

Daily Bulletin

2022 RENO SPRING NABC

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Lebovitz leads Jacoby Swiss

The squad captained by Laurence Lebovitz of Boston scored 123.01 victory points in the qualifying round of the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams to lead the field in the four-session contest.

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Sheng-Liu set pace in Fast Pairs

Californians Ming Sheng and Ethan Liu topped the qualifying round in the NABC+ Fast Pairs. Sheng and Liu scored 64.63% in the first session and 61.00% in the second. Their carryover in today's two-session final is 91.78 matchpoints (25 = top).

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District 22 pair leads NAP B

Marc Franklin of Newport Beach CA and Harvey Jaffe of Huntington Beach CA lead the qualifiers in the Golder North American Pairs Flight B. The pair scored 69.15% and 60.43% in Saturday's qualifying sessions for a carryover of 71.62 – about three and three-quarter boards (top=19). That's about one and one-quarter boards ahead of District 12's Henry Zhang and Yanping

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District 12 duo leads NAP C

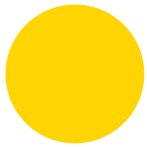
James Yi of West Bloomfield MI and Tengyun Tony Cao of Troy MI, representing District 12, lead the President's Cup North American Pairs Flight C after Saturday's qualifying sessions. Yi and Cao scored 66.31% in the first session and 61.38% in

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Mask policy

The ACBL's mask policy evaluates whether masks are required day by day depending on conditions in the area where the tournament is being held. Today's COVID-19 Community Level in Washoe County, Nevada, is Medium (Yellow), and masks are optional. However, if you are seated at a table with a player who asks for tablemates to wear masks, please be courteous and do so. Discourteous refusals will be subject to discipline through the application of Zero Tolerance penalties. Face masks will be available in the playing area, though players should still have their own on hand.

If the COVID-19 Community Level as *continued on page 2*



Goodwill Message

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

Roger Smith, Chair
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

ATTENDANCE through Saturday 5786 tables

Rosenthal squad takes Vanderbilt Trophy



ACBL President Joann Glasson presents the Vanderbilt trophy to captain Andrew Rosenthal and his team (from left): Boye Brogeland Aaron Silverstein, Chris Willenken, Christian Bakke and Jan Jansma

Andrew Rosenthal has captained powerful squads in major NABC team events for more than a decade, but victories in those contests has proved elusive ... until last evening. Rosenthal led his team to the winners' circle in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, defeating the squad captained by Vinita Gupta, 119-104. With the win, Rosenthal of New York City became a

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Marty Bergen, Hall of Famer

Marty Bergen of Palm Beach Gardens FL has been elected to the ACBL Hall of Fame. Bergen has 10 North American Bridge Championships to his name, including two Reisingers, two Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, a Spingold and a von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, and 10 second-place finishes. He has one USBF championship and won the Herman Trophy (now the Goren Trophy) in 1983.

But perhaps his most lasting contribution to bridge is his writing, teaching and philosophy toward bidding. "Bergen was a very successful tournament player in the '80s," said Mitch Dunitz, Hall of Fame committee chair. "He had a dramatic

impact on bidding that remains to this day."

In addition to being a longtime monthly contributor to the Bridge Bulletin, Bergen has authored over 60 books, two of which won the ABTA Bridge Book



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It was great to see you in Reno!

Now that the Reno NABC is ending, I realize that I have been extremely people-deprived for the past two years! I enjoyed meeting or renewing my acquaintance with every one of you. For

those of you who became adept at avoiding me, I understand completely, but I did take notes and you may receive a complimentary invitation to the

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Reno NABC committee (from left): Leslie Dahm, Ann Little, Brenda Pugsley, Paul Pugsley, Jane Maloney, Ali Tognoni, Sandy Haslem, Jill Wallace, Anne Hollingsworth, Ed Gould, Cornelia Gould, Tom Pajak and Jackie Zayac

District 19 youths playing in North American Pairs



D19 North American Pairs contestants (from left): Eddie He, Eric He, Jesse Cai, Helena Hsieh, Gianni Hsieh, Nathan Gong and Arthur Gong

The ACBL's District 19 covers Alaska, British Columbia and most of Washington state. It's been making bridge news lately; its successful program Bridge For Youth has inspired similar efforts across the league, including BridgeWhiz, and propelled its two main volunteers, Al Bender and Ann Romeo, into the spotlight as

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Mask Policy

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determined by the CDC is High (Red), face masks will be required. Masks will be optional (though they are always recommended) if the Community Level is Low (Green) or Medium (Yellow) as indicated by the CDC.

This change in policy is due to the CDC's updated recommendations released on Feb. 25. These standards apply to all tournaments – sectionals, regionals and NABCs. The COVID vaccination requirement is still in place.

At this NABC in Reno, we will note in each Daily Bulletin and in signage onsite what the day's community level is. To check the community level for yourself, visit cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html and search by county. Reno is located in Washoe County, Nevada. Be prepared by bringing masks to the tournament playing areas in the event the Community Level rate changes to High.

Masks are still recommended for attendees who are at high risk for severe illness or otherwise are a member of a vulnerable population.

Concessions

Cash concessions are available outside Expo Hall C in the Silver Legacy and in the Reno Ballroom foyer from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Here is a menu.

Hotdog and soft drink	\$5
Sandwich or wrap	\$5
Salad	\$6
Soup of the day	\$4
Assorted candy	\$2
Whole fruit	\$2.50
Granola bar	\$2
Soda	\$2
Bottled water	\$2.50
Juice	\$3
Coffee or tea	\$2
Yogurt parfait	\$4

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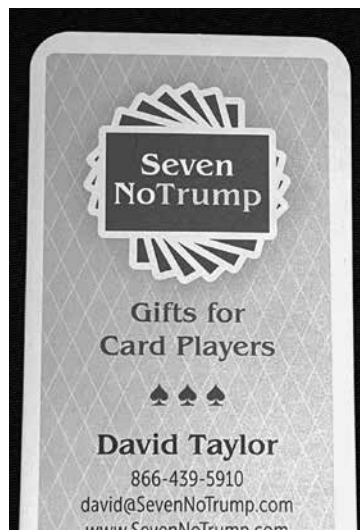
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Book seller

The book seller at the Reno NABC is located in the foyer of the Expo Hall on the lower level of the Silver Legacy. See David Taylor's booth "Seven Notrump: Gifts for Card Players."

The booth is open before and after the 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. sessions, as well as before the 7:30 p.m. session each day.



COVID testing

Local covid test site locations can be found by visiting:

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You oughta be in pictures

If you achieve a new masterpoint milestone here in Reno – Life Master and upwards – please come by the Bulletin office (Platinum Room, lower level, Silver Legacy) and let us take your picture. We're eager to congratulate you and share your achievement in the Daily Bulletin.



The suicide squad

By Barry Rigal

Over the past few years, Franco Baseggio has been enlightening Bridge Winners readers with some of the more complex squeezes in the book. But Franco can also play the cards well at the table. On this deal from the qualifying round of the Silodor Open Pairs, he combined technical accuracy with some shrewd table reading:

Dir: North	♠ Q J 10 8 7	
Vul: E-W	♥ K J 2	
	♦ 6 4 3	
	♣ 5 4	
♠ A K 6		♠ 5 4 3 2
♥ A 10 6 5 4		♥ Q 9 7
♦ Q J		♦ 10 9 8
♣ A J 10		♣ K 9 6
	♠ 9	
	♥ 8 3	
	♦ A K 7 5 2	
	♣ Q 8 7 3 2	

Baseggio reached 3NT as East after his partner, Alex Kolesnik, balanced with a double of a (very) weak 2♠ and raised the lebensohl 2NT to 3NT.

Baseggio won the low diamond lead in dummy and led a low heart, judging to rise with the queen when his RHO twitched before playing low. That was some of the help Baseggio needed!

He did well again to lead a club to the jack and then ducked a diamond.

This was the defenders' last chance. If South wins and cashes two diamonds, then exits (all three side-suits work), North will emerge with two tricks. But he cashed all four of his diamonds, creating this ending:

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

Baseggio bared the ♥A in dummy and was able to win the spade shift, unblock the ♥A and cash two clubs ending in hand to squeeze North in the majors.

That was worth an 80% board.

Vaccination required

All NABC attendees, staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated per the Centers for Disease Control guidelines. Attendees who are unable or unwilling to comply with these guidelines will not be admitted to the tournament.

