

Daily Bulletin

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Sakr-Pszczola win Rockwell Mixed Pairs



May Sakr of Weston FL and Jacek Pszczola of Chapel Hill NC won the Rockwell Mixed Pairs with a combined score of 1933.44. Jenni Carmichael of Marysville WA and Greg Humphreys of Charlottesville VA finished second with a combined score of 1933.21.

It's the first NABC+ win for Sakr; Pszczola has won seven national events. The pair was third in the Lebar IMP Pairs earlier this week.

The pair, who qualified in eighth place going into today's final sessions, scored consistently

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Winners of the Rockwell Mixed Pairs, May Sakr and Jacek Pszczola

Top seed Wolfson falls in Vanderbilt

The team sponsored by Joyce Hill – the original No. 17 seed featuring Kevin Dwyer, Shan Huang, Mikael Rimstedt and Ola Rimstedt – deposed the top-seeded squad led by Jeff Wolfson 136–79 in yesterday's Vanderbilt action. Wolfson was playing with Steve Garner, Michael Becker, Michael Kamil, Louk Verhees and Cornelis Van Prooijen. This is the second "upset" by the lower-ranked Hill team: In the round of 32, they sent home the No. 16 seed led by Bob Hamman.

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New 0–2500 Pairs starts

The inaugural 0–2500 Pairs begins today. This four-session event is limited to players with less than 2500 masterpoints. Approximately half of the pairs entering will qualify for tomorrow's final.

Vaccination required

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

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

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

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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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Goodwill Message

You're on lead; be nice. Others will follow suit.

Roger Smith, Chair
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

**ATTENDANCE
through Wednesday
3868 tables**

Rockoff claims 0–10,000 KO Teams

The team captained by Kyle Rockoff won the 0–10,000 Knockout Teams. Rockoff, of Gilbert AZ, played with Sarik Goyal of Worcester MA and teammates Victor Xiao and his two sons, Eric Xiao and Jeff Xiao, who are 13 and 10 years old, respectively. They are all from Shrewsbury MA.

We believe Jeff is the youngest person to win a limited NABC event, edging out Andrew Jeng, who won the Young 0–1500 Pairs in 2011 at the age of 14.

"I thought we had some bad

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Winners of the 10K KO (from left): Victor Xiao, Jeff Xiao, Eric Xiao, Kyle Rockoff and Sarik Goyal

Hu first in 0–2500 Swiss



Winners of the 0–2500 Swiss Teams: Ping Hu, Henry Shi, Yanping Zhang and Henry Zhang

The team captained by Ping Hu won the first 0–2500 Swiss Teams on Wednesday. Hu played with Henry Shi, both of Naperville IL, and Yanping Zhang and Henry Zhang of Ann Arbor MI.

They had a rough start in Tuesday's qualifying sessions after the Zhangs had travel woes, getting stuck in Phoenix and only arriving in Reno on the morning of the event. They qualified 13th out of 16 teams, 27 victory points behind the leaders.

Then, in the first final session, they lost two of their first three matches, dropping a spot to 14th. They began their comeback in the fourth

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Limerick contest

The fifth Daily Bulletin Limerick Contest drew 74 entries from 36 authors.

One of the earliest submissions came from David Caprera of Denver CO, famed author of "Sleeping On the Couch," whose initial attempt was rejected as spam, because he sent it to the wrong email address. His complaint on Bridge Winners about the rejection inspired some discussion in the form of limericks. While Caprera's own entries were mediocre, one inspired by the hoopla was our clear winner.

From Shawn Young of Halifax NS:

*At limericks Caprera's no slouch
Or so he hopes someone would vouch
But they called it spam
Said it's not worth a damn
His sh*t poem can sleep on the couch.*



There was a tie for second place between Phil Graham of Tulsa OK and Eric Kehr of the UK. Graham deluged us with 21 entries, which we combed through to find this gem:

*While playing the next-to-last board
I thought, " 'Twould be great if we scored
Outright tops on these two."
Overbid, our score flew,
Two more zeroes became our reward.*

And from Kehr, who entered via Bridge Winners:

*The folks at ACBL
Thought a limerick contest was swell.
But the tone of each entry
Was not complimentary
So they said, "You can all go to hell."*

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SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

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

TBA **Saturday, March 19**
Peter Pender Memorial Vugraph. (Room TBA)

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.

Thursday, March 17
9:15 a.m. Marjorie Michelin *Jacoby and Texas Transfers*
Friday, March 27
9:15 a.m. Adam Parrish *When to Draw Trumps*

HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT

Late-night snacks are offered at the Reno Ballroom.

Thursday, March 17
Brownies and cookies

Friday, March 18
Chicken tenders with barbecue aioli

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. See page 9 for more information.

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

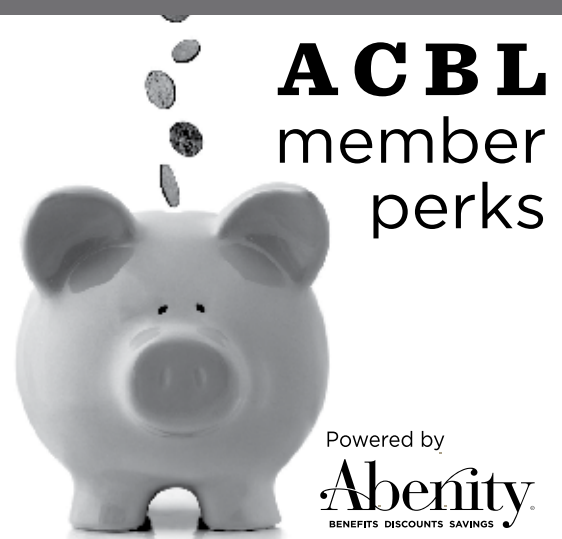
Buying early is especially recommended for NABC+ pairs events. In an effort to speed up the start of these events, please buy entries at least 15 minutes before game time – especially if you expect to be a seeded pair.

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.



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Smoking Policy

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

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



ABTA 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.



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By Eddie Kantar

North (Dummy)
 Dir: South ♠ K
 Vul: Both ♥ Q J 10 5
 IMPs ♦ 7 6 4 3
 ♣ Q J 10 5

South (You)
 ♠ A Q J 10 9 7
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ A 5 2
 ♣ A 4

Aces galore: You open 1♠ and leap to 4♠ after partner responds 1NT.

West leads the ♦Q, East signals encouragement with the 9. Plan the play.

A declarer who does not count sure tricks before embarking on the play is a scary partner. This hand is a good example. You have nine top tricks with finesse possibilities in two suits, clubs and hearts. However, to take a finesse in either suit, you must cross to the ♠K, using your only dummy entry. If the finesse loses, the opponents can cash their diamond tricks (it appears diamonds are 3-3 as East would have unblocked the ♦K with K-x) and exit safely with a spade or in your finesse suit, as you remain with the blank ace. Don't look now, but you will be stuck in your hand with a loser in your other finesse suit: down one.

Because you need but one more trick to make your contract, make life easy for yourself. Win the ♦A and play the ♣A and a club or the ♥A and a

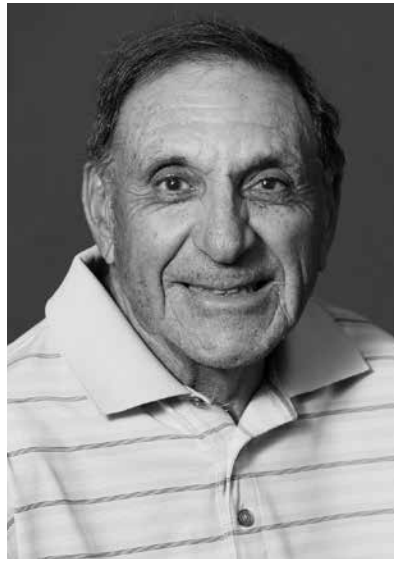
heart. Yes, you are conceding a trick to the king of that suit, but at the same time, you are setting up your 10th trick for a discard in your non-finesse suit while that friendly ♠K is still over there. For this line to work, you need the suit you are setting up to be divided 4-3 (62%), better than a 50% finesse. Count your tricks!

The full deal:

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

Notice that if you cross to dummy to take a club or a heart finesse, East's count signal will tell West that you remain with the blank ace.

By the way, you didn't think either of these



finesses was actually going to work, did you?

Tip: Before using the only entry to partner's hand to take a finesse, a finesse that will leave the suit blocked if it loses, consider attacking the suit without taking the finesse and using that "only" entry to take a liberated trick in a suit you were considerate enough not to block.



Sandi Haslem and Ron Haslem of Reno took up bridge when they retired a few years ago. "My sister was active in bridge," Sandi said. "She talked me into learning. It's a fun hobby." They like the Reno Bridge Club because of its large member base with "a lot of newcomers." They have 12 grandchildren. They were playing Wednesday afternoon in the 99er game, which they won.

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.



99er board review

The All-Western 99er NiteClub, a collaborative inter-district program sponsored by five western districts, hosted a live game and postmortem review of the boards after the session, which drew six and a half tables. Several players attended to go over the deals.

The virtual club is open to all players with under 100 masterpoints who reside in one of the five districts (21, 22, 23, 17 and 19). There are several instructional features, including board review after the online game.

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.

