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Daily Bulletin

87th Fall North American Bridge Championships NABCDailyBulletin@acbl.org Editors: Paul Linxwiler and Brent Manley

Carolyn Lynch, captain of the gold medal squad from the U.S. in the World Senior Bowl held in Bali in 2013, presents the silver medal to Poland's Krzysztof Lasocki, captain of the second-place team. The U.S. team got the gold and the Polish team the silver after the German squad, originally declared winners of the event, was stripped of their medals when one of their pairs was convicted of cheating.

Medals on display

The scandal from the d'Orsi Senior Bowl from the world championships in Bali, Indonesia, has been a well-publicized event. A pair from the German team who originally won the gold medal in the contest were convicted of passing illegal signals by coughing. A tribunal from the World Bridge Federation found the duo guilty of cheating,

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Levin in control of POY contest

With just two NABC+ events left in 2014, Robert Levin maintains a strong position in the Player of the Year contest, awarded annually to player who earns the most platinum points.

According to unofficial totals as of Friday evening, Levin has 663.68 platinum points. In second with 626.52 is John Hurd. Hurd's squad lost in the opening round of the Reisinger, however, so he cannot catch Levin.

The list of players who can mathematically catch up to Levin is small. Richard Coren has earned 585.98 platinum points this year and is still in the Reisinger, an event that pays 200 platinum points for first place.

Zia Mahmood currently has 552.46 platinum points, and Chip Martel has 481.13. Both players are still in the Reisinger.

Attendance through Friday
8200 tables

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Smart tools for bridge clubs

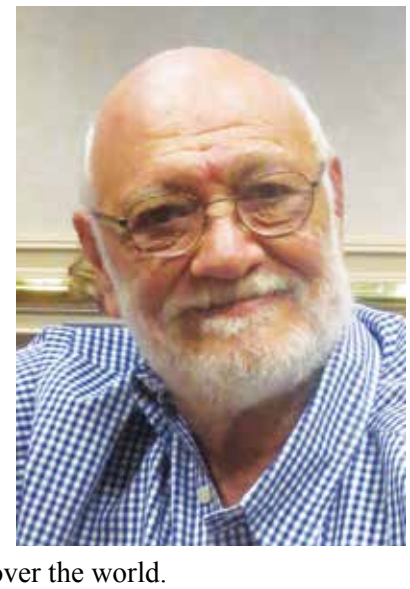
Pianola offers easy website design for clubs

The makers of Pianola software have recently unveiled a new tool to help clubs create websites. Pianola's website builder is designed so that anyone can easily design a simple web page – no web-design experience is required. Clubs have existing websites, but desire a more professional look, can move their content easily to Pianola's platform.

Pianola offers an array of software tools designed primarily for clubs, including membership management options, email marketing, a partner-finder service, and the new website builder.

The ACBL is in negotiations with Pianola to replace the current ACBL tournament email marketing program. A survey of tournament chairs determined that they prefer greater control over their own marketing processes. The tournament chairs reported that they find the existing process too cumbersome. With Pianola's ability to query data based on a variety of bridge-specific fields, it will provide tournaments with the marketing needs and control they desire, while preserving confidentiality of members' personal information.

WBF chief Rona: 'Bridge is important'



World Bridge Federation President Gianarrigo Rona is more than just the executive of the umbrella organization with more than 120 nations. He is more than the overseer of a staff responsible for major bridge tournaments all over the world.

Rona is a believer.

A major part of his job, as Rona sees it, is to promote bridge throughout the world, especially to teenagers and young adults. Rona preaches the

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Smile often and say "Thank you partner!"
Sandy DeMartino, Goodwill Chair

Schwartz leads Reisinger, top teams miss first cut

The team captained by Richard Schwartz enters play today with a carryover lead of less than half a board in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams. The 20 remaining squads will play two semifinal sessions today to qualify 10 teams for the two-session final on Monday.

Four teams regarded as favorites to make it to Sunday's final failed to make it out of the first round. On the sidelines today are the star-studded teams led by Pierre Zimmermann, James Cayne, Paul Fireman, Pratap Rajadhyaksha.

Zimmermann's powerful Monaco team - winners in 2012 and 2013 - includes Italian stars Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes plus Norwegians Tor Helness and Geir Helgemo.

Schwartz's carryover is 14.26, putting the team

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Lynch sets pace in NA Swiss

The squad captained by Carolyn Lynch topped the field of qualifiers in the opening round of the Keohane North American Swiss Teams. Lynch, playing with Mike Passell, Garey Hayden, Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski, scored 119 victory points. The squad was second in the Baze Senior KO Teams earlier this week.

Second, with 113 VPs, is Paul Street, who played with Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Ismael DelMonte, Curtis Cheek, Marc Bompis and Jean Quantin.

Of the 148 teams who played in the qualifying round, 74 made the cut to today's two-session semifinal.

ACBL LIVE

Get your results by text message!

ACBL Live - the new service that allows members to receive their results by text message - makes its debut at the Providence NABC. Simply text your name and ACBL player number to 901-289-2094. As soon as results are available, you'll receive your personal results by a reply text.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Sunday, Dec. 7

Peter Pender Memorial Vugraph Theater presentation. *Room:TBA.*

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss the following free lectures:

Saturday, December 6

9:15 am	Lisa Berkowitz	*Playing to Trick One*
6:45 pm	Donna Compton	*Let the Opponents Do the Work*

ENTERTAINMENT and HOSPITALITY

In general, morning/afternoon hospitality is on the 3rd Floor of the Rhode Island Convention Center (RICC), Exhibition Hall A. Evening hospitality is on the 5th Floor, outside of the "House of Cards" Players' Lounge.

Saturday, Dec. 6

8:15 am	Danishes and croissants. *3rd Floor, RICC.*
10:30 pm	Taste of Rhode Island, cash bar. *5th Floor, RICC.*

Small save

On this deal from the second final session of the Kaplan, Daniel Korbel's opponent made what Korbel considered to be an outstanding opening lead – for a gain of just 2.5 matchpoints. Korbel was playing with Darren Wolpert against Ron Pachtmann and Bar Tarnovski.

Dlr: North
Vul: None

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

West	North	East	South
Tarnovski	*Korbel*	*Pachtmann*	*Wolpert*
	1♥	2♠	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

After Wolpert showed two key cards without the trump queen, Korbel settled for the small slam. Pachtmann, who had made the weak jump overcall of 2♠, made the fiendish lead of the ♣5.

On a different lead, Korbel would have pulled trumps and taken the club finesse for all the tricks and plus 1010. On the club lead, Korbel couldn't risk the finesse. If the ♣5 was a singleton and West won the king, Korbel would have gone down in a cold slam after the club ruff at trick two. So Korbel went up with the ♣A and ended up with 12 tricks for plus 980.

The primary payoff for Pachtmann was the admiration of the opponents. Minus 980 was good for 4.5 out of 35 matchpoints. Still, it was better than the score for minus 1010: just 2 matchpoints.

Vugraph operators needed

Volunteers for vugraph are needed this weekend. Please contact Jan Martel at marteljan@gmail.com for details.

No second chance

By Barry Rigal

Steve Garner took his best chance on this deal from a pairs game early in the NABC (spots approximate).

Dlr: East
Vul: Both

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

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
		3♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	3♥
4♣	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♣	Dbl	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

West, having unsuccessfully tried to walk the dog, continued his imaginative play by leading the ♠J.

Garner won the ♠A, cashed the ♥A and ♥K to get the bad news, ruffed a club then led a diamond to the ace, a second diamond, picking up that suit, exiting with a spade, not a trump.

The point is that East could have set 5♥ by pitching his spade honor at trick three. Had Garner played a third trump, might East have woken up? We'll never know!

Use of the Bidding Box — Alerts and Announcements

When using bidding boxes, the ACBL requires that players tap the Alert strip and say "Alert" at the same time.

When making an Announcement, use the Announcement word (such as "transfer") and tap the Alert strip at the same time.

A player who Alerts or Announces a bid must make sure his opponents are aware that an Alert or Announcement has been made.

Parking Information

Discounted parking is available at the RI Convention Center Garage. The discounted daily rate for parking from 7 a.m. to midnight is just $8. Players must obtain a parking discount voucher (worth $4) at the Registration Desk in the lobby or the NABC Shirt Sales Desk outside Exhibition Hall C. This voucher must be used when exiting the garage and will reduce the parking fee from the normal event rate of $12 to the discounted rate of $8. The overnight rate at the Convention Center Garage is $18 per 24-hour period. Discount vouchers cannot be used for overnight parking.

Check cashing and Bridge Bucks

Players will be able to cash checks and purchase Bridge Bucks daily through Saturday, Dec. 6, between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. outside Ball Room A on the fifth floor of the convention center. You may use a credit card to purchase Bridge Bucks.

Restaurant specials

The following restaurants are offering additional deals to the ones listed in the Providence Schedule & Restaurant Guide with the presentation of a convention card.

Shula's 347 Grill, located in the Hilton, is offering 10% off all salads and sandwiches from noon to 3 p.m. Also, players can enjoy a glass of any varietal of Rhode Island's Jamestown Vineyard wine for just $4.

The Dorrance (60 Dorrance St., Downtown) offers bridge players a special three-course dinner menu for $35. The offer is good for diners who arrive between 5 and 6 p.m. (The restaurant opens promptly at 5 p.m.) The Dorrance promises quick service, allowing players to finish dinner in less than 90 minutes.

Registration and Prize Desks

The following are the times for the Registration and Prize Desks.

8:15 am – 9:55 am
11:30 am – 12:55 pm
6:30 pm – 7:25 pm.

JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Common errors and how to avoid them

By Brent Manley

This happened at a club game. West opened 1♦, East bid 1♥. West rebid 2NT and East bid 3♣, Alerted by West, who then bid 3NT. When asked the meaning of the Alert, West said it was a natural bid but her partner might have meant something different. The opponent, Fred Weidman of Oakland NJ, said a natural bid didn't need an Alert. Said West: "Well, I Alerted in case I shouldn't have."

Covering (or failing to cover) honors

I played with a good intermediate player for a couple of years and we had some good games. She had decent technical skills, but for some reason she was loath to cover honors in certain situations, notably when declarer played the jack toward the A-Q in dummy. Just about every time it came up, I was sitting there with three or more to the 10 in the suit.

When I commented, she said, "But what if he has the 10?" In that case, there's nothing to be done. Declarer will win the ace, queen and 10 in the suit.

Yes, declarer made a bad play by tabling the jack. If declarer played low to the queen and my partner started with a doubleton king, there would be three tricks available. Playing the jack would compress them to two.

If you want to succeed at this game, you must learn when it's right to cover and when it's not. There are occasions when it's not right to cover. Here's are a couple of them.

Dummy has Q-J-9 and you hold three to the king. When declarer calls for dummy's queen, you should play low. Do you see why?

(1) If you cover the queen, declarer will win the ace and then have a finessing position against partner's 10. If declarer has the 10, it won't matter when you cover. If you play low and declarer does not have the 10, he might play the jack, hoping that your partner started with a doubleton 10. In that case, it would go jack, king, ace, 10. Dummy's 9 would then be good. If you have the doubleton K-10, you must cover and hope that declarer finesses your partner for the 10.

(2) Dummy has A-5-4-3 and you hold Q-9-5. Declarer plays the jack, possibly fishing for the queen with a holding of K-J-10-x in hand. If you play low smoothly, declarer may go up with the ace and play your partner for the queen. If, however, declarer's holding is three or four to the J-10, you must play low to assure your side of two tricks in the suit.

Say you cover the jack with the queen. Declarer wins the ace and plays a low diamond from dummy. Your partner has the king and must play it. Now declarer's ♦10 is good. You win one trick.

If you play low on the lead of the jack, partner will win the king and you will have the Q-9 remaining. When declarer leads the suit again. Your 9 will knock out the ace and your queen will be good.

Here's a card combination that many new players overlook. Say you are in 4♠ and have lost three tricks but have no other losers outside of trumps. You are in dummy for the last time and have this trump holding:

♠J 9 4 3

♠A Q 10 2

You cannot afford a loser in this suit. How will you play it?

Obviously, the king must be on your right. You can protect against four to the king by starting with the 9. It holds and you are still in dummy. Now you can play the jack and let it run if RHO plays low. You are still in dummy and can finish off the suit by playing low to the queen. If RHO covers the 9 or jack, your high spades will take the rest. It doesn't work to play the jack first. If you don't unblock the 10, you will be in hand after a second finesse and the 4-1 break will beat you. If you unblock the 10, East will certainly take a trick because you will be stuck in your hand or RHO will cover the 9 to assure himself of a trump trick.

Tomorrow: Non-playing errors.

Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: South Vul: None	♠ 7 6 5 4 ♥ J 10 8 ♦ A 6 5 ♣ A J 5	
♠ — ♥ A K Q 5 2 ♦ 10 9 2 ♣ Q 10 7 6 2		♠ K 9 3 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ J 8 7 3 ♣ 9 8 3
	♠ A Q J 10 8 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ K Q 4 ♣ K 4	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1♠
2♠ (1)	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

(1) Five or more hearts plus a five- or six-card minor.

Opening lead commentary: ♥A – Ace from A-K at trick one vs. suit contracts. After trick one, the king is led from the A K x (x). Some lead the queen from the A-K-Q. One advantage is that when you lead an ace your partner knows you can't have the queen.

Defensive commentary: West cashes three hearts, East discarding a low club, and West shifts to the ♦10.

Play commentary: South wins the diamond shift in dummy and leads a spade to the queen (higher equal when finessing), West discarding a club. You now have to get to dummy two more times to take two more spade finesses.

Your only chance is to lead a low club to the jack. On the bidding it figures to win. If it does, you have your two needed dummy entries and you take the rest of the tricks.

Defensive commentary: West can ruin South's party by inserting the queen when a low club is led at trick six. It would be a great defensive play because it limits declarer to only one club entry to dummy and declarer ends up losing a spade trick.

Masterpoint leaders from I/N events in Providence

1.	Robert Bratzler, Concord MA	20.33
2.	Sam Singhvi, Princeton NJ	20.33
3.	Roger Zessis, Westwood MA	15.62
4.	Frank Jenkins, Sherbon MA	11.80
5.	Patrick Chalard	10.38
6.	May Sakr, Bryn Mawr PA	10.38
7.	Aarati Mehta, South Glastonbury CT	9.80
8.	Mayank Mehta, South Glastonbury CT	9.80
9.	Doris Beaton, Oklahoma City OK	8.45
10.	Sandra Mulcahy, Brisbane, Australia	8.45
11.	Beth Schweitzer, Newtown CT	8.32
12.	Lawrence Schweitzer, Newtown CT	8.32
13.	Cornelia Gould, Incline Village NV	7.97
14.	Ed Gould, Incline Village NV	7.97
15.	Ted Moore, Marblehead MA	7.85
16.	Richard Carlson, Marblehead MA	7.85
17.	Steven Fortunato, Pocasset MA	7.15
18.	Samuel Cuscovitch, Coventry CT	6.80
19.	James Anderson, Mystic CT	6.80
20.	Kathy George, Rochester NY	6.69
21.	Sheila O'Donnell, Rochester NY	6.69
22.	Robert Chojnacki, Aurora CO	6.66
23.	Rosemary Chojnacki, Aurora CO	6.66
24.	Susan Lincoln, Boxford MA	6.31
25.	Guy Tanner, Crystal River FL	6.07
26.	Joan Nardi Tanner, Crystal River FL	6.07
27.	Merry Leblond, Mendham NJ	6.05
28.	Wayne Leblond, Mendham NJ	6.05
29.	Lucy Sachs, Lincoln MA	5.97
30.	Alex Bresler, Osterville MA	5.84

Bridge as an arctic experience

The European Bridge League opened its summer championships to all comers for the first time in 2003 and has continued in odd-numbered years ever since. Previous Open Championships have featured teams and pairs competitions in Mixed, Open, Women's and Senior events.

