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Nickell, Lavazza exit Spingold

The Spingold round of 16 was harsh to the higher-ranked seeds, with half of them losing their matches.

The No. 2 seed led by Nick Nickell was shown the door by the original No. 47 seed, Hyatt npc. Hyatt's roster is Hansa Narasimhan, Carlos Pellegrini, Michael Whibley, Sumit Mukherjee and Debabrata Majumder. Hyatt led Nickell the entire match and won 143-91.

No. 4 Lavazza also got bounced from the event, losing 131-85 to Stan Tulin and company, the No. 13 seed. Tulin's lineup includes Cornelis van Prooijen, Alon Birman, Dror Padon, David Bakhshi and Louk

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QF action in the Mini-Spingold KOs

In today's semifinal round of the 0-6000 Mini-Spingold KO Teams, the squad captained by James Weeks will face William Bailey's team in an all-California bracket, while Saul Gross and company will do battle with Brad Vander Zanden's team in the other bracket.

In the 0-2500 Mini-Spingold, the team captained by Buddy Landis squares off against Jim Liu's squad. In the other bracket, the local-ish team led by David Haydon meets the all-Chinese squad captained by Liu Xiang.



Kalie Knowlton and Katie Kelso traveled from Nome AK to play in the 11th Youth NABC in Atlanta. You can read more about them starting on page 9 inside.



Goodwill Message

Accept the decisions of the director with politeness and grace.

Sandy DeMartino, Chair

Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee

**ATTENDANCE
through Thursday
8974 tables**

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Big Night Propels Doub to BAM Victory

In 2010, after Doug Doub and Yiji Starr won the four-session Goldman Cup Pairs at the New York Regional, they agreed they had to play together again. It's taken eight years to make good on that commitment and make good, they did – sneaking by the May Sakr squad to win the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams. Completing the winning quartet are Rose Yan from Beijing and Jiang Gu from Mountain Lakes NJ.

A blazing 19.50 second final sealed the deal for Doub; however a penalty came close to pushing the match the other way. They were penalized .17; their margin of victory was .09.

This is the first North American championship for Yan, who won the Venice Cup with the Chinese Women's team. It is the ninth for Doub, including,



Winners of the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match: Doug Doub, Yiji Starr, Rose Yan and Jiang Gu

now, all three ACBL board-a-match championships: the Reisinger in 2002 and the Mitchell Open Bam in 1997. Doub hails from West Hartford CT. Starr, from

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Pacareu, Ventin win Wernher Open



Wernher Open Pairs champions Joaquin Pacareu and Juan Carlos Ventin

Boosted by a huge score in the second final session, Joaquin Pacareu of Santiago, Chile, and

Juan Carlos Ventin of Barcelona, Spain, won the Wernher Open Pairs. Pacareu and Ventin stood third after Wednesday's qualifying round and scored 55.58% in the first final. In the evening session, however, they scored 68.88% to rocket into the top spot. The winners' final tally of 2481.92 matchpoints put them a board and a half ahead of second place.

This is the first North American title for both winners, although they each have an impressive international resume. Pacareu has won several Chilean and South American events, while Ventin has a silver medal from European championships and a bronze medal in the Rosenblum Cup from Sanya, China, in 2014.

This is the first time that Pacareu and Ventin have played together.

In second were Rick Binder and Alan Watson of Massachusetts. They led the event after three sessions of play, but were overtaken by Pacareu and Ventin in the last session.

Francesca, we miss you!

Players who frequent championship events around the world know that Italy's Francesca Canali is the photographer of choice for tournament organizers. She has been a welcome addition to the Daily Bulletin staff at the NABCs, but many players have noticed that Francesca did not attend the Spring NABC in Philadelphia, and she's not here in Atlanta.



Why the absence? It's easy to explain: Francesca is a new mother. She gave birth to Anna Margot on July 12, and mother and daughter are in good health.

Francesca explains the child's name: "This is a bridge-related story. Anna's full name is Anna Margot. I chose to give her an half-Italian and half-French name to honor [longtime French bridge editor] Jean-Paul Meyer who I consider my maestro.

He taught me so many things! I was very close friend with him, his wife Michelle and their daughter Karine. Sadly, Jean-Paul suddenly passed away just three days before Anna was born."

Come back soon, Francesca. The editors of the Daily Bulletin take horrible pictures. We need your help!



SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

All events are at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

Friday, August 3		Saturday, August 4	
10 am-6:30 pm	Youth NABC. (Atrium Level, A707)	10 am-6:30 pm	Youth NABC. (Atrium Level, A707)
10 am-Noon	Social Bridge Room. (Marquis Level, M101)	5:30-7:30 pm	Youth NABC Closing Reception. (Atrium Level, A707)
		TBA	Peter Pender Memorial Vugraph. (Room TBA)

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Talks will be held in the International Hall on the International Level.

Friday, August 3		Saturday, August 4	
9:15 a.m.	Lisa Berkowitz <i>Playing to Trick One</i>	9:15 a.m.	Kevin Wilson <i>Fitting Honors</i>
6:45 p.m.	Mike Flader <i>Ruling the Game</i>		

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment from Saturday, July 28, through Friday, Aug. 3, will begin immediately following the evening session. The performers are happy to take song requests.

Friday, Aug. 3	
The Dixieland Troubadours is a fun band you won't want to miss with their unique approach to modern folk, country and bluegrass music. Banjo player Kyle Jarrard was named the Georgia State Banjo Champion in 2011.	

HOSPITALITY

Friday, August 3		Saturday, August 4	
10:30 p.m.	Marquis Level Mini BLT sandwiches	10:30 p.m.	Marquis Level Mini pecan pies, mini sweet potato pies

Entries

A valid ACBL player number is required to play in all events at the NABC.

All North American championships with no upper masterpoint limit \$25 per player per session (For team events, this means \$100 per team per session for four-person teams, \$125 per team per session for five-person teams, and \$150 per team per session for six-person teams. Only ACBL members current on their dues and service fees are eligible to play in NABC+ events. \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.)

Other North American championships.....\$17 per player per session

(For the team events, this means \$68 per team per session for teams of four, \$85 per team per session for teams of five, and \$102 per team per session for teams of six. Only ACBL members current on their dues and service fees are eligible to play in these events.)

Regional championships.....\$16 for ACBL members, \$20 for inactive members per player per session

(For multi-session team events of three sessions or more, the entry fee is \$64, \$80 or \$96 for teams of four, five or six, respectively. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is \$64.)

All other events.....\$15 for ACBL members, \$19 for inactive members per player per session

New LM Alert!

If you make Life Master at this tournament, please share! We'd love to take your picture and publish your achievement in the Daily Bulletin. The Daily Bulletin office is located in Room 508 on the Lobby Level. Whatever your rank advancement, please stop by and tell us the good news.

Desk Hours

NABC Welcome Desk	8:30–10 a.m. 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. 2:30–3 p.m. 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Partnership Desk	8:30–10 a.m. 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Prize Desk	8:30–10 a.m. Noon–1 p.m. 2:30–3 p.m. 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Information Desk	8:30–10 a.m. Noon–1 p.m. 2–3 p.m. 6:30–7:30 p.m.
I/N Registration and Partnership Desk	8:30–10 a.m. 2–3 p.m. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Appealing a ruling

Players in NABC+ events who want to appeal a director's ruling initiate the process by speaking with the director who delivered the original ruling. The table director will fill out paperwork regarding the appeal, and the appellants will explain what they believe to be wrong with the initial ruling. From there, the case may be handled by a variety of means. When the appeals reviewer receives the case, the circumstances of that particular case will determine whether the case can be resolved by the original staff (in the case of misapplication of Law or regulation, for instance), a panel of directors, or even a committee-type hearing which could include bridge experts.

Lost and Found

Lost and found is located at the Tournament Information Desk located on the Marquis Level. If you find something that appears to have lost its owner, or you're an owner in search of something you lost, here's the place to go. Informaton hours through Saturday are:

- 8:30–10 a.m.
- Noon–1p.m.
- 2–3 p.m.
- 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Rubber bridge room

Enjoy a round of rubber bridge. Featuring continuous bridge play from 10 a.m. to Noon. Monday through Friday, the rubber bridge room is M101 on the Marquis Level. Entry is free. Some of the best players in the world will sit in and play a few hands. Here's your chance to play a hand or two with a bridge luminary.

Bridge Bucks and Check Cashing

Bridge Bucks and check-cashing services will be available each day at the following times and locations:

- 9:30-10 a.m. on the Marquis Level (near the escalator to the International Level)
- Noon to 1 p.m. on the Atrium Level

Players may use VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express to purchase Bridge Bucks. There is a \$500 limit on check cashing.



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

Counting your tricks. The avoidance play.
Which finesse? Defensive discarding.

Dlr: South

Vul: None

♠ A Q 8 6 4

♥ Q 5 4 3 2

♦ 5

♣ 8 7

♠ 7 3 2

♥ K J 8

♦ 7 4

♣ A J 6 5 2

♠ 10 5

♥ 10 9 7

♦ J 10 9 8 6

♣ Q 10 9

♠ K J 9

♥ A 6

♦ A K Q 3 2

♣ K 4 3

West

North

East

South

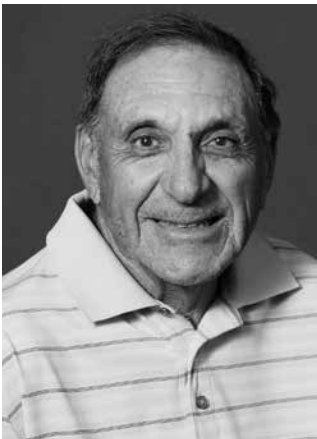
Pass

3NT

All Pass

2NT

Opening lead: ♠6



Lead commentary:
As West, a strong lead against notrump is low from A-Q-x-x-x-(x). If partner has the jack or can get in and lead through declarer’s probable king, you have a good chance of taking a bundle of tricks. The returns are not nearly as great when leading low from A-Q-x-x.

Defensive commentary: As West, when the ♠10 at trick loses to the jack, South is marked with the ♠K J 9. Partner’s ♠10 denies both the 9 and the king.
Play commentary: As South, you have eight top tricks and the idea is to set up a ninth without allowing East, the danger hand, in to push a spade through your vulnerable ♠K 9. You should know that West has the A-Q from East’s third-hand play

of the 10. It must be right to start with the ♦A and ♦K. No luck there when West discards a heart on the second diamond. You remain with a choice of two queen finesses for your ninth trick. When you have a choice of two queen finesses, play the ace and then the king of the longer suit (clubs in this case). If the queen doesn’t drop, take a finesse in the shorter suit, hearts. If you do that, you survive this diabolical layout.
Defensive commentary #2: As East, when declarer leads a high diamond, play the ♦J, conventionally showing partner a sequence headed by the jack. As West, when discarding on the second diamond, discard from length (hearts), not shortness (clubs). If you discard from a doubleton and then show out on the second round of the suit, declarer knows partner’s exact holding in that suit. It’s called giving away the show – and drives partners crazy!

Mr. 3400

If you like dramatic scores, you should ask to play with Stephen Cooper of Belle Mead NJ. Cooper is playing at the NABC in Atlanta, and he’s already encountered an unusual score twice: 3400. Once it was minus 3400, but the next it was plus.
“I was playing in the Truscott Senior Swiss Teams, and our teammates brought back a minus 3400 score on one deal for 1NT redoubled and vulnerable, down six. I had never seen a penalty that big before ... until the very next day when I was playing in the Wernher Open Pairs. The opponents played 4♠ redoubled and vulnerable – the 4♠ cuebidder redoubled to wake his partner up; it didn’t work – and they finished down six.”

Player Memos

Player memos allow participants to file incident reports alleging inappropriate behavior by other contestants. Two player memo stations have been set up outside the playing areas on the Marquis Level and the Atrium Level for your convenience. Players are encouraged to file Player Memos when appropriate.

Membership Required

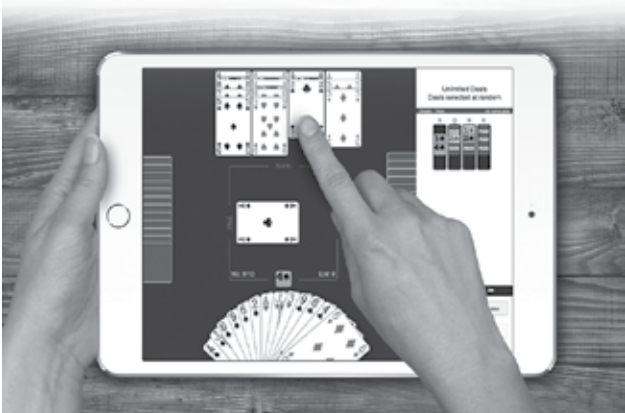
A valid ACBL player number is required to play in all events at the NABC. Along with one-year and three-year memberships, 30-day trial memberships are available to new members for \$7.99. Temporary and regular memberships can be purchased from Tournament Operations on the Lobby Level or the Check-Cashing Desk.

Vendors

For all your bridge-supply needs – whether it’s books, clothing, jewelry or games – check out the vendors on the Marquis Level.
Bridge in a Box raffle: The Bridge in a Box vendor is holding a raffle each day of the NABC for a free copy of their new product “Bridge in a Box.”

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At the Atlanta NABC, Eston McDow (age 9) of Atlanta and grandfather Thomas McDow of Rock Hill SC (right) played in a Swiss team event with former ACBL Presidents Roger Smith and Phyllis Harlan (not pictured) on Tuesday evening. Smith and Harlan invited Eston to play in the team game after playing against him in an earlier event.

