

# Daily **AUSTIN** Bulletin

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## Nickell leads Reisinger quals

The squad led by Nick Nickell posted the best result in the semifinal round of the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, scoring 31 wins in Saturday's contest. As Nickell tied for the best score in the opening round on Friday, the two results combined to put them in the lead for today's two-session final. Nickell (Ralph Katz, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco) has a carryover of 3.89.

In second with 3.31 is Antonio Palma's crew: Fredrik Nystrom, Simon Cope, Frederic Wrang, Joaquin Pacareu, Thomas Paske). Third with 2.74 is Andrew Rosenthal (Aaron Silverstein, Chris Willenken, Jan Jansma, Boye Brogeland, Christian Bakke).

## No Reisinger vugraph

There will be no vugraph presentation of the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams.

## Dinkin leads NA Swiss

After finishing third in Friday's opening round, Sam Dinkin's squad moved into the lead in the Keohane North American Swiss Teams after yesterday's semifinal action. Dinkin (Michael Shuster, Jacob Freeman, Daniel Lavee) begin today's final round with a carryover of 25.28 victory points.

In second with 21.45 VPs is Gary Donner (Cecilia Rimstedt, Per-Ola Cullin, Marion Michielsen, Joe Grue, Brad Moss).

Third place is occupied by Paul Street (Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Ron Pachtmann, Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Massimiliano Di Franco, Andrea Manno) with 20.78 VPs.

## Lewis leads Mixed Swiss

The team captained by Paul Lewis topped the qualifying round in the NABC+ Mixed Swiss Teams. Lewis, playing with Linda Lewis, Ron Smith and Hjordis Eythorsdottir, scored 117.46 victory points and has a carryover of 29.16 VPs in today's final.

In second with a carryover of 27.95 VP is Cenk Tuncok's team: Riva Salhon, Christina Madsen, H. Hunt, John Kranyak and Allison Hunt.

Daniel Jackson's team is in third place with 17.08 VPs. Jackson is playing with Roxie Tom, Bill McCarty and Rosemary Kelley.

### Free swag!

The Austin NABC host committee has surplus tournament swag available for free at the Welcome area on Level 3.

### Masks required

While we are excited to bring players back together to the bridge table, we approach the tournament with an abundance of caution. All NABC attendees, staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated and have face masks properly worn at all times when present in the tournament areas. Please make sure you **bring your own masks** to play as ACBL does not guarantee the ability to supplement an individual's masking needs.

Players are reminded that their masks must cover their nose and mouth completely whenever inside the tournament "bubble." This includes all of the playing areas as well as the halls outside them on the second, third and fourth floors. There are checkpoints at each entrance, so as soon as you reach a checkpoint, you're inside the bubble and masks are required.

**Failure to comply with the mask mandate may result in procedural and/or disciplinary penalties.**



**ATTENDANCE  
through Saturday  
4960 tables**



### Goodwill Message

As we pack up our bid boxes and prepare to leave, let's be sure to thank our hosts. The Austin committee, led by BJ Sanders, has exhibited outstanding hospitality.

*Aileen Osofosky Goodwill Committee*

## A tout a l'heure

By BJ Sanders, Tournament Chair

After all the hubbub of the last 20-plus months, it was so incredible to be sitting at tables in large rooms playing bridge with players from all over the globe. We are so grateful to each and every one of you who chose to be here in our wonderful city.

So thank you, wonderful attendees, for your smiling eyes, competitive spirits, numerous compliments and for the honor of your presence. It has been so special being here with y'all!

Thank you amazing volunteers who made walking into the area of the Welcome, Prizes, Information and Partnership desks so friendly and helpful an experience. We are so grateful to you for jumping in to help day after day.

Thank you, team! Sally, Tom, Cindy, Rachell, Rita, Billie, Sharon, Linda, Terri, Pat, Jean, Earnestine, Bobbie, Larry, and Robert. Your dedication, organization, creativity and attention to details insured all ran seamlessly.

Thank you District 16, particularly Paul, Nancy and Tom, whose experience, advice and rapid responses were invaluable.

And then there is the ACBL! Our masterful team of tournament directors, led by Ken, who were brilliant at forecasting, remaining flexible, and executing in our all new post-pandemic environment. And to Chris, who organized and led her team that unloaded trucks, set up tables, chairs, signage, bidding boxes, little red pencils, etc., etc., etc.

