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FALL 2021 NABC

93rd Fall North American Bridge Championships

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Samuel leong wins Robot Individual

The Fall 2021 Robot Individual was held on BBO last weekend. Over 2600 contestants battled the bots, but it was Samuel leong of Mountain View CA who scored the best. leong started off with a first session score of 71.36% and followed that up with 68.10% and 64.85% in the second and third sessions for a combined score of 68.10%. He clipped second place Andrea Boldrini of Italy, whose combined score was 67.95%. In third place was Chris Willenken of New York NY with 67.45%. leong was also first in Flight B. He previously won that flight in this event in fall 2018 and spring 2020.



Samual leong
Photo by Jonathan Steinberg



Wei Situ

Wei Situ of Fort Mill SC topped the Flight C players with a combined score of 65.68%. Originally from China, Situ moved to the U.S. in 2015 and joined the ACBL. A retired mechanical design engineer, he has been playing bridge since 1973 and has won

several provincial and municipal championships in China. "I love this game so much I play more than 20,000 cards every year," said Situ. "I'm very interested in playing with robots because they are elusive but logical."

Overall Leaders

1.	Samuel leong, Mountain View CA	68.10
2.	Andrea Boldrini, Roma Italy	67.95
3.	Chris Willenken, New York NY	67.45
4.	Jay Borker, Tempe AZ	67.09
5.	Richard Barabino, New York NY	66.37
6.	Steve Zolotow, Las Vegas NV	66.36
7.	Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico	66.24
8.	Mark Cohen, Palm Coast FL	66.21
9.	Finn Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA	66.17
10.	Thomas Devine, Ferndale WA	66.12

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Notice to players who live outside North America

Participation in the Nail Life Master Pairs is restricted to ACBL members who have achieved the rank of Life Master. Foreign players who do not meet this criterion but feel they are otherwise eligible must receive a waiver prior to the commencement of these contests.

Previously granted waivers will be honored.

For waiver information, please arrive early and see the Director in Charge at the selling site.



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.



Goodwill Message

Welcome to the 2021 Fall North American Bridge Championships in Austin. Tournament chair BJ Sanders and her local committee have a great tournament planned for everyone.

Please join us in saying thank you to our hosts.
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

Welcome to the NABC in Austin, Texas

By BJ Sanders, Tournament Chair

You made it! Which means it's time to get "Back in the Saddle" at the bridge tables. District 16, Unit 207, the planning committee and all of us are so glad you are here. The crowds may be a little smaller, gatherings fewer, the tables farther apart, but we are in for a good time as we play the world's best game.

We are proud of our city and hope you will take advantage of some of Austin's local music — you are in the Live Music Capital of the World — and our eclectic food scene. In addition, there are lots of quirky and interesting places to visit.

Be sure to pick up the restaurant guide from the Welcome Desk. This guide includes numerous fabulous restaurants within walking distance as well as the game schedule. You can also find out about Austin's world-famous food trucks, or find out about cool ideas for your leisure time.

When you visit the Prize Desk, be sure to ask Sharon Hoger, Unit 207 president and bat boat captain, about the largest urban bat population in North America, which graces Austin half the year. Over a million bats live in the Congress Avenue



Bridge from March through October.

Two nearby establishments are owned by local players: Parker Jazz Club, co-owned by LySa Nguyen, and, just across Congress, Belgian beer bar Mort Subite, co-owned by Rick

and Barb Clements. Show your convention card at either location for special offers.

There is so much to do in this wonderful city, the state capital of Texas. But don't forget your main reason for being here. In the inimitable words of promoter extraordinaire of Austin bridge, and co-chair of our Schedule & Restaurant Guide, Larry Davis, who proclaims to all: "Play! Play! Play!"

And please remember to "Keep Austin Weird!"

Oh, the places we didn't go

Today's tournament events are sponsored by our local host, Unit 207. In honor of the NABCs canceled in 2020 and 2021, these games have been named to reflect the cities in which they were supposed to be held: Columbus, Montreal, Tampa, St. Louis and Providence. Local volunteers spent years planning and organizing these tournaments and their hard work should not go unnoticed.

Each tournament was given either a two-session event or two single-session events. The side games at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. honor Columbus; the later side games at 3 and 7 p.m. honor Providence. The 299er games at 10 and 3 recognize Montreal. Tampa is honored in the two-

session Gold Rush Pairs, and St. Louis has a two-session bracketed team event.

As the first unit to host an NABC in two years, it was important to the Austin planning committee to recognize the volunteers in other cities who

never got to see their efforts come to fruition.

It has been an unprecedented two years since the last NABC, which was in San Francisco in the fall of 2019. As the world changes – and with it our game and the way we play it – the need for volunteers is greater than ever. Thank you to

the individuals who continue to step up to ensure others can enjoy the game of bridge.



Cashless Operations

All monetary transactions will be cashless, including payment to participate in an NACB or regional-rated game. Please note that ACBL accepts all major credit cards. If you have paper Bridge Bucks, please turn them in at the Bridge Bucks table to upgrade to a Bridge Buck card that our credit card machines will accept.



SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Meetings are at the JW Marriott.

