

Daily

Bulletin

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Cappelli–Aquino lead IMP quals

Robert Cappelli of Sanibel FL and Mark Aquino of Jamaica Plain MA posted the top score in the opening round of the Lebhar IMP Pairs. Cappelli and Aquino scored 72.19 IMPs in the first qualifying session and 56.87 in the second for a total of 129.06 IMPs. They will begin today’s two-session final with a carryover of 25.50 IMPs.

In second with a carryover of 20.77 are William Neumann of Columbia MD and Jeff Hand of New York City. Third place is held by Steven Smolen and Vicki Lerner of San Francisco with 17.80.

“There was a young woman named Sally ...”

In honor of St. Patrick’s Day later this week (Thursday, March 17), the Daily Bulletin staff is hosting a limerick contest. Members may submit entries to the Daily Bulletin office (Platinum Room, Expo [lower] level, Silver Legacy) or by email to NABCDailyBulletin@acbl.org.

The best and the worst of the entries will be featured in Thursday’s issue, so the deadline for all



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Pre-registration required for national knockouts

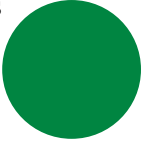
Entrants for the 0–10,000 Knockout must pre-register no later than 10 a.m. today. Pre-registration is from 8:30 a.m.–10 a.m. in front of the Silver Baron A, mezzanine, Silver Legacy. Entries can also be purchased on Bridge Winners, bridgewinners.com/tournament/view/2022-spring-nabc.

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 Low (Green), 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.



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Goodwill Message

Maintain a courteous attitude toward both your partner and your opponents. Treat others as you would want to be treated.

Roger Smith, Chair
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

ATTENDANCE through Sunday 1928 tables

Rosenberg–Grossack win Platinum Pairs



Winners of the Kay Platinum Pairs: Michael Rosenberg and Zach Grossack

Boosted by a strong carryover and strong first final session, Michael Rosenberg and Zach Grossack won the six-session Kay Platinum Pairs by a margin of two boards. This was the first NABC pairs victory for their partnership, although the duo has played together on several teams in national contests.

Rosenberg, of Sunnyvale CA, and Grossack, of Newton MA, qualified second after Saturday’s semifinal round. In the first final session, they scored 61.26% to move into the lead. Their last session score of 53.85% was good enough to clinch the win with a total of 435.82 matchpoints.

In second with 411.55 matchpoints (top = 12) was Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Greco. They led the event after the semifinal round.

After the victory, the winners jokingly noted

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All-daylight schedule starts in Providence

Reno could be the last NABC where major events run on the 1 and 7:30 schedule. Starting with Providence this summer, all national and regional events will run on a daylight schedule, starting at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or thereabout.

This change was passed overwhelmingly by the ACBL Board at a special meeting in January, upon the recommendation of the Competition and Conventions Committee.



The January meeting was the Board’s first with fewer members under the reorganization plan passed in 2020. As part of that plan, the smaller Board will rely on outside committees more for some functions it previously handled.

Under the decision, the daylight schedule will be the default for all future NABCs. But any hosting committee has the option to request the primetime schedule. The remaining 2022 NABCs, in Providence and Phoenix, will use the daylight schedule. Scheduling has not begun for

tournaments in 2023 and beyond.

Regional events have already mostly transitioned to the daylight schedule after years of running on a dual schedule, while the daylight events grew and the primetime events shrank. At this NABC, there are only four days with any primetime regional events, and only one or two pairs events on those days. National events have mostly remained on the old schedule, but there have been some exceptions. Experiments with the all-daylight schedule were held at Summer NABCs in Philadelphia in 2012 and Atlanta in 2013 and 2018.

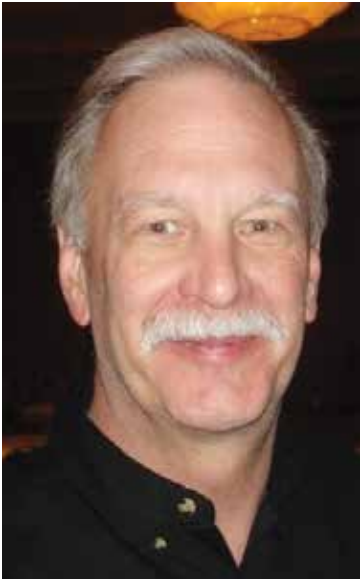
There were many reasons the Board felt it was time to make the switch, President Joann Glasson said. She listed eight:

“1. The entire bridge world outside of North America runs on a daylight schedule.



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Sam Stoxen 1950–2022



Sam Stoxen, a longtime tournament director, died unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack on Feb. 14. He was 71.

Stoxen grew up in Dickinson ND and attended Dickinson State University where he obtained degrees in math and science. He taught high school math and physical education in Moore MT for two years. After deciding to leave the education field, Stoxen moved to Gresham OR and obtained a degree in mortuary science. He was a funeral director in Dickinson for several years until he

once again went back to school and got a degree in computer science. He moved to Bismarck where he worked at the state capitol in the office of budget and finance until his retirement.

Stoxen learned to play bridge at a young age and pursued this interest throughout his life. He was a director at the Bismarck Bridge Club as well as a national tournament director who oversaw tournaments throughout the Midwest beginning in 1993. He moved to Denver CO where he continued to direct bridge tournaments locally and nationally.

“District 17 lost a true professional with the death of Sam Stoxen the night our Valentine’s Day tournament concluded,” wrote Robert Esch of El Paso TX. “He came from Denver to help us throw our small tournament with his big smile, his knowledge of movements and his patience.

“We were never rushed or yelled at; he was so polite and never condescending. He even filled in on a team movement and tied for first! What a champion.”

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

All meetings are in The Row – Circus Circus, Silver Legacy and Eldorado.

Monday, March 14		10 am–noon	Competition and Conventions Committee meeting. <i>Board Room, mezzanine, Silver Legacy</i>
9–11 am	Teacher Breakfast. Join fellow teachers to network, see presentations from American Bridge Teachers’ Association Master Teachers. Sponsored by the ACBL Educational Foundation. <i>Mandalay Ballroom, lower level, Circus Circus</i>	11 am–noon	USBF Board meeting. <i>Mandalay 4, lower level, Circus Circus</i>
		6:30–8:30 pm	Goodwill Reception. Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee members only. <i>Mandalay Ballroom, lower level, Circus Circus</i>

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don’t miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Expo Hall C on the lower floor of Silver Legacy. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

Monday, March 14		9:15 a.m.	Robert Todd	<i>Problem Opening Bids</i>
Tuesday, March 15		9:15 a.m.	Donna Compton	<i>Discover the Vacant Space</i>

HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT

Late-night snacks are offered at the Reno Ballroom.

Monday, March 14	Tuesday, March 15
Antipasto skewers (tortellini, salami, cheese and olive)	Housemade cinnamon rolls

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.

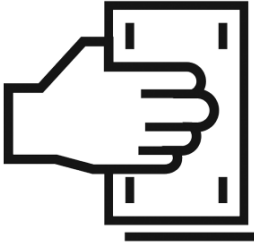
Youth and Junior entries

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

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

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

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



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



Teacher Breakfast Meeting

See presentations from ABTA Master Teachers of award-winning teaching materials and learn how the ACBL and ACBL Educational Foundation can help you.

Limited to 50 people.

Register at acbl.org/signup

Monday, March 14, 9-11a.m.

Check Daily Bulletin for location

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.

Entry fees

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

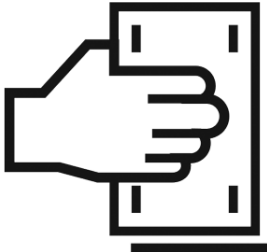
Players must be members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following NABC+ events: Kay Platinum Pairs, Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, Lebhar IMP Pairs, Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Silodor Open Pairs, Smith Life Master Women’s Pairs, NABC+ Fast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



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Take All Your Chances

By Eddie Kantar

North (Dummy)

♠ 7
♥ K J 6 4
♦ Q 8 7 3 2
♣ A Q 5

South (You)

♠ A 6 2
♥ 9
♦ A K J 9 6 5
♣ 6 4 3

You open 1♦, partner responds 1♥, East overcalls 1♠, you try 2♦, and West jumps to 3♠, preemptive. Partner has heard enough and leaps to 5♦, the final bid.

West leads a disconcerting ♣J. Plan the play. (Diamonds are 1–1.)

You are looking at two possible club losers plus the ♥A. If West has underled the ♣K, there is no compelling reason to insert the queen. If you take the trick with the ace, you can always take a second trick with the queen later by leading up to it. The play of the ace prevents East from winning the king and returning a club, setting up a second club winner before a heart winner can be established for a club discard. Given the bidding, it is surely the proper play, but the hand isn't over yet.

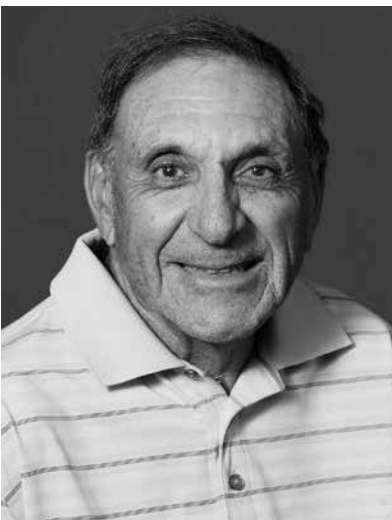
One plan is to win the ♠A, cross to a diamond and lead a heart to the jack. If this drives out the ace, the ♥K can be used to discard a club. Even if the ♥J loses to the queen, you have enough dummy entries to trump two hearts hoping to flush out the ♥A.

But there is even a better plan. Win the ♠A, strip the spades using the trump suit as communication (i.e., play the ♠A, ruff a spade in dummy, cross back to your hand with a trump, ruff your last spade, and come back to your hand with a trump), and then lead a heart to the jack. Say it loses to the queen. If East has the expected ♥A, East is cooked, as any return presents you with the contract.

The full deal:

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

The key play is the ♠A at trick one, but notice West's top-of-sequence club lead rather than leading partner's suit. Holding a weak hand with a big fit in partner's suit, this may be West's last chance to be on lead. It is imaginative and often productive to lead from an honor sequence rather



than partner's suit, particularly when it is likely one opponent has a singleton in the suit that you and partner have been bidding madly. If the ♠J is not led, then the ♠K is the recommended lead, as it may be important to hold the lead to make a killing shift if the king wins the trick.