And behind us all, were the event planners, problem solvers, developers of all new safety protocols, and responders to all manner of questions. Sara Beth and Montie and their teams worked nonstop to make this tournament happen!



While Paul, Chip, Amy and Kathy calmly documented and reported all to us from behind the scenes. And thanks to Joe, Georgia and Mary for their planning and vision.

Thank you one and all for making this the best "Back-in-the Saddle" tournament ever!

Can't wait to see you in Reno, then Providence, then Phoenix and beyond.

Safe travels and happy holidays.

A tout a l'heure,  
BJ

## Assessing Austin and looking ahead to Reno



The first NABC in two years was a success for the ACBL, said **Joe Jones**, executive director.

Attendance was projected to be around 4500 tables – 4000 on the low end, 5000 on the high end. By Saturday the tournament was just 40 short of 5000 tables with a day left. It was on track to finish about 15% ahead of the projection. And people are having a good time.

"I've had more than one person tell me they forgot how much fun it was to play in person," Jones said. "People are just glad to be here. The playing site is great. The local committee did a great job. The hotel staff has been really easy to work with. The directors – Ken [Horwedel], McKenzie [Myers] and everyone – did tremendous work. Things have gone really smoothly. It still won't be profitable, but we knew that coming in, so that's OK."

Austin has been different from past NABCs in several ways. It was the first completely cashless tournament the ACBL has held – a change that was

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## "JLall" remembered at gathering

The world of bridge was dealt many setbacks in 2020, but the death of Justin Lall at the age of 33 in August of that year was among the worst, a passing that saddened players around the world. A superstar at a young age, "JLall" was a beloved figure, especially in the expert bridge community. On Friday in Austin, a gathering was held after the evening session to celebrate Lall's life. More than 100 attendees from around the world were on hand to eat, drink and exchange remembrances. The event was hosted by Justin's father, Hemant Lall, and Justin's girlfriend, Stefanie Scott.

At the time of his death, Lall was a Grand Life Master with more than 23,000 masterpoints. He won two gold medals in the World Junior Teams (2005 and 2006), and won a silver medal in the Bermuda Bowl in 2011 when he was just 24.

Lall, who was a six-time NABC champion, was the youngest person ever to have achieved the rank of Grand Life Master at the age of 25. (The record was subsequently broken by Zachary Grossack at age 22.)

But the attendees at Friday's gathering were less focused on Lall's remarkable skill as a player and more on his magnetic personality. Various described as "ruthlessly honest," "generous," "modest" and "non-judgmental," Lall easily made loyal friends.

Lall's life, however, was one marked by a struggle with mental illness. As someone who lived with bipolar disorder, Lall survived several suicide attempts. He did not hide this part of himself, and



he wrote publicly about his condition, encouraging others who struggled similarly to take prescribed medications.

As with many who are faced with this health challenge, however, Lall frequently self-medicated, particularly with alcohol. Over the years, this practice took a toll on his liver, and it ultimately took his life.

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**Along with dozens of others, Nicolas Hammond, Roy Welland and Sabine Auken joined Hemant Lall, Justin's father, at Friday evening's gathering to remember Justin.**

**Lall**

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For those who shared stories about Lall Friday evening, the pain of his life was not what defined him. The gathering was not to mourn a tragedy, but rather to celebrate a person of extraordinary talent and kindness. Because the pandemic had made a gathering of the world bridge community all-but-impossible before this fall, the Austin NABC was the first opportunity Lall's family had to offer a space for Justin's many friends to share their stories of his friendship.

**New Life Masters**



**Linda Gaston** of Austin is one of the ACBL's newest Life Masters. Gaston has had a successful NABC, winning lots of points, so many in fact that she's not exactly sure in which event she earned her gold card! She has been playing with partners and teammates Stuart Litwin of Round Rock TX, Jenni Kimball of Lufton SC, and fellow Austin-area players Terrie Kolvoord, Ann Roe, Ann Denton and Ken Davis.



**Craig Allen** of Chicago IL became an Emerald Life Master (7500 MPs) playing in Friday's regional Open Pairs. Allen played with partner Michael Huston and won 6.75 gold points, a smidge more than the 6.58 he needed for his new rank.



*Photo by Jonathan Steinberg*

**Correction**

The Saturday Daily Bulletin inaccurately identified Karen McCallum's world titles. McCallum won seven World Championships: The Venice Cup (1989, 1993), the McConnell Cup (2014, 2018), Women's Pairs (1990, 2002) and Mixed Pairs (2006). She also has two second-place finishes in the Venice Cup. We regret the error.