Vienna treat

By Bryan Delfs

In the Spingold round of 32 match between Hyatt npc and the Indonesian Super Mixed Team, Samampouw and Andhari of the Indonesian squad each made key decisions on this board. Samampouw kept pushing in the auction to get their side to 6♦.

Dlr: East	♠ K 9 8 2		
Vul: Both	♥ 9 7 6 5		
Bd: 10	♦ 7 2		
	♣ K 10 3		
♠ A Q 7		♠ 10 6 3	
♥ K Q 4		♥ 2	
♦ 8 6 5 3		♦ A K Q J 10 9 4	
♣ A 9 7		♣ Q 2	
	♠ J 5 4		
	♥ A J 10 8 3		
	♦ —		
	♣ J 8 6 5 4		
West	North	East	South
<i>Samampouw</i>	<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Andhari</i>	<i>Whibley</i>
		1♦	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Either black-suit lead would defeat the contract, but with the raise from partner, the ♥A was a reasonable start for the defense. After continuing hearts, declarer pitched a spade and started to think long and hard about the contract. The options are a spade finesse against South, or a black-suit squeeze against either opponent.

Andhari played three rounds of trump, leaving the fourth in dummy for transportation. She then made the key play: a club to the ace, a Vienna Coup. She next cashed the ♥Q, pitching another spade. When she then played on diamonds, the squeeze on North was complete. North can come down to the stiff king in both black suits, leaving declarer the losing spade finesse as an option. However, in practice, North pitched the ♣K, hoping partner had the ♣Q.

After cashing the ♥A, the defense can still beat the contract. They must switch to a spade to break up the late entry to dummy. A club shift won’t work because declarer must do that herself anyway to setup the squeeze.

This board was a valiant effort for the Indonesian team, but not quite enough to advance to the next round.

Vugraph operators needed

Assignment Spingold: Vugraph operators are needed Friday, August 3. Email Jan Martel at marteljan@gmail.com.

FREEMAN MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

28 Tables / Based on 60 Tables			
110.00	1	Douglas Doub, West Hartford CT; Yiji Starr, Wayland MA; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Rose Yan, Beijing People’s Republic of China	38.16
82.50	2	May Sakr, Ardmore PA; Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis - Vasileios Vroustis, Athens Greece; Giorgia Botta, Woodside NY	38.07
61.88	3	Mike Passell - Nancy Passell, Plano TX; Linda Lewis - Paul Lewis, Las Vegas NV	36.73
48.89	4	Rose Meltzer, Chapel Hill NC; Meike Wortel, Amsterdam ; Bauke Muller, Hoom ; Justyna Zmuda, Skwaina Poland; Simon De Wijs, Doorn ; Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hgts IL	33.73
44.00	5	Alan Schwartz - Annie Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Lyle Poe Jr, Ellicott City MD; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD	30.60
40.00	6	William Pollack - Rozanne Pollack, New York NY; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Cheri Bjerkman, Elmhurst IL	30.53
36.67	7	JoAnna Stansby - Lew Stansby, Dublin CA; Beth Palmer, Chevy Chase MD; William Cole, Silver Spring MD	30.17
32.64	8/9	Joe Quinn - Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land TX; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN; Petra Hamman, Carrollton TX	29.93
32.64	8/9	Peggy Haigler, Raleigh NC; Peter J Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; Pamela Granovetter - Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Sylvia Shi, Las Vegas NV	29.93
29.33	10	Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC; Cristal Nell - John Schermer, Seattle WA	29.43
27.50	11	Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Christal Henner - Uday Ivatury, New York NY; Bronia Jenkins, Vero Beach FL	29.33
25.88	12	Anne Brenner - David Caprera, Denver CO; Joseph Silver, Hampstead QC; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL; Markland Jones, Phoenix AZ	28.87
24.44	13	Lindsey Weinger, Delray Beach FL; Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC; Andrew Russell, St Catharines ON	28.14
22.04	14/16	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Victor King, Hartford CT; Les Bart - Gloria Bart, Bradenton FL	27.73
22.04	14/16	Rahn Smith, Brandon FL; Sharon Horton, Lakeland FL; Gen Geiger - Terry McHenry, Sarasota FL	27.73
22.04	14/16	Carol Frank, Burbank CA; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL; Richard Gabriel - Ellen Gabriel, Naples FL; Mary Lee, Macungie PA	27.73
19.57	17/18	Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Bch FL; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Jovanka Smederevac, Vienna Austria; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA	27.67
19.57	17/18	Leonardo Fruscoloni - Margie Cole, New York NY; Stefan Skorchev, Sofia, Bulgaria; Maureen Rives, Saddle River NJ	27.67
18.33	19	Jan Assini - Frank Cymerman, Pittsburgh PA; Marc Nathan - Cathy Nathan, New York NY	27.10
17.60	20	Karen Lee Barrett - G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Christina Madsen, Hellerup Denmark; Sarje Pontoh, ; Thomas Maccormac, Dublin Ireland; David Koble, Bartlesville OK	26.70
16.92	21	Kimberly Music, Lewis Center OH; Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury MA; Max Schireson, Stanford CA; Debbie Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA	25.59

THURSDAY MORNING 49ER PAIRS

6.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
1.87	1			Roberta Martinez, Garza Garcia Mexico; Monica Gutierrez, San Pedro Gza G Mexico 63.29%
1.40	2			Barry Zehnacker - Iris Zehnacker, Kendall Park NJ 60.96%
1.05	3			Diane Landis - Kim Koletic, Tampa FL 58.96%
1.49	4	1	1	Joseph Stein - Patricia Stein, Duluth GA 56.12%
1.12		2	2	Sharon Lowry, Roswell GA; Cathy Jones, Dunwoody GA 54.96%
0.84		3		R Yarrington, Lilburn GA; Carl Palmer, Atlanta GA 50.08%

THURSDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

13.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
3.45	1	1	1	Melissa Bernhardt - Christina Black, Atlanta GA	60.80%
2.59	2	2	2	Melissa Longosz, Atlanta GA; Karen Riddell, Brookhaven GA	59.28%
1.94	3	3	3	Joseph Johnson - Diane Johnson, Santa Barbara CA	58.33%
1.46	4	4		Susan Wright, Daniel Island SC; Ellen Dudash, Mount Pleasant SC	57.58%
1.09	5	5	4	Carol Doyle - Caroleta Garrett, Atlanta GA	55.68%
0.82	6	6		Vicky Renzulli, Dana Point CA; Jenise Young, Dallas TX	54.73%
0.76			5	Elizabeth Cooke, Winchester MA; Connie Travers, Tucson AZ	52.84%

THURSDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

17.5 Tables					
	A	B	C		
6.07	1	1	1	Michael Swift, Lansing MI; Nicholas Adamski, Goleta CA	64.70%
4.55	2	2		Dennis Glazer, Bronxville NY; Gail Cannold, Rye NY	60.53%
3.41	3	3		Lynn Turner, Chicago IL; Carol Linch, Highland Park IL	57.81%
2.56	4	4		Paul Holmes, Wadsworth OH; Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD	57.42%
2.29	5	5		John Steffan, Frisco CO; Mel Volmert, Springfield MO	57.29%
2.24	6	6	2	Fran Tewkesbury, Greensboro NC; Martha Meyer, Winston Salem NC	56.83%
1.14	7			Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Winston Huang, Los Altos CA	56.37%
1.68			3	Alma VanHull, Kingston TN; Janelle Hair, Ten Mile TN	54.63%
1.26			4	Cris Shanks, Glen Allen VA; E J Stapler, Watkinsville GA	54.17%
0.94			5	Kathryn Papermaster, Horseshoe Bay TX; Vera Baum, Los Altos CA	49.77%

THURSDAY DAY BRACKETED B TEAMS 1

8 Tables			
11.21	1	John Simms - Cathy Simms, Woodstock GA; Nancy Smith - Michael Riley, Marietta GA	97.00
8.41	2	Douglas Thompson - Karen Barrett, Norwalk CT; Joan Bergen - Meredith Dunne, Rowayton CT	83.00
5.52	3/4	Lee Wilcox, Black Mountain NC; Howard Berkowitz, Biltmore Lake NC; Bert Hall, Fletcher NC; Lloyd Weinerman, Asheville NC	75.00
5.52	3/4	Frederick Nislow - Judith Nislow, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Rick Blume - Eylene Blume, Wellington FL	75.00

WERNHER OPEN PAIRS

72.0 Tables / Based on 142 Tables			
125.00	1	Juan Carlos Ventin, Barcelona, Spain; Joaquin Pacareu, Santiago, Chile	2481.92
93.75	2	Rick Binder, Waltham MA; Alan Watson, Lexington MA	2377.95
70.31	3	Paul Munafo, Huntsville AL; Richard Oshlag, Memphis TN	2316.90
55.56	4	Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA	2315.72
50.00	5	Jurek Czyzowicz, Gatineau QC; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	2286.72
45.45	6	Barry Rigal, New York NY; Glenn Milgrim, Ransomville NY	2271.40
41.67	7	Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL; Jeff Edelstein, Tampa FL	2258.15
38.46	8	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA	2232.60
35.71	9	Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Columbia Hgts MN; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	2199.92
33.33	10	Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Cameron Doner, Surrey BC	2192.69
31.25	11	Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA	2189.39
29.41	12	Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA; Bob Feller, Guilderland NY	2187.17
27.78	13	Bo Liu, Irvine CA; Weidong Pei, Brea CA	2177.91
26.32	14	John Laufer, Toronto ON; Bo Han Zhu, Oakville ON	2158.33
25.00	15	Spike Lay, Daytona Beach FL; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC	2156.53
23.81	16	Anam Tebha, Charlotte NC; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX	2156.20
22.73	17	Jim Russell - Edward Spear, Sarasota FL	2147.24
21.74	18	Jeff Hand, New York NY; Barry Bragin, Pawley NY	2135.50
20.83	19	Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA	2131.45
20.80	20	Rhoda Prager, Allentown PA; Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY	2120.97
19.23	21	Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC; Samuel Marks, Atlanta GA	2099.62
18.52	22	Tarokh Taefi, Atlanta GA; Weichang Zhang,	2096.03
17.86	23	Joe Houde, Vista CA; Andrew Loh, Solana Beach CA	2093.25
17.24	24	Randi Adelman, Teaneck NJ; Ryan Connors, Alexandria VA	2090.71
16.67	25	Eric Sieg, Seattle WA; Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR	2088.57
16.13	26	Jeffrey Rothstein, New York NY; Russell Samuel, Coram NY	2088.28
15.63	27	Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA; Jim O'Neil, Cupertino CA	2085.61
15.15	28	Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI; Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI	2067.89
14.71	29	Josh Sher, Coral Gables FL; Daniel Neill, Hillsboro OR	2067.23
14.29	30	Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL	2066.29
13.89	31	Emory Whitaker, Macon GA; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA	2065.12
15.65	32	Tobi Sokolow - Claudette Hartman, Austin TX	2049.85
13.60	33	Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV	2048.08
12.82	34	John Bishel - Tom Bishel, Columbus OH	2046.44
12.50	35	Bill Irvine, Quincy MA; Ronald Mak, Manchester NH	2043.71
12.20	36	Herbert Jordan, Miami FL; Erez Hendelman, New York NY	2036.25
11.90	37	Ginny Schuett, Riverwoods IL; Chris Benson, Leroy IL	2033.08
11.63	38	Peter Trenka - Magnus Olafsson, New York NY	2025.76
14.06	39	Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; John Jones, Santa Fe Spgs CA	2024.44
15.09	40	Iulian Rotaru, New York NY; Lynda Nitabach, N Plainfield NJ	2019.43
14.99	41	Ira Hessel - Ellen Hessel, San Antonio TX	2018.86
14.54	42	Bulent Kayta, Istanbul Turkey; Gokhan Yilmaz, Uskudar/Instanb Turkey	2011.68
10.42	43	Brooks McNeely, Knoxville TN; Mark Jones, Birmingham AL	2011.60
10.20	44	Stephen Nellissen, Washington Twp NJ; Bob Gwirtzman, Brooklyn NY	2010.00
10.00	45	Hjordis Eythorsdottir - Scott Levine, New York NY	2009.61
9.80	46	Antonio Palma, Portugal; Sam Bahbout	2004.50
11.54	47	Roger Bates, Las Vegas NV; Dennis Kastle, Bloomfield MI	2003.98
9.43	48	Jerry Poliquin, Gurnee IL; Larry Cohen, Elmhurst IL	1998.38
9.26	49	Tom Carmichael, Mill Creek WA; Ari Greenberg, San Francisco CA	1980.03
11.98	50	Richard Chan, Markham ON; Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX	1973.24

THURSDAY DAY BRACKETED B TEAMS 2

8 Tables			
9.83	1	Paul Sitz, Ramsey MN; Kevin Dunn, Centennial CO; Phillip Yorston, Abiquiu NM; Roderic Kerr, Palm City FL	93.00
6.45	2/3	Jane Melby - Merrie Edelston, Atlanta GA; Carol Armstrong, Mount Holly NC; June Beers, Newnan GA	78.00
6.45	2/3	Janine Buss, Port Washington NY; Risa Grossman, Roslyn NY; Susan Calabro, New York NY; Laurie Berlin, Lido Beach NY	78.00

THURSDAY DAY BRACKETED B TEAMS 3

8 Tables			
8.97	1	Barbara Goldman - Helen Browdy - Virginia Saul - Barbara Fleming, Atlanta GA	88.00
6.73	2	Joel Adler - Carolyn Potts, Atlanta GA; Alan Brams, Canton GA; Gail Westburg, Conyers GA	76.00
5.05	3	Kevin Loughlin - Catherine Loughlin, Kingston ON; Lucy Morini, Warren VT; Fred Brown, San Jose CA	72.00

2ND THURSDAY EVENING SWISS TEAMS

21 Tables					
	A	B	C		
5.79	1/2	1/2	1	Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL; Luke Williams, San Diego CA; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON; Alben-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON	59.00
5.79	1/2	1/2		Farley Mawyer, Port Chester NY; Joseph Dibenedetto, Hartsdale NY; Neal Rechtman, Briarcliff NY; Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK	59.00
3.26	3/4			Missy Coy - Bob Jones, Marietta GA; Varghese George, Martinez GA; James Gentry Jr, North Augusta SC	53.00
3.26	3/4	3		Cecil Henry, Brethren MI; Susan Woodrow, Waterford MI; Nathan Banker, Flat Rock MI; Neil Manley Jr, Northville MI	53.00
1.83	5/6			Sellers McKee, Jupiter FL; Peter Jargowsky, Boca Raton FL; Molly O'Neill - Michael Wolf, Fort Lauderdale FL	52.00
2.36	5/6	4		William Connellan, Gainesville FL; Joyce McMonagle, Cordova TN; Dan Storch, Memphis TN; James Bloedorn, La Crosse WI	52.00
1.93		5/6	2/3	Jill Crocker, Hollywood SC; Kate Oates Dargan - Betty Camp - Martha Blackman, Spartanburg SC	46.00
1.93		5/6	2/3	Susan Jones - Tracy Nolan, Naples FL; Cynthia Polayes - Carolyn Turek, Chicago IL	46.00
1.24			4	Russ Leavitt - Per Berg - Carl Marco - Eric Berenblit, Palm Coast FL	41.00

Spingold

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Verhees.

