



Daily Bulletin



92nd Fall North American Bridge Championships

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Sokolows wins Senior Mixed Pairs

Boosted by a strong first final session, Tobi and David Sokolow of Austin TX won the four-session Senior Mixed Pairs by three-fourths of a board over runners-up Margot Hennings of Annandale VA and Bob Heller of Knoxville TN.

The Sokolows, who qualified 11th in Thursday's opening round, scored 65.71% in the afternoon session on Friday and 58.74% in the evening. Their total with carryover was 1601.56 matchpoints on a 46 top.

In second with 1572.22 were Hennings, who represents District 6 on the ACBL Board of Directors, and Heller, former ACBL president and District 7 director.

For the winners, this is the first open NABC title
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Winners of the Senior Mixed Pairs: Tobi Sokolow and David Sokolow

Rodney, Krauss take 10K Fast Pairs title



David Rodney and Rusty Krauss, winners of the 0-10,000 Fast Pairs

Pairing a strong carryover with two solid sessions in the final, David Rodney and Rusty Krauss won the 0-10,000 Fast Pairs. Rodney, of Fairfax VA, and Krauss, of Vienna VA, scored 55.24% in the first final session and 58.93% in the second to win the four-

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The honorable Becky Rogers



Becky Rogers has been contributing to bridge in many ways for over 60 years. A longtime tournament director, she became the second woman to achieve the rank of national tournament director in 1979. She was the ACBL's director of operations from 1987

to 1991, and general manager of the World Bridge Federation from 1992 to 1999. More recently, she

served on the District 17 board and Las Vegas unit board from 2015 to 2019. Even now, at 80, she's still an active member of the Laws Commission.

Rogers has been an innovator. She helped create the Standard American Yellow Card, and the ACBL's Code of Disciplinary Regulations and she implemented seeding points for the first team trials. She worked to make a bridge a timed event in the days when it wasn't.

"I think she was the one who invented stratification," said Patty Holmes, a longtime tournament director. "It's hard to know how much she's done because she never took credit for

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Rosenthal sets pace in Reisinger

Andrew Rosenthal's squad won 33.5 boards in yesterday's opening round of the Reisinger BAM Teams to lead the 20 semifinalists in today's action. Rosenthal is playing with Aaron Silverstein, Chris Willenken, Jan Jansma, Boye Brogeland and Christian Bakke.

In second, with 31.5 wins yesterday, is Marty Fleisher and company (Joe Grue, Chip Martel, Brad Moss, Geoff Hampson and Eric Greco).

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Euler tapped for TD Award

Melody Euler of Austin TX has been selected as the recipient of the Jean Molnar Award, given annually to an ACBL tournament director to recognize that person as Employee of the Year for ACBL field staff.

The award was presented by Nancy Boyd, ACBL's Director of Tournament Operations, and ACBL Executive Director Joseph Jones.

The Jean Molnar Employee of the Year Award recognizes the field employee who consistently delivers directing expertise, customer service, and professionalism. This award is named for Jean Molnar, a tournament director for more than 20 years who loved bridge, the players, and her co-workers. She consistently delivered outstanding customer service through her technical expertise, her quick and effective response, and her ability to handle all situations professionally and calmly.

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ACBL Executive Director Joseph Jones and Melody Euler.

Pepsi leads Player of the Year race

Jacek "Pepsi" Pszczola is the leading contender for Player of the Year by nearly 100 points as the race enters its final days. After winning both the Spingold and Soloway, reaching the quarterfinal of the Vanderbilt and placing fifth in the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, Pepsi has amassed 684.16 platinum points this year.

The Player of the Year is the person who wins



the most platinum points in a year. Platinum points are awarded primarily in NABC+ events, with small amounts available in limited NABC events.

The top five leaders in the race are all members of the Blass team, the rest of whom have 602.73 points.

Pepsi's competition in the race comes from the two men sitting in sixth and seventh: Vincent Demuy and Ralph Katz. Everyone in the top 11 is a member of one of three teams: Blass, Spector and Nickell. With all three teams in the Reisinger, the other members of the teams don't have a way to catch their leading teammate. Demuy has 590.31 and Katz 580.31.

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Street leads N.A. Swiss

The squad captained by Paul Street leads the field after the opening day of the Keohane North American Swiss Teams. The Street team (Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Thomas Bessis, Frederic Volcker, Cedric Lorenzini and Tom Hanlon) scored 118.01 victory points on Thursday.

Phil Clayton's team scored 107.35 VP in the opening round to begin today's semifinal sessions in second place. Clayton's lineup: Andrew Gumperz, Bill Nutting, Ann Nutting, Alexander Kolesnik and Bob Etter.

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"Come get your wine!"

Win a section top here in San Francisco? Or make the overalls in any event? Stop by the Prize Desk (North Registration) on the bottom level before game time to claim your prize, a bottle of wine (red or white). There are cases and cases of wine left, and the organizers are starting to panic. Do it today! Hours are:

- 8:30–9:45 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
- 6–7:15 p.m.



**ATTENDANCE
through Friday
8879 tables**

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Saturday, December 7 10 am–6 pm World Computer Bridge Championship. (<i>Sierra H, level 5</i>)	TBA	Sunday, December 8 Peter Pender Memorial Vugraph. (<i>outside Yerba Buena 8, Lower Level</i>)
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CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game!
Talks will be held in the SoMa Room, level 2. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

Saturday, Dec. 7 9:15 am Ellen Kent	<i>How to Bid a Minor-Suit Slam</i>
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HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT


Food will be served after the evening session through Saturday, Dec. 7.

Saturday, Dec. 7
Fresh fruit.

Recorder Reminders

Some tips from the ACBL National Recorder:

- The writing on your convention card should be legible.
- Gossiping about another player's poor ethics is a violation of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations. If you have reason to believe that another player is unethical, put your information in a Player Memo.
- Most director rulings are appealable. While you may politely voice disagreement with the ruling to the director, arguing in a hostile manner isn't permissible. In addition, loud discussions of the ruling may provide unauthorized information to the tables around you.
- Carelessly allowing the scores in your convention card to be visible is almost as bad as trying to look at somebody else's scores.
- A Multi 2♦ (showing a weak two-bid in either major) is permitted in segments of at least 6 boards in Open+ Chart events only. When permitted, such a bid must be pre-Alerted, and the ACBL approved defenses must be made available to the opponents.
- When your right-hand opponent makes a bid higher than the minimum level in that strain (a skip bid), you are obligated to pause for approximately 10 seconds. Failure to do so may constitute unauthorized information and could result in an adjusted score.




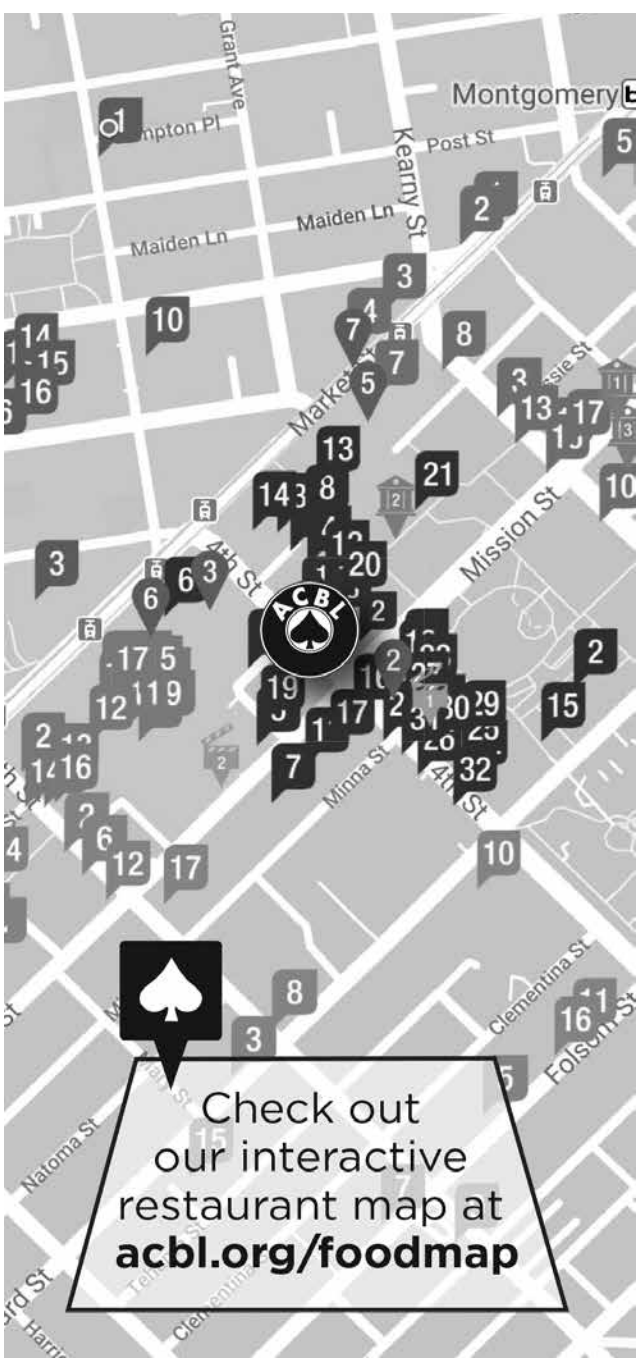
Bridge Bucks and check cashing

Bridge Bucks and check-cashing services will be available on level B2 from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.

Check-cashing limit is \$500.

Players may purchase Bridge Bucks using all major credit cards.





Check out our interactive restaurant map at acbl.org/foodmap

Parking

Parking is difficult in San Francisco. The Marriott offers valet parking only, for \$79.99 a day. There is a municipal parking garage on Mission between Fourth and Fifth streets. Rates are \$3/hour, with a \$34 daily maximum.

A bridge partnership in 2020: Columbus and Gatlinburg

Citing their close proximity on the map and on the calendar, organizers for the Columbus NABC (Mar. 19-29) and the Gatlinburg Regional (Apr. 20-26) have teamed up to entice players to attend both events next year.

The local host committees for in Columbus and Gatlinburg – the largest regional in the ACBL – believe they have a successful formula not only to increase player enjoyment at these events but also increase overall attendance.

Players who participate in at least five events at the Columbus NABC and the Gatlinburg Regional will be eligible for two special raffles – one for players with less than 750 MPs and one for players with more. A first-, second- and third-place award will be made worth \$400, \$200 and \$100 to a player in each of these categories at the conclusion of the Gatlinburg tournament with winners notified by email.

Next, three separate, random drawings will be made at the conclusion of the Columbus NABC awarding a week's free stay at one of the host hotels in Gatlinburg. The more you play, the more chances you have to win the free week.

Also, a separate raffle for an attractions pass for two will be made at the conclusion of the Columbus NABC. This pass entitles the winner to visit all attractions in Gatlinburg (valued at \$1200 and offered by the Gatlinburg Visitor and Convention Bureau).

Additional raffles are being planned for the Columbus NABC, and special events will be held for District 7 players in Columbus.

Age requirement for Senior events

You must at least 60 years old to play in ACBL Senior events through 2019.

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JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Take All Your Chances

By **Eddie Kantar**

North (Dummy)

Dlr: South ♠ 10 5
Vul: N-S ♥ A 10 9 8
IMPs ♦ 10 8 4
♣ K J 10 9

South (You)

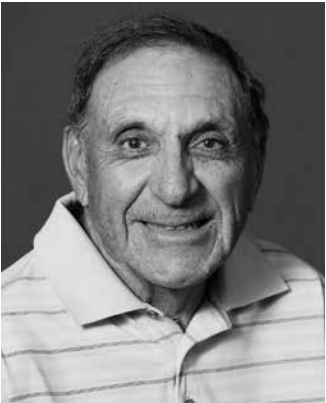
♠ Q J 8
♥ K Q J
♦ A K 9 7 3
♣ Q 4

You open 1♦, West overcalls 1♠, partner makes a negative double, you leap to 2NT showing 18-19 HCP, bidding as if partner had responded 1♥. Partner raises to 3NT.

