



Daily Bulletin



91st North American Bridge Championships

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French team in search of better bots

The advances in artificial intelligence (AI) for games such as chess and go have been dramatic, so much so that only the best players in the world have any chance against computer programs such as Google's Alpha Zero. But bridge remains a challenge for AI developers, with mediocre bridge-playing "bots" being largely unchanged for many years.

Jean-Baptiste Fantun and Veronique Ventos are hoping to change that. They are the cofounders of NukkAI, a private AI lab based in Paris, whose scientific objective is to build a program that can outperform human experts and – key point – explain its decisions. Ultimately, Fantun and Ventos believe their work can be used for other areas.

"The innovative methods we develop are likely to have an impact on different fields: healthcare, agronomy, insurance, etc.," she said.

According to Fantun, the NukkAI project has two "legs":

"One leg is dedicated to research focused on bridge, and it has taken a huge step in just one year. Starting in May 2018, we have



NukkAI's Jean-Baptiste Fantun and Veronique Ventos

already gathered a strong team of prominent AI researchers, young engineers and bridge experts and are moving fast on research (bridge robots).

"The other leg is dedicated to applications, but taking a step with this leg required a credible scientific team which we now have gathered, thanks to the bridge challenge. So now we

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Upsets galore in Spingold round of 32

Several high seeds exited the Spingold KO Teams in yesterday's round of 32.

The No. 4 seed captained by Marty Fleisher is out of the event after losing 151–144 to Rose Meltzer's team, the No. 29 seed.

The No. 5 seed led by Steve Robinson was pummeled 136–45 by the No. 28 seed, the all-French squad captained by Eric Gautret, in three quarters of play.

Jimmy Cayne's No. 10 seed was roughly ousted from the Spingold 204–95 by Andrew Gromov (No. 23).

George Mittelman (No. 12) was shown the door by Bart Bramley (No. 21) 144–115, and Jim Mahaffey's No. 13 seed got the boot from Joyce Hill (No. 20), 110–81.

Nick Nickell (No. 2) survived a scare against Eric Leong (No. 34), advancing 144–135 after trailing late in the match.

No. 3 Blass also trailed their opponents late in the match, but won to advance. Blass defeated Bruce Rogoff's team 139–127.

Team Lavazza (No. 7) fought to a 120–120 tie against Paul Lewis and company (No. 26), but Lavazza prevailed in overtime, winning 152–131.

From the stage to your bridge table



Las Vegas NABC I/N Chair Toby McEvoy, left, and Treasurer Chris Hahn teach beginning bridge to people they meet through community theater.

There's a new group of bridge players sprouting in Las Vegas. Because it's not happening in any of the established clubs, some people refer it as underground. Perhaps a better term is backstage: It's a group of community theater performers who are learning bridge together.

Two of the volunteers on the NABC host committee are making it happen: I/N Chair Toby McEvoy and Treasurer Chris Hahn. Both are involved in theater as a hobby. McEvoy is a musical director – he conducts and recruits orchestras – and Hahn is a singer/musical actor. They didn't plan to recruit bridge players, but it happened organically.

"I've had to be away from rehearsals for a bridge tournament," McEvoy explained. "That led to people asking about bridge and asking me to

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Mini-Spins begin head-to-head KOs

After yesterday's three-way matches in both flights of the Mini-Spingold KO Teams, each contest will feature all-day, head-to-head matches beginning today.

The field in the 0-6000 Mini-Spingold KO Teams has been reduced to 16 teams, while eight teams remain in the 0-2500 Mini-Spingold contest.

Miles leads Mixed BAM quals

The squad captained by Danny Miles topped the qualifying round of the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams. The Miles team posted 20 wins in the first session and 18.5 in the second for 38.5 wins total. Miles is playing with Sylvia Shi, Barry Rigal–Laura Dekkers and Jian-Jian Wang–Li Yiting.

In second with 35.5 is Ellen Kent's team: Ellen Kent–Robert Kent and Sandy McCay–Thomas Turgeon.

Three teams are tried for third with 35.

Baqai–Ravipudi lead Wernher

Californians Ifthikhar Baqai and Subba Ravipudi are leading the qualifiers in the Wernher Open Pairs after yesterday's opening round. They scored 66.76% in the first qualifying session and 56.64% in the second. Their carryover is 264.61.

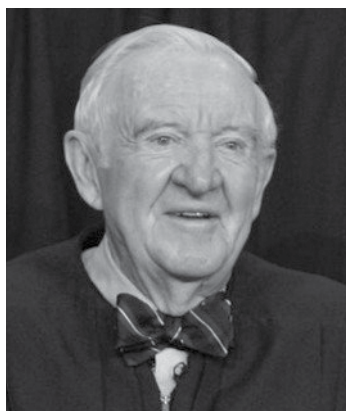
In second place are Canadians Frederic Pollack and Kamel Fergani with a carryover of 253.77.

Third place is occupied by Eric Sieg and Thomas Devine of Washington state with a carryover of 241.11.

Justice John Paul Stevens 1920–2019

Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens died July 16 in a Fort Lauderdale FL hospital following a stroke. He was 99 years old.

In addition to being a brilliant jurist, Stevens was an accomplished bridge player, and a regular at club games and tournaments in both Florida and the Washington



DC area. On Valentine's Day, he attended a special 60th anniversary celebration of the Fort Lauderdale Club

Born in Chicago, Stevens served in the Navy in World War II. He enlisted on Dec. 6, 1941, one day before the attack on Pearl Harbor, and served as an intelligence officer in the Pacific Theater from 1942 to 1945. He was awarded a Bronze Star for his service. He returned home and entered Northwestern University School, graduating magna cum laude in 1947.

He was appointed to the Court of Appeals for

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Goodwill Message

Greet and welcome your opponents; compliment them on their good play.

Sandy DeMartino, Chair

Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee

**ATTENDANCE
through Wednesday
9436 tables**

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

All meetings are at The Cosmopolitan.

Thursday, July 25		Saturday, July 27	
10 am–6 pm	Youth NABC. <i>Brera 4, third floor</i>	10 am–5:30 pm	Youth NABC. <i>Brera 4, third floor</i>
	Friday, July 26	5:30–7:30 pm	Youth NABC Closing Reception. <i>Condesa 5, second floor</i>
10 am–6 pm	Youth NABC. <i>Brera 4, third floor</i>		

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don’t miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! *Brera 2 on the third floor of The Cosmopolitan.*

Thursday, July 25		Friday, July 26	
9:15 a.m.	Norman Beck <i>Odd Things and Bridge</i>	9:15 a.m.	Harriette Buckman <i>Rights and Responsibilities</i>
6:45 p.m.	Donna Compton <i>Passive vs. Attacking Defense</i>	6:45 p.m.	Tom Carmichael <i>New Minor Forcing Friends</i>
		Saturday, July 27	
		9:15 a.m.	GS Jade Barrett <i>Power of Fits</i>

HOSPITALITY

Food will be served nightly following the evening session in the Gracia Commons on the third floor.

Thursday, July 25	Friday, July 26
Mac and cheese bites.	Ice cream.
	Saturday, July 27
	Roasted tomato bruschetta.

Entry fees

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

Players must be ACBL members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following nationally ranked events: Grand National Teams (Championship Flight), von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, Spingold Knockout Teams, Wagar Women’s Pairs, Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, Wernher Open Pairs, Freeman Mixed Board-A-Match Teams and the Roth Open Swiss Teams. The entry fees for these contests are \$30 per player per session. For team events, this means \$120 per team per session for four-person teams, \$150 per team per session for five-person teams, and \$180 per team per session for six-person teams. When screens are in use, there is an additional fee of \$10 per pair or \$20 per team per session.

Note: Only ACBL members are eligible to play in NABC+ events. \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Grand National Teams (Flights A, B & C), the 0–6000 and 0–2500 Mini-Spingold Knockouts, the 0–10,000 NABC Pairs, the 0–10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams, the Bruce LM–6000 Pairs, the Young 0–2500 Pairs and the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs. The entry fee is \$22 per player per session. For the team events, this means \$88 per team per session for teams of four, \$110 per team per session for teams of five, and \$132 per team per session for teams of six. (The GNT Flights A, B & C have no fee the first two days of the contest.) When screens are in use, there is an additional fee of \$10 per pair or \$20 per team per session.

Regional events are \$20 per player per session for ACBL members, and \$24 for lapsed members. For multi-session team events of three sessions or more, the entry fee is \$80, \$100 or \$120 for teams of four, five or six, respectively. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is \$80 per

session.

Events with a masterpoint limit of 300 or lower are \$15 per player per session for ACBL members, \$19 for lapsed members.

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Check-cashing limit is \$500.

Players may purchase Bridge Bucks using all major credit cards.



Vendors

The vendors for the Summer NABC are located on the fourth floor directly outside the Belmont Ballroom. There you can find a variety of goods from books to jewelry.

Youth and Junior entries

Coupons will be made available for Junior members in good standing for entry into events at NABCs:

- Any player under the age of 26 years who is a full-time student (must provide proof of eligibility) will be entitled to coupons that can be used for any event. These coupons have a value of \$10 per session.
- Any player under the age of 21 years will be entitled to coupons that can be used for any event. These coupons have a value of \$10 per session.
- Any player 19 years and under will be granted free plays for each session of regionally rated events.
- Players under the age of 26 years named to teams to represent the U.S., Canada and Mexico in world competitions for NABCs occurring between the time they are named to the team and the world championship will receive free plays at NABCs when playing with members of their team or members of another team representing Zone 2.

Parking

Parking is free for registered guests at The Cosmopolitan. For others, parking is \$15 per day for self-parking or \$20 per day for valet, or \$10 and \$15 for up to four hours. At Planet Hollywood, parking is free for everyone.

Cash concessions

The cash concessions stand is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Cosmopolitan, outside the Belmont Ballroom, and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside Gracia Ballroom on the third level.



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North (Dummy)

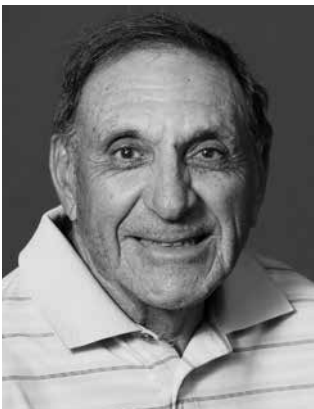
♠ A 7 2
♥ 4 3
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ A 7 6 5

South (You)

♠ K Q 6 4
♥ A 2
♦ K J 2
♣ K J 3 2

INT-3NT gets you the opening lead of the ♥6, East playing the ♥J. Plan the play.

You have eight top tricks and dare not let them in before you get nine. Win the ♥A and test spades, a suit that allows you to stay alive if it doesn't break 3-3. If it doesn't, you still have eight tricks. You are now reduced to either the club finesse or the diamond finesse. In other words you have three



chances. You have already taken one, what should your second chance be?

When missing a queen in two suits, a finesse possible in either suit, cash the ace-king of the longer suit (clubs) and if the queen doesn't drop, take a finesse in the shorter suit (diamonds). This is a recording.

The full deal:

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



Bonny Yamashita and Joyce Keane of Sun City AZ have been playing in 299er games here since Saturday. It's the first NABC for Keane, who has been playing for only a couple years, not counting in college 40 years ago. Yamashita started playing when she retired in 2010 and attended the Phoenix NABC in 2013. "I told her it was so much fun, I had to get her to come here," Yamashita said. Keane is glad she agreed. "I love it!" she said. "I love the people."

Spingold Round of 64: Cayne vs. Rosenberg

By Shireen Mohandes

The Round of 64 in the Spingold KO Teams produced several close matches including this one between the No. 10 seed (James Cayne, Alan Sontag, Alfredo Versace, Andrea Manno, Lorenzo Lauria, Massimiliano Di Franco) and the No. 55 seed (Kevin Rosenberg, Ben Kristensen, Veri Kiljan, Giovanni Donati, Luc Tijssen).

The vugraph team must have been pleased with their selection of matches to show. Rosenberg The Younger's team did not disappoint. They took an early lead in the first three sets, and they were ahead 100-71 as the fourth quarter started, but Cayne came back in the last quarter to win 120-103.

The Rosenberg team did well at both tables on this deal:

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

The auction was the same at both tables:

West	North	East	South
Versace	Kiljan	Lauria	Donati
Kristensen	Di Franco	Rosenberg	Manno
		2♠	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

In the Open Room, East, Lauria, led the ♠A, then continued with the ♠K and another spade. Declarer, Kiljan, ruffed high in dummy with the ♥J, West shedding the ♦3. Declarer cashed the ♥A K, learning of the 4-1 trump break, and set about shortening himself by playing the ♦A and another diamond, followed by a club, taken by West.

Dummy's clubs provided two further entries, one to ruff another diamond, and one to lead a card through East. In the three-card ending, he had the



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♥Q 9 and the ♣8 in hand, facing the ♦J and the ♠K 6. He crossed to the ♣K and led a minor-suit card through Versace's ♥10 x. Nicely played!

At the other table, the play started the same way, but East, Kristensen threw a club on the third round of spades. Declarer, Di Franco, played the same way as Kiljan. However, when declarer played a club to dummy in the three-card ending, Kristensen was able to ruff to score his trump trick and pick up 10 IMPs. Nicely defended!