No. 7 Aubrey Strul is also on the sidelines after losing to Andrew Rosenthal’s No. 10 seed 171-82. Rosenthal’s lineup: Aaron Silverstein, Migry Zur Campanile, Chris Willenken, David Berkowitz and Eldad Ginossar.

In the No. 8 vs. No. 9 battle, Jimmy Cayne ceded the higher seed position to Piotr Gawrys, 2014-103. Gawrys is playing with Michal Klukowski, Pierre Zimmermann, Franck Multon, Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness.

Hemant Lall (No. 12) ousted the Adam Wildavsky (No. 5; original No. 28) 138-115.

The top-seeded John Diamond team defeated Sonsini npc 149-78 after trailing at the half.

No. 6 Vinita Gupta had few problems ending the run of Phyllis Fireman (No. 11; original No. 43)

Mixed BAM

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Wayland MA, won the Women’s Pairs in 2015; Gu has one previous win.

Playing with Sakr were Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis from Athens, Greece, Giorgia Botta from Woodside NY and Vasileios Vroustis from Athens.



They finished second in the Freeman Mixed BAM: Giorgia Botta, Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis, May Sakr and Vasileios Vroustis

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WEDNESDAY ZIP KNOCKOUTS
14 Tables
4.48 1 Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Samuel Amer, Long Island NY; Finn Kolesnik, Ventura CA; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA
3.14 2 Christian Jolly, Henderson KY; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Adam Kaplan, Stanford CA; Brent Xiao, Fremont CA
1.79 3/4 David Venetianer, Chadds Ford PA; Richard Franklin, New Canaan CT; Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; Paul Holmes, Wadsworth OH
1.79 3/4 Samuel Kuang, Elmhurst NY; Lewis Gamerman, Randolph MA; Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA; Marley Cedrone, Framingham MA

THURSDAY-SATURDAY MORNING KNOCKOUT BRACKET 1
5 Tables
Dian Petrov - Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; Evan Markowitz, New York NY; Tadashi Yoshida, Tokyo Japan
vs
Yukiko Tokunaga, Japan; Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo Japan; Ken Gee, Regina SK; Alfred Lee, San Mateo CA; Edward White, Grand Blanc MI
vs
Ashley Szymiski, Aurora IL; Gerald Szymiski, Westmont IL; Richard Gross, Owens Cross Rds AL; Arda Kabaca, London ON

THURSDAY-SATURDAY MORNING KNOCKOUT BRACKET 2
5 Tables
Anna Smith - Fran Hultquist, Auburn AL; Mary Peters, Tallassee AL; Rachel Spoon, Montgomery AL
vs
Dan Griggs, Big Canoe GA; John Rains, III, Tampa FL; Fred Tanzer, Land O Lakes FL; Chris Nicholson, Augusta GA
vs
Bill Malin - Sue Malin, Greensboro GA; Robert Shippy - Sandra Shippy, Statham GA



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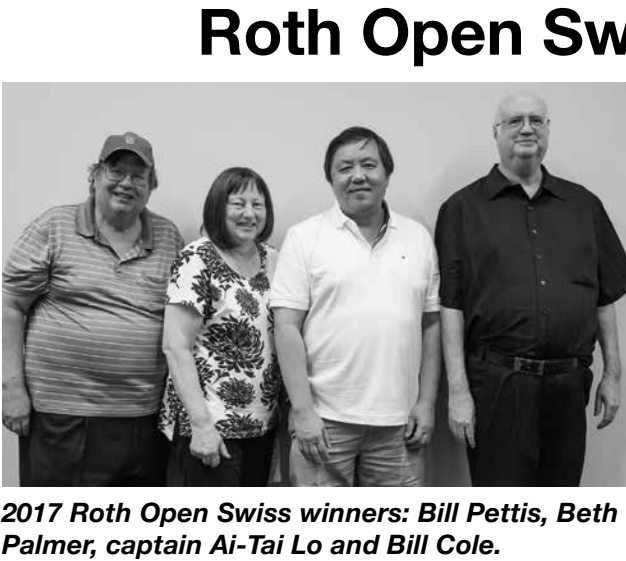
This event is open to any eligible college student. Scholarships for 1st through 3rd place provided by the ACBL Educational Foundation.

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Session 1 of 3
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Sessions 2 and 3 of 3

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2017 Roth Open Swiss winners: Bill Pettis, Beth Palmer, captain Ai-Tai Lo and Bill Cole.

The six-session Open Swiss Teams, named in honor of ACBL Hall of Famer Al Roth, begins with today’s two-session qualifier. The nationally rated event was first held in 2005.

Al Roth (1914–2007) is generally considered the premier bidding theorist of his bridge generation, perhaps of all time. He and longtime partner Tobias Stone are credited with developing the negative double, the unusual notrump, 1NT forcing and weak two-bid.

An ACBL Grand Life Master with more than 12,000 masterpoints, Roth won 26 national titles, including the Spingold five times, the Vanderbilt three times and the Reisinger twice.

He represented North America in the Bermuda Bowl in 1955, 1958 and 1967. A WBF Life Master, he placed second in the World Team Olympiad in 1968.

During his first world championship appearance, Roth was declaring a 2♠ contract and felt he played the hand before – but as a defender. The director, Al Sobel, did not believe him because the hands had been dealt at the table. Sobel made Roth call out all the cards in each hand – including the spots – before he threw out the board. No one ever discovered how this happened.

Roth retired from active bridge competition in the ’70s but remained active as a staff member of *Bridge Today* and on panels of *The Bridge World*, *Bridge Today* and *Australian Bridge*.

He was the author of “The Roth-Stone System,” “Al Roth on Bridge” and “Picture Bidding” and co-author of “Bridge Is a Partnership Game,” “Modern Bridge Complete” and “Bridge for Beginners.”

A longtime resident of New York, where he owned and managed the Mayfair Club, Roth retired to Boca Raton FL.

- Previous winners and runners-up:**
- 2005** 1. Christal Henner-Welland, Michael Kamil, Claudio Nunes, Fulvio Fantoni, Frederik Nystrom, Peter Bertheau; 2. Matin Harris, Jacob Morgan, Steve Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha
- 2006** 1. Christal Henner-Welland, Roy Welland, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski, Antonio Sementa, Bjorn Fallenius; 2. Nader Hanna, Nagy Kamel, Greg Hinze, Ira Hessel, Ellen Hessel (npc)
- 2007** 1. Lou Ann O’Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco; 2. George Klemic, Drew Becker, Jason Rosenfeld, Angeliki Magklara

- 2008** 1. Philip Gordon, Josh Donn, Jason Feldman, Terje Aa, Joergen Molberg; 2. George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein, Walid Elahmady, Tarek Sadek
- 2009** 1. Robert Hampton, Gavin Wolpert, Joel Wooldridge, John Hurd, Krzysztof Buras, Grzegorz Narkiewicz; 2. Lou Ann O’Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Eddie Wold, Roger Bates, Antonio Sementa, Giorgio Duboin
- 2010** 1. Steve Weinstein, Lew Stansby, Chip Martel, Bobby Levin, Martin Fleisher and Mike Kamil; 2. Alon Apteker, Craig Gower, Phillipe Cronier, Jacob Morgan, Adam Wildavsky and Michael Polowan
- 2011** 1. Mark Gordon, Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Alan Sontag, Terje Aa, David Berkowitz, Jorgen Molberg, Allan Cokin (coach); 2. Aaron Silverstein, Chris Willenken, Andrew Rosenthal, Michael Rosenberg, Bjorn Fallenius, Peter Fredin
- 2012** 1. Geoff Hampson, John Diamond, Fred Gitelman, Eric Greco, Brad Moss; 2. Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Andrew Gromov, Aleksander Dubinin, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski
- 2013** 1. Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki, Bart Bramley, Lew Stansby; 2. Martin Fleisher, Michael Kamil, Zia Mahmood, Chip Martel, Michael Rosenberg, Chris Willenken
- 2014** 1. Paul Fireman, John Kranyak, Vince Demuy, Gavin Wolpert, John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge; 2. Tom Breed, Darren Wolpert, Jeff Roman, Daniel Korbel, Chris Compton, David Grainger
- 2015** 1. Brian Platnick, John Diamond, Kevin Bathurst, Justin Lall, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco; 2. Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin
- 2016** 1. John Onstott, Drew Casen, Mike Passell, Chris Compton, Joshua Donn; 2. Stan Tulin, Kevin Dwyer, Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki, Alon Birman, Dror Padon
- 2017** 1. Ai-Tai Lo, William Cole, Beth Palmer, William Pettis; 2. Mike Levine, Eddie Wold, David Grainger, Greg Hinze, Mike Passell, Chris Compton

Electronic device policy

The electronic device policy at NABCs allows players to bring electronic devices such as cell phones into the playing area provided that such devices are turned off. Further, any such equipment must not be visible during the session.

A violation of the policy will result in an automatic disciplinary penalty of one full board (or 12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event



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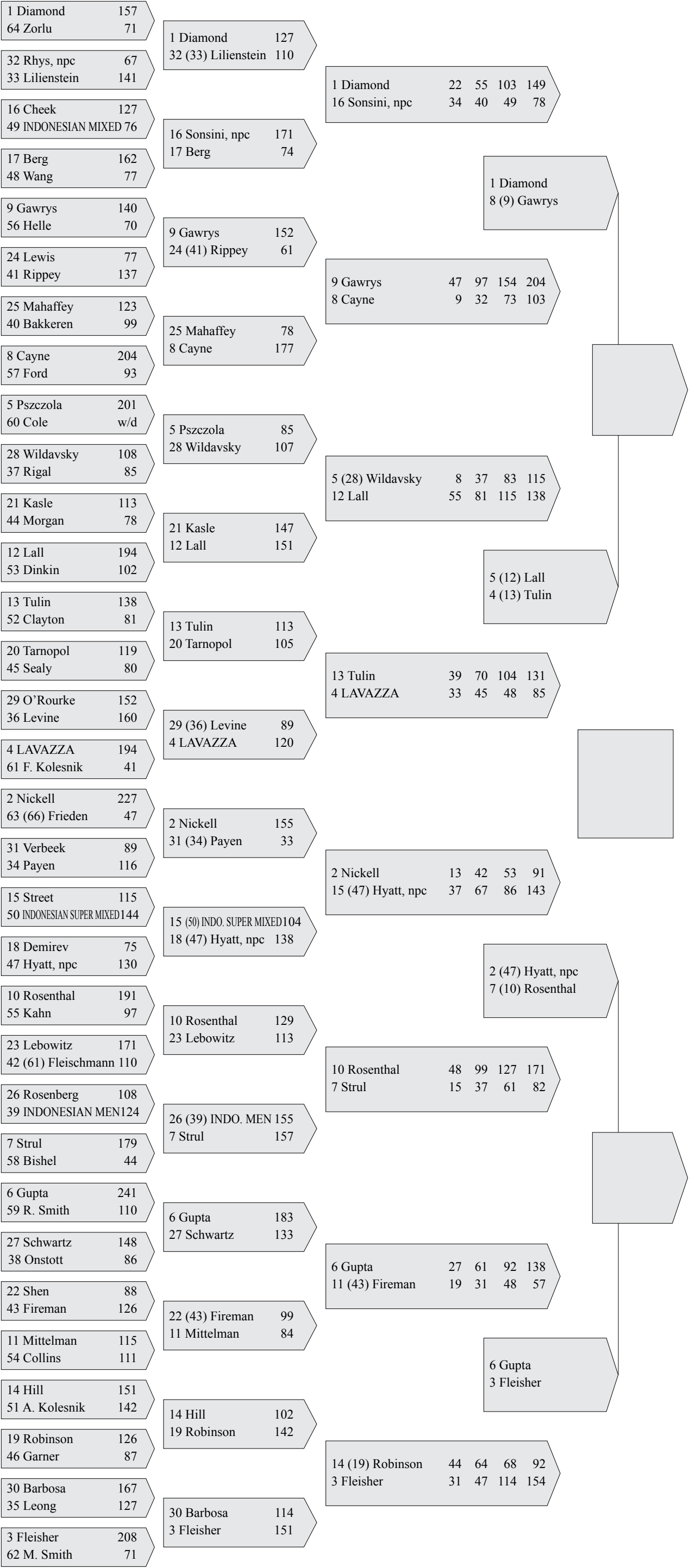
Some people have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes or perfumes). Many ACBL clubs, units and districts have adopted policies that prohibit players from wearing fragrances. The ACBL has not issued an official policy on the matter, preferring instead to appeal to the goodwill of its members 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 serious consideration. If you’re going to play in a club or a tournament, please don’t wear cologne, perfume or scented lotions.