Vaccination

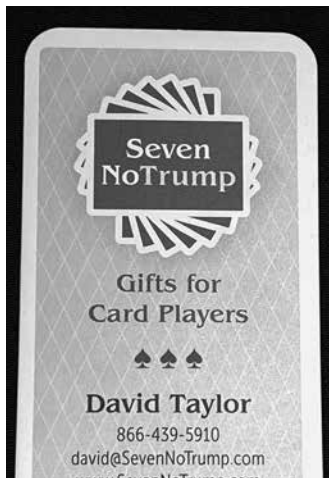
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To keep the length of lines down at each vaccination verification station, please pre-clear your vaccination status via Vow before getting in line. Show your blue pass and ID, and you will get a wristband to wear for the entire stay.

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.



Vandy

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Most of the other results in the Round of 16 were extremely close.

The No. 2 seed led by Nick Nickell survived a scare from Paul Street and company (No. 15). Nickell rallied from a a 22-IMP deficit in the third quarter to advance 129-118.

No. 3 Gupta held on to win against No. 14 Adam Wildavsky, 90-87. Similarly, Pierre Zimmermann's squad (No. 4) outlasted Phyllis Fireman's team, 122-119.

No. 5 Warren Spector beat No. 12 Ron Smith, 131-121. No. 7 Sylvia Moss defeated No. 10 Gary Donner 107-100. And No. 8 Andrew Rosenthal won against No. 9 Leslie Amoils 101-98.



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ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS

60.0 Tables / Based on 120 Tables

100.00	1	Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; May Sakr, Weston FL	1933.44
75.00	2	Jenni Carmichael, Marysville WA; Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA	1933.21
56.25	3	Kenneth Titow - Linda Mitchell, Scottsdale AZ	1926.57
44.44	4	Gerrienne Mason, Crossville TN; Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands	1892.56
40.00	5	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Laura Brill, Delray Beach FL	1857.83
36.36	6	William Pollack - Rozanne Pollack, New York NY	1851.06
33.33	7	Irina Kislitsyna, Bradenton FL; Erez Hendelman, New York NY	1850.81
30.77	8	Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Amber Lin, San Francisco CA	1841.12
28.57	9	David Marker, Chicago IL; Giorgia Botta, Brooklyn NY	1839.23
26.67	10	Anam Tebha, Charlotte NC; Steve Zolotow, Las Vegas NV	1836.90
25.00	11	Nancy Molesworth - Ron Gerard, White Plains NY	1828.33
23.53	12	Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH; Linda Perlman, Milan MI	1776.40
22.22	13	Janet Becker - R. Jay Becker, Delray Beach FL	1776.13
21.05	14	David Caprera - Anne Brenner, Denver CO	1771.04
20.00	15	Gabriele Zanasi, Palermo Italy; Bella Ionis-Sorren, Fort Lauderdale FL	1758.62
19.05	16	Amy Casanova - Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR	1758.24
18.18	17	Howard Epley - Karen Epley, Kent WA	1757.95
17.39	18	Dori Cohen - Rob Gordon, Woodbury NY	1752.35
16.67	19	Jui Wang, Morrisville NC; Chih-Cheng Yeh, Chicago IL	1752.28
16.00	20	Marie Smerjac, Castle Rock CO; Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA	1736.83
15.38	21	Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD; Lyle Poe Jr., Ellicott City MD	1732.78
14.81	22	Shailesh Gupta, Aliso Viejo CA; Weiling Zhao, Brookfield CT	1730.10
14.29	23	Georgiana Gates, Houston TX; Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	1723.31
13.79	24	Dale Johannesen - Lynn Johannesen, Saratoga CA	1714.29
13.33	25	Cadir Lee, Los Gatos CA; Debbie Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA	1707.59
12.90	26	Linda Friedman - Daniel Friedman, Orinda CA	1700.56
12.50	27	Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA; Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA	1694.73
12.12	28	Diane Graese, Jacksonville FL; Martin Caley, Montreal QC	1693.54
11.76	29	Manfred Michlmayr, Orinda CA; Judy Stilson, Everett WA	1686.26
11.43	30	Weishu Wu, Irvine CA; Serena Guo, Dublin CA	1682.59
11.11	31	Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; Sigrid Price, Napa CA	1678.11
10.81	32	Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL	1676.99
10.53	33	Bob Todd, Winnipeg MB; Susan Culham, Edmonton AB	1665.00
10.26	34	Bruce Ruskin, Modesto CA; Jean Barry, Livermore CA	1660.71
10.00	35	Tanaaz Timblo - Jayendu Patel, Vista CA	1656.66
9.76	36	Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA	1655.62
9.52	37	Gillian Minter, New York NY; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	1654.24
9.30	38	Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA	1649.63
9.09	39	Gary Macgregor - Heather MacGregor, Portola Valley CA	1648.10
8.89	40	Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX	1647.23
8.70	41	Susan Kissinger - John Kissinger, San Clemente CA	1641.20
8.51	42	Pam LaShelle, Georgetown TX; James La Fountain, Temple TX	1640.85
8.33	43	Thomas Rush, Houston TX; Christine Denny, Encinitas CA	1640.70
8.16	44	Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	1637.46
8.00	45	Kristen Swenson, New York NY; Samuel Amer, Hoboken NJ	1628.57
7.84	46	Stephannie Culbertson, New York NY; John Fout, Fairfield CA	1625.91
7.69	47	Judy Pede, Grass Valley CA; Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA	1624.15
8.23	48	Marjorie Michelin - Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	1623.68
7.41	49	Kim Eng, Issaquah WA; Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA	1618.25
7.27	50	Ellen Hessel - Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX	1617.58
7.14	51	Gail Greenberg - Jeff Hand, New York NY	1614.27
7.02	52	Michael Christensen - Becky Stevens, Seattle WA	1610.45
6.90	53	Bob Glasson - Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ	1608.88
6.78	54	Paul Meerschaert, Long Lake MN; Carole Miner, Rochester MN	1606.17
6.67	55	John Gram - Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID	1605.52
6.56	56	Monique Smith, Arlington VA; Merril Hirsh, Washington DC	1604.95
6.45	57	Natalie Bassil, Boston MA; Bill Irvine, Delray Beach FL	1603.80
8.16	58	Claude Vogel, Chicago IL; Carol Frank, Burbank CA	1602.20
9.19	59	Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	1602.18
6.15	60	Patricia Griffin - James Griffin, Greenville SC	1600.60

0-2500 SWISS TEAMS

16 Tables			
51.70	1	Ping Hu - Henry Shi, Naperville IL; Yanping Zhang - Henry Zhang, Ann Arbor MI	113.67
38.78	2	Bruce Peterson, Aloha OR; Kevin Marnell, Portland OR; Danning Lu, Goleta CA; Andrew Mitchell, Oak Harbor WA	110.11
29.08	3	Jay Silberberg, Denver CO; Michael Shedd, Brighton CO; Thomas McGuire Jr., Oakland CA; Larry Wyner, Tucson AZ	107.93
22.98	4	Steven Siegel, Mendham NJ; Jeffrey Halle, Middletown NJ; Michael Berard, Glenn Dale MD; Peter Van Zijl, Hanover MD	102.48
20.68	5	Kris Wong - Gail Gabiati, San Francisco CA; Jack Uppal, Lincoln CA; Joe Blackford, Twin Falls ID	101.77
18.80	6	John Shribbs - Patricia Shribbs - Roy Redlich, Petaluma CA; Hans Van Boldrik, Santa Rosa CA	99.12
17.23	7	Scott Chupack - JC Chupack - Ann Romeo - Sue Anderson, Seattle WA	98.44

