

# Bulletin

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### Levine exits Vanderbilt

In yesterday's Round of 32 in the Vanderbilt KO Teams, the No. 3 seed captained by Mike Levine was defeated by Vinita Gupta's squad – the No. 30 seed – by a score of 92–79. Gupta is playing with Morten Bilde, Simon Cope, Emil Jepsen and Andreas Meister. Levine's lineup was Eddie Wold, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Jeff Meckstroth and David Berkowitz.

The No. 12 seed led by Hemant Lall was

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# **Ranis meets Rockoff** in 10K KO

The teams captained by Ranis and Rockoff will meet in the final of today's 0-10,000 Knockout Teams. Ranis, of Aventura FL, is playing with Carlos Hoyos of Bogota Colombia; Michael Wolf of Fort Lauderdale FL, and Lee Bukstel of Boca Raton FL.

Rockoff, of Gilbert AZ, is playing with Sarik continued on page 11

# Molesworth-Gerard lead Mixed quals

The top score in the opening round of the Rockwell Mixed Pairs was posted by Nancy Moleswoth and Ron Gerard of White Plains NY. The duo scored 63% and 64% respectively in the qualifying round. Their carryover is 197.28 matchpoints.

In second with 176.68 are David Marker of Chicago and Giorgia Botta of Brooklyn NY.

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# Siegel leads 0-2500 Swiss

The squad led by Steven Siegel of Mendham NJ posted the best score in the qualifying round of the inaugural 0–2500 Swiss Teams. Siegel is playing with Jeffrey Halle, Michael Berard and Peter Van Zijl, and they have a carryover of 29.46 victorry points.

In second with a carryover of 19.17 are Bruce Peterson, Kevin Marnell, Danning Lu and Andrew Mitchell

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# Mask policy

The ACBL's mask policy evaluates whether masks are required day by day depending on conditions in the area where the tournament is being held. Today's COVID-19 Community Level in Washoe County, Nevada, is 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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### Limerick contest

In honor of St. Patrick's Day tomorrrow, the Daily Bulletin staff is hosting a limerick contest. Members may submit entries to the Daily Bulletin office (Platinum Room, lower level, Silver Legacy) or by

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# ACBL shakes up disciplinary process By A.J. Stephani, ACBL Board of Directors

The sudden explosion of online bridge play during the COVID era has posed unexpected challenges for the ACBL. Allegations of ethical violations - cheating - against players have become commonplace. We don't know the true extent of the problem, but all bridge organizations across the world have struggled to handle the transition from infrequent in-person cheating to frequent online cheating. This phenomenon has attracted widespread attention, including a frontpage article in The New York Times several months ago.

The ACBL Board of Directors has committed to re-conceptualizing how we handle these allegations and has begun taking actions that will radically transform how we address this challenge.

The ACBL, like many large bridge organizations, has traditionally resolved accusations of cheating through a disciplinary committee hearing process, with expert players typically populating the disciplinary panel. This gives us the



appearance of maintaining control over the process, but the appearance is not quite what it seems. This

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# Young filmmakers focus on bridge



Filmmakers Cal Etcheverry and Taylor Compton

The world of duplicate bridge has the been the subject of several documentary films, but recent film school graduates Taylor Compton and Cal Etcheverry are aiming to make a new one as part of their earliest post-school projects. The duo is in Reno to shoot video of live play and to conduct player interviews.

Compton and Etcheverry are both based in Los Angeles. Compton, 23, is a graduate of NYU; Etcheverry, 23, is a graduate of USC.

If Compton's name sounds familiar, it's because she has a famous bridge pedigree: Her parents are expert players Chris Compton and Donna Compton. The Comptons are also the driving force behind the Bridge Academy of North Dallas, one of the ACBL's largest clubs.

"I grew up with bridge," says Taylor. "I attended most nationals as a kid, so the duplicate

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# Mike Kovacich 1945–2022

By Bob Heller, Knoxville TN

Michael J. Kovacich Sr., of Stone Mountain GA, died from heart failure Feb. 25. A member of the ACBL Board of Directors for just over three years, he ran unopposed for the District 7 position beginning in 2019, then unopposed again for the Region 6 director after Board restructuring, for a term that began this year. He was 76.

Kovacich suffered a pair of heart attacks while visiting with two of his three sons in Las Vegas, which was to have been the beginning of a trip West that included a visit with his third son and a newborn grandson in California. His next stop planned was Reno for the Board meetings and to

The seventh member of the Georgia State Bridge Hall of Fame – which includes Margaret Wagar and Lou Bluhm - Kovacich was selected in 2009 for a combination of his bridge skill and his wide and deep resume of bridge volunteer work.

Kovacich won hundreds of regional events and sectional events since joining the League in the 1970s. He led a team that won two events, placed

Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

second in another and third in another at his final tournament in February at Hilton Head. His lifetime masterpoint total exceeds 20,700.

Playing with longtime friend and partner Emory Whitaker at the recent Austin NABC, they finished 16th in the Blue Ribbon



Pairs. They were to have played in two pairs events in Reno.

Bridge pretty much consumed Kovacich's life after his sons became adults and he retired from his lawyer's practice in 2005. While playing regularly in tournaments (Whitaker recalls that they particularly enjoyed traveling to Tunica and Biloxi MS, for regionals at casinos), Kovacich was always

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**ATTENDANCE Goodwill Message** through Tuesday You can be competitive and still be friendly, caring and ethical. 3370.5 tables Roger Smith, Chair

# **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS**

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

Saturday, March 19 TBA

Peter Pender Memorial Vugraph. (Room TBA)

### CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

9:15 a.m.

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.

Wednesday, March 16

Jeff Hand Play These Trump Contracts

Thursday, March 17

Marjorie Michelin Jacoby and Texas Transfers 9:15 a.m.

# **HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Late-night snacks are offered at the Reno Ballroom.

Wednesday, March 16 Assorted popcorn flavors

Thursday, March 17

Brownies and cookies

# **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 through Saturday, the Advance Purchase Station will be open 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.

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 nationallevel events in Reno at BridgeWinners.com.

Entries must be purchased by 10 a.m. the day of the event EXCEPT for events that require preregistration, 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.

### **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.

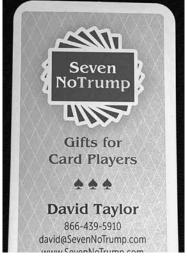
Be prepared by bringing masks to the tournament playing areas in the event the Community Level rate changes to High.

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

# **Book seller**

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

The booth is open before and after the 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. sessions, as well



as before the 7:30 p.m. session each day.

# **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.

# **Smoking Policy**

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

### Limericks

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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 submissions is today at 1 p.m.

See page 7 for tips on writing limericks.

