# DENVER 2015 Mountains of GOLD Rall North American Bridge Championships BUILLE TIME BUILLE TIME

88th Fall North American Bridge Championships

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# Welcome to the Mile High City and the Mountains of Gold

By Bonnie Bagley and Roy Weinstein

On behalf of all of the Colorado bridge units, District 17 and the Denver NABC Tournament Committee, welcome back to the Mile High City.

Downtown Denver is a great location for the Fall NABC. Right outside the door is the 16th Street Mall, a pedestrian mall that stretches the length of downtown Denver. The 16th Street Mall buses are free and run frequently from early morning until around 1:30 a.m. every day. There are hundreds of restaurants located on the mall or within a one- to two-block walk of the mall.

For those of you who have some non-bridge time on your hands, you can:

- Enjoy museums including the Denver Art
  Museum, which has one of the largest Native
  American art collections in the world; the
  Clifford Styll Museum, Colorado History
  Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Art
- Have your photo taken at exactly 5280 feet above sea level at the marker on the steps of the State Capitol
- Visit the holiday lights at the City and County of



Denver Museum

 Visit two of our historic districts for food, drink or shopping: Larimer Square (one block from the Larimer Street stop on the mall shuttle), or Lodo (Market, Blake, Wazee, Wynkoop or Union Station stops on the mall shuttle).

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Ken Monzingo, longtime District 22 representative on the ACBL Board of Directors, was elected ACBL President for 2016 during meetings in Denver preceding the Fall NABC.

# Notice to players who live outside North America

Participation in the Nail Life Master Pairs is restricted to ACBL members who have achieved the rank of Life Master. Foreign players who do not meet this criterion but feel they are otherwise eligible must receive a waiver prior to the commencement of these contests.

Previously granted waivers will be honored. For waiver information, please arrive early and see the Director in Charge at the selling site.

# Pre-registration required for Senior KO

Entries for the Baze Senior Knockout Teams are required before 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 27. Entries may be purchased in the Plaza Foyer, Concourse level.



# **Goodwill Message**

It is your responsibility that bridge remains the game you enjoy so much.

Sandy DeMartino, Chair Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee

#### No more lines

Don't wait in line! Buy your entries in advance for all national-level events in Denver at www. BridgeWinners.com.

Entries must be purchased by 10 a.m. the day of the event EXCEPT for events that require pre-registration, in which case the ACBL deadline time applies.

A nice feature:



WWW.BRIDGEWINNERS.COM

You can buy entries in advance and be charged for the total number of sessions played after the event is over. Best of all: The service is free. Once you've purchased your entry, all you do is check your email for your table assignment, show up at game time, sit down at your table and play cards.

Note: Players who wish to redeem ACBL coupons or free plays or use Bridge Bucks may not purchase entries online.

See BridgeWinners.com for details.

# ACBL PLIVE

# NABC results by email/text

Want to be notified when results and the Daily Bulletins from the NABC are posted online? Want to see your results in the events you played in? ACBL Live does just that.

With the ACBL Live notification system, you will receive emails and/or text messages after each session with links that go directly to the information you're looking for. The email/text message will contain your score for the session and a link to your results. (These results will also be available on your MyResults page at MyACBL.) Players will also receive a notification to indicate when the Daily Bulletin for that day is available.

This service is automatic for members unless they have specifically opted out. To receive text messages, go to MyACBL at acbl.org and select AUpdate My Information@ to enter your email address and/or cell phone number.

Also at MyACBL, visit the Privacy Settings tab to make sure you've selected the Subscribesetting for AGeneral Email Communication and Cell Phone Text Communication@ to receive these notifications.

# Deja Blu all over again



Everyone's here – let's party! Catch up with bridge friends you may not have seen since Chicago at the welcome reception tonight after the evening session starting at 10:30 in the Grand Ballroom (Tower Building, 2nd level).

The Deja Blue Band will be keeping things lively with a variety of the best dance music – 60s style through today's current hits, classic rock, Motown, country and jazz. The band invites guests to select the play list. Go to dejabluband.com/song-list for song selections and email your requests to band@dejavluband.com.

Good food, drinks, a dynamite band, probably a hand record or two on the tables ... it'll be great fun. See you there.

# **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS**

10:30-Noon

The Sheraton has two buildings: Tower and Plaza. You can cross between the buildings on the concourse level and the second level.

Friday, Nov. 27

Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP). ACBL's popular 8:30 am-Noon 10-hour seminar for people interested in learning how to teach bridge successfully. The business side of teaching bridge will also be covered. Graduate with the tools you need to develop a successful bridge teaching career. Pre-registration required. Fee: Age 26 and older, \$125; Previously accredited teachers and players under 26, free. Continues Saturday and Sunday. Savoy room, Tower Building, Majestic level.

ACBL Charity Foundation meeting. Plaza Court 3, Plaza 10 am-Noon

Bulding, Concourse level.

4-6 p.m. Management Technology Committee. Vail room, Tower

Building, Majestic level.

4:30-6:30 pm Reception for Teachers and Club Officials. This is the ACBL's "thank you" reception for the teachers and club

> officials who work so hard to recruit and retain our members. Club managers, teachers and club directors are invited to attend. Windows, Tower Building, 2nd level.

NABC Opening Reception. Grand Ballroom, Tower

10:30 pm-1 am Building, 2nd level.

Saturday, Nov. 28

8:30 am-Noon Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP). Session 2. Continues

Sunday. Savoy room, Tower Building, Majestic level.

9:30 am-Noon **ACBL Educational Foundation meeting.** Plaza Court 1,

Plaza Bulding, Concourse level.

10 am-Noon ACBL Hall of Fame Committee meeting. Plaza Court 3,

Plaza Bulding, Concourse level.

ACBL Laws Commission meeting. Plaza Court 6, Plaza 10 am-Noon

Bulding, Concourse level

10 am-Noon Pianola. Plaza Court 7, Plaza Bulding, Concourse level. Free Bridge Lesson with Jerry Helms, followed by 10 am-Noon

BridgePlus+ (special game for new players -14 boards, no card fee). Windows, Tower Building, 2nd level.

Goodwill Committee. Plaza Court 5, Plaza Bulding,

Concourse level.

11 p.m.-1 am Patron Reception. 11 pm-Midnight Women's International Team Trials meeting. Plaza Court 1,

Plaza Bulding, Concourse level.

Sunday, Nov. 29

8:30 am-Noon **Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP)**. Session three. Savoy

room, Tower Building, Majestic level.

8:30-10 am **Audrey Grant's Continuing Education for Teachers and** 

> Club Managers. For decades, Audrey Grant has taught students, teachers and club owners across the world. Her hands-on approach and creative use of the table, cards and bidding boxes has helped keep students engaged, excited and focused. Following the seminar, you can attend her free twohour bridge lesson. Fee: \$20 covers textbook and seminar.

Windows, Tower Building, 2nd level.

10-11:30 am **Board of Governors/ACBL Membership Meeting.** This

> meeting is open to all members. Discussion will include recent actions of the Board of Directors, reports from the CEO and treasurer and new proposals from the Board of Governors.

Plaza Ballroom, Plaza Concourse.

10 am-Noon Free Bridge Lesson with Audrey Grant, followed by

BridgePlus+ (special game for new players -14 boards, no

card fee). Windows, Tower Building, 2nd level.

1-6 pm Learn Bridge in a DAY? A seminar designed to move new

> bridge players quickly along the initial learning curve. Typical participants include true beginners, those returning to bridge after long absences and those merely wanting to test the waters before committing to formal classes. The concentrated course includes class instruction and coached play. No preregistration required. Fee: \$20 covers textbooks and door prizes. Windows,

Tower Building, 2nd level.

## CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss the following free lectures.

Friday, November 27

9:15 am Jerry Helms Splinter Raises The Oldest Maxim 6:45 pm **Audrey Grant** 

9:15 am Patty Tucker Cuebidding in Competitive Auctions Sunday, November 29

9:15 am Joshua Donn Preemptive Raises

6:45 pm Jeff Hand Play these TRUMP Contracts

Monday, November 30

Saturday, November 28 9:15 am Fitting Honors Kevin Wilson

> 6:45 pm **Emily Harrell** Mental Skills: Better Focus

#### **ENTERTAINMENT and HOSPITALITY**

Evening hospitality will be served in the Plaza Building, Concourse level.

Friday, Nov. 27

10:30 pm Welcome reception, featuring The Deja Blu Band. Create the band's play list: Visit dejabluband.com/song-list for song selections and email your requests to band@dejavluband.com.

Grand Ballroom, Tower Building, 2nd level.

Saturday, Nov. 28

10:30 pm Tomato spinach Florentine soup.

Sunday, Nov. 29

10:30 pm Quesadillas.

#### **Calling Nero Wolfe fans!**

Let's meet to discuss the first Wolfe novel "Fer de Lance."

> Saturday, November 28 11:15 a.m. to noon Plaza Concourse level, Governor's Square 12

Stephannie Culbertson will be your hostess. She'll be the one in the bright yellow Nero Wolfe shirt.

The Wolfe Pack, a 37-year-old literary organization, promotes fan fellowship through a series of events, book discussions and a journal devoted to study of the genius detective, Nero Wolfe, and his intrepid assistant, Archie Goodwin. While the organization is based in New York, many local groups (racemes) are found around the United States. We hope this will be the first of the roving racemes found at NABCs.

# Finding your I/N game

I/N games are located in the Tower Building on the Majestic level. Go to the street level of the Tower Building and walk toward the fitness center. Then follow the ACBL signs to the playing area.

# Support the ACBL **Educational Foundation**

The ACBL Educational Foundation supports activities for the purpose of instructing bridge, to increase the enjoyment of playing and the number of players. The Foundation has nine members: three from the Board of Directors and six from the general bridge membership. Members are elected for threeyear terms, with a two-term limit. The Foundation meets three times a year at each NABC to consider all grant applications.

The Educational Foundation is funded by voluntary contributions made when members join or renew their ACBL membership, through special games and events, and from individual donations. Donations are tax deductible.

During the past few years, the Educational Foundation has approved applications for a variety of bridge programs across the U.S. and Canada,

including:

heading).

After-school bridge clubs In-school bridge programs Summer Youth bridge camps American Bridge Teacher Association

Conference

Online Course Module for teaching bridge to school teachers

Bridge Lesson programs to develop new players North American Collegiate Bridge Team Championships

The Educational Foundation encourages ACBL members who want to start a bridge program to consider applying for a grant for financial support. The application form is on the ACBL web site at www.acbl.org (select the "Foundations and Commissions" link under the "Administration"

For more information, contact Foundation President Flo Belford at fbelford@sympatico.ca.