Friday, November 26

1–5 pm **Best Practices Teacher Workshop.** Session one of three. ACBL's interactive seminar for people interested in learning how to teach bridge. (Room 310, level 3)

Saturday, November 27

8 am–noon **Best Practices Teacher Workshop.** Session two of three. ACBL's interactive seminar for people interested in learning how to teach bridge. (Room 310, level 3)

8 am–4 pm **World Bridge Federation meeting.** (Room 201, level 2)

8:30–10:30 am **ACBL Charity Foundation meeting.** (Room 213, level 2)

10 am–noon **Free Bridge Lesson with Patty Tucker** followed by a special game for newer players. (Brazos, level 2)

10 am–12:30 pm **ACBL Hall of Fame Committee meeting.** (Room 211, level 2)

1–6 pm **Learn Bridge in a Day?™** This popular session is designed especially for true beginners, those returning to bridge after long absences and those merely wanting to "test the waters" before committing to formal classes. The concentrated course includes both class instruction and coached play. No pre-registration required. **Fee: \$25** covers textbook and door prizes. (Brazos, level 2)

6–8:30 pm **Learn Bridge in a Day?™ Teacher Accreditation.** Teacher training includes information on organizing and marketing LBIAD as well as maximizing retention rates, writing effective grant requests and the presentation of the seminar. **Fee: \$75.** (Brazos, level 2)

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Talks will be held in Lone Star F, level 3. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

Friday, Nov. 29

9:15 am Michael Berkowitz *Clues from the Opening Lead*

HOSPITALITY

Friday, Nov. 29

Grab-and-go items will be available at 6 p.m. today outside the Grand Ballroom on level 4.



The 2019 winners of the Nail Life Master Pairs: Iulian Rotaru and Radu Nistor.

Nail Life Master Pairs begins today

Play begins today in the Nail Life Master Pairs. The event, restricted to Life Masters, consists of two qualifying sessions and two final sessions.

Before 1963, the event was restricted to National Masters and players of higher rank. It was a men’s event until 1990, when it was changed to an open event.

At stake is the Bobby Nail Trophy, designated by the ACBL Board of Directors to honor the diminutive Texan (1925–95) who won this event in 1974 with longtime friend and partner Gerald Michaud.



Nail, inducted into the Bridge Hall of Fame in 2001, won four other North American championships and represented North America twice in the Bermuda Bowl. His team was second in 1963.

Past winners and runners-up:	
1961	1. G. Gard Hays, Max Manchester; 2. Martin J. Cohn, Hampton Hume
1962	1. Sam Fuoto, Victor Mitchell; 2. Hal Kandler, Kelsey Petterson
1963	1. Sami R. Kehela, Eric R. Murray; 2. Harry J. Fishbein, Charles J. Solomon
1964	1. Charles Coon, Bobby Goldman; 2-3. Mervin Key, Harold Rockaway; 2-3. Jack Blair, Col. William Christian
1965	1. Paul Soloway, Alex Tschekaloff; 2. Edgar Kaplan, Victor Mitchell
1966	1. Carl J. Hudecek, Ray Zoller; 2. Gaylor Kasle, Ed Theus
1967	1. Harlow S. Lewis, Peter A. Pender; 2. Donald R. Faskow, William L. Flannery
1968	1. Henry Bethe, John Solodar; 2. Don Pearson, John Swanson
1969	1. Chuck F. Burger, James Cayne; 2. Norman H. Fischer, Christopher G. Jeans

Learn Bridge

in A Day?®

Move quickly along the initial learning curve.

You'll nail the basics of bridge in this interactive class that has both instruction and coached play. If you're just starting, returning to the game or wanting to "test the waters" before taking formal lessons, this course is for you. Leave the class and take on a newcomer game!

Date: Saturday, November 27
Time: 1-6 p.m.
Location: Brazos, level 2
Cost: Only \$20 when you pre-register at acbl.org/reglbld - \$25 at door. Textbooks and door prizes included.

More info:
Emailmarketing@acbl.org

1970	1. Ron E. Andersen, Hugh C. MacLean; 2. Curtis K. Smith, E. Lowell Yost
1971	1. Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel; 2. Stephen W. Robinson, Kit Woolsey
1972	1. Leslie C. Bart, Marc S. Jacobus; 2. Stephen W. Robinson, Kit Woolsey
1973	1. Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay; 2. Roxy Violin, Ed Weiner
1974	1. Gerald L. Michaud, G. Robert Nail; 2. John Gerber, Daniel Kaim
1975	1. Steve Lapides, Walt Walvick; 2. Marc Culbertson, Robert Visokey
1976	1. Roger Bates, John Mohan; 2. Steve Altman, Thomas M. Smith
1977	1. David Hoffner, David Schroeder; 2. Roger Bates, John Mohan
1978	1. Norm Coombs, Tom Hodapp; 2. Kevin Castner, Michael S. Lawrence
1979	1. Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. Zeke Jabbour, Dennis McGarry
1980	1. V. Craig Janitschke, Jan Janitschke; 2. Robert D. Hamman, Paul Swanson
1981	1. Roger Abelson, Mike Levinson; 2. Robert D. Hamman, Donald P. Krauss
1982	1. Robert Lipsitz, Dan Gerstman; 2. Lew Mathe, Harold Guiver
1983	1. Marty Bergen, Larry N. Cohen; 2. Mitch Chandler, Cliff Bishop
1984	1. Per Olov Sundelin, Peter Pender; 2. Jim Becker, Howard Chandross
1985	1. John Mohan, Roger Bates; 2. Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth
1986	1. Jim Krekorian, Paul Kiefer; 2. Marty Bergen, Larry N. Cohen
1987	1. Bart Bramley, Lou Bluhm; 2. Leslie West, David Ashley
1988	1. Robert Levin, Larry Cohen; 2. Glen Lublin, Peter Boyd
1989	1. Steve Lapides, Walt Walvick; 2. Peter Weichsel, Roger Stern

In 1990, the event became the Life Master Open Pairs.