WEDNESDAY OPEN PAIRS

53.0 Tables / Based on 93 Tables

	A	B	C		
40.99	1			Marc Lachapelle, St.-Laurent QC; Xavier Combey, Dol-Des-Ormeaux QC	59.73%
30.74	2			Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; Deana Liddy, Omaha NE	59.55%
23.06	3			Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA	59.46%
17.29	4			Judi Callahan, Fair Oaks CA; Allan Deserpa, Tempe AZ	59.07%
13.66	5			Weidong Pei, Brea CA; Fran White, Vista CA	58.35%
11.71	6			Lew Walter, New York NY; Milton Kalikman, Azusa CA	58.02%
10.25	7			Mark Ginsburg – David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL	57.97%
9.11	8			Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy	57.86%
8.20	9			Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL	57.78%
7.45	10			Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA	57.64%
6.83	11			Robert Levey, Bethesda MD; Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL	56.47%
6.31	12			H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY; Frances Schneider, Riverside CT	56.34%
15.66	13	1		Daniel Kroll, Berkeley CA; Shazia Makhdumi, San Francisco CA	56.31%
11.75	14	2	1	Jeremie Stockli – Francois Stoeckli, Fribourg Switzerland	55.93%
5.12	15			Mel Colchamiro, Merrick NY; Charles Sharf, North Baldwin NY	55.81%
4.82	16			Cliff Campbell, Thunder Bay ON; Richard Chan, Markham ON	55.61%
4.55	17			Scott Levine, New York NY; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL	55.22%
4.31	18			Jean Boettcher – Steven Gaynor, Shoreview MN	54.94%
4.41	19			Donald Cline, Ventura CA; Jack Waller, Dana Point CA	54.92%
3.90	20			Peter Jargowsky, Boca Raton FL; Maris Zilant, Palo Alto CA	54.86%
4.48	21			Caryn Villalon, Bonsall CA; Fred Hamilton, Las Vegas NV	54.59%
3.56	22			Clay Hall, Vestavia AL; Barbara Heller, Knoxville TN	54.48%
8.81	23	3	2	Ryan Daniels, Vernon Hills IL; Mark Maxwell, Bastrop TX	54.47%
6.61	24	4		Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA	54.14%
3.94	25			Michael Flader, Eagan MN; Mary Doyle, Lincoln NE	53.96%
3.04	26			Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA	53.88%
5.22	27	5		Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH; Larry Newman, Amberley OH	53.52%
4.56	6	3		Nalin Mehta, Cincinnati OH; Arun Gupta, West Chester OH	53.24%
3.92	7			Douglas Fjare – Kristi Fjare, Estes Park CO	51.59%
3.48	8	4		Lucy Zhang – Zheng Zhang, Arcadia CA	51.44%
3.13	9			Amanda Jeger, Frankfurt Germany; Estera Stawski, Remsenburg NY	50.96%
2.88	10	5		Cindy Blum – Nancy Kuhn, Novato CA	50.89%
2.61	11			Rajeev Bansal, Overland Park KS; Kathryn Le Gro, Carmichael CA	50.56%
2.41	12			Bonnie Macbride, Kensington CA; Bradley Komsthoef, Clayton CA	50.53%
3.83	13	6		Eli Wismer, Los Altos Hills CA; Katherine Kwong, Foster City CA	50.44%
3.18	14	7		Qing Lu – Jung Hu, San Jose CA	50.41%
2.99		8		Jacques Beauregard, Montreal QC; Denise Archambault, Cote St.-Luc QC	50.29%
1.62		9		Karen Eveland, Lewiston ID; Renee Petersen, Moscow ID	49.50%

WEDNESDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

36.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
12.08	1	1		Jason Grove, Marlborough CT; Chris Westermeyer, Falcon Heights MN	68.41%
9.06	2			Robert Simpson – John McClure, Ocean Shores WA	62.80%
6.80	3	2		Donald Nelson, El Dorado Hills CA; John Bowman, Placerville CA	62.80%
5.10	4			Cynthia Marks – David Newell, Safety Harbor FL	61.90%
4.03	5			Robert Robyns – Judith Robyns, Reno NV	61.02%
3.45	6			John Dickey – Shirley Dickey, Warman SK	60.94%
4.28	7	3	1	Jichong Chai, Arlington VA; R. Mani, Lanham MD	60.09%
2.68	8			Harriet Lewit, Upper Marlboro MD; Arvind Bhand, Centreville VA	58.39%
2.42	9			Cherri Ross – Marie-France Ghent, Reno NV	57.90%
2.20	10			Gerald Hitt, Meredith NH; Chris Stewart, Medicine Hat AB	57.26%
2.01	11			Jerry Johnson – Kats Cannell, Reno NV	55.31%
1.86	12			Sharon Bartz, Winston-Salem NC; Mary Bland, Clemmons NC	55.06%
1.73	13			Joseph Kivel, Pine City MN; Gregory Stromath, Lake Elmo MN	54.76%
3.21	14	4		Larry Brenden – Susan Brenden, Lincoln CA	54.73%
2.53	15	5		Gina Brown, Soquel CA; Glenn Chee, Salinas CA	54.31%
1.42	16			Glen Rowe – Robert Langson, Carson City NV	53.80%
1.34	17			Elizabeth Ludlow, Steamboat Springs CO; Laura Brice, Phippsburg CO	53.70%
2.17	18	6		Ruth Zandberg – Martha Savin, New York NY	53.63%
1.90		7		Susan Mays, Newport Beach CA; Lynda Grubbs, Corona Del Mar CA	52.85%
1.97		8		Anne Graves, La Jolla CA; Lifun Cohen, Solana Beach CA	52.59%
1.52		9		Stephen Walker – Susannah Walker, Alamo CA	52.21%
1.45		10		David Welch – Kathryn Welch, Truckee CA	52.08%
2.30		11	2	Michael Olson – Alice Olson, Sun City West AZ	51.48%
1.72		3		Dorene Beavers – Leslie Dahm, Reno NV	50.12%

WEDNESDAY FAST PAIRS

17.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
13.50	1			Myriam Milgrom, Vero Beach FL; Keith Connolly, St. Paul MN	60.19%
10.13	2			Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL	59.76%
8.50	3	1		Jack Mahoney, Brunswick ME; Laura Lipman, Bonita Springs FL	58.29%
5.70	4			Jeffrey Ferro, San Francisco CA; Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA	57.93%
6.38	5	2		Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA	56.60%
5.60	6	3	1	Raluca Dobrescu, Aventura FL; Tim Archdeacon, Oyster Bay NY	56.12%
4.61	7			Aaron Jones, North Bethesda MD; Anne Stein, Mill Valley CA	54.88%
3.33	8/9			Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Morrisville NC	53.13%
4.02	8/9	4		Sveinn Eiriksson, Delray Beach FL; Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA	53.13%
2.83		5		Paula Coleman, Oakville ON; Allison L Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	53.09%
4.20		6	2	Silvana Rojko, Maribor ; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	52.76%
3.27		3		Kurt Fritz, San Diego CA; Anna Sung, Honolulu HI	52.59%
2.36		4		Rick Clelland, Boulder CO; Ying Zhang, Longmont CO	51.78%

10K KO

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Runners-up in the 10K KO (from left): Carlos Hoyos, Michael Ranis, Lee Bukstel and Michael Wolff

boards, I was so nervous,” said Victor, “We finished so early.”

The Xiaos, who play Scanian five-card majors, a Swedish system, finished about an hour before Rockoff and Goyal. “We were all playing slow, we didn’t want to have a bad set,” said Rockoff.

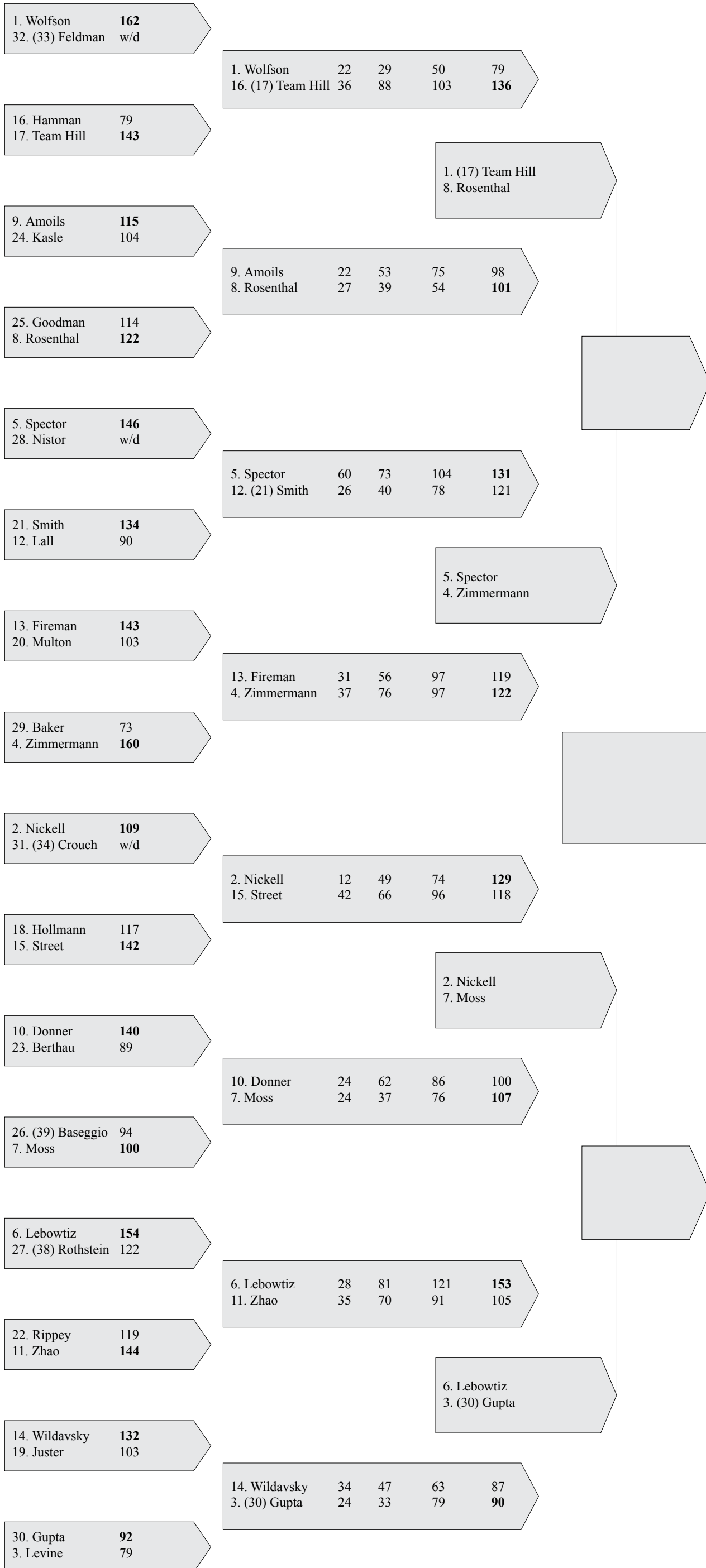
Eric has been playing almost three years, and Jeff has been playing for two years. They practice on BBO every day.

