French team in search of better bots

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

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

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

According to Fantun, the NukkAI project has two “legs”:

“One leg is dedicated to research focused on bridge and asking me to explain their decisions. So now we continued on page 5

From the stage to your bridge table

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

Two of the volunteers on the NABC host committee are making it happen: I/N Chair Toby McEvoy and Treasurer Chris Hahn. Both are involved in theater as a hobby. McEvoy is a musical director – he conducts and recruits performers who are learning bridge together.

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Third place is occupied by Eric Leong and it has a strong team of prominent AI researchers, young engineers and bridge experts and are moving fast on research (bridge robots).

“The other leg is dedicated to applications, but taking a step with this leg required a credible scientific team which we now have gathered, thanks to the bridge challenge. So now we continued on page 9

Justice John Paul Stevens

1920–2019

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

In addition to being a brilliant jurist, Stevens was an accomplished bridge player, and a regular at club games and tournaments in both Florida and the Washington DC area. On Valentine’s Day, he attended a special 60th anniversary celebration of the Fort Lauderdale Club

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

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

Sandy DeMartino, Chair

Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee

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Baqai–Ravipudi lead Wernher

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

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

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

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

| **Thursday, July 25** |
| 9:15 a.m. | Norman Beck | Odd Things and Bridge |
| 6:45 p.m. | Donna Compton | Passive vs. Attacking Defense |

| **Friday, July 26** |
| 9:15 a.m. | Harriette Buckman | Rights and Responsibilities |
| 6:45 p.m. | Tom Carmichael | New Minor Forcing Friends |

| **Saturday, July 27** |
| 9:15 a.m. | GS Jade Barrett | Power of Fits |

**HOSPITALITY**

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

| **Thursday, July 25** |
| Mac and cheese bites |

| **Friday, July 26** |
| Ice cream |

| **Saturday, July 27** |
| Roasted tomato bruschetta |

**Entry fees**

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

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

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

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

Regional events are $20 per player per session for ACBL members, and $24 for lapsed members. For multi-session team events of three sessions or more, the entry fee is $80, $100 or $120 for teams of four, five or six, respectively. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is $80 per session. Events with a masterpoint limit of 300 or lower are $15 per player per session for ACBL members, $19 for lapsed members.

**Hotel rewards program**

The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas has the most valuable rewards program on The Strip. It’s easy. Join Identity Membership & Rewards to unlock exclusive offers for casino play, rooms, dining, concerts and more. Earn points on your gaming and other spending on property. Let your curiosities uncover surprises beyond the velvet rope.

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**Identity Membership & Rewards**

**Bridge Bucks and check cashing**

Bridge Bucks and check-cashing services will be available outside the Gracia Ballroom on the third floor from 9:30 – 10 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. Check-cashing limit is $500. Players may purchase Bridge Bucks using all major credit cards.

**Vendors**

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

**Youth and Junior entries**

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

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

**Parking**

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

**Cash concessions**

The cash concessions stand is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Cosmopolitan, outside the Belmont Ballroom, and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside Gracia Ballroom on the third level.
Spingold Round of 64: Cayne vs. Rosenberg

By Shireen Mohandes

The Round of 64 in the Spingold KO Teams produced several close matches including this one between the No. 10 seed (James Cayne, Alan Sontag, Alfredo Versace, Andrea Manno, Lorenzo Lauria, Massimiliano Di Franco) and the No. 55 seed (Kevin Rosenberg, Ben Kristensen, Veri Kiljan, Giovanni Donati, Luc Tijssen). The vugraph team must have been pleased with their selection of matches to show. Rosenberg The Younger’s team did not disappoint. They took an early lead in the first three sets, and they were ahead 100–71 as the fourth quarter started, but Cayne came back in the last quarter to win 120–103. The Rosenberg team did well at both tables on this deal:

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9 Tables
23.38 1 Andrew Risman, Toronto ON; Tony Vidolik - Joan Vidolik, Waterloo ON; Myrhen Chin, North York ON.
16.37 2 Farley Mayon, Port Chester NY; Laura Brounstein, Greenwich CT; Jonathan Hove, Sag Harbor NY; Hubert Hove Jr, Westhampton NY.
8.30 3 Robert McBoon - Kathy Flynn, Santa Clarita CA; Elaine Moore - Thomas Stadlc, Burbank CA.