## Parking discount

Discount tickets for self-parking are available at the Registration Desk. The cost is \$28.90.

# Complimentary Internet

Free wireless connections are available in hotel rooms at the Sheraton.



# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

#### Welcome to the NABC By Brent Manley

Some years ago, Paul Amer of Newark DE and his 14-year-old son were playing at a local club. They were two years into their partnership. When they moved from one table to another, they were often

greeted heartily: "How nice it is to see a young person playing bridge." Depending on how well they thought the opponents could take a joke, Paul would answer, "My son is even younger than I am!" Sam was often asked



how long he had been playing. Like father, like son: Depending on how much the opponents were smiling, Sam would respond, "Since the session began at 12:30."

Welcome to the 2015 Fall NABC. If this is your first, you're in for a treat.

I wrote this column for the first time three years ago. From the debut, I have started with a story I hope you find amusing or at least interesting. It's my way of reminding you that bridge is supposed to be fun. I don't play as much as I used to, but I always have fun, no matter what.

Do you want to know my secret? It's easy: I am a good partner.

I don't get upset about anything that happens at the table.

It took me a few years to work out how important being a good partner is, but making the change gave me a new perspective on the best

If you are reading this page, you are probably at least relatively new to the game and you have some developing to do. I implore you to make good partnership part of that advancement.

Here's how bridge has changed for me since I learned to be a good partner.

My concentration has improved measurably. I don't have a lot of emotions swirling around

in my head, distracting me from the task at hand – taking tricks as declarer or as defender. I still get upset with myself for bonehead plays, but I'm working on that and improving.

- Because I remain calm, I play better. I can keep up with the cards that are played, draw accurate inferences and make plays that lead to success.
  - My partners play a lot better knowing that I'm not going to growl or frown if something goes wrong. Not long ago, my partner and I had a bidding misunderstanding and I ended up playing 2♦ on a 2-2 fit. I remained calm and did the best I could, scoring my doubleton ♦Q despite the opening lead of a trump! My partner and I laughed about the board in the postmortem.
- If a discussion is needed about anything relating to our game, I make a note in my convention card so we can talk about the issue when the session is over – not before. That way, we are able to move on to the next board and focus on that. The previous board is history. Nothing can change what just happened.
- When the session is concluded, I tell my partner that I enjoyed the game – and I mean it. Bridge is a wonderful game – the best ever – and I love playing even though I'm not nearly as sharp as I once was.

As much as I love bridge, I have decided that in the grand scheme of things, it's not important. What is important is for me to be a person of integrity and one who is a loyal and supportive husband, father and friend. The latter group includes my bridge partners.

I have seen players berating their partners and

## It's Only a Game by Charles M. Schulz





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I wonder if they think that the partner is going to play better after having been verbally assaulted. Take it from me, he or she will play worse -a lot worse.

Start this tournament with a pledge to yourself that you will be a good partner from beginning to end. If you can manage it, I guarantee you will enjoy the game a lot more.

# Take all your chances at bridge - 1

By Eddie Kantar

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

You are South, holding what no doubt is among your best hands ever. You open 2♣ and eventually find out via control-showing bids that partner has the A K. What you can't find out is if there is a way to get to them! Nonetheless, you wind up bidding 6♥, hoping you don't go minus! West leads the ♣Q. Plan the play.

#### **Solution**

You have several chances to get to the top diamonds in dummy (a lady in one of my classes once walked over to the other side of the table to get there). You can hope the ♥8 is singleton, in which case the ♥7 is the entry. Also, if the ♥8 isn't singleton, you can lead up to the ♠Q. If West has

the king, you make the contract.

But why take risky chances when you don't have to? Win the opening lead and lead a low heart toward the 7-6 in dummy. Somebody wins the 8, but dummy's remaining heart is the entry to the top diamonds. How sweet it is. The full deal:

- **♦** Q 8 6 2 **♥** 7 6 ♦ A K 4 2 **♣** 5 4 3
- **♦** J 5 **♥** 8 3
- ♣ QJ1092
- ♦ J 9 7 6
- ♠ K 10 9 7 **¥** 4
- ♦ Q 10 8 5 3 **♣** 8 7 6
- **♠** A 4 3
- ♥ A K Q J 10 9 5 2
- ♣ A K

# Welcome All Intermediate/ **Newcomer Players**

By Flo and Cal Newlin, I/N Co-Chairs We are so glad that you have come to play!

There are games almost every day at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for players who have fewer than 300 masterpoints. All games will be played in the Majestic Ballroom, located on the lower level in the

Tower Building of the Sheraton Hotel. You'll find the current day's schedule of events, as well as tomorrow's games, on the back pages of the Daily Bulletin.

Need a partner? Come early and check in at the I/N Partnership Desk. And don't forget to pick up your gift packet at the I/N Welcome Desk, which is right next to the partnership desk. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the volunteers.

There are three free special lessons given by expert teachers, followed by a free, 14-deal game: Saturday, Nov. 28, with Jerry Helms; Sunday, Nov. 29 with Audrey Grant; and an encore performance by Jerry Helms on Monday, Nov. 30. The lessons are from 10 a.m. to noon in the Tower Building, 2nd floor in the Windows room. Do not miss this opportunity!

Be sure to go hear the free Celebrity Speaker lectures daily at 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. from Friday, Nov. 27-Saturday Dec. 5.

Learn to Play Bridge in a Day by Patty Tucker is on Sunday, Nov. 29 from 1-6 p.m.

In your spare time, ride the 16th Street free shuttle to any one of 50 restaurants, 300 retail stores and perhaps even see a movie at the Denver Pavilion.

We wish you an enjoyable and successful tournament.

# National Appeals Committee Roster and Schedule for the Denver NABC

**Director** Paul Janicki, Markham ON **Chairman** Adam Wildavsky, Dillon CO

## RED TEAM WHITE TEAM

#### **Team Leaders**

Jeff Goldsmith, Pasadena CA Aaron Silverstein, New York NY

#### **Team Members**

Bart Bramley, Dallas TX Tom Carmichael, Atlanta GA Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA Robb Gordon, Sedona AZ Abby Heitner, Wheaton MD Eugene J. Kales, East Lansing MI Fred King, Falls Church VA Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC John Lusky, Portland OR Rui Lopes Marques, Cascais, Portugal Jacob Morgan, Madison WI Mike Passell, Dallas TX Barry Rigal, New York NY Bruce Rogoff, Upper Grandview NY Michael Rosenberg, Cupertino CA John Solodar, Palm Beach Gardens FL Danny Sprung, Las Vegas NV Kathy Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH

#### On duty

Friday, Nov. 27 Monday, Nov. 30 Thursday, Dec. 3

#### Team Leaders

Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA Ron Gerard, White Plains NY Michael Huston, Joplin MO

#### **Team Members**

Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL Jeff Aker, Ossining NY David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL Dick Budd, Portland ME Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV Jan Jansma, Spijkenisse, Netherlands Don Kern, Bay Minette AL Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL Ray Miller, Seattle WA Lou Reich, Wheaton MD Becky Rogers, Las Vegas NV Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA Patty Tucker, Atlanta GA Eddie Wold, Houston TX Joel Wooldridge, Astoria NY

#### On duty

Saturday, Nov. 28 Tuesday, Dec. 1 Friday, Dec. 4

#### **Team Leaders**

**BLUE TEAM** 

Doug Doub, West Hartford CT Richard Popper, Wilmington DE

#### **Team Members**

Ken Barbour, Scottsdale AZ Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY Shannon Cappelletti, Hollywood FL David Caprera, Denver CO Ishmael Del'Monte, Las Vegas NV Mark Feldman, Austin TX Gail Greenberg, New York NY Greg Herman, Fort Collins CO Meyer Kotkin, Cherry Hill NJ Zygmunt Marcinski, Westmount QC Chris Moll, Raleigh NC Josh Parker, Briarcliff NY Tom Peters, Grapeland TX Marc Rabinowitz, Palm Beach Gardens FL Blair Seidler, Fair Lawn NJ JoAnn Sprung, Las Vegas NV David Stevenson, Liverpool, England Jim Thurtell, Dallas TX

#### On duty

Sunday, Nov. 29 Wednesday, Dec. 2 Saturday, Dec. 5

# **Electronic Device Policy**

1.11.1 The electronic device policy at NABCs allows players to bring electronic devices into the playing area. Except for health-related equipment and/or by permission of the Director-in-Charge of the tournament, all such devices must be inoperable and turned off

1.11.2 Any device capable of either sending or receiving electronic signals must not be visible during the session.



1.11.3 This policy applies to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, play recorders and kibitzers with the exception of those persons designated by the ACBL. This policy is in force throughout any actual playing session or

segment of play.

1.11.4 A violation of the policy will result in an automatic penalty pursuant to Law 91 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge of one full board at matchpoints/board-a-match scoring, 12 IMPs at IMP pairs/knockouts or 20% maximum of VPs available per match in a Swiss team event for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team. Kibitzers violating this policy will be required to leave the playing area for the remainder of that session.

# Joint Statement of ACBL and Mike Passell

Due to the unprecedented publicity regarding the disciplinary charges brought against Mike Passell, the ACBL and Mike Passell have agreed to issue this joint statement. A complaint was filed against Mike Passell resulting from an incident at the Palmetto Regional in February 2015. A hearing of those charges was held in July before the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee. An automatic review and appeal of the EOC findings was held in Denver on Sunday, Nov.

22, before the ACBL Appeals and Charges Committee. The conclusions of the A&C Committee were received by the ACBL Board of Directors. As a result of the appellate hearing and review before the A&C Committee:

Mike Passell acknowledges fouling a board at the 2015 Palmetto Regional.

Mike Passell acknowledges failing to call the director after the incident.

The EOC found Mike Passell guilty of violating sections 3.1, 3.7 and 3.20 of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

In its conviction for section 3.20, the EOC listed only an ethical violation (but not cheating). These findings were affirmed by the Appeals and Charges Committee.

The EOC used section E13 of the sentencing

guidelines to determine Mike Passell's sentence. The Appeals and Charges Committee determined the correct guideline was E18.

The A&C Committee modified Mike Passell's 13-month probation to suspension for 14 days starting Dec. 20, 2015.

