



Daily Bulletin



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Digital NABCs offer national titles, gold points

The “DNA” – the Digital North American Bridge Championships – return Sept. 22–28. The online tournament includes championship-level knockout events and multiple pair games for players for players at all levels, with sessions starting at 1 and 6 p.m. Eastern Time.

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ATTENDANCE through SATURDAY
8930.5 tables



Goodwill Message

As we pack up our bid boxes and prepare to leave, let's be sure to thank our hosts. The Philadelphia committee, led by chairs John Dickenson and Ala Hamilton-Day, have exhibited outstanding hospitality.
Lamya Agelidis, Chair
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

Western University wins Collegiate Pairs



Simon Hungate of Toronto ON and Garrett Liu of Oakville ON are the winners of the 2025 Collegiate Pairs. The duo scored 63.87% in the first qualifying session for sixth place on the leaderboard. They followed that up with a 62.98% for a 10-matchpoint win on a 30 top.

Hungate and Liu have been playing together for less than a year. They

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Winners of the Collegiate Pairs representing Western University: Simon Hungate and Garrett Liu

Thank you for coming to Philly!

By Tournament Co-chair John Dickenson

Thanks to the players who came out and supported the tournament. The table count exceeded our expectations.

Thank you to my co-chair, Ala Hamilton-Day, who worked tirelessly and arranged all the fabulous entertainment.

A special thanks goes to Rusty Krauss and Krauss Dansby Wealth

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Markland Jones | 1944–2025

By Patricia Dovell

Markland Jones of Phoenix AZ died in July after a nearly two-year battle with cancer. Mark was a Platinum Life Master with over 15,000 masterpoints.

We met in 1969, when we both started graduate school at the University of Florida. We were in the same French class, fulfilling our foreign language requirement. After class, he would flood me with stories of the fabled Blue Team, and we started to play at the UF Duplicate Bridge Club. The club

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Today's Bridge Events

Sunday, Aug. 3
9:30 am & 3:30 pm

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	Room 404, 4th floor	\$40	\$50
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Salon D, 5th floor	\$40	\$50
0-3000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	Room 404, 4th floor	\$25	\$35
10 am				
Arnold Selig Memorial Sunday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 304, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
Phillip Alder 299er Pairs	single	Room 304, 3rd floor	\$18	\$28
10 am & 1 pm				
Wendy deChadarevian Memorial Fast Pairs	1-2	Salon H, 5th floor	\$22	\$32
10 am & 1:30 pm				
OSHLAG FAST PAIRS	1-2 F	Salon E, 5th floor	\$35	\$45
10 am & tba				
Ala-Hamilton Day Top-Flight Swiss Teams <i>(unlim./6000/4500)</i> <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Franklin B inside, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
John Dickenson Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-4000) <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Franklin B inside, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3 pm				
BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS	1-2 F	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$25	\$35
10 am & 3:30 pm				
0-10,000 MIXED SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Salon I, 5th floor	\$25	\$35
2 pm				
Philadelphia NABC 2025 Committee Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 304, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 304, 3rd floor	\$18	\$28

* For premier, NABC+ and NABC events, participants must be full ACBL members and up-to-date with their membership dues or service fees. For all other events, participants must be ACBL members (or guest members). Inactive members may renew or pay a \$5 upcharge per session. Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events. **Green = Regional events (gold and red points).** **Blue = Gold Rush events (gold and red points).** **Red = Intermediate/Newcomer 299er events (red points).**

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.

Today's Sponsors

Wendy deChadarevian



It has been a while since the bridge community lost Wendy deChadarevian. She

succumbed to a horrific illness just weeks before the pandemic shut down the ACBL and all the face-to-face clubs which supported the entire network of bridge as we knew it.

Back in the early 2000s, Wendy was chosen to take over the largest and most successful bridge club in the Philadelphia area. She embraced the challenge with her unique brand of disarming charm that was irresistible, and you just wanted to be around it. She brought these qualities to tournaments, assisting with hospitality and intermediate programs, often a very quieting and soothing influence on

newer players as they tried to navigate the stressful waters of duplicate bridge.

As a player, Wendy was a postmortem magnet attracting all levels of players into an ever-widening circle in the lobby bars and hospitality rooms. It was as if the festivities never really started until she got there. She was much more than an ambassador for the game. She was a shining beacon, illuminating how much fun the game is.

We thought it would be appropriate to remember her one final time.

– Remembered by her bridge friends

Ala Hamilton-Day John Dickenson



Ala Hamilton-Day and John Dickenson are co-chairs of the Philadelphia 2025 NABC. Ala is also vice president of District 4.

– Honored by the Philadelphia NABC

Philadelphia NABC 2025 Committee

The Philadelphia host committee consists of:

- John Dickenson and Ala Hamilton-Day, tournament co-chairs;
- Pat Civala, finance chair;
- Mary Miller and Lynn Ackerman, registration co-chairs;
- Dan Boye, partnership chair;
- Ellen Berkowitz and Christina Valente, restaurant guide;
- Susan Morse, publicity chair;
- Mark Bolotin, fundraising chair;
- Mark Cohen, information chair;
- Cathy Strauss, volunteers chair;
- Lisa Mita, prizes chair;
- Brendan and Linda O'Malley, I/N program co-chairs.



Jones obit

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was run by a very fine player, Ron Schoenau. There were a bunch of young talented players, and Ron taught us stuff like falsecards and uppercuts. Mark and I went on to finish second in the Intercollegiate in 1970, and something like fifth in 1971. Alan Truscott wrote up a hand we defended in The New York Times in 1970. How thrilling!

Our lives were on parallel tracks for years as we both had careers, married and had two sons each. We got together with friends when opportunity arose. Over the years, we saw each other at some tournaments and played in a few. Mark never lost his enthusiasm for bridge. He was indefatigable on the subject. He was good natured, relaxed and confident at the table. He played with a lot of imagination and was capable of great results. He never

criticized. Occasionally, after my blunder, one could detect a tightening of the mouth or jaw, but no insults or blame escaped.

After my husband died in early 2017, Mark asked me to play that fall in the Super Senior Pairs (the age requirement was then 70). I agreed and received a constant supply of notes. I have his notes on Modified DONT, transfer advances after weak twos and double, Wolff signoffs – a large notebook. You get the idea. Beyond my pay grade. Anyhow, we won the Super Senior Pairs in San Diego and went on to be a partnership when we could. COVID interrupted, but we played at the first post-COVID nationals in the fall of 2021 in Austin and placed second in the Super Senior Pairs and second in the Senior Mixed Pairs.

Mark was an accomplished engineer, a voracious reader, a wonderful family man, a terrific bridge player and a great friend. His passing is a loss to many.

PLAYER MEMO

FILE ONLINE

[ACBL.ORG/PLAYER-MEMO](https://www.acbl.org/player-memo)



If you have any questions, please email recorder@acbl.org.



No smoking in stairwells

The management of the Marriott has announced that any players caught smoking or vaping in the stairwells of the hotel will be ejected from the property and issued no-trespass warnings.

SPECIAL EVENTS

HOSPITALITY

Food will be served mornings beginning at 9 a.m. and, courtesy of the host committee, selected afternoons at 1 or 2 p.m. on the fourth and fifth floors of the Marriott, and in the HeadHouse Tower, and some mornings in the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Sunday, Aug. 3

Breakfast sandwiches (bacon, egg, cheese on english muffin)

LIVE COMMENTARY

Live commentary on the Spingold Knockout Teams is available daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the ACBL's YouTube channel. Join the chat, ask questions and benefit from expert insight — all for free. Tune in at bridgecast.org!

Caption correction

In yesterday's coverage of the Collegiate Bowl, two of the captions contained errors. The corrected versions are below. The Daily Bulletin apologizes for the mistakes.

(Top photo) Princeton University is the 2025 Collegiate Bowl champion. Sponsor Mitch Dunitz presents the championship trophy to Viola Chen, Katie Hwang, Tianyang Chen, Zhao Yu Ma and Zhouzhou Gu.



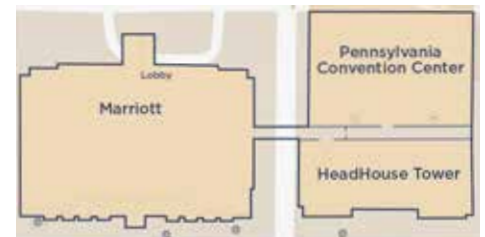
Third place in the Collegiate Bowl Championship went to the NYU Violets: Yanlai Yang, Zihan Wang, Ava Donnellan and Margot Donnellan.



Navigating the Marriott and PCC

To get to locations in the HeadHouse Tower (Liberty Ballroom, Independence Ballroom), take the skywalk from the third floor of the Marriott and exit to the right. (If you are already in the HeadHouse Tower, take the elevator to the second floor.) To get to locations in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, take the skywalk straight through the gate and exit to the left.

See the Welcome Desk on the fourth floor for a detailed map of the playing areas.



Save the Date



World Bridge Federation

Online Women's Teams
March 27-29, 2026

This is a transnational event





JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Will Haack is here playing with his father, Ron Haack of Fort Plain NY. Will lives in Costa Rica, where he is a software developer. "I live there mostly to surf," he said.

Even though he grew up with a bridge-playing dad, he didn't know much about the game. "It was very kept away from me," said Will. "He had this big thing of not wanting to push his passion onto his kids. He wanted me to play chess."

In his late 20s, a carpal tunnel surgery left Will with time on his hands. "I started

learning basic stuff. He gave me a book, "Watson's Play of the Hand," and I was like, 'Wow, this is really interesting.' It's also a very fun book, with narrative. He's got witty humor. Those are the kind of books I like."

Because Will lives in Costa Rica, he mostly plays online. "I've learned the game online, but I so much prefer playing in person. I only play online just because I'm forced to by circumstances," he said. "I get 100 times more enjoyment out of it playing in person."

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Take All Your Chances

By Eddie Kantar

North (Dummy)

♠ J 9
♥ K 7 6 4 3
♦ J 2
♣ A J 7 4

South (You)

♠ A K Q 10 8 4
♥ A 5 2
♦ 8 4 3
♣ 9



You open 1♠ in fourth seat. Partner responds 2♥, you jump to 3♠ and partner bids 4♠.

The opening lead is the ♣2. Plan the play.

Counting top tricks you have nine: six spades, two hearts and the ♣A. You must contrive a way to get a 10th.

There are two possibilities: (1) trying to ruff a diamond in dummy; (2) working with the hearts in order to discard at least one diamond.

In order to ruff a diamond in the dummy, you must give up the lead twice. The opponents can see what you are doing and can thwart your plan by leading a trump each time they get in. The better plan is to work with hearts, a long suit that has a certain loser.

In order to keep control of the hand and the suit, duck a heart a trick two. If hearts are 3-2 (68%), you are home free. The best the opponents can do is take two diamond

tricks, but that's all she wrote. You can win any return, draw trumps, and take the rest of the tricks.

When dealing with a side suit that is divided 5-3, the honors divided or both honors in the long hand (A-K-x-x-x), and you wish to keep control of the suit and the hand, duck the first round of the suit.

On this deal, if you incorrectly try to set up the hearts by playing the ace-king and another, you won't be able to use your two established hearts because you can't draw trumps ending in dummy, the key to long-suit establishment when there is no side-suit entry to dummy.