Wednesday-Tuesday Compact Knockout
12 Tables
9.63 1 Carla Francis, Castro Valley CA; Linda Decuir, Wildomar CA; James Scofield, Chula Vista CA; Bruce Bauer, Murray UT.
6.74 2 Paul Jorgenson - Gary Atchison, Carson City NV; Carol Mackey, Fairfield OH; Woodie Goddard, Bowling Green OH.
4.33 3 Cheeky Carlson, La Quinta CA; Frank Paco Jordan, Indian CA; Nancy Peckham, Thousand Palms CA; Patricia Swanson, Palm Desert CA.
3.47 4 Ian Kirk - Deanne Birch, Portland OR; Jim Lin, Saratoga CA; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA.

Tuesdays evening Zip Knockout
8 Tables
3.36 1 Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Nathan Glaser, Somerville MA; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA; Jennifer Krueger, Rosedale MD.
2.35 2 Lucy Zhang, Cambridge MA; Sophia Chang, San Gabriel CA; Christopher Welland, New York NY; Amber Lin, Edison NJ; Ethan Wood, Dover MA; Lew Gamerman, San Gabriel CA; Ethan Wood, Dover MA; Robin Hillyard, Carlisle MA.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY MORNING KNOCKOUT
Kirkland WA
1.34 3/4 Samuel Kuang, Elmhurst NY; Marley Cedrone, Emma Kolesnik, Calabasas CA.
1.34 3/4 Joseph Lieberman, Los Angeles CA; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; David Westlake, Spokane WA; John Mofti, Bellingham WA.

WEDNESDAY-Saturday Zip Knockout
8 Tables
G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Thomas Maccormac, Dublin, Ireland.
63 6 Bob Enenstein, Los Altos CA; Alan Wood, San Jose CA.
62 6 Maria Tsoukalas, Las Vegas NV; Marius Agica, Bucharest, Romania.
61 6 Chris Pesce, Seattle WA; Rex Tu, Bellevue WA.
60 6 Mark Friedlander, Deerfield IL; Howard Engle, Highland Park IL.
58 6 George Woltman, Blowing Rock NC; Dwight Meredith, Greensboro NC.
57 6 Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON.
56 6 Michael Kamil, Oro Valley AZ; Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL.
55 6 Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA; Walter Schafer Jr., Fountain Valley CA.
54 6 Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Jack LaVigne, Houston TX.
53 6 Bartlomiej Igla, Switzerland; Fernando Piedra, Switzerland.
52 6 Gene Benedict, Toledo OH; Ron Feldman, Redondo Beach CA.
50 6 Bob Todd, Winnipeg MB; Brad Bart, Coquitlam BC.
48 6 Richard Pavlick, Fort Lauderdale FL; Jerry Premo, Noblesville IN.
45 6 Jack Lee, Richmond BC; Zheng Zhang, Toronto ON.
42 6 Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY.
41 6 Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI; Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI.
40 6 Gennadi Kopylov, Valencia CA; Matthew Kopylov, Valencia CA.
39 6 Linda Wynston, Toronto ON; Sondra Schubiner, Franklin MI.
38 6 Richard Heggem, Thousand Palms CA; Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI.
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33 6 John Koch, Santa Fe NM; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA.
32 6 Alan Malloy, Mountain View CA; Michael Bodei, Santa Clara CA.
31 6 Ioannis Papakyriakopoul - Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis, Athens, Greece.
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7 6 Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; James Phillips, Chicago IL.
6 6 James Scofield, Chula Vista CA; Bruce Bauer, Murray UT.
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New Life Master

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

Patricia McKinley of Telluride CO became a new Life Master on Monday playing in the Daylight Swiss Teams with partner Harish Singh and teammates Donna Butcher and Giselle Girardin. McKinley, who needed 2.88 gold points to attain the LM rank, earned 5.99 gold points in the event.

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Other North American championships:
- $22 per player per session

For the team events, this means $88 per team per session for teams of four, $110 per team per session for teams of five, and $132 per team per session for teams of six. Only ACBL members current on their dues and service fees are eligible to play in these events.

Regional championships: $20 for ACBL members, $24 for inactive members per player per session

### Soloway KO premiers this fall

The inaugural Soloway Knockout Teams takes place at the Fall 2019 NABC in San Francisco. The new, top-tier ("NABC+") contest begins with a two-day Swiss qualifying round, reducing the field to 32 squads, followed by five days of head-to-head knockout matches to produce a single winner. The contest awards platinum points, which are even available from match awards in the Swiss qualifier.