We have procured VOW Digital Health to manage the verification process for vaccinations. For more information you can go here: acbl.org/portfolio/reno-nabc/#safety.

Before you are permitted to play at any playing area, you will need to show a wristband. You can get a wristband by showing your Vow passkey at the Vaccine Verification Station at the Silver Mine. The station is open 9 a.m.–1 p.m. each day at the Silver Mine station. **Also, in the afternoon, wristbands can also be acquired one hour before each play time outside the Grand Expo Hall and Reno Ballroom.**

To keep the length of lines down at each vaccination verification station, please pre-clear your vaccination status via Vow before getting in line. Show your blue pass and ID, and you will get a wristband to wear for the entire stay.



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Take All Your Chances

By Eddie Kantar

North (Dummy)

♠ J 9
♥ K 7 6 4 3
♦ J 2
♣ A J 7 4

South (You)

♠ A K Q 10 8 4
♥ A 5 2
♦ 8 4 3
♣ 9

You open 1♠ in fourth seat. Partner responds 2♥, you jump to 3♠ and partner bids 4♠.

The opening lead is the ♣2. Plan the play.

Counting top tricks you have nine: six spades, two hearts and the ♣A. You must contrive a way to get a 10th. There are two possibilities: (1) trying to ruff a diamond in dummy; (2) working with the hearts in order to discard at least one diamond.

In order to ruff a diamond in the dummy, you must give up the lead twice. The opponents can see what you are doing and can thwart your plan by leading a trump each time they get in. The better plan is to work with hearts, a long suit that has a certain loser.

In order to keep control of the hand and the suit, duck a heart a trick two. If hearts are 3-2 (68%), you are home free. The best the opponents can do is take two diamond tricks, but that's all she wrote. You can win any return, draw trumps, and take the rest of the tricks.

When dealing with a side suit that is divided 5-3, the honors divided or both honors in the long hand (A-K-x-x-x), and you wish to keep control

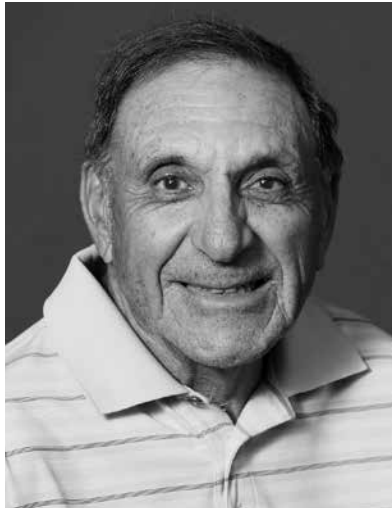
of the suit and the hand, duck the first round of the suit.

On this deal, if you incorrectly try to set up the hearts by playing the ace-king and another, you won't be able to use your two established hearts because you can't draw trumps ending in dummy, the key to long-suit establishment when there is no side-suit entry to dummy.

The full deal:

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

Tip: When planning to ruff a loser(s) in the short hand, assume the opponents will lead a trump each time they get in. This allows you to work out how many losers, if any, you can ruff. If that plan won't gel, look around for something else, like a long side suit.



Deb Cross even got to meet Intro to Bridge instructor Patty Tucker while in Reno.

Intro to Bridge; in action!

Deb Cross of Goodyear AZ never played one day of bridge before September of last year. She started with the ACBL's new, interactive online bridge course, Intro to Bridge, which features 90-minute lessons – 10 in all – and incorporates hands-on learning with plenty of practice.

Cross ventured to Reno this week and played in the 99er and 299er games. "It's my first tournament – and I won .92 points!" she exclaimed. "I played my first slam, oh my god, hook line and sinker!"

"The classes were phenomenal because they were not rushing through the material. The ACBL class – it's THE number one thing to do. I told a lot of people I played with this week."

Intro to Bridge was developed with Patty Tucker, an ACBL Hall of Fame member and legendary bridge teacher. She is a leader in bridge education for all ages and specializes in guiding players who are just beginning. Course instructors include Tucker, Eli Jolley, Morris "mojo" Jones and Morgan Johnstone.

Updated safety protocols

Staff will be checking wristbands and/or verifying vaccination status and issuing wristbands at each of the playing areas starting one hour prior to game time. Staff will remain in place until five minutes after game time.

Signage is now posted at each of the main playing areas informing players that wristbands are required to enter.

Wristbands must be worn on wrists OR kept on a person and attached, i.e., to a purse, walker, lanyard, belt loop, etc. This is for individuals with plastic allergies, skin and/or sensory issues. Wristbands that are damaged or broken will be replaced.

Tournament Directors will make announcements prior to and at game time that wristbands are required to be in the playing area.

Anyone found stealing ACBL property (wristbands, entry forms, devices, etc.) will be brought up on disciplinary charges.

There will continue to be mask announcements and updates in the Daily Bulletin.

Lost cell phone

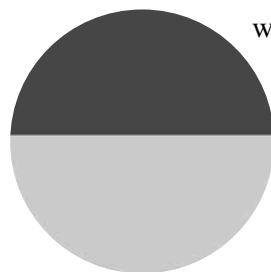
A cell phone belonging to Monique Smith was lost in the Reno Ballroom on Friday. Smith was playing in the Silodor Open Pairs. The model of the phone is an iPhone 11 with a clear case.

If found, the phone may be returned to the Daily Bulletin office on the Expo Hall level (lower level) in the Silver Legacy.

ACBL statement concerning Ukraine

The American Contract Bridge League is deeply disturbed by the crisis in Ukraine. The incalculable human suffering is heartbreaking. Our thoughts and hopes for a just and swift end to the violence are with the victims, their families and the heroes providing relief and services to millions in need. To assist during this crisis, the ACBL will support special charity games to raise funds for humanitarian aid.

First, all net proceeds from the Hollywood Magic regionally-rated event March 24-27 will be donated to support humanitarian efforts. Next, face-to-face clubs will be allowed to run all games from March 28-31 as charity games. Also during that period, all virtual club games will be run as charity games. Additional details regarding the operation of these games will be sent to club managers next



week.

All ACBL proceeds, including sanction fees, from these charity games will be donated to the United Nations World Food Program where your donation will be earmarked to go to the Ukrainian people.

ACBL players can join in this effort by donating at this site: www.wfpusa.org/. Bridge Base Online has announced a \$10,000 donation to this charity, which has a four-star rating from Charity Navigator.

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Chair farewell

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Reno Axe Bar in the near future.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to play the game we love in Reno. Whether you came to play from a destination somewhere around the world, within the vast boundary of the ACBL or are a designated local, it was a true pleasure for the local District 21 Reno NABC Committee to strive to add to your enjoyment of the tournament. It was challenging to put on a NABC during a pandemic, but our volunteers worked tirelessly to show you a great time. I hope you had the opportunity to meet several of them. They are all stars, but please don't poach them. They are needed in District 21.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Sara Beth Raab and Montie Hamblen from Meeting Services for all their support and patience during the planning of the NABC as well as during the NABC; Paul Linxwiler, Chip Dombrowski and Amy Casanova, the Daily Bulletin editors, for getting the news out to everyone as well as for Paul writing such great articles for the Bridge Bulletin in advance of the tournament and Chip for ensuring that all the naming rights purchased magically appeared in the printed schedules; Chris Wiegand and the Services team for providing us all our supplies as needed; and to all the tournament directors for their very hard work each and every session of the NABC. There are so many more people involved who worked quietly in the background to make the Reno NABC a success. Thank you to all who contributed their time and efforts to make it such a wonderful experience for everyone.

Happy trails to all,

Jackie Zayac

2022 Reno NABC Tournament Chair

Player Memos

Many ways to file:



Fill out a player memo at a computer station outside of the Expo and Reno Ballrooms.