The 2015 edition is scheduled for June 27 to July 11 for the Open Championships and July 18 to July 26 for the Youth Championships.

Knut Brinchmann, secretary general of the Norwegian Bridge Federation, says he expects high participation in the Open Championships by players from around the world, especially Europe. He visited Providence during the NABC to encourage North Americans to attend.

"There is shopping and culture," he notes. "Tromso is a lively city – a fun place to be."

It's easy to get to Tromso, Brinchmann says. There are daily, on-the-hour flights from Oslo, with direct flights from London, Paris, Stockholm, Munich and Murmansk.

Tromso is in the far north of Norway and has many tourist attractions, including daily cruises and mini-cruises along the coast of the country, as far as the North Cape, the point where the Norwegian Sea, part of the Atlantic Ocean, meets the Barents Sea, part of the Arctic Ocean.

The midnight sun can be seen from mid-May to July 31. The sun reaches its lowest point from 12:14 – 12:24 a.m. during those days.

There are other activities for those who might want to take a day off from bridge, including fishing, golf and cable-car rides. Car rentals are not expensive for those who like to explore on their own time schedules.

Brinchmann says his federation has negotiated good rates for hotels in Tromso because it's the low tourist season as most Norwegians go south for vacation.

The weather, he notes, will be pleasant – in the high 70s to low 80s most of the time.

For more information about the tournament and activities in the area, visit www.tromso2015.no and www.eurobridge.org.

While at the NABC, stop by the tournament display outside Exhibition Hall C on the third floor at the convention center. You will find information and videos about the location.

Helpful links at the Fall NABC

Baze Senior KO Teams Leader Board:
www.acbl.org/nabcko
NABC schedule:
www.acbl.org/nabcschedule

Your personal NABC results:
live.acbl.org

To sign up to get text messages of your results:
www.acbl.org/privacysettings

Food locations in the area:
www.acbl.org/nabcdining

For all NABC information:
www.acbl.org/home

BOB SIMPSON DAYLIGHT OPEN PAIRS

63.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
25.14	1	1		Alan Korpi, Wellesley MA; Ronald Briggs, Lexington MA	62.52%
18.86	2	2		John Wason, Norfolk MA; John Baringer Jr, Warwick RI	61.90%
14.14	3			Richard Higgins - Greg Frank, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR	60.79%
10.61	4			Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY; Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL	59.92%
8.38	5			Bill Langlois, San Jose CA; Peggy Sprague, Los Gatos CA	59.82%
7.18	6			Bob Crossley, Corte Madera CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA	59.42%
10.63	7	3		Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Michael Dworetsky, Bloomfield CT	59.08%
7.97	8	4		Beverly Pogoda - Joseph Meyers, New York NY	58.58%
5.03	9			Donna Marshall - David Marshall, Reading MA	58.48%
4.57	10			Phyllis Chase, Providence RI; Philip Lam, North Berwick ME	57.74%
6.30	11	5		Alan Bronstein, Christiansted VI; Estelle Margolin, Rego Park NY	57.69%
6.31	12	6		Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; Judith Hyde, Coventry CT	57.36%
4.73	13	7		Janet Corkum - Heather Gillis, Halifax NS	57.24%
3.35	14			William Dubay, Voorheesville NY; Jeffrey Lehman, Newton Center MA	57.19%
4.20	15	8		Bruce Macfarlane, Quincy MA; Gordon Kiernan, Darien CT	56.97%
2.96	16			Yeong-Long Shiue, Manchester CT; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT	56.94%
3.78		9		Richard Castellone, Hawthorne NY; Barbara Loprete, Cortlandt Mnr NY	56.48%
3.44		10		Frank Knier, Fargo ND; John Miller, Stillwater MN	55.87%
3.15		11		Helen Van Amburg - George Van Amburg, East Lansing MI	55.75%
8.65		12	1	Saul Franklin, Needham MA; Alan Skvirsky, Washington DC	55.69%
2.70		13		Jacqueline Chang - Sharon Goldman, New York NY	55.58%
2.52		14		Pat Oates - Bill Oates, Brighton MI	55.48%
6.49			2	Steven Salidas - Sarah Sykes, Brewster MA	54.54%
4.87			3	Felix Springer, W Hartford CT; Kenneth Leopold, Avon CT	54.20%
3.65			4	Allen Nitschelm, Acton MA; Ed Roman, Boxborough MA	52.82%
2.88			5	Lucy Hulse, Natick MA; Harriet Dann, Needham MA	52.39%
2.47			6	C Stephen Banwarth, Aiken SC; Richard Baum, Wellesley MA	51.99%
2.16			7	Diane Jamieson, Kitchener ON; Charlene Richardson, Moorefield ON	51.98%

BRIDGEWORKS 49ER PAIRS

5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.58	1			Carol McGarry, Barington RI; Cleo Senor, N Attleboro MA	64.26%
1.19	2	1		Barbara Keshen - Lucy Crichton, Concord NH	56.59%
0.89	3			Sally Raymond, Arlington MA; Hardin Matthews, Belmont MA	54.17%
0.84	4	2		Joyce Guttman, Shelton CT; Renee Clift, Stratford CT	51.76%

BRIDGEWORKS 299ER PAIRS

23.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.80	1	1		Janice Wexler, Beverly MA; Gayle Kekeisen, Manchester MA	66.83%
3.60	2			Jon Valbert, East Sandwich MA; Alan Bello, Pocasset MA	61.80%
3.10	3	2	1	Constance Brown - Frederick Brown, Belmont MA	59.04%
2.32	4	3		Barbara Pagos, S Orange NJ; Kathy Gatewood, North Chatham MA	58.63%
1.74	5	4		Georgeann Kishner - Stanley Kishner, Danbury CT	58.61%
1.14	6			Betsy Stegeman - Carolyn McNaught, Falmouth MA	58.13%
1.55		5		Geraldine Averill, Vineyard Hvn MA; Diana Dozier, Edgartown MA	57.14%
1.09		6		Robert De Laar, Plymouyh MA; Kim Likakis, Bennington VT	56.85%
1.97			2	Muggsie Rocco, Carlisle MA; Carol Fountain, Chelmsford MA	56.55%
1.47			3	Angela Penney, Briarcliff Mano NY; Marilyn Schultz, Briarcliff Mnr NY	56.50%
1.11			4	Brenda Bronson - Nancy August, Manchester MA	56.17%
0.83			5	William Everett, Mystic CT; Kathleen Parkins, Vienna VA	54.76%
0.75			6	John Hall - Leonard Doucette, Plymouth MA	53.27%

MARVIN GRABEL FRIDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

16.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.94	1			Peter Morse, N-Vancouver BC; Buddhadeb Biswas, San Jose CA	70.83%
3.49	2	1		Sarah Widhu, Nashua NH; Elinor Hood, Portland OR	69.05%
2.22	3			James Andrews, San Diego CA; Scott Nelson, Encinitas CA	61.31%
2.62	4	2		Teri Smoot, Placerville CA; Mary Ose, Sacramento CA	58.33%
1.68	5			Heidi Klein, Harrison NY; Lynn Condon, West Redding CT	58.04%
1.68	6			Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Malle Andrade, New York NY	57.44%
2.73		3	1	Sheila Schofield, Salisbury MA; Jane Siebecker, Amesbury MA	56.55%
1.59		4		Florence Mahony - Brian Mahony, Delray Beach FL	55.06%
1.11		5		Michael Klemens - Nancy Klemens, Tarzana CA	54.46%
1.49		6		Aaron Jones, Orange CA; Shmuel Greenberg, Israel	53.27%
2.05			2	Cheryl Macintosh, Orleans ON; Maureen Murphy, Ottawa ON	52.08%
1.54			3	Robert Orvis - Gayle Orvis, Burleson TX	49.70%
1.15			4	Christopher Gorton - Cynthia Gorton, Boston MA	49.11%
0.86			5	Jane Grewcock - Allison McGeough, Summit NJ	47.62%

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Reisinger

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just ahead of the 13.83 for the team captained by Jing Liu of Minneapolis MN. Right behind Jing is the Andrew Gromov squad that includes four members of the team that won the Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams earlier in the tournament.

Schwartz is playing with Allan Graves, Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist, Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz. That same squad won the Spingold Knockout Teams in Las Vegas this summer.

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.

EMBA 49ER PAIRS

7.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.79	1			Kate Baldwin - Stephen Baldwin, Bethesda MD	70.00%
1.34	2	1	1	Barbara Keshen - Lucy Crichton, Concord NH	59.58%
1.01	3	2		Joan Lager - Verne McArthur, Springfield MA	56.67%
0.76	4			Sally Raymond, Arlington MA; Hardin Matthews, Belmont MA	54.17%
0.73	5	3		Yumiko Hough, Barnstable MA; Susan Bethel, Marston Mills MA	53.75%
0.57		4	2	Napoleon Gauthier - Helen Gauthier, Brooklyn CT	47.92%

EMBA 299ER PAIRS

25.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.09	1	1	1	Alex Bresler, Osterville MA; Steven Fortunato, Pocasset MA	69.35%
3.82	2	2		Robert De Laar, Plymouyh MA; Kim Likakis, Bennington VT	64.88%
2.86	3	3		Barbara Pagos, S Orange NJ; Kathy Gatewood, North Chatham MA	62.29%
2.15	4			Kenneth Kaleita - Linda Kaleita, Williston VT	61.90%
1.85	5	4		Linda Travers, Cumberland RI; Marie Strumolo, Greenville RI	61.61%
1.21	6			Barbara Mason, West Hartford CT; Linda Beizer, Avon CT	60.76%
2.24		5	2	Beth Schweitzer - Lawrence Schweitzer, Newtown CT	59.52%
1.04		6		Terry Lerman, New York NY; Stacey Weiss, Fairfield CT	58.33%
1.68			3	Valerie Fleischer, Newton MA; Hazel Dreyer, Waban MA	56.64%
1.26			4	Paul Adler - Lois Barbour, Natick MA	55.95%
1.40			5	John Hall - Leonard Doucette, Plymouth MA	55.24%
0.73			6	Carol Prunk, E Greenwich RI; Carol Howland, Wakefield RI	53.87%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

20.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.55	1			Harry Gellis, Midlothian VA; Robert Pustilnik, Richmond VA	65.51%
3.41	2			Barry Gorski, Reading PA; Andie Sheaffer, Lancaster PA	62.73%
4.40	3	1	1	Lisanne Norman, New York NY; Elizabeth Greenfield, Jericho NY	62.27%
3.30	4	2	2	Timothy Pettus, Northborough MA; Thomas Greehan III, Southborough MA	61.81%
2.48	5	3		Hank Cortsen, New York NY; Tom Henson, Towanda PA	56.94%
1.86	6	4	3	Daniel Braucher, Brighton CO; Ann Braucher, Billerica MA	56.71%
1.87		5		John Klinger - Deborah Klinger, Lancaster PA	56.02%
1.24		6		James Praught, Summerside PE; Melinda Maclean, Truro NS	55.56%
1.24			4	Susan Glasspiegel - Robert Glasspiegel, Simsbury CT	53.94%
1.24			5	James Wade, Arlington VA; Phyllis Hendler, Ashburn VA	52.78

Silver Medal

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and the team's medals and titles were revoked. After the conviction, the WBF elevated the other finalist team from Bali -- the U.S. squad captained by Carolyn Lynch: Mike Passell, Garey Hayden, Marc Jacobus, Roger Bates and Eddie Wold – to the gold medal position. The team that the U.S. defeated in the semifinal, Poland, was elevated to silver, and the squad that the Germans defeated in the semis, France, was elevated to bronze.

In the Baze Senior Knockouts in Providence earlier this week, Carolyn Lynch, playing with four members of the team from Bali, faced a Polish squad that included some of the Polish team members from Bali. Lynch brought the silver medals her team were given in Bali to present to the Poles. Team captain Krzysztof Lasocki accepted the medals on behalf of the Polish team.

Convention card reminder

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

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.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the playing area during any bridge playing event at an NABC. This includes electronic smoking devices.

Operation successful

By Barry Rigal

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

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	*Huang*	*Sontag*	*Sabourin*
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣ (1)	Pass	3♠ (2)	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦ (3)	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣ (4)	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

(1) Minimum opener
(2) Shortness in diamonds
(3) Three key cards
(4)♣K

David Berkowitz showed a minimum in reponse to the game-force spade raise of 2NT, then used Roman Key Card Blackwood when his partner, Alan Sontag, showed short diamonds and made a slam try. The 5NT bid did not promise all the key cards, but facing three key cards and the ♣K, he could count 12 tricks – he thought.

The opening lead was a low diamond. Sontag won the ♦Q and led the ♠J to dummy's king – and his right-hand opponent showed out! Down one and a near-bottom instead of a cold top.

Sontag wondered afterwards if he could have gotten some sort of count on the deal. After the ♦Q, a club to the queen, heart to the ace and three clubs, pitching diamonds, he might have risked more than one down if he misguessed spades. Then again, if clubs were 5-5 (they were) or 6-2, he might have had a clue as to how to play spades.

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.

Monitoring

At this and future North American Championships, ACBL will be monitoring NABC+ events with visible, real-time cameras. The images will be recorded and will be available for later official inspection and review.

By general monitoring of the session and participants' behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table.

This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

TOURNAMENT APPEALS

In order to keep the bridge public informed of appeal 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. Before they are published in the NABC Appeals Casebook, however, revisions may be made.

APPEALS CASE 2

Event: Mitchell BAM Teams
Session: First final
Subject: Mistaken claim

	Boris Baran	
Board: 22	♠ 8 7 5 3	
Vul: E-W	♥ A 7 3	
Dlr: East	♦ A 4	
	♣ 10 8 4 3	
Steven McConnell		*Rich Reitman*
♠ J 2		♠ A K Q 6 4
♥ K Q 6 2		♥ —
♦ Q 6 5		♦ K 9 7 3 2
♣ K Q 7 5		♣ J 6 2
	Dan Jacob	
	♠ 10 9	
	♥ J 10 9 8 5 4	
	♦ J 10 8	
	♣ A 9	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Final contract: 3NT by West
Opening lead: ♥3
Table result: Making four, N-S minus 630
Director ruling: Making four, N-S minus 630
Committee ruling: 3NT by West, making three, N-S minus 600

The Facts: The play: low heart to the 8 and king; low club to the jack and ace; ♥J, ducked all around; ♥T, ducked to the ace.

North returned a spade and declarer cashed five rounds, throwing three diamonds from his hand. South pitched three hearts while North discarded a diamond. Now declarer led a club from dummy in the four-card end position shown below:

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

In this end position, South conceded the remaining tricks. Hands were folded up so that North did not see all of the cards. He did not object to the concession until the score was entered and the opponents had left the room. The director was summoned at the end of the round.

The Ruling: Law 71B states that a concession may be cancelled if it could not be lost by any normal play of the remaining cards. "Normal" includes play that would be careless or inferior for the class of player involved. North's delay in objecting to the concession led the director to consider that if South had the ♣9, North may not have made the right pitch when declarer cashed the ♥Q. Therefore, the table result was allowed to stand: 3NT by West, making four, N-S minus 630.

The Appeal: N-S appealed the ruling and attended the hearing.