Tip: It is an illusion to think you must always play the queen when dummy has A–Q–x–(x) and the suit is led. If you play the ace and later lead up to the queen, you still take a trick with the queen if the opening leader has led from the king. In the meantime, you are temporarily protected if fourth hand has the king. This play presumes you can afford to lose one trick in the suit.



Martha Hildreth of Reno is a retired university professor who started learning bridge two and a half years ago. "After a few lessons I went right into it," she said, joining the ACBL and playing at Reno Bridge Club and taking lessons from Jill Wallace. This is not just her first NABC but her first tournament of any kind. "It's totally new," she said.

Limericks

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submissions is Wednesday, March 16, at 1 p.m.

Keep in mind that the Daily Bulletin is a family publication: Submissions don't have to be G-rated, but they can't be R-rated.

Mask Policy

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If the COVID-19 Community Level as 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 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.

Vugraph operators needed

Anyone who's interested in being a vugraph operator for the Vanderbilt KO Teams, please email Jan Martel (marteljan@gmail.com). Sessions will start at noon and 7 p.m. each day.

Martel is especially looking for people to work Wednesday and Thursday. She offers training for new operators.

ACBL pays operators \$200 per day.

Smoking Policy

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



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Love your teacher?

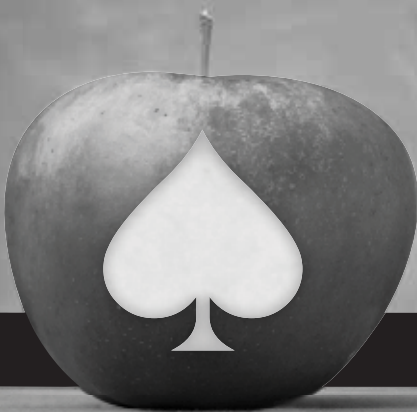
If your teacher has enthusiasm and passion for bridge, and you and your fellow students would like the world to know, here's your chance!

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

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New Life Masters

New Life Master
Sona Bhambhra

of Fremont CA needed .34 gold points to become a Life Master. She picked that up easily when she placed eighth in the Sunday Mid-Flight Swiss Teams. She played with Ramesh Bhambra, also of Fremont CA, and teammates Kumar Ramaiyer of Cupertino CA and Carolyn Drozdiak of Los Gatos, CA. They won 6.13 gold points.



John Dickey of Warman, SK needed only .43 points to become a Life Master.

He played with his wife, Shirley, and Donnie Priest of Visalia CA and Cathy Priest of Portola Valley CA in the Gold Rush Swiss Teams on Sunday. They placed third overall and first in B, earning 6.27 gold/red points in the process, earning his gold card.



Silver Life Master
Bill Kinney of

Flagstaff AZ won the Sunday Mid-Flight Swiss Teams and became a Silver Life Master in the process. Kinney, partnering Jackie Haugen of Fort Mohave AZ and teammates Ruth Subers and Emily Subers of Kalamazoo MI, won 27.27 gold points; he needed 11.60.





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KAY PLATINUM PAIRS

14.0 Tables / Based on 52 Tables			
200.00	1	Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA	435.82
150.00	2	Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	411.55
112.50	3	Jan Jansma - Chris Willenken, New York NY	399.94
92.31	4	Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden	397.94
85.71	5	Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	395.69
80.00	6	Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO	393.53
75.00	7	Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France	393.31
70.59	8	Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX	390.36
66.67	9	Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway	389.07
63.16	10	Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel	386.73
60.00	11	Mike Cappelletti - Allison L. Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	381.61
57.14	12	Ray Miller - Michael Christensen, Seattle WA	377.08
54.55	13	Dennis Bilde, Aarhus Denmark; Finn Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA	376.08
52.17	14	David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; William Pollack, New York NY	375.87
50.00	15	Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	373.39
48.00	16	Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia	365.63
46.15	17	Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; Eddie Wold, Houston TX	362.61
44.44	18	Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Jeffrey Juster, New York NY	358.14
42.86	19	Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Martin Fleisher, New York NY	355.79
41.38	20	Jerome Rombaut, Hem France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France	353.71
40.00	21	Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; John McAllister, Charlottesville VA	341.50
38.71	22	Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	331.62
37.50	23	Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL	331.53
36.36	24	Mike Passell, Plano TX; Andy Goodman, Carmel CA	316.57
35.29	25	Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD	304.88
34.29	26	Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Stephen Tu, Milpitas CA	302.75
33.33	27	Ross Grabel, Palm Desert CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA	278.45
32.43	28	Corey Krantz, Delray Beach FL; Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	249.60

QUALIFIERS IN THE LEBHAR IMP PAIRS

56.0 Tables / Based on 114 Tables				Carryover
	1	Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL; Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA		25.50
	2	William Neumann, Columbia MD; Jeff Hand, New York NY		20.77
	3	Steven Smolen - Vicki Lerner, San Francisco CA		17.80
	4	Cliff Campbell, Thunder Bay ON; Richard Chan, Markham ON		17.12
	5	Bryan Delfs, Seattle WA; Stanford Christie, Kirkland WA		15.16
	6	Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX		14.79
	7	Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Steve Cohen, Las Vegas NV		14.76
	8	Abe Pineles, Jackson NJ; Alexander Allen, Annandale NJ		14.49
	9	Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Glenn Robbins, New York NY		14.36
	10	Bryan Howard, Nashville TN; Jim Foster, Vestavia AL		13.89
	11	Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM		13.57
	12	Alan Watson, Lexington MA; Rick Binder, Waltham MA		13.07
	13	Mark McCarthy, San Francisco CA; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL		12.32
	14	Tom Bishel - John Bishel, Columbus OH		12.26
	15	Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Bill Cook, Louisville KY		11.36
	16	Jakob Kristinsson, Delray Beach FL; Peter Jargowsky, Boca Raton FL		10.34
	17	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Weishu Wu, Irvine CA		9.59
	18	Jack Lipson, East Meadow NY; Tom Trachuk, Walnut Creek CA		9.52
	19	Tim Van De Paverd, Leiden Netherlands; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands		9.50
	20	Aaron Jones, North Bethesda MD; Marc Franklin, Newport Beach CA		9.40
	21	James Griffin, Greenville SC; Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA		9.06
	22	Wirt Gilliam, Santee CA; Myriam Milgrom, Vero Beach FL		8.94
	23	Susan Schnelwar, New York NY; Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY		8.73
	24	Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Barbara Shukov, Los Altos CA		8.68
	25	Georgiana Gates, Houston TX; Mark Lair, Canyon TX		8.49
	26	Guy Mendes De Leon, Amsterdam Netherlands; Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands		8.17
	27	Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy; John Overdeck, Short Hills NJ		8.14
	28	Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY; Jian Wang, Hopatcong NJ		7.84
	29	Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR; Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA		7.78
	30	Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON		7.62
	31	Tod Moses, St. Louis MO; Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL		7.53
	32	Stelian Hritcu, North Olmsted OH; John Bacon, Shaker Heights OH		7.41
	33	Dori Cohen - Rob Gordon, Woodbury NY		7.29
	34	Mitch Towner, Tucson AZ; John Ramos, Los Angeles CA		7.26
	35	Christal Henner - Uday Ivatury, New York NY		7.21
	36	Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV; Ed Ulman, Portland OR		7.11
	37	Rai Osborne, Anaheim CA; Joseph Chaikin, Garden Grove CA		7.10
	38	Christian Jolly, Atlanta GA; Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA		6.94
	39	Josh Sinnett, Bellingham WA; Thomas Devine, Ferndale WA		6.84
	40	Edward Piken, Palos Verdes Peninsula CA; Ron Feldman, Redondo Beach CA		6.81
	41	Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; Barry Ko, Washington DC		6.80
	42	Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA		6.54
	43	Gayle Covey - Steven Devico, Hendersonville NC		6.51
	44	Henri Farhi, Chula Vista CA; Norman Schwartz, Carlsbad CA		6.40
	45	Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Barbara Heller, Knoxville TN		6.31
	46	Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Douglas Fjare, Estes Park CO		6.14
	47	Richard Temkin, Farmington MI; Michael Crane, West Bloomfield MI		6.09
	48/49	William Pettis, Silver Spring MD; Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA		6.06
	48/49	Glen Anderson, Raleigh NC; Martin Causley, Chapel Hill NC		6.06
	50	Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Shan Au, Westerville OH		6.01
	51	Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX		5.94
	52	Ron Gerard - Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY		5.72
	53	Bonnie Gellas - Erez Hendelman, New York NY		5.53
	54	Kenneth Chatzinoff, Cinnaminson NJ; Hank Youngerman, Reading PA		5.48
	55	Clark Millikan, Santa Clara CA; Arif Janjua, Saratoga CA		5.10
	56	David Wilmington, Eureka CA; Harvey Bush, Green Valley AZ		4.85
	57	Roger Passal, Woodside CA; Larry Griffey, Jacksonville FL		4.64
	58	Carol Frank, Burbank CA; David Moss, New York NY		4.63