West leads the ♠7. Which spade do you play from dummy, or is it a trick question and it doesn't matter? Plan the play.

It is not a trick question and it matters. The rule of 11 tells you that East has no spade higher than the 7, so play the 10 from dummy, as you may need two dummy entries to work with the diamonds. Patience.

After winning the opening lead, you have seven sure tricks. If you knew spades were 4-4, you could drive out the ♠A and be done with it.



However, spades are not 4-4. For his overcall, West figures to have five or six spades, and if you even think of touching a club, someone will grab the ace followed by spades, spades and more spades. No, you can't mess with clubs, it has to be diamonds, diamonds, diamonds, and you can't afford to lose a diamond trick. This is getting a bit hairy. The best play in diamonds to avoid a loser is to play East for both honors. At trick two, run the ♦10. Assuming the 10 wins, lead the ♦8. If this is covered, win the king and if West discards, cash four heart tricks and repeat the diamond finesse for 10 tricks. The full deal:

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

You have just brought in a 25% game needing two missing honors to be in the same hand, one of two finesses. However, 25% is better than 0% which is what you have if you attack clubs, or something like 6% if you play the ♦A hoping to snatch a singleton honor from West followed by four heart winners followed by running the ♦10 finessing East for the other honor. Notrump play often revolves around the number of tricks the opponents can take once they get in. If you can afford to give up the lead to set up extra

needed tricks (driving out the ♠A), do it! If you can't afford to give up the lead, you may have to take a risky finesse or two in a suit or suits in which you have the ace. Play to make and good luck – you are going to need it!



Amy Hsieh, left, of Atherton CA is the wife of 1983 King of Bridge Billy Hsieh. She takes lessons at the club in Palo Alto. She was playing Friday in the 99er Pairs with her aunt Gene Young, 89, of New York, who plays at Honors Bridge Club. "We were together in New York for Thanksgiving," Hsieh said. "We said, 'Aunt Gene, why don't you come back with us?'" It was their first time playing together in a duplicate game. "I love bridge," Hsieh said. "I'm always trying to get better. It's so stratified here. There's more people at our level."



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DANCE PLAY PAINT



Winners of the 2018 NABC+ Mixed Swiss: Richard Rimeijer, Ida Groenkvist, Magdalena Ticha, Alison Wilson, Kent Mignocchi.

NABC+ Mixed Swiss starts today

The NABC+ Mixed Swiss Teams, which made its debut in 2015, starts today. The event, which qualifies winners for Grand Life Master, pays platinum points for overall placements. It's a two-day affair consisting of two qualifying sessions and two final sessions.

2015 Kerri Sanborn, Steve Sanborn, Sylvia Shi, Steve Robinson

2016 Vinita Gupta, Billy Miller, Sandra Rimstedt, Zia Mahmood, Fredrik Nystrom, Anam Tebha

2017 Valentin Kovachev, Lynne Rosenbaum, Ahu Zobu, Viktor Aronov

2018 Alison Wilson, Kent Mignocchi, Magdalena Ticha, Richard Ritmeijer, Ida Groenkvist

Vendors

Players are invited to check out the vendors on the bottom level of the Marriott. Whether you're in the market for bridge-related books, software, dealing machines, jewelry or clothing, you'll find it there.

Senior Mixed

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Second in the Senior Mixed Pairs: Bob Heller and Margot Hennings

for David, who previously won the 0-6000 Mini-Spingold KO Teams, but the 20th win for Tobi, all women's team and pairs contests, except for the 2002 von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs. The couple, who met at the 1988 Summer NABC in Salt Lake City, do not play together frequently. Indeed, their last time playing together at an NABC was in 2008. "I owe it all to Tobi," David said of yesterday's win. "She's a fabulous teacher."

NA Swiss

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Third place is occupied by the Chinese squad of Jun Zhang, Yizhuo Zhang, Jiashen Yin, Yanhui Sun, Yichao Chen and Junjie Hu.

Reisinger

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Four squads are tied for 3rd/6th: Josef Blass npc, Connie Goldberg, Eugene Hung and Team Lavazza.

THURSDAY ZIP KO

9 Tables		
3.55	1	Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Joseph Lieberman, Brooklyn NY; Arjun Dhir, Johns Creek GA
2.49	2	William Bartley - Patrick Chen - Ruth Ng, San Diego CA; John Howard, La Mesa CA
1.42	3/4	Brooke Cohen - Robert Barrington, New York NY; Raluca Dobrescu - Radu Nistor, Woodside NY
1.42	3/4	Allison L Cappelletti - Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Angelina Christie, New Orleans LA; Neil Goldstein, New York NY

THURSDAY-FRIDAY MORNING COMPACT KO


10 Tables		
11.58	1	Christian Gilles - James Bechtel - Randy Franciose - Suzee Grant, Santa Barbara CA
8.11	2	June White, Hillsborough CA; Mie Thiemmedh, San Bruno CA; Robert Crosby, San Mateo CA; Edie Wong, San Francisco CA
5.21	3	Alfred Lee, Foster City CA; Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Sasakatoon SK; Cliff Campbell, Thunder Bay ON
4.05	4	Farley Mawyer, Port Chester NY; O. Gordon Lien III, Augusta GA; Shirley Liss, Fairbanks AK; Teresa Martin, Bathurst Australia

FRIDAY-SATURDAY MORNING COMPACT KO


13 Tables		
Michael Lynch, Edwards CO; Bill Multack, Miami Beach FL; Jacqueline Hurlbutt - Karen Johnson, Scottsdale AZ		
vs		
Kathleen Young - Donna Barker - Christine Evans, Walnut Creek CA; Carolynn Zocchi, Petaluma CA		
Shawn Cantlin, Tracy CA; Carla Francis, Castro Valley CA; Linda Decquir, Wildomar CA; Nancy Raznick, San Francisco CA		
vs		
Peter Clay - Kathleen Clay, Wellesley MA; Paul Harris, Waltham MA; Barbara Wilson, Sudbury MA		

Player Memos


Many ways to file:



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



Use your own computer.
acbl.org/player-memo



Use your smart phone.
Scan the QR code above.

Claiming lost valuables

Players who may have forgotten their credit cards at one of the bars or restaurants in the Marriott should claim them at the front desk of the hotel.

Lost something else of value? Visit the Welcome Desk on the lower level (typically open one hour before game time).

QUALIFIERS IN THE KEHOANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS

48 Tables / Based on 94 Tables		Carryover
1	Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L’Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland	89.14
2	Phil Clayton, Frisco TX; Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA; Bill Nutting - Ann Nutting, Stockton CA; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Bob Etter, Elk Grove CA	81.08
3	Jun Zhang - Yizhuo Zhang - Jiashen Yin, Beijing China; Yanhui Sun, China; Yichao Chen - Junjie Hu, Shanghai China	80.99
4	Sibraud Van Oosten, Leiden Germany; Maximilian Stepper - Lauritz Streck, Berlin Germany; Florian Alter, Leipzig Germany	79.12
5	Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland	78.61
6	Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London England; Dror Padon - Alon Birman, Tel Aviv Israel; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Louk Verhees Jr., Voorhout Netherlands	78.03
7	Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Barnet Shenkin, Hallandale Beach FL; Nils Kvangraven, Kristiansand Norway; Terje Lie, Vestfold Norway	77.76
8	Jim Liu, Saratoga CA; Peter Sun, San Jose CA; Jun Shi, Palo Alto CA; Ethan Liu, Fremont CA; Jason Ji, Kendall Park NJ	76.97
9	Alison Wilson, New York NY; Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Luc Tijssen - Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Guy Mendes De Leon, Amsterdam Netherlands	76.78
10	Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sadik Arf, Saratoga CA; Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw Poland; Jacek Romanski, Lublin Poland	76.21
11	Bruce Lang, West Palm Beach FL; Corey Krantz, Delray Beach FL; Saul Gross, Miami Beach FL; Juan Castillo, Fort Lauderdale FL	75.77
12	Gordon McOrmond - Bryan Maksymetz - Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Robert Lebi, Toronto ON	75.06
13/14	Wei Tian, China; Xin Li, Guangdong China; Sun Xudong, Shanghai China; Nongyu Li, Palo Alto CA; Ming Sheng, Northbrook IL	74.16
13/14	Mike Levine, Boca Raton FL; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV	74.16
15	Jerome Rombaut, Hem France; Hilda Setton, Italy; Pierre Franceschetti, Paris France; Nicholas Lhuissier, Rueil Malmaison France; Quentin Robert, Paris France; Julien Bernard, Le Vesinet France	73.87
16	Randy Okubo, St. Paul MN; Mark Krusemeyer, Northfield MN; Ben Tucker, Vashon WA; Robert Bell, New Providence NJ	73.66
17	Erez Hendelman - Samuel Amer, New York NY; Dan Israeli - Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel; Aran Warszawski, Rehovot Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel	73.08
18	Robert Munson, Danville CA; Bruce Tuttle, Berkeley CA; Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA; Mark Moss, Piedmont CA	70.68
19	Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL; Jim Munday, Southaven MS; Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	70.45
20	Tom Kniest, Brentwood MO; Richard Oshlag, Memphis TN; Stephen Stewart, Overland Park KS; Brad Carmichael, Shawnee KS	70.12
21	Michael Shuster, Collegeville PA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA; Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA	69.41
22	Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY; Barry Rigal, New York NY; Glenn Milgrim, Ransomville NY; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA	69.37
23	Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Karen McCallum, Exeter NH; Maxim Siline - Xiaoqian Liu, Hudson MA; Pamela Miller - James Rasmussen, Cambridge MA	69.04
24	Mel Colchamiro, Merrick NY; Charles Sharf, North Baldwin NY; Dori Cohen - Rob Gordon, Woodbury NY	68.96
25	Gene Simpson - Laura Kenney, San Rafael CA; Tahir Gokcen, Mountain View CA; Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA	68.49
26	Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Riki Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Will Engel, Rockford IL; Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	68.18
27	Junko Hemus, Las Vegas NV; Sherman Gao, Brea CA; Somers Collins, Little Rock AR; Bo Liu, Irvine CA; Wenjia Yan, Cerritos CA	67.84
28	Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ; Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands; Frank Bakkeren, Lg Oisterwijk Netherlands; Alan Watson, Lexington MA	67.36
29	Bing Zhao - YiYi Chen - HanXiao Li - Bo Fu, Shanghai People’s Republic of China; Shuai Lan, Los Angeles CA; Xiuting Yu, Beijing People’s Republic of China	67.30
30	John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Magdalena Ticha - Richard Ritmeijer, Zwolle Netherlands; Drew Casen, Henderson NV; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL	66.94
31	Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA; Billy Cohen - Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA	66.27
32	Kevin Collins, Dunwoody GA; Patricia Tucker - Samuel Marks, Atlanta GA; Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC; Allen Hawkins Jr., Birmingham AL; Bernard Yomtov, Cambridge MA	66.10
33	Joyce Hill, St. Augustine FL; Kevin Dwyer - Shan Huang, Melbourne FL; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Justin Lall, Little Elm TX	66.08
34	Tom Trachuk, Walnut Creek CA; Nick Bykov, Stockton CA; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; James Tritt, Orange CA	66.05
35	Hemant Lall, Carrollton TX; Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Zia Mahmood, New York NY; David Gold, London England; Marc Bompis, Bourg La Reine France; Michel Abecassis, Paris France	65.89
36	Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Richard Coren - Jerry Stamatov - Diyan Danailov, Boca Raton FL; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON	64.44
37	Huub Bertens - Curtis Cheek - Linda Lewis - Paul Lewis, Las Vegas NV; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, New York NY	64.28
38	Finn Kolesnik, Ventura CA; Bo Han Zhu, Ukiah CA; Cristal Nell, Seattle WA; John Ramos, Los Angeles CA	63.77
39	Bob Enenstein, Los Altos CA; Richard Spitalnick, Sunnyvale CA; Clark Millikan, Santa Clara CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA; Arif Janjua, Saratoga CA	63.70
40	Raymond Yuenger, Campbell CA; Melanie Kakalec - Mansoor Gowani, San Jose CA; William McFall, New Berlin WI	63.47
41	Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Peter Gill, Sydney Australia	63.34
42	Edward Barlow, Sunnyvale CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	63.33

