

# Daily Bulletin



84th North American Bridge Championships Editors: Brent Manley and Sue Munday

## ACBL honors Mr. Fixit



**ACBL Senior Director Jeff Johnston congratulates David Cotterman on his Jane Johnson Award for outstanding customer service.**

David Cotterman is legendary for his ability to fix things and for his determination to get it right no matter what job he undertakes.

The quintessential Cotterman story goes back several years. At an NABC, TD Peter Marcus gave Cotterman seven broken printers and three boxes of parts and told him to do his thing.

“Four days later,” Cotterman recalls, “I gave him 10 working printers.”

Cotterman’s work ethic, skill and professionalism earned him this year’s Jane Johnson Award among the field staff. It is awarded annually to the ACBL employee who exhibits exemplary customer service. The in-house Jane Johnson awards were bestowed this year on Debbie Nichol, in the Accounting Department, and Debbie Vicknair, in Tournaments. The awards are named for the late Jane Johnson, longtime manager of Club and Member Services.

Cotterman and his wife, Judy, are regulars at NABCs. She is in charge of the Intermediate/

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**Winners of the National 99er Pairs: Shirley Roman and Frank Houmiel.**

## Redmond club pairs sweep National 99ers

Two pairs from the Eastside Club in Redmond WA finished one-two in the National 99ers, a one-day, two-session event for players with fewer than 100 masterpoints. The game drew 46 pairs.

Frank Houmiel and Shirley Roman, who led after the morning session with a 59.82% game, had a 57.74% game in the afternoon to hold off all challengers. They finished with 197.50 points – 2.5 points in front of the runners-up.

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## Marsh, Gorkin honored by PTDA

Tom Marsh and Bernie Gorkin, two of ACBL’s top tournament directors, have been honored by their peers in the Professional Tournament Directors Association.

Marsh, of San Antonio, is this year’s winner of the Tom Weeks Award, presented for exemplary professionalism. Gorkin, who divides his time between Syracuse NY and Boca Raton FL, earned the Fred Friendly Award as the TD who best exemplifies the spirit exhibited by the late Paul Stehley, known as Fred Friendly for his dedication to making tournaments fun for the players.

Marsh grew up in western Massachusetts but settled in Texas after retiring from the U.S. Army after 22 years. His last post was Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, where he taught radiation physics at the Academy of Health Sciences.

He learned bridge at age 10, playing with his mother and brother, but didn’t take the game seriously until the mid-Eighties while stationed with the Army in the Washington DC area. He was

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**Award-winning TDs Tom Marsh and Bernie Gorkin.**

## Bessis-Weinstein ahead in Blue Ribbon

French star Thomas Bessis and Steve Weinstein, one of ACBL’s top players, took the lead in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs after Wednesday’s semifinal session – but not by much. With two final sessions to go, their lead is only 3.68 matchpoints. Right behind them are Peter Boyd and Steve Robinson – and there are numerous pairs not far off the pace.

## Arizona pair leading Senior Mixed

Two Arizona players will start today’s play in the Senior Mixed Pairs with a lead of about 32 matchpoints. They are Adele Verkamp, Phoenix, and Jerry Gaer, Scottsdale.

In second are Helene Beaulieu and Patrice Roy of Sherbrooke QC.

## 52 pairs make the Mini-Blues cut

A pair of men from the host state lead the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs after the qualifying and semifinal sessions.

Ron Beall of Bellingham WA and Thomas Devine of Ferndale WA go into the third day of the event with a 42.35-point carryover, 3.70 points ahead of Maria Tsoukalas, New York NY and William Kraybill, Lewis Center OH.

## Pre-registration required for Reisinger

Teams that wish to enter the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams event on Friday, Dec. 2 must pre-register no later than 11 a.m. tomorrow. See Steve Bates in the Blue Ribbon Pairs selling area.

## I/N co-chairs make it happen



**I/N Co-Chairs Janice and Terry Randles**

On Monday, 64 tables of Intermediate/Newcomer players were on the Argosy Cruise Ship playing bridge. It was an event that could be expected to put a serious dent in I/N attendance at the Convention Center.

The table count was down, to be sure, but there were still 34 tables in the morning session.

A lot of the credit for the big turnout of newcomers at the 2011 Fall NABC goes to Janice and Terry Randles, the I/N co-chairs for the tournament. They modestly note that they have had a lot of help, but I/N Coordinator Judy Cotterman says the Randles’ personal imprint is obvious.

“You can tell they really worked hard,” Cotterman says. “I’m really happy with the turnout.”

Although they had never served as I/N chairs for any tournament, they do have experience in attracting new players. They ran the Eastside Bridge Center, first in Bellevue then in Redmond, for 25 years before selling it seven years ago.

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**Table count 7621 through Wednesday evening**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss the following free lectures (Convention Center, Room 607):

Thursday, Dec. 1		
9:45 a.m.	Phillip Alder	<i>Listen to Place Opposing Honors</i>
6:45 p.m.	John Rayner	<i>Opener's Rebids</i>

Friday, Dec. 2		
9:45 a.m.	GS Jade Barrett	<i>Losing and Winning Trick Count</i>
6:45 p.m.	Barry Harper	<i>A Short List of Conventions You Need</i>
Saturday, Dec. 3		
9:45 a.m.	Richard Yarrington	<i>Uppercuts On Defense</i>
6:45 P.m.	Jeff Roman	<i>Look Beyond Your High-Card Points</i>

### LATE NIGHT FOOD

Thursday, Dec. 1	
6:30–7:15 pm	Music in the Atrium
11 p.m. – Midnight	Convention Center Ballroom 6A
Late night snack	Chili
Friday, Dec. 2	
6:30–7:15 pm	Music in the Atrium
11 p.m. – Midnight	Convention Center Ballroom 6A
Late night snack:	Mini beef burgers

Saturday, Dec. 3	
6:30–7:15 pm	Music in the Atrium
11 p.m. – Midnight	Convention Center Ballroom 6A
Late night snack:	Clam chowder

### Don't miss tonight's show

Billie Wildrick's solo cabaret-style show can be seen tonight after the second session in Ballroom 6A at the Convention Center.

#### About Billie

Billie Wildrick has been described in the press as a "sultry siren," with a "Crayola box of skills." She has warmth, effervescence and natural, unforced talents. Billie sparkles.

Fresh from *Saving Aimee* as a therapeutic massage nurse and the apple-munching downfall

of mankind, Billie has also trodden the boards at the 5th Avenue Theatre in countless roles – from hippie to groupie to kid sister and showgirl, and many more.

She has been spotted elsewhere as a Valkyrie, a cheerleader turned art curator, a pink bird, a lady milliner and many others.

You can match the characters to shows at [www.billiewildrick.com](http://www.billiewildrick.com). Billie is a proud member of the bands Obnoxiousaurus and Winding Stair as well as Actor's Equity, The Canoe Social Club and the zoo.



### Shuttle Info



Free shuttle service is provided between the Convention Center and the Paramount Hotel, Homewood Suites and Red Lion Inn.

A single shuttle will be available throughout day

during the tournament to each of the hotels, but two shuttles will be in service during peak times (before or after sessions).

Members staying at the Paramount Hotel or Homewood Suites may expect a shuttle every 15 minutes (approximately) or every 8 minutes during Guests at the Red Lion Inn may expect a shuttle every 10 minutes (approximately), but every 5 minutes during peak times.

#### Pickup/Drop-off Locations:

**Paramount Hotel:** Pine Street side of hotel, in the charter bus zone, directly in front of Dragon Fish Restaurant (which is part of the hotel).

**Homewood Suites:** The shuttle will pick up directly in front of hotel on Pike Street.

**Red Lion Inn:** 5th Ave. in front of the main hotel entrance.

**Convention Center:** First floor, near escalators, go out the doors near the Massage Bar to Convention Place

### Restaurant discounts

Show your convention card at restaurants displaying the NABC logo in the front window to receive a 10% discount.



### Unit Hospitality Sponsors

Find a nice surprise at the unit host desk located next to the Walk of Fame on the sixth floor of the Convention Center. Units from Alaska, British Columbia and Washington are providing volunteers to help staff the needs of the NABC. Displays include posters and some videos of their areas. Brochures and other give-aways will be available in limited quantities. The unit host desk will be open for an hour before the afternoon and evening sessions.

**Thursday, Dec. 1**

**Hospitality Sponsors: Parksville Unit 429 and Victoria Unit 431 - located on Vancouver Island. "Victoria is the London of the West Coast."**

### Lost ring

An expensive ring, found in a restroom at the Convention Center, has been turned in to the Daily Bulletin office.

### Entries

All North American championships with no upper masterpoint limitation: \$20

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

Other North American championships: \$17 (Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in these events.)

Regional championships: \$16 for ACBL members, \$18 for all others

All other events: \$15 for ACBL members, \$17 for all others.

### Monitoring

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

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

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

### Entry fees

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

The entry fees for these contests are \$20 per player per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, Manfield Non-Life Master Pairs and National 99er Pairs. The entry fee is \$17 per player per session.

Regional championships are \$16 per player per session for ACBL members, \$18 for non-members.

All other events are \$15 per player per session for ACBL members, \$17 for non-members.

### Notice to players

Each player must have an ACBL convention card filled out and on the table. Please note that other types of convention cards, such as the WBF convention card or homemade cards that do not sufficiently resemble the ACBL convention card, are not acceptable substitutes.

**Please note: Bringing alcohol into the Convention Center is prohibited by law.**

### Parking information

Discounted parking is available at 7th and Pike Parking located at 1508 7th Avenue. The cost is \$12 for 12 hours with your convention card.

There is no discounted parking at the Washington State Convention Center.





# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Solving student problems

By Leslie Shafer

**Problem:** Declarer, having both the ace and king of the suit led, wins the trick with the ace. Eight tricks later in the deal, they start looking at the king, wondering if it's good or not. They lose track of the fact that they played the ace at trick one.

**Cure:** Win with the king at trick one. Later, looking at the ace you'll know that it's good. Maybe when your memory gets better, you could play the ace first, trying to fool the defenders



about who has the king. But for now, if you're a beginner, I'd recommend playing the king first.

**Problem:** I can't remember everything I'm learning in class. I'm confused!

**Cure:** First of all, no one remembers everything. Your ability to retain more information has a direct correlation to how much you are playing. I don't care if it's duplicate sessions or a computer bridge software – the more you practice, the more you'll remember. Play, play, play. Learning bridge is akin to assembling a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle. The more you work on it, the clearer the image becomes. The first 100 pieces take a long time. The last 100 pieces just seem to fall into place. Bridge is an unending puzzle. Bob Hamman, one of the greatest players in the world, tells us that even he is learning more about bridge every time he plays.

**Problem:** As a defender, I finally get the lead at trick seven, but I can't remember what suit my partner led at trick one.

**Cure:** Partner leads a low heart at trick one against 3NT. You should look at your hearts and even if they are only baby hearts, start saying

to yourself, "I love hearts, absolutely adore hearts!" Later, at trick seven, looking for something to lead, you'll see those hearts and say "Why on earth did I like hearts?" I actually do this mental exercise myself. Sometimes I worry about all the voices I hear in my head, but it works for me.

**Problem:** I sometimes miscount the trump suit, either not pulling enough or pulling an unnecessary round.

**Cure:** Instead of counting all 13 trumps, it's a lot easier to count only the missing trumps. For example: you have eight trumps, five are missing. You pull the first round, the opponents both follow ("That's two!"). You pull a second round, both opponents follow ("That's four. Only one more out.") Sometimes, we forget to count trumps that were used for ruffing early in the deal. If you calculate at the beginning of the deal (when dummy is tabled) how many trumps are missing, you won't have to worry about trumps used for other purposes. If one of your opponents ruffs something before you start pulling trumps, remember to count that one as pulled ("That's one!").

**Problem:** Sometimes I am afraid of getting too high and going down, at game and especially slam contracts. How do I develop more confidence?

**Cure:** It's only a game, after all. (And yes, I can hear someone screaming out, "What?!") What's the penalty for going down in a contract? My class at home would yell out: "We get to play another hand!" There's no bridge police, and many of your fellow students will remember how courageous you were to go to game. Another friend will ask, "But did he make it?" She'll say: "I don't remember, but he sure was brave enough to bid it." Until your cardiologist tells you to stop playing bridge, look upon it as an adventure. Mark Twain once said: "Courage is the resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not the absence of fear." The big bonus for bidding games and slams: bragging rights!

**Problem:** I am frequently confused about



whether I should pull trumps right away or later in the deal. Any magic formula for this problem?

**Cure:** Would a small tip do? Although there are several reasons to delay pulling trump, the most common one is: When there are ruffing opportunities in the short trump side, I would do the ruffing first, the pulling later. (If you've had a Jacoby transfer auction, note that the short trump side is usually the declarer's hand, not the dummy). Ruffing in the short trump side gets you extra trump tricks. It's a miracle at the bridge table when you can turn losers into winners. My bridge students at home often see me dancing and singing, "Shortness in the Dummeeee!"

I would enjoy hearing your favorite anecdotes regarding your attendance here in Seattle. You can reach me by email at [slamhand@verizon.net](mailto:slamhand@verizon.net) Good luck at the bridge table!

## Thinking bridge

by Eddie Kantar

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

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

♠ A J  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ A K 9 4 2  
 ♣ J 9 7 4 2

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

**Opening lead:** ♠K

**Bidding commentary:** As East, you aren't strong enough to overcall 1♠, but you are strong enough to bid 2♠ later! Why? When the opponents die out at the two level after having found a likely eight-card fit, keep these things in mind: (1) the high-card points are usually rather evenly divided between the two partnerships; (2) if they have an eight-card fit, your side almost always has one as well; (3) if they have a nine-card fit, it is 100% that your side has at least an eight-card fit. Now your 2♠ bid should make more sense.

It is important to try to push opponents who have found a fit and conked out at the two level to the three level. If the opponents are happy to play

at the two level, how thrilled can they be to play at the three level? Balancing at tournament bridge is a huge part of the game. One major caution: If the opponents don't have a fit, (each bidding and rebidding a different suit), your side is likely not to have an eight-card fit. Balance against fits, not misfits!

**Bidding commentary #2:** As West, when partner balances with 2♠, partner is playing you for some 9-12 HCP and hoping for three-card support. Partner needs that much to have any chance to make a two-level contract. Partner is bidding your hand! Here, you have normal expectancy, but 3 of your HCP (♦J, ♣Q) are not working points. Secondary honors in suits the opponents have bid are better suited for defense. Even the ♥K, may not be working if the ♥A is to your left. Final thought: When partner balances at the two level, the idea is to push the opponents to the three level, not to go there yourself! In order to compete to the three level after partner balances, you should have four-card support plus a side-suit singleton, or two side-suit doubletons.

**Bidding commentary #3:** As South, take the push

and bid 3♣. You have a distributional hand facing a partner who figures to have three or four clubs. Distributional hands, point count notwithstanding, tend to take the push whereas balanced hands usually do not.

**Play commentary:** As South, after winning the ♠A, cash the ♣A-K and the ♦A-K, ruff a diamond in dummy and exit dummy with a spade. West wins, cashes the ♣Q (a smart defensive play when partner has no more trump) and gets out with a spade which you ruff. You concede a diamond, and wind up losing one trick in each suit. Against good defense, North-South cannot make even two spades!



Jane Crane (left) and Anne Sommer (right) visited the Daily Bulletin office with I/N Program Co-ordinator Judy Cotterman, all aflutter about their first grand. See story on page 4

## Grand excitement

You remember your first kiss. . . your first love. . . your first car. Surely, your first grand slam in a duplicate game is one of those memorable moments, particularly when the setting is a North American championship.

Anne Sommer and Jane Crane, with fewer than five masterpoints between them, got a top board in their section for bidding and making 7♥ on this hand:

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

Ascertaining that the partnership held all the aces and kings, the Bainbridge Island WA pair bid seven and scored up plus 1510. Not only was it was their first grand slam, but they were also the only pair in their section to bid seven. They were so excited afterwards that they mixed up all the cards! See photo on page 3.

### WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY MORNING COMPACT KO I

9 Tables  
John McCaslin - Beth McCaslin - Laurel Ewing, Kirkland WA;  
Phyllis Mackenzie, Bellevue WA  
vs  
Vandana Jhavar - Pradeep Jhavar, Layton UT; Harjinder Ajmani,  
Walnut Creek CA; R Bruce Martin, Paia HI

Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Mariko Kakimoto, Newport  
Beach CA; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Kay Enfield, Santa Fe  
NM

vs  
Kasmer Andreychuk, Yorkton SK; Charlotte Blum, La Jolla CA;  
Susan Craney, N Royalton OH; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI

### WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY MORNING COMPACT II

9 Tables  
Terry Wolfe, Clinton MT; Gary Stephens, Whitefish MT; Kenneth  
Bryan - Lori Bryan, Stevensville MT  
vs  
Ronald Mittleman - Nancy Mittleman, Pittsford NY; Pamela Thaut,  
Tucson AZ; Nadine McDowell, Green Valley AZ

Lester Kodama - Mitsuko Kodama, Mililani HI; Donald Jay - Elaine  
Jay, Honolulu HI

vs  
Michael Creager, Brecksville OH; Shelly Hershberger, Kailua Kona  
HI; Steven Bruns, Honolulu HI; Paulin Nault, Saint-Anicet QC

### WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY MORNING COMPACT III

9 Tables  
Linda Thies - Linda Vernon - Kathie Hoehne, Anchorage AK; Shirley  
Liss, Fairbanks AK

vs  
Kathleen Orr - Miriam Ryan - Jane Nielsen - Beverly McEachran,  
Vernon BC

Ruben J Paet, Waianae HI; Judith Mason - Glenn Mason - Frances  
Yee, Honolulu HI

vs  
Bob Bradley - Jocelyn Bradley, Honolulu HI; William Golush,  
Denville NJ; Ronald Francey, Corpus Christi TX

### WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY MORNING COMPACT IV

12 Tables  
M Kingland - Evelyn Payne - Jean Noste, Friday Harbor WA; Mary  
Wondra, Lopez WA

vs  
Ranee Yoder - MaryGene Courtney - Susan Marcley, San Clemente  
CA; Cathryn DeYoung, Dana Point CA

Terry Graham - Martha Potter - Matt Schafer - John Krahe, Seattle  
WA

vs  
Chris Gates, Salem OR; Susan Bradford, Dallas OR; Pat Friesen, San  
Rafael CA; P Perring, Tiburon CA

### TUESDAY-THURSDAY MORNING KO I

8 Tables  
G S Jade Barrett - Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Dianne Sullivan,  
Solana Beach CA; Chris Moll, Raleigh NC; Serge de Muller,  
Fribourg Switzerland; John Russell, North Barrington IL

vs  
Vicki Rauscher, Seattle WA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Donna  
Compton - Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Howard Parker III, Clements  
CA



**Dave Berkowitz, emcee for the Breakfast with the Stars, holds forth at the event. His regular partner, Alan Sontag, is seated at center.**

## Breakfast with the Stars

By Peggy Kaplan

High atop the Sheraton overlooking Seattle, Rose Meltzer's bridge stars sparkled through the mist. Tuesday morning, Master of Ceremonies Dave Berkowitz, with wife Lisa, partner Alan Sontag, plus Jade and Karen Barrett delighted guests as they dined at a new Breakfast with the Stars.