59	AJ Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Doug Couchman, Tucson AZ	4.60
60	David Caprera - Anne Brenner, Denver CO	4.53
61	Don Bell, Vernon BC; Kelly Meenagh, Kelowna BC	4.52
62	Scott Levine, New York NY; Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY	4.51
63	Don Stack, Kansas City KS; Donald Brooker, Fairway KS	4.39
64	George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	4.31
65	Jessica Larsson, Heimdahl Sweden; William Bailey, Reston VA	4.29
66	Guillermo Minutti, Montevideo Uruguay; C. Valerie Gamio, Palos Verdes Peninsula CA	4.20
67/68	Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA; Cameron Doner, Surrey BC	4.12
67/68	Russell Samuel, Coram NY; Chris Moll, Cary NC	4.12
69	Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Junko Hemus, Los Angeles CA	3.48
70	Roger Bates, Las Vegas NV; Steven Love, La Jolla CA	3.37
71	Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA	3.01
72	Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy; Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT	2.71
73	Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Nicolas Hammond, Alpharetta GA	2.69
74	David Hoffner, Galloway NJ; Kenneth Shatoff, Broomall PA	2.65
75	Raymond Depew, Naples FL; Don Chillrud, Schenectady NY	2.63
76	Ken Gee, Regina SK; Alfred Lee, Foster City CA	2.58
77	Alejandro Bianchedi - Margie Cole, New York NY	2.48
78	Richard Carle, Longview WA; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR	2.46
79	Michael Radin - Kelley Hwang, New York NY	2.42
80	Joe Houde, Vista CA; Andrew Loh, Solana Beach CA	2.22
81/82	Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA; Manfred Michlmayr, Orinda CA	2.17
81/82	Deborah Murphy, San Francisco CA; Lawrence Lerner, New Providence NJ	2.17
83	Jim Johnsen - Phyllis Yates, San Diego CA	2.15
84	Mel Colchamiro, Merrick NY; Tim Archdeacon, Oyster Bay NY	2.02
85	Michael Bodell - Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA	2.00
86	Thomas Turgeon, Memphis TN; Bill Cook Jr., Madison MS	1.89
87	Cheryl Schneider, Columbus OH; Terry James, Upper Arlington OH	1.88
88	Steve Print, Reno NV; Kenneth Titow, Scottsdale AZ	1.79
89	Anam Tebha, Charlotte NC; Steve Zolotow, Las Vegas NV	1.77
90	Robert Levey, Bethesda MD; James Geist, Olney MD	1.68
91	Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; May Sakr, Weston FL	1.67
92	Dale Johannesen - Lynn Johannesen, Saratoga CA	1.63
93	Larry Harding, Hampstead NC; Emory Whitaker, Macon GA	1.50
94	Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA; Joseph Viola III, Chattanooga TN	1.35
95	Jeff Overby, Boynton Beach FL; David Rogers, Clearwater FL	1.20
96	Natalie Bassil, Boston MA; Bill Irvine, Delray Beach FL	1.16
97	Hua Yang - Yan Song, Plano TX	1.08
98	James Glickman, Las Vegas NV; David Milton, Myrtle Beach SC	1.07
99	Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA; Kitty Cooper, Lakeside CA	1.02
100	Steven Wallis, Wesley Chapel FL; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL	1.01
101	Bill Staats, Southlake TX; Bill Heid, Santa Fe NM	0.87
102	Eric Mayefsky, Washington DC; Victor Chubukov, Somerville MA	0.84
103	Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	0.80
104	Tracy Sherman – David Sherman, Manchester UK	0.69
105	Peter Whipple, Mason OH; Ryan Schultz, Dayton OH	0.65
106	Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Andre Houde, Laval QC	0.57
107	Laurie Carr, Honolulu HI; Lelvin Crowe, Colorado Springs CO	0.47
108	Donald Cline, Ventura CA; Jack Waller, Dana Point CA	0.42
109	Davis Heussler, East Aurora NY; Kamil Bishara, Buffalo NY	0.39
110	Albert Bender, Redmond WA; Rammohan Sarangan, Arlington VA	0.24
111	Danning Lu, Goleta CA; Wenjia Yan, Cerritos CA	0.22
112	Caryn Villalon, Bonsall CA; Fred Hamilton, Las Vegas NV	0.00

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.



Vaccination required

While we are excited to bring players back together to the bridge table, we will still approach the tournament with an abundance of caution. All NABC attendees, staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated per the Centers for Disease Control guidelines. Booster shots are not required but highly recommended. 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 other locations have been discontinued.)

Today the desk is open 9 a.m.–1 p.m. and 2–7:30 p.m. Starting Tuesday, March 15, hours are 9 a.m.–1 p.m. only.

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.



New schedule

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2. In North America, sectional and regional tournaments have almost all successfully transitioned to this schedule.
3. At an NABC, local players prefer not to drive home at rush hour or close to midnight.
4. The aging demographic prefers a daylight schedule.
5. There are practical economic reasons for not holding any events at 1 and 7:30. Regional events at the Austin NABC at that time schedule were not well-attended and there are expenses of staffing.
6. Huge savings on night-time hospitality costs at NABCs which could be replaced with less expensive lunch items or coupons.
7. In metropolitan locations like Philadelphia, where parking is very expensive, locals can only use the train for the earlier schedule.
8. Most players prefer a short lunch break between sessions and then a civilized dinner after the session where they can drink wine and enjoy the local cuisine.”

Most of these reasons have been true for several years, and a growing segment of the player population griped about the schedule. So why wait so long to change?

There are some logistical issues, such as morning committee meetings that will need to find new times. And despite player preference, tournaments held on the primetime schedule still tend to see better table counts than those on the daylight schedule because it accommodates people who want to play three sessions a day. It’s all but impossible to play from 3 to 6:30, go to dinner and get back in time for a 7:30 game, so the time of the evening session may need to be reevaluated if it is to survive.

But ultimately there was a clear majority of players who wanted earlier start times, and the Board listened to them.

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

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Platinum winners

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Second in the Platinum Pairs: Eric Greco and Jeff Meckstroth

that they had suffered a disaster on each of the first boards of the first five sessions of the contest.

“But bad starts are good,” said Rosenberg, “because they give you an energy that can propel a come-from-behind win.”

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, March 13
Time: 1-5 p.m.
Location: Check Daily Bulletin
Cost: Only \$20 when you pre-register at acbl.org/reglbiad - \$25 at door. Course includes student workbook, presentation and practice hands.

More info:
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SUNDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

40 Tables / Based on 171 Tables				
	A	X		
39.14	1		Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Joris van Lankveld, Amsterdam Netherlands; Berend Van Den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands; Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil	90.00
29.36	2		Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Piotr Nawrocki, Warsaw Poland; Piotr Wiankowski, Gdansk Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC	88.00
22.02	3		Hemant Lall, Dallas TX; Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Roy Welland, New York NY; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Zia Mahmood, London England; David Gold, United Kingdom	84.00
16.51	4		Bob Todd – Douglas Fisher – William Treble, Winnipeg MB; Robert Kuz, St. Anne MB	83.00
13.05	5		Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland; Jacek Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy	81.00
11.18	6		Gaylor Kasle – Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ; Bartosz Chmurski, Lomianky Poland; Piotr Tuczynski, Poznan Poland; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland; Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Poznan Poland	80.00
14.97	7	1	Richard Plackett, Oxted UK; Espen Erichsen, Tunbridge Wells UK; Andrew Dyson, New York NY; Glyn Liggins, London UK; Peter Crouch, Surrey England; Erik Berg, Meldal Sor-Tron Norway	78.00
8.70	8		Carlos Pellegrini – Carlos Lucena, Buenos Aires Argentina; Hansa Narasimhan, Mountain View CA; Leonardo Rizzo, Rio Cuarto Argentina; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand	75.00
7.83	9		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	74.00
11.23	10	2	Kim Daehong – Ik Lee – Kang Seongseok – Seungjin Roh, Seoul South Korea	73.00
8.42		3	Steve Chen – Sarah Chen, Austin TX; Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Serena Guo – Qiang Zhang, Dublin CA; Guanghao Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	70.00
6.32		4	Ping Hu – Henry Shi, Naperville IL; Yan Wang, Richmond Hill ON; Edward Xu, North York ON	67.00
4.99		5	Luca Della Ca, Thalwil Switzerland; Martha Roth, Fairway KS; Jeremie Stockli – Francois Stoeckli, Fribourg Switzerland	64.00

SUNDAY MID-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

36 Tables / Based on 50 Tables				
	B	C		
27.27	1	1	William Kinney, Flagstaff AZ; Ruth Subers – Emily Subers, Kalamazoo MI; Jackie Haugen, Fort Mohave AZ	98.00
20.45	2		Tobey Roland, Baltimore MD; James Barnes, Towson MD; Gail Shaps – Jack Bierig, Chicago IL	86.00
15.34	3		Sherry Anton, Flowery Branch GA; Debbie Wagner – Dianne McLean, Athens GA; Vonceil Payne, Bishop GA	78.50
10.30	4/5		Lynn Bartz – Rick Jasper – Kathy Jasper, San Jose CA; Brenna Wundram, Los Gatos CA	77.00
10.30	4/5		Denise Pitsch, Mountain View CA; Elizabeth Sachs – Edward Easley, Sacramento CA; H. Paul Davis, Cupertino CA	77.00
10.89	6	2	Barbara Astrin – Lynn Edelson, Encino CA; Ravnesh Amar, Los Angeles CA; Sharyn Miller, Chatsworth CA	75.00
8.17	7	3	Jefri Donovan – Jill Wallace – Rene Reid, Reno NV; Theresa Choma, Hailey ID	73.00
6.13	8	4	Kumar Ramaiyer, Cupertino CA; Carolyn Drozdiak, Los Gatos CA; Sona Bhambhra, Fremont CA; Ramesh Bhambhra, San Jose CA	71.00
5.45	9	5	Julie Cardinalli – Ron Haines – LecClier Kelly – Frederick Kelly, Reno NV	69.00
4.15		6	Phillip Mingola, Oklahoma City OK; Christopher Steele, Pflugerville TX; Kai Eckert, El Granada CA; Nathan Yee, Houston TX	68.00

SUNDAY GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS

30 Tables					
	A	B	C		
8.40	1			Gerald Hitt, Meredith NH; Chris Stewart, Medicine Hat AB; Robert Flor – Marcia Lapp, Sun City Center FL	93.00
6.30	2			Lee Dunn – Robert Robyns – Judith Robyns, Reno NV; Steven Merritt, Incline Village NV	84.00
6.27	3	1		John Dickey – Shirley Dickey, Warman SK; Donnie Priest, Visalia CA; Cathy Priest, Portola Valley CA	81.00
4.70	4	2		Gretchen Wyatt – Hilary Charlton – Michelle Tai – Alexandra Narasin, Atherton CA	78.00
3.53	5	3		Larry Brenden – Susan Brenden, Lincoln CA; Trevor Coolidge – Hong Coolidge, Oceanside CA	74.00
2.40	6			Brigitte Sandquist, San Francisco CA; Kirsten Beda, Wilson WY; Donna Neff, Sparks NV; Bradford Stone, Reno NV	72.00
2.65	7	4		Bobbi Phillips – Gerald Phillips, Laguna Beach CA; Susan Mays, Newport Beach CA; Lynda Grubbs, Corona Del Mar CA	71.00
2.23	8/9	5/6	1/2	Yizhe Wang – Jinhao Zhao, St. Louis MO; Rohan Srivastava, Piedmont CA; Lucas Strammello, Carmel IN	70.00
2.23	8/9	5/6	1/2	Yongkang Huang – Zhenling Wang – Yanlai Yang – Ziheng Yun, Berkeley CA	70.00

TED RICHMOND MEMORIAL SUNDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

9.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
4.12	1	1	1	Patrice Gorton, Spokane WA; Clyde Johnson, Duluth MN	61.90
3.09	2	2	2	Debbie Cole, Houston TX; Pam Elliott, Angels Camp CA	59.19
2.32	3	3		Theresa Seeger – Ronald Seeger, Rochester MN	57.06
1.74	4	4		Gary Meece, Long Beach MS; Chuan Hui Li, Montreal QC	55.32
1.55	5			Patricia Towle, Colorado Springs CO; Carl Dahl Jr., Sun City Center FL	54.46
1.16		5		David Cottam – Carol Cottam, Concord CA	53.61

