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Spingold Round of 16: Rosenthal, Lee out

There were two notable upsets in Thursday's Spingold Knockout Teams Round of 16: No. 14 seed Donner defeated No. 3 seed Rosenthal 167–101 and No. 15 Street beat No. 2 seed Lee 157–119.

In both matches, the eventual winners stayed in control and led the whole time.

The Zimmermann–Rogoff contest was much closer than the 165–118 score might indicate. Rogoff (originally seeded No. 45) had a 7-IMP lead after three quarters, but Zimmermann went on a 58–0 run over just five boards to dash any hope of an upset.

Nos. 7 and 8 seeds Lebowitz and Spector pulled out triple-digit leads after three quarters and got to take part of the afternoon off when their opponents withdrew.

Semifinal pairings set for 6K Mini-Spin

Today's semifinal round in the 0–6000 Mini-Spingold KO Teams features two matches. Gerard Turcotte's team (Alain Dufour, Robert Tremblay, Denis Lafrance) will face Leon Yu's squad (Bing Le, Tsao-Tung Tsai, Winston Huang). In the other bracket, David Yoon and company (Lorraine Cable, Jacqueline Chang, Jordan Lampe) takes on Steve Chen (Charlie Chen, Andrew Chen, Qiang Zhang, Brian Zhang).

Micro-Spin final: Gosling faces Martin

Today's final in the 0–2500 Mini-Spingold KO Teams features the match between Rachael Gosling's squad and the one led by Roy Martin.

Gosling, playing with fellow Bermudians John F.W. Glynn and Gertrude Barker, along with Stephan Juliusburger of Miami FL, defeated Rick Whitehead's squad, 160–102 in the semifinal. In the other bracket, Martin, of Vestavia Hills AL, Guy Martin of Montgomery AL, Denny Cahan of Atlanta GA and Alexander Woo of Moscow ID, narrowly defeated Paul Hattis's team, 128–121.

Collegiate Bridge Bowl enters QF round

Twelve teams participated in the qualifying round of the Collegiate Bridge Bowl, an after Thursday's round robin, eight teams advanced to the quarterfinal KO round. The pairings:

Georgia Teach Gold vs. University of Chicago
UC Berkeley vs. Georgia Tech White
Washington University 1 vs. Carleton College
Brown University vs. Northwestern 1

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Hill wins Mixed BAM

The squad captained by Joyce Hill topped the field in the final of the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams, winning the contest by 1.75 boards over John McAllister's team. Hill of St. Augustine FL played with Kevin Dwyer of Jacksonville FL, Signe Buus Thomsen of Denmark, Mikael Rimstedt of Sweden, Amber Lin of Millbrae CA and Shan Huang of Palm Beach Gardens FL. Their four-session total with carryover was 38.75 wins. This was the first victory in the contest for all members of the Hill team,



They won the Freeman Mixed BAM Teams: Signe Buus Thomsen, Mikael Rimstedt, captain Joyce Hill, Kevin Dwyer, Amber Lin and Shan Huang.

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Cavalier–Jolly grab Wernher crown

Andrew Cavalier and Christian Jolly each earned their first victory in an NABC contest by winning the Wernher Open Pairs on Thursday. Cavalier of Huntsville AL and Jolly of Atlanta GA qualified second in Wednesday's opening round, and scored 60.29% in the first final session and 57.69% in the second to win the contest by a half board over runners-up Jian-Ping Chen of Yorktown VA and Jian Wang of Hopatcong NJ.

Cavalier and Jolly were part of the U.S. Junior squad a decade ago. The senior member of the partnership by four years, Cavalier mentored Jolly in their teen years.

Cavalier is now an air traffic controller, while Jolly is a digital advertiser.



Winners of the Wernher Open Pairs: Andrew Cavalier and Christian Jolly

Junior fundraiser a smashing success

On July 11, an online Pro-Am game was held to support Junior bridge. There was a fundraising auction beforehand where players could bid on a pro to play with in the event. Players could also play with their regular partner for a donation. The event was an overwhelming success, raising over \$50K to help Juniors with travel expenses for the upcoming World Youth Transnational Bridge Championships in August, and support other endeavors to promote the game among young people.

The effort came together quickly, thanks to the group of dedicated volunteer organizers who worked hundreds of hours, including Tracey Bauer, Andrew Gumperz, Alex Kolesnik, Zach Grossack and Robert Todd, with the oversight of the ACBL Educational Foundation. Together, they launched the event in only six weeks from conception to execution. All who were involved demonstrated the extraordinary support in the bridge community for promoting our game.

Over 100 bridge professionals, teachers, bridge personalities and authors donated their services, which ranged from playing in the Pro-Am event to a future playing lesson on BBO, books, lessons and more. There were a variety of options and price points, which was deliberate. Bauer's goal was inclusivity. "I started putting my mind together about what we could do so that every single bridge player, no matter their socioeconomic level, could get involved," said Bauer. There were also plenty



Goodwill Message

Everyone plays to win. When it's not your turn to head the list, let your sportsmanship shine. Winning is only part of being a champion.

Roger Smith, Chair
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

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ATTENDANCE through Thursday 5949 tables

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

All meetings are at the Omni Providence Hotel or the Rhode Island Convention Center.

Friday, July 22	Saturday, July 23
10 am–6 pm Youth NABC. <i>Providence Ballroom, third floor, Omni</i>	10 am–5:30 pm Youth NABC. <i>Providence Ballroom, third floor, Omni</i> 5:30–7:30 pm Youth NABC Closing Reception. <i>TBD</i>

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don’t miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Exhibit Hall D on the third floor of the Rhode Island Convention Center.

Friday, July 22	Saturday, July 23
9:15 a.m. Jeff Hand <i>Play These Notrump Contracts</i> 2:15 p.m. Adam Parrish <i>When to Draw Trumps</i>	9:15 a.m. Donna Compton <i>Defender’s Number Rules</i>

HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT

Food will be served mornings and afternoons, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., on the third and fifth floors of the Rhode Island Convention Center.

Friday, July 22	Saturday, July 23
Morning: yogurt parfait; afternoon: mini-fruit pies.	Morning: croissants; afternoon: root beer floats.



Free sample versions of DealMaster Pro

The well-known software package DMPPro, which Ed Marzo produced over 25 years ago to be used by teachers, TDs and individual players, has now been totally rebuilt by the guys behind the market-leading PlayBridgeDealer4 machine.

Free flash-drive samples of DM Pro are available at Terry Collier’s booth in the vendor area, located on the Exhibition Level (West). Collier invites everyone to visit the booth, collect a trial copy and have a chat about the new functions of the product.

Bridge Bucks

Bridge Bucks redemption is available at desks on the third and fifth floors of the convention center between 9 and 10 a.m. daily. If you have paper Bridge Bucks, please bring them to the Bridge Bucks desk during this time to upgrade to a Bridge Bucks card that can be read by our credit card machines.



You oughta be in pictures

If you achieve a new masterpoint milestone here in Providence – Life Masters and upwards – please come by the Bulletin office (fifth floor, East Wing, room 553B) and let us take your picture. We’re eager to congratulate you and share your achievement in the Daily Bulletin.



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 “forcing”) 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.



Bridge to Nowhere

A new play by Adam Parrish

July 20-23, 8pm \$15

Streaming on YouTube Friday and Saturday.
Friday: <https://youtu.be/buGfFvXyw-8>
Saturday: <https://youtu.be/BwiC13QUEP0>

For tickets: use QR code, or <https://www.universe.com/events/bridge-to-nowhere-tickets-S2H6K3>

AS220 Theater
115 Empire St.
4 min walk from the Hilton

Parking Validation

The NABC Committee has negotiated a discounted daily parking rate of \$10 at the RI Convention Center Garage. To receive the discounted rate you MUST OBTAIN A VALIDATION COUPON before leaving. Coupons are available at the information desk located on the main playing level. The information desk is open 90 minutes before the morning and afternoon sessions, and 30 minutes before the evening games.

When you exit the garage, insert the parking ticket you received when you entered first and then insert the validation coupon which will reduce the payment amount to \$10.

For overnight parking, the daily rate is \$20 and must be paid in advance. For details, please email Kenny Rodriguez at krdriguez@riconvention.com to make arrangements or go to provnabc.org/transportation.