In second place was the team captained by Michael Ranis, of Aventura FL, who was playing with Carlos Hoyos of Bogota, Colombia; Michael Wolf of Fort Lauderdale FL, and Lee Bukstel of Boca Raton FL.

Rockoff’s team never trailed, although the margin going into the last quarter was only 22. They picked up one more IMP in a close last set (18–17) to win the event by 23.



VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS, QUARTERFINAL PAIRINGS



48 Tables

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

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

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

vs

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

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

vs

Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Simon Cope, Hertfordshire UK; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark

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

vs

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

50.00 9/16 Jeffrey Wolfson - Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Michael Kamil, San Antonio TX; Louk Verhees Jr., Voorhout Netherlands; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Venneep Netherlands

50.00 9/16 Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Martin Fleisher, New York NY

50.00 9/16 Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Cecilia Rimstedt, Jacksonville FL; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Marion Michielsens, Stockholm Sweden

50.00 9/16 Chen Zhao, Greenbelt MD; Zia Mahmood - David Gold, London England; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands

50.00 9/16 Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX

50.00 9/16 Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, West Hartford CT; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA

50.00 9/16 Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Massimiliano Di Franco, Italy; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy

50.00 9/16 Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel

Limerick winners

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Well, since you mention it, this would be a good time to talk about the worst limericks. This one was so bad the author couldn't bear to put a name on it:

*There once was a new bridge player in Reno
Who played 2♣ with gusto
With six weak clubs to her name
Her partner answered when queried
The director was hailed when she failed
There was no one else to blame but the new
bridge player in Reno.*

That's not even the correct number of lines, and the last one alone is 16 syllables! Anonymous, if you're out there, please read page 7 in yesterday's Daily Bulletin. And the bridge is wrong too; there's no such thing as a weak two in clubs.

And from Gail Shaps of Chicago IL:
*At the bridge table Jack sat looking for his pot
of gold
But good luck was eluding him as he was
getting old
Even without a four-leaf clover
One day as West a lassie came over
Magic struck, and their marriage is now being
told.*

We're happy for Gail and Jack, but that made us gag.
And now, the best of the worst. Nancy Alvarado of Lakewood CO frequently places high in this contest. This year she showed her range by contributing to the low end as well.

*Notrump should be strong and never weak
Paddy said to Sean, so don't be meek
Slap that green card on the table
As loud as you are able
And tell folks the Irish Notrump is not a pass
card, dammit!*

And this, from Abbe Cohen of Santa Rosa CA was literally a stinker:
*From the NABC we departed
Winning big left us both happy hearted
We don't mean to be crass*

*But the food gave us gas
And the opponents just fled while we ...
(more gold since we last spoke?)*

We're not sure if she was trying to use the same trick of putting way too many syllables into the last line as Alvarado did or if she simply got sidetracked by another conversation while in the process of submitting. Either way, we're reaching for some air freshener and returning to the better entries.

We left off with third place, which came from Gerry Marshall of Calgary AB and Hendrik Sharples of Brush Prairie WA:
*There was a young woman named Sally
In bridge she just loved to dally
The directors were called,
They did nothing at all
Add another late play to her tally.*

Rebecca Anspach of St. Paul MN placed fourth with this effort:
*A bridge buff who hails from Nantucket
Decided to go on a junket
He wanted to try
Authentic pad Thai
So he played a tourney in Phuket.*

Fifth went to Maxine Reagh of Sebastopol CA:
*Through Covid-19 I was fine.
I practiced and played and drank wine.
My bridge game advanced.
My chops were enhanced.
Thank goodness for Bridge Base Online!*

Finally, the honorable mentions. Alvarado, Anspach, Graham and Kehr all had a second limerick making the cut, as did three authors not previously mentioned.

This one was simply signed "MB":
*I partnered the dunce of Nantucket
Each zero a drop in the bucket
After one more boo-boo
He yelled, "What would you do?!"
I thought long and hard then said duck it.*

From Roy Redlich of Petaluma CA:
*There once was a lady from Reno
Declaring a contract of 3N
Without a spade stopper
It went in the hopper
She said, "Where's that bottle of pinot?"*

From Maggie Martino of Peoria IL:
*There once was a gal from Peoria
Who played bridge at her local trattoria
Her partner was swell
She did really well
And she ended her day in euphoria.*

Alvarado redeemed herself:
*A player who forgot his instruction
Made a horrible misbid using suction.
He said, "It's not bad
To go down just a tad,
There's no need to make such a ruction!"*

We would have laughed just as much if "ruction" was a made-up word to fit the rhyme, but the dictionary confirms it's legit.

From Graham:
*A man who bids straight Charles Goren
At duplicate, finds trouble scorin'
Opens majors (four card)
Which puts partners off guard
All his methods they wind up abhorin'!*

And Kehr:
*I learnt all my bridge expertise
From a book by the late Terence Reese
It shows how a tenace
And single-card menace
Can let you perform a strip squeeze.*

And finally Anspach:
*We had trouble bidding a hand
Played a partscore instead of a grand
We didn't quite Q
There is nothing to do
But try once again in Rhode Island.*

Alas, for those looking to try again in the limerick contest, you'll have to wait 'til New Orleans.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

7.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
3.68	1	1	1	Kenneth C.K. Chuk, San Gabriel CA; Barry Ko, Washington DC	71.67%
2.76	2	2	2	Chuan Hui Li, Montreal QC; Vera Baum, Los Altos CA	59.17%
2.07	3	3		Thomas Fagan – Katie Fagan, Huntsville AL	55.00%
1.55	4			Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR	53.75%
1.37	5/6	4		Jerry Thorpe, Tacoma WA; Ann Grill, Vancouver WA	52.92%
1.02	5/6			Janice Joerger, Rancho Santa Fe CA; Jerry Miller, San Diego CA	52.92%

ROSENBERG FAMILY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

17.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
5.85	1	1	1	Gregory Harding, Madison WI; Douglas Babcock, Fitchburg WI	65.56%
4.39	2			Ken Monzingo, Fort Worth TX; Bonnie Bagley, Colorado Springs CO	60.14%
3.41	3	2		Claire Black Slotton – Michael Koltnow, Davis CA	57.22%
2.56	4	3		Bill Longfellow, South Fork CO; Eva Johnson, Colorado Springs CO	56.81%
2.10	5			Jane Petering – Kathleen Byrne, San Diego CA	56.67%
2.20	6	4	2	Katherine Sears, Somerville MA; Sam Gallo, Arlington MA	55.83%
1.05	7/9			David White – Pat Larin, Rancho Mirage CA	55.42%
1.11	7/9			Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA; Ching Chao, Danville CA	55.42%
1.55	7/9	5		Jeff Grotenhuis, Redondo Beach CA; Morris Jones, Monrovia CA	55.42%
1.53		6/7		Thomas Pajak – Sandi Davis, Oakland CA	51.81%
0.95		6/7		Justin Graver – Jeffrey Buckwalter, Omaha NE	51.81%
1.65			3	Kevin Epley, Kent WA; Thomas Sparks, Seattle WA	51.53%
1.24			4	Chiong-Yuan Han – Chandler Stauffer, Rio Vista CA	50.97%

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

3.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
1.95	1	1		Joseph Piantanida, Stillwater OK; Ellen Cook, Tulsa OK	63.04%
1.46	2			Andy Shockley – Carla Shockley, Pleasanton CA	58.70%
1.38		2		Marie Parfitt Pattie, Moss Beach CA; Carol Lashman, Redwood City CA	57.61%

New Life Master

Judith Repp of Evergreen CO earned her gold card playing in the Tuesday Bracketed Swiss Teams. Repp played with Mary Ann Rose of Westminster CO and teammates Jennifer Burton and Mike Burton of Aurora CO.



Repp needed 7.86 gold points before coming to Reno, but has picked up 8.40 so far.

Carole Seed of Morada CA became a Life Master on Wednesday playing in the Bracketed Round Robin Teams with Mary Westin, Donna North and Trevor Coolidge. She needed 3.77 gold points coming in and picked up 2.32 on Tuesday for tying for third in bracket 6 with a different team. Her Wednesday team placed fifth in Bracket 5 for another 1.54 gold.



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 1/2 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 1/2 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.



WEDNESDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

7.0 Tables		A	B	C		
2.55	1	1			Paul Isaacson, Rio Rancho NM; David Raymond, Arcadia CA	70.78%
1.91	2	2			Marie Parfitt Pattie, Moss Beach CA; Carol Lashman, Redwood City CA	58.61%
1.63	3	3	1		Eileen Digiorgio, San Carlos CA; Leslie Braker, San Mateo CA	58.58%
1.08	4				Sue Comporato – Elsie Shaw, Morgan Hill CA	57.67%
1.22	5	4	2		Susan Bennett, East Hartford CT; Justin Young, Hartford CT	53.50%
0.92			3		Deborah Cross, Goodyear AZ; Aimee Morris, Rio Vista CA	51.33%

ALL-WESTERN 99ER NITECLUB WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 99ER PAIRS

6.5 Tables		A	B	C		
2.27	1				Sandra Haslem – Ron Haslem, Reno NV	63.14%
1.87	2	1			Lars Severin – Anne Heinline, Reno NV	60.99%
1.40	3	2			Leslie Braker, San Mateo CA; Eileen Digiorgio, San Carlos CA	58.51%
1.05	4	3			Max Williams – Rick Wasson, Reno NV	57.25%
0.79	5	4			Kathryn Abel – William Follmer, Reno NV	53.35%

WEDNESDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

54 Tables / Based on 146 Tables		A	X	Y		
37.50	1				Gaylor Kastle – Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ; Bartosz Chmurski, Lomianky Poland; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland	89.00
24.61	2/3				Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI	85.00
24.61	2/3				John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Piotr Bizon, Cracow Poland; David Pelka, Los Angeles CA; Marek Blat, Bielsko-Biala Poland	85.00
14.16	4/5				Jeffrey Juster, New York NY; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Drew Casen – Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV	83.00
18.46	4/5	1			E.R. 'Bud' McKinney, Cary NC; Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; Robin Hillyard, Carlisle MA; Ethan Wood, Dover MA	83.00
10.71	6				Carlos Pellegrini – Carlos Lucena, Buenos Aires Argentina; Leonardo Rizzo, Rio Cuarto Argentina; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Hansa Narasimhan, Mountain View CA	79.00
8.86	7/8				Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Shan Au, Westerville OH; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL	76.00
8.86	7/8				Allen Kahn – David Gurvich – Michael Radin, New York NY; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY	76.00
13.85	9	2			Douglas Fisher, Winnipeg MB; Ian Findlay, Banff AB; Irving Litvack, North York ON; Anthony Trebaol, Milpitas CA	75.00
10.38	10/12	3	1		Dawn Ligon – Rick Panter – Susan Panter – Carol Carpenter, Santa Barbara CA	74.00
6.28	10/12				Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Karen McCallum, Exeter NH; Sandra Rimstedt, New York NY; Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL	74.00
6.28	10/12				H. Hunt, Kiawah Island SC; Christina Madsen, Denmark; Francesco Mazzadi, Parma Italy; Bernardo Biondo, Rome Italy	74.00
5.18	13/14				Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Giovanni Donati, Italy; Mike Passell, Plano TX	73.00
7.79	13/14	4	2		Janet Wickersham, Sierra Madre CA; Karmen Armoudjian, Pasadena CA; Erich Schifter, Ann Arbor MI; Edward Lechner, San Mateo CA	73.00
6.15	5	3			Kim Daehong – Kang Seongseok – Ik Lee – Seungjin Roh, Seoul South Korea	71.00
4.95	6/7	4			Brigitte Sandifer, Sugar Land TX; Paddy Fiorino, Missouri City TX; Carol Huston, Chico CA; Nancy Strohmer, Houston TX	67.00
4.95	6/7				David Binney, Seattle WA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI; Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA; Theo Lichtenstein, Tallahassee FL	67.00
4.10	8				Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA; J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA; David Peim, Torrance CA; Neal Kleiner, San Pedro CA	66.00
3.21		5			Samuel Ehrlichman – Cecilia Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY; Leila Sink, Los Gatos CA; John Hoffman, Mountain View CA	63.00
2.75		6			Andrew Chen – Charlie Chen – Sarah Chen – Steve Chen, Austin TX; Hua Yang – Yan Song, Plano TX	55.00

WEDNESDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1

9 Tables						
11.00	1				Jeffrey Chapman – Donna Chapman, Hopkinsville KY; David Alan Smithfield – Nancy Smithfield, Clarksville TN	101.00
7.22	2/3				Jill Wood – William Wood, Meridian ID; John Wachsman – Rick Jasper, San Jose CA	98.00
7.22	2/3				Jim Murphy – Chris Murphy, Calgary AB; Rick Weiss, Reno NV; Marie-France Benoit, Ottawa ON	98.00
4.64	4				Alexander Stille, Bethesda MD; Barbara Devaney, Washington DC; Alison Shoemaker, Wyndmoor PA; Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA	95.00

WEDNESDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2

9 Tables						
9.77	1				Lynda Hirst – Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Patricia Irwin, Mill Valley CA; Judy Soong, San Francisco CA	102.00
7.33	2				Mark Marty, Oakley CA; Henry Kingdon – Terry Kee, San Rafael CA; Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA	93.00
5.50	3				David Yoon, Bayside NY; Cynthia Ogden, New York NY; Michael Berkowitz, Salt Lake City UT; R. Scott Thurston, Baton Rouge LA	89.00
4.12	4				Christiane Turner, Ketchum ID; Helen Spalding, San Francisco CA; Dorothy Moore – Tom Moore, Keller TX	85.00

WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE SWISS TEAMS

6 Tables		A	B	C		
3.41	1	1			Peter Clay - Timothy Hill, Wellesley MA; Paul Harris, Waltham MA; Gerald Hitt, Meredith NH	71.00
2.56	2	2	1		Jeffrey Chapman - Donna Chapman, Hopkinsville KY; David Alan Smithfield - Nancy Smithfield, Clarksville TN	60.00

WEDNESDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3

9 Tables				
8.23	1	Lee Lin, New York City NY; Alan Davidson, New York NY; William Sigward, Pelham NY; Nancy Marshall, Edgewater NJ		102.00
6.17	2	Monica Quinlan – Michael Barry, Tucson AZ; Kirk Freyermuth, Beaumont CA; Hugh McSheffrey, Nelson BC		100.00
4.63	3	Richard Peffer – Martin Friedman, Greensboro NC; Ted Edgar, Greenboro NC; Butch Johnson, High Point NC		93.00
3.11	4/5	Becky Shreeve, Riverdale UT; Marian Subic – Laurie Brown, Ogden UT; Daryl Francom, Syracuse UT		81.00
3.11	4/5	Carol Cottam – David Cottam, Concord CA; Richard Abell, Rio Verde AZ; Francis Wallis, Anchorage AK		81.00

WEDNESDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4

9 Tables				
6.74	1	Jeannie Stone – Brad Chandler – Laura Chandler, Houston TX; Ronnie Martin, Friendswood TX		95.00
4.43	2/3	Diane Strategos, Sacramento CA; Miriam Steinberg, Carmichael CA; Julie Wong, Truckee CA; Paul Sojka, West Lafayette IN		87.00
4.43	2/3	Linda Sammons – Carol Hellebrand, Yorba Linda CA; Kristin St Clair, Brea CA; Jody Couch, Fullerton CA		87.00
2.84	4	Robert Kahn – Christine Kahn – Jill Wallace – Rene Reid, Reno NV		85.00

WEDNESDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5

13 Tables				
6.90	1	John Fee – Don Greer, Fort Worth TX; Joann Goodspeed – Barbara Schwartz, New York NY		120.00
5.18	2	Mary Hanni – Bruce Hanni – Donna Janicek, Eagle ID; Alice Kaye Guyer, Boise ID		109.00
3.88	3	Barbara Foley – Deborah Suckow, Darien CT; Melissa Graves, Chicago IL; Carolyn Eddie, Darien Denmark		98.00
2.91	4	Helen Trop-Zell, Incline Village NV; Barbara Mickle, Carson City NV; Bradford Stone – Elaine Simkins, Reno NV		86.00
2.30	5	Donna North, Goodyear AZ; Trevor Coolidge, Oceanside CA; Carole Seed, Stockton CA; Mary Westin, Lodi CA		85.00

WEDNESDAY PRIMETIME OPEN PAIRS

12.0 Tables				
	A	B		
11.00	1	William Bailey, Reston VA; Jessica Larsson, Heimdal Sweden		61.45%
8.25	2	Jay Segarra, Ocean Springs MS; Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR		56.40%
6.19	3	1 Lori Anzine, Orland Park IL; Karl Zaman, Strongsville OH		55.98%
4.64	4	Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Shelly Dunitz, Santa Rosa CA		55.30%
4.33	5/6	Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA		54.97%
4.15	5/6	2 Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Andre Houde, Laval QC		54.97%

WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

17.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
5.85	1	1	Sandra Forsythe, Centerville OH; Wendy Fotland, San Jose CA	67.42%
4.39	2	2	James Logan - Karen Fusco, Henderson NV	64.96%
2.93	3/4	3	Rick Clelland, Boulder CO; Ying Zhang, Longmont CO	63.45%
3.15	3/4		Josh Sinnett, Bellingham WA; Thomas Devine, Ferndale WA	63.45%
1.62	5/6		Tracy Sherman – David Sherman, Manchester UK	62.12%
3.30	5/6	4	1 Chuan Hui Li, Montreal QC; Vera Baum, Los Altos CA	62.12%
2.48	7	5	2 Chris Chen, San Francisco CA; Andrew Sinclair, Sunnyvale CA	57.58%
1.86		6	3 Mark Maxwell, Bastrop TX; Ryan Daniels, Vernon Hills IL	57.01%
1.39			4 Helen Spalding, San Francisco CA; Christiane Turner, Ketchum ID	55.11%
1.28			5 Bob Ondo, Lincoln Park MI; Arun Desouza, Troy MI	51.33%

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE SERIES, OVERALLS

39.25 Tables / Based on 18 Tables				
9.80	1/2	Josh Sinnett, Bellingham WA		122.72%
9.80	1/2	Thomas Devine, Ferndale WA		122.72%
6.36	3	Sandra Forsythe, Centerville OH		120.06%
5.63	4/5	Becky Shreeve, Riverdale UT		117.96%
5.63	4/5	Marian Subic, Ogden UT		117.96%
7.33	6	Wendy Fotland, San Jose CA		116.44%
3.17	7/8	E.R. 'Bud' McKinney, Cary NC		115.21%
3.17	7/8	Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC		115.21%
4.37	9	Vera Baum, Los Altos CA		114.89%

Entry Express FAQ

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

In an effort to maximize efficiency and provide tournament hosts a more accurate estimate on attendance numbers, we are moving to Entry Express, an online entry portal for all tournaments. We are beta-testing this application, and your input and feedback is important. This system will help reduce lines at tournaments, streamline the entry purchasing process and make event days smoother for participants.