Use your own computer.
[acbl.org/player-memo](https://www.acbl.org/player-memo)



Use your smart phone.
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QUALIFIERS IN THE JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS

Tables	Based on	Tables	Score	Carryover
44	Tables /	Based on 88	Tables	Carryover
1	Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Dennis Bilde, Aarhus Denmark; Zachary Grossack - Adam Grossack, Newton MA		30.00	
2	Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil; Joris van Lankveld, Amsterdam Netherlands; Berend Van Den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands		18.87	
3	Mike Levine - David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; Tor Helness, Monaco		18.81	
4	Chen Zhao, Greenbelt MD; Zia Mahmood - David Gold, London England; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands		18.74	
5	Jeffrey Wolfson - Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Michael Kamil, San Antonio TX; Louk Verhees Jr., Voorhout Netherlands; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Venneep Netherlands		18.68	
6	Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Piotr Marciniowski, Wroclaw Poland; Piotr Nawrocki, Warsaw Poland; Piotr Wiankowski, Gdansk Poland; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC		15.57	
7	Gaylor Kasle - Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ; Piotr Tuczynski - Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Poznan Poland; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland; Bartosz Chmurski, Lomianky Poland		15.17	
8	Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI		14.60	
9	Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Edward Xu, North York ON; Yan Wang, Richmond Hill ON		13.37	
10	Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Tom Bishel, Columbus OH; William Neumann, Columbia MD		12.83	
11	Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Garden FL; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden		12.67	
12	Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Giovanni Donati, Italy; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy		12.33	
13	Bob Hamman - Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Nabil Edgton, Sydney Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia		12.23	
14	Richard Plackett, Oxted UK; Espen Erichsen, Tunbridge Wells UK; Peter Crouch, Surrey England; Erik Berg, Meldal Sor-Tron Norway; Glyn Liggins, London UK; Andrew Dyson, New York NY		12.02	
15	Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Shan Au, Westerville OH; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL		11.78	
16	Finn Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Eldad Ginossar, Chicago IL; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel		11.37	
17	Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis - Vasileios Vroustis, Athens Greece; Kiki Ward-Platt, Fayence France; Franck Multon, Monaco		11.36	
18	Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland; Jacek Kalita, Warsaw Poland		11.04	
19	Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Cecilia Rimstedt, Jacksonville FL; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Joe Grue, New York NY		10.33	
20	Kim Daehong - Kang Seongseok - Ik Lee - Seungjin Roh, Seoul South Korea		9.08	
21	Jeffrey Juster, New York NY; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel; Ron Smith, Chicago IL		7.96	
22	Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; May Sakr, Weston FL; Anam Tebha, Charlotte NC		7.58	
23	James Keegan, Boston MA; Barbara Murphy, Newton MA; Cecilla Borrás, Waltham MA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI		6.56	
24	Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Massimiliano Di Franco, Italy; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel		6.32	
25/26	Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Michael Huston, Joplin MO; Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL; Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON		6.20	
25/26	Carlos Pellegrini - Carlos Lucena, Buenos Aires Argentina; Hansa Narasimhan, Mountain View CA; Leonardo Rizzo, Rio Cuarto Argentina; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand		6.20	
27	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		5.38	
28	Lynn Leisy, Amelia Island FL; Michael Dalton, Palm Coast FL; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL		5.29	
29	Christopher Donnelly, Washington DC; Joe Veal, Oklahoma City OK; Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway; Cynthia Huang, Chicago IL; Eric Genheimer, Edmond OK		5.06	
30	Eric Robinson, Park City UT; Michael Berkowitz, Salt Lake City UT; Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Iulian Rotaru, New York NY; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY		4.82	
31	John Dickenson, North Wales PA; Susan Morse, Flourtown PA; Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA; Eugene Kales, East Lansing MI		4.64	
32	Greg Michaels, Cleveland OH; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH; Stelian Hritcu, North Olmsted OH; John Bacon, Shaker Heights OH		4.22	
33	John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA; David Pelka, Los Angeles CA; Alan Watson, Lexington MA; Marek Blat, Bielsko-Biala Poland; Piotr Bizon, Cracow Poland		4.13	
34	Deepak Khanna, Blandon PA; Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; Myriam Milgrom, Vero Beach FL; Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL		3.80	
35	Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA		3.78	
36	Jennifer Gu, Palo Alto CA; Jason Rosenfeld, Seattle WA; Aaron Jones, North Bethesda MD; William Bailey, Reston VA		3.44	
37	Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Ishmael Del'Monte, Las Vegas NV; Jay Barron, Norman OK; Georgiana Gates, Houston TX		3.40	

38	Alison Wilson, New York NY; Tim Van De Paverd, Leiden Netherlands; Luc Tijssen – Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Guy Mendes De Leon, Amsterdam Netherlands	3.03
39	Christian Jolly, Atlanta GA; Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame CA; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Anant Rathi, Oakland CA; Ben Bomber, Portland OR	2.98
40	Emma Kolesnik, Calabasas CA; Amber Lin, San Francisco CA; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Steven Price, Las Vegas NV	2.33
41	Pierre Zimmermann, Monaco; Michal Klukowski - Sjoert Brink - Sebastiaan Drijver - Piotr Gawrys, Geneva Switzerland; Fernando Piedra, Zurich Switzerland	1.76
42	Olivia Schireson - Max Schireson, Stanford CA; Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; William Watson - Debbie Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Cadir Lee, Los Gatos CA	0.48
43	Kevin Collins, Dunwoody GA; Patricia Tucker - Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA; Clay Hall, Vestavia AL; Mark Jones, Birmingham AL	0.22
44	Bill Cook Jr., Madison MS; Thomas Turgeon, Memphis TN; Robert Kent - Ellen Kent, Chicago IL	0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE NABC+ FAST PAIRS

26.0 Tables		Carryover
1	Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Ethan Liu, Fremont CA	91.78
2	Zachary Wasserman, Farmington Hills MI; Irina Kislitsyna, Bradenton FL	63.89
3	Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Douglas Fjare, Estes Park CO	63.30
4	Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA; Helene Bauman, Las Vegas NV	62.78
5	Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	59.68
6	Sherman Gao, Brea CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA	55.39
7	Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	51.52
8	Daiva Vitukynaite – Gediminas Poska, Palos Hills IL	51.41
9	Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA; Jian Wang, Hopatcong NJ	47.62
10	Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Jun Shi, Palo Alto CA	42.55
11	Daniel Lev, New York NY; Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL	42.48
12	Jeffrey Rothstein, New York NY; Russell Samuel, Coram NY	40.10
13	Erez Hendelman, New York NY; Samuel Amer, Hoboken NJ	39.74
14	Mark McCarthy, San Francisco CA; Ron Ashbacher, St. Louis MO	36.38
15	Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA; Marina Polestra, Boston MA	35.27
16	David Yoon, Bayside NY; Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA	34.35
17	Yehudit Hasin-Brumshten, Foster City CA; Carol Frank, Burbank CA	32.00
18	Corey Krantz, Delray Beach FL; Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	31.80
19	David Langer – Mark Ginsburg, Buffalo Grove IL	31.63
20	Stefan Skorchev, Sofia Bulgaria; Alex Crystol, London England	31.44
21	Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA; Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH	30.24
22	Mac Busby – Paul Darin, San Diego CA	30.21
23	Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Pamela Furtch, Armonk NY	29.52
24	Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Mesa AZ; Dawn Campbell, Portland OR	28.91
25	Nicolas Hammond, Alpharetta GA; Eric Laurant, Overasselt Netherlands	28.86
26	Nic Hristea – Matthew Dyer, Chicago IL	28.42
27	Rachael Moller – David Gurvich, New York NY	27.82
28	Gabriele Zanasi, Palermo Italy; Bella Ionis-Sorren, Fort Lauderdale FL	25.91
29	Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA; Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV	25.28
30	Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	22.95
31	H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY; Suman Agarwal, Columbus OH	22.07
32	Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA; Adam Parrish, New York NY	17.55
33	Marc Lachapelle, St.-Laurent QC; Xavier Combey, Dol-Des-Ormeaux QC	16.91
34	Chuan Hui Li, Montreal QC; Jim Liu, Saratoga CA	16.79
35	Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR; Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA	15.17
36	Sandy McCay, St. Petersburg FL; Kim Dean, Belleair FL	15.08
37	Jim Johnsen – Phyllis Yates, San Diego CA	14.87
38	Ken Gee, Regina SK; Alfred Lee, Foster City CA	14.30
39	Stephannie Culbertson, New York NY; John Fout, Fairfield CA	14.14
40	Thomas Rush, Houston TX; Christine Denny, Encinitas CA	13.61
41	Natalie Bassil, Boston MA; Bill Irvine, Delray Beach FL	11.51
42	Guillermo Minutti, Montevideo Uruguay; C. Valerie Gamio, Palos Verdes Peninsula CA	11.03
43	Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA; Sveinn Eiriksson, Delray Beach FL	9.90
44	H. Hunt, Kiawah Island SC; Allison Hunt, Greenville SC	9.14
45	Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	8.50
46	Rui Gong, Sammamish WA; John Emmerson, Federal Way WA	8.03
47	Anna Sung, Honolulu HI; Andrea James, Auburn WA	7.73
48	Suresh Mahajan, Del Mar CA; Shailesh Gupta, Aliso Viejo CA	7.61
49	Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy	6.22
50	Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA	3.05
51	Tracy Sherman – David Sherman, Manchester UK	2.43
52	Mark Blanchard, Bay Shore NY; Amy Rhodes, New York NY	0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE GOLDER NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT B