GIL GAFNI MEMORIAL SUNDAY OPEN PAIRS

27.0 Tables	A	B	C		
18.50	1	1		Sue Hanneman – Mark Hanneman, Plainfield IL	59.02%
13.88	2			Phebe Packer, Phoenix AZ; JoAnne Lowe, Fountain Hills AZ	58.73%
10.41	3			Robert Morris, Houston TX; Betty Starzec, Sugar Land TX	58.63%
7.80	4	2		Scott Chupack – JC Chupack, Seattle WA	58.44%
6.17	5			Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH; Michael Creager, Bedford OH	57.27%
5.29	6			Patrick Williams, Greenbrier TN; Karen Kendrick, Nashville TN	56.76%
4.85	7	3		Kathryn Bailey, Dripping Spring TX; Wiley McMinn III, Austin TX	56.54%
4.11	8	4		Shazia Makhdumi, San Francisco CA; Daniel Kroll, Berkeley CA	56.27%
3.70	9			Paul O’Brien, Anacortes WA; Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA	55.65%
3.78	10			John Miller, San Jose CA; Lynn Shannon, Campbell CA	55.59%
3.08	11			Jean Choi, Honolulu HI; Jim Cheney, Hilo HI	55.57%
2.85	12			Judy Stilson, Everett WA; Lance Chamberlain, Rochester MN	55.47%
4.50	13	5	1	Sarik Goyal, Worcester MA; Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ	54.86%
2.47	14			Jim Dick, The Villages FL; Michael Schrage, Chestnut Hill MA	54.40%
3.38		6	2	Karen Eveland, Lewiston ID; Renee Petersen, Moscow ID	51.17%
2.53		7	3	Clyde Coon, Boise ID; William Cook, Twin Falls ID	49.79%
1.90			4	Sam Earnhardt, Walnut Creek CA; Robert Barnes, Concord CA	44.89%

SUNDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

3.0 Tables	A	B	C		
1.95	1	1		Sandra Haslem – Ron Haslem, Reno NV	57.50%
1.46	2			Michael Smith – Mary Smith, Tampa FL	53.75%
1.21		2/3		Jerrold Zell – Louise Riemer, Incline Village NV	50.00%
1.21		2/3		Robert Stenson, Santa Barbara CA; Dana Reno, Denver CO	50.00%

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

30.0 Tables	A	B	C		
7.59	1/2	1		Kenneth Johnson, Morgan Hill CA; Mark Lundblad, Reno NV	65.85%
7.59	1/2			Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland	65.85%
4.88	3			Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Morrisville NC	65.76%
3.20	4/5			Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR; Irva Neyhart, Portland OR	63.77%
3.20	4/5			Simon Cope, Hertfordshire UK; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark	63.77%
2.06	6			Gunn Helness, Oslo Norway; Tor Helness, Monaco	61.59%
2.92	7			John Heck, Calgary AB; Ted Heck, Victoria BC	61.32%
1.46	8			James Tanner, Highland CA; Elizabeth Silvius, San Bernardino CA	60.60%
4.71		2	1	Penny Bourne – Jonathan Bourne, Mammoth Lakes CA	57.43%
3.53		3		Zelna Morrow – Denise Morgan, Lincoln CA	55.34%
2.65		4		Celia Verrier – Carole Pasquarelli, New York NY	55.07%
2.36		5	2	Peter Bush, Chicago IL; Dan Storch, Memphis TN	54.53%
2.04		6		Larry Spanier, Rohnert Park CA; Larry Wyner, Tucson AZ	53.99%
1.12		7		Amanda Jeger, Frankfurt Germany; Martha Savin, New York NY	52.08%
1.77			3	Marty Goodman – Bill Goodman, Fort Myers Beach FL	50.00%
1.33			4	Suzanne Wilcox, San Marino CA; Susanne Hollis, Pasadena CA	49.82%
1.00			5	Bonnie Gallagher, Longmont CO; Donn Rouge, Frederick CO	48.10%

FRIDAY-SUNDAY DAYLIGHT SERIES

53.75 Tables / Based on 23 Tables					
11.55	1/2			Jean Choi, Honolulu HI	128.10%
11.55	1/2			Anna Sung, Honolulu HI	128.10%
7.43	3			Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA	121.67%
4.99	4/5			Cordelia Menges, New York NY	119.38%
4.99	4/5			Jay Baudler, San Jose CA	119.38%
3.77	6			Elaine DeShaw, Federal Way WA	114.62%
6.43	7/8			Peter Bush, Chicago IL	114.38%
6.43	7/8			Dan Storch, Memphis TN	114.38%
3.03	9			Ching Chao, Danville CA	113.04%
4.11	10/11			Joanna Hebermehl, Paris IL	112.58%
4.11	10/11			Milt Van Reed, Terre Haute IN	112.58%
2.27	12			Jeffrey Starr, Springdale AR	109.53%

FRIDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS – REVISED

25.5 Tables	A	B	C		
9.45	1	1		Leigh Zerboni – Rupert Brauch, Truckee CA	62.32%
7.09	2			Pam Elliott, Angels Camp CA; Debbie Cole, Houston TX	59.69%
5.32	3	2		Gerald Hitt, Meredith NH; Edward Winchester, Reno NV	55.99%
3.99	4	3		Melanie Peche, Salt Lake City UT; Larry Bonnette, Bountiful UT	55.50%
3.15	5	4		Rolando Grijalva – Marie Ernst, Reno NV	55.07%
2.70	6			Timothy Finlay – Eileen Finlay, Ontario CA	54.63%
2.36	7			Robert Robyns – Judith Robyns, Reno NV	54.47%
4.05	8	5	1	Jim Duport – Judy Duport, Santa Rosa CA	53.88%
1.89	9			Robert Flor – Marcia Lapp, Sun City Center FL	53.85%
3.04	10	6	2	Myles Johnson, Fresno CA; Edward Hampton, Auberry CA	53.43%
1.58	11			Nancy Stockton, El Paso TX; Julie Reiser, Las Cruces NM	53.38%
1.45	12			Carolyn Drozdak, Los Gatos CA; Kumar Ramaiyer, Cupertino CA	53.34%
1.45	13			Bill Goodman – Marty Goodman, Fort Myers Beach FL	53.15%
2.28		7	3	Alice Probst – Jon Probst, Reno NV	52.56%
1.42		8		Roy Tsai – Li Zhang, San Jose CA	52.20%
1.71			4	David Welch – Kathryn Welch, Truckee CA	51.64%
1.35			5	Cynthia Birk – Linda Frye, Reno NV	49.79%



Winners of 2019’s 0–10,000 Knockout Teams: Mike Massimilla, captain Lou Glasthal, Robert Lass and Tom Fogarty.

0–10,000 Knockout Teams

Play starts today in the 0–10,000 Knockout Teams. The event has a new format this year. It is three days, with two matches per day until the final (or semifinal, depending on the number of teams entered).
Open only to players with less than 10,000 masterpoints, the event pays 10 percent platinum to those placing in the overalls. While it has a national rating, a win in the event does not serve as a Grand Life Master qualification.

- 2014 Robert Todd, Garth Yettick, Peggy Ware, Spencer Jones
- 2015 Donald Rumelhart, Jonathan Flesichmann, Ned Irving, Morrie Kleinplatz, Stephen Mackay, Ray Jotcham
- 2016 James Melville, Vladislav Isporski, Stephen Stewart, Mark Jones
- 2017 Viktor Anikovich, Davide Pelka, Alan Daniels, Igor Milman, Robert Kent, Ellen Kent
- 2018 Albert Shrive, Michael Ranis, Donald Dalpe, Anthony Barre, Saul Gross, Juan Castillo
- 2019 Lou Glasthal, Mike Massimilla, Robert Lass, Tom Fogarty
- 2020 Not held
- 2021 Not held

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.
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Use your smart phone.
Scan the QR code above.

Vanderbilt Knockout Teams



2019 ACBL President Russ Jones (left) presents the Vanderbilt Trophy to (from left) Alexander Hydes, Peter Crouch, captain Jeff Wolfson, Michael Kamil, Michael Becker and Steve Garner.

The premier event of the Spring North American Championships is the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams. The history of the prestigious contest stretches back to 1928 when the man who invented contract bridge, Harold S. Vanderbilt, put the trophy bearing his name into play.

The winners list is a who’s who of bridge, a parade of the titans of the game. As part of the ACBL’s ongoing archiving project, photos of some of the winners are included with this history.

The Vanderbilt Trophy

The Vanderbilt Trophy for the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams was donated in 1928 by Harold S. Vanderbilt, who won the event in 1932 and 1940.

The Vanderbilt was contested annually in New York – as a separate championship – until 1958 when it became part of the Spring North American Championships.

Vanderbilt winners receive replicas of the trophy – a practice initiated by Vanderbilt from the first running of the event and perpetuated by a \$100,000 trust fund administered by ACBL under the terms of Vanderbilt’s will.

On display at ACBL Headquarters in Horn Lake MS are the Vanderbilt Trophy, as well as replicas donated by the families of Caroline Taylor, who won the Vanderbilt in 1928, and Helen Sobel Smith, a Vanderbilt winner in 1944 and 1945.