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

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

### Stevens continued from page 1

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

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

"Recollections from players all over the country recalls a man of warmth, humor, approachability, and palpable intelligence. He loved our game, played for many, many years, and was a tough competitor. Justice Stevens played bridge at our local Tuesday morning club with his wife Maryan, until her death in 2015. He was such a gentleman, and he always exuded intelligence, and warmth, and oh, those bow ties. For years, I always addressed him as “Your Honor.” Then I was reading something and learned that the right form of address is “Mr. Justice.”"

The next time he and Maryan were at the bridge game, I went to where they were sitting and said, “Mr. Justice, I just learned that I’ve been addressing you incorrectly and, well, I want you to know I certainly wasn’t being flippant.” He said, “Why don’t you call John?” I smiled and said, “Not if we had been best friends since third grade.” He said “Why not? It’s a social setting.”

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

U.S. lawyer Randy Thompson – a retired attorney – claims the honor of having informed Justice Stevens that he was (at that time, anyway), the only justice in the history of the Supreme Court to use the word “gargoyle” in an opinion. In a scathing dissent, “Justice Stevens said that he hoped that the majority opinion would some day be viewed as an ‘ancient gargoyle of the law,’ Randy says. “A one-word computer search of all Supreme Court opinions up to the date of the search turned up only that one instance of the use of gargoyle. He was amused to find out that piece of trivia.”

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

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

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

### Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the playing area during any bridge playing event at an NABC. This includes electronic smoking devices.
Every IMP counts
By Bryan Howard
The result on this partscore deal from the opening-round Spingold match between the Rogoff team and the Juster team turned out to be significant. I was playing with Jim Foster on the Rogoff team and the Juster team showed up unexpectedly for the opening-round Spingold match between the Rogoff team and the Juster team. The match was decided by 1 IMP, so instead of plus 110, we would have lost 11 IMPs.

The ♥J play? East had passed initially, and when West led a third-best ♦5 to the queen, king and ace, I led a spade to the jack and East's response was a club king by inference (no club lead), thus it was conceding a spade and two clubs.

Player Memos
Many ways to file:

Fill out a paper memo, and drop it into the lockbox.

Use the computer here, or use your own computer.
acbl.org/player-memo

Use your smart phone. Scan the QR code HERE.
teach them bridge.”

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

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

Early this year Hahn and McEvoy mentioned to their students that they were going to a sectional a couple hours away in St. George UT in February. “Unanimously they all said they want to go,” Hahn said, so he explained to them they would need to join the ACBL, at least temporarily. “They all signed up for three-year memberships.”

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

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

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

“We’ll grab an old hand record and use it to make boards” – by hand – McEvoy said. A lot of tournaments in Arizona, California or Utah.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRACKETED B SWISS TEAMS 2

9 Tables

12.41 1 Dwight Hunt, Granada Hills CA; Mike Fierman, Encino CA; Douglas Timmer, Porter Ranch CA; Jojo Sarkar, West Hills CA 98.00

9.31 2 Phyllis Siegel, Balwin MO; Sue Bailey, Steilacoom; Mike Arhjelm, Saint Louis MO; Howard Kalender, Scottsdale AZ; Greg Coles, Victoria Harbor ON 93.00

6.98 3 Amy Blecher - Judy Soley, Scarsdale NY; Elaine McClure - William McClure, Longboat Key FL 91.00

5.24 4 Karen Kimes - Ingrid Sturm, Las Vegas NV; Trudi Williams, Osprey FL; Barbara CA 87.00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRACKETED B SWISS TEAMS 3

9 Tables

11.62 1 Linda Sherrill, Collierville TN; Meg O’Leary - Kathleen Krayw, Las Cruces NM; Sharon Olshofski, Germantown TN 103.00

8.72 2 Raheca Dobrescu, Woodside NY; Giorgia Botta, Brooklyn NY; Melissa Fawer - Brooke Cohen, New York NY 100.00

6.54 3 Dawn Ligon - Carol Carpenter - Charles Patrick - Hal Saunders, Santa Barbara CA 96.00

4.90 4 Linda Torres - Mel Fineberg - Evelyn Dahl - Susan Chun, Las Vegas NV 86.00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRACKETED B SWISS TEAMS 4

9 Tables

10.32 1 Michael Kruley, Pleasant Hill CA; Jacob Rosenburg, Moraga CA; Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA; Mark Marty, Oakley CA 120.00

