similar, three-session event was held at the Spring NABC from 1958 to 1962. Winners:

1958 Mrs. M. J. Novak, John Gerber  
 1959 Mary Jane Farell, Al Roth  
 1960 Shirlee Harris, Edward Rosen  
 1961 Carol Sanders, Tommy Sanders  
 1962 1-2. Jessie Cook, Grant Marsee  
 1-2. Shirlee Harris, Edward Rosen

1959 John Crawford, Dorothy Hayden  
 1960 Elsie Abrams, William Passell  
 1961 Art Comstock, Margaret Muirhead  
 1962 Clarice Holt, Paul Levitt  
 1963 Agnes Gordon, Eric Murray  
 1964 Dan Morse, Mary Margaret Swan  
 1965 Betty Kaplan, Edgar Kaplan  
 1966 Robert Sharp, Louise Sharp  
 1967 Gertrude Machlin, Kit Woolsey  
 1968 Marilyn Johnson, Peter Rank  
 1969 Peggy Parker, Steve Parker  
 1970 George Dawkins, Carolyn Flournoy  
 1971 Eugenie Mathe, Lew Mathe  
 1972 John Mohan, Peggy Sutherlin  
 1973 Bernie Chazen, Marilyn Johnson  
 1974 Gerald Caravelli, Helen Utegaard  
 1975 Barry Crane, Kerri Shuman  
 1976 Peggy Lipsitz, Steve Parker  
 1977 Joel Friedberg, Nancy Gruver  
 1978 Ahmed Hussein, Gail Moss  
 1979 Juanita Skelton, Mike Smolen  
 1980 Jeff Meckstroth, Patty Meckstroth  
 1981 Esta Van Zandt, Jim Zimmerman  
 1982 Barry Crane, Kerri Shuman  
 1983 John Gustafson, Helen Gustafson  
 1984 Kathy Sulgrove, Larry Rock  
 1985 Beth Palmer, Steve Robinson

1986 Lisa Berkowitz, David Berkowitz  
 1987 Lisa Berkowitz, David Berkowitz  
 1988 Claire Tornay, Michael Moss  
 1989 Dorothy Truscott, Alan Truscott  
 1990 Jo Ann Manfield, Ken Cohen  
 1991 Jo Ann Manfield, Danny Sprung  
 1992 Kitty Bethe, Larry Mori  
 1993 Libby Fernandez, Happoldt Neuffer  
 1994 Jillian Blanchard, Geoff Hampson  
 1995 Cindy Bernstein, Bob Bernstein  
 1996 Margery Tamres, Joseph Brady  
 1997 Phyllis Quinn, Wafik Abdou  
 1998 Joan Eaton, Leslie Amoils  
 1999 Shannon Lipscomb, Mike Cappelletti  
 2000 Linda Gordon, Bernie Chazen  
 2001 Barbara Shaw, Mark Shaw  
 2002 Linda Webb, Richard Ekstrum  
 2003 Jim Kirkham, Corinne Kirkham  
 2004 Peggy Kaplan, Bill Kent  
 2005 John Kranyak, Laurie Kranyak  
 2006 Tom Kniest, Karen Walker  
 2007 Mildred Breed, Richard Zeckhauser  
 2008 Gail Greenberg, Jeffrey Hand

### A place for discipline

By Barry Rigal

Dlr: North ♠ 10 6 3 2  
 Vul: None ♥ 10 5  
 ♦ A K 10 8  
 ♣ A 7 3

♠ A                                      ♠ K Q 9 8 4  
 ♥ Q 9 8                                ♥ J 6  
 ♦ 9                                        ♦ Q J 5 3 2  
 ♣ K Q J 10 8 6 5 2                ♣ 4

♠ J 7 5  
 ♥ A K 7 4 3 2  
 ♦ 7 6 4  
 ♣ 9

I was shown this deal – Board 1 from the first final session of the Silodor Open Pairs – as an example of the benefits of restraint in the auction.

At many tables, West heard his partner overcall 1♠ and chose to punt 5♣, doubled and down 500. However, when Craig Huston held the West cards, he sold out to a 3♥ contract by South. I marveled at his restraint, but Craig correctly pointed out that 4♣ doubled would be set two and cost 300 points.

Curiously, South's 3♥ contract is makeable – though it was not managed at the table. West will lead his ♠A, then shift to the ♣K. As declarer, you'll win dummy's ♣A and guess to play three rounds of hearts. West wins the third heart and plays a diamond, which you win in dummy. You've now reached this ending:

♠ 10 6 3  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ K 10 8  
 ♣ 7

♠ —                                      ♠ K Q 9 8  
 ♥ —                                      ♥  
 ♦ —                                      ♦ Q J 3  
 ♣ Q J 10 8 6 5 2                      ♣ —

♠ J 7  
 ♥ 7 4 3  
 ♦ 7 6  
 ♣ —

You have eight tricks in the bag and need to set up one more. You can see that playing a spade or a diamond from dummy will lead to immediate failure. The winning line is two loser-on-loser plays: Lead dummy's ♣7 and pitch a spade from your hand, then pitch a diamond from hand when West leads the next club! You'll ruff West's next club lead, then run your trumps and squeeze East in spades and diamonds. That's how to rectify the count!

### Lost and found

There is a lost and found in the Daily Bulletin office — Room 339. An earring, a pin and a Texas driver's license have been turned in. The hotel also has a lost and found.

If you lost your watch in the Presidential Suite, contact Room 21029 to claim.



**Barbara Nance played with astronaut Greg Johnson earlier in the week.**  
*"We were teammates once about seven years ago," says Nance. "He was an astronaut candidate then. I came to see him donate the playing card and found out he needed a partner. "He is really easy going," says Nance. "We had a 60% game playing good old Standard American. Local television stations were here covering the NABC, and filmed him playing bridge. When the cameras were rolling, it didn't faze him."*

**TOSI LIANG MEMORIAL MIDNIGHT KOS**

- 10 Teams**  
 3.03 1 Ralda St Pierre - Wolf Schroeter, Houston TX; Alberto Feilhaber, Irvine CA; Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA  
 2.12 2 G S Jade Barrett - Tiger Li Li Williams, Elk Point SD; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico; Diana Marquardt, Del Mar CA  
 1.21 3/4 Marvin Raines, Fort Washington MD; Carl Hogan, Houston TX; Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK  
 1.21 3/4 David Rogers, Southern Pines NC; Molly O'Neill - Bella Ionis-Sorren, Ft Lauderdale FL; Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Cameron Shunta, Grand Haven MI

**DAVID HADDEN MORNING KO BRACKET I**

- 9 Teams**  
 Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI; Larry Mori, Clearwater FL; Leonard Melander, West Bloomfield MI; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY

vs  
 Linda Harrison, Calgary AB; Hao Ge, Bay Village OH; Hui Lin Zhu, Chongqing 401147 People's Republic of China; Warren Foss, Omaha NE; Weidong Pei, Brea CA; Nongyu Li, Sunnyvale CA

vs  
 David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Rumen Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria

G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Diana Marquardt, Del Mar CA; Ellis Feigenbaum, Petah Tikva 493 Israel; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico

vs  
 Veronica McMurdie - John McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Chester Johnson, Chicago IL; William Turner, Houston TX; Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA; Steve Clements, Laguna Mavel CA

vs  
 James Melville, Springfield IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Donald Croysdale, Elm Grove WI; William McFall, New Berlin WI

**DAVID HADDEN MORNING KO BRACKET II**

- 14 Teams**  
 Bee Hallett - Dave Anthony - Keith White, Fort Myers FL; Miles Thomson, Cape Coral FL

vs  
 Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Constance Sackville, Vero Beach FL; Annette Harlow - Carole Williamson, Lake Charles LA; Jo Portie, Sulphur LA

Madhusudan Patel - Ashok Shingavi - Karur Krishnan, Houston TX; Phil Brown, San Antonio TX

vs  
 Roy Perry, St Johns NL; Cetin Okcuoglu, Moorestown NJ; Dick Wilson - Marilyn Goldman, Rochester NY

Helen Nelson - Mary Ellen Stanton, Grand Prairie TX; Lorraine Little, Fort Worth TX; Barbara Odom, Cedar Hill TX

vs  
 Ronnie Frank, Saint Louis MO; Judith Inker, Wellesley Hills MA; John Cox, Kellogg ID; Nadia Nilsson, Santa Clara CA