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MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING KNOCKOUT 1			
9 Tables			
23.38	1	Andrew Risman, Toronto ON; Tony Viidik - Joan Viidik, Waterloo ON; Merryll Chin, North York ON	
16.37	2	Farley Mawyer, Port Chester NY; Laura Brounstein, Greenwich CT; Jonathan Howe, Sag Harbor NY; Hubert Howe Jr, Westhampton NY	
8.30	3	Robert McBroom - Kathy Flynn, Santa Clarita CA; Elaine Moore - Thomas Shudic, Burbank CA	

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY COMPACT KNOCKOUT 1			
12 Tables			
9.63	1	Carla Francis, Castro Valley CA; Linda Decquir, Wildomar CA; James Scofield, Chula Vista CA; Bruce Bauer, Murrieta CA	
6.74	2	Paul Jorgensen - Gary Nitzberg, Carson City NV; Carol Macksey, Fairfield OH; Woodie Goddard, Bowling Green OH	
4.33	3	Cheeky Carlson, La Quinta CA; Frank Paco Jordan, Indio CA; Nancy Peckham, Thousand Palms CA; Patricia Swanson, Palm Desert CA	
3.37	4	Ian Kirk - Deanna Birch, Portland OR; Jim Liu, Saratoga CA; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA	

TUESDAY EVENING ZIP KNOCKOUT			
8 Tables			
3.36	1	Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA; Jennifer Krueger, Rosedale MD	
2.35	2	Lucy Zhang, Cambridge MA; Sophia Chang, San Gabriel CA; Ethan Wood, Dover MA; Lew Gamerman, Randolph MA	
1.34	3/4	Joseph Lieberman, Los Angeles CA; Christopher Welland, New York NY; Amber Lin, Edison NJ; Emma Kolesnik, Calabasas CA	
1.34	3/4	Samuel Kuang, Elmhurst NY; Marley Cedrone, Framingham MA; Zach Posternak, Sharon MA; Andrew Purvis, Kirkland WA	

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY MORNING KNOCKOUT			
9 Tables			
Gail Steffan - Margaret Wahlborg – N. Dennis Berg - Julie Nadel, Santa Barbara CA			

vs

Sara Lynn Thomas - Marjorie Sandoval, Colorado Springs CO; Jan Heggem - Pamela Williams, Albuquerque NM

Donald Caplin, Waltham MA; Daniel AlbertRozenberg, Cambridge MA; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Randy Okubo, St. Paul MN

vs			
Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Yoko Sobel, Brooklyn NY; Cecilia Rimstedt, Kungsbacka Sweden; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA			

Deborah Goldsmith, San Diego CA; Kay Merrick, Sykesville MD; Petko Petkov, Ellsworth ME; Iliana Rozemberg, Northbrook IL

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Paul Holmes, Wadsworth OH; Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; Avram Ninyo - Susan Ninyo, Rancho Santa Fe CA			



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WERNHER OPEN PAIRS QUALIFIERS			
91.0 Tables / Based on 175 Tables			Carryover
1	Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA		264.61
2	Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Kamel Fergani, Montreal QC		253.77
3	Eric Sieg, Seattle WA; Thomas Devine, Ferndale WA		241.11
4	Kenneth Chatzinoff, Cinnaminson NJ; Douglas Dye, Wyndmoor PA		225.25
5	Shane Blanchard, New York NY; James Holzhauer, Las Vegas NV		214.94
6	Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London, England		207.30
7	Paul Meerschaert, Long Lake MN; Robert Schachter, Eden Prairie MN		205.92
8	Xi Lin, Northbrook IL; Xudong Sun, Shanghai People's Republic of China		202.59
9	Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Richard Oshlag, Memphis TN		188.34
10	Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY; Lawrence Lau, Westport CT		184.34
11	Alexander Allen, Annandale NJ; Abe Pineles, Jackson NJ		184.03
12	Yan Wang, Richmond Hill ON; Edward Xu, North York ON		176.66
13	Sid Segal - Les Fouks, Vancouver BC		171.93
14	Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Jessica Larsson, Taby, Sweden		170.47
15	Aaron Jones, North Bethesda MD; Jeff Roman, Bend OR		169.05
16	Jason Chiu, San Jose CA; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria		167.76
17	John Koch, Saint Cloud MN; Terry Beckman, Brooklyn Park MN		164.61
18	Maya Alela, Kayenta AZ; Pedro Miguel Durao, Lisbon Portugal		163.93
19	Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT; Jeffrey Juster, New York NY		162.84
20	Richard McCombs, Santa Fe NM; John Pendergrass, Albuquerque NM		157.29
21	Ethan Wood, Dover MA; Robin Hillyard, Carlisle MA		156.88
22	Tom Bishel - John Bishel, Columbus OH		155.25
23	Alan Malloy, Mountain View CA; Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA		150.36
24	Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; Brian Glubok, New York NY		149.64
25	Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA		149.07
26	Douglas Doub, West Hartford CT; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY		148.79
27	Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY		148.29
28	Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; John Moffat, Bellingham WA		145.13
29	Larry Averbuch, Nashville TN; Patrick Williams, Greenbrier TN		138.74
30	Ioannis Papakyriakopoul - Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis, Athens, Greece		135.61
31	Sam Goldberg, Dix Hills NY; Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL		134.96
32	Shome Mukherjee, Braintree MA; Lew Gamerman, Randolph MA		133.47
33	Terry Schleppegrell, Boulder City NV; Dave Walker, Seattle WA		131.49
34	Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC; Hugh Brown Jr, Greenwood SC		130.76
35	Donald Faskow, Hollywood FL; John Albright, Plantation FL		130.57
36	Steven Adelson, Scottsdale AZ; David Zapatka, Sun Lakes AZ		130.26
37	Lin-Huan Chen - Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO		129.66
38	James Griffin, San Rafael CA; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA		128.51
39	Linda Wynston, Toronto ON; Sondra Schubiner, Franklin MI		126.42
40	Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL		125.16
41	Michael Roche, Victoria BC; Daniel Lyder, Vancouver BC		124.70
42	Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY		124.61
43	Craig Biddle - Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA		124.54
44	YuQi Wen - Baozhuo Jiang, People's Republic of China		124.39
45	Jack Lee, Richmond BC; Zheng Zhang, Toronto ON		120.51
46	Edward Nagy, Danville CA; Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA		120.25
47	Xue Xiao Zuo, - Nan Wang, People's Republic of China		117.39
48	Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL; Jim Munday, Southaven MS		117.20
49	Allan Falk, Okemos MI; John Lusky, Portland OR		116.86
50	Bob Todd, Winnipeg MB; Brad Bart, Coquitlam BC		114.47
51	Gonzalo Goded, Madrid Spain; Luis Lantaron, Spain		114.11
52	Gene Benedict, Toledo OH; Ron Feldman, Redondo Beach CA		112.20
53	Bartlomiej Iгла, Switzerland; Fernando Piedra, Switzerland		112.01
54	Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Jack LaVigne, Houston TX		109.74
55	Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA; Walter Schafer Jr., Fountain Valley CA		108.37
56	Michael Kamil, Oro Valley AZ; Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL		107.75
57	Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON		107.26
58	George Woltman, Blowing Rock NC; Dwight Meredith, Greensboro NC		106.03
59	Robert Bell, New Providence NJ; Michael Hughes, San Jose CA		103.87
60	Mark Friedlander, Deerfield IL; Howard Engle, Highland Park IL		103.78
61	Chris Pesce, Seattle WA; Rex Tu, Bellevue WA		102.37
62	Maria Tsoukalas, Las Vegas NV; Marius Agica, Bucharest, Romania		101.52
63	Bob Enenstein, Los Altos CA; Alan Wood, San Jose CA		100.12
64	William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA		99.31
65	G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Thomas Maccormac, Dublin, Ireland		97.11
66	Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI; Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI		96.30
67	Michael Berkowitz, Brooklyn NY; David Moss, New York NY		92.96
68	Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL; Kelley Hwang, New York NY		92.90
69	Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; L James Phillips, Chicago IL		92.81
70	Jeffrey Schwartz - Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA		90.30
71	Iulian Rotaru - Laurie Vogel, New York NY		90.26
72	Bobby Wolff, Las Vegas NV; Morris Chang, Santa Clara CA		89.76
73	Vic Quiros, Phoenix AZ; Ned Kohler, Scottsdale AZ		89.20
74	Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Wanfeng Mou, Sugar Land TX		89.14
75	Alexander Labry, Austin TX; Jack Lacy, Lago Vista TX		88.95
76	Qian Ren, North York ON; Shihong You, Germantown MD		88.38
77	Jakob Kristinsson, Delray Beach FL; Jerry Premo, Noblesville IN		87.58
78	Robert White, Raleigh NC; Michael Kovacich, Stone Mountain GA		86.61
79	Sumit Daftuar, San Marino CA; Robert Forster, Little Neck NY		85.37
80	Jeff Hand, New York NY; Gregory Woods, Westport CT		84.44
81	Jennifer Kuhn - Philip Kuhn, San Mateo CA		84.15
82	Grant Vance - Jessica Lai, Oakland CA		83.30
83	Jason Rosenfeld, Seaattle WA; Jennifer Gu, Palo Alto CA		82.96
84	Chris Moll, Durham NC; Jay Barron, Tulsa OK		82.57
85	Jonathan Rodney, Arlington VA; David Rodney, Fairfax VA		82.15
86	Emory Whitaker, Macon GA; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA		81.67
87	Jay Segarra, Ocean Springs MS; Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR		81.16
88	Oleg Rubinchik, Brooklyn NY; George Krizel, Vineland NJ		80.90
89	Eitan Orensten - Aba Kalish, Haifa, Israel		75.94
90	Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Cameron Doner, Surrey BC		75.81
91	Richard Chan, Markham ON; Sheng Li, New York NY		75.22