7.74 2 Shy Karpel - Judith Brown - Pat Smith, Goodyear AZ; Linda Smith, Hot Springs AR 95.00

5.81 3 Ann Gruidel - John Crittenden, Boulder CO; Al Spae, Tucson AZ; Jack Siegel, Pinellas Park FL 87.00

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRACKETED B SWISS TEAMS 5

9 Tables

9.19 1 David Ho - Elizabeth Sprague, Calgary AB; Susan Kraght, Sun Lakes AZ; Will Anthony, Lubbock TX 109.00

8.69 2 Vilas Bankar - L. Mizrahi - Rebecca Pilshaw - Patricia Young, Bakersfield CA 92.00

5.17 3 Bonnie Hertzog, Tucson AZ; Jean Kirdy, Chelmsford MA; Phyllis Zulubakale, Northbrook IL; Nancy Perez, Richmond IN 89.00

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Two tough hands

By Barry Rigal

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As West, you hold:

![Bridge Hand](image)

The auction:

Pass 2♣ Pass 4♠ (2) Pass 4NT

You play:

Pass 5♣ Pass 6♥ Pass 4♦ Pass 4♠ Pass 5♠ Pass 6♣

(1) Waiting

(2) Diamonds, GF

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

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- Q10 3 2
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That was a 26-IMP swing when they played game in the other room.

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- A J9 2
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- 14
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- 7 5 6
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ACBL Senior events.

Avoid a big loss.

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In the Spingold round of 64 match between the 1.52 8 Linda Smith, Annapolis MD; Nannell Burford, Naples FL 59.26%

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3.41 3 Gailyn Thornton, Atlanta GA; Connie Kimsey, Duluth GA; Linda Wilson, Ponte Vedra FL; Lawrence Schell, Weymouth MA 86.00

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3.99 3 Georgia Lambert - Susan Huber - John Mount, Brentwood CA; Marilynn Schuyler, Discovery Bay CA 96.00

3.00 4 Maria Black - Jean Rogers - Peggy Anderson, Santa Barbara CA; Jennifer Royal, Boulder CO 94.00

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

42.0 Tables

11.27 1 Richard Scoggin, Reno NV; Gregory Vernon, Ridgecrest CA 66.35%

9.75 2 1 Sandra Krahmer - Virginia Reinier, Lubbock TX 64.27%

7.31 3 2 Morton Horn - Gló Klinger Williams, Stockton CA 63.92%

4.75 4 Freda Anderson, La Jolla CA; Ying Lin Gu, San Diego CO 62.60%

3.57 5 Gail Greenberg, New York NY; Mervyn Gerson, Las Vegas NV 62.50%

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4.11 9 4 Scott Nelson - Carol Nelson, Carlsbad CA 59.06%

4.20 10 5 1 John Garritson - Rose Garritson, Toronto ON 58.00%

3.44 11 6 Eusebio Menezes - Eunice Menezes, Cupertino CA 57.29%

2.46 7 Barbara Starrett, Tucson AZ; Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA 56.98%

1.30 8 Brenda Hawkins, Birmingham AL; Julie McLaughlin, Atlanta GA 56.78%

1.72 9 Thorbjorn Sivus, Notodden, Norway; Reidar Nordbo, Seljord, Norway 56.38%

3.15 2 Don Tocher, Sunapee NH; Timothy Niebauer, Boulder CO 55.92%

2.36 3 James Scofield, Chula Vista CA; Bruce Bauer, Murrieta CA 52.83%

1.77 4 Iris Appleby, Garden Valley CA; Judy Orchard, Placerville CA 51.47%

1.33 5 Lauren Liu, Princeton NJ; Brandon Fong, Mount Laurel NJ 50.81%

1.00 6 Lee Stem - Laima Stem, Mississauga ON 50.15%

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

18.0 Tables

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3.15 2 2 Sarah Emmons - Jackson Wahl, Minneapolis MN 62.50%

2.36 3 3 Reid Sherwin, Klamath Falls OR; Ray Kinney, Goodyear AZ 60.71%

1.77 4 3 Carie Boucher, Centennial CO; Karen Birck, Wilton CT 59.95%

1.33 5 4 Sandra Karnatz - Karen Carroll, Huntley IL 58.47%

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0.88 7 Annette Lucas, Las Vegas NV; Loren Moore, North Las Vegas NV 56.85%
Youth NABC starts today

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

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

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

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

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

With approximately 4000 youth learning to play bridge in schools, the Youth NABC was created to give youth players 20 years and younger the opportunity to compete against their peers on a national level. First held in Atlanta in 2008 and organized by Patty Tucker, the Youth NABC draws more than 200 youth bridge players from around the world for three days of bridge competition, culminating with an awards ceremony.