The A&C Committee modified Mike Passell's forfeiture of 25% of his lifetime masterpoints except the 15.40 MPs earned in the Palmetto event during



# Stay in touch



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Call toll-free, 800–264–2743
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Central Time), or email
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update your info at acbl.com by
logging into MyACBL.







# Continuing Education for Teachers

# AUDREY GRANT'S BETTER BRIDGE

# Audrey Grant's seminar aids practicing bridge instructors.

**Where:** Windows, Tower Building 2nd Level **When:** Sunday, November 29 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

#### Join us for the following:

- Modern teaching techniques Elements of Audrey Grant's Better Bridge
  - Live engaging demonstration with Free Lesson from 10 a.m. to noon
    - Interactive lessons with teacher and student exercises

The cost of the seminar is \$20 and includes materials.

For more information, please email kathy@betterbridge.com



The 2014 winners of the Nail Life Master Pairs: Jeff Krekorian and Venkatrao Koneru.

# **Nail Life Master Pairs** begins today

Play begins today in the Nail Life Master Pairs. The event, restricted to Life Masters, consists of two qualifying sessions and two final sessions.

Before 1963, the event was restricted to National Masters and players of higher rank. It was a men's event until 1990, when it was changed to an open

At stake is the Bobby Nail Trophy, designated by the ACBL Board of Directors to honor the diminutive Texan (1925-95) who won this event in 1974 with longtime friend and partner Gerald Michaud.

Nail, inducted into the Bridge Hall of Fame at the 2001 Summer NABC in Toronto, won four other North American championships and represented North America twice in the Bermuda Bowl. His team was second in 1963.

#### Past winners and runners-up:

- 1961 1. G. Gard Hays, Max Manchester;
  - 2. Martin J. Cohn, Hampton Hume
- 1962 1. Sam Fuoto, Victor Mitchell;
  - 2. Hal Kandler, Kelsey Petterson
- 1963 1. Sami R. Kehela, Eric R. Murray;
- 2. Harry J. Fishbein, Charles J. Solomon
- 1964 1. Charles Coon, Bobby Goldman; 2-3. Mervin Key, Harold Rockaway;
- 2-3. Jack Blair, Col. William Christian
- 1965 1. Paul Soloway, Alex Tschekaloff; 2. Edgar Kaplan, Victor Mitchell
- 1966 1. Carl J. Hudecek, Ray Zoller;
- 2. Gaylor Kasle, Ed Theus
- 1967 1. Harlow S. Lewis, Peter A. Pender;
- 2. Donald R. Faskow, William L. Flannery
- 1968 1. Henry Bethe, John Solodar;
- 2. Don Pearson, John Swanson
- 1969 1. Chuck F. Burger, James Cayne;
- 2. Norman H. Fischer, Christopher G. Jeans
- 1970 1. Ron E. Andersen, Hugh C. MacLean;
- 2. Curtis K. Smith, E. Lowell Yost
- 1971 1. Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel;
  - 2. Stephen W. Robinson, Kit Woolsey
- 1. Leslie C. Bart, Marc S. Jacobus;
  - 2. Stephen W. Robinson, Kit Woolsey
- 1973 1. Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay;
- 2. Roxy Violin, Ed Weiner
- 1. Gerald L. Michaud, G. Robert Nail;
- 2. John Gerber, Daniel Kaim
- 1975 1. Steve Lapides, Walt Walvick;
  - 2. Marc Culbertson, Robert Visokey
- 1976 1. Roger Bates, John Mohan; 2. Steve Altman, Thomas M. Smith
  - 1. David Hoffner, David Schroeder;
- 2. Roger Bates, John Mohan
- 1. Norm Coombs, Tom Hodapp; 1978
  - 2. Kevin Castner, Michael S. Lawrence
- 1979 1. Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell;
- 2. Zeke Jabbour, Dennis McGarry
- 1980 1. V. Craig Janitschke, Jan Janitschke;
- 2. Robert D. Hamman, Paul Swanson
- 1981 1. Roger Abelson, Mike Levinson;
- 2. Robert D. Hamman, Donald P. Krauss
- 1. Robert Lipsitz, Dan Gerstman; 1982 2. Lew Mathe, Harold Guiver
- 1983 1. Marty Bergen, Larry N. Cohen;
- 2. Mitch Chandler, Cliff Bishop
- 1984 1. Per Olov Sundelin, Peter Pender;
  - 2. Jim Becker, Howard Chandross

#### **Welcome to Denver**

Do some holiday shopping at the Christkindl market (Arapahoe stop on the mall shuttle)

- Tour the Denver mint or the Federal Reserve Bank
- Watch the Parade of Lights Friday December 5th at 8 p.m. or Saturday December 6th at 6 p.m.

While we are so very proud of all that Denver and Colorado have to offer, we hope you will leave ample time for bridge. There are events for everyone: the NABC+ events for the top and aspiring top players, the 10K events for players with fewer than 10,000 masterpoints, a plethora of regional events (knockouts, Swiss teams, pairs), Gold Rush events, Intermediate/Newcomer events and games for beginner players. We also have a star-studded

list of celebrity speakers at 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. daily. Don't forget to pick up your registration gift and your section-top prize when you have a "1" by your name.

The six ACBL units in Colorado plus our sisterbrother units in Wyoming will each be highlighted

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Michael B. Hancock Mayor



City and County of Denver

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November 20, 2015

North American Bridge Championship

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City and County of Denver, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to the participants of the 2015 Fall North American Bridge Championships (NABC) as you gather at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel from November 26th through December 6th. We are honored to be the host city for this important event, and it is my hope that you have an enjoyable championship in the company of fellow bridge aficionados from across the state, country and world.

For guests who may be visiting the Mile High City for the first time, please explore our beautiful city and discover all it has to offer. Located at the base of the Colorado Rocky Mountains, Denver is home to thriving cultural scene, diverse neighborhoods, and America's favorite football team, the Denver Broncos. Only steps away from the Sheraton is the renowned 16th Street Mall, a mile-long promenade of award-winning dinning, microbreweries, shopping and entertainment. During this holiday season, you will also find state of the art theatre, music and dance performances, holiday activities and celebrations, lighting extravaganzas, and fun for all ages.

Denver is a unique and dynamic city full of delightful discoveries waiting for you

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We hope that you, the attendees of the 2015 Fall North American Bridge Championships organization, have a rewarding experience and enjoy your time in Denver.

Mayor



Bulletin. We start Friday with Denver Day and continue Monday through Saturday. Enjoy your time in Denver and good luck at the

one day. Be sure to read about them in the Daily

bridge table ... we hope you take home "Mountains of Gold."

1. Richard Pavlicek, Richard Pavlicek Jr.;

1. John Mohan, Roger Bates;

2. Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth

1986 1. Jim Krekorian, Paul Kiefer;

1985

2. Marty Bergen, Larry N. Cohen

1987 1. Bart Bramley, Lou Bluhm;

2. Leslie West, David Ashley

1988 1. Robert Levin, Larry Cohen;

2. Glen Lublin, Peter Boyd 1. Steve Lapides, Walt Walvick; 1989

2. Peter Weichsel, Roger Stern

In 1990, the event became the Life Master Open

Pairs.

1990 1. Zia Mahmood, Hugh Ross;

2. Tommy Gullberg, Michael Polowan

1. Zia Mahmood, Hugh Ross:

2. Larry N. Cohen, David Berkowitz 1992 1. Mike Kamil, Michael Rosenberg;

2. Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell

1. Brad Moss, Ravindra Murthy;

2. Ed Nagy, Jeff Polisner

1. Robert Levin, Richard Katz; 1994

2. Michael Polowan, Steve Robinson

1. John Sutherlin, Bart Bramley;

2. Mark Itabashi, Gene Simpson

1996 1. Walter Schafer, Ron Smith; 2. Michael Schreiber, Curtis Cheek

1997 1. Kerry Smith, Jeff Schuett;

2. Dennis Kasle, Garey Hayden

1998 1. JoAnna Stansby, Lew Stansby;

2. Ron Smith, Richard Schwartz

1999 1. Paul Soloway, Steve Catlett;

2. Lew Stansby, JoAnna Stansby

1. Jill Meyers, Steve Garner; 2. Zia Mahmood, Chuck Burger

2001 1. Piotr Gawrys, Jacek Pszczola;

2. Zia Mahmood, Sidney Lazard

2002 1. Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson; 2. Larry Cohen, Steve Weinstein

2003 1. Jo Morse, Kyle Larsen;

2. Fred Gitelman, Jay Borker

2. Jonathan Green, Mark Aquino

2005 1. Zia Mahmood, Jill Meyers;

2. Robert Levin, Louk Verhees 2006 1. Steve Garner, Howard Weinstein;

2. John Armstrong, Paul Hackett

2007 1. Zia Mahmood, Bjorn Fallenius;

2. Michael Prahin, Alex Perlin

2008 1. Nikolay Demirev, Ralph Katz;

2. Eric Rodwell, John Diamond 2009

1. Tor Helness, Martin Andresen; 2. Hemant Lall, Justin Lall

2010 1. Hiroaki Miura and Kazuo Furuta; 2. Brad Moss and Fred Gitelman

2011 1. Ishmael Del'Monte, Justin Lall;

2. Doug Doub, Adam Wildavsky

**2012** 1. Chip Martel, Zia Mahmood;

2. Cecilia Rimstedt, Meike Wortel 1. Curtis Cheek, Ishmael Del'Monte:

2. Robert Levin, Kevin Bathurst 2014

1. Jeff Krekorian and Venkatrao Koneru; 2. Wael Mohsen, Reda Yaacoub

# **Smoking Policy**

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

## Masterpoint disclaimer

Results 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.

# Age requirement for Senior events

You must have been born before Jan. 1, 1959, to qualify to play in ACBL Senior events.

# **Baze Senior Knockout Teams starts today**



Last year's repeat champions in the Baze Senior KO: Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Billy Miller, Bart Bramley, captain Vinita Gupta and Lew Stansby.

The Baze Senior Knockout Teams begins today. Day-long matches will occur until the contest is decided. The event is limited to players born before January 1, 1959.

Grant Baze (1943-2009) had accumulated more than 41,000 masterpoints before his death. He won seven NABC titles over the course of his career and had seven second-place finishes as well. He was also a three-time winner



of the World Senior Teams, and notched one victory in the Transnational Teams.

A three-time winner of the Barry Crane Top 500 masterpoint race, Baze was also the first player to record more than 3000 points in a calendar year.

Baze may be best known, however, for his sartorial style (he was always attired in a suit and tie when he was at the table) and his strong ethical and professional approach to bridge.