Milton Ellisor - Becky Ellisor, Spring TX; Hugh Miller - Catherine Miller, Houston TX; Art McHaffie - Joy McHaffie, Santa Fe NM

vs  
 Luca Dona, Englewood NJ; Neal McKinney, Vienna VA; Carl Nelson - Abigail Nichols, Washington DC

**DAVID HADDEN MORNING KO BRACKET III**

- 9 Teams**  
 Patricia Morrison, Wellington NS; Maureen Donovan, Halifax NS; Janet Corkum, Dartmouth NS; Linda Shaw, Geneva IL

vs  
 Marguerite Town - Beth Fuller, Baton Rouge LA; Marilyn Elston, Aledo TX; Judy Phillips, Fort Worth TX

vs  
 Pamela Thaut - Joan Merrill, Tucson AZ; Bitsy Klein - Michael Klein, Bethany Beach DE

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES 4**

18.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
4.25	1	1		Carl Spencer, Farmington NM; Joseph Lebeau, Smyrna TN	65.34%
3.19	2	2	1	Maxwell Hughes, Vero Beach FL; Terry Richardson, Austin TX	60.42%
2.39	3			Bud Hinckley, South Bend IN; Sharron Hinckley, East Winthrop ME	60.04%
2.27	4	3	2	Charles Lawson, Huntsville TX; Cameron Shunta, Grand Haven MI	59.47%
1.70	5	4	3	Gary Carey, Coppell TX; Thomas Miyake, Corinth TX	59.28%
1.31	6			Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA; Jeffrey Lehman, Newton Center MA	58.90%
1.63		5		Steve Clark - Louise Clark, Glencoe IL	58.52%
1.57		6	4	Candyce Gregston - Joy Hardy, San Angelo TX	58.33%
1.10			5/6	Mike Fierman, Encino CA; Susan Ohm, San Antonio TX	55.87%
0.91			5/6	Billie Dalton, Garland TX; Betty Bartula, Richardson TX	55.87%

**MONDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS**

18.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
3.96	1	1	1	Thomas Hamilton - Walter Zolla, Montgomery TX	64.39%
2.97	2	2		Louise O'Brien - Marj Frederiksen, Dallas TX	63.07%
2.23	3	3		Kailash Sachdev - Rani Sachdev, The Woodlands TX	60.23%
1.67	4	4		H Ray Atchley - Jerry Bigner, Shreveport LA	60.04%
1.98	5	5	2	Ann Sinclair - Joyce Eveld, Houston TX	58.71%
0.94	6	6		Richard Tracey, Bluffton SC; Ross Siemms, Hilton Head SC	57.95%
1.20			3	Yvonne Pierce, Houston TX; Maureen McGrath, Seabrook TX	52.84%
0.90			4	Max Aeschbacher, Salt Lake City UT; Elizabeth Gompels, Newton MA	50.38%
0.68			5	Janet Williams - Jean Moritz, Houston TX	48.86%

**1ST SUNDAY/MONDAY SIDE SERIES 3**

22.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
4.85	1			Joan Lane - Joseph Lane, Blairsville GA	64.35%
3.64	2			Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI; Beverly Gardner, Farmington Hls MI	62.27%
2.73	3			Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC; Jenny Wolpert, Singer Island FL	61.34%
2.05	4			Dave Anthony, Fort Myers FL; Sally Veauthier, Columbiana OH	59.95%
1.96	5			Joan Van Geffen - Jean Talbot, Metairie LA	59.03%
1.37	6			Howard Wilkins, Abilene TX; James Tucker Jr, Alexander City AL	57.87%
3.19		1		David Pimental, Dartmouth MA; Marcia White, Lakeville MA	55.79%
2.39		2		Donald Clayton, Seneca SC; Nadia Nilsson, Santa Clara CA	54.40%
2.73		3	1	Joseph Lebeau, Smyrna TN; Jane Clark, Stephenville TX	54.17%
2.05		4	2	Susan Seitz - Michael Smith, Des Moines IA	51.85%
1.54		5	3	Karur Krishnan - Ashok Shingavi, Houston TX	50.23%
1.15		6	4	Jason Larrivee - Pamela Keim, Regina SK	50.00%
1.15			5	Alfredo Ringel - Deborah Ringel, Guadalajara Mexico	46.99%

**JO DENE BOND 4 - 5/20/50 PAIRS**

12.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
2.31	1			Mary Toler, McKinney TX; Peter Huggler III, Seminole OK	62.80%
1.73	2	1		Helen Kelly - Luean Anthony, Houston TX	62.71%
1.30	3			Elizabeth Gompels, Newton MA; Ralph Jarzembowski, San Diego CA	58.63%
0.85	4/5			Susan Edwards - Lois Frankel, Houston TX	58.29%
1.10	4/5	2		Diane Kaminsky - Barbara Frankel, Houston TX	58.29%
0.83	6	3	1	Roslyn Wallace - Marea Reed, Houston TX	55.27%
0.62		4	2	D Jill Spence, The Woodlands TX; Lyn Hullinger, Willis TX	54.46%
0.47		5		James Bettis - Anita Bettis, Bellaire TX	52.93%
0.46			3	Elaine Brill - Donna Watkins, Houston TX	43.83%

**JO DENE BOND 4 - 299ER PRS**

24.5 Tables					
	A	B	C		
4.95	1	1		Rosalie Schwarz - Cherry Schwarz, Houston TX	62.20%
3.71	2	2	1	Yvonne Pierce, Houston TX; Maureen McGrath, Seabrook TX	61.18%
2.78	3	3	2	Helen Hollis - Gaylene Jewell, Houston TX	59.52%
2.09	4	4	3	Sharon MacMorran - Kenneth MacMorran, Austin TX	59.29%
1.57	5	5		Donna Young - Ronald Young, Brentwood TN	58.93%
1.17	6	6		Kailash Sachdev - Rani Sachdev, The Woodlands TX	58.75%
1.11			4	Carol Howard - Kathleen Hurst, Katy TX	56.25%
1.33			5	Mark Craft - Mary Craft, Edmond OK	55.48%
0.95			6	Joan Maxwell, Davidson NC; William Taylor, Mooresville NC	55.06%

**MONDAY STRATIFIED FAST PAIRS**

10.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
7.00	1			Ari Greenberg, San Francisco CA; Hiroki Yokoi, Tokyo Japan	62.44%
5.25	2			Gerrie Owen - Ilene Greene, Dallas TX	58.33%
3.94	3			Linda Hughes, Edmond OK; En Xie, Saint Louis MO	58.27%
3.50	4			Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo TX	55.19%
2.80	5			Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Mary Vickers, Apex NC	54.91%
2.00	6			Rose Black - Peggy Craig, El Paso TX	53.42%
4.43		1		Gail McIntyre, Stirling ON; Loretta Green, Dodd City TX	51.04%
3.32		2		J Jack Yarbrough, Nacogdoches TX; Barbara Robinson, Lufkin TX	50.13%
2.49		3		Jonathan Holmes - Susan Kaplan, Houston TX	49.96%
2.14		4		Barbara Tysdahl - Dennis Ryan, Menomonie WI	49.28%

**MONDAY 3 P.M. IMP PAIRS**

9.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
2.88	1	1		Amy Blecher - Eslyn Bassuk, Scarsdale NY	58.71
2.16	2	2		Robin Ladin - Barbara Harberg, Houston TX	53.14
1.62	3	3		Eddie Baker Jr - Pamela Dettmers, Kingwood TX	25.00
1.22	4	4		Susan Santisi, Boca Raton FL; Judy Soley, Scarsdale NY	15.57
2.28	5	5	1	Marcus Feldman - Susan Feldman, Saint Louis MO	9.29
1.71			2	Gretchen Amado - Stephen Gusic, Pittsburgh PA	6.43
1.28			3	Joseph Ford, Missouri City TX; Mauvelyene Henry, Houston TX	2.86
1.06			4	Lucy Hofmann - Marilyn Jordan, Kingwood TX	-3.14

MILTON FREEDMAN DAYLITE PAIRS

Table with columns for Tables (A, B, C), Score, Name, and Percentage. Includes entries like Ned Kohler - Renay Danto Weiner, Scottsdale AZ (62.10%) and Ruth Ottenweller - Ruth Singletary, Lake Charles LA (47.84%).

MONDAY EVENING STRATIFIED SWISS

Table with columns for Tables (A, B, C), Score, Name, and Percentage. Includes entries like David Rogers, Southern Pines NC; Allison Howard, Cookeville TN; (103.00) and Ann Blohm - Faye Baker, Houston TX; Patsy Pierce, Hardin TX; (74.00).

MONDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

Table with columns for Tables (A, B, C), Score, Name, and Percentage. Includes entries like Jean Talbot - Joan Van Geffen, Metairie LA (66.20%) and Patricia Bowles, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR; Carol Aiton, Rockwood TN (49.07%).

JACK MEHRENS MEMORIAL A/X PAIRS

Table with columns for Tables (A, X), Score, Name, and Percentage. Includes entries like Nell Cahn, Shreveport LA; Judy Bramley, Dallas TX (61.00%) and Marina Mann, Gonzales TX; Robbie Borchers, New Braunfels TX (52.15%).

Barbara Williams, Malakoff TX; Rachel Lee, Terrell TX; Yvonne Houston, Enchanted Oaks TX; Carol Sossamon, Kemp TX

vs
Cherry Schwarz - Rosalie Schwarz - Suzanne Musgrove - Penny McAdams, Houston TX

vs
Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed, Potomac MD; Beth Wisinski, Washington DC; Kay Miller, US

MONDAY/TUESDAY SENIOR KO BRACKET I

16 Teams
Al Cupps - Judy Cupps, Houston TX; Edie Dockray - John Dockray, Villanova PA

vs
Yas Takeda - Chizuko Yang, Hacienda Hgts CA; Yoon Kim, San Diego CA; Eiko Ukai, Kohoku-Ku, Yoko Japan

Claudette Roush - Billie Shotwell - June Ardoin - Elsie Reid, Houston TX

vs
Joyce Gore, Missouri City TX; Dan O'Malley, Katy TX; Muriel Gilmour - Walter Arnold, Houston TX

MONDAY/TUESDAY SENIOR KO BRACKET II

12 Teams
Gerry Earnest - Mary Felton - Jan Delery, Montgomery TX; Barbara Finch, Houston TX

vs
Susan McMahan - Betty Kyle Moore - Susan Skiles - Shannon Jones, Houston TX; Carolyn Humphreys, Anchorage AK

Darlene Gilmore - Carol Katz, La Grange TX; William Caplan, Columbus TX; Carol Helms, Schulenburg TX

vs
Carolyn Campbell - Susan Belding - Britt Siem, Houston TX; Lotte Optekamp, Spring TX

SAN ANTONIO KOS BRACKET I

15 Tables
41.09 1 James Melville, Springfield IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Donald Croysdale, Elm Grove WI; William McFall, New Berlin WI
28.76 2 David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Rumen Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria
16.44 3/4 Hansa Narasimhan, Los Altos Hills CA; Sandra Rimstedt, Haverdal 310 4 Sweden; Cecilia Rimstedt, Halmstad 30251 Sweden; Emma Sjoberg, Linkoping 58431 Sweden
16.44 3/4 Margie Beegle - Terry Currie - Jolie Hess - Joan Pleason, Houston TX

SAN ANTONIO KOS BRACKET II

12 Tables
24.26 1 Sandra Clark - Barbara La Vigne - Dianna Gittelman - Ralda St Pierre, Houston TX
16.98 2 Carole Grob, Alexandria VA; Hope Watts, Bethesda MD; Jane Shaw, Hanover PA; Barbara Doran, Silver Spring MD
9.70 3/4 James Stevens, Katy TX; Robert Curl, Houston TX; David Curl, Fort Worth TX; Betsy Dubose, Bellaire TX; Thomas Schmalz, Galveston TX
9.70 3/4 Martha Young - Bob Scallan - Leonard Schaen, Dallas TX; Mym Young, Atlantic Beach NC

SAN ANTONIO KOS BRACKET III

16 Tables
23.10 1 Serge de Muller, Fribourg Switzerland; Dian Petrov, Buffalo NY; James Di Napoli, Wall NJ; Charles Hage, Monmouth Beach NJ
16.17 2 David Pimental, Dartmouth MA; Marcia White, Lakeville MA; Arun Savara, Honolulu HI; Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI
9.24 3/4 Jack Tidball, Rison AR; Langdon Jones, N Little Rock AR; Jane Dickey - Bonnie Fincher - Mike Compton, Little Rock AR

SAN ANTONIO KOS BRACKET IV

16 Tables
17.18 1 Millie Garrison, Riverside CA; James Tanner, Highland CA; Lenore Cavallero, Hillsborough CA; Robert Roman, Greenbrae CA
12.03 2 Jeff Lane - Matthew Grant, Austin TX; Jennifer Breihan - James Breihan, Houston TX
6.87 3/4 Joe Black - Lawton Hutchison - Linda Anthony - Dean Truair, Austin TX
6.87 3/4 Victoria Castleberry - Lynnda Paukune - Mary Lou Fowler, Houston TX; Leon Price, Charlotte NC

SAN ANTONIO KOS BRACKET V

16 Tables
13.96 1 Edwin Zwald Jr, Houston TX; Don Deal, Nassau Bay TX; Nandlal Khatri, Sugar Land TX; Dick Zinser, Friendswood TX
9.77 2 David Wicks - Terry Harrison - Cheri Staples, Houston TX; Marie-Anne Johnson, Dallas TX
5.58 3/4 Peggy Naughton, Houston TX; Carol Aiton, Rockwood TN; Meriedith Pfister, Seabrook TX; Patricia Bowles, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR
5.58 3/4 Janet Jordan, Aledo TX; Laura Nash, Stephenville TX; Sue Rowe, Benbrook TX; Patricia Sears, Fort Worth TX

SAN ANTONIO KOS BRACKET VI

16 Tables
11.37 1 Michael Arthur - Elizabeth Arthur, Pearl River LA; Cynthia Keaton, Coppell TX; Eusebio Menezes, Cupertino CA
7.96 2 Ralph Raber - Karin Raber, Toledo OH; Linda Adamchik - Liz Karnicki, Beaumont TX
4.55 3/4 Judy Carter, Missouri City TX; Patricia Ward, Stafford TX; Glenda Faragher - Marsha Sachs, Sugar Land TX
4.55 3/4 Fredi Weinbaum, Sugar Land TX; Barbara Gadea - Carol Noble, Houston TX; Leora Nowitz, Bellaire TX

**BERTHA TUCKER COMPACT KO 1**

16 Teams			
28.17	1	Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ; Melanie Tucker - Erez Hendelman, New York NY; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	
19.72	2	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Barry Harper, Regina SK	
12.68	3	Martin Graf, Chevy Chase MD; Ray Banks, Hot Springs Vlg AR; Mark Shaw, Hanover PA; Helene Bauman, Arlington VA	
9.86	4	Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA; Mike Bandler, Alamo CA; Steve Clements, Laguna Mavel CA; K Fung, Edmonton AB	

**BERTHA TUCKER COMPACT KO 2**

16 Teams			
16.34	1	Patty Hinze, San Antonio TX; Carolyn Pinto, Fort Worth TX; Stewart Angel, Wake Village TX; Jonathan Ernest, Lindale TX	
11.44	2	Shelly Dunietz - Irma Schulman, New York NY; Marilyn Loesberg, Rancho Mirage CA; Robert Donathan, Austin TX	
7.35	3	Wayne Christensen, Jr, Laporte TX; Jill Wooldridge, Buffalo NY; Gerald Ungar, Pt Charlotte FL; Don Kern, Bay Minette AL	
5.72	4	Ernest Olness Jr, Billings MT; Alfred Lee, Rncho Pls Vrd CA; Henriette Mufich, Coeur D Alene ID; Rodney Paxton, Coeur D'Alene ID	

**BERTHA TUCKER COMPACT KO 3**

12 Teams			
11.52	1	Andy Anderson - Curley Anderson - Mark Churchman, Saskatoon SK; Derrick Furber, Prince Albert SK	
8.06	2	Linda Harrison, Calgary AB; Hao Ge, Bay Village OH; Warren Foss, Omaha NE; Nongyu Li, Sunnyvale CA	
5.18	3	Cetin Okcuoglu, Moorestown NJ; David Walker, Salem VA; Barbara Rhoades, Wilmington DE; Roy Perry, St Johns NL	
4.03	4	Jay Friedenson, Morrisville VT; Steven Picus, Mequon WI; Richard Sternlieb, Milwaukee WI; David Weisman, Englewood NJ	