South testified that his opponents seemed anxious to leave the table (because of time pressure), and that he felt similarly. Declarer made some motions which South interpreted to mean that declarer had the rest of the tricks. South folded up his hand in what he believed was an acceptance of declarer's claim.

South agreed that he had been mistaken to act as he had, and that his action could have been, and in fact was, interpreted as a unilateral concession.

North testified that he objected as soon as heard the score as 10 tricks for E-W. By this time, E-W had just left the table.

The Decision: The appeals committee agreed with the director that South's actions constituted a concession of the remainder of the tricks. The committee also agreed with the director that North's objection was not made immediately in the sense intended by Law 68B2, which says, in part, "if a defender attempts to concede one or more tricks and his partner immediately objects, no concession has occurred."

The decision then hinged on Law 71B. The committee judged that for North to discard a club on the ♥Q would be beyond careless or inferior. Not only had West bid clubs, he had failed to support diamonds twice. His shape was almost certain to be as it was. The committee judged it overwhelmingly likely that, had play continued, the defense would have taken one more trick. Accordingly it assigned the result of 3NT by West, making three, to both sides.

The Committee: Aaron Silverstein (chair), Craig Allen, Adam Wildavsky, Ed Lazarus and Eugene Kales

How old is a Senior?

The definition of a Senior (for the purpose of Senior events, tournaments, special games, etc.) has matured — from 55 to 60 years old. Those 'tweeners who previously qualified as Seniors and who have been magically rejuvenated are still eligible. If you were born before Jan. 1, 1959, you're still a Senior for the purposes of playing in any ACBL Senior event.

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Rona

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value of getting bridge into schools and seeking input from younger players.

"We have to be the first to believe we are doing something important," Rona says. "It's not just a slogan that bridge is a sport. We are helping people learn and teach an activity that is very helpful."

Rona took over as president of the WBF four years ago at the World Bridge Series in Philadelphia. He was in Providence briefly during the Fall NABC to meet with ACBL executives and board members, some of whom are official delegates to the WBF.

In a wide-ranging interview, Rona talked about the coming World Bridge Teams Championships in India, the need for innovative thinking as the WBF moves into the future and the role that various age groups can play in that process.

Many younger players, Rona says, have the kind of technological expertise that could be useful to organizations like the WBF. "We must work together," he says, "and put all ideas on the table. The future is what you are doing today. We need new people and new ideas."

Selling bridge as a sport is also high on Rona's agenda "Bridge is a great sport," he says. "It is a fantastic activity, a real movement."

Rona likes what he has seen at many of the youth tournaments organized by the WBF, the next of which is the World Youth Open Championships scheduled for Opatija, Croatia, Aug. 20-29.

"If you give the youths a chance to see a real championship," he says, "they will go back to their homes and tell their friends. This is the best publicity we can have. Youths are different. When they play at the tournaments they continue contact with each even after the games."

Rona is aware of the challenges that come with scheduling tournaments in places far away from large populations of players – notably North America and Europe. Trouble in certain parts of the world can make a difference in the travel plans of many people no matter the ultimate destination.

"We live in a dramatic period," he says, "and all these situations influence our activities. We have to forget about what happened 30 years ago when we had 300 teams at our tournaments. The situation is completely changed."

That said, Rona is planning for a strong turnout at next year's world championships, scheduled for Sept. 26 to Oct. 10 in Chennai, India.

The 2015 World Bridge Teams Championships will feature the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and the Senior Bowl for the d'Orsi Trophy, all of which require qualification.

There are, however, opportunities for players who did not qualify for those three events. Any player in good standing with his or her national bridge organization can to compete in the World Transnational Open Teams, which starts Oct. 4.

Rona says the local organizing committee in Chennai – formerly known as Madras – is excited about the tournament. "They are ready to welcome all the people, and most everyone speaks English."

Chennai, located on the southeastern coast of India, is a major cultural, economic and educational center. Lonely Planet, the tourism guide publisher, listed Chennai as one of the top 10 places in the world to visit in 2015.

Rona says those who book in advance will find good rates at the host facility, the Grand Chola Hotel. Further, he notes that the city is not an expensive place to visit. All play will be at the Grand Chola.

Getting to Chennai, Rona says, is not difficult, with direct flights from many large cities. For more information about the tournament and accommodations, visit www.worldbridge.org.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY SIDE GAME SERIES

54.50 Tables / Based on 20 Tables

7.35	1/2	Robert Pustilnik, Richmond VA	121.57%
7.35	1/2	Harry Gellis, Midlothian VA	121.57%
5.35	3/4	Robert Michaud, Sun City West AZ	118.87%
5.35	3/4	Jean Monette, Dania Beach FL	118.87%
3.63	5	Gregory Klinker, Tiverton RI	114.92%
4.89	6/7	Thomas Greehan III, Southborough MA	112.21%
4.89	6/7	Timothy Pettus, Northborough MA	112.21%

BOB SIMPSON MEMORIAL 299ER PAIRS

7.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.54	1	1	1	Michael Feeney - Mary Jo Feeney, Jamaica Plain MA	63.18%
1.91	2	2		Lisa Eisenstein, Loveland OH; Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH	62.28%
1.43	3	3		Marlene Farbman - Marsha Addis, Holden MA	62.08%
1.25	4/5	4/5	2	Cleo Senor, N Attleboro MA; Carol McGarry, Barington RI	52.72%
0.94	4/5	4/5		Barbara Pagos, S Orange NJ; Kathy Gatewood, North Chatham MA	52.72%
0.82			3/4	Jdg Marjorie Yasher, Palm Beach Gdns FL; Karen Birck, Wilton CT	51.82%
0.82			3/4	Doris Beaton, Oklahoma City OK; Sandra Mulcahy, Brisbane Queen Australia	51.82%

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

12.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.34	1			Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI; Suman Agarwal, Hilliard OH	67.34%
3.19	2	1		Carol McCully - Ed Barad, Pal Verdes Est CA	64.98%
2.39	3	2		Gregory Klinker, Tiverton RI; Shmuel Greenberg, Israel	59.60%
1.44	4			Harry Gellis, Midlothian VA; Robert Pustilnik, Richmond VA	56.06%
1.06	5			Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL; Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	53.87%
1.79	6	3		Barbara Murray, Caledon ON; Mary Lovrics, Don Mills ON	53.70%
2.12		4	1	Daniel Neiman, Rowley MA; Robert Brooks, Leverett MA	52.86%
1.59		5	2	Laura Guthrie, Georgetown KY; Laurie Herchenroeder, Harrodsburg KY	51.68%
1.19		6	3	Mark Blanchard, Bay Shore NY; Jamie Ling, Ann Arbor MI	50.51%

THURSDAY-SATURDAY MORNING KO TEAMS BRACKET I

8 Tables

Weiling Zhao, Brookfield CT; Marilyn Hoskins, Lincoln NE; James Milam - Beth Milam, Idaho Falls ID

vs

James Carroll, Lyons NY; Jim Mulbrandon, Verona WI; Ronald Mittleman - Nancy Mittleman, Pittsford NY

Kim Brinkman, Highland Villge TX; Dave Ticen, Victoria TX; Nancy Strohmer - Hans Strohmer, Houston TX

vs

Judy Auer, Dublin OH; Larry Jones, Pickerington OH; Vijay Vasudevan, Cincinnati OH; Brian Snell, Columbus OH

THURSDAY-SATURDAY MORNING KO TEAMS BRACKET II

6 Tables

Bruce Fischer, Rumford RI; Joe Fisler, Providence RI; James Wade, Arlington VA; Donald Rankin, East Greenwich RI

vs

Claude Depatie - Diane Depatie, Saint-Mathias-R QC; Nicole Drainville - Serge Lavallee, Brossard QC

R Shenkin - Susan Shenkin, W Chester PA; Eileen Sandstrom, Chester Sprgs PA; Tamara Cansler, Downingtown PA

vs

Tom Henson, Towanda PA; Linda Thompson - Brian Cummins, Memphis TN; Hank Cortsen, New York NY

FRIDAY-SATURDAY MORNING COMPACT KO TEAMS BRACKET I

12 Tables

Bruce Neiger, Merrick NY; Doug Herron, US; John Friedl, Signal Mtn TN; Evan Markowitz, New York NY

vs

Kirk Elyakin - Marilyn Elyakin, Monroe Twp NJ; John Berry, New Hyde Park NY; Marion Yonke, Manhasset NY

Paul Darin - Martha Roth, San Diego CA; Harriet Smith, Solano Beach CA; David Abelow, La Jolla CA

vs

Jay Friedenson, Morrisville VT; Ausra Geaski, Manchester CT; James Easterling, Casselberry FL; Won Yang, Clermont FL

FRIDAY-SATURDAY MORNING COMPACT KO TEAMS BRACKET II

16 Tables

Elliott Grosh, Bradenton FL; B Susan Crutchfield, Burnsville NC; Edward Banta, Spruce Pine NC; Richard Ash, Crownsville MD

vs

Abraham Fisher, Concord MA; Lois Haggerty, Belmont MA; Marilyn Ogden, Valley Forest PA; John Zappala, Lynnfield MA

Jan Weber - George Weber, Hamburg NJ; Richard Podkowik - Narcissa Podkowik, Cape Coral FL

vs

Richard Tracy, Sharon VT; Nora Miller, Grantham NH; Jan Rosow, Avon CT; Maureen Walsh, West Hartford CT

MARVIN GRABEL MIDNIGHT KO TEAMS

8 Tables

2.73 1 Ida Groenkvist, Orebro Sweden; Tim Crank, Cincinnati OH; John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV; Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL; Shane Blanchard, New York NY

1.45 2 Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Shiang Chen, Centrevile VA; Barry Margolin, US; Bryan Morgan, Dallas TX

Electronic Device Policy

The electronic device policy at NABCs allows players to bring electronic devices such as cell phones into the playing area provided that such devices are turned off.

Further, any such equipment must not be visible during the session

The policy applies to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, kibitzers and play recorders, except those designated by the ACBL and are in force throughout any actual playing session or segment of play.

A violation of the policy will result in an automatic disciplinary penalty of one full board (or 12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team. Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

Two beautiful endings

By Barry Rigal

Dlr: South
Vul: Both

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

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1♠
2♦	2♠	4♦	4♠
All Pass			

The 4♠ contract is not a great spot, and when the defenders (competent but not geniuses) lead the ♦K, overtaken by East with the ace for a heart through, you are really up against it.

More in hope than expectation, you put up the ace – and the ♥K drops! Now if the ♣J is onside you can draw trumps and lead a club to the 10. You don't have to commit yourself, however.

You must start by drawing trumps or West might win the ♣A and underlead his diamond queen to partner's jack to get a heart ruff.

After five rounds of trumps, you reach this position:

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

East has yet to discard in this position. If he pitches a heart, you plan to lead a club to the king and play the ♥Q and another heart, setting up your third heart as a winner. If East pitches a club, you will need to guess clubs. So he discards a diamond.

Now you have a choice of beautiful endings. The simplest is to lead a club to the king and play the ♣10 from dummy, discarding your diamond. East wins his ♣J but then must lead a club or a heart for you and give you the 10th trick.

More complex is to give up a diamond (your second loser) at once, pitching a club from dummy. East, who has already discarded his diamond, must make a discard. If he pitches a club, you will have to guess to drop his jack. He can, however, afford a heart discard without cost. That leaves West on lead. He can cash his ♣A and give up, he can lead a low club (you win the king and clear hearts) or, more likely, he can lead his last diamond. You pitch dummy's ♥10 and East is caught in a different sort of pressure. If he comes down to the bare ♥J, you discard your club. West has nothing but clubs left, so he must play one. Whether it is the ♣A or a low one, one of your hands will be high.

So East pitches a club, finally, and you ruff West's diamond, lead a club to the king, then play the queen, squashing East's jack.. Dummy will take two of the last three tricks, whatever West does.

FRANKLIN FISHER STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

44.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
18.90	1			Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA	63.01%
14.18	2			Dennis Thompson, Lake Hiawatha NJ; Himanshu Joshi, Chester NJ	60.91%
11.66	3	1	1	Niki Coons, York ON; Dominic Antonelli, Altoona IA	60.89%
7.97	4			Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Bch FL; Bob Drijver, 3051 Eg, Rotter Netherlands	60.88%
6.30	5			Richard Morgen, Havertown PA; Alvaro Ronderos, Plymouth Mtng PA	60.41%
5.40	6			Donna Morgen, Havertown PA; Daisy Goecker, Yardley PA	60.12%
8.75	7	2	2	Ferda Balcioglu - Sirma Sanus, Turkey	60.05%
6.45	8			Barry Senensky - Barbara Shnier, Toronto ON	59.34%
3.78	9			Stephen Kornegay - Nancy Kornegay, N Richlnd Hls TX	58.51%
5.83	10			David Baker, Kitchener ON; Colin Lafferty, Whitby ON	56.93%
3.15	11			Hugh Brown Jr, Mc Cormick SC; Randolph Johnson, Suffield CT	56.64%
4.08	12			Don Lussky, Elmhurst IL; William McFall, New Berlin WI	56.35%
6.56		3	3	Michael Goldman, Rockville MD; William Mendez Jr, Alexandria VA	56.28%
4.92		4		Anthony Curtis - Todd Fisher, Chicago IL	56.26%
3.89		5		Denyse Le Maire, Mickleton NJ; Carol Foley, Mount Laurel NJ	56.20%
3.33		6		Margot Stockie, Waterloo ON; Thea Davis, Eden Mills ON	55.39%
4.47		7		Carolyn Sullivan - James Sullivan, Richfield OH	54.11%
2.64		8		Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Johanne Sevigny, Bromont QC	54.05%
2.30			4	Gary Miyashiro, West Redding CT; Judith Davidson, Orleans MA	53.90%
2.04			5	Joseph McManemin, Netcong NJ; Chorng-Hour Yang, Parsippany NJ	53.31%
1.55			6	Christine Carr - William Carr, Barrington RI	50.78%

MARGOT HAYWARD STRATIFIED SIDE SWISS TEAMS

24 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.16	1	1		Julia Zucker - Nat Zucker, Monroe Township NJ; Eileen O'Neill, Larchmont NY; Burton Schlosberg, Hamilton NJ	67.00
3.87	2	2		Sid Kreppel - Gail Kreppel, West Palm Bch FL; Steven Goodman, Upton MA; Bev Cuplowsky, Cote Saint-Luc QC	55.00
2.90	3			La Quitta Talbot - Herbert Fallin Jr, Keller TX; Mike Diesel, Saugus MA; Sharon Stanfill, Lincoln MA	54.00
2.88	4/5	3/4	1	Janet McClutchy - Carol Kesmodel - Donna Doyle - Brenda Greene, Darien CT	49.00
2.39	4/5	3/4		Glen Anderson - Tammy Moll, Raleigh NC; Marilyn Croft, St Charles IL; James McKinney, Carol Stream IL	49.00
1.53	6	5		William Shaffer - Jean Shaffer, Milton MA; Peter Lombardo - Grace Lombardo, Stoneham MA	47.00
2.16		6/7	2	Wendy Lee, East Hanover NJ; Colin Kelley, Cedar Knolls NJ; Tony Halsey - Carolyn Halsey, New Canaan CT	46.00
1.01		6/7		Peter Clay, Wellesley MA; Franklyn Caine, Weston MA; Harvey Rosenthal, Boston MA; Steven Diamond, Shrewsbury MA	46.00
1.62			3	Joy Oliver, Damascus MD; Jim Walsh, Brookfield CT; Charles Dearolf, Silver Spring MD; Garry Grossman, N Bethesda MD	44.00
0.94			4/6	Marshall Thomas, Nashua NH; Robert Leese, Amherst NH; Timothy Pettus, Northborough MA; Thomas Greehan III, Southborough MA	38.00
0.94			4/6	Carol Reiss, Albertson NY; Allen Greenbaum, Old Bethpage NY; Cindi Siegel, Bayside NY; Mark Inhaber, Fresh Meadows NY	38.00
0.94			4/6	Elaine Gelinas Gray, Jamaica Plain MA; Rebecca Ames, Weston MA; Stephen Horwitz, Avalon NJ; Ralph Croskey, Brigantine NJ	38.00