The full deal:

♠ J 9
♥ K 7 6 4 3
♦ J 2
♣ A J 7 4

♠ 7 6 5
♥ J 9
♦ A Q 6 5
♣ Q 8 6 2

♠ 3 2
♥ Q 10 8
♦ K 10 9 7
♣ K 10 5 3

♠ A K Q 10 8 4
♥ A 5 2
♦ 8 4 3
♣ 9

Tip: When planning to ruff a loser(s) in the short hand, assume the opponents will lead a trump each time they get in. This allows you to work out how many losers, if any, you can ruff. If that plan won't gel, look around for something else, like a long side suit.

Fast Pairs: Zobu–Aronov lead the pack

After the first two qualifying sessions of the Oshlag Fast Pairs, Ahu Zobu of Istanbul, Turkey, and Viktor Aronov of Sofia, Bulgaria, are in the lead. They scored 61.06% and 59.91% for a combined score of 2673.56 matchpoints, 21.5 ahead of second place on an 84 top.

In second place are Ron Pachtmann of Israel and Andrea Manno of Italy. In third place are the Bishel Bros: Tom Bishel and John Bishel of Columbus OH.

Of the 171 pairs who entered the event, 78 qualified for today's two-session final.

Wolfson, Rubenstein meet in Spingold final

In the Spingold Knockout Teams, RUBENSTEIN (Stewart Rubenstein, Zachary Grossack, Michael Rosenberg, Joe Grue, Brad Moss and Geir Helgemo) will play WOLFSON (Jeffrey Wolfson, Steve Garner, Kevin Rosenberg, Brian Platnick, Yinghao Liu and Yichao Chen) in the final.

After a close, high-scoring first quarter (43–41), WOLFSON held SHOURIE to 14 IMPs in the second segment while scoring 73. The third quarter was relatively flat. WOLFSON won the match 175–109.

RUBENSTEIN fell behind to NICKELL by 23 IMPs after the first quarter and were down 5 at the half. They took a 17-IMP lead at the end of the third quarter and held on to win 132–122.

Live commentary on the Spingold Knockout Teams is at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the ACBL's YouTube channel. Tune in at bridgecast.org.

Lev–Marino lead Red Ribbon quals

Daniel Lev and Donna Marino narrowly topped the field in the opening round of the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs. Lev of New York City and Marino of Denver scored 58.12% in the morning session and 61.11% in the afternoon to finish a fraction of a matchpoint ahead of Sandra Sarnow and Ariel Smid of Huixquilican, Mexico.

Third place is occupied by Prashanth Sriram of Santa Clara CA and Aravind Alwan of Milipitas CA.

Fifty-two of the 82 pairs who entered the contest – limited to players with less than 3000 masterpoints and who have earned Red Ribbon qualification – survived the cut to today's two-session final.

Micro final: Grove vs. Chang

In the 0–3000 Mini-Spingold Knockout, the last teams standing are GROVE (Jason Grove, Justin Young, Sarah Wahl and Jackson Wahl) and CHANG (Huang-Chia Chang, John Altman, George Mansour, Richard Krauland and Russell Poppleton).

GROVE came back from a 26-IMP deficit at the half to within 14 IMPs after three quarters. They scored 50 IMPs in the fourth quarter to defeat GERVIS 152–144.

CHANG got off to a nice start against CHAI, leading by 29 IMPs after the first set. They maintained their lead throughout the match, winning 122.5–84.

Lall sets pace in Roth Swiss

Hemant Lall's squad leads the Roth Open Swiss Teams after Saturday's semifinal round. Lall, who scored 102.80 victory points in second day of the contest, added a carryover of 84.59 VPs from the qualifying round, to start today's two-session final with a total score of 187.39.

Lall is playing with Reese Milner, Sabine Auken, Roy Welland, Zia Mahmood and David Gold.

In second with 180.09 is Andy Goodman and company (Mike Passell, Giacomo Percario, Giovanni Donati, Shan Huang and Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt), while third place belongs to Sam Dinkin's team (Jacob Freeman, Ulf Nilsson, Owen Lien, Louk Verhees and Jason Feldman) with 174.86.

Of the 68 teams who advanced from Friday's opening round, 34 survived to today's final.

10K Mixed Swiss: Wood leads

The team of Stephen Wood, Kalyan Venkat, Charlene Sands and Kim Brinkman posted the best score in the opening round of the 0–10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams. The Texas-based squad scored 112.17 victory points.

In second with 105.68 VPs are Martin Harris and Nicole Qian of the Chicago area and Miriam Harris-Botzum and John Botzum of Orefield PA.

Third place currently belongs to Daiva Vitukynaite and Gediminas Poska of Chicago-land and Mukund Thapa and Jung Hu of California. They scored 101.99 Vps.

Eighteen of the 27 entrants advanced to today's two-session final.

Collegiate Pairs

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Second place in the Collegiate Pairs representing Georgia Institute of Technology: Yanhua Wang and Justin Shiao

complimented each other on their game. "It was definitely all Garrett," said Hungate.

"I didn't think I played that well, but evidently we did," said Liu. "We're going to keep playing for sure! Western will be back!"

The winners earned a \$3000 scholarship.

In second place were Yanhua Wang of Atlanta GA and Justin Shiao of Atlanta GA, representing Georgia Institute of Technology. They scored 62.22% and 63.26%. "I'm really thankful for the bridge club for the opportunity to play in this tournament," said Wang. "It's funny to get second in the pairs and fourth in the teams because that's exactly the same result I got in Toronto last year."



Third place in the Collegiate Pairs representing University of Waterloo: Olivia Laufer and Max Cheng



First in Flight B in the Collegiate Pairs representing Georgia Institute of Technology: George Sorkin and Vasisht Ganesh

It pays to be consistent! The second-place pair earned a \$2000 scholarship.

In third were University of Waterloo's Olivia Laufer and Max Cheng. Laufer is graduating but Cheng intends to keep the bridge club going. They get a \$1000 scholarship.

First in Flight B were Georgia Institute of Technology's George Sorkin and Vasisht Ganesh and Princeton University's Zhao Yu Ma and Viola Chen were second in Flight B. They earned \$2000 and \$1000 scholarships, respectively.

All scholarship monies are provided by the ACBL Educational Foundation.

An honorary mention goes to the inter-collegiate pair, Evelyn Boucher of Calgary AB and Quan Chen of North York ON who posted a monster 70.62% first session and technically finished third overall, but were not eligible as they do not attend the same



Third overall (Intercollegiate): Evelyn Boucher and Quan Chen

school. Boucher attends the University of Alberta and Chen goes to Queens University.

Sixty-three pairs competed in the event.

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Just for New Players

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It appears Ron's strategy worked. "If my dad had put me into bridge earlier, I would have loved it as a young kid, and I would have put a lot of time into it," said Will. "I'm kind of grateful that he didn't, because I easily could have dropped out of school."

And now they're here, playing together. Will said of his dad, "He's a really good partner. He's very passionate about the game, so sometimes things get heated because we both are just trying to play our best."



Second in Flight B in the Collegiate Pairs representing Princeton University: Viola Chen and Zhao Yu Ma

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Team contests

The flagship events are the **DNA Knockout Teams**, featuring a Soloway-style Swiss team qualifier beginning Monday, Sept. 22, followed by 56-board KO matches, followed by the **DNA Six-Session KO Teams**, held Friday–Sunday, Sept. 26–28.

These contests are hosted by Real Bridge. Entries are \$100/team/session and may be purchased on Entry Express at acbl.org/tournament/.

DNA pair games

The premier pair contests include the following:

- **DNA Open Pairs I**, Sept. 22–23
- **DNA IMP Pairs**, Sept. 24–25
- **DNA Open Pairs II**, Sept. 26–27
- **DNA 0–6000 Pairs**, Sept. 26–27

The format of these contests is a one-day, two-session qualifier, where approximately half of the field advances. A two-session final is played on the second day.

These contests are hosted by Bridge Base Online. Entries are \$40/pair/session and may be purchased on BBO.

DNA contests do not award Platinum points or confer eligibility for Grand Life Master status.

Regional pair games

One-day **Regional Open Pairs** will be held Tuesday, Sept. 23, Thursday, Sept. 25, and Sunday, Sept. 28. These two-session games are stratified (Open/4000/1500).

A **Regional Top-Flight Pairs** (Open/4000) and a **Regional Mid-Flight Pairs** (3000/1500) will be held Saturday, Sept. 27. Both are two sessions.

Don't miss your chance to earn gold points! **Gold Rush Pairs** will be held every day of the tournament, Sept. 22–28. These two-session games are stratified (750/400/200).

All pair contests will be hosted by BBO, and participants must play both sessions. Entries are \$30/pair/session and may be purchased on BBO.

New Life Master



Janice Brenner of Short Hills NJ made Life Master on Saturday when she won 5.67 gold points playing in the bracketed round robin teams. She was playing with Jacqueline Zayac of Lafayette CA, Ed Gould of Indian Wells CA and Cornelia Gould of Indian Wells CA.



Host Hotel
Marriott Marquis
\$189+tax per night

Reservations at host hotel are now open. Please visit acbl.org/sanfran to access the necessary link for accessing the special rate.

San Francisco is a city full of iconic attractions, offering visitors a range of experiences. The historic Ferry Building serves as a vibrant marketplace featuring local artisan food vendors and shops. Golden Gate Park spans over 1,000 acres and includes must-see spots like the California Academy of Sciences, de Young Museum, Japanese Tea Garden, and the San Francisco Botanical Garden. Another classic experience is riding the city's famous cable cars, particularly the Powell-Hyde line, which offers scenic views and access to destinations like Ghirardelli Square and Fisherman's Wharf.

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Farewell

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Partners, whose generous sponsorship allowed us to provide a high level of entertainment and afternoon hospitality.

And thanks to all the other sponsors who honored loved ones and special people in their lives through game and day sponsorships.

Ala and I are grateful to all of our committee chairs who worked so hard to make the Philadelphia NABC a success:

Finance	Pat Civale
Registration Desk	Mary Miller and Lynn Ackerman
Volunteers	Cathy Strauss
Partnership	Dan Boye
GRIN Partnership	Rex Saffer
Publicity	Susan Morse
Restaurant Guide	Ellen Berkowitz Christina Valente
Fundraising	Mark Bolotin
Information	Mark Cohen
Prizes	Lisa Mita
I/N Program	Brendan and Linda O'Malley

We acknowledge all our local volunteers, who numbered around 40. Without you, we would not have had friendly faces greeting our players and helping them find directions around the playing areas, nor would we have had the help we needed in the volunteer hospitality suite. And your work with the Youth NABC was instrumental in making that a success. Rex Saffer extends thanks to his helpers in the I/N partnership area.

And thank you to all the ACBL people who were all wonderful to work with: Paul, Chip, Amy, Kathy and Francesca in the Daily Bulletin office; Christina and Jada in Meeting Services; Stephanie and Shaneka in Marketing; and Chris, McKenzie and Ken and the entire directing staff.

SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS – FINAL PAIRING

88 Tables

Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway

vs

Jeffrey Wolfson, Boca Raton FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Yinghao Liu, Dublin CA; Yichao Chen, Shanghai China

125.00 3/4 Nick Nickell, Water Mill NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Steve Weinstein, Up Saddle River NJ; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV

125.00 3/4 Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA; Kevin Bathurst – Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL; John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, San Francisco CA

80.00 5/8 Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Cedric Lorenzini, France; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Chip Martel, Davis CA

80.00 5/8 Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia

80.00 5/8 Juan Carlos Ventin, Barcelona Spain; Johan Upmark – Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm Sweden; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden

80.00 5/8 Mike Rippey, San Francisco CA; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Przemyslaw Janiszewski, Warsaw Poland; Wojciech Strzemecki, Poland; Irene Baroni, Paris France

50.00 9/16 Pierre Zimmermann – Sjoert Brink – Michal Nowosadzki – Michal Klukowski – Jacek Kalita – Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland

50.00 9/16 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Martin Schaltz, Copenhagen Denmark; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Boye Brogeland, Norway

50.00 9/16 Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Adam Grossack, Newton MA

50.00 9/16 Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskedalen Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL

50.00 9/16 Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy; Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt – Shan Huang, Royal Palm Beach FL



50.00 9/16 Rob Helle, Pereybere Mauritius; Cornelis van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Simon de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Bob Drijver, Netherlands

50.00 9/16 Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Bart Nab – Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel

50.00 9/16 Leslie Amoils, North York ON; Lionel Sebbane, Clichy France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France; Colin Deheeger, Les Vlis France; Pierre Bedouet, Corna France; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland

25.00 17/32 Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Massimiliano di Franco – Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC

25.00 17/32 Lynda Nitabach, West Palm Beach FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Juan Castillo, Fort Lauderdale FL

25.00 17/32 Hemant Lall, Marina Del Rey CA; Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Zia Mahmood – David Gold, London United Kingdom; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Roy Welland, New York NY

25.00 17/32 William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Daniel Korbel – Joshua Donn – Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Israel

25.00 17/32 Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX; Jie Li, Beijing China; Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Hongji Wei, Jersey City NJ

25.00 17/32 Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY

25.00 17/32 John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Ethan Derman, Baltimore MD; Bart Bramley, Avon CT; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA

25.00 17/32 Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Edward Xu, North York ON; Yizhuo Zhang, Beijing China; Linlin Hu, China; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY

25.00 17/32 Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom; Tim van de Paverd, Leiden Netherlands; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands

25.00 17/32 Jerome Rombaut, France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France; Jean-Luc Aroix, Bordeaux France; Jeremie Tignel, Castanetolosan France; Nicholas Lhuissier, Rueil Malmaison France; Julien Bernard, Paris France

25.00 17/32 Diane Gordy, Palm Beach FL; Vladimir Mihov – Ivan Nanev Ivanov, Sofia Bulgaria; Jerry Stamatov – Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL; Radu Nistor, Aventura FL

25.00 17/32 Stefan Skorchev – Desislava Malakova – Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria; Ahu Zobu, Istanbul Turkey

25.00 17/32 Bruce Rogoff, Boca Raton FL; Alexander Ornstein, New York NY; Zygmunt Marcinski, Montreal QC; Michel Lorber, Baie-D'urfe QC

25.00 17/32 Maxim Siline, Hudson MA; Alexander Wernle – Jovanka Smederevac, Vienna Austria; Carrie Liu, Hudson MA

25.00 17/32 Adam Parrish, New York NY; Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA; Danny Sprung, Las Vegas NV; Phil Clayton, Bella Vista AR; Ankur Rath, San Francisco CA

25.00 17/32 Jeffrey Ferro, St. Helena CA; Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Andrew Stark – Franco Baseggio, New York NY; Nikolaj Hammelev, Aarhus Denmark; Daniel Tylvad, Bronshoj Denmark

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0-3000 MINI-SPINGOLD KO TEAMS – FINAL PAIRING

20 Tables

Huang-Chia Chang – John Altman, Cincinnati OH; George Mansour, Scranton PA; Richard Krauland, Kittanning PA; Russell Poppleton, Camp Hill PA

vs

Jason Grove, Glastonbury CT; Justin Young, East Hartford CT; Sarah Wahl – Jackson Wahl, Minneapolis MN

19.20 3/4 Robert Gervis, Boynton Beach FL; Paul Hattis, Newton MA; James Orleans, Delray Beach FL; Howard Booth, Cornelius NC

19.20 3/4 Jichong Chai, Arlington VA; Haoyi You, Greenbelt MD;

Wen Zhou, Thousand Oaks CA; Shirley Shi, Sacramento CA

8.64 5/8 Elizabeth Wood, Arlington MA; Susan Lincoln, Boxford MA; David Gardner – Nicole Gardner, Watertown MA

8.64 5/8 Ken Pelowski – Lori Mirek, Atherton CA; Jacqueline Zayac, Lafayette CA; Kevin Marnell, Milwaukie OR

8.64 5/8 Simon-Pierre Goulet, Montreal QC; Frederic Belanger, Verdun QC; Andrew Skolnick, Bedford Hills NY; Greg Warden, Ridgewood NJ

8.64 5/8 Edward Lechner, San Mateo CA; Philip Abrahamson – Dana Shelley, Atherton CA; Erich Schifter, Ann Arbor MI

COLLEGIATE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

12 Tables

- 15.00 1 Princeton: Katherine Hwang, New York NY; Tianyang Chen – Zhouzhou Gu – Yitao Chen, Princeton NJ; Zhao Yu Ma, Jersey City NJ
- 10.50 2 UC Berkeley: Jonathan Yue, San Jose CA; Weichen Tang – Zhenling Wang – Mihir Singhal, Berkeley CA; Ethan Xie, Williamsville NY
- 6.75 3 NYU Violet: Yanlai Yang – Zihan Wang, Jersey City NJ; Ava Donnellan – Margot Donnellan, Brooklyn NY
- 5.43 4 Georgia Tech: Justin Shiao – Yanhua Wang, Atlanta GA; Vasisht Ganesh, Miramar FL; George Sorkin, Buford GA
- 4.50 5 Carnegie-Mellon: Mingkuan Xu, Pittsburgh PA; Raphael Stone, Austin TX; Peter Duers, New York NY; Austin Shi, McLean VA; Lena Liang, St. Louis MO
- 3.75 6 Alberta: Bernice Ng – Dan Bell – Reece Jurgens – Isaac Stone, Edmonton AB; Evelyn Boucher, Calgary AB

QUALIFIERS IN THE NABC 0-10,000 MIXED SWISS TEAMS

18 Tables / Based on 27 Tables

Carryover

- 1 Stephen Wood – Kim Brinkman, Austin TX; Kalyan Venkat, Round Rock TX; Charlene Sands, Driftwood TX 30.00
- 2 Martin Harris, Chicago IL; Miriam Harris-Botzum – John Botzum, Orefield PA; Nicole Qian, Evanston IL 24.88
- 3 Daiva Vitukynaite – Gediminas Poska, Palos Hills IL; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA; Jung Hu, San Jose CA 21.98
- 4 Steve Chen – Sarah Chen, Austin TX; Serena Guo, Dublin CA; Zheng Zhang, Toronto ON 21.37
- 5 Karen Batchelder, Philadelphia PA; Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Eileen Vass, Haverford PA; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark 14.74
- 6 Kathryn Kimmerling, Blythewood SC; Luca Crone – Jason Doyle, Dublin Ireland; Laura Gastelum, Lomita CA; Fran Hofherr, Swoyersville PA; Normand Houle, St.-Hubert QC 11.00
- 7 Stefan Haroldsson – Sigridur Kristjansdottir – Barbara Rhoades, Wilmington DE; Roy Perry, St John's NL 10.11
- 8 C. Valerie Gamio, Rolling Hills Estates CA; Guillermo Minutti, Rolling Hills CA; Lucia Menezes – Caru Vidigal, Rio De Janeiro Brazil; Giacomo Beretta, Redondo Beach CA; Robert Corry, Palos Verde Estates CA 9.45
- 9 Samuel Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY; Cecilia Ehrlichman, Ann Arbor MI; Camilla Schiaffino, New York NY; Zain Mahmood, London United Kingdom 9.44
- 10 Charles Faille, St.-Constant QC; Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Bijoy Anand – Janice Madsen, Jacksonville FL 9.25
- 11 Shihong You, Boyds MD; Mingmin Zhu, Mississauga ON; Peter Wong, North York ON; Jessica Lin, Markham ON 6.77
- 12 Anne Wilson, Campbell CA; Mansoor Gowani – Brenda Hatton, San Jose CA; Eusebio Menezes, Cupertino CA 5.12
- 13 Brooke Cohen, New York NY; Omer Ekinici, Astoria NY; Ugurcan Suzer, Istanbul Turkey; Ebru Ates, Pennington NJ 4.67
- 14 Philip Kuhn – Jennifer Kuhn, San Mateo CA; Shazia Makhdumi, San Francisco CA; Daniel Kroll, Berkeley CA 3.23
- 15 H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY; Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC; Tom Jacobson, Fairfield CA; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA 2.59
- 16 Alvaro Ronderos – Estelle Ronderos, Plymouth Meeting PA; Tracy Brines, Smithfield VA; Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY 2.05
- 17 Hongsa Situ – Weishu Wu, Irvine CA; Qinqin Wang – Jiang Chen, Lexington MA 1.43
- 18 Paul Irvine – Margaret Irvine, Allentown PA; Thomas Musso, Charleston SC; Kathrine Loh, Walnut Creek CA 0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE OSHLAG FAST PAIRS

39.0 Tables / Based on 86 Tables

		Carryover
1	Ahu Zobu, Tarabya Istanbul Turkey; Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria	79.89
2	Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy	75.86
3	Tom Bishel – John Bishel, Columbus OH	73.72
4	Keith Connolly – Rebecca Anspach, St. Paul MN	68.14
5	Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN	64.03
6	Norman Beck, Dallas TX; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD	58.61
7	Dilek Yavas, Bursa Turkey; Irem Ozbay, Weehawken NJ	57.58
8	Robert Rebelein, Poughkeepsie NY; Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY	57.50
9	Allison L. Cappelletti – Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	55.32
10	Rick Clelland, Boulder CO; Ying Zhang, Longmont CO	52.63
11	Martin Garvey – Andrea Knox, Llandudno United Kingdom	52.28
12	Joseph Engel, Israel; Nir Grinberg, Hod Hasharon Israel	50.77
13	Sebastian Atisen, London England; Brian McGuire, United Kingdom England	49.48
14	Leo Lasota, Ewa Beach HI; David Yang, Darien IL	48.01
15	Daniel Boye, Baldwinsville NY; Martin Rabinowitz, Boynton Beach FL	47.77
16	John Overdeck, Short Hills NJ; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy	45.99
17	Russell Samuel, Coram NY; Chris Moll, Cary NC	45.73
18	Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	45.72
19	Massimiliano di Franco, Palermo Italy; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland	44.73
20	Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Peter Weiden, New York NY	43.38
21	Thomas Rush, Houston TX; Vic Quiros, Phoenix AZ	40.88
22	Richard Cohen, Boca Raton FL; Usama Faris, Queen Creek AZ	40.00
23	Lorraine Cable, Greenfield IN; Brad Bart, Coquitlam BC	37.20
24	Craig Kavin, Camarillo CA; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV	34.70
25/26	Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina; Margie Cole, New York NY	34.24
25/26	Mark Jones, Birmingham AL; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA	34.24
27	Martin de Bruin – Betty Scull, Egg Harbor Township NJ	30.62
28	Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	30.59
29	Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA; Bharat Rao, Berwyn PA	30.47
30	Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC; Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA	30.17
31	John Ramos, Los Angeles CA; Mitch Towner, Phoenix AZ	29.73
32	Zhu Liu, Princeton NJ; Jin-Ming Liao, Skillman NJ	28.91
33	Rachael Moller – David Gurvich, New York NY	27.46
34	Jacqueline Chang, New York NY; Iulian Rotaru, Sunnyside NY	26.56
35	Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	26.07
36	Christina Madsen, Denmark; Laura Lipman, Vassalboro ME	26.01
37	Avery Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Ethan Derman, Baltimore MD	24.68
38	Andrew Stark – Franco Baseggio, New York NY	24.29
39	Sheldon Tan, New York NY; Sarik Goyal, Jersey City NJ	23.59
40	Aleksandar Lishkov, Kenilworth IL; Andy Cope, Coventry United Kingdom	22.18
41	Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; John Ren, Ajax ON	21.30
42	Glenn Eisenstein – Peggy Ellis, New York NY	20.68



