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Glasson to guide smaller Board as F2F bridge returns in 2022



It's a transition year for the ACBL as the return to face-to-face bridge continues. For the Board in particular, 2022 is unique, standing between a past when it was made up of 25 members and a future when it will consist of 13. Under the reorganization plan that was passed in 2020, for this transition year there are 20 members.

Overseeing these transitions is the new president, Joann Glasson of Pennington NJ, who has represented District 4 (eastern Pennsylvania, central New York, southern New Jersey and Delaware) since 2016.

In the years before the plan was passed, Glasson championed the idea of a smaller, more efficient Board. Considering the loss of membership that has been shrinking the

organization, shrinking the board seems even more prudent, she said. While serving on the governance committee and the board reorganization task force, Glasson was involved in designing the plan that is now being implemented. Now she'll have the opportunity to guide the process.

Other goals include stemming the tide of declining membership, getting technology issues resolved and improving communication within the Board and between the Board and management.

The big issue for the organization at the moment is continuing to bring back face-to-face bridge, which Glasson strongly supports.

"We have to do as much as we can to encourage face-to-face clubs and tournaments to come back," she said. "They provide a valuable resource to players, and that is also a source of new players."

While revitalizing face-to-face bridge is necessary for the long-term viability of the organization, in the short term it means pivoting away from the focus on more profitable online games. With that come financial implications suited to Glasson's skills and background.

"We have seen during the pandemic that online play is more profitable for the ACBL," she said. "In post-pandemic years, we will be dealing with

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Itabashi, Grabel lead LM Pairs

In today's qualifying round of the Nail Life Master Pairs, Mark Itabashi of Murrieta CA and Ross Grabel of Palm Desert CA scored 61.66% and 63.98% in the afternoon and evening sessions respectively to lead the event.

In second are Larry Sealy of Owens Cross Roads AL and Wafik Abdou of Bakersfield CA, who posted a strong 65.84% in the first qualifying session and 58.05% in the second.

Atlanta-area players Olin Hubert and Kevin Collins are currently sitting third.

Of the 130 pairs who entered the contest, 64 advanced to today's two-session final.

Hollman leads Soloway quals

The squad captained by Robert Hollman leads the field in the Soloway Knockout Teams after Friday's opening Swiss team qualifier. Hollman and company scored 113.59 victory points, setting the pace in the contest for today's conclusion of the Swiss qualifying set.

In second with 107.52 VPs is Warren Spector's team, while third place is occupied by Andrew Rosenthal's squad at 98.40 VPs.

Forty-two teams entered the event, and the top 32 at the end of today's session will advance to the knockout phase which begins tomorrow.

You ought to be in pictures

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

The office is located in Room 207 on the second floor of the Marriott.

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

The office is open at noon each day.



Cashless operations

All monetary transactions will be cashless, including payment to participate in an NABC 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. The Bridge Bucks table is open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. outside Griffin Hall on the second floor and from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth floor by the escalator.



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.

Players are reminded that their masks must cover their noses and mouths 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.



Goodwill Message

Today is Junior Day. Extend a special welcome to our younger players. They are the future of bridge.

Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee



Team Scotland: Anne Perkins (npc), Derrick Peden, Stephen Peterkin, Jim Hay, Alex Adamson, Samantha Punch and Derek Sanders

Scottish Open Team wins Lazard Sportsmanship Award

By Sue Munday

When Team Scotland says no to cheaters, they mean it.

For the ethical conviction and courage they demonstrated at last summer's Online European Qualification Competitions for the World Team Championships, Scotland's Open Team is the recipient of the 2021 Sidney H. Lazard Jr. Sportsmanship Award.

First to face an Italian team that included a convicted cheater, the Scottish team quietly refused to take their virtual seats at the bridge table; they accepted a zero for the forfeit rather than dignify their opposition by playing the match.

"This tribute is given to those who play the game with dignity and honor," said award committee member Zia Mahmood, informing the team of their selection. "The committee is aware that your team was not looking for any public recognition, but your actions are exactly what Sidney Lazard encouraged when he created this award."

The Sportsmanship honorees are Alex Adamson, James Hay, Derrick Peden, Stephen Peterkin, Samantha Punch, Derek Sanders and non-playing captain Anne Perkins.

Hay, of Team Scotland, said, "As a bridge player, I feel very humbled to be honored in this way. All we did is stand up against a situation that was not right. When I see the list of previous winners of this award, it makes me very proud."

The Italian Bridge Federation subbed in Fulvio Fantoni for a player whose work commitments prevented him from participating in the competition. Fantoni and his partner, Claudio Nunes, were convicted of collusive cheating by the European Bridge League in July 2016 and suspended from play for five years. (Fantoni and Nunes appealed the EBL determination to the Court of Arbitration for Sport [CAS], an independent court of last resort for international sports disputes.

The CAS panel, made up of people without bridge experience, was unconvinced by proof that three national bridge organizations found damning. By a vote of 2-1, CAS cited insufficient evidence to prove the pair's guilt; they did not exonerate the pair, they did, however, set aside the guilty verdict, and left the EBL to pick up the legal tab.)