43	Sheng Li, New York NY; Jian Wang, Hopatcong NJ; Pat Galligan, San Mateo CA; Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA	62.50
44	Carlos Pellegrini - Alexis Pejacevich, Buenos Aires Argentina; Gonzalo Rubio, Santiago Chile; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Matthew Brown, Pokeno New Zealand; Hansa Narasimhan, Mountain View CA	62.25
45	Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Heights IL; Rose Meltzer, Chapel Hill NC; Arthur Wasik - Andrzej Knap, Madrid Spain; Piotr Wiankowski, Gdansk Poland; Piotr Nawrocki, Warsaw Poland	62.09
46	Sylvia Moss - Bruce Rogoff, Boca Raton FL; Eldad Ginossar, Chicago IL; Ishmael Del’Monte, Las Vegas NV; Alexander Ornstein, New York NY	61.72
47	Lindsey Weinger, Delray Beach FL; Maria Tsoukalas, Las Vegas NV; Marius Agica, Bucharest Romania; Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA	61.42
48	Daniel Lev - Peter Trenka - Michael Radin, New York NY; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY; Bulent Kaytaz - Tezcan Sen, Istanbul Turkey	61.23

SENIOR MIXED PAIRS

47.0 Tables / Based on 94 Tables		
80.00	1	Tobi Sokolow - David Sokolow, Austin TX 1601.56
60.00	2	Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; Bob Heller, Knoxville TN 1572.22
45.00	3	Michael Wolf - Bella Ionis-Sorren, Fort Lauderdale FL 1503.49
35.56	4	Alexander Allen, Annandale NJ; Donna Dulet, Ocean NJ 1502.23
32.00	5	Bruce Luttrell - Barbara Luttrell, San Jose CA 1493.59
29.09	6	Daniel Rubinfeld, Berkeley CA; Judi Radin, New York NY 1460.25
26.67	7	Diane Travis, Cincinnati OH; Frank Treiber III, Toledo OH 1449.20
24.62	8	Michael Kelley - Martina Kelley, Lake Zurich IL 1440.92
22.86	9	Helene Bauman, Las Vegas NV; Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA 1432.64
21.33	10	Edward Frymoyer, Bainbridge Isle WA; Sarita Mathiasen, Albany CA 1427.32
20.00	11	David Gambelin, San Jose CA; Diane Shannon, Campbell CA 1399.39
18.82	12	Debbie Gailfus - Alan Gailfus, Carlsbad CA 1393.15
17.78	13	Bill Halliday - Kathie Macnab, Halifax NS 1390.63
16.84	14	Pamela Nisbet, Kanata ON; Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX 1381.29
16.00	15	Solbritt Lindahl, Evenskjer Norway; Geir Engebretsen, Valderoy Norway 1377.14
15.24	16	Susan Stubinski - Bruce Wick, Houston TX 1368.96
14.55	17	Bette Strauch - John Strauch, San Diego CA 1368.82
13.91	18	Ron Ashbacher, St. Louis MO; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA 1365.56
13.33	19	Lawrence Lau, Westport CT; Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY 1364.49
12.80	20	Felicity Moore - William Kass, Albuquerque NM 1363.78
12.31	21	Sidney Lorvan, Pacifica CA; Audrey Rennels, Laguna Woods CA 1358.44
14.34	22	Markland Jones, Phoenix AZ; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL 1357.74
11.43	23	Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Judy Pede, Grass Valley CA 1354.98
11.03	24	Bill Irvine, Delray Beach FL; Ellie Hanlon, Tequesta FL 1352.99
10.67	25	Jeremy Willans - Jill Skinner, Ticehurst Wad UK 1344.01
10.32	26	Sandrea Friedman, Flushing NY; Michael Rosen, New York NY 1343.39
10.04	27	Michael Edwards, Rock Island IL; Cookie Hoberman, Omaha NE 1342.93
9.70	28	Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC; Ben Takemori, Burnaby BC 1342.18
9.41	29	Bryan Storey, Frisco TX; Nancy Passell, Plano TX 1336.68
9.14	30	Phyllis Rakevich, Yuma AZ; Ronald Woodard, Palm Springs CA 1331.01
8.89	31	Patricia Griffin, San Rafael CA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA 1328.04
8.65	32	Sylvie Willard, Paris France; Francisco Bernal, Miami FL 1324.18
8.42	33	Mary Tenenbaum - Alan Tenenbaum, Rockville MD 1324.07
8.21	34	Linda Robinson - Eric Schwartz, Arlington MA 1321.02
8.46	35	Veronica McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA 1319.93
7.95	36	Mindy Foos - Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA 1313.97
7.62	37	Barbara Heller - Don Laycock, Knoxville TN 1308.19
7.44	38	Marolyn Imaoka, San Jose CA; Fred Chasalow, Belmont CA 1296.59
7.27	39	Kate Hill, Santa Rosa CA; Robert Perlsweig, Pacific Palisades CA 1294.80
7.11	40	Karen Turner - Duncan Smith, Victoria BC 1289.02
6.96	41	Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL; Cheri Bjerkman, Elmhurst IL 1286.73
6.81	42	Tom Jacobson, Fairfield CA; Panette Talia, Kelseyville CA 1277.95
7.75	43	Joan Jackson - Norman Beck, Dallas TX 1273.51
6.53	44	Abe Pineles, Palm Desert CA; Pam Wittes, Venice CA 1269.59
6.40	45	Nancy Lowry, Virginia Beach VA; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA 1267.69
8.81	46	Herman Louie - Ming Louie, Henderson NV 1264.74
6.15	47	C. Valerie Gamio, Palos Verdes Peninsula CA; Pablo Lambardi, Buenos Aires Argentina 1262.83

NABC 0–10,000 FAST PAIRS

18.0 Tables / Based on 28 Tables		
48.00	1	David Rodney, Fairfax VA; Rusty Krauss, Vienna VA 546.60
36.00	2	Li Yiting, Herndon VA; Laura Dekkers, Rotterdam Netherlands 534.91
27.00	3	Peter Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark 531.97
21.33	4	Aaron Jones, North Bethesda MD; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA 526.42
19.20	5	Dori Byrnes, Morris Plains NJ; Joan Brody, Livingston NJ 518.58
17.45	6	David Gurvich - Rachael Moller, New York NY 515.28
16.00	7	Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Mark McCarthy, San Francisco CA 511.81
14.77	8	Len Vishnevsky - Jo Ginsberg, San Francisco CA 505.89
13.71	9	William Samuels, Lafayette CA; Robert Zeckhauser, South Orange NJ 490.74
12.80	10	Christina Madsen, Hellerup Denmark; H. Hunt, Kiawah Island SC 489.22
15.15	11	Hua Yang - Yan Song, Plano TX 488.09
11.29	12	Corey Cole, Oakhurst CA; Robert Law, Tigard OR 484.85
10.67	13	Deborah Murphy, San Francisco CA; Lawrence Lerner, Warren NJ 481.07
10.11	14	Peter Manzon, Waltham MA; Robert Bertoni, Haverhill MA 480.14

10K Fast Pairs

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Second in the 0-10,000 Fast Pairs: Laura Dekkers and Li Yiting.

session contest by almost one board. Their total with carryover was 546.13 matchpoints (17 top). In second with 533.97 was Li Yiting of Herndon VA and Laura Dekkers of Rotterdam, Netherlands. Li and Dekkers were leading the contest after Thursday’s qualifying round, but Rodney and Krauss, who were second, overtook them in the final. Rodney and Krauss have previously won another 10K event playing as a partnership: the 0-10,000 Pairs in 2016.

Molnar Award

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Euler, who began directing in 2012, has risen quickly through the TD staff, and was recently promoted to the rank of Associate National Director. Among her many other tournament assignments, Euler serves as the assistant director-in-charge at the Summer NABC. Among the fellow staff members who nominated Euler for the award was Charles MacCracken of Memphis: “Melody is a relatively new tournament director, but people know her from places far from Texas. She is in great demand as a DiC and as a staff member. Melody works hard, is pleasant and always willing to help people. She was AIC of Las Vegas and did an excellent job managing a staff of more than 50 TDs, even though the largest staff she previously had was three.” TD Rick Beye of St. Louis said, “Melody is very good as a TD now, but will be even better. She can do anything, and when she’s assigned to a job, she always shows up completely prepared.” TD Scott Humphrey of Pflugerville TX said, “When I nominated Melody last year, not so many directors knew how good she is. Now that she has served as Assistant in Charge of our Las Vegas NABC, she is no longer the best kept secret in the ACBL. “When Melody worked her first tournament in the summer of 2012, she was anxious to learn as much as she could about tournament directing. She caught on quickly and always wanted to learn more. After about three or four years, I felt like I taught Melody everything I knew. Now, I learn from her. “I have hired Melody to work with me many times over the years. Whenever she is on staff, I get many compliments on how well the tournament is being run and how much fun the players are having. Melody is a key reason as to why the players react that way. “About two years ago, I played at a tournament in which Melody was directing, and I got a new and fresh perspective of her directing abilities. Melody keeps the game moving, and she interacts with the players in a friendly manner. If she is called to the table, she shows a great command of the laws and makes fair rulings. At the same time, she stays firmly in control, yet remains very respectful toward the players. She is a shining example of excellent customer service.”