#### **Previous winners:**

1. Zeke Jabbour, Russ Arnold, Richard Hunt,
Dan Morse, Chuck Said, John Sutherlin;
2. Duncan Phillips, Robert Ryder, Howard
Hertzberg, Hamish Bennett, Joan Remey
Moore, William Esberg

1. Zeke Jabbour, Russ Arnold, Mike Levine, Bill Eisenberg, Benito Garozzo, Tommy Sanders; 2. Norm Coombs, Leonard Ernst, Michael Slaven, Richard Hart, Loren Hawkins, Don Brock

1. Zeke Jabbour, Russ Arnold, Tommy Sanders, Bill Eisenberg, Mary Chilcote, Fred Hamilton; 2. Howard Hertzberg, Robert Ryder, William Esberg, Simon Kantor, Marty Baff

1. Bob Carteaux, David Adams, Al Childs, Ralph Cohen, Chuck Said; 2. Mike Levine, Zeke Jabbour, Jim Linhart, Russ Arnold, Per Olof Sundelin, Arnold Fisher

1998 1. Mike Levine, Tommy Sanders, Zeke Jabbour, Arnie Fisher, Fred Hamilton, Chuck Said; 2. Gene Freed, Gene Simpson, James Koley, Syd Levey, Simon Kantor

 1999 1. Jim Sternberg, Bernie Chazen, Allan Cokin, Billy Eisenberg, Richard Reisig, Robert Lipsitz; 2. Richard Budd, Shome



Mukherjee, Robert Ryder, William Hunter

1. Richard Budd, Robert Ryder, William
Hunter, Shome Mukherjee, Richard De
Martino, Pat McDevitt; 2. Jim Sternberg,
Allan Cokin, Chuck Burger, Richard Reisig,
Bernie Chazen, Robert Lipsitz

2001 1. Mike Levine, Zeke Jabbour, Randy Pettit, Allan Siebert, Per Olof Sundelin, Arnold Fisher; 2. Gene Simpson, Hamish Bennett, Billy Eisenberg, Joe Kivel, Jim Robison, Chris Larsen

2002 1. Mike Levine, Zeke Jabbour, Bobby Wolff, Dan Morse, Per Olof Sundelin, Arnold Fisher; 2. Lewis Finkel, John Stiefel, Daniel Colatosti, Mel Colchamiro, John Malley, Bernie Miller

Dennis Dawson, Clement Jackson, John Sutherlin, Bobby Wolff, John Mohan, Dan Morse;
 Pat McDevitt, John Stiefel, Daniel Colatosti, Mel Colchamiro, John Malley, Richard De Martino

2004 1. Tony Ames, John Koch, Mary Egan, Rod Beery; 2. Hamish Bennett, Frances Dickman, Chris Larsen, Gene Simpson, Michael Shuman, Bruce Noda

2005 1. Morris Chang, Bobby Wolff, Neil Chambers, John Schermer; 2. Don Stack, Alan Stout, Randy Pettit, Allan Siebert, James Nash, Pierre Flatowicz

2006 1. Amos Kaminski, Melih Ozdil, Pinhas Romik, Yeshayahu Levit, George Mitelman;
2. Gene Freed, Fred Hamilton, Arnold Fisher, Jim Tritt, Paul Ivaska, Tony Kasday

 Robert Hollman, Dennis Clerkin, Jerry Clerkin, Brenda Keller, Bruce Ferguson; 2.
 Mike Levine, Zeke Jabbour, Bobby Wolff, Dan Morse, Allan Siebert, Chuck Said

2008 1. Reese Milner, Sam Lev, P.O. Sundelin,

Matthew Granovetter, Fred Chang, John Carruthers; 2. Richard DeMartino, Geoffrey Brod, Pat McDevitt and John Stiefel

1. Carolyn Lynch, Melih Ozdil, Garey Hayden, Mike Passell, Mark Lair; 2. Arnold

Hayden, Mike Passell, Mark Lair; 2. Arnold Fisher, Allan Graves, Fred Hamilton, Yeshayahu Levit, Amos Kaminski, George Mittelman

2010 1. Roger Bates, Drew Casen, Marc Jacobus, Jim Krekorian, Eddie Wold; 2. Dan Gerstman, Steve Landen, Dan Morse, Fred Stewart, John Sutherlin, Kit Woolsey

2011 1. Rose Meltzer, Neil Chambers, Mark Feldman, Kyle Larsen, Bill Pollack, John Schermer; 2. Lou Ann O'Rourke, Roger Bates, Drew Casen, Marc Jacobus, Jim Krekorian, Eddie Wold

2012 1. Gaylor Kasle, Larry Kozlove, Peter Boyd, Fred Stewart, Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey;
2. Vinita Gupta, Billy Miller, Bob Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Lew Stansby, Bart Bramley.

2013 1. Vinita Gupta, Billy Miller, Eric Rodwell,
Jeff Meckstroth, Lew Stansby, Bart Bramley;
2. Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Garey
Hayden, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski

2014 1. Vinita Gupta, Billy Miller, Eric Rodwell,
Jeff Meckstroth, Lew Stansby, Bart Bramley;
2. Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Garey
Hayden, Marc Jacobus, Cezary Balicki,
Adam Zmudzinski

#### Be scent-sitive!

Some people have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes or perfumes). Many ACBL clubs, units and districts have adopted policies that prohibit players from wearing fragrances. The

ACBL has not issued an official policy on the matter, preferring instead to appeal to the goodwill of its members to refrain from using fragrances.

Because duplicate bridge requires players to be in close proximity to each other, individuals who suffer from fragrance-related reactions cannot avoid those who are wearing them. Among the commonly reported symptoms are intense headaches (indeed, fragrances can frequently be a trigger for migraine sufferers) or breathing-related problems. For these individuals, the issue is much more serious than simply disliking a particular smell — it's a real health problem.

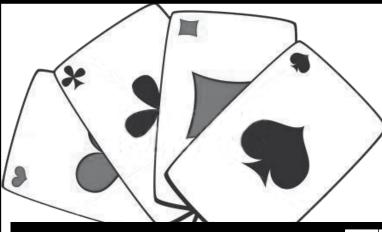
The ACBL asks everyone to give this issue the consideration it deserves. Please, if you're going to play in a club or a tournament, don't wear cologne, perfume or scented lotions.

## **Email us**

Got a hand you just have to share or a nice story? We'd love to see it.

The Daily Bulletin has its own email address: NABCDailyBulletin@acbl.org. You'll also find it on the front page under the "Daily Bulletin" between the date and the editors' names.

This email address won't be checked with any regularity when the NABC is not in session, so please continue to use our office email addresses for non-tournament–related correspondence.



Had enough of serious bridge for one day? Grab your friends and kick back over a casual Midnight Zip KO before crashing in your hotel room!

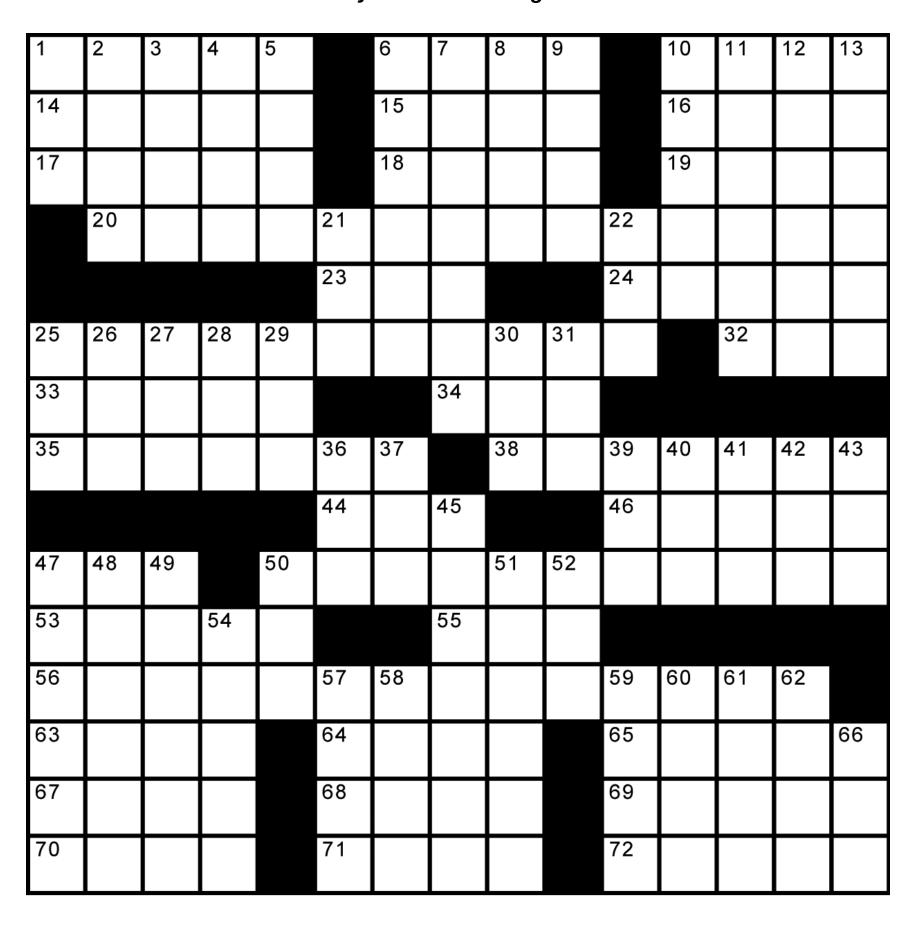
What: Free Junior Midnight Zip KOs

When: Saturday, November 28

Time: 11:30 pm

# **Crossword Puzzle**

## By Alan Olschwang



#### Across

- 1. Concerning the Vatican
- 6. "The same," in footnotes
- 10. \_\_\_ in (land)
- 14. What an accused needs
- 15. Try again from square one
- 16. "Pay \_\_\_ mind"
- 17. Cotton thread
- 18. Yellow submarine ingredient
- 19. Pure oxygen
- 20. What it frequently is designed to
- 23. Wingtip section
- 24. aves
- 25. Number of hearts its shows following a one spade bid
- 32. Brief albums, in brief
- 33. Hobbles along
- 34. Alexandria is one: Abbr.
- 35. What its purpose is not
- 38. What it is
- 44. The NRC replaced it