Earlier in 2016, Fantoni and Nunes had been suspended by the Italian federation and received the maximum sentence under the Italian regulations – a three-year ban. Collusive cheating – partners communicating by way of prearranged signals – is considered the gravest offense in the game of bridge.

The ACBL also found Fantoni and Nunes guilty of collusive cheating later in 2016 and expelled them.

While the Italian Bridge Federation condoned Fantoni's participation in the 2021 qualifying competition and the EBL credentialed him, the presence of a convicted cheater on the Italian national team's roster outraged the elite-player bridge community.

Daily Bridge Bulletin journalist John Carruthers posted a message on Bridge Winners that he received from Eriks Vainikonis of Lithuania: "I would like to give a special bravo to Scotland. It's always the hardest thing to go first! I think they made it much easier for all of us who went on subsequently. I strongly believe that 'the wave' will go on, and the message that has been sent out today will be heard."

In an extraordinary demonstration of unity, all of Europe followed Scotland's lead. What started as quiet sit-out crescendoed as all 30 teams slated to face the Italian squad either failed to take their seats or neglected to submit a line-up. Italy finished third in the tournament without ever turning a card.

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**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.

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

19.0 Tables / Based on 53 Tables				
	A	B	C	
31.50	1			Tim Benoit, Kansas City MO; Wirt Gilliam, Santee CA
23.63	2			Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico; Patricia Herrera, Mexico City Mexico
17.72	3	1		James Moody – Thomas Smith, Austin TX
13.29	4			Carole Weinstein, Waltham MA; Bob Gorsey, Burlington MA
10.50	5			Jonathan Ernest, Lindale TX; David Farris, Smithville TX
12.12	6	2	1	Michael Schwimmer – Michael Edwards, Georgetown TX
7.88	7			Dennis Carman – Susan Bailey-Carman, Plainwell MI
9.09	8	3	2	Pierre Fougerouse, Villard France; Jane Marland, Switzerland
6.82	9	4	3	Arthur Gong – Nathan Gong, Sammamish WA
5.73	10			Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR; Deana Liddy, Omaha NE
5.39		5		Terry Sucher – Sarah Hardin, Montgomery TX
4.62		6		BJ Sanders – Mark Sanders, Austin TX
4.04		7	4	Aaron Mohrman, Seattle WA; Rui Gong, Sammamish WA
2.32			5	Julie Shelton – Michael Shelton, Wilmette IL

15.0 Tables				
	7	4	2	
6.56	1			David Goodwin – Rose Goodwin, Roanoke VA 58.48%
4.92	2	1		Beth Peterson – Janet Daniel, Horseshoe Bay TX 56.17%
3.69	3	2		Christopher Steele, Pflugerville TX; Phillip Mingola, Oklahoma City OK 55.77%
2.77	4			Joanne Livingston, Glen Allen VA; Maynard Smith Jr., Homer AK 55.68%
2.19	5			Rita Schaulat, Austin TX; Laura Craft, Leander TX 54.78%
2.27	6	3		Annetta Hughson, Kyle TX; Lois Kertesz, San Marcos TX 54.59%
1.64	7			Linda Gaston, Pflugerville TX; Jenny Kimball, Bluffton SC 54.17%
1.88	8			Yao-Hui Hsiau – Yesh Singh, San Antonio TX 53.71%
1.81		4		Nancy Chango, Odessa FL; Gwynne Young, Tampa FL 52.09%
1.35		5		Valera Hennings, Burnet TX; Erika Hennings, Astoria NY 51.06%

10.43	1	Ashok Shingavi – Abid Mumtaz, Houston TX; Sandra Macpherson, Halifax NS; Joe Fletcher, San Antonio TX	55.00
7.82	2	Nathan Banker, Flat Rock MI; Michael Klemens – Nancy Klemens, Tarzana CA; Howard Waldman, Jupiter FL	43.00


7 Tables				
7.98	1	Pauline Pettinato – Suzanne Greenwood – Bettina Brill, Tucson AZ; Michelle Harlow, Durango CO		88.00
5.99	2	Bob Townley-Smith – Valerie Townley-Smith, Lumberton TX; Paula Wissman, Webster TX; Dave Becker, Brenham TX		74.00
4.49	3	Mickey Goldwater – Patricia Berry – Rebecca Parmentier – Bobbie Gruhlkey, Austin TX		73.00

4.0 Tables			
	A	B	C
3.03	1	1	George Nelson – Mary Nelson, Houston TX
2.27	2	2	Earl Edwards, Fort Collins CO; Dona Garretson, Loveland CO
1.70	3		Warren Smith – Gloria Smith, Wichita KS