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**QUALIFIERS IN THE REISINGER BAM**

		Carryover
1	Nick Nickell, New York NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Steve Weinstein, Cedar Grove NJ; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Eric Greco, Northville MI	3.89
2	Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal; Fredrik Nystrom - Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden; Simon Cope, Hertfordshire UK; Joaquin Pacareu, Santiago Chile; Thomas Paske, Manhattan NY	3.31
3	Andrew Rosenthal - Chris Willenken - Jan Jansma, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway	2.74
4	Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Lorenzo Lauria - Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Jacek Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland	2.11
5	Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France; Ishmael Del'Monte, Las Vegas NV; Finn Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA	0.74
6	Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Piotr Wiankowski, Gdansk Poland; Piotr Nawrocki, Warsaw Poland; Piotr Marcinowski, Gdansk Poland	0.51
7	Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; Allan Graves, St. Johnsbury VT	0.46
8	Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Venice FL; Dan Morse, Houston TX; Douglas Doub, West Hartford CT; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA	0.00

**QUALIFIERS IN THE KEOHANE SWISS TEAMS**

1	Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Michael Shuster, Collegeville PA; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON	25.28
2	Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Cecilia Rimstedt, Jacksonville FL; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO	21.45
3	Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Massimiliano Di Franco, Italy; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy	20.78
4	Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London England; Louk Verhees Jr., Voorhout Netherlands; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Dror Padon - Alon Birman, Tel Aviv Israel	16.32
5	Naren Gupta, Woodside CA; Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Zia Mahmood, London England; David Gold, England; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands	15.17
6	Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Barnet Shenkin, Hallandale Bch FL; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Nils Kvangraven - Geir Brekka, Kristiansand Norway; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy	12.63
7	Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Dana Berkowitz, New York NY; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnysvale CA; Eldad Ginossar, Chicago IL	11.19
8	Drew Casen, Henderson NV; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY	9.09
9	Ross Grabel, Palm Desert CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; William Pollack, New York NY; Edward Nagy, Danville CA; Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA; Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA	8.95
10	Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Bch Gdns FL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX	8.64
11	Hansa Narasimhan, Mountain View CA; Carlos Pellegrini - Pablo Lambardi, Buenos Aires Argentina; Alexander Smirnov, Lubeck Germany; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland	8.03
12	Iulian Rotaru, New York NY; Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI	7.04
13	Mike Levine - David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; Tor Helness, Monaco; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	5.27
14	Hemant Lall, Dallas TX; Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Roy Welland, New York NY; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland	1.81
15	Pawel Hanus, Carrollton TX; Ari Sippola, Richardson TX; James Zhan - Ying Peng, Sugar Land TX	1.48
16	Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA; Alan Watson, Lexington MA; Rick Binder, Waltham MA; John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA	0.00