Masterpoint disclaimer

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Smoking Policy

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

THURSDAY-FRIDAY DAYLIGHT KO 1			
9 Tables			
28.87	1	Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Lynne Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL; Ahu Zobu, Tarabya Istanbu Turkey; Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria	
20.21	2	Scott Hiller, Naples FL; Wayne Gorski, Mission Viejo CA; Alfred Tuckman, Laguna Woods CA; Sharon Christenson, Sun City AZ	
11.55	3/4	Evan Marti, Houston TX; Philip Duterme, Bellaire TX; Lily Andre - James Andre, Mercer Island WA	
11.55	3/4	Paula Nataf, Beverly Hills CA; Pascale Thuillez - Laurent Thuillez - Anna Tartarin, Villiers St. Frederic France; Romain Tembouret, Asnia`res France	

THURSDAY-FRIDAY DAYLIGHT KO 2			
15 Tables			
22.06	1	Steve Chen - Sarah Chen - Charlie Chen - Andrew Chen, San Jose CA	
15.44	2	Nathalie Tabor, Brookline MA; Bart Bussink, Cambridge MA; Barbara McLagan, Sarasota FL; Chuck Greenslit, Framingham MA	
8.82	3/4	Loring Harkness III, Kilauea HI; Randy Jones, Los Altos CA; John Tippet, Fort Collins CO; Janice Nakao, San Mateo CA	
8.82	3/4	Jan Loftin - William Smith - Kathy Carmichael - John Carmichael, Lincoln NE	

THURSDAY-FRIDAY DAYLIGHT KO 3			
14 Tables			
15.08	1	William Fleming - Martha Potter - Jim Stickman, Seattle WA; William Etnyre, Salt Lake City UT	
10.56	2	Art Quey - Kal Aziz, San Mateo CA; Patricia Wong, Foster City CA; Bob Johnson, Burlingame CA	
6.03	3/4	Brenda Griffiths - Doug Darnley, Pickering ON; Cindy Scheinfeld - Jill Jacobs, New York NY	
6.03	3/4	Patrick Staley - Brian Castle, San Diego CA; Linda Atkinson, Encinitas CA; Ramey Farah, La Jolla CA	

THURSDAY-FRIDAY DAYLIGHT KO 4			
16 Tables			
12.50	1	David Silberman - Norman Bregman - Rajani Chandrasekar - Don Garka, Livermore CA	
8.75	2	Barbara Boyle - Siesel Maibach, San Francisco CA; Ronald Hutton, Oakland CA; Arne Wagner, Piedmont CA	
5.00	3/4	Robert Horowitz, Los Altos CA; Minoru Tomijima, Menlo Park CA; Carol Swenson - Jenny Blaschke, Stanford CA	
5.00	3/4	William Bushnell, Sunnyvale CA; James Hlavka, Los Altos CA; Virginia Dare, Woodside CA; Dianne Giancarlo, Atherton CA	

20 Tables / Based on 42 Tables		QUALIFIERS IN THE REISINGER BAM	Carryover
1	Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein - Chris Willenken - Jan Jansma, New York NY; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway		14.36
2	Martin Fleisher - Joe Grue, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Eric Greco, Northville MI		13.50
3/6	Josef Blass - Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland; Sjoert Brink - Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland		13.07
3/6	Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore Singapore; Fu Zhong - Jie Li, Beijing People’s Republic of China; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Faeroe Islands; Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland		13.07
3/6	Eugene Hung, Sunnyvale CA; Howard Liu, San Lorenzo CA; Dana Berkowitz, New York NY; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ		13.07
3/6	Lavazza: Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Dennis Bilde, Copenhagen Denmark; Philippe Cronier, Paris France; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy		13.07
7	Juan Carlos Ventin (npc), Barcelona Spain; Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil		12.86
8/10	Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack - Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Fredrik Nystrom - Johan Upmark, Stockholm Sweden; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA		12.43
8/10	Howard Weinstein, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; Liam Milne, Sydney Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia		12.43
8/10	Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy; Giovanni Donati, Italy; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt		12.43
11/12	Nick Nickell, New York NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Steve Weinstein, Montclair NJ		12.21
11/12	Kevin Castner, Mercer Island WA; Phillip King, Harrow UK; Christophe Grosset, Issy-Les-Moulin France; Olivier Giard, Toulouse France		12.21
13/15	Bid 72: Jan Van Cleeff, The Hague Netherlands; Matthias Felmy, Oldenburg Germany; Iain Sime, Edinburgh Scotland; Marina Wilvliet, Den Haag Netherlands		12.00
13/15	Peter Crouch, Surrey England; Simon Cope, Hertfordshire UK; Espen Erichsen, Tunbridge Wells UK; Fredrik Helness, Oslo Norway		12.00
13/15	Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Franco Baseggio, New York NY; John Lusky, Portland OR; Allan Falk, Okemos MI		12.00
16	James Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria, Rome Italy; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Massimiliano Di Franco, Italy		11.79
17	Shireen Mohandes - Andy Bowles - Malcolm Pryor, London England; Karen Pryor, Ipswich England		11.57
18	John McAllister, Keswick VA; Jovanka Smederevac - Alexander Wernle, Vienna Austria; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA		11.46
19/20	Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland; Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Poznan Poland; Bartosz Chmurski, Lomianky Poland; Piotr Tuczynski, Poznan Poland		11.36
19/20	Naren Gupta, Woodside CA; Debbie Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden		11.36

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Bridge trumps all: Games designed for all levels of competition extend from morning until well past midnight. Lessons and speaker presentations offer newcomers and intermediate players an opportunity to learn from the game’s best teachers and players.

Away from the table, Columbus beckons, with an abundance of unique dining, shopping and cultural destinations.

North Market, located steps away from the convention center, houses more than 30 restaurants, snack stops and coffee shops. From Indian to Polish to Vietnamese, it’s all here. Juicy fried chicken with a cayenne kick? Yes. Seasonal vegetables by the scoop? Yes. Himalayan dumplings? You bet!

Seventeen lighted arches welcome you to the **Short North Arts District**, “the art and soul of Columbus.” Very close to downtown, the neighborhood is home to more than 300 upscale restaurants, eateries, pubs, shops and galleries.

Just south of downtown is the **German Village**. Settled in the mid-1860s, the neighborhood offers a taste of the old country: German restaurants, confectionaries and coffee shops line cobblestone streets.

Tucked away in the German Village is **The Book Loft**. A house converted to a shop, this reader’s paradise contains 32 rooms. Bargain prices, posters, CDs and DVDs – what’s not to love about this one-of-a-kind bookstore?

The **Ohio Theatre**, the “official theatre of the state of Ohio,” is a historic 1928 movie palace. The Spanish baroque theater was saved from demolition in 1969 and is now a National Historic Landmark. Restored to its original appearance, the stage and backstage areas have been modernized. The performing arts center is home to the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden is home to the largest collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly. Seasonal exhibitions rotate year-round. The brand-new Scott’s Miracle-Gro Children’s Garden should not be missed if you have the kids with you.



UNIT 512 WINE COUNTRY FRIDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS					
15.0 Tables	A	B	C		
5.42	1			Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; Will Engel, Rockford IL	64.39%
4.77	2	1		Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA	62.69%
3.58	3	2		Robert Webster, Ripon WI; Charles Dahlke, Oshkosh WI	59.66%
2.93	4	3	1	Robert Garin, San Diego CA; Bobbi Le Feuvre, Van Nuys CA	59.28%
1.71	5			Robert Hendricks, Virginia Beach VA; Lynnette Regan, Norfolk VA	56.82%
2.01	6	4		Deborah Wojtowicz - Kevin Schoenfeld, Pleasanton CA	55.11%
2.20		5	2	Bob Sommerhalder - Sheila Kaye, Victoria BC	54.36%
1.65		6	3	Karen Perling - Merrel Olesen, La Jolla CA	54.07%
1.28			4	Andy Scott, San Jose CA; Irene Hashfield, Los Altos CA	46.40%

UNIT 498 SAN MATEO FRIDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS					
18.0 Tables	A	B	C		
4.20	1	1		Behnaz Taidi, Mountain View CA; Jerry Machle, Los Altos CA	59.52%
3.15	2	2		Kenneth Luskey - Ken Wirt, Saratoga CA	58.04%
2.07	3/4	3/4		Mimi Clarke – P. Perring, Tiburon CA	57.74%
2.07	3/4	3/4		Anne Baxter, Hillsborough CA; Karen Wisialowski, San Francisco CA	57.74%
1.33	5	5		Carina Cassim - Margaret Matin, Portland OR	56.55%
1.25	6	6		Chuck Shively - Gretchen Shively, Seattle WA	56.25%
2.40			1	Lynne Crawford - Marilynne Solloway, San Francisco CA	55.65%
1.58			2/3	Bill Ralston, Los Altos Hills CA; Kathleen Danforth, Los Altos CA	54.76%
1.58			2/3	Nathan Roundy - Lynn Lively, Walnut Creek CA	54.76%
1.01			4	Timothy Byrnes, Perpigna France; Joe Huddleston, Peoria AZ	53.27%
0.76			5	Marilyn Press, Menlo Park CA; Clive Surfleet, Los Altos CA	52.08%

UNIT 498 SAN MATEO FRIDAY MORNING 99ER PAIRS					
8.0 Tables	D	E	F		
2.40	1	1		Judy Seropan - Kathleene Paul, San Francisco CA	62.54%
1.80	2	2		Myrl Dunker, Emerald Hills CA; Tomie Sera, Sunnyvale CA	58.67%
1.35	3			Malgorzata Koziol, Las Vegas NV; Allan McAllister, Oakland CA	57.40%
1.05	4	3		John Stremel, San Jose CA; Carl Ebeling, Redwood City CA	54.42%
0.76	5			Dennis Jackson - Suzy Jackson, Hillsborough CA	53.91%
1.41		4	1	William Moorhouse, Tiburon CA; Edward Nicolaus, San Francisco CA	53.73%
1.06			2	Lucy Ballard, Redwood City CA; Tina Maltbaek, Mountain View CA	51.55%

UNIT 498 SAN MATEO FRIDAY MORNING NEWCOMERS PAIRS					
6.5 Tables	G	H	I		
1.81	1	1		Archana Rathnakar - Rajiv Bajaj, Saratoga CA	68.00%
1.36	2	2		Wally Manheimer - Eileen Manheimer, Allendale NJ	60.40%
1.02	3	3		Mary Westin, Lodi CA; Mikki Kindelberger, Stockton CA	57.33%
0.76	4			Sue Burish - Jennie Schacht, Oakland CA	55.70%
0.65	5	4		Mary Quinn, Reno NV; Terry Quinn, Las Vegas NV	53.42%

FRIDAY DAYLIGHT GOLD RUSH PAIRS					
71.0 Tables					
17.22	7	3	2	Carol Schwerer - Cornelius Duffie, Palo Alto CA	68.38%
12.92	1			John Bowman, Placerville CA; Alvin Farrar, El Dorado CA	61.79%
9.69	2			Ken Pelowski - Lori Mirek, Atherton CA	60.63%
7.26	3	1		Alan Woodberry - David Ehlers, Orinda CA	60.17%
5.74	4	2		Roberta Francis, Wellesley MA; Emily Francis, San Francisco CA	59.16%
4.92	5			Andrea Ventris, Tiburon CA; Julian Standen, San Francisco CA	59.11%
4.31	6			Lorelei Greenfield, Hillsborough CA; Janelle Van Rensselaer, Burlingame CA	58.75%
3.83	7			William Eads - Cynthia Benton, Fort Worth TX	58.55%
3.88	8			Paul Schnarr - Diane Schnarr, Salt Lake City UT	58.47%
3.13	9	3	1	Daryl Prouty - John Schroeder, Placerville CA	57.95%
3.36	10			Mark Rappaport - Larisa Rappaport, Beverly Hills CA	57.76%
2.91	11			Chris Larkin, Plantation FL; Michael Sasso, Oakland CA	57.63%
2.46	12	4		Edward Lechner, Altadena CA; Stacie Bowman, Sunnyvale CA	56.78%
2.30	13			Barbara Nelson, McMinnville OR; Benson Mitchell, Newberg OR	56.20%
2.30	14			Chuck Reppas, Leavenworth WA; Kit Morse, San Mateo CA	56.18%
2.03	15	5		Mike Wyman, Alameda CA; Sandra Erickson, Monte Sereno CA	55.85%
1.91	16	6		Bette Hirsch, Palo Alto CA; Gloria Fields, Fort Worth TX	55.83%
1.81	17			Joann Goodspeed, New York NY; Ann Roe, Austin TX	55.62%
1.72	18			Chatarina Andersson, Kungälv Sweden; Paul Mohler, Arlington VA	55.20%
2.31	19			Lili Bassett - Amy Hansell, Piedmont CA	55.17%
2.20	20			Joel Reimnitz - Charlene Reimnitz, Pacific Grove CA	54.89%
1.72	21			Chris Chung - Leah Khayter, Belmont CA	54.79%
2.32	22	7		Peter Krag, San Francisco CA; David Gelles, West Richland WA	54.78%
1.38	23	8		Forrest Bottomley, Lafayette CA; Craig Smith, Luzern Switzerland	54.75%
1.61	24	9		Michele Burton, San Francisco CA; Suzie Davis, Sonoma CA	54.73%
1.95	25			Kathryn MacIsaac - Helen Prowse, Halifax NS	54.49%
1.62	26			Jim Brown - Diane Jones, Pinehurst NC	54.20%
1.19	27	10	2	Thomas Busch, West Lafayette IN; Tony Mason, Oakley CA	53.97%
1.65	28			Peter Marcus, Lynnfield MA; Harriet Lewit, Upper Marlboro MD	53.70%
2.52	29			Jaquett Heck, Hobe Sound FL; Mari Stuart, Greenwich CT	53.48%
1.34	30	11	3	Dan Greenberg - Faith Greenberg, Walnut Creek CA	53.40%
1.04	31	12		David Sisson, Fremont CA; Thomas Stanley, Occoquan VA	53.38%
1.45	32			Ray Barber, Lafayette CA; J. Gregg Riehl, Orinda CA	53.35%
1.62	33			Liz Koh, San Mateo CA; S. Douglas Weil, San Francisco CA	53.07%
1.48			4	Kirsten Beda - Brigitte Sandquist, San Francisco CA	52.61%
1.18			5	Sherry Ruskin - Randall Brubaker, San Francisco CA	52.15%

Player of the Year

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The members of the winning team in the Reisinger get 200 platinum points. Fourth place is worth 92.31, and third 112.50. So if Spector or Nickell wins the Reisinger, they would need Blass to finish no higher than fourth for Demuy or Katz to catch Pepsi.