The morning was marvelous. Many of the guests in attendance were from Seattle, working tirelessly to produce the fabulous NABC that we are currently enjoying. Among them were Shawn Abernathy, partnerships; Randy Corn, web site master extraordinaire; Carl Wilson, on-site chairman, and Barbara Nist, tournament co-chair, plus upcoming San Francisco NABC organizer Marion Robertson.

As guests and stars dined on breakfast pastries, eggs and other assorted treats, the stars entertained all with stories from the bridge world. Dave Berkowitz's tale of how he and Alan Sontag won a board in the Open BAM by going for 2000 in 7♠ doubled (a win because their teammates had 2210 in 7♥) earned applause. David also received chuckles when he lamented that now, he and world champion wife Lisa are known in the bridge community as "Dana and Michael's parents."

The importance of Junior bridge and Rose's contributions to Juniors was the highlight of the Barretts' comments. Jade also delved into their own involvement with Junior programs.

As always, Breakfast with the Stars coordinator Debbie Hyatt handled all details with perfection.

The morning had one unfortunate note, though. Hostess and star Rose was not able to attend. Apparently a late-night, nail-biting finish in the Baze Senior Knockouts, which her team won, left Rose under the weather, so she had to send regrets.

Seattle's Breakfast with the Stars was another fine opportunity for guests to meet and mingle with the best in bridge.

## Convention card reminder

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

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

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

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

## Fantasy deal

By Barry Rigal

This deal was played in the quarterfinal round of the Baze Senior Knockout Teams. Details were provided by Bill Pollack of the Kyle Larsen team, who won the event.

Dlr: South	♠ J 7 5 4 2
Vul: Both	♥ --
	♦ A 9 6 5 3
	♣ K 7 4

♠ 9 3	
♥ A 5 3 2	
♦ K Q 7	
♣ J 6 3 2	

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥ (1)
Pass	5♣	All Pass	3♣ (2)

- (1) 11-15 high-card points.  
(2) 5-5, 14-15 HCP.

You lead the ♦K and declarer wins, plays a spade to his queen, ruffs a heart, ruffs a diamond and cashes the ♠A. Now would be a good moment to plan the defense.

The full deal:

After declarer continues his crossruff, you must unblock the ♥A on the third heart. Then when declarer ruffs a spade or diamond high back to hand you will reach this ending:

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

When declarer ruffs the diamond high, you must underruff!

Declarer leads a heart and partner wins to play a trump through, and declarer is dead.

P.S. At the table, trumps were 4-1 but the ♥K and ♥A were switched, so the defense was easier, but West fell from grace by failing to underruff, so Pollack's game came home.

## Protecting partner

By Barry Rigal

On this deal from the first qualifying session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, Kornel Lazar of Hungary made a very nice play. Yes, it's one we would all find if someone rang the bell and told us we needed to be awake, but it's better not to wait until the post mortem for such moves. Lazar was South.

Dlr: South	♠ A 10 9 8 6 3
Vul: Both	♥ J 7 3
	♦ --
	♣ J 8 7 4

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

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

(1) Strong.

When North, Gerald Lackner, led the ♠A, Lazar smoothly dropped the ♠Q Lackner got the message and shifted to a heart, the only way to set the slam.

## Variations

By Barry Rigal

Dlr: South ♠ 9 6 4  
 Vul: E-W ♥ 7 4  
 ♦ Q 7 5 4  
 ♣ Q 9 7 4

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

♠ A J 3 2  
 ♥ A 10 9 2  
 ♦ J 8 3

♣ A 2			
West	North	East	South
			1♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
1♥	2♦	2♥	All Pass

At our table the play took an interesting turn. Perhaps a spade lead works best, but North led a trump. Declarer put up the king and South won the ♥A. A low diamond went to the 10, queen and ace, followed by a diamond to the king. Declarer played a low club to the 10 and South's ace. A club was returned to the 7 and king, and a third round of diamonds was ruffed by declarer. Now a spade to the queen held the trick and a fourth round of diamonds was ruffed by South with the 9 and overruffed with the jack. This was the end position:

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

Declarer played a club out of his hand, so North was able to play a fourth round of the suit, and declarer can take only one trick whatever he does.

Let's go back to the ending. Declarer can insure two tricks for himself by playing the ♥Q and another heart so long as South has no more clubs, and given that South opened 1♦ and has only three, that's a 100% inference.

Let's go back even further. Declarer clearly is threatened with losing two tricks in every suit but diamonds. How does he come home against best defense after the heart lead?

South lets the ♥K hold. Declarer leads a low heart from dummy and, assuming South ducks, he wins the jack, plays the ♦K and a diamond to the ace, ruffs a diamond and exits in trumps.

South wins and gets out with a low spade. Declarer goes up with the ♠10 and sets up a club for his eighth trick.

If South sees this coming and sacrifices his trump trick at trick two by taking his ♥A to return the suit, declarer uses the ♦K to draw the last trump, pitching a club from dummy and leads a club to the 10.

Declarer can later endplay South in diamonds to lead spades for him. In this variation, an alternative approach is to lead a diamond to the 10 at trick four to set up two additional diamond winners at the cost of one.

## Life Master news

Congratulations to **Kathy Gilman** of Shoreline WA who got the .61 points she needed to go over. She was playing in the Wednesday Swiss Teams with Ken Fox, Seattle WA; their teammates were Maxine Ogino, Seattle WA, and Glen Neidhardt, Edmonds WA. She is relieved to make Life Master before the party already scheduled for Dec. 2 to celebrate her achievement!

## Tell Me More

### Carolyn Lynch

**City of residence**  
Scottsdale AZ

**Date of birth**  
Recent

**Place of birth**  
Philadelphia

**Favorite color**  
Yellow

**What kind of food makes you happy?**  
M&Ms

**What drink?**  
Red wine

**Who is your favorite author / what is your favorite book?**  
Robert Forward – Dragon's Egg

**What is your all-time favorite movie?**  
Being There

**Favorite actor?**  
Johnny Depp

**Favorite actress?**  
Kate Hepburn

**What kind of music do you like?**  
Anything but 90s

**Do you have a favorite artist?**  
Georgia O'Keefe

**What do you do when you are not playing bridge?**  
Work

**What do you see as your best ever bridge result?**  
Winning six-session North American Swiss Team event in back-to-back years

**Who is your favorite bridge player?**  
Mike Passell

**What is your favorite bridge convention?**  
RKC

**Is there a bridge book that had a significant influence on you?**  
The Bridge Bum

**What are bridge players good at (besides playing bridge)?**  
Partying

**What jobs other than bridge have you had?**  
Management

**Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?**  
Never look up masterpoint totals

**If you could invite any three people past or present to dinner, who would they be?**  
Leonardo Da Vinci, William the Conqueror and Aristotle

**Is there something you would love to learn?**  
To sing.



## David Cotterman

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Newcomer Games, while he works in NABC Services. The Cottermans live in Kokomo IN.

David's interest in tournament directing originated in Chicago at the 1989 Summer NABC in that city. He took a class for club directors and tournament directors. Not long after that, he was working at sectionals and regionals for top TDs like Bobbie Shipley, Richard Strauss and Sid Kilsheimer. He was mostly just running games. The work with printers and other machines came later.

Cotterman remembers that when he took the course in Chicago, one of the instructors told the class that even if they saw a job that needed doing, they should talk to the person in charge before acting.

At a regional in Cincinnati not long after that, Cotterman says, he had an epiphany. He decided he was going to do whatever he thought needed doing and wait to be reined in if it came to that.

The director in charge at that tournament was the late Peter Mollemet, who obviously liked what he saw in Cotterman's initiative. "It worked well for me," Cotterman says, "and I think it worked well for him."

Jeff Johnston, senior director at ACBL Headquarters, says Cotterman is a valuable member of the NABC team. "He never stops until he figures out what's wrong and makes it right," Johnston says. "Even when we are packing up at the end of the tournament, he looks for the most efficient way to do it."

Cotterman's repertoire expanded to computers when Marcus, ACBL's computer expert, skipped the 2005 Fall NABC in Honolulu – and Cotterman now is learning more about the electronic scoring devices that have become common at tournaments.

"These new things coming down the pike keep me energized," Cotterman says.

A detail-oriented person, Cotterman even keeps track of his steps as he races around the tournament sites looking for things to repair. Sometime during this tournament, his pedometer will show that he has taken more than 4 million steps this year.

Cotterman says he is "humbled" to receive the Jane Johnson Award. "It was something I never expected."

The award was announced at the Professional Tournament Directors Association meeting on Tuesday night, and Cotterman was lured to the event by Wendy Sullivan, who told him he was "needed," implying that there was a job to do.

He went along with it, but "I knew something was up," he says, "because they told me to be there at 11:45 and I knew the meeting started at 10:30."



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**PTDA**

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recruited to fill in at a game at Walter Reed Hospital and later played his first duplicate game at a club in Crystal City VA.

His recollection of how he got into tournament directing is fuzzy, but he remembers going to the annual regional in Houston to take a TD course, and soon was working sectionals and regionals all over Texas.

He worked his first NABC in San Francisco in 1996, for NABC Services. Marsh was promoted to associate national director in early 2011 and continues to run lots of tournaments.

Terry Lavender is director of elections for the PTDA. She says Marsh "is like the Energizer Bunny. He never stops. He is the kind of worker you love to be around."

Lavender says Marsh's love for his job shows through in everything he does.

On Tuesday, Marsh taught a class for club directors in the morning, then ran the first two qualifying sessions of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs. Despite finishing his work day late that night "I felt like I had worked just three hours. I love it. I can't get enough."

At home in San Antonio, Marsh runs a club game once a week and classes for intermediate players two other days.

Gorkin has been a "salaried" (full time) TD for ACBL since 1999. Before starting to work for the ACBL, he had run club games for a couple of decades in and around his home town of Syracuse.

Gorkin starting playing bridge at the University of Syracuse, where he studied math and physics. He was a computer programmer until 1990, when he started a financial planning and income tax business.

In mid-1992, he recalls, veteran TD Burt Garrell was about to retire and the word went out that new blood was needed in the area. He was one of the few who stuck with it after taking the training courses.

"I love it," Gorkin says of his job. His only regret, he says, is that the directing duties keep him from playing as much as he would like to.

Lavender says Gorkin is "solid as a rock. He never gets upset and is always in a good mood. He makes the players happy."

Gorkin stays engaged because running tournaments is like putting puzzles together, something that holds his interest. "Getting tournaments organized and running is right up my alley," he says.

Gorkin believes his success in player relations comes from his experience as a player. "I played for many years, so I can empathize with the players, and I know what they like and what they don't like."

**TUESDAY-THURSDAY MORNING KO II**

8 Tables  
David Johnson - Faiz Nadir - Nancy Klym - Karen Levy, Calgary AB  
vs  
Tina Gokturk - Lamy Abougoush, Calgary AB; Robert Hope, Provost AB; Bryant Town, Edmonton AB

**TUESDAY-THURSDAY MORNING KO III**

8 Tables  
Susan Boeing - Ronald Goodman - Louis Lipset, San Francisco CA; Peter Klebofski, San Carlos CA  
vs  
Charles Hodson - Lorraine Hodson - Jean Tait - Lynn Kelly, Courtenay BC

**TUESDAY-THURSDAY MORNING KO IV**

8 Tables  
Steve Kasner - Ann Romeo, Bellevue WA; Debbie Perry, Sammamish WA; Waldo Hurst III, Kirkland WA  
vs  
Lynn Nosse, Grafton OH; Mary Alice Woodlock, N Ridgeville OH; Sue Lan Ma, Kirtland Hills OH; Chang-Li Lu, Strongsville OH

**TUESDAY-THURSDAY MORNING KO V**

8 Tables  
Linda Monroe, Rancho Santa Fe CA; Drucilla Field, Encinitas CA; Claire Steuernagel - Linda Atkinson, Carlsbad CA  
vs  
Linda Golm - Louis Golm - Gay Yamagiwa, San Francisco CA; Mary Farrell, Honolulu HI; Roberta Le Feuvre, Van Nuys CA

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES**

54.00 Tables / Based on 25 Tables

8.58	1/2	Michael Curley, Grand Rapids MI	125.80%
8.58	1/2	Robert Varty, Grand Rapids MI	125.80%
5.51	3	Douglas West, Ocean Park WA	116.99%
4.25	4/5	Grant Robinson, Orinda CA	114.75%
4.25	4/5	Teresa Boyd, Lafayette CA	114.75%
3.51	6/7	Jack Waller, Ridgecrest CA	113.37%
3.51	6/7	Kim Wang, Torrance CA	113.37%

**TUESDAY DAYLIGHT OPEN (CORRECTED)**

53.0 Tables / Based on 52 Tables

	A	B	C		
21.70	1			Daniel Friedman - Linda Friedman, Orinda CA	61.68%
16.70	2	1		Cheryl Haines, San Carlos CA; Lisa Evans, Danville CA	61.55%
12.21	3			Joann Glasson - Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ	60.33%
12.53	4	2		Paul Foster, Vista CA; Sandy Kucha, Rancho Santa Fe CA	60.28%
9.39	5	3	1	Stanley Roberts, Mercer Island WA; Will Fox, Bellevue WA	59.57%
6.20	6			Pinhas Romik, Nes Zidna 74120 Israel; Adrian Schwartz, New York NY	59.10%
5.43	7			Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA	58.97%
7.05	8/9	4		Bud Stowe - Kay Stowe, Clive IA	58.42%
4.58	8/9			Stacy Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Judi Radin, New York NY	58.42%
5.57	10	5		Frank Knier, Fargo ND; Craig Van Sickle, Woodinville WA	57.77%
3.62	11			George Mittelman, Toronto ON; Amos Kaminski, New York NY	57.65%
4.77	12	6		Richard Prouser, Lake Oswego OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT	57.56%
4.32	13	7		Michael Boruta, Anacortes WA; Kenneth VanCleve, Grand Rapids MI	57.11%
2.89	14			Bill Papa, Upland CA; James Griffin Jr, Rancho Mirage CA	56.66%
5.01		8	2	Mark Ambrose, Louisville KY; Stan Fong, Toronto ON	55.11%
4.20		9		James Fowlkes - Patricia Fowlkes, Garner NC	54.94%
3.04		10		John Kinn - Cathleen Kinn, Poughkeepsie NY	54.39%
2.99		11		Rebecca Anspach - Keith Connolly, Minneapolis MN	54.30%
2.57		12		Robert Ipswitch, San Mateo CA; Douglas Keller, San Francisco CA	53.89%
3.76			3	Brian Raf, Portland OR; Robert Raf, W Bloomfield MI	53.71%
2.82			4	Donald Seanor - Roth Hafer, Bainbridge Isl WA	52.01%
2.23			5	Susan Swope, Seattle WA; Nonna Lehmkuhl, Vieques PR	51.58%
1.91			6	Leatha Dudra, Surrey BC; Louise Lott, Bellingham WA	51.00%

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES**

20.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.55	1	1		Michael Keller, Kalispell MT; Gail Meyer, Green Valley AZ	61.59%
3.41	2	2		John Coone, Vernon BC; Henry Zoellner, Santa Clara CA	57.51%
3.19	3	3	1	Steve Graves, Olney MD; Lee Silvas, Renton WA	57.19%
2.39	4	4	2	Randy Ross, Aberdeen WA; Maureen Greeley, Olympia WA	57.12%
1.44	5	5		Dianne Crunk, Mammoth Lakes CA; Jacqueline Bergman, Panama City FL	57.11%
1.40	6	6		Yeong-Long Shiue, Manchester CT; Kevin Shiue, San Francisco CA	56.78%
1.79			3	Arlene Mahlberg - Benny Mahlberg, Discovery Bay CA	56.53%
1.35			4	Matthew Edwards, Olympia WA; Mario Lackner, Unterpremstaett Hungary	56.12%
1.01			5	Kenneth Larson, Appleton WI; Gregg Bigsby, Haines AK	55.33%
0.87			6	Katherine Zimmerman - Gail Slater, Louisville KY	55.29%

**WEDNESDAY MORNING 5/20/50 PAIRS**

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.00	1	1	1	Mary Jo Eldenburg, Kirkland WA; Mary Geraghty, Bellevue WA	62.50%
1.50	2			Virginia Moffat - Annick Impert, Seattle WA	60.71%
1.13	3	2	2	Robert Hauck, Shoreline WA; Bradley Bagshaw, Seattle WA	58.33%
0.84	4			Travis Keeler - Suzanne Keeler, Mercer Island WA	58.04%
0.83	5	3	3	Michael O Neal - Rita Thein, Issaquah WA	56.55%
0.62		4		Glenn Denkler - Sheryl Davis, Bellingham WA	50.89%
0.47		5	4	Marjorie Mandery - Roger Mandery, Mt Vernon WA	50.00%

**WEDNESDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS**

24.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.95	1	1		Glen Bates - Ronald Foerster, Bend OR	66.67%
3.71	2	2	1	Howard Goltz - Janet Goltz, Bloomington MN	61.81%
2.78	3	3	2	Leo Grevers - Thomas Wostenberg, Montague CA	61.61%
2.09	4	4		Gary Corbett, Medina WA; Eric Knudson, Seattle WA	61.01%
1.63	5	5		Paul Kosct, Lakewood WA; David Erickson, Tacoma WA	60.78%
1.27	6	6	3	Art Amos Jr - Doyle Cutler, Davis CA	60.72%
0.95			4	Francellia McKinnon, Bainbridge Isl WA; Patricia Darling, Mercer Island WA	57.74%
0.78			5	John Naber, Stow MA; Sandra Naber, Victoria BC	53.87%

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING SIDE SERIES**

22.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.01	1	1		Susan Charczenko - Nick Charczenko, Aurora CO	61.04%
3.76	2	2	1	William Bryce, Vashon WA; Nicholas Albion, Burien WA	59.59%
2.82	3	3		John Coone, Vernon BC; Ralph Stone, Missoula MT	58.66%
2.11	4			Marion Kelly - Walter Pease, Anchorage AK	58.14%
2.27	5	4	2	W Arnold - C Arnold, Portland OR	56.63%
1.54	6	5		Elaine Kurasiewicz, N Tonawanda NY; Julie Kraus, Southfield MI	55.39%
1.70		6	3	M Rayton - Ruth Bunin, Mercer Island WA	54.60%
1.28			4	Will Fox - Pauline Fox, Bellevue WA	54.34%
0.96			5	Joan Gitelman, North York ON; Ally Whiteneck, Alamo CA	53.56%
0.72			6	R Kirk, Seattle WA; Curt Peterson, Shoreline WA	53.33%



# TOURNAMENT APPEALS



In order to keep the bridge public informed of appeal results in a timely fashion, the NABC Daily Bulletin staff publishes write-ups. Every effort is made to ensure that these reports are accurate and complete. Before they are published in the NABC Appeals Casebook, however, revisions may be made.