FRIDAY-SATURDAY KO TEAMS BRACKET 1

9 Tables

Joel Fuhrman, Kirkland WA; Barbara Doran, Silver Spring MD; Diane Walker, Gaithersburg MD; Donald Berman, Laurel MD; Robert Walters, New Westminster BC

vs

Jim Heller, Petersburg IL; James Melville, Springfield IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL

Mark Brader - Catherine Brader, Toronto ON; Barbara Mackay, Fredericton NB; Eddie Cormier, Wellington PE

vs

Bruce Neiger, Merrick NY; John Friedl, Signal Mtn TN; Doug Herron, US; Donna Silver, Atlanta GA

FRIDAY-SATURDAY KO TEAMS BRACKET 2

12 Tables

Frank Wharton, London Nw3 1en England; Paul Walker, London W1U 1BT England; Malcolm Morris, Se1 4yx United Kingdom; John Herriot, Los Angeles CA

vs

Debbie Benner - Arthur Crystal, Fairfield CT; Brian Collins - Joan Fitzgerald, St John's NL

Jay Cherlow, Arlington VA; Albert Lauber - Walter Smith Jr, Washington DC; Hadi Abushakra, Kensington MD

vs

Stephen Levine - Rona Levine - Barry Margolius, New York NY; Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY

FRIDAY-SATURDAY KO TEAMS BRACKET 3

12 Tables

Adrian Record, Fergus ON; Diane Bourdeau, Cambridge ON; David Wilson, Stratford ON; Ross Driedger, London ON

vs

Robert Darr, Cheshire CT; Janet Fidelman, Arlington MA; Alan Horton, Wethersfield CT; Steve Herman, Revere MA

Susan Woodrow, Waterford MI; Dan Sutherland, Northville MI; Ronna Galin - Robert Raf, W Bloomfield MI

vs

Serge Lavallee - Nicole Drainville, Brossard QC; Claude Depatie - Diane Depatie, Saint-Mathias-R QC

FRIDAY-SATURDAY KO TEAMS BRACKET 4

14 Tables

Jill Howard - Nina Steinberg - Sharon Ainspan, New York NY; Suresh Nayak, Brooklyn NY

vs

Robert Williams - Susan Tordel Williams, Ayer MA; Allen Pattee, Manchester NH; Richard Letizia, Bedford NH

Dennis Walsh - Eleonore Freihofer, Osprey FL; Sandra Kurson - Donald Kurson, Chestnut Hill MA

vs

Kenneth Hoover - Phyllis Hoover, Lancaster PA; Mordecai Schwartz - Kathy Fisher, Bryn Mawr PA

QUALIFIERS IN THE REISINGER B-A-M TEAMS

20 Tables / Based on 47 Tables		Carryover
1	Richard Schwartz, Aventura FL; Allan Graves, St Johnsbury VT; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Espen Lindqvist, Arendal Norway; Lotan Fisher, Rishon Le Zion Israel; Ron Schwartz, Ramat-Gan Israel	14.26
2	Jing Liu, Minneapolis MN; Yinghao Liu, Stanford CA; Junjie Hu - Yichao Chen, Shanghai People's Republic of China	13.83
3	Andrew Gromov - Aleksander Dubinin, Moscow Russia; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk Poland; Josef Piekarek, Hamburg Germany; Alexander Smirnov, Lubeck Germany	13.19
4/6	Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam 3 Netherlands; Bas Drijver, Capelle Aan Den Netherlands; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gdns FL	12.77
4/6	Joe Grue, Las Vegas NV; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Justin Lall, Plano TX	12.77
4/6	Romain Zaleski - Michel Abecassis, Paris France; Michel Bessis, Paris, France; Paul Chemla,; Philippe Cronier, Paris France	12.77
7/10	John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Marc Jacobus - Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Eric Greco, Wynnewood PA	12.55
7/10	Aubrey Strul - Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL; Walid Elahmady - Tarek Sadek, Cairo Egypt; Jan Jansma, Spijkenisse Netherlands; Richard Coren, Highland Beach FL	12.55
7/10	Steve Zolotow - Anam Tebha, Las Vegas NV; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Cristal Nell, Seattle WA; Aaron Jones, Orange CA	12.55
7/10	Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein - Bjorn Fallenius, New York NY; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm Sweden; Johan Upmark, Stockholm Sweden	12.55
11/13	Martin Fleisher - Chris Willenken - Roy Welland, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Michael Rosenberg, Cupertino CA; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark	12.34
11/13	Nick Nickell, New York NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Bch FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL	12.34
11/13	Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Alejandro Bianchedi - Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina	12.34
14	Sartaj Hans - Peter David Gill, Sydney Australia; Tor Eivind Grude - Kristian Ellingsen, Norway; Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Lew Stansby, Dublin CA	12.13
15/17	Drew Becker - Kenneth Zuckerberg, Chicago IL; Jonathan Weinstein, St Louis MO; Daniel Wilderman, New York NY	11.70
15/17	Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY; John Sutherlin, Dallas TX; Dan Morse, Houston TX; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc QC	11.70
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18/19	Per Erik Austberg, Kattem Norway; Jantore Berg - Rune Anderssen, Norway; Peter Marstrander, Tromso Norway	11.49
18/19	Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Roger Lee - Ron Rubin, Las Vegas NV; Ross Grabel, Palm Desert CA; Howard Weinstein, Omaha NE; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA	11.49
20	David Lehman, Glenview IL; Dick Melson, Chicago IL; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	11.28

THURSDAY-FRIDAY KO TEAMS BRACKET 1

9 Tables

21.31 1 Peter Stein, Hillsborough NJ; Donna Dulet, Ocean NJ; Stephen Arshan, Jackson NJ; Richard Ross, Highland Park NJ

14.92 2 Wayne Burt, Pembroke NH; Daniel McGuire, Epsom NH; Stuart Altschuler, Naples FL; Gary Schwartz, Huntsville AL

8.52 3/4 Sharon Stanfill, Lincoln MA; Mike Diesel, Saugus MA; La Quitta Talbot - Herbert Fallin Jr, Keller TX

8.52 3/4 Scott Nelson, Encinitas CA; Jim Andrews - William Grant, San Diego CA; Andrew Loh, Solana Beach CA

THURSDAY-FRIDAY KO TEAMS BRACKET 2

12 Tables

18.09 1 Howard Canan, Holden MA; Mark Heumann, Watertown MA; Marsha Gerstein, Somerville MA; Alice Weagle, Webster MA

12.66 2 Ronald Mittleman - Nancy Mittleman, Pittsford NY; Carolyn Rowley, Evanston IL; Leonid Fastovsky, Chevy Chase MD

7.24 3/4 Sid Kreppel - Jayne Silver - Gail Kreppel, West Palm Bch FL; Linda Finklestein, W Palm Bch FL

7.24 3/4 Charles Pierce - Wesley Albinger, New York NY; Linda Doucet - Dyane Maurice, Montreal QC

THURSDAY-FRIDAY KO TEAMS BRACKET 3

13 Tables

13.45 1 Kenneth Geisler - Arlene Geisler, Clarkston MI; Roger Leemis - Terran Leemis, Bloomfield Hill MI

9.42 2 Cheryl Macintosh, Orleans ON; Maureen Murphy - Sharon Perkins - Patti McCabe, Ottawa ON

5.38 3/4 Joy Oliver, Damascus MD; Garry Grossman, N Bethesda MD; Charles Dearolf, Silver Spring MD; Jim Walsh, Brookfield CT

5.38 3/4 Brett Orban, Martins Ferry OH; Thomas Danford, Bellaire OH; Gary Mallett - Sally Mallett, N Martinsvlle WV

Sanya gems, part 2

By Barry Rigal

Little fish are sweet

In the "semifinal" phase of the Open Teams qualifying at the World Bridge Series in Sanya, China, when the John Diamond team played Mark Gordon and company, this board was played in 2♠ by North-South for Gordon, down 100. Jacek Pszczola (Pepsi) played 1NT as East on the auction shown below.

Dlr: North
Vul: None

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

West	North	East	South
Seamon	*Diamond*	*Pepsi*	*Platnick*
			Pass
1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Brian Platnick led the ♥8, and Pepsi put up the jack, ducked by Diamond. A second heart went to the king for a shift to the ♠J, round to the queen. Now a club to the queen, and a club back saw Platnick put up the jack – a card he was about to be known to hold. Diamond ducked the ♣K, so Pepsi led a diamond to the ♦Q, and Platnick made his second nice play when he ducked. Now a diamond to the 10 and jack saw this ending reached.

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

Diamond exited with the ♠10, overtaken by Platnick. At this point, South's distribution appeared to be 5=1=5=2, so Pepsi took the ace and exited with a club, expecting to get a heart trick in the ending. But the defenders had one club and two tricks in each of the other suits for down one. Nicely done.

The semifinal match in the The Red Bull Open Teams between Monaco and Diamond produced a potential prize-winning deal.

Dlr: North
Vul: E-W

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Greco	*Helness*	*Hampson*	*Helgemo*
	1♥	Pass	2♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

It was a pity that North did not raise to 3NT as then we would have had a chance to see if West would have found the lead of the ♠A. North no doubt would have negotiated the diamond suit after a low spade lead.

West led the ♣Q against 3♦, taken in dummy, followed by a spade to the king and ace. West switched to a trump and declarer took East's 9 with the 10 and played to ruff two clubs, finishing with plus 130.

Closed Room

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They were second in the Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams: Shannon Cappelletti, Benedicte Cronier, Marion Michielsen, Sylvie Willard, captain Phyllis Fireman and Meike Wortel.

Jay Apfelbaum makes Grand LM

Jay Apfelbaum of Philadelphia PA recently topped the 10,000-masterpoint mark to become a Grand Life Master. Apfelbaum won the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs in 1976 with Bill Edelstein, and he was second in the 1993 Grand National Teams Championship Flight.

Apfelbaum, a retired tournament director, served one term on the ACBL Board of Directors representing District 4. He has previously served as an editor of the ACBL appeals casebooks.

Second place in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs were Eldad Ginossar and Nikolay Demirev.

Second in the 0-5000 Blue Ribbon Pairs: Christina van Leeuwen and David MacRae.

Lew Finkel and Kerri Sanborn were runners-up in the Senior Mixed Pairs.

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Burn's Laws

This article, written in his inimitable style by England's David Burn, appeared in the March 2010 issue of Bridge Magazine, having originally appeared under the title "Larry Who?" by Mark Horton, editor. With apologies to Burn, the spellings have been "Americanized."

It appears that the most significant bridge book to emerge in recent years is something called *To Bid or Not to Bid: The Law of Total Tricks*. This work is said to have revolutionized competitive bidding among experts and average players alike, and it even has a sequel called *Following the Law*. The third volume in the series, *Lesser Breeds without the Law*, ought to be out in time for Christmas.

The principle on which the Law is based was originally developed by Jules Verne in his novel *Nord contre Sud*, or "North Doubles South." It should be apparent from the title that the novel is a bridge fantasy, not meant to be taken seriously, but this has not prevented scholars from following its precepts religiously. In particular, the pithily expressed notion that "the sum of the number of tricks available to North-South in their best trump fit and the number of tricks available to East-West in theirs equals the sum of the number of trumps held by North-South in their best fit and the number of trumps held by East-West in theirs" has caused innumerable learned writers, including the present author, to forget what they were going to say at the end of a sentence because the beginning of it has gone on for so long.

The Law itself is more or less worthless, since the total number of tricks taken by anyone almost never equals the total number available to them, regardless of how many trumps they might have. That is why, in his second book, Larry Cohen was at pains to develop the theme of "adjustments." The current version of the Law of Total Tricks, assuming that I have fully understood the great man's words, is:

"The total number of tricks that North-South and East-West can take in their respective best trump fits is equal to the total number of trumps they hold, minus one for the number of holdings such as Q-x and J-x-x in any of the hands, plus one for each card over eight in a side suit held by the partnership, minus a half for every honor held in a short suit, plus a half for having most of your honors in your long suits, with a tendency towards a negative assessment if the opponents bid one of your long suits, but a tendency towards a positive assessment if your hand does not contain impurities."

No wonder it doesn't work. And even if it did, no one would have a hope of understanding it. What I am going to present in this article is a far simpler rule, with the following absolute guarantee: If you never again violate Burn's Law of Total Trumps, your results will improve enormously.

That may sound a grandiose and wholly unjustifiable claim, but it is not. I have conducted the most comprehensive and painstaking research in order to verify my theory. At the Olympiad in Rhodes (1996), any one of forty teams would have won but for the fact that at some point they violated Burn's Law. Chinese Taipei, for example, would have been in the final instead of France had they not done this:

Dlr: North
Vul: N-S

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

In the Closed Room the auction was:

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

It may help to set out the two different versions of this somewhat bewildering auction.

In the Open Room, the bidding was no less risible but rather more effective:

West	North	East	South
Lin	*Mari*	*Shen*	*Bompis*
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

1NT Out of turn, but nobody noticed.
2NT Both majors.
4♦ Transfer to spades.
6♠ A punt, hoping that the slam would either be a good one or would make on a blind opening lead.

6♠ made, 6♥ went five down, and France took the lead in the match for the first time in the final set of 16 boards.

Shattered by this blow, the Chinese Taipei men could not recover, and all because they had failed to obey Burn's Law of Total Trumps:

When you are declarer, the total number of trumps held by your side should be greater than the total number of trumps held by your opponents.

Britain would have been in the knockout stages but for this:

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

In the Open Room, Slovenia did well to stop in a making contract, for South had ♠ K Q J 3.

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the Closed Room, one of the more serious violations of the Law occurred:

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1♣
Pass	3♣	4♣	All Pass

This contract went five down (it is an interesting corollary to Burn's Law that almost all violations of it end up going five down) and Slovenia gained 12 IMPs.

In true Larry Cohen style, I have already written the sequel to the Law of Total Trumps.

It is called The Rule of Eight, and it is for those of you whose bidding methods are already geared to the avoidance of 3-0 fits, but whose judgment at the higher levels of the auction may be a little suspect.

This deal from the Olympiad final between

Bid	**Meaning according to North**	**Meaning according to South**
2♣	5+ clubs, perhaps a major, 11-16	5+ clubs, perhaps a major, 11-16
2♦	relay	relay
2♠	4+ spades	4+ spades
3♥	5+ hearts	I ought to have hearts but I am a bit fixed because 3♠ is not forcing, 4♦ is a splinter and 4♠ is feeble
3♠	No diamond guard	No diamond guard
4♦	Fourth suit, presumably looking for somewhere to play	A cuebid, which I hope partner will realize agrees spades even though there is no reason why he should
4♥	Heart support	Heart support
4♠	A cuebid with hearts agreed	Spade support
5♣	A cuebid with hearts agreed	A cuebid with spades agreed
5♦	A cuebid with hearts agreed	A signoff in spades
5♠	A cuebid with hearts agreed	Club support (it might be argued that taking six rounds of the auction to support your partner's first bid suit is a little excessive, but in view of the number of rounds that South took to support spades, not especially surprising)
6♣	A grand slam try in hearts, asking for good trumps	A cuebid with spades agreed
6♦	A signoff in hearts	A grand slam try in spades, asking for good trumps
6♥	Oh, well!	What the * @$&!