Previous winners:

- 1928

Ralph Richards, Gratz Scott, Edwin Wetzlar, Wilbur Whitehead tied with Abraham Brown, Mrs. Sidney Lovell, Caroline Taylor, Nils Wester
- 1929

Michael Gottlieb, Lee Langdon, Jean Mattheys, Harry Raffel
- 1930

Ely Culbertson, Josephine Culbertson, Theodore Lightner, Waldemar von Zedtwitz
- 1931

David Burnstine, Oswald Jacoby, Willard Karn, P. Hal Sims
- 1932

Willard Karn, P. Hal Sims, Harold S. Vanderbilt, Waldemar von Zedtwitz
- 1933

Phil Abramsohn, Benjamin Feuer, Francis Rendon, Sydney Rusinow
- 1934

David Burnstine, Richard Frey, Michael Gottlieb, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken
- 1935

David Burnstine, Michaela Gottlieb, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken, Sherman Stearns
- 1936

Phil Abramsohn, Irving Epstein, Harry Fishbein, Fred Kaplan
- 1937

David Burnstine, Oswald Jacoby, Merwyn Maier, Howard Schenken, Sherman Stearns
- 1938

David Burnstine, Oswald Jacoby, Merwyn Maier, Howard Schenken, Sherman Stearns

- 1939

Melville Alexander, Sigmund Dornbusch, Syl Gintell, Lee Hazen, Harry Raffel
- 1940

Edward Hymes Jr., Charles Lochridge, Robert McPherran, Harold S. Vanderbilt, Waldemar von Zedtwitz
- 1941

John Crawford, Myron Fuchs, Robert McPherran, Sherman Stearns
- 1942

Lester Bachner, Sigmund Dornbusch, Richard Frey, Lee Hazen, Sam Stayman
- 1943

Harry Fagin, Harry Fishbein, Fred Kaplan, Alvin Roth, Tobias Stone
- 1944

B. Jay Becker, Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel
- 1945

B. Jay Becker, Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel
- 1946

John Crawford, Oswald Jacoby, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sam Stayman
- 1947

David Clarren, Harry Feinberg, Harry Fishbein, Larry Hirsch, Joseph Low
- 1948

Robert Appleyard, Jay T. Feigus, William Lichtenstein, Harry Sonnenblick, Albert Weiss
- 1949

Morrie Elis, Harry Fishbein, Lee Hazen, Larry Hirsch, Charles Lochridge
- 1950

John Crawford, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor, Sam Stayman
- 1951

B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Sam Stayman
- 1952

Ned Drucker, Irvin Kass, Sidney Mandell, Milton Moss, Jesse Sloan
- 1953

Richard Kahn, Edgar Kaplan, Peter Leventritt, William Lipton, Ruth Sherman
- 1954

Kalman Apfel, Francis Begley, Ned Drucker, Sidney Mandell, Milton Moss
- 1955

B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor
- 1956

B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor
- 1957

B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor
- 1958

Harry Fishbein, Sam Fry Jr., Leonard Harmon, Lee Hazen, Ivar Stakgold
- 1959

B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, Norman Kay, George Rapee, Sidney Silodor, Tobias Stone
- 1960

John Crawford, Norman Kay, Sidney Silodor, Tobias Stone
- 1961

Charles Coon, Robert Jordan, Eric Murray, Arthur Robinson
- 1962

Larry Kolker, Carolyn Levitt, Jerry Levitt, Garrett Nash, George de Runtz
- 1963

Harold Harkavy, Edith Kemp, Alvin Roth, Clifford Russell, William Seamon, Albert Weiss
- 1964

Bob Hamman, Eddie Kantar, Don Krauss, Peter Leventritt, Lew Mathe, Howard Schenken
- 1965

Philip Feldesman, John Fisher, James

- Jacoby, Oswald Jacoby, Ira Rubin, Albert Weiss
- 1966

Philip Feldesman, Bob Hamman, Sami Kehela, Lew Mathe, Ira Rubin
- 1967

James Jacoby, Mike Lawrence, Lew Mathe, Bobby Nail, Ron Von der Porten, Lew Stansby
- 1968

Bobby Jordan, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Arthur Robinson, Bill Root, Alvin Roth
- 1969

Gerald Hallee, Paul Soloway, John Swanson, Richard Walsh
- 1970

Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Sami Kehela, Sidney Lazard, Eric Murray, George Rapee
- 1971

Bill Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Bob Hamman, Jim Jacoby, Mike Lawrence, Bobby Wolff
- 1972

Steven Altman, Eugene Neiger, Thomas Smith, Alan Sontag, Joel Stuart, Peter Weichsel
- 1973

Mark Blumenthal, Bobby Goldman, Bob Hamman, Mike Lawrence, Bobby Wolff
- 1974

David Crossley, Robert Crossley, Eric Kokish, Joey Silver
- 1975

Roger Bates, Larry Cohen, Richard Katz, John Mohan, George Rosenkranz
- 1976

Roger Bates, Larry Cohen, Richard Katz, John Mohan, George Rosenkranz
- 1977

Mike Becker, Mark Blumenthal, Fred Hamilton, Mike Lawrence, Ron Rubin, John Swanson
- 1978

Malcolm Brachman, Bobby Goldman, Eddie Kantar, Billy Eisenberg, Mike Passell, Paul Soloway
- 1979

Lou Bluhm, Richard Freeman, Mark Lair, Cliff Russell, Tom Sanders, Eddie Wold
- 1980

Russ Arnold, Bobby Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Bud Reinhold, Eric Rodwell
- 1981

B. Jay Becker, Michael Becker, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Ron Rubin
- 1982

James Jacoby, Jeff Meckstroth, Mike Passell, Eric Rodwell, George Rosenkranz, Eddie Wold
- 1983

Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek, Norman Kay, Edgar Kaplan
- 1984

Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Hugh Ross, Peter Pender
- 1985

Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth, Ron Rubin, Mike Lawrence, Michael Becker, Peter Weichsel
- 1986

Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek
- 1987

Peter Pender, Peter Boyd, Lew Stansby, Hugh Ross, Steve Robinson, Chip Martel
- 1988

Eddie Kantar, Alan Sontag, John Mohan, Roger Bates
- 1989

Ron Rubin, Michael Becker, Bart Bramley, Robert Levin, Lou Bluhm, Peter Weichsel
- 1990

Dan Morse, John Sutherlin, Michael Kamil, Ron Gerard, Tom Sanders, Bill Pollack
- 1991

Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Kit Woolsey, Ed Manfield
- 1992

Andy Goodman, John Mohan, Roger Bates, John Schermer, Neil Chambers
- 1993

Howard Weinstein, Peter Nagy, Dan Morse, John Sutherlin, Tom Sanders, Russ Arnold
- 1994

Seymon Deutsch, Gaylor Kasle, Michael Rosenberg, Zia Mahmood, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby
- 1995

Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek, Michael Polowan, Marc Jacobus
- 1996

Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Seymon Deutsch, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby
- 1997

Richard Schwartz, Mark Lair, Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman
- 1998

Richard Schwartz, Mark Lair, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman

1999	George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Peter Weichsel, Alan Sontag, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace
2000	Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
2001	Andrei Gromov, Aleksander Petrunin, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski
2002	Reese Milner, Marc Jacobus, Sam Lev, John Mohan, Jacek Pszczola, Piotr Gawrys
2003	Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
2004	George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin
2005	Richard Schwartz, Michael Becker, Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz
2006	Fred Chang, Seymon Deutsch, Gunnar Hallberg, Jack Zhao, Fu Zhong

2007	Christal Henner-Welland, Antonio Sementa, Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski
2008	Boguslaw Gierulski, Krzysztof Jassem, Krzysztof Martens, Jerzy Skrzypczak
2009	George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein, Tarek Sadek, Walid Elhamady
2010	Pierre Zimmerman, Michel Bessis, Thomas Bessis, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon
2011	Martin Fleisher, Lew Stansby, Bobby Levin, Mike Kamil, Chip Martel, Steve Weinstein
2012	Les Amoils, Joe Grue, Darren Wolpert, Curtis Cheek, Ismael Del’Monte, Thomas Bessis
2013	Sabine Auken, Roy Welland, Morten Bilde, Dennis Bilde
2014	Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Steve Weinstein,

	Bobby Levin, Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth
2015	Giorgio Duboin, Zia Mahmood, Norberto Bocchi, Agustin Madala
2016	Norberto Bocchi, Diego Brenner, Zia Mahmood, Giorgio Duboin, Alejandro Bianchedi, Agustin Madala
2017	Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
2018	Martin Fleisher, Chip Martel, Joe Grue, Brad Moss, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco
2019	Jeffrey Wolfson, Steve Garner, Michael Becker, Michael Kamil, Peter Crouch, Alexander Hydes
2020	Not held
2021	Not held

Vanderbilt opening round

There are 48 teams entered in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams. In today’s opening round there are two byes. Nine head-to-head matches pit seeds 3 through 11 against seeds 40 through 48. The remaining 28 teams, seeds 12 through 39, are in seven four-way matches.

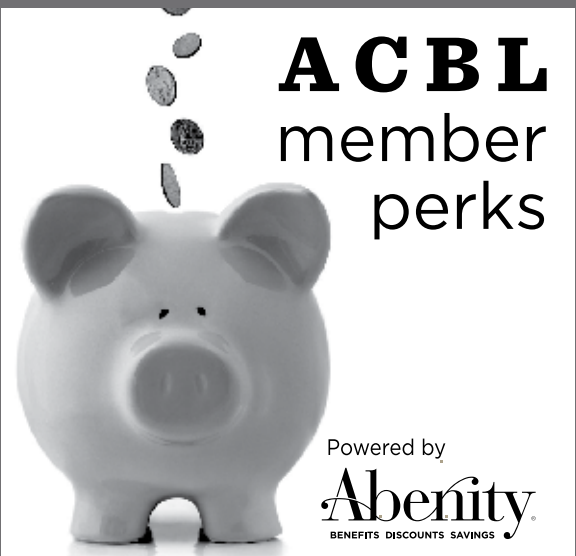
VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS, ROSTERS

- 1
- 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
- 2
- 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
- 3
- Mike Levine - David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; Tor Helness, Monaco; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL
- 4
- Pierre Zimmermann, Monaco; Sjoert Brink - Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland; Fernando Piedra, Zurich Switzerland; Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland; Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland
- 5
- Warren Spector, Palm Beach FL; Gavin Wolpert - Vincent Demuy - Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Kranyak, Greenville SC; John Hurd, New York NY
- 6
- Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack - Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Dennis Bilde, Aarhus Denmark; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA
- 7
- 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
- 8
- Andrew Rosenthal - Chris Willenken - Jan Jansma, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway
- 9
- Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin 6w Ireland; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Martin Fleisher, New York NY
- 10
- Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Cecilia Rimstedt, Jacksonville FL; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Marion Michielsens, Stockholm Sweden
- 11
- Chen Zhao, Greenbelt MD; Zia Mahmood, London England; David Gold, United Kingdom; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands
- 12
- Hemant Lall, Dallas TX; Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Roy Welland, New York NY; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland
- 13
- 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
- 14
- Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, West Hartford CT; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA
- 15
- 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
- 16
- Bob Hamman - Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia
- 17
- Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden
- 18
- Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Joris van Lankveld, Amsterdam Netherlands; Berend Van Den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands; Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil
- 19
- Jeffrey Juster, New York NY; Marc Jacobus - Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL
- 20
- Franck Multon, Monaco; Kiki Ward-Platt, Fayence France; Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis - Vasileios Vroustis, Athens Greece
- 21
- Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel

- 22
- Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Piotr Nawrocki, Warsaw Poland; Piotr Wiankowski, Gdansk Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC
- 23
- Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel
- 24
- Gaylor Kastle - Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ; Piotr Tuczynski, Poznan Poland; Bartosz Chmurski, Lomianky Poland; Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Poznan Poland; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland
- 25
- Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Giovanni Donati, Italy; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy
- 26
- Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI
- 27
- Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC
- 28
- Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Iulian Rotaru, New York NY; Finn Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Ishmael Del’Monte, Las Vegas NV
- 29
- 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
- 30
- Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Simon Cope, Hertfordshire UK; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark
- 31
- Sibrand Van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands; Alexander Smirnov, Lubeck Germany; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland; Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Morrisville NC
- 32
- Carlos Pellegrini - Carlos Lucena, Buenos Aires Argentina; Hansa Narasimhan, Mountain View CA; Leonardo Rizzo, Rio Cuarto Argentina; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand
- 33
- Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Adam Parrish, New York NY; Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Jeffrey Ferro, San Francisco CA; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL
- 34
- Peter Crouch, Surrey England; Espen Erichsen, Tunbridge Wells UK; Glyn Liggins, London UK; Erik Berg, Meldal Sor-Tron Norway; Richard Plackett, Oxted UK; Andrew Dyson, New York NY
- 35
- John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; David Pelka, Los Angeles CA; Lance Kerr, Sylmar CA; W. Reynolds, South Pasadena CA; Piotr Bizon, Cracow Poland; Marek Blat, Bielsko-Biala Poland
- 36
- Stefan Skorchev, Sofia Bulgaria; Alex Crystol, London England; Amber Lin, San Francisco CA; Emma Kolesnik, Calabasas CA
- 37
- John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Jerome Rombaut, Hem France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France
- 38
- Jeffrey Rothstein - Allen Kahn - David Gurvich, New York NY; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY
- 39
- Franco Baseggio, Sharon CT; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ; John Lusky - Eric Stoltz, Portland OR
- 40
- Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Michael Shuster, Collegeville PA; Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury Ma MA
- 41
- Jeremie Stockli - Francois Stoeckli, Fribourg Switzerland; Martha Roth, Fairway KS; Luca Della Ca, Thalwil Switzerland
- 42
- Ethan Liu, Fremont CA; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Jun Shi, Palo Alto CA
- 43
- Bob Todd - Douglas Fisher, Winnipeg MB; Ian Findlay, Banff AB; Irving Litvack, North York ON
- 44
- GS Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Robert Solick, Berthoud CO; Donna Lombardini, Alcester SD; Kathryn Kimmerling, Blythewood SC
- 45
- Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Edward Xu, North York ON; Yan Wang, Richmond Hill ON
- 46
- Kim Daehong - Kang Seongseok - Ik Lee - Seungjin Roh, Seoul South Korea
- 47
- Susan Davison - Lore Monnig - Carole Pasquarelli - Celia Verrier, New York NY
- 48
- Max Schireson - Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA; Cadir Lee, Los Gatos CA; Debbie Rosenberg - William Watson, Sunnyvale CA; Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA

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If it weren’t for bad luck ...

Sometimes in bridge, forces conspire against you. After the dust settles here, about the only bright side is that hopefully you’ve compressed all your bad luck on one board.

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

South’s decision to pass is unusual considering today’s aggressive style, but understandable at this vulnerability. Some Souths might consider a lead-directing double of the diamond cuebid, but perhaps South didn’t want to indicate support and encourage partner to compete with a void.

On lead against 4♥, with such a raggedy suit (and absent a lead-directing double from partner), the singleton club looks like a normal choice. But North led a low diamond.

Declarer, upon seeing a diamond lead, must think chances are pretty good this contract is making, but things deteriorate quickly. South ruffs the diamond, cashes the ♣A and continues with a low club. West puts up the king, hoping to get in to draw trump and claim making four, but North ruffs and leads another diamond, ruffed.

That is how you manage to lose three trump tricks in a 5–5 fit despite holding four of the top five honors.

While it is lucky that North–South failed to find their spade fit for a good save or even a fortunate make, down two for East–West was worth only 3 out of 30 matchpoints.

On a club lead, 4♥ will succeed.

Monitoring

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS					
5.5 Tables	A	B	C		
2.40	1	1		Patrice Gorton – Karen Dunmore, Spokane WA	60.94%
1.87	2	2	1	Patricia Casagrande, Washoe Valley NV; Christine Roden, Carson City NV	57.50%
1.40	3	3	2	Ali Tognoni, Sparks NV; Pamela Miller, Reno NV	56.25%
1.05	4	4	3	Patricia Kassinger, Henderson NV; Jean Long, Las Vegas NV	55.73%

SATURDAY EVENING SIDE GAME – REVISED					
14.0 Tables	A	B	C		
5.20	1	1		Michael Klemens, Tarzana CA; Robert Moest, Los Angeles CA	70.90%
3.90	2	2	1	Dennis Hanel, Boise ID; Walter Driscoll III, Cambridge MA	63.03%
2.93	3	3		Nishat Chishti, Kenosha WI; Hans Strohmer, Houston TX	59.66%
2.19	4			Merle Stetser – Anna Sung, Honolulu HI	59.28%
2.80	5			Lea Rogers, Spokane WA; Rodney Paxton, Las Vegas NV	58.23%
1.23	6			Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI; Jean Choi, Honolulu HI	56.92%
1.84		4		Jefri Donovan, Reno NV; Theresa Choma, Hailey ID	54.08%
1.37		5		Jackie Haugen, Fort Mohave AZ; William Kinney, Flagstaff AZ	53.38%
1.84		6	2	Kirsten Beda, Wilson WY; Brigitte Sandquist, San Francisco CA	53.15%
1.38			3	Joan Spence, Hillsboro OR; Henrietta Moore, Olympia WA	41.13%

LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS – REVISED

39.0 Tables / Based on 72 Tables					
100.00	1			Russell Samuel, Coram NY; Chris Moll, Cary NC	1275.88
75.00	2			Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL	1235.11
56.25	3			William Pettis, Silver Spring MD; David Hoffner, Galloway NJ	1224.84
44.44	4			Jonathan Green, Melbourne FL; Barry Bragin, North Hutchinson FL	1198.39
40.00	5			Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	1194.36
36.36	6			Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM	1170.61
33.33	7			Donald Brooker, Fairway KS; Don Stack, Kansas City KS	1164.51
30.77	8			Markland Jones, Phoenix AZ; Robb Gordon, Prescott AZ	1159.78
28.57	9			Lloyd Arvedon, Hudson NH; Pat McDevitt, Falmouth MA	1155.54
26.67	10			Michael Crane, West Bloomfield MI; Dennis Carman, Plainwell MI	1151.77
25.00	11			George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA	1150.88
23.53	12			Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Jack LaVigne, Houston TX	1147.89
22.22	13			John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA	1141.73
21.05	14			Bonnie Gellas - Erez Hendelman, New York NY	1131.70
20.00	15			Cliff Campbell, Thunder Bay ON; Richard Chan, Markham ON	1124.64
19.05	16			Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Phyllis Yates, San Diego CA	1113.24
18.18	17			Alan Watson, Lexington MA; Rick Binder, Waltham MA	1106.94
17.39	18			Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	1101.76
16.67	19			Martin Singer, West Palm Beach FL; Lawrence Derito, Jupiter FL	1097.89
16.00	20			Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX	1093.50
15.38	21			Abe Pineles, Jackson NJ; Alexander Allen, Annandale NJ	1089.39
14.81	22			Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH; Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA	1089.27
14.29	23			Jack Waller, Dana Point CA; Bob Etter, Elk Grove CA	1087.63
14.85	24			Diane Graese, Jacksonville FL; Martin Caley, Montreal QC	1082.04
13.33	25			Robert Bell, New Providence NJ; Ben Tucker, Vashon WA	1080.77
12.90	26			Michael Creager, Bedford OH; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH	1077.75
12.50	27			Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC	1075.29
12.12	28			Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA; Joseph Viola III, Chattanooga TN	1073.77
11.76	29			Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA	1073.07
11.43	30			Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA	1070.47
11.11	31			Bruce Tuttle, Berkeley CA; Robert Munson, Danville CA	1067.01
14.35	32			Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; Dennis Kastle, Scottsdale AZ	1060.40
10.53	33			Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY	1059.93
10.26	34			Robert Hopkins Jr. - Joan Lewis, Arlington VA	1055.03
10.00	35			Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Michael Huston, Joplin MO	1052.01
9.76	36			Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Rick Rowland, Wilmington DE	1050.08

0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS – REVISED

18 Tables / Based on 36 Tables					
70.00	1			Kim Daehong - Kang Seongseok - Ik Lee - Seungjin Roh, Seoul South Korea	131.65
52.50	2			Qiang Zhang - Brian Zhang, Dublin CA; Weishu Wu - Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA	115.48
39.38	3			Cheryl Haines, Princeville HI; Tim Benoit, Kansas City MO; Yan Song, Lincolnshire IL; Wirt Gilliam, Santee CA	110.73
31.11	4			Emma Kolesnik, Calabasas CA; Amber Lin, San Francisco CA; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; Barry Ko, Washington DC	109.09
28.00	5			Steve Ramos Jr., Seal Beach CA; Edward Piken, Palos Verdes Peninsula CA; Steve Cohen, Las Vegas NV; Ron Feldman, Redondo Beach CA	104.08
25.45	6			Christopher Donnelly, Washington DC; Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia	96.90
23.33	7			Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Sveinn Eiriksson, Delray Beach FL; Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA; Jim Johnsen, San Diego CA	93.53
21.54	8			AJ Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; Carole Weinstein, Waltham MA; Tom Breur, Belmont MA	92.57
20.00	9			Rusty Krauss, Vienna VA; Barry Falgout, Silver Spring MD; James Glickman, Las Vegas NV; David Milton, Myrtle Beach SC	90.22



CONSTRUCTIVE RAISES

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14						15					16			
17						18					19			
20					21					22				
			23					24						
25	26	27			28	29	30		31		32	33	34	35
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40			41						42					
43						44						45		
46					47		48				49			
				50		51			52	53				
		54	55				56	57				58	59	60
61	62				63					64				
65					66					67				
68					69					70				

- Across**

1. Kennel sounds

6. Actionable offense

10. Diamond ding

14. Affix firmly

15. Ancient Greek colony in Italy”

16. Sleek, in auto lingo

17. “All kidding ____...”

18. Bausch & Lomb brand

19. Lender’s quote

20. When playing constructive raises, with 6 or 7 points and 3 card support for partner’s major ____

23. Lillehammer’s land: Abbr.

24. “How ya doin’?”