- 46. \_\_\_\_-temps (meanwhile): Fr.
- 47. Banned pollutant: abbr.
- 50. What it may follow
- 53. Chilly
- 55. Rival of Delta and American: Abbr.
- 56. The bid referenced in 20A, 25A, 35A, 38A and 50A
- 63. Certain necklines
- 64. "Aida" backdrop
- 65. Stare angrily
- 67. Accutane treats it
- 68. Indianapolis athlete
- 69. Pulmonary pair
- 70. Film sites
- 71. Stallone and Stone
- 72. Beer stimulant

#### Down

- 1. Sidekick
- 2. Touched the tarmac
- 3. "Hogwash!"
- 4. Willing's companion

- 5. Substitution word
- 6. 1950 short-story collection by Asimov
- 7. Convictions
- 8. Carded
- 9. "Indiana Jones and the Temple of
- 10. Dry Spanish wine
- 11. Automaker Bugatti
- 12. Absorb completely
- 13. Detaches
- 21. Evenings: Abbr.
- 22. Weather might delay it: Abbr.
- 25. Zurich sight
- 26. Deadlock
- 27. Alphabet chain
- 28. Water-quality org.
- 29. Manual communication syst.
- 30. Turn down, with "out"
- 31. Stage star Hagen
- 36. Hebrew alphabet ender 37. "haw!" (cry of delight)

- 39. Nickelodeon's Kenan and
- 40. Thumbnail's counterpart: Abbr.
- 41. You can bet at it, briefly
- 42. Geller who claims to be telepathic
- 43. "Airplane!" hero Striker
- 45. In an inhuman manner
- 47. Oil painting
- 48. Argo cargo
- 49. Clear and convincing
- 50. Time and again, to a poet
- 51. Academy attendees
- 52. Spanish greeting
- 54. Camel stops
- 57. Abbreviations in co. names
- 58. Stringed instrument
- 59. Certain duckling
- 60. Type of law
- 61. Turner in films
- 62. 10 million of them equal a joule
- 66. Long or short finish

# **Entry fees**

Players must be ACBL members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following national-ranked events: Nail Life Master Pairs\*, Baze Senior Knockout, Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, Marsha May Sternberg Board-a-Match Teams, Super Senior Pairs, Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs\*\*, Whitehead Women's Pairs, Senior Mixed Pairs, Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, Keohane North American Swiss Teams and the NABC+ Mixed Swiss Teams.

The entry fee for these events is \$20 per player per session. For NABC+ events when screens are in use, the entry fee will be \$30 per player per session. Note: \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the 0-5000 Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs\*\*, the 0-10,000 Swiss Teams, the 0-10,000 IMP Pairs and the 0-10,000 Fast Pairs. The entry fee is \$17 per player per session.

Regional championships are \$16 per player per session for ACBL members and \$20 for nonmembers. All other events are \$15 per player per session for ACBL members, \$19 for non-members (except 0–20 games, which are \$15 for both members and non-members).

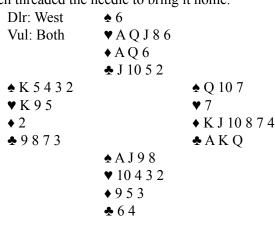
\*Notice to players who reside outside North America: Participation in the Nail Life Master Pairs is limited to ACBL members who have achieved the rank of Life Master. Players who reside outside North America and who do not meet this criteria, but feel they are otherwise eligible to participate, must receive a waiver prior to the commencement of the contest. Players who have been waived into previous Life Master Pairs do not have to re-apply.

\*\* Participation in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs and the Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs is limited to those ACBL members who have earned a Blue Ribbon qualification (or those members on the Lifetime Top 100 masterpoint list). Foreign players who have not earned a Blue Ribbon qualification but feel they are otherwise qualified must receive a waiver prior to the commencement of these contests. Previously granted waivers will not be honored for the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

For waiver information, please see the Directorin-Charge at the selling site at least one hour prior to the commencement of the event.

## Taking the maximum By Barry Rigal

Ifti Baqai, playing with Mirza Hussein on the Pakistani team in the penultimate round of the Transnational Teams qualifier, reached a thin game then threaded the needle to bring it home.

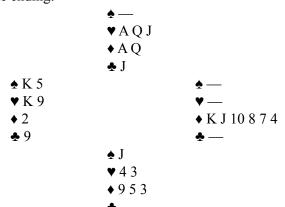


| West | North | East     | South         |
|------|-------|----------|---------------|
| Pass | 1♥    | 2♦       | <b>3♥</b> (1) |
| Pass | 4♥    | All Pass |               |

(1) Weak raise

East led ♣A and West followed low, playing upside-down carding. Bagai then received the ♥7 shift, and he covered with ♥10. West played low, so Baqai played the ♣6, to the 10 and king. Back came a low spade. Declarer won A, ruffed a spade with East producing the ♠10.

Then he ruffed a club, East playing the ♣Q. Baqai could now lead a third spade, discarding a low diamond to endplay East, now in with ♠Q. This was the ending:



When East perforce returned a diamond, Baqai won cheaply and could ruff the winning club in dummy, and take the trump finesse for 10 tricks.

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#### Р В Ε D R 15 Т В Ε 0 R D O 18 0 S 0 T 0 Ε 20 22 В 0 D Α Ε R 0 R 26 Ē Ε O Α Solution to 33 S P P M 35 38 E P Ε 44 45 C Т Ε Ε Ε В R D C F C C O Α 54 F Α O O 56 58 59 60 61 Ε G Ε D 0 В Ε 63 65 66 Ε S E Ε G Α 67 68 69 Ε C 0 Ν G С 72 S S S

# First-time winners

#### By Barry Rigal

Sweden's only previous appearance in the Bermuda Bowl final was in 1953 when they lost to North America. Poland's was in 1991 when they went down to Iceland. One thing was certain in Chennai, India: there would be a new name on the trophy.

| Dlr: South     | <b>♠</b> Q 8       |                   |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Vul: E-W       | ♥KJ9843            |                   |
|                | <b>•</b> —         |                   |
|                | <b>♣</b> Q 8 7 6 4 |                   |
| <b>★</b> 10 3  |                    | <b>★</b> K J 6 5  |
| <b>♥</b> Q 2   |                    | <b>♥</b> A 10 6 5 |
| ♦ K Q J 10 6 3 | 3 2                | <b>♦</b> 9        |
| ♣ J 5          |                    | ♣ A K 10 9        |
|                | <b>A</b> A 9 7 4 2 |                   |
|                | <b>♥</b> 7         |                   |
|                | ♦ A 8 7 5 4        |                   |
|                | <b>♣</b> 3 2       |                   |
| Open room      |                    |                   |

| - P       |        |        |          |
|-----------|--------|--------|----------|
| West      | North  | East   | South    |
| Klukowski | Upmark | Gawrys | Nystrom  |
|           |        |        | Pass     |
| 3♦        | 3♥     | Dbl    | 3♠       |
| Pass      | Pass   | Dbl    | All Pass |

I have been hoping to get the chance to use a line from a song by Noel Coward, which runs, "Mad Dogs and Englishmen go out in the Midday Sun." It also contains the line, "In Hong Kong, they strike a gong, and fire off a noonday gun."

When North overcalled, East was ready with a broadside. West led the ♦K and declarer ruffed in dummy and ran the ♠Q. When it held he tried the ♥3 and West won with the queen and found the excellent switch to the ♣J. When that held he played a second club and East won with the 10 and continued with the ace, ruffed by declarer with the 7 and overuffed by the 10. West exited with the ◆Q and East pitched a heart. Declarer took the ace and conceded four down, minus 800.

Closed room

| West   | North    | East  | South          |
|--------|----------|-------|----------------|
| Sylvan | Kalita   | Wrang | Nowosadzki     |
|        |          | _     | <b>2</b> ♠ (1) |
| Pass   | Pass     | 2NT   | Pass           |
| 3NT    | All Pass |       |                |

(1) Five or more spades, four or five of a minor, 5-11 high-card points.

South led the ♠4 and declarer took North's queen with the king and played the ♦9. South correctly put up the ace, but when North pitched the ♣7, declarer was in with a shout, albeit a very difficult one. South switched to the ♥7: 2, jack, ace. Declarer played the ♠5. South took the ♠A and returned the 9, declarer winning with the jack as North pitched the ♥3. Declarer cashed the A and K and exited with the 5.

Well, not quite, as South, not wishing to be endplayed, astutely ducked. Declarer tried the ♣10 but North won, cashed the ♥K and exited with a club. Declarer could win and cash the ♥10, but had to surrender the last trick to North, one down, minus 100 and 14 IMPs to Poland.

Declarer was on the right line, but he had missed an important detail. Having taken the ♠J, declarer must play the ♣10. North cannot afford to win as then the ♣J will be an entry to dummy's diamonds. Now declarer cashes a top club and then plays his last spade. South cannot afford to win, but now declarer plays a heart to the queen and king. He wins the heart return and exits with a heart, North having to win and return a club into declarer's tenace. That would have held the loss on the deal to 5 IMPs.

# **Bridge Bucks** and check cashing

Bridge Bucks and check cashing services will be available in the Plaza Concourse, under the escalators.