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 Providence County, Rhode Island, 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.

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 (Green) or Medium (Yellow) as indicated by the CDC.

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

At this NABC in Providence, 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. Providence is located in Providence County, Rhode Island. 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.

Electronic device policy

The ACBL’s electronic device policy allows players to bring cell phones into the playing area provided that such devices are kept in silent mode. Players may not use or interact with their devices during play. When between rounds or sitting out, use is permitted, provided it is inaudible.

A violation of the policy will result in an automatic disciplinary penalty of one-eighth of a board (or 1.5 IMPs) for a noise violation or one-half board (or 6 IMPs) for a use violation for the first offense. Penalties are doubled for each subsequent offense.



Junior Training Program

Juniors! We will pay you to teach your friends how to play bridge. And we will pay them, too! Contact Mitch Dunitz at mjdunitz@gmail.com.

JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Take All Your Chances

By Eddie Kantar

The great Eddie Kantar died April 8, but the Hall of Famer and prolific writer left us a treasure trove of bridge content. We honor his memory at the Providence NABC by sharing his work with ACBL members.



♠ A
♥ A 6 5
♦ K 8 6 5 4 2
♣ 8 7 6

♠ K Q 3 2
♥ K J 4 2
♦ 9 3
♣ A K 5

A quick INT–3NT sequence leads to the ♠J lead from West. Plan the play.

You start with seven sure tricks and have chances for extra tricks in diamonds and hearts. The heart finesse can wait. Trying to establish your long side suit comes first while the ♥A is in the dummy as a later entry to the diamonds in case you can set up the suit.

Your first play from dummy should be a low diamond. You are going to lose two diamond tricks, minimum, no matter what, so ducking the first round can’t hurt. If East takes the trick, East will probably return a spade, a return that you can handle. A club shift won’t hurt either, but a heart shift would not be pleasant. Your best bet

is to insert the jack; if covered by West, duck to preserve the ♥A in dummy as a later entry to the hoped-for established diamonds.

If West wins the first diamond trick, no shift can hurt you. Assuming a black-suit shift, win and lead a second diamond intending to play the king, your best chance to set up the suit. You need diamonds to be 3–2 plus the ace with West (34%) to bring home the suit for four tricks, chalking up two overtricks while you’re at it. However, if East has the ♦A, you will have to fall back on plan B, the heart finesse. Not only do you need to find the queen with East, but also to find hearts to be 3–3 to take the now-needed four heart tricks, a scary 18%. The bottom line is that this is not quite an even-money contract.



The full deal:

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

Tip: At notrump, ducking the first round of a suit holding a low doubleton facing K–x–x–x–(x) or A–x–x–x–x–(x) is the way to start long-suit establishment. However, in either case, you must have at least one very likely side-suit dummy entry to even think of doing this.

Carol Howland of Providence RI and Elaine Capobianco of Narragansett RI were playing the last board of the second session of the Gold Rush Pairs on Thursday against Robert Nowikowski and Barbara Nowikowski of Bloomfield Hills MI when they had an auction that went awry. Barbara was dealer and opened 1♦. Elaine overcalled 2♣, and Robert responded 1♥. Elaine noticed the insufficient bid and called the director.



Jeff Jacob came to the table and explained the options to Carol. After some dithering, she chose to accept the insufficient bid and made a “single raise” to 2♣. Barbara then jumped to 3♦, and Elaine competed to 3♣. Uh oh, we have another insufficient bid. The director returned and once again the insufficient bid was accepted. Now Robert reversed to 3♠. Carol passed and Barbara put her partner in 4♥, which made. After all that, they got to the right place.

Vaccination required

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

Masks may be required at times; see page 1 for more information on the mask policy. 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 vaccine verification process. For more information you can go here: acbl.org/portfolio/providence-nabc/#safety.

Before you are permitted to enter the playing areas on the upper levels of the convention center, you will need to show a wristband. You can get a wristband by showing your Vow passkey at either of the Vaccine Verification Stations.

Checkpoints are located on the ground level of the convention center at both entrances and in the bridge that connects to the Omni.

Stations will be open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

Wristbands can be worn for the duration of your stay.

Reported COVID cases in Providence

The ACBL is modifying its COVID reporting policy, such that cases from the Providence NABC will be reported in the Daily Bulletin instead of by email.

Each of the following cases were reported by players to NABC@acbl.org. Anyone testing positive for COVID should follow the same protocol. For information on testing locations, visit providenceri.gov/vaccinate/.

The ACBL has received reports of at least eight players who have contracted COVID since the Sunday issue where previous cases were reported. These players and staff members have participated in contests in multiple playing rooms across several days at the NABC in Providence.

Player are reminded of the efficacy of wearing masks in blunting viral transmission.

Masterpoint disclaimer

Results reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections. The masterpoint awards as shown are, therefore, also subject to change.



NABC results by email/text

Want to be notified when results and the Daily Bulletins from the NABC are posted online? Want to see your results in the events you played in? ACBL Live does just that.

With the ACBL Live notification system, you will receive emails and/or text messages after each session with links that go directly to the information you’re looking for. The email/text message will contain your score for the session and a link to your results. (These results will also be available on your MyResults page at MyACBL.) Players will also receive a notification to indicate when the Daily Bulletin for that day is available.

This service is automatic for members unless they have specifically opted out. To receive text messages, go to MyACBL at acbl.org and select Update My Information to enter your email address and/or cell phone number.

Also at MyACBL, visit the Privacy Settings tab to make sure you’ve selected the Subscribe setting for General Email Communication and Cell Phone Text Communication to receive these notifications.

Vugraph operators needed

Operators are needed daily for the Spingold Knockout Teams, and today for the Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship final.

The ACBL pays operators \$100 per session.

If you are available, please text Ross Driedger at 226–239–2860 or email him at ross@earz.ca

Thousands of BBO spectators around the world will appreciate your help!

Bridge Bee marries textbook instruction, digital platform

If you’ve ever wanted a digital, interactive version of a bridge column or textbook, Bridge Bee is the product you’ve been waiting for.

A joint project between Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies and the people behind Pianola/ ACBL Marketing Solutions, Bridge Bee features interactive, instructional modules on a whole host of bridge-related topics, from bidding to play to defense. The deals are playable on multiple platforms (laptop, tablet, smartphone) and operating systems.

Each topic contains a free module for users to explore. Additional deals are available for a small fee.

There’s even a set of deals based on hands from the Providence NABC. Each day, two of the most interesting deals from the tournament are included for users to enjoy, fully annotated by UK expert Ben Norton. Attendees at the Providence NABC can use the promo code PROV22 to include the Providence NABC hands to your Bridge Bee library for free.

See the ads in the Daily Bulletins or visit www.BridgeBee.app for more information.

Talent search: Bridge Bee creators are looking for teachers and authors interested in providing additional content for the app. Royalties will be paid for content that is used. Contact mary@bridgebee.app for additional information.



Smoking Policy

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



FREEMAN MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

28 Tables / Based on 56 Tables			
110.00	1	Joyce Hill, St. Augustine FL; Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL; Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Amber Lin, Millbrae CA; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	38.75
82.50	2	John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Jovanka Smederevac – Alexander Wernle, Vienna Austria; Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA; Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA	37.00
55.39	3/4	William Bailey, Reston VA; Jessica Larsson, Heimdal Sweden; Aaron Jones, Los Angeles CA; Marusa Gold, London United Kingdom	34.00
55.39	3/4	Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Gillian Miniter – Dana Berkowitz, New York NY	34.00
44.00	5	Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Sandra Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Thomas Paske, Manhattan NY	33.00
40.00	6	Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL; Gabriele Zanasi, Palermo Italy; Gigi Simpson, Sarasota FL	32.75
36.67	7	Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL; Les Bart – Gloria Bart, Bradenton FL	32.00
33.85	8	Anne Brenner – David Caprera, Denver CO; Samantha Punch – Stephen Peterkin, Stirling United Kingdom	31.75
31.43	9	Eric Sieg – Kim Eng, Issaquah WA; Lynn Shannon – John Miller, Campbell CA	31.50
29.33	10	Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA; Mike Cappelletti – Allison L. Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Anam Tebha, Charlotte NC; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands	30.87
26.69	11/12	Michael Ranis, Aventura FL; Carole Weinstein, Waltham MA; Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; Donald Berman, Laurel MD	30.50
26.69	11/12	Jenni Carmichael – Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; Julie Arbit, Milford MI; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA	30.50
24.44	13	Margie Cole – Alejandro Bianchedi, New York NY; Igor Savchenko, Morris Plains NJ; Giorgia Botta, Brooklyn NY	30.25
23.16	14	Paul Lewis – Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL	30.00