France and Indonesia is a good example:

Dlr: South Vul: None	♠ Q J 10 7 6 5 ♥ A Q 7 2 ♦ — ♣ 9 4 2	
♠ 8 3 ♥ K 8 6 ♦ A 8 7 5 ♣ Q 8 6 5		♠ 2 ♥ 3 ♦ K Q 9 6 4 3 2 ♣ A K 7 3
	♠ A K 9 4 ♥ J 10 9 5 4 ♦ J 10 ♣ J 10	

This was the bidding in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Szwarc	*Panelewen*	*Multon*	*Watulingas*
			Pass
Pass	1♠	2♦	3♦
4♦	4♥	4NT	5♥
Pass	5♠	6♦	Pass
Pass	6♠	Dbl	All Pass

6♦ A violation of the rule of eight.

6♠ See above.

In the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Karwur	*Mouiel*	*Sakul*	*Levy*
			Pass
Pass	1♠	2♦	3♦
4♦	4♥	5♣	5♠
6♦	6♥	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

6♦ Further violation.

6♥ Ditto.

I make the same guarantee for the Rule of Eight as I made for the Law of Total Trumps. If you never again violate it, your results will improve immeasurably.

The rule is similar to the well-known Rule of Eleven, and is applied in three stages:

1. **During the auction, ascertain how many aces are held by your opponents.**
2. **Subtract this number from eight.**
3. **Do not bid at the level given by the answer.**

The third book in the series will cover advanced topics in card play such as putting down the dummy. To whet your appetite, here is an important principle:

If your side has bid and supported a major suit during the auction, but finished up in no trumps, you should put the major you were bidding on the extreme right of dummy as it appears from declarer's point of view.

Otherwise, as one poor soul discovered in Rhodes, your partner may fall foul of Burn's Third Law:

You cannot make 3NT on a cross-ruff.

Tournament Terminology 101

If you're confused by the terms used to describe the different types of bridge events played at clubs and tournaments, you're not alone. Here's a list of common bridge events with explanations.

Masterpoints: the unit which measures bridge achievement in competition. Masterpoints are awarded at ACBL clubs and tournaments in amounts proportional to the size and classification of the event and the rating of the club or tournament.

• **Black points:** awarded at club games. Some special club games award red, gold or silver points.

• **Red points:** awarded for section placements at regional tournaments and NABCs. Also awarded at clubs for special events such as the qualifying rounds of the North American Open Pairs and the Grand National Teams.

• **Gold points:** awarded for section firsts and overall placing in regionally rated events that have no upper masterpoint restrictions.

Platinum points: awarded for NABC+ events.

Gold points are also awarded for sectional firsts and overall placing in regional events of two or more sessions that have a masterpoint limit of 750 or more points.

One gold point is awarded to section winners in the annual ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game in sections of seven or more tables.

In addition, new players may now win gold points in their own NABC events: 1.50 gold in the National 199er Pairs at the Summer NABC and 1.00 gold in the National 99er Pairs at the Fall NABC (the remainder of the award is in red points).

A major source of gold points is the bracketed knockout teams. The overall awards for the top brackets are all gold while the lower brackets may receive a percentage of gold points and the remainder in red points.

• **Silver points:** awarded for sectional firsts and overall placing at sectional tournaments. Also awarded at Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (StaC).

Barry Crane Top 500 race: This trophy is presented to the ACBL player who wins the most masterpoints during a calendar year.

Mini-McKenney races: In 1974 the ACBL Board of Directors voted to recognize masterpoint achievements among player below the rank of Life Master. The Bridge Bulletin recognizes leaders ACBL-wide. At the unit level, winners in each category receive recognition and special medallions.

All points won during a calendar year are counted in these races.

Ace of Clubs contests: This competition was created in 1984 to recognize achievement at the club level. Winners are recognized at the unit level as well as ACBL-wide.

Points won only at the club level (excluding the North American Open Pairs, the Grand National Teams and Sectional Tournaments at Clubs) are counted in these races.

Masterpoint races: ACBL recognizes the players who win the most masterpoints in their categories during the calendar year. The categories include Life Master, Bronze LM, Silver LM, Gold LM, Diamond LM, Emerald LM, Platinum LM, Grand LM, Youth, Junior, Sectional (points won only at sectional tournaments during the year), Senior, Online and Richmond Trophy.

These are the various categories and the requirements for each category at the beginning of a calendar year:

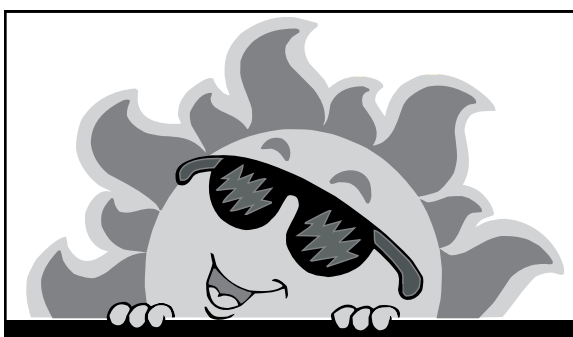
0-5 masterpoints
5-20 points
20-50 points
50-100 points
100-200 points
200-300 points
300-500 points
500-1000 points
1000-2500 points
2500-5000 points
5000-7500 points
7500-10,000 points
10,000 or more points
Youth: age 19 and younger
Junior: age 25 and younger

Sectional: points won only at sectional tournaments

Senior: 55+ years, points won only in Senior events

Online: points won in online (computer) play

Richmond Trophy: awarded to the Canadian Bridge Federation member who wins the most points in a calendar year.



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Sanya gems

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West	North	East	South
Nunes	*Drijver*	*Fantoni*	*Brink*
	1♥	Pass	2♦
2♠	3♦	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

The Dutchmen pursued the sound policy of ensuring that with an opening bid facing an opening bid they got to game.

West led the ♣Q and declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the king and ace. West returned the ♠Q and declarer (Sjoert Brink) ruffed, cashed the ♣K, ruffed a club with the ♦J, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club with the ♦K, played a diamond to the 10, cashed the ♦A and exited with a diamond.

East had to win and, exhausted of black cards, had to lead into the split tenace in hearts, giving declarer a beautifully played plus 400 and 7 IMPs.

The following deal was reported by Mark Horton of the Daily Bulletin staff.

Piotr Gawrys is one of Poland's superstars. A WBF Grand Master, he has won three world championships: the 1984 World Team Olympics, the 2000 Transnational Mixed Teams and the 2005 Transnational Open Teams. His other first places include the Generali World Masters Individual in 1992, the European Teams Championships 1993 and the European Open Pairs 1995.

On this deal from the Rosenblum round of 32 he afforded viewers a glimpse of his skill.

Dlr: South
Vul: E-W

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mazurkiewicz	*Silverstein*	*Jassem*	*Rosenthal*
			1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♣3 and declarer took West's 9 with the queen, pitching a diamond from dummy, and played a heart to the jack. When that held, he played a heart to the king, a spade to the ace and cashed the ♥A, pitching a club. So far, so good, but when declarer exited with a heart, West won and returned the ♣7. With East holding the ♦A, the contract was doomed: one down and minus 50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Gawrys*	*Bessis*	*Klukowski*
			1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

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QUALIFIERS IN THE KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS

74 Tables / Based on 148 Tables

		Carryover
1	Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice Poland	89.51
2	Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Ishmael Delmonte - Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV; Marc Bompis, Bourg La Reine France; Jean Quantin, Paris France	85.07
3	Monica Angus, RW-Vancouver BC; Rock Shi Yan, Richmond BC; Nongyu Li, Palo Alto CA; Yan Wang, Scarborough ON; Fu Zhong - Jie Li, Beijing People's Republic of China	83.10
4	Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Michael Kamil, Santa Clara CA; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Tel Aviv 62267 Israel; Gary Cohler, Miami FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA	82.97
5	Melanie Tucker - Radu Nistor, New York NY; Bar Tarnovski, Rishon Lezion Israel; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel	82.85
6	Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; Huub Bertens, Bend OR; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria; Valentin Kovachev, US; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	81.97
7	Bob Balderson Jr - Cynthia Balderson, Eden Prairie MN; Paul Meerschaert, Saint Paul MN; Carole Miner, Rochester MN	80.38
8	Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Johanneshov Sweden; Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard 8732 Denmark; Dennis Bilde, Aarhus C Denmark	79.70
9	Bartosz Chmurski, Lomianky Poland; Josef Blass, Chapel Hill NC; Marcin Lesniewski, Zakopane Poland; Piotr Tuszynski - Jacek Jerzy Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland	79.02
10	Bill Gates, Kirkland WA; Sharon Osberg - David Smith, Tiburon CA; Richard Friesner, New York NY	78.14
11	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Lawrence Lau, Westport CT; Brett Adler, Norwalk CT; Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA	77.78
12	Mike Levine, Boca Raton FL; Russell Ekeblad, Portsmouth RI; David Bakhshi, London England; Dennis McGarry, Palm City FL; Louk Verhees, Jr., 2215 Sh Voorhou Netherlands; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands	77.45
13	Eric Robinson, New York NY; Michael Kopera, Brooklyn NY; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT	76.65
14	Sheila Ekeblad, Providence RI; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL; Eldad Ginossar, Chicago IL; Mark Feldman, Austin TX	76.10
15	Jerry Goldberg - Jane Dillenberg - Michael Rosen, New York NY; Sandrea Friedman, Flushing NY	74.51
16	Hansa Narasimhan, Los Altos Hills CA; Jay Barron, Tulsa OK; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland; Vesa Lauri Fagerlund, Tampere 33720 Finland; Johan Saefsten, Uppsala Sweden; Ola Rimstedt, Halmstad 30571 Sweden	74.22
17	Ron Smith - Linda Smith, Hixson TN; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA; Spike Lay, Daytona Beach FL	74.07
18	David Lin, New York NY; Jordan Kaye, W Bloomfield MI; Xu Wang, Rego Park NY; Julie Arbit, Rochester Hls MI; Jin Hu, US	72.58
19	Robert Lurie, Wayland MA; Richard Weiss, Swampscott MA; Russell Friedman, Wilton CT; Allan Wolf, North Haven CT	72.53
20	Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Suresh Mahajan, Del Mar CA; Nick Wiebe, Oakland CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA	72.44
21	Krzysztof Martens, Rzeszow Poland; May Sakr, Bryn Mawr PA; Ahmed Yousry, Manyal Cairo Egypt; Ahmed Rabie, Henderson NV; Sean Gannon, Decatur GA	72.21
22	Shawn Quinn - Joe Quinn, Sugar Land TX; Tom Kniest, Brentwood MO; Stephen Stewart, Overland Park KS; Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Steve Shirey, Fort Worth TX	72.04
23	Haven Sharaf, Danvers MA; Bill Irvine, Quincy MA; Ken Bloom, Acton MA; Richard Alpert, Natick MA	71.84
24	Bob Simkins, Decatur GA; Emily Harrell, Shoal Creek AL; Becky Simkins, Dothan AL; James Partridge, Birmingham AL	71.65
25	Jonathan Cohen, Prior Lake MN; Mark Krusemeyer, Northfield MN; Lawrence Diamond, Tacoma WA; Randy Okubo, Saint Paul MN	71.44
26	Alan Watson, Lexington MA; William Braucher, Billerica MA; Rick Binder, Waltham MA; Kevin O'Donnell, Lynnfield MA	71.14
27	Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY; Melissa Baker, West Harrison NY; David Yates, Lake Peekskill NY; Steven Huhman, Larchmont NY	70.97
28	Gaylor Kasle - Larry Kozlove, Boca Raton FL; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Miroslaw Milaszewski, Lubin Poland; Marek Witek, Dabrowa Poland	70.07
29	Ranald Davidson, North York ON; Marc-Andre Fourcaudot, Montreal QC; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY; Magnus Olafsson, New York NY	69.57
30	Abe Pineles, Jackson NJ; Alexander Allen, Annandale NJ; Steve Becker, Old Greenwich CT; Larry Bausher, West Haven CT	68.92
31	Martin Harris, Chicago IL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Pamela Granovetter - Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	68.90
32	Victor Markowicz - Victor Melman, Boca Raton FL; Julian Klukowski - Jerzy Russyan - Krzysztof Lasocki, Warsaw Poland; Shalom Zeligman, Bat-Yam Israel	68.62
33	Jianfeng Luo - Peter Wong, North York ON; Sheng Li, New York NY; Pinpin Deng, Hackettstown NJ	68.57
34	Thomas Carmichael, Kennesaw GA; Andrew Hoskins, Palo Alto CA; John Adams, Silver Spring MD; Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD	68.43
35	Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Robert Munson, Danville CA; Bill Heid, Pacifica CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; Bob Etter, Sacramento CA	68.27