1990	1. Zia Mahmood, Hugh Ross; 2. Tommy Gullberg, Michael Polowan
1991	1. Zia Mahmood, Hugh Ross; 2. Larry N. Cohen, David Berkowitz
1992	1. Mike Kamil, Michael Rosenberg; 2. Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
1993	1. Brad Moss, Ravindra Murthy; 2. Ed Nagy, Jeff Polisner
1994	1. Robert Levin, Richard Katz; 2. Michael Polowan, Steve Robinson

1995	1. John Sutherlin, Bart Bramley; 2. Mark Itabashi, Gene Simpson
1996	1. Walter Schafer, Ron Smith; 2. Michael Schreiber, Curtis Cheek
1997	1. Kerry Smith, Jeff Schuett; 2. Dennis Kasle, Garey Hayden
1998	1. JoAnna Stansby, Lew Stansby; 2. Ron Smith, Richard Schwartz
1999	1. Paul Soloway, Steve Catlett; 2. Lew Stansby, JoAnna Stansby
2000	1. Jill Meyers, Steve Garner; 2. Zia Mahmood, Chuck Burger
2001	1. Piotr Gawrys, Jacek Pszczola; 2. Zia Mahmood, Sidney Lazard
2002	1. Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson; 2. Larry Cohen, Steve Weinstein
2003	1. Jo Morse, Kyle Larsen; 2. Fred Gitelman, Jay Borker
2004	1. Richard Pavlicek, Richard Pavlicek Jr.; 2. Jonathan Green, Mark Aquino
2005	1. Zia Mahmood, Jill Meyers; 2. Robert Levin, Louk Verhees
2006	1. Steve Garner, Howard Weinstein; 2. John Armstrong, Paul Hackett
2007	1. Zia Mahmood, Bjorn Fallenius; 2. Michael Prahin, Alex Perlin
2008	1. Nikolay Demirev, Ralph Katz; 2. Eric Rodwell, John Diamond
2009	1. Tor Helness, Martin Andresen; 2. Hemant Lall, Justin Lall
2010	1. Hiroaki Miura and Kazuo Furuta; 2. Brad Moss and Fred Gitelman
2011	1. Ishmael Del’Monte, Justin Lall; 2. Doug Doub, Adam Wildavsky
2012	1. Chip Martel, Zia Mahmood; 2. Cecilia Rimstedt, Meike Wortel
2013	1. Curtis Cheek, Ishmael Del’Monte; 2. Robert Levin, Kevin Bathurst
2014	1. Jim Krekorian, Venkatrao Koneru; 2. Wael Mohsen, Reda Yaacoub
2015	1. Geoff Hampson, Eric Geco; 2. David Gold, Kevin Castner
2016	1. Marion Michielsen, Zia Mahmood; 2. Tom Hanlon, Leslie Amoils
2017	1. Alon Birman, Dennis Bilde; 2. Quentin Robert, Godefroy De Tessieres
2018	1. David Grainger, Greg Hinz; 2. David Gold, Boye Brogeland
2019	1. Radu Nistor, Iulian Rotaru; 2. Alex Perlin, Igor Savchenko
2020	Not held

THURSDAY INTERNATIONAL FUND PAIRS

22.5 Tables		A	B	C	
11.00	1			Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Morrisville NC	72.49%
8.25	2			Nigel Bird, England; Brian Senior, Nottingham, England	70.37%
6.19	3			Andrew Rosenthal - David Moss, New York NY	68.25%
4.64	4			John Bishel - Tom Bishel, Columbus OH	61.82%
3.48	5			Rahn Smith, Riverview FL; Steven Ashe, Tampa FL	58.64%
2.61	6			Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; Nathan Gong, Sammamish WA	58.11%
2.41	7			Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL; Jeff Edelstein, Tampa FL	56.17%
1.68	8			Karen McCallum, Exeter NH; Lynn Baker, Austin TX	56.15%
1.22	9			Mark Tonnesen, Woodbridge VA; Hal Jones Jr., Lorton VA	56.00%
4.20	10	1		Kathryn Bailey, Dripping Spring TX; Anita Albert, Austin TX	55.85%
0.96	11/12			Melih Ozdil - Justine Cushing, New York NY	54.94%
3.15	11/12	2		Mark Rosen, Austin TX; Kalyan Venkat, Round Rock TX	54.94%
2.45		3	1	Nora Fallon - Simone Scumpia, Austin TX	52.48%
1.77		4		Gail Rickard - Lucy Tillman, The Villages FL	51.06%
1.36		5		Paul Cuneo, Houston TX; Sujessada Udomsrirungrung, New York NY	49.82%
1.84			2	Robert Craig, Boerne TX; Johannes Braakman, Singapore	48.59%
1.38			3	Pierre Fougereuse, Villard, France; Jane Marland, Gy, Switzerland	48.32%

THURSDAY INTERNATIONAL FUND TEAMS

4 Tables					
3.73	1			Tim Leslie, Shrewsbury England; Oliver Burgess, Manchester England; Michael Bell, London England; Ben Norton, Loughborough, England	54.00