WERNHER OPEN PAIRS

52.0 Tables / Based on 97 Tables			
125.00	1	Andrew Cavalier, Huntsville AL; Christian Jolly, Atlanta GA	1676.58
93.75	2	Jian Wang, Hopatcong NJ; Jian-Ping Chen, Yorktown VA	1652.01
70.31	3	Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI; Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI	1619.79
55.56	4	Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA; Alan Watson, Lexington MA	1611.52
50.00	5	Samuel Amer, Hoboken NJ; Erez Hendelman, New York NY	1574.52
45.45	6	Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Sheng Li, New York NY	1570.95
41.67	7	Paul Meerschaert, Long Lake MN; Robert Schachter, Eden Prairie MN	1570.55
38.46	8	Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Cornelius Duffie, Palo Alto CA	1570.51
35.71	9	Bob Rebelein, Poughkeepsie NY; Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY	1565.83
33.33	10	Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA	1565.30
31.25	11	Timothy Baird, Pawling NY; Michael McNamara, White Plains NY	1558.20
29.41	12	Steven Wallis – Ed Schulte, Tampa FL	1554.63
27.78	13	Allen Kahn – Jeffrey Rothstein, New York NY	1551.22
26.32	14	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Morrisville NC	1549.52
25.00	15	Stan Schenker, Woodbridge VA; Gregory Bright, Westminster MD	1544.58
23.81	16	Daniel Wilderman, New Haven CT; Kenneth Zuckerberg, Boxborough MA	1537.96
22.73	17	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	1518.33
21.74	18	Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Michael Shuster, Collegeville PA	1516.64
20.83	19	Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	1514.75
20.00	20	Mark Friedlander, Deerfield IL; Howard Engle, Highland Park IL	1511.45
19.23	21	Michael D. Alioto, Birmingham MI; Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL	1507.75
18.52	22	Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Aviv Shahaf, Jericho NY	1500.03
17.86	23	Pedro Miguel Durao, Lisbon Portugal; Sathya Bettadapura, Campbell CA	1499.34
17.24	24	Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Robb Gordon, Prescott AZ	1486.92
16.67	25	Linda Robinson, Arlington MA; Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury MA	1485.14
16.13	26	Adam Parrish, New York NY; Benjamin Kompa, Boston MA	1469.32
15.63	27	Mark Ospeck, Remsen NY; Daniel Nussbaum, Cambridge MA	1461.62
15.15	28	Terry Du, Maple ON; Kole Meng, Niagara Falls ON	1460.67
14.71	29	Richard Chan, Markham ON; Zheng Zhang, Toronto ON	1459.31
14.29	30	Kerri Sanborn – Laura Brill, Delray Beach FL	1459.03
13.89	31	Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Glenn Robbins, New York NY	1458.33
13.51	32	Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Abe Pineles, Jackson NJ	1454.30
13.16	33	Barry Passer, Newfield NY; William Palmer, Brooklyn NY	1450.86
12.82	34	Sarik Goyal, Worcester MA; Eric Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	1450.02
12.50	35	Marina Polestra, Boston MA; Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA	1449.59
22.08	36	Tom Bishel – John Bishel, Columbus OH	1438.12
11.90	37	Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Joan Brody, Livingston NJ	1437.00
17.12	38	Carl Berenbaum, Wyncote PA; Stephen Horwitz, Avalon NJ	1423.35
11.36	39	Jack Lipson, East Meadow NY; Tom Trachuk, Walnut Creek CA	1422.19
11.11	40	Jan Van Cleeff, Maastricht Netherlands; Bob Drake, Wassenaar Netherlands	1418.32
10.87	41	Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL; Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL	1415.09
10.64	42	Barry Bragin, Pawling NY; Brad Theurer, Gaithersburg MD	1414.10
10.42	43	Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA; David Hoffner, Galloway NJ	1411.43
10.20	44	Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; William Arlinghaus, Meridian MS	1403.91
13.66	45	Frank Hsieh – Gianni Hsieh, Sammamish WA	1400.87
9.80	46	Gary Cohler, Delray Beach FL; Arthur Loring, West Palm Beach FL	1400.70
9.62	47	Arthur Gong – Nathan Gong, Sammamish WA	1388.30
9.43	48	Selen Hotamisligil, Weston MA; Eric Lee Shukan, Woburn MA	1385.48
9.26	49	Mark Jones, Birmingham AL; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA	1384.98

QUALIFIERS IN THE COLLEGIATE BRIDGE BOWL

1	Georgia Tech Gold: Cyrus Hettle - Morgan Johnstone - Shengding Sun, Atlanta GA; Santhosh Karnik, East Lansing MI; Bo Han Zhu, Etobicoke ON; Richard Jeng, Los Angeles CA		92.03
2	UC-Berkeley: David Gaddy, Mountain View CA; Ziheng Yun - Krish Desai - Zhenling Wang - Yanlai Yang, Berkeley CA; Foster Tom, Cambridge MA		75.51
3	Washington U 1: Lucas Strammello, Carmel IN; Jinhao Zhao, Saint Louis MO; Rohan Srivastava,Piedmont CA; Henry Shuster, New York NY		74.94
4	Brown: Charles Holmes, Rocklin CA; Steven Creech, Providence RI; William Gold, Stamford CT; Aaron Igra, Seattle WA		69.63
5	Northwestern 1: Ben Fisk, Cincinnati OH; Jakob Reinke - Yung Chi Li, Evanston IL; Sihan Fei, Princeton NJ		63.80
6	Carleton: Cecilia Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY; Kyra Helmbold, Los Gatos CA; Elliot Heyman, Shorewood MN; Owen Barnett, Mc Lean VA; Sean Boyce, Silver Spring MD; Allie Clark, Wayzata MN		63.68
7	Georgia Tech White: Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA; Anthony Trasatti, Atlanta GA; Alan Yeung, Sparta NJ;Lorelei Linkel, Kannapolis NC		62.63
8	U of Chicago: Cynthia Huang, Berkeley CA; Ilan Wolff, Philadelphia PA; Raphael Hallerman,Washington DC; Zihan Tan, Evanston IL		57.15

THURSDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS

31.0 Tables / Based on 96 Tables

	A	B		
41.41	1		Xu Wang, Astoria NY; Kelley Hwang, New York NY	61.81%
31.06	2	1	Gary Miyashiro, West Redding CT; Michael Hess, Wilton CT	57.99%
23.29	3	2	Guanghao Xiao – Jeff Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	57.46%
17.47	4		David Rodney – Avril Rodney, Fairfax VA	56.95%
13.80	5	3	S. Reese Koppel, Metairie LA; Jeffrey Goldman, Norwalk CT	56.03%
11.83	6	4	Kathryn Kimmerling, Blythewood SC; Michael Flader, Eagan MN	55.92%
10.35	7	5	Charles Rossi, Northborough MA; John Whistler, Hopkinton MA	55.79%
9.20	8		Joelle Benioff, San Francisco CA; James Griffin, Greenville SC	55.16%
8.28	9	6	Hirsh Schnayer, Laval QC; Michael Efraim, Mont-Royal QC	55.01%
7.53	10		Brenda Montague – Neil Montague, Swampscott MA	54.61%
6.90	11		Maris Zilant, Palo Alto CA; Susan Fuller, Boca Raton FL	54.19%
6.37	12		Fred King, Mc Lean VA; Robert Bell, Silver Spring MD	54.10%
5.92	13		Donna Compton, Dallas TX; Seth Cohen, Brooklyn NY	53.85%
5.52	14		Susan Fulton, Springfield NJ; Nicholas France, Spring Valley NY	53.31%
5.18	15		Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Andrew Chesterton, Winchester MA	53.24%
4.87	16		Nancy Marcus, New York NY; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	52.92%
4.54		7	Richard Rubinson – Cessy Rubinson, Pinecrest FL	51.40%
4.04		8	James Milam – Beth Milam, Idaho Falls ID	51.14%