92	Conor Boland - Michael Donnelly, Dublin Ireland	73.70
93	Randolph Johnson, Suffield CT; Vincent Grande Jr., Salem MA	73.35
94	Qucheng Gong, Newark CA; William Zhu, San Francisco CA	72.88
95	Bo Liu, Irvine CA; Somers Collins, Little Rock AR	71.13
96	Ann Buchholz, Ponte Vedra Bch FL; Craig Hemphill, Jacksonville FL	70.40
97	Chantal Dube - Josette Levesque, Montreal QC	69.85
98	Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Michael Massimilla, Syosset NY	69.32
99	Eugene Kales, Arlington VA; John Glynn, Annandale VA	68.23
100	Stuart Goodgold, San Jose CA; Nelson Davis, Seattle WA	67.66
101	Arthur Zhou - Michael Hu, San Jose CA	63.52
102	Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA; Audrey Rennels, Laguna Woods CA	63.16
103	Michael Christensen, Seattle WA; Stanford Christie, Kirkland WA	62.36
104	Daniel Tataru, Walnut Creek CA; Dmitri Shabes, San Ramon CA	61.18
105	Philip McPeck - Matthew Dyer, Chicago IL	61.04
106	George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA; James Tritt, Orange CA	59.64
107	Zachary Madden, Bethesda MD; Shawn Drenning, Austin TX	58.18
108	Andy Avery, Jamaica VT; Cecily Kohler, Washington DC	56.64
109	Gen Geiger - Terry McHenry, Sarasota FL	56.30
110	Jerrold Grossman, Rochester Hills MI; Debra Eaves, Northville MI	55.73
111	Daniel Takahashi - Kyungwon Yoo, Las Vegas NV	55.10
112	Helene Bauman, Arlington VA; Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA	54.58
113	Kay Beck, Noblesville IN; Sveinn Eiriksson, Iceland	54.26
114	Hui Mei Wang - Song He Zhou, People’s Republic of China	52.98
115	Ronald Kral, Reston VA; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV	52.76
116	Ivanie Yeo - Lon Sunshine, Merrimack NH	52.37
117	Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA	52.29
118	William Ge - Ben Takemori, Burnaby BC	50.40
119	Miriam Rosenberg, Mexico; Adriana Salinas, Mexico	50.04
120	Marshall Kuschner, Reston VA; Douglas Kuschner, Seattle WA	48.88
121	Gil Cohen, Ashburn VA; Marty Nelson, Annapolis MD	47.34
122	Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA; Ronald Vickery, Oro Valley AZ	46.82
123	Romeo Bodrogi-Podoaba, Houston TX; Stephen Moese, West Chester OH	46.17
124	Michael Ranis - Francisco Bernal, Miami FL	45.28
125	Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA; William Rogers, Santa Fe NM	44.99
126	Marcus Ballinger, Burlingame CA; Glenn Boyce, Piedmont CA	43.23
127	Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Columbia Heights MN; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	42.59
128	Lance Shull, Raleigh NC; John Cobb Jr., Morrisville NC	41.74
129	Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB	40.71
130	Heather Bakhshi, London England; Claire Robinson, London	39.77
131	Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX; Erez Hendelman, New York NY	39.04
132	Jeff Schuett, Riverwoods IL; Nancy Frank, Glencoe IL	38.37
133	Gerrianne Mason, Crossville TN; Allison L Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	37.82
134	Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Steven Smolen, San Francisco CA	35.95
135	Ronald Wilson, Mississauga ON; Andrew Firko, Oakville ON	35.29
136	Christopher Smith - Deborah Drury, Vero Beach FL	34.74
137	Andre Chartrand, Montreal QC; Charles Martineau, Saint-Lambert QC	33.71
138	Michael Wolf, Fort Lauderdale FL; Peter Jargowsky, Boca Raton FL	30.92
139	Arthur Lowen, Nashville TN; Bob Heller, Knoxville TN	30.66
140	Gregg Van Dyke, St. Paul MN; Tom Grue, Las Vegas NV	29.07
141	Frank Hsieh, Sammamish WA; Zhu Liu, Princeton NJ	28.18
142	Stephen Tu, Milpitas CA; Ronald Powell, Santa Clara CA	27.73
143	Steve Hirsch - Gregory Thorpe, Brea CA	27.14
144	Imtiaz Husain, Midland MI; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH	26.45
145	Jo Morse, Boise ID; Janet Dresden, Palm Beach Gardens FL	25.62
146	Joe Houde, Vista CA; Andrew Loh, Solana Beach CA	25.18
147	Cheng Wang - Aiyue Ma, People’s Republic of China	24.08
148	Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; James Slinger, Corralitos CA	22.62
149	Paul Frean - David Parsons, New York NY	21.47
150	Frederick Allenspach, Plantation FL; Janet Lee, Oakton VA	21.28
151	Valerie Greenberg - Alan Greenberg, Ojai CA	20.98
152	Robert Barrington, New York NY; H. Hunt, Kiawah Island SC	20.09
153	Anant Rathí - Ankur Rathí, San Francisco CA	20.05
154	Andy Kaufman, Upper Gwynedd PA; Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA	19.81
155	Steve Shirey, Fort Worth TX; Don Lussky, Elmhurst IL	19.63
156	Philip Hiestand, Irvine CA; Rai Osborne, Anaheim CA	17.56
157	Tania Reyes Hiller, Bedford Corners NY; Elliot Sternlicht, New York NY	16.96
158	Frank Feng, Radnor PA; Jason Ji, Kendall Park NJ	16.45
159	Hadi Abushakra, Kensington MD; Mel Yudkin, Annandale VA	15.72
160	Vince Oddy - Barbara Clinton, Aurora ON	15.45
161	Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Virginia Wailes, Hillsborough CA	15.14
162	Finn Kolesnik, Ventura CA; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN	14.54
163	Harold George - Dan Chocron, Wichita KS	13.98
164	Gary Macgregor - Heather MacGregor, Portola Valley CA	13.89
165	Simone Tanaka, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Joao Paulo Campos, Sao Paulo, Brazil	12.27
166	Arjune Bose, Houston TX; Ranjit Bose, Albuquerque NM	10.73
167	Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Allan Deserpa, Tempe AZ	10.29
168	Radu Nistor, Woodside NY; Joan Brody, Livingston NJ	9.93
169	Brian Wyman, Las Vegas NV; Jonathan Fleischmann, Bloomfield MI	9.28
170	Marc Renson, San Mateo CA; Bob Sanner, Palo Alto CA	7.56
171	Randi Adelman, Teaneck NJ; Ryan Connors, Alexandria VA	7.47
172	Alan Kudisch, East Norwich NY; Tom Trachuk, Walnut Creek CA	6.36
173	Geoffrey Brod, Avon CT; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT	5.19
174	David Yang, Darien IL; Marin Marinov, New York NY	4.41
175	John McAllister, Keswick VA; Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA	4.02
176	Jerry Weinstein - Mike Lucas, Las Vegas NV	3.41
177	Serena Guo, Dublin CA; Bo Xiao, Fremont CA	3.28
178	Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	2.07
179	Bijoy Anand - Janice Madsen, Jacksonville FL	0.98
180	Steven Towner, Salt Lake City UT; Aaron Cavender, Sandy UT	0.38
181	Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX; Ron LaCour, Georgetown TX	0.14
182	Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT	0.00

NukkAI

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are ready to tackle different verticals with an incremental approach: We develop proofs of concept with different business partners, which will give us an idea of the potential market for NukkAI while generating revenue.”

Fantun and Ventos are in Las Vegas (with their children, who are members of the French under-26 bridge team) to meet potential investors. They’re also meeting with bridge experts to show them the improvements of their bots and bridge-related apps and in return, gather their recommendations.

Ventos said that they are moving fast on two fronts.

“First, the level of our bridge bots: Our innovative algorithms are already beating state-of-the-art bridge bots and in some areas of the game, we are approaching human level.

“Second, the explainability aspect: We have already realized proofs of concept where we ‘open the black box,’ i.e., our bots take an optimal decision, and we can plug in a module that ‘explains’ the rationale for the decision.”

The couple said that they have plans to use their research for other areas.

“The first project that we are launching is in the humanitarian field: It will be a joint project with IMMAP, a U.S.-French non-governmental organization that gathers data for humanitarian purposes. It is likely to have a strong impact and may lead to further substantial projects with regard to the ‘AI for good’ momentum.”

Fantun notes that Bill Gates once said, “A person who can play bridge can do anything.”

According to Fantun, the idea behind the quote could be expanded to say, “A computer that can play bridge can do anything.”



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New Life Master

Bruce Bauer of Murrieta CA became a Life Master on Wednesday playing in the Tuesday-Wednesday Morning Compact KO with James Scofield, Linda Decquir and Carla Francis. The team won the event, picking up 9.63 gold.



Patricia McKinley of Telluride CO became a new Life Master on Monday playing in the Daylight Swiss Teams with partner Harish Singh and teammates Donna Butcher and Gisele Girardin.



McKinley, who needed 2.88 gold points to attain the LM rank, earned 5.99 gold points in the event.

The husband-wife duo of **Gary Piazzoni** and **Liz Piazzoni** became Life Masters playing together in the Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams on Tuesday. The Piazzonis, of Chula Vista VA, played with Bob Krause and Linda Krause of Hacienda Heights CA. They needed just 1.76 gold points to advance, and they picked up 2.41 in Tuesday’s game.



QUALIFIERS IN THE FREEMAN MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

52 Tables		Carryover
1	Daniel Miles, Toronto ON; Sylvia Shi, Las Vegas NV; Barry Rigal, New York NY; Laura Dekkers, Netherlands; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Li Yiting, Herndon VA	5.00
2	Ellen Kent - Robert Kent, Chicago IL; Sandy McCay, Naples FL; Thomas Turgeon, Memphis TN	3.80
3/5	Jean-Charles Allavena, Monaco; Palau Jean-Jacques, France; Pierr-Yves Guillaumin, France; Nathalie Frey, Monaco; Vanessa Reess, France	3.60
3/5	Tatiana Dikhnova - Tatiana Ponomareva - Sergey Orlov, Moscow, Russia; Evgeny Rudakov, Novgorod, Russia	3.60
3/5	Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Wenfei Wang - Shen Qi, Shanghai People’s Republic of China	3.60
6	David Treitel, Miami FL; Pamela Granovetter - Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Gabrielle Sherman, Tucson AZ	3.20
7	Ranald Davidson, York ON; K Fung, Edmonton AB; Dana Berkowitz, New York NY; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY; Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY	2.80
8/9	Thomas Paske, Manhattan NY; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Christina Madsen, Hellerup, Denmark; Veri Kiljan, Netherlands	2.60
8/9	Joan Jackson - Norman Beck, Dallas TX; Tobi Sokolow - David Sokolow, Austin TX; Ellen Hessel - Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX	2.60
10/13	Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Netherlands; Daniela von Arnim, Hockenheim, Germany; William Watson - Debbie Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Roland Rohowsky, Nuerenberg, Germany	2.40
10/13	Jared Lilienstein - William Pollack - Rozanne Pollack, New York NY; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Howard Weinstein, Rancho Mirage CA; Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL	2.40
10/13	Patrick Bogacki - Valerie Sauvage-Bogacki, France; Jerzy Romanowski, France; Martine Rossard, France	2.40
10/13	Bob Glasson - Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ; Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis, Arlington VA	2.40
14/15	Claire Alpert - Irina Kislitsyna, Miami FL; Leonardo Fruscoloni, New York NY; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL	2.20
14/15	Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Ishmael Del’Monte, Las Vegas NV; Sandra Rimstedt, New York NY; Justyna Zmuda, Poland	2.20
16/20	John Carruthers, Kingsville ON; Bronia Jenkins, Vero Beach FL; JoAnna Stansby - Lew Stansby, Dublin CA	1.60
16/20	Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Agoura Hills CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA	1.60
16/20	Phyllis Yates, San Diego CA; Nunzio Martorina, Laguna Woods CA; Fran White, Fallbrook CA; Steve Bruno, Oceanside CA	1.60
16/20	Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA; Henry Caspar, Las Vegas NV; Jadwiga Polujan, Calgary AB; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH	1.60
16/20	David Butler, Keswick VA; Leah Shao, Harrisonburg VA; Brian Schoenfeld - Muh-Sha Crawford, Virginia Beach VA	1.60
21	Jovanka Smederevac, Vienna, Austria; Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury MA; Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	1.40
22/26	Paula Nataf, Beverly Hills CA; Romain Tembouret, France; Veronique Bessis, Paris, France; Julien Gaviard, Colombes, France	1.20
22/26	Vasileios Vroustis, Athens Greece; Gigi Simpson, Sarasota FL; May Sakr, Ardmore PA; Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ	1.20

The Golden Gate opens to welcome the bridge world Nov. 28–Dec. 8, when San Francisco hosts the Fall NABC.

There’s a seat for you at the table, whatever your bridge level, and with events starting morning, afternoon, evening and night, you can just relax and immerse yourself in the game. Looking for a partner or team? The Partnership Desk onsite is happy to oblige.

The Soloway Knockout Teams debuts at the Fall 2019 NABC. Named in honor of late Hall of Famer Paul Soloway, the top-tier event begins with a two-day Swiss qualifying round to reduce the field to 32 squads, followed by five days of head-to-head knockout matches to crown a single winner. The contest awards platinum points, which are even available from match awards in the Swiss qualifier.

The SF Intermediate/Newcomer scene is buzzing! Games most every day at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. provide a comfortable place to play against people who have similar experience. Preceding the morning and evening games, well-known bridge players present a short chalk talk designed to enhance players’ understanding of a useful concept or convention.

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A one-night room deposit will be charged to your credit card when booking your stay. This charge will be refundable for reservations canceled before or on Sept. 15, 2019 (additional cancellation charges from the hotel may apply).

See acbl.org/nabc for complete information.



22/26	Merril Hirsh, Washington DC; Monique Smith, Arlington VA; William Pettis, Chevy Chase MD; Barbara Ames, Bethesda MD	1.20
22/26	Maximo Crusizio, Argentina; James Fox - Judy Fox, Virginia Beach VA; Monica Jajoo, Gurgaon India	1.20
22/26	Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Anthony Barre, Sunnyvale CA; Teri Smoot, Placerville CA; Donald Dalpe, Fort Myers FL	1.20
27/32	Lee Maddocks, Modesto CA; Debbie Gailfus, Carlsbad CA; V Jay Tipton - Linda Tipton, Irvine CA	1.00
27/32	Jean Barry - Pat Leary - Jim Leary, Livermore CA; Erwin Linzner, Santa Rosa CA	1.00
27/32	Ken Monzingo, San Diego CA; Bonnie Bagley, Colorado Springs CO; Suzi Subeck - Stanton Subeck, Glenview IL	1.00
27/32	Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Steve Ramos Jr., Seal Beach CA; Mark McCarthy - Rhian Davies, San Francisco CA	1.00
27/32	Nurit Graizer - Shimshon Horvitz, Raanana Israel; Sonia Mark, Kono Israel; Michael Mark, Israel	1.00
27/32	Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Argentina; Rita Shugart, Pebble Beach CA; Lee De Simone, Paso Robles CA; Dave Glen, Cuenca Ecuador	1.00
33/37	Margie Cole, New York NY; Maureen Rives, Saddle River NJ; Carlos Hoyos, Bogota, Colombia; Alejandro Bianchedi, Argentina	0.80
33/37	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Uday Ivatury - Christal Henner, New York NY; Victor King, Hartford CT	0.80
33/37	Danny Sprung - Joann Sprung, Las Vegas NV; Anne Brenner - David Caprera, Denver CO	0.80
33/37	Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Sherwood OR; Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR; Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR	0.80
33/37	Diana Schuld, Glen Head NY; Bruce Horiguchi, Gardena CA; John Kissinger - Susan Kissinger, San Clemente CA	0.80
38/40	Junko Hemus, Las Vegas NV; John Moschella, Winter Springs FL; Mariko Kakimoto - Weishu Wu, Irvine CA	0.60
38/40	Shailesh Gupta, Aliso Viejo CA; Jayendu Patel - Tanaaz Timblo, Vista CA; Judy Elbogen, Mission Viejo CA	0.60
38/40	Katrin Litwin - Aidan Ballantyne, Burnaby BC; Susan Stockham, Birmingham AL; Magnus Olafsson, New York NY	0.60
41/44	Gary Soules - Jan Soules, Elk Grove CA; Richard Williams - Jody Williams, San Carlos CA	0.40
41/44	Richard Zeckhauser, Cambridge MA; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm, Sweden; Fiona Brown; Michael Byrne, Stateline NV	0.40
41/44	Cheryl Mandala - Yul Inn, Cupertino CA; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA	0.40
41/44	Chuck Malcolm - Marti Malcolm, Olathe KS; Victoria Muir - William Muir, Kansas City MO	0.40
45/47	Subhash Gupta, New Delhi, India; Noriko Domichi, Tokyo, Japan; Tim Benoit, Esbon KS; Cheryl Haines, Half Moon Bay CA	0.20
45/47	Tomi Storey, Frisco TX; Robert Buchanan, Arlington TX; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville TX; Virgil Massey, Driftwood TX	0.20
45/47	Stewart Rubenstein - Christina Parker, Chestnut Hill MA; Michael Smith - Susan Smith, Newington CT	0.20
48/52	Stacy Jacobs - George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Eldad Ginossar, Chicago IL; Irene Baroni, Italy	0.00
48/52	Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Pam Wittes, Venice CA; Steve Cohen - John Jeffrey, Las Vegas NV; Robert Perlsweig, Woodland Hills CA	0.00
48/52	Hailong Zhao, People’s Republic of China; Ke Jin - Ping Zhu - Wei Wang, People’s Republic of China; Ming Sheng, Northbrook IL	0.00
48/52	Phillip Goatz - Cynthia Goatz, Las Vegas NV; David Yoon, Bayside NY; Lorraine Cable, Elmhurst NY; Andrew Russell, St Catharines ON; Susan Cooper, Thornhill ON	0.00
48/52	Judy Hummel - Shirley Scott, Colorado Spings CO; William McFall, New Berlin WI; Jerry Poliquin, Gurnee IL	0.00