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

Ashley Thomas, a rising high school junior from Williamsburg VA, was the recipient of the 2018 award. “Ashley embodies the spirit of the Sportsmanship Award,” Threlkeld said. “Throughout the tournament, she always had a smile on her face and a willing and helpful attitude with the younger players.”

Baron Barclay Youth Pairs Scholarship and National Youth Swiss Teams ($1000 each) and the winners of Saturday’s Final Swiss Teams Scholarship will be awarded.

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

Thursday, July 25
Youth Pairs single sessions 10 a.m.
Youth Teams single sessions 2 p.m.
Cardrook Pairs single sessions 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Cardrook Pairs are games designed for newer players

Friday, July 26
BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS
Qualifier 10 a.m.
Finals 2 p.m.
Youth Pairs single sessions 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
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Qualifier 10 a.m.
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For more details visit acbl.org/ynabc
**Wednesday Afternoon 49er Pairs**

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE GAME**

**WEDNESDAY OPEN PAIRS**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SWISS TEAMS**

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Notice of binding arbitration

By becoming an ACBL member or renewing your membership in the ACBL, you expressly agree to arbitrate any dispute you may have with the ACBL. If you become a member of the ACBL, you expressly agree to accept the use of binding arbitration before the American Arbitration Association. The binding arbitration provisions are available for review at acbl.org/bindingarbitration.

Use of the bidding box – Alerts and Announcements

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

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

Appealing a ruling

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

Masterpoints

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

Black points: awarded at club games. Some special club games award red, gold or silver points.

Silver points: awarded for sectional firsts and overall placement at sectional tournaments. Also awarded at Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (StAC).

Red points: awarded for section placements at regional tournaments and NABCs. Also awarded at clubs for special events such as the qualifying rounds of the North American Open Pairs and the Grand National Teams.

Gold points: awarded for section firsts and overall placement in regionally rated events that have no upper masterpoint restrictions. Platinum points: awarded for NABC+ events. “Colorless” points: awarded in sanctioned online club games.

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

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

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

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

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

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ACBL monitors events at North American Bridge Championships with both visible and concealed real-time cameras in public spaces. The images are recorded and available for later inspection and review by ACBL management and tournament officials, among others, including members of the Anti-Cheating Commission. These recordings are also be uploaded to the internet following the notification. By general monitoring of the session and participants’ behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues or disputes arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table. This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.”
Crossword
By Alan Olschwang

Across
1. Strident
6. John Jacob who made a fortune in
fur trading
11. Aerobics venue
14. Moscow's state
15. One of a Biblical dozen
16. It carries a small charge
17. Following your partner's one-no
opening, you may make a Stayman
two clubs bid with a minimum of
___ (See 27A)
19. It may be odd
20. ___ Anne de Beaupré, Quebec
21. Run smoothly
22. Railroad support
24. Day at the movies?
27. In doing so, you are asking your
partner to bid ___ (See 58A)
33. Estimate qualifier
34. Society page word
35. “The Simpsons” convenience store
owner
36. Western necktie?
37. Snorkel, e.g.: Abbr.
38. Binge
40. Grammy winner Brian
41. One of two N.T. books
42. Sales pitches
43. If he has none, he should ___ (See
58A)
47. Online chuckle
48. City of Turkey
49. Number on a envelope
53. Shop window posting: Abbr.
54. Dosage meas.
57. Texter's "if you ask me"
58. With 10 points, you should
61. Kilt accessory
62. Cross the threshold
63. Second showing
64. Baby sitter's bane
65. Joaquin's “Walk the Line” co-star
66. Plods heavily

Down
1. Goes in haste
2. Entrance into a mine
3. Fashion craze
4. “Be quiet!”
5. Place of growing concern?
6. Really small
7. Indian honorific
8. Add a bit of color to
9. Thrust forward
10. Do some tailoring
11. Alluvial deposit
12. “The Color of Money” game
13. A chip or two to start with
18. Doesn’t knock?
23. Mexicali Mme.
24. Takes care of
25. Fruit-filled wine beverage
27. Rice-___ (Quaker Oats brand)
28. Angels
29. Start of a cocktail name
30. Actor Leto of “Requiem for a
Dream”
31. German cars
32. Bemoans
33. A great student’s GPA blemish
37. Bald spot cover?
38. Angels
39. Kind of insurance
41. Brewski
42. “Get ___”
44. Gentle handling, initially
45. Audio component
46. Cling
49. Alternative to bow ties?
50. Mosque official
51. Brilliant display
52. Art deco illustrator
54. Pot tuber
55. Conceited
56. Animal quarters
59. French pronoun
60. Toothpaste type