**QUALIFIERS IN THE MIXED SWISS TEAMS**

1	Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL	29.16
2	Cenk Tuncok, New York NY; Riva Salhon, Istanbul Turkey; Christina Madsen, Denmark; H. Hunt, Kiawah Island SC; John Kranyak - Allison Hunt, Greenville SC	27.95
3	Daniel Jackson - Roxie Tom - Bill McCarty - Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio TX	17.08
4	Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Maxim Siline - Carrie Liu, Hudson MA	16.96
5	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Diana Marquardt, Del Mar CA; Veronica McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV	14.59
6	Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX; David Caprera - Anne Brenner, Denver CO	14.51
7	Carole Weinstein - Cecilla Borrás, Waltham MA; Tom Breur, Belmont MA; Pat McDevitt, Falmouth MA; Jeff Overby, Boynton Beach FL	13.39
8	Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Gabriele Zanasi, Palermo Italy; Irina Kisilitsyna, Bradenton FL	13.16
9	Lynn Shannon, Campbell CA; John Miller, San Jose CA; Patricia Griffin, Flouertown PA; Russell Samuel, Coram NY	13.04
10	Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA; Anam Tebha, Charlotte NC; Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA	11.82
11	Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Mesa AZ; Steve Gross, Camarillo CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA	11.44
12	Kay Enfield, Santa Fe NM; May Sakr, Weston FL; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; Robert Morris, Houston TX; Allison L. Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	9.96
13	Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA; Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III - Amy Casanova, Portland OR	9.67
14	Sharon Horton, Lakeland FL; Rahn Smith, Riverview FL; Gen Geiger - Terry McHenry, Sarasota FL	7.28
15	Shailesh Gupta, Aliso Viejo CA; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI; Sherman Gao, Brea CA; Weiling Zhao, Brookfield CT; Tanaaz Timblo - Jayendu Patel, Vista CA	7.19
16	Ryan Connors, Alexandria VA; Carol Crawford, Albuquerque NM; Randi Adelman, Teaneck NJ; Marc Sylvester, Edinboro PA	7.01
17	Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA; Gale Senter, San Clemente CA; Jack Waller, Dana Point CA; Kate Hill, Santa Rosa CA	5.99
18	Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; Jacqueline Chang, New York NY; Will Engel, Rockford IL; Riki Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	5.77
19	Claire Alpert - Francisco Bernal, Miami FL; Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Carlos Hoyos, Bogota Colombia; Katarzyna Dufurat, Wroclaw Poland	5.30
20	Allan Deserpa, Tempe AZ; Bob Klein - Nancy Gunn, Santa Rosa CA; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA	5.13
21	Forrest Gray, Van Vleck TX; Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA; Xingping Kang, El Monte CA; Dolores Aquino, Houston TX	3.99
22	Bill Irvine, Delray Beach FL; Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA; David Dobrin, Cambridge MA; Natalie Bassil, Boston MA	2.85
23	Phyllis Yates - Jim Johnsen, San Diego CA; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV; Jon Brissman, Indianapolis IN	2.54
24	Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA; Lilly Justman, Austin TX; Nicolas Hammond, Alpharetta GA; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH	1.99
25	James Keegan, Boston MA; Barbara Murphy, Newton MA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI; Marie-France Benoit, Ottawa ON	0.40
26	Tracy Brines, Smithfield VA; Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY; Mustafa Cem Tokay, Manhattan NY; Ruth Fleischmann, New York NY	0.00

**SATURDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS**

21.5 Tables / Based on 18 Tables				
	7	4	2	
7.35	1	1		Annetta Hughson, Kyle TX; Lois Kertesz, San Marcos TX
5.51	2	2		Cheryl Bradford - Amy Anderson, Dallas TX
4.13	3			Cheryl Gorman, Sea Bright NJ; Julie Anderson, Tinton Falls NJ
3.10	4	3	1	Lawrence Fritz - Anne Fritz, North Richland Hills TX
2.63	5			Barbara McQuigg - Richard McQuigg, Grand Rapids MI
2.26	6			Millie Ortego, Opelousas LA; Kathy Young, Lafayette LA
1.84	7			Gordon Harper, Huntington NY; Jim Brown, Pinehurst NC
1.63	8	4		Lori Slocum - Alice Wright, Denton TX
1.67	9			Wendy Marks - Curt Wyman, Austin TX
1.52	5	2		Susanna Busico - Sue Carter, Austin TX
0.61	6	3		Robert Luedtke - Susan Dilorenzo, Austin TX
1.18	4			Mary Caul, Shorewood IL; Donna Saltz, Georgetown TX



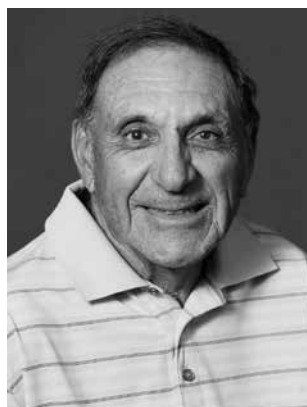
# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Take All Your Chances

By **Eddie Kantar**

Dir: South ♠ Q 9 5 4 2  
 Vul: Both ♥ A 3 2  
 ♦ A 3 2  
 ♣ K 4

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



After you open 2NT as South – yes, 2NT with five spades – partner surprises you by bidding 3♥, a transfer to spades! You jump-accept by bidding 4♣ showing a great hand for spades with at least four spades. Partner bids 6♣.

West leads the ♣10. Plan the play.

You have possible losers in two suits, both equally divided, both missing the queen. A finesseaholic draws trumps, strips clubs, and takes two red-suit finesses. He will be victorious 75% of the time, how often one expects to win at least one of two finesses. Not bad, but terrible on this hand.

A stronger player draw trumps, strip clubs, and plays the ♦A, ♦K and ♦J, forcing a heart return. Once either opponent leads a heart, there is no longer a guess in that suit and the slam can be chalked up.