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43	Brandon Ge – Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA	20.34
44	Joan Brody, Livingston NJ; Ida Groenkvis, Sundbyberg Sweden	19.85
45	Frank Feng, Basking Ridge NJ; Jason Ji, Jersey City NJ	19.66
46	James Geist, Olney MD; Clyde Kruskal, Rockville MD	19.56
47	Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Zachary Madden, Glen Mills PA	18.16
48	Adam Grossack, Newton MA; Dana Berkowitz, New York NY	17.43
49	Jeff Hand, New York NY; William Neumann, Columbia MD	17.00
50	Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland; Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA	16.68
51	Ray Miller – Gregory Herman, Seattle WA	16.08
52	Arthur Korth, Galloway NJ; Andrew Markowitz, Lahaska PA	16.03
53	Suresh Mahajan, Del Mar CA; Subba Ravipudi, Dana Point CA	14.90
54	Hui Zhang – Wenhao Hu, Providence RI	14.80
55	Charles Miner, Orlando FL; Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	14.34
56	Joon Pahk, Somerville MA; R. Muggia, Andover MA	14.01
57	Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD; Sven Pride, Vienna VA	13.52
58	Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, England	11.67
59	Lucy Zhang, Brooklyn NY; Kevin Huang, Palo Alto CA	11.19
60	Bart Bussink, Cambridge MA; Arjun Dhir, Johns Creek GA	10.71
61	Linda Einhorn-Ihde – Erez Hendelman, New York NY	9.77
62	Marjorie Michelin – Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	8.04
63	Eliezer Solomon, Ocean City MD; John Hogan Jr., Rehoboth Beach DE	7.42
64	Hank Meyer, Greenbelt MD; Ronald Kral, Reston VA	6.63
65	Edward Betteto, Holland Landing ON; Leigh Ives, Alliston ON	6.42
66	John Kloke II, Richmond VA; Donna Rodwell, Clearwater FL	6.17
67	Danning Lu, Sacramento CA; Andrew Rowberg, Dublin CA	6.12
68	Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD; Mark Laken, Baltimore MD	5.65
69	Lapt Chan, Forest Hills NY; Melissa Fawer, New York NY	4.97
70	Samuel Kuang, Woodside NY; Douglas Kuschner, Auburn WA	4.37
71	Don Lussy, Elmhurst IL; Craig Gardner, Streamwood IL	4.30
72	Mary Poplawski, Vestal NY; Martin Caley, Montreal QC	4.27
73	Andrew Chen – Charlie Chen, Austin TX	4.22
74	David Yoon, Bayside NY; Sam Lev, Aventura FL	2.80
75	Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA	1.45
76	Ron Gerard – Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	0.99
77	Alan Schwartz – Annie Schwartz, Fairfax VA	0.63
78	Toby White, Des Moines IA; Richard Newell, West Des Moines IA	0.00

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26.0 Tables / Based on 41 Tables

1	Daniel Lev, New York NY; Donna Marino, Denver CO	88.81
2	Sandra Sarnow – Ariel Smid, Huixquilucan Mexico	88.71
3	Prashanth Sriram, Santa Clara CA; Aravind Alwan, Milpitas CA	85.60
4	Ivan Smirnov, Staten Island NY; Andrew Harris, Pennington NJ	81.63
5	Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD; Peter van Zijl, Hanover MD	74.63
6	Simon-Pierre Goulet, Montreal QC; Frederic Belanger, Verdun QC	73.09
7	Brandon Fong, Mount Laurel NJ; Lon Sunshine, Merrimack NH	69.83
8	Leon Yu, Syosset NY; Tsao-Tung Tsai, Cupertino CA	69.44
9	Daniel Mytelka – Christine Mytelka, Bryn Mawr PA	69.20
10	Kenneth Hopke, Annandale VA; Phil Feldman, Los Angeles CA	61.27
11	Robert Goldbloom, Hastings-on-Hudson NY; Joel Steinberg, Princeton Junction NJ	60.11
12	Aaron Igra, Seattle WA; Sam Bellows, Brooklyn NY	57.97
13	Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI; Kevin Marnell, Milwaukie OR	57.27
14	Richard Graveman, Morristown NJ; Rollin Shank, Weatogue CT	55.34
15	David Miller – Bonnie Miller, Chestnut Hill MA	49.29
16	Ugur Ergun, Ankara Turkey; Murat Alaybeyi, Saratoga CA	46.33
17	Jesse Rockoff, Rahway NJ; Ben Loehnen, New York NY	45.90
18	Amy Ross, New Hope PA; James Koss, Medford NJ	45.52
19	Krishnan Gopalakrishnan, Greenville NC; Nasir Memon, Brooklyn NY	45.37
20	Weilong Shen, Milpitas CA; Giorgio Casinovi, Tucker GA	41.04
21	Greg Warden, Ridgewood NJ; Andrew Skolnick, Bedford Hills NY	40.94
22	John Huffman – Jason Carter, Arlington VA	39.54
23	Andrew Barlow, Lebanon NJ; Leigh Walker, Piscataway NJ	38.12
24	Thomas Shea, Concord MA; Sam Gallo, Arlington MA	37.89
25	Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD; John Klein, Ijamsville MD	36.67
26	Daniel Small – Lloyd Mandell, New York NY	33.82
27	John Krah, Seattle WA; John Rothschild, Elkridge MD	33.70
28	John F.W. Glynn, Paget Bermuda; Rachael Gosling, Bermuda	32.56
29	Alexander Woo, Moscow ID; Nelson Davis, Seattle WA	30.14
30	Melanie Appelbaum, Harrison NY; Gina Davanzo, Eastchester NY	29.53
31	Benjamin Levine, Hartford CT; Nicole Hudak, New York NY	29.39
32	Erin Bealles, Mars PA; Laurie Carr, Honolulu HI	25.84
33	Judy Lea Weber – Fred Weber, Concord NC	25.75
34	Stephen Kolkhorst, Portland ME; David Waterman, Scarborough ME	22.03
35	Jared Egerer, Mount Arlington NJ; Tiger Lili Williams, Fair Lawn NJ	20.88
36	Michael Haddox-Schatz, Yorktown VA; William Vandyke, Poquoson VA	20.79
37	Brian Childers, Germantown MD; Ernie Schuler, Wheaton MD	17.85
38	Phyllis Hartford, Stamford CT; Eileen Montellese, Norwalk CT	16.14
39	Tina Boyer, Montclair NJ; Stephanie Austin, West Caldwell NJ	13.69
40	Nancy Alvarado, Lakewood CO; Mark Cook, West Monroe LA	13.28
41	Scott McDermott – Barbara Ullman, New York NY	12.45
42	Francois Girard, Quebec QC; Nicolas Decelles, Vaudreuil-Dorion QC	10.12
43	David Wolfe – David Ritcey, Halifax NS	9.47
44	Kathryn Walker, San Jose CA; Cindy Lyall, Greenwich CT	9.02
45	Richard Bryant – Kathy Feeney, Tucson AZ	7.20
46	Philip Abrahamson – Dana Shelley, Atherton CA	6.42
47	Cheryl Macintosh, Orleans ON; Kandi Osborne, Phoenix AZ	6.28
48	Julie Bernhardt – Dominick D'Ascoli, Clifton NJ	4.35
49	Michael Ritcey, Indian Harbour NS; Noah Cotterill, Halifax NS	3.96
50	Fred Douglass, Basking Ridge NJ; Ken Trock, Hamilton NJ	1.50
51	Ken Weems, Crofton MD; Timothy Bezanson, Vienna VA	0.37
52	Ilan Tadmor, Sunnyside NY; Barak Engel, Oakland CA	0.00

COLLEGIATE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

31.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
15.38	1			Simon Hungate, Toronto ON; Garrett Liu, Oakville ON, Western	63.43%
11.54	2			Yanhua Wang – Justin Shiao, Atlanta GA, Georgia Tech	62.74%
8.65	3			Evelyn Boucher, Calgary AB, Alberta; Quan Chen, North York ON, Queens	62.69%
6.49	4			Olivia Laufer – Max Cheng, Toronto ON, Waterloo	62.04%
6.40	5	1		George Sorkin, Buford GA; Vasisht Ganesh, Miramar FL, Georgia Tech	61.59%
4.39	6			Reece Jurgens – Isaac Stone, Edmonton AB, Alberta	61.56%
3.85	7			Maxwell Burns, Washington DC; Haoqing Chen, Davis CA, UC Davis	61.52%
3.42	8			Alec Sun, Philadelphia PA; Jake Williams, Brooklyn NY, Chicago	60.49%
4.80	9	2		Yitao Chen, Princeton NJ; Zhao Yu Ma, Jersey City NJ, Princeton	59.74%
2.80	10			Ava Donnellan – Margot Donnellan, Brooklyn NY, NYU	59.35%
2.56	11			Yanlai Yang – Zihan Wang, Jersey City NJ, NYU	58.98%
2.37	12			Thomas Matheos – Rohan Srivastava, Denton TX, North Texas	58.58%
2.20	13			Qian Sun, New York NY; Shen Duan, Andover MA, Columbia	58.55%
3.60	14	3		Hank Hsu, Cupertino CA; Michael Zheng, Fremont CA, Amherst	57.55%
3.27	15			Mihir Singhal, Berkeley CA; Ethan Xie, Williamsville NY, UC Berkeley	57.46%
3.87	16	4		Min Wu – Xinyu Mei, Ann Arbor MI, Michigan	56.47%
2.13		5		Quentin Liang, Long Island City NY; Alex Thearling, Cambridge MA, NYU	56.03%
1.83		6		Jack Coleman, Forest VA; Aidan Szilagyi, Montclair NJ, Virginia	55.78%
3.26		7	1	Chase Lefevre, Blackshear GA; Varick Peak, Atlanta GA, Georgia Tech	54.82%
1.42		8		Leo Xu, Tucker GA; Alex Han, Katy TX, Georgia Tech	54.74%
1.74		9		Aniket Mondal, Davis CA; Keri Bjorgum, Elk Grove CA, UC Davis	54.63%
2.77		10	2	Jan Borowski – Xingrui Wang, New York NY, NYU	54.31%
2.48		11	3	Will Epstein, New York NY; Richmond Yeung, Chicago IL, Chicago	53.99%
1.55			4	Ethan Yamada, University Place WA; Colin Prakken, St. Louis MO, Wash. U St. L	52.61%
1.11			5	Jeffrey Martinovic, Mississauga ON; Rachel Penney, Hamilton ON, Western	51.39%
0.93			6	Clara Szlyk, Fredericksburg VA; Vivek Ramakrishna, Chantilly VA, Virginia	48.84%



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Multinational Yao team wins Youth Swiss

The team of Jason Yao, Ella Su, Sophie Zaidenberg Gatt and Zinnia Meyer won the ACBL Educational Foundation National Youth Swiss Teams by nearly a full match – 17 victory points.

Yao, 16, and Su, 15, are Seattle-area players who won the Baron Barclay Youth Pairs last year. Meyer, 14, is from Chicago, and Zaidenberg Gatt, who turns 14 in two weeks, is from Israel.