Spingold Teams – Today’s Pairings



78 Tables
John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Fred Gitelman - Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Espen Lindqvist, Arendal, Norway
vs
Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland; Michal Klukowski, Poland; Pierre Zimmermann - Franck Multon - Geir Helgemo, Monaco; Tor Helness, Monaco
vs
Martin Fleisher - Joe Grue, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Eric Greco, Beverly Hills CA
vs
Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Jan Jansma, Spijkenisse ; Fredrik Nystrom - Johan Upmark, Stockholm Sweden
vs
Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein - Migry Zur Campanile - Chris Willenken, New York NY; David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Eldad Ginossar, Chicago IL
vs
Hansa Narasimhan, Mountain View CA; Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Sumit Mukherjee, Kolkata, India; Debabrata Majumder, Kolkata, India
vs
Hemant Lall, Dallas TX; Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Roy Welland, New York NY; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Yinghao Liu, Redmond WA; Lin Lin Hu, Beijing People’s Republic of China
vs
Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Netherlands ; Alon Birman - Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; David Bakhshi, London, England; Louk Verhees Jr, Netherlands
vs
50.00 9/16 Nick Nickell, New York NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Bch FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Steve Weinstein, Montclair NJ
50.00 9/16 Alejandro Bianchedi - Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Dennis Bilde, Aarhus C Denmark; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma PR Italy
50.00 9/16 Aubrey Strul - Richard Coren, Boca Raton FL; Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt
50.00 9/16 James Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Lorenzo Lauria - Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Mustafa Cem Tokay, Roma 00197 Italy; Giovanni Donati, Italy
50.00 9/16 Curtis Cheek - Huub Bertens, Las Vegas NV; Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA
50.00 9/16 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Ross Grabel, Palm Desert CA; Mark Feldman, Austin TX
50.00 9/16 Adam Wildavsky - Jeffrey Juster, New York NY; Howard Weinstein, Rancho Mirage CA; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Bartlomiej Igla, Kusnacht 8700 Switzerland; Fernando Piedra, Zurich Switzerland
50.00 9/16 Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Ola Rimstedt - Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Sweden
25.00 17/32 Jacek Pszczola - Josef Blass, Chapel Hill NC; Jacek Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland; Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam ; Bas Drijver, Capelle Aan Den
25.00 17/32 George Mittelman, Thornhill ON; Ken Bercuson, Las Vegas NV; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Poland; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba, Israel; Tom Hanlon, Dublin, Ireland; Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON
25.00 17/32 Joyce Hill, Saint Augustine FL; Kevin Dwyer - Shan Huang, Melbourne FL; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Justin Lall, Charlotte NC
25.00 17/32 Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo 05-12 Poland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland
25.00 17/32 Lynne Tarnopol - John Hurd, New York NY; Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gdns FL; John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Joel Wooldridge, Astoria NY
25.00 17/32 Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Massimiliano Di Franco, Italy; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Hua Poon - Choon Chou Loo, Singapore Singapore
25.00 17/32 Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Michael Kamil, Oro Valley AZ; Liam Milne, Sidney Australia; Tor Eivind Grude, Trondheim Norway; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden
25.00 17/32 Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Sam Lev, New York NY; Gary Cohler, Delray Beach FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Joris van Lankveld, Amsterdam, Netherlands ; Berend Van Den Bos, Netherlands
25.00 17/32 Richard Schwartz, Lords Valley PA; David Gold, London, England; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar, Sweden; Jerry Stamatov - Diyan Danailov, Sofia, Bulgaria
25.00 17/32 Roberto Barbosa, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Adriano Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro Brazil; Diego Brenner, L’Eixample Barc Spain; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador 40170- Brazil
25.00 17/32 Jared Lilienstein - Michael Polowan, New York NY; Fu Zhong - Jie Li, Beijing People’s Republic of China; Alexander Hydes, Zagreb Croatia; Thomas Paske, Hereford Hrl 3E England
25.00 17/32 Bernard Payen, France France; Philippe Soulet - Michel Lebel, France; Erick Mauberquez, Paris France; Christophe Oursel, 27620 Gasny Cli France
25.00 17/32 Mike Levine, Pinckney MI; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Adam Grossack - Zachary Grossack, Newton MA
25.00 17/32 Henky Lasut, ; Freddy Eddy Manoppo, Manado Indonesi Indonesia; Agus Kustrijanto, Gansl Jakarta Indonesia; Sia Santoso, Gabsl Jakarta Indonesia; Ronny Eltanto, Batu Sawa Timur Indonesia; Youberth Sumatauw, Mawado North Ce Indonesia
25.00 17/32 Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Benito Garozzo, Wilmington DE; Woaciecz Strzemecki, Poland; Kamil Nowak, Kielce 25-63 Poland; Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy; Gandogua Alessandro, Rome Italy
25.00 17/32 Bert Toar Polii - Michael Hartono, Jakarta, Indonesia; Franky Karwur, Manado Sulawesi, Indonesia; Jemmy Bojoh, Tondano Minahas, Indonesia; Conny Eufke Sumampouw, Depok, Indonesia; Rury Andhani, Semarang Tawa T, Indonesia

Spingold Round of 32: Gawrys vs. Rippey

By Andy Bowles

One of the matches from the Spingold Round of 32 was Gawrys (the No. 9 seed) vs. Rippey (originally the No. 41 seed).

Piotr Gawrys is playing with Michal Klukowski, Pierre Zimmermann, Franck Multon, Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness.

Mike Rippey’s lineup includes Benito Garozzo, Woaciecz Strzemecki, Kamil Nowak, Leonardo Cima and Gandogua Alessandro.

Following are some deals from the second quarter of the match. What would you do with:
♠A 9 8 3 ♥A K 6 ♦K Q J 3 ♣9 8
after RHO opens 3♦, with nobody vulnerable? Piotr Gawrys passed, expecting that if partner had enough for game to make, he would probably also have a suitable hand for a double. His partner did indeed double, and the Polish pair were on target for plus 1100, but unfortunately the defense went awry and they took only 800.

At the other table, Rippey doubled 3♦, perhaps not a mainstream choice, and quickly found himself in 6♠, which was an easy make:

Dlr: West	♠ A 9 8 3		
Vul: None	♥ A K 6		
Bd: 24	♦ K Q J 3		
	♣ 9 8		
	♠ K Q J 10		
	♥ J 10 8 3		
	♦ 4		
	♣ A K Q 5		
West	North	East	South
Multon	Rippey	Zimmermann	Garozzo
3♦	Dbl	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

East led his singleton diamond, and was able to ruff away one of North’s winners, but declarer still had two more winners to throw the hearts on.

If either pair had found themselves in 6NT, perhaps after a 3NT overcall by North, the play might have been interesting. Suppose that East leads a spade. If you play a diamond to the king early, and West lets you win the king, best is to play another top diamond, throwing a spade. If West ducks that too, you can finesse hearts into the safe hand, making four spades, three hearts, two diamonds and three clubs.

Hence, West must take the second diamond. Now you have a non-simultaneous double squeeze with hearts as the pivot: cash the diamond winner (throwing a heart from South), one top heart, and then the spades, to reach:

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

Assuming that East has the four clubs, ♠A will squeeze him down to one heart. Now cash the top clubs, and West is squeezed in the red suits.

Sadly, this is another commentator’s fantasy: not only did neither pair reach 6NT, but also the hearts were Q-x onside.

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

THURSDAY DAY BRACKETED B TEAMS 4

8 Tables			
7.97	1	Lucy Hulse, Stoneham MA; Mimi Groome, New Orleans LA; Elizabeth Wood, Arlington MA; Rosemary Tator, E Hampstead NH	97.00
5.98	2	Mason Barge, Atlanta GA; Thomas Wehrman, Seneca SC; Roger Quillen - Joanna Quillen, Decatur GA	96.00
4.48	3	William Marks, Roswell GA; Gary Moye, Marietta GA; Robert Rumsey, Dunwoody GA; Douglas Roberts, Woodstock GA	75.00

THURSDAY DAY BRACKETED B TEAMS 5

8 Tables			
6.84	1	Darrow Neves - Russell King, Sun City Center FL; Karl Manderscheid - Ronald Wallace, Apollo Beach FL	118.00
5.13	2	Nancy Rosenberg, Memphis TN; Wendy LaMore - Susan Ray, Germantown TN; Lee Smart, Olive Branch MS	87.00
3.85	3	Sam Maloy - Cristina Shannon - Barbara Young, Alpharetta GA; Robert McFarland, Cumming GA	70.00

THURSDAY DAY BRACKETED B TEAMS 6

8 Tables			
6.50	1	Lisa Decarlo - Ruth Bruner, Gainesville GA; Marcia Schultz, Blairsville GA; Mary Stoll, Hiawassee GA	106.00
4.88	2	Gordon Coons - Linda Coons, Wheaton IL; Judy Harralson, Princeton KY; Susan Freund, Pound Ridge NY	74.00
3.66	3	Ann Gruidel, Boulder CO; Judith Shinn, Longmont CO; Rosemary Getsie, Niwot CO; Deborah Laut, Lafayette CO	73.00

THURSDAY DAY BRACKETED B TEAMS 7

10 Tables			
6.08	1	Joan Fittz - Kenneth Fittz - Lee Dowell Jr, Denver NC; T Ted Jarrell, Charlotte NC	105.00
4.56	2	Joseph Sackett, Winchendon MA; Joseph Sackett, Ponte Vedra Beach FL; Sharon Cupples, Fredericton NB; Margaret Dodson, Pictou NS	88.00
3.42	3	Virginia Brooks - Barbara Neustadt - Sarah Falgoust - Pam Gutt, Atlanta GA	80.00
2.30	4/5	Dianne Smith - Elizabeth Neill - Evonne Fell - Suzanne Miell, Atlanta GA	75.00
2.30	4/5	Rick Klapthor, Erie PA; Jo Ellen Drisko, Windermere FL; Norma Greely - Pat Matheny, Lexington KY	75.00

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 49ERS

8.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
2.10	1	1	1	Jeffrey Leighton, Canton GA; Janet Hayes, Marietta GA
1.58	2	2	2	Sue Carruth - Gail Timmons, Williamsburg VA
1.18	3	3		Margery Keller, Atlanta GA; Patricia Foley, Wakefield MA
0.89	4			Diane Landis - Kim Koletic, Tampa FL
0.76	5	4		Melissa Rubin - Sharon Seidler, Charleston WV
0.57		5		Xuanci Liu - Yufei Sun, Beijing People’s Republic of China

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 299ERS

9.5 Tables				
	A	B	C	
3.00	1	1		Walter Melson - Diane Melson, Eastman GA
2.25	2	2	1	Carol Doyle - Caroleta Garrett, Atlanta GA
1.69	3	3	2	Linda Gaston, Pflugerville TX; Jenny Kimball, Sandy Springs GA
1.27	4	4	3	Barbara O’Donnell, Decatur GA; Carol Mittel, Atlanta GA
0.95	5	5	4	Melissa Longosz, Atlanta GA; Karen Riddell, Brookhaven GA
0.71	6			Robert Shippy - Sandra Shippy, Statham GA

THURSDAY DAYLIGHT B/C PAIRS

19.0 Tables / Based on 59 Tables				
	B	C		
25.88	1		Frank Wharton, London, England; Douglas McCormac, North Dartmouth MA	62.25%
19.41	2	1	Anthony Toto, Clovis CA; Barbara Boswell, Cincinnati OH	61.55%
14.56	3	2	Alexander Stille, Bethesda MD; Barbara Devaney, Washington DC	58.88%
9.78	4/5		Melanie Schaengold - Neil Selvin, Naples FL	58.28%
9.78	4/5		Brad Barry, Phoenixville PA; David Amsterdam, Wayne PA	58.28%
7.39	6		Carol Stephens - Courtney Stephens, Greensboro GA	56.32%
7.97	7	3	Samuel Amer, Long Island NY; Leslie Weisbrod, New York NY	54.08%
5.97	8	4	Kunal Vohra, Alpharetta GA; S Reese Koppel, Metairie LA	53.00%
4.95	9/10	5/6	William Tyler III, Fletcher NC; Billie Ruth Bird, Decatur GA	52.94%
4.95	9/10	5/6	Laurence Mayer, Overland Park KS; Jack Mayer, Mission KS	52.94%
3.54		7	Lynn Duncan, Wenham MA; Jo Megna-Wallace, West Newbury MA	52.23%