Friday, Nov. 27 6:30—7:30 pm Saturday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Dec. 5 Noon-1 pm Players may now purchase Bridge Bucks using American Express in addition to VISA, MasterCard and Discover.

|              |               |   |   | ·  |                  |
|--------------|---------------|---|---|--|------------------|
|              | _             |   |   | INTERNATIONAL FUND SWISS TEAMS   |                  |
| 10 Tab       |               | _ | ~ |  |                  |
|              | Α             | В | C |  |                  |
| 4.67         | 1             |   |   | Karl Hicks, Dominion NS; Leo Weniger, Halifax NS; Alvin Levy,  |                  |
| • • •        | _             |   |   | Commack NY; Paul Janicki, Markham ON   | 63.00            |
| 3.50         | 2             |   |   | Michael Kamil, Delray Beach FL; Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL;   | <b></b>          |
|              |               |   |   | Lloyd Arvedon, Woburn MA; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT  | 62.00            |
| 2.63         | 3             | 1 |   | Janet Sharpe - Diane Campbell - Douglas Mann - Crystal Mann,   | 4.               |
|              |               |   |   | Calgary AB   | 42.00            |
| 1.97         | 4             |   |   | G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Roman Smolski - Nicolas Landau -   | 41.00            |
| 1.04         |               | • |   | Natalia Dzidziguri, Warwick Bermuda  | 41.00            |
| 1.84         |               | 2 |   | Ruth Fleischmann - Ellen Slater - Gary Slater, New York NY; Omer   | 20.00            |
|              |               |   |   | Ekinci, Astoria NY   | 39.00            |
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| 20 A T-      | . <b>l.</b> l |   |   | THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS  |                  |
| 28.0 Ta      |               | В | C |  |                  |
| 11.00        | A             | Б | C | Janathan Stainhara Taranta ON: Alay Hudson Balaigh NC  | 65 210/          |
| 11.08        | 1             |   |   | Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC  | 65.31%           |
| 8.31<br>6.23 | 2             |   |   | Sharon Anderson - Roger Anderson, Eagan MN   | 62.92%           |
|              | 3<br>4        |   |   | Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA<br>Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil, New York NY           | 62.00%<br>61.31% |
| 4.67         |               |   |   | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·  |                  |
| 3.88         | 5/6           |   |   | Jane Ranney - Jerry Ranney, Morrison CO<br>Laura Wolin, Boynton Beach FL; Elaine Kahn, Lido Beach NY                       | 60.92%           |
| 3.07<br>1.97 | 5/6<br>7      |   |   | Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Karen McCallum, Exeter NH   | 60.92%<br>60.46% |
| 2.77         | 8             |   |   | Kevin Castner, Kentfield CA; David Gold, Reading Great Britain   | 59.77%           |
| 1.94         | 9             |   |   | Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR   | 58.85%           |
| 1.47         | 10            |   |   | Kevin Rosenberg - Debbie Rosenberg, Cupertino CA   | 58.85%<br>57.69% |
| 1.47         | 11            |   |   | R Jay Becker, Delray Beach FL; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL  | 57.38%           |
| 4.90         | 1,1           | 1 | 1 | Hellar Nakonechny, Carman MB; Gloria Woloshyn, Winnipeg MB   | 53.38%           |
| 3.68         |               | 2 | 2 | Melissa Stranzl, New York NY; Bruce Thornburgh, Boise ID   | 53.15%           |
| 2.76         |               | 3 | 2 | Howard Sloan, New York NY; Ping Hu, Naperville IL  | 53.1376          |
| 2.70         |               | 4 |   | Joan FitzGerald, St John's NL; Katherine Schultz, Denver CO  | 52.62%           |
| 1.65         |               | 5 |   | Jim Hutter, Ames IA; Lisa Hebert, Ottawa ON  | 52.46%           |
| 1.18         |               | 6 |   | Michelle Steiner, Chandler AZ; Paul Glick, Phoenix AZ  | 50.77%           |
| 1.55         |               | O | 3 | Jeff Kitman, Lakewood CO; Shelbie Bastiaans, Arvada CO   | 50.38%           |
| 1.30         |               |   | 4 | Eileen Hunt - Bonnie Camp, Denver CO   | 48.15%           |
| 0.87         |               |   | 5 | Harold Sanchez, Denver CO; Jack Bellomo, Aurora CO   | 47.15%           |
| 0.07         |               |   | 5 | Thatola Ballellez, Bellver Co, sack Bellollio, Halola Co   | 17.1370          |
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| 48.0 Ta      | ables         |   |   |  |                  |
|              | Α             | В | C |  |                  |
| 16.92        | 1             |   |   | Robert Katz, Ann Arbor MI; Michael D Alioto, Birmingham MI   | 69.13%           |
| 12.69        | 2             | 1 | 1 | Liam Milne, Sydney Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia  | 65.54%           |
| 9.52         | 3             |   |   | Roman Smolski, Warwick Bermuda; Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD  | 64.52%           |
| 7.14         | 4             |   |   | Kou-Ping Cheng, Saratoga CA; D Lionel O'Young, Walnut CA   | 63.51%           |
| 5.41         | 5             | 2 | 2 | Robert Walters, New Westminster BC; Anita Morse, North Vancouver BC  | 63.06%           |
| 4.90         | 6             | 2 | 2 | Robert Hartman - Shane Garner, Memphis TN  | 61.18%           |
| 3.87         | 7             |   |   | Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA  | 60.73%           |
| 2.71         | 8             |   |   | Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Bob Sanner, Palo Alto CA  | 59.82%           |
| 2.06         | 9<br>10       | 2 |   | Vic Quiros - Kandi Osborne, Scottsdale AZ  | 59.62%           |
| 3.67         | 11            | 3 |   | Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline, Hudson MA<br>Jim O'Neil - John Schoenbrun, Cupertino CA                                       | 58.30%<br>57.44% |
| 1.57<br>2.75 | 12/13         | 4 |   | Ben Takemori, Burnaby BC; Andrew Krywaniuk, Vancouver BC   | 57.39%           |
|              | 12/13         | 4 |   |  |                  |
| 2.06<br>1.29 | 14            |   |   | Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; R Jay Becker, Delray Beach FL<br>Bob Simkins, Decatur GA; John Gilbert, Kitchener ON | 57.39%<br>57.34% |
| 1.19         | 15            |   |   | Diana Marquardt, Del Mar CA; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV   | 56.93%           |
| 1.19         | 16            |   |   | David Gold, Reading Great Britain; Kevin Castner, Kentfield CA   | 56.38%           |
| 1.77         | 17            |   |   | Barbara Heller, Knoxville TN; Bonnie Bagley, Colorado Spgs CO  | 55.92%           |
| 2.07         | 1 /           | 5 |   | Lawrence Diamond, Tacoma WA; Jason Larrivee, Regina SK   | 54.40%           |
| 2.07         |               | 6 | 3 | Nelle Lucas - Jim Lucas, Idaho Falls ID  | 53.04%           |
| 1.58         |               | 7 | 5 | Jonathan Harvey - Arleen Harvey, Riverside CA  | 52.73%           |
| 1.42         |               | , | 4 | Jeffrey Wiegel - Christy Wiegel, Tualatin OR   | 52.73%           |
| 1.42         |               |   | 5 | Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL; Samuel Amer, Newark DE   | 51.62%           |
| 0.84         |               |   | 6 | Shelbie Bastiaans, Arvada CO; Jeff Kitman, Lakewood CO   | 51.0276          |
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#### 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.

#### **EDUDATION FOUNDATION KNOCKOUT BRACKET 1**

Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC: Ranald Davidson, North York ON; Diane K.M. Gordon, St Catharines ON; Pamela Nisbet, Kanata ON

Dick Duff, Denver CO; Bob Martin, Lone Tree CO; Robert Lupton, Aurora CO; Daniel Williams, Henderson NV

Gerald Lackner - Senta Lackner, Graz Austria; Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo Japan; Yukiko Tokunaga, Japan; Ken Gee, Regina SK; Robert Porter, Henderson NV

David Lindop - A Lindop, Toronto ON; Jason Lindop, Montreal QC; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL

#### **EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION KNOCKOUT BRACKET 2** 8 Tables

Jesse Chao - Edmund Wu, San Francisco CA; Isaac Stephani - A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH

Lisa Hebert, Ottawa ON; Jim Hutter, Ames IA; Sandra Macpherson, Halifax NS; John Burgoin, Brownsville TX

Suzanne Viau - Therese Huot, Boucherville QC; Neeta Mone, Livingston NJ; John Paxton, Bozeman MT

Ellen Slater - Gary Slater - Ruth Fleischmann, New York NY; Omer Ekinci, Astoria NY

# **Defenders, Fall North** American Championships

Baze Senior Knockout Teams: Vinita Gupta, Eric Rodwell, Billy Miller, Lew Stansby, Jeff Meckstroth and Bart Bramley.

Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs: John Hurd and Justin Lall.

**Keohane North American Swiss Teams:** Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki and Garey Hayden.

Marsha May Sternberg Women's Boarda-Match Teams: Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Tobi Sokolow and Janice Seamon-Molson.

0-5000 Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs: Ina Demme and Bill Kertes.

0–10,000 Swiss Teams: Sally Meckstroth, Nira Talova, Rene De Waele, Danny Molenaar and Bob Drijver.

Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams: Andrew Gromov, Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Krzysztof Buras, Michal Nowosadzki, Jacek Kalita and Aleksander

Nail Life Master Open Pairs: Jim Krekorian and Venkatrao Koneru.

Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams: Richard Schwartz, Allan Graves, Ron Schwartz, Lotan Fisher, Espen Lindqvist and Boye Brogeland.

Whitehead Women's Pairs: Ran Jingrong and Wang Wenfei (last played Spring 2014)

**Senior Mixed Pairs:** Ginny and Jeff Schuett. **Super Senior Pairs:** Jeff Taylor and Craig

Goren Trophy: Boye Brogeland and Espen Lindqvist.

# **Especially for I/N Players**

- Players with 0-5 masterpoints can play free in the Newcomer games on Friday, Nov. 27.
- Entry fee special! Players with 0100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry Nov. 27-29 will receive a half-priced entry for games held Dec. 4-6.
- Games for those with fewer than 300 masterpoints will begin at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. on most days. All Intermediate/ Newcomer events will be held on the Majestic level of Tower Building in the Majestic Ballroom.
- The I/N Partnership Desk will guarantee you a partner if you sign up one hour prior to game time.
- Don't forget to pick up your registration gift.
- Celebrity bridge speakers will give free minilessons at 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. (on most days).
- Don't miss these free, two-hour lessons by renowned ACBL teachers (10 a.m. to noon). A free, 14-deal game follows.

Saturday, Nov. 27 Jerry Helms Sunday, Nov. 28 **Audrey Grant** Monday, Nov. 29 Jerry Helms

# **Honoring new LMs** and other achievers

If you make Life Master at this tournament or achieve a masterpoint milestone such as Silver LM or higher, please visit the Daily Bulletin office to have your photo taken. The Daily Bulletin office is Room E in Director's Row in the Plaza Building Lobby/ Street Level of the Sheraton.

# 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. While working on the new edition of the Official Encyclopedia of Bridge, it occurred to me that we had omitted to mention some of the most important developments of recent years. This article, written in his inimitable style by England's David Burn, reveals all. It appeared in the March 2010 issue of Bridge Magazine, having originally appeared under the title: Larry Who? – Mark Horton, editor, Bridge Magazine. With apologies to Burn, the spellings have been "Americanized." — Brent Manley

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   | <b>♠</b> A K 6 5 |                |
| Vul: N-S     | <b>♥</b> 10 9    |                |
|              | <b>♦</b> 93      |                |
|              | ♣ A K 8 5 3      |                |
| <b>♠</b> 7 2 |                  | <b>♦</b> J 9 4 |
| ♥J87642      |                  | <b>♥</b> 3     |
| ♦ K J 10 2   |                  | ♦ Q 8 7 5 4    |
| <b>♣</b> 7   |                  | ♣ Q 10 6 4     |
|              | ♠ Q 10 8 3       |                |
|              | ♥AKQ5            |                |
|              | ♦ A 6            |                |
|              | <b>♣</b> J 9 2   |                |

In the Closed Room the auction was:

# **Burn's Laws**

| 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 (see box below).