Blass is the defending champion in the Reisinger. The highest person on the leader list who is not a member of one of the three leading teams is Michael Becker, in 12th with 502.48. That’s likely too far back to be in contention.

1.	Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC	684.16
2.	Sebastian Drijver, Switzerland	602.73
3.	Michal Nowosadzki, Poland	602.73
4.	Sjoert Brink, Switzerland	602.73
5.	Jacek Kalita, Poland	602.73
6.	Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL	590.31
7.	Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL	580.03
8.	Nick Nickell, New York NY	577.91
9.	Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY	556.98
10.	John Hurd, New York NY	544.86
11.	Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	542.08
12.	Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL	502.48



Vincent Demuy



Ralph Katz



American Bridge Teachers' Association

Call for Entries

The American Bridge Teachers' Association welcomes submissions for our annual book and technology awards. Presentation will be made at our annual convention, to be held in conjunction with the 2020 ACBL Summer NABC in Montréal.

Winners are determined based on the value of the product to bridge teachers and/or students. A winner may be selected in each of the following categories:

Beginner/Novice Book of the Year

Intermediate to Advanced Book of the Year

Technology of the Year (software, media, etc.)

Works published since May 1, 2019, are eligible. Reprints will not be considered unless there are substantial revisions. Authors or publishers may contact Awards Committee chair, Karen Walker, bookofyear@abtahome.com for information on how to submit an entry.



Entries close on May 1, 2020.
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Who needs the ♣A K?

Over the decades, some of Rick Roeder’s partners have accused him of having an overly active imagination. Additional supporting evidence emerged from the second day of the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Roeder held:
♠K ♥A Q 8 7 5 3 2 ♦Q 10 3 ♣J 7.
His partner, Alan Watson, opened 1♦. Roeder bid 1♥ and heard Watson rebid 2NT. Decide what you would do before reading on.
Roeder clearly felt he had the values for slam. He decided to break a cardinal rule on his next bid. He made a key card bid of 4♠ (the partnership plays “kickback”) without a club control. Roeder decided he wanted to be in notrump using the following logic. He thought the partnership could be off the ♣A K, but if the club honors were split, a club lead was pretty unlikely. Passive leads against 6NT have always been the norm. So, if Roeder’s worst fears were realized, he still might be in a “75%” slam.

Further, he badly wanted partner to declare. There were some situations where 6NT is safer than 6♥ when pard holds the ♠K unsupported by the lady. And, let’s be honest: Don’t we all grovel for the extra 10 points at matchpoints?

Over 4♠, Watson bid 5♦, showing two key cards without the ♥Q. After Roeder’s 6NT response, he heard the dreaded double from his right-hand opponent. At this point, Roeder made what he later described as a horrible decision. He temporarily lost his composure due to being upset by the fact that his gamble had lost. He carelessly hoisted the white flag and said, “Pass.” Clearly, a 7♥ bid was in order! At least the opponent would have to find the opening club lead to beat Roeder.

Roeder’s LHO held:
♠J 7 6 4 ♥J 4 ♦8 6 ♠10 9 6 3 2.
A club lead is far from automatic.
Alas, in 6NT, the opponents quickly cashed five club tricks. The Roeder/Watson partnership richly earned their zero for minus 800 with 6♥ cold. It turns out Watson had made an offbeat 2NT rebid with:

♠A 10 9 3 ♥K 10 9 ♦A K J 7 4 ♣Q.
Have you ever noticed how themes recur in bridge? On the 52nd and final board of the day, Roeder picked up:

♠K J 10 7 ♥K Q J 6 4 ♦Q 10 5 ♣3.
Pard opens 2NT, and Roeder elected to try Stayman. After a 3♦ diamond response, Roeder elected not to make the technically correct bid of 3♠ (Smolen). Undeterred, yet another blast into 6NT.

You are on lead with:
♠6 5 4 3 2 ♥8 3 ♦8 2 ♠K 9 4 2
It is far from clear to lead a club. In some situations, a club lead will gift declarer with an extra trick. Very reasonably, Rick’s good friend, Jerry Helms, made a passive lead.

Pard held:
♠A Q 7 ♥A 6 ♦A K J 2 ♣Q J 8 7.
Plus 1470 for Roeder/Watson. Jerry looked at Rick and muttered, “I thought you were my friend.”

Used Bridge Books

Come down to the bookstore on the lower level for a sale on used bridge books. There will be an excellent selection at great prices. Hours will be Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FRIDAY DAYLIGHT OPEN PAIRS

71.0 Tables / Based on 111 Tables				
	A	B	C	
43.30	1			Kenneth Klein, Scottsdale AZ; Suzette Wynn, Phoenix AZ
32.48	2			Gerard Laquerriere, Clovis CA; Jim Leuker, San Francisco CA
24.36	3			Fred King, McLean VA; Rebecca Duty, Richmond VA
18.27	4			Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria; Joan Vernick, Santa Fe NM
14.43	5			Linda Tipton – V. Jay Tipton, Irvine CA
12.37	6			Sheila Sache - Donald Sache, West Vancouver BC
10.83	7			Julius Sigurjonsson, Kopavogur Iceland; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA
9.62	8			Lucy McCoy, Annandale VA; Mark Tonnesen, Woodbridge VA
8.66	9			Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON; Sue Lan Ma, Kirtland Hills OH
7.87	10			Lloyd Arvedon, Hudson NH; Rosemary Boden, Fort Lauderdale FL
21.04	11	1	1	Robert Berger - Joel Teller, Berkeley CA
6.66	12			Henri Farhi - Kit Humphrey, Chula Vista CA
15.78	13	2		Richard Wasserstrom - Lani Ray, Santa Cruz CA
5.77	14			Irene Frary - Magnus Olafsson, New York NY
5.41	15			Leora Dubrovsky - Richard Dubrovsky, Howell NJ
5.09	16			Carole Weinstein, Waltham MA; Ronald Mak, Manchester NH
4.81	17			Fred Hamilton, Las Vegas NV; Cliff Goodrich, Long Beach CA
4.56	18			Glenna Shannahan, Indian Wells CA; Stan Fuhrmann, Madison WI
4.33	19			William Pettis, Chevy Chase MD; Jane McLaughlin, San Francisco CA
11.84	20	3		Edwin Seputis, Oakland CA; Misook Jung, Berkeley CA
4.80	21			Isabelle Bello - Baptiste Combescure, Paris France
4.99	22			Jim Cheney, Hilo HI; Faye Marino, Greenwich CT
8.88	23	4		Cordelia Menges, New York NY; Jay Baudler, San Jose CA
7.01	24	5		Margaret Glasner, Yuma AZ; James Madison, Silver Creek WA
6.01	25	6		Brenda Pugsley - Paul Pugsley, Carson City NV
5.09	26			Michael Christensen - Becky Stevens, Seattle WA
7.88	27	7	2	Claudia Brisson, San Rafael CA; Amy Brisson, Arlington VA
4.68	28	8		Scott Rappard, Dartmouth NS; Robert Williams, Halifax NS
4.21	29	9		Steven Towner, Salt Lake City UT; Richard Towner, Surprise AZ
5.98	30			Jim Leary - Pat Leary, Livermore CA
3.83	31	10		Bill Page - Regina Sooeey, Jacksonville FL
2.99	32			Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Columbia Heights MN
5.91	33	11	3	Anthony Salam, Antioch CA; Alan Morris, Oakley CA
2.44	34/35			Wenfei Wang, Shanghai China; Morris Chang, Santa Clara CA
5.60	34/35	12		Rajendra Agrawal - Dinesh Agrawal, Calgary AB
3.52	36	13		John Miller, Stillwater MN; Thomas Knier, Burnsville MN
2.81		14		Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA
4.43		15	4	Glenn Boyce, Piedmont CA; Andrew Lazarus, Berkeley CA
4.19		16		Paul Sitz, Ramsey MN; Bert Sheldon, Houston TX
3.50		17	5	Jerome Gordon, Salem OR; Alan Bostrom, San Francisco CA
3.00		18	6	Phil Motuzko, Pearland TX; Richard Paxton, Carbondale CO
2.63		19	7	Sherry Larsen Beville, Oakland CA; Alexandra Peck, Toronto ON
2.33		20	8	P. Oates – W. Oates, Brighton MI
1.97		21		David Snyder, Emeryville CA; Susan Boyers, Oakland CA
1.83		22		Janine Buss, Port Washington NY; Laurie Berlin, Lido Beach NY
1.97		23		Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR; Brenda Biermann, Roseburg OR
2.36			9	David Ng, Hillsborough CA; Kenneth Hui, San Mateo CA
2.07			10	Eric Schneider, Boca Raton FL; Wayne Hall, Sooke BC
3.50			11	Jerry Smith, Los Angeles CA; Michael Torpey, San Francisco CA
2.30			12	Peter Sager, San Rafael CA; Jody Newman, Tiburon CA
1.50			13	Norma Bozzini, San Mateo CA; Chuck Lane, Los Altos CA

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

39.5 Tables				
	A	B	C	
10.83	1	1		Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA
8.12	2	2		Leonardo Fruscoloni - John Stimmel, New York NY
6.09	3			Paul Burnham, Wilton CT; Sonja Smith, North Granby CT
4.75	4	3		Rick Jasper, San Jose CA; Franklin Smoot, Sunnyvale CA
3.43	5			Robert Hendricks, Virginia Beach VA; Lynnette Regan, Norfolk VA
3.56	6	4		Robert Webster, Ripon WI; Charles Dahlke, Oshkosh WI
3.84	7			Christopher Pizarra - Gail Giffen, Lafayette CA
2.74	8			Rhonda Monroe, Beverly Hills MI; Liliane Kirchhoff, La Mesa CA
2.91	9	5		Yardena Arar - Kate Jeffus, San Francisco CA
1.46	10			Donald Cline - Anne Cline, Ventura CA
3.50		6	1	David Weinberg, Reno NV; N. (Kaya) Chua, Chula Vista CA
2.63		7	2	Leila Marcus - Marilu Donnici, San Francisco CA
2.08		8		Jeanette Shinsako - Lynn Magnet, San Francisco CA
1.97			3	Gary Freeman, Walnut Creek CA; David Jamison, San Francisco CA
1.48			4	Donna Raynor, Los Altos CA; Debbie Lundahl, San Carlos CA
1.11			5	Clare Smith, Walnut Creek CA; Jeanette Bartz, Clayton CA
0.83			6	Robert Crosby, San Mateo CA; Deborah Drysdale, San Francisco CA



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Honorary Member

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anything.”