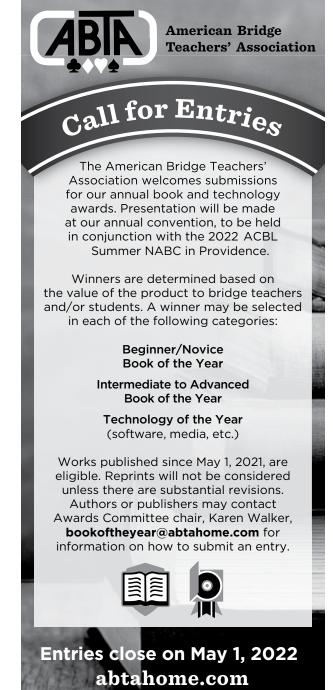
Keep in mind that the Daily Bulletin is a family publication: Submissions don't have to be G-rated, but they can't be R-rated.

# **Vugraph operators** needed

Anyone who's interested in being a vugraph operator for the Vanderbilt KO Teams, please email Jan Martel (marteljan at gmail dot 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.





# UST FOR NEW PLAYERS

# Take All Your Chances

By Eddie Kantar

North (Dummy)

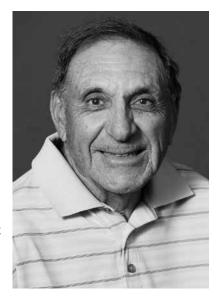
- **★** K 9 3
- **♥** J 9 4 2
- ♦ J 10 6 ♣ A Q 7

- South (You) **♠** A J 2
- **♥** K Q 10 7 6
- **♦**85
- **♣** K 9 5

West opens 1♠, passed around to you. You try 2♥, partner raises to 3♥ and you battle on with **4♥**.

West leads the ♦K, East encourages and West continues with the ♦Q and a diamond to East's ace as you trump. When you exit with a low heart, West takes the ace and exits a heart, East following. Plan the play.

This is a one-suited problem. You have to avoid a spade loser and you know West has the **♠**Q for his opening bid. East has turned up with the ♦A and would not pass the 1♠ opening bid with 6 HCP.



If West has the  $ext{ } ext{ } ext$ chance. You have to assume East has the ♠10, probably doubleton. So cash the ♠A and run the **♦**J through West hoping to drop that **♦**10 on your right. What else can you do?

Here's the layout you're playing for:

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

Here is a somewhat analogous position: North (Dummy)

**A** 6 5

West

East

**♠** Q 4 3 2

**★** 10 8 7

South (You) **★** K J 9

Say you know that West has the ♠Q. Your best bet for no losers in this suit is to play East for the 10 and lead the jack. Say West covers. You win the ace and then lead low to the 9. You have just pulled off a "backwards" finesse. The play of leading the jack from K–J–x also works when dummy has the A–9–8. Ditto with K–J–8 facing A–9–x, East having the 10 with any length. Clearly, the bidding may affect the play of even a common card combination. Stay flexible!

Tip: When a player passes partner's opening bid and turns up with an ace, don't look for much else in that player's hand – a jack, maybe.

Peggie Smith of Reno is newer to bridge than probably anyone here at the NABC. She started learning only six months ago, joined the ACBL in December and earned



her first 0.80 of a masterpoint just two weeks ago. But she's already getting involved as a volunteer, picking up a few shifts at the Partnership Desk.

Smith had a mother-in-law who recently died of COVID. "She was a huge bridge player, and it kept her sharp into her 90s," Smith said. "We begged her to teach us, but she always said, 'Oh, it's too complicated. You better take lessons."

So when she retired from working as a physician's assistant in neurology, she took her late mother-in-law's advice and began taking lessons from Jill Wallace. "That's what drew me to the game. She loved bridge so much."

With her background in neurology, Smith is especially concerned about brain health. "One of the best ways to combat memory disorders is to keep your brain active and learn something new. Bridge is challenging enough that you can learn something new for decades."

# **Niteclub offers** postmortem after 99er game

The California 99erNiteClub launched its first evening game on Oct. 19, 2020, attracting 12 tables of 99ers on the first night. Eighteen months later, our virtual club is now known as the All-Western NiteClub, still running four evenings a week, and, by popular demand, with an expanded offering which include a 0–20 game, and more recently a 199er game.

The club was designed exclusively for 99ers, providing them with their own playground, away from the fierce competition from more advanced players. It's a collaborative inter-district program sponsored and backed by Districts 17, 19, 21, 22 and 23. Any club in one of these five districts – whether operating in a virtual setting today or just having a brick-and-mortar representation in 2019 – may choose to opt in their 99ers (or 199ers now) for one or more of the four days the games

are being offered. We now have over 170 clubs enrolled, and each club is rebated with a large portion of their players' entry fee. The NiteClub is more than just a friendly game: We're fortunate to have a "dream team" of expert directors and talented educators supporting our program, offering a daily postmortem hand analysis via zoom, a dedicated email, and a recorded mini-lesson.

Our All-Western NiteClub is in Reno this week, as we have been given the unique opportunity to sponsor two 99er games on Wednesday, March 16, at 3 p.m. and Thursday, March 17, at 10 a.m. Players who have played in our All-Western NiteClub will receive a complimentary entry to the games. Silvana Morici will be hosting a special postmortem of the hands at the end of the Wednesday game in the playing area. An opportunity not to be missed! For more information, you can always reach us at 99erniteclub@gmail.com.

### **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	<b>\$</b> 3
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

### **Kibtizing**

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

# Upcoming DISTRICT 7

Regionals heat up in District 7 summer • Check your calendar for these four big tournaments in the Southeast, all chock-full of team games and Gold Rush events:

#### Gatlinburg, TN April 18-24, 2022

Gatlinburg Convention Center Hotel rates and availability online: www.gatlinburgregional.org The ACBL's largest regional every year since 2001. New game times, with prime events

and Round Robin Teams daily. Co-chairs: Julia & Pete Misslin (423) 884-3550 • pmisslin@tds.net

at 9:30, 1:30 and 7:30. Bracketed KO's

# Raleigh, NC

May 23-29, 2022

Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown 3415 Wake Forest Road (919) 872-2323 • Free parking, internet and coffee in the Research Triangle area.

> Co-chair: Barbara Hudson (919) 413-7677 bhudson-bridge@nc.rr.com

# Columbia, SC

June 20-26, 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton, 2100 Bush River Road, (803) 731-0300. Free parking, WiFi and airport shuttle at a convenient location by ground or air.

Co-chair: Lee Webb (803) 331-6894 • leewebb1@sc.rr.com

# Atlanta, GA

Aug. 30-Sept. 5, 2022

Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel, 2450 Galleria Parkway (888) 391-8724. New venue at intersection of I-75 and I-285 walking distance from shopping, dining and World Champion Braves.