ROSEMARY MEEHAN TATOR MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

25.0 Tables / Based on 65 Tables

	B	C		
27.24	1		Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Stanley Weiner, Las Vegas NV	62.07%
20.43	2	1	Phil Reynolds, Jackson MI; James Gundell, New York NY	61.90%
15.32	3		Gail Cannold, Rye NY; Dennis Glazer, Bronxville NY	59.19%
11.49	4		Roderic Kerr, Palm City FL; Phillip Yorston, Albuquerque NM	57.57%
9.08	5		Hubert Howe Jr., Westhampton NY; Jonathan Howe, Sag Harbor NY	56.51%
8.15	6	2	Gordon Labonte, Brentwood NH; Carl Wikstrom, Exeter NH	56.09%
6.81	7	3	Edmund Roman, Boxborough MA; Allen Nitschelm, Acton MA	55.63%
6.05	8		Deborah Simpson, South Dartmouth MA; Steven Myerson, Portsmouth RI	55.16%
5.45	9		Elizabeth Wood, Arlington MA; Mimi Groome, New Orleans LA	55.05%
4.95	10	4	Susan Davison, New York NY; Sharon Phillips, Greenwich CT	54.42%
4.54	11	5	Skip Page, Rye NH; Ronald Ouellet, Brentwood NH	54.23%
4.19	12		Sam Shoushtarian, Brighton MA; Maureen Bitler, Hingham MA	54.18%
3.89	13		Kimberly Music, Westerville OH; Yoko Sobel, Brooklyn NY	54.04%
3.10		6	Emily Gardner, Holliston MA; Clayton Cox, Millbury MA	52.96%
2.72		7	Ed Gould – Cornelia Gould, Incline Village NV	51.13%

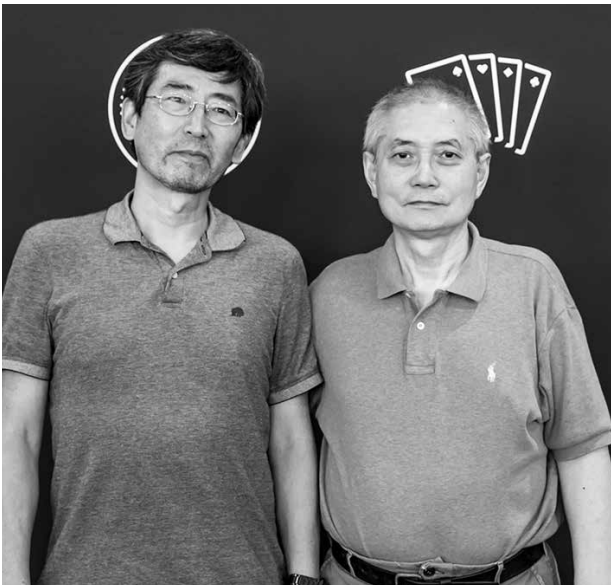
THURSDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

30.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables

	7	4	2		
10.76	1			Cheryl Gorman, Naples FL; Justine Robertson, Wilmington VT	66.43%
8.07	2	1		Edward Lechner, San Mateo CA; Erich Schifter, Ann Arbor MI	66.19%
6.05	3			Linda Jones, Centerville MA; Alan Bello, Pocasset MA	63.90%
4.64	4	2		Brigitte Sandquist, San Francisco CA; Kirsten Beda, Wilson WY	62.33%
3.59	5	3		Li Chen, Fairfax VA; Fanjun Kong, Sterling VA	60.51%
3.07	6			Matthew Evett – Susan Evett, Ann Arbor MI	57.73%
2.69	7	4		Grace Sutherland, Danielsville PA; Hardin Matthews, Belmont MA	57.55%
2.39	8			Judi Zucker, Boston MA; Joe Taverna, Swampscott MA	56.15%
2.15	9			Barbara Cuiffo, Tuckahoe NY; Frank Cuiffo, Tequesta FL	55.56%
1.96	10			Arthur Norman – Catherine Branch, Providence RI	55.08%
1.79	11			Robert Nowikowski – Barbara Nowikowski, Bloomfield Hills MI	54.78%
1.66	12			Guy Tanner, Hernando FL; Frederick Hayes, Bellingham MA	54.10%
1.54	13			Arvind Bhand, Centreville VA; Harriet Lewit, Upper Marlboro MD	53.82%
2.98	14	5	1	Jim Janik, Hilliard OH; Patricia Janik, Glen Allen VA	53.58%
1.35	15			Carol Low, Purchase NY; Lisa Leffell, Scarsdale NY	53.43%
1.27	16			Joanne Pooley – Sharon Ridsdale, Toronto ON	52.72%
1.77		6		Gretchen Wyatt – Hilary Charlton, Atherton CA	52.38%
1.55		7		Carole Smith, Washington DC; Eleanor Young, Rockville MD	52.20%
1.37		8		Paula Loring Simon, Stamford CT; Amy Salisbury, Austin TX	51.13%
2.24			2	Kevin Freund, Burlington VT; Amy Fieldman, Henderson NV	50.22%
1.68			3	Michelle Crivella, Charlston SC; Pamela Wiley, Jacksonboro SC	48.76%

Wernher

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Runners-up in the Wernher Open Pairs: Jian-Ping Chen and Jian Wang

Slow play:
The curse of the game
By Patty Johnson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Youth fundraiser

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of details to consider such as when (the Monday before the NABC seemed like a good choice, as no regionals would be starting), what time (7 p.m. eastern, so that those on the west coast could play after work), how to solicit the talent and how to promote the event. “We were able to use social capital,” explained Bauer. “This was all grassroots advertising, word of mouth and promoting through Bridge Winners.” Bauer also paid attention to making sure there were opportunities for players of all skill levels to participate by providing two sections, one for the top-flight pros and another for those who might not feel comfortable just yet playing with or competing against the very best.

The event was held on RealBridge, thanks to Shireen Mohandes and Andy Bowles; without their extensive support the game could not have happened. The RealBridge format was essential to the concept as players could see and hear each other while they played. Gumperz and Jack Oest, a Grand Life Master from the Chicago area, provided expert commentary for the kibitzers during the play. After the game, there was an online “Zoom party” where a panel of experts answered questions about the night’s deals, providing insights on bidding and play, with thanks to Michael Berkowitz and Larry Cohen, who provided their webinar platform via Zoom.

The fundraiser exceeded initial expectations. “This is much bigger than just Italy this summer,” said Bauer. “All North American bridge federations can apply for a grant from these funds for their Junior programs.” Bauer also indicated the possibility of similar events in the future, possibly even face-to-face.

“I am grateful to everyone who participated,” said Gumperz. “This extraordinary show of unity illustrates what bridge players can do as a group to accomplish a shared goal. From the bottom of my heart, thank you all.”

For anyone who would like to review the boards in each section, copy and paste the links below:

Section A: kibitz.realbridge.online/#220711124818-0

Section B: kibitz.realbridge.online/#220711124819-0

Winners of Section A

North–South

Debbie Rosenberg – Ewan McNay

Kevin Rosenberg – Cadir Lee

Harrison Luba – Barry Goren

East–West

Wafik Abdou – Mykaell McCarthy

Piotr Jurek – Tom Breur

George Jacobs – Jordan Chodorow

Winners of Section B

North–South

Corey Krantz – Dale Rands

Andrew Chen – Brandon Ge

Peter Boyd-Bowman – Beatrice Kemp

East–West

Rick Roeder – Michael J. Corey

Alejandro Bianchedi – Viviana Grunebaum

Michael Xu – Chris Donnelly

Patron Member Lounge

A between-sessions lounge for ACBL Patron Members is available from 1 to 3 p.m. daily in the Rotunda Room on the fifth level of the Convention Center.

ACBL Patron Members are invited to enjoy coffee and light snacks.