THURSDAY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PAIRS

24.0 Tables		A	B	C	
11.33	1			Karen McCallum, Exeter NH; Lynn Baker, Austin TX	70.53%
8.50	2			Michael Rosenberg - Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA	64.33%
5.58	3/4			Paul Cuneo, Houston TX; Brigitte Sandifer, Sugar Land TX	59.82%
5.58	3/4			Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, England	59.82%
3.58	5			Jo Smith, Abilene TX; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX	59.02%
4.43	6	1	1	Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR; Thomas Hughes, Austin TX	57.65%
2.02	7			Debbie Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; David Moss, New York NY	56.52%
3.32	8	2		Mark Rosen, Austin TX; Kalyan Venkat, Round Rock TX	56.20%
1.74	9/10			Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	55.48%
1.20	9/10			Nancy Strachan, Mississauga ON; Cliff Campbell, Thunder Bay ON	55.48%
1.03	11			Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON; Sue Lan Ma, Akron OH	55.23%
2.49			3	Michael Klemens, Tarzana CA; Howard Waldman, Jupiter FL	54.11%
1.87			4	Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Doug Couchman, Tucson AZ	54.03%
1.40			5	Linda Dunn, Memphis TN; Greg Coles, Southaven MS	53.14%
1.71			2	Robert Craig, Boerne TX; Johannes Braakman, Singapore	46.94%

THURSDAY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SWISS TEAMS

10 Tables		A	B	C	
5.33	1	1		Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Michael Shuster, Collegeville PA; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON	54.00
3.50	2/3	2/3		Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN; Amber Lin, San Francisco CA; Anant Rathi, Oakland CA; Ben Bomber, Portland OR; Finn Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA	49.00
3.50	2/3	2/3	1	Lawrence Dev De Lucia - Monica Quinlan - Suzanne Greenwood - Bettina Brill, Tucson AZ	49.00
2.25	4			David Littmann, Brookshire TX; Pamela White, Richmond TX; Linda Drake, Fulshear TX; Hasin Jinna, Houston TX	48.00





JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Welcome, Intermediate/ Newcomer Players, to Austin!

Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) games begin at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on most days. All I/N events will be held in the Lone Star Ballroom F on the third floor of the Marriott.

The I/N Partnership Desk guarantees you a partner if you sign up one hour prior to game time.

Don't forget to pick up your registration gift from both the I/N and Welcome desks.

Celebrity bridge speakers will give free mini-lessons at 9:15 a.m. most days. Today, Michael Berkowitz presents "Clues from the Opening Lead."

Bridge-Plus+

Don't miss these free two-hour lessons (10 a.m. to noon) by renowned ACBL teachers in the Brazos Room on the second floor:

- Saturday, Nov. 27 Patty Tucker
Basic Splinter Bids
- Sunday, Nov. 28 Robert Todd
*Hand Evaluation/
ReEvaluation*

A special game for 0–20 players will be held immediately following these lectures (14 deals, free!).

Learn Bridge in a Day?

Yes! Let Patty Tucker show you how on Saturday, Nov. 27, from 1-6 p.m. in Brazos on Level 2.

Fee: \$25.

Notrump in a Day

This workshop from Patty Tucker explores basic notrump bidding and the most common responses, from raises to Stayman and Jacoby transfers. Find out on Sunday, Nov. 28, from 1-5 p.m. in Brazos on Level 2. Fee: \$25.

Take All Your Chances

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: South
Vul: Both
IMPs

♠ Q 10 9 7 6
♥ K 5 2
♦ 7 5
♣ A 7 5

♠ A K J 5 4
♥ J 8 4 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ K

You open 1♠ as South and continue to game after partner gives you a limit raise.

West leads the ♣J. Spades are 2–1. Plan the play.

This hand is a finesseaholic's dream. There are three – count 'em three – finesses available:

- (1) Leading up to the ♥K.
- (2) Leading up to the ♥J if the king loses to the ace.
- (3) The diamond finesse.

If any one of these three works (87%) you make 4♠. Are you satisfied?

You shouldn't be, as there is a 100% play.

Win the ♠K, draw trumps ending in dummy, discard a diamond on the ♠A, ruff a club, stripping that suit, and exit with the ♦A and ♦Q! Yes, you read that correctly.

It doesn't matter who wins the trick, once either opponent leads a heart, you can lose no more than two heart tricks. If the opponents opt not to lead a heart, but instead present you with a ruff and sluff, ruff in your hand, the longer heart hand, and discard a heart from dummy, the shorter heart hand, the way to handle a ruff and sluff.

Card combinations that feature a king or a queen facing a jack lend themselves to throw-ins. If you can draw trumps leaving trumps in both hands, strip any side suit (clubs), and use an equal length side suit (diamonds) as your throw-in suit, you are in great shape. The ♦Q is an optical illusion. Let's hope you weren't sucked in by it.

The full deal:

♠ Q 10 9 7 6
♥ K 5 2
♦ 7 5
♣ A 7 5

♠ 3
♥ Q 9 7
♦ K 8 7 3 2
♣ J 10 8 4

♠ 8 2
♥ A 10 6
♦ J 10 9
♣ Q 9 6 3 2

♠ A K J 5 4
♥ J 8 4 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ K

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

By Steven Gaynor

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

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

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

Winning IMP strategies include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Defenders, Fall North American Championships

Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs:
Roger Lee, Wei Wang

Nail Life Master Open Pairs:
Iulian Rotaru, Radu Nistor

Whitehead Women's Pairs:
Bo Fu, Hanxiao Li

Senior Mixed Pairs:
Tobi Sokolow, David Sokolow

Super Senior Pairs:
Veronica McMurdie, Dick Jones

0–10,000 Fast Pairs:
David Rodney, Rusty Krauss

0–10,000 IMP Pairs:
Aaron Jones, Peter Gelfand

0-6000 Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs:
Phil Clayton, Jonathan Cohn