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 t | urn, but nobe | ody noticed. |
| 2NT  | Both ma  | ajors.        |              |

- 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             |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>★</b> 10 9 7 4 | <b>♠</b> A 8 6 5 |
| ♥865              | <b>♥</b> A K Q 3 |
| ♦ J 9 7           | ♦ A K Q 6 4      |
| <b>♣</b> 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:

| violations ( | n the Law oc | curred.    |          |
|--------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| West         | North        | East       | South    |
|              |              |            | 1♣       |
| Pass         | 3♣           | 4 <b>.</b> | 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

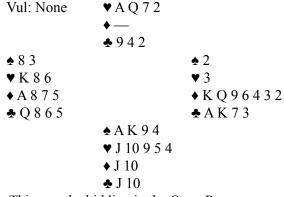
In true Larry Cohen style, I have already written the sequel to the Law of Total Trumps.

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 France and Indonesia is a good example:

♠ QJ10765



This was the bidding in the Open Room:

| ingas |
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|       |
|       |
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|       |
| SS    |
|       |

- 6♦ A violation of the Rule of Eight.
- 6♠ See above.

Dlr: South

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.

| Bid | Meaning according to North  | Meaning according to South                                 |
|-----|-----------------------------|--|
| 2♣  | 5+ clubs, perhaps a major,  | 5+ clubs, perhaps a major,                                 |
|     | 11-16                       | 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     | A cuebid, which I hope partner will                        |
|     | looking for somewhere to    | realise agrees spades even though                          |
|     | play                        | 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, | A cuebid with spades agreed                                |
|     | asking for good trumps      |  |
| 6♦  | A signoff in hearts         | A grand slam try in spades, asking for good trumps         |
| 6♥  | Oh, well!                   | What the * @\$&!   |

|      |   |     | EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  | PAIRS THURSDA | AY EVENII | NG (2ND SESS | SION OF 4 SI | IDE GAME SERIES)  |        |
|------|---|-----|---|---------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|---|--------|
|      |   |     | NORTH-SOUTH   | SECTION       |           | (=::= ====   |              | EAST-WEST   |        |
| A    | В | C   |   |               | A         | В            | С            |   |        |
| 1    |   |     | Robert Katz, Ann Arbor MI; Michael D Alioto, Birmingham MI            | 69.13%        | 1         | 1            | 1            | Liam Milne, Sydney Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia         | 65.54% |
| 2    |   |     | Roman Smolski, Warwick Bermuda; Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD       | 64.52%        | 2         |              |              | Robert Walters, New Westminster BC; Anita Morse, North Vancouver BC | 63.06% |
| 3    |   |     | Kou-Ping Cheng, Saratoga CA; D Lionel O'Young, Walnut CA              | 63.51%        | 3         |              |              | Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA               | 60.73% |
| 4    | 1 | 1   | Robert Hartman - Shane Garner, Memphis TN                             | 61.18%        | 4         |              |              | Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Bob Sanner, Palo Alto CA               | 59.82% |
| 5    |   |     | Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; R Jay Becker, Delray Beach FL   | 57.39%        | 5         |              |              | Vic Quiros - Kandi Osborne, Scottsdale AZ                           | 59.62% |
| 6    |   |     | Barbara Heller, Knoxville TN; Bonnie Bagley, Colorado Spgs CO         | 55.92%        | 6         | 2            |              | Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline, Hudson MA                              | 58.30% |
| 7    |   |     | Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC               | 55.77%        | 7         |              |              | Jim O'Neil - John Schoenbrun, Cupertino CA                          | 57.44% |
| 8    |   |     | Russell Samuel, Coram NY; Jeffrey Rothstein, New York NY              | 55.21%        | 8         | 3            |              | Ben Takemori, Burnaby BC; Andrew Krywaniuk, Vancouver BC            | 57.39% |
| 9/10 |   |     | Lino D'Souza, Burlington ON; Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA                  | 54.66%        | 9         |              |              | Bob Simkins, Decatur GA; John Gilbert, Kitchener ON                 | 57.34% |
| 9/10 |   |     | Irina Kislitsyna, Bradenton FL; Michel Rapoport, Sarasota FL          | 54.66%        | 10        |              |              | Diana Marquardt, Del Mar CA; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV        | 56.93% |
| 11   |   |     | Harvey Brody, San Francisco CA; Sara Rothmuller, Santa Rosa CA        | 54.05%        | 11        |              |              | David Gold, Reading Great Britain; Kevin Castner, Kentfield CA      | 56.38% |
| 12   |   |     | Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC; Joerg Schneider, Vancouver BC      | 53.64%        | 12        |              |              | Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury MA                     | 54.66% |
| 13   |   |     | Jan Zadroga, Todz Poland; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK               | 53.59%        | 13        | 4            |              | Lawrence Diamond, Tacoma WA; Jason Larrivee, Regina SK              | 54.40% |
| 14   |   |     | Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Eric Leong, Oakland CA                        | 53.34%        | 14        |              |              | James Melville, Springfield IL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI            | 54.00% |
| 15   |   |     | Michael Schaeffer, W Palm Beach FL; James Sternberg, Palm Bch Gdns FL | 53.29%        | 15        |              |              | Scott Stearns, Elberta AL; Richard Logan, Diamondhead MS            | 53.90% |
| 16   | 2 | 2   | Nelle Lucas - Jim Lucas, Idaho Falls ID                               | 53.04%        | 16/17     |              |              | Michael Rosenberg - Kevin Rosenberg, Cupertino CA                   | 52.99% |
| 17   |   |     | Dennis Carman - Susan Bailey Carman, Plainwell MI                     | 52.78%        | 16/17     |              |              | Howard Liu, San Mateo CA; Robert Brady, Mc Lean VA                  | 52.99% |
| 18   | 3 |     | Jonathan Harvey - Arleen Harvey, Riverside CA                         | 52.73%        | 18        | 5            |              | Michael Farebrother - Douglas Mann, Calgary AB                      | 52.13% |
| 19   | 4 | 3   | Jeffrey Wiegel - Christy Wiegel, Tualatin OR                          | 52.48%        | 19        |              |              | Robert Kuz, Selkirk MB; Barry Senensky, Toronto ON                  | 52.07% |
|      | 5 |     | Michael Klemens - Nancy Klemens, Tarzana CA                           | 52.43%        |           | 6            | 2            | Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL; Samuel Amer, Newark DE        | 51.62% |
|      | 6 |     | Shirley Miller, Golden CO; Sandra Koller, Arvada CO                   | 50.30%        |           | 7            | 3            | Shelbie Bastiaans, Arvada CO; Jeff Kitman, Lakewood CO              | 51.21% |
|      | 7 |     | Michael Christensen - Becky Stevens, Redmond WA                       | 49.39%        |           | 8            |              | Magnus Weiman - Maureen Weiman, Eden Prairie MN                     | 50.00% |
|      | 8 | 4   | Alyse Galvin - Patrick Galvin, Anchorage AK                           | 48.89%        |           | 9            |              | Hurlon James Dulan, Denver CO; Roswitha Frerichs, Lincoln NE        | 48.58% |
|      |   | 5/6 | Clyde Bruce Baldwin, Hollidaysburg PA; Craig Frerichs, Lincoln NE     | 48.03%        |           |              | 4            | Christopher Welland, New York NY; Joseph Lieberman, Los Angeles CA  | 47.72% |
|      |   | 5/6 | Mariana Shulstad - R Craig Shulstad, Minneapolis MN                   | 48.03%        |           |              | 5            | Frances Huber - Glen Woody Woodson, Lakewood CO                     | 45.14% |
|      |   |     | THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE   | BAME (1ST THU | RSDAY-FI  | RIDAY SIDE G | SAME SERII   | ES 1 OF 4 SESSIONS)   |        |
|      |   |     | NORTH-SOUTH   | SECTIONS      | SBC       |              |              | EAST-WEST   |        |
| A    | В | C   |   |               | A         | В            | C            |   |        |
| 1    |   |     | Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC               | 65.31%        | 1         |              |              | Sharon Anderson - Roger Anderson, Eagan MN                          | 62.92% |
| 2    |   |     | Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA    | 62.00%        | 2         |              |              | Jane Ranney - Jerry Ranney, Morrison CO                             | 60.92% |
| 3    |   |     | Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil, New York NY                            | 61.31%        | 3         |              |              | Kevin Castner, Kentfield CA; David Gold, Reading Great Britain      | 59.77% |
| 4    |   |     | Laura Wolin, Boynton Beach FL; Elaine Kahn, Lido Beach NY             | 60.92%        | 4         |              |              | Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR          | 58.85% |
| 5    |   |     | Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Karen McCallum, Exeter NH                      | 60.46%        | 5         |              |              | Kevin Rosenberg - Debbie Rosenberg, Cupertino CA                    | 57.69% |
| 6    |   |     | R Jay Becker, Delray Beach FL; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL   | 57.38%        | 6         |              |              | Richard Vatter, Bradenton FL; Jo Anne Vatter, Cadillac MI           | 56.69% |
| 7/8  |   |     | Neil Hunter - James Joy, Santa Fe NM                                  | 56.31%        | 7         |              |              | Pamela Granovetter - Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH                | 56.54% |
| 7/8  |   |     | Dennis Carman - Susan Bailey Carman, Plainwell MI                     | 56.31%        | 8         |              |              | Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury MA                     | 55.54% |
| 9    |   |     | Priscilla Smith, Marietta GA; Abe Jakob, Fort Lauderdale FL           | 55.23%        | 9         |              |              | Chris Champion - Toshiko Yingst, Colorado Spgs CO                   | 54.23% |
| 10   |   |     | Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Jan Zadroga, Todz Poland               | 54.85%        | 10        | 1            | 1            | Hellar Nakonechny, Carman MB; Gloria Woloshyn, Winnipeg MB          | 53.38% |
| 11   |   |     | Kandi Osborne - Vic Quiros, Scottsdale AZ                             | 53.38%        | 11        | 2            | 2            | Melissa Stranzl, New York NY; Bruce Thornburgh, Boise ID            | 53.15% |
|      | 1 |     | Howard Sloan, New York NY; Ping Hu, Naperville IL                     | 53.08%        |           | 3            |              | Joan FitzGerald, St John's NL; Katherine Schultz, Denver CO         | 52.62% |
|      | 2 |     | Jim Hutter, Ames IA; Lisa Hebert, Ottawa ON                           | 52.46%        |           | 4            | 3            | Jeff Kitman, Lakewood CO; Shelbie Bastiaans, Arvada CO              | 50.38% |
|      | 3 |     | Michelle Steiner, Chandler AZ; Paul Glick, Phoenix AZ                 | 50.77%        |           | 5            |              | Kathy Twomey, Bloomfield Vlg MI; Lucia Enica, Belmont MA            | 48.62% |
|      | 4 |     | Donna Yeargain, Billings MT; Dee Warnecke, Denver CO                  | 50.00%        |           | 6            |              | Arjun Singh, Lakewood CO; Richard Weigle, Albuquerque NM            | 47.62% |
|      | 5 | 1   | Eileen Hunt - Bonnie Camp, Denver CO                                  | 48.15%        |           |              | 4            | Harold Sanchez, Denver CO; Jack Bellomo, Aurora CO                  | 47.15% |
|      |   | 2   | Nelle Lucas - Jim Lucas, Idaho Falls ID                               | 46.77%        |           |              |              |   |        |
|      |   | 3   | Sharon Snyder - Jeffrey Phillips, Grand Junction CO                   | 39.31%        |           |              |              |   |        |