THURSDAY DAYLIGHT A/X PAIRS

23.0 Tables / Based on 83 Tables				
	A	X		
39.51	1		Corey Krantz, Delray Beach FL; Bruce Lang, West Palm Beach FL	60.34%
29.63	2		James Melville, Springfield IL; Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	58.81%
22.22	3		Michael Schreiber, Memphis TN; Robert L McClendon, Ponte Vedra FL	58.51%
16.67	4		Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Lynne Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL	57.10%
20.74	5	1	Martin Zhao - John Dong, Richmond Hill ON	56.66%
11.29	6		Tom Kniest, Brentwood MO; Ljudmila Kamenova, South Setauket NY	56.27%
9.88	7		Sumner Steinfeldt, Washington DC; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA	55.15%
8.78	8		William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	54.26%
15.56	9	2	Carey Snider, Woodstock GA; Sara Medlin, Alpharetta GA	53.76%
7.18	10		Don Piafsky, Toronto ON; Fred Hoffer, Montreal QC	53.14%
11.67	11	3	James La Force, Rockledge FL; Julia Bomalaski, Melbourne FL	52.75%
6.08	12		Bob Etter, Elk Grove CA; Jack Waller, Dana Point CA	52.43%
8.75		4	Suzanne St Thomas, Boise ID; Scott Humphrey, Pflugerville TX	52.41%
6.91		5	Roberto Verthelyi, New York NY; Ralph Russo, Tysons Corner VA	52.38%
5.93		6	Michael Kopera, Brooklyn NY; George Berger, Delray Beach FL	52.00%
5.19		7	Adrienne Cohen, Elmhurst IL; Mike Jones, Villa Park IL	51.76%

2018 Youth NABC

Editor: Brent Manley

Denise Harlem

Austin TX resident Surbhi Chandak arrived in Atlanta with her two sons, Aaradhya, 9, and Aarav, 7. Aaradhya is playing in the tournament while his brother dreams of making his debut next year. "I just started bridge and I'm loving it," says Aarav. "You get to take tricks and there are two parts of the game: bidding and card play."

On Thursday morning, people who found themselves on the Atrium level of the Marriott might have wondered if there was a riot in progress near Room 707.

No
worries. It was

Aaradhya says he likes to play bridge because “it needs a lot of brain power, and you get to make friends and see new people. It provides a very good challenge and is hard to master.”

Tamyra Rumble is part of a 17-member contingent from Orange NJ. They traveled by bus to Atlanta along with a



Adeline Young

Barbara Clark started teaching bridge to gifted and talented students in 2003. Now bridge is taught in four elementary schools in Orange and will start next year at the high school level.

Denise Harlem, technical coordinator at the Park Avenue School in Orange, has been involved with bridge at the school for a decade, playing online and at the school's Friday club. The players, Harlem says, "are like a family, and the kids' parents are really supportive."

Another group of regulars traveled to Atlanta from Bermuda, where John Burville, a semi-retired actuary, spends a lot of his time arranging for bridge to be taught in schools on the Island. At present, bridge is being taught in three different schools. Sixteen of the students are playing in the Youth



Surbhi Chandak, of Austin TX, with her sons Aaradhya, left, and Aarav.

Kalreta Conyers-Steede, deputy principal at the school, was so impressed with the game that she is now taking lessons and, according to Burville, "pushing the program."

One of the Bermuda players is Adeline Young, 18, who graduated from high school about a month ago and will soon head for college in Kingston ON, where she has already arranged for a bridge partner.

At this year's Bermuda Regional, Young won a trophy as the top masterpoint winner among Junior players. She played five sessions with five different partners to claim the trophy. Young says she likes bridge because "it's a challenge I like having my mind consumed by something, and most people in bridge are a lot of fun."

The two players featured on the front cover of this issue came all the way from Nome AK to play in the Youth NABC. Both are bridge students of Harley Bress, featured on the Thursday front cover. Kalie Knowlton, 14, says bridge is sometimes stressful because “some players take it seriously.” Katie Kelso, 18, has noticed during play that on occasion “there’s not a lot of time to think.” That said, both agreed that playing bridge is fun.

All card play is in Room 707, Atruim level

Two Sessions (one qualifying and one final session)
Players must be available for both sessions.

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10 a.m.	Cardrook Pairs* Single Session
2 p.m.	Cardrook Pairs* Single Session
2 p.m.	Consolation Swiss Teams Single Session

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Youth NABC winners on Day 1



Winners of Strat B North-South, Morning Youth Pairs: Katherine Hwang and Avery Silverstein.



They were tops in Strat B North-South, Morning Youth Pairs: Ross Cooper and Scott Gilbertson.



First in Strat C East-West, Morning Youth Pairs: Adeline Young and Shane Krueger.



First in Strat B, East-West, Morning Youth Pairs: Shi Chen and Hao Hao Chen.



First North-South, Strat C, Morning Youth Pairs: Meredith Burkett and Kevin Jiang.



First North-South, Strat A, Morning Youth Pairs: Jackson Games and Sungwook Jung.



First East-West, Strat B, East-West: William and Thomas Sutton.



First North-South, Strat A, Morning Cardrork Pairs: Aaron Wang and Jamie Wang.



First North-South, Strat B, Morning Cardrork Pairs: Daren Liu and Tyler Mu.



First North-South, Strat B, Morning Cardrork Pairs: Sydney Blake, Brooke Thompson



Tied for first East-West, Strat B, Morning Cardrork Pairs: Parker Stokes and Sunook Yoon.



Tied for first East-West, Strat B, Morning Cardrork Pairs: Kayden Ge and Charlie Chen.



First East-West in Strat A, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: Evan Rabinowitz and Joely Bayless.



First North-South in Strat A, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: Gabriella Morano and Max Morano.



First East-West in Strat A, Morning Cardrook Pairs: Kendal Smith and Kaiden McKeoun.



First East-West in Strat B, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: Kenneth Quinlan and Liam Hamilton.



First in Strat A, Afternoon Youth Teams: Cindy Zhang He, Max Cheng, Lauren Liu and Brandon Fong.



First East-West in Strat B, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: Lea Iguban and Kayleen Iguban.



First East-West in Strat A, Morning Cardrook Pairs: Julia Huang and Sharon Mi.



First North-South in Strat B, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: William Qu. His partner, Zachary Rediske, was unavailable.



First North-South in Strat B, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: Daren Liu and Tyler Mu.



Larry Steiner of Orlando, and his wife, Barb, are among the hardest workers for bridge in District 9 (Florida).

THURSDAY DAYLIGHT A/X/Y SWISS TEAMS

30 Tables / Based on 83 Tables					
	A	X	Y		
31.61	1			Jacek Pszczola - Josef Blass, Chapel Hill NC; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland; Jacek Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam ; Bas Drijver, Capelle Aan Den	95.00
23.71	2			John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Magdalena Ticha - Richard Ritmeijer, Zwolle ; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Drew Casen, Metarie LA	86.00
17.78	3			Li Yiting, Herndon VA; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Cheryl Mandala - Yul Inn, Cupertino CA	85.00
13.34	4			John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV; John Hurd - Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Astoria NY; Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gdns FL; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL	78.00
10.54	5			Bob Glasson - Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ; Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis, Arlington VA	75.00
15.17	6	1	1	Benjamin Eisenberg - Susan Eisenberg - Riki Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Allison L Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	70.00
7.46	7/8			Zachary Grossack - Adam Grossack, Newton MA; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Mike Levine, Pinckney MI; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL	69.00
7.46	7/8			Diana Schuld, Glen Head NY; Albert Shrive, Naples FL; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH; Bruce Horiguchi, Gardena CA	69.00
11.38	2			Michael Wolf - Molly O'Neill, Fort Lauderdale FL; Anthony Barre, Marco Island FL; Donald Dalpe, Fort Myers FL	68.00
8.53	3	2		Richard Mayo Jr, Decatur GA; David Zeckets - Michelle Alterman, Atlanta GA; Ernie Eayrs, Dunwoody GA	66.00
5.73	4/5	3/4		Ricky Dashefsky, Delray Beach FL; George Zimmer, Boynton Beach FL; Gary Gordon, Lake Worth FL; Ruth Zowader, Madison NJ	65.00
5.73	4/5	3/4		Hua Yang - Yan Song, Plano TX; Steve Chen - Sarah Chen, San Jose CA	65.00

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

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Winners of the Red Ribbon Pairs in 2017: Steve Overholt and Sudhir Patwardhan.

The Red Ribbon Pairs, an ACBL event with national rating open to players with less than 2500 masterpoints, gets underway today. Before 2015, it was on the spring schedule.

Players earn qualification by placing first or second overall in regionally rated events of at least Flight B status. Neither member of a qualifying pair may hold more than 2500 masterpoints at the time of qualification.

The four-session event began in 1986 and winners are honored by the Percy X. Bean Trophy.

The trophy was designated by the ACBL Board of Directors in 1996 to honor Bean, ACBL president in 1972 and chairman of the Board in 1973.

Bean (1916–1992) represented District 19 on the Board from 1964 until 1988 and served as president of the ACBL Charity Foundation from 1974 until 1981. He was a member of the National Goodwill Committee and the National Board of Governors and general chairman of arrangements for the World Team Olympiad in Seattle in 1984.

Bean and his wife, Anne, were named ACBL Honorary Members for 1992, the first time that honor was bestowed on a husband-wife combination.

Bean was the editor of Mad, Mad World of Bridge, a publication that strongly championed players of less than expert class.

Winners and runners-up:

1986	1. Wayne Perrin, Martin Newland; 2. Hugh Ogle, Charlie Cargile
1987	1. Jim Gaarder, Jimmy Ritzenberg; 2. Charles Moser, Paul Bratton
1988	1. Leni Holtz, Guy Green; 2. Anthony Trafecanty, Michael Trafecanty
1989	1. Lu Kohutiak, Yvonne Hernandez; 2-3. Warren Haynie, Charlie Cargile; 2-3. Bill Goldberg, Bill McKenna
1990	1. Philip Gordon, Mike Grodsky; 2. Rajendra Agarwal, Don Chilrud
1991	1. Dan Marthaler, Robert Johnstone; 2. Steven Gaynor, Art Ardy Bakshian
1992	1. Duncan McCallum, Peter Peng; 2. Andy Goodman, Steve Zolotow
1993	1. Ron Weinstock, John Gillette; 2. Hank Meyer, Marty Graf
1994	1. T.C. Petty, Steve Altus; 2. Grant Robinson, Joe Walden
1995	1. Marc Umeno, Hank Youngerman; 2. Bernie Greenspan, Keith Sechler
1996	1. Vinay Sarin, Ringo Chung; 2. Burton Lipsky, Arnold Goldstein
1997	1. Tony Miller, Diane Miller; 2. Mark Bumgardner, Nagy Kamel
1998	1. Paul Spear, Jim Johnsen; 2. David Halasi, Mike Nadler
1999	1. Jenni Hartsman, Andrew Rosenthal; 2. Martin Hunter, Andy Stark
2000	1. Nie Wei Ping, Christopher Leung; 2. David Yang, Xiaodong Shi
2001	1. LaToss Carpenter, Brandon Carpenter; 2. Mike Nadler, Gurhun Baykal
2002	1. Rich Atwater, Chris Pesce; 2. Bob Sievers, Georgia Heth
2003	1. Chi-Yen Lai, Bin Dai; 2. Edward Leach, Bruce Schwaidelson



2018 Executive Director Search

The American Contract Bridge League is continuing to evolve as a membership organization serving more than 165,000 bridge players across the continent.

The Executive Director oversees the entire organization’s operations and leads a team of more than 220 people to move the ACBL forward through continuing improvement of processes and technologies. The Executive Director reports to the Board of Directors and is responsible for implementing the strategic goals established by the Board.