Soloway Knockout Teams:
Josef Blass (npc), Bas Drijver, Sjoert Brink, Jacek Kalita, Jacek Pszczola, Michal Nowosadzki

Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams:
Lavazza: Noberto Bocchi, Dennis Bilde, Antonio Sementa, Agustin Madala, Giorgio Duboin, Phillipe Cronier

Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams:
Howard Weinstein, Michael Becker, Bob Hamman, Peter Weichsel, Andy Hung, Liam Milne

Keohane North American Swiss Teams:
Nikolai Demirev, Rose Meltzer, Arthur Wasik, Andrzej Knap, Piotr Wiankowski, Piotr Nawrocki

NABC+ Mixed Swiss Teams:
Sanna Clementsson, Alexander Sandin, Roger Lee, Wei Wang

0–10,000 Swiss Teams: Ed Piken, Eric Genheimer, Steve Cohen, Ron Feldman

NABC Robot Individual: Phil Clayton

Goren Trophy: Bas Drijver, Sjoert Brink, Jacek Kalita, Jacek Pszczola, Michal Nowosadzki



Share the game you love!

Whether you are just getting started as a bridge teacher or looking to update your skills, arm yourself with proven tactics in a hands-on workshop.

Workshop
Pre-register online and guarantee your seat. All registrants must pass a Basic Bridge Knowledge Test to participate in the workshop (pass score: 70%).

Workshop fee: \$125
Dates: Participants must attend all three days
Friday, Nov. 26 (1 to 5 pm)
Saturday, Nov. 27 (8 am to noon)
Sunday, Nov. 28 (8 am to noon)

For more information contact the ACBL education department at education@acbl.org

Player Memos

To file a Player Memo please scan this code. (For a live event choose “Player Memo.” For an online event, choose “BBO Player Memo.”)



Stay in touch

Is your email address on file? Is it up to date? Let ACBL know. Call toll-free in the U.S., 800–264–2743; outside the U.S. 1–662–253–3191 Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time). You may also email service@acbl.org or update your info at acbl.com by logging into MyACBL.

FORCING NOTRUMP AUCTIONS

By Alan Olschwang

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Across

1. Feelings of hunger
6. It’s cheap, proverbially
10. Producer’s nightmare
14. Olympic venue
15. Middle East sultanate
16. Perjury perpetrator
17. “Away with you!”
18. Fountain of Dixieland
19. Abounding in conditions or suppositions.
20. Following a forcing 1NT response to 1♥, a rebid of that major typically ____
23. ____-Man (early video game)
24. Diner order
25. Added assessment
29. React emotionally to
31. Aerosol spray chemical
34. Answer a charge
35. Former Fed chief Greenspan
36. Law office worker, informally
37. Following a forcing 1NT response to 1♥, with a minimal opener, five hearts and no four-card suit, opener should bid ____
40. “It’s a ____!”
41. Volleyball court dividers
42. Advice to a sinner
43. Apprehend
44. Automobile pioneer R.E.
45. Barely adequate

46. The U.S. joined it in 1917
47. Cheerleader’s chant
48. Following a forcing 1NT response to 1♥, a bid of 2NT ____
56. Computer picture
57. Abridge, maybe
58. Apt to believe anything
59. Await approval
60. Anatomical bump
61. West German steel center
62. Amplifies
63. Wintertime glider
64. Ados

Down

1. Most common bid
2. Foot feature
3. Octavia’s emperor-husband
4. Nibble away at
5. “The Maltese Falcon” sleuth
6. Subject matter
7. Wall Street acronym
8. Backing for plaster
9. Calisthenics exercise
10. Act amorously
11. Hitchhiker’s hope
12. Clumsy clods
13. Ask too many questions

21. Lisa Simpson’s hobby, for short
22. Every last bit of
25. 1997 horror flick
26. Very, very
27. Kind of center
28. All-weather covering
29. Apartments in Soho
30. Canal zones?
31. Body of laws
32. Figurehead
33. Singer Mariah
35. Scored the highest grade
36. It’s a wrap
38. Adds pizzazz to
39. Automated devices
44. “A League of Their ____”
45. Protested peacefully, perhaps
46. Air currents
47. Appraised
48. Added frosting to
49. Make smooth
50. Favorite of pop fans
51. Crimson ____ (Alabama’s team)
52. Beer brewer’s buy
53. Pending, as a legal decree
54. State peremptorily
55. Eyeglasses glass
56. Wellness retreat

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Charity begins at AmazonSmile

For every eligible purchase you make on Amazon.com, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price (less shipping, gift wrap charges, etc.) to your chosen charity. Why not make the ACBL Educational Foundation or the ACBL Charity Foundation your chosen charity?

When you shop at *smile.amazon.com*, you’ll find the exact same low prices and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a

portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. Picture this: If every ACBL member were to designate one of the two ACBL charity funds as their AmazonSmile recipient and spend \$200, \$168,000 would flow to the Educational Foundation and the Charity Foundation!