For all these contributions and more, Rogers has been selected by the Board of Directors as the ACBL’s Honorary Member of the Year for 2020. It will be her 70th year as an ACBL member – she joined in 1950 at age 11 while growing up in Topeka KS.

“It’s a good choice,” said Jeff Meckstroth, with whom Rogers won the World Mixed Pairs in 2002 in Montreal. “She’s a bright, gifted player and a really good person.”

A Grand Life Master with more than 20,000 masterpoints, Rogers won the Keohane North American Swiss Teams in 2005 and the Senior Mixed Pairs in 2018 with her brother John Grantham, who called her “the best sis ever!” when a day was named for her during the Spring 2017 NABC in Kansas City.

Rogers started directing in the late ’60s. “She was an excellent director, very committed to fairness,” said Charlie MacCracken, whom Rogers considers a mentor. “She worked extremely hard to make the ACBL a more perfect place,” he said, recalling that she would bring work with her to the club in Memphis during her time at Headquarters.

Once while working a sectional in Phoenix, MacCracken recalls, Rogers had gone on a cleaning spree before packing up and driving home. She was about halfway to Tucson when she realized she had put all the entry fees from the tournament in a Big Gulp cup that was among the things thrown out. “So at 1 a.m. she was back in Phoenix in a dumpster looking for a Big Gulp cup.”

Holmes first met Rogers as a young player when the director was called to the table when something had gone awry in a slam auction. “I was in a dither,” Holmes said. “She calmed me down.”

Holmes started directing in May 1986 at the same tournament that Rogers was intending to be her last, and Holmes considers her a mentor. “She was player-, player-, player-oriented,” Holmes said. “She’s patient. She listens. She delivers the right ruling. Everyone who’s worked with her or under her, they all said they learned the most from her.”

Holmes describes Rogers as someone who broke up the old boys club and always stood up for what was right. She certainly ruffled feathers along the way.

“She was an iconoclast. She saw things in black and white,” said Chris Compton, who came to respect Rogers despite receiving penalties from her as a young player in the early ’70s. “She’s done

everything for bridge.”

Rogers worked with Bobby Wolff on developing Active Ethics and worked on developing the old convention charts. During her time at the WBF, Rogers oversaw the first World Junior Championships in Ann Arbor MI in 1991 and the World Bridge Series in Albuquerque NM in 1994.

It was her more recent work on behalf of District 17 that prompted a recent district president, Jerry Ranney, to nominate her for Honorary Member.

“I was very impressed she was willing to step up and help out,” said District 17 Director Bonnie Bagley. “She had done so much already. She was at a point where she could just play. It can be frustrating to be involved in bridge governance. I was impressed she wanted to help. She wanted to make things better.”

For the past five years, Rogers has been district recorder, tournament committee chair and representative of Las Vegas Unit 373 on the District 17 board. She oversaw regional schedules and acted as a liaison between the district board and tournament chairs in the units, which have responsibility for running regionals in District 17.

There has been a lot of turmoil in the Las Vegas unit in recent years when a bad contract with the former host hotel for regionals threatened to put the unit underground. Las Vegas used to host the largest national, largest regionals and largest sectionals in the ACBL. But when they made the move to a new site in 2014, conditions were so bad that the table count dropped in half over a four-year period, causing the unit to owe the hotel more than \$100,000 in unmet room blocks, and forcing the cancellation of the regional for two years.

It was amid this mess that Rogers stepped in to help, said Bob Lafleur, the current unit president. Rogers helped the unit protect its assets amid bankruptcy and negotiated a new contract for the regional to return at a different site in 2020. “Becky’s insight in difficult times, tireless efforts and indomitable spirit have positioned the unit for future success,” Lafleur said. “Without her efforts, the Las Vegas Regional would not be returning to the ACBL calendar in 2020.

“She spent hours and hours working on the details, mostly behind the scenes. She’s a hell of a woman.”

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

13.0 Tables / Based on 16 Tables					
	A	B	C		
3.90	1	1		Suzee Grant - Randy Franciose, Santa Barbara CA	64.58%
2.93	2			Peter Serafini - Stewart Brightman, Calgary AB	60.83%
2.34	3	2	1	Kim Hargreaves, Mill Valley CA; Guru Sundaram, Manalapan NJ	60.42%
1.76	4	3	2	Marilyn Press, Menlo Park CA; Clive Surfleet, Los Altos CA	57.50%
1.32	5	4	3	William Caldwell - Jeannette Bonifas, San Francisco CA	57.08%
0.99	6	5	4	Alan Chian - Bo Chian, Ukiah CA	56.25%
0.69		6/7		Dave Cleary - Terry Cleary, Bonita CA	52.92%
0.76		6/7	5	Timothy Byrnes, Perpigna France; Joe Huddleston, Peoria AZ	52.92%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 99ER PAIRS

10.0 Tables					
	D	E	F		
2.67	1			Patricia Jaeger - Irwin Jaeger, Los Angeles CA	59.23%
2.00	2	1	1	Genevieve Young, New York NY; Amy Hsieh, Atherton CA	58.75%
1.50	3	2		Helga Justman - Karen Beard, San Francisco CA	57.61%
1.13	4			Marie Berggren - Kathleene Paul, San Francisco CA	57.14%
0.84	5			Katherine Schram, Santa Rosa CA; Stephanie Poley, Sebastopol CA	56.55%
0.63	6			Lucy Ballard, Redwood City CA; Tina Maltbaek, Mountain View CA	55.06%
0.96		3		Zandra Krischer, San Francisco CA; Leonard Singer, Boston MA	53.87%
0.72		4		Heather Clark - Louis Meier, Willits CA	53.83%
1.09			2	Janis Greenberg - William Sorenson, San Francisco CA	49.79%
0.82			3	Stephen Meeker - Kathleen Meeker, San Francisco CA	47.62%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SIDE SWISS TEAMS

16 Tables					
	A	B	C		
4.85	1			Paula Nataf, Beverly Hills CA; Romain Tembouret - Anne-Laure Tartarin, Paris France; Pascale Thuillez - Laurent Thuillez, Villiers St. Frederic France	67.00
3.64	2			Charlene Sands, Pflugerville TX; Bob Lafleur - Jan George, Las Vegas NV; Virgil Massey, Driftwood TX	60.00
3.85	3	1	1	Toby McEvoy - Christopher Hahn, Henderson NV; Nancy McCormick - Susan Dugas, Las Vegas NV	50.00
2.89	4	2	2	Brian Zhang - Serena Guo, Dublin CA; Kayden Ge - Xin Ge, Cupertino CA	48.00
2.17	5	3		Richard Piette - Ryan Clark - Bob Gagnon - Devra Drysdale, Calgary AB	47.00
1.62		4		Patrick Staley - Brian Castle, San Diego CA; Linda Atkinson, Encinitas CA; Ramey Farah, La Jolla CA	46.00

Entries

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

All North American championships with no upper masterpoint limit \$30 per player per session (For team events, this means \$120 per team per session for four-person teams, \$150 per team per session for five-person teams, and \$180 per team per session for six-person teams. Only ACBL members current on their dues and service fees are eligible to play in NABC+ events. \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.)

Other North American championships \$22 per player per session (For the team events, this means \$88 per team per session for teams of four, \$110 per team per session for teams of five, and \$132 per team per session for teams of six. Only ACBL members current on their dues and service fees are eligible to play in these events.)

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

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

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



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Puzzle play

On the following deal from the first final of the 10K IMP Pairs, Keith Garber of Las Vegas NV and partner Richard Reitman defended 4♠. Declarer made 10 tricks, but because the double-dummy analysis said that South should only make nine tricks, Garber began to wonder how the defense could defeat the contract. Take a look:

Dlr: North	♠ J 5 2		
Vul: N-S	♥ 10 4		
Bd: 5	♦ K Q J 6		
	♣ 10 8 7 3		
		♠ K 6 3	
♠ 7		♥ K Q 9	
♥ J 7 6 3		♦ 9 7 3 2	
♦ 10 8 5 4		♣ K Q 5	
♣ A J 6 2			
	♠ A Q 10 9 8 4		
	♥ A 8 5 2		
	♦ A		
	♣ 9 4		
West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dbl	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Garber, East, chose to open 1♣ as a lead director, but Reitman, unwilling lead from ♣A J x x, led a low diamond instead. Declarer won the ♦A and, needing to get to dummy to take discards on the good diamonds, returned the ♠Q. Whether Garber took the trick (allowing a dummy entry in trumps) or refused it (allowing declarer to play the ♥A and another heart in preparation for a heart ruff in dummy later), declarer could not be stopped from taking 10 tricks.

The winning line, as Garber pointed out, is for the defense to lead clubs initially. Declarer ruffs the third round of the suit, unblocks the ♦A, and then plays the ♥A. On this trick, East must follow with a high heart. When declarer continues hearts, West must rise with the ♥J and play a fourth club, on which East pitches his last heart. This line prevents declarer from getting to the good diamonds in dummy with a heart ruff because East is poised to overruff whatever trump is played from the board.



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HARVEY BRODY MEMORIAL FRIDAY OPEN PAIRS

46.0 Tables / Based on 105 Tables					
	A	B	C		
28.00	1			Fran White, Fallbrook CA; Thomas Rush, Houston TX	61.37%
21.00	2			Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR; Jean Barry, Livermore CA	60.56%
15.75	3			Melanie Tucker, New York NY; Sylvia Shi, Las Vegas NV	59.48%
11.81	4			Alan Frank, Amherst MA; Karen Allison, Las Vegas NV	58.64%
9.33	5			Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	58.60%
8.00	6			Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Jeffrey Ferro, San Francisco CA	57.68%
7.00	7			Robert Bell - Eileen Inglesby-Hought, Silver Spring MD	57.65%
6.22	8			Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Selen Hotamisligil, Weston MA	57.14%
5.60	9			Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Nancy Katz, New York NY	56.55%
5.09	10			Phyllis Yates, San Diego CA; Steve Bruno, Oceanside CA	56.51%
4.67	11			Cameron Doner, Surrey BC; Julie Smith, Vancouver BC	56.27%
4.31	12			Leon Lowe - JoAnne Lowe, Fountain Hills AZ	56.20%
4.00	13			Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR; Howard Epley, Kent WA	56.13%
3.73	14			Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Mary Dougherty, Santa Fe NM	56.09%
3.50	15			Ann Borgschulte, San Anselmo CA; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA	55.64%
3.29	16			Gale Senter, San Clemente CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA	55.02%
3.11	17			Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Andre Houde, Laval QC	54.60%
2.95	18			Betty Bursey, Herndon VA; Phillip Tseng, Arlington VA	54.40%
2.80	19			Victor King, Hartford CT; Keith Garber, Las Vegas NV	54.35%
5.21	20			Rita Bichara, San Francisco CA; Metin Guven, Istanbul Turkey	54.04%
10.88	21	1		Siqing Yu, New York NY; Ulla Winkler, Somerville MA	53.86%
8.16	22	2		Daniel Tataru, Walnut Creek CA; Sohail Hasan, Forest Hills NY	53.84%
2.33	23			Bud Marsh - Marianne Spanier, Scottsdale AZ	53.74%
6.12		3		Paul Frean, New York NY; Ke Zhao, Edison NJ	53.26%
4.59		4		William Neumann, Columbia MD; Dale Sanders, Washington DC	53.22%
3.63		5		Robert Gacicia - Allison Williams, Raleigh NC	52.41%
3.11		6		Donald Weber - Elinor Hood, Portland OR	51.82%
3.68		7	1	Larry Whitlow, Saskatoon SK; Andrew Mitchell, Oak Harbor WA	51.34%
2.42		8		Bradley Leach, Oro Valley AZ; Dan Faulkner, Tucson AZ	50.90%
2.76		9	2	Jason Leith, Oakland CA; Rhian Davies, San Francisco CA	50.70%
1.98		10		Richard Rogers - Stephanie Rogers, San Francisco CA	50.18%
2.89			3	Girish Nathan, Sammamish WA; James LaFave, Minneapolis MN	49.50%