5.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
1.97	1			Susan Thompson – Jean Durocher, Austin TX	65.00%
1.68	2	1		Jim Cummins – Anne Cummins, Grand Blanc MI	56.88%
1.11	3			Susanna Busico – Sue Carter, Austin TX	53.75%
0.83	4			Allyson Pooley, Chicago IL; Catherine Peters, Atlanta GA	50.63%
1.54		2	1	Jamie Southerland – Steve Luning, Austin TX	50.00%
1.16		3	2	Luke Descours, La Grange TX; Don Mendel, Fayetteville TX	48.75%

6.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
3.47	1	1		Douglas Mann – Crystal Mann, Calgary AB	58.33%
2.80	2	2	1	Warren Smith – Gloria Smith, Wichita KS	57.50%
2.10	3	3	2	Marsha Postar, Lubbock TX; P. Scott Vaughan, Odessa TX	56.67%
1.38	4/5	4/5	3/4	Robert Craig, Boerne TX; Robert Watson, San Antonio TX	53.33%
1.38	4/5	4/5	3/4	Nancy Stockton – Dixie Wicker, El Paso TX	53.33%


4.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
2.10	1	1	1	Raphael Stone – Peter Stone, Austin TX 76.39%
1.58	2	2		Allyson Pooley, Chicago IL; Catherine Peters, Atlanta GA 54.86%
1.32	3	3	2	Ann Gray – Andy Bond, Edina MN 54.17%




JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

I/N Events

Single-session 299er Pairs



Earnestine Broyles, Intermediate/Newcomer Program Co-Chair.



Susan Thompson and Jean Durocher, both of Austin, won the Friday Morning 299er Pairs with a 65% game. Durocher co-chairs the I/N program with Earnestine Broyles. The single-session 299er games are at 10 am and 3 pm. Durocher and Broyles are available to help with any questions, look for them at the I/N table in the playing area – Lone Star Ballroom F (level 3).

Take All Your Chances

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: South

Vul: Both

IMPs

♠ 7 4 3 2

♥ A K 7 6 5

♦ 3 2

♣ Q J

♠ A K Q J 10 8

♥ 4 3 2

♦ A Q

♣ A K

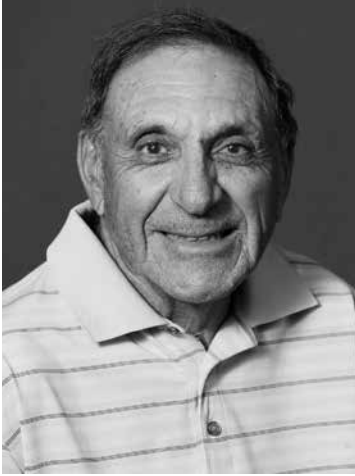
As South, you open 2♣ and after partner responds 2♥, natural, raises your 2♣ rebid to 3♠. You launch into Roman key card Blackwood and arrive at 6♠.

West leads the ♠10. Plan your play in 6♠. Incidentally, how would you play 6NT with the same lead?

You start with 11 top tricks and if the hearts divide a reasonable 3–2 (68%), you have an easy 12 by ducking a heart. Even if hearts are 4–1, you can set up dummy’s fifth heart for a diamond discard ... if you have a spade entry in dummy – but you don’t!

The answer is to combine your chances by discovering early on if hearts are 3–2 or 4–1. Once you know the heart division, you will know whether or not you need the diamond finesse.

Win the ♠A, draw trumps and lead a low heart towards dummy. If West plays any heart other than the queen, win the ace and duck a heart. Now you know whether hearts are 3–2 or 4–1. If hearts are 3–2, you can discard your ♦Q on the fourth round of hearts. If hearts are 4–1, abandon hearts and take the diamond finesse.



If you duck a heart early and East wins and returns a diamond you won’t know how hearts are breaking and are faced with a decision you could have avoided. The percentage play is to go up with the ♦A and hope hearts are 3–2. However, if West plays the ♥Q, play low! If the queen is singleton, West is endplayed. An extra chance no matter how small is still an extra chance.

Playing hearts as suggested with the diamond finesse in reserve gives you an 85% chance of landing your slam.

In 6NT, run off six spades, discarding a heart and a diamond, and then play hearts as suggested.

The full deal:

♠ 7 4 3 2

♥ A K 7 6 5

♦ 3 2

♣ Q J

♠ 9

♥ Q 10 9 8

♦ J 9 8 6

♣ 10 9 7 6

♠ 6 5

♥ J

♦ K 10 7 5 4

♣ 8 5 4 3 2

♠ A K Q J 10 8

♥ 4 3 2

♦ A Q


♣ A K

COLUMBUS SPRING 2020 FRIDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

9.0 Tables		A	B	C		
4.12	1				Cliff Campbell, Thunder Bay ON; Don Chillrud, Schenectady NY	64.76%
3.25	2	1			Robert Echols - Barbara Robinson, Lufkin TX	60.42%
2.32	3				Ken Gee, Regina SK; Eva Cheung, Menlo Park CA	55.41%
1.74	4				Shelba Parmley, Fort Worth TX; Phyllis Harlan, Oklahoma City OK	54.43%
2.60	5	2	1		Paul Cuneo, Houston TX; Sujessada Udomsriurung, New York NY	52.43%
1.95		3	2		Sally Sassen - Mark McAllister, Austin TX	50.87%
1.37		4			Truett Cates - Angela Cates, Sherman TX	50.03%