THURSDAY FAST PAIRS

13.0 Tables		A	B	C		
11.50	1				Sam Goldberg, Melville NY; Marc Sylvester, Edinboro PA	60.31%
8.63	2				Migry Zur Campanile – Nancy Katz, New York NY	59.47%
6.47	3		1		Sally Kirtley, Windsor CT; Helen Pawlowski, Bluffton SC	57.08%
4.85	4				Peter Manzon, Waltham MA; Rick Holcomb, Miami FL	56.99%
3.83	5				Marc Lachapelle, Saint-Laurent QC; Xavier Combey, Dol-Des-Ormeaux QC	55.51%
3.68	6		2		Randi Adelman, Teaneck NJ; Ryan Connors, Alexandria VA	54.08%
2.88	7				Johnny Raimondi, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Alexander Smirnov, Germany	53.49%
2.76			3		Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel; Gail Schargel, New York NY	51.62%

WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

14.0 Tables		A	B	C		
5.20	1				Jan Zadroga, Todz Poland; Alfred Lee, Foster City CA	70.83%
4.55	2		1		Michael Albert, Cambridge MA; Eric Siegel, Brooklyn NY	65.89%
3.41	3		2	1	Ryan Fu, Urbana IL; Darwin Li, Richmond Hill ON	58.90%
2.19	4				Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY; Melissa Baker, West Harrison NY	56.36%
2.56	5		3	2	Sujessada Udomsrirungrung, New York NY; Jonathan Berlowitz, Lincoln MA	55.72%
1.92	6		4	3	Harriet Lazarus, Brookline MA; Christine Sloane, Brockton MA	53.56%
1.44			5		Fred Shubert, Andover NJ; Richard Podkowik, Highland Lakes NJ	53.52%
1.18			6	4	Maxwell Burns – Nancy Hersh, Washington DC	53.41%

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

25.0 Tables		A	B	C		
10.61	1		1		Martin Deneroff – Valerie Deneroff, New York NY	60.11%
7.96	2				Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Michael Dworetsky, Palm Beach Gardens FL	59.86%
5.97	3		2		Kathy Gilman, Shoreline WA; Leah Lion, Arlington VA	58.38%
4.48	4		3		Barbara Grantham, Houston TX; Xin Chen, South Salem NY	57.85%
3.36	5				Phyllis Bausher, West Haven CT; Joyce Stiefel, Wethersfield CT	57.58%
2.52	6				Sharon Stanfill, Lincoln MA; Kevin Wilson, Knoxville TN	57.35%
1.89	7				Lynn Shannon – John Miller, Campbell CA	56.03%
2.29	8		4		George Beshers, Cranston RI; Nadejda Drenska, Baltimore MD	53.22%
1.71	9		5		Fran Tewkesbury, Greensboro NC; Martin Causley, Chapel Hill NC	52.39%
1.06	10				Clara Hetz, Ramath Gan Israel; Dale Ophir, Tel Aviv Israel	51.84%
2.45			6	1	Margaret Randle – Jane Pettinger, Kansas City MO	51.22%
1.84				2	Jane Grewcock, Summit NJ; Allison McGeough, St. Augustine FL	49.67%
1.38				3	Sandra Jodice – Marilyn London, Norton MA	45.55%

WEDNESDAY COLLEGIATE INDIVIDUAL

4.25 Tables						
2.40			1		Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	62.82%
1.80			2		Isaac Stone, Austin TX	60.05%
1.35			3		Yuchen Xu, Pittsburgh PA	57.37%
1.01			4		Morgan Johnstone, Atlanta GA	56.38%
0.76			5		Gilad Avrahami, New York NY	56.32%
0.57			6		Krish Desai, Berkeley CA	54.32%

THURSDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

12.0 Tables		A	B	C		
4.77	1				Tor Helness, Monaco; Thor Erik Hoftaniska, London England	65.15%
3.58	2				Richard Saval, Wayland MA; Robert Michaud, Sun City West AZ	64.02%
3.68	3		1		David Mike, Keswick VA; Harry Falk, Palm City FL	60.42%
2.01	4				Frank Treiber III, Toledo OH; Diane Travis, Cincinnati OH	57.77%
2.76	5		2		Judy Hess, Seattle WA; Paula Najarian, East Greenwich RI	54.55%
2.49	6		3	1	David Lawrence, Rochester NH; Nancy Hornbeck, Durham NH	54.17%
1.55			4		Karen Grossman – Howard Sloan, Boca Raton FL	53.79%
1.02			5/6		Sandy Stamoulis, Barrington RI; Barbara Bauchspies, Portsmouth RI	48.67%
1.22			5/6		Belinda Ledgerwood, Walnut Creek CA; Jack Hawks, Palm Desert CA	48.67%
1.87				2	Margaret Randle – Jane Pettinger, Kansas City MO	48.48%

THURSDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

10.0 Tables		A	B	C		
3.00	1		1		Ronald Geltman – Gloria Geltman, Centerville MA	58.33%
2.25	2				George Waller, Farmington CT; Kathy Watson, Storrs CT	56.85%
2.12	3		2	1	Kathleen Curtiss, Southborough MA; Linda Worters, Charlton MA	56.55%
1.59	4		3		Rita Barbone, Smithfield RI; Janice Ward, Greenville RI	54.17%
1.19	5		4		Carol Buckley, West Dennis MA; Joan Saltzman, Harwich MA	53.57%
0.90	6		5		Sandra Jodice – Margaret Crist, Norton MA	53.27%
0.67			6		Lucy Baker, Tappahannock VA; Catherine Robbins, North Reading MA	52.68%
1.50				2	Zain Mahmood, London England; Jacqueline Cole, New York NY	51.79%
1.13				3	Johanne Bourdon, Anjou QC; Rita Bergeron, Montreal QC	50.89%
0.84				4	Zhongxia Qi, San Francisco CA; Tony Di Bella, Seattle WA	48.51%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

11.0 Tables		A	B	C		
4.55	1		1		Karen Grossman – Howard Sloan, Boca Raton FL	66.96%
3.41	2				Lee Stokes Hilton – Jim Hilton, Austin TX	63.69%
2.56	3				Rose Berman, Laurel MD; Theo Lichtenstein, Tallahassee FL	56.85%
1.92	4				Charles Miner – Ann Farrell, Orlando FL	56.25%
2.76	5/6		2		Jack Hawks, Palm Desert CA; Belinda Ledgerwood, Walnut Creek CA	54.17%
1.26	5/6				Roger Smith, Modesto CA; Barbara Clark, West Orange NJ	54.17%
2.28			3	1	Roxann Maloney, Cranston RI; Peter Glanz, Greenville RI	52.68%
1.55			4		Paula Najarian, East Greenwich RI; Judy Hess, Seattle WA	50.00%
1.16			5		William Shaffer – Jean Shaffer, Milton MA	49.11%
1.71				2	Scott Metzler, Haddonfield NJ; Mariusz Kielbowicz, Philadelphia PA	47.32%



Yesterday’s story on the American Bridge Teacher’s Association failed to include a shot of the organization’s Master Teachers of the Year from 2021. Due to the pandemic, this group was unable to be recognized until last week in Providence.
ABTA Committee Chair Kathie McNab (center) presents the 2021 Master Teachers of the Year: Linda Green, Morris Jones, Sally Ann Rhea and Robert Buchanan.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

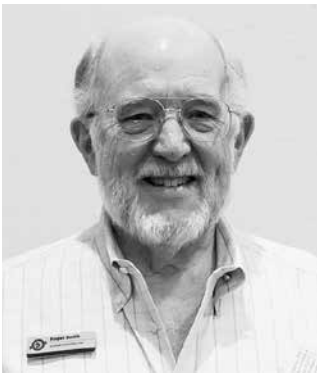
5.0 Tables	A	B	C		
2.25	1	1	1	Jeffrey Badler, Forest Hills NY; Steven Leser, New York NY	61.63%
1.69	2	2	2	Jacqueline Cole, New York NY; Zain Mahmood, London England	60.76%
1.27	3	3	3	Alexander Sung, New York NY; Connie Lee, Old Tappan NJ	54.43%
0.95	4	4		Lucy Baker, Tappahannock VA; Fred Wingerath, Winchester MA	51.70%

ERIC SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL THURSDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