## APPEAL CASE 1

Event: Life Master Women's Pairs

Session: Second Qualifying

Jean Barry

Board: #30 ♠ Q J 8  
Vul: None ♥ A Q 9 4  
Dir: East ♦ 9 6 4  
♣ A 10 7

Mary Savkio

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

Ellie Hanlon

♠ K 7 6 5 4  
♥ J 3  
♦ 10 3  
♣ 8 5 4 3

Nancy Boyd

♠ 9  
♥ K 8  
♦ A K J 7 5 2  
♣ K Q 9 2

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

(1) Fourth Suit Forcing.

(2) Alleged BIT before 4♦ bid; 4♦=RKC.

(3) 2 keycards without the queen.

(4) Alleged BIT before 5♦ bid; North intended as signoff, South believed it asked for specific kings.

(5) Showed ♥K.

**Facts:** East claimed that 4♦ was slow. East claimed that the BIT was approximately three minutes. East-West claimed that there was a BIT by North before 5♦. East reported that the BIT was 20 seconds. North denied that there was a BIT before her 5♦ bid. The director ruled that there was a BIT

before the 5♦ bid.

**Director's Ruling:** The director ruled that South had unauthorized information from the tempo of 5♦, making it more likely that further bidding would be successful. Therefore, the director adjusted the score to 5♦ by South, North-South plus 420 based on Laws 12C1e and 16B1.

**The Appeal:** North-South appealed the director's ruling and North, East and West appeared at the hearing. The screening director determined that 4♦ was keycard for diamonds ("minorwood") and 4NT showed two keycards without the ♦Q. South was using North's methods and mistakenly thought that 5♦ asked for specific kings.

**The Appealing Side:** North reported that she took about five seconds to count the steps after her partner's 4NT response, review the auction, determine that they were missing one keycard and the trump queen, and then place the contract in 5♦.

**The Non-Appealing Side:** West thought that North took about four to five seconds to bid 5♦; East thought it was 10 seconds or more. East-West did not think that South should be allowed to bid over the BIT.

**The Decision:** The Committee determined that North's 5♦ was made in a normal tempo. It takes a few seconds to process the information a keycard ask, especially when the ask is not the common 4NT. Further evidence provided is that North's hand does not suggest that she wanted to make a more aggressive bid than 5♦. Since the Committee determined that there was no BIT, the table result was allowed to stand.

**DIC:** Harry Falk

**Chairperson:** Doug Doub

**Committee Members:** Eugene Kales, Ellen Kent, Richard Budd and Ed Lazarus.

## Missed opportunity

By Barry Rigal

This deal from the first final session of the Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams features nice declarer play by Sid Brownstein but a missed defensive opportunity by the opponents.

Dir: South ♠ K  
Vul: Both ♥ 10 7 4 2  
♦ Q J 7 6 5  
♣ Q 3 2

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

♠ A 7 6 4  
♥ A J 9 8 3  
♦ A  
♣ 8 6 5

West	North	East	South
			2♦(1)
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♥	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

(1) Flannery: five hearts, four spades and 11-15 high-card points.

Against 3♠ doubled, the heart lead went to the king and ace, and South cashed the ♦A, North pitching a middle diamond. When East played back a heart, that let Brownstein discard his ♦K, eliminating the threat of the diamond ruff. When he found the ♣Q, he wrapped up plus 730.

Each of the defenders was responsible for the poor result. South could have played a low spade at trick three – what high card other than the ♠K would his partner hold that would set the contract?

And North should have dropped the ♦J on the play of the ace, an "oddball" signal to wake up partner to the need to play the unusual suit – in this case, a trump!

## Electronic Device Policy

1. For all NABC+ rated events at NABCs: Electronic devices, including but not limited to, phones, cameras, PDAs, and others capable of sending or receiving electronic communication are excluded from the playing areas during any session of play. This does not apply to health-related equipment.

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4. A violation of any of the restrictions in numbers 1 and 2 above will result in a disciplinary penalty of one full board (12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team. Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.



## 99er Pairs

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Runners up in the National 99er Pairs: Ray and Penny Lepp

The 61.9% game submitted by Ray and Penny Lepp catapulted them from 13th at the half into second place.

Houmiel is a retired Bunn beverage equipment executive; his partner, Roman, moved to Columbia, South America upon retirement, but continues to play at the Redmond club when she visits the Pacific Northwest. They have been playing only a couple of months together; in fact, Roman joined the ACBL just a month ago. Between them they had less than two masterpoints.

The Lepps took up bridge three years ago when Ray retired from his position as a steel company executive. The husband and wife partnership lives in Bellevue WA. Each had 98 masterpoints going into the national event.

## Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

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

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

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

### FIRST SATURDAY/SUNDAY MORNING COMPACT KO I

9 Tables			
11.06	1	Sachiko Kato, Kanagawa Japan; Etsuko Hasegawa, Chiba Japan; Ieysuko Suyama, Tokyo Japan; Sachiho Ueda, Chiba-Ken Japan	
7.74	2	Aiko Mizuuchi, Tokyo Japan; Eiko Nomura - Misuzu Ichihashi, Tokyo Japan; Kumiko Matsuo, Yokohama-Shi Japan	
4.98	3	Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar 39363 Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt - Simon Hult - Ola Rimstedt,	
3.87	4	G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Dianne Sullivan, Solana Beach CA; Chris Moll, Raleigh NC; Serge de Muller, Fribourg Switzerland	

### FIRST SATURDAY/SUNDAY MORNING COMPACT II

13 Tables			
7.30	1	Barbara Simon - Busaba Williams, Honolulu HI; Sabrina O'Hearn - James O'Hearn, Surprise AZ	
5.11	2	Paul Lindauer, Varna IL; Marie Duval, Montreal QC; Hans Strohmer - Nancy Strohmer, Houston TX	
3.29	3	Glenn Boyce, Piedmont CA; Kathryn Von Dohre, Concord CA; Stuart Danoff - Joan Danoff, Stamford CT	
2.56	4	Donald Doan, Kalispell MT; Janet Weiss, Whitefish MT; Deborah Triolo, Polson MT; Ralph Stone, Missoula MT	

### FIRST SATURDAY/SUNDAY MORNING COMPACT III

11 Tables			
4.65	1	Craig Ruden - Sholeh Winters, Kirkland WA; Ray Coleman - Anne Coleman, Spanaway WA	
3.26	2	Dennis Sager - Jean Sager, Stanwood WA; Chris Moore - Joe Moore, Delta BC	
2.09	3	Craig Caldwell - Gigette Caldwell, San Diego CA; Jane Mentzer, Snohomish WA; Lois Haskell, Redmond WA	
1.63	4	Betsy Bloechl, Lubbock TX; Deborah Steffen, Santa Barbara CA; Martha Farmer - Jack Farmer, Salem OR	

# Thursday Insider

The Insider was looking at those twinkle lights at the top of the escalators at the Center. He noticed things looked a little strange but couldn't put his finger on what it was. Later he was going down in the elevator and it struck him what it was. If you look out the green neon elevator window at 7:15 p.m. while holding your head at a 72 degree angle, hidden in the twinkle lights is the real name of the S.C. spelled out in classic Times Roman font. So, now those of you have been trying to figure out who the occupant of the 47th floor really is, here's the clue that will help you: Hidden in those lights are the 17 letters that strike fear in the heart of all ACBL employees worldwide. He is expected to arrive sometime today. Watch for street closings (again), Navy Seals, police escorts and general chaos in downtown Seattle.

Triple H (Head Honcho Hartman) is doing well in the Mini-Blues. Word is he thought he was entering what he thought would be a one-day event for him, hoping to catch his breath and get some rest on days two and three. The rest of the staff wishes him luck today as he hits the stretch run. It seems as if he has met over half our membership right here in Seattle. He must have had six breakfast meetings, three lunch engagements and four dinner get-togethers every day since he got here, and that seems like a month ago.

The folks at the Convention Center are doing a fine job. They may let an empty water bottle get by them once in awhile, but they are hard at work trying to do their best to keep the bridge population happy – no easy feat. Give them a smile and a thank you - they deserve it.

The caddies are working overtime – especially with all the table gifts they are putting out here. The TDs continue to do excellent work. The Bulletin keeps coming on time in the morning no matter how late events run. The rain stays mainly on the plane – unfortunately there are lots of planes at Boeing and some of that rain leaks onto downtown. Fall 2011 in Seattle is one great NABC. Don't leave yet, you might miss something great!

## SPACE NEEDLE TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KO I

15 Tables

46.16	1	Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV; Aleksander Dubinin - Andrew Gromov, Moscow Russia; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice 40-479 Poland
32.31	2	Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, 11421 Stockholm Sweden; Kevin Bathurst, New York NY; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL
18.46	3/4	Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA; Michael Creager, Brecksville OH; Paulin Nault, Saint-Anicet QC
18.46	3/4	Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; William Watson, Sunnyvale CA; Vincent Demuy, Laval QC; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX

## SPACE NEEDLE TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KO II

14 Tables

21.89	1	Brad Sands - Rob Thomason, Seattle WA; James Scavone, Bellevue WA; John Robinson, Mill Creek WA
15.32	2	Linda Harrison, Calgary AB; Hao Ge, Bay Village OH; Yan Wang, Scarborough ON; Jianfeng Luo, North York ON; Shan Huang, Toronto ON
8.76	3/4	Cecelia Musicant, San Jose CA; Sam Srinivasan, Fremont CA; Wonnice Duncan, Anchorage AK; Warren Watson, Trail BC
8.76	3/4	Jeanie Farquhar, Foothill Ranch CA; Jack Waller, Ridgecrest CA; Bart Jolin, Laguna Woods CA; Atsuko Kurishima, Newport Beach CA

## SPACE NEEDLE TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KO III

16 Tables

19.42	1	Yuri Wiitala, Kirkland WA; Gert Wiitala - James Wiitala, Port Angeles WA; Christopher Class, Sequim WA
13.59	2	John McCaslin - Beth McCaslin, Kirkland WA; Rutherford Sedell, Mercer Island WA; Marilyn Lowe, Redmond WA
7.77	3/4	Otis Leathers - Evie Leathers, McCleary WA; Hilde White, Winlock WA; Alex Rajala, Chehalis WA
7.77	3/4	Marv Norden, Peachland BC; Peter Crawley, Penticton BC; Diane Knowles - Maureen Barnes, Kelowna BC

## SPACE NEEDLE TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KO IV

16 Tables

15.96	1	James Turner, E Liverpool OH; Mary Lou Turner, Bradenton FL; Gail Pirodsky - Lloyd Hankinson, Sarasota FL
11.17	2	Dianne Crunk - Valeria Kittinger, Mammoth Lakes CA; Jacqueline Bergman - Arthur Bergman, Panama City FL
6.38	3/4	Marc Franklin - Mary Lou Moriarty, Portland OR; Jeffrey Wiegel - Christy Wiegel, Wilsonville OR
6.38	3/4	Kenneth Llacera - Shirley Llacera, Santa Cruz CA; Bonnie Simon, Soquel CA; Carroll Brooks, Walnut Creek CA

## WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT FAST OPEN PAIRS

37.0 Tables / Based on 38 Tables

	A	B	C		
16.80	1			Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Alexander Ornstein, Roslyn Heights NY	67.34%
13.55	2	1		Paul Wayne English, Seattle WA; Stanley Roberts, Mercer Island WA	62.29%
9.45	3			Nancy Marcus, New York NY; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	60.67%
10.16	4	2		Bud Stowe - Kay Stowe, Clive IA	59.88%
5.60	5			Kurt Fritz, San Diego CA; Mizuko Tan Yamada, Tokyo Japan	58.16%
4.80	6			Clay Sundermeyer - Nada Sundermeyer, Bellevue WA	57.79%
7.62	7	3		Sam Whitten, Southaven MS; Ken Horwedel, Germantown TN	57.62%
5.72	8	4		David Vidaver, Sacramento CA; Paul O'Brien, Portland OR	57.57%
4.67	9	5		Paul Foster, Vista CA; Sandy Kucha, Rancho Santa Fe CA	56.21%
3.87	10	6		Tom McKenna - Jon Neimand, Eugene OR	56.12%
2.80	11			Howard Piltch, South Bend IN; Ray Johnson, Park City UT	56.06%
5.69		7	1	Claire Young - Wallace McOuat, San Anselmo CA	54.99%
3.01		8		Travis Crump - Alfred Crump, Wyomissing PA	54.91%
4.27		9/10	2	P Oates - W Oates, Brighton MI	54.46%
2.75		9/10		Nancy Lowry - Martha Dennis, Virginia Beach VA	54.46%
3.20			3	Toby McEvoy, Henderson NV; Cindy Casson, Las Vegas NV	53.54%
2.40			4	Lawrence Swanson, Walnut Creek CA; Irwin Lichtblau, Lafayette CA	51.88%
1.90			5	Lars Hanson - Martha Hanson, des Moines WA	51.78%
1.90			6	Susan Campbell - Joan Duffy, Marietta GA	50.46%

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 5/20/50 PAIRS

5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.58	1	1	1	Robert Hauck, Shoreline WA; Bradley Bagshaw, Seattle WA	60.63%
1.19	2	2	2	Sheila Sternberg - Craig Sternberg, Clyde Hill WA	56.63%
0.89	3	3		Rodney Waldbaum, Kirkland WA; Carl Berkenwald, Mercer Island WA	51.04%
0.67	4	4		Kim Eno - Kevin Eno, Lynnwood WA	50.88%

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

24.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.95	1	1	1	Art Amos Jr - Doyle Cutler, Davis CA	67.26%
3.71	2	2		Glen Bates - Ronald Foerster, Bend OR	63.43%
2.78	3			Lawrence Max Frazier - Fred Brown, San Jose CA	63.10%
2.40	4	3		Thomas Herzog - Margie Mastran, Reston VA	61.31%
1.80	5	4		Jim Burbidge, Federal Way WA; David O'Harrow, Auburn WA	58.93%
1.70	6	5	2	Lynn Shapley, Redmond WA; Steven Wilkinson, Seattle WA	57.82%
1.01		6		William McCarron, Anchorage AK; Terry Henderson, Anchorage AK	56.85%
1.27			3	Judy Mentink, Des Moines WA; Patricia Lawrence, Federal Way WA	55.36%
0.95			4	Charles Butler, Chicago IL; Larry Baum, Seattle WA	54.76%
0.72			5	Kenneth McAlpine, Pontiac MI; Marc Orgren,	53.87%

## NATIONAL 99ER PAIRS

23.0 Tables

9.47	1	Frank Houmiel, Redmond WA; Shirley Roman, Kirkland WA	58.78%
7.10	2	Penny Lepp - Ray Lepp, Bellevue WA	58.04%
5.33	3	Kirsti Sheeran, Medina WA; Laura Boone, Seattle WA	57.44%
4.00	4	Earl Cutler - Betty Cutler, San Antonio TX	56.25%
3.16	5	Linda Longmire, Yarrow Point WA; Lisa Brock, Redmond WA	55.34%
2.71	6	Judith Boardman, Vashon Island WA; Beth De Groen, Vashon WA	54.55%
2.37	7	Rodger Gustafson - Victor Magruder, Federal Way WA	54.44%