PROVIDENCE SUMMER 2021 FRIDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

17.0 Tables		A	B	C		
5.85	1				Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA	67.95%
3.84	2/3				Ken Gee, Regina SK; Eva Cheung, Menlo Park CA	59.62%
5.20	2/3	1			Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA; Ann Romeo, Seattle WA	59.62%
3.90	4	2			Paul Cuneo, Houston TX; Sujessada Udomsriurung, New York NY	59.29%
2.93	5	3			Charles Conrad, Danville CA; Shailesh Shah, Hayward CA	58.65%
2.21	6				Jeff Overby, Boynton Beach FL; Leo Weniger, Halifax NS	57.37%
2.30	7	4			Bert Adams - Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA	56.89%
1.65		5			Nancy Reingold, Houston TX; Anil Altindag, Ankara Turkey	56.57%
1.61		6			Guillermo Minutti, Montevideo Uruguay; C. Valerie Gamio, Palos Verdes Peninsula CA	55.93%
2.63			1		John Snyder - Carol Snyder, Goleta CA	50.64%
1.97			2		Melba Lee, Nacogdoches TX; Mark Reynolds, Lufkin TX	50.32%
1.48			3		Kathryn Tillson - Walter Rudd, Baton Rouge LA	49.84%
1.11			4		Amy Schumacher - John Schumacher, Dallas TX	48.88%



Player Memos

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(For a live event choose “Player Memo.” For an online event, choose “BBO Player Memo.”)



Legal Notices

1. 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.


2. 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/administration/#docs](https://www.acbl.org/administration/#docs).

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.



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



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/regbiad - \$25 at door. Course includes student workbook, presentation and practice hands.

More info:
Email marketing@acbl.org or call 662-253-3112.





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.



Player Memos

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Winners of the 2019 0–10,000 Swiss Teams were *Eric Genheimer, Ed Piken, npc Kelli Piken, Ron Feldman and Steve Cohen.*

10K Swiss starts today

The 0–10,000 Swiss Teams starts today. The event, two qualifying sessions and two final sessions, is limited to players with less than 10,000 masterpoints and pays platinum points at 10% of the overall award up to a maximum of 10 platinum points.

2014	Sally Meckstroth, Danny Molenaar, Bob Drijver, Nira Talova, Rene De Waele
2015	Ina Demme, Gur Baykal, Margaret Baykal, Bill Kertes
2016	Mike Cassel, Barry Purrington, Robert Kent, Ellen Kent
2017	Phil Altus, Muriel Altus, Greg Michaels, Martha Woodworth
2018	Edward Rais, Marion Kelly, Douglas Scott, Tom Ottley
2019	Ed Piken, Eric Genheimer, Steve Cohen, Ron Feldman
2020	Not held