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Go to smile.amazon.com using your computer or mobile device. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you’ll select a charitable organization before you begin shopping. Choose either

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Ed Foundation program enrolls thousands

Final registration numbers for BridgeWhiz kids

By ACBLEF President Joel R. Kramer and
ACBLEF Executive Director Kristen Frederick

More than 2000 young people – double the number we projected – have enrolled in the first year of BridgeWhiz, the ACBL Educational Foundation’s online instructional program aimed at students in grades 4 through 12. Online classes began in October, and the 20-week course has been meeting once a week, allowing for holiday breaks. We expect attrition, of course, based on the Bridge for Youth experience when it piloted this program in Seattle, but we’re hoping that more than 1000 students will graduate and receive a one-year Junior membership in the ACBL, courtesy of the ACBL Educational Foundation. BridgeWhiz students are primarily middle-schoolers, and they live in 46 states and five Canadian provinces.

Enrollment varied dramatically by state, and this was for two reasons. We promoted primarily through PeachJar, a system for distributing digital flyers to parents, and PeachJar is much more prevalent in some states and provinces than others. In Virginia and North Carolina, local players

supplemented our outreach with their own vigorous efforts to enroll students. Thanks to all who did that!

What happens when these students graduate and get their one-year youth membership? BridgeWhiz will offer improver classes, focused on reviewing and practicing what was taught in the program about declarer play, defense and bidding. There will be BridgeWhiz tournaments for the young people to enjoy, and prizes awarded.

What’s the best way to keep these kids playing our great game? Local districts, units, clubs and individuals need to reach out and engage them in local play and mentor them. We can’t give you their names, but we can give them yours. So, if you’re interested in working with these young people, either on your own as a mentor or through your leadership role in a local club or unit, please email kristen@acblef.org. In the spring of 2022, we’ll communicate more specifically on how you can help.



“Sorry, Partner”

There’s a new bridge podcast in town. Hosted by bridge partners and friends Catherine Harris and Jocelyn Startz, “Sorry, Partner” is a playful take on the game of bridge and the worldwide community of bridge players.

The weekly program is organized into two sections. It kicks off with a lively conversation between the two hosts about anything and everything from funny things that happen at the table to bridge challenges of all stripes, as well as a mailbag of listeners’ bridge stories. The second part features a long-form interview with a bridge champion who shares insights and top tips.

Episode one showcases Giorgia Botta, who discusses how she went from being a junior champion in Rome to life as a bridge professional in New York City. Bridge legend Barry Rigal

spearheads episode two with his trademark self-deprecating humor about his seriousness at the table. Future guests include Adi Asulin (Israel), Mel Colchamiro (U.S.), Heather Dhondy (England), Disa Eythorsdottir (Iceland/U.S.), Andrew Mill (Australia), and Kiran Nadar (India).

The latest episode features Norwegian champion Boye Brogeland and his endless crusade for ethics in bridge.

The program is fun and interesting for players at all levels but features tips and advice of particular use to developing students of the game.

The program is available on Apple podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher and wherever else people like to listen. Follow the show and send your bridge stories to sorrypartnerpodcast@gmail.com or on Instagram [@sorrypartnerpodcast](https://www.instagram.com/sorrypartnerpodcast).



Winner of the 2019 Fall Robot Individual:
Phil Clayton

Fall Robot Individual

The Fall NABC Robot Individual was held earlier this week.

The three-session event is stratified and played online with Bridge Base Online robots. It pays gold points for overalls in each flight. It does not qualify for Grand Life Master status.

2018 1A. Jonathan Ferguson; 1B. Samuel Ieong; 1C. Junhui Zhu.

2019 1A. Phil Clayton; 1B/C. Liam King.

2020 1A. Boris Tenchov; 1B Steve Welton; 1C. Junhui Zhu.

Robot Individual

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Flight B Leaders		
1.	Samuel Ieong, Mountain View CA	68.10
2.	Richard Barabino, New York NY	66.37
3.	Howard Stern, Des Plaines IL	66.08
4.	Guohui Zhang, Madison AL	65.71
5.	Wei Situ, Fort Mill SC	65.68
6.	Junhui Zhu, Burnaby BC	65.16
7.	Jose Cortina, Oak Hill VA	65.10
8.	Xu Li, Pasadena MD	64.72
9.	Andrew Quinton, South Berwick ME	64.38
10.	Georgi Petkov, Ocean City MD	64.00

Flight C Leaders		
1.	Wei Situ, Fort Mill SC	65.68
2.	Xu Li, Pasadena MD	64.72
3.	Georgi Petkov, Ocean City MD	64.00
4.	John Wallbaum, Aurora IL	63.72
5.	Yong-Dong Wang, Memphis TN	63.38
6.	Shigang Liang, Markham ON	63.35
7.	Edward Karpovits, Gatineau QC	62.67
8.	Thomas Michalek, Topsfield MA	62.45
9.	Glenn Reider, Louisville TN	61.96
10.	Santhosh Karnik, Marietta GA	61.75

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.

Sorry, Partner


A Bridge Podcast

Experience the new workshop, Notrump in A Day™

This workshop explores basic notrump bidding and the most common responses, from raises to Stayman and Jacoby Transfers. If you need help knowing when to use which convention, what your second bid should be or what your partner is telling you, this workshop is for you!

Date: Sunday, November 28
Time: 1-6 p.m.
Location: Brazos, level 2
Cost: Only \$20 when you pre-register at [acbl.org/reglbiad](https://www.acbl.org/reglbiad) - \$25 at door. Course includes student workbook, presentation and practice hands.

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Masterpoint disclaimer

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

Smoking Policy

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

Youth and Junior entries

Coupons will be made available for Youth and Junior members in good standing for entry into events at North American Bridge Championships:

Youth players under 21 years old may play free in regionally rated events, including Gold Rush and Intermediate-Newcomer games. The card fees for a Youth player are \$10 per session for NABC+ events and \$7 per session for NABC events.