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

15.5 Tables					
	A	B	C		
5.63	1			Lisa Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Janis Lilie, Las Vegas NV	66.78%
4.22	2			Thomas Stern, San Francisco CA; Kenneth Titow, Scottsdale AZ	66.70%
5.20	3	1		Eric Schneider, Boca Raton FL; Wayne Hall, Sooke BC	62.99%
3.90	4	2		Edmund Wu, San Francisco CA; Jesse Chao, Oakland CA	57.78%
2.93	5	3		J. Michael Hill - Mae Hill, Columbus OH	57.56%
2.63	6	4		Ken Wilk, Palo Alto CA; Dave Walker, Seattle WA	55.91%
2.80	7	5	1	Long Wu, San Francisco CA; Robert Bleil, Port Orchard WA	55.31%
2.10		6	2	Robert Rottmayer - Mary Lyons, Santa Rosa CA	54.36%
1.58			3	Dolf Daam, Victoria BC; Julie Burnet, Oakland CA	53.17%
1.18			4	Mariece Walton, Cary NC; Conrad Larkin, Santa Rosa CA	52.83%

FRIDAY EVENING 299ER PAIRS

5.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
2.25	1			Peter Serafini - Stewart Brightman, Calgary AB	60.50%
2.13	2	1		Regina Clarke - Madonna Wadden, St John's NL	55.40%
1.87	3	2	1	Matthew Therian - Kristine Therian, San Francisco CA	54.50%
1.40	4	3	2	Scott Bonomi, Benecia CA; Jenifer Lary, Brentwood CA	53.40%
0.90		4		Ray Mok - Karen Mok, Pebble Beach CA	48.88%
1.05			3	Gilbert Gonzalez - Serena Greening, San Francisco CA	47.88%

FRIDAY EVENING SWISS TEAMS

19 Tables				
	A	B	C	
5.41	1			Simon Ortmann, Allerod Denmark; Katherine Field, Chapel Hill NC; Thomas Musso, Charleston SC; Kathrine Loh, Walnut Creek CA 69.00
4.06	2			Margie Cole - Alejandro Bianchedi, New York NY; Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury MA 56.00
3.04	3			Thomas Trudeau, San Antonio TX; Gerrie Owen, Celina TX; Kim Brinkman, Flower Mound TX; Daniel Blaettler, Melbourne FL 53.00
4.03	4	1		Jory Segal - Kathy Jasper - Rick Jasper, San Jose CA; Benay Cooper, Boca Raton FL 52.00
3.02	5	2	1	N. (Kaya) Chua, Chula Vista CA; Leah Khayter - Chris Chung, Belmont CA; David Weinberg, Reno NV 49.00
2.27	6/7	3		Luen-Jyh Luo, Milpitas CA; Tsao-Tung Tsai, Cupertino CA; Jack Uppal, Lincoln CA; Ching Chao, Danville CA 47.00
1.12	6/7			Sooja Kwon, Seoul South Korea; Yas Takeda, Hacienda Heights CA; Daniel Takahashi - Kyungwon Yoo, Las Vegas NV 47.00
1.70		4		Michael Ravera - David Sisson, Fremont CA; Jody Couch, Fullerton CA; Sue Bailey, Stockport 43.00
1.66		5	2	Brian Wallace - Deepak Ramanathan, San Francisco CA; Madeline Cohn, New York NY; Joseph Lieberman, Brooklyn NY 42.00
1.24			3	Brian Zhang - Serena Guo - Qiang Zhang, Dublin CA; Amber Lin, San Francisco CA 35.00



New Life Masters

Barbara Boyle of San Francisco became a Life Master on Friday when her team reached the final of Bracket 4 in the Thursday-Friday Daylight Knockout. She played with Siesel Maibach, Ron Hutton and Arne Wagner. She came into the tournament needing 2.17 gold points and picked up 1.61 on Tuesday. Down to just 0.56, she picked up 8.75 in the KO.

Bette Hirsch of Palo Alto CA graduated to the rank of Life Master in Friday's Gold Rush Pairs. Needing just 1.49 gold points, she earned 1.91 in the event. Hirsch played with a pickup partner from the Partnership Desk: Gloria Fields of Ft. Worth TX.

Bob Johnson of Burlingame CA became a Life Master playing in Bracket 3 of the Thursday-Friday KO Teams. Johnson, who needed 9.10 gold points, picked up 10.56 in the event.




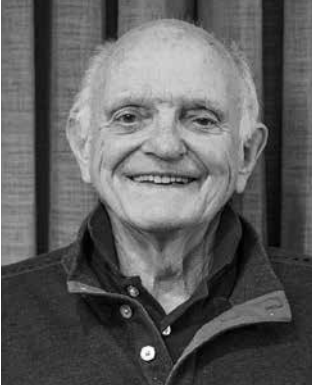


Johnson played with fellow Californians Kal Aziz, Patricia Wong and Art Quey.

Laura Kopp of Wading River NY earned her gold card in Thursday's Daylight Gold Rush Pairs. The new Life Master, who played with Patricia Lessord of Port Jefferson NY, picked up almost 5 gold points in the event, more than the 2.93 she needed for the new rank.

Bridget Poizner of San Diego CA is now a Silver Life Master. She topped the 1000-masterpoint milestone playing in the Fast Open Pairs on Thursday with partner Arda Kabaca of Turkey.

Wayne Gorski of Mission Viejo CA became a new Ruby Life Master (1500 MPs) when his team made it to the semifinal of the Thursday-Friday KO Teams, Bracket 1.

Gorski played with Scott Hiller of Naples FL, captain Alfred Tuckman of Laguna Woods CA and Sharon Christenson of Sun City AZ.



NABC Electronic Device Policy

Except by permission of the director in charge, any electronic equipment or device capable of receiving or sending an electronic signal, or capable of communicating in any way, may not be operated or functioning in any manner in the playing area during a session of play. Any such equipment must not be visible during the session and must remain off at all times.

The above restrictions apply to all players, captains, coaches, kibitzers and play recorders except those persons granted permission by the ACBL, and are in force throughout any playing session or segment of play. Further restrictions and requirements apply in events involving live internet and/or vugraph coverage.


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- Second offense in the same session: two full boards, 20 IMPs or 50% of the maximum available VPs per match, at the respective form of scoring.
- Third offense in the event: disqualification of the pair or team from the event.




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Monitoring

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

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



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The past comes alive


Dutch players Frank van Wezel and Hans van de Konijnenberg collect books, magazines and Daily Bulletins about bridge. They especially enjoy reading Daily Bulletins from the pre-internet era – these periodicals are a treasure trove of wonderful photographs, marvelous sketches, splendid deals and tremendous stories and anecdotes.

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Restrictions for certain events in 2020

Players should be aware of the following decision by the ACBL Board of Directors which will take effect in 2020.

Any player who has won a contest that carries ACBL Grand Life Master eligibility (most open NABC contests or equivalent events such as world championship titles or the U.S./Canadian team trials) will be treated as if they possess at least 10,000 masterpoints (if they haven't already acquired that total) for the purposes of flighting, stratification and KO bracketing. Essentially, anyone who has won an open NABC title can't play in a masterpoint-restricted event, including the so-called "10K" events at NABCs, where participation is limited to players with less than 10,000 points.

Additionally, the ACBL Seeding Committee has updated the eligibility points of many players, especially those from outside North American, which may alter player seeding points for top-level events. Email notifications of these changes will be sent to players in January.

Convention card reminder

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

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

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

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.

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

Notice of binding arbitration

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

STEM contacts needed

The ACBL Educational Foundation is searching for ACBL members who have may have contacts with national STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) accreditation bodies. The Ed Foundation's plan is to create bridge modules that can be integrated into STEM curriculums at schools in the U.S.

Members with information or leads should contact Project Committee Chair Barbara Heller at bhellerb@gmail.com.

Slow play

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



World Computer-Bridge final today

The final KO match of the World Computer-Bridge Championship will take place today with Mico Bridge battling Synrey Bridge.

For the first time in five years, Wbridge5 will not be in the final match, losing its semifinal match to Micro Bridge. Q-plus Bridge lost the other semifinal match. For all the results see www.computerbridge.com.

The unkindest cut of all

By Barry Rigal

In the final of the top compact KO on Thursday, Bruce Ferguson and Mike Hollman got to an awkward spot, but Bruce was equal to the task. As he described it, when you are in a terrible contract, it is easy to play fast when you can identify that you need a miracle.

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

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

♠ A Q 10 6
♥ 10 5 2
♦ 8 3
♣ K Q 8 6

West North East South
1♣

4♥ 6♣ All Pass

Fergus won the diamond lead and led a spade to the 10. When it held, he crossed to the ♥A, unblocked trumps, ruffed a heart, repeated the spade finesse and exited with the ♥2 in this ending:

♠ 8
♥ —
♦ A 7 4 2
♣ —

♠ — ♠ K J
♥ K Q J 9 7 ♥ —
♦ — ♦ Q J 10
♣ — ♣ —

♠ A 6
♥ 2
♦ 8
♣ 8

West won his ♥7, then apologized to his partner as he advanced another heart, catching his partner in a suicide or fraternal squeeze.

Ferguson's comment: "They found the same play at the other table – but took 20 minutes longer to play it!"

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

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

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10 Tables	
Diane Weissman, Fountain Hills AZ; Carol Johns, Scottsdale AZ; Malcolm Morris, London ; John Herriot, Los Angeles CA	
vs	
Gloria Peston, Double Bay Australia; Nancy Frank, Glencoe IL; O. Gordon Lien III, Augusta GA; Farley Mawyer, Port Chester NY	
Louis Lipset - Sara Foster - Ronald Goodman, San Francisco CA; Linda Danzig, Tiburon CA	
vs	
Edward Lee - Ray Robert, Portland OR; Charles Swart - Patrick Chye, Alameda CA	
FRIDAY-SATURDAY KO 2	
9 Tables	
Denise Pitsch, Mountain View CA; Clara Chang, Palo Alto CA; Sandra Flattery, Ketchum ID; Charlotte Riviera, Bellevue WA	
vs	
Dan Thatte - Manda Thatte, Palo Alto CA; Debbie Machlin, Los Altos CA; Rita Rubenfeld, Portola Valley CA	
Philip Abrahamson - Dana Shelley, Atherton CA; Lynn Giusti, Los Altos Hills CA; Eileen Zefting, Palo Alto CA	
vs	
William Mitchell, Lodi CA; Debra Dezarn - Deborah Greenberg, Stockton CA; Wendy Buchanan, Woodbridge CA	

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.



NABC results by email/text

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

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

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

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

You ought to be in pictures


Players who attain the rank of Life Master in San Francisco are invited to stop by the Daily Bulletin office to get their photos taken.

The office is located in Foothill F on the second floor of the Marriott.