36	Gabrielle Sherman, Santa Clara CA; Robert Heitzman Jr - Helen Raleigh, Suffern NY; Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD	68.18
37	Rose Meltzer, Chapel Hill NC; John Mohan - Ron Smith, Las Vegas NV; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Steve Garner, Chicago IL	67.74
38	Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; P Drew Cannell, Dol-D-Ormeaux QC	67.32
39	Bob Zeller, Kanata ON; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; John Morgan, Navan ON; J Mark Siegrist, Gloucester ON	66.98
40	Barbara Sonsini, Woodside CA; Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Hemant Lall, Dallas TX; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX	66.91
41	Steve Gross, Westlake Vilg CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV	66.78
42	William Pollack, New York NY; Michael Schreiber, Memphis TN; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Mark Cohen, West Orange NJ	66.53
43	David Stevenson - Liz Commins, Wirral CH49 0TY United Kingdom; Helene Bauman, Arlington VA; Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA; Dee Lindon - Peter Lindon, Buckinghamshire England	65.99
44	Paul Janicki, CD; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC; John Potter, Panama City FL; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; Robert Kuz, St Andrews MB	65.68
45	John McLaughlin, Melrose MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Woburn MA; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; Victor King, Hartford CT; Sheila Gabay, Newton MA	65.66
46	John Miller, Vienna VA; Robert Hopkins Jr, Arlington VA; Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Randall Rubinstein, Brooklyn NY	65.58
47	Maxim Siline - Xiaoqian Liu, Hudson MA; Stephen Paskin, Cohoes NY; Richard Underwood, Voorheesville NY	65.55
48	Barry Rigal, New York NY; Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; John Lusky, Portland OR; Allan Falk, Okemos MI; Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	64.66
49	Arnold Malasky, US; Richard Wegman, Bethesda MD; Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI; Robert Cappelli, Birmingham MI	64.48
50	Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Meike Wortel, Amsterdam Netherlands; Benedicte Cronier, Paris 75018 France; Sylvie Willard, Paris 45014 France	64.20
51	Adam Lally, Cold Spring NY; David Katzen, Sparta NJ; Dana Rossi, Westport CT; Stephen Garreffa, Randolph NJ	63.72
52	Kenneth Davis - Peter Hughes, Alexandria VA; Richard Ferrin, Washington DC; Eugene Kales, Arlington VA	63.50
53	Stanton Subeck, Glenview IL; Suzi Subeck, Glenview Nas IL; Mary Savko - Ellie Hanlon, Tequesta FL; Ellen Kent - Robert Kent, Marina Del Rey CA	63.47
54	Albert Shrive, Dalton PA; Jim McKeown, State College PA; Anthony Barre, El Dorado Hills CA; Scott Hiller, Eden Prairie MN; Donald Dalpe, Baldwinsville NY; Thomas Andrews, Utica NY	63.00
55	Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Gokhan Yilmaz, Uskudar/Instanb Turkey; Valerio Giubilo, Italy	62.92
56	Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; William Watson, Sunnyvale CA; Tobi Sokolow, Austin TX; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL	62.87
57	Nancy Keller, US; Karen McCallum, Exeter NH; Ronald Mak, Manchester NH; Ken Eisner, Truro NS	62.51
58	G S Jade Barrett - Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Anne Dawson, Delhi LA; Jacek Romanski, Lublin 20-532 Poland; Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw Poland; Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Boynton Beach FL	62.39
59	Benito Garozzo, Wilmington DE; Jan Van Cleeff, The Hague 2512 Netherlands; Jovanka Smederevac, Vienna Austria; Daniela De Falco, Austin TX; Gabriella Olivieri, Alessandria Italy; Alexander Wernle, Vienna A-A090 Austria	62.06
60	Rozanne Pollack - Susan Picus, New York NY; Linda Perlman, Wellington FL; Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Timothy Nelsen, Chicago IL; Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA	61.88
61	Ron Zambonini, Nepean ON; John Valliant - John Bowman - Bill Bowman, Ottawa ON	61.67
62	Les Bart - Gloria Bart, Bradenton FL; David Lindop, CD; Robert Lebi, Toronto ON	61.57
63	Greg Humphreys - Kenny Horneman, Charlottesville VA; Jacob Vrooman, Mathews VA; Zachary Madden, Philadelphia PA	61.48
64	Bernace De Young - Sean Ganness, Miami FL; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN; Dale Johannesen - Lynn Johannesen, Saratoga CA	61.43
65	Omer Ekinci, Astoria NY; Zeynep Yilmaz, 3/5 Erenkoy-Ist Turkey; David Gurvich - Rachael Moller, New York NY	61.21
66	William Arlinghaus, Ann Arbor MI; Brian Ellis, Beachwood OH; Dave Swarthout - Donna Swarthout, San Antonio TX	61.02
67	Bob Bell, Barrie ON; Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD; Mark Laken, Glyndon MD; Richard Baum, Baltimore MD; Fred King, Falls Church VA; Lyle Poe Jr, Ellicott City MD	60.78
68	Robert Donald - Diane Burger, Troy NY; Susan Smith - Michael Smith, Newington CT	60.72
69	Charles Nemes, Longboat Key FL; Charles Sheaff, Jacksonville IL; Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL; David Bogolub, Deerfield IL	60.64
70	Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Cenk Tuncok, US; Adam Grossack - Zachary Grossack, Newton MA	60.57
71/72	Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Michael Huston, Joplin MO; Jonathan Fleischmann, Bloomfield MI; Kathy Newman - Bert Newman, West Bloomfield MI	60.32
71/72	Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Deborah Murphy, San Francisco CA; Leora Dubrovsky - Richard Dubrovsky, Howell NJ	60.32
73	Rhoda Walsh, Carlsbad CA; Leslie Strong, Santa Ynez CA; Tania Reyes Hiller, Shrub Oak NY; Paul Munafo, Huntsville AL; Scott Stearns, Elberta AL	60.14
74	Jim Gobert, New York NY; Cindy Bernstein, Matthews NC; Mary Oshlag - Richard Oshlag, Memphis TN	59.96

Play started in an identical fashion, East leading the ♣3, declarer taking West's 9 with the queen, pitching a diamond from dummy, and playing a heart to the jack, playing a heart to the king, a spade to the ace, cashing the ♥A and pitching a club.

Rather than playing a heart, Gawrys played a diamond to his king. East took the ace and returned the ♣K, but declarer ducked, discarding one of dummy's hearts, won the spade switch with dummy's king, cashed the ♦Q and exited with a heart.

West won with the 9 but had no good move. If he exited with a club, declarer would win and return the ♠J, forcing West to surrender the game-going trick.

Saving time, West cashed the ♠Q and declarer claimed the last two tricks for plus 400 and 10 IMPs to the eventual Rosenblum Cup winners.

Friendly but Merciless

This deal was reported by Sviatlana Badrankova.

Bridge is equal to other sports when it is about the players' attitude to the competition. At the table, they are as friendly to each other as they are merciless to the bidding and play problems they face.

For example, examine this deal from the round of 16 match between Lavazza and Era in the Red Bull Open Teams for the Rosenblum Cup.

Dlr: South
Vul: Both

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

West	North	East	South
Tarnovski	*Bocchi*	*Pachtmann*	*Madala*
			1♦
2♣	Dble	2♠	Pass
3♣	3♦	3♥	4♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
Dble	All Pass		

At this table, each player made the maximum use of the resources available (at many other tables, East-West were allowed to play in hearts).

Well informed about the layout, Agustin Madala demonstrated precise declarer play. After the ♥Q opening lead, he ruffed in hand, took his time for planning and proceeded confidently. He ran the ♦Q discovering the 3-0 trump break (East discarded a club) and played the ♣J. Bar Tarnovski, West, won and returned the ♦10 to the jack. A heart ruff was followed by diamond to the ace, the ♥A (club from declarer's hand) and one more heart ruff. This was the end position:

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

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Cavendish Teams Coupe Prince Albert II	- Monday October 19th and Tuesday October 20th - Open Team 7500 Euros - Ladies or Junior team : 3500 Euros - Auction : no
Cavendish Invitational Open Pairs	- Auction : October 20th (18h30) - Wednesday October 21st, to Friday 23rd - Entry fee: 1500 Euros per pair - Auction guarantee : 5000 Euros per pair
Cavendish Invitational Ladies Pairs	- Auction : Tuesday October 20th (18h30) - Wednesday October 21st, to Friday 23rd - Entry fee: 750 Euros per pair - Auction guarantee : 2000 Euros per pair
Prize Money	- 90% of the entry fees and auctions paid back to the players and bidders.
Hotel Accomodation	- The Société des Bains de Mer (SBM), partner of the Monaco Bridge Fed, will propose great conditions for her prestigious hotels (Hôtel de Paris, Hôtel Hermitage), but you may find any other accomodations in Monaco as well at different rates. Tell us about your needs and we'll find solutions for you.
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Sanya gems

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On the ♣A, both dummy and East pitched a spade, but when the ♣8 was ruffed, East had to admit he was caught.

A beginner may wonder why declarer should lose a trick in a side suit when possessing the ace opposite a singleton and plenty of trumps. Nevertheless, only this line of play allows declarer to succeed and it takes no account of the quality of declarer's spades. East is marked with at least five spades and, replacing the ♠10 with the 2 would make no difference.

Next door, Dominik Filipowicz, playing in 5♦ doubled, collected 12 tricks as well but after a low spade opening lead.

So, the merciless Lavazza's score was tanked up by 11 IMPs.... but the atmosphere at both tables remained friendly.

(A beginner might wonder why declarer had not simply taken two spade finesses, but suppose West had started with the singleton jack! Editor)

This one is from the Women's Teams Swiss qualifying, round 23.

Dlr: North
Vul: None

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

West	North	East	South
	Disa		*Deas*
	Pass	1♥	Dbl
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the qualifying match against Singapore, Hjordis (Disa) Eythorsdottir won the lead of the ♥5 in hand and led a diamond to the king, a club to the king and a diamond to the queen. With two diamond tricks in the bag she now needed only four club tricks so she led a club from the board. Had West ducked she would have reverted to diamonds, but West accurately rose with the ♣Q and played back a heart. Disa ducked, pitching a diamond from dummy, won the next heart discarding a second diamond. This was the end position.

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

Disa led a spade to the 10, and when West won her ♠K, she had to lead either black suit and give dummy an extra winner, thereby conceding the ninth trick.

BOB SIMPSON MEMORIAL 299ER PAIRS
SECTION BBB

A	B	C		
1	1	1	Michael Feeney - Mary Jo Feeney, Jamaica Plain MA	63.18%
2	2		Lisa Eisenstein, Loveland OH; Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH	62.28%
3	3		Marlene Farbman - Marsha Addis, Holden MA	62.08%
4/5	4/5	2	Cleo Senor, N Attleboro MA; Carol McGarry, Barington RI	52.73%
4/5	4/5		Barbara Pagos, S Orange NJ; Kathy Gatewood, North Chatham MA	52.73%
6	6		L Allison Taylor - Danielle Cusson, New York NY	52.28%
		3/4	Jdg Marjorie Yasher, Palm Beach Gdns FL; Karen Birck, Wilton CT	51.82%
		3/4	Doris Beaton, Oklahoma City OK; Sandra Mulcahy, Brisbane Queen Australia	51.82%

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE GAME
SECTION OO

	NORTH-SOUTH			A	B	C	EAST-WEST	
A	B	C						
1	1		Carol McCully - Ed Barad, Pal Verdes Est CA	64.98%	1		Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI; Suman Agarwal, Hilliard OH	67.34%
2			Harry Gellis, Midlothian VA; Robert Pustilnik, Richmond VA	56.06%	2	1	Gregory Klinker, Tiverton RI; Shmuel Greenberg, Israel	59.60%
3	2	1	Daniel Neiman, Rowley MA; Robert Brooks, Leverett MA	52.86%	3		Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL; Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	53.87%
4	3	2	Mark Blanchard, Bay Shore NY; Jamie Ling, Ann Arbor MI	50.51%	4	2	Barbara Murray, Caledon ON; Mary Lovrics, Don Mills ON	53.70%
5	4		Inez McLaughlin, N Scituate RI; Charlotte Dumas, East Greenwich RI	50.17%	5	3	1 Laura Guthrie, Georgetown KY; Laurie Herchenroeder, Harrodsburg KY	51.68%
						4	Etty Yenni - Michael Gritz, Santa Barbara CA	47.64%

FRANKLIN FISHER STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 2ND SESSION

	NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS RR SS TT			EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B C		
1			Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA	64.75%	1		David Baker, Kitchener ON; Colin Lafferty, Whitby ON	63.71%
2	1	1	Niki Coons, York ON; Dominic Antonelli, Altoona IA	63.36%	2	1 1	Ferda Balcioglu - Sirma Sanus, Turkey	62.55%
3	2		Anthony Curtis - Todd Fisher, Chicago IL	63.18%	3		Richard Morgen, Havertown PA; Alvaro Ronderos, Plymouth Mtng PA	62.15%
4			Lynda Nitabach, N Plainfield NJ; Winthrop Allegaert, New York NY	59.56%	4		Joan Jackson, Dallas TX; Nancy Passell, Plano TX	60.75%
5	3		Denyse Le Maire, Mickleton NJ; Carol Foley, Mount Laurel NJ	59.46%	5		Hugh Brown Jr, Mc Cormick SC; Randolph Johnson, Suffield CT	59.84%
6	4	2	Michael Goldman, Rockville MD; William Mendez Jr, Alexandria VA	59.26%	6	2	Phyllis Bausher, West Haven CT; Greta Pineles, Jackson NJ	58.65%
7			Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Bch FL; Bob Drijver, 3051 Eg, Rotter Netherlands	58.96%	7		Dennis Thompson, Lake Hiawatha NJ; Himanshu Joshi, Chester NJ	58.22%
8			Donna Morgen, Havertown PA; Daisy Goecker, Yardley PA	58.17%	8		Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR; Allyson Wolfe, Saint Louis MO	56.71%
9	5	3	Gary Miyashiro, West Redding CT; Judith Davidson, Orleans MA	57.89%	9		Peter Matthews, Wellesley MA; Mark Liberman, Toronto ON	55.82%
10			Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA	56.73%	10	3 2	Jeffrey Stock, Manchester CT; Albert Stock, Valencia CA	55.69%
11			Stephen Kornegay - Nancy Kornegay, N Richlnd Hls TX	54.93%	11		Jan Assini, Aurora OH; Frank Cymerman, Pittsburgh PA	53.82%
12	6		Margot Stockie, Waterloo ON; Thea Davis, Eden Mills ON	54.83%	12		Terri Asiel - Erez Hendelman, New York NY	53.59%
13			John Moser, St Agatha ON; Edith Ferber, Waterloo ON	54.76%	13		Sylvain Mayer - Janyne Provencher, Montreal QC	52.99%
14			Eli Schneider - Cynthia Schneider, East Brunswick NJ	54.66%	14	a	Robert Neuhart, Troy NY; Bernard Neuhart, Niskayuna NY	52.88%
15	7		Sol Hartman, Boston MA; David Aronson, Brookline MA	54.23%	15	4	Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Johanne Sevigny, Bromont QC	52.78%
16			Barry Senensky - Barbara Shnier, Toronto ON	53.82%	16	5	Gary Bernstein, Montreal QC; Steve Caplan, Hampstead QC	52.38%
17	8	4	Joseph McManemin, Netcong NJ; Chorng-Hour Yang, Parsippany NJ	53.04%	17		Anna Dosseva, Pickering ON; Andrew Tylman, Toronto ON	52.00%
18			Fred Lerner, Unionville ON; Jim Howie, Toronto ON	52.88%	18		Eileen Easterling, Casselberry FL; Rebecca Duty, Richmond VA	51.54%
	9		Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA; Marianne Sponholz, New York NY	51.62%		6 3	Mark Dulcey, Dorchester MA; Judith Arbus, Toronto ON	50.56%
	10		Michael Hartnett, Greenbrae CA; Nancy Ferguson, US	51.14%		7 4	Glen Perry, Voorheesville NY; Barbara Wolner, Menands NY	50.53%
	11		Matthew Evett - Susan Evett, Ann Arbor MI	49.52%		8	Carolyn Sullivan - James Sullivan, Richfield OH	50.51%
						9	David Tuttle - Nancy Tuttle, Reading MA	50.35%
						10	Estelle Ronderos, Plymouth Mtng PA; Anita Morse, N-Vancouver BC	50.13%
						5	Michael Wavada, Enfield CT; David Landsberg, Higganum CT	49.49%