Co-chair: Jack Feagin (404) 966-8469 • jfeagin2@gmail.com

### **Arbritration**

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illusion was shattered for the European Bridge League (EBL) several years ago when the Court for Arbitration of Sport in Switzerland (CAS) vacated the convictions of Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes that had been imposed by an EBL disciplinary panel. The EBL had chosen CAS as its "Supreme Court of Bridge" and agreed to be bound by its final decision. But the CAS arbitrators were not bridge players, and the expulsions of Fantoni and Nunes were overturned. For many in the bridge community, this reinforces the commonsense notion that the ultimate decisions in this kind of dispute must be made by bridge experts with at least as much experience as the player or pair accused of cheating. (Both players remain expelled by the ACBL.)

Our own ACBL disciplinary process is complicated, and at times unwieldy, with its multiple layers of review. Just looking at the volunteer resources invested, the amount of time spent on most cases by ACBL investigators, advocates, hearing-panel members and review-committee members is enormous. And that doesn't even include any paid staff involvement (the National Recorder's office, the disciplinary administrator and the charging party).

After we get done with all that, any decision made through this process is still subject to challenge through arbitration. The ACBL has designated the American Arbitration Association (AAA) as the final authority for hearing these challenges. Arbitration proceedings before the AAA are given final effect and virtual immunity from judicial challenge under the Federal Arbitration Act (FAA). Although we have not yet seen the Fantoni-Nunes scenario play out in the ACBL, the risk is very real. Our current arbitration agreement specifies "final binding arbitration before the AAA by a single arbitrator" (emphasis added). The chance that this arbitrator would have the slightest clue what bridge is, much less understand the nuanced nature of the inferential proof we use to proceed against alleged violators is, well, incredibly remote. It would be the decision of that arbitrator, not the decision reached through the ACBL disciplinary process through the Ethical Oversight Committee or Online Ethical Oversight Committee, that would be binding. Our hands would be tied.

In other words, the ACBL might easily face its own Fantoni-Nunes nightmare under the current structure. Over the last several years, I have worked with Mark Friedlander, an ACBL member and attorney who specializes in arbitration law and numerous others, to address this problem by creating the Institute for Bridge Arbitration (IBA), an independent organization whose mission will be to recruit expert bridge players who are willing to donate their time to serve as arbitrators in bridge-cheating disputes. The IBA will provide training under the umbrella of the AAA, so that when bridge-cheating cases go to arbitrations administered by these organizations, the AAA will choose the arbitrators to decide them from the roster of trained bridge experts that IBA will make available to them.

The galvanizing motivation behind the IBA was to effectively outsource the process to the AAA as a qualifying arbitration under the FAA so that the bridge experts are involved in the final decision. In January, the ACBL Board of Directors voted overwhelmingly to refer high-level (think "felony") ethical charges to an IBA panel of bridge experts so that the first and final decision is one we can have confidence in. The motion took effect on Feb. 1, but it will apply only to cases going forward, as the current disciplinary process will continue to be used to handle pending cases.

In a second motion to be made later this year, the Board will address how "misdemeanor" ethical charges are handled (where suspensions of no more than six months can be imposed).

### **QUALIFIERS IN THE ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS**

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60.0 Tables		Carryover
1	Nancy Molesworth - Ron Gerard, White Plains NY	197.28
2	David Marker, Chicago IL; Giorgia Botta, Brooklyn NY	176.68
3	Anam Tebha, Charlotte NC; Steve Zolotow, Las Vegas NV	173.47
4	Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Amber Lin, San Francisco CA	155.84
5	Mark Jones, Birmingham AL; Stella Rainey, Tuscaloosa AL	152.50
6	Jui Wang, Morrisville NC; Chih-Cheng Yeh, Chicago IL	149.11
7	Claude Vogel, Chicago IL; Carol Frank, Burbank CA	130.91
8	Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; May Sakr, Weston FL	128.50
9	Gerrianne Mason, Crossville TN; Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands	128.39
10	Margie Cole - Alejandro Bianchedi, New York NY	128.14
11	David Birnbaum, Pegram TN; Linda Murdock, Nashville TN	127.72
12	Deborah Goldsmith, San Diego CA; Jian Wang, Hopatcong NJ	114.20
13	Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; Sigrid Price, Napa CA	110.67
14	Dale Johannesen - Lynn Johannesen, Saratoga CA	109.90
15	Judy Pede, Grass Valley CA; Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA	107.75
16	Tod Moses, St. Louis MO; Terry James, Upper Arlington OH	105.62
17	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Laura Brill, Delray Beach FL	103.45
18	Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	101.01
19	Susan Kissinger - John Kissinger, San Clemente CA	100.03
20	Gabriele Zanasi, Palermo Italy; Bella Ionis-Sorren, Fort Lauderdale FL	98.79
21	Tim Van De Paverd, Leiden Netherlands; Katherine Todd, New York NY	92.51
22	Melih Ozdil - Justine Cushing, New York NY	92.08
23	Sybil Bragadir, Lausanne Switzerland; Chris Catzeflis, Vich Switzerland	88.80
24	Patricia Tucker, Atlanta GA; Kevin Collins, Dunwoody GA	83.68
25	Natalie Bassil, Boston MA; Bill Irvine, Delray Beach FL	83.36
26	Doug Couchman, Tucson AZ; Lamya Agelidis, San Diego CA	82.83
27	Alan Gailfus - Debbie Gailfus, Carlsbad CA	82.26
28	Dori Cohen - Rob Gordon, Woodbury NY	80.45
29	Cheryl Schneider, Columbus OH; Nicolas Hammond, Alpharetta GA	80.33
30	Christal Henner - Uday Ivatury, New York NY	80.25
31	Daiva Vitukynaite - Gediminas Poska, Palos Hills IL	80.20
32	Bruce Ruskin, Modesto CA; Jean Barry, Livermore CA	78.54
33	Georgiana Gates, Houston TX; Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	78.14
34	William Pollack - Rozanne Pollack, New York NY	77.66
35	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Pat McDevitt, Falmouth MA	77.16
36	Shailesh Gupta, Aliso Viejo CA; Weiling Zhao, Brookfield CT	76.31
37	Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA; Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA	74.83
38	Kathleen Sulgrove - Don Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH	71.81
39	Michael Christensen - Becky Stevens, Seattle WA	71.66
40	John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Irene Baroni, Moniga Italy	70.32
41	Jenni Carmichael, Marysville WA; Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA	69.80
42	Irina Kislitsyna, Bradenton FL; Erez Hendelman, New York NY	69.14
43	Lloyd Arvedon, Hudson NH; Rosemary Boden, Fort Lauderdale FL	69.13
44	Janet Becker – R. Jay Becker, Delray Beach FL	67.32
45	Thomas Rush, Houston TX; Christine Denny, Encinitas CA	67.15
46	Kenneth Titow - Linda Mitchell, Scottsdale AZ	66.63
47	Sandra Stegman - Gregory Trautman, Olympia WA	66.18
48	Gail Greenberg - Jeff Hand, New York NY	65.75
49	Weishu Wu, Irvine CA; Serena Guo, Dublin CA	64.81
50	Robert Morris, Houston TX; Kay Enfield, Santa Fe NM	64.78
51	Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD; Lyle Poe Jr., Ellicott City MD	62.99
52	Bob Glasson - Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ	62.60
53	Amy Casanova - Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR	61.45
54	Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX; Barbara Kasle, Paradise Valley AZ	60.33
55	Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA	59.22
56	Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; Zachary Wasserman, Farmington Hills MI	58.99
57	Judy Peters - Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX	49.50
58	Guillermo Minutti, Montevideo Uruguay; C. Valerie Gamio, Palos Verdes Peninsula CA	48.48
59	Kristen Swenson, New York NY; Samuel Amer, Hoboken NJ	47.55
60	Dan Parish, Sun City AZ; Susan Sneed, Scottsdale AZ	47.38
61	Kim Eng, Issaquah WA; Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA	47.31
62	Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr., Arlington VA	46.49
63	Cadir Lee, Los Gatos CA; Debbie Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA	46.30
64	Judi Radin, New York NY; Daniel Rubinfeld, Rockville MD	46.08
65	David Caprera - Anne Brenner, Denver CO	45.98
66	Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA	45.65
67	Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH	45.32
68	James Rasmussen, Seattle WA; Kimberly Gilman, Carlisle MA	45.23
69	Gillian Miniter, New York NY; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	43.95
70	Marjorie Michelin - Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	43.73
71	John Miller, San Jose CA; Lynn Shannon, Campbell CA	42.71
72	Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL	42.05
73	Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX	41.28
74	Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL; Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	41.13
75 76	Stephannie Culbertson, New York NY; John Fout, Fairfield CA	41.01
76	Manfred Michlmayr, Orinda CA; Judy Stilson, Everett WA	40.47
77	Victoria Gregory, Pittsburg KS; Russell Samuel, Coram NY	39.52
78 70	Pam LaShelle, Georgetown TX; James La Fountain, Temple TX	37.41
79	Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA	37.18
80	Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON; Sue Lan Ma, Akron OH	36.20
81	Bob Todd, Winnipeg MB; Susan Culham, Edmonton AB	34.71
82	Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA; Wenjia Yan, Cerritos CA	32.68
83	Linda Friedman - Daniel Friedman, Orinda CA	30.39
84	AJ Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR	30.19
85	Jim Liu, Saratoga CA; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA	28.97
86	Diane Graese, Jacksonville FL; Martin Caley, Montreal QC	27.71
87	Marin Marinov, New York NY; K. Fung, Edmonton AB	26.08
88	Ellen Hessel - Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX	24.13
89	Jan Soules - Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA	22.89
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91	Steven Handley - Cynthia Handley, Edmonds WA	21.24
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### **Kovacich**