A Junior player under the age of 26 years must be a full-time student and provide proof of eligibility for discounted card fees. Per-person, per-session entries are \$10 for NABC+ events, \$7 for NABC events, \$5 for regional events and free for I/N games.

Any player under 26 named to teams representing the U.S., Canada and Mexico in world competitions for NABCs occurring between the time they are named to the team and the world championship may play free at NABCs when playing with members of their team or members of another team representing Zone 2.



Junior Zip KO



“Minus 1400.” **“Push.”**

“Plus 1240? How?”

“Overtrick.”

Grab your friends and play in the Junior Zip KO Saturday night.

What

Free Junior “Midnight” Zip KO

When

Saturday, Nov. 27
11:30 p.m.



Winners of the inaugural Soloway KO Teams in 2019: Bas Drijver, Michal Nowosadzki, Jacek Pszczola, Jacek Kalita, Sjoert Brink and (not pictured) npc Josef Blass.

Soloway KO starts today

The Soloway Knockout Teams gets underway today. The top-tier contest begins with a two-day Swiss qualifying round, reducing the field to 32 squads, followed by five days of head-to-head knockout matches to produce a single winner.

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



The Soloway KO concludes on Thursday, so that it does not conflict with the venerable Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, which begins the following day.

The contest is named in honor of late Hall of Famer Paul Soloway (1941–2007), who was the all-time ACBL masterpoint leader until his death. Soloway was the winner of five Bermuda Bowls and 31 North American championships. In 2001 he was the first recipient of the Sidney Lazard Jr. Sportsmanship Award.

The Soloway KO was a new event when it was held in San Francisco in 2019, so there is only one previous winning team.

2019 Jacek Pszczola, Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki, Sjoert Brink, Sebastiaan Drijver

Alert Procedure Updates

It’s been awhile since many of us have played live tournament bridge, so remember that there was a comprehensive update to the ACBL Alert Procedure passed by the Board of Directors in 2020 that went into effect in 2021.

The highlights are below, but the full document is available online at [acbl.org](https://www.acbl.org).

New Pre-Alerts

- You now are required to pre-Alert if you play a system that includes at least one one-level opening bid that is not natural or that is forcing.
- Leading low from doubleton is no longer a pre-Alert, but it does need to be included in any answer about carding methods.

Alert Changes

- In an uncontested auction, no natural jumpshift (whether weak, intermediate or strong) requires an Alert.
- A direct cuebid that is not Michaels (showing both majors over a minor, or a major and an unspecified minor over a major) requires an Alert.
- Support doubles and redoubles no longer require an Alert.
- An opening 2♣ bid that does not meet the definition of Very Strong on the ACBL Convention Chart requires an Alert. (This tends to apply to partnerships who agree to open 2♣ on hands with good playing strength, but many fewer high cards than normal. See the Convention Chart for the exact definition to see if it applies to you.)

Announcement Changes

- Instead of saying the word “transfer,” the Announcement is now the name of the suit being transferred to. For example, in the auction 1NT–2♥, where partner’s 2♥ showed

spades, instead of Announcing “transfer,” you will now Announce “spades.”

This Announcement is used in any situation where your partner is showing length in a specific other suit, as well as for doubles or redoubles that show the next suit up. For example, if you play that 2♠ shows clubs in the auction 1NT–2♠, then you would announce “clubs.” However, if you play that 2♠ shows either minor in the auction 1NT–2♠, then you must say “Alert,” even if the 1NT opener is expected to always bid clubs. Note this does not apply to any bid that asks for partner to bid the next suit; in order for the suit name to be Announced, the bidder must be showing length in that suit.

- Instead of saying “could be short” for a non-forcing minor-suit opening that might contain fewer than three cards, you must say the minimum number of cards in the suit, as in “Could be one.”
- If you have the agreement to routinely bypass a four-card spade suit to bid a forcing or semi-forcing 1NT over a 1♥ opening, then you add “could have four spades” to the “forcing” or “semiforcing” Announcement. This is most likely applicable to pairs playing Flannery.

Delayed Alerts

The rules for delayed Alerts have slightly changed, with the main difference being that at the end of the auction, the declaring side should explain any delayed Alerts and point out any control bids that were made during the auction without a requirement for the defense to ask about them. By having the declaring side explain these calls without prompting, there should be fewer cases of the person not on lead asking about calls before they should.

Legal Notices

- As a condition of attending the Fall 2021 NABC, by attending this tournament each attendee agrees, individually and on behalf of his/her heirs and family members, to release, discharge, and hold harmless the ACBL, its employees and other participants from any and all claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or related to any COVID-19 related illness (“Claims”). Each attendee understands and agrees that his/her release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the ACBL, its employees, and other participants arising out of or in connection with this tournament.
- 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](https://www.acbl.org/bindingarbitration).

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.

Van Wezel and van de Konijnenberg decided that this material should be at the disposal of all bridge players. At the same time, they want to save the history of bridge from oblivion. Therefore they launched a free website: www.bridgedailybulletins.nl.

On this site you may find thousands of bulletins, both from the digital era and before. WBF, EBL and ACBL championship bulletins are posted, as well as many from miscellaneous tournaments around the world.

If you have bulletins that they are missing, please contact them. Contact details can be found on the website.

ACBL Crossword

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1	P	2	A	3	N	4	G	5	S		6	T	7	A	8	L	9	K		10	F	11	L	12	O	13	P
14	A	R	E	N	A			15	O	M	A	N			16	L	I	A	R								
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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.