Players who attain higher ranks such as Bronze, Silver or Gold Life Master are also welcome to get their photos taken.

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Player Memos

Player Memo stations are located on the “upper” B2 Level in the Marriott next to the Fedex office and on the lower level opposite Salon 6.

Some “Recorder Reminders”:


When filing a Player Memo, please include names and compass locations, and please include the name of any tournament director involved.

When an irregularity occurs, call the director. Do not make your own ruling or allow partner or opponents to do so.

Once hands are removed from the boards, all calls, questions, comments and plays will be in English. Exceptions may be made if all four players at the table agree to use some common language understood by all four players.

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.



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Rashomon revisited

By Barry Rigal

Sitting down to breakfast in the Marriott lounge, ready to start typing away, I find myself surrounded by three grey-beards (literally and metaphorically). Mike Becker, Alan Graves and Bruce Rogoff are the tall-tale tellers, and we only discussed two deals (from the second semifinal session of the Blue Ribbon Pairs), but spent half an hour doing so.

Dlr: North	♠ A 9 7 6 4	
Vul: Both	♥ Q 10 8 2	
Bd: 13	♦ 10 5	
	♣ A 5	
♠ K Q J 3		♠ 10 2
♥ A 9		♥ 6 3
♦ A Q 9 8 7 4 2		♦ 6 3
♣ —		♣ Q J 10 7 6 3 2
	♠ 8 5	
	♥ K J 7 5 4	
	♦ K J	
	♣ K 9 8 4	

Let’s take the stories, in increasing order of unlikeliness. Rogoff didn’t really have much of a tale to tell on Board 13. He passed in first seat and heard 3♣ to his left. He doubled in passout seat, his partner bid 3♥, and there the matter rested. After a spade lead, his partner wrapped up 10 tricks on an unchallenging defense (when declarer takes the first spade, West can take the ♥A and underlead in spades for the club ruff, but that didn’t happen).

Becker (playing with Howard Weinstein) also defended hearts. But there was more at stake. Holding the club preempt, he heard his RHO open 1♠, and when South responded with a forcing 1NT, Weinstein bid 2♦. That was passed back to South who balanced with 2♥. Weinstein came again with 3♦, then doubled North’s 3♥. Not envisaging the full shape, Becker passed, imagining he was facing a strong 6-4-3-0 pattern. The defense led a top spade, ducked, then a second spade. Declarer won the ace, and fatally played a third spade, letting Becker pitch a diamond. When declarer played a trump, Weinstein took his ace, gave his partner the diamond ruff, and took a club ruff in return. Down one!

My story was unremarkable too, in a way. It was only later that I realized I was one step away from disaster. I passed in first chair, but when my partner

opened 1♥ in third seat and I heard a 2♦ overcall, I jumped to 3♠, fit, and my partner converted to 4♥. When 5♦ came slowly to my right, I doubled, and led a heart. Declarer (a really fine player) laid down the ♦A and played a second trump. Down one. This turned out to be a surprisingly good result, because ... well, let Graves take up the story:

“I was playing with Kay Enfield, a fine player who occasionally persuades the opponents that she is the Rueful Rabbit in disguise. Our auction was not mundane:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dbl	2NT	Pass	3♥
4♦	Pass	5♣	Dbl
5♦	Dbl	All Pass	

“Kay eventually bought the hand in 5♦, won the heart lead and innocently advanced her low spade to dummy’s 10. (Would you have risen with the ♠A and spared yourself eternal infamy? Be honest!).

“When the ♠10 held, declarer drew trumps and claimed 11 tricks. Easy game, bridge.”

Dlr: East	♠ A K 5
Vul: None	♥ A 3
Bd: 14	♦ A Q 9 5
	♣ K J 9 3

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

Rogoff didn’t have that much of a story on Board 14 either. He and Alex Ornstein play stone-age methods, so when Bruce as North heard a weak 2♥ to his right, he doubled and raised the 3♠ response to game. The 5-1 spade break made life awkward, but declarer could arrange to hold his losers to two trumps and a heart.

4♠ may not be a great spot, but Graves, opponents did worse. They were already shell-shocked after the first deal, so when North was allowed to open 2NT, South bid puppet Stayman and heard a 3♥ response. Alas, according to North, this denied a major; according to South, this showed five, so they played 4♥ in the 3-2 fit. Nine tricks can

be made in hearts by drawing trump and playing the hand at notrump. Declarer found the way home; those minority trump fits need more practice (or maybe less).

Our story was not without its moments. In third seat, the expert West opened 2♥, of course. I doubled, and when partner bid 2NT (lebensohl) I chose to complete the transfer to 3♣, thinking game might not be good if partner was weak. Glenn Milgrim showed four spades and an invitation, and I bid 3NT now. East promptly led a heart out of turn, so Milgrim barred the lead and West led a club. Dummy’s 9 held, so Milgrim ran four rounds of diamonds, the expert revoking on the third by pitching a heart. Alas for him, the ♣ A and three rounds of spades caught him in an unusual three-suit where he was forced to discard the revoke card. We didn’t impose the penalty, but the last spade strip squeezed him. Unwilling to concede 12 tricks this way, he pitched both heart honors, hoping his partner had the jack, and Milgrim took tricks 12 and 13 with his remaining ♥J 8.

That wasn’t the best one could do with the N-S cards though, as Becker recounted. Ari Greenberg opened the South hand 1♦, and despite Howard Weinstein’s valiant attempt to muddy the waters, Tom Carmichael could double, then cuebid and finally offer a choice of slams with 5NT. Greenberg selected 6♦. On a top heart lead, he had a choice of lines but elected to win and draw a top trump from each hand. When the jack fell to his right, he played three clubs, ruffing in hand, and crossed to a top spade and ruffed the fourth club. At this point, he cannot cross to dummy in spades as East would ruff; but he exited with the ♥J to keep his RHO off lead, and could ruff the next heart to draw the last trump and claim. Nicely done.

Vugraph operators needed

Experienced vugraph operators are needed on Sunday for the final of the Reisinger BAM broadcast on BBO. The first session each day starts at 11 a.m., the second session starts at 5 p.m. ACBL pays operators \$50 per session.

If you are available, please email Jan Martel at marteljan at gmail.com, or text her at 530-574-5780, and she will answer any questions you may have. Thousands of BBO spectators around the world will appreciate your help!

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Event	Sunday, December 8, 10 a.m.			
	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
A/X/Y Swiss Teams (<i>unlimited/6000/4000</i>) Two-session playthrough with half-hour break. Bracketed B Teams (<i>0–3000</i>) Friday-Sunday Side Game Series 299er Swiss Teams 299er & 99er Pairs 0-20 Pairs	1-2	Yerba Buena 9, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Yerba Buena 9, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
	5th single session	Nob Hill, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
	single	Nob Hill, Bottom Level	\$15	\$19
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Sunday, December 8, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.				
Alex Martelli Fast Open Pairs (<i>unlimited/3000/750</i>)	1-2	Golden Gate C, Level B2	\$20	\$24
Sunday, December 8, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.				
Saturday-Sunday Knockout Teams	3-4	Yerba Buena 9, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
Sunday, December 8, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.				
REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS NABC+ MIXED SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Yerba Buena 6, Bottom Level	\$30 + screen fee of \$20/team/session	
	1-2 F	Yerba Buena 7, Bottom Level	\$30	—
	1-2 F	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$30	—
Sunday, December 8, 2 p.m.				
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series 299er Swiss Teams 299er & 99er Pairs 0-20 Pairs	6th single session	Nob Hill, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
	single	Nob Hill, Bottom Level	\$15	\$19
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Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (3000+), B (750-3000), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events.
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Today's Bridge Events

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
Friday-Saturday Morning Compact Knockout Teams	3-4	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
Morning Swiss Teams	single	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
Unit 512 Wine Country Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series	3rd single session	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.				
Sonoma Duplicate Bridge Club 299er & 99er Pairs	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15	\$19
Sonoma Duplicate Bridge Club 0-20 Pairs	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15	\$15
Note: Games NOT played at the Sonoma Duplicate Bridge Club				
Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Daylight Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/1500)	1-2	Golden Gate C, Level B2	\$20	\$24
Stu Goodgold Daylight Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/200)	1-2	Golden Gate B, Level B2	\$20	\$24
Saturday, December 7, Noon & 7 p.m.				
REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	1-2 SF	Yerba Buena 7, Bottom Level	\$30 + screen fee of \$20/team/session	
Saturday, December 7, 1 p.m.				
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	3rd single session	Golden Gate A, Level B2	\$20	\$24
Saturday, December 7, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 SF	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$30	—
NABC+ MIXED SWISS TEAMS	1-2 Q	Yerba Buena 9, Bottom Level	\$30	—
2 qualifying, 2 final sessions				
Paul McDaniels Memorial Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750)	1-2	Golden Gate A, Level B2	\$20	\$24
Saturday-Sunday Knockout Teams	1-2	Yerba Buena 10, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
Continues Sunday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.				
Tom Quinlan Memorial Compact Knockout Teams	1-4	Yerba Buena 10, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
Friday-Saturday Knockout Teams	3-4	Yerba Buena 10, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
Saturday, December 7, 3 p.m.				
Sonoma Duplicate Bridge Club 299er & 99er Pairs	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15	\$19
Note: Games NOT played at the Sonoma Duplicate Bridge Club				
Saturday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.				
Evening Swiss Teams	single	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	4th single session	Golden Gate A, Level B2	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Golden Gate A, Level B2	\$15	\$19

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Sonoma Duplicate Bridge Club

Vintage Duplicate Bridge Club is a membership-owned club dedicated to offering players of all experience levels a pleasant atmosphere of friendly competition. Our open games are Mondays and Wednesdays at noon, and 499ers are welcomed Tuesdays at noon, all at the Sonoma Senior Center. We are especially pleased to support the I/N players today, and hope that the San Francisco NABC has been a terrific experience.

Today's morning and afternoon I/N games are sponsored by the Sonoma Duplicate Bridge Club.



Stu Goodgold

Who else would you want to sponsor a Gold Rush Pairs event? With a name like this, you can't go wrong! Good luck to all.

Today's Gold Rush Pairs are sponsored by Stu Goodgold.



Paul Vincent McDaniels 1945-2019

By Harlan Mohagen

My brother, Paul, lead a very eclectic and interesting life. He was actively involved in theater and dance, was a gourmet cook, an electrician, a plumber, a builder, a trivia buff ... he was a Renaissance man! His main loves, however, were animals and bridge. Odinn (pictured) and Sally Woolsey's cats, Sunny and Emily, visited with him frequently in his final days. And you, Paul's bridge family, were there to offer love and support.

Thank you all!

Today's Open Pairs are named in memory of Paul McDaniels.

Jackie Zayac, District 21 Director

Welcome to District 21 and the final weekend of the San Francisco NABC!

It is my pleasure to contribute to the success of

the San Francisco NABC. A big thank you to all of the volunteers who have given their time and energy to make this a great tournament.

I hope everyone who is visiting has a wonderful time in our city by the bay!

The Friday-Sunday Side Game is sponsored by Jackie Zayac

Tom Quinlan 1942-2018

Tom Quinlan, aka TQ, was a beloved director who is sorely missed by those who played bridge in the '70s, '80s and '90s. His dry sense of humor when he arrived at a table never failed to alleviate the tension that often accompanied a director call. Always ready to answer a question, never too busy for anyone, Tom was one of the foundations of bridge in the Bay Area and a friend to all who met him. After retirement, he played with his beautiful bride, Janice, and seemed to enjoy the game as much as when he was directing. We hope you enjoy the event that is dedicated to his memory.

Today's Compact KO Teams are named in memory of Tom Quinlan



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