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: \$30 per player per session (For team events, this means \$120 per team per session for four-person teams, \$150 per team per session for five-person teams, and \$180 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: \$22 per player per session (For the team events, this means \$88 per team per session for teams of four, \$110 per team per session for teams of five, and \$132 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: \$20 for ACBL members, \$24 for inactive members per player per session (For multi-session team events of three sessions or more, the entry fee is \$80, \$100 or \$120 for teams of four, five or six, respectively. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is \$80.)

Events with a masterpoint limit of 300 or lower: \$15 for ACBL members, \$19 for inactive members per player per session

Screen fees \$10 per session per pair and \$20 per session per team is added to events when screens are in use.

Soloway KO premieres this fall

The inaugural Soloway Knockout Teams takes place at the Fall 2019 NABC in San Francisco. The new, top-tier (“NABC+”) contest begins with a two-day Swiss qualifying round, reducing the field to 32 squads, followed by five days of head-to-head knockout matches to produce a single winner.

The contest awards platinum points, which are even available from match awards in the Swiss qualifier.

The Soloway KO will begin on the first Friday of the Fall NABC, Nov. 29., and concludes on Thursday, Dec. 5. The contest will not conflict with the venerable Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, which begins Dec. 6, but teams who successfully advance to the quarterfinal round of the Soloway will be unable to play in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, which runs Dec. 3–5.

The new contest is named in honor of late Hall of Famer Paul Soloway, a multiple world and NABC champion, as well as the all-time ACBL masterpoint leader until his death in 2007.

Stevens

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the seventh circuit by President Nixon in 1970, and then to the Supreme Court by President Ford in 1975. When Justice Stevens retired in 2010 at the age of 90, he was the second-oldest and third-longest-serving justice ever to sit on the court.

At Justice Stevens’s passing, bridge expert Jeff Roman posted a remembrance on Bridgewinners.com:

Recollections from players all over the country recall a man of warmth, humor, approachability, and palpable intelligence. He loved our game, played for many, many years, and was a tough competitor.

Justice Stevens played bridge at our local Tuesday morning club with his wife Maryan, until her death in 2015. He was such a gentleman, and he always exuded intelligence, and warmth, and oh, those bow ties.

For years, I always addressed him as “Your Honor.” Then I was reading something and learned that the right form of address is “Mr. Justice.”

The next time he and Maryan were at the bridge game, I went to where they were sitting and said, “Mr. Justice, I just learned that I’ve been addressing you incorrectly and, well, I want you to know I certainly wasn’t being flippant.”

He said, “Why don’t you call me John?” I smiled and said, “Not if we had been best friends since third grade.” He said “Why not? It’s a social setting.”

I told him that when I looked at him, I saw 4% of the entire United States government! (Maryan held her head in her hands and said, “Oh my God.”). Justice Stevens asked “What? How do you ... ?” I said, “Well, a ninth of a third?” He perked up in his chair and said, “Heyyyyy...” Maryan looked at me with a look that conveyed “I love him, too” but she said with a practiced weariness “Jeff, what are you doing? I can’t get his head through doors ...”

U.S. player Randy Thompson – a retired attorney – claims the honor of having informed Justice Stevens that he was (at that time, anyway), the only justice in the history of the Supreme Court to use the word “gargoyle” in an opinion.

In a scathing dissent, “Justice Stevens said that he hoped that the majority opinion would some day be viewed as an ‘ancient gargoyle of the law,’” Randy says. “A one-word computer search of all Supreme Court opinions up to the date of the search turned up only that one instance of the use of gargoyle. He was amused to find out that piece of trivia.”

Bridge columnist and expert Frank Stewart described a memorable encounter with Stevens.

“In 1984, prior to the Summer Nationals in Washington, Justice Stevens played in a Congress-Parliament match that I helped cover for the Bulletin. The deals and play had been recorded, but the account of one deal I wanted to use was incomplete. I called the Supreme Court, got a law clerk on the phone and asked if Justice Stevens could call me. That same afternoon, my phone rang, and I had the remarkable experience of talking bridge with a member of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was gracious, engaging – and helpful. He remembered the deal at issue and answered my questions!

“Justice Stevens was an extraordinary jurist. He was also an excellent writer. I found his book ‘Five Amendments’ to be cogent and well executed. Rest well, Mr. Justice. You lived a good long life.”

Smoking Policy

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

Every IMP counts

By Bryan Howard

The result on this partscore deal from the opening-round Spingold match between the Rogoff team and the Juster team turned out to be significant. I was playing with Jim Foster on the Rogoff squad.

♠ J 8

♥ A 7 2

♦ Q 9 3

♣ Q 8 7 5 4

♠ A 7 2

♥ Q 4 3

♦ 10 7 5 4

♣ A J 6

♠ K 5 4 3

♥ 10 6

♦ K J 6 2

♣ K 10 3

♠ Q 10 9 6

♥ K J 9 8 5

♦ A 8

♣ 9 2

West

North

East

South

Foster

Howard

Pass

Pass

Pass

1♥

All Pass

2♣ (1)

Pass

2♥

(1) Drury

West led a third-best ♦5 to the queen, king and ace. When I played a spade to the jack and East’s king, RHO cashed the ♦J and played another diamond, which I ruffed. I then made the key play of the ♥J, ducked all around. After a trump to the ace, both opponents followed, so I claimed, conceding a spade and two clubs


Why the ♥J play? East had passed initially, but had shown with the ♦K J, the ♠K and the ♣A or king by inference (no club lead), thus it was unlikely that East held the ♥Q, too.

Our teammates went minus 500 on this deal, so we lost 9 IMPs, but if 2♥ had failed (minus 50 instead of plus 110),we would have lost 11 IMPs instead. The match was decided by 1 IMP, so ...


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WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE GAME					
21.0 Tables	A	B	C		
6.72	1	1		Steven Ackerman, Essex Junction VT; Estelle Kevitch, Salt Lake City UT	60.51%
5.04	2	2		Mark Hersko, Windsor CA; Larry Spanier, Rohnert Park CA	59.86%
3.78	3	3	1	Liao Yufan - Baozhuo Tiang,	58.47%
2.84	4			Jadwiga Polujan, Calgary AB; Henry Caspar, Las Vegas NV	58.38%
2.53	5			Barbara Clark, West Orange NJ; Michael Klemens, Tarzana CA	58.19%
1.59	6			Nancy Ogreenc, Wautoma WI; Robert Webster, Ripon WI	57.96%
1.81	7			James Tanner, Highland CA; William Hamann, Riverside CA	56.94%
2.38		4		Steven Fox, Kensington MD; Leon Yu, Syosset NY	56.66%
1.78		5		Mark Schantz, Murrieta CA; Gale Meyer, Durham NC	56.44%
1.99		6		Dianne Cox - Dennis Duryea, Redmond WA	53.33%
1.00		7		Betty Bursey, Herndon VA; Robert Morrison, Alexandria VA	52.41%
1.97			2	Susan Doyle, Winnetka IL; Claire McGuire, Northfield IL	51.39%
1.48			3	Don Tocher, Sunapee NH; Timothy Niebauer, Boulder CO	51.36%
1.11			4	Dolf Daam - Louise Smith, Victoria BC	50.28%
WEDNESDAY MORNING 299ERS					
24.0 Tables	A	B	C		
5.10	1	1		Zorina Pelant - Edward Pelant, Los Angeles CA	68.18%
3.83	2	2		Bill Webster - Bruce Block, Tucson AZ	67.42%
2.87	3	3		Cal Gabriel, San Marcos CA; James Sneed, Glendale AZ	67.05%
2.15	4	4		Douglas Frank – R. Jeannett Frank, Medford NY	64.20%
1.61	5	5		Margo Seymour - Dale Seymour, Los Altos CA	61.17%
3.07	6	6	1	Daniel Chang - Vivian Chang, Alhambra CA	60.80%
2.30			2	Nancy Tom, San Antonio TX; Sharon Evans, Boerne TX	57.77%
1.73			3	Andrew Hong - Ashish Gupta, San Francisco CA	54.17%
1.30			4	Carel Carter - Donna Mader, Henderson NV	53.41%
1.05			5	Joyce Keane - Bonny Yamashita, Sun City West AZ	53.22%
0.73			6	Min Bai, Cupertino CA; Andrew Chen, San Jose CA	50.95%
WEDNESDAY MORNING 49ERS					
8.0 Tables	A	B	C		
2.10	1	1	1	J. Ding – W. Qin	72.92%
1.58	2	2	2	C. Jian – Y. Cai	62.20%
1.04	3/4	3/4	3/4	K Zhang - C Zhang	60.42%
1.04	3/4	3/4	3/4	Yuan Jian - Wang Wei, Shanghai, China	60.42%
0.66	5			Justin Tong, Naperville IL; Caleb Green, Fenton MI	59.82%
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE GAME - FINAL					
50.00 Tables / Based on 22 Tables					
12.19	1/2			Donald Scholz, Grafton WI	127.90%
12.19	1/2			Ronald Gould, Mequon WI	127.90%
6.30	3/4			Carol Emme, Paradise Valley AZ	117.00%
6.30	3/4			Harold Emme, Paradise Valley AZ	117.00%
5.61	5/6			Larry Spanier, Rohnert Park CA	114.82%
5.61	5/6			Mark Hersko, Windsor CA	114.82%
7.23	7			John Dong, Richmond Hill ON	113.56%
3.08	8/9			James Tanner, Highland CA	112.50%
3.08	8/9			William Hamann, Riverside CA	112.50%
2.33	10			Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI	110.07%
2.05	11/12			Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX	109.97%
2.05	11/12			Marilyn Adams, Beaumont TX	109.97%
WEDNESDAY DAY A/X/Y SWISS TEAMS					
23 Tables / Based on 63 Tables	A	X	Y		
28.73	1	1		Victor Markowicz, Boca Raton FL; Piotr Bizon, Poland; Asaf Yekutieli, Israel; Ami Zamir, Israel	131.00
21.55	2			John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Allan Graves, St. Johnsbury VT; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Drew Casen, Henderson NV; Jacek Romanski, Lublin, Poland; Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw, Poland	106.00
16.16	3	2		Kenneth Titow - Joanne Titow - Renay Danto Weiner - Stephen Weiner, Scottsdale AZ	103.00
12.12	4	3		P. Drew Cannell, Dol-Des-Ormeaux QC; Cecil Crowson Jr., Mexico; Joseph Machotka, Delray Beach FL; Joan Butts, Brisbane Australia	98.00
9.58	5			Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Nagy Kamel, Plano TX; Dan Morse, Houston TX; Roald Ramer, Netherlands; Jan Van Cleeff, Netherlands	90.00
8.21	6	4		Bob Stitt - Stefanie Stitt, Dayton OH; Judy Worden - Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR	87.00
12.99		5	1	William Gheen - Alan Tavel, Indianapolis IN; Melvin Ward – T. Bondus III, Carmel IN	86.00
9.74		6	2	Mary Ellen Zaske, Henderson NV; John Hogan Jr., Wayne NJ; Pamela Gorbics - Michael Varhalamas, Pinellas Park FL	82.00
7.31			3	Henry Sokol, Mequon WI; Robert Steuer, Glendale WI; Mary Goulet, Palm Desert CA; Mary Emory, Milwaukee WI	81.00
5.48			4	Alfred Tuckman - Howard King, Laguna Woods CA; Wayne Gorski, Mission Viejo CA; Harold Binder, Dana Point CA	80.00
4.02			5/6	Michael Hartnett, Greenbrae CA; Patricia Irwin, Mill Valley CA; Judy Soong, San Francisco CA; Gay Yamagiwa, Honolulu HI	78.00
4.02			5/6	Lucille Jenkins - David Jenkins - Richard Whitsitt, Rockford IL; Maryam Fraser, N Palm Beach FL	78.00

IN chairs

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Some of the new players taught by McEvoy and Hahn play bridge backstage in full costume during a tech rehearsal for a recent production of “Assassins.”

teach them bridge.”