QUALIFIERS IN THE NAIL LIFE MASTER PAIRS

32.0 Tables / Based on 65 Tables		Carryover
1	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Ross Gabel, Palm Desert CA	95.93
2	Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	89.52
3	Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA; Kevin Collins, Dunwoody GA	88.52
4	Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ; Robb Gordon, Prescott AZ	88.27
5	Anam Tebha, Charlotte NC; Christina Madsen, Denmark	82.70
6	Jerome Rombaut - Leo Rombaut, Hem France	80.42
7	Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Mesa AZ; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	72.61
8	Nigel Bird, England; Brian Senior, Nottingham England	68.44
9	Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL; Michael D’Alioto, Birmingham MI	57.74
10	Anant Rathi, Oakland CA; Ben Bomber, Portland OR	54.69
11	Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA; Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX	51.94
12	Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; E.R. ‘Bud’ McKinney, Cary NC	51.58
13	Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA; John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA	50.48
14	Anne Brenner - David Caprera, Denver CO	49.98
15	Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH	49.40
16	Charles Sheaff, Jacksonville IL; James Melville, Springfield IL	49.27
17	Helene Bauman, Las Vegas NV; Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA	44.39
18	Frank Morgan, Ocean City NJ; Michael Berkowitz, Park City UT	44.31
19	Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD	44.27
20	Eugene Saxe, Briarcliff NY; Cenk Tuncok, New York NY	42.17
21	Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY; Claire Alpert, Miami FL	41.34
22	Ellis Feigenbaum - Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA	41.30
23	Kelvin Raywood, Vancouver BC; Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC	41.10
24	Jack LaVigne, Houston TX; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	36.78
25	Iulian Rotaru - Bonnie Gellas, New York NY	35.21
26/27	Kenneth Titow - Harvinder Sidhu, Scottsdale AZ	35.18
26/27	Eldad Ginossar, Chicago IL; Ida Groenkvist, Bromma Sweden	35.18
28	Eric Schwartz, Arlington MA; Thomas Paske, Manhattan NY	34.59
29	Erez Hendelman - Terri Asiel, New York NY	33.97
30	Richard Logan, Diamondhead MS; Chuck Pitard, Mandeville LA	32.76
31	Jean Boettcher - Steven Gaynor, Shoreview MN	31.82
32	Chris Crompton, Dallas TX; Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA	31.80
33	Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Richard Chan, Markham ON	31.60
34	Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy	30.60
35	Rahn Smith, Riverview FL; Sharon Horton, Lakeland FL	30.39
36	Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Nicolas Hammond, Alpharetta GA	29.64
37	Janet Becker – R. Jay Becker, Delray Beach FL	29.26
38	Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX; Jo Smith, Abilene TX	29.19
39	Steve Shirey, Fort Worth TX; Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX	24.84
40	Mark Leonard, Long Beach CA; Robert Katz, Ann Arbor MI	22.95
41	Pat McDewitt, Falmouth MA; Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA	18.24
42	Gregg Van Dyke, Key Largo FL; Tom Grue, Apple Valley MN	16.74
43	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Morrisville NC	14.87
44	Robert Zangri, Centerville OH; Ben Tucker, Vashon WA	14.85
45	Donna Swarthout - Dave Swarthout, San Antonio TX	14.76
46	William Neumann, Columbia MD; Ke Zhao, Edison NJ	13.92
47	Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Mark Kessler, Springfield IL	13.50
48	Jim Johnsen - Phyllis Yates, San Diego CA	13.27
49	Peter Talyigas - Gyula Bodis, Budapest Hungary	12.56
50	Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL; Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL	11.99
51	Bulent Kaytaz - Sinan Tatlicioglu, Istanbul Turkey	11.81
52	Georgiana Gates - Thomas Rush, Houston TX	7.79
53	Linda Robinson, Arlington MA; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	7.17
54	Weishu Wu, Irvine CA; Shailesh Gupta, Aliso Viejo CA	6.87
55	Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA	6.79
56	Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio TX; Forrest Gray, Van Vleck TX	6.74
57	Robert Morris, Houston TX; Betty Starzec, Sugar Land TX	6.37
58	Phil Clayton, Frisco TX; Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA	6.02
59	Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV	5.83
60	Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Sarik Goyal, Worcester MA	4.98
61	Jack Lacy, Lago Vista TX; Alexander Labry, Austin TX	3.68
62	David Langer - Mark Ginsburg, Buffalo Grove IL	1.88
63	Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Jay Segarra, Ocean Springs MS	0.99
64	Swadesh Mahajan - Kalpana Sutaria, Austin TX	0.00



Unit 207 President Sharon Hoger, Central Texas Food Bank Community Engagement Director Amelia Long, and Austin NABC Tournament Chair BJ Sanders

Austin committee boosts local charities

Earlier this week, the host committee of the Austin NABC selected two local organizations to split a \$5000 gift from the ACBL Charity Foundation. The recipients of the funds were the Central Texas Food Bank and Texas Parent to Parent.

Austin Tournament Chair BJ Sanders and Unit 207 President Sharon Hoger were on hand to present checks to representatives of the two groups.

The Central Texas Food Bank is a nonprofit hunger relief organization with a mission to nourish hungry people and lead the community in

the fight against hunger. It does this by soliciting, receiving, storing and distributing donated food in manageable quantities to community service partner agencies that directly serve individuals in need. Last year, they provided more than nearly 64 million meals to area residents..

Texas Parent to Parent provides support, information and education for families of children and adults with disabilities, chronic and mental health conditions and other health care needs. The group helps families through parent-to-parent support, resource referral and education.



Member of Unit 207 and parent Nancy Joe, Texas Parent to Parent Executive Director Laura Warren, Nancy Joe's daughter Laura Harrington, and Family Support Coordinator Rosalba Calleros

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

New president

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the more delicate budget balancing that will be required without the online events that produced record profits. My background in finance and experience running a nonprofit organization will help to navigate this difficult issue.”

Glasson served as president of Spirit Financial, a Philadelphia area credit union. While on a break from her career when her two sons were babies, she discovered bridge in the mid-1970s. Craving intellectual stimulation, she quickly became addicted to the game. She is now a Grand Life Master with eight national championships and over 15,000 masterpoints. She has three world medals, including silvers in the 2015 Venice Cup and 1994 women’s teams. All but one of her titles are in women’s events: the 2017 Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, which she shares with husband Bob Glasson.

When she and Bob married in 1983, they each had two sons the same ages, 8 and 11; they now have 10 grandchildren. When the kids were leaving the house in the early ’90s, Glasson became involved in bridge administration, serving on the board of Philadelphia Unit 141 in various roles and then District 4: webmaster, editor of the District 4Spot and daily bulletins for district regionals, publicity chair, vice president, president. After serving as hospitality co-chair for the Philadelphia NABC in 1996, she was tournament co-chair in 2012 and 2018.

After retiring in 2011, Glasson began a second career, discovering a passion for teaching intermediate and advanced players. She hopes her perspective as a teacher will be beneficial in reversing the membership decline.