**BERTHA TUCKER COMPACT KO 4**

12 Teams			
9.97	1	Catherine Miller - Hugh Miller, Houston TX; Art McHaffie - Joy McHaffie, Santa Fe NM	
6.98	2	Frank La Master - Nancy La Master, Indianapolis IN; Christine Miley - Gene Miley, Hinsdale IL	
4.49	3	William Riley - Nancy Riley, Silver Lake OH; Jerry Barker, Newport News VA; Dale Fiebelkorn, Norfolk VA	
3.49	4	Alan Cummings, Los Altos CA; David Binney, Seattle WA; Jerry Thorpe, Tacoma WA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI	

**BERTHA TUCKER COMPACT KO 5**

16 Teams			
9.50	1	Eileen Smith - James McCommons - Bob Butterfield - Patricia Rose, Dallas TX	
6.65	2	Daniel Raider - Nancy Lee, San Mateo CA; Gene Katz, Carlsbad CA; John Simpson, Madera CA	
4.28	3	Christopher Whelan - Jane Whelan, Lexington VA; Constance Sackville, Vero Beach FL; Ann Taylor, Port St Lucie FL	
3.33	4	Bill Page, Jacksonville Bh FL; Joo-Hee Janicki, Markham ON; Mara Tuttle, Lake Mary FL; Lynn Brown, Palm Coast FL	

**BERTHA TUCKER COMPACT KO 6**

16 Teams			
7.89	1	Karen Nimmons, Houston TX; Lana Guise, Sugar Land TX; Neal McKinney, Vienna VA; Mike Fierman, Encino CA	
5.52	2	Barbara Hollahan - Dianne Decker - Nancy Dean - Beverly Geurin, Austin TX	
3.55	3	Judy Corey Edmiston - George Roach, Dallas TX; Tom Kaufmann, Pine Brook NJ; Martin Lesh, Montville NJ	
2.76	4	Charles Ensor - Judith Ensor, Seabrook TX; Daad Rodgers, Houston TX; Scott Wansbrough, Dallas TX	

**BERTHA TUCKER COMPACT KO 7**

16 Teams			
6.74	1	Christy Morrissey, Houston TX; Robert Frederick - Donna Frederick, The Woodlands TX; William Daniel III, Spring TX	
4.72	2	David Dyer - Merry Modica - Laura Jones - Ann Mc Dougal, Houston TX	
3.03	3	Genie Hayden - Betsy Wiley - Norma Becker - Betty Jean Reeves, Missouri City TX	
2.36	4	Alma Farley - Robert Clarke, Richardson TX; Nancy Strohmer - Hans Strohmer, Houston TX	

**BERTHA TUCKER COMPACT KO 8**

16 Teams			
5.86	1	Don Grider - Inez Grider - Kay Lynch - Dee Els, Georgetown TX	
4.10	2	Joe Everette - Patrick Horsley, Montgomery TX; Donna Venn, Pharr TX; Gladys Ulrich, Conroe TX	
2.64	3	Glenn Eddy, Whittier CA; Tracy Boys, Sherman Oaks CA; Art Savage - Susan Savage, Sacramento CA	
2.05	4	Larry Harrington - Ramona Harrington, Boone IA; Donna Delacretaz, Kingston ON; Jackie Burroughs, McAllen TX	

**BERTHA TUCKER COMPACT KO 9**

16 Teams			
4.00	1	Michael Klein - Bitsy Klein, Bethany Beach DE; Joan Merrill - Pamela Thaut, Tucson AZ	
2.80	2	Marguerite Town - Beth Fuller, Baton Rouge LA; Marilyn Elston, Aledo TX; Judy Phillips, Fort Worth TX	
1.80	3	Wilma Booth - Kathleen Malcolmson, Houston TX; Debra Sherman, San Diego CA; Mark Sherman, Oceanside CA	

**JACK MEHRENS MEMORIAL B/C/D PAIRS**

26.0 Tables			
	A	B	C
10.04	1	Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Cameron Shunta, Grand Haven MI	
7.53	2	Robert Lass, Skokie IL; Daniel Neill, Lexington KY	
5.65	3	Steve Clark - Louise Clark, Glencoe IL	
4.24	4	Ellen Meyer - Peggy Geiler, Austin TX	
6.27	5	1	Malou Flato, Austin TX; Clint Schuhmacher, Dallas TX
4.70	6	2	Amanda Jeger, Frankfurt Am Ma Germany; Estera Lisker, East Quogue NY
3.53	7	3	Jo Graves - Billie Graves, Austin TX
2.65	4	Patricia Miller - Scott Miller, Auburn Hills MI	
2.09	5	Mary McGinnis - Vi Ganeles, Dallas TX	
3.87	6	1	Carole Williamson - Annette Harlow, Lake Charles LA
2.90	2	Scott Smith - Pat Smith, Minneapolis MN	
2.18	3	Judith Arbus, Toronto ON; Alan Blake, East Brunswick NJ	
2.17	4	Bobby Patton - Eleanor Patton, Lawrence KS	
1.29	5	Dirk Stronck II - Veree Alexander, Santa Fe NM	

**MONDAY EVENING 50/200/300 PAIRS**

17.0 Tables			
	A	B	C
3.82	1	Evan Marti, Bellaire TX; Kevin Risley, Houston TX	
3.06	2	1	Terry Sherman - Susan Johnson, Rapid City SD
2.30	3	2	John Chapman - Wendy Wheeler, Little Rock AR
1.72	4	3	Heather Shane, Mc Kinney TX; Barbara Taylor, Richardson TX
1.34	5	Connie Burnett - Nancy Selander, Houston TX	
0.91	6	Roslyn Vera, Forest Hills NY; Richard Dixon, Frontenac KS	
1.29	4	James Prim III, South Pines NC; Donna Simmons, Southern Pines NC	
0.97	5	Jeri Nelson - Cyann Martin, Neenah WI	
0.79	6	Darnell Blume - Janet Blume, Ramsey MN	
1.58	1	Suzanne Shanley - Robert Shanley, Houston TX	
1.19	2	Barbara Chappell - Richard Chappell, Houston TX	
0.89	3	Mary Dodson - Carolyn Rolsten, Houston TX	
0.67	4	Jean Foltz - Jo Ann Pierce, Pearland TX	

**LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS**

65.0 Tables			
100.00	1	Daniel Suty, Houston TX; Jim Hilton, Austin TX	
75.00	2	Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL; Gaylor Kastle, Boca Raton FL	
56.25	3	Barbara Sartorius, Lake Hiawatha NJ; Sharon Hait, Livingston NJ	
44.44	4	Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA	
40.00	5	Carol Sanders, Nashville TN; Libby Fernandez, Tuscaloosa AL	
36.36	6	Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	
33.33	7	Jeff Hand - Gail Greenberg, New York NY	
30.77	8	Steve Mager, Hermosa Beach CA; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA	
28.57	9	Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz, Lakeville MN	
26.67	10	Richard Budd, Portland ME; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA	
25.00	11	Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO; Alan Popkin, St Louis MO	
23.53	12	Rozanne Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ; Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL	
22.22	13	Janet Daling, Peoria AZ; Steve Mansfield, Seattle WA	
21.05	14	Gil Cohen, Ashburn VA; Marty Nelson, Annapolis MD	
20.00	15	Linda Hanson, Brentwood TN; Coley McGinnis, Nashville TN	
19.05	16	Bud Marsh - Marianne Spanier, Scottsdale AZ	
18.18	17	Kerr Godfrey, Houston TX; Peggy Sutherland, Dallas TX	
17.39	18	Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Michael Penick, Dallas TX	
16.67	19	William Arlinghaus, Ann Arbor MI; Dave Swarthout, San Antonio TX	
16.00	20	Charles Durrin III, Madison AL; Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY	
15.38	21	Joseph Kivel, Newport Coast CA; Randy Pettit, Marietta GA	
14.81	22	Don Caton, Pensacola FL; Jim Barrow, Lake Charles LA	
14.29	23	Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR	
14.43	24	Lewis Gartnerman, Brookline MA; Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA	
13.33	25	Frank Mastrola, Swansea MA; Walter Spiewak, Wake Forest NC	
12.90	26	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA	
12.50	27	Ned Irving - Denny Penticoff, Hot Springs Vlg AR	
12.12	28	Howard Friedman, Great Neck NY; Lauren Block, Manhasset NY	
11.76	29	Les Bart - Gloria Silverman Bart, Bradenton FL	
11.43	30	Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA; G Margie Gwozdzinsky, New York NY	
11.11	31	Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Alan Wienman, Morton IL	
10.81	32	Dennis Kastle, Bloomfield MI; P Drew Cannell, Dol-D-Ormeaux QC	
10.53	33	Justine Cushing, New York NY; Melih Ozdil, Astoria NY	
10.26	34	Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA	
10.00	35	Cal Newlin Jr - Flo Newlin, Aurora CO	
9.76	36	Maureen O'Rourke, Port Washington NY; Herbert Wilton, Fredericksburg TX	
9.52	37	James Thurtell, Dallas TX; Jack Lacy, Lago Vista TX	
9.30	38	Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Tom Kniest, University City MO	
9.09	39	John Solodar, Palm Beach Gdns FL; James Marsh Sternberg, Palm Bch Grdns FL	
8.89	40	Brian Gunnell, St Augustine FL; John Brady, Jacksonville FL	
9.09	41	Daniel Williams, Denver CO; Mark Pedersen, Canyon TX	
10.01	42	Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA; Ruth Nakano, Kirkland WA	
8.33	43	Dave McClintock, Bluffton SC; Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA	
8.16	44	John McLaughlin, Melrose MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA	
8.42	45	Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA; Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA	
7.84	46	Joyce Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Sandra DeMartino, Riverside CT	
7.69	47	Joann Glasson - Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ	
7.55	48	Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	
7.41	49	John Rengstorff - Scott Levine, New York NY	
7.27	50	Arnold Selig, Philadelphia PA; Amal Dasgupta, Wilmington DE	