Qualifications

- Executive management experience. Extensive experience in senior management in an organization of size and complexity similar to ACBL, preferably in a nonprofit membership organization.
- Demonstrated success with building, motivating and sustaining a high-performing team
- Strong technology background to meet the organization’s strategic objectives
- Demonstrated communications skills
- Ability to grow the ACBL’s membership
- A bridge player who understands the game’s competitive and social culture and is committed to promoting and expanding its popularity is preferred
- Experience working with volunteers and a commitment to volunteer leadership and involvement
- Relocation to ACBL Headquarters in the greater Memphis area is required

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Application process

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THURSDAY DAYLIGHT GOLD RUSH PAIRS

45.0 Tables			
	7	3	
14.44	1	1	Leslie Blair, Raleigh NC; Mark Pickering, Emery SD 68.35%
10.83	2		Lucy Buchanan, Dallas TX; Mary Kay Leveroni, San Francisco CA 62.50%
8.12	3	2	Annette Kronmiller - Thomas Kronmiller, Chapel Hill NC 61.46%
5.45	4/5	3/4	Nels Madsen - Fran Madsen, Auburn AL 60.57%
5.45	4/5	3/4	James Dearwester, West Carrollton OH; Joel Bromley, Cincinnati OH 60.57%
4.13	6		Thomas Zimmerman - Claire Zimmerman, Pearland TX 60.49%
3.61	7		Susan Jones - Tracy Nolan, Naples FL 59.08%
3.21	8	5	Albert Chu - Ingrid Hsu, Walnut Creek CA 58.78%
2.89	9	6	Stephen Knight, Marietta GA; Gailyn Thornton, Atlanta GA 58.57%
2.63	10		Janet Landesberg, Vancouver WA; Paul Rubin, Memphis TN 57.44%
2.41	11		James Schwartz - Janice Schwartz, Southport NC 56.85%
2.22	12	7	Xinpeng Huang, Foster City CA; Peter Naimoli, Austin TX 56.70%
2.06	13		C David Depriest, Marietta GA; George Lang, Roswell GA 56.40%
1.93	14	8	Paul McGannon - Robert McGannon, Fort Mill SC 56.25%
1.81	15		Elizabeth Butler - Michael Butler, Greensboro GA 56.02%
1.70	16		Judy Flickinger - Roger Flickinger, The Villages FL 55.84%
1.61	17		Elizabeth Goldthwait, Youngstown OH; Sandi Bross, Sharpsville PA 55.80%
1.75	18		David Newcomer - Cheryl Bedgood, Macon GA 55.51%
1.44	19		Robert Roark, Cincinnati OH; Sharon Koster, Blue Ash OH 54.91%
1.75	20		Kathi Byrne - John Byrne, Atlanta GA 54.76%
1.45	21		Shari Naman, Dunwoody GA; Mahadeva Ramnath, Atlanta GA 54.61%
1.76	22/23	9	Joyce Leary, Andover MA; Ulla Winkler, Somerville MA 54.46%
1.46	22/23		Dixie Wantoch, Overland Park KS; Cheryl Diane Patrick, Kansas City MO 54.46%
1.47		10	Nicole Hudak - Mee Warren, New York NY 53.08%
1.56		11	Janice Zazulak - Diana Powell, Metairie LA 52.68%
1.25		12	Alberto Fernandez - Patricia Cantu, Mexico 51.93%
1.16		13	Christopher Luttrell, Oak Ridge TN; Tom Young, Dothan AL 51.64%
2004	1. Martin Harris, Jacob Morgan; 2. Mark Brighthouse, Harvinder Sidhu		
2005	1. Yeong-Long Shiue, David Margolin; 2. Jim Lyle, Robert Todd		
2006	1. Chris Buchanan, B.J. Trelford; 2. Everett Boyer, Mansoor Gowani		
2007	1. Jack Hawthorne, Paul Spear; 2. Jim Kehoe, Chuck Michalski		
2008	1. Mike Develin, Li-Chung Chen; 2. Sidney Kanter, Ron Nelken		
2009	1. Daniel Jackson, Bill Gervais; 2. Steven Towner, Mitch Towner		
2010	1. Bob Levey, Jim Ritzenberg; 2. George Dragich, Rosemary Dragich		
2011	1. Brad Berry, David Amsterdam; 2. Eric Goff, Neil Cohen		
2012	1. Daniel Neill, Jason Rotenberg; 2. Steve Hirsch, Gregory Thorpe		
2013	1. Brian Cummins, Blake Sanders; 2. Jeff Dater, Rich Brandenburg		
2014	1. Ted Bain, Mike Miedema; 2. Erli Zhou, Zhou Wang		
2015	1. Paul Hattis, James Orleans; 2. Lelvin Crowe, Sam Graham		
2016	1. Paul Hattis, James Orelans; 2. Renee Shunta, Cameron Shunta		
2017	1. Sudhir Patwardhan, Steve Overholt; 2. Daniel Lev, Samuel Amer		



WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY SIDE GAME SERIES

18.0 Tables	A	B	C		
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THURSDAY BRACKETED B TEAMS 1

8 Tables					
11.19	1			Evan Markowitz, New York NY; Chaim Kozlovsky, Teaneck NJ; Richard Brody, Sandy Springs GA; Vijay Vasudevan, Cincinnati OH	91.00
8.39	2			Kathy Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO; Gina Kirk, San Luis Obispo CA; Elinor Hood - Donald Weber, Portland OR	90.00
6.29	3			Ann Atcheson, Fairfax VA; George Parkins, Vienna VA; Hal Jones Jr, Lorton VA; Jacques Leblanc, Maria QC	87.00

THURSDAY BRACKETED B TEAMS 2

8 Tables					
9.46	1			Perry Poole, Maitland FL; Kim Martin, Ponte Vedra FL; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA	99.00
7.10	2			Cris Shanks, Glen Allen VA; Phyllis Pagano, Bogart GA; Dianne McLean, Athens GA; Vonceil Payne, Bishop GA	77.00
5.32	3			Dan Griggs, Big Canoe GA; Richard Brown, Duluth GA; Fred Tanzer, Land O Lakes FL; John Rains, III, Tampa FL	73.00

THURSDAY BRACKETED B TEAMS 3

8 Tables					
6.10	1			Bing Le, Pembroke ON; Mingmin Zhu, Mississauga ON; Yuan Li, Markham ON; Yongtao Li, Toronto ON	122.00
4.58	2			Glenn Terrell - Dottie Terrell, Great Falls VA; Syed Khan - Nooreen Razi, Chantilly VA	102.00
3.43	3			Becky Kelley - Susan Antinori - Regina Olchowski, Atlanta GA; Terri Coil, Salem SC	92.00

THURSDAY A/X/Y SWISS TEAMS

51 Tables / Based on 140 Tables	A	X	Y		
37.06	1			Lou Ann O’Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; John Mohan - Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Dennis Clerkin - Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Ron Smith, Chicago IL	102.00
27.80	2	1		Rob Helle, Wroclaw Poland; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Veri Kiljan, Tilburg 5038Vn ; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg 5022Bv	101.00
16.28	3/5			Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA; Julius Sigurjonsson, 201 Kopavogur Iceland	93.00
16.28	3/5			Yuxiong Shen - Zijian Shao - Bin Shi, Shanghai People’s Republic of China; Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL; Dawei Chen, Tokyo Japan	93.00
16.28	3/5			Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT; Dan Morse, Houston TX; Nagy Kamel, Plano TX	93.00
9.93	6/7			Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Adam Stokka, Taby Sweden; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Ishmael Del’Monte, Las Vegas NV	90.00
12.26	6/7	2	1	Martin Harris, Chicago IL; Jay Barron, Tulsa OK; Miriam Harris-Botzum - John Botzum, Orefield PA	90.00
9.20	8	3		Bob Sanner, Palo Alto CA; Bill Staats, Southlake TX; Bill Heid, Santa Fe NM; Ronald Powell, Santa Clara CA	89.00
6.78	9/11			Stephen Kornegay - Nancy Kornegay, N Richland HILLs TX; Robert Kent - Ellen Kent, Chicago IL	87.00
6.78	9/11			Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sadik Arf, Saratoga CA; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland; Vesa Fagerlund, Tampere Finland	87.00
6.78	9/11			Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ranjan Bhaduri, Dundas ON; Barbara Kastle, Boca Raton FL; P Drew Cannell, Dol-Des-Ormeaux QC	87.00
5.70	12			Stanley Roberts, Kirkland WA; Sandra Rimstedt, New York NY; Cecilia Rimstedt, Kungsbacka Sweden; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden	83.00
5.29	13			Richard Schwartz, Lords Valley PA; David Gold, London N31SN ; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Jerry Stamatov - Diyan Danailov, Sofia Bulgaria; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden	81.00
6.98		4	2	Gerald Nehra, Muskegon MI; Eileen Cripps, Madison WI; Susan Minder - Douglas Minder, Caledonia MI	75.00
5.45		5		Paul Johnson III - Lee Johnson, Four Oaks NC; Larry Harding, Hampstead NC; John Herriot, Los Angeles CA	74.00
5.23		6	3	Barton Bloom, Clayton NC; Mary Katherine Bolch - Tom Menges - Lynda McDaniel, Raleigh NC	73.00
3.92			4	Mike Ma, Cincinnati OH; Stephen Moese, West Chester OH; Larry Lowell Jr, Knoxville TN; Ping Hu, Naperville IL	72.00
3.10			5	Tony Viidik - Joan Viidik, Waterloo ON; David Venetianer, Chadds Ford PA; Paul Holmes, Wadsworth OH; Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD	68.00

THURSDAY EVENING 299ER PAIRS

8.5 Tables	A	B	C		
2.85	1	1	1	Hao Hao Chen - Shi Chen, Hinsdale IL	66.47%
2.14	2			Christopher Luttrell, Oak Ridge TN; Andrew Serafini, Calgary AB	62.58%
1.80	3	2	2	Xichen Song - Chentong Qi, Beijing People’s Republic of China	60.64%
1.35	4	3	3	Yicheng Wang - Juncan Huang, Beijing People’s Republic of China	58.31%
1.01	5	4	4	Georgia Ann Tetrault - Betty Case, Williamsburg VA	54.13%
0.76		5		Linda Gaston, Pflugerville TX; Jenny Kimball, Sandy Springs GA	54.09%

0–2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS

20 Tables					
				Buddy Landis - Davis Grizzard, Chattanooga TN; Stephanie Felker - John Felker, Signal Mountain TN	
				vs	
				Jim Liu, Saratoga CA; Tsao-Tung Tsai, Cupertino CA; Xuhua Lin, Edison NJ; Leon Yu, Syosset NY	
				David Haydon - Lenora Fernandez - Henri Asta - Karyl Asta, Marietta GA	
				vs	
				Liu Xiang - Zhengwen Li - Yike Xie, My People’s Republic of China; Xuxuan Chen - Liang Min, Mianyang City People’s Republic of China	

	8.64	5/8		Stephi Luttrell - Mary Lockhart - Richard Shipp - Peter Dittner, Oak Ridge TN	
	8.64	5/8		Sabrina Miles, Mansfield MA; Darryl Legassie, Milton NH; Ru Hong Terajewicz, Newton MA; Rick Whitehead, Knoxville TN	
	2.50	5/8		Bijoy Anand - Janice Madsen - Claire Watson, Jacksonville FL; Ann Buchholz, Ponte Vedra Bch FL	
	8.64	5/8		Alan Godes, Needham MA; William Belanich, Glen Allen VA; Jeremy Lewis, Lexington NC; Holly Campbell, Stevensville MT	

0–6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS

27 Tables / Based on 36 Tables					
				James Weeks, Palm Desert CA; Neil Stern, Indio CA; Jim Johnsen - Dorn Bishop, San Diego CA	
				vs	
				William Bailey - Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Aaron Jones, San Francisco CA; John Ramos, Los Angeles CA	
				Saul Gross, Miami Beach FL; Juan Castillo, Fort Lauderdale FL; Barry Spector, Springfield VA; Randy Thompson, Albuquerque NM	
				vs	
				Brad Vander Zanden - David Shepler, Knoxville TN; Marsha Platnick, Bluefield WV; Keith Hungate, Marion VA	
	15.30	5/8		F Garson II, Roswell GA; Kish Devaraj - Charles Lipman, Atlanta GA; J Wolfe, Marietta GA; Gabriel Fadel - Steve Callaham, Alpharetta GA	
	15.30	5/8		Lee Ohliger - Joyce Menezes, Ridgewood NJ; James Sundstrom, Wyckoff NJ; Nicholas France, Spring Valley NY	
	15.30	5/8		Charles Nemes, Longboat Key FL; Michael Gibson, Sarasota FL; Dianne Bonney - Jack Bonney, Venice FL; David Bogolub, Deerfield IL; Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL	
	15.30	5/8		A J Stephani - Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Jesse Chao, Berkeley CA; Andrew Sinclair, Albany CA; Jakob Karstens, Oakland CA	





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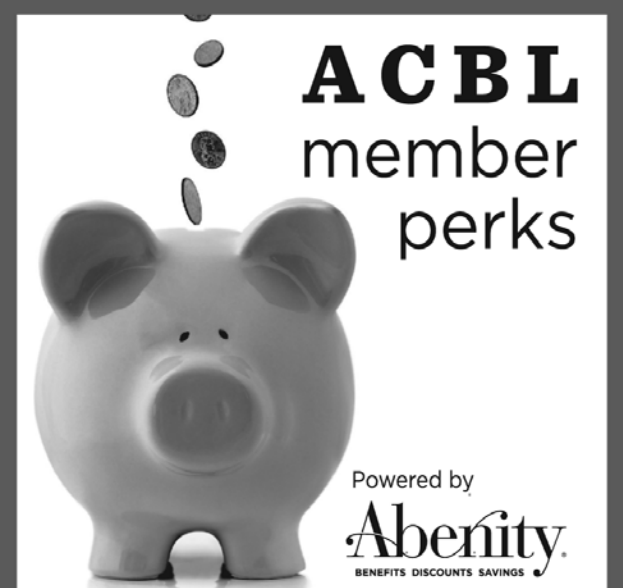
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Give and Take

By Shireen Mohandes

In the round of 32 in the Spingold KO Teams, the top-seeded Diamond team (John Diamond, Brian Platnick, Fred Gitelman, Sheri Winestock, Boye Brogeland and Espen Lindqvist) faced off against the Lilienstein squad (Jared Lilienstein, Michael Polowan, Fu Zhong, Jie Li, Alexander Hydes and Thomas Paske).

Going into the third quarter, Lilienstein, the No. 21 seed, had the better of Diamond, 80 to 52 IMPs.