20.0 Tables / Based on 39 Tables		Carryover
1	Marc Franklin, Newport Beach CA; Harvey Jaffe, Huntington Beach CA	71.62
2	Henry Zhang – Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI	47.92
3	Bo Xiao – Rory Xiao, Fremont CA	43.13
4	Mark Rosen – Lilly Justman, Austin TX	41.67
5	Adam Ruprecht – Christopher Jarvis, Seattle WA	39.92
6	Alan Davidson, New York NY; Lee Lin, New York City NY	37.17
7	Eugene Sor, Richmond CA; Marcus Ballinger, Burlingame CA	36.46
8	Larry Newman, Amberley OH; Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH	34.94
9	Karen Fusco – James Logan, Henderson NV	33.27
10	Phillip Vest – Chris Sloan, Nashville TN	33.25
11	Jack Chang, San Gabriel CA; Zheng Zhang, Arcadia CA	30.76
12	Jui Wang, Morrisville NC; Rosalind Lin, Chapel Hill NC	30.20
13	Joon Pakh – Samuel Pakh, Somerville MA	29.68
14	Gianni Hsieh – Frank Hsieh, Sammamish WA	27.11
15	Bob Ondo, Lincoln Park MI; Arun Desouza, Troy MI	25.56
16	Xiaoyuan Niu – Jia Mi, Alpharetta GA	23.40
17	John Yin, Southborough MA; Qingyan Yu, Andover MA	23.07
18	Sean Casey, Atlantic Hlds NJ; Jason Tokuda, Livingston NJ	20.86
19	Ping Hu – Henry Shi, Naperville IL	20.77
20	Kristen Onsgard – Stefanie Scott, Dallas TX	19.75

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Second through fifth places were separated by a fraction of a victory point, and includes teams captained by (in order) Robert Hollman, Mike Levine, Chen Zhao and Jeff Wolfson.

Forty-four teams advanced to today's final round.

Fast Pairs

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In second with a carryover of 63.89 is Zachary Wasserman of Farmington Hills MI and Irina Kislitsyna of Bradenton FL, while third place belongs to Valentin Kovachev of Las Vegas and Douglas Fjare of Estes Park CO with 63.30.

Bergen

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of the Year award: "Points, Schmoits!: Bergen's Winning Bridge Secrets" in 1996 and "Declarer Play the Bergen Way" in 2005.

Much of Bergen's success came partnering with Larry Cohen. Together, they developed the Law of Total Tricks, a hand evaluation method for competitive auctions. Bergen is also credited with developing the conventions DONT (Disturb Opponents No Trump), semi-forcing 1NT, the Rule of 20 and the eponymous Bergen raises.

Bergen was "surprised and pleased" to hear the news, according to Cohen.

"It's about time! Long overdue; obvious choice," said Cohen. "Marty revolutionized competitive bidding – aggressive preempts, use of the Law of Total Tricks – in fact, Marty read (Jean-Rene) Vernes' original writing on the law and developed Bergen raises because of it. He taught me LOTT when we were partners and friends and then I wrote the book and ended up getting the fame for it, but it was Marty who first popularized it in America."

Bergen and Cohen won eight national events together from 1983–1991. Lately they have been collaborating on webinars offered through Cohen's website. Among the recent webinars are a few where they bid the hands from the Bridge Bulletin's monthly column The Bidding Box, detailing their reasoning and evaluation methods.

"Marty was a prolific author and teacher," said Cohen. "His student, Scarsdale mayor Luella Slaner, had 50 masterpoints when Marty got her a Vanderbilt team. She reached the finals – twice!"

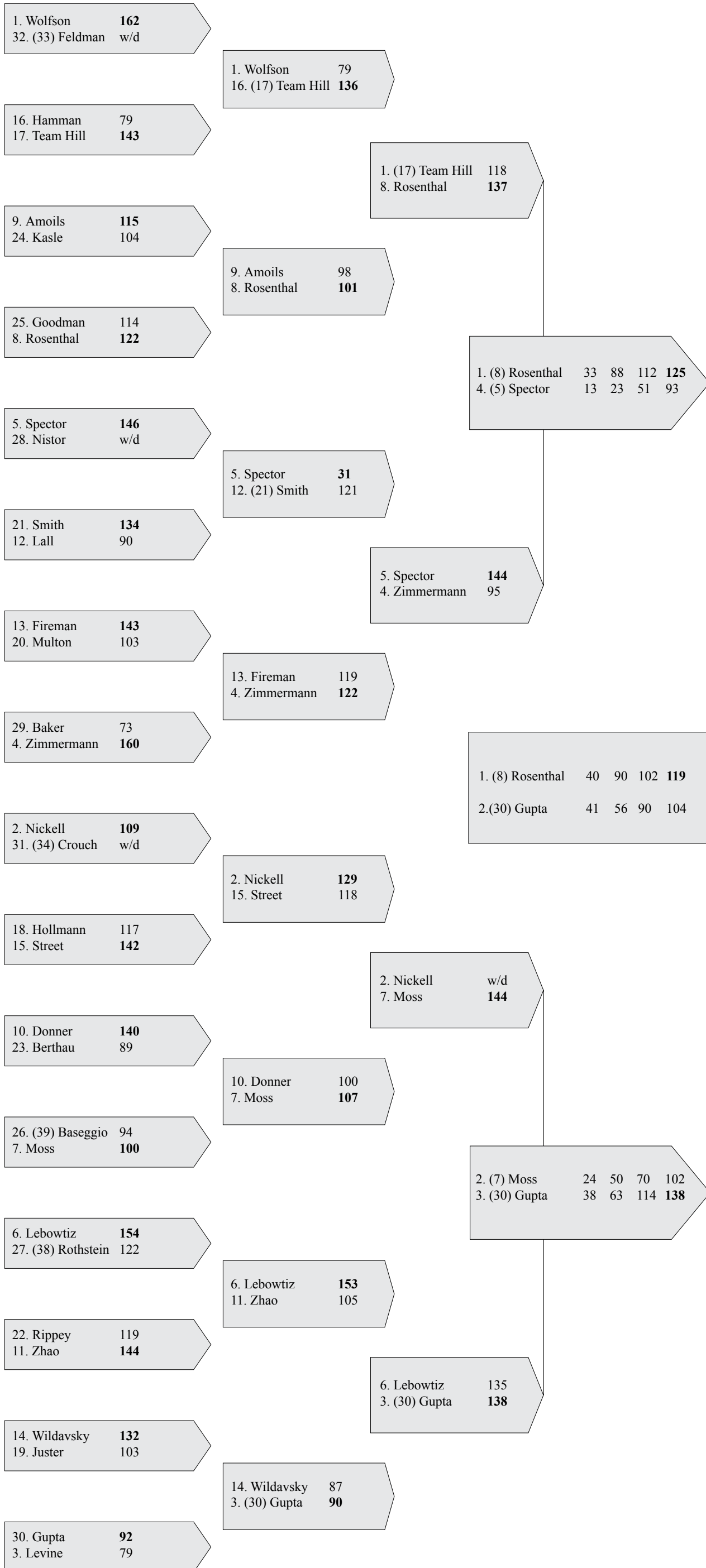
"He retired very early (I think at about 40), with his 10 NABC titles," continued Cohen. "No doubt he would have had many more if he kept playing like most pros do. Reminds me of Sandy Koufax."

After Bergen retired from the tournament circuit, Cohen began playing with David Berkowitz. "I'm tired of being mistaken for him," joked Berkowitz. "Everyone who looks at me when I play with Larry, they say, 'Oh, how ya doin,' Marty?' So, now that he's in the Hall of Fame, that won't happen."

Of the eight candidates for the 2022 Open Award, Bergen was the only one elected to the Hall of Fame. To be nominated for the Open Award, over 50% of the electors must vote for a nominee. The electors are primarily high-level players; some 300 members consisting of anyone who has been elected to the Hall of Fame, Grand or Platinum Life Masters and some press executives.

Because of the backlog of inductees from the past two years, it has not been determined when Bergen's induction will be.

VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS



48 Tables
 250.00 1 Andrew Rosenthal - Chris Willenken - Jan Jansma, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway
 180.00 2 Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Simon Cope, Hertfordshire UK; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark
 125.00 3/4 Warren Spector, Palm Beach FL; Gavin Wolpert - Vincent Demuy - Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Kranyak, Greenville SC; John Hurd, New York NY
 125.00 3/4 Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Jacek Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland
 80.00 5/8 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, Frisco TX
 80.00 5/8 Pierre Zimmermann, Monaco; Sjoert Brink - Sebastiaan Drijver - Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland; Fernando Piedra, Zurich Switzerland; Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland
 80.00 5/8 Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack - Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Dennis Bilde, Aarhus Denmark; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA
 80.00 5/8 Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Mikael Rimstedt - Ola Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden
 50.00 9/16 Jeffrey Wolfson - Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Michael Kamil, San Antonio TX; Louk Verhees Jr., Voorhout Netherlands; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands
 50.00 9/16 Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Martin Fleisher, New York NY
 50.00 9/16 Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Cecilia Rimstedt, Jacksonville FL; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden
 50.00 9/16 Chen Zhao, Greenbelt MD; Zia Mahmood - David Gold, London England; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands
 50.00 9/16 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
 50.00 9/16 Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, West Hartford CT; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA
 50.00 9/16 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
 50.00 9/16 Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel

21	Rajeev Bansal – Krishna Saha, Overland Park KS	18.16
22	Russell Poppleton, Camp Hill PA; Benjamin Hawn, Lancaster PA	17.51
23	Jung Hu – Qing Lu, San Jose CA	17.00
24	W ‘Lakin’ Hines, Sun Lakes AZ; Shari Smart, Gilbert AZ	12.89
25	Xingyu Zhang, Ypsilanti MI; Ching-Po Wang, Troy MI	12.55
26	James Alstad, Rancho Palo Verdes CA; James Heltsley, Redondo Beach CA	11.73
27	Pangjie Xu, San Jose CA; Winston Huang, Los Altos CA	10.62
28	Martin Friedman – Richard Pepper, Greensboro NC	10.44
29	David Dodgson, Lansdale PA; David Dresher, North Wales PA	9.62
30	Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR	9.36
31	Jeffrey Halle, Middletown NJ; Steven Siegel, Mendham NJ	8.16
32	James Bishel – John Bishel, Columbus OH	6.82
33	Wes Peirce, The Woodlands TX; Kurt Zhang, College Station TX	6.48
34	Henry Robin, Jenks OK; Becky Lowe, Bartlesville OK	5.99
35	Kristi Fjare, Estes Park CO; Greg Smith, Denver CO	3.59
36	Tatyana Stemkovski – Vladimir Stemkovski, Raleigh NC	3.43
37	Ryan Connors, Alexandria VA; Rick Bingham, Fairfax VA	2.92
38	Michael Schwartz, New York City NY; Janie Woo, New York NY	0.94
39	Steve Hirsch – Gregory Thorpe, Brea CA	0.62
40	Theodore Marconi, Mount Shasta CA; Michael Pavlik, Jacksonville OR	0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE PRESIDENT’S CUP NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT C

14.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables		Carryover
1	James Yi, West Bloomfield MI; Tengyun Tony Cao, Troy MI	47.92
2	Danning Lu, Goleta CA; Andrew Rowberg, Livermore CA	40.89
3	Milind Girkar, Sunnyvale CA; Shailesh Sampat, San Jose CA	32.95
4	Thomas To, Scottsdale AZ; Richard Wolfe, Calgary AB	26.57
5	Eric He – Edward He, Bellevue WA	25.39
6	Arthur Gong – Nathan Gong, Sammamish WA	25.13
7	Jason Mook, Shreveport LA; Tommy Mook, Shreveport LA	24.61
8	Yichen Cai, Bellevue WA; Helena Hsieh, Sammamish WA	18.62
9	Gregory Harding, Madison WI; Douglas Babcock, Fitchburg WI	17.19
10	Jonathan Dings – Celeste Landry, Boulder CO	15.76
11	Steven Stark – Marian Stark, North Venice FL	14.45
12	Butch Johnson, High Point NC; Ted Edgar, Greenboro NC	10.55
13	Bettina Brill – Suzanne Greenwood, Tucson AZ	10.16
14	Phil Emerson – Jared Jenkins, Boise ID	10.03
15	Carol Schaafsma – Anne Bogart, Eugene OR	9.12
16/17	Jeremy Bowman – Shaviv Ben Neriah, Vancouver BC	8.07
16/17	Sharon Harbach, Argyle TX; Arvind Sharma, Southlake TX	8.07
18	Jichong Chai, Arlington VA; R. Mani, Lanham MD	7.94
19	Philip Hayne – David Nelmark, Urbandale IA	7.32
20	Pamela Scalamandre, Cherry Hill NJ; Becky Levinson, Moorestown NJ	6.38
21	Ken Richardson – Patty Richardson, Oxnard CA	6.12
22	Jay Hamann, Mississauga ON; Jackmen Chong, Burlington ON	3.39
23/24	Douglas Seifert, San Carlos CA; Charles Simmons, Redwood City CA	2.21
23/24	John Tully – John Frantz, Needham MA	2.21
25	Rami Razouk – Deborah Downs, Manhattan Beach CA	1.95
26	Debra Scroggy – Joel Scroggy, Rogersville TN	1.56
27	Care Parker, Portland OR; Joseph Morgan, Vancouver WA	0.39
28	Katherine Sears, Somerville MA; Sam Gallo, Arlington MA	0.00

SATURDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS

11.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables				
A	X	Y		
16.00	1	1	Carrie Touslee, Roseville CA; Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA	57.31%
12.00	2	2	Eric Xiao – Jeff Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	57.08%
9.00	3		Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Gerri Knilans, Thousand Oaks CA	56.52%
6.75	4		Carl Dahl Jr., Sun City Center FL; Jim Hutter, Broomfield CO	54.78%
5.33	5	3	Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA	53.60%
4.57	6	4	Joan Dziekanski – Barbara Schwartz, New York NY	52.97%
3.05	5	4	Kevin Epley – Karen Epley, Kent WA	52.45%

SATURDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

13.0 Tables				
B	C	D		
8.63	1		Anthony Toto, Clovis CA; Richard Papst, Scottsdale AZ	59.52%
6.47	2	1	Brian Reis, Foster City CA; Tom Reis, San Francisco CA	58.30%
4.85	3	2	Ramey Farah, La Jolla CA; Linda Atkinson, Poway CA	57.99%
3.64	4	3	Diane Strategos, Sacramento CA; Kathryn Le Gro, Carmichael CA	55.40%
2.88	5	4	Priscilla Smith, Atlanta GA; Judith Cotterman, Kokomo IN	55.39%
2.52	6		Amanda Jeger, Frankfurt Germany; Estera Stawski, Remsenburg NY	54.95%
2.16	7	5	Robert Shoop, Urbana IL; Wesley Seitz, Champaign IL	53.57%
3.68		1	Robert Simpson – John McClure, Ocean Shores WA	51.54%
2.76		2	Cynthia Ogden, New York NY; Catherine Williams, New York City NY	50.41%
2.07		3	David Ow, Salinas CA; Rita Sturgeon, Pacific Grove CA	48.34%

MARC RENSON MEMORIAL SATURDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

6.0 Tables				
A	B	C		
3.47	1		Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA; Bruce Luttrell, San Jose CA	70.83%
3.03	2	1	Anne Graves, La Jolla CA; Lifun Cohen, Solana Beach CA	57.08%
1.95	3		Rosemary Boden, Fort Lauderdale FL; James Tanner, Highland CA	55.83%
1.46	4		Ching Chao, Danville CA; Sue Bailey, Stockport	54.58%
2.27		2	Chris Murphy, Calgary AB; Roger Smith, Modesto CA	51.25%
1.70		3	Jim Cheney, Hilo HI; Joan Shafer, Chicago IL	48.75%

WENDY DEWELL OF SILICON VALLEY SATURDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

5.0 Tables				
A	B	C		
2.25	1	1	Charlie Schutz, Lake Forest CA; Brian Emge, Anaheim CA	78.50%
1.69	2		Jerrold Zell – Lori Bard, Incline Village NV	56.50%
1.11	3/4		Diane Walz – William Follmer, Reno NV	54.00%
1.11	3/4		Edward Winchester – Judi O’Connell, Reno NV	54.00%

Ruby Life Master

Anthony Toto of Clovis CA became a Ruby Life Master on Saturday, going over 1500 masterpoints when he won the Mid-Flight Pairs, for 8.63 gold. Toto was playing with Richard Papst of Scottsdale AZ, a first-time partnership.