“I used to think I loved to play bridge more than anything else,” Glasson said. “Now I realize it wasn’t just the game. I really miss the social interactions. When I learned, it was all about going to the bar afterward to go over the hands.”

The past two years of primarily online bridge have divided the membership into two groups: those who love it and those who hate it.

“Some absolutely want one and some want the other,” Glasson said. “I have friends who say, ‘I’ll never go back,’ and friends who say, ‘I’ll never play online.’ We’re going to have to keep both contingents engaged. The key is going to be to create a hybrid so that all players will have a product they want.”

The ACBL lost about 18,000 members in the 17 months following May 2020, a little more than a thousand a month on average. That’s not much more than the average losses during the two decades when the total membership number stayed relatively flat. The difference is there used to be about the same number of new members coming in each year as there were leaving: 11,000 in, 11,000 out.

But in the first 10 months of 2021, the ACBL gained just 3648 new members, losing that number plus 10,000 in the same period. It’s not that members are leaving in droves. It’s that many fewer new ones are coming in to replace them.

The key is teachers – those who offer beginning bridge lessons – and face-to-face clubs that provide a friendly environment for new players to get started.

While many bridge teachers saw the pandemic as an opportunity to bring their teaching online, many, many more did not. Glasson and some others on her district board called every teacher in District 4, trying to find out what they could do to support them in transitioning online. But the teachers weren’t interested, Glasson found. They thought converting their materials would be too much work, so they decided to wait it out.

And without them and teachers like them across the ACBL in action, the number of new members plummeted to a fraction of those lost to death or nonrenewal.

That’s why revitalizing face-to-face bridge is so critical. But how?

“I wish I knew the answer,” Glasson said. “You can’t drag people to the bridge table.”

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.

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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 www.acbl.org.

New Pre-Alerts

- 1. 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.
- 2. Leading low from doubleton is no longer a pre-Alert, but it does need to be included in any question about carding methods.

Alert Changes

- 1. In an uncontested auction, no natural jumpshift (whether weak, intermediate or strong) requires an Alert.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Support doubles and redoubles no longer require an Alert.
- 4. 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

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.”
- 3. 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.



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LEADERS IN THE SOLOWAY KO TEAMS

1	Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Joris van Lankveld, Amsterdam Netherlands; Berend Van Den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands; Wubbo De Boer – Agnes Snellers, Groenekan Netherlands	113.59
2	Warren Spector, Palm Beach FL; Gavin Wolpert – Vincent Demuy – Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Kranyak, Greenville SC; John Hurd, New York NY	107.52
3	Andrew Rosenthal – Jan Jansma – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway	98.40
4	Naren Gupta, Woodside CA; Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Zia Mahmood, London England; David Gold, UK; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands	97.46
5	Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Jacek Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland; Lorenzo Lauria – Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy	97.37
6	Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal; Fredrik Nystrom – Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden; Juan Carlos Ventin, Barcelona Spain; Joaquin Pacareu, Santiago Chile	96.09
7	Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX	95.94
8	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	95.55
9	Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Piotr Wiankowski, Gdansk Poland; Piotr Nawrocki, Warsaw Poland; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Piotr Marcinowski, Poland	94.34
10	Joyce Hill, Hobe Sound FL; Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden	90.02
11	Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel; Simon Cope, Hertfordshire UK; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA	89.03
12	Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Barnet Shenkin, Hallandale Beach FL; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Nils Kvangraven, Kristiansa Norway; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Geir Brekka, Kristiansand Norway	89.02
13	Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Gunnar Hallberg, Brighton	88.95
14	Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L’Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Massimiliano Di Franco, Italy	87.93
15	Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Dano De Falco, Rubano Italy; Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands; Bart Nab, Tilburg Netherlands; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands	85.94
16	Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; Allan Graves, St. Johnsbury VT	85.60
17	Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Drew Casen, Henderson NV	85.37
18	Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London England; Louk Verhees Jr., Voorhout Netherlands; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennepp Netherlands; Dror Padon – Alon Birman, Tel Aviv Israel	84.49
19	Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Karen McCallum, Exeter NH; Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL; Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Sandra Rimstedt, New York NY	83.48
20	Chen Zhao, Greenbelt MD; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Jun Shi, Palo Alto CA; Steve Chen, Austin TX	82.28
21	Tim Leslie, Shrewsbury England; Oliver Burgess – Michael Byrne, Manchester England; Michael Bell, London England; Ben Norton, Loughborough England	80.99
22	Katherine Todd, New York NY; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark; Marcel Verhaegen, Capelle Aan Den Ijssell Netherlands; Gabriele Zanasi, Palermo Italy; Alexander Sandin, Sweden	80.54
23	Hemant Lall, Dallas TX; Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Roy Welland, New York NY; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland	78.27
24	Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack – Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Dennis Bilde, Copenhagen Denmark; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina	78.24
25	Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Michael Shuster, Collegeville PA; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON	77.14
26	Tim Van Den Bos, Eindhoven Netherlands; Johann Bouman, Wassenaar Netherlands; Irene Baroni, Moniga Italy; Tim Van De Pavverd, Netherlands	76.43
27	Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Ira Chorush, Houston TX; Franco Baseggio, Sharon CT; Dana Berkowitz, New York NY	73.82
28	Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Douglas Doub, West Hartford CT; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	73.29
29	Nick Nickell, New York NY; Steve Weinstein, Cedar Grove NJ; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Eric Greco, Northville MI	73.02
30	Mike Levine – David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; Tor Helness, Monaco	72.94
31	Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde – Soren Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark	72.68
32	Amber Lin, San Francisco CA; Emma Kolesnik, Calabasas CA; Cynthia Huang, Berkeley CA; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN	70.23
33	Hansa Narasimhan, Mountain View CA; Carlos Pellegrini – Pablo Lambardi, Buenos Aires Argentina; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Faeroe Islands; Alexander Smirnov, Lubeck Germany	70.09
34	Abe Jakob – Juliette Symchowicz, Fort Lauderdale FL; Kirk Freyeremuth, Beaumont CA; Hugh McSheffrey, Nelson BC	68.37
35	Jan Van Cleeff – Marina Witvliet – Bob Drake – Onno Eskes, Netherlands	66.92
36	Maggie Knottenbelt – Heather Dhondy – Fiona Brown – Sally Brock, England	63.68
37	John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Lilly Justman, Austin TX; Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; Christian Jolly, Atlanta GA	62.47
38	Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Ray Miller – Bryan Delfs, Seattle WA; Todd Fisher, Lake Geneva WI	57.13
39	Jarek Langer – Shawn Drenning – Stephen Wood – Louis Sachar, Austin TX	56.93
40	Jerry Premo, Concord CA; Jakob Kristinsson – Sveinn Eiriksson, Delray Beach FL; Chris Moll, Cary NC	56.10
41	Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Cecilia Rimstedt, Jacksonville FL; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Joe Grue, New York NY	52.23
42	John Bishel – Tom Bishel, Columbus OH; Sue Lan Ma, Akron OH; Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON	50.12