**1ST SUNDAY/MONDAY SIDE SERIES 3**

71.50 Tables

8.82	1/2	Joan Van Geffen, Metairie LA	125.23%
8.82	1/2	Jean Talbot, Metairie LA	125.23%
6.51	3/4	Peggy Craig, El Paso TX	120.51%
6.51	3/4	Robert Craig, El Paso TX	120.51%
5.21	5/6	Selim Benardete, New York NY	117.23%
5.21	5/6	Chris Moll, Raleigh NC	117.23%
4.22	7/8	Adele Dusenbury, Stony Brook NY	116.90%
4.22	7/8	Gladys Collier, East Hampton NY	116.90%

**MONDAY EVENING 299ER SWISS**

8 Tables

	A	B	C	
2.54	1			Kathleen McCool, Castle Rock CO; Jane Hendrix, Breckenridge CO; Hans Kuschnerus - Sandra Kuschnerus, Frisco CO 98.00
1.91	2			Janice Joerger, Rancho Santa Fe CA; Marilyn Kalabsa, Salona Beach CA; Bob Chiang, Houston TX; Shi-Lin Yeh, Sugar Land TX 67.00
2.04	3	1	1	Joan Maxwell, Davidson NC; William Taylor, Mooresville NC; Keith Anderson - Mary Anderson, Rochester MN 64.00
1.53		2		Joseph Cunningham, Conroe TX; Keith Everett, Houston TX; Nancy

1.40 4 Thomas Wulfers, Seabrook TX; Bobbie Moutz, El Lago TX; Myrna Dorman, League City TX; Sylvia Thomas, Alvin TX

**BERTHA TUCKER CONSOLATION KO 1**

**8 Teams**  
 6.85 1 Gary Brown, San Francisco CA; Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA; Anton Tsytkin, Sharon MA; Sheila Gabay, Newton MA  
 3.63 2 Larry Mori, Clearwater FL; Leonard Melander, West Bloomfield MI; Susi Ross - Harry Ross, Winter Spgs FL

**BERTHA TUCKER CONSOLATION KO 2**

**8 Teams**  
 3.90 1 James La Fountain, Temple TX; Jon Richard Ware, New Braunfels TX; Jane Matcha, Sugar Land TX; Pam LaShelle, Round Rock TX  
 2.07 2 Massoud Banan, McAllen TX; John Seng - Michael Halvorsen, Champaign IL; Howard Engle, Highland Park IL  
 0.88 3 Shelba Parmley, Oklahoma City OK; Barbara Whittlesey, Edmond OK; Jay Barron, Tulsa OK; Eric Bell, Norman OK

**BERTHA TUCKER CONSOLATION KO 3**

**6 Teams**  
 2.52 1 Tomi Fitzgerald, Plano TX; Diane Schaffer, Frisco TX; Margot Hirsch, Arlington TX; J'Neane Huey, Fort Worth TX  
 1.34 2 Sanford Lobliner - Marsha Bernstein, Houston TX; Jane Armstrong - Betty Starzec, Sugar Land TX  
 0.57 3 William Chan - Molan Chan, Van Buren ME; Jean Monette, Hallandale FL; Robert Michaud, Sun City West AZ

**BERTHA TUCKER CONSOLATION KO 4**

**6 Teams**  
 2.16 1 Chris Curran - Sadhana Dalal - Elton Lipnick, Houston TX; Bob Reinman, Colorado Spgs CO  
 1.14 2 William Bob Case - Verdine White - Monica Mitchell - Doris Ham, Hot Springs AR

**BERTHA TUCKER CONSOLATION KO 6**

**8 Teams**  
 1.88 1 Helen Nelson - Mary Ellen Stanton, Grand Prairie TX; Lorraine Little, Fort Worth TX; Barbara Odom, Cedar Hill TX

**BERTHA TUCKER CONSOLATION KO 7**

**8 Teams**  
 1.60 1 Joy Hardy - Candyce Gregston, San Angelo TX; Mary Overbey - Margaret Yeh, Pls Vrds Est CA  
 0.85 2 Carolyn Marks, Fort Worth TX; Cornelia Friedman, Ft Worth TX; Jean Helmers, Stephenville TX; Diane Washabaugh, Aledo TX  
 0.76 3 Carol Wilson - Bette Liebgold, Houston TX; John Williams - Mary Knopf, Anchorage AK

**BERTHA TUCKER CONSOLATION KO 8**

**8 Teams**  
 1.52 1 Julian Silverblatt - Alan Zane, Houston TX; Beatrice Aron - Tybie Becker, Long Beach CA

**BERTHA TUCKER CONSOLATION KO 9**

**8 Teams**  
 1.45 1 Anne Smith - Larz Smith, Colleyville TX; Denise Shade, Dallas TX; Glorya Spero, Highland Park IL

**NABC Insider**

After one final show prior to the 1 p.m. game, Ask Me Girl will be heading back to Memphis. We'll all miss her, the Insider most of all. Be sure to stop by, ask one last question and wish her well. The Insider has been waging a year long campaign to have her named the 2009 Jane Johnson Customer Service Award winner. Please do your part by dropping an e-mail to NABC@acbl.org to let the folks at headquarters know how you feel about her excellent work. She is the epitome of customer service, let's be sure she receives ACBL's highest service award later this year.

The Insider stuck his head into the Goodwill Reception yesterday just in time to hear that the Queen of Goodwill had been recognized for all her wonderful accomplishments by inclusion in the ACBL Hall of Fame. Our heartfelt congratulations go to Aileen.

The Insider would like to take a moment to mention all the hard work the local committee has done to make this NABC the enjoyable experience it is. From the registration gift to the information and tour desk, from the late night entertainment to the partnership and section top desks, this group of tireless volunteer have gone out of their way to make this a truly first rate experience. Most of the team worked on the last NABC in Houston and did a great job then as well. No detail has been overlooked. Have you noticed the detail work on the table skirts in the I/N area? Or, the great table snacks? Or the full slate of entertainment headlined by the all star cast of Hollywood Squares Sunday night? Or any of the thousands of other details that come together to make the NABC exceptional? Give the local team a big smile and "Thank you" when you see them at the service desks, in the hall or at the bridge table. The Insider wants to send his special thanks for the Snickers bars that found their way to the Tournament Operations Office – all 18 of them!!! Farewell, Ask Me Girl, we'll see you in Washington.