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Slow play

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

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

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

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

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

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

The TD may choose to ignore an occasional minor late finish. The TD may remove one or more boards from a segment. The TD may award one or more of the remedies listed below.

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

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

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

Winning IMP strategies include:

- Make your contract. Do not worry about overtricks or undertricks. If you are in the right spot, things will usually work out in your favor.
- Trust your bidding system. Even at pairs, you will be a winner if you are in the right suit at the right level despite blowing an overtrick once in a while.
- Stretch to bid a game. If vulnerable, game should be bid even if it is as low as a 40% chance. If not vulnerable, it should be a 50% prospect.
- If you bid three vulnerable games that your opponents do not bid and you make only one of them, you break even. If you are in an auction and the decision is now in your hands whether to bid game or not — if you have to think about it, bid game.
- Do not double their partial. You better have them down two in your own hand before you chance a double of a bid below game. And ‘down two in your own hand’ means you have a fistful of trump tricks. Do not count on your partner for many of these tricks.
- Do not go for numbers. Don’t make some wild, preemptive bid just because you have six or seven (or more) cards in one suit. It is not worth it.
- Your competitive bidding should be more constructive at IMP scoring. Upgrade your overcalls by at least a queen. This means that if you would overcall with 8 points at pairs, overcall with 10 or more at IMPs.
- Play your safest contract. If in the bidding your find you have a better fit in a minor than a major, play in the minor, especially at a partial. You want to make whatever contract you bid. Plus 110 is only a bit worse than plus 140 and it may not even make any difference sometimes.
- This also applies to game and slam bidding. If partner opens 1NT and you have a four-card major with at least invitational values, bid Stayman. Plus 620 and plus 630 are the same at IMPs.
- Do not stretch to bid slams. Bid slams only when they have at least 75% probability of success.
- Do not stretch to bid slams. Oh, is this a repeat? Well, good. The point needs extra emphasis.
- You have partners at the other table. Don’t make a risky bid or play because you think you are down in a match.
- Once, in a seven-board match, we bid a slam down two vulnerable for minus 200, bid 3NT with a combined 21 high-card points after a bidding misunderstanding — which my partner played well for down one and minus 100 — and doubled them in ♦, making five for minus 990. We thought we were slaughtered. Wrong. We won IMPs on all three boards and blitzed the other team.

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

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

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

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

Steven Gaynor is an Emerald Life Master who lives in Minneapolis MN. He is a member of the national Charity and Goodwill committees.

NABC results by email/text

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

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

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Be Scent-sitive!

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

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

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

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

If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed convention card, the partnership may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director. Further, the partnership will receive a $1.6-board matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

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

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

Masterpoint disclaimer

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

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### Tomorrow's Bridge Events

**Friday, July 26, 9 a.m.**

- **1-2** Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor
- **2nd single** Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor
- **2nd** Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor
- **3rd** Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor

**Friday, July 26, 10 a.m.**

- **1-2** Mont-Royal, 4th floor
- **1-2** Outside Belmont 5, 4th floor
- **1-2** Outside Brieza 2, 3rd floor

**Friday, July 26, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.**

- **1-2** Castellana, 3rd floor
- **Round 4** Castellana, 3rd floor
- **Round 4** Castellana, 3rd floor

**Friday, July 26, 1 p.m.**

- **1st single** Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor
- **20** $24

**Friday, July 26, 1 & 7:30 p.m.**

- **1-2 Q** Gracie, 3rd floor
- **1-2 Q** Inside Belmont 4, 4th floor

**Friday, July 26, 3 p.m.**

- **1-2** Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor
- **1-2** Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor
- **1-2** Outside Gracie 4, 3rd floor

**Friday, July 26, 7:30 p.m.**

- **1-2** Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor
- **1-2** Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor
- **1-2** Inside Brieza 2, 3rd floor

**Friday, July 26, 11:30 p.m.**

- **Outside Brieza 2, 3rd floor**
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