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- 6 Abe Jakob – Juliette Symchowicz – Kirk Freyermuth – Hugh McSheffrey
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Sportsmanship

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“It was amazing to watch it unfold as all the other teams followed suit,” said Peterkin from Scotland.

Mahmood applauded the trend set by the Scottish team. “As other countries have followed in this protest, it is clear the bridge world is today shouting this message to the authorities: Bridge is a game of honor. While we all are bound to accept the rulings of the judiciary, the greatest heroes are those who live by the dictates of their conscience. For what can we win when we don’t have honor? The people have spoken, and we are proud again.”

Several national bridge organizations issued statements of support for the players, among them the English, Dutch, Swedish and Swiss bridge authorities. Finn Wardi, chairman of the Nordic Bridge Union, agreed with the sentiments expressed by those federations on behalf of Denmark, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Finland: “Summarizing, it is a question of honor and sticking to the principles. The players have shown remarkable courage which should be listened to.”

“Team Scotland is surprised and honored to receive this award,” said Punch on behalf of her squad. “It was time for the players to take a stand. It was so great to see all competing countries join in. Sometimes actions speak louder than words.”

Lazard established the Sportsman Award in honor of his son to enhance sportsmanship among top players and to salute those who try to win with class and dignity. Administered by the ACBL Educational Foundation, the award will be presented at an upcoming ACBL Hall of Fame banquet.

The award selection committee members are Mahmood, Steve Beatty and Steve Weinstein.

Previous Sportsmanship Award winners:

2019	Dennis Bilde
2018	Lew Stansby
2017	Eddie Kantar
2016	Boye Brogeland
2015	Howard Weinstein
2014	Bob Hamman
2013	Benedicte Cronier, Sylvie Willard
2012	Michael Kamil
2011	Betty Ann Kennedy
2010	Roy Welland
2009	Peter Boyd
2008	Giorgio Duboin
2007	Seymon Deutsch
2006	Ralph Cohen
2005	Nick Nickell
2004	Lynn Deas
2003	Larry Cohen
2002	Rose Meltzer

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 “spades” if your partner has transferred, or “forcing” after a forcing 1NT bid) 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