The team won all its matches, starting with a 61-IMP double blitz in the first round and never looking back. Only two of the eight matches were won by single digits. They qualified in first place out of the morning session and led the entire afternoon.

“We made less mistakes than the opponents did,” Meyer said. “We didn’t do any brilliant things, at least at our table, but we did the right thing. The opponents did not.”

Meyer and Zaidenberg Gatt have

only been playing together for three days; they both came to the Youth NABC without a partner and got matched up.

Yao and Su have been playing together for almost two and a half years, but not as much the past year, as both got busier with school and split their limited bridge time playing with other partners. They are veterans of Seattle’s Basement Army and learned bridge from Nathan Gong, who was named 2025 King of Bridge recently.

The two pairs formed as a team because three of them played on a team at the Youth Transnationals in Poland last year. “We played with Sophie and her brother,” Su said. “Amber Lin put us together.” Though their results there weren’t anything special, they wanted to play together again, Zaidenberg Gatt said.



Winners of the ACBL Educational Foundation National Youth Swiss Teams: Jason Yao, Sophie Zaidenberg Gatt, Ella Su and Zinnia Meyer

On Saturday they scored 89 victory points. In second with 72.07 was a team from China: Botong Li, Bowen Pang, Xinlun Yu and Muchen Li.

The event carries \$4000 in scholarships for the four members of the team from the ACBL Educational Foundation. Because of their ages, college remains a distant horizon for them, and none had any ideas about college plans.

Haider wins Sportsmanship Award

Syed Haider of Palm Coast FL won the Bridge Base Online Sportsmanship Award.

Haider, 16, is new to the Youth NABC and fairly new to bridge. He and partner Brayden Dobbins have only been playing eight or nine months.

“He’s a very chill and honest guy,” Dobbins said. “Every time we play, he makes the air not so tense. It’s fun playing with Syed. He does deserve it.”

Players are nominated for the award by their peers and chosen by tournament directors Jesse Laird, Carolyn Pinto and Cathy Hildebrand. Recipients have typically played in multiple Youth NABCs, giving them more time to make an impression.

Haider wasn’t sure how he made one so quickly.

“Maybe with a joke here and there to

lighten the mood, and helping when someone dropped their bidding box,” Haider said. “I’m not sure what I did to get this award, but I’m grateful for it.”

Haider didn’t know the award existed until he arrived in the playing area on Thursday and saw it was the biggest trophy. He nominated Eddy Qi, while Dobbins nominated Qi’s partner Kurt Hoisie.

“He just had a good positive attitude, very helpful,” Laird said. “He was a good role model for the other youths in the event.”



Syed Haider

Haider is a senior at Flagler Palm Coast High School. The school lost its official bridge club when teacher Per Berg retired, but Berg still teaches bridge outside of school.

The award is a \$1000 scholarship from Bridge Base Online. Haider hopes to attend the University of Florida, where there is a bridge club that was started

by a Flagler Palm Coast alum.

“I don’t see myself stopping,” Haider said. “I just love the game so much. If I went to a college that didn’t have a bridge club, I would start one. I just love bridge.”

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Second in the Educational Foundation National Youth Swiss Teams: Bown Pang, Botong Li, Muchen Li and Xinlun Yu

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Winners of the Baron Barclay National Youth Pairs: Katherine Lee and Jayson Lee



Second in the Baron Barclay National Youth Pairs: Justin Cui and Xianze Liu

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ACBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS

16 Tables / Based on 26 Tables

	A	B	C		
9.79	1			Jason Yao, Bellevue WA; Ella Su, Redmond WA; Sophie Zaidenberg Gatt, Rechovot Israel; Zinnia Meyer, Chicago IL	89.00
7.34	2	1	1	Botong Li – Bowen Pang – Xinlun Yu, Tianjin China; Muchen Li, Beijing China	72.07
5.51	3	2	2	Xianze Liu – Justin Cui – Chenghan Bai – Yilin Liu – Minghan Liu – Brady Lin, Beijing China	58.41
4.13	4			Keith Lin – Kyle Lin, San Francisco CA; Katherine Lee – Jayson Lee, Hillsborough CA	55.00
3.26	5			Leyi Chen – Jessica Yao – Avery Liang – Alexandra Deschenes, Bellevue WA	54.89
2.80	6			Yizheng Lu – Haochen Li, China; Ryan Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Kaining Sheng, Northbrook IL	54.48
2.45	7			Shira Lahav, Asheret Israel; Aviv Zaidenberg Gatt, Rechovot Israel; Alexander Xu, Lisle IL; Lee Blocher, Champaign IL	50.59
1.44		3	3	Oscar Deng – Ran Ji, Beijing China; Alvin Guo – Encan Liu, China	44.19
1.08		4		Demian Li, San Jose CA; Derek Deschenes, Bellevue WA; James Fu, Westfield NJ; Lanhao Zhao, Sammamish WA	41.63
0.91		5	4	Zimo Hu – Xuheng Li – Jiashu Liu – Bojun Zhang, China	41.26

SATURDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH SIDE PAIRS

7.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.95	1	1		Jeffrey Zhang – Sean Song, Princeton NJ	69.29%
2.21	2			Sizhe Huang – Zhousheng Wang, Shanghai China	68.67%
1.66	3			Steven Xing – Michael Yang, Princeton NJ	68.11%
1.24	4	2	1	Kayla Jia – Alexa Jia, Waterloo ON	53.22%
1.11	5	3	2	Flora Ding, San Jose CA; Zhouxiong Wu, Cupertino CA	48.82%
0.80		4		Liya Li, San Jose CA; Larry Wei, Union City CA	46.62%
0.64			3	Zunairah Khan, unknown PA; Emma Wang, Palatine IL	45.26%

SATURDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.00	1/2	1/2		Thyme Johnson – Khadijatou Dia, Orange NJ	57.29%
1.00	1/2	1/2		Success Clement – Kiarra Jeffries, Orange NJ	57.29%
0.64	3			Kaitlyn Kuang, San Francisco CA; Victor Xu, Naperville CA	54.17%

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.14	1			Samuel Clement – Ounar Traore, Orange NJ	67.71%
1.05	2	1		Kaitlyn Kuang, San Francisco CA; Victor Xu, Naperville CA	63.54%
0.79	3	2		Oluwasekemi Arogunjo – Luthando Libisi, Orange NJ	60.21%

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Would you teach?

During lunch at the Youth NABC on Saturday, we asked players: Have you thought about teaching your friends? What's stopping you? What would you need to make it happen? Here are their answers.



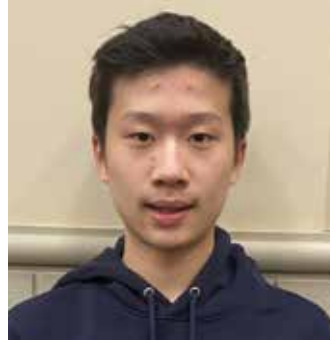
"I brought a deck of cards to school every day for a month. The hard part was there were only two people who wanted to learn, so we had to play three-handed."

*Beatrice Hung, 11
Los Altos CA*



"We're (my brother Aydan and I) planning to start a bridge club at our school in September. There's really nothing stopping us. We need cards, bidding boxes."

*Kayla Jia, 17
Waterloo ON*



"One huge struggle is to recruit new members. There's a few kids at our school who play. There's a lot of clubs at our school. Not everyone has motivation to play bridge."

*Aydan Jia, 15
Waterloo ON*



"I've thought about teaching my friends. It's very time-consuming. I don't think a lot of people would make the time to learn. I'm already devoting time to bridge, and I'm busy too."

*Ethan Zverinsky, 16
Palm Coast FL*



"I haven't thought about it. I have tryouts for the men's Under-24 hockey team. I don't have time. If I did, I would need cards, bidding boxes, a set of hands."

*Kyle Lin, 17
San Francisco CA*



"I'd like to do it when I go off to university. I'd like to start a club. I'd want help with visibility, getting kids to come in – the marketing."

*Mitchell Edelstein, 14
Flagler Beach FL*



"We are teaching. We have a bridge club at school once a week. People are free to come. We cover the basics and play. There's three of us (Jason Yao and Avery Liang) who go to the same school (Interlochen)."

*Alexandra Deschenes, 15
Bellevue WA*



"My own experience. I'd have to play for like five more years to understand the game better. I've only been playing eight months."

*Brayden Dobbins, 17
Flagler Beach FL*

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"I would like to teach my good friends bridge. It would be good to have more people to play with."
Clayton Kaneko, 12
Danville CA



I already have tried. I don't usually have time.
Lee Blocher, 14
Champaign IL



"I don't see kids who are into bridge."
Thyme Johnson, 11
Orange NJ



"I haven't thought about it. I'm not really good. I'm going to practice and get better, so I might in the future."
Lanhao Zhao, 14
Sammamish WA



"We used to have a bridge club at our school, but it got disbanded, so we formed an outside club. We should teach the freshmen and get them to join. I'm in a program called LinkCrew which is trying to mentor freshmen. I can talk to them about outside clubs."
Spencer Habeck, 16
Bunnell FL



"The reason why I'm here is to get my teaching license. I took the Best Practices workshop. Bridge is hard to teach to young people because of their attention spans. There are so many fundamentals of bridge to get through without them getting bored. The key is to find those who want to learn. You can't just go into a fourth-grade class and expect to find a lot of kids interested in bridge. But a fourth-grade gifted class, maybe they would be more interested."
Casper Gu, 15
Barrie ON



"I did try. I don't have enough time. Or books. We were trying to do it off the ACBL Learn to Play website. It took too long. People were antsy and wanted to play. I don't have the experience of teaching anything."
Zinnia Meyer, 14
Chicago IL



"I have thought about how to grow bridge. You want to make it look good on college applications. If bridge gained fame, there would be a lot of students hypercompetitive about it. People only care if it looks good for college applications."
Leon Grigoruk, 18
Palm Coast FL

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Afternoon Youth Side Pairs



Winners: Sean Song and Jeffrey Zhang



Second: Zhousheng Wang and Sizhe Huang



First in C: Alexa Jia and Kayla Jia



Second in C: Flora Ding and Zhouxiong Wu

Cardroom Pairs



Morning, tied for first: Success Clement and Kiarra Jeffries



Morning, tied for first: Khadijatou Dia and Thyme Johnson



Afternoon winners: Oumar Traore and Samuel Clement



Afternoon, first in B and second overall: Kaitlyn Kuang and Victor Xu

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Fishbein Trophy



Winners of last year's von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs: Ami Zamir and Oren Toledano

Oren Toledano and Ami Zamir of Israel won the most masterpoints at the 2024 Summer NABC in Toronto to win the Fishbein trophy. They won the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs (190) and the Roth Open Swiss Teams (160) and got the rest from reaching the round of 32 in the Spingold and playing in a regional Swiss teams.

The Fishbein Trophy was donated by ACBL in memory of Sally Fishbein and in recognition of the untiring efforts of



Harry Fishbein, who served as ACBL treasurer and refused to accept the customary compensation.

The winners 1952–1963:

1952	John Crawford
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1954	David Carter
1955	Paul Hodge
1956	Tobias Stone
1957	John Crawford
1958	Helen Sobel
1959	Ira Rubin
1960	Boris Koytchou
1961	Marshall Miles
1962	Ira Rubin
1963	Alvin Roth

These are the Fishbein Trophy winners since 1964, together with their point totals. An asterisk indicates the

record was broken that year.