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

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

How do I sign up for an event?

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

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

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

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

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

Why are some tournament events not available for selection?

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

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

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

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

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



We Share the Air

Please keep it healthy and fragrance-free

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

Be Sensitive to Others

Please

DO NOT wear perfume, cologne, lotion, aftershave and other fragrances.

USE unscented personal care products.

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.

Please be scent-sensitive!

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.



Mixed Pairs

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Runners-up in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Greg Humphreys and Jenni Carmichael. They won the event in 2016.

throughout the event, posting 59.13%, 58.51%, 58.20% and 59.78%. They were in third place with one round to go; Carmichael-Humphreys were leading with one round to go. Two below-average scores for Carmichael-Humphreys flipped Sakr-Pszczola into first by 23/100 of a matchpoint. Top on a board was 59.

"I feel amazing," said Sakr. "This time I was fighting until the last board. Usually, I give up in the middle, but this time I really played my best because we lost the IMPs on one board that I messed up and I wanted to make it up for my partner."

Even though Pszczola is a multiple national and world champion with over 20,000 masterpoints, he still isn't technically a Grand Life Master. "I think I need about 30 black points," said Pszczola. He only needs 11.41.



A Big Deal

Providence hosts the Summer NABC, July 14-24

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

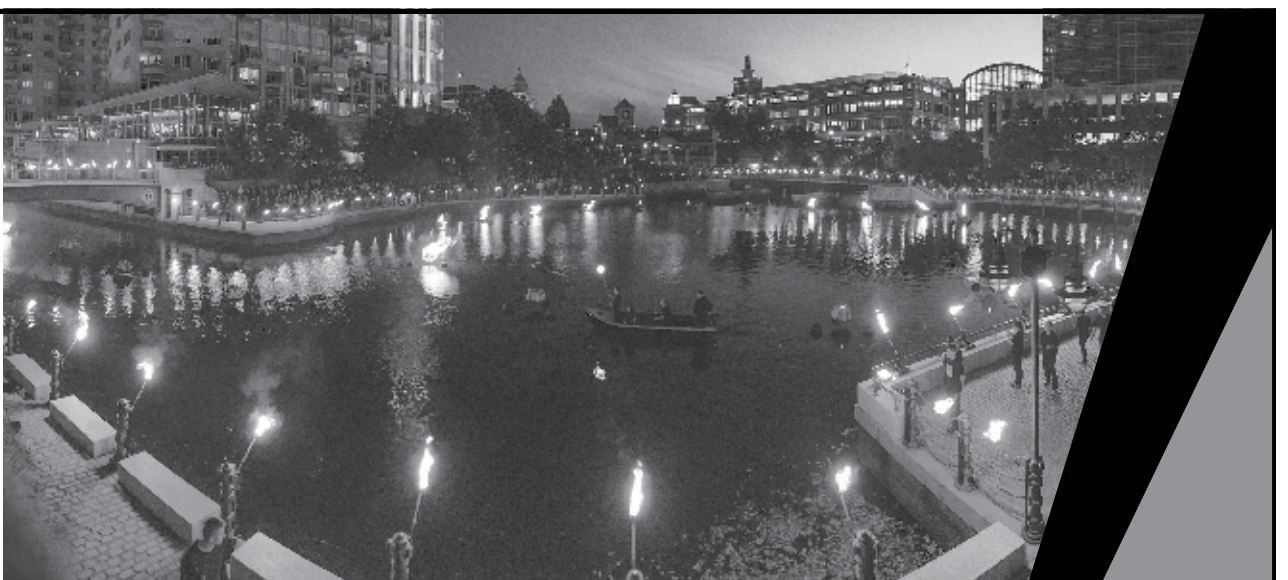
Of course, the NABCs are fantastic bridge parties that last almost two weeks. And with games available for all levels of players - beginners to the best in the world - there's something for everyone to play in.

Make your plans now to attend the Providence NABC!

Host hotels

Omni Providence Hotel
Room rate: \$209 + tax

Providence Graduate Hotel
Room rate: \$185 + tax



Hilton Providence Hotel
Room rate: \$191 + tax

Hotel Providence
Room rate: \$179 + tax

Homewood Suites
Room rate: \$209 + tax

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

Marriott Courtyard Downtown
Room rate: \$199 + tax

Playing site

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

See acbl.org/nabc for complete information.



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



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

Hotel cancellation policy

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

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

FOUR-WAY TRANSFERS

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Across

1. Telephone button
5. "Thanks ___!"
9. Sofia's portrayer in "The Color Purple"
14. Merchandise suffix
15. Tree trunk
16. Make steady
17. Baseline on a graph
18. Farmer's necessity
19. Kitchen counter?
20. When playing four-way transfers, to make a transfer to diamonds, ___
23. Experiences
24. Small viper
25. Held out
29. Flabbergast
31. Letter abbr.
34. Bellybutton type
35. Team trainer's supply
36. Brawl
37. When playing four-way transfers, to get to 2NT inviting, you should first make a ___ and then (See 48-across)
40. Listen up!
41. Taps
42. Baggy
43. Bauxite, e.g.
44. A great deal of Eurasia, once: Abbr.
45. Be significant
46. Deception
47. Driver's need: Abbr.

48. when you make the 2NT bid, it ___
55. Corrupt
57. "Shane" star
58. 2000 Broadway show featuring music by Elton John
59. "Blue Sky" Oscar winner Jessica
60. Greek getaway, e.g.
61. Affording no hope
62. Handle the food for the party
63. Equal
64. Infiltrate slowly

Down

1. Q-Tip
2. Checker, perhaps
3. Bone-dry
4. Medical advice, often
5. Overseas
6. Advances
7. Assortment
8. Camping gear
9. Difficult to understand
10. Adorn in a finicky way
11. Alternative to steps
12. Trick taker, often
13. His companion
21. Cart part
22. Demolishes
25. Art print, familiarly
26. 1978 Nobel name
27. Nighttime annoyance

28. Nighttime annoyance?
29. Pub game
30. Hairy primates
31. Burgundy grape
32. Outlaw hunters of the wild West
33. One rounded up
35. Way up
36. Carrot, e.g.
38. Discomfit
39. Come in second
44. "Little ___" (1961 Elvis song)
45. Not as spicy
46. Fencing action
47. Big dipper
48. In perfect condition
49. Radar image
50. Move delicately
51. Inexpensive cleaners
52. Radial, e.g.
53. Falco of "The Sopranos"
54. A little wet
55. Special attention, for short
56. 1.5-volt battery

Answers to puzzle on page 15



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

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

Use of the bidding box – Alerts and Announcements

When using bidding boxes, the ACBL requires that players tap the Alert strip and say “Alert” at the same time.

When making an Announcement, use the Announcement word (such as “spades” if your partner has transferred, or “forcing” after a forcing INT bid) and tap the Alert strip at the same time. A player who Alerts or Announces a bid must make sure his opponents are aware that an Alert or Announcement has been made.

Player Memos

Many ways to file:



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



Use your own computer.
acbl.org/player-memo



Use your smart phone.
Scan the QR code above.



Rozanne Pollack and Cheri Bjerkan won the 2019 Smith Life Master Women's Pairs.

Play begins today in Smith LM Women's Pairs

Play gets underway today in the four-session Life Master Women's Pairs with the Helen Sobel Smith Trophy honoring the winners.

The Smith Trophy recognizes Helen Sobel Smith, the first woman elected to the Bridge Hall of Fame. Smith was an outstanding player and is universally considered the best woman player of all time. She won 35 North American titles – the Vanderbilt twice, the Spingold five times and the Reisinger four times – and the McKenney Trophy (now the Barry Crane Top 500) three times: in 1941, 1942 and 1944.

This event was played in the fall for many years before moving to the spring in 2015.