61 Tables / Based on 168 Tables	A	X	Y		
38.96	1			Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Edward Xu, North York ON; Yan Wang, Richmond Hill ON; Kelvin Ng, Singapore	96.00
29.22	2			Alison Wilson, New York NY; Ida Groenkvist, Bromma Sweden; Guy Mendes De Leon, Amsterdam Netherlands; Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands	89.00
21.92	3			Sarah Bell – John Cox, London England; Lyle Poe Jr., Ellicott City MD; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD	88.00
16.44	4			John Overdeck, Short Hills NJ; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy; Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain	85.00
12.99	5			Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Mesa AZ; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	83.00
11.13	6			Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands	82.00
9.74	7			Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London England; Louk Verhees Jr., Voorhout Netherlands; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Dror Padon – Alon Birman, Tel Aviv Israel	81.00
8.66	8			John Lusky – Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	79.00
7.79	9			Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark; Simon Cope, Hertfordshire United Kingdom	77.00
16.09	10/11	1		Adam Mesbur, Dublin Ireland; Nicholas Fitzgibbon, Kildare Ireland; G. Venkatesh, Carmel CA; P. Sridhar, Chennai India; Ding-Hwa Hsieh – Lin-Huan Chen, Kirksville MO	76.00
6.79	10/11			Tim Leslie, Shrewsbury United Kingdom; Michael Bell, London England; Oliver Burgess, Manchester United Kingdom; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom; Ben Handley-Pritchard, Stroud United Kingdom	76.00
5.99	12			Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI	75.00
5.57	13			Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Janet Dresden, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Paul Zebrowski – Albert Shrive, Naples FL	74.00
5.03	14/15			Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Lynne Rosenbaum, Truro MA; Ahu Zobu, Tarabya Istanbul Turkey; Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria	73.00
5.03	14/15			Geoffrey Brod, Avon CT; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; Kevin O’Donnell, Leander TX; Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Axel Johannsson, Sutherland Australia	73.00
12.07		2	1	Serge Aronovich – Marianne Aronovich, Tuxedo Park NY; Dan Benjamin, Wayne NJ; Dan Eschenasy, New York NY	71.00
6.45		3/6	2/4	Farley Mawyer, Port Chester NY; Sabrina Miles, Mansfield MA; Ron Sperber, Geneva NY; Andrew Skolnick, Bedford Hills NY	64.00
6.45		3/6	2/4	James Andre – Lily Andre, Allyn WA; Min Zheng – Fan Zhang, Redmond WA	64.00
6.45		3/6		Ronald Mittleman – Nancy Mittleman, West Palm Beach FL; Mustafa Cem Tokay – Ruth Fleischmann, New York NY	64.00
6.45		3/6	2/4	Beverly Pogoda Meyers – Joseph Meyers, Hilton Head SC; Joyce Pearson, Framingham MA; Ricki Rogers, Cinnaminson NJ	64.00
4.02		7		Ronald Kral, Reston VA; Dan Chocron – Harold George, Wichita KS; Dian Petrov, Buffalo NY	62.00
3.41			5	Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA; Zhu Liu, Princeton NJ; Weishu Wu – Alberto Feilhaber, Irvine CA	60.00
2.92			6	Serena Guo, Dublin CA; Jeffrey Yin, McLean VA; Bo Xiao, Fremont CA; Sarah Chen, Austin TX	58.00

New Gold LM

Roger Smith of Modesto CA became a Gold Life Master playing in Wednesday’s Bracketed B Teams. Smith topped 2500 masterpoints playing with three pickup teammates: Paul Caten Jr., of Windham NH, Johannes Braakman of the Netherlands, and Daniele Panayotatos of Orangeburg NY.



New Diamond LM

Lee Ohliger of Bradenton FL collected masterpoint No. 5000 playing in Tuesday’s Bracketed Swiss Teams. Ohliger played with partner Joyce Menezes of Sarasota FL and teammates Fernando Teson and Theo Lichtenstein of Tallahassee FL, Yan Song of Livingston TX and Hong Ding of New York City.



In the photo, Ohliger is posing with Mia.

Cashless operations and purchase options

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

Advance entries for all events are now available through the ACBL’s new Entry Express system. This system can be accessed through a website.

To use Entry Express from your own device, go to members.acbl.org/tournaments or scan the QR code at right. This may be done **until midnight** the day before the event begins.

Entry Express accepts only one payment per event for the entire pair or team. To sign up for a pair or team event, you can either enter the ACBL member number for each participant or search by name. 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.

For more information, see acbl.org/entry-express.

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

Entries for NABC events are no longer available on Bridge Winners.

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.



Duck, duck, duck!

By Wafik Abdou

From the Spingold Knockout Teams, Round of 32 (small spots approximate):

♠ Q 6 ♥ A K 10 8 5 ♦ 10 4 ♣ K 9 6 2 ♠ 8 7 ♥ J 9 7 4 ♦ A J 8 7 6 ♣ 10 5 ♠ J 10 9 3 2 ♥ Q 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ A Q 8 3 ♠ A K 5 4 ♥ 6 3 ♦ K 5 3 2 ♣ J 7 4			
West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dbl
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

Against 2NT, West led the ♦7 to dummy’s 4 and East’s 9 (duck No. 1). Declarer made the excellent play of ducking the king (No. 2). East continued with the ♦Q, ducked again by declarer (No. 3). East shifted to a low club to West’s 10 and dummy’s king. A low club from dummy was won by East with the queen, who then cashed the ♣A and continued with a club to dummy’s 9. South discarded one diamond; West a diamond and a spade.

The ♠Q was cashed, then a spade to the 10 and ace, West discarding a diamond:

♠ — ♥ A K 10 8 5 ♦ — ♣ — ♠ — ♥ J 9 7 4 ♦ A ♣ — ♠ J 10 3 ♥ Q 2 ♦ — ♣ — ♠ K 5 ♥ 6 3 ♦ K ♣ —			
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Declarer now tried a heart to dummy’s 8. But East’s final duck (No. 4) is the coup de grâce! Allowing the 8 to hold means that West will score a heart and diamond. If East wins the trick, he must lead a heart, giving dummy the rest of the tricks, or lead a spade, exposing West to a red-suit squeeze (fratricide!)

Double-dummy, declarer can succeed after the clubs are cleared by playing a low spade from dummy to the ace instead of cashing dummy’s queen. Now when he plays a low heart and inserts the 8 (if West plays low), East’s clever duck doesn’t work. A low heart from the table forces East to win the queen, and the forced spade return allows declarer to take the rest. If the ♥J and ♥Q were swapped, however, this line would fail.

Mixed BAM

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and the first open NABC victory for Lin, Huang and Thomsen.



Second in the Freeman Mixed BAM: Alexander Wernle, captain John McAllister, Jovanka Smederevac, Michael Xu and Olivia Shierson.

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In second with 37.00 was John McAllister of Charlottesville VA, Jovanka Smederevac and Alexander Wernle of Austria, Michael Xu of Palo Alto CA and Olivia Schireson of Stanford CA.

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.



Eligibility for limited events

Players who have previously won an NABC+ event are not eligible to participate in any event with an upper masterpoint limit, including 0–10,000 events.

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2022 Youth NABC

Editor: Chip Dombrowski

Youth player becomes certified teacher to spread love of bridge

Andrew Jin is a 15-year-old in the Philadelphia area who has been playing bridge for five years. As of this month, he’s also a bridge teacher. Though he was looking forward to playing in the Youth NABC again after having played in Las Vegas, his main reason for coming to Providence was to take the Best Practices Teacher Workshop.

When Andrew started high school last year, his friends would ask about what he’s doing. “I realized none of my peers had any idea what bridge is. I had to keep trying to explain it,” said Andrew. “I realized there’s a deficit of young bridge players, so I got the idea to teach a few kids and see how far I can spread my passion for bridge.”

Andrew’s bridge journey began at a local Chinese school he attended on Sundays when he lived in South Jersey. In 2017, as a fourth grader, there was a slot in Andrew’s schedule that needed to be filled and he had to pick a class to fill it.

“My mom suggested bridge,” Andrew said. “I wanted to try something new, so I just went along with it.” There was a group of four kids taking the bridge class every Sunday for a semester. At the end of the semester, the teacher asked if they wanted to continue lessons at his house.

“This group just gets it,” said Yan, Andrew’s dad who doesn’t play but is very supportive of Andrew.