Emerald Life Master

Saleh Fetouh of Buffalo NY needed 42.78 points to become an Emerald Life Master (7500 masterpoints). Since coming to Reno, he has earned 52.91.



Platinum Life Master

Myriam Milgrom of Vero Beach FL has well over 10,000 masterpoints, but she needed 20.07 platinum points to become a Platinum Life Master. She picked up a good chunk of that placing 11th in the Smith Life Master Women’s Pairs and scratching in the IMP Pairs and Jacoby Open Swiss.



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Zhang, both Ann Arbor MI, who have a carryover of 47.92.

In third place from District 21 are Bo Xiao and Rory Xiao of Fremont CA with a carryover of 43.13.

Forty pairs qualified for today's final.

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the second to earn a carryover of 47.92 – about three and two-thirds boards.

That's about half a board ahead of second-place qualifiers and D22 representatives Danning Lu of Goleta CA and Andrew Rowberg of Livermore CA, whose carryover is 40.89.

In third from District 21 are Milind Girkar of Sunnyvale CA and Shailesh Sampat of San Jose CA with 32.95.

Twenty-eight pairs qualified for today's final where a 13 is top.

Be careful what you ask for

This deal from the second qualifying session of the Silodor Open Pairs was reported by Chris Gibson of Tigard OR and Eric Sieg of Issaquah WA.

Dlr: North	♠ 9 3	♠ K Q J 5
Vul: N-S	♥ K 5 4 2	♥ Q J 8
Bd: 5	♦ Q 5	♦ A K J 10 6
	♣ 10 9 8 6 2	♣ 3
	♠ A 10 8 4	
	♥ A 10 7 6	
	♦ 2	
	♣ K Q J 7	
	♠ 7 6 2	
	♥ 9 3	
	♦ 9 8 7 4 3	
	♣ A 5 4	

West <i>Sieg</i>	North	East <i>Gibson</i>	South
	Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
3♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣ ⁽³⁾	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥ ⁽⁴⁾	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Rdbl ⁽⁵⁾	All Pass		

(1) Strong, forcing and artificial
 (2) 4=4=1=4 with 13-plus HCP or five or more controls

- (3) Serious slam try
- (4) Two key cards, no queen
- (5) First-round heart control

Gibson opened a strong club and Sieg showed, in this instance, a game-forcing hand with diamond shortness. 3♠ by Gibson set trump and Sieg bid 4♣, a so-called "serious" slam try, and indicating a club control. Gibson cooperated with a diamond cuebid, and Sieg showed a heart control. Gibson now asked for key cards, and Sieg bid 5♥, which North doubled as a lead-director. Gibson, with no first- or second-round heart control, passed. Sieg redoubled to show first-round control, this was passed to Gibson, who decided to convert. "It looked to me like the spade slam might go down on a heart lead, and that the doubler was unlikely to have five hearts because he did not double the round previously," Gibson reasoned.

"It's really only thanks to the fortunate diamond position that 6♣ makes on a heart lead," concluded Gibson.

A heart was led, and 11 tricks were soon claimed. Plus 1000 was good for all the matchpoints, as most were only scoring plus 980, if they even got to slam.

Gibson-Sieg qualified for the second day and finished 17th overall.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

6.0 Tables	A	B	C		
3.04	1/2			Virginia Kellermeyer – Charlotte Falk, Reno NV	58.75%
3.04	1/2	1		Bonnie Hertzog, Tucson AZ; Sandra Macpherson, Halifax NS	58.75%
1.95	3			Rosemary Boden, Fort Lauderdale FL; James Tanner, Highland CA	57.92%
1.46	4			Charlene Lutz, Indianapolis IN; Sharon Austin, Bainbridge IN	55.42%
2.27		2		Jim Cheney, Hilo HI; Joan Shafer, Chicago IL	54.58%
1.70		3		Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA; Grzegorz Kaznowski, Port Coquitlam BC	53.33%

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

4.0 Tables	A	B	C		
2.10	1	1		Charlie Schutz, Lake Forest CA; Brian Emge, Anaheim CA	63.19%
1.58	2			Amnon Igra – Allen Riker, Sacramento CA	62.50%
1.49	3	2		William Follmer – Diane Walz, Reno NV	56.25%
1.11		3		Jerrold Zell – Lori Bard, Incline Village NV	45.14%

SATURDAY BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 1

13 Tables					
16.39	1			Alison Shoemaker, Wyndmoor PA; John Garrison, Hailey ID; Marie-France Benoit, Ottawa ON; Harold George, Wichita KS	112.00
12.29	2			Jill Wallace – Jefri Donovan – Cynthia Swezey – Gilbert Ramirez, Reno NV	107.00
9.22	3			Paul Pugsley – Brenda Pugsley – James Breeden – Margaret Breeden, Carson City NV	93.00
6.91	4			Ann Romeo – Margaret Moen, Seattle WA; Rick Weiss, Reno NV; Luca Della Ca, Thalwil Switzerland	92.00
5.07	5/6			Grant Robinson – Teresa Boyd, Dublin CA; Belinda Ledgerwood, Walnut Creek CA; Jack Hawks, Palm Desert CA	91.00
5.07	5/6			Kai Eckert, El Granada CA; Nancy Boyd, San Ramon CA; Cheryl Haines, Princeville HI; Phillip Mingola, Oklahoma City OK	91.00

SATURDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2

9 Tables					
8.11	1			Richard Bryant – Kathy Feeney – Pauline Pettinato, Tucson AZ; Michelle Harlow, Durango CO	112.00
6.08	2			Monica Quinlan – Michael Barry, Tucson AZ; Kirk Freyermuth, Beaumont CA; Hugh McSheffrey, Nelson BC	97.00
4.56	3			Ronnie Martin, Friendswood TX; Brad Chandler – Jeannie Stone – Laura Chandler, Houston TX	94.00
3.42	4			Ed Gould – Cornelia Gould, Indian Wells CA; Lorelei Greenfield – Jon Greenfield, Hillsborough CA	90.00



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Mott-Smith recognizes the top Spring NABC masterpoint winner

The Mott-Smith Trophy honors the player who earns the most masterpoints at each Spring NABC. The trophy was donated by friends in memory of Geoffrey Mott-Smith in 1961 and made retroactive to 1958 to include all the winners.



With wins in the Vanderbilt and a regional pairs game, Steve Garner won the Mott-Smith Trophy in 2019.

Mott-Smith (1902–1960) was co-chairman of the ACBL Laws

Commission, editor of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin 1935-36, a contributor to The Bridge World, a writer and cryptographer.

Mott-Smith was one of the first to operate a bridge club and to direct bridge tournaments. He was the director of the annual intercollegiate tournaments and other “par” bridge events.

During World War II, Mott-Smith served as chief instructor for the OSS in the training of cryptographers and cryptanalysts.

He authored or co-authored more than 29 books on games and served as games consultant for the Association of American Playing Card Manufacturers.

Mott-Smith was regarded as a great player, brilliant theorist and one of the soundest and most lucid of the early writers on contract bridge.

Previous trophy winners:

1958	Ivar Stakgold
1959	Lew Mathe
1960	Norman Kay
1961	Robert Jordan
1962	Robert Jordan
1963	Sidney Silodor/Norman Kay
1964	Lew Mathe
1965	Phil Feldesman
1966	Phil Feldesman
1967	Lew Mathe
1968	Norman Kay

These are the Mott-Smith Trophy winners since 1968, along with their point totals. An asterisk indicates the record was broken that year.