Notice if you play the ♥A K J, conceding a heart trick and forcing a diamond return, you could go down. East may win and lead a diamond and West may have the queen:

♠ Q 9 5 4 2  
 ♥ A 3 2  
 ♦ A 3 2  
 ♣ K 4

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

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

Tip No. 1: When you have two equally divided suits and either can be used as your throw-in suit to force a lead in the other, ask yourself which suit you most want led to you. Once decided, use the other as your throw-in suit. Here, forcing a heart lead is more helpful than forcing a diamond lead.

Tip No. 2: When you have a five-card major with a balanced hand and 20–21 HCP, you are usually better placed to open 2NT rather than the major. When you open the major, partner often responds 1NT and when you raise to 3NT, the

stronger hand hits the table usually making the defense much easier.

Also, it is easier to respond to a 2NT opening bid with 4 or 5 HCP along with a six-card suit, as partner is known to have at least two cards in the suit. In fact, many top players open 2NT with 19 HCP and a strong five-card suit, easily the equivalent of 20 HCP for the reasons mentioned.



**Ben Klauder of Austin and Olga Zagodzón of Poland were playing together for the first time Saturday in the Gold Rush Pairs. Klauder, who has been playing for four years, finally convinced his girlfriend, who is on an extended stay in Austin, to play – her first time ever. “I hope she gets addicted,” he said. Zagodzón wasn’t so sure. “Let’s see after the game if we’re still dating,” she said.**

### SATURDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.12	1			Richard D’Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA; John Cox, Bayfield CO	64.81%
3.25	2	1		Rick Clelland, Boulder CO; Ying Zhang, Longmont CO	62.04%
2.32	3			Johann Bouman, Wassenaar ; Tim Van Den Bos, Eindhoven	58.56%
1.77	4			Peter Cheung, Fremont CA; Marusa Gold, London England	57.87%
1.30	5			Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; Donna Rodwell, Clearwater FL	56.48%
2.44		2	1	Robert Craig, Boerne TX; Coleman Driver, Bangor ME	50.93%
1.60		3/4	2/3	Ken Pelowski – Lori Mirek, Atherton CA	48.38%
1.60		3/4	2/3	Bill Multack, Miami Beach FL; Janis Ward, Miami FL	48.38%

### SATURDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

3.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.95	1	1		Perri Mann, Pass Christian MS; Catherine Peters, Atlanta GA	61.41%
1.46	2	2		Jean Durocher, Austin TX; Jeff Reardon, Mission TX	58.15%

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

10.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.33	1	1	1	Glyn Liggins, London ; Andrew Dyson, New York NY	62.50%
3.25	2			Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX	62.27%
2.44	3			Melih Ozdil – Justine Cushing, New York NY	58.33%
1.83	4			Cliff Campbell, Thunder Bay ON; Richard Chan, Markham ON	55.56%
1.63	5			Mansoor Gowani, San Jose CA; Jan Zadroga, Todz Poland	54.17%
2.44	6	2		Robert Guerard, Brossard QC; Chantal Dube, Montreal QC	53.01%
2.12		3	2	Thomas Hackenberg, Round Rock TX; Phillip Jaeger, Austin TX	50.23%
1.37		4		Howard Sloan – Karen Grossman, Boca Raton FL	47.22%

### SATURDAY LATE AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.47	1	1		Jill Sackett – Joseph Sackett, Winchendon MA	62.92%
2.60	2			Judith Argento - Raymond Depew, Naples FL	57.50%
2.27	3	2		Barbara Grantham, Houston TX; Paul Fafoutakis, Universal City TX	55.83%
1.46	4			Hannah Moon, Sasakatoon SK; Ken Gee, Regina SK	53.75%
1.70		3		Sandra Macpherson, Halifax NS; Bonnie Hertzog, Tucson AZ	49.58%