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involved in bridge governance. He twice was president of the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference and is past president, vice-president and secretary of District 7 and the Georgia State unit. He chaired conditions of contest committees, spearheaded bylaws rewrites and frequently headed disciplinary committees.

It is no surprise that he was on committees on both the Bridge and Governance wings of the ACBL Board. Governance chair Margot Hennings wanted Kovacich as her "right-hand guy, someone I could depend on."

Kovacich was born in Pennsylvania and grew up in Columbus GA. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia and of its law school. He served five years in the U.S. Air Force, as a JAG, and an additional four years in the Reserves.

Surviving are Kovacich's wife of 53 years, Mae; sons Michael Jr., David and Patrick; several grandchildren; brother, John Kovacich; and sister, Rose Kulich. The family requests that memorials be sent to the ACBL Educational Foundation. A celebration of life is planned at this summer's Atlanta Regional.

ACBL President Joann Glasson said, "Mike was a very capable board member, respected and loved by all his colleagues. All of his comments were thoughtful and well-reasoned – not surprising from a lawyer who successfully argued a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. He will be truly missed."

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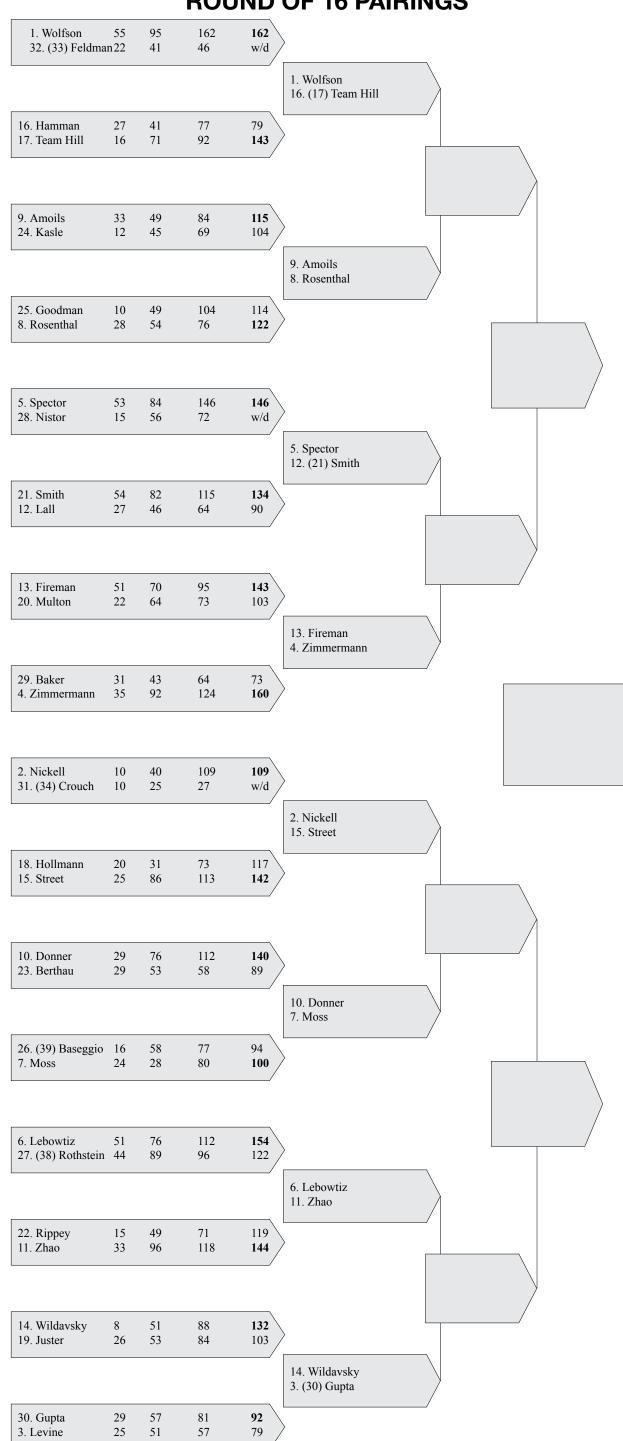
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# VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS, ROUND OF 16 PAIRINGS





8 Tables

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

VS

Team Hill: Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Mikael Rimstedt - Ola Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden

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

VS

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

Pierre Zimmermann, Monaco; Sjoert Brink - Sebastiaan Drijver - Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland; Fernando Piedra, Zurich Switzerland; Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland

VS

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

Warren Spector, Palm Beach FL; Gavin Wolpert -Vincent Demuy - Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Kranyak, Greenville SC; John Hurd, New York NY

VS

Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel

Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack -Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Dennis Bilde, Aarhus Denmark; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA

VS

Chen Zhao, Greenbelt MD; Zia Mahmood - David Gold, London England; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands

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

VS

Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Cecilia Rimstedt, Jacksonville FL; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden

Andrew Rosenthal - Chris Willenken - Jan Jansma, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway

VS

Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Martin Fleisher, New York NY

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13 Tables

Michael Ranis, Aventura FL; Carlos Hoyos, Bogota Colombia; Michael Wolf, Fort Lauderdale FL; Lee Bukstel, Boca Raton FL

VS

Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Sarik Goyal, Worcester MA; Eric Xiao - Guanghao Xiao - Jeff Xiao, Shrewsbury MA

25.00 3/4 Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI; David Binney, Seattle WA; Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA; Theo Lichtenstein, Tallahassee FL
 25.00 3/4 Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA; Alison Shoemaker, Wyndmoor PA; Barbara Devaney,

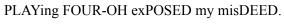
Washington DC; Alexander Stille, Bethesda MD

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# What's a limerick?



The context of the poem tells us not to stress the first syllable. It's hard to say 4–0 without stressing the "oh," but the meter suggests it.

BeLIEVing my PARTner in NEED
Of HELP with his OPening LEAD
I MORE than just TOYED
With BIDding a VOID
Playing FOUR-oh exPOSED my misDEED.

You might even contract the pronunciation of playing to "plang" to get the last line back down to eight syllables.

The third-place entry by Cynthia Colin of New York uses a 10–10–6–5–10 pattern. There's no initial iamb in the long lines, so the accents in those lines are on the third, sixth and ninth syllables, while the fourth line retains the iamb and the classic "second and fifth" accents.

He beLIEVED he was PLAYing PreCISion Though his BIDS often MET with deRISion Going DOWN in slams TWICE His PARTner, preCISE, Said his METHods could USE some reVISion.

The other second-place entry, by Nancy Alvarado of Yucaipa CA makes the opposite variation. It's 9–9–6–6–10, with an iamb in the first line and none in the last three.

There once was a system so vile Nobody could play it with style It had relays galore Multi bids and much more The defense was to lead and just smile.

The second line is a bit of a problem. In the word nobody, the first syllable is stressed. You could say noBOdy to get your accent on the second syllable to match the second/fifth/eighth pattern. But it may offend the ear less to leave the word alone and allow the meter to deviate.

There ONCE was a SYStem so VIle NObody could PLAY it with STYle It had RElays gaLORE Multi BIDS and much MORE The deFENSE was to LEAD and just SMIle.

These examples show the normal variations of pattern and meter, along with the limits of acceptable deviation. You might get away with seven or 11 syllables in a line, but 12 won't work. This isn't because we're trying to be fussy. See for yourself how a limerick falls flat without structure and meter. Some examples of bad limericks were included in the March 2020 Bridge Bulletin.

My partner almost lost her composure When I doubled her and got director's disclosure. She had to pass And then she asked, Now I have to play this? Are you sure? That's 10–13–4–4–9. Worse yet, where are the accents?

My PARTner almost LOST her comPOsure
When I DOUBled her and got diRECtor's
disCLOsure.
She HAD to PASS
And THEN she ASKED,
NOW I have to PLAY this? Are you SURE?

The accents are on syllables 2, 6, 9; 3, 9, 12; 2, 4; 2, 4; 1, 5, 9. Try to find an anapest. (There are two.) You want either 2, 5, 8 or 3, 6, 9. Here's another meter fail:

The bridge player's eyes lock on her hand As her mind reels and makes a slam plan. Thirty-two points she does hold. Should she ever be so bold To bid seven and hope it will stand?

The pattern is 9-9-7-7-9 – not the worst. But placing the accents reveals the problem.

The BRIDGE player's eyes LOCK on her

HAND
As her MIND reels and MAKES a slam PLAN.
Thirty-two POINTS she does HOLD.
Should she EVer be so BOLD
To bid SEVen and HOPE it will STAND?

That's syllables 2, 6, 9; 3, 6, 9; 4, 7; 3, 7; 3, 6, 9. This is close enough that it can be fixed. Try rewriting the third and fourth lines to get them down to six syllables with third and sixth stressed.

Thirty points she does hold Should she be quite so bold

Now the only problem is in the first line, where the stress needs to move from the second to the third syllable in order to match the second and fifth lines. Does poetic license allow you to pronounce "bridge player" as bridge PLAYer? Probably not — it's hard to avoid stressing bridge. So how about:

Playing bridge, her eyes lock on her hand As her mind reels and makes a slam plan. Thirty points she does hold Should she be quite so bold To bid seven and hope it will stand?

Not a contest winner by any means, but not a hate crime against language either. If your limerick doesn't work at first, try recasting it to fit the appropriate meter.

### 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.

As the deadline for the Daily Bulletin's mostly annual limerick contest nears, we are offering some help with understanding the art form for the poetically challenged.

Most people are aware of the basic structure

Most people are aware of the basic structure of a limerick: five lines with a rhyme scheme of AABBA. But there's more to it than that. Where aspiring limerick writers usually go wrong is with the pattern and meter.

The limerick is not as rigid about the number of syllables as a haiku or a sonnet, but there are rules. The first, second and fifth lines typically have eight to 10 syllables. The third and fourth have either five or six syllables. But don't mix and match: If you have eight syllables in the first line, it's eight in the second; if you start with 10, keep going with 10. The fifth line is allowed to deviate by one syllable, but not more. The third and fourth lines must match exactly.

The meter of a limerick is governed by two metrical feet: the anapest and the iamb. An anapest consists of three syllables with the accent on the third one. An iamb is two syllables with the accent on the second. The anapest is the primary meter; there may or may not be an iamb at the start of each line. There may or may not be an unstressed syllable at the end of the first, second and fifth lines.

Let's look at the winners of the 2018 contest to see how this works in practice.

This limerick by Andy Avery of Jamaica VT, which tied for second place, exhibits perfect meter:

There once was a man from Nantucket
Whose defense had just kicked the bucket
The game-setting trick
Was mine for the pick
Oh why in the world did I duck it?

The syllable count is 9–9–5–9. There is an iamb at the start of each line, so the first stress comes on the second syllable. After that it's anapests, so the other stressed syllables are fifth and eighth.

There ONCE was a MAN from NanTUCKet Whose DEfense had JUST kicked the BUCKet The GAME-setting TRICK Was MINE for the PICK Oh WHY in the WORLD did I DUCK it?