Dlr: South ♠ A Q 8 7 5
Vul: E-W ♥ Q J 8 2
Bd: 3 ♦ J 8 5
♣ 5

♠ J 10 9 6 3 2
♥ 4 3
♦ 9 6 4 3
♣ 3

♠ —
♥ 10 7 6 5
♦ K 7 2
♣ K J 7 6 4 2

♠ K 4
♥ A K 9
♦ A Q 10
♣ A Q 10 9 8

West	North	East	South
Polowan	Lindqvist	Lilienstein	Brogeland
Pass	2♠(1)	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	5NT (2)	Pass	6♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

(1) 6+ HCP and 5+-card suit (does not promise 2 of top 3 honors)

(2) Pick a slam
Opening lead: ♦3

Brogeland played the jack from dummy which held the trick. He could assume the diamond finesse was working, giving him 11 tricks, so he played a spade to the king, hoping to find the suit 4-2 or 3-3. When East discarded a club, he needed an additional club trick.

Brogeland explained afterwards, "... they play fourth-best leads. When spades broke 6-0, I didn't think Mike would have led away from the ♦K, but you never know! Pitching a club from the king-fifth is easier than from jack-fifth, so I assumed it was a better chance to find East with the ♣K than the ♣J. In the end position, West came down to three spades, I had a safe endplay on him to lead diamond into A-Q."

♠ Q 8 7
♥ —
♦ 8
♣ —

♠ 10 9
♥ —
♦ 9 6
♣ —

♠ —
♥ —
♦ K 7
♣ K

♠ —
♥ —
♦ A Q
♣ 10 9

This was the position Brogeland described with the lead in dummy. After the ♠Q and another spade (declarer pitching clubs), West is finished.

Declarer emerged with 12 tricks for plus 990.

In the other room, after a similar start to the auction, North-South contracted 6♥, knowing that it was a Moysian fit, which they judged to be the better of two seven-card fits for a small slam.

Winestock, sitting East, led the ♥5. The contract was makeable, but Hydes, declaring from the North seat, could not cater for all layouts including the unlikely 6-0 spade break. His plan was to make two spades, six hearts, three diamonds and one club. He said afterwards. "... if the diamond finesse worked, there is no need to rely on the spades breaking evenly or any second finesse [i.e., clubs]. And if the diamond finesse lost, at least I would get another entry to hand."

Hydes won the ♥9 at trick one and tried to cross to hand in spades. East ruffed and returned a trump. The slam went three down. That was 15 IMPs to Diamond who started the set with a run of four gains on their scorecard, amounting to plus 31, which now

took them (barely) into the lead.

Not long later, the underdogs grabbed some IMPs back on this board:

Dlr: South ♠ 10 6 4 3
Vul: N-S ♥ A 10 6
Bd: 15 ♦ 7 6 3
♣ K 8 3

♠ J 7
♥ K Q J 8 7 5 4
♦ Q 9
♣ A 6

♠ A 8 2
♥ 9 3 2
♦ K 4 2
♣ Q 9 5 2

♠ K Q 9 5
♥ —
♦ A J 10 8 5
♣ J 10 7 4

West	North	East	South
Polowan	Lindqvist	Lilienstein	Brogeland
1♥	Dbl	2♦ (1)	1♦
4♥	All Pass		2♠

(1) High-card raise.

The contract is easily defeated on a spade lead (or an unlikely ♥A lead and a spade switch). At the table, Lindqvist, sitting North, led the ♦3. To beat it now, Brogeland needed to rise with the ace and attack spades, simultaneously setting up a defensive trick (declarer was likely to have a doubleton spade) and knocking out the immediate entry, so that declarer cannot set up a club or make use of the ♦K to discard a spade or club loser.

However, playing third and fifth leads, Brogeland was unable to place ♦Q, so he put in the ♦10, and that allowed Polowan to win and play the ♣A and another club. The defense was doomed, with the ♠A still in dummy, and away went the spade loser on the ♣Q.

At the other table, this was the auction:

West	North	East	South
Gitelman	Hydes	Winestock	Paske
1♥	Dbl	2♦ (1)	1♦
5♥ (2)	Dbl	All Pass	3♠

(1) High-card raise

(2) Pressure bid, judging that N-S can make 4♠, and wanting them to guess whether it would be right to bid on

Opening lead: ♦3.

The first two tricks went the same way as in the other room. At trick three, when Gitelman played a club towards dummy, Hydes ducked smoothly. He was fairly certain that his side was defeating the contract by one trick, so he gave declarer a losing option to go two down, and it worked when the 9 was played from dummy (playing South for the doubleton ♠K). So although declarer could ruff out North's ♠K, he would need to dial an Uber to reach dummy to benefit from it when hearts turned out to be 3-0.

The contract went two off, minus 300, and 12 IMPs to Lilienstein.

Would Paske have made 4♠? It would go down for sure if West led either of his minor-suit doubletons. On the more likely ♥K lead, some good card-reading (or guessing) would be needed. Declarer can make by ruffing in hand, then playing top spades to pin the jack. If West wins one of the first two spades, declarer wins the third trump in dummy to take a diamond finesse, then the club entry to take it again. If West ducks the first two spades, declarer puts him in with the third round to get an entry.

Diamond won the third quarter 51-22, placing them ahead 103-100 going into the last quarter.

Masterpoint disclaimer

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Give and Take, part 2

By Paul Barden

The dealing computer did well for the spectators in the third set between Diamond and Lilienstein. Diamond took the lead in the early going, then Lilienstein fought back on this board:

Dlr: North	♠ J 8 6		
Vul: E-W	♥ A 9 6 5 4 2		
Bd: 9	♦ 10		
	♣ 7 6 4		
♠ A Q 7 5		♠ K 10 9 3	
♥ Q 7		♥ K J 10 8 3	
♦ 5 3		♦ 7 4	
♣ A Q 10 9 2		♣ 5 3	
	♠ 4 2		
	♥ —		
	♦ A K Q J 9 8 6 2		
	♣ K J 8		
West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Hydes</i>	<i>Winestock</i>	<i>Paske</i>
	2♥	Pass	3NT

All Pass

Hydes opened a weak two, and Paske shot out 3NT. Gitelman tried leading the ♣A, Winestock following with the 5, reverse attitude. For all Gitelman could tell, that could be from ♣K J 5, so he continued the suit. Declarer now had 11 tricks to cash.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Polowan</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Lilienstein</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
	2♦*	Pass	3♦

All Pass

Lindqvist opened a multi 2♦ (a weak two-bid in either major), Brogeland tried a non-forcing 3♦, and no one had anything to say, so Lindqvist played 3♦ from North. Lilienstein led the ♠5, putting the defense in position to cash the first five tricks, either by starting with three rounds of clubs, or by shifting to spades at once. Instead, Polowan decided to exit with a diamond into dummy's long suit and await developments. What developed was that declarer won his concealed ♦10 and took a discard on the ♥A, making his contract, but still an 8-IMP gain for Lilienstein.

Boye Brogeland too is willing roll the dice:

Dlr: South	♠ 9 8 7 5		
Vul: None	♥ K Q 8 5 4 3		
Bd: 11	♦ K 8		
	♣ 4		
♠ K Q 10		♠ J 6 4 3	
♥ J 10		♥ A 9 2	
♦ A 9 7 3 2		♦ Q 5 4	
♣ 10 8 7		♣ Q 9 3	
	♠ A 2		
	♥ 7 6		
	♦ J 10 6		
	♣ A K J 6 5 2		

West	North	East	South
<i>Polowan</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Lilienstein</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Brogeland decided that at this stage of the match his hand qualified for a strong 1NT. Lindqvist used Stayman, then transferred to 4♥. Polowan led the ♥J to the queen and ace, and Lilienstein guessed to switch to the ♣3. Bad guess! Brogeland gave this long thought before putting the jack in. When that held, he ruffed a club to dummy, catering for a 4-2 break, cleared trumps, and claimed 10 tricks. Paske, at the other table, evaluated the South hand as a 1♣ opening, so Hydes made nine tricks in a heart partscore. 7 IMPs to Diamond, retaking the lead.

On the next board more aggressive bidding reached game on a Moysian fit:

Dlr: West	♠ J 9 6		
Vul: N-S	♥ Q 7		
Bd: 12	♦ 8 3		
	♣ A Q J 7 2		
♠ K 8 4		♠ 7 5 3	
♥ 10 6 5 3 2		♥ 8 4	
♦ Q 7 2		♦ A K J 10 9	
♣ K 5		♣ 10 9 3	
	♠ A Q 10 2		
	♥ A K 9		
	♦ 6 5 4		
	♣ 8 6 4		

West	North	East	South
<i>Polowan</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Lilienstein</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♥*
2♦	Dbl	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Brogeland's 1♥ response showed spades, so Lindqvist's support double showed three of them. Opposite an opening bid, Brogeland naturally forced to game. Lilienstein cashed the ♦K, getting a count signal, then switched to hearts, the best defense. Lindqvist, playing yet another contract from the short side, couldn't set up a diamond ruff without running into a heart ruff, so he played a club to the queen, ran the ♠9 successfully, then ran the ♠J. What would he have done if Polowan had ducked that too, knowing his partner had another spade? We'll never know, because Polowan won and continued hearts. East couldn't really have a singleton on this auction, and didn't. Nor did he have the ♣J, so declarer took 11 tricks. That was 11 IMPs to Diamond when Hydes, following his system, passed the North cards and Paske played quietly in 2♣.

Diamond ended the set with a narrow lead, and added a few more in a low-scoring final set to win by 127-110 IMPs.



Slow Play

Slow play, especially habitual slow play, is a violation of law and subject to penalty. When a pair has fallen behind, it is incumbent on them to make up the time lost as quickly as possible whether at fault or not. All players are expected to make a concerted effort to catch up when they have fallen behind, regardless of the reason for their lateness.

In the absence of compelling evidence to the contrary, the director should presume that a pair finishing a round late by more than two or three minutes on more than one occasion during a session is responsible for the lateness. There is a strong expectation that the director will penalize such a pair. The size of a penalty will tend to increase for subsequent instances of slow play and for chronic or egregious slow play.

While warnings typically will be given before a penalty is assessed, failure to do so in no way limits the director's authority to issue a penalty.

Players are expected to be aware, in a general sense, of time used and remaining in a segment in which they are playing regardless of whether a clock is in use or a time announcement has been made. An excuse of "no announcement" or "no clock immediately visible" will not be considered persuasive.

In consultation with the DIC of the tournament, the TD may require that a particular pair not play in a specified segment, not play against a specified pair or not play together as a pair. The foregoing is expected to be applied only due to egregious circumstances or to unduly repetitious offenders.

An appeal of an action taken by a TD with regard to time may be taken to the Director in Charge of the tournament, and no further. For NABC+ KO events, the TD is charged with the responsibility to ensure that each KO match segment finishes within the allotted time. While a time monitor may be employed, the lack of a monitor in no way limits the TD's authority to apply one or more of the remedies listed below.

The TD may choose to ignore an occasional minor late finish. The TD may remove one or more boards from a segment. The TD may award no score (when neither team is more at fault), an assigned score (when a result already exists at one table which the TD wishes to preserve) or an artificial score in IMPs. Every effort should be made to remove boards before they can be played at either table, but not having done so does not preclude removing one or more later.



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.

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Tom Clarke 1946–2018

By Paul Munafo

Tom Clarke, a Grand Life Master from Lake Charles LA, passed away on June 7 after a long illness. He was 72.

Tom was highly respected in the Lake Charles community, where he lived his entire life. He was one of the first members

of the Governor’s Program for Gifted Children, and he later graduated from McNeese State University. He liked to say that his best year was 1973, when he purchased Clarke Insurance Inc., the family business; he became a Life Master; and he met the love of his life, Joyce, to whom he was married for the past 41 years.

He had a very successful bridge career, much of it in partnership with the late Alan LeBendig. He won over 100 regional events, and his successes at the national level included a win in the North American Swiss and a second in the Life Masters Pairs, both in 1993. Everyone remembered that he was very sound technically, and often brilliant.

Mike Passell said, “I enjoyed over four decades of friendship with Tom; he was a terrific player and an even better teammate.”

Joe Quinn recalled a hand against a strong Polish team in the North American Swiss, when Tom brought home a tricky slam by playing for a double squeeze instead of taking a losing finesse. Roy Jambor talked about Tom’s ability to quickly and accurately analyze a deal: “... while I was still wondering whether I might have done better, I could tell that he already knew the answer.”

Tom’s best attribute might have been his exemplary demeanor at the table. He was always able to shrug off a bad result and go on to the next board.

Jim Barrow said, “Despite being very competitive, Tom was always friendly to his opponents, and if there was time, he really tried to learn something about them.”

Chris Compton, a longtime friend, summarized it very well: “When I first arrived on the bridge scene, LeBendig and Clarke were a force to be reckoned with; later in life (some 35 years later), I now reflect upon Tom as a man who handled adversity – both in life and in death – with dignity and class.”

Rest in peace, T.C. We love you and we miss you.



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Please, if you’re going to play in a club or a tournament, don’t wear cologne, perfume or scented lotions.

For the Record: When the Director is Called

By Robb Gordon, National Recorder

One of the things players who are less experienced misunderstand is calling a director. This is not a punishment nor is it something to be concerned or frightened about.

When something unusual occurs at the table Law 9B1(a) states, “After Attention Is Drawn to an Irregularity 1.(a) The Director should be summoned at once when attention is drawn to an irregularity.”

What is an irregularity? The Laws state that an irregularity is “A deviation from correct procedure inclusive of, but not limited to, those which involve an infraction by a player”. This can happen when you take cards out of the board and you count before you look at them (you do count before you look at them, I hope!) and come up with a number other than 13.

Some other situations that might require a director call are a lead out of turn, a revoke, overhearing a result from a different table, a break in tempo, poor behavior and numerous others. That is why the law book has over 130 pages!