# **Tomorrow's Bridge Events**

# **Junior Day**

|   | Saturday, Novem       | ıber 28, 9 a.m.                             |                      |       |
|---|-----------------------|---|----------------------|-------|
| Event   | Session               | Sold  | Entry/player/session |       |
|   |                       |   | ACBL members*        | Other |
| Saturday-Sunday Morning Compact Bracketed Knockout Teams          | 1-2                   | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$16                 | \$20  |
| Educational Foundation Bracketed Knockout Teams                   | 3rd                   | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$16                 | \$20  |
| Friday-Saturday Morning Compact Bracketed Knockout Teams          | 3-4                   | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$16                 | \$20  |
| Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series                            | 2nd single session    | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$16                 | \$20  |
|   | Saturday, Novem       | ber 28, 10 a.m.                             |                      |       |
| Bridge-Plus+  | single                | Tower 2nd level, Windows Room               | Free                 | Free  |
| Free two-hour lesson with Jerry Helms, 14-deal game follows (0-20 |                       |   |                      |       |
| 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs                                   | single                | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | \$15                 | \$19  |
| 0-20, 0-5 Pairs   | single                | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | \$15                 | \$15  |
|   | Saturday, November 2  | 8, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.                         |                      |       |
| Stratified Daylight Open Pairs                                    | 1-2                   | Tower 2nd level, Grand Ballroom             | \$16                 | \$20  |
|   | Saturday, November 28 | 8. Noon & 7:00 p.m.                         |                      |       |
| BAZE SENIOR KNOCKOUT TEAMS  | Round 2               | Plaza Concourse level, Ballroom F           | \$30                 |       |
|   | Saturday, Novem       | shar 28 1 n m                               |                      |       |
| Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series                                  | 1st single session    | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$16                 | \$20  |
| Suturday State Game Series  |                       |   | Ψ10                  | Ψ20   |
| **************************************                            | Saturday, November    |   | 000                  |       |
| NAIL LIFE MASTER OPEN PAIRS                                       | 1-2 F                 | Plaza Concourse level, Plaza Ballroom       | \$20                 |       |
| 0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS  | 1-2 Q                 | Plaza Concourse level, Ballroom D           | \$17                 |       |
| 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions.                                  | 1.4                   |   | <b>01</b> C          | Φ20   |
| Saturday Compact Bracketed KO Teams                               | 1-4                   | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$16                 | \$20  |
| Saturday-Sunday Bracketed KO Teams                                | 1-2                   | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$16                 | \$20  |
| Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockout Teams                          | 3-4                   | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$16                 | \$20  |
| Strati-Flighted A/B/C Open Pairs                                  | 1-2                   | Plaza Concourse level, Governor's Square 14 | \$16                 | \$20  |
| Gold Rush 750/300/100 Pairs                                       | 1-2                   | Plaza Concourse level, Governor's Square 15 | \$16                 | \$20  |
| Gold points for 0-750.  |                       |   |                      |       |
|   | Saturday, Novem       |   |                      |       |
| 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs                                   | single                | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | \$15                 | \$19  |
| 0-20, 0-5 Pairs   | single                | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | \$15                 | \$15  |
|   | Saturday, Novemb      | er 28, 7:30 p.m.                            |                      |       |
| Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Side Swiss Teams                            | single                | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$15                 | \$19  |
| Strati-Flighted B/C/D Side Swiss Teams                            | single                | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$15                 | \$19  |
| Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series                                  | 2nd single session    | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$16                 | \$20  |
| Stratified 299er Swiss Teams                                      | single                | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | \$15                 | \$19  |
| 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs                                   | single                | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | \$15                 | \$19  |
| 0-20, 0-5 Pairs   | single                | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | \$15                 | \$15  |
|   | Saturday, Novembe     | er 28, 11:30 p.m.                           |                      |       |
| Zip Knockout Teams  | single                | Plaza Concourse level, Governor's Square 12 | \$12/team/match      |       |
| Junior Zip Knockout Teams   | single                | Plaza Concourse level, Governor's Square 12 | Free                 |       |
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0-300). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (5000+/3000-5000/0-3000); B/C/D (1500-2500/500-1500/ 0-500) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (2500+/1500-2500/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/100-300/0-100). In B flights, no single player may be over 2500. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events. UPPER CASE = NABC events. \*Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

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# **Today's Bridge Events**

#### **Denver Unit 361 Day**

#### 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Are Free Today!

|   | Friday, November 27, 9                      | a.m.  |                                       |       |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Event   | Session                                     | Sold  | Entry/player/session<br>ACBL members* | Other |
| Educational Foundation Bracketed Knockout Teams                       | 2nd   | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$16                                  | \$20  |
| Friday-Saturday Morning Compact Bracketed Knockout Teams              | 1-2   | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$16                                  | \$20  |
| Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series                                | 1st single session                          | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$16                                  | \$20  |
|   | Friday, November 27, 10                     | 0 a.m.                                      |                                       |       |
| 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs                                       | single                                      | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | \$15                                  | \$19  |
| 0-20 Pairs  | single                                      | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | \$15                                  | \$15  |
| 0-5 Pairs   | single                                      | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | Free                                  | Free  |
|   | Friday, November 27, 10 a.m                 | ı. & 3 p.m.                                 |                                       |       |
| Stratified Daylight Open Pairs  | 1-2   | Tower 2nd level, Grand Ballroom             | \$16                                  | \$20  |
|   | Friday, November 27, 1                      | p.m.  |                                       |       |
| Thursday-Friday Side Game Series                                      | 3rd single session                          | Plaza Concourse level, Governor's Square 14 | \$16                                  | \$20  |
|   | Friday, November 27, 1 &                    | 7:30 p.m.                                   |                                       |       |
| NAIL LIFE MASTER OPEN PAIRS   | 1-2 Q                                       | Plaza Concourse level, Plaza Ballroom       | \$20                                  | _     |
| 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions.                                      |   |   |                                       |       |
| BAZE SENIOR KNOCKOUT TEAMS  | Round 1                                     | Plaza Concourse level, Ballroom F           | \$20                                  | _     |
| Entry required by 11 a.m. Contestants must have been born prior to Ja | n. 1, 1959. One two-session match per day ı |   |                                       |       |
| Stratified Open Pairs   | 1-2   | Plaza Concourse level, Governor's Square 15 | \$16                                  | \$20  |
| Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockout Teams                              | 1-2   | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$16                                  | \$20  |
|   | Friday, November 27, 3                      | p.m.  |                                       |       |
| 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs                                       | single                                      | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | \$15                                  | \$19  |
| 0-20 Pairs  | single                                      | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | \$15                                  | \$15  |
| 0-5 Pairs   | single                                      | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | Free                                  | Free  |
|   | Friday, November 27, 7:3                    | 30 p.m.                                     |                                       |       |
| Stratified Side Swiss Teams   | single                                      | Plaza Concourse level, foyer                | \$15                                  | \$19  |
| Thursday-Friday Side Game Series                                      | 4th single session                          | Plaza Concourse level, Governor's Square 14 | \$16                                  | \$20  |
| Stratified 299er Swiss Teams  | single                                      | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     | \$15                                  | \$19  |
| 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs                                       | single                                      | Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom     |                                       | \$15  |
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Friday, November 27 11:30 p.m.

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single

B/C/D (1500-2500/500-1500/ 0-500) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (2500+/1500-2500/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/100-300/0-100). In B flights, no single player may be over 2500. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events. UPPER CASE = NABC events.

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## **Denver Day!**

#### By Joan Kushner, president, Denver Unit 361

Like the city's once-famous resident, Molly Brown, Denver bridge has a colorful history. Denver has hosted NABCs in 1961, 1966, 1972, 1978, and 2005. After the 1978 tournament, Denver's treasury was in serious trouble, but the ship was righted by many hard-working volunteers and board members. We now host the second largest regional in District 17 and our sectionals are among the largest in the nation.

0-20 Pairs

Zip Knockout Teams

0-5 Pairs

All of our hard-working volunteers and board

members welcome you to Denver! The 16th Street Mall offers a variety of restaurants and shops. Close by, we have a beautiful award-winning zoo, a Natural History Museum, an art museum and a performing arts complex. The state capitol has recently been refurbished, and for money lovers, the mint is just a coin toss away.

Denver bridge is thriving: from the very peaks (a surplus of Grand Life Masters and Platinum Life Masters) to the breath-taking foothills (welcoming

new members every few months into our mentor program, Life Master/non-Life Master tournaments and classes by our many dedicated local teachers). We offer a variety of club games, intermural challenges and great hospitality at our events throughout the metro area.

\$15

Free

\$12/team/match

\$15

Free

Thank you, ACBL, for again choosing us to host the NABC in our beautiful and welcoming city.



# Learn Bridge in A Day?®

Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom Tower Majestic level, Majestic Ballroom

Plaza Concourse level, Governor's Square 12

# Join the Fun!

A fun, concise, interactive introductory bridge class.

Where: Sheraton Denver Downtown\* \*Check Daily Bulletin or information desk for location

When: Sunday, November 29th 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 if you preregister, \$20 at the door. Includes door prizes, textbooks and refreshments! Pre-registration at www.acbl.org/LBIAD.php

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