The winner, by Brenda Fortunate of Grand Blanc MI, used an 8–8–5–5–9 pattern:

Believing my partner in need
Of help with his opening lead
I more than just toyed
With bidding a void
Playing 4–0 exposed my misdeed.

This is mostly the same structure without the unaccented final syllable. The fifth line deviates, but there's some license. If you were reading it outside the context of a poem, you would probably accent the first, third, fourth, sixth and ninth syllables:

### **Compton**

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Director Taylor Compton and photographer Cal Etcheverry film action in the Vanderbilt KO.

scene is something I'm very familiar with. But there are many people outside of the bridge world that don't know anything about our game, so we think that the novelty of a bridge documentary will appeal to producers looking for fresh content."

Compton and Etcheverry will use the content they acquire in Reno to produce a four-minute "sizzle reel" that will be sent to prospective production companies. Their goal is to attract funding for the project that can be used to produce a full-length documentary film.

Compton and Etcheverry will be in Reno through Wednesday. For more information on the proposed film, email Compton at taylorcompton33@gmail.com.

# Player Memos

# Many ways to file:



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2.93	3	3		Barbara Lemke – Arleen Gimbel, San Diego CA	56.25%
1.65	4	4		Marianne Claysmith, Savannah GA; James Calhoun, Arvada CO	55.36%
1.08	5/6	_		John Heck, Calgary AB; Ted Heck, Victoria BC	54.76%
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1.51	4	3	3	Joseph Piantanida, Stillwater OK; Ellen Cook, Tulsa OK	55.95%
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3.90	4	1		Lynda Hirst – Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA	56.07%
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2.19		3		Ann Grill, Vancouver WA; Jerry Thorpe, Tacoma WA	53.32%
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1.25	4	3		Peter Dickson, Yarmouth ME; Jeffrey Imber, Bolton ON	58.33%
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6.71	4	Willia San Jo		ood – Jill Wood, Meridian ID; Rick Jasper – John Wachsman,	80.00
		San JU	SC CF		00.00



		TUESDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3	
9 Tab	les		
12.95	1	Kathy Twomey, Bloomfield Village MI; Suzanne McIlhiny, Dearborn MI;	
		Karen Grossman – Howard Sloan, Boca Raton FL	109.00
9.71	2	Deborah Steffen – James Edmondson – Judy Edmondson, Santa Barbara CA;	
		Laura Gastelum, Lomita CA	101.00
7.28	3	Matthew Campbell - Gerald Larson, Lincoln NE; Carol Cottam -	
		David Cottam, Concord CA	95.00
5.46	4	Bonnie Macbride – Patricia Anderson, Kensington CA; Bradley Komsthoeft,	
		Clayton CA; Ray Barber, Lafayette CA	92.00
		TUESDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4	
9 Tab	les		
11.45	1	Charlie Chen – Andrew Chen – Sarah Chen – Steve Chen, Austin TX	117.00
8.59	2	Dennis Viner - Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI; Gary Haynie, Kailua HI; Michelle Nordyke,	
		Honolulu HI	96.00
6.44	3	Lore Monnig – Celia Verrier – Carole Pasquarelli – Susan Davison, New York NY	91.00
4.83	4	Jefri Donovan, Reno NV; Theresa Choma, Hailey ID; Sandra Flattery,	
		Ketchum ID; Denise Pitsch, Mountain View CA	90.00
		TUESDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5	
9 Tab	les		
8.59	1	Ron Haines – Julie Cardinalli – Stella Marino Russell, Reno NV;	
		Nell Parnell, Boulder CO	93.00
5.64	2/3	Maria Hakki, Marco Island FL; Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR; Janice Smith,	
		Ruidoso NM; Joan Spence, Hillsboro OR	91.00
5.64	2/3	Penny Bourne – Dianne Crunk – Susan Stavlo, Mammoth Lakes CA;	
		Betsy Thumann, Reno NV	91.00
3.62	4	Mark Burton – Jennifer Burton, Aurora CO; Mary Ann Rose, Westminster CO;	
		Judith Repp, Evergreen CO	87.00

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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			
			ELDORA	DO						
<b>Brew Brothers</b>	11 AM to	11 AM to	11 AM to	11 AM to	11 AM to	11 AM to	11 AM to			
775-785-9047	10:00 PM	10:00 PM	10:00 PM	10:00 PM	12:00 AM	12:00 AM	10:00 PM			
Eldorado Coffee Company	6 AM to 2 PM	6 AM to 2 PM	6 AM to 2 PM	6 AM to 2 PM	6 AM to 10 PM	6 AM to 10 PM	6 AM to 9 pm			
Ext. 4153	3:30 PM- 9 PM	3:30 PM- 9 PM	3:30 PM- 9 PM	3:30 PM- 9 PM						
Hidden Pizza Ext. 7492			TEM	PORARILY CL	OSED					
<b>Ichiban</b> 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			
<b>La Strada</b> 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			
<b>Millies</b> 775-348-3155	7 AM to 2 PM	CLO	SED	7 AM to 2 PM	7 AM to 2 PM	7 AM to 2 PM	7 AM to 2 PM			
<b>Roxy</b> 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 LE	GACY						
<b>Café Central</b> 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 CI	IRCUS						
Habit Burger	CLO	SED	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			
<b>Piezzetta</b> 775-328-9564	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM			
Port of Subs	to 12 AM 10 AM-10 PM	to 12 AM 9 AM-10 PM	to 12 AM 9 AM-10 PM	to 12 AM 9 AM-12 AM	9 AM-12 AM	9 AM-12 AM	to 12 AM 9 AM-10 PM			
El Jefe's	5 PM - 10 PM	CLO	SED	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	CLO	SED	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	CLO	SED	7 AM - 2 PM	7 AM - 2 PM			

# **Good slam**

Jan Jansma shared the following deal from the second final round of the Kay Platinum Pairs. Jansma was playing with Chris Willenken.

Dlr: West	♠ A 10 6 4
Vul: None	<b>♥</b> 10 3
Bd: 24	<b>♦</b> J 4
	<b>♣</b> Q J 10 9 7
<b>★</b> J 5 2	<b>★</b> K Q 8 7 3
<b>♥</b> A Q 8 6	<b>♥</b> 7 5 4
<b>♦</b> 9763	<b>♦</b> 5
<b>♣</b> 6 2	<b>♣</b> 8 5 4 3
	<b>♠</b> 9
	<b>♥</b> K J 9 2
	♦ A K Q 10 8 2
	♣ A K

West	North	East	South
	Willenke	n	Jansma
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	$2NT^{(1)}$	Pass	<b>3♣</b> <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	<b>4</b> ♠ <sup>(3)</sup>	Dbl	5NT <sup>(4)</sup>
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

- (1) Lebensohl-ish
- (2) Natural-ish
- (3) Cuebid
- (4) Pick a slam

Willenken successfully guessed Jansma's hand during the auction; he thought South was very likely 1=4=6=2 with excellent clubs (ergo, the doubleton A–K) after Jansma jumped to 5NT instead of 6.