1964	Percy Sheardown	223*
1965	Alvin Roth	210
1966	Alvin Roth	186
1967	Phil Feldesman	177
1968	Jim Jacoby	205
1969	Bob Hamman	180
1970	Dave Strasberg	155
1971	Barbara Rappaport	187
1972	B. Jay Becker	179
1973	Richard Katz	199
1974	Richard Shepherd	162
1975	Grant Baze	176
1976	Richard Katz	219
1977	Ken Cohen	198
1978	Mike Passell	215
1979	Bobby Wolff	179
1980	Peter Weichsel	194
1981	Ralph Katz	236*
1982	Mike Smolen	221
1983	Bob Hamman	280*
1984	Steve Sion	271
1985	Bill Passell	225
1986	Mark Lair	187
1987	Danny Rotman	188
1988	Helen Utegaard	168
1989	Zeke Jabbour	198
1990	Ron Rubin, Michael Becker	227
1991	Eric Rodwell	278
1992	Juanita Chambers	182
1993	John Sutherlin	233
1994	Lynn Deas	238
1995	Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman	253
1996	Jeff Meckstroth	268.79
1997	Steve Garner	246.77
1998	Paul Soloway	280.77*
1999	Eric Rodwell	347.87*
2000	Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, Lew Stansby, Chip Martel, Peter Weichsel	315.00
2001	Ralph Katz	383.85*
2002	Tobi Sokolow	304.43
2003	Michael Rosenberg	392.50*
2004	Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell	350.00
2005	Geoff Hampson	348.09
2006	Bjorn Fallenius	365.00
2007	Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell	385.72

2008	Migry Zur Campanile	269.56
2009	John Hurd	335.00
2010	Eric Greco, Brad Moss	301.82
2011	David Berkowitz	332.50
2012	Alan Sontag	315.00
2013	Mark Itabashi	326.70
2014	Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist	316.34
2015	Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace	303.43
2016	Chris Compton, Mike Passell	373.16
2017	Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist	392.50
2018	David Berkowitz	300.00
2019	Jacek Pszcola	331.43
2020	Not awarded	
2021	Not awarded	
2022	Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz	279.00
2023	Alon Birman	352.50
2024	Oren Toledano, Ami Zamir	387.50

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The ACBL Merch booth on the fifth floor is open daily from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. It offers Philadelphia NABC T-shirts, ACBL hats, polo shirts and jackets. Come by and shop during the pre-game hours.

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If you’re at the NABC Philadelphia, stop by the IntoBridge booth for a special offer: play an ACBL game for free and receive a complimentary T-shirt!

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See you at the IntoBridge booth!

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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.

Submitting a score correction

If you can access ACBL Live, you can submit a score correction for a pair game (not a team game).

If you don’t have a computer, tablet or smartphone, there are kiosks in the hallways outside the playing areas.

Here are instructions on how to submit a score correction via ACBL Live.

1. Go to live.acbl.org/
2. Find the event you played in. It’s probably easiest to enter your name or player number to reach your results quickly.
3. Find the session and click on summary.
4. Find your name on the recap and click on scores on the far-right hand side.

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5. Now, on the far left, there is a column to the left of the board number with three dots. Click on that.

	Board	Contract	By
⋮	01	4♠	S
⋮	02	3♠	E
⋮	03	3NT	S
⋮	04	1NT	S
⋮	05	6♣x	E

6. Choose “correct score,” follow the instructions and hit “submit.”

Spingold quarterfinal report – part 1

By Mark Horton

All four matches were recorded on BBO. Here are the highlights.

First quarter

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

VENTIN vs RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Upmark	Rubenstein	Nystrom
1NT	4♠	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	1♠
Pass	Dbl	5♣	Pass

(1) 2+♣

On the lead of the ♦Q, declarer had to guess how the suit was divided, and he elected to play low. South continued with the ♦J and when that held, he switched to the ♥J, declarer winning with the ♥Q, cashing two clubs, discarding a heart on the ♠A and eventually conceding one down, -100.

Would you have covered the ♦Q? Whibley did, and as he was in 5♣ doubled, it delivered +550, worth 12 IMPs for HANS against the 6♣ down two recorded by Greco and Hampson.

The only match not to see a swing was RIPPEY vs WOLFSON, with 3NT making in one room, 5♣ in the other (declarer won the heart lead, drew trumps and eliminated the majors before playing the ♦10).

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



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Need a partner or team mates? Check the Partnership Desk!

In the Open Room of the SHOURIE vs FLEISHER match, Shourie and Wolpert got to 6♥ as East–West, making; but in the replay, Versace and Sementa arrived in 7♥, down one, and a 14-IMP loss for FLEISHER.

Similarly, in VENTIN vs RUBENSTEIN, Rosenberg and Rubenstein got to the small slam, while Ventin and Hult got to the grand in the other room, again swinging 14 IMPs.

RIPPEY also lost 14 IMPs when their East–West pair bid the grand against WOLFSON, but only in the NICKELL vs HANS match was there a push, as both sides settled for 6♥.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

SHOURIE vs FLEISHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♣Q, and declarer finished with 11 tricks, +650.

But in the Closed Room, Hurd and Bathurst got to 6♠. West led the ♠4 and declarer won with dummy's ♠K and played the ♦K, West winning and exiting with the ♠3. Declarer won, East pitching the ♦2, ruffed a diamond, drew trumps (overtaking the ♠Q) and played a club to the queen and king. When a heart to the jack held, he cashed the ♦Q, discarding dummy's ♣9, and East, down to ♥Q 9 8 and ♣J 6 was squeezed. That was +1430 and 13 IMPs for SHOURIE.

Levin went down in 6♠, misguessing the hearts to lose 13 IMPs against HANS, while everyone else stopped in game.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

SHOURIE vs FLEISHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
1♦	3♣ ⁽¹⁾	3♠ ⁽²⁾	4♣
Dbl	Pass	6♦	All Pass

(1) Clubs and spades

(2) Diamond support

When North led the ♣A, declarer had an easy route to 12 tricks, +920.

In the Closed Room, Versace and Sementa also got 6♦ on the East–West cards, but North led the ♠2. This was ducked to South who won with the ♠K and switched to the ♦2. Declarer won in hand, ruffed a club and used diamond entries to eliminate the club suit before playing the ♠A followed by a spade ruff. Declarer still had to lose a heart trick at the end, one down, -50 and 14 IMPs away.

That three-deal burst saw SHOURIE win the session 45–7.

RUBENSTEIN picked up 11 IMPs on this deal when the ♣A was led against 6♣ in the Open Room, but East–West stopped in 5♦ in the replay,

In the other two matches, everyone played in 5♦.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

VENTIN vs RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Rubenstein</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
2♥	Pass	3♥	Dbl
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♥Q and declarer ducked, won the next heart and played the ♣J. When it held, he continued with the top diamonds and West ruffed and returned the ♥8, ruffed with the ♠8 and overruffed, East playing a club to partner's ace for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ventin</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Moss</i>
2♥	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ♦9. Declarer won with the ♦K, played a spade to the king, a spade to the jack and cashed the ♠A. He was sure of 11 tricks and finished with 12 when West did not find a low heart switch when in with the ♣A, which meant declarer could execute a double squeeze for 12 tricks, +480, and 13 IMPs.

Hampson and Greco were doubled in 4♥ which cost 800. When 4♠ failed in the other room, it meant the loss of 14 IMPs and saw HANS take the session 49-4.

VENTIN led RUBENSTEIN 51-29, while WOLFSON outscored RIPPEY 40-9.

Second quarter

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

SHOURIE vs FLEISHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>
	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♥ ⁽²⁾
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠ ⁽³⁾
Dbl	4♦ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

(1) 2+♣

(2) Strong

(3) Club support, short spades

(4) Control

West led the ♠K and switched to the ♦9, declarer soon claiming, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dbl ⁽¹⁾	4♠	Dbl
All Pass			

(1) Support

That was an inevitable three down, -500, but a 10-IMP gain.

Helgemo and Grossack also played in 4♠ doubled, but they lost an IMP when their teammates missed the slam.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

VENTIN vs RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Ventin</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hult</i>
		1♣	1♥
Dbl	4♥	4♠	5♥
Dbl	All Pass		

West led the ♣Q. Declarer won with dummy's ♣A, played a heart to the king, cashed the ♦A, ruffed a diamond and claimed 12 tricks, +1050.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Rubenstein</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	3♠ ⁽¹⁾	4♣	Pass
4♠	Dbl	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

(1) Unspecified shortness

Here, too, West led the ♣Q, and the play was identical, +1430 and 9 IMPs.

NICKELL vs HANS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Nickell</i>
		1♣	1♥
Dbl	4♦	4♠	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Declarer won the club lead with dummy's ♣A, played a diamond to the ace, ruffed a diamond and claimed, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Hung</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	3♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3NT ⁽²⁾
Pass	4♦ ⁽³⁾	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

(1) Unspecified shortness

(2) Asking

(3) Short diamonds

West led the ♠J and declarer pitched a club on dummy's ♠A, played a heart to the ace, cashed the ♦A, ruffed a diamond, pitched a club on the ♠K, cashed the ♣A, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond and then ruffed a club with the ♥4. West overruffed and exited with the ♥Q leaving declarer with a losing diamond, -100, and 17 IMPs away.

In RIPPEY vs WOLFSON, Marcinowski and Nowak got to 7♥ but finished down one and lost 13 IMPs when Wolfson and Garner stopped in 4♥,

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

SHOURIE vs FLEISHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>
			2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	3♥ ⁽²⁾	4♥	Pass
4♠ ⁽³⁾	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

(1) Multi, weaker than 2♥/♠

(2) Pass or correct

(3) Control

South led the ♠6 and apparently declarer claimed for +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♦	1♥	2♥ ⁽¹⁾
3♠ ⁽²⁾	4♠	5♣ ⁽³⁾	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠ ⁽³⁾	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

(1) Spades

(2) Splinter

(3) Controls

When East bid 5♠, West knew his partner had a first-round control in diamonds.

South led the ♦A and declarer ruffed, played the ♥10 to the king, ruffed a diamond high, played a heart to the 9, ruffed a diamond, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a spade and drew the outstanding trump. He played a club to the ace, cashed the ♠K and took the club finesse for a majestic +2210 and 17 IMPs.

NICKELL vs HANS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Nickell</i>
			Pass
Pass	3♦	Dbl	4♦
Dbl	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Declarer took all the tricks, +710.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Hung</i>
			3♠
Pass	4♠	4NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

(1) Two places to play

You see how tough life is when you are forced to guess. Declarer took all the tricks, +640 costing a couple of IMPs.

After the excitement of the early deals, things quieted down. All the trailing teams gained ground, most remarkably FLEISHER, who now led 68–55. WOLFSON was ahead 79–44, RUBENSTEIN 82–61 and HANS 69–61.

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Spingold quarterfinal report – part 2

By Mark Horton

In the third quarter, NICKELL and HANS traded only 8 IMPs! HANS was ahead 74–64 going into the final session.

East cashed the ♥K Q and switched to the ♠6 and that was two down, -500.

Third quarter

Board 34. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

VENTIN vs RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Ventin</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hult</i>
1♠	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Moss</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♣ ⁽²⁾	2♥	Dbl	All Pass

(1) 7–12(13), non-forcing

(2) 10–13 with (3)4+♣ or 14–15 all except 5–5

East led the ♥A and switched to the ♣5, West putting up the ♣A and returning the ♣2 (a spade honor was essential). Declarer ruffed and played diamonds. East could ruff and switch to a spade, but it was too late, declarer claiming, +670 and 15 IMPs.