Sunday, Nov. 28
Gayle Moyers Day

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
10 am				
Sunday Morning Side Pairs <i>(Fri-Sun Daylight Series)</i> 299er Pairs Bridge-Plus+ Free two-hour lesson, then 14 deals <i>(0-20)</i>	single	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
	single	Lone Star F, Level 3	\$15	\$19
	single	Brazos, Level 2	Free	Free
10 am & 3 pm				
SUPER SENIOR PAIRS 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions Open Pairs <i>(unlim./3000/1500)</i> Gold Rush Pairs <i>(750/400/200)</i> Gayle Moyers Open Swiss Teams <i>(unlim./3000/1500)</i> Gayle Moyers Gold Rush Swiss Teams <i>(750/400/200)</i>	1-2 Q	Grand Ballroom 6, Level 4	\$30	—
	1-2	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
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	1-2	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
noon & 7 pm				
SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd. of 32	Lonestar D, Level 3	\$30*	—
1 pm				
Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs (Fri-Sun Primetime Series)	single	Lone Star C, Level 3	\$20	\$24
1 & 7:30 pm				
MITCHELL OPEN BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions 0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS Open Pairs	1-2 Q	Grand Ballroom 5, Level 4	\$30*	—
	1-2 F	201, Level 2	\$22*	—
	1-2	Lone Star C, Level 3	\$20	\$24
3 pm				
Sunday Late Afternoon Side Pairs <i>(Fri-Sun Daylight Series)</i> 299er Pairs	single	Griffin Hall, Level 2	\$20	\$24
	single	Lone Star F, Level 3	\$15	\$19
7:30 pm				
Sunday Evening Side Pairs <i>(Fri-Sun Primetime Series)</i>	single	Lone Star C, Level 3	\$20	\$24

* In addition, there is a screen fee of \$20/team/session.
Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (3000+), B (750-3000), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events.
*Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

International Fund

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

Today's Bridge Events				
Saturday, Nov. 27				
Junior Day/Mark McAllister Day				
Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
10 am				
Evelyn Cloninger 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+ <i>Free two-hour lesson, then 14 deals (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 <i>qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	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. Auffer 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	Free	Free

* In addition, there is a screen fee of \$20/team/session.
Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (3000+), B (750-3000), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events.
*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.

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Today is Mark McAllister Day

Mark McAllister exemplifies the type of extraordinary person duplicate bridge tends to draw. After his retirement (Mark has a doctorate in electrical engineering), bridge became the focus of Mark’s energies. He has served as Unit 207 president, webmaster, longtime partnership chairman for newcomer sectionals, and the go-to person for setting up unit tournaments.

At the Bridge Center of Austin (BCA), Mark shares his talents in big ways. Mark recently completed eight years as the BCA club manager. He now serves on the BCA board and is our technical specialist. He maintains the dealing machine and scoring devices and is who we all

turn to when something goes awry with IT or game movement. And he still finds time to shepherd developing players. It’s hard to imagine what bridge in Austin would look like right now had Mark not gotten involved.



Slow play:
The curse of the game
By Patty Johnson

An old tournament director friend of mine, John “Spider” Harris, was famous for the saying: “Slow play is the curse of the game.” Nothing is more frustrating for tournament directors than having to herd players along like cattle when slow play isn’t actually the problem.

If you take a moment to think about it, most of your opponents do not take that long to bid or play a deal – yet before you know it, the round is being called and you are nowhere near finished with the last board.

Here are some suggestions which, if followed, would solve many of our problems.

First: Do not postmortem between deals whether you are in a pair game or a Swiss team event. Finish the round and then discuss hands if there is still time. We, as directors, will not cut your time but I think you will find yourselves under less pressure by following this suggestion. Remember: We provide hand records in pair games so you don’t have to worry about forgetting a particular holding.

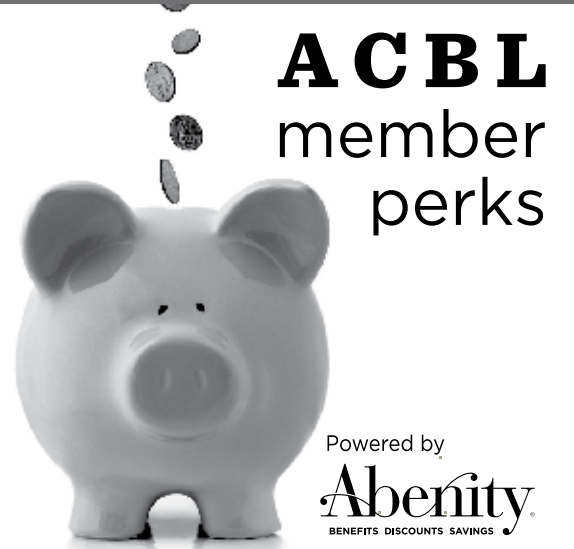
Second: If you are on opening lead, make your lead before recording the contract in your private score. You will have plenty of time after leading to record the information and still see the entire first trick.

Third: Unless you have a legitimate reason to leave the table, such as the restroom or a smoke break, please remain at the table and visit with your opponents. You might actually find this enjoyable and a new way to make friends or future Swiss team partnerships.

I wish we could make these suggestions into rules enforceable by penalty, but none of us wants a bridge event decided by the pair with the fewest penalties. All I can do as a director is to ask the cooperation and help of all players because I think not only you but everyone else will enjoy their tournaments more.

Remember: Those who enjoy a tournament will continue to play. Do your part to make bridge enjoyable for yourself, your partner and your opponents – you can’t play without them.

Patty Johnson of Sebring FL, is a retired National Tournament Director.



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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.

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.

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.