**MONDAY EVENING SIDE GAME - ONLY SESSION**

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION YY	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			66.20%	1		Robert Craig - Peggy Craig, El Paso TX 58.33%
2			56.94%	2	1	Kevin Dybvig, Birmingham AL; Emily Harrell, Shoal Creek AL 57.64%
3	1	1	54.63%	3		Somers Collins, Little Rock AR; Jack Tidball, Rison AR 56.02%
4			50.00%	4		Marvin Deneroff, North Bergen NJ; Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ 55.09%
	2	2	49.07%		2	Christopher Rinkus - Barbara Montgomery, Houston TX 53.01%
						Ann Haggard - Linda Richmond, Fort Smith AR 47.92%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION ZZ	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			62.27%	1		William Baker, Bellaire TX; Royce Herndon Jr, Oklahoma City OK 58.33%
2			61.57%	2		Sylvia Riewerts, Eureka CA; Samuel Asai, Hood River OR 54.40%
3	1	1	59.26%	3		Linda Hughes, Edmond OK; En Xie, Saint Louis MO 53.94%
4			58.80%	4		Dave Anthony, Fort Myers FL; Sally Veauthier, Columbiana OH 53.24%
	2		47.45%		1	Andrzej Niewiadomski, Scarborough ON; James Brown, Georgetown TX 51.16%
					2	Robert Ipswitch, San Mateo CA; Margaret Raymond, Kingwood TX 50.69%

**JACK MEHRENS MEMORIAL A/X PAIRS - SECOND SESSION**

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS UU VV	EAST-WEST		
A	X		A	X		
1			62.62%	1	1	W Lease, Houston TX; L Laird, Sugar Land TX 58.62%
2			59.23%	2	2	Jerry Miller, Silver Spring MD; Greg Loran, Lubbock TX 58.15%
3			59.00%	3	3	Marshall Lewis, Cleveland Hgts OH; Stephanie Russo, New York NY 57.85%
4			57.77%	4		Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA; Alberto Feilhaber, Irvine CA 57.77%
5	1		57.62%	5	4	Doug Herron - Bill Begert, New York NY 57.38%
6/7			56.08%	6/7		Brian Johnston, Toronto ON; Allan Smith, Peterborough ON 55.69%
6/7			56.08%	6/7		Terry Spector, Franklin TN; Stella Rainey, Tuscaloosa AL 55.69%
8			53.31%	8		Bruce Reeve - Chris Moll, Raleigh NC 55.38%
9	2		53.00%	9	5	Nelson Brown, Jr, Houston TX; Joe Choate, League City TX 55.08%
10	3		51.92%	10		Ralph Levene, Vestavia Hills AL; Jim Foster, Birmingham AL 54.62%
11	4		51.77%	11		Brigitte Sandifer, Sugar Land TX; Anna Marlatt, Houston TX 52.00%
12	5		51.69%	12		Bill Walker, Bulverde TX; Jim McMullin, Chapala Mexico 51.77%
	6		51.08%			

**JACK MEHRENS MEMORIAL B/C/D PAIRS - SECOND SESSION**

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION WW	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1		1	59.94%	1		Ellen Meyer - Peggy Geiler, Austin TX 63.46%
2			59.29%	2/3	1	Bob Joyce, Abilene TX; John Rollinson, Clovis NM 56.25%
3	2		57.37%	2/3		Jeremy Dilbeck, Houston TX; Sandra Parker, Sugar Land TX 56.25%
4/5	3		53.85%	4	2	Willie Baker Jr, Guthrie OK; Theresa Ann Brantley, Mabank TX 52.56%
4/5			53.37%	5	3	Malou Flato, Austin TX; Clint Schuhmacher, Dallas TX 52.24%
	2/3		44.39%		1	Bobby Patton - Eleanor Patton, Lawrence KS 42.95%
	2/3		44.39%			
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION XX	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			64.90%	1		Steve Clark - Louise Clark, Glencoe IL 57.85%
2			54.49%	2	1	Amanda Jeger, Frankfurt Am Ma Germany; Estera Lisker, East Quogue NY 57.53%
3	1		54.33%	3		Robert Lass, Skokie IL; Daniel Neill, Lexington KY 57.21%
4	2		53.37%	4	2	Barbara Hutchison - Nancy Paton, Austin TX 53.37%
5	3	1	51.60%	5	3	Nancy Tiner - Ann Van Volkenburgh, Lake Jackson TX 52.40%
		2	45.99%		1	Calvin Konner, Bethesda MD; Jose Porres, Rockville MD 51.92%

**MONDAY EVENING 50/200/300 PAIRS - ONLY SESSION**

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION O	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			62.20%	1		Connie Burnett - Nancy Selander, Houston TX 55.65%
2			54.76%	2		Bill Orth - Ruth Orth, Sugarloaf PA 52.68%
3	1		51.49%	3/4	1	Tish Stephenson - Gail Gillespie, Houston TX 52.08%
4	2	1	50.60%	3/4		Janie Wolaver - Jerrell Wolaver, Jefferson TX 52.08%
	3/4		49.40%		2	Suzanne Shanley - Robert Shanley, Houston TX 50.89%
	3/4		49.40%		2	Jean Foltz - Jo Ann Pierce, Pearland TX 48.81%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION P	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			57.61%	1	1	John Chapman - Wendy Wheeler, Little Rock AR 57.02%
2	2		56.85%	2		Roslyn Vera, Forest Hills NY; Richard Dixon, Frontenac KS 55.56%
3			54.64%	3	2	Darnell Blume - Janet Blume, Ramsey MN 52.95%
					3	Louise O'Brien - Marj Frederiksen, Dallas TX 50.22%
					1	Sharon MacMorran - Kenneth MacMorran, Austin TX 45.70%

LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON - 2ND FINAL SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH SECTIONS A B J K L, EAST-WEST, and scores. Lists names and locations such as Daniel Suty, Houston TX; Richard Budd, Portland ME; Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA.

MONDAY STRATIFIED FAST PAIRS - 1ST OF 2 SESSIONS

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH SECTION QQ, EAST-WEST, and scores. Lists names and locations such as Linda Hughes, Edmond OK; Ari Greenberg, San Francisco CA; Hiroki Yokoi, Tokyo Japan.

MILTON FREEDMAN DAYLIGHT - 10:00 AM SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH SECTION Y, EAST-WEST, and scores. Lists names and locations such as Ken Barbour, Scottsdale AZ; Ned Kohler - Renay Danto Weiner, Scottsdale AZ.

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH SECTION Z, EAST-WEST, and scores. Lists names and locations such as Don Fizer - Stephen Reich, Houston TX; Aletha Cahill-Wolf, The Woodlands TX; Bill Gemas, Huntsville TX.

JACK MEHRENS MEMORIAL A/X PAIRS - FIRST SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH SECTIONS SS TT, EAST-WEST, and scores. Lists names and locations such as Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Marshall Lewis, Cleveland Hgts OH; Stephanie Russo, New York NY.

JACK MEHRENS MEMORIAL B/C/D PAIRS - FIRST SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH SECTION WW, EAST-WEST, and scores. Lists names and locations such as Malou Flato, Austin TX; Clint Schuhmacher, Dallas TX; Patricia Miller - Scott Miller, Auburn Hills MI.

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH SECTION VV, EAST-WEST, and scores. Lists names and locations such as Robert Lass, Skokie IL; Daniel Neill, Lexington KY; Kris Digre, Conroe TX; Lawrence Wolfson, Schaumburg IL.

FIRST SUN/MON SIDE SERIES 3 - MONDAY AFTERNOON 3 OF 4 SESSIONS

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH SECTION YY, EAST-WEST, and scores. Lists names and locations such as Joan Van Geffen - Jean Talbot, Metairie LA; Lynn Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI; Beverly Gardner, Farmington Hls MI.

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH SECTION ZZ, EAST-WEST, and scores. Lists names and locations such as Patricia Elms, Newport Beach CA; C. Buddy Carls, Huntington Bk CA; Joan Lane - Joseph Lane, Blairsville GA.

LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON - FIRST FINAL SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH SECTIONS A B J K L, EAST-WEST, and scores. Lists names and locations such as Lewis Garmann, Brookline MA; Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA; Bud Marsh - Marianne Spanier, Scottsdale AZ.

JO DENE BOND 4 5/20/50 PAIRRS - MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH SECTION N, EAST-WEST, and scores. Lists names and locations such as Elizabeth Gompels, Newton MA; Ralph Jarzebowski, San Diego CA; Mary Toler, McKinney TX; Peter Huggler III, Seminole OK.