RIPPEY vs WOLFSON

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Platnik</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Strzemecki</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	2♥	2NT	All Pass

South led the ♦J, and the defenders cashed out for one down, -100.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Liu</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the ♥10, and having won in dummy declarer continued the suit, overruffing South's ♠4 and exiting with the ♦8. South won with the ♦9 and fatally played two rounds of spades. Declarer won, cashed another spade and then played the ♣A. When the Rabbi's rule obliged, he could claim 11 tricks, +650 and 13 IMPs.

Board 36. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

SHOURIE VS FLEISHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Versace</i>
			1♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

(1) 2+♣

East led the ♣Q. Declarer won with dummy's ♣A, came to hand with a heart, played a club to the jack and then played on diamonds, finessing and soon claiming 12 tricks, +490.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martel</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠ ⁽¹⁾
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl ⁽²⁾
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

(1) Control

(2) First-round control

East led the ♠5. Declarer went up with dummy's ♠A and played four rounds of hearts. West ruffed and declarer could not cope with the trump split; an 11-IMP loss.

Board 38. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

RIPPEY vs WOLFSON

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Platnik</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Strzemecki</i>
1♥	Pass	2♥	3NT
Pass	Pass	4♦	Dbl
4♥	Dbl	4♠	Dbl
5♦	Dbl	5♥	Dbl
All Pass			

North led the ♣4. Declarer ruffed in dummy, played a diamond to the ace and ruffed a club. When he exited with the ♠2, South took the ♠A, cashed the ♥A and played the ♣A followed by the ♣K, ensuring three down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Liu</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	3NT
Pass	Pass	4♥	5♣
Dbl	All Pass		

West led the ♥Q, and declarer won, cashed the ♣A and the ♠A and exited with the ♦J. He ruffed the diamond return and played a spade, one down, -100 and 12 IMPs to RIPPEY who had scored 46 IMPs in a row to take the lead. At session end, they were ahead 90-83.

Board 42. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

SHOURIE vs FLEISHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Versace</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥ ⁽¹⁾
1♠	Dbl	2♠	Dbl
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

(1) Could be three hearts

East led the ♥2, and declarer won with dummy's ♥K and ran the ♦10, East winning and returning the ♥J. Declarer won, cashed the ♣Q and played a club to the ace. When a spade to the king lost, the 4–1 club split was fatal, and declarer had to settle for 10 tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martel</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
4♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

(1) Majors

(2) No preference

North led the ♦A and then played the ♣Q followed by the ♣J. Declarer ruffed and played a heart to the jack and king. He ruffed the return of the ♣A, ran the ♠Q, and when South followed with the ♠8, he guessed to continue with the ♠J, hoping to pin the ♠10. That meant he had to go three down, -500, for a 12-IMP loss.

SHOURIE had taken the session 42–16 to lead 97–84.

Board 43. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

VENTIN vs RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Ventin</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hult</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	2♥	3♥	All Pass

South led the ♠A and switched to the ♦K, declarer taking dummy's ♦A and playing the ♥Q followed by a heart to the king. He drew the outstanding trump and played the ♦10, North winning and switching to the ♣K. When it held, he tried the ♠J, but that surrendered an overtrick, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Moss</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	2♠	Dbl	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

North led the ♠5. South won with the ♠A and switched to the ♦K, declarer taking dummy's ♦A and continuing with the ♦5. When North followed with the ♦6 and the ♦10 held, declarer played another diamond to the jack and queen, South discarding the ♣6. When North exited with the ♥3, declarer won with dummy's ♥Q, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a spade, cashed the ♥10, the ♦9 and the ♣A, ruffed a club and exited with the ♠Q. South could win but had to surrender the game going trick to the ♠10, +790, and 12 IMPs.

Board 45. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

VENTIN vs RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Ventin</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hult</i>
1♦	1♥	1♠	2♦
6♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

North led the ♥J and declarer ruffed and cashed the ♦A before playing a spade to the king and ace. He finished two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Moss</i>
2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
4♥ ⁽³⁾	Pass	5♣	All Pass

(1) 12–15 HCP, at least 5♣+5♦

(2) To play

(3) Void

South led the ♠2, and when dummy's ♠K won the trick, declarer ran the ♣10 and was soon claiming 11 tricks, +400 and 11 IMPs.

A 37-IMP burst over the last four deals had brought VENTIN right back into the match, down only 110–119.

Fourth quarter

Board 47. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

VENTIN vs RUBENSTEIN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Ventin</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Hult</i>
2♠	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♥ ⁽²⁾
(1) Multi	Pass	3♠	All Pass
(2) Pass or correct			

North led the ♣3 to the 10, jack and ace. Declarer exited with the ♥J, North winning with the ♥Q. When he switched to the ♠7, declarer was home, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
	4♥	All Pass	

East led the ♦3 to the king, ace and 7, and East cashed the ♣K before returning the ♦6. East ruffed, but there was no longer an entry for a second ruff, +420 and another 12 IMPs for RUBENSTEIN, ahead by 32 IMPs.

They had an untroubled passage from here, the final score being 166–114.

Board 56. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

SHOURIE vs FLEISHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Versace</i>
1NT	Dbl	1♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	2♥	2NT
		All Pass	

East led the ♥6 and declarer soon had 10 tricks, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
		1♥	Pass
1NT	Dbl	2♥	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♦A, and when West followed with the ♦6, he continued with the ♦J and declarer claimed, +600 and 10 IMPs.

Is it too far-fetched to suggest that West might have dropped the ♦Q under the ace?

SHOURIE had restricted their opponents to a meager 4 IMPs in the session, and they marched on, winning 144–88.

NICKELL vs HANS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hans</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Greco</i>
		1♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♥4. Declarer won with the ♥Q and played the ♦7, East going up with the ♦A and switching to the ♠J, covered by the queen and ace. At this point, the screen flashed up nine tricks claimed, so we can guess that West returned a heart, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Edgton</i>
		2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♥	All Pass		
(1) 5+♥, 4+♠, 11–16 HCP			

North led the ♥A, switched to the ♣K and the played the ♦7, declarer winning with the ♦A and playing a heart. In due course, declarer played South for the ♠Q, +110 and 12 IMPs.

Had 3NT gone down in the other room, NICKELL would have trailed by 3 instead of which they led by 9 IMPs, 97–88.

Board 59. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

NICKELL vs HANS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hans</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Greco</i>
	Pass	1♦	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♦6, and declarer took the third round of the suit and played on clubs, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Edgton</i>
	Pass	1♦	Dbl
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

East led the ♦K and continued with the ♦Q, declarer taking dummy's ♦A and playing a club to the queen and ace. He ruffed the diamond return but then cashed the top hearts and had to go one down, -100, and 12 IMPs that gave NICKELL a 16-IMP lead — and a semifinal berth.

Meanwhile, RIPPEY trailed WOLFSON by 8 IMPs.

RIPPEY vs WOLFSON

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Liu</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
	Pass	1♦	Dbl
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Why South preferred double to 1NT is hard to say. Facing a passed partner, perhaps he thought it was safer.

East led the ♦K, and declarer won in dummy and played the ♣K, East winning and playing two more rounds of diamonds. Declarer ruffed, played a club to the 10 and drew trumps, finishing two down, -200. There were ways to

escape for one down, but would it matter?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Platnick</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dbl
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

East led the ♦K and switched to the ♣A followed by the ♦2. Declarer took dummy's ♦A, cashed the top hearts and could then play on clubs, sure of nine tricks, +140, and 8 IMPs that brought the scores level.

Both sides bid a laydown slam on the final deal (South found the lead to stop an overtrick at both tables), and the conditions of contest required an extra eight deals to be played to break the tie.

Playoff

WOLFSON raced into a 15-IMP lead, scoring 6, 7 and 2 IMPs on the first three deals. But after the next four boards, the scores leveled again with just one board left to play:

Board 69. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Liu</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
Pass	2♣	Dbl	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♣5 to the 4, 10 and ace, and declarer cashed the ♠A K and then played a heart. North won, cashed the ♣K and played a heart but South's ♥Q was the last trick for the defense, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Platnick</i>
Pass	Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
3♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	3♥	All Pass

(1) 19–21 HCP

(2) Hearts

West did have the option of bidding 3♣; on this occasion. East would have responded 3♠ to show five.

3♥ might have gone down, but South never led a club and declarer emerged with nine tricks. However, that meant a 10-IMP swing, and it was WOLFSON who survived. Phew!



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	A	B	C		
32.50	1			Michael Curley, Rockford MI; Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI	60.83%
24.38	2	1	1	Kyle Blocher – Lisa Bievenue, Champaign IL	59.72%
18.28	3			Andy Kaufman, Upper Gwynedd PA; Michael Cassel, Roseville MN	57.75%
13.71	4	2	2	Shuangbing Guo – Yurong Cheng, Calgary AB	56.49%
10.83	5	3	3	Alan Yu, Herndon VA; Lixin Zheng, College Park MD	56.13%
9.29	6	4		Claire Valente – Barry Balof, Walla Walla WA	55.21%
8.13	7	5		Madeline Cohn, New York NY; Joseph Lieberman, Brooklyn NY	54.75%
7.22	8	6	4	Music Li, Mountain View CA; Qinqin Zhang, Bellevue WA	54.65%
6.50	9	7		Karen Xia – Samuel Yake, Berwyn PA	54.42%
5.91	10			Kathy Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO; Elinor Hood, Vancouver WA	54.12%
3.19			5	Phil Reynolds, Jackson MI; Jeremy Xu, Fort Myers FL	53.40%

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12.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
	7	4	2		
5.78	1	1		William Harrison, Bloomsbury NJ; Sandy Harrison, Ardmore PA	64.52%
4.34	2			Mary Lee Wetzel, Midlothian VA; Patricia Bell, Richmond VA	56.93%
3.38	3	2		Clifford Sokolic, Marlton NJ; Bruce Pedretti, Haddonfield NJ	55.63%
2.44	4			Lori Rosen – Barbara Matas, New York NY	54.01%
3.19	5	3	1	Louise Spergel – Jonathan Spergel, Philadelphia PA	53.68%
1.93	6			Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; David Lilly, Windermere FL	53.58%
1.90		4		Ryan Lock, Philadelphia PA; Elisa Lock, Bryn Mawr PA	52.92%
2.39		5	2	Susan May, Indianapolis IN; Jerry Wade, Marathon FL	52.28%
1.79			3	Chris Thorn – Joan Verdon, Northvale NJ	51.68%
1.46			4	Daniel Ravaoli, Fort Mill SC; Claudia Berger, South Burlington VT	51.23%

ANN SMALLEN FRIDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.55	1	1	1	Cooper Smith, Grand Rapids MI; Marley Cedrone, Durham NH	69.94%
3.41	2	2		Kyle Blocher – Lisa Bievenue, Champaign IL	63.69%
2.56	3			Samuel Phillips, Largo FL; Steven Wallis, Tampa FL	60.71%
2.45	4	3	2	Nicolas Decelles, Vaudreuil-Dorion QC; Francois Girard, Quebec QC	58.33%
1.72	5			Mushfiquir Mohan, Briarwood NY; Dean Resnick, Takoma Park MD	56.55%
1.52	6/7	4/5	3/4	William Omdahl, Madison WI; Jerry Wade, Marathon FL	53.27%
1.52	6/7	4/5	3/4	Keith Johnson, Irvington NY; Eric Lazere, White Plains NY	53.27%