BOB SIMPSON DAYLIGHT OPEN PAIRS 2ND SESSION

	NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS S T U V			EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B C		
1			Bill Langlois, San Jose CA; Peggy Sprague, Los Gatos CA	66.31%	1		Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI; Suman Agarwal, Hilliard OH	64.86%
2			Bob Crossley, Corte Madera CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA	61.35%	2		William Ehlers, US; Dori Byrnes, Morris Plains NJ	64.40%
3			Richard Higgins - Greg Frank, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR	58.59%	3		Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY; Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL	60.54%
4	1		Ellen D'Amato, Kansas City MO; Alan Hierseman, Olathe KS	58.25%	4	1	Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; Judith Hyde, Coventry CT	59.81%
5			Jill Fouad, New Canaan CT; Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT	57.97%	5	2	Steven Kipperman - Kimberly Fanady, San Francisco CA	59.59%
6			Betty Jane Corbani, Danbury CT; Doris Greenwald, Stamford CT	57.93%	6	3	Alan Korpi, Wellesley MA; Ronald Briggs, Lexington MA	58.95%
7			Donna Marshall - David Marshall, Reading MA	57.83%	7	4	Janet Corkum - Heather Gillis, Halifax NS	58.87%
8	2		Alan Bronstein, Christiansted VI; Estelle Margolin, Rego Park NY	57.78%	8		William Dubay, Voorheesville NY; Jeffrey Lehman, Newton Center MA	58.68%
9	3		Frank Knier, Fargo ND; John Miller, Stillwater MN	57.59%	9	5	John Wason, Norfolk MA; John Baringer Jr, Warwick RI	58.62%
10	4		Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Michael Dworetsky, Bloomfield CT	57.56%	10		Barbara Schultz, Shawnigan Lake BC; Walter Pease, Anchorage AK	58.35%
11			Tony Petronella, Boca Raton FL; Norman Leslie, New Orleans LA	57.07%	11		Muffie Gur - Reha Gur, Leonardo NJ	58.24%
12	5		Stephen Horwitz, Avalon NJ; Ralph Croskey, Brigantine NJ	57.04%	12	6	Thomas Knier, Burnsville MN; Daniel McIntyre, Saint Paul MN	57.93%
13	6		Jacqueline Chang - Sharon Goldman, New York NY	56.95%	13		Rosalind Elk, New Milford NJ; Leonard Helfgott, Teaneck NJ	57.69%
14	7		Beverly Pogoda - Joseph Meyers, New York NY	55.92%	14		Yeong-Long Shiue, Manchester CT; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT	56.73%
15	8		Greg Chang, Lexington MA; Albert Votolato, Attleboro MA	55.91%	15	7	Joan Martin, Bridgeport CT; Terry Brewster, Trumbull CT	56.11%
16	9		Pamela Ziegel, Petoskey MI; Wilbur Argersinger, Ann Arbor MI	54.90%	16	8	Pat Oates - Bill Oates, Brighton MI	55.76%
17	10	1	Diane Storey, Westport CT; Marvin Lerman, New York NY	54.39%	17	9 1	Gary Bloomstone - Jacob Bast, Newton MA	55.14%
18			Jean Lieberman, Tampa FL; Joan O'Connell, Wakefield RI	54.08%	18		Daniel Takahashi - Kyungwon Yoo, Las Vegas NV	54.83%
19	11	2	Sevil Kokturk - Uygur Kokturk, Poughkeepsie NY	53.97%	19	10	Bruce Macfarlane, Quincy MA; Gordon Kiernan, Darien CT	54.58%
20			Phyllis Chase, Providence RI; Philip Lam, North Berwick ME	53.63%	20	11	Robert Garfinkel, Pawtucket RI; Hoda Baron, Providence RI	54.26%
21	12	3	C Stephen Banwarth, Aiken SC; Richard Baum, Wellesley MA	53.27%	21	12	Richard Castellone, Hawthorne NY; Barbara Loprete, Cortlandt Mnr NY	54.24%
22	13	4	Felix Springer, W Hartford CT; Kenneth Leopold, Avon CT	52.83%	22	13	Rona Gugliemino, Berlin MA; Anita Taylor, Natick MA	54.18%
23	14		Susan Marshall - Richard Gardner, Denver CO	52.78%	23	14	Bess Economos, W Hartford CT; Thomas Gerchman, Avon CT	53.85%
24	15	5	James Nowill, Florence MA; Louise Bendonis, Hobe Sound FL	52.48%	24	15 2	Robert Barrington - Nina Taselaar, New York NY	53.80%
25	16		David Porter, Aurora CO; Carla McKennett, Denver CO	51.95%	25	16	Meg Andrews, San Francisco CA; Liam Johnstone, Birmingham England	52.10%
	17	6	Mary Forte, Foxboro MA; Jill Hankinson, Cranston RI	51.75%		17 3	JiTu Nathwani, Chelmsford MA; Dorothy Briggs, Concord MA	52.06%
	18	7	Sheilah Hollings, Dedham MA; Lura Provost, Westwood MA	51.40%		18 4	B L 'Tink' Tysor, Grantham NH; Margaret Fanning, Hartland VT	51.75%
	19		Katherine Grant, Riverview FL; Virginia Bright, Nokomis FL	50.67%		19 5	Diane Jamieson, Kitchener ON; Charlene Richardson, Moorefield ON	50.87%
	20		Karl Zaman, Strongsville OH; Joan Ann Waletzky, Shaker Hts OH	50.32%		20	Vincent Fournier, Warwick RI; Arlene Roberti, N Kingstown RI	50.74%
		8	Roberta Francis - Richard Woerner, Wellesley MA	49.80%		6	Alain Bonnin - Jean-Pierre Longpre, Outremont QC	50.04%
		9	Eleanor Stone, Westwood MA; Mary Morss, Wayland MA	49.50%		7	Steven Salidas - Sarah Sykes, Brewster MA	49.95%
		10	Lucy Hulse, Natick MA; Harriet Dann, Needham MA	48.65%		8	Saul Franklin, Needham MA; Alan Skvirsky, Washington DC	49.00%
						9	Jenny Koenecke, Kingston MA; Elizabeth Paige, Duxbury MA	48.97%
						10	Michael Bird, Grand Rapids MI; Donna Bouman, Wyoming MI	47.79%

BRIDGEWORKS 49ER PAIRS

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION BBB				EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1	1	1	Barbara Keshen - Lucy Crichton, Concord NH	56.59%	1			Carol McGarry, Barington RI; Cleo Senor, N Attleboro MA	64.26%
2			Sally Raymond, Arlington MA; Hardin Matthews, Belmont MA	54.17%	2	1		Joyce Guttman, Shelton CT; Renee Clift, Stratford CT	51.76%
						2		Yumiko Hough, Barnstable MA; Susan Bethel, Marston Mills MA	48.07%
							1	Patti Schaefer - Thomas Fahey, W Hampton Bch NY	43.10%

BRIDGEWORKS 299ER PAIRS

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION CCC				EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1	1		Geraldine Averill, Vineyard Hvn MA; Diana Dozier, Edgartown MA	57.14%	1	1		Barbara Pagos, S Orange NJ; Kathy Gatewood, North Chatham MA	58.63%
2	2		Robert De Laar, Plymouyh MA; Kim Likakis, Bennington VT	56.85%	2	2	1	Muggsie Rocco, Carlisle MA; Carol Fountain, Chelmsford MA	56.55%
3	3		John Ahern, Cranston RI; Michael Ahern, E Greenwich RI	55.36%	3/4			Kenneth Kaleita - Linda Kaleita, Williston VT	54.46%
4	4	1	William Everett, Mystic CT; Kathleen Parkins, Vienna VA	54.76%	3/4	3		Lisa Eisenstein, Loveland OH; Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH	54.46%
5			Ralph Lipe - Lynda Lipe, Bellevue WA	54.17%	5	4	2	John Hall - Leonard Doucette, Plymouth MA	53.27%
		2	Lawrence Steiner, Altamonte Spgrs FL; Barb Steiner, Altamonte Sprgs FL	49.70%			3	Guy Tanner - Joan Nardi Tanner, Crystal River FL	51.19%
			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION DDD				EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1	1		Janice Wexler, Beverly MA; Gayle Kekeisen, Manchester MA	66.83%	1			Jon Valbert, East Sandwich MA; Alan Bello, Pocasset MA	61.80%
2	2		Juanita Allison - David Allison, Bethel Park PA	56.55%	2	1	1	Constance Brown - Frederick Brown, Belmont MA	59.04%
3	3	1	Angela Penney, Briarcliff Mano NY; Marilyn Schultz, Briarcliff Mnr NY	56.50%	3	2		Georgeann Kishner - Stanley Kishner, Danbury CT	58.61%
4	4		Brenda Bronson - Nancy August, Manchester MA	56.17%	4			Betsy Stegeman - Carolyn McNaught, Falmouth MA	58.13%
5			L Allison Taylor - Danielle Cusson, New York NY	55.26%	5	3	2	Alex Bresler, Osterville MA; Steven Fortunato, Pocasset MA	50.60%
						4	3	Lois Barbour - Paul Adler, Natick MA	50.51%

MARVIN GRABEL MORNING SIDE GAME

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION OOO				EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1			Heidi Klein, Harrison NY; Lynn Condon, West Redding CT	58.04%	1	1		Sarah Widhu, Nashua NH; Elinor Hood, Portland OR	69.05%
2	1		Florence Mahony - Brian Mahony, Delray Beach FL	55.06%	2			James Andrews, San Diego CA; Scott Nelson, Encinitas CA	61.31%
3	2		Michael Klemens - Nancy Klemens, Tarzana CA	54.46%	3			Faye Marino, Greenwich CT; Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY	56.55%
	3		Monroe Miller, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Serge Chouinard, Laval QC	50.30%		2	1	Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA; Marianne Sponholz, New York NY	46.43%
		1	Christopher Gorton - Cynthia Gorton, Boston MA	49.11%			2	Jean Seaman, Portsmouth RI; Pam Seaman, Evanston IL	44.05%
		2	Jeffrey Stock, Manchester CT; Albert Stock, Valencia CA	45.54%					
			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION PPP				EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1			Peter Morse, N-Vancouver BC; Buddhadeb Biswas, San Jose CA	70.83%	1			Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Malle Andrade, New York NY	57.44%
2	1		Teri Smoot, Placerville CA; Mary Ose, Sacramento CA	58.33%	2			Bill Harlan, Oklahoma City OK; Kay Enfield, Santa Fe NM	54.17%
3	2	1	Sheila Schofield, Salisbury MA; Jane Siebecker, Amesbury MA	56.55%	3	1		Aaron Jones, Orange CA; Shmuel Greenberg, Israel	53.27%
		2	Elizabeth Tozer - Patricia Herlihy, New York NY	41.07%		2	1	Cheryl Macintosh, Orleans ON; Maureen Murphy, Ottawa ON	52.08%
							2	Robert Orvis - Gayle Orvis, Burleson TX	49.70%

BOB SIMPSON DAYLIGHT OPEN PAIRS 1ST SESSION

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTIONS S T U V				EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1	1		Alan Korpi, Wellesley MA; Ronald Briggs, Lexington MA	65.98%	1	1		John Wason, Norfolk MA; John Baringer Jr, Warwick RI	65.18%
2	2	1	Saul Franklin, Needham MA; Alan Skvirsky, Washington DC	62.36%	2	2		Vivian Wu, Cos Cob CT; Terry Lubman, Riverside CT	63.80%
3	3		Glen Anderson, Raleigh NC; James McKinney, Carol Stream IL	61.72%	3			Richard Higgins - Greg Frank, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR	63.13%
4			Joe DeGaetano - Melvin Marcus, Waltham MA	59.57%	4			Phyllis Chase, Providence RI; Philip Lam, North Berwick ME	61.98%
5	4		Bruce Macfarlane, Quincy MA; Gordon Kiernan, Darien CT	59.26%	5	3		Beverly Pogoda - Joseph Meyers, New York NY	61.27%
6			Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY; Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL	59.23%	6	4		Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Michael Dworetsky, Bloomfield CT	60.63%
7			Donna Marshall - David Marshall, Reading MA	59.04%	7	5		Helen Van Amburg - George Van Amburg, East Lansing MI	59.14%
8	5	2	Steven Salidas - Sarah Sykes, Brewster MA	59.02%	8	6	1	Allen Nitschelm, Acton MA; Ed Roman, Boxborough MA	58.64%
9	6		Richard Castellone, Hawthorne NY; Barbara Loprete, Cortlandt Mnr NY	58.72%	9			Juan Castillo - Bella Ionis-Sorren, Ft Lauderdale FL	58.36%
10	7		Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; Judith Hyde, Coventry CT	58.52%	10			Katherine Love - Donald Smith, Mountain House CA	57.82%
11	8		Alan Bronstein, Christiansted VI; Estelle Margolin, Rego Park NY	57.59%	11			Bob Crossley, Corte Madera CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA	57.55%
12			Daniel Takahashi - Kyungwon Yoo, Las Vegas NV	57.01%	12			Yeong-Long Shiue, Manchester CT; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT	57.24%
13	9	3	Scott Dunlop - Laura Colihan, Smiths Falls ON	56.81%	13	7		David Gross, Sudbury MA; Anthony Keats, Framingham MA	57.06%
14	10		Richard Fronapfel - Susan Fronapfel, Danbury CT	56.32%	14	8	2	Lucy Hulse, Natick MA; Harriet Dann, Needham MA	56.26%
15			Tony Petronella, Boca Raton FL; Norman Leslie, New Orleans LA	55.93%	15			William Dubay, Voorheesville NY; Jeffrey Lehman, Newton Center MA	55.76%
16	11	4	Charles Curley, Wakefield MA; Joseph Curley, Rockport MA	55.89%	16	9	3	Felix Springer, W Hartford CT; Kenneth Leopold, Avon CT	55.58%
17	12	5	John Lombardo, Cranston RI; David Crossley, East Greenwich RI	55.81%	17/18	10/11		Karen Barrett, Norwalk CT; Douglas Thompson, Ayer MA	55.31%
18	13		Janet Corkum - Heather Gillis, Halifax NS	55.48%	17/18	10/11		Ti Davis, Little Rock AR; Brian McGuire, United Kingdom Great Britain	55.31%
19	14	6	Christine Greenberg, Byron MN; Margaret Lichty, Rochester MN	55.28%	19	12		Greg Chang, Lexington MA; Albert Votolato, Attleboro MA	54.98%
20	15		Pat Oates - Bill Oates, Brighton MI	55.09%	20	13		Peter Tracy - Sherry Tracy, Longboat Key FL	54.83%
21			Tina Jameson - Doris Salvadore, Providence RI	54.99%	21	14		Jacqueline Chang - Sharon Goldman, New York NY	54.35%
22			Barbara Schultz, Shawnigan Lake BC; Walter Pease, Anchorage AK	54.86%	22	15		Frank Knier, Fargo ND; John Miller, Stillwater MN	54.29%
23			Ted Newman - Cordelia Menges, New York NY	54.85%	23	16		Katherine Grant, Riverview FL; Virginia Bright, Nokomis FL	54.20%
24			Muffie Gur - Reha Gur, Leonardo NJ	54.38%	24	17	4	Douglas Pratt, Norwalk CT; Margaret Molwitz, New Canaan CT	53.67%
25	16		Vincent Fournier, Warwick RI; Arlene Roberti, N Kingstown RI	53.84%	25	18		Bess Economos, W Hartford CT; Thomas Gerchman, Avon CT	52.19%
26	17		Teri McRae, Portland ME; E Berk, Bedford MA	53.65%	26			Betty Jane Corbani, Danbury CT; Doris Greenwald, Stamford CT	51.78%
	18	7	Debra Gardner, Richmond VA; Simon Zimmerman, Hopkinton MA	53.26%		19	5	C Stephen Banwarth, Aiken SC; Richard Baum, Wellesley MA	50.83%
	19	8	Diane Jamieson, Kitchener ON; Charlene Richardson, Moorefield ON	53.06%		20		Meg Andrews, San Francisco CA; Liam Johnstone, Birmingham England	50.10%
	20	9	Eleanor Stone, Westwood MA; Mary Morss, Wayland MA	50.75%			6	Deborah Kelly, Hingham MA; Sally Edmonds, Cambridge MA	48.73%
		10	JiTu Nathwani, Chelmsford MA; Dorothy Briggs, Concord MA	49.61%			7	Mary Forte, Foxboro MA; Jill Hankinson, Cranston RI	48.49%
		11	Alain Bonnin - Jean-Pierre Longpre, Outremont QC	48.85%			8	Roger Zessis, Westwood MA; David Hogan, Marlborough MA	47.81%

EMBA 49ER PAIRS

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION BBB				EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1	1	1	Barbara Keshen - Lucy Crichton, Concord NH	59.58%	1			Kate Baldwin - Stephen Baldwin, Bethesda MD	70.00%
2	2		Joan Lager - Verne McArthur, Springfield MA	56.67%	2	1		Yumiko Hough, Barnstable MA; Susan Bethel, Marston Mills MA	53.75%
3			Sally Raymond, Arlington MA; Hardin Matthews, Belmont MA	54.17%	3			Christiane Bertrand - Marielle Lemoyne, Montreal QC	50.83%
						2	1	Napoleon Gauthier - Helen Gauthier, Brooklyn CT	47.92%