When there is an irregularity, it is right to call the director before taking any bridge action. Law 9B states “No player shall take any action until the Director has explained all matters in regard to rectification.” If you do act, you may jeopardize your right to redress. Do not accept an opponent’s “ruling.” Unless he is a playing club director at the time, an opponent is not the director.

There is a specific procedure in summoning and consulting a director. It starts with the call itself. The right way to call is to say “Director” or (even better) “Director, please” in a voice loud enough to be heard away from the table, but not loud enough to rattle the players at adjacent tables. While doing this, raise your hand so the director can see who called when she looks in your direction. It is *not* OK to express

yourself by calling in an angry or irritable tone. It is generally *not* a good idea to stand up, which can be intimidating to others at your table.

When the director comes it is inefficient and inappropriate for more than one person to talk at a time. The proper way to communicate is for the person who called to speak first. Sometimes the caller does so on behalf of another table member whose voice doesn’t project. In that case it is proper to let the person who requested the call to speak first.

The director should listen carefully and then allow others to speak one at a time. It is *never* OK to interrupt the speaker, whether that speaker is the director or another participant. Wait your turn. In some situations, it is a good idea for someone to speak to the director away from the table so that her concerns might not pass unauthorized information to partner or the opponents.

If you believe there is a serious ethical violation, it is not OK to say so at the table. If you need to make an accusation, do so privately, preferably not drawing any public attention, so usually you would do so between rounds or after the session. You may call the director at the point of such a concern, but you must not opine on ethics, just state facts. It is important to note that a break in tempo is not, in itself, an ethical violation. In fact, it is not a violation of Law unless its intent is to deceive. It is an irregularity however, and it is appropriate to call the director. Even if the partner of the person committing an irregularity acts, it is not necessarily an ethical violation, although it could be an infraction (Law 16B).

Sometimes, in complex situations, the ruling may be delayed while the director consults other directors or polls players who are uninvolved in your event. This is because our directing staff wants to do everything possible to make a fair and correct ruling.

If the director call concerns behavior, simply describe the behavior and if unclear, why you are disturbed by that behavior. If you are the person whose behavior is being described, it is correct to calm down and apologize, or, if appropriate, to calmly rebut the allegation. To do otherwise only exacerbates the situation, validates the complaint, and subjects you to discipline.

By understanding that an opponent’s director call is not an accusation and by responding calmly and rationally, you will make the game more pleasant for everyone including your partner, yourself, and all those around you. You will be more successful in making your case, and you will help the director rule more accurately and effectively.

If you disagree with the ruling in an ACBL tournament, you have the right to appeal. Law 92 specifies your right to appeal and its limitations. Generally, an appeal may be heard if there is disagreement about facts or the director’s bridge judgement. Points of law are usually not appealable. Depending on the conditions, the appeal may be heard by a panel of players, a panel of directors, or the director-in-charge. When you go to the appeal, you will be given a chance to state your reason for appealing, or if you were on the favorable side of the ruling, reasons the panel should reject the appeal. Be sure to address all remarks to the chair of the appeals panel.

If you are unfamiliar with the Laws, you may want to get to know them. You can find them online at acbl.org.

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Tomorrow's Bridge Events				
Saturday, August 4, 9 a.m.				
Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session Current members*	Inactive members
Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series	3rd single	Marquis A, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Thursday-Saturday Morning Knockout Teams	3rd	Marquis A, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Friday-Saturday Morning Compact KO Teams	3-4	Marquis A, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Morning Swiss Teams	single	Marquis A, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
Saturday, August 4, 10 a.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$15	\$15
Saturday, August 4, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Daylight A/X Pairs <i>(unlimited/6000)</i>	1-2	Imperial Ballroom A, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Daylight B/C Pairs <i>(3000/1500)</i>	1-2	Imperial Ballroom A, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Daylight Gold Rush Pairs <i>(750/300)</i>	1-2	Salon 1, International Level	\$16	\$20
Daylight Swiss Teams <i>(unlimited/3000/750)</i>	1-2	Salon 1, International Level	\$16	\$20
Saturday, August 4, Noon & 7 p.m.				
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	Atrium A, Atrium Level	\$25	—
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	Atrium A, Atrium Level	\$17	—
0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	Atrium A, Atrium Level	\$17	—
Saturday, August 4, 1 p.m.				
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	3rd	Marquis C, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship	SF	M301, Marquis Level	No fee	
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Individual	2nd	M301, Marquis Level	No fee	
Saturday, August 4, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
0-10,000 MIXED SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Imperial Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$17	—
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 SF	Atrium B, Atrium Level	\$25	—
BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS	1-2 F	A602, Atrium Level	\$17	—
Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750)	1-2	Marquis C, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Saturday Compact Knockout Teams	1-4	Marquis A, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Saturday-Sunday Knockout Teams <i>Continues Sunday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.</i>	1-2	Marquis A, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Friday-Saturday Knockout Teams	3-4	Marquis A, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Saturday, August 4, 3 p.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$15	\$15
Saturday, August 4, 7:30 p.m.				
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship	F	M301, Marquis Level	No fee	
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Individual	3rd	M301, Marquis Level	No fee	
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	4th single	Marquis C, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Evening Swiss Teams	single	Marquis A, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$15	\$15
Saturday, August 4, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip Knockout Teams	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$16/team/match	

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THURSDAY OPEN PAIRS				
38.0 Tables	A	B	C	
24.00	1			Rob Gordon, Northport NY; Dori Cohen, Woodbury NY
18.00	2			Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY; Steven Huhman, Alpharetta GA
13.50	3	1		William Van Dame - Lesly Van Dame, Houston TX
10.13	4			Jess Jurkovic - Elliot Sternlicht, New York NY
8.00	5			Gabrielle Sherman, Tucson AZ; Linda Robinson, Arlington MA
8.42	6			Walter Schafer Jr, Fountain Valley CA; Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA
6.12	7			Kim Eng, Issaquah WA; Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA
5.33	8			Ed Word Jr, Monroe LA; Barbara Norris, West Monroe LA
4.80	9			Jonathan Green, Melbourne FL; Nie Lih Kalat, Sarasota FL
4.36	10			Daniel Boye, East Syracuse NY; Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA
4.00	11			Mina Akhnoukh, Fort Lauderdale FL; Kathy Logue, Metairie LA
7.60	12	2		Luen-Jyh Luo, Milpitas CA; Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA
3.71	13			Ida Groenkvist, Bromma Sweden; Melanie Tucker, New York NY
3.36	14			Saleh Fetouh - Dian Petrov, Buffalo NY
3.84	15			Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA; Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA
2.82	16			Bob Simkins, Decatur GA; Jack Feagin Jr, Atlanta GA
2.67	17			Tsing-Hai Wann, Tampa FL; Kim Dean, Belleair FL
2.53	18			Anita Torrence, Bexley OH; Cheryl Schneider, Westerville OH
5.37	19			Craig Robinson - Elaine Landow, Durham NC
5.70		3		Margaret Peabody, Marietta GA; David Macrae, Smyrna GA
4.27		4		Kenny Pan, Irvine CA; Shailesh Gupta, Aliso Viejo CA
3.38		5		Jason Rosenfeld, Seaattle WA; Jennifer Gu, Palo Alto CA
2.89		6		Marshall Lewis, Bloomington IN; Stephen Cox, Eugene OR
2.53		7		Doug Anderson, Quincy MA; Jonathan Forde, Geneva NY
3.41			1	Zhefan Zhang - Pengxiao Zeng, My People's Republic of China
2.56			2	Sara Klugman - Earl Klugman, Knoxville TN

Advancing through the ranks

Maureen Rives, of New York City, became a Life Master playing in the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams. Her partner was Stefan Skorchev of Sofia, Bulgaria. Her teammates were Margie Cole and Leonardo Fruscoloni, also of New York City



Eric Gettleman of Ellicott MD crossed the 1000-masterpoint milestone in Atlanta to become a Silver Life Master. Gettleman needed 78 points to achieve his new rank, but that wasn't a problem for him as he won the Young 0-2500 Pairs last weekend to pick up 50 points, and has had success in regional knockouts to earn the rest.



Today's Bridge Events				
Friday, August 3, 9 a.m.				
Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session Current members*	Inactive members
Friday-Saturday Morning Compact KO Teams	1-2	Marquis A, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series	2nd single	Marquis A, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Thursday-Saturday Morning Knockout Teams	2nd	Marquis A, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Friday, August 3, 10 a.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$15	\$15
Friday, August 3, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Daylight A/B/C Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/1500)	1-2	Imperial Ballroom A, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Daylight Gold Rush Pairs (750/500/200)	1-2	Salon 1, International Level	\$16	\$20
Daylight Swiss Teams (unlimited/3000/750)	1-2	Salon 1, International Level	\$16	\$20
Friday, August 3, Noon & 7 p.m.				
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 QF	Atrium A, Atrium Level	\$25	—
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	Atrium A, Atrium Level	\$17	—
0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	Atrium A, Atrium Level	\$17	—
Friday, August 3, 1 p.m.				
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	1st single	Marquis C, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship	Swiss qualifying	A602, Atrium Level	No fee	
Friday, August 3, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions	1-2 Q	Atrium B, Atrium Level	\$25	—
BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions. Pre-qualification required.	1-2 Q	Imperial Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$17	—
Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750)	1-2	Marquis C, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Friday-Saturday KO Teams	1-2	Marquis A, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Friday, August 3, 3 p.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$15	\$15
Friday, August 3, 7:30 p.m.				
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship	QF	A602, Atrium Level	No fee	
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Individual	1st of 3	A602, Atrium Level	No fee	
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	2nd single	Marquis C, Marquis Level	\$16	\$20
Evening Swiss Teams	single	Marquis A, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$15	\$15
Friday, August 3, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip Knockout Teams	single	Salon 4, International Level	\$16/team/match	

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Second in the Wernher Open Pairs: Rick Binder and Alan Watson

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY SIDE SERIES				
27.0 Tables	A	B	C	
8.02	1	1	1	Jonathan Yue, San Jose CA; Darwin Li, Richmond Hill ON 64.15%
6.02	2			Paul Wright Jr, Mount Pleasant SC; Martin Johnson Jr, Folly Beach SC 63.85%
5.04	3	2		Brad Barry, Phoenixville PA; David Amsterdam, Wayne PA 61.92%
3.38	4			G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Sartje Pontoh, Jakarta Indonesia 60.92%
2.54	5			Peter Cheung, Fremont CA; Jeff Olson, Dallas TX 60.62%
3.78	6	3		Alan Curtis, Thousand Oaks CA; Hal Saunders, Santa Barbara CA 58.38%
2.16	7			Vinay Apte, Charlotte NC; Brad McKeown, Rock Hill SC 58.31%
1.51	8			Nicholas Frost, Swannanoa NC; Kris Boswinkel, Asheville NC 56.69%
2.84		4	2	Noah Newman Jr, Marietta GA; Estelle Lavender, Lithonia GA 56.46%
2.13		5		R Muggia, Andover MA; Anthony Trebaol, Milpitas CA 56.23%
1.59		6		James Gullo, Hamburg NY; Won Yang, Clermont FL 55.00%
1.97		7	3	Jennifer Daniels - Ryan Daniels, Vernon Hills IL 54.00%
1.48			4	Deb Bowyer, Poway CA; Bridget Poizner, San Diego CA 53.38%
1.11			5	Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA; Stephanie Youngquist, Palo Alto CA 52.15%
0.83			6	Ulla Winkler, Somerville MA; Joyce Leary, Andover MA 50.92%

Upcoming Mid-Atlantic Regionals

Hunt Valley, MD—Aug. 13-19, The Hunt Valley Inn, now a Marriott property. All new schedule with \$119/night room rate in horse country NW of Baltimore. Co-chair: Mary Jo Chiesa, (410) 353-7953, quigs8448@aol.com.

Augusta, GA—Aug. 28-Sept. 3, Augusta Downtown Marriott, (706) 722-8900. Rooms \$108/night. With Atlanta hosting the summer NABC, the Labor Day regional moves 2 hours east. Co-chair: Ray Coleman, (706) 833-6496, csrabridge@yahoo.com.

Williamsburg, VA (NLM)—Sept 28 -30, DoubleTree by Hilton, (757) 220-2500. It's an open sectional with a Gold Rush Non-Life Master regional. Co-chair: Jane Farthing, (704) 850-9635, jane.farthing@gmail.com.

Charlotte, NC—Oct. 22-28, Hilton Charlotte University Place, (704) 547-7444. Room rate \$104/night. Co-chair: Arnold Hoffmann, (704) 875-6923, ajhoffmann@carolina.rr.com.

North Charleston, SC—Dec. 27-Jan. 2, Embassy Suites, (843) 747-1882. The host hotel, across the street from the outlet mall, has rooms for \$104/night but will sell out. Co-chair: Steve Donaldson, (843) 412-8097, folliboy@aol.com.

Wilmington, NC—Feb. 11-17, Hilton Riverside, (910) 763-5900. \$105 room rate. Spend Valentine's Day on the North Carolina coast. Co-chair: Larry Harding, larry.harding57@gmail.com, (910) 270-9810.

Chattanooga, TN—Feb. 25-March 3, Chattanooga Marriott Downtown, (800) 841-1674. Near the Appalachian foothill, Chattanooga is a charming location for a week of bridge. Chair: Keith Honnold, (423) 762-0798, keith_honnold@yahoo.com.

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