**JO DENE BOND 4 - 299ER PAIRS MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION O			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1	1	Helen Hollis - Gaylene Jewell, Houston TX	59.52%	1	1		Rosalie Schwarz - Cherry Schwarz, Houston TX	62.20%
2	2		Donna Young - Ronald Young, Brentwood TN	58.93%	2	2		Gail Gillespie - Tish Stephenson, Houston TX	56.85%
3	3		Bill Kiehnhoff, Sugar Land TX; Julie Butterfield, Dallas TX	58.04%	3	3	1	Joan Maxwell, Davidson NC; William Taylor, Mooresville NC	55.06%
4	4		H Ray Atchley - Jerry Bigner, Shreveport LA	57.14%	4/5	4/5	2	Walter Sackville, Vero Beach FL; Jim Sturgeon, Louisville KY	54.46%
5		2	Carol Howard - Kathleen Hurst, Katy TX	56.25%	4/5	4/5		Dianne Foussac, Houston TX; Ben Ball, Sugar Land TX	54.46%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION P			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1	1	Yvonne Pierce, Houston TX; Maureen McGrath, Seabrook TX	61.18%	1			Bill Orth - Ruth Orth, Sugarloaf PA	55.88%
2	2	2	Sharon MacMorran - Kenneth MacMorran, Austin TX	59.29%	2	1	1	Mark Craft - Mary Craft, Edmond OK	55.48%
3	3		Kailash Sachdev - Rani Sachdev, The Woodlands TX	58.75%	3	2		Marilyn Kalabsa, Salona Beach CA; Janice Joerger, Rancho Santa Fe CA	55.45%
4	4		James Prim III, South Pines NC; Donna Simmons, Southern Pines NC	54.23%	4	3		Jim McCormick - David Durand, Houston TX	55.18%
5	5		Sudy Zane - Chris Whiteloni, Houston TX	52.59%	5	4		Edna Kelly - Anne Davis, Houston TX	50.98%
		3	Trudi Lamendola, Waco TX; Pauline Mitchell, Houston TX	50.35%			2	Thomas Hamilton - Walter Zolla, Montgomery TX	49.07%

**MONDAY STRATIFIED FAST PAIRS - 2ND OF 2 SESSIONS**

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION QQ			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Venktrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo TX	57.40%	1			Ari Greenberg, San Francisco CA; Hiroki Yokoi, Tokyo Japan	62.97%
2			Gerrie Owen - Ilene Greene, Dallas TX	56.85%	2			Roberta Trayman - Charles Trayman, Naples FL	56.85%
3			Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Mary Vickers, Apex NC	56.55%	3			Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Shannon Cappelletti, Hollywood FL	55.65%
4			Rose Black - Peggy Craig, El Paso TX	55.06%	4	1		J Jack Yarbrough, Nacogdoches TX; Barbara Robinson, Lufkin TX	55.61%
	1		Jonathan Holmes - Susan Kaplan, Houston TX	48.14%		2		Barbara Tysdahl - Dennis Ryan, Menomonie WI	48.26%
	2		Roxana Tom, Campbellton TX; Roxana Tom, San Antonio TX	43.15%					
		1	Frank Hund, Durham NC; Marvin Raines, Fort Washington MD	39.63%					

**MILTON FREDMAN DAYLITE MONDAY AFTERNOON - 2 OF 2 SESSIONS**

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION Y			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1		Warren Barrett, Pearland TX; Lawrence Gordon, Houston TX	64.26%	1			Gary Sawyer, Alto NM; Billie Mitchell, Ruidoso NM	61.06%
2	2		Katherine Rabenstein, Washington DC; Shekhar Sengupta, Marlborough MA	60.42%	2	1		Don Fizer - Stephen Reichek, Houston TX	57.37%
3			Donna Sparks - Fred Feigley, Houston TX	59.13%	3	2		Raymond Smith - Beverly Smith, Plymouth MN	56.57%
4	3		Fred Wang - Amy Wang, Houston TX	58.65%	4			Virginia Sherman, Dallas TX; Fred Hamilton, Las Vegas NV	54.49%
5			Janet McCormack - John McCormack, Dallas TX	54.01%	5			Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Patricia Wright, Charlotte NC	54.01%
6			Donna Compton, Dallas TX; Gary King, Houston TX	49.36%	6/7	3/4	1/2	Ruth Ottenweller - Ruth Singletary, Lake Charles LA	52.24%
			Nancy Cartwright, Falls Church VA; Marie Wanner, Waldorf MD	48.72%	6/7	3/4	1/2	Lloyd Hankinson - Gail Pirodsky, Sarasota FL	52.24%
		1	Jon Rankin - Emily Rankin, Nichols NY	47.44%					
		2	Claudia Tinajero - Moises Weinstock, Mexico Mexico	45.51%					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION Z			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1		Vivienne Whitworth, Richmond Hill ON; Sheryl Buchler, Scottsdale AZ	61.54%	1			Ken Barbour, Scottsdale AZ; Markland Jones, Phoenix AZ	61.70%
2			Aletha Cahill-Wolf, The Woodlands TX; Bill Gemas, Huntsville TX	54.97%	2			Ned Kohler - Renay Danto Weiner, Scottsdale AZ	61.54%
3			Janet Appel, Estill Spgs TN; Louise Fontecchio, Nashville TN	53.37%	3	1	1	Paul Cozzi - Joe Handler, Toronto ON	57.21%
4	2		Charles Michalski - Bill Gervais, Cypress TX	52.40%	4	2		Adela Naftali - Jorge Nischli, Mexico Mexico	55.77%
5	3		Max Levit - Ariel Leibovitz, Houston TX	52.24%	5	3		Cula Burch - Bernie Lange, Wichita Falls TX	50.96%
6			Carol Joy Spiegel, Palm Beach FL; Muriel Wasserman, Pikesville MD	51.92%	6			Charles Nemes, Hinsdale IL; Martin Morris, Wheeling IL	50.80%
	4	1	Ronald Carlson - Gerri Sofia Carlson, Ranch Pls Vrd CA	50.32%		4		Elizabeth Nagle, Wethersfield CT; Kathleen Frangione, Southington CT	50.64%
		2	Mary Jane Kinnebrew - Sharon Durr, Houston TX	49.04%					

**MONDAY 3 P.M. IMP PAIRS - MON AFTERNOON ONLY SESSION**

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION V			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1		Eddie Baker Jr - Pamela Dettmers, Kingwood TX	25.00%	1	1		Amy Blecher - Eslyn Bassuk, Scarsdale NY	58.71
2	2		Susan Santisi, Boca Raton FL; Judy Soley, Scarsdale NY	15.57%	2	2		Robin Ladin - Barbara Harberg, Houston TX	53.14
3	3	1	Marcus Feldman - Susan Feldman, Saint Louis MO	9.29%	3			Shirley Salvo, Kiawah Island SC; Linda Luther, N Charleston SC	6.71
4	2	2	Gretchen Amado - Stephen Gusic, Pittsburgh PA	6.43%	4	3		Jacqueline Kimball, John's Island SC; Roshen Hadulla, Santa Clarita CA	0.71
							1	Lucy Hofmann - Marilyn Jordan, Kingwood TX	-3.14
							2	Carolyn Labouliere, Seabrook TX; Mercedes Snyder, Kingwood TX	-12.43

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES 4 - MONDAY AM 1 OF 3 SESSIONS**

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION XX			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1		Carl Spencer, Farmington NM; Joseph Lebeau, Smyrna TN	65.34%	1	1	1	Maxwell Hughes, Vero Beach FL; Terry Richardson, Austin TX	60.42%
2			Bud Hincekley, South Bend IN; Sharron Hincekley, East Winthrop ME	60.04%	2	2	2	Charles Lawson, Huntsville TX; Cameron Shunta, Grand Haven MI	59.47%
3			Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA; Jeffrey Lehman, Newton Center MA	58.90%	3	3	3	Gary Carey, Coppell TX; Thomas Miyake, Corinth TX	59.28%
4	2		Steve Clark - Louise Clark, Glencoe IL	58.52%	4	4	4	Billie Dalton, Garland TX; Betty Bartula, Richardson TX	55.87%
5	3	1	Candyce Gregston - Joy Hardy, San Angelo TX	58.33%	5			Michael Strong - Johanna Strong, Winfield IL	54.92%
6	4	2	Mike Fierman, Encino CA; Susan Ohm, San Antonio TX	55.87%	6			Fay Teal, Mesa AZ; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI	53.22%
7	5	3	Marilyn Kalabsa, Salona Beach CA; Janice Joerger, Rancho Santa Fe CA	54.55%	7	5		Gary Anziani - Doug Cross, San Antonio TX	50.76%
		6	James Woodard, League City TX; Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK	53.60%		6		Callie Weller - Ellen Heck, Dallas TX	50.38%
		4	Tim White, Mercer Island WA; Daniel Rosenblatt, Winston Salem NC	45.64%					

**MONDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS - MONDAY MORNING ONLY SESSION**

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION ZZ			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1	1	Ann Sinclair - Joyce Eveld, Houston TX	58.71%	1	1	1	Thomas Hamilton - Walter Zolla, Montgomery TX	64.39%
2			Anne Knott - Patsy Howell, Houston TX	56.82%	2	2		Louise O'Brien - Marj Frederiksen, Dallas TX	63.07%
3	2		Donald Smith - Marcia Lane, El Cajon CA	56.06%	3	3		Kailash Sachdev - Rani Sachdev, The Woodlands TX	60.23%
4	3		Janice Vernia - Robert Vernia, Carmel IN	55.87%	4	4		H Ray Atchley - Jerry Bigner, Shreveport LA	60.04%
5			Joan Reid, Goodland KS; Sammie Mills, So Padre Is TX	55.11%	5	5		Richard Tracey, Bluffton SC; Ross Siemms, Hilton Head SC	57.95%
6/7			Kathleen McCool, Castle Rock CO; Jane Hendrix, Breckenridge CO	54.55%	6			Barbara Nystrom - Susan Theiss, Houston TX	57.58%
6/7	4		Liliana Ciccarella, Spring TX; Jayne Davis, Tomball TX	54.55%	7			Mark Heep - Liz Cooper, Austin TX	54.73%
	5	2	Yvonne Pierce, Houston TX; Maureen McGrath, Seabrook TX	52.84%		6	2	Max Aeschbacher, Salt Lake City UT; Elizabeth Gompels, Newton MA	50.38%
							3	Vicki Dailey, Houston TX; H Patricia Leavitt, Friendswood TX	48.67%
							4	James Ochsner - Allison Ochsner, Houston TX	47.73%

**TOMORROW'S BRIDGE EVENTS**

**Walgreens Day**

Wednesday, March 18, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	ACBL members**	Other
Ed Hoffing Memorial Wednesday-Saturday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	1st	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18
David Hadden Memorial Morning Bracketed KO Teams	3rd	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18
Monday-Wednesday Morning Side Game Series	3rd single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15		\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15		\$15

**Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.**

Stratified Fast Pairs	1-2	3rd Floor Room 336 & 337	\$16		\$18
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**Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.**

Dorothy Schoolfield Memorial Stratified Senior Pairs	1-2	4th Floor Ballroom JKL	\$16		\$18
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**Wednesday, March 18, 1 p.m.**

Tuesday-Thursday Side Game Series	3rd single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15		\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15		\$15

**Wednesday, March 18, 1 & 7:30 p.m.**

Rockwell Mixed Pairs	1-2 F	4th Floor Ballroom A-F	\$20		
Linda & August Plate Memorial Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18
Margo P. Geddie, CIMA Compact KO Teams	1-4	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18
Esta Van Zandt Memorial Bracketed KO Teams	3-4	4th Floor Ballroom A-F	\$16		\$18

**Wednesday, March 18, 1 & 8 p.m.**

Vanderbilt KO Teams	Round 4	3rd Floor Room 335	\$20		
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**Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.**

Tuesday-Thursday Side Game Series	4th single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18
One-session Stratified Swiss Teams	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15		\$17
299er Stratified Swiss Teams	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15		\$17
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15		\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15		\$15

**Wednesday, March 18, 11:30 p.m.**

Zip KO Teams	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$12/team/match		
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## TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Event	Tuesday, March 17, 9 a.m.		Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
	Session	Sold		
David Hadden Memorial Morning Bracketed KO Teams Monday-Wednesday Morning Side Game Series 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	2nd	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
	2nd single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15	\$17
	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15	\$15
Stratified Fast Pairs	Tuesday, March 17, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.		\$16	\$18
	1-2	3rd Floor Room 336 & 337		
Carolyn Fox Stratified Senior Pairs Monday-Tuesday Senior KO Teams	Tuesday, March 17, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.		\$16	\$18
	1-2	4th Floor Ballroom JKL		
	3-4	4th Floor Ballroom JKL		
Tuesday-Thursday Side Game Series Jo Dene Bond Memorial 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs Jo Dene Bond Memorial 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	Tuesday, March 17, 1 p.m.		\$16	\$18
	1st single session	2nd Floor Ballroom		
	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI		
	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI		
Vanderbilt KO Teams Rockwell Mixed Pairs 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions Barbara Babbit Stratified Open Pairs Esta Van Zandt Memorial Bracketed KO Teams Continues Wednesday	Tuesday, March 17, 1 & 7:30 p.m.		\$20	\$18
	Round 3	3rd Floor Room 335		
	1-2 Q	4th Floor Ballroom A-F		
	1-2	2nd Floor Ballroom		
One-session Stratified Swiss Teams Tuesday-Thursday Side Game Series 299er Stratified Swiss Teams 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.		\$15	\$17
	single	2nd Floor Ballroom		
	2nd single session	2nd Floor Ballroom		
	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI		
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Zip KO Teams	Tuesday, March 17, 11:30 p.m.		\$12/team/match	
	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI		

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## Thanks to our sponsors

**ST. PATRICKS DAY** – If you are not wearing green, there is a table gift of a shamrock for you to wear. Happy St. Paddy's Day.

### CAROLYNE FOX APPRECIATION STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS

Carolyn Fox is a great bridge player and a dedicated teacher and mentor. She selflessly shares her wealth of knowledge in ways that are memorable and understandable. Carolyn also strongly believes in "Pay it forward." She requires all her mentees to become mentors themselves. We appreciate her contributions to our success.

*From Steve Tuggle & Jeremy Dilbeck*

### BARBARA BABBITT APPRECIATION STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

You'll see Barbara zoom by in her wheel chair accompanied by her beautiful helper dog, Eclipse. Barbara's body may be a prisoner of muscular dystrophy, but her spirit is a dancer. She is our hero.

### ESTA VAN ZANDT MEMORIAL BRACKETED KO

Esta passed away on April 19, 2008. She was born Jan. 5, 1925, in Calcutta, India. She came to the United States in 1946 after marrying a young Air Force navigator, Kenneth Van Zandt.

Esta was an avid bridge player and was the first female in Houston to achieve the title of



Grand Life Master – the highest rank in the ACBL. She was ranked among the lifetime top master point holders of the ACBL and was selected as a team member to compete in Shanghai, China's, first international tournament.

Her many friends and family greatly miss her.

### JO DENE BOND MEMORIAL STRATIFIED 299er PAIRS V

How do I describe Jo Dene Bond? Mother, friend, bridge player, club owner, director, board member, teacher. Her greatest love of all was I/N Director. She worked long and hard all year long for them. She really loved her novices. She always decorated the non-Life Masters' area at tournaments. When you walked into the area it always stood out.

She was a tiger at the bridge table and a kitten when she was teaching. She was my mentor and my friend. I will miss her beautiful smile, red hair and her love of bridge. She's one of the brightest leaves in my memory book and I miss her dearly.

*Submitted by Sherry Gerdes*

### DAVID HADDEN MEMORIAL BRACKETED KO

*"Cast a cold eye on life, on death.  
Horseman, pass by." — W. B. Yeats*

In Memory of David Hadden  
David Hadden passed away  
Sept 29, 2006 after a lengthy battle  
against cancer. Dave is survived by his wife of 30



years, Mariann M. Hadden.

Dave was a devoted husband, true patriot and an expert player who won the national Men's Pairs at the 1973 Spring NABC with Jack Kennedy. Dave always aided Unit 172 when help was needed. He was a Board member, treasurer, Winning Finesse (Unit 172 newsletter) editor and Unit 172 webpage administrator. He was the recipient of the Texas star Award in 2005.

Always a gentleman at the table, Dave possessed exceptional ability to take in all information before adopting a line of play. We will always cherish that single delicately raised eyebrow, the only noticeable movement, when the unusual took place. He always preferred a witty quip to criticism at the table. God bless old friend

### MILTON FREEDMAN MEMORIAL STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS

In the "In Memorial Section" of the December Bridge Bulletin is a list of deceased bridge players. A number of them have an asterisk by their name denoting "Life Master". Milton was one of those.

But he was not your ordinary "Life Master". He was an excellent bridge player, poker player and entrepreneur who backed his unit financially, as well as playing with all comers. He loved people and would play with "the good, the bad, and the horrible".

When you think of Milton "Life Master", remember that in real life and as a person he would have had over a million "masterpoints".

## Convention card reminder

Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.

If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership

may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6-board matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

If the director determines the partnership has

at least one substantially completed convention card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, the director may give warnings or assign such penalties as he deems to be appropriate under the circumstances.

The objective of these warnings and penalties is the encouragement of full compliance with ACBL regulations.