So in 2017, he and Hahn went to a teacher training program in San Diego and became certified bridge teachers. They choose four students at a time and offer classes at their home on Saturday mornings. When the class progresses to a certain point, they start another one. After 15 months, they now have 12 students, and they plan to start a fourth class in September. They occasionally hold duplicate games in friends’ homes with four or five tables.

“We keep expecting to hear, ‘I’m done, I don’t need to play anymore,’” Hahn said. “No one has dropped out.”

Early this year Hahn and McEvoy mentioned

to their students that they were going to a sectional a couple hours away in St. George UT in February. “Unanimously they all said they want to go,”

Hahn said, so he explained to them they would need to join the ACBL, at least temporarily. “They all signed up for three-year memberships.”

Eight of the 12 have played here at the NABC. And, being theater people, they’re making an impression. “Our students are so personable,” Hahn said. “They aren’t shy.”

Despite the new players’ enthusiasm for bridge, it’s hard for them to find opportunities to play locally, McEvoy said. They work, and they also have to contend with their theater rehearsal and performance schedules. Several of the night games that local clubs previously offered have been canceled recently. When local sectionals are held, they run Monday through Friday and schedule daytime games only.

Hahn said he tried to raise the issue with the unit board but they feel it’s more important to cater to the professional players who come to Las Vegas sectionals than beginners. So the theatrical bridge group mainly plays in unsanctioned home games and occasionally travels a few hours to tournaments in Arizona, California or Utah.

“We’ll grab an old hand record and use it to make boards” – by hand – McEvoy said. A lot of work, but, Hahn said, “We want to do it for love of the game.”

Two tough hands

By Barry Rigal

In our team’s loss in the round of 64 to the Meltzer squad, there were two slam decisions on opening lead which swung a lot of IMPs. See what you would do.

As West, you hold:

♠10 6 3 2 ♥9 8 6 4 ♦7 3 2 ♣K 5.

The auction:

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥ (1)
Pass	2♠ (2)	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠

- (1) Waiting
(2) Diamonds, GF

Dummy showed six-plus diamonds and delayed spade support. Piotr Nawrocki took his time with the opening lead, but eventually put the ♣K on the table. The full deal:

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

Glenn Milgrim (South) ducked the first club and won the second, then followed the simple line of ruffing one club and pitching the second. But when the diamond finesse lost, he was down one.

I suppose the club-diamond squeeze would have been possible here, but I’m not sure why one would follow that route.

That was a 26-IMP swing when they played game in the other room.

This was the second deal:

West	North	East	South
	1♣ (1)	Pass	1♥
3♠	4♥ (2)	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥

All Pass

- (1) Polish club: 12–14 balanced or 15–17 unbalanced with long clubs or any 18+
(2) Minimum GF with heart support.

You’re on lead with:

♠10 9 8 7 5 3 2 ♥4 ♦10 8 7 ♣K Q.

It seemed to me that the opponents rated to be missing an ace. If so, a club lead might be necessary to set up our side winner before it went on a spade or a diamond. That proved to be very much the case when this was the full deal:

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

6♥ made for 1460 in the other room.

Massages offered

Enjoy a relaxing chair back massage from Michelle in the vendors area on the fourth floor near the Belmont Ballroom. The service is free but a gratuity is very much appreciated.

WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT BRACKETED B SWISS TEAMS 1

12 Tables			
16.46	1	Allan Palansky, Henderson NV; David Lodge, Rancho Mirage CA; Neal Kleiner, San Pedro CA; David Peim, Torrance CA	112.00
12.35	2	Marjorie O’Malley - Charles O’Malley III - Kathleen Byrne - Jane Petering, San Diego CA	99.00
8.10	3/4	Robert Murphy - Kathleen Kelly, Englewood CO; Susan Marshall - Richard Gardner, Denver CO	94.00
8.10	3/4	Charles Burke - Caron Peck - Karen Caton, Arlington TX; Richard Langland, Irving TX	94.00

WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT BRACKETED B SWISS TEAMS 2

9 Tables			
12.41	1	Dwight Hunt, Granada Hills CA; Mike Fierman, Encino CA; Douglas Timmer, Porter Ranch CA; Jojo Sarkar, West Hills CA	98.00
9.31	2	Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Sue Bailey, Stockport ; Mike Arnheim, Saint Louis MO; Howard Kalender, Scottsdale AZ; Greg Coles, Victoria Harbor ON	93.00
6.98	3	Amy Blecher - Judy Soley, Scarsdale NY; Elaine McClure - William McClure, Longboat Key FL	91.00
5.24	4	Karen Kimes - Ingrid Sturm, Las Vegas NV; Trudi Williams, Osprey FL; Marilyn Snodell, Nokomis FL	87.00

WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT BRACKETED B SWISS TEAMS 3

9 Tables			
11.62	1	Linda Sherrell, Collierville TN; Meg O’Leary - Kathleen Kryway, Las Cruces NM; Sharon Ohsfeldt, Germantown TN	103.00
8.72	2	Raluca Dobrescu, Woodside NY; Giorgia Botta, Brooklyn NY; Melissa Fawer - Brooke Cohen, New York NY	100.00
6.54	3	Dawn Ligon - Carol Carpenter - Charles Patrick - Hal Saunders, Santa Barbara CA	96.00
4.90	4	Linda Torres - Mel Fineberg - Evelyn Dahl - Susan Chun, Las Vegas NV	86.00

WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT BRACKETED B SWISS TEAMS 4

9 Tables			
10.32	1	Michael Kruley, Pleasant Hill CA; Jacob Rosenberg, Moraga CA; Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA; Mark Marty, Oakley CA	120.00
7.74	2	Shay Kinney - Judith Brown - Pat Smith, Goodyear AZ; Linda Smith, Hot Springs AR	95.00
5.81	3	Ann Gruidel - John Crittenden, Boulder CO; Al Spaet, Tucson AZ; Jack Sieling, Pinellas Park FL	87.00
4.35	4	Thad Mikols, Huntington Bch CA; John Hagman, Long Beach CA; Linda Monroe, Rancho Santa Fe CA; Drucilla Field, Encinitas CA	86.00

WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT BRACKETED B SWISS TEAMS 5

9 Tables			
9.19	1	David Ho - Elizabeth Sprague, Calgary AB; Susan Kraght, Sun Lakes AZ; Will Anthony, Lubbock TX	109.00
6.89	2	Vilas Bankar – L. Mizrahi - Rebecca Pilshaw - Patricia Young, Bakersfield CA	92.00
5.17	3	Bonnie Hertzog, Tucson AZ; Jean Kydd, Chelmsford MA; Phyllis Zubulake, Northbrook IL; Nancy Perez, Richmond IN	89.00
3.47	4/5	Libby Tomar, Kailua HI; Shelly Hershberger, Kailua Kona HI; Pat Ingoglia - Cindy Daugherty, Sacramento CA	88.00
3.47	4/5	Janet Tainty, Santa Cruz CA; Dorothy Mersereau - Mary Anne Crookes, Calgary AB; Susan Mazzei, Aptos CA; Linda Hanson, Tucson AZ	88.00

It’s a hard-knock life

By Jing Liu

In the Spingold round of 64 match between the Nos. 32 and 33 seeds, Richard Pavlicek and Jim Munday didn’t get to the best spot on this deal, then Pavlicek had to play the spots off the cards to avoid a big loss.

♠ K J 10
♥ K 10
♦ J 8 7 6 5
♣ 8 5 4

♠ A Q 9
♥ Q 8 7
♦ A K Q 9 4
♣ A K

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

When Pavlicek treated his hand as 25–26, Munday opted for notrump. And, yes, 6♦ was rather easier.

After the lead of the ♠3, Pavlicek delayed leading a heart to the 10 till the last moment. Five rounds of diamonds saw East pitch five times: spade, spade, heart, spade, club. West followed three times then pitched a club and a spade. Now it was safe to take the two spades, finishing in hand. RHO threw a heart and a club, West a heart. This was the ending:

♠ —
♥ K 10
♦ —
♣ 8 5 4

♠ —
♥ Q 8 7
♦ —
♣ A K

The opponents remained with five clubs and three hearts between them, and declarer correctly inferred that East had begun with five hearts, and because he had kept three, they had to include the jack. So he led a heart to the king and ducked the next heart. When the ace fell on his left, he was home.

The full deal:

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

Age requirement or Senior events

You must at least 60 years old to play in ACBL Senior events.

WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT BRACKETED B SWISS TEAMS 6

9 Tables			
8.57	1	Carol Porter, Calgary AB; Roger Staneslow, Airdrie AB; Nancy Raiche - Gerry Gastelum, Manhattan Beach CA	108.00
6.43	2	Bridget Poizner - Patrick Staley - Brian Castle, San Diego CA; Linda Atkinson, Encinitas CA	107.00
4.82	3	Larry Shannon, Yorba Linda CA; David Ochroch, Claremont CA; Lynne Castoldi, La Quinta CA; Thomas Lill, Chino CA	104.00
3.62	4	Alan Morris, Oakley CA; Stephen Russell - Marilyn Chaplin - Mel Chaplin, Brentwood CA	94.00

WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT BRACKETED B SWISS TEAMS 7

9 Tables			
7.68	1	Stephen Mast - Holli Mast, Corning NY; Robert Babb - Laurie Hartline-Babb, Georgetown TX	117.00
5.76	2	Diane Bixby - Robert Bixby, Tucson AZ; Richard Ashbacher - Carol Ashbacher, Newhall CA	93.00
4.32	3	Marsha Bocan, Los Angeles CA; Lynn Heckler, Woodland Hills CA; Brenda Lashbrook, Plainfield IN; Howard Montemurro, Vineland ON	84.00
3.24	4	Mee Warren - Mindy Fleder - Nicole Hudak, New York NY; Matthew Gordon, Northport NY	81.00

WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT BRACKETED B SWISS TEAMS 8

9 Tables			
7.10	1	Joseph Sackett, Ponte Vedra Beach FL; Katherine Schiffman, Las Vegas NV; Steve Saunders - Debby Saunders, Durango CO	108.00
5.33	2	Cheri Bitar, Malibu CA; Sharyn Miller, Chatsworth CA; Ravnesh Amar, Los Angeles CA; Lynn Edelson, Encino CA	104.00
3.99	3	Georgia Lambert - Susan Huber - John Mount, Brentwood CA; Marilyn Schuyler, Discovery Bay CA	96.00
3.00	4	Maria Black - Jean Rogers - Peggy Anderson, Santa Barbara CA; Jennifer Royal, Boulder CO	94.00

WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT BRACKETED B SWISS TEAMS 9

9 Tables			
6.07	1	Tai Wang - Fay Hsu, Rosemead CA; Connie Wang, Arcadia CA; Chiu Lee, Monterey Park CA	99.00
4.55	2	Pauline Pettinato - Anita Froehlich, Tucson AZ; Patricia McKinley, Telluride CO; Michelle Harlow, Durango CO	98.00
3.41	3	Gailyn Thornton, Atlanta GA; Connie Kimsey, Duluth GA; Linda Wilson, Ponte Vedra FL; Lawrence Schell, Weymouth MA	86.00
2.56	4	Carol Hall - Richard Day - Robert Thornton, Horseshoe Bay TX; Michael Luckenbach, Kingsland TX	84.00

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

42.0 Tables	A	B	C		
11.27	1			Richard Scoggin, Reno NV; Gregory Vernon, Ridgecrest CA	66.35%
9.75	2	1		Sandra Krahmer - Virginia Reinier, Lubbock TX	64.27%
7.31	3	2		Morton Horn - Glo Klinger Williams, Stockton CA	63.92%
4.75	4			Freda Anderson, La Jolla CA; Ying Lin Gu, San Diego CA	62.60%
3.57	5			Gail Greenberg, New York NY; Mervyn Gerson, Las Vegas NV	62.50%
5.48	6	3		Raymond Yuenger, Campbell CA; Lynn Bartz, San Jose CA	61.23%
2.01	7			Stephen Maltzman - Donna DePesa, Tucson AZ	59.56%
1.52	8			Linda Smith, Annapolis MD; Nannell Burford, Naples FL	59.26%
4.11	9	4		Scott Nelson - Carol Nelson, Carlsbad CA	59.06%
4.20	10	5	1	John Garritsen - Rose Garritsen, Toronto ON	58.00%
3.44	11	6		Eusebio Menezes - Eunice Menezes, Cupertino CA	57.29%
2.46		7		Barbara Starrett, Tucson AZ; Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA	56.98%
1.30		8		Brenda Hawkins, Birmingham AL; Julie McLaughlin, Atlanta GA	56.78%
1.72		9		Thorbjorn Svihus, Notodden, Norway; Reidar Nordbo, Seljord, Norway	56.38%
3.15			2	Don Tocher, Sunapee NH; Timothy Niebauer, Boulder CO	55.92%
2.36			3	James Scofield, Chula Vista CA; Bruce Bauer, Murrieta CA	52.83%
1.77			4	Iris Appleby, Garden Valley CA; Judy Orchard, Placerville CA	51.47%
1.33			5	Lauren Liu, Princeton NJ; Brandon Fong, Mount Laurel NJ	50.81%
1.00			6	Lee Stem - Laima Stem, Mississauga ON	50.15%

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

18.0 Tables	A	B	C		
4.20	1	1	1	Tsz Fei Wang - Yunshan Wang, North York ON	62.71%
3.15	2	2	2	Sarah Emmons - Jackson Wahl, Minneapolis MN	62.50%
2.36	3	3		Reid Sherwin, Klamath Falls OR; Ray Kinney, Goodyear AZ	60.71%
1.77	4	4	3	Carie Boucher, Centennial CO; Karen Birck, Wilton CT	59.95%
1.33	5	5	4	Sandra Karnatz - Karen Carroll, Huntley IL	58.47%
1.00	6	6	5	Tom Young, Dothan AL; Jeffrey Imber, Bolton ON	57.48%
0.88			6	Annette Lucas, Las Vegas NV; Loren Moore, North Las Vegas NV	56.85%

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BRIDGE SUPPLY

Junior bridge players from across North America and as far away as Bermuda and China are registered to begin play in the 12th annual Youth North American Bridge Championships, which kicks off today with pairs playing at 10 a.m. and teams playing at 2 p.m. Cardrook pairs, designed for those who are newer to the game, are offered each session.