## WEDNESDAY SIDE BOARD-A-MATCH

34 Tables

	A	B	C		
7.34	1			Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD	19.50
5.51	2			Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw 0 Poland; Josef Blass, Chapel Hill NC; Michal Kwiecien - Jack Ronanski, Lublin 20-732 Poland	19.00
4.13	3			Michael Rosen - Glenn Robbins - Jane Dillenberg, New York NY; Jerry Goldberg, Yonkers NY	18.00
3.10	4			Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk 09-230 Poland	17.00
2.03	5/6			Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; William Watson, Sunnyvale CA; Vincent Demuy, Laval QC; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX	16.00
2.03	5/6			Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA; Zane Gary Brown, San Francisco CA; Bob Feller, Guilderland NY; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA	16.00
5.84		1		Sheryl Pearlman, Palm Beach FL; James Marsh Sternberg, Palm Bch Grdns FL; Jason Larrivee, Regina SK; Larry Whitlow, Saskatoon SK	14.50
3.38		2/4		Donna Barker - Patricia Taylor, Walnut Creek CA; Victoria Sager, Bremerton WA; Carolyn Mcclurken,	13.50
3.38		2/4		Beverly Chavers, Seattle WA; Michael Creager, Brecksville OH; Jon Neimand - Tom McKenna, Eugene OR	13.50
3.38		2/4	1	Matthew Edwards - Sheila Smith - William Julius, Olympia WA; William Bergh, Tenino WA	13.50
1.62		5/6		John Dickenson, North Wales PA; Cynthia Keaton, Coppell TX; Alan Gross - Estelle Bogart, Newtown Square PA	13.00
2.25		5/6	2	William Etnyre - Tami Gillman - Steven Zeliadt - William Fleming, Seattle WA	13.00
1.48		3/4		Joan Gitelman, North York ON; Ally Whiteneck, Alamo CA; Lynne Humphrey, Moraga CA; Trisha Oconnor, Walnut Creek CA	12.50
1.48		3/4		Camille Collver - Marilyn Swadron, Calgary AB; Tommy Bailey, Shoreline WA; Evan Stoll, Jr, Kingston WA	12.50



## MONDAY-WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING SIDE SERIES

29.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.92	1	1		Walter Dedio, Morden MB; Joyce McMonagle, Cordova TN	63.56%
4.44	2	2		Hoby Littlefield - Bonnie Reyes, Hartford CT	61.82%
3.33	3	3	1	Becky Bien, Maumelle AR; Linda Gross, Lafayette CA	61.30%
2.55	4			Mikael Rimstedt, Haimstad Sweden; Magnus Eriksson, Sweden	60.65%
2.27	5	4	2	Lee Morton, Issaquah WA; Eric Neilson, Kent WA	60.03%
2.29	6	5		Paul Sorensen, Berwyn AB; Alex Roman, Burnaby BC	58.78%
1.64		6		Hugh Miller - Catherine Miller, Spring TX	58.22%
1.70			3	Marilyn Philips - Ivor Philips, Bellevue WA	55.22%
1.28			4	Kay Humphries - Hugh Humphries, Bellaire TX	54.60%
0.96			5	Lawrence Swanson, Walnut Creek CA; Irwin Lichtblau, Lafayette CA	54.18%
0.72			6	William Bryce, Vashon WA; Nicholas Albion, Burien WA	53.80%

## WEDNESDAY EVENING 299ER PAIRS

14.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.39	1	1	1	Julie Roome - Joanne Osborne, Duncan BC	63.64%
2.54	2	2		David Langford, Tacoma WA; David Hopkins, Shelton WA	61.93%
1.91	3	3	2	Ronald Stanfield, Salt Lake City UT; Graham Black, Shaw Island	58.14%
1.43	4	4		Judy Armstrong - Darlene Meredith, Vernon BC	57.58%
1.07	5	5		Steve Johnson, Laguana Woods CA; Jim Brauer, Laguna Woods CA	57.01%
1.19	6	6		Frank Brewer, Seattle WA; Alyse Galvin, Anchorage AK	56.63%
1.14			3	Kim Eno - Kevin Eno, Lynnwood WA	55.87%
0.85			4	John Ellis - Christine Ellis, Portland OR	53.03%
0.75			5	Michael O Neal - Barbara O Neal, Issaquah WA	50.38%

## WEDNESDAY EVENING 299ER SWISS

14 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.39	1	1		Leo Grevers - Thomas Wostenberg, Montague CA; Stacie Bowman, Sunnyvale CA; Elizabeth Strasen, Woodacre CA	59.00
2.54	2	2	1	Karen Hudesman - Donald Stark - Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA; Craig Von Land, Bothell WA	56.00
1.67	3/4	3/4	2	Dave Drischell - Jay Yancey - Larry Baum, Seattle WA; Craig Ruden, Kirkland WA	51.00
1.67	3/4	3/4		James Dam - Blythe Bartlett, Vashon WA; Richard Buttermore - Wendy Buttermore, Royal Oak MI	51.00
1.07	5			Gary Waldron - Carol Foster - Mary Heiney, Laguna Beach CA; Karen Jachetta, Trabuco Canyon CA	49.00

## ISADORE EPSTEIN OPEN PAIRS

59.0 Tables / Based on 60 Tables

	A	B	C		
24.50	1	1		Tom McCrackin, Albuquerque NM; Kalon Kelley, Santa Barbara CA	64.08%
18.38	2			Chris Willenken - R Jay Becker, New York NY	63.62%
13.78	3	2		Erwin Linzner, Santa Rosa CA; Gabrielle Uz, Palo Alto CA	62.73%
10.34	4			Kevin Bolan, Snohomish WA; Balusu Rao, Redmond WA	62.19%
8.17	5			Samuel Jeong, Mountain View CA; Pedro Jeong, Hong Kong Hong Kong	61.35%
9.92	6	3		Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Venneep Netherlands; Alison Wilson, New York NY	60.69%
6.13	7			Mark Perlmutter - Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA	60.27%
7.67	8	4	1	Janice L Wild, Briarcliff NY; Michael Christensen, Bellevue WA	59.58%
5.42	9			James Melville, Springfield IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL	59.19%
5.45	10			Hiroki Yokoi, Tokyo 171-003 Japan; Mayumi Katagiri, Tokyo 181-0016 Japan	58.85%
4.08	11			Ray Loftis, Bellevue WA; Leo Schwartz, Mill Creek WA	57.65%
3.89	12			Suresh Mahajan, Del Mar CA; Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	57.58%
5.88	13	5		Nancy Zakim, Kentfield CA; Michael Hartnett, Mill Valley CA	57.15%
4.73	14/15	6/7		Linda Gruber - Bob Gruber, Camarillo CA	57.12%
4.73	14/15	6/7		Bill Rose, Seattle WA; Michael Elliott, Renton WA	57.12%
5.75	16	8	2	Dana Reinhart, Lakewood WA; Marvin Raines, Fort Washington MD	56.96%
3.53		9		Kenny Horneman, Charlottesville VA; Kimberly Whipple, Boca Grande FL	56.62%
3.47		10		Jennifer Kuhn - Philip Kuhn, San Mateo CA	56.31%
3.66		11		Richard Prouser, Lake Oswego OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT	55.88%
4.67		12		Weidong Guo - Zhen Zhong Guo, Beijing People's Republic of China	55.85%
2.52		13		Sally Ann Rhea - Clinton Heiple, Boulder CO	55.65%
4.31		3		Andrew Hanes, Provincetown MA; James Watkins, Boston MA	54.85%
3.24		4		Jim Lahey - Karen Lahey, Issaquah WA	53.12%
2.56		5		Craig Hamilton - Donna Traas, Kamloops BC	52.73%
2.19		6		Sue Anderson, Seattle WA; Carole Davis, Shaw Island WA	52.27%

## WEDNESDAY BRACKETED B SWISS

8 Tables / Based on 46 Tables

17.64	1			James Tanner, Highland CA; Millie Garrison, Riverside CA; Verda Gould, Minneapolis MN; Carol Rynders, Saint Paul MN	83.00
13.23	2			Lucy Terrill - Elizabeth Ghrist, Houston TX; Patti Adams, Burnaby BC; Kathy Hughes, Missouri City TX	81.00
9.92	3			Kenneth Hardcastle - Gladys Hardcastle, Atlanta GA; Molan Chan, Grand Prairie TX; Robert Michaud, Sun City West AZ	77.00

## WEDNESDAY BRACKETED B SWISS

8 Tables / Based on 30 Tables

11.85	1			Douglas Keller - Marion Robertson, San Francisco CA; David Bryant, Ashland OR; Nancy Ferguson, Greenbrae CA	93.00
8.89	2			Chris Cookson, Nanaimo BC; Barbara Schultz, Shawnigan Lake BC; Anita Morse, North Vancouver BC; Katie Christie, Vernon BC	90.00
6.67	3			Barbara Wolf, Seattle WA; Jules Bue, Kent WA; Stephen Wise, Stanwood WA; Barbara Odlin, Gig Harbor WA	76.00

## I/N Chairs

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As club owners, Janice recalls, they started a successful program called Fun Bridge, meant to ease new players into duplicate.

They were recruited as I/N co-chairs about three years ago by NABC Co-Chair Barbara Nist. They agreed to take on the responsibilities – and then they got busy.

They communicated with Cotterman regularly, promoted the I/N games to bridge teachers in the Seattle area and distributed flyers about the NABC games for newcomers at clubs and at tournaments.

Terry says the ACBL deserves a lot of credit for giving them the tools to do the job, as do about 30 volunteers who have helped with the promotional efforts.

Asked if they were pleased with the turnout, Janice said, "We are just thrilled."

After they sold their bridge club, the Randles returned to playing bridge, an activity that was limited previously. Terry is retired from a sales and administration job with IBM. Janice is a retired legal secretary. They live in Issaquah, a suburb of Seattle.

At the table, says Janice, "we get along very well. We can even sleep together after the bridge game."

## For Tommy and Carol

Betty Ann Kennedy has relayed word that Tommy and Carol Sanders, two of the most famous personages in ACBL history, are seriously ill. Kennedy suggested that the couple would greatly appreciate receiving cards or letters from their friends. Their address is 201 Brookhollow Road, Nashville TN 37205.

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**SPACE NEEDLE TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KO V**

16 Tables  
 13.07 1 Dana Lawrence, Kirkland WA; Vivian Camandona, Mill Creek WA; Richard Swanson, Bothell WA; Darla Perman, Renton WA  
 9.15 2 Fred Sutherland - Kathryn Sutherland, Surprise AZ; Richard Rodeman - Kathy Rodeman, Washougal WA  
 5.23 3/4 Matthew Edwards - Sheila Smith - William Julius, Olympia WA; William Bergh, Tenino WA  
 5.23 3/4 Barbara Bayer - Doris Lange, Calgary AB; Chuck Abramo - Jo Murray, Ketchum ID

**SPACE NEEDLE TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KO VI**

16 Tables  
 10.20 1 Shawn Goenen - Patricia Caltrider, Bellingham WA; Dirinda Venneau, Mt Vernon WA; Patricia Schoening, Lynden WA  
 7.14 2 Ruthann Quinn, Seattle WA; Susanna Hunter, Redmond WA; Lynne Phillips, Sammamish WA; Louise Cooley, Kirkland WA  
 4.08 3/4 Barbara Lemme - Molly Johnston, Sonoma CA; Sheila Patterson - John Patterson, Napa CA  
 4.08 3/4 M Kingland - Jean Noste - Evelyn Payne, Friday Harbor WA; Mary Wondra, Lopez WA

**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KNOCKOUT I**

15 Tables  
 Thomas Carmichael, Kennesaw GA; Tom Kniest, University City MO; William Arlinghaus, Ann Arbor MI; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA  
 vs  
 Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Leo Bell, Long Beach CA; David Caprera, Denver CO

Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Ron Rubin, Miami FL; Pamela Granovetter - Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Gunnar Hallberg, Brighton United Kingdom; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ

vs  
 Vicki Rauscher, Seattle WA; Allan Falk, Okemos MI; Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; James Glickman, Las Vegas NV; Chris Compton, Dallas TX

**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KNOCKOUT II**

16 Tables  
 Robert Klein, Santa Rosa CA; David Neuman, San Francisco CA; Lynne Newman - Randall Dougherty, San Diego CA  
 vs  
 Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Deborah Murphy, San Francisco CA; Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR; Lauren Friedman, Daly City CA

Lynda Nitabach, N Plainfield NJ; Sandra Rimstedt, Haverdal 310 4 Sweden; Mikael Groenkvist - Ida Groenkvist, Orebro Sweden

vs  
 Carlyn Steiner - Robert Glickman, Seattle WA; Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Marc Glickman, Woodland Hills CA

**WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY KNOCKOUT III**

16 Tables  
 John Cissel - Craig Jones, Boise ID; Buz Trevor, Denare Beach SK; Harvey Bush, Klamath Falls OR  
 vs  
 James Easterling, Casselberry FL; John Ide, Carson City NV; Stanley Weiner, Las Vegas NV; Perry Poole, Maitland FL

Wink Andres - Ann Andres - Shirley Isfeld, West Vancouver BC; Dianne Isfeld, Coquitlam BC

vs  
 Max Aeschbacher - William Aeschbacher, Salt Lake City UT; Theresa Venhuis, Redmond WA; David Binney, Seattle WA

**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KNOCKOUT IV**

16 Tables  
 Phyllis Bishop, Loveland OH; Susan Hermans, West Chester OH; Jeanne Weyers, Cincinnati OH; Phyllis Downey, Morrow OH  
 vs  
 Shawn Abernethy, Seattle WA; Liliana Diaconescu - Brian Zaugg, Burien WA; Jingsong Liu, Renton WA

Mary McIntyre, St Paul MN; Mary Anderson, Rochester MN; Kimberly Hayward, Saint Paul MN; Rebecca Anspach, Minneapolis MN

vs  
 Terrance Chinn, Seattle WA; Gary Matsumoto, Peoria AZ; Joseph Ulrich, Arlington WA; Elvena Paiva, Marysville WA

**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KNOCKOUT V**

16 Tables  
 Stephanie Rogers - Richard Rogers, San Francisco CA; J W Jack Meng - Judy Keilin, Danville CA  
 vs  
 Paul Burma, Sunnyside WA; Jim Tritz - George Williamson, Richland WA; Doug Sanders, Grandview WA

Jacqueline Thibert, Osoyoos BC; Ann Hung, Vancouver BC; Shelley Burns, N Vancouver BC; Kathryn Shannon, North Vancouver BC

vs  
 Lynn Nosse, Grafton OH; Sue Lan Ma, Kirtland Hills OH; Chang-Li Lu, Strongsville OH; Mary Alice Woodlock, N Ridgeville OH

**WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT SWISS**

24 Tables  
 A B C  
 11.90 1 1 Sandra DeMartino, Riverside CT; Joyce Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Sandy Kiesel, Bakersfield CA; Peter Attwood, Sarnia ON 114.00  
 8.93 2 Angeles Quimson, Far Hills NJ; Francisco Alquiros - Felipe Manalang - Suen Manalang, Quezon City Philippines 108.00  
 5.86 3/4 Gerald Fox, Napa CA; Jim Leuker, San Francisco CA; Kay Afdahl - Darwin Afdahl, Oro Valley AZ 99.00  
 7.56 3/4 2 1 Victor Bremson, Seattle WA; Dave Hellwig, Minneapolis MN; Marshall Doxsee, Beaverton OR; Alan Tesler, Mercer Island WA 99.00  
 5.67 5 3 2 Tracey Meek - Jennifer Beall - Susan Dodson, Bellingham WA; Tami McHugh, Kuna ID 95.00  
 4.25 6 4 Steven Lipson - Serl Zimmerman, Palm Desert CA; Sherie Schneider - Alan Schneider, Beverly Hills CA 94.00  
 3.36 7 5 Colin Gordon - Nelly Gordon, Los Angeles CA; David Lodge - Nance Lodge, Rancho Mirage CA 90.00  
 2.70 6/7 Marilyn Nesbit - Robert Probasco, Ketchum ID; Brian Hegarty - Judy Bredall, Colorado Spgs CO 86.00  
 2.92 6/7 3 Tony Tabell - Ellen Tabell, Exeter NH; Ted Witt, Sun Valley ID; Kirsten Lumpkin, Seattle WA 86.00  
 2.19 4 Lynne White - John White, Lincoln CA; Marlene Sabo, Kailua Kona HI; Michael Folkert, Captain Cook HI 79.00

**WEDNESDAY BRACKETED B SWISS**

8 Tables / Based on 28 Tables  
 10.54 1 William Creech, Bainbridge Is WA; George Bennett, Bellevue WA; Joel Castoriano, Mercer Island WA; Robert Richardson, Clinton WA 90.00  
 7.91 2 William Golush, Denville NJ; Alan Cummings, Los Altos CA; Jerry Thorpe, Tacoma WA; N Scott Cardell, Pullman WA 89.00  
 5.93 3 C Kay Teal, Richland WA; Paul Bubendey, Chicago IL; Jerry Mosher, Walla Walla WA; Gary Dayton, Mahomet IL 75.00

**WEDNESDAY BRACKETED B SWISS**

8 Tables / Based on 25 Tables  
 9.20 1 Thomas Knier, Burnsville MN; John Miller, Stillwater MN; Craig Van Sickle, Woodinville WA; Frank Knier, Fargo ND 98.00  
 6.90 2 Steven Bruns, Honolulu HI; Bryant Town, Edmonton AB; Robert Hope, Provost AB; Shelly Hershberger, Kailua Kona HI 80.00  
 5.18 3 Alan Hendrickson, North Bend WA; Carol Schroeder, Redmond WA; Bill Sayer - Laurie Sayer, Renton WA 76.00

**WEDNESDAY BRACKETED B SWISS**

8 Tables / Based on 22 Tables  
 8.18 1 Edwin Glickman - Han Sarah Glickman, Snowmass CO; Michael Goldman, Rockville MD; William Mendez Jr, Alexandria VA 103.00  
 6.14 2 Susan Boeing - Ronald Goodman - Louis Lipset, San Francisco CA; Peter Klebofski, San Carlos CA 95.00  
 4.60 3 David Deal - Debbie Deal, Bloomfield MI; Pamela Ziegel, Petoskey MI; Jane Huff, Columbus OH 71.00

**WEDNESDAY BRACKETED B SWISS**

8 Tables / Based on 20 Tables  
 7.19 1 Monica Taylor - Lewis Richardson Jr - Fred Lundin - David Wigutoff, Astoria OR 101.00  
 5.39 2 Linda Stein - Donald Stein, Mill Creek WA; Ernst Staudt, Everett WA; Craig Roloff, Mountlake Ter WA 77.00  
 4.04 3 Martin Deneroff - Valerie Vaughan - Sohail Hasan - Wesley Albinger, New York NY 75.00