1969	Sue Sachs	168
1970	Barry Crane	155

1971	Barry Crane	135
1972	Paul Swanson, Jack Blair	159
1973	Bobby Wolff	233*
1974	Ron Andersen	250*
1975	Roger Bates	203
1976	Larry Cohen	225
1977	Mark Blumenthal	200
1978	Mike Passell	250*
1979	Jeff Meckstroth	215
1980	Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell	173
1981	Allan Stauber	166
1982	David Berkowitz, Harold Lilie	198
1983	Mike Passell	214
1984	Lew Stansby	172
1985	Jeff Meckstroth	196
1986	Lew Stansby	207
1987	Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd	200
1988	Roger Bates	193
1989	Eddie Wold	167
1990	John Sutherlin	300*
1991	Zia Mahmood	183
1992	Roger Bates	186
1993	Michael Seamon	196
1994	Chip Martel	250
1995	Michael Polowan	242
1996	Zia Mahmood	252
1997	Bart Bramley	292
1998	Eddie Wold	243
1999	Petra Hamman	265
2000	Jeff Meckstroth	313*
2001	Jill Meyers	234
2002	Paul Soloway	357*
2003	Geoff Hampson	317
2004	Vacated—	
2005	Eddie Wold	282
2006	Fred Chang	347.50
2007	Roy Welland	380.00*
2008	Krzysztof Martens, Krzysztof Jassem	257.50
2009	Jeff Meckstroth	304.92
2010	Tor Helness	320.59
2011	Joel Wooldridge	454.31*
2012	Thomas Bessis, Ishmael Del’Monte	400
2013	Michael Kamil	342.58
2014	Robert Levin	450
2015	Cedric Lorenzini	284.24
2016	Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco	315.71
2017	Jeff Meckstroth	400
2018	Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein	380
2019	Steve Garner	304.51
2020	Not awarded	
2021	Not awarded	

SATURDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3

9 Tables			
6.21	1	Frederick Kelly – LecClier Kelly – Stella Marino Russell – Ron Haines, Reno NV	101.00
4.66	2	Marie Ernst – Rolando Grijalva, Reno NV; Julie Wong, Truckee CA; Lillian Ethridge, Bluff Dale TX	99.00
3.49	3	Susan Powell – Donald Parsons – Jerry Johnson – Thomas Quint, Reno NV	95.00
2.35	4/5	Jason Carter, Arlington VA; Jozef Stencel, Ashcroft BC; John Coulombe, San Marcos CA; Kurt Shoenhard, Oceanside CA	92.00
2.35	4/5	Bradford Stone – Elaine Simkins, Reno NV; Helen Trop-Zell, Incline Village NV; Barbara Mickle, Carson City NV	92.00

Appealing a ruling

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



Entry fees

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

Players must be members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following NABC+ events: Kay Platinum Pairs, Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, Lebharr IMP Pairs, Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Silodor Open Pairs, Smith Life Master Women’s Pairs, NABC+ Fast Pairs and the Jacoby Open




Swiss Teams. The entry fees for these contests are \$30 per player per session. For team events, this means \$120 per team per session for four-person teams, \$150 per team per session for five-person teams, and \$180 per team per session for six-person teams.

Note: \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the 0–10,000 Swiss Teams, 0–10,000 Knockout Teams, 0–2500 Swiss Teams and 0–2500 Pairs. The entry fee is \$22 per player per session. 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. In late stages of some NABC and NABC+ events, there is an additional screen fee of \$20 per team per session or \$10 per pair per session.

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

Other events are \$15 per player per session for current members, \$19 for inactive members. (There is no entry fee for any flight of North American Pairs.)



American Bridge Teachers' Association



Call for Entries

The American Bridge Teachers' Association welcomes submissions for our annual book and technology awards. Presentation will be made at our annual convention, to be held in conjunction with the 2022 ACBL Summer NABC in Providence.

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

- Beginner/Novice Book of the Year**
- Intermediate to Advanced Book of the Year**
- Technology of the Year** (software, media, etc.)

Works published since May 1, 2021, are eligible. Reprints will not be considered unless there are substantial revisions. Authors or publishers may contact Awards Committee chair, Karen Walker, bookoftheyear@abtahome.com for information on how to submit an entry.

Entries close on May 1, 2022

abtahome.com

D19 youth

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Volunteers of the Year. Junior bridge is exploding in the Seattle area.

But everyone's expectations were exceeded when all three pairs representing D19 in Flight C of the North American Pairs (and one Flight B player), were all juniors.

Eric He, Edward He and Jesse Cai, all of Bellevue WA, and Helena Hsieh, Arthur Gong and Nathan Gong, all of Sammamish WA, have traveled to Reno to compete in the national finals, along with Helena's father, Frank Hsieh, and brother, Gianni Hsieh, who will play together in Flight B.

B4Y coaches and parents hosted a breakfast Saturday morning to send the kids off to play in style. At a round-table discussion, they answered a few questions about their bridge experiences.

Family connections got many of the kids into bridge.

"I played hearts on my dad's old computer, and then I started watching my dad play bridge and I was like, what is that? So, I watched him every day and he eventually taught me and some friends," said Gianni.

"I watched him watching my dad play bridge," said Gianni's sister, Helena.

One of them started in China. Yichen Cai, who goes by her American name, Jesse, said, "I found a bridge club nearby in China, so I went to go play because I love card games. I think there are more juniors playing in China – there are more bridge clubs for teenagers."

Bridge For Youth also pulled in a few.

"Me and Nathan went to a summer camp in Seattle and we learned bridge," said Arthur. "It was fun because we played with a bunch of other people our age."

"I play bridge because it's fun and it's exciting when I make a tough contract. I just like all the funny results," said Nathan. "Bridge helped me to think slower, it helps me with my decision making and helps me process and consider different options."

What's challenging? Eddie: "Creating a plan ..."

"He doesn't have a plan," whispered Eric.

What about the partnership component?

"It's a lot of communication that you have to do with your partner," said Helena. "You build trust, and you have to believe your partner knows what they're doing."

Several of the kids also tried chess, but bridge seemed to "stick" better. Perhaps it's because it's more social. "You can talk with adults and make jokes, it's fun and not so serious," said Arthur, "but it would be more fun if there more juniors."

"I enjoy having the kids play online at my club," said Barbara Nist, who directed games in the Seattle area in person and transitioned to BBO. "I encourage them, make comments when they make good plays; it's so wonderful to see these kids come into an open game and play and win and I'm just so thrilled about all of them."

What else would help keep kids involved and get other kids involved? "Food is always a good attraction," said Nathan.

"I think if there were games where you could win prizes or money that would be very popular," said Gianni. "A lot of my friends, they like poker because you can win money, but you can't do that in bridge."

"I don't think every tournament or club game has to give out cash prizes, but some of the bigger tournaments could have some rewards for winning," offered Helena.

When you tell your friends you're going to a bridge tournament, what do they say? Eddie, "They ask me, isn't that the game for old grannies?"

Nathan: "YES! YES! That's what my friends say, 'Good luck with your game with old people,'" said Nathan.

"I just agree with them because it's kind of true."

So how do we get more kids involved in the granny game? There isn't a one-size-fits all answer, but observing this group, it seems an overlooked piece of the puzzle is the importance of family. Some kids relish spending time with their parents and siblings and will dive into bridge if it's a way to do that.

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ACBL BIDDING CONTEST

Bid these Bidding Box hands on your phone or tablet!

ABC is a *free*, ongoing weekly bidding contest organized by the ACBL using the app **bid72**. Enter the contest with your partner and automatically receive 5 hands on your phone/tablet every week. Compare your results with hundreds of other pairs. Monthly promotion/relegation ensures an exciting challenge for everyone. Please visit www.bid72.com/abc for more details and registration.

Register here → 

Extra: Bidding Box hands will be included in ABC two weeks before the Bridge Bulletin is published.

Notice of binding arbitration

By becoming an ACBL member, or renewing your membership in the ACBL, you expressly agree to waive your right to have disputes (including high-level disciplinary matters) 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.

Entry Express FAQ

I've never had to purchase entries for a tournament in advance. Why I should I do this now?

In an effort to maximize efficiency and provide tournament hosts a more accurate estimate on attendance numbers, we are moving to Entry Express, an online entry portal for all

tournaments. We are beta-testing this application, and your input and feedback is important. This system will help reduce lines at tournaments, streamline the entry purchasing process and make event days smoother for participants.

How do I purchase entries for a tournament event in advance?

Online entry purchase via Entry Express is currently only open for a few select tournaments, and can be accessed by visiting: <https://members.acbl.org/tournaments>

How do I sign up for an event?

To sign up for a pair or team event, you will need the ACBL member number for each participant. When you register for a specific game, you'll be asked to input these numbers. You will be asked to pay for you, your partner, and/or your team per event at the time of registration, and you will all receive confirmation emails once your purchase is complete. ACBL accepts all major credit cards through the Entry Express Application.

Can I still register my partner and me to play in an event even if I don't know my partner's ACBL Membership number?