Jansma was worried he had made a mistake when West doubled the slam, but he decided to stick it out rather than run to 6.

After West led a spade and dummy appeared, Jansma was so relieved to see the precious •J in dummy that he forgot to make the overtrick by ruffing a spade in hand at trick two.

"We scored 100% on the board anyway, so Chris forgave me," said Jansma. Most pairs played 3NT on the board, making six. One other pair was in slam, but they were not doubled.





# Please be scent-sitive!

Some people have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes or perfumes). Many ACBL clubs, units and districts have adopted policies that prohibit players from wearing fragrances. The ACBL has not issued an official policy on the matter, preferring instead to appeal to the goodwill of its members to refrain from using fragrances.

Because duplicate bridge requires players to be in close proximity to each other, individuals who suffer from fragrance-related reactions cannot avoid those who are wearing them. Among the commonly reported symptoms are intense headaches (indeed, fragrances can frequently be a trigger for migraine sufferers) or breathing-related problems. For these individuals, the issue is much more serious than simply disliking a particular smell — it's a real health problem.

Please, if you're going to play in a club or a tournament, don't wear cologne, perfume or scented lotions.

			7	TUESDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 6						
9 Tabl	les									
7.06	1			rkitt – Terry Clougherty – Susanne Hollis, Pasadena CA; ilcox, San Marino CA	95.00					
5.30	2	John Chism – Barbara Chism, Reno NV; Chris Stewart, Medicine Hat AB; Gerald Hitt, Meredith NH 87.00								
3.48	3/4		Susan Garner, Lynchburg VA; William Rusby, Camano Island WA;							
3.48	3/4			nnan, Dallas TX; Mary Kay Leveroni, San Francisco CA	85.00					
3.40	3/4			elly – Frederick Kelly, Reno NV; Mary Westin, Lodi CA; l, Stockton CA	85.00					
	TUESDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS									
31.5 Ta	ıbles									
	Α	В	C							
11.03	1			John McClure – Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA	60.93%					
8.27	2			Robert Flor – Marcia Lapp, Sun City Center FL	59.45%					
7.36	3	1		Donald Nelson, El Dorado Hills CA; John Bowman, Placerville CA	57.11%					
4.65	4			John Huffman – Jason Carter, Arlington VA	56.77%					
3.68	5			Roy Tsai, San Jose CA; Joann Goodspeed, New York NY	56.24%					
3.15	6			Ken Pelowski – Lori Mirek, Atherton CA	56.09%					
5.52	7	2		Peter Dollinger – Diane Dollinger, Los Altos CA	55.28%					
2.45	8	2		Laura Brice, Phippsburg CO; Elizabeth Ludlow, Steamboat Springs CO	55.19%					
		2	1							
5.48	9	3	1	Brigitte Sandquist, San Francisco CA; Kirsten Beda, Wilson WY	55.08%					
4.11	10	4	2	David Welch – Kathryn Welch, Truckee CA	54.66%					
2.45	11	5		W. Lyle Markowski – Janet Markowski, Saskatoon SK	54.55%					
1.70	12			Linda Gaston, Pflugerville TX; Terrie Kolvoord, Austin TX	54.54%					
3.08	13	6	3	Michelle Tai – Hilary Charlton, Atherton CA	54.47%					
2.07	14			John Walker – Angie Millslagle, Santa Cruz CA	54.35%					
1.38	15			Debra Scroggy – Joel Scroggy, Rogersville TN	54.35%					
2.31	16	7	4	Cynthia Birk, Reno NV; Barbara Mickle, Carson City NV	54.33%					
2.31		8	5	Kenneth Hui – Siuling Ku, San Mateo CA	53.63%					
1.47		9	-	Steven Schroeder – Mary Schroeder, Lincoln NE	52.77%					
2.11		10	6	Susan Bennett, East Hartford CT; Justin Young, Hartford CT	52.44%					
1.37		11	7	Anne Graves, La Jolla CA; Lifun Cohen, Solana Beach CA	52.42%					
		CI	HUCK	K MATHEWSON MEMORIAL UESDAY EVENING SIDE GAME						
16.0 Ta	ıbles									
	Α	В	C							
5.63	1	1		Marian Subic, Ogden UT; Becky Shreeve, Riverdale UT	67.46%					
4.22	2	2		Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland; Christopher Donnelly, Washington DC	63.20%					
3.17	3			Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; E.R. 'Bud' McKinney, Cary NC	62.56%					
2.38	4			Carol Huston, Chico CA; Paddy Fiorino, Missouri City TX	60.18%					
1.78	5			Josh Sinnett, Bellingham WA; Thomas Devine, Ferndale WA	59.27%					
2.56	6	3		Gerry Piaget – Joan Piaget, Portola Valley CA	58.83%					
1.06	7	5		John Dickenson, North Wales PA; Susan Morse, Flourtown PA	57.72%					
	1	1								
2.14		4	1	Robert Baltz, Santa Clara CA; Walter Driscoll III, Cambridge MA	56.56%					
2.63		5	1	Peter Bush – David Kovacs, Chicago IL	54.04%					
1.50		6	_	Helen Spalding, San Francisco CA; Christiane Turner, Ketchum ID	53.33%					
1.97			2	Donna North, Goodyear AZ; Trevor Coolidge, Oceanside CA	49.69%					
1.48			3	Wendy Fotland - David Fotland, San Jose CA	49.02%					

### For the Record

### By Robb Gordon, ACBL National Recorder

### Video Security

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The ACBL employs video security at the NABCs. Currently, this involves several small attable 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!

Robert James – Dennis Hanel, Boise ID

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.

48.88%

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.





### **New Life Master**

Anne Goodman of Fairview TX needed 18.71 gold points to become a Life Master. She picked up 11.87 points in the Friday Bracketed Teams and then another 10.43 in the Monday Bracketed Teams.



### **New Diamond Life Master**

Donald Brooker of Fairway KS became a Diamond Life Master (5000 masterpoints) playing in the North American Pairs, Flight A, which ended Thursday.

Representing District 15, Brooker played with Donald Stack of Kansas City KS.



# **Monitoring**

ACBL monitors events at North American Bridge Championships with both visible and concealed real-time cameras in public spaces. The images are recorded and available for immediate or later inspection and review by ACBL management and tournament officials, among others, including members of the Anti-Cheating Commission. These recordings are also uploaded to the internet following the NABC.

By general monitoring of the session and participants' behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues or disputes arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table. This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

### Vandy

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upset by the No. 21 seed captained by Ron Smith, 134–90. Lall's roster was Reese Milner, Roy Welland, Sabine Auken, Wojciech Gawel and Rafal Jagniewski. Smith's teammates are Venkatrao Koneru, John Schermer and Asaf Yekutieli.