**WEDNESDAY BRACKETED B SWISS**

8 Tables / Based on 17 Tables  
 6.13 1 Michael Klemens - Nancy Klemens, Tarzana CA; Cecily Berg, Port Orchard WA; Lee Turnbull, Bainbridge Is WA 91.00  
 4.60 2 Steve Estvanik - Audrey Wass, Seattle WA; Tim White - Renae Gunstone-White, Mercer Island WA 81.00  
 3.45 3 Rita Fontaine, Longview WA; Wanda Burness, Rainier OR; Josephine Ventura, San Mateo CA; Richard Gettmann, Woodland WA 78.00

**WEDNESDAY BRACKETED B SWISS**

8 Tables / Based on 14 Tables  
 5.27 1 William Dixon - Patricia Dixon, Honolulu HI; Thomas Fagan - Katie Fagan, Kailua HI 104.00  
 3.95 2 David Zwonitzer - Kym Zwonitzer, Cheyenne WY; Z Kadah - Richard Farrar, Seattle WA 85.00  
 2.96 3 Addie Mattox, Walnut Creek CA; Linda Armstrong - Karen Wong, Seattle WA; Carolyn Roe, Bellevue WA 78.00

**WEDNESDAY BRACKETED B SWISS**

8 Tables / Based on 12 Tables  
 4.63 1 Constance Cleaton - Melvin Ellis, Portland OR; Ruben J Paet, Waianae HI; Sue Bailey, Stockport United Kingdom 92.00  
 3.47 2 Craig Tyner - Carol Barkoff - Katherine Tyner, Albuquerque NM; Mary Ella Smith, Alberquerque NM 84.00  
 2.60 3 Gene Alberts, Indianola WA; John Johnston, Bainbridge Isl WA; Norma Titus - Barbara Hamal, Kingston WA 83.00

**WED BRACKETED B SWISS**

11 Tables  
 4.19 1 Brian Bleau - Ariya Ball, Gig Harbor WA; Cheryl Leidle, Kirkland WA; Patricia Erickson, Koloa HI 85.00  
 3.14 2 Nick Nichols - Mary Hanson-Spofford - Matt Schafer - John Krah, Seattle WA 84.00  
 2.36 3 Margaret Evenson - Betsy McCormick - Norma DesMarais, Portland OR; Ginny Gainer, Port OR 80.00  
 1.77 4 Diana Barnes, Newport OR; Karen Mason, Florence OR; Kay Brill - Donald Walcher, Medford OR 75.00

**0-5000 BLUE RIBBON SEMIFINAL**

26.0 Tables / Based on 118 Tables

		Carryover
1	Ron Beall, Bellingham WA; Thomas Devine, Ferndale WA	42.35
2	Maria Tsoukalas, New York NY; William Kraybill, Lewis Center OH	38.65
3	David Johnson - Faiz Nadir, Calgary AB	37.59
4	Steven Reuschlein, Middleton WI; Eileen Cripps, Madison WI	36.10
5	Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA; Yiji Starr, Wayland MA	32.05
6	Dong Yan, Sammamish WA; David Roselle, Kirkland WA	31.85
7	Vic Quiros - Harvinder Sidhu, Scottsdale AZ	28.01
8	John Lien - Liz Stoneman, Surrey BC	26.96
9	Gary Robinson, Sebastopol CA; John Kozero, Santa Rosa CA	26.73
10	Steven Kipperman - Kimberly Fanady, San Francisco CA	26.20
11	Justin Beck, Sherwood OR; Daniel Neill, Lexington KY	25.93
12	Peter Manzon, Waltham MA; Robert Bertoni, Haverhill MA	25.30
13	Jonathan Cohen, Prior Lake MN; Mark Krusemeyer, Northfield MN	24.21
14	Nicolas Hammond, Marietta GA; Paul Wacks, Peabody MA	23.99
15	Rosanne Schabinger, Mount Prospect IL; Susan Finkelman, Glenview IL	22.69
16	Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA; Peter Morse, North Vancouver BC	22.11
17	David Brough - Marielle Brentnall, Winnipeg MB	21.46
18	Susan Fulton, Maplewood NJ; John Hogan Jr, Wayne NJ	20.48
19	Brad Kalweit - Gregory Trautman, Olympia WA	20.43
20	Elaine Ware, Vernon BC; Robert Hartman, Memphis TN	20.32
21	Sandy Denison - Maynard Denison, Bakersfield CA	18.35
22	Jordan Chodorow, Los Angeles CA; Gary King, Hermosa Beach CA	17.80
23	Grant Vance, San Leandro CA; Jessica Lai, Oakland CA	16.75
24/25	Paul Wright Jr, Mount Pleasant SC; George Krizel, Fstrvl Trvose PA	16.47
24/25	Marvin Kolodzik, Cincinnati OH; Linda Gallaher, Morehead KY	16.47
26	William Grant, San Diego CA; Andrew Loh, Solana Beach CA	15.88
27	Saul Gross, Miami Beach FL; John Lewis, Fort Lauderdale FL	15.07
28	Craig Zastera, Woodinville WA; John Stafford, Seattle WA	13.84
29	Douglas Dorland, Palmer AK; Marie Smerjac, Castle Rock CO	12.80
30	Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI; Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	12.55
31	Don McCarthy, West Kelowna BC; Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB	12.28
32	Lance Shull - Audrey Ventura, Raleigh NC	11.50
33	Jon Downing, Solihull England; Liam Johnstone, Birmingham England	11.39
34	Marshall Baum, Highland Park IL; Nancy Frank, Glencoe IL	9.15
35	Walter Rassbach - Nancy Rassbach, Westminster CO	8.80
36	Barbara Kallaus, Kailua HI; Lillian Johannessen, Honolulu HI	8.62
37	Winston Legge Jr - Jennie Legge, Pensacola FL	8.54
38	Rollie Armacost, Green Valley AZ; Darlene Armacost, Wolf Creek MT	8.49
39	Sylvia Riewerts, Eureka CA; Yeong-Long Shiue, Manchester CT	8.26
40	Eric Mayefsky - Mike Develin, Mountain View CA	8.14
41	Yayoi French, Kirkland WA; Andrew Sherrill, Bellevue WA	7.29
42	William Lim, Vernon BC; David Lim, Parksville BC	6.12
43	David Huang - Diana Jing, Burnaby BC	5.26
44	Allan Simon - Daniel Bertrand, Calgary AB	4.49
45	James Flesher, Bountiful UT; Alene Wrobel, Farr West UT	3.78
46	Michelle Rosenzweig, Santa Barbara CA; Jan Ratliff, Highland Park IL	3.34
47	David Robert, Seattle WA; James Counsell, Renton WA	3.17
48	Nick Wiebe, Oakland CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA	1.90
49	Al Blinder, Torrance CA; Scott Hiller, Marshall MN	0.71
50	Marcia Dean - Robert Dean, San Jose CA	0.66
51	Chad Fisher - Tim Hays, Kansas City MO	0.34
52	Charles Williams, La Quinta CA; Vern Nunnally, Sequim WA	0.00

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING SIDE SERIES**

152.25 Tables / Based on 41 Tables

14.28	1	Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw	119.56%
10.71	2	David Lindop, Toronto ON	118.27%
7.03	3/4	Susan Charczenko, Aurora CO	116.24%
7.03	3/4	Nick Charczenko, Aurora CO	116.24%
5.21	5/6	Marianne Daem, Nanaimo BC	115.64%
5.21	5/6	Ben Sills, Powell River BC	115.64%
3.57	7	Richard Mallon, Ocean Shores WA	115.22%
3.02	8/9	Michael Curley, Grand Rapids MI	114.08%
3.02	8/9	Robert Varty, Grand Rapids MI	114.08%
3.32	10	Lee Morton, Issaquah WA	113.49%
4.48	11/12	Nicholas Albion, Burien WA	113.39%
4.48	11/12	William Bryce, Vashon WA	113.39%

**VASHON ISLAND A/X SWISS**

20 Tables / Based on 103 Tables

A	X			
29.63	1	1	Robert Munson, Danville CA; Bruce Tuttle, Berkeley CA; Phil Clayton, Mission Viejo CA; Sathya Bettadapura, Campbell CA	84.00
22.22	2	2	Michael Cassel II, Roseville MN; Barbara Tysdahl - Dennis Ryan, Menomonie WI; Richard Gabriel, Chicago IL	82.00
16.67	3	3	Yue Su, Vancouver BC; Yuandong Ren - Tao Feng, Burnaby BC; Larry Pocock, New Westminster BC	81.00
12.50	4	4	Sid Segal - Les Fouks, Vancouver BC; Michael Strebinger, Port Coquitlam BC; Howard Rubin, North Vancouver BC	77.00
9.88	5	5	Jeffrey Ford - Cristal Nell, Redmond WA; David Hildebrand, Lake Forest Par WA; Ronald Tracy, Edmonds WA	76.00
8.47	6	6	Lynn Yokel, Campbell CA; Lynn Shannon, Los Gatos CA; John Schoenbrun, Cupertino CA; Jim O'Neil, Palo Alto CA	74.00
7.41	7	7	Kumiko Matsuo, Yokohama-Shi Japan; Misuzu Ichihashi - Ieysuko Suyama, Tokyo Japan; Sachiho Ueda, Chiba-Ken Japan	72.00

**Baze Senior Knockout final***By Phillip Alder*

The final of the Baze Senior Knockout Teams was won by Kyle Larsen, Rose Meltzer, Neil Chambers, John Schermer, Mark Feldman and Bill Pollack. They defeated Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Roger Bates, Eddie Wold, Drew Casen and Jim Krekorian by 112 IMPs to 107.

Obviously, when you lose a 64-board match by only 5 IMPs, you had several opportunities to turn the result around. Similarly, the winners had chances to make the match less exciting. Let's look at a selection of those deals.

First, try these two problems.

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

West	North	East	South
		1♣	4♠

All Pass

West leads the club four. East wins with the ace and cashes the heart ace. When West discourages, East next leads a low club. What would you do?

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

West	North	East	South
		2♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

You lead your spade. East wins with his ace and returns the spade jack. South takes the trick with his queen, cashes the diamond ace, and continues with the diamond queen. After you win with your king, what would you lead next? (If you prefer to duck the second diamond trick, declarer leads his third diamond, and let's assume your partner discards the club jack.)

After a flat first board in the opening set, the second was much more exciting:

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S vul

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

West	North	East	South
Krekorian	Larsen	Casen	Meltzer
		1♣	1♥
2♣	4♣ (1)	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	5♠	All Pass
	(1) Splinter bid		

West	North	East	South
Feldman	Jacobus	Pollack	O'Rourke
		2♣ (1)	2♥
4♣	6♥	6♠	Dbl
7♣	Dbl	All Pass	

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(1) Precision

If Larsen had bid five clubs instead of five hearts and Casen had passed (not clear), Meltzer would have control-bid five diamonds, giving them a chance to bid the laydown six hearts; although North would have still been nervous of a spade lead through his king.

Against five spades, South led the club six. After ruffing, North shifted to a heart, so the contract went down only one.

At the other table, East-West sacrificed in seven clubs and went down three, of course, giving O'Rourke 10 IMPs.

On the next board, O'Rourke (South) was in three notrump. Feldman had an easy spade lead, which defeated the contract. At the other table, three notrump was played by Larsen (North). After a club lead, declarer played carefully to win an overtrick and regain those 10 IMPs.

There were three other big swings in the session. First, Krekorian erred to let Larsen make three notrump, costing 11 IMPs. Then, Meltzer and Larsen reached an under-par six hearts that failed, losing 12 IMPs. Finally, Pollack took a less optimistic view of his 5-5 hand than Casen. Game was reasonable and Casen worked out how to win ten tricks, gaining 10 IMPs.

After 16 deals, the score was O'Rourke 44 Larsen 24.

On Board 19, O'Rourke and Jacobus got to three notrump with 18 points opposite four, but it was laydown. That gave O'Rourke 7 IMPs. However, almost all of the gains in the set went to Larsen.

First, Board 24:

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bates</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Wold</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣ (1)	Pass
1♦ (2)	2♣	Dbf	3♣
4♠	Pass	6♠	All pass

(1) Precision: 16-plus points  
(2) 0-7

West	North	East	South
<i>Meltzer</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Larsen</i>	<i>O'Rourke</i>
Pass	3♣	Dbf	4♣
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

In the Open Room, Schermer, confident East had a club void because he had not used Blackwood, found the killing heart lead. Bates had to finesse, but Chambers won with his king and cashed the diamond ace for down one.

Despite East's five-club control-bid, Jacobus led the club ace. Now Meltzer could draw trumps and set up dummy's diamonds to discard all of her heart losers.

That was worth 14 IMPs to Larsen.

Then came Board 28, the deal for the problem at the beginning, where it was rotated to make South the declarer:

SENIOR MIXED PAIRS QUALIFYING SESSIONS

48.0 Tables

		Carryover
1	Adele Verkamp, Phoenix AZ; Jerry Gaer, Scottsdale AZ	172.79
2	Helene Beaulieu - Patrice Roy, Sherbrooke QC	140.65
3	Steve Scott - Suzette Wynn, Phoenix AZ	124.35
4	Carol Stewart, Henderson NV; Paul Ivaska, Las Vegas NV	121.09
5	Lloyd Arvedon, Natick MA; Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA	118.76
6	Hemant Lall, Dallas TX; Emily Harrell, Shoal Creek AL	115.50
7	Judy Pede, Grass Valley CA; William Hall, Thousand Oaks CA	111.31
8	Stanton Subeck, Glenview IL; Suzi Subeck, Glenview Nas IL	108.52
9	Kit Woolsey - Sally Woolsey, Kensington CA	106.66
10	Steve Mager, Hermosa Beach CA; Cam Meyer, Bend OR	100.14
11	Doug Fraser - Sandra Fraser, Victoria BC	97.81
12	Betty Ann Kennedy, Shreveport LA; Dan Morse, Houston TX	96.87
13	John Hurdle - Trudy Hurdle, Richmond BC	91.75
14	Clifton Miller Sr - Nell Cahn, Shreveport LA	89.89
15	Faye Marino, Greenwich CT; Richard Laufer, Hartsdale NY	87.09
16/17	Craig Robinson - Elaine Landow, Lansdale PA	86.63
16/17	Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Jean Barry, Livermore CA	86.63
18	Martin Miller, Rochester NY; Patti Lee, Toronto ON	83.37
19	Donald Hennings - Margot Hennings, Annandale VA	79.64
20	Jerry Premo, Sacramento CA; Kay Beck, Noblesville IN	74.05
21	Arne Maki - Gene Maki, Green Valley AZ	73.12
22	Sharon Miller - Gary Haldane, Issaquah WA	72.19
23	Kitty Cooper - Steven Cooper, Fort Collins CO	70.79
24	John Ashton - Marie Ashton, Portland OR	70.33
25	Bruce Wick - Susan Stubinski, Houston TX	68.46
26	Regenia Butler - Stephen Hosch, Olympia WA	67.07
27	John Grantham, Amarillo TX; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV	66.60
28	Xiaolo Xue - Jian Hua Tao, Beijing People's Republic of China	66.14
29	Petra Hamman - Bob Hamman, Dallas TX	65.20
30/31	William Muir - Victoria Muir, Kansas City MO	63.34
30/31	Greg Caucutt - Genny Rice, Rochester MN	63.34
32/33	Joel Hoersch - Maritha Pottenger, San Diego CA	61.94
32/33	Gilbert Ramirez, Reno NV; Loretta Bromberg, Bel Tiburon CA	61.94
34	John Pringle - Susan Pringle, Rio Verde AZ	61.01
35	Yukiko Tokunaga, 1800002 Japan; Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo 167-004 Japan	59.62
36	William Pollack - Rozanne Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ	58.68
37/38	Mary Savko, Tequesta FL; John Morgan, Navan ON	55.42
37/38	Diane Ayukawa, Delta BC; Andrew Lee, Richmond BC	55.42
39/41	Lynda Rosenblatt, Passaic NJ; Marvin Rosenblatt, Hartford CT	54.49
39/41	Nancy Arnold, La Quinta CA; William Osten, Richmond BC	54.49
39/41	Tony Petronella, Boca Raton FL; Carole Weinstein, Acton MA	54.49
42	Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr, Arlington VA	52.16
43	Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA; Eileen Easterling, Casselberry FL	51.23
44	Robert Kent - Ellen Kent, Marina Del Rey CA	50.30
45/46	Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Edward Wojewoda, Tempe AZ	49.37
45/46	Linda McGarry - Dennis McGarry, Stuart FL	49.37
47	Linda Lewis - Paul Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	48.90
48/50	Pam Wittes, Venice CA; Robert Perlsweig, Woodland Hills CA	47.97
48/50	Rick Norton Jr, Oceanside CA; Gen Geiger, Sarasota FL	47.97
48/50	Jennifer Jones, Santa Rosa CA; Farid Assemi, Fresno CA	47.97
51	Renate Hansen, Vienna Austria; Peter Glatzel, Monrovia CA	47.51
52	Elaine Said, Nashville TN; Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA	47.04
53/54	Polly Dunn - Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA	44.25
53/54	William Corliss, Davis CA; Jacqueline Ortiz, Santa Rosa CA	44.25
55/56	Donald Sache - Sheila Sache, Delta BC	42.85
55/56	Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX; Cindy Bernstein, Memphis TN	42.85
57/58	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL	40.99
57/58	Ellen Hessel - Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX	40.99
59	Gene Simpson - Carole Liss, San Rafael CA	40.52
60	Kate Burton, Durham CT; Dave Smith, Walls MS	38.19
61	Flo Newlin - Cal Newlin Jr, Aurora CO	37.73
62	Diane Graese, Las Vegas NV; Martin Caley, Montreal QC	36.33
63	Mimi Staples, Toronto ON; Roger Allen, Victoria BC	35.40
64	Jan Garber, West Chester PA; Arlyne Shockman, Philadelphia PA	33.07
65	Liliane Kirchhoff, San Francisco CA; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	32.60
66	Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach CA; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	31.20
67	Paul Schwaighart, Normandy Park WA; Catherine Collinson, Tucson AZ	30.74
68	Carolyn Newcomb - Jerry Newcomb, Littleton CO	30.27
69/70	Fay Teal, Mesa AZ; Barry Harper, Regina SK	29.81
69/70	George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA; Shirley Blum, Fresno CA	29.81
71	Mel Colchamiro, Merrick NY; Ruth Grant, Tarrytown NY	29.34
72	Judy Harris - Tom McNie, Salmon Arm BC	28.41
73	Bonnie Britton, Staten Island NY; Peter Latkany, Brooklyn NY	26.55
74/75	Powhatan Wooldridge, Buffalo NY; Mary Gorkin, Boca Raton FL	25.62
74/75	Susan Picus, New York NY; Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL	25.62
76	Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Bch FL	25.15
77/79	Katrin Litwin - Aidan Ballantyne, Burnaby BC	24.68
77/79	Bruce Brownfield, Graham WA; Ann Labe, Carlsbad CA	24.68
77/79	Georgann Humphrey - Jim Humphrey, Highland Park IL	24.68
80	Maris Zilant, North Miami FL; Ron Feldman, Redondo Beach CA	24.22
81	Martin Hinds - Carreen Hinds, Bakersfield CA	22.82
82	Bill Kertes, Toronto ON; Ellie Hanlon, Tequesta FL	21.42
83	Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Vilg CA	20.49
84/85	Cookie Hoberman, Omaha NE; Michael Edwards, Rock Island IL	19.56
84/85	Veronica McMurdie - John McMurdie, Sacramento CA	19.56
86	Joan Stein, Milwaukee WI; Donald Croysdale, Menomonee Falls WI	19.10
87	Michael Schrage, New York NY; Reiko Raese, Boulder CO	15.37
88	Judy Wirtenberg, East Brunswick NJ; Irwin Klugler, Montclair NJ	13.04
89	Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Carol Mahoney, Rochester MN	12.11
90	Wayne Christensen, Jr, Laporte TX; Jill Wooldridge, Buffalo NY	8.38
91/92	Randy Corn, Kirkland WA; Jackie Buroker, Bellevue WA	6.99