Unfortunately, you will need your partner's ACBL number in order to purchase entries. Please have this information on hand before beginning the Entry Express process.

If my partner signs me up for a tournament event to play with them without my knowledge, what will happen if I try to register for the same event?

Because ACBL numbers are required for all participants when purchasing entries, that tournament event will have a record that you are registered, and the system will prevent you from purchasing entries twice for the same event. We recommend communicating with your partner first before either of you begin the entry purchase process.

Why are some tournament events not available for selection?

Upon signing in, the system will automatically block events that you are not eligible for based on your masterpoints.

Who can I contact if I have a problem using Entry Express?

As our online advanced entry system is still in the beta testing phase, we kindly ask you to please share any issues or feedback at the Registration Desk onsite at the tournament, or email marketing@acbl.org.

I purchased entries for a tournament event, but I can no longer attend. Can I get a refund?

Registrations can be canceled and refunded up until midnight (12 a.m.) the night before the event start time through the application. To cancel and request a refund closer to the event time, please visit the Registration Desk onsite at the tournament. We will be honoring refunds during beta testing.



We Share the Air

Please keep it healthy and fragrance-free

The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other respiratory ailments.

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DO NOT wear
perfume, cologne,
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and other fragrances.

USE unscented
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Grand Life Master.

Rosenthal's teammates were Aaron Silverstein and Chris Willenken of the U.S., Jan Jansma of the Netherlands (but who now lives in New York), and Norwegians Boye Brogeland and Christian Bakke.

Gupta's lineup: Danes Morten Bilde, Emil Jepsen, Andreas Meister, with the U.K.'s Simon Cope.

After an near-tie in the first quarter, Rosenthal opened up a 34-IMP lead in the second set. Gupta

shaved their opponents' lead to just 12 IMPs in the third quarter, but a balanced last segment allowed Rosenthal to stay in control, winning the match by 15.

Andrew Rosenthal's only previous national win was in 1999: the Red Ribbon Pairs, a masterpoint-limited contest. His best showings in open NABC events were second-place finishes in the 2011 Roth Open Swiss Teams and the 2018 Spingold Knockout Teams.

For the runners-up, this was Vinita Gupta's first appearance in the final of the Vanderbilt.



Runners-up in the Vanderbilt (from left): Simon Cope, team captain Vinita Gupta, Emil Jepsen, Andreas Meister and Morten Bilde

"Sorry, Partner" is a fresh, fun and free podcast about bridge and the worldwide community of bridge players, hosted by bridge partners and friends, Catherine Harris and Jocelyn Startz. The podcast features interviews with bridge luminaries from around the world, and listeners share their stories about this game we all love. This week's guest is Michael Rosenberg, fresh off his Platinum Pairs win in Reno!



You can find "Sorry, Partner" at <https://shows.acast.com/sorry-partner> or on Apple podcasts, Google podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher or wherever you like to listen.

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The championships, which will be held at the Palazzo dei Congressi, will consist of teams and pairs events in all categories, as well as an individual championship. Players in all three events will compete for the Triathlon World Championship and, as in previous editions, the Joan Gerard Awards will be presented and Youth Master Points awarded.

For the first time, the championships will include a series for Under-31 players, as well as the normal U26 (Open and Women's) events, U21 and U16 events. The World Bridge Federation feels that the Under-31 category is really important to give young players over the age of 25 the opportunity to continue to participate and compete internationally. In particular, this first edition will give those players who could not compete during the past two years because of the pandemic the chance to make up for lost time and join a high-level World Youth Championship and compete for the title of World Champion.

We are looking forward to welcoming players from across the world to participate in this extremely popular, enjoyable and challenging event where, as it is transnational, they will have the chance to play with friends from other countries.

More information can be found at worldbridge.org.

SATURDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

5.0 Tables	A	B	C		
3.25	1	1		John Collins – Marie Collins, Calgary AB	62.11%
2.44	2			Virginia Kellermeyer – Charlotte Falk, Reno NV	61.51%
1.83	3			Rosemary Boden, Fort Lauderdale FL; James Tanner, Highland CA	54.88%
1.37	4			Deborah Murphy, San Francisco CA; Lawrence Lerner, New Providence NJ	53.88%
2.12		2		Ching Chao, Danville CA; Dennis Hanel, Boise ID	53.13%

THURSDAY-SATURDAY EVENING SIDE SERIES

25.75 Tables / Based on 13 Tables				
9.20	1		Ryan Daniels, Vernon Hills IL	120.45%
7.44	2/3		Hong Coolidge, Oceanside CA	117.75%
7.44	2/3		Trevor Coolidge, Oceanside CA	117.75%
3.88	4		Mariee Walton, Cary NC	111.44%
3.07	5		James Tanner, Highland CA	110.75%
2.91	6		Jim Dick, The Villages FL	110.01%
2.17	7/8		Renee Petersen, Moscow ID	98.29%
2.17	7/8		Karen Eveland, Lewiston ID	98.29%

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 INT 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.



American Bridge Teachers' Association



Love your teacher?



If your teacher has enthusiasm and passion for bridge, and you and your fellow students would like the world to know, here's your chance! Nominate your teacher for the 2022 American Bridge Teachers' Association **TEACHER OF THE YEAR** Award.



Deadline for nominations is May 1, 2022.
Questions? Email toy@abthome.com

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Today's Bridge Events

Sunday, March 20

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
10 am				
Marc Renson Memorial Sunday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i> 299er Pairs	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$15	\$19
10 am & tba				
Top-Flight Swiss Teams (<i>unlim./6000/4000</i>) <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
Bracketed Round Robin Teams (<i>0-3000</i>) <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
10 am & 1 pm				
Fast Open Pairs	1-2	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
10 am & 3 pm				
GOLDER NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT B	1-2 F	Silver Baron A, mezzanine, Silver Legacy	Free	—
PRESIDENT'S CUP NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT C	1-2 F	Silver Baron A, mezzanine, Silver Legacy	Free	—
11 am & 2:30 pm				
NABC+ FAST PAIRS	1-2 F	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	—
11 am & 5 pm				
JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	—
2 pm				
Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i> 299er Pairs	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24

* 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. Green = Regional events (Gold and Red points). Blue = Gold Rush events (Gold and Red points). Red = Intermediate/Newcomer events (0-299 masterpoints Red points).** *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.

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.

Kibitzing

Kibitzing is allowed for NABC and NABC+ events, but kibitzers must follow the same safety protocols regarding vaccines and masks as the players.



A Big Deal

Providence hosts the Summer NABC, July 14-24

As anyone who attended the previous NABC held there in the fall of 2014 can tell you, Providence RI is a spectacular site for the North American Bridge Championships. This summer, it will be even better. The charming downtown area is perfect for visitors, with plentiful dining options and tourist attractions, including the stunning WaterFire.

Of course, the NABCs are fantastic bridge parties that last almost two weeks. And with games available for all levels of players - beginners to the best in the world - there's something for everyone to play in.

Make your plans now to attend the Providence NABC!

Host hotels

Omni Providence Hotel
Room rate: \$209 + tax

Providence Graduate Hotel
Room rate: \$185 + tax



Hilton Providence Hotel
Room rate: \$191 + tax

Hotel Providence
Room rate: \$179 + tax

Homewood Suites
Room rate: \$209 + tax

Residence Inn
Room rate: \$266 + tax (1 bedroom suite)
Room rate: \$235 + tax (studio suite)

Marriott Courtyard Downtown
Room rate: \$199 + tax

Playing site

All bridge events will be played in the Rhode Island Convention Center, which is connected via a covered walkway to the Omni Providence Hotel. All of the other host hotels are within easy walking distance (five minutes or less) to the Convention Center.

For complete information, visit provnabc.org or acbl.org/nabc.



To book a room, please contact ConferenceDirect, ACBL's housing partner for all NABCs, 855-956-0776 or acbl@conferencedirect.com. You may also make your room reservations online acbl.org/nabc.



Travelennium is the official travel agency for the ACBL. For air travel assistance, call 800-844-4924 or email info@travelennium.com.

Hotel cancellation policy

All reservations require a one-night room and tax deposit charged at the time of booking. This will appear on your credit card as "Convention Services, Folsom CA." Effective Tuesday, May 17, 2022, the one-night room and tax deposit becomes non-refundable.

The ACBL housing bureau, ConferenceDirect, will charge a 5% cancellation fee for cancellations made between booking and Sept. 25.