Andrew started to attend local New Jersey regionals, playing in the one-session youth game on Saturday, which gets four to five tables of youth players, mostly thanks to the Orange NJ group. Andrew went to the 2019 YNABC in Las Vegas and won two trophies in Cardrook games. “We really got to bond over the bridge tournament” he said. “It was a really fun experience.”

In 2019 the teacher introduced Andrew to online play and the USBF Junior program. “Our teacher stopped Friday lessons during pandemic, so that’s been my only opportunity to play,” said Andrew. He plays in Karen Walker’s group. “She’s done a good job of keeping my bridge skills sharp.”

“He’s been in my group for about two years now,” said Walker. “All of them are from the Northeast and about the same skill level. They’ve learned 2-over-1 and some conventions but are still working on basic skills.

“Andrew is thoughtful, very committed. He’s there every Sunday night to practice with Michael, Jerry and Oliver and they all seem to have fun with the game.

“Not a good speller. His BBO name is Pheonix168.”



In June, Andrew arranged to have a classroom space in the township building for the summer. Twenty people signed up, the max that the room can accommodate, and 14 kids showed up for a two-hour class. “The kids were really engaged. I only taught for 10 minutes and then let them play. I just taught them what I call ‘Minibridge’: no trumps or bidding.” The kids ranged from third to ninth grade.

“I think we were surprised to find out how much kids are into it,” said Yan. “It’s a good way to get away from screen time. This game can let people settle down and concentrate without distractions. It builds confidence. It can help with academics.”

Andrew considered it important to get certified as a bridge teacher.

“I want to get that knowledge of how to properly teach bridge,” he said. “I was flying into the dark. I knew how I was taught, but I don’t know how other people teach bridge. I thought it would help my credibility. Through the class I think I’ve learned a lot. Not putting students on the spot, limiting content, don’t give too much information too soon. It helped my outlook on how to teach kids.”

The lack of awareness of bridge among American youth is a hurdle to cross. That isn’t the case in China, Yan said.

“In China everyone knows what bridge is, but only high-status people have opportunities to play

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Who did those balloons?

When you entered the Youth NABC area, you probably noticed the towers of balloons. There’s a reason they look so nice: Shaneka Cunningham.

Shaneka has worked at ACBL Headquarters for 11 years, first in the membership department as a special events coordinator and then in marketing, where she started helping to organize the Youth NABCs. About one year ago, Shaneka started a company that offers professional decorating for special events in her spare time.

“I have a niece who is like my child. I decorated her baby shower five years ago and every birthday party since then,” Shaneka explained. That led to starting her business, called Up, Up and Away!

Shaneka originally went to college and trained to be a respiratory therapist, but she grew tired of the long days at the hospital and was ready for a change. “I don’t know how I found the ACBL, they found me,” she said.

On Wednesday, Shaneka and ACBL graphic designer Liza Frisbie (along with Shaneka’s seven-month-old Yorkshire terrier, Lucy) spent much of the day blowing up and arranging hundreds of balloons to decorate the playing area, putting Shaneka’s expertise in balloon décor to use at the Youth NABC.

“This is the highlight of my job,” Shaneka said. “I love these kids; I love to see them interact with people; it’s like camp from all over the world. I like seeing all the kids have fun and meet friends from across the world that they’ve played with online for the first time.

“They are all such well-mannered and behaved kids – they make it easy.”



Shaneka Cunningham, ACBL education program coordinator, is also a professional event decorator.

YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, July 22

BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS

10 am

Qualifier

2 pm

Finals

2 pm

Youth Pairs single session

10 am & 2 pm

Cardrook Pairs single sessions

Saturday, July 23

ACBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION & BRIDGEWHIZ NATIONAL YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

10 am

Qualifier

2 pm

Finals

2 pm

Youth Teams single session

10 am & 2 pm

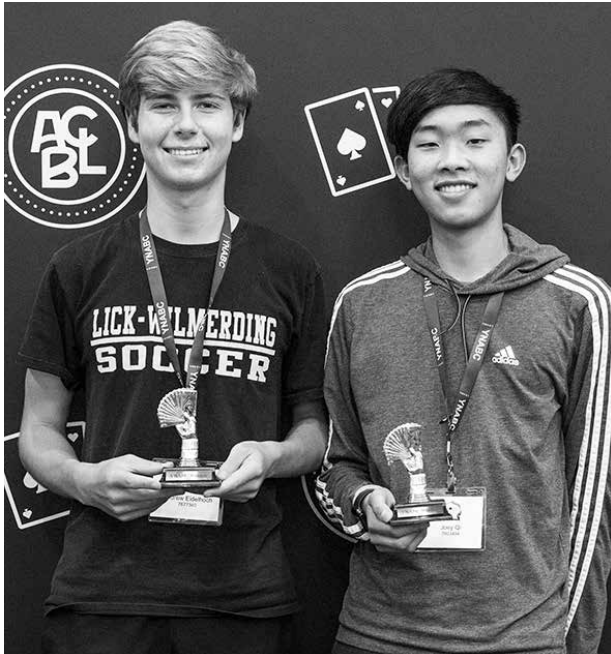
Cardrook Pairs single sessions

Youth Award Ceremony

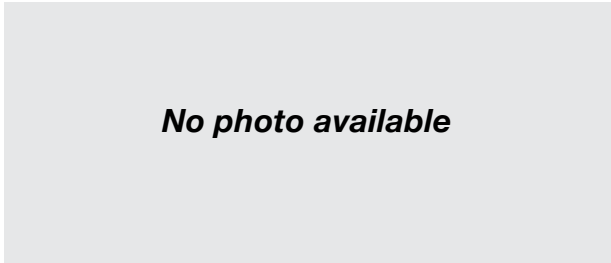
Saturday, July 27 at 5:30 pm

Including Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award, Baron Barclay Youth Pairs Scholarship and ACBL Educational Foundation & BridgeWhiz Youth Swiss Teams Scholarship

Youth Open Pairs



First overall, A and B: Andrew Eidelhoch and Joey Qi



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First in C: Renyu Li and Ruizhe Wang



Third in B, section top: Nathan Chow and Helen Chow



Second in C, section top: Alex Fu and James Fu

Youth Open Swiss Teams



Tied for first overall: Ava Donnelan, Margot Donnelan, Helena Hsieh, Jessie Cai



Tied for first overall: Garrett Liu, Han Wu and (not pictured) Darwin Li and Ryan Fu



First in B: Keith Lin, Kyle Lin and (not pictured) Gary Zeng and Maxwell Burns



First in C: Wyatt Christlieb, Glynnis Gong, Eddy Qi and Aarav Chandak

THURSDAY MORNING YOUTH PAIRS

17.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.12	1	1		Andrew Eidelhoch – Joey Qi, San Francisco CA	70.09%
4.59	2	2	1	Renyu Li, Ithaca NY; Ruizhe Wang, Shanghai China	68.85%
3.44	3			Tiger Li, Buffalo NY; Darwin Skalski, Williamsville NY	65.80%
2.58	4	3		Helen Chow – Nathan Chow, San Francisco CA	64.81%
1.94	5			Jack Boge, New York NY; Avery Silverstein, Ridgefield CT	64.67%
1.51	6			Yichen Cai, Bellevue WA; Helena Hsieh, Sammamish WA	62.77%
2.04	7			Ava Donnellan – Margot Donnellan, Brooklyn NY	60.66%
1.08		4		Gavin Wiese, Middleton WI; Connor Wolff, New York NY	58.70%
1.02		5	2	Alex Fu – James Fu, Westfield NJ	57.41%
1.02		6		Maxwell Burns, Washington DC; Gary Zeng, San Francisco CA	57.31%
0.73			3	Andrew Jin, Newtown PA; Oliver Que, Princeton NJ	55.03%
0.55			4	Claire Cao, Westford MA; Eli Shuster, Collegeville PA	49.56%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