91/92	Diane Shannon, Saratoga CA; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA	6.99
93	William Velick - Diane Velick, Laguna Beach CA	6.52
94	Sherman Kwan, Richmond BC; Kathy Adachi, Surrey BC	4.66
95	Judy Elbogen, Mission Viejo CA; Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA	4.19
96	Susi Ross, Winter Spgs FL; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico	0.00

**BLUE RIBBON PAIRS SEMIFINAL**

39.0 Tables		Carryover
1	Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY	551.92
2	Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA	548.24
3	Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV	539.94
4	Eric Rodwell - Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Bch FL	538.97
5	David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD	530.87
6	Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN	530.29
7	Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Richard Coren, Delray Beach FL	528.68
8	Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	525.80
9	Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Boye Brogeland, Norway	522.97
10	Roger Lee, Pasadena CA; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV	520.07
11	Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Barry Rigal, New York NY	517.76
12	Geoffrey Brod, Avon CT; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA	516.60
13	Cheryl Mandala - Yul Inn, Cupertino CA	516.59
14	Gail Greenberg - Jeff Hand, New York NY	514.41
15	Kai Zhou - Baixiang Liu, Burnaby BC	509.86
16	Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba 44 Israel; Eldad Ginossar, Moshav Zofit Israel	509.48
17	Larry Kozlove, Louisville KY; Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL	509.34
18	Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Brad Moss, San Anselmo CA	508.10
19	Michal Nowosadzki, Poland; Piotr Tuszynski, Warsaw Poland	507.29
20	Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA	506.41
21	Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ	504.88
22	Frank Nickell, New York NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL	502.94
23	Shane Blanchard - Robert Blanchard, New York NY	502.14
24	Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	501.13
25	Fred Gitelman - Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV	500.98
26	G Gard Hays, Veradale WA; Henry Lortz, Seattle WA	500.79
27	Brian Senior, Nottingham England; David Kendrick, Royston Herts England	500.64
28	David Bakhshi, London England; Michael Ranis, New York NY	500.36
29	Sidney Brownstein, Santa Monica CA; Ed Davis, Seal Beach CA	498.51
30	Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA; Lewis Gamerman, Westwood MA	498.37
31	Dennis Newman, Scarsdale NY; Robert Sherman, Lafayette CO	497.44
32	Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Richard Popper, Wilmington DE	496.96
33	Thomas Turgeon - Mary Oshlag, Memphis TN	496.38
34	John Maki, Bothell WA; William O'Brien, Mountlake Terr WA	496.20
35	Ken Christiansen, Bothell WA; Dave Setterholm, Issaquah WA	495.77
36	John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV; Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY	494.61
37	Joel Wooldridge, New York NY; G. Margie Gwozdzinsky, Aventura FL	494.11
38	Frederic Volcker, Issy les Moulin France; Jessica Piafsky, New York NY	493.94
39	Harry Gellis, Midlothian VA; Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD	491.96
40	Barry Goren, Las Vegas NV; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel	491.22
41	Richard Oshlag, Memphis TN; Paul Munafo, Huntsville AL	490.68
42	Erez Hendelman, New York NY; Chris Larsen, Costa Mesa CA	489.28
43	Nader Hanna, Toronto ON; Piotr Klimowicz, Edmonton AB	488.31
44	Joao Paulo Campos, Sao Paulo 01229 Brazil; Miguel Villas-Boas, Sao Paulo Brazil	488.24
45	Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA; Robert Madalena, San Jose CA	487.69
46	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg, Cupertino CA	486.22
47	Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Robert Giragosian, Bakersfield CA	484.02
48	JoAnn Sprung - Danny Sprung, Philadelphia PA	483.78
49	Bjorn Fallenius, New York NY; Johan Upmark, 115 58 Stockho Sweden	482.21
50	Andrzej Kozikowski, Lodz Poland; Mariusz Krasnicki, PI-91-224 Lodz Poland	480.90
51	Jared Lilienstein, New York NY; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC	480.03
52	Roy Welland, New York NY; Bart Bramley, Dallas TX	479.69
53	James Griffin - Patricia Griffin, Sausalito CA	479.52
54	Walter Lee, Framingham MA; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ	478.75
55	Stan Tulin, Highland Beach FL; Gary Cohler, Miami FL	477.09
56	Alejandro Bianchedi - Ernesto Muzzio, Buenos Aires Argentina	476.70
57	Barry Piafsky, New York NY; Don Piafsky, Toronto ON	476.01
58	Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; David Corn, Spokane WA	475.74
59	Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Randy Pettit, Marietta GA	475.38
60	James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon, Dania FL	474.81
61	Russell Samuel, Long Beach NY; Kyoko Shimamura, Tokyo 136 Japan	473.83
62	Jan Van Cleeff, Ah Den Haag 250 Netherlands; Bob Drake, Scarsdale NY	473.82
63	David Lehman, Glenview IL; Dick Melson, Chicago IL	473.35
64	Rita Bichara, New York NY; Krzysztof Martens, Rzeszow 35- Poland	473.23
65	Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA; Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA	472.98
66	Hans Christian Graversen, Aalborg Denmark; Dennis Bilde, Aarhus Denmark	472.35
67	Daniela von Arnim, D-68766 Hockenh Germany; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark	471.84
68	K Fung - Maurice De La Salle, Edmonton AB	471.72
69	Jack Lee, Richmond BC; Joel Martineau, Vancouver BC	471.13
70	Richard Wegman, Bethesda MD; David Abelow, la Jolla CA	470.90
71	Steve Smolen - Victor Chubukov, San Francisco CA	470.68
72	Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA	470.41
73	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	469.76
74	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Richard Carle, Longview WA	469.74
75	Chien-Yao Tseng, Pasadena CA; Eric ChenTeh Tang, San Marino CA	469.72
76	Patti Hartley - Tom Jepson, Kirkland WA	469.70
77	Jim Reiman, Mansfield OH; Chris Moll, Raleigh NC	469.61
78	Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ; Kerri Sanborn, Stony Point NY	469.33

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bates</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Wold</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
1NT (1)	2♥ (2)	2NT (3)	3♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- (1) 14-16  
(2) Spades, perhaps with a side minor  
(3) Lebensohl

West	North	East	South
<i>Meltzer</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Larsen</i>	<i>O'Rourke</i>
1♣	4♠	All Pass	

Bates upgraded for his five-card suit, and probably also preferred one notrump because his alternative opening was one diamond.

After a club to the ace, the heart ace (discouraging signal from East) and another club, Schermer ruffed with his spade nine. When East didn't overruff, declarer ran his trumps, cashed his diamond ace, overtook the diamond queen with dummy's king, and cashed the club queen for ten tricks: seven spades, two diamonds and one club.

At the other table, Jacobus discarded a heart at trick three. Larsen ruffed and cashed the heart king for down one and 12 IMPs.

If West had the ace and king of hearts, (s)he would have cashed the king at trick two, asking partner for a count signal. And if East, with the heart king, discouraged a heart continuation, surely he had to have led a singleton.

The session's last two deals were also interesting.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bates</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Wold</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
2♣ (1)	Pass	2♦ (2)	Pass
3♣ (3)	All Pass		

- (1) Six-plus clubs, perhaps a four-card major, 11-15 points  
(2) Inquiry  
(3) Minimum, no major

West	North	East	South
<i>Meltzer</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Larsen</i>	<i>O'Rourke</i>
1♣	1♠	Dbl	4♠
5♣	All Pass		

Schermer decided not to double at unfavorable vulnerability opposite a passed partner. He then led the diamond queen, so Bates took 11 tricks: one heart, four diamonds and six clubs.

It isn't obvious why Jacobus bid one spade instead of a takeout double, but it looked to have worked well, pushing East-West well out of their depth. However, instead of leading the spade ace,

North also chose the diamond queen. So Meltzer made her contract to gain 6 IMPs.

Dlr: West ♠ Q 7 4  
 Vul: E-W ♥ 8 6 3  
 ♦ A Q 10  
 ♣ A Q 10 6

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

♠ A J 8 3  
 ♥ Q 5 4 2  
 ♦ J 9 4  
 ♣ 4 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Bates</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Wold</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
1♦ (1)	Dbl	1♥ (2)	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Redbl	Pass
INT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

- (1) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points
- (2) Four-plus spades

West	North	East	South
<i>Meltzer</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Larsen</i>	<i>O'Rourke</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

When the dummy came down in the Closed Room, Jacobus probably would have been happy to win eight tricks. But the cards lay well and he did much better.

East led his fourth-highest spade. North took West's ten with his queen and ducked a heart to West's nine. Meltzer shifted to the club two. North won with his ten, played a spade to dummy's eight, and called for the diamond jack, covered by the king and ace. After another spade finesse, North had four spades, three diamonds and three clubs for plus two.

Schermer's double would not have appealed to many people and makes an interesting contrast with his pass on the previous deal. But it worked well when Chambers could double one heart to show length in that suit, then double one notrump after East issued an SOS redouble.

The defenders could have taken nine tricks, but understandably dropped one to take the contract down two.

Minus 180 and plus 500 gave Larsen 8 IMPs. That team had won the second quarter by 42 IMPs to 13 to take a 9-point lead.

The first three boards of the third session were slams for North-South, all flat. In the first, six clubs was making without a heart lead, but both defenders found that start because partner had bid the suit! Then both pairs bid seven notrump with 15 top tricks. And they bid a decent six hearts that made.

The first swing came on Board 36:

Dlr: West ♠ K Q 8 4  
 Vul: Both ♥ 8 4 3  
 ♦ A Q J 5 2  
 ♣ 10

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

♠ J 10 9 7 5  
 ♥ 10 6  
 ♦ K 10 7 6  
 ♣ A 8

West	North	East	South
<i>Bates</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Wold</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
Pass	1♦	2NT (1)	3♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
5♣	5♠	All Pass	

- (1) Hearts and clubs

West North East South  
*Feldman Casen Pollack Krekorian*  
 Pass 1♦ 1♥ 1♠  
 2♦ 3♥ (1) Pass 4♠  
 All Pass  
 (1) Unbalanced spade raise

In the Closed Room, opposite a passed partner and with unfavorable vulnerability, one can understand Pollack's decision not to use the Unusual Notrump. However, showing both suits immediately makes partner's life easier. And I am guessing that if Pollack had known Krekorian was going to bid four spades, he would have risked a four-club rebid.

Of course, at double-dummy, Pollack was right. If West had led a diamond or started with the heart ace and shifted to a diamond, they could have defeated four spades. But Feldman understandably chose the club jack, Rusinow promising the queen (unless from shortness).

Now Krekorian just drew trumps, losing only one spade and two hearts.

In the Open Room, it was impossible for Schermer not to bid five spades.

Bates led the heart ace. Wold signaled with a discouraging nine, but West continued with the heart queen, resulting in down one.

That gave O'Rourke 12 IMPs and the lead by 3.

After O'Rourke gained 3 IMPs over the next three deals came Board 40:

Dlr: West ♠ A K J  
 Vul: None ♥ Q J 10 4  
 ♦ J 9  
 ♣ J 9 6 4

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bates</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Wold</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
1♣ (1)	Pass	1♥ (2)	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠ (3)	Pass	3NT	All Pass

- (1) Strong and artificial
- (2) 8-plus points, fewer than five spades
- (3) Four spades

West	North	East	South
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Casen</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Krekorian</i>
1♣ (1)	Pass	1♦ (2)	Pass
1♠ (3)	Pass	2♦ (4)	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

- (1) Precision: strong
- (2) Weak: 0-7 points
- (3) Four-plus spades, perhaps a longer minor
- (4) Maximum with three spades

In the Open Room, Chambers led a heart, so Wold claimed nine tricks.

Over three diamonds, which denied five spades, Pollack felt that three notrump rated to go down because his heart and club spots were so bad. So he tried for four spades in the known 4-3 fit. Feldman, not liking the thought of that contract, retreated to five diamonds. This had to lose three spade tricks for down one and 10 IMPs to O'Rourke.

On Board 41, Schermer guessed the play better than Casen in three notrump to recoup 10 IMPs for Larsen.

After a few small swings, the set ended with O'Rourke ahead by 2 IMPs, 92-90.

Three boards later, the score was tied; then Board 52:

Dlr: West ♠ 7 4 3 2  
 Vul: Both ♥ K 7 6  
 ♦ Q 7 4 3  
 ♣ K 3

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

♠ A 8  
 ♥ Q 10 4  
 ♦ A 8 6 5  
 ♣ J 10 8 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Bates</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Wold</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦ (1)	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	1NT
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points

West	North	East	South
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Casen</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Krekorian</i>
1♦ (1)	Pass	2♥ (2)	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	All Pass

(1) Two-plus diamonds, 11-15 points  
 (2) Some game-invitational hand

This was the antithesis of Board 32, where Schermer and Chambers caught their opponents in one notrump doubled down two. Now Bates and Wold were plus 500 when Chambers took only one spade, two hearts, one diamond and one club.

Two notrump came home, but O'Rourke gained 9 IMPs to take the lead. It lasted one board (problem two from the opening):

Dlr: North ♠ A J 10 9 8 4 3  
 Vul: N-S ♥ K 7 3  
 ♦ 6 4  
 ♣ J

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

♠ 5  
 ♥ Q 8 6 5  
 ♦ K 9 5  
 ♣ Q 10 6 4 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Bates</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Wold</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
	2♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Casen</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Krekorian</i>
	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Schermer made two spades, taking six spades, one heart and one diamond.

Feldman made an aggressive takeout double and Pollack plunged into three notrump.

South led his singleton spade. North won with his ace and returned the jack, declarer winning with his king (discarding a heart from the dummy), cashing the diamond ace and continuing with the diamond queen.

Krekorian took the trick, then shifted to a low heart. East took North's king with his ace, ran the diamonds, and played a heart to his jack. Pollack had nine tricks via one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs.

That gave Larsen 11 IMPs and the lead again.

Did you notice Krekorian's error? If North had the heart ace, any play would have worked. But to allow for the actual layout, South should have led the heart queen at trick five. This is a Deschappelles Coup, leading an unsupported honor to generate an entry in partner's hand.

The next two boards were flat. Then Bates gave a positive response to partner's strong-club opening with only seven points. This pushed them into a four-spade contract that Bates understandably did not guess correctly. Larsen gained 5 IMPs to lead by seven.



There followed a run of seven dull deals in which it was a matter of overtricks and undertricks.

With one board to be played, Larsen led by 4 IMPs.

Dlr: West	♠ 8 4 3		
Vul: E-W	♥ K 7 6 5		
	♦ A K Q 9 3		
	♣ 6		
♠ J 10 9 6		♠ A 7	
♥ A J 9 8		♥ Q 3 2	
♦ 4		♦ 6 5 2	
♣ J 7 5 2		♣ A K 9 8 3	
	♠ K Q 5 2		
	♥ 10 4		
	♦ J 10 8 7		
	♣ Q 10 4		
West	North	East	South
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Casen</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Krekorian</i>
Pass	1♦	2♣	Dbf
2♦ (1)	2♥	Pass	3♦
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) Good club raise

It was surprising that Feldman bid four clubs after his cuebid, but three diamonds was going to make.

Against four clubs, Krekorian led the diamond jack. I was expecting Casen to overtake and shift to his trump, but he played low. Now South found the killing heart switch. North won with his king and accurately shifted to a spade. Now Pollack could not come to ten tricks. He cashed his top clubs, then tried to run the hearts, but South ruffed and cashed the spade king for down one.

This is what happened in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Bates</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>Wold</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

If the contract made, Larsen would win; if it went down one, we would be moving into extra boards.

Bates had 12 winning leads: anything but the spade six. He selected the spade ten, Rusinow promising the jack. However, to defeat the contract,

Wold had to make the counterintuitive play of ducking. (The curious may work out all of the analysis, but suppose declarer wins and leads a low spade to bring down the ace. East cashes his club king, then shifts to a heart, ducked to dummy's king. South will draw one round of trumps before shifting to diamonds, but West waits to ruff until the fourth round, then plays on hearts. Declarer ruffs in his hand and is endplayed to lead away from his queen-ten of clubs.)

East won with his spade ace, cashed the club king and shifted to a heart. Declarer won with dummy's king, played a diamond to his jack, ruffed the club ten in the dummy, and led a diamond to his nine.

West ruffed and had to play a club or a low heart to hold declarer to eight tricks. But he cashed the heart ace before switching to a trump. South claimed nine tricks.

Minus 100 and plus 140 gave Larsen 1 IMP and victory by 5 at about 01:15 a.m. It was so close and so late.