25. ____ in the woods (naive one)

28. Stage of life

31. Arranges in piles

36. Explorer and filmmaker Johnson

37. Assigned duty

39. Decorative Japanese porcelain

40. After a constructive raise in your major, with 15 to 17 points, bid ____ inviting a game bid

43. Major choice?

44. Brief instant

45. French pronoun

46. Invites for

48. Signed up for the mil.

49. Biblical seed spiller

50. Particular period

52. Kwik-E-Mart guy on “The Simpsons”
54. After a constructive raise in your major, with 18 or 19 points, you may ____

61. “Peter Pan” pooch

63. Ashtabula’s waterfront

64. Mouselike creature

65. Border on

66. 50th state’s bird

67. Music for a piano lesson

68. Big celebration

69. Vietnamese new year celebrations

70. Titled ladies
- Down**

1. Act greedy

2. Not yet final, at law

3. All worked up

4. Completely overhauled

5. “Mad Men” extra

6. Marine bird

7. Spread on bread

8. Takes in tenants

9. Sign after Aries

10. Orwell title word

11. Frog head?

12. ____ Deco

13. Handwringer’s word

21. Inspiration for Sappho

22. Computer availability

25. ’80s South African leader

26. Phoenix surroundings?

27. 2000 Camp David summit attendee
29. Aptitude

30. ____ nous (confidentially)

32. Pediatricians’ gp.

33. Cuisine heavy in rice and spices

34. Reykjavik currency

35. Mythical shipwrecker

37. Volleyball team member

38. Wispy

41. Trauma centers, briefly

42. Acclamation

47. “Murder on the ____ Express”

49. “That ____ do it”

51. Find common ground

53. Not natural, in a way

54. Large African antelopes

55. Scout’s recitation

56. Suggestion

57. Casual tops

58. Jack-in-the-pulpit, for one

59. Irani’s ancestor

60. Shorn females

61. Apprehend

62. Trial org.

Answers to puzzle on page 13

Purchase options

All monetary transactions are cashless, including entries for NABC and regional games. All major credit cards are accepted wherever entries are sold.

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 9:15–10 a.m. outside the Expo Hall and from 12:15–1 p.m. at the Reno Ballroom through Saturday, March 19.

Advance entries are available through different channels depending on the type of event.

For all national-level events, entries may be purchased through Bridge Winners, as in the past. See below for details.

For regional and I/N events, entries may be purchased online through the ACBL’s new Entry Express system or on site at the Advance Purchase Station next to the Vaccine Verification Station at the Silver Mine. Hours are the same for both desks.

Today the Advance Purchase Station will be open 9 a.m.–1 p.m. and 2–7:30 p.m. Starting Tuesday, March 15, hours are 9 a.m.–1 p.m. only.

To use Entry Express from your own device, go to *members.acbl.org/tournaments*. This may be done until midnight the preceding day. See page 14 for more information.

Entries may also be purchased at the event location in the hour before the start time.

Buying early is especially recommended for NABC+ pairs events. In an effort to speed up the start of these events, please buy entries at least 15 minutes before game time – especially if you expect to be a seeded pair.

Buying NABC entries on BridgeWinners

Buy your entries in advance for all national-level events in Reno 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.



SUNDAY EVENING SIDE GAME					
24.0 Tables	A	B	C		
7.37	1	1		Robert Hauger – Alice Hauger, Tulsa OK	67.76%
5.53	2	2	1	John Walker – Angie Millslagle, Santa Cruz CA	64.36%
4.15	3	3	2	Peter Bush, Chicago IL; Dan Storch, Memphis TN	62.39%
3.11	4			Carol Huston, Chico CA; Paddy Fiorino, Missouri City TX	59.70%
2.33	5			Brigitte Sandifer, Sugar Land TX; Nancy Strohmer, Houston TX	57.57%
2.74	6	4		Kenneth Johnson – Joanne Wicker, Morgan Hill CA	57.24%
2.06	7	5		Amanda Jeger, Frankfurt Germany; Estera Stawski, Remsenburg NY	56.47%
1.84		6	3	Eric Xiao – Jeff Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	55.92%
1.18		7		Michael Klemens, Tarzana CA; Robert Moest, Los Angeles CA	55.37%
1.68			4	Kirsten Beda, Wilson WY; Brigitte Sandquist, San Francisco CA	54.71%
1.00			5	Daryl Francom, Syracuse UT; Laurie Brown, Ogden UT	54.06%
FRIDAY-SUNDAY EVENING SERIES					
39.50 Tables / Based on 19 Tables					
10.15	1/2			Robert Moest, Los Angeles CA	126.27%
10.15	1/2			Michael Klemens, Tarzana CA	126.27%
6.53	3			Dennis Hanel, Boise ID	117.09%
5.07	4			Dan Storch, Memphis TN	115.39%
5.03	5			Walter Driscoll III, Cambridge MA	114.73%
4.61	6			Hans Strohmer, Houston TX	114.37%
2.90	7			Anna Sung, Honolulu HI	113.45%
3.31	8/9			Brigitte Sandifer, Sugar Land TX	111.32%
3.31	8/9			Nancy Strohmer, Houston TX	111.32%
2.11	10			Jean Choi, Honolulu HI	111.09%

DINING AT THE ROW							
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	14-Mar	15-Mar	16-Mar	17-Mar	18-Mar	19-Mar	20-Mar
ELDORADO							
Brew Brothers 775-785-9047	11 AM to 10:00 PM	11 AM to 10:00 PM	11 AM to 10:00 PM	11 AM to 10:00 PM	11 AM to 12:00 AM	11 AM to 12:00 AM	11 AM to 10:00 PM
	Eldorado Coffee Company Ext. 4153	6 AM to 2 PM 3:30 PM- 9 PM	6 AM to 2 PM 3:30 PM- 9 PM	6 AM to 2 PM 3:30 PM- 9 PM	6 AM to 2 PM 3:30 PM- 9 PM	6 AM to 10 PM	6 AM to 10 PM 6 AM to 9 pm
Hidden Pizza Ext. 7492	TEMPORARILY CLOSED						
Ichiban 775-323-5550	4:30 PM to 9 PM	4:30 PM to 9 PM	4:30 PM to 9 PM	4:30 PM to 9 PM	4:30 PM to 9:30PM	4:30 PM to 9:30PM	4:30 PM to 9 PM
La Strada 775-348-3401	4:30 PM to 9PM	4:30 PM to 9PM	4:30 PM to 9PM	4:30 PM to 9PM	4:30 PM to 10PM	4:30 PM to 10PM	5 PM to 9 PM
Millies 775-348-3155	7 AM to 2 PM	CLOSED		7 AM to 2 PM	7 AM to 2 PM	7 AM to 2 PM	7 AM to 2 PM
Roxy 775-785-9066	CLOSED	4:30 PM to 9PM	4:30 PM to 9PM	4:30 PM to 9PM	4:30 PM to 10PM	4:30 PM to 10PM	CLOSED
Sushi-Sake Ext. 7485	CLOSED	4 PM to 9 PM	4 PM to 9 PM	4 PM to 9 PM	4 PM to 10 PM	4 PM to 10 PM	CLOSED
Starbucks Ext. 3357	6 AM to 8 PM	6 AM to 8 PM	6 AM to 8 PM	6 AM to 8 PM	6 AM to 10 PM	6 AM to 11 PM	6 AM to 8 PM
SILVER LEGACY							
Café Central 775-683-5673	24 HRS-11 PM	7 AM- 11 PM	7 AM- 24 HRS	24 HRS	24 HRS	24 HRS	24 HRS
Ruth's Chris 775-325-7573	4 PM to 10 PM	4 PM to 10 PM	4 PM to 10 PM	4 PM to 10 PM	4 PM to 10:30 PM	4 PM to 10:30 PM	4 PM to 9 PM
Sips Coffee Ext. 7980	6 AM- 9 PM	6 AM- 9 PM	6 AM- 9 PM	6 AM- 9 PM	6 AM- 10 PM	6 AM- 10 PM	6 AM- 9 PM
Starbucks Ext. 7412	6 AM- 8 PM	6 AM- 8 PM	6 AM- 8 PM	6 AM- 8 PM	6 AM- 10 PM	6AM- 10 PM	6 AM to 8 PM
CIRCUS CIRCUS							
Habit Burger	CLOSED		2 PM - 9 PM	2 PM - 9 PM	2 PM - 10 PM	2 PM - 10 PM	2 PM - 9 PM
Panda Express	2 PM to 9 PM	2 PM to 9 PM	2 PM to 9 PM	2 PM to 9 PM	10:30 AM to 10:30 PM	10:30 AM to 10:30 PM	2 PM to 10 PM
Piezzetta 775-328-9564	10:30 AM to 12 AM	10:30 AM to 12 AM	10:30 AM to 12 AM	10:30 AM to 12 AM	10:30 AM to 12 AM	10:30 AM to 12 AM	10:30 AM to 12 AM
Port of Subs	10 AM-10 PM	9 AM-10 PM	9 AM-10 PM	9 AM-12 AM	9 AM-12 AM	9 AM-12 AM	9 AM-10 PM
El Jefe's	5 PM - 10 PM	CLOSED		5 PM-10 PM	4 PM- 9.30 PM	4 PM- 9:30 PM	4 PM- 9:30 PM
Ramen Bar inside El Jefe's	CLOSED			5 PM-10 PM	4 PM- 9.30 PM	4 PM- 9:30 PM	4 PM- 9:30 PM
Sips Coffee	6 AM to 12 PM	CLOSED		6 AM to 1 PM	6 AM to 2 PM	6 AM to 2 PM	6 AM to 2 PM
Yogurt Beach	CLOSED			2 PM 9 PM	2 PM - 10 PM	2 PM - 10 PM	2 PM - 9 PM
Madame Butterworks	7 AM - 2 PM	7 AM - 2 PM	7 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED		7 AM - 2 PM	7 AM - 2 PM

Make 'em pay

On this deal from the top bracket of Saturday's Bracketed Round Robin Teams, Aaron Jones of North Bethesda MD took full advantage of a defensive slip to bring home a difficult 3NT. Jones was playing with partner Marc Franklin of Newport Beach CA.

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

West	North	East	South
	Franklin		Jones
	1♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♦6, ducked in dummy, as East won the jack. The diamond continuation was won on the board, and Jones called for a low club from the table. East won the jack and cleared diamonds. Jones next crossed to the ♥K in hand played a low club. West won the ace, but East had trouble finding a discard. A heart pitch was out, as it allows declarer to run the heart suit, so East had to pitch a spade. The defender's problem, however, was that E-W were playing upside-down count and attitude. Pitching a low spade might cause West to exit with a spade, which would give declarer the game-going trick, so East decided to part with the ♠9. West knew that his partner was coming under discard pressure, so instead of cashing the ♦Q, which fatally squeezes East, West made the best exit of the ♥J. Jones, however, had an answer. He won the ♥A and then cashed the ♥Q, throwing a club, followed by the ♣K, forcing East to release a low spade. But when Jones continued with dummy's last heart, East won the trick perforce (Jones pitching a club) in this ending:

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

East is forced to exit with a spade, allowing declarer to take the last three tricks. This was a 12-IMP pickup for the Jones-Franklin team, as 3NT failed at the other table.