Past winners and runners-up:

- 1961** 1. Dorothy Hayden, Helen Portugal; 2. Gratian Goldstein, Jane Mueller
- 1962** 1. Barbara Kachmar, Margaret Wagar; 2. Anne Burnstein, Edith Kemp
- 1963** 1. Anne Burnstein, Hermine Baron; 2. Carrie Arnold, Neva L. Gray
- 1964** 1. Margaret Alcorn, Betty Kaplan; 2. Agnes Gordon, Sylvia Stein
- 1965** 1. Ann Sheaber, Jan Stone; 2. Mary Jane Farell, Peggy Solomon
- 1966** 1. Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Hayden; 2. Mary Jane Farell, Peggy Solomon
- 1967** 1. Nancy Gruver, Edith Sachs; 2. Mary Jane Farell, Peggy Solomon
- 1968** 1. Dorothy Talmage, Rhoda Walsh; 2. Katherine Blanchard, Mary Jane Farell
- 1969** 1. Gratian Goldstein, Sylvia Stein; 2. Karen Allison, Gladys W. Collier
- 1970** 1. Bette L. Cohn, Marietta Passell; 2. Louise Krauss, Betty Mangan
- 1971** 1. Ruth Bloomfield, Delle Levinson; 2. Betty Ann Kennedy, Carol Sanders
- 1972** 1. Amalya Kears, Rhoda Walsh; 2. Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Hayden Truscott
- 1973** 1. Frieda Arst, June Deutsch; 2. Edith Kemp, Barbara Rappaport
- 1974** 1. Bernice Larson, Joan Stein; 2. Edith Kemp, Barbara Rappaport
- 1975** 1. Dorothy Moore, Marion Weed; 2. Nancy Gruver, Helen Utegaard
- 1976** 1. Barbara Furbeck, Barbara Herr; 2. Carol Crawford, Joan Remy
- 1977** 1. Edith Kemp, Barbara Rappaport; 2. Bernadine Jenkins, Joan Remy
- 1978** 1. Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Hayden Truscott; 2. Ann Economidy, Anne Leverone
- 1979** 1. Nancy Gruver, Edith Kemp; 2. June Deutsch, Sandi Leavitt
- 1980** 1. Kathie Cappelletti, Claire Tornay; 2. Nancy Gruver, Edith Kemp
- 1981** 1. Nancy Gruver, Edith Kemp; 2. Betty Ann Kennedy, Carol Sanders
- 1982** 1. Dorothy Buchanan, Barbara Morris; 2. Mary Albert, Rhoda Walsh
- 1983** 1. Beth Palmer, Lynn Deas; 2. Sandra Low, Joan Stein
- 1984** 1. Karen Singer, Sharon Soules; 2. Kathie Wei, Judi Radin

- 1985** 1. Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer; 2. Rama Linz, Kerri Shuman
- 1986** 1. Mickie Kivel, Judi Cody; 2. Rama Linz, Kerri Shuman
- 1987** 1. Jill Meyers, Gaye Herrington; 2. Mary Ann Coyle, Jackie Hess
- 1988** 1. Nancy Passell, Nell Cahn; 2. Brenda Keller, Renee Mancuso
- 1989** 1. Rhoda Walsh, Sabine Zenkel; 2. Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer
- 1990** 1. Carol Sanders, Betty Ann Kennedy; 2. Barbara Sartorius, Marla Chaikin
- 1991** 1. Sue Weinstein, Tobi Deutsch; 2. Janice Seamon, Cheri Bjerkan
- 1992** 1. Shawn Womack, Jan Cohen; 2. Sabine Zenkel, Joan Jackson
- 1993** 1. Janice Seamon, Sabine Zenkel; 2. Sharon David, Trudi Nugit
- 1994** 1. Lynn Deas, Rhoda Kratenstein; 2. Cynthia Balderson, Peg Waller
- 1995** 1. Flo Rotman, Susan Miller; 2. Lila Perlstein, Juanita Chambers
- 1996** 1. Suzy Burger, Barbara Sion; 2. Judy Randel, Linda Lewis
- 1997** 1. Janice Seamon, Sylvia Moss; 2. Linda Perlman, Hjordis Eythorsdottir
- 1998** 1. Sharon Hait, Barbara Sartorius; 2. Shannon Lipscomb, Rhoda Walsh
- 1999** 1. Mildred Breed, Shawn Quinn; 2. Nell Cahn, Ellen Siebert
- 2000** 1. Mildred Breed, Shawn Quinn; 2. Joan Jackson, Robin Klar
- 2001** 1. Mildred Breed, Shawn Quinn; 2. Jayne Thomas, Barbara Nudelman
- 2002** 1. Mildred Breed, Shawn Quinn; 2. Jan George, Roni Gitchel
- 2003** 1. Lynn Baker, Kerri Sanborn; 2. Joan Jackson, Robin Klar
- 2004** 1. Cynthia Hinckley, Diana Schuld; 2. Pam Granovetter, Migry Zur-Campanile
- 2005** 1. Jill Levin, Malle Andrade; 2. Mildred Breed, Claudette Hartman
- 2006** 1. Sara Sivelind, Cecilia Rimstedt; 2. Janice Seamon-Molson, Gigi Simpson
- 2007** 1. Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum; 2. YouMei Zhou; Jian Wang
- 2008** 1. Betty Ann Kennedy, Lynn Deas; 2. Janice Seamon-Molson, Gigi Simpson
- 2009** 1. Sue Picus, Shawn Quinn; 2. Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva
- 2010** 1. Disa Eythorsdottir, Valerie Westheimer; 2. Lynn Deas, Judith Shulman
- 2011** 1. Cheri Bjerkan, Rozanne Pollack; 2. Nancy Passell, Peggy Sutherlin
- 2012** 1. Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva; 2. Migry Zur Campanile, Miriam Varenne
- 2013** 1. Patti Hartley, Barbara Nist; 2. Cheri Bjerkan, Rozanne Pollack
- 2014** 1. Bernace De Young, Bronia Jenkins; 2. Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva.
- 2015** 1. Yiji Starr, Pam Granovetter; 2. Gail Greenberg, Sue Picus
- 2016** 1. Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva; 2. Ellen Kozlove, Anne Brenner
- 2017** 1. Sylvia Shi, Pamela Granovetter; 2. Georgiana Gates, Pat Levy
- 2018** 1. Sally Brock, Fiona Brown; 2. Doris Greenwald, Terry Lubman
- 2019** 1. Rozanne Pollack, Cheri Bjerkan; 2. Gigi Simpson, Gen Geiger
- 2020** Not held
- 2021** Not held

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.

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13 Tables
 50.00 1 Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Sarik Goyal, Worcester MA; Eric Xiao - Guanghao Xiao - Jeff Xiao, Shrewsbury MA
 37.50 2 Michael Ranis, Aventura FL; Carlos Hoyos, Bogota Colombia; Michael Wolf, Fort Lauderdale FL; Lee Bukstel, Boca Raton FL
 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

1. Ranis vs. 4. Buffington	1. Ranis				2. (10) Rockoff vs. 3.(11) Mita
	28	53	86	103	
	46	88	108	126	
2. (10) Rockoff					

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.

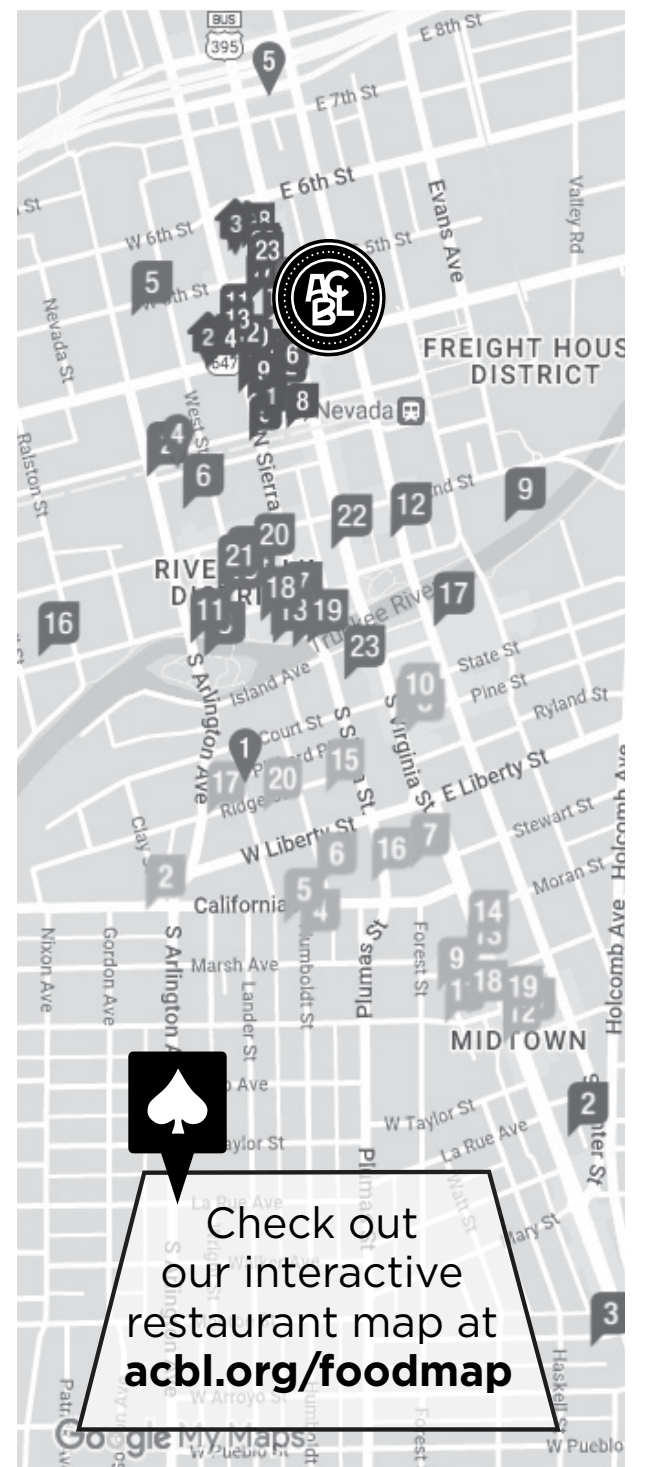
Consider this a part of Active Ethics.