## Tournament Terminology 101

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

**Knockout Teams:** an event in which a team (of four, five or six players, with four playing at a time) plays another team. The losers are eliminated or "knocked out" while the winners play other winners until only one winning team remains.

The length of a KO match may vary from a single session to a full day (the Vanderbilt and Spingold) to a multi-day event (the Bermuda Bowl).

**Bracketed Knockout Teams:** a KO event in which teams are divided into groups, usually of 8, 16 or 32 teams, based on their masterpoint holdings. The top group (Bracket I) and all other groups compete in a separate event with their own set of winners.

**Compact Knockout Teams:** a shorter version of Bracketed KO teams.

**Swiss Teams:** an event in which a team (of four, five or six players, with four playing at a time) plays other teams in seven-, eight- or nine-board matches. Team A sits North-South at Table 1 and East-West at Table 2 while Team B sits East-West at Table 1 and North-South at Table 2. The results are compared and scored by International Match Points (IMPs).

Pairings for the first round are random. Pairings for succeeding rounds are determined by a team's win-loss record or Victory Point total.

**International Match Points (IMPs):** the most common method of scoring Swiss Team matches. Scoring example: if Team A scores plus 620 for bidding and making 4\*S\* on a particular deal and Team B scores only plus 170 (they didn't bid the game), the difference is 450, which converts to 10 IMPs. The IMP chart is shown on the inside of your convention card.

**Victory Points (VPs):** a method of scoring Swiss Team matches. After the scores are compared and converted to IMPs, the IMP total is converted to Victory Points. A team's VP total may be used to determine its next opponents and its final standing.

**Side Game Series:** a series of single-session pair games that pay red points. These series include at least three sessions and may have as many as six. You may play in as many sessions as you like, but only pairs who play in at least two sessions are eligible for overall gold points. Your best two sessions are used for determining overall winners.

**Flighted pairs:** When flighting is used, the field is divided by expertise or experience or both into several separate games. Flight A ("unlimited masterpoints") will be open to all players while the remaining flights will be limited. Flight B might be 0-500 MPs or 0-1000 MPs while Flight C might be 0-300 or 0-500.

Each flight is scored individually, and masterpoint awards are made for each flight.

The masterpoint holdings of the players determine their flight. If one player is quite expert while his partner is new to the game, the pair must compete in Flight A.

In flighted events, you may play up but not down. That means you may play in Flight A or Flight B even if your masterpoint holding qualifies you for Flight C. Conversely, you may not play in Flight B or Flight C if you are a Flight A player.

**Stratified Pairs:** The idea is to compete against everyone but to be ranked only with your peers.

Each pair is assigned a stratum or "strat" based on the masterpoint holding of the partner with more masterpoints.

**Example:** A = 1000+ masterpoints; B = 300-1000; C = 0-300.

Thus, the most experienced players are placed in Strat A, intermediate players in Strat B and less experienced players in Strat C. Masterpoints are awarded for placings in all strats but gold points are awarded only in A and B.

The game proceeds normally; the difference comes when the scores are tabulated and ranked.

In a three-strat game, the scores are ranked three times. The first ranking is done as in a regular open game. These are the Strat A results.

If a B or C pair does well in this ranking, they receive full credit for that performance. It is not all that uncommon for a Strat C pair to place first overall, and they receive the full masterpoint award for that game.

**Note:** A pair is eligible for only one set of masterpoint awards and automatically receives the highest award.

The second ranking compares the scores of only the B and C pairs: The scores of the Strat A pairs are eliminated. Once again, if a C pair does well, they receive points for their finishing position in the Strat B results.

The third and final ranking compares the scores of only the C pairs: All the scores of the Strat A and B pairs are eliminated.

**Strati-Flighted Pairs:** The top group plays in a game of their own -- Flight A. The rest of the field is divided into strats and plays as in a regular stratified pairs.

There can even be stratification within Flight A. Flight A may be listed as 3000+ MPs while Flight X may be listed as 0-3000 MPs.

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

## Tell Me More

### Bob Hamman

**City of residence**  
Dallas TX

**Date of birth**  
Aug. 6, 1938

**Place of birth**  
Pasadena CA

**What kind of food makes you happy?**  
Any good food

**What drink?**  
Good cabernet or merlot

**Who is your favorite author / what is your favorite book?**  
S.J. Simon

**Favorite actor?**  
Alec Guinness

**What kind of music do you like?**  
Various

**What do you do when you are not playing bridge?**  
Work, backgammon, watching sports

**What do you see as your best ever bridge result?**  
1966 Vanderbilt, 1983 Bermuda Bowl.

**Who is your favorite bridge player?**  
Me

**Is there a bridge book that had a significant influence on you?**  
Master Play; Design for Bidding; Why You Lose at Bridge.

**What is your favorite bridge convention?**  
Stayman, Drury

**What are bridge players good at (besides playing bridge)?**  
Playing games

**What jobs other than bridge have you had?**  
Promotions, insurance

**Is there something you would love to learn?**  
Go



0-5000 BLUE RIBBON 2ND SEMIFINAL SESSION

Table with columns for rank, name, location, sections, and percentage. Includes names like David Brough, Dong Yan, Maria Tsoukalas, etc.

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS 2ND SEMIFINAL SESSION

Table with columns for rank, name, location, sections, and percentage. Includes names like Thomas Bessis, Eric Leong, Erez Hendelman, etc.

SENIOR MIXED PAIRS SECOND QUALIFYING SESSION

Table with columns for rank, name, location, sections, and percentage. Includes names like Lynda Rosenblatt, Judy Pede, Leslie Pettie, etc.

WEDNESDAY SIDE BOARD-A-MATCH

Table with columns for rank, name, location, sections, and percentage. Includes names like Justine Cushing, Apolinary Kowalski, Michael Rosen, etc.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING SIDE SERIES 5 OF 6 SESSIONS

Table with columns for rank, name, location, sections, and percentage. Includes names like Hoby Littlefield, Becky Bien, Lee Morton, etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING 299ER PAIRS											
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION AAA			EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1	1	Ronald Stanfield, Salt Lake City UT; Graham Black, Shaw Island	58.14%	1	1	1	1	Julie Roome - Joanne Osborne, Duncan BC	63.64%	
2	2		Frank Brewer, Seattle WA; Alyse Galvin, Anchorage AK	56.63%	2	2	2	2	David Langford, Tacoma WA; David Hopkins, Shelton WA	61.93%	
3	3	2	Kim Eno - Kevin Eno, Lynnwood WA	55.87%	3	3	3	3	Judy Armstrong - Darlene Meredith, Vernon BC	57.58%	
4	4		Layne Benben - Harriet Hegge, Portland OR	55.11%	4	4	4	4	Steve Johnson, Laguna Woods CA; Jim Brauer, Laguna Woods CA	57.01%	
5	5		Mac Ryland - Judy Ryland, Atlanta GA	54.36%	5	5	5	5	Teri Trynz - Allan Trynz, Boynton Beach FL	51.33%	
6	6		John Ellis - Christine Ellis, Portland OR	53.03%	6	6	6	6	Michael O Neal - Barbara O Neal, Issaquah WA	50.38%	
								3	James Downing, Redmond WA; Ulrich Hetmaniuk, Seattle WA	48.67%	
ISADORE EPSTEIN OPEN PAIRS SECOND SESSION											
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS WW ZZ			EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1		Weidong Guo - Zhen Zhong Guo, Beijing People's Republic of China	61.69%	1				James Melville, Springfield IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL	63.62%	
2	2		Nancy Zakim, Kentfield CA; Michael Hartnett, Mill Valley CA	60.54%	2	1			Tom McCrackin, Albuquerque NM; Kalon Kelley, Santa Barbara CA	63.23%	
3	3	1	Dana Reinhart, Lakewood WA; Marvin Raines, Fort Washington MD	58.77%	3				Anna Bromberg, Brooklyn NY; Lillian Weissman, Long Beach NY	62.85%	
4	4		John Demeulemeester, Burnaby BC; Maarten Tjebbes, Vancouver BC	56.31%	4	2			Bill Rose, Seattle WA; Michael Elliott, Renton WA	60.23%	
5	5		Haruko Koshi - Hideko Takeuchi, Tokyo Japan	56.15%	5				Kevin Bolan, Snohomish WA; Balusu Rao, Redmond WA	59.15%	
6	5		Robert Watson, Langley WA; Paul McGough, Sun City West AZ	55.65%	6				Mark Perlmutter - Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA	58.77%	
7	7		David Walker, Salem VA; Kevin Wilson, Knoxville TN	54.69%	7	3	1		Jim Lahey - Karen Lahey, Issaquah WA	57.23%	
8	6		Eileen Ojakangas - Leona Hanson, Davis CA	54.46%	8	4	2		Grechen Wiggins, Meridian ID; Linda Brinton, Boise ID	56.85%	
9			Hiroki Yokoi, Tokyo 171-003 Japan; Mayumi Katagiri, Tokyo 181-0016 Japan	52.92%	9				Samuel Ieong, Mountain View CA; Pedro Ieong, Hong Kong Hong Kong	56.62%	
10	7	2	Andrew Hanes, Provincetown MA; James Watkins, Boston MA	52.08%	10	5			Kenny Horneman, Charlottesville VA; Kimberly Whipple, Boca Grande FL	54.46%	
11	8		Walter Spiewak, Wake Forest NC; Albert Bender, Raleigh NC	51.77%	11	6	3		Sue Anderson, Seattle WA; Carole Davis, Shaw Island WA	53.69%	
12			Suresh Mahajan, Del Mar CA; Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	51.38%	12	7			Susan Clayton - John Patterson, Chemsia BC	52.69%	
	9		Eric Schulz, Tucson AZ; Mary Schulz, Reynoldsburg OH	49.92%		8			Helen Miller, Lacey WA; Ralph Wilhelm, Olympia WA	51.54%	
		3	Pete Cowles, Seattle WA; Scott Martin, Mountlake Terr WA	48.85%		9	4		Don Sturmer - Bee Sturmer, Danville CA	50.77%	
		4	Jeanette Bentley, Encinitas CA; Charles Siggins, Phoenix AZ	48.00%							
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS XX YY			EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1		Cornelis Van Prooijen, Netherlands; Alison Wilson, New York NY	65.77%	1	1	1	1	Janice L. Wild, Briarcliff NY; Michael Christensen, Bellevue WA	61.92%	
2			Chris Willenken - R Jay Becker, New York NY	64.69%	2	2			Richard Pruser, Lake Oswego OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT	61.77%	
3	2		Erwin Linzner, Santa Rosa CA; Gabrielle Uz, Palo Alto CA	64.38%	3				William McFall, New Berlin WI; Sun-O Ho, Redmond WA	58.46%	
4	3		Sally Ann Rhea - Clinton Heiple, Boulder CO	60.38%	4	3			James Weir, Aldergrove BC; Stan Bodlak, Vancouver BC	57.23%	
5	4	1	Raynor Christianson, Burton WA; W Stewart, Bellevue WA	58.54%	5				Robert Morris - Terry Currie, Houston TX	57.00%	
6	5		Linda Gruber - Bob Gruber, Camarillo CA	58.31%	6	4			Howard Kahlenberg, Philadelphia PA; Ron Haack, New York NY	56.23%	
7	6		Kenneth Ramsay, West Vancouver BC; Anne Smith, Burnaby BC	55.38%	7/8	5			Henry Nelson, Zelenople PA; Frank Anshen, Setauket NY	54.92%	
8			Tadashi Teramoto, Tokyo Japan; Takako Fujimoto, Tokyo 180 Japan	55.23%	7/8				Robert Moore, Seattle WA; Rose Bolton, Lake Forest Par WA	54.92%	
9	7		Jay Kurzet - Louise Kurzet, Portland OR	54.92%	9	6			Robert Barnes, Bellevue WA; Richard Barnes, Seattle WA	54.85%	
10			Tadashi Yoshida, Tokyo Japan; Midori Sakaguchi, Mitaka Tokyo Japan	54.69%	10				Gerard Laquerriere, Clovis CA; Daniel Raider, San Mateo CA	54.15%	
11	8		Walter Brock - Gamil Tadros, Calgary AB	51.23%	11	7	2		Eleanor Scott-Kerr, Duncan BC; Heather McIntosh, Ladysmith BC	53.54%	
12			Andrea James - Charles James, Auburn WA	50.46%	12	8	3		Richard Gardner - Susan Marshall, Clark CO	52.38%	
	9	2	Carol Biagi - Charles Biagi, Bellingham WA	50.23%		9	4		Craig Hamilton - Donna Traas, Kamloops BC	52.23%	
			Richard Hanna, Laguna Woods CA; Lawrence Hanna, Huntington Bh CA	48.85%							
		3	Henry Lai, Delta BC; Joe Rottmann, Vancouver WA	48.54%							
		4	Eugene Chung, San Francisco CA; Stan Fong, Toronto ON	47.62%							
		5	Barbara Keller - Morgan Landry, Juneau AK	45.92%							
WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT FAST OPEN SECOND SESSION											
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS WWW XXX YYY ZZZ			EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1		Sam Whitten, Southaven MS; Ken Horwedel, Germantown TN	64.87%	1	1	1	1	Claire Young - Wallace McQuat, San Anselmo CA	60.18%	
2			Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Alexander Ornstein, Roslyn Heights NY	63.60%	2	2			Paul Foster, Vista CA; Sandy Kucha, Rancho Santa Fe CA	59.69%	
3	2		Paul Wayne English, Seattle WA; Stanley Roberts, Mercer Island WA	63.14%	3	3			Bud Stowe - Kay Stowe, Clive IA	59.56%	
4	3		Tom McKenna - Jon Neimand, Eugene OR	62.15%	4	4	2		Toby McEvoy, Henderson NV; Cindy Casson, Las Vegas NV	59.51%	
5			Kurt Fritz, San Diego CA; Mizuko Tan Yamada, Tokyo Japan	58.93%	5	5			Travis Crump - Alfred Crump, Wyoming PA	57.36%	
6			Howard Piltch, South Bend IN; Ray Johnson, Park City UT	58.59%	6				Rolf Paul, Needham MA; Walter Dedio, Morden MB	56.46%	
7			Nancy Marcus, New York NY; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	57.94%	7	6			David Vidaver, Sacramento CA; Paul O'Brien, Portland OR	55.82%	
8	4	1	Marsha Kooztz, Kirkland WA; Kenlynn Gilbert, Bellevue WA	56.96%	8	7	3		P Oates - W Oates, Brighton MI	55.29%	
9	5		L. Stuart Vance, Kailua Kona HI; Cynthia Glad, Seattle WA	55.35%	9				Clay Sundermeyer - Nada Sundermeyer, Bellevue WA	54.63%	
10			Bert Newman, West Bloomfield MI; Stephen Apodaca, Santa Fe NM	55.26%	10				Thomas Weik, Reading PA; Sandra Gebhardt, The Villages FL	54.58%	
11	6	2	Kathleen Holahan, Portland OR; Brian Thomas, Beaverton OR	54.94%	11	8	4		Nick Danigellis, Indianola WA; Evantha Danigellis, Lynnwood WA	53.56%	
12	7		Suzanne Boruta - Michael Boruta, Anacortes WA	54.88%	12	9			Art Semple, Seattle WA; Paula Strand, Kirkland WA	52.81%	
13	8		Candace Dauphinot, Santa Barbara CA; Jane Jennings, Ben Lomond CA	54.49%	13	10			Roberta Cleveland - Chip Cleveland, Bend OR	52.52%	
14	9	3	Lawrence Swanson, Walnut Creek CA; Irwin Lichtblau, Lafayette CA	54.22%	14	11			Maria Abbott, San Francisco CA; David Porter, Aurora CO	52.19%	
15	10		Art Quey - Robert Ipswith, San Mateo CA	54.11%	15	12			Nancy Lowry - Martha Dennis, Virginia Beach VA	52.13%	
			Jess Sellers III, Redmond WA; Alice Lane, La Jolla CA	53.40%			5		Lars Hanson - Martha Hanson, des Moines WA	51.77%	
		4	Laura Hanslip, W Palm Beach FL; Sunny Kooztz, Palm Beach FL	51.10%							
		5	Akiko Miwa - Masako Otsuka, Tokyo Japan	50.84%							
			Ed Howard, Auburn WA; Clare Bungay, University Plce WA	47.88%							
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 520/50 PAIRS											
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION AAA			EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1	1	Robert Hauck, Shoreline WA; Bradley Bagshaw, Seattle WA	60.63%	1	1	1	1	Sheila Sternberg - Craig Sternberg, Clyde Hill WA	56.63%	
2	2		Kim Eno - Kevin Eno, Lynnwood WA	50.88%	2	2			Rodney Waldbaum, Kirkland WA; Carl Berkenwald, Mercer Island WA	51.04%	
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS ONLY											
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION BBB			EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1		Lawrence Max Frazier - Fred Brown, San Jose CA	63.10%	1	1	1	1	Art Amos Jr - Doyle Cutler, Davis CA	67.26%	
2	1		Judy Armstrong - Darlene Meredith, Vernon BC	55.95%	2	2			Thomas Herzog - Margie Mastran, Reston VA	61.31%	
3	2		Andy Vitalich, Lacey WA; Theresa Waldoock, Olympia WA	53.87%	3	3			Jerome Kilner, Bellevue WA; William Bear, Newcastle WA	55.36%	
4			Larry Holdren - Myrtil Holdren, Bellevue WA	53.57%	4	4			David Langford, Tacoma WA; David Hopkins, Shelton WA	54.17%	
5	3	1	Diane Cuioio - Michael Cuioio, Sequim WA	52.68%	5/7				Betty Metzner - Rudi Metzner, Camas WA	50.60%	
	4	2	Brenda Huff, Phoenix AZ; Sallie Dillian, Scottsdale AZ	49.70%	5/7				Harriet Hegge - Layne Benben, Portland OR	50.60%	
					5/7				Helen Batie - Robert Batie, Tacoma WA	50.60%	
								2/3	Janis Gonzalez, Seattle WA; Gerald Edelstein, Bothell WA	45.83%	
								2/3	Dana Pyke/Dedeluk - Paula Hopwood, Calgary AB	45.83%	
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION CCC			EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1		Glen Bates - Ronald Foerster, Bend OR	63.43%	1	1			Jim Burbidge, Federal Way WA; David O'Harrow, Auburn WA	58.93%	
2	2	1	Lynn Shapley, Redmond WA; Steven Wilkinson, Seattle WA	57.82%	2/3	2/3	1		Judy Mentink, Des Moines WA; Patricia Lawrence, Federal Way WA	55.36%	
3	3		William McCarron, Anacorage AK; Terry Henderson, Anchorage AK	56.85%	2/3	2/3			Earlene Bennett, Golden Valley MN; Brian Bennett, Bluffton SC	55.36%	
4	4		Mary Levine, Piedmont CA; Elizabeth Silver, Oakland CA	54.89%	4	4	2		Charles Butler, Chicago IL; Larry Baum, Seattle WA	54.76%	
5	5		Esther Rubke, Piedmont CA; Estelle Baum, Oakland CA	53.74%	5				Kenneth McAlpine, Pontiac MI; Marc Orgren,	53.87%	
NATIONAL 99ER PAIRS SECOND SESSION											
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION DDD			EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C			
1			Kirsti Sheeran, Medina WA; Laura Boone, Seattle WA	64.88%	1				Penny Lepp - Ray Lepp, Bellevue WA	61.90%	
2			Lance Clifford - Cookie Clifford, Portland OR	60.12%	2				Cindy Stewart - Pat Couch, Vernon BC	55.36%	
3			Julie Roome - Joanne Osborne, Duncan BC	54.17%	3				Florence Schramm, Westbank BC; Zita McRobbie, Kelowna BC	54.46%	
4			Lucille Chang, Kirkland WA; Anne Farmer, Seattle WA	52.98%	4				Earl Cutler - Betty Cutler, San Antonio TX	54.17%	
5			Theodora Sherman, Shoreline WA; Janet Harvey, Seattle WA	52.08%	5				Len D Amato - Dora D Amato, Redmond WA	52.68%	
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION EEE			EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C			
1			Hal Wyman, Seattle WA; Carolyn Wyman, Beaux Arts WA	56.97%	1				Alan Stewart - Judith Stewart, Vancouver WA	59.10%	
2			Craig Caldwell - Gigette Caldwell, San Diego CA	54.76%	2				Frank Houmiel, Redmond WA; Shirley Roman, Kirkland WA	57.74%	
3			Rodger Gustafson - Victor Magruder, Federal Way WA	54.72%	3				Carrie Margolin, Olympia WA; Jeanine Graham, Tumwater WA	54.13%	
4			Linda Longmire, Yarrow Point WA; Lisa Brock, Redmond WA	54.13%	4				Henry Lipson - Marjorie Lipson, Sherman Oaks CA	50.64%	
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING SIDE SERIES 5 OF 6											
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS TT UU			EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1		Susan Charczenko - Nick Charczenko, Aurora CO	61.04%	1	1	1	1	William Bryce, Vashon WA; Nicholas Albion, Burien WA	59.59%	
2	2		John Coone, Vernon BC; Ralph Stone, Missoula MT	58.66%	2	2	2	2	W Arnold - C Arnold, Portland OR	56.63%	
3			Marion Kelly - Walter Pease, Anchorage AK	58.14%	3	3			Elaine Kurasiewicz, N Tonawanda NY; Julie Kraus, Southfield MI	55.39%	
4	3	1	M Rayton - Ruth Bunin, Mercer Island WA	54.60%	4				Dennis Goldston, Colorado Spgs CO; Ralph Cole, Anacortes WA	54.83%	
5			Jenny Wolpert, Jupiter FL; Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC	54.58%	5	4	3		Will Fox - Pauline Fox, Bellevue WA	54.34%	
6	4		Norma Bozzini, San Mateo CA; Darlene Mayhew, Castro Valley CA	54.11%	6	5	4		Joan Gitelman, North York ON; Ally Whiteneck, Alamo CA	53.56%	
7			Stu Swan - Chester Kurzet, Portland OR	53.41%	7	6			R Kirk, Seattle WA; Curt Peterson, Shoreline WA	53.33%	
8	5		Jane Clark, Stephenville TX; Kay Olness, Billings MT	52.84%	8	7			Melba Glenn - Mary Walker, Seattle WA	52.71%	
9	6		Joyce Hart - Richard Hart, Piedmont CA	52.66%	9	8			Rey Pana - Ruth Pana, Englewood CO	52.05%	
	7	2	John Benich - Susan Benich, Aptos CA	51.61%							
	8	3	Ken Imboden, San Jose CA; Lynn Bartz, Campbell CA	50.98%							
	4		Patricia Donahoe - Norita Robbins, Seattle WA	46.81%							
0-5000 BLUE RIBBON FIRST SEMI-FINAL SESSION											
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS A B C D			EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C			
1/2			David Johnson - Fa								