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.
- A violation of any of the above restrictions will result in an automatic penalty, pursuant to Law 91 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.
- NABC+ events**
- First offense of any kind (ringing, answering or initiating a call, texting or browsing) in a session: One full board, 12 IMPs or 20% of the maximum available VPs per match, at the respective form of scoring.
 - Second offense in the same session or third offense within the event, disqualification of the pair or team from the event.
- Other events**
- First offense, in the same session – ringing only: one-quarter board, 3 IMPs or 1 VP, at the respective form of scoring; first offense in the same session – answering or initiating a call, texting or browsing: one-half board, 6 IMPs or 2 VPs, at the respective form of scoring.
 - 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. Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session. This policy applies to all events at NABCs.



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. 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.

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

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

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

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.

Tomorrow’s Bridge Events				
Saturday, Nov. 27				
Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
10 am				
Evelyn Clonger Saturday Morning Side Pairs <i>(Fri-Sun Daylight Series)</i>	single	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Lone Star F, Level 3	\$15	\$19
Bridge-Plus+ Free two-hour lesson, then 14 deals <i>(0-20)</i>	single	Brazos, Level 2	Free	Free
10 am & 3 pm				
George Pisk Open Pairs <i>(unlim./3000/1500)</i>	1-2	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
Mark McAllister Gold Rush Pairs <i>(750/400/200)</i>	1-2	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
A/X/Y Swiss Teams <i>(unlim./6000/4000)</i>	1-2	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
Bracketed Teams <i>(0-3000)</i>	1-2	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
1 pm				
Dianne Decker Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>(Fri-Sun Primetime Series)</i>	single	Lone Star C, Level 3	\$20	\$24
1 & 7:30 pm				
NAIL LIFE MASTER PAIRS	1-2 F	Grand Ballroom 6, Level 4	\$30	—
SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS	3-4 Q	Grand Ballroom 5, Level 4	\$30*	—
0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions	1-2 Q	Grand Ballroom 4, Level 4	\$22*	—
Larry Davis Open Pairs	1-2	Lone Star C, Level 3	\$20	\$24
3 pm				
Charles B. Aufill Saturday Late Afternoon Side Pairs <i>(Fri-Sun Daylight Series)</i>	single	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Lone Star F, Level 3	\$15	\$19
7:30 pm				
Saturday Evening Side Pairs <i>(Fri-Sun Primetime Series)</i>	single	Lone Star C, Level 3	\$20	\$24
11:30 pm				
Zip Knockout Teams	single	Lone Star C, Level 3	\$15	\$19

Today's Bridge Events				
Friday, November 26				
Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
10 am				
Columbus Spring 2020 Friday Morning Side Pairs <i>(Fri-Sun Daylight Series)</i>	single	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
Montreal Summer 2020 299er Pairs	single	Lone Star F, Level 3	\$15	\$19
10 am & 3 pm				
Gary Powell Open Pairs <i>(unlim./3000/1500)</i>	1-2	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
Tampa Fall 2020 Gold Rush Pairs <i>(750/400/200)</i>	1-2	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
St. Louis Spring 2021 Bracketed Teams	1-2	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
1 pm				
Columbus Spring 2020 Friday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>(Fri-Sun Primetime Series)</i>	single	Lone Star C, Level 3	\$20	\$24
1 pm & 7:30 pm				
NAIL LIFE MASTER PAIRS 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS 2-day Swiss qualifying & 5-day KO	1-2 Q	Grand Ballroom 6, Level 4	\$30	—
	1-2 Q	Grand Ballroom 5, Level 4	\$30*	—
3 pm				
Providence Summer 2021 Friday Late Afternoon Side Pairs <i>(Fri-Sun Daylight Series)</i>	single	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
Montreal Summer 2020 299er Pairs	single	Lone Star F, Level 3	\$15	\$19
7:30 pm				
Providence Summer 2021 Friday Evening Side Pairs <i>(Fri-Sun Primetime Series)</i>	single	Lone Star C, Level 3	\$20	\$24
11:30 pm				
Zip Knockout Teams	single	Lone Star C, Level 3	\$15	\$19

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.

Parking

Austin Convention Center, 2nd St. Garage: 30 min.–3 hrs \$5; 3–9 hrs \$10; 9–12 hrs \$15, plus \$3 per additional hour. Entrances on both Brazos and San Jacinto just south of Second Street.

Street Parking: \$2/hr; ParkATX app or Google Maps


Austin City Hall Garage: 3+ hours \$25
JW Marriott: 0-3 hrs, \$20; 3-6 hrs, \$30; 6+ hrs, \$49

Buy your NABC entry online

Don’t wait in line! Buy your entries in advance for all national-level events at BridgeWinners.com.

Entries must be purchased by 10 a.m. the day of the event EXCEPT for events that require pre-registration, in which case the ACBL deadline, or the earlier of the two, applies.

A nice feature: You can buy entries in advance and be charged for the total number of sessions played after the event is over.



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.



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.

Player Memos

Many ways to file:



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



Use your smart phone.
Scan the QR code above.


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. 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.


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

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

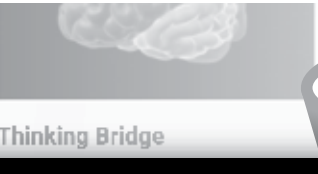
The objective of these warnings and penalties is the encouragement of full compliance with ACBL regulations.



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