ARNOLD SELIG SATURDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.47	1	1	1	Ryan Connors, Alexandria VA; Randi Adelman, Teaneck NJ	65.83%
2.60	2			Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Ritchey Goodwin, W Palm Beach FL	60.83%
2.44	3	2		Paul Burnham, Wilton CT; Sonja Smith, Chapel Hill NC	55.42%
1.46	4			Howie Halpern, Manhasset NY; Elaine Said, Nashville TN	54.58%
1.83		3		Neil Montague – Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA	53.33%
1.37		4		Michael Zeller, New Kingstown PA; Anne Schuster, Englewood CO	52.92%
2.12			2	Lynn Ostergaard – Per Berg, Flagler Beach FL	52.50%

PAT CIVALE SATURDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.10	1	1		Phyllis Johnson, Wynnewood PA; Jacqueline Swartz, Rydal PA	64.58%
1.58	2			Sharon Clothier – Elizabeth Gemmill, Lafayette Hill PA	56.94%
1.30	3	2		Zhongxia Qi – Joey Qi, San Francisco CA	55.56%

JIM KENNEY SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.25	1	1		Neil Montague – Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA	65.50%
2.44	2	2		Michael Zeller, New Kingstown PA; Anne Schuster, Englewood CO	63.50%
1.83	3	3		Paul Burnham, Wilton CT; Sonja Smith, Chapel Hill NC	58.00%
1.37	4			Brian Trent – Linda Trent, Fullerton CA	56.50%

TUE-FRI EVE SIDE SERIES OVERALLS

42.50 Tables / Based on 19 Tables

11.60	1		Michael Botwin, Rockville Center NY	129.74%
7.62	2/3		Marley Cedrone, Durham NH	127.89%
7.62	2/3		Cooper Smith, Grand Rapids MI	127.89%
8.29	4/5		Francois Girard, Quebec QC	125.57%
8.29	4/5		Nicolas Decelles, Vaudreuil-Dorion QC	125.57%
7.74	6/7		Toby White, Des Moines IA	125.35%
7.74	6/7		Richard Newell, West Des Moines IA	125.35%
5.85	8		Kyle Blocher, Champaign IL	124.67%
7.58	9		Cynthia Mazzaferro, Naples FL	122.73%
6.79	10		Kurt Schneider, Nashville TN	122.16%

JOE DISTINI SATURDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

20 Tables / Based on 55 Tables

	A	X	Y		
26.00	1			Bachiraju Satyanarayana, New Delhi India; Kiran Nadar, Portola Valley CA; Rajeshwar Tewari, New Delhi India; Sumit Mukherjee, Kolkata India; Kaustabh Nandi, Kolkata India; Kaustubh Bendre, Pune India	90.00
19.50	2			Marty Seligman, Wynnewood PA; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Poznan Poland; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL	89.00
14.63	3			Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Bart Nab, Tilburg Netherlands; Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel	78.00
10.97	4			Debbie Benner – Arthur Crystal, Fairfield CT; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia; Maeve Lucey, New Canaan CT; Sofie Sjodal, Oslo Norway; Jovana Maricic, Serbia	75.00
8.67	5			Bill Gates, Kirkland WA; Richard Friesner, New York NY; Sharon Osberg, Larkspur CA; Eric Robinson, Park City UT	68.00
11.70	6	1		Rumen Lazarov – Mikaela Georgieva, Eastampton Town NJ; Desislava Malakova, Sofia Bulgaria; Stefan Skorchev, Sofia Bulgaria; Rumen Dimitrov, East Greenwich RI	67.00
8.78	2	1		Robert Ives, Bethesda MD; Francisca Nacur – Gonzalo Guridi, Santiago Chile; Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France	66.00
6.58	3	2		Jacob Baron, Philadelphia PA; Caglar Dogan, New York NY; Santhosh Karnik, Bala Cynwyd PA; Patrick Corn, Bryn Mawr PA	61.00
4.94	4	3		Mark Bolotin, Philadelphia PA; Radu Vasilescu, West Chester PA; Mark Henderson, Wilmington DE; Bernard Rehberg, Media PA	58.00

BILL BUSKIRK SATURDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1

8 Tables

14.26	1		Hubert Howe Jr., Westhampton NY; Jonathan Howe, Sag Harbor NY; Steven Hamburg, Troutman NC; T. Ted Jarrell, Charlotte NC	89.00
10.70	2		Komal Kamat, Plainsboro NJ; Francis Gupta, Princeton NJ; Pradip Gandhi, Hillsborough NJ; William Palmer, Brooklyn NY	78.00
8.02	3		Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Perry Poole, Maitland FL; Stanley Weiner, Las Vegas NV	61.00

BILL BUSKIRK SATURDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2

7 Tables

10.08	1	Judy Robbins, Narberth PA; Lee Guo – Jason Zhang, Eagleville PA; Myra Rosenberg, Bala Cynwyd PA	85.00
7.56	2	William Gregg, Livonia MI; Anne Pelak, East Norriton PA; Robert Shenkin – Susan Shenkin, West Chester PA	81.00
5.67	3	Ed Gould – Cornelia Gould, Indian Wells CA; Jacqueline Zayac, Lafayette CA Janice Brenner, Short Hills NJ	68.00

BILL BUSKIRK SATURDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3

12 Tables

11.08	1	Lisa Eklund – Hamilton Sawczuk – Jim Dickson, Baltimore MD; Todd Zimnoch, Catonsville MD	82.00
8.31	2	Thomas Hunter, Norwalk CT; Allen Kasden, Redding Center CT; Gregory Rich, Newtown CT; Alex Stolzka, Westport CT	81.00
6.23	3	Elizabeth Silvius – Stephen Silvius, San Bernardino CA; Ben Umansky, Fairfax VA; James Sandefur, Arlington VA	77.00
4.67	4	Eric Anderson, Seattle WA; Christopher Rivera, Jackson Heights NY; Matthew Rudary – L. Allison Rudary, Redding CT	72.00

BILL BUSKIRK SATURDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4

7 Tables

6.92	1	Jeffrey Imber, Bolton ON; Ken Mitchell, Milford CT; Laura di Virgilio, Churchville PA; Michael Freedman, Richboro PA	88.00
5.19	2	Barry Heller, Burbank CA; Richard Shultz, Three Rivers MI; Lianger Gong, Claymon DE; Suzanne Jennings, Bakersfield CA	83.00
3.89	3	David Laskin – Steven Angstreich, Cherry Hill NJ; Harold Koehler, Dallas PA; Leslie Heselton III, Moorestown NJ	65.00

BILL BUSKIRK SATURDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5

7 Tables

5.60	1	Robert Lowe, Swedesboro NJ; William Gormley, Mantua NJ; Art Ford, Marlton NJ; William Tannery, Haddon Township NJ	82.00
4.20	2	Eric Bornstein – Leo Wang – Sherman Yuen – Alex Tung, unknown	74.00
3.15	3	Elaine Reynolds, La Plata MD; Andy Pedersen, Nanjemoy MD; Everett Baker, Lusby MD; David Delzingaro, Indian Head MD	69.00



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1. Any electronic equipment must be kept in silent mode (except for health-related equipment, where silent mode is unavailable or could constitute a health risk).

It is recommended, though not mandatory, that any such equipment remain switched off while in the playing area during a session.

Penalties: If it is determined that an electronic equipment is not compliant with (1) above, the penalty for the first offense is 1/8 of a board, 1.5 IMPs, or 1/2 VP. For each subsequent offense during an event, the penalty will be doubled. Beginning with the third offense, the player may be subject to disqualification, upon approval of the Sponsoring Organization.

2. Players are expected to be paying attention to the game. While at the table, players may not use or interact with their electronic devices during bridge play. When between rounds or sitting out, use or interaction with electronic devices is permitted, provided it is inaudible. For other situations, permission to use or interact with an electronic device will be granted upon the director's judgment and on a case-by-case basis.

Penalties: If it is determined that an electronic equipment was operated in violation of (2) above, the penalty for the first offense is 1/2 of a board, 6 IMPs, or 2 VP. For each subsequent offense during an event, the penalty will be doubled. Beginning with the second offense, the player may be subject to disqualification, upon approval of the Sponsoring Organization.

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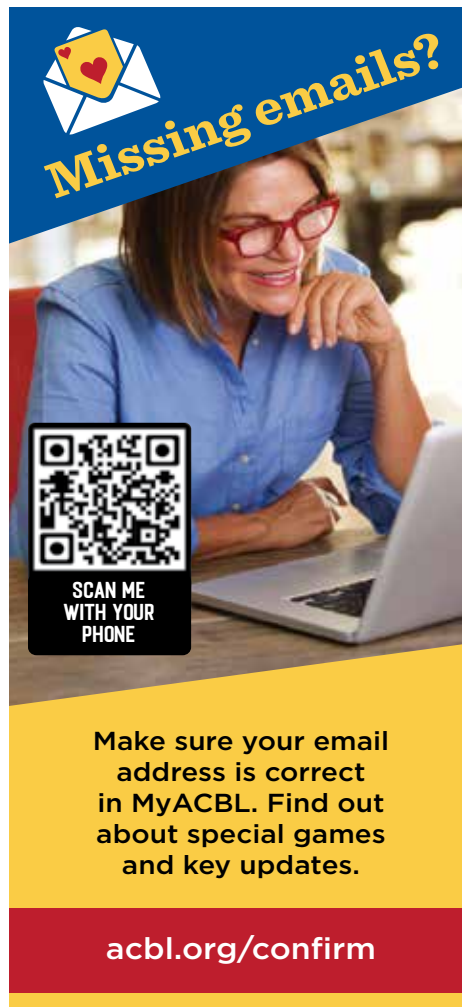
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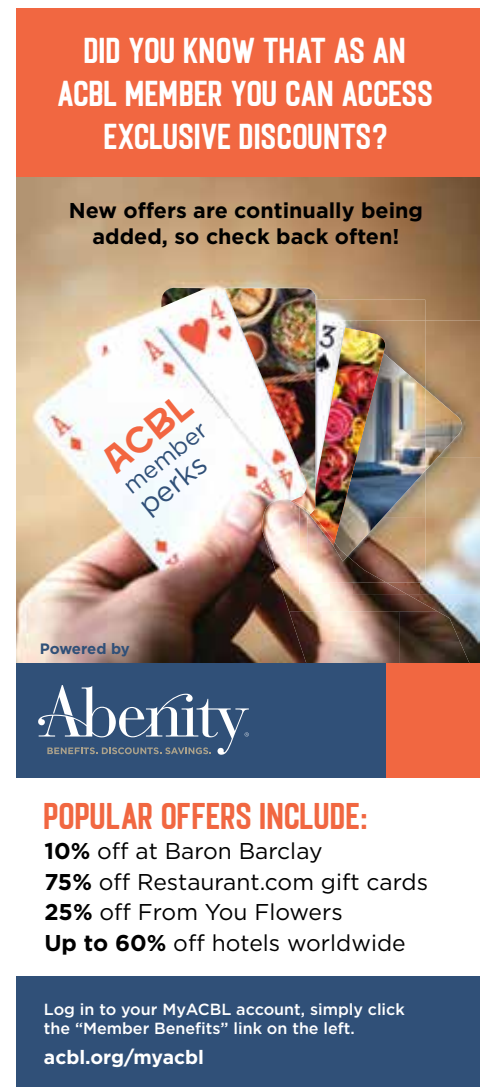
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