ACBL Crossword

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1	G	2	N	3	A	4	R	5	S		6	T	7	O	8	R	9	T		10	F	11	L	12	A	13	W
14	R	I	V	E	T					15	E	L	E	A					16	A	E	R	O				
17	A	S	I	D	E					18	R	E	N	U					19	R	A	T	E				
20	B	I	D	O	N					21	E	N	O	T	R	U	M	P									
						23	N	O	R						24	S	U	P									
25	B	A	B	E						28	A	G	E					31	S	T	A	C	K	S			
36	O	S	A			37	S	T	I	N	T				38			39	I	M	A	R	I				
40	T	H	R	E	E	O	F	T	H						42	E	M	A	J	O	R						
43	H	E	A	R	T					44	T	R	I	C	E			45	U	N	E						
46	A	S	K	S	T					47	O				48	E	N	L			49	O	N	A	N		
						50	E	R	A						52	A	P	U									
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61	N	A	N	A						63	E	R	I	E					64	S	H	R	E	W			
65	A	B	U	T						66	N	E	N	E					67	E	T	U	D	E			
68	B	A	S	H						69	T	E	T	S					70	D	A	M	E	S			

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

By Steven Gaynor

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

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

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

Winning IMP strategies include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

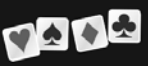
If it's hard for you, it's hard for them. The player sitting in your seat at the other table is holding the same cards you are. This guiding principle will help you on several of the points already listed.

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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.

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.

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.

ACBL Electronic Device Policy

Effective immediately

This policy applies to all events at NABCs and events where ACBL is the Sponsoring Organization. Regional and Sectional tournaments are encouraged to adopt and apply this policy or one more well-suited to their players. A violation of any of the restrictions below will result in an automatic penalty, pursuant to Law 91 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

1. Any electronic equipment must be kept in silent mode (except for health-related equipment, where silent mode is unavailable or could constitute a health risk).



It is recommended, though not mandatory, that any such equipment remain switched off while in the playing area during a session.

Penalties: If it is determined that an electronic device is not compliant with (1) above, the penalty for the first offense is 1/8 of a board, 1.5 IMPs, or ½ VP. For each subsequent offense during an event, the penalty will be doubled. Beginning with the third offense, the player may be subject to disqualification, upon approval of the Sponsoring Organization.

2. Players are expected to be paying attention to the game. While at the table, players may not use or interact with their electronic devices during bridge play. When between rounds or sitting out, use or interaction with electronic devices is permitted, provided it is inaudible. For other situations, permission to use or interact with an electronic device will be granted upon the director’s judgment and on a case-by-case basis.

Penalties: If it is determined that an electronic device was operated in violation of (2) above, the penalty for the first offense is ½ of a board, 6 IMPs, or 2 VP. For each subsequent offense during an event, the penalty will be doubled. Beginning with the second offense, the player may be subject to disqualification, upon approval of the Sponsoring Organization.

The above restrictions apply to all players, captains, coaches and kibitzers, except those persons granted permission by the ACBL, and are in force throughout any playing session or segment of play.

A kibitzer in violation of these policies must leave the playing area and may be readmitted only by permission of the tournament director.

Penalties for captains and coaches: Same as for players.

For the purpose of this policy, each day of a multi-day event is treated independently.

Further restrictions and requirements may apply in events involving live internet and/or vugraph coverage and/or instruction from the Sponsoring Organization.

For the purpose of this policy, Sponsoring Organization is the ACBL for NABCs, the organizing District for Regionals, and the organizing Unit for Sectionals.



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Slow play

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

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

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

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

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

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

The TD may choose to ignore an occasional minor late finish. The TD may remove one or more boards from a segment. The TD may award no score (when neither team is more at fault), an assigned score (when a result already exists at one table which the TD wishes to preserve) or an

artificial score in IMPs. Every effort should be made to remove boards before they can be played at either table, but not having done so does not preclude removing one or more later.

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Kibtizing

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

For the Record

*By Robb Gordon,
ACBL National Recorder*

Video Security

The ACBL employs video security at the NABCs. Currently, this involves several small at-table cameras for later stages of high-level events. In addition, there are small cameras placed around the playing areas and PTZ (“eye in the sky”) cameras. These scan the playing areas, focusing on areas of interest.

These cameras help us watch for ethical breaches and can assist TDs with rulings when facts are in dispute.

Look for this program to expand in the future.

Shh!

Many of us have spent the past two years playing from home. It was great to be able to yell at the screen, keep open scorecards and other behavior that might be less socially acceptable.

We know you will remember to come fully dressed. (We hope!) But you might have forgotten the need to keep discussions quiet and to a minimum. You might have forgotten to keep your private score private.

Please remember that you are back in the real world – don’t give other competitors unwanted help with loud postmortems, open scorecards or discussing hands in front of pairs that may not have played those hands.

Consider this a part of Active Ethics.



Tomorrow’s Bridge Events

Tuesday, March 15

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
10 am				
Loreta Flynn Memorial Tuesday Morning Side Pairs <i>Mon-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$15	\$19
10 am & 3 pm				
Mindy Foos Memorial Open Pairs <i>(unlim./3000/1500)</i>	1-2	Expo Hall A, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
Gold Rush Pairs <i>(750/400/200)</i>	1-2	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Silver Baron A, mezzanine, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
1 & 7:30 pm				
ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS 0–10,000 KNOCKOUT TEAMS 0–2500 SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	—
	Rd. of 64	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	—
	3-4	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30	—
	1-2 Q	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$22*	—
3 pm				
Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Mon-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$15	\$19
7:30 pm				
Chuck Mathewson Memorial Tuesday Evening Side Pairs <i>Mon-Wed Evening Series</i>	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 (green 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.

Today's Bridge Events				
Monday, March 14				
Goodwill Day				
Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
10 am				
Loreta Flynn Memorial Monday Morning Side Pairs <i>Mon-Tue Daylight Series</i> 299er Pairs	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
	single	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$15	\$19
10 am & 3 pm				
Kunio Okui Memorial Top-Flight Pairs (<i>unlim./5000</i>) Mid-Flight (<i>3000/1250</i>) Stu Goodgold Gold Rush Pairs (<i>750/400/200</i>) Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Expo Hall A, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Silver Baron A, mezzanine, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
1 & 4 pm				
Carole Dietz Memorial Fast Pairs	1-2	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$20	\$24
1 & 7:30 pm				
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	1-2	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30	—
3 pm				
Monday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Mon-Tue Daylight Series</i> 299er Pairs	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
	single	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$15	\$19
7:30 pm				
Chuck Mathewson Memorial Monday Evening Side Pairs <i>Mon-Wed Evening Series</i>	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
Monday Evening Zip Swiss Teams <i>Fri-Sun Evening Series</i>	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$15	\$19

* In addition, there is a screen fee of \$10/pair/session or \$20/team/session.
Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events. **Green = Regional events (green 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.

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Kunio Okui Memorial Top-Flight Pairs

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Stu Goodgold Gold Rush Pairs

Today is Goodwill Day. Play your best, but be gracious and kind to your opponents and make more friends. If you are wondering why Stu is sponsoring a Gold Rush game on Goodwill Day, just put the two together.



In memory of Bud Biswas, a kind and gentle soul, a very successful technologist who helped up-and-coming newer enterprises, and a really great bridge player and partner.

Regards,
Stu

Carole Dietz Memorial Fast Pairs

Carole Dietz graced the San Jose bridge center as a club director, board member and player for many years. Her passions were her family, first and foremost, her beloved San Francisco 49ers and bridge.



Married to Noel for 64 years, Carole raised three children and had seven grandkids and five great-grandkids. Her son Jeff says:

“We all believe Mom was a great lady. She was the matriarch of our family. She was caring and loving, clever and smart, quick-witted and funny. She was the perfect wife for my dad, a

wonderful mother, mother-in-law, aunt, grandma, great-grandma and a great friend to so many. She really loved to meet people and cared about her relationships. She will be missed by us all. But remembered forever too.”

This story by Jeff says it all:
“Once when we lived in Bellevue, my sister came running in to tell Mom that my brother had hurt himself ‘badly’ out in the woods. Mom sprang to her bare feet, raced out the door and ran to the woods, down a trail falling at least once flat on her face to get to my brother. In the end Mom was hurt worse than my brother but we were all impressed by her selflessness.”

Towards the end, Jeff said you could hear the whole family laughing as they surrounded her bed while she entertained them with her wit.

Carole was loved by her partners, and we will all miss her. She was an aggressive bidder and an adept player of the cards. Judy Fisher has been a partner of Carole’s since they were new to tournament bridge. She relates that, “she was the perfect partner, never critical, always cordial to her opponents, very much admired by all who knew her and an ideal mentor.”

Loreta Flynn Memorial Side Pairs

Loreta was born in the Philippines in 1918 during the Spanish flu pandemic. She met and married her husband, an Army officer, in 1948. She learned how to play social bridge during the later years of her husband’s military career and continued playing bridge after settling down in San Jose. One of her bridge friends suggested playing in a duplicate tournament, after which she began secretly saving her \$80 per month Social Security checks so she could play in more tournaments. Her



husband eventually found out but was proud of her and encouraged her.

Her passion for bridge was evidenced during a bridge tournament in 1982 when she elected to finish the tournament before visiting her recently born, one and only granddaughter. She then proceeded to chastise her daughter for not waiting to give birth until after the tournament!

At 95 her driving privileges were revoked, but Loreta still managed to frequently play her beloved game with the help of her supportive and caring bridge friends. As she approached and passed 100 years of age, her birthdays were celebrated at the club with great fanfare. She made us believe that not only could we live that long, but we could enjoy those later years, socializing with our friends and indulging our passion for bridge.

Chuck Mathewson Memorial Side Pairs

Charles “Chuck” Mathewson was highly respected businessman and later, a philanthropist to the causes he cared most about. Fortunately for the bridge community, Chuck was an avid bridge player his entire adult life (anyone ever hear of playing Goolies?). Due to his generosity, Northern Nevada is the beneficiary of his largess with the 2020 founding of the Mathewson Bridge Center in Reno NV. The grand opening of the center was attended by Chuck’s longtime bridge playing friend, Bob Hamman.



Chuck often said that his greatest joys in life, other than family, were a good martini and a game of bridge. Chuck was a titan of industry and very busy with all of his business ventures, however, he always had time for his bridge playing friends. Chuck recently passed away at the age of 93. He will be sorely missed.