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.

	Mon 14-Mar	Tue 15-Mar	Wed 16-Mar	Thu 17-Mar	Fri 18-Mar	Sat 19-Mar	Sun 20-Mar
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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



0-2500 Swiss

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Second in the 0-2500 Swiss Teams: Kevin Marnell, Bruce Peterson, Danning Lu and Andrew Mitchell

round with a blitz and continued with near blitzes in the next three matches, taking the lead when they beat the team captained by Bruce Peterson in the seventh round. A last-round tie left them ahead of Peterson by 3.5 VPs.

In second were Peterson of Aloha OR, Kevin Marnell of Portland OR, Danning Lu of Goleta CA and Andrew Mitchell of Oak Harbor WA. They qualified in second place and were in first or second all day until they ran into the Hu team.

Zhang and Zhang, unrelated co-workers, won the North American Pairs Flight C in 2017 and 2018. Hu has three second-place finishes in limited NABC events and Shi two, including last year's GNT Flight C. Hu and Shi were second in the 2011 GNT Flight C playing together. Hu has also been second in the Young 0-1500 Pairs and Micro-Spangold.

"This is great," Hu said of being first instead of second for a change.

"We like this event," Henry Zhang added.

Shi met the Zhangs at the 2016 Reno NABC when they were playing in the NAP C. They put their team together on Monday.



The 2019 Silodor Open Pairs winners were Richard Oshlag and Mark Dahl.

Competitors vie for Silodor Open Pairs Trophy

The Silodor Open Pairs is a four-session event consisting of two qualifying and two final sessions. The winners are honored by the Silodor Trophy, presented in memory of Sidney Silodor, winner of the Bermuda Bowl, the McKenney Trophy and more than 30 North American championships.

Silodor, a member of the team that won the first Bermuda Bowl World Championship in 1950, won the Vanderbilt eight times, the Reisinger six times, the Spingold, the Open Pairs and the Master Mixed Teams three times each and the Mixed Pairs five times.

Silodor was an original member of the Bridge Hall of Fame, elected in the '60s when the institution was the province of its creator, The Bridge World magazine.

Known simply as the Open Pairs until 1992, this event was renamed the Open Pairs I and was referred to as such until 2003. The trophy was presented in 1963 in memory of Silodor and made retroactive to include winners of the event, which began in 1958.

Barry Crane holds the record in the event with seven victories.

Previous winners:

- 1958 Leonard Harmon, Ivar Stakgold
- 1959 Lew Mathe, Edward Taylor
- 1960 Robert Jordan, Alvin Roth
- 1961 Mark Hodges, Hampton Hume
- 1962 Robert Jordan, Arthur Robinson
- 1963 Norman Kay, Sidney Silodor
- 1964 Barry Crane, Oswald Jacoby
- 1965 John Biddle, James Wisemiller
- 1966 Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay
- 1967 Harvey Cohen, Maury Genuid
- 1968 Ronald Balu, Richard Spero
- 1969 Robert Freedman, James Mathis
- 1970 Barry Crane, John Fisher
- 1971 1-2. Barry Crane, John Fisher
1-2. Joan Remy, Vincent Remy

- 1972 1-2. Barry Crane, John Fisher
1-2. Matt Granovetter, Merle Tom
- 1973 Michael Hoffman, Jack Rhatigan
- 1974 Barry Crane, John Fisher
- 1975 Garey Hayden, Daniel Hyland
- 1976 Terry Hause, Ernest Ivey
- 1977 Barry Crane, Peter Rank
- 1978 Robert Levin, Mike Passell
- 1979 Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
- 1980 Paul Lewis, Michael Schreiber
- 1981 Dan Gerstman, Marc Nathan
- 1982 Gerald Caravelli, Craig Janitschke
- 1983 Barry Crane, Mike Passell
- 1984 Lou Bluhm, Bart Bramley
- 1985 Jim Robison, Joey Silver
- 1986 Lew Stansby, Ralph Katz
- 1987 Ed Manfield, Kit Woolsey
- 1988 Ron Rubin, Michael Becker
- 1989 Kit Woolsey, Ed Manfield
- 1990 Don Campbell, Barry Harper
- 1991 Larry Mori, Henry Bethe
(became Open Pairs)
- 1992 Bernie Miller, Mike Lucas
- 1993 Russ Ekeblad, Peter Weichsel
- 1994 Lloyd Arvedon, Allan Falk
- 1995 John Strauch, Evan Bailey
- 1996 Ralph Katz, Howard Weinstein
- 1997 Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson
- 1998 Geir Helgemo, Tony Forrester
- 1999 Mike Passell, Michael Seamon
- 2000 Mike Cappelletti, Larry Hicks
- 2001 Jim Tritt, Richard Meffley
- 2002 Joergen Molberg, Boerre Lund
- 2003 Ralph Katz, Michael Rosenberg
- 2004 Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz
- 2005 Bob Morris, Eddie Wold
- 2006 David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen
- 2007 Giorgio Duboin, Roy Welland
- 2008 Robert Lebi, Dan Jacob
- 2009 David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen
- 2010 Nicholas L'Ecuyer, Stephen Landen
- 2011 Joel Wooldridge, Gavin Wolpert
- 2012 Hans Christian Graverson, Dennis Bilde
- 2013 David Bakhshi, Billy Cohen
- 2014 John Diamond, Geoff Hampson
- 2015 Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin
- 2016 Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
- 2017 Mikael Rimstedt, Zach Grossack
- 2018 Simon Cope, Peter Crouch
- 2019 Mark Dahl, Richard Oshlag
- 2020 Not held
- 2021 Not held

Kibitzing

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



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You oughta be in pictures

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

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Event	Session	Friday, March 18		Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
		Sold			
10 am					
Marc Renson Memorial Friday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun 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					
Top-Flight Pairs (<i>unlim./5000</i>)	1-2		Expo Hall A, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
Suzette M. Bartz Memorial Mid-Flight Pairs (<i>3000/1250</i>)	1-2		Expo Hall B, 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
noon & 7 pm					
VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF		Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	—
1 & 7:30 pm					
SILODOR OPEN PAIRS	1-2 F		Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	—
SMITH WOMEN'S LIFE MASTER PAIRS	1-2 F		Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	—
0-2500 PAIRS	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					
Friday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun 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					
Friday Evening Side Pairs <i>Thu-Sat Evening Series</i>	single		Expo Hall B, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
Friday 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. Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events. Green = Regional events (Gold and Red points). Blue = Gold Rush events (Gold and Red points). Red = Intermediate/Newcomer events (0-299 masterpoints Red points). *Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

International Fund

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

Today's Bridge Events

Event	Session	Thursday, March 17		Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
			Sold		
10 am					
Thursday Morning Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu 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
All-Western 99er NiteClub 99er Pairs	single		Expo Hall C, lower level, Silver Legacy	\$15	\$19
10 am & 3 pm					
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
Neal Webb Memorial Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2		Silver Baron A, mezzanine, Silver Legacy	\$20	\$24
noon & 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 <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q		Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	—
SMITH WOMEN'S LIFE MASTER PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q		Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$30*	—
0-2500 PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q		Reno Ballroom (1/2 block on E 4th St)	\$22*	—
3 pm					
Rosenberg Family Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	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 <i>Thu-Sat 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 (Gold and Red points).** **Blue = Gold Rush events (Gold and Red points).** **Red = Intermediate/Newcomer events (0-299 masterpoints Red points).** *Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

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Today's Sponsors

Neal Webb Memorial Bracketed Round Robin Teams

Neal Webb began playing bridge in the San Jose Bridge Center in the mid-1990s. By February 1999, he became a Life Master. By June 1999, he was elected treasurer of Unit 507, a position he held through June 2005. In 1999, Neal and some friends took a directing class, and in February 2000, Neal and two partners, Lynn Yokel and Ray Yuenger, took over directing the center's Tuesday evening game. Because Neal and Ray had full-time jobs, the three directors rotated weekly directing duties, guaranteeing a partner to anyone who showed up without one. Neal ended his directing stint in September 2004, but he remained a regular evening player at the San Jose Bridge Center. He was also a regular player with Annette Powers in the club's weekly online game until the week he passed away in February 2022. He was a Ruby Life Master.



Neal was a bridge theoretician with an extensive bridge library, but he wasn't pedantic about his bridge knowledge. He preferred telling jokes to opponents. He developed his own Precision system. Neal had a knack for integrating complementary conventions.

Neal's favorite bridge pastime was finding a squeeze. It was a good bridge session for him, regardless of the outcome, if he executed a squeeze.

Neal was a steady, thoughtful, deliberate declarer and accomplished a Sominex coup at least twice. Once against a twitchy opponent, Neal paused mid-hand to think about which way to take a finesse to make a shaky game contract. The opponent, who was just about jumping out of his chair, admonished Neal to speed up. Neal eventually took a successful finesse into that

opponent. It turned out the opponent could have won the trick but was too agitated to do so! Play on at your own pace, Neal.

Martha Butler 299er Pairs

"Martha Butler, a great lady at the bridge table."

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 into 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 focus.

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.

Appealing a ruling

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