Also getting the boot was Bob Hamman's squad (No.16); they fell to Team Hill (No.17) led by Kevin Dwyer, 143–79. Hamman played with Peter Weichsel, Bart Bramley, Kit Woolsey, Nabil Edgtton and Andy Hung. Dwyer is playing with Shan Huang and brothers Mikael Rimstedt and Ola Rimstedt.

### 10K

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Goyal of Worcester MA and Eric Xiao, Guanghao Xiao and Jeff Xiao, all from Shrewsbury MA.

Both squads had easy routes to today's final when their opponents withdrew after three rounds in the semifinal.

### Mixed leaders

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Third place belongs to Anam Tebha of Charlotte NC and Steve Zolotow of Las Vegas with 173.47.

One hundred twenty pairs qualified for today's two-session final.

### **2500 Swiss**

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In third place with a 16.89 VP carryover are Ed Gould, Cornelia Gould, Jacqueline Zayac and Kathy Fernbacher.

Sixteen teams qualified for today's two-session final.



# **Tomorrow's Bridge Events**

	Thu	rsday, March 17		
Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
		10 am		
Thursday Morning Side Pairs Wed-Thu Daylight Series	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$15	\$19
All-Western 99er NiteClub 99er Pairs	single	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$15	\$19
	1	0 am & 3 pm		
Open Pairs (unlim./3000/1500)	1-2	Expo Hall A, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
Gold Rush Pairs (750/400/200)	1-2	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
Neal Webb Memorial Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Silver Baron A, mezzanine, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
	r	100n & 7 pm		
VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 QF	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	_
		1 & 7:30 pm		
SILODOR OPEN PAIRS 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions	1-2 Q	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	_
SMITH WOMEN'S LIFE MASTER PAIRS 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions	1-2 Q	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	_
0-2500 PAIRS 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions	1-2 Q	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$22*	_
		3 pm		
Rosenberg Family Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs Wed-Thu Daylight Series	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
Martha Butler 299er Pairs	single	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$15	\$19
		7:30 pm		
Thursday Evening Side Pairs  Thu-Sat Evening Series	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**

### **Today's Bridge Events**

Wednesday, March 16								
Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other				
	10 ar	n						
Wednesday Morning Side Pairs	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24				
Wed-Thu Daylight Series			*					
299er Pairs	single	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$15	\$19				
	10 am &	3 pm						
Open Pairs (unlim./3000/1500)	1-2	Expo Hall A, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24				
Gold Rush Pairs (750/400/200)	1-2	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24				
Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4000)	1-2	Silver Baron A, mezzanine, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24				
0-3000 Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-3000)	1-2	Expo Hall A, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24				
	noon & '	7 pm						
VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd. of 16	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	_				
0-10,000 KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30	_				
	1 & 4	nm						
Fast Open Pairs	1-2	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$20	\$24				
	1 & 7:30	) pm						
ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS	1-2 F	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	_				
0-2500 SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$22*	_				
Open Pairs	1-2	Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$20	\$24				
	3 pm	1						
Rosenberg Family Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs Wed-Thu Daylight Series	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24				
299er Pairs	single	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$15	\$19				
All-Western 99er NiteClub 99er Pairs	single	Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$15 \$15	\$19				
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	7:30 p		Φ20	Φ2.4				
Chuck Mathewson Memorial Wednesday Evening Side Pairs  Mon-Wed Evening Series	single	Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24				
Wednesday Evening Zip Swiss Teams	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.

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### **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.

# Rosenberg Family Side Pairs By Michael Xu

The Rosenberg Family Pairs event is named in honor of the three most influential figures in my bridge life: Debbie, Kevin and Michael Rosenberg.

Debbie Rosenberg, the founding president of Silicon Valley Youth Bridge (SiVY), one of the most successful



U.S. youth bridge organizations, first taught me the game. SiVY was instrumental in my early stages of bridge. The organization connected me with adult mentors at local games, hosted free fun junior events, encouraged me to play in the YNABC and more. Without Debbie, I wouldn't have found bridge, a huge source of happiness in my life.

I first met Kevin Rosenberg at a SiVY event. On that day, I remember passing his takeout double of 1♠. Clearly worried, Kevin nevertheless trusted me and led a diamond. His faith was soon justified when I held ♠A K 9 x x and we handed them a telephone number. Kevin and I have become close, our friendship extending beyond the table to birthday parties, dining out and the gym. Besides being a reliable friend, Kevin is an amazing mentor, always willing to postmortem and discuss ways I can improve. Without Kevin, I would have one less precious friend.

My most influential bridge figure, mentor and hero is undoubtedly Michael Rosenberg. I'm known for being extraordinarily curious, and only Michael, former head of the USBF Junior Training Program, is superhuman enough to endure my flood of questions. Over the span of four years, I've sent him more than a thousand emails, each jam packed with multiple questions, often with follow-ups, resulting in some threads a dozen or more emails long. The rare in-person postmortems with Michael

# **Today's Sponsors**

are some of my most cherished memories, well worth skipping Chinese school. Of course, he was there for the celebratory midnight after winning the U.S. Junior Trials. I savored our discussions. His blue eyes twinkled and shone brilliantly with pure, infectious delight as we explored the intricate beauties of each hand. In reference to Harry Potter, these memories I wish to siphon and store into a pensieve to re-experience vicariously.

Responsible for 95% of my bridge knowledge, Michael has invested so much in my growth. My dream is to win the Bermuda Bowl and present to him my gold medal. Without Michael, I don't even know where I'd be. He's been so essential that I cannot imagine my bridge life without him. Without these three individuals, I, along with many other juniors, would not be where I am today. I owe so, so much to the Rosenberg family. From the bottom of my heart, thank you Rosenbergs.

### All-Western 99er NiteClub 99er Pairs

The All-Western 99er NiteClub is a collaborative inter-district program sponsored by five districts out West – D21 (Northern California), D22 (Southern California), D23 (Los Angeles), D17 (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Southern Nevada, Eastern Utah, West Texas and Wyoming), and D19 (British Columbia, Alaska and Washington). Any club in these five districts may opt int their 99ers for one or more of the four days the games are being offered. The program also includes video-taped daily mini-lessons as well as interactive postmortems. It's a win-win situation for all concerned: the 99ers get a dedicated, fun and safe place to play; the enrolled clubs get rewarded with the proceeds from our games and the districts get to facilitate beginner players' introduction into the competitive bridge arena, with an educational

Our virtual club has been in operation since October 2020. During the height of the pandemic when online bridge was at its peak, we hosted an average of 40–50 tables per evening. These days,

with the gradual return to face-to-face play, we continue to see a steady average of 20 tables. The Reno NABC being in one of our member districts prompted us to introduce a couple of 99er games to the NABC I/N Program. These games are open to all 99ers, particularly encouraging participation from our All-Western 99er NiteClub players.