The three-day event operates under the ACBL’s education department, led by Stephanie Threlkeld, manager of education and communications and Shaneka Cunningham, education program coordinator.

“The Youth NABC is a great opportunity for Junior players to not only experience the thrill of competitive bridge, but to also develop lifelong friends,” Threlkeld said. “Many look forward to coming back and catching up with former partners year after year, and for us, it’s wonderful to see the improvement in their bridge play.”

More than 200 players pre-registered. They range in age from 6 to 19, with an average of 13.

There are several large groups of players from areas with successful youth programs. They come from California (40), New Jersey (35), Florida (34), Bermuda (24), Ontario, Canada (18), Washington (17), New York (10) and Illinois (6). Players are also coming from 10 other states and Mexico and China.

Registration is free to ACBL members 20 years of age and younger with less than 5000 masterpoints. Nonmembers can join for \$5 at registration. All play is in the Brera Ballroom on the third floor of the hotel.

Each player receives a T-shirt and a book bag, and lunch is provided daily. The closing reception, which includes the presentation of awards and prize drawings, is scheduled for Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

With approximately 4000 youth learning to play bridge in schools, the Youth NABC was created to give youth players 20 years and younger

the opportunity to compete against their peers on a national level. First held in Atlanta in 2008 and organized by Patty Tucker, the Youth NABC draws more than 200 youth bridge players from around the world for three days of bridge competition, culminating with an awards ceremony.

Scholarships will be awarded to the winners of Friday’s Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs (\$1000 each) and the winners of Saturday’s National Youth Swiss Teams (\$4000 total). Youth NABC participants also vote on one player to receive the Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award, which includes a trophy and \$1000 college scholarship. Peer nominations are based on fairness, self-control, respect and courtesy.

Ashley Thomas, a rising high school junior from Williamsburg VA, was the recipient of the 2018 award.

“Ashley embodies the spirit of the Sportsmanship Award,” Threlkeld said. “Throughout the tournament, she always had a smile on her face and a willing and helpful attitude with the younger players.”



Shaneka Cunningham and Stephanie Threlkeld of the ACBL Education Department are ready to welcome players to the Youth NABC.

Championships just for you!

FREE to ACBL members 20 years of age and younger.

Meet fellow bridge players from around the world at this one-of-kind event. Play as a pair or part of a team.

Newer to the game?

Get your feet wet with Cardrook Pairs, twice a day, every day.

Looking for bigger competition?

Try one of the other daily events, including two chances to win scholarships.

Don’t forget that the Youth NABC is a great place to make new friends! Enjoy lunch with them each day and end the event with a special award ceremony.



For more details visit acbl.org/ynabc

Thursday, July 25

Youth Pairs <i>single session</i>	10 a.m.
Youth Teams <i>single session</i>	2 p.m.
Cardrook Pairs <i>single sessions</i>	10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
<i>Cardrook Pairs are games designed for newer players</i>	

Friday, July 26

BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS	
Qualifier	10 a.m.
Finals	2 p.m.
Youth Pairs <i>single session</i>	2 p.m.
Cardrook Pairs <i>single sessions</i>	10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Saturday, July 27

NATIONAL YOUTH SWISS TEAMS	
Qualifier	10 a.m.
Finals	2 p.m.
Youth Teams <i>single session</i>	2 p.m.
Cardrook Pairs <i>single sessions</i>	10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Youth Award Ceremony

Saturday, July 27 at 5:30 pm
Including Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award, Baron Barclay Youth Pairs Scholarship and National Swiss Teams Scholarship

2.21	16			Geraldine Macdonald, Los Altos CA; Paul Davis, Mountain View CA	55.86%
2.08	17			Judy Nevell, Eugene OR; Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR	55.82%
2.04	18			Gene Balis - Leslie Balis, Tampa FL	55.68%
1.88	19			Douglas Smith - Gloria Dorrance, Victoria BC	55.56%
1.79	20			Carol Gaspardo - Louis Gaspardo, Orland Park IL	55.29%
2.13	21	8	5	William Thompson, Las Vegas NV; Kay Kennedy, Phoenix AZ	55.01%
2.90	22	9		Suresh Gadad - Sam Earnhardt, Walnut Creek CA	54.64%
1.96	23			Kathryn Lindahl, Denver CO; Bob Shuken, Auburn CA	54.63%
1.50	24			Rob Apel, East Dubuque IL; William Baum, Dubuque IA	54.51%
1.75	25			George Trost - Mack Caldwell III, Key West FL	54.36%
2.14	26			Don Baltz, Henderson NV; Diana Cooper, Las Vegas NV	53.95%
1.45	27			Vicky Renzulli, Dana Point CA; Erica Walker, Dallas TX	53.85%
1.96	28			Daryl Krepps - Gloria Shabbits, Nanaimo BC	53.83%
1.82	29	10	6	Charles Royer - Susan Royer, Grosse Pointe MI	53.23%
1.60	30	11	7	Ed Tsu, Carlsbad CA; Willie Kiang, La Jolla CA	53.00%
1.48	31			Bruce Yee, Paradise Valley AZ; Joyce Perlstein, Scottsdale AZ	52.97%
1.56		12	8	Sandra Miller - Wayne Olson, Hastings Hudson NY	52.85%
2.18		13		Robert Johann, Redondo Beach CA; J Ross Bengel, Playa Del Rey CA	52.84%
1.75		14	9	Linda Hannawalt - Marquerite Lawrence, San Francisco CA	52.75%
1.16		15	10	Liz Brodeur - Patricia Sullivan, Fair Oaks CA	52.52%

WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

22.5 Tables	A	B	C		
7.15	1			Alex Kornel - Barbara Seagram, Toronto ON	67.65%
6.07	2	1		Marion Tumen, Pacific Palisades CA; Judy Hyde, Los Angeles CA	62.53%
4.02	3			Keith Heckley, Hamilton ON; Roland Laframboise, Thunder Bay ON	61.15%
3.02	4			Pat Galligan - Patty Michael, San Mateo CA	60.78%
4.55	5	2		Judy Fendrick, Marietta GA; Giorgio Casinovi, Tucker GA	60.35%
3.41	6	3		Richard Perreault - Dawn Perreault, North Salt Lake UT	57.52%
2.98	7	4	1	Hongmo Li, Atlanta GA; Michael Moschella, Winter Springs FL	57.11%
1.92		5		Robert McBroom, Santa Clarita CA; Judy Armstrong, Huntington Beach CA	55.64%
1.44		6		Robert L McClendon - Linda Wilson, Ponte Vedra FL	54.58%
1.42		7		Lucia Enica, Belmont MA; James Potter, Clio SC	54.47%
2.24			2	Keith Thompson, Saint Paul MN; Andrew Zibart, Portland OR	50.54%
1.68			3	Craig Miller, Lake Wylie SC; Cathy Miller, Clover SC	50.11%
1.26			4	Jennifer Duval, Santa Clara CA; Elizabeth Strasen, Petaluma CA	49.88%
0.94			5	Jackie Haugen, Cottonwood AZ; William Kinney, Flagstaff AZ	49.13%

WEDNESDAY OPEN PAIRS

30.0 Tables	A	B	C		
20.00	1	1		Signe Buus Thomsen, Denmark; Ulla Winkler, Somerville MA	63.47%
15.00	2			Edward Rais, Anchorage AK; Kevin Casey, Sherman CT	62.00%
11.25	3			Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; Annie Schwartz, Fairfax VA	58.06%
8.72	4	2	1	Emma Kolesnik, Calabasas CA; Amber Lin, Edison NJ	57.02%
6.67	5			Robert Hope, Provost AB; Jean Choi, Honolulu HI	55.83%
6.54	6	3		Nancy Alvarado, Yucaipa CA; Ginny Curtis, Citrus Heights CA	55.76%
5.83	7			Tony Ames, Minnetonka MN; George Bleskachek, Eau Claire WI	55.72%
4.91	8	4	2	Nathan Finkle, New York NY; Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ	55.54%
4.00	9			David Rosenstein, Henderson NV; David Brower, Portland OR	55.46%
3.88	10	5		Fred Gaines - Rustin Weimer, Raleigh NC	55.33%
3.33	11	6		Ilan Wolff, Great Neck NY; Eli Jolley, Chicago IL	55.13%
3.31	12	7	3	Liwei Zeng, Chicago IL; Zihan Tan, Evanston IL	54.97%
4.08	13	8		James Gullo, Tonawanda NY; James Polonsky, Basking Ridge NJ	54.85%
2.67	14	9		Brian Eisenberg - Thomas Franklin III, Martinez CA	54.63%
2.50	15			James Gordon, Nokomis FL; Michael Warchol, Venice FL	54.37%
2.54		10	4	Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA; Jung Hu, San Jose CA	54.35%
2.92		11		Jack Uppal, Lincoln CA; Edward So, Pleasanton CA	53.46%
2.14			5	Nicholas Adamski - Andrew Rowberg, Goleta CA	53.19%
1.67			6	Daniel Weiss - Sarik Goyal, Evanston IL	52.94%

WEDNESDAY EVENING SWISS TEAMS

29 Tables	A	B	C		
8.32	1			Terry Jones, Falls Church VA; Gary Hillenbrand, Lehighnton PA;	
				Paul Irvine, Allentown PA; Tammy McDonald, Raleigh NC	65.00
7.20	2	1		Jesse Chao, Oakland CA; Foster Tom, Berkeley CA; Armin Askari,	
				Thornhill ON; Edmund Wu, San Francisco CA	59.00
5.40	3	2		Gilbert Ramirez - Cynthia Swezey, Reno NV; Mie Thiemmedh, San	
				Bruno CA; David Chinn, Elk Grove CA	57.00
4.05	4	3		Lianne Walliser, Golden CO; Avice Osmundson, La Habra CA;	
				Carolyn Staab, Laguna Woods CA; Margaret Musgrove, Denver CO	56.00
3.08	5	4	1	Oosman Bashir - Chang Liu, Cambridge MA; Jonathan Baumel,	
				Wilmington DE; Senmiao Sun, Brookline MA	51.00
1.97	6			Amos Kaminski, New York NY; Adrian Schwartz, Tel Aviv,	
				Israel; Shalom Zeligman, Bat-Yam, Israel; Yeshayahu Levit,	50.00
				Tel-Aviv, Israel	
1.17	7/9			Serge de Muller, Switzerland; Catherine Tucker - Barbara Ferm,	
				Dallas TX; Anne Lamport, Australia	48.00
2.00	7/9	5/6		Farley Mawyer, Port Chester NY; Laura Brounstein, Greenwich CT;	
				Hubert Howe Jr., Westhampton NY; Jonathan Howe, Sag Harbor NY	48.00
2.00	7/9	5/6		David Findley - Blythe Olshan Findley, Westchester IL; Jack	
				Bierig, Chicago IL; Gail Shaps, Northbrook IL	48.00
1.12		7/8		Michele Pope - Lou Arevalo - Linda Baker, Spokane WA; Martha	
				Schwake, Hayden ID	45.00
2.31		7/8	2	Kathy High, Modesto CA; Candace Garvey, Sedona AZ; Barbara	
				Wegener - William Wegener, La Quinta CA	45.00
1.73			3	Cyrus Hettle, Atlanta GA; Shengding Sun, Carrboro NC; Richard	
				Jeng, Johns Creek GA; Zhuangdi Xu, Sugar Hill GA	39.00
1.14		4/5		Jason Lin - Per Berg, Palm Coast FL; James West, St. Johns FL;	
				Edwin Fronheiser, Denver CO	36.00
1.14		4/5		Paul Davis, Mountain View CA; Geraldine Macdonald, Los Altos CA;	
				Steven Grundstedt - Teri Grundstedt, Las Vegas NV	36.00



Tournament Program	
Mixed Pairs	November 7, 8
T.B. Pairs	November 9
National Simultaneous	November 10
IMP Pairs	November 11, 12
Open Pairs	November 13, 14, 15
Teams	November 16

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TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KO BRACKET 1

10 Tables

30.86	1	Rami Yadadov - Gersh Shapochnik, Israel; Ehud Friedlander, Israel; Bobby Carter, Cincinnati OH
21.60	2	Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Meng Kang, Beijing People's Republic of China; Sadik Arf, Saratoga CA; Xiaojing Wang, People's Republic of China
12.34	3/4	Lee Easterbrook, Chatham ON; Gary Robertson, Blenheim ON; Deanna Tomas - William Woodcock, Sarnia ON
12.34	3/4	Lianne Walliser, Golden CO; Avice Osmundson, La Habra CA; Carolyn Staab, Laguna Woods CA; Margaret Musgrove, Denver CO

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KO BRACKET 2

9 Tables

13.58	1	Yuri Wiitala, Kirkland WA; Gert Wiitala - Thomas Reis, Port Angeles WA; Sharon Hills, Sequim WA
9.51	2	Charlie Lavarini, Boca Raton FL; Harish Singh, Diamond Bar CA; Elyse Schneiderman - Chuck Schneiderman, Palm Bch Gardens FL
5.43	3/4	Jonathan Kael, Oakland CA; Bettina Brill, Tucson AZ; Andy Shockley - Carla Shockley, Pleasanton CA
5.43	3/4	Kathy High, Modesto CA; Candace Garvey, Sedona AZ; William Wegener - Barbara Wegener, La Quinta CA

Notice of binding arbitration

By becoming an ACBL member or renewing your membership in the ACBL, you expressly agree to waive your right to have disputes between you and the ACBL resolved in a court of law and agree to accept the use of binding arbitration before the American Arbitration Association. The binding arbitration provisions are available for review at acbl.org/bindingarbitration.