### JUANITA CHAMBERS SATURDAY A/X/Y SWISS TEAMS

19 Tables / Based on 52 Tables

	A	X	Y		
24.80	1			Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL; Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	81.00
16.28	2/3			Soren Bilde – Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Emil Jepsen, Copenhagen Denmark; Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Andreas Meister, Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie TX; Kimmel Jones, Euleess TX; Bill Staats, Southlake TX; Mark Bumgardner, Murphy TX	78.00
16.28	2/3			Sam Dodson, Houston TX; Thomas Racciatti, Minneapolis MN; Linda Rensi, Katy TX; Donna Sparks, Fulshear TX	76.00
13.02	4/5	1/2	1/2	Ronald Vickery, Oro Valley AZ; Ann Buchholz, Ponte Vedra Beach FL; Mark Crumrine, Ocala FL; William Lindgren, Tucson AZ	76.00
13.02	4/5	1/2	1/2	Corey Krantz, Delray Beach FL; Bruce Lang, West Palm Beach FL; Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL; Ivan Nanev Ivanov – Rosen Gunev, Sofia Bulgaria	73.00
8.37		3		Jo Smith, Abilene TX; Marilyn Adams, Beaumont TX; Anton (Tony) Haddad – James Breihan, Houston TX	68.00
6.28		4	3	Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Jian Wang, Hopatcong NJ; Jian-Ping Chen, Yorktown VA	67.00
4.96		5	4	Howard Einberg, The Woodlands TX; James Glickman, Las Vegas NV; Seth Cohen, Stamford CT; Bill St. Clair, Houston TX	59.00

### SATURDAY BRACKETED B TEAMS BKT 1

9 Tables

13.73	1			Kathryn Bailey, Dripping Spring TX; Anita Albert – Thomas Smith, Austin TX; Gerdur Kristjansdottir, Boulder CO	99.00
10.30	2			Peter Clay, Wellesley MA; Paul Harris, Waltham MA; Ashok Rao, Cambridge MA; Harold Nordstrom, Reading MA	97.00
7.72	3			Andrea Luckey, Kinnelon NJ; Mary Giannella, Wayne NJ; Julie Clark, Aurora CO; Jennifer O’Neill, Greenwood Village CO	93.00
5.79	4			Linda Griffith, Austin TX; Terri O’Brien, Leander TX; Byron Southern – Ellen Coffield, Little Rock AR	90.00

### SATURDAY BRACKETED B TEAMS BKT 2

9 Tables

11.42	1			Ulla Winkler, Somerville MA; Joanne Tulimieri, Sudbury MA; Carolyn Bitetti, Belmont MA; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia	110.00
8.57	2			William Freeman – Jean Kiesel – Ginger Hebert, Lafayette LA; Jane Ardoin, Eunice LA	97.00
6.42	3			Edward Rubac – Cherry Blevins – Ramona Bienstock, Oklahoma City OK; Jack Atkinson, Edmond OK	89.00
4.82	4			Christine Greenberg, Byron MN; Joyce Lewis, Rochester MN; Anne Runyan, Venice FL; Larry Shell, Muscatine IA	80.00

## Inferences

Jim Krekorian took advantage of the all the clues on this deal (spots approximate) from the opening round of the Keohane North American Swiss Teams. Krekorian was playing with fellow Hall of Fame candidate Drew Casen.

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

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

♠ K 7  
 ♥ 7 5  
 ♦ K Q J 8 7 6 5  
 ♣ Q 9

♠ A 10  
 ♥ K Q 10 9 2  
 ♦ A 2  
 ♣ K 10 6 5

West	North	East	South
	Casen		Krekorian
		1♦	1♥
Dbl	2♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	2NT <sup>(2)</sup>	4♥

All Pass

- (1) Constructive raise  
 (2) Good-bad 2NT

East’s 2NT rebid is the so-called “good-bad 2NT,” which allows opener to differentiate between strong openers and hands that merely want to compete to the three level. Here, East wanted to bid 3♣, but a direct 3♦ would have shown a better hand. Ultimately, none of this mattered, as Krekorian jumped to 4♥, ending the auction.

West led the ♦10 to declarer’s ace, and the diamond exit was won by East. When East got out with a trump, Krekorian went up with the king, and West pondered before winning the ace. This strongly suggested that the ♠K was on declarer’s right, as East needed that card to have an opening hand.

West exited with a club to the 4, 9 and 10. When Krekorian cashed the ♥Q, the ♥J didn’t appear, so declarer ran three rounds of clubs, West pitching a spade, and then got out with a trump, endplaying West, who had nothing but spades left.

Krekorian lost two trumps and a diamond to make 4♥. This was a 9-IMP pickup for his team.

## 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 immediate or 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.

## Smaller finals?

Due to the small turnout, the directing staff may make changes to the conditions of contest regarding number of teams that qualify or movements for NABC events.

**Assessing**

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implemented without a hitch. It was the first time having a vaccine requirement, also without incident. And it was the first time having a mask mandate – a subject that a source of some, but not much, friction.

Early on, Jones heard some gripes about masks, he said. “But as the week went on it became less of an issue. I would say 99% of the people did really well with the masks.”

The big question on everyone’s minds: Will masks be required in Reno?  
Maybe.