EMBA 299ER PAIRS

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION CCC				EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1			Kenneth Kaleita - Linda Kaleita, Williston VT	61.90%	1	1		Barbara Pagos, S Orange NJ; Kathy Gatewood, North Chatham MA	62.29%
2			Barbara Mason, West Hartford CT; Linda Beizer, Avon CT	60.76%	2			Betsy Stegeman - Carolyn McNaught, Falmouth MA	57.32%
3	1	1	John Hall - Leonard Doucette, Plymouth MA	55.24%	3	2	1	Valerie Fleischer, Newton MA; Hazel Dreyer, Waban MA	56.64%
4	2		Frank Jenkins, Sherbon MA; Diane Carr Staton, Medway MA	54.13%	4	3		Rubin Gruber, Concord MA; Bob Sanzo, Westford MA	56.42%
5	3	2	William Everett, Mystic CT; Kathleen Parkins, Vienna VA	52.91%	5	4	2	Paul Adler - Lois Barbour, Natick MA	55.95%
	4		Linda Blumsack - Deborah Ackerson, Belmont MA	50.48%			3	Charleen Christy, Smithfield RI; Beatrice Martini, N Providence RI	52.98%
			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION DDD				EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1	1		Robert De Laar, Plymouyh MA; Kim Likakis, Bennington VT	64.88%	1	1	1	Alex Bresler, Osterville MA; Steven Fortunato, Pocasset MA	69.35%
2	2		Linda Travers, Cumberland RI; Marie Strumolo, Greenville RI	61.61%	2	2	2	Beth Schweitzer - Lawrence Schweitzer, Newtown CT	59.52%
3	3		Terry Lerman, New York NY; Stacey Weiss, Fairfield CT	58.33%	3			Jon Valbert, East Sandwich MA; Alan Bello, Pocasset MA	57.14%
4	4		Susan Lawton - Rosslynn Shortt, Waterloo ON	54.46%	4	3	3	Carol Prunk, E Greenwich RI; Carol Howland, Wakefield RI	53.87%
5	5		Ralph Lipe - Lynda Lipe, Bellevue WA	53.57%	5	4	4	Tina Yu, Slatersville RI; Janice Ward, Greenville RI	52.38%
		1	Sandra Jodice - Margaret Crist, Foxboro MA	51.79%		5		Janine Buss, Prt Washingtn NY; Debra LaMountain, Forrest Hills NY	52.08%
		2	Wendy Howard - Leslie Blank, Avon CT	49.11%					

Memorials

Marvin "Mickey" Grabel

Marvin was a familiar name in the Rhode Island bridge circles from the Sixties. He enjoyed playing duplicate bridge at the Starr Bridge Club and the Bridge Club of Rhode Island.

He taught his son, Ross, how to play duplicate bridge and he enjoyed following his son's many successes on the tournament trail over the years. He took great pride in his son and his many accomplishments.

He was well liked and well respected in the community for his many philanthropic efforts.

Bob Simpson

Robert G. Simpson died unexpectedly in 2012 at the age of 49. Bob was born in Needham, MA and graduated from Needham High in 1981.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserve and worked in the US Postal Service and in the computer industry for several years, but his passion in life was duplicate bridge.

For several years he owned and operated the Westwood Duplicate Bridge Club, and he was an ACBL tournament director in New England.

His cheerfulness was infectious, and he lived by his favorite saying, "If you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life."

FRI AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION NN				EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1	1	1	Timothy Pettus, Northborough MA; Thomas Greehan III, Southborough MA	61.81%	1			Barry Gorski, Reading PA; Andie Sheaffer, Lancaster PA	62.73%
2	2		Daniel Braucher, Brighton CO; Ann Braucher, Billerica MA	56.71%	2	1	1	Lisanne Norman, New York NY; Elizabeth Greenfield, Jericho NY	62.27%
3			David Rodney - Avril Rodney, Fairfax VA	54.86%	3	2		Gregory Klinker, Tiverton RI; William Heess, Marlborough MA	55.32%
4	3		Douglas Snow, Paducah KY; Vivian Wine, Cranston RI	52.55%	4	3		Bruce Scott, San Jose CA; Robena Foland, Grand Island FL	53.70%
	4		Patsy Pierce, Hardin TX; Sally Blewett, Beaumont TX	51.62%		4		Richard Ash, Crownsville MD; Edward Banta, Spruce Pine NC	51.39%
			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION OO				EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1			Harry Gellis, Midlothian VA; Robert Pustilnik, Richmond VA	65.51%	1	1		John Klinger - Deborah Klinger, Lancaster PA	56.02%
2	1		Hank Cortsen, New York NY; Tom Henson, Towanda PA	56.94%	2	2		Susan Rodricks, Milford CT; Susan Seckinger, Wethersfield CT	54.86%
3	2		James Praught, Summerside PE; Melinda Maclean, Truro NS	55.56%	3	3	1	James Wade, Arlington VA; Phyllis Hendler, Ashburn VA	52.78%
4	3	1	Susan Glasspiegel - Robert Glasspiegel, Simsbury CT	53.94%	4	4		William Shaffer - Jean Shaffer, Milton MA	52.55%
	4		Grace Lombardo - Peter Lombardo, Stoneham MA	50.00%			2	Maureen Berkman, Rye Brook NY; Leon Weisburgh,	52.08%
		2	Robert Leese, Amherst NH; Marshall Thomas, Nashua NH	45.37%					

FRANKLIN FISHER STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 1ST SESSION

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTIONS RR SS TT				EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1			Dennis Thompson, Lake Hiawatha NJ; Himanshu Joshi, Chester NJ	63.59%	1			Barry Senensky - Barbara Shnier, Toronto ON	64.85%
2			Don Lussky, Elmhurst IL; William McFall, New Berlin WI	62.22%	2			Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Bch FL; Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands	62.80%
3			Donna Morgen, Havertown PA; Daisy Goecker, Yardley PA	62.07%	3			Stephen Kornegay - Nancy Kornegay, N Richlnd Hls TX	62.10%
4			Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA	61.26%	4	1	1	Niki Coons, York ON; Dominic Antonelli, Altoona IA	58.43%
5			Richard Morgen, Havertown PA; Alvaro Ronderos, Plymouth Mtng PA	58.68%	5			Robert Neuhart, Troy NY; Bernard Neuhart, Niskayuna NY	57.36%
6			Brian Trent - Linda Trent, Fullerton CA	58.25%	6	2		Linda Tuff, Lwr-Sackville NS; Maureen Donovan, Halifax NS	56.60%
7	1		Carolyn Sullivan - James Sullivan, Richfield OH	57.72%	7	3		Margot Stockie, Waterloo ON; Thea Davis, Eden Mills ON	55.95%
8	2	1	Ferda Balcioglu - Sirma Sanus, Turkey	57.54%	8	4		Naresh Mehta, Shrewsbury MA; Larry Hanerfeld, Leominster MA	54.81%
9	3		Estelle Ronderos, Plymouth Mtng PA; Anita Morse, N-Vancouver BC	56.22%	9			Fred Lerner, Unionville ON; Jim Howie, Toronto ON	54.71%
10/11	4		Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Johanne Sevigny, Bromont QC	55.31%	10			Louis Sachar - David Sokolow, Austin TX	54.66%
10/11			Donna Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH	55.31%	11	5		Michael Hartnett, Greenbrae CA; Nancy Ferguson, US	54.10%
12			Nancy Frank, Glencoe IL; Sandra Nyman, Weston MA	55.11%	12			Eli Schneider - Cynthia Schneider, East Brunswick NJ	53.85%
13			Anna Dosseva, Pickering ON; Andrew Tylman, Toronto ON	55.04%	13	6	2	Joseph McManemin, Netcong NJ; Chorng-Hour Yang, Parsippany NJ	53.59%
14			Peter Morse, N-Vancouver BC; Marge Neate, North Vancouver BC	54.93%	14			Hugh Brown Jr, Mc Cormick SC; Randolph Johnson, Suffield CT	53.44%
15			Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX; Ellen Hessel, San Antonio TX	54.53%	15	7	3	Christine Carr - William Carr, Barrington RI	53.34%
16			Jan Assini, Aurora OH; Frank Cymerman, Pittsburgh PA	53.64%	16	8	4	Michael Goldman, Rockville MD; William Mendez Jr, Alexandria VA	53.29%
17	5		Denyse Le Maire, Mickleton NJ; Carol Foley, Mount Laurel NJ	52.94%	17			Peter Matthews, Wellesley MA; Mark Liberman, Toronto ON	52.10%
18			Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR; Allyson Wolfe, Saint Louis MO	52.78%	18	9		John Kinn - Cathleen Kinn, Poughkeepsie NY	51.54%
	6		Barbara Glazerman, Newton MA; Judith Inker, Wellesley Hls MA	51.97%		10		David Tuttle - Nancy Tuttle, Reading MA	51.42%
	7		Sally Kirtley, North Granby CT; Helen Pawlowski, Westfield MA	51.92%		11		Burt O'Dell - Linda O'Dell, Ponte Vedra FL	51.11%
	8		Dennis Carman - Susan Bailey Carman, Plainwell MI	51.62%			5	Gary Miyashiro, West Redding CT; Judith Davidson, Orleans MA	49.90%
	9		Richard Cobin, Sarasota FL; Leonard Aberbach, Wayland MA	49.90%					
	10	2	Mark Dulcey, Dorchester MA; Judith Arbus, Toronto ON	49.70%					
		3	Michael Wavada, Enfield CT; David Landsberg, Higganum CT	46.86%					
		4	Matthew Evett - Susan Evett, Ann Arbor MI	45.09%					

REISINGER B-A-M TEAMS 1ST QUALIFYING SESSION

SECTION O

1	Richard Schwartz, Aventura FL; Allan Graves, St Johnsbury VT; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Espen Lindqvist, Arendal Norway; Lotan Fisher, Rishon Le Zion Israel; Ron Schwartz, Ramat-Gan Israel	17.50
2/3	Jing Liu, Minneapolis MN; Yinghao Liu, Stanford CA; Junjie Hu - Yichao Chen, Shanghai People's Republic of China	15.50
2/3	Joe Grue, Las Vegas NV; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin 6 Ireland; Justin Lall, Plano TX	15.50
4	Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona 080 Spain; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Alejandro Bianchedi - Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina	15.00
5/6	Paul Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Gavin Wolpert, Jupiter FL; John Hurd, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Astoria NY; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL; John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV	13.50
5/6	Espen Anfinsen - Erik Eliassen - John Herland, Stavanger Norway; Stale Froyland, Narbo Norway	13.50

SECTIONS P Q

1	Larry Sealy, Huntsville AL; Alexander Ornstein, New York NY; Eugene Saxe, Briarcliff NY; Jim Foster, Birmingham AL	17.00
2	Andrew Gromov - Aleksander Dubinin, Moscow Russia; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk Poland; Josef Piekarek, Hamburg Germany; Alexander Smirnov, Lubeck Germany	16.50
3/4	Aubrey Strul - Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL; Walid Elahmady - Tarek Sadek, Cairo Egypt; Jan Jansma, Spijkenisse Netherlands; Richard Coren, Highland Beach FL	16.00
3/4	Romain Zaleski - Michel Abecassis, Paris France; Michel Bessis, Paris 7 France; Paul Chemla, ; Philippe Cronier, Paris France	16.00
5	Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein - Bjorn Fallenius, New York NY; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, 11427 Stockholm Sweden; Johan Upmark, Stockholm Sweden	15.50
6	James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon, Boca Raton FL; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria, Rome Italy; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France	15.00
7/11	Robin Taylor, Gaithersburg MD; Mary Tenenbaum - Alan Tenenbaum, Rockville MD; Andrew Gofreed, La Plata MD	14.50
7/11	Martin Fleisher - Chris Willenken - Roy Welland, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Michael Rosenberg, Cupertino CA; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark	14.50
7/11	Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY; John Sutherlin, Dallas TX; Dan Morse, Houston TX; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc QC	14.50
7/11	David Hoffner, Galloway NJ; William Pettis, Silver Spring MD; Ken Bercuson, Las Vega NV; Daniel Gerstman, Buffalo NY	14.50
7/11	Per Erik Austberg, Kattem Norway; Jantore Berg - Rune Anderssen, Norway; Peter Marstrander, Tromso Norway	14.50
12/15	Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Venice FL; Mark Gordon, Purchase NY; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland	14.00
12/15	Steve Zolotow - Anam Tebha, Las Vegas NV; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Cristal Nell, Seattle WA; Aaron Jones, Orange CA	14.00
12/15	Nick Nickell, New York NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Bch FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL	14.00
12/15	Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam 3 Netherlands; Bas Drijver, Capelle Aan Den Netherlands; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gdns FL	14.00

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Rhode Island Bridge Association (RIBA) Day

Sunday, December 7, 10 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
RIBA Strati-Flighted A/X Swiss Teams	1-2	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	$16	$20
Two-session playthrough with half-hour break.				
RIBA Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams	1-2	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	$16	$20
Two-session playthrough with half-hour break. Brackets of eight teams by average MPs; three teams in each bracket win gold. No player over 3000 MP.				
RIBA Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series	3rd single session	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$16	$20
RIBA Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$15	$19
RIBA 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$15	$19
RIBA 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$15	$15

Sunday, December 7, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Ann & Hope Stratified Fast Open Pairs	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$16	$20

Sunday, December 7, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

RIBA Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$16	$20
EMBA Saturday-Sunday Bracketed Knockout Teams	3-4	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$16	$20

Sunday, December 7, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	1-2 F	Ballroom A, 5th floor	$20	—
KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Exhibit Hall D, 3rd floor	$20	—
0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Room 555, 5th floor	$20	—

Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series	4th single session	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$16	$20
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$15	$19
RIBA 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$15	$19
RIBA 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$15	$15

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Today's Bridge Events: all events played in the RI Convention Center

Eastern Massachusetts Bridge Association (EMBA) Day

Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
EMBA Morning Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	3-4	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	$16	$20
Thursday-Saturday Morning Bracketed Knockout Teams	3rd	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	$16	$20
Marvin Grabel Memorial Morning Side Game	3rd single session	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	$16	$20
Part of the Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series				
Pat McDevitt Stratified Side Swiss Teams	single	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	$15	$19

Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m.

Bob Simpson Memorial 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$15	$19
Bob Simpson Memorial 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$15	$15

Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

EMBA Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$16	$20

Saturday, December 6, 1 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series	1st single session	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	$16	$20

Saturday, December 6, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	1-2 SF	Exhibit Hall D, 3rd floor	$20	—
KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 SF	Ballroom A, 5th floor	$20	—
0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS	1-2 Q	Ballroom A, 5th floor	$20	—
2 qualifying, 2 final sessions				
EMBA Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	$16	$20
Two strata: 2500+ & 0-2500				
Ann & Hope Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	$16	$20
Two strata: 300-750 & 0-300. Gold points for 0-750.				
EMBA Saturday-Sunday Bracketed Knockout Teams	1-2	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	$16	$20
Continues Sunday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.				
Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockout Teams	3-4	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	$16	$20
Saturday Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	1-2	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	$16	$20

Saturday, December 6, 3 p.m.

EMBA 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$15	$19
EMBA 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$15	$15

Saturday, December 6, 7:30 p.m.

Lloyd Arvedon Strati-Flighted A/X and B/C/D Side Swiss Teams	single	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	$15	$19
Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series	2nd single session	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	$16	$20
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$15	$19
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$15	$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$15	$15

Saturday, December 6, 11:30 p.m.

EMBA Zip Knockout Teams	single	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	$12/team/match	

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