Use of the bidding box – Alerts and Announcements

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

When making an Announcement, use the Announcement word (such as “transfer”) and tap the Alert strip at the same time. A player who Alerts or Announces a bid must make sure his opponents are aware that an Alert or Announcement has been made.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING 299ER PAIRS

10.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.00	1	1		Anders Brogeland, Norway; Zain Mahmood, London, England	65.84%
2.25	2			Lee Soreng - Cornelia Wonham, Eugene OR	61.01%
1.80	3	2		Jackson Wahl - Sarah Emmons, Minneapolis MN	58.93%
1.27	4			Jerry Neuman - Terry Neuman, Tucson AZ	57.26%
1.35	5	3		Richard Wolfe, Calgary AB; Michael Isserman, St. Louis MO	56.55%
0.71	6			Richard Day - Robert Thornton, Horseshoe Bay TX	56.25%
1.01		4		Andrew Purvis, Kirkland WA; Yusef Husain, Midland MI	55.02%
1.87		5	1	Carl Marco - Eric Berenblit, Palm Coast FL	54.46%
1.40			2	Ariane Stark, Atlanta GA; Steven Creech, Cumming GA	53.87%
1.05			3	Joseph Van Luchene - Shari Van Luchene, Las Vegas NV	53.23%
0.79			4	Tsz Fei Wang - Yunshan Wang, North York ON	51.19%

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.



Monitoring

ACBL monitors events at North American Bridge Championships with both visible and concealed real-time cameras in public spaces. The images are recorded and available for later inspection and review by ACBL management and tournament officials, among others, including members of the Anti-Cheating Commission. These recordings are also be uploaded to the internet following the NABC.

By general monitoring of the session and participants’ behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues or disputes arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table. This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.”

Masterpoints 101

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

- Black points: awarded at club games. Some special club games award red, gold or silver points.
- Silver points: awarded for sectional firsts and overall placing at sectional tournaments. Also awarded at Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (StaC).
- Red points: awarded for section placements at regional tournaments and NABCs. Also awarded at clubs for special events such as the qualifying rounds of the North American Open Pairs and the Grand National Teams.
- Gold points: awarded for section firsts and overall placing in regionally rated events that have no upper masterpoint restrictions. Platinum points: awarded for NABC+ events. “Colorless” points: awarded in sanctioned online club games.

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

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

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

Barry Crane Top 500 race: The ACBL player who wins the most masterpoints during a calendar year is recognized as the winner of the Barry Crane Top 500 race.

Masterpoint races: ACBL recognizes the players who win the most masterpoints in their categories during the calendar year. These are the various categories and the requirements for each category at the beginning of a calendar year:

0-5 masterpoints
5-20 points
20-50 points
50-100 points
100-200 points
200-300 points
300-500 points
500-1000 points
1000-1500 points
1500-2500 points
2500-3500 points
3500-5000 points
5000-7500 points
7500-10,000 points
10,000 or more points

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

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

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

The top masterpoint winners of specific categories are also recognized:

Youth: Age 19 and younger
Junior: Age 25 and younger
Sectional: Points won only at sectional tournaments
Senior: Players at least 60 years old, only points won in Senior events
Online: Points won in online club play
Richmond Trophy: Awarded to the Canadian Bridge Federation member who wins the most points in a calendar year

SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS



98 Tables
Pierre Zimmermann, Monaco; Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw, Poland; Michal Klukowski, Poland; Tor Helness, Monaco; Krzysztof Martens, Rzeszow, Poland; Franck Multon, Monaco
vs
Mike Levine, Pinckney MI; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Simon De Wijs, Doorn ; Bauke Muller, Hoom
vs
Nick Nickell, New York NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Steve Weinstein, Montclair NJ
vs
Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnysvale CA; Johan Upmark - Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm, Sweden; Zachary Grossack - Adam Grossack, Newton MA
vs
Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; Jacek Kalita, Warsaw, Poland; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo, Poland; Sjoert Brink, Netherlands; Bas Drijver, Netherlands
vs
Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Peter Bertheau, Sweden; Antonio Palma, Portugal; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm, Sweden; Ola Rimstedt - Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad, Sweden
vs
Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein - Chris Willenken, New York NY; Jan Jansma, Netherlands; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Espen Lindqvist, Norway
vs
Alison Wilson, New York NY; Magdalena Ticha - Richard Ritmeijer; Ida Groenkvist, Sweden; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Mikael Groenkvist, Orebro, Sweden
vs
Dennis Bilde, Denmark; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona, Spain; Philippe Cronier, Paris, France; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Antonio Sementa, Parma, Italy
vs
Andrew Gromov - Anna Gulevich - Aleksander Dubinin - Vadim Kholomeev - Yuri Khyuppenen - Jouri Khokhlov, Moscow Russia
vs
Hemant Lall, Carrollton TX; Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Sabine Auken, Denmark; Roy Welland - Zia Mahmood, New York NY; David Gold, London, England
vs
Tim Verbeek, Driebergen, Netherlands; Danny Molenaar, Netherlands; Bob Drijver, Netherlands; Bart Nab, Netherlands; Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Dano De Falco, Italy
vs
Joyce Hill, St. Augustine FL; Shan Huang - Kevin Dwyer, Melbourne FL; Justin Lall, Little Elm TX; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Bch Gdns FL
vs
Rose Meltzer, Chapel Hill NC; Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Heights IL; Piotr Wiankowski, Poland; Piotr Nawrocki, Warsaw, Poland; Artur Wasik - Andrzej Knap, Madrid, Spain
vs
Bart Bramley - Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney, Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane, Australia; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV
vs
Eric Gautret - Marc Mus - Catherine Mus, Montpellier, France; Michel Abecassis - Pierre Franceschetti, Paris, France; Jerome Rombaut, France
vs
17/32 Martin Fleisher - Joe Grue, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Eric Greco, Northville MI; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Brad Moss, Denver CO
17/32 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL
17/32 James Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria, Rome Italy; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Massimiliano Di Franco, Italy
17/32 George Mittelman, Thornhill ON; Ken Bercuson, Las Vegas NV; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Poland; Ron Pachtmann, Israel
17/32 Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Gary Cohler, Delray Beach FL; Sam Lev, New York NY; Berend Van Den Bos, Den Haag ; Joris van Lankveld, Amsterdam; David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL
17/32 Warren Spector, Chilmark MA; Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Astoria NY; Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV
17/32 Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Jerry Stamatov - Diyan Danailov, Sofia, Bulgaria; Peter Fredin, Malmö, Sweden; Darren Wolpert - Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON
17/32 Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Krzysztof Buras, Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC; Rafal Jagniewski, Poland; Wojciech Gawel, Wrocław, Poland
17/32 Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis - Curtis Cheek - Huub Bertens, Las Vegas NV; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, New York NY; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
17/32 Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Piotr Tuczynski, Poland; Bartosz Chmurski, Poland; Michal Kwiecien, Poland; Włodzimierz Starkowski, Poland; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV
17/32 Chen Zhao, Greenbelt MD; Jing Liu, Stanford CA; Yinghao Liu, Redmond WA; Linlin Hu, People's Republic of China
17/32 Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Peter Gill, Sydney Australia; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI
17/32 Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon - Kien Fong - Yukun Zhang, Singapore; Kauko Koistinen, Finland; Vesa Fagerlund, Finland
17/32 Kevin Castner, Mercer Island WA; Phillip King, Harrow ; Christophe Grosset, Issy-Les-Moulin France; Stefan Skorchev, Sofia, Bulgaria
17/32 Bruce Rogoff, Boca Raton FL; Alexander Ornstein, New York NY; Jim Foster, Birmingham AL; Bryan Howard, Nashville TN; Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA
17/32 Walter Lee, Sudbury MA; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; Li-Chung Chen, Cupertino CA; Daniel Sonner, Redwood City CA

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KNOCKOUT BRACKET 1
13 Tables
Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL;
Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL; Kerry Smith, Milwaukee WI

vs

Jeffrey Wolfson - Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Peter Crouch, Surrey, England; Alexander Hydes, Zagreb, Croatia

Romain Zaleski, France; Massimo Lanzarotti, Italy; Arrigo Franchi, Rome, Italy; Dario Attanasio, Italy; Diego Brenner, Spain; Miguel Villas-Boas, Brazil

vs

G. Venkatesh, Carmel CA; Anil Padhye, India; Rajeshwar Tewari, Toronto ON; Keyzad Anklesaria, India; P Sridhar, India; Sundarram Srinivasan, India

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KNOCKOUT BRACKET 2
15 Tables
Michael Keller, Yellowstone National Park WY; Michael Boreson, Kalispell MT; Catherine Brown, Bigfork MT; Tim Spencer, Great Falls MT

vs

Patricia Hertz, Sebastopol CA; Randy Ryals, Menlo Park CA; Mark Hersko, Windsor CA; Larry Spanier, Rohnert Park CA

Stanford Holzberg, Sherman Oaks CA; Allan Whiteford; Robert McKinnon - Catherine Ferguson, Scotland

vs

Andrew Risman, Toronto ON; Merryl Chin, North York ON; Tony Viidik - Joan Viidik, Waterloo ON

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KNOCKOUT BRACKET 3
12 Tables
Petko Petkov, Ellsworth ME; Brenda Mehalko - Jack Mehalko, Villa Hills KY; Iliana Rozemberg, Northbrook IL

vs

Lynda Hirst - Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Shameine Ali, New Westminster BC; Monique Chausse-Donor, Paris France

Qing Lu, San Jose CA; David Cheng, Palo Alto CA; Don-Min Tsou, Cupertino CA; Jim Liu, Saratoga CA

vs

Gayle Larson, San Luis Obispo CA; Ron Schwarer, Pismo Beach CA; Patrick Howlett, Nipomo CA; H Lyle Supp, Morgan Hill CA

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KNOCKOUT BRACKET 4
14 Tables
Penny Bourne - Jonathan Bourne - Dianne Crunk, Mammoth Lakes CA; Grace Lohr, Bishop CA

vs

Jill Howard, New York NY; Lisa Hebert - Maxine Etkin, Ottawa ON; Nancy Marshall, Edgewater NJ

Anthony Muller, Pebble Beach CA; Joyce Newell, Monterey CA; Glenn Chee - David Ow, Salinas CA

vs

Susan Morse-Lebow, Los Angeles CA; Loretta Dimitruck, Alameda CA; Samantha Macdouglass - Brian Reynolds, Canoga Park CA





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(J) 1-Day Side Events	\$2000-5000
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21 Tables
Will Williams, Richmond VA; Nancy Golden - William Belanich, Glen Allen VA; Linda Miller, Williamsburg VA

vs

Qiang Zhang - Brian Zhang, Dublin CA; Sarah Chen - Charlie Chen, San Jose CA; Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA

Christine Denny, Encinitas CA; Thomas Rush, Houston TX; William Bidermann, San Diego CA; Larry Wagner, Cupertino CA

vs

Ann Matthews - Ruth Urie - Mary Bujanovich - Evelyn Peterson, Saint George UT

Scott Nason - Jeff Dater, Dallas TX; Nancy Heck - Alexander Wiles, Los Angeles CA

vs

Stephen Mast - Holli Mast, Corning NY; Robert Babb - Laurie Hartline-Babb, Georgetown TX

Charles Burke - Caron Peck - Karen Caton, Arlington TX; Richard Langland, Irving TX

vs

Elenalani Lam, Sunnyvale CA; Aaron Mayerson, Redwood City CA; Cindy Casson - Brian Rink, Las Vegas NV