“I don’t want to do it again,” Jones said. “It depends on what the CDC says and what the local environment is like. That’s really what has guided us. That’s been the criteria for regionals and sectionals too. They’re saying if you’re in an area of high transmission to wear a mask indoors for large gatherings.

“We’re not in control, especially with the new variant. We have to wait and see. But well in advance, we’ll set protocols.”

And if the decision had to be made today: “As of now, the plan is to have the same protocols.”

Conditions change continuously, but at some point a decision has to be made so that people can make plans. At the time plans were made for this tournament, Austin was still a high transmission area.

“It’s dropped to moderate, and if we had known that, we wouldn’t have required masks, but we have to be consistent,” Jones explained. “We can’t say it’s on, then off, then on again.”

One thing that definitely won’t change is the vaccine requirement. No matter what happens, only fully vaccinated players will be admitted to ACBL tournaments, for as far into the future is conceivable.

How vaccine and potential mask requirements will be enforced at future tournaments is an open question. For Austin, the ACBL contracted with VOW Digital Health to verify everyone’s vaccination status and with CrowdRx to staff checkpoints where temperatures were screened and VOW’s digital passes would be checked. CrowdRx staff were also charged with enforcing the mask requirement. The goal was to put the protocols in place without making a burden on either the directing staff or the volunteers. That plan didn’t quite go off without a hitch, and in many cases it was left to directors and staff to police masks.

“After this tournament, we’ll evaluate what went right and what went wrong and likely make changes to how protocols are enforced,” Jones said. “The good news is most people didn’t need reminding. A few people did need reminders. And they’re mainly the same people.”

Another issue up in the air is how soon some of the social gatherings are coming back: the club and teacher reception, the goodwill reception, the Hall of Fame ceremony. While these were all expected to be on the schedule for Reno, the omicron variant could change that.

Austin broke a streak of five canceled NABCs, and everyone expects there won’t be any more cancellations. But that too is an unknown Jones and his team must face.

Everything depends on conditions in the area where tournaments are planned.

“If they’re too bad, we won’t go,” Jones said. “That’s not what we want. If it gets crazy, we just have to cancel. We’re always going to err on the side of safety, for our staff as well as the players.”

**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.

**KAREN SNYDER SATURDAY OPEN PAIRS**

24.0 Tables / Based on 63 Tables

	A	B	C		
35.92	1			Pam LaSelle, Georgetown TX; Elizabeth Tobias, Austin TX	61.44%
26.94	2			Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; E.R. ‘Bud’ McKinney, Cary NC	60.38%
20.21	3			Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Bill Cook, Louisville KY	59.53%
15.15	4			Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; Christian Jolly, Atlanta GA	59.36%
11.97	5			Kenneth Schutze, Austin TX; James Griffin, Greenville SC	58.56%
10.26	6			Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Jay Segarra, Ocean Springs MS	58.30%
8.98	7			John Manopoli, Jamaica Plain MA; Derald Keetch, Livingston TX	56.09%
12.35	8	1	1	Lee Nykaza, Wilmette IL; Johannes Braakman, Singapore	56.03%
7.18	9			Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Jeffrey Ferro, San Francisco CA	55.98%
9.26	10	2		Ben Tucker, Vashon WA; Robert Bell, New Providence NJ	53.86%
5.99	11			Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA	53.74%
5.53	12			Howard Epley – Karen Epley, Kent WA	53.64%
6.95		3		Linda Drake, Fulshear TX; Anil Altindag, Ankara Turkey	53.15%
5.21		4		John Miller, Stillwater MN; Frank Knier, Fargo ND	51.83%
4.12		5		Phillip Yorston, Albuquerque NM; Scott McClure, Golden CO	51.64%
3.53		6		Brian Sutton, Bethesda MD; Janine Buss, Port Washington NY	51.59%
3.37			2	Barry Dehlin, Dresher PA; Jin Chu, Plano TX	50.21%
2.53			3	Ann Jenkins, Cambridge MA; Arjun Dhir, Johns Creek GA	49.55%
1.89			4	Andrew Cavalier, Huntsville AL; Christopher Steele, Pflugerville TX	48.18%

**SATURDAY BRACKETED B TEAMS BKT 3**

7 Tables

8.22	1	John Luebkemann, Addison TX; Daniel Boylan, Dallas TX; Donald Aschenbrenner, St Petersburg FL; Feza Buyukdura, Fairview TX	83.00
6.17	2	Donald Bladow, Anchorage AK; Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA; John McClure, Port Townsend WA; Maynard Smith Jr., Homer AK	82.00
4.62	3	David Spalding, San Francisco CA; William Cook – Brenda Larsen, Twin Falls ID; Christiane Turner, Ketchum ID	74.00