ISADORE EPSTEIN OPEN PAIR FIRST SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTIONS XX WW, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-12 listing names, scores, and session details.

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BLUE RIBBON PAIRS FIRST SEMIFINAL SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTIONS G H I J M N, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-31 listing names, scores, and session details.

SENIOR MIXED PAIRS FIRST QUALIFYING SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTIONS E F, EAST-WEST; SECTIONS K L, EAST-WEST; SECTIONS S T, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-12 listing names, scores, and session details.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES 3 OF 3 SESSIONS

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTIONS YY ZZ, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-8 listing names, scores, and session details.

WEDNES MORNING 5/20/50 PAIRS

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION AAA, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-4 listing names, scores, and session details.

NORTH-SOUTH			WEDNESDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	SECTION CCC	A	B	C			
1	1		Glen Bates - Ronald Foerster, Bend OR	66.67%	1	1	1	Leo Grevers - Thomas Wostenberg, Montague CA	61.61%
2	2	1	Art Amos Jr - Doyle Cutler, Davis CA	60.72%	2	2		Gary Corbett, Medina WA; Eric Knudson, Seattle WA	61.01%
3	3	2	John Naber, Stow MA; Sandra Naber, Victoria BC	53.87%	3	3	2	Francella McKinnon, Bainbridge Isl WA; Patricia Darling, Mercer Island WA	57.74%
4/5	4/5		Eileen Pleticha, Moraga CA; Geraldine Christensen, Laporte TX	53.27%	4	4		Stacie Bowman, Sunnyvale CA; Elizabeth Strasen, Woodacres CA	53.87%
4/5	4/5		Mary Levine, Piedmont CA; Elizabeth Silver, Oakland CA	53.27%	5	5		Phyllis Bottomly - Cloyd Sweigert, Portland OR	50.00%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION BBB			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1		Paul Kosci, Lakewood WA; David Erickson, Tacoma WA	60.78%	1	1	1	Howard Goltz - Janet Goltz, Bloomington MN	61.81%
2	2		Marilyn Widlan - Sheldon Widlan, Seattle WA	59.45%	2	2		Ruth Maier, Marina CA; Robert Verhoef, Glendora CA	58.70%
3	3		Lois Haskell, Redmond WA; Marilyn Vitkevich-Wilke, College Place WA	58.62%	3	3		David O'Harrow, Auburn WA; Jim Burbidge, Federal Way WA	57.44%
4	4	1	Eleanor Geisthardt, Duncan BC; Rita Cannon, Ladysmith BC	53.68%	4	4		Linda Akerman, Silverdale WA; Louis Akerman, Tucson AZ	55.30%
5	5		Kristi Marchbanks - Di Levy, Seattle WA	52.92%	5	4		Robert Batie - Helen Batie, Tacoma WA	51.61%
		2	Betsy Brezel, Shelton WA; Helen Banner, Olympia WA	47.93%			2	Alice Ling, Great Falls VA; Margie Mastran, Reston VA	47.00%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION DDD			EAST-WEST			
1			Earl Cutler - Betty Cutler, San Antonio TX	58.29%	1			Linda Longmire, Yarrow Point WA; Lisa Brock, Redmond WA	56.67%
2			Thomas Shannon - Peggy Brown, Clinton WA	55.40%	2			Judith Boardman, Vashon Island WA; Beth De Groen, Vashon WA	55.32%
3			Helen Thom - David Thom, Abbotsford BC	55.36%	3			Rodger Gustafson - Victor Magruder, Federal Way WA	54.66%
4			Robert McRae - Roger Morse, Issaquah WA	54.80%	4			Penny Lepp - Ray Lepp, Bellevue WA	54.13%
5			Susan Cothorn, Woodinville WA; Carol Connelly, Murfreesboro TN	53.40%	5			Ann Moore, Beaverton OR; Ginny Kopacz, Portland OR	53.87%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION EEE			EAST-WEST			
1			Frank Houmiel, Redmond WA; Shirley Roman, Kirkland WA	59.82%	1			William Rusby, Camano Island WA; Richard Sentner, Bow WA	58.93%
2			Patricia Robertson - Valerie Leach, Vernon BC	59.23%	2			Craig Ruden, Kirkland WA; Craig Von Land, Bothell WA	55.65%
3/4			M Linda Chapman - Lewjean Holmes, Seattle WA	55.06%	3			Theodora Sherman, Shoreline WA; Janet Harvey, Seattle WA	53.87%
3/4			Valerie Lycette, Issaquah WA; Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA	55.06%	4			Lucille Chang, Kirkland WA; Anne Farmer, Seattle WA	52.98%

## Friday Sponsors

### Ann Fry Memorial Stratified Daylight Open Pairs

Ann Fry and her husband John moved to the Seattle area in 1956 when John became an employee of the Boeing Company. In the ensuing years, Ann's activities centered on her family, as well as working at a bank and later at the IRS. She also did volunteer work at the Crisis Clinic and the local food bank. As her daughters grew older, Ann found she had more free time, so she began playing bridge.

Ann became fascinated by the game and ventured out to tournaments. It did not take her long to become a Life Master! Later she became involved teaching beginning bridge classes and as a contributing editor for the unit newsletter. With the help of her friends, Ann was able to continue playing bridge, in spite of her declining health, until shortly before her death in 2005. Ann combined the competitive and social elements of the game of bridge so perfectly that playing with or against her was a pleasure.

### Mary Ruth Blustein Memorial Stratified Open Pairs

Mary Ruth came to Seattle in 1966 and met Maurice Blustein on her second day in the city. They married in 1968. At the 1967 Spring NABC in Seattle, Mary Ruth accumulated the few red points she needed to become a Life Master.

For more than 40 years Mary Ruth was a special gift to the world of bridge. Her forte was getting people introduced to the game of duplicate bridge and then hooking them for life. Thereafter, she directed significant efforts to the furtherance of bridge development; first at Northwest Bridge Center in Seattle in the late 1960s and early 1970s; and then for the last 15 years of her life at Eastside Bridge Center in Redmond. There was no one better at coaxing players out to play bridge. Eastside players greatly anticipated their participation in her games, and still regale one another with stories of her wit and expertise at the bridge table.

Mary Ruth was a most accomplished player in her own right. She achieved Platinum Life Master status and had countless regional wins and several high finishes in North American championship play among her list of bridge achievements.

### Jean Anderson Memorial Strati-Flighted Side Swiss Teams

Jean Anderson was a lifelong Seattle resident, graduate of Franklin High School and the University of Washington. As a result of working in a frame shop that catered to artists and interior decorators, Jean developed and established her long career as an interior designer that brought her recognition and success. She was noted for her avante garde flair. The Seattle Times and Sunset Magazine ran features on her work.

Jean had been an avid card player and competitor from her earliest years. Bridge was a natural outlet for these attributes, and she was one of the Northwest's leading players for nearly five decades. Jean was a feared and respected adversary, a popular and much-desired partner and teammate. Her success at all levels was frequent and recurring. On the NABC stage, she finished second in the 1993 Marsha May Sternberg Women's Knockout Teams and the Machlin Women's Swiss Teams.

## Tomorrow's Bridge Events

### Friday, December 2, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	ACBL members*	Other
Puget Sound Friday-Saturday Morning Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	1-2	Hall 4A	\$16		\$18
Mt. Rainier Thursday-Saturday Morning Bracketed Knockout Teams	2nd	Hall 4A	\$16		\$18
Sitka Spruce Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series	2nd single session	Hall 4A	\$16		\$18

### Friday, December 2, 10:30 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Room 607	\$15		\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Room 607	\$15		\$15

Friday, December 2, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.  
Ann Fry Memorial Stratified Daylight Open Pairs

### Friday, December 2, 1 p.m.

Willow Ptarmigan Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	Hall 4A	3rd single session	\$16		\$18
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### Friday, December 2, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

<b>REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS</b> <i>Two qualifying, two semifinal, two final sessions. Entry required by 11 a.m.</i>	1-2 Q	Ballroom 6C	\$20		--
<b>KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS</b> <i>Two qualifying, two semifinal, two final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Ballroom 6E	\$20		--
Mary Ruth Blustein Memorial Stratified Open Pairs <i>3000+; 0-3000</i>	1-2	Hall 4A	\$16		\$18
Rhododendron (Gold Rush) 750/300 Pairs <i>Gold points for 0-750</i>	1-2	Hall 4A	\$16		\$18
Alki Point Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockout Teams	1-2	Hall 4A	\$16		\$18
South Lake Union Trolley Thursday-Friday Bracketed Knockout Teams	3-4	Hall 4A	\$16		\$18

### Friday, December 2, 3 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Room 607	\$15		\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Room 607	\$15		\$15

### Friday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.

Jean Anderson Memorial Strati-Flighted A/X & B/C/D Side Swiss Teams	single	Hall 4A	\$15		\$17
Willow Ptarmigan Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	4th single session	Hall 4A	\$16		\$18
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Room 607	\$15		\$17
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Room 607	\$15		\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Room 607	\$15		\$15

### Friday, December 2, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams	single	Room 607		\$12/team/match	
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\*Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

## International Fund

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

## Today's Bridge Events

### Thursday, December 1, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
Mt. Rainier Thursday-Saturday Morning Bracketed Knockout Teams	1st	Hall 4A	\$16	\$18
Lake Louise Wednesday-Thursday Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams	3-4	Hall 4A	\$16	\$18
Mt. Adams Tuesday-Thursday Morning Bracketed Knockout Teams	3rd	Hall 4A	\$16	\$18
Sitka Spruce Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series	1st single session	Hall 4A	\$16	\$18

### Thursday, December 1, 10:30 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Room 607	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Room 607	\$15	\$15

### Thursday, December 1, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Richard Morey Memorial Stratified Daylight Open Pairs <i>3000+, 0-3000</i>	1-2	Ballroom 6B	\$16	\$18
Daylight Special Cherry (Gold Rush) 750/300 Pairs <i>Gold points for 0-750\</i>	1-2	Ballroom 6B	\$16	\$18

### Thursday, December 1, 1 p.m.

Willow Ptarmigan Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	1st single session	Hall 4A	\$16	\$18
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### Thursday, December 1, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

<b>KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS</b>	1-2 F	Ballroom 6C	\$20	--
<b>Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs</b>	1-2 F	Ballroom 6E	\$17	--
<b>SENIOR MIXED PAIRS</b>	1-2 F	Ballroom 6E	\$20	--
George Steiner Memorial Stratified Open Pairs	Hall 4A	1-2	\$16	\$18
Camano Island Stratified Mixed Pairs	1-2	Hall 4A	\$16	\$18
South Lake Union Trolley Thursday-Friday Bracketed Knockout	Teams 1-2	Hall 4A	\$16	\$18
Capitol Hill Thursday Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	1-4	Hall 4A	\$16	\$18
Lorraine Leach Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed Knockout	Teams 3-4	Room 615	\$16	\$18

### Thursday, December 1, 3 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Room 607	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Room 607	\$15	\$15

### Thursday, December 1, 7:30 p.m.

Ed West Memorial Strati-Flighted A/X & B/C/D Side Swiss Teams	single	Hall 4A	\$15	\$17
Willow Ptarmigan Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	2nd single session	Hall 4A	\$16	\$18
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Room 607	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Room 607	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Room 607	\$15	\$15

### Thursday, December 1, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams	single	Room 607	\$12/team/match	
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### Richard Morey Memorial Stratified Daylight Open Pairs

Richard Morey, PhD, had a passion for bridge that can be traced to his childhood. Along with parents and siblings, he would engage in family bridge games that oftentimes took on more importance than world events.

Richard was a business professor at many of the most prominent universities in the United States. He was father to five children and grandfather to eight. Richard worked for presidents; was a CEO; and traveled to, and resided on, every continent.

Throughout his eclectic and well-traveled life, bridge was his constant companion and an ongoing source of challenge, pleasure and intellectual stimulation. The pleasure and joy he received from, and returned to, the game were evident to all with whom he competed.

### George Steiner Memorial Stratified Open Pairs

George Steiner had the "triangle for the good life" in perfect balance: He was the consummate fisherman (play), investor (work) and bridge player (love). When he wasn't working or playing bridge, George's great love was fishing. This passion was part of his childhood and he shared that love with his daughter, Joanna. George was a senior vice president at Prudential Securities Inc. and enjoyed a distinguished and highly successful career, as an investment advisor and angel financier.

George was an internationally recognized bridge player, and played professionally before his career in the stock market. His North American championships included the 1974 and the 1987 Wernher Open Pairs and the 1985 von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs. His back-to-back Vanderbilt Knockout Team second-place finishes in 1994 and 1995 were the highlights of his bridge career.

George was a giant of a man with a phone in his hand, a deal in the works and a ready smile.

### Ed West Memorial Strati-Flighted Side Swiss Teams

Edward L. West Sr. owned and operated a successful courier service in Seattle. He was one of the first American Bridge Association (ABA) bridge players to play in the local ACBL games. Ed had an outstanding career in the ABA, serving in many leadership positions, including Northwestern section vice president.

Ed worked with Barbara Nist, then ACBL/ABA chairman, towards merging the two organizations. Because of Ed's failing health, they were not successful in merging the two organizations, but they were successful in developing a greater understanding and promoting joint games with reciprocal masterpoints. Ed lived long enough to enjoy the first ABA/ACBL bridge game played at an NABC.



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