Bradley Leach, Oro Valley AZ; John McKethen - Eleanor Furtak - Dan Faulkner, Tucson AZ

vs

Jill Howard, New York NY; Nancy Marshall, Edgewater NJ; Lisa Hebert - Maxine Etkin, Ottawa ON

John Peake - Shirley Mueller - Garry Dye, Louisville KY; Cece Lichtenstein, Atlantic Beach FL

vs

William Pollett - Linda Pollett, Warwick, Bermuda; Sheena Rayner, Smiths, Bermuda; Magda Farag, Hamilton, Bermuda

Qing Lu, San Jose CA; David Cheng, Palo Alto CA; Jim Liu, Saratoga CA; Don-Min Tsou, Cupertino CA

vs

Rachael Gosling - John F. W. Glynn, Paget, Bermuda; Stephan Juliusburger, Miami FL; Kevin Comeau, Oakville ON

vs

Jordan Lampe - Jacqueline Chang - Christopher Moh - Siqing Yu, New York NY

Justin Beck, Sherwood OR; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Perry Poole, Maitland FL; Stanley Weiner, Las Vegas NV

vs

Michael Gibson, Sarasota FL; Ben Yang, Warren NJ; Kirk Freyermuth, Beaumont CA; Maurie Studin, Carmichael CA

vs

Morris Jones, Monrovia CA; Jeff Grotenhuis, Redondo Beach CA; David Findley - Blythe Olshan Findley, Westchester IL

Richard Franklin, New Canaan CT; David Venetianer, Chadds Ford PA; Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; Paul Holmes, Wadsworth OH

vs

Rory Xiao - Bo Xiao, Fremont CA; Edward So, Pleasanton CA; Jack Uppal, Lincoln CA

vs

Robin Elliott - Sally Ann Rhea - Gregory Newcomb, Boulder CO; Daphne Davenport, Broomfield CO

0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD PAIRINGS
40 Tables
Saul Gross, Miami Beach FL; Juan Castillo, Fort Lauderdale FL; Barry Spector, Lewes DE; Randy Thompson, Albuquerque NM

vs

Monica Angus - Alex Hong, West Vancouver BC; Kai Zhou, Burnaby BC; Sidney Yang - Guoxu Zhang, Richmond BC

Michael Gladfelter - Mary Jane Gladfelter - Suman Agarwal - Boris Tenchov, Columbus OH

vs

Craig Henderson, Chicago IL; John Ramos, Los Angeles CA; Cristal Nell, Seattle WA; Mitch Towner, Tucson AZ

George Klemic, Bensenville IL; Shawn Abernethy, Seattle WA; Gerald Nehra, Muskegon MI; Eileen Cripps, Madison WI

vs

O. Gordon Lien III - Chris Nicholson, Augusta GA; Sandra Wirtz, Lecanto FL; Bruce Maier, Tampa FL

Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA; Alyssa Kennedy, Marina Del Rey CA; Joseph Viola III, Altadena CA; Gerard Geremia, La Verne CA; Norman Schwartz, Carlsbad CA; Henri Farhi, Chula Vista CA

vs

Eleanor Onstott, New Orleans LA; Jacob Karno - Kathy Logue, Metairie LA; Mina Akhnoukh, Fort Lauderdale FL

Hank Youngerman, Reading PA; Arthur Crystal - Debbie Benner, Fairfield CT; David Standig, Beach Haven NJ

vs

Marusa Gold, London N31SN Great Britain; Peter Cheung, Fremont CA; R. David Walker, Radnor PA; Dara Dinner, Wayne PA

Kerry Cotterell, Freeland WA; Richard Underwood, Voorheesville NY; Katherine Pollock, East Amherst NY; Joel Schiff, Calabasas CA

vs

Michael Botwin, Rockville Ctr NY; Barry Plotkin, Mesa AZ; Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Steve Zolotow, Las Vegas NV

Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Ingi Agnarsson, S Burlington VT; Mark Leonard, Long Beach CA; Gudjon Sigurjonsson, Reykjavik, Iceland

vs

Spencer Sun, Redwood City CA; Christopher Kolner, Eden Prairie MN; William Chen, Lafayette Hill PA; Jerrod Ankenman, Bala Cynwyd PA

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- Across

1. Strident

6. John Jacob who made a fortune in fur trading

11. Aerobics venue

14. Moscow’s state

15. One of a Biblical dozen

16. It carries a small charge

17. Following your partner’s one-no opening, you may make a Stayman two clubs bid with a minimum of ____ (See 27A)

19. It may be odd

20. ____ Anne de Beaupré, Quebec

21. Run smoothly

22. Railroad support

24. Day at the movies?

26. Old Mideast alliance: Abbr.

27. In doing so, you are asking your partner to bid ____ (See 43A)

33. Estimate qualifier

34. Society page word

35. “The Simpsons” convenience store owner
- Down

36. Western necktie?

37. Snorkel, e.g.: Abbr.

38. Binge

40. Grammy winner Brian

41. One of two N.T. books

42. Sales pitches

43. If he has none, he should ____ (See 58A)

47. Online chuckle

48. City of Turkey

49. Number on an envelope

53. Shop window posting: Abbr.

54. Dosage meas.

57. Texter’s “if you ask me”

58. With 10 points, you should

61. Kilt accessory

62. Cross the threshold

63. Second showing

64. Baby sitter’s bane

65. Joaquin’s “Walk the Line” co-star

66. Plods heavily
- Down

1. Goes in haste

2. Entrance into a mine

3. Fashion craze

4. “Be quiet!”

5. Place of growing concern?

6. Really small

7. Indian honorific

8. Add a bit of color to

9. Thrust forward

10. Do some tailoring

11. Alluvial deposit

12. “The Color of Money” game

13. A chip or two to start with

18. Doesn’t knock?

23. Mexicali Mme.

24. Takes care of

25. Fruit-filled wine beverage

27. Rice-____ (Quaker Oats brand)

28. Kind of insurance

29. Like many ACBL members: Abbr.

30. Actor Leto of “Requiem for a Dream”

31. German cars
32. Bemoans

33. A great student’s GPA blemish

37. Bald spot cover?

38. Angels

39. Start of a cocktail name

41. Brewski

42. “Get ____”

44. Gentle handling, initially

45. Audio component

46. Cling

49. Alternative to bow ties?

50. Mosque official

51. Brilliant display

52. Art deco illustrator

54. Poi tuber

55. Conceited

56. Animal quarters

59. French pronoun

60. Toothpaste type

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.

Playing in an NABC+ pairs game? Buy your entry early!

In an effort to speed up the start of all NABC+ pairs events – which require additional time for proper seeding – the ACBL asks participants to please buy their entries at least 15 minutes before game time. This is especially true if you expect to be a seeded pair.

IMP Strategy (for Swiss teams, knockout teams and IMP pairs)

By Steven Gaynor

In a matchpoint event, we are always looking for that extra trick or playing in a risky major suit or notrump rather than a poorer-scoring, but safer, minor suit. Why? Because it pays off big time when it works.

We may even risk our contract to make a play for an overtrick. On defense we strive not to blow a trick rather than beat a contract.

In IMP scoring, however, the considerations change drastically. Now just making or beating a contract can give us a big score, but extra tricks are chump change. (OK, I know we have all won or lost a match by 1 IMP.)

Winning IMP strategies include:

Make your contract. Do not worry about overtricks or undertricks. If you are in the right spot, things will usually work out in your favor.

Trust your bidding system. Even at pairs, you will be a winner if you are in the right suit at the right level despite blowing an overtrick once in a while.

Stretch to bid a game. If vulnerable, game should be bid even if it is as low as a 40% chance. If not vulnerable, it should be a 50% prospect.

If you bid three vulnerable games that your opponents do not bid and you make only one of them, you break even. If you are in an auction and the decision is now in your hands whether to bid game or not — if you have to think about it, bid game.

Do not double their partial. You better have them down two in your own hand before you chance a double of a bid below game. And ‘down two in your own hand’ means you have a fistful of trump tricks. Do not count on your partner for many of these tricks.

Do not go for numbers. Don’t make some wild, preemptive bid just because you have six or seven (or more) cards in one suit. It is not worth it.

Your competitive bidding should be more constructive at IMP scoring. Upgrade your overcalls by at least a queen. This means that if you would overcall with 8 points at pairs, overcall with 10 or more at IMPs.

Play your safest contract. If in the bidding your find you have a better fit in a minor than a major, play in the minor, especially at a partial. You want to make whatever contract you bid. Plus 110 is only a bit worse than plus 140 and it may not even make any difference sometimes.

This also applies to game and slam bidding. If partner opens 1NT and you have a four-card major with at least invitational values, bid Stayman. Plus 620 and plus 630 are the same at IMPs.

Do not stretch to bid slams. Bid slams only when they have at least 75% probability of success.

Do not stretch to bid slams. Oh, is this a repeat? Well, good. The point needs extra emphasis.

You have partners at the other table. Don’t make a risky bid or play because you think you are down in a match.

Once, in a seven-board match, we bid a

slam down two vulnerable for minus 200, bid 3NT with a combined 21 high-card points after a bidding misunderstanding — which my partner played well for down one and minus 100 — and doubled them in 4♥, making five for minus 990. We thought we were slaughtered. Wrong. We won IMPs on all three boards and blitzed the other team.

Don’t be a hero. Do not make a confusing bid that (1) may be passed when it is forcing or (2) shows extra values that you don’t have. Make the call that shows your strength.

“Take out insurance.” In every team game, there will be a hand where both sides can make game. Usually it is a wild hand with lots of distribution, doubles fits and long suits. It is usually right to bid one more (called “taking out insurance”) – unless you are sure they are going down and you cannot make your bid.

On defense, strive at all costs to beat the contract when it means giving up an overtrick. You may take risks that you would never dream of at matchpoints – such as leading the king from K-x, hoping to find your partner with the ace of that suit or the queen and a quick entry in trumps. Sometimes you give up an overtrick, so you lose 1 IMP. If your bold play sets a contract just one time in 10, you are ahead.

If it’s hard for you, it’s hard for them. The player sitting in your seat at the other table is holding the same cards you are. This guiding principle will help you on several of the points already listed.

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NABC results by email/text

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

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

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

Also at MyACBL, visit the Privacy Settings tab to make sure you’ve selected the Subscribe setting for General Email Communication and Cell Phone Text Communication to receive these notifications.

Be Scent-sitive!

Some people have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes or perfumes). Many ACBL clubs, units and districts have adopted policies that prohibit players from wearing fragrances. The ACBL has not issued an official policy on the matter, preferring instead to appeal to the goodwill of its members to refrain from using fragrances.

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

The ACBL asks everyone to give this issue serious consideration. If you’re going to play in a club or a tournament, please don’t wear cologne, perfume or scented lotions.



Answer to Bridge Crosswords on page 17

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Convention card reminder

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

If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6-board matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

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

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

Masterpoint disclaimer

Results reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections. The masterpoint awards as shown are, therefore, also subject to change.

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Friday, July 26, 9 a.m.				
Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session Current members*	Inactive members
Friday-Saturday Morning Compact KO Teams	1-2	Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series	2nd single	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Thursday-Friday Morning Compact KO Teams	2nd	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Wednesday-Friday Morning KO Teams	3rd	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Friday, July 26, 10 a.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$15
Friday, July 26, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Daylight Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/1500)	1-2	Mont-Royal, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Daylight Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/200)	1-2	Outside Belmont 5, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Daylight Swiss Teams (unlimited/3000/750)	1-2	Nolita, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Friday, July 26, Noon & 7 p.m.				
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Round 5	Castellana, 3rd floor	\$30	} All: Screen fees of \$20/ session/team apply
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Round 4	Castellana, 3rd floor	\$22	
0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Round 4	Castellana, 3rd floor	\$22	
Friday, July 26, 1 p.m.				
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	1st single	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Friday, July 26, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions	1-2 Q	Gracia, 3rd floor	\$30	—
BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions. Pre-qualification required.	1-2 Q	Inside Belmont 4, 4th floor	\$22	—
Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750)	1-2	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Friday-Saturday KO Teams	1-2	Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship	SF & F	Outside Gracia 4, 3rd floor	No fee	
Collegiate Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	Outside Gracia 4, 3rd floor	No fee	
Friday, July 26, 3 p.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$15
Friday, July 26, 7:30 p.m.				
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	2nd single	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Evening Swiss Teams	single	Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$15
Friday, July 26, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip Knockout Teams	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$16/team/match	

Unless otherwise noted: Three-flight open events are stratified as A/X (6000+/0-6000), B/C (1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). Two-flight open events are stratified as A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200) or as A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000) and B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/0-750) if there is no Gold Rush. One-flight open events are stratified as A (3000+), B (750-3000) and C (0-750). Stratification is based on averaging the masterpoints of a pair or team. Eligibility for limited events will be based on the point holding of the highest player, so no player with more than 3000 may play in B/C events nor the Bracketed B Teams, no player with more than 750 may play in Gold Rush events, and no player with more than 300 may play in 299er events. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events. *Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

**International Fund

In NABC+ events, \$1.50 (per person, per session) of each entry fee will be allocated to the ACBL International Fund. These funds are used to underwrite part of the expenses of ACBL players who participate in international competition.