**SATURDAY BRACKETED B TEAMS BKT 4**

9 Tables

6.61	1/2	Tom Billups, Henrico VA; Martha Mullen – Anne Driscoll, Midlothian VA; Jill Cave, Richmond VA	100.00
6.61	1/2	Susan Dietz, San Jose CA; Sherrie Barakatt, Modesto CA; Gary Sheerer, Los Altos CA; David Leaver, Los Altos Hills CA	100.00
4.25	3	Nancy Reingold, Houston TX; Kathleen McDougall, Richmond TX; Darrel Mooney, Boise ID; Jayne James, Midvale UT	83.00
2.86	4/5	Mark Alpert – Judy Alpert – W. Kenneth Davis – Simone Scumpia, Austin TX	80.00
2.86	4/5	David Goodwin – Rose Goodwin, Roanoke VA; Michael Rainbird – John Foley, Austin TX	80.00

**SATURDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS**

14.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.20	1			Eileen Cripps Stenberg, Asbury IA; Gerald Nehra, Muskegon MI	62.50%
3.90	2			Richard Chan, Markham ON; Cliff Campbell, Thunder Bay ON	61.22%
3.20	3			Mansoor Gowani, San Jose CA; Jan Zadroga, Todz Poland	61.06%
2.19	4			Lucia Menezes – Caru Vidigal, Rio De Janeiro Brazil	59.29%
2.24	5			Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX	58.65%
3.68	6	1	1	Lee Nykaza, Wilmette IL; Johannes Braakman, Singapore	58.01%
2.76		2	2	Jill Sackett – Joseph Sackett, Winchendon MA	55.93%
2.07		3	3	Ryan Daniels, Vernon Hills IL; Mark Maxwell, Bastrop TX	53.53%
1.55		4		Molly Walsh – Jennifer Cox, Denver CO	52.56%
1.16		5		BJ Sanders – Mark Sanders, Austin TX	51.60%

**THURSDAY-SATURDAY PRIMETIME SERIES**

41.50 Tables / Based on 15 Tables

9.10	1/2	Eileen Cripps Stenberg, Asbury IA	124.86%
9.10	1/2	Gerald Nehra, Muskegon MI	124.86%
5.49	3/4	Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX	120.92%
5.49	3/4	Howard Parker III, Clements CA	120.92%
5.73	5/6	Richard Chan, Markham ON	116.78%
5.73	5/6	Cliff Campbell, Thunder Bay ON	116.78%
3.88	7/8	John Norwood, Toronto ON	115.61%
3.88	7/8	Bob Allen, Austin TX	115.61%

**Where to find help desks**

Looking for assistance?

The Welcome, Information, Prizes and Partnership desks are all on the third floor.

**Sponsors**



**Today is Dan Leightman Day**

Dan served on the Unit 174 board for two years and served as ethics committee chair for four years. He served as District 16’s executive treasurer for three years, a position for which he was seriously overqualified! On the national level, he was our district’s representative on the ACBL Board of Governors. Like everything else he undertook, Dan brought his dedication to purpose and balance, his wisdom and his intelligence to all issues he confronted.

Dan was a Silver Life Master. As a partner, he was thoughtful, competitive and had a great sense of humor. We surely miss him!

**Today’s Bridge Events**

Sunday, Dec. 5

**Dan Leightman Day**

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
Robert Donathan Sunday Morning Side Pairs ( <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i> ) 299er Pairs	single	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
	single	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$15	\$19
Dan Leightman A/X/Y Swiss Teams ( <i>unlim./6000/4000</i> ) <i>Playthrough with a short break</i> Bracketed Teams ( <i>0-3000</i> ) <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
Fast Open Pairs	1-2	Lone Star C, Level 3	\$20	\$24
<b>REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS</b> <b>KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS</b> <b>MIXED SWISS TEAMS</b>	1-2 F	Lone Star E, Level 3	\$30*	—
	1-2 F	Lone Star D, Level 3	\$30*	—
	1-2 F	Grand Ballroom 6, Level 4	\$30*	—
Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs ( <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i> ) 299er Pairs	single	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
	single	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$15	\$19

\* In addition, there is a screen fee of \$10/pair/session or \$20/team/session. Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (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.  
\*Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

**International Fund**

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