14 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.81	1/2			Margot Donnellan – Ava Donnellan, Brooklyn NY; Yichen Cai, Bellevue WA; Helena Hsieh, Sammamish WA	50.00
3.81	1/2			Darwin Li, Richmond Hill ON; Garrett Liu, Oakville ON; Ryan Fu, Urbana IL; Han Wu, Markham ON	50.00
2.45	3	1		Kyle Lin – Keith Lin – Gary Zeng, San Francisco CA; Maxwell Burns, Washington DC	45.00
1.84	4			Samuel Pakh, Somerville MA; Michael Haas, Haddonfield NJ; Gavin Wiese, Middleton WI; Connor Wolff, New York NY	41.00
1.38	5	2		Helen Chow – Nathan Chow – Andrew Eidelhoch – Joey Qi, San Francisco CA	35.00
0.84		3		Julian King – Tyler Mu, Williamsville NY; Daren Liu – Aditya Gupta, Buffalo NY	34.00
0.98		4	1	Wyatt Christlieb – Glynnis Gong, Palm Coast FL; Eddy Qi, San Francisco CA; Aarav Chandak, Cedar Park TX	29.00
0.74			2	Michael Johnson – Brendan Wang, Flagler Beach FL; Leon Grigoruk – Greyson Peugh, Palm Coast FL	28.00

THURSDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.22	1	1	1	Kayla Carter – Ivan Gabriel, Orange NJ	71.22%
0.92	2	2		Markel Powell – Chibuihie Iherobiem, Orange NJ	62.92%
0.78	3	3	2	James Sung, New York NY; Ella Yiling Jiang, Oakville ON	60.61%
0.51	4			Carol Li, Buffalo NY; Melanie Skalski, Williamsville NY	59.72%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.30	1			Chidumebi Iherobiem – Munachiso Iherobiem, Orange NJ	71.77%
1.21	2	1	1	Markel Powell – Chibuihie Iherobiem, Orange NJ	69.95%
0.91	3	2		Olamiposi Kazeem – David Clement, Orange NJ	68.03%
0.55	4			Bernard Francis, Jersey City NJ; Benjamin Francis, Perth Amboy NJ	65.20%
0.68		3		Rian Souffrant – Mike Morocho, Orange NJ	53.40%
0.84		4	2	James Sung, New York NY; Ella Yiling Jiang, Oakville ON	49.13%
0.63			3	Chloe Chow, San Francisco CA; Odin Blanchard, New York NY	48.22%

Andrew Jin

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it,” said Yan. “That’s the perception. There is no resource to teach them.”

Learning about the resources available to teachers through the ACBL was another benefit to coming to Providence and the workshop, Andrew said.

“Andrew wants to expand to younger kids, the community,” Yan said. “This is a starting point. He wants to make more impact.”

The Jins worked in some college visits on their Providence trip, stopping by Yale, Brown, Harvard and MIT. “He’s a straight-A student,” Yan said. Andrew also enjoys tennis and video games, but bridge is his passion.

“Once we get into it, it has a great impact on our lives,” Andrew said. “It was an off-chance I learned the game and since then it’s been an integral part of my life.”



Fourth in C, section top: Claire Cao and Eli Shuster

Cardrook Pairs



First overall, all flights, morning session:
Ivan Gabriel and Kayla Carter



**First overall, afternoon session:
Chidumebi Iherobiem and Munachiso
Iherobiem**



***First in B and C, afternoon session:
Chibuihie Iherobiem and Markel Powell***



How is online different?

During lunchtime at the Youth NABC, we asked players this question: What do you think of online bridge and how it compares to face-to-face bridge? Here are their answers.



“Online bridge is less fun. You don’t get to meet and talk to people. You also get more distractions online.”
– Michael Haas, 15
Haddonfield NJ



“I prefer online bridge. I feel it’s easier to play online. It’s more nervewracking in person.”
– Claire Cao, 13
Westford MA



“I feel like it’s a bit easier online. You can look at your notes because nobody’s there to watch you.”
– Melanie Skalski, 13
Buffalo NY



“It makes it a lot more accessible to play. It’s a lot less enjoyable. There’s less interaction. I learn less playing online.”
– Andrew Eidelhoch, 16
San Francisco CA



“The good thing about online bridge is it’s really portable. It’s not as good as face-to-face but it’s more portable.”
– Aaradhya Chandak, 13
Austin TX



“I think it’s nice how you don’t need four people to play. But you don’t have the social experience.”
– Gavin Wiese, 14
Middleton WI



“It’s really different. You can undo online. When you’re actually doing it [in person], it’s a little difficult, more confusing. Today was my first time doing it.”
– Lily Steck, 13
Bethlehem PA



“They’re very different. Online bridge is a little bit easier to play and not have to think about it. I really like the social aspect of playing in person.”
– Eli Shuster, 12
Collegeville PA



“Sometimes the body language and facial expressions are important to pay attention to. Online you can just play without that.”
– Precious Onyeagocha, 15
Orange NJ



“Online bridge is not really the same game as face-to-face bridge. The experience of playing it is different. I don’t think they’re that comparable. You can’t interact as well.”
– Sam Pahk, 14
Boston MA



“I really enjoy online bridge. It’s really accessible. Not everyone has the time to go to an in-person game. But I don’t think online is ever going to be as fun.”
– Taylor Carroll, 18
Palm Coast FL



“I feel like in online bridge you can still practice but it’s definitely a different game. You can’t see people, and that changes what you think.”
– Wyatt Christlieb, 15
Palm Coast FL



“It’s just bridge. Maybe in person is more intimidating. Online you can do whatever.”
– Munachiso Iherobiem, 15
Orange NJ



“It’s more convenient, but it does have disadvantages. There’s no social cues.”
– Carol Li, 13
Buffalo NY



“I think they’re about equal. You can make more friends in person.”
– Eddy Qi, 10
San Francisco CA



“It is more intimidating in person. Online I feel more at ease. But overall it’s the same.”
– Chidumebi Iherobiem, 17
Orange NJ



“In person there’s more pressure, I have to be focused. Online nobody can see me.”
– Paul Onyeagocha, 15
Orange NJ



“I like online better because I don’t need to hold anything. I feel a bit tired holding cards.”
– Ella Yiling Jiang, 7
Boston MA



“Online bridge is useful for developing your skills but the feel is very different. When I went back to the club for the first time I played much worse than usual. You have to keep your expression down and not accidentally signal anything. But in the end you can’t get better with just online.”
– Darwin Skalski, 16
Buffalo NY



“Online bridge is easier for new players – you don’t have to deal with the bidding box, you can click to find out what a bid means. But face-to-face is good. You can ask questions and discuss a lot easier than just typing.”
– Aarav Chandak, 11
Austin TX



“I feel I play at the same level in both. Maybe I’m not that social, I don’t usually talk. It’s a lot easier to play online. But after a while I miss playing with people. I think they’re pretty close.”
– Joey Qi, 16
San Francisco CA



“Online bridge is great if you just need to practice. But there’s so many more things you need to consider, and you lose your touch with that if you play online too much. You should definitely balance.”
– Tiger Li, 15
Buffalo NY



Spingold KO Teams

1. Nickell	83	116	168	243
64. Wang (65)	19	29	40	43

32. Hans	53	92	152	152
33. Brenner	16	33	33	w/d

17. Goodman	24	43	82	114
48. Levinson	33	61	90	143

16. Bramley	38	73	128	165
49. Bell	18	57	73	89

9. Tulin	41	89	112	146
56. Carmichael	27	34	86	123

24. Rippey	36	72	109	164
41. Barrett	23	52	80	90

25. Juster	31	71	99	138
40. Bell	38	80	97	129

8. Spector	41	67	117	177
57. Zheng (60)	7	42	58	62

5. Amoils	33	97	126	164
60. Hallerman (63)	10	14	58	77

28. Leong	33	54	70	121
37. Tucker	31	63	79	104

21. Gupta	10	50	107	139
44. Baker	28	65	89	100

12. Milner	47	89	130	165
53. Botwi	4	10	53	80

13. Andresen	30	101	133	177
52. Gorsey	40	42	92	109

20. Overdeck	44	68	103	136
45. Rogoff	51	85	116	139

29. Beatty	17	44	85	137
36. Kovachev	43	79	87	111

4. Zimmerman	37	99	153	153
61. Kompa	47	66	80	w/d

2. Lee	41	126	201	201
63. Huang (66)	16	29	64	w/d

31. Kolesnik	29	86	108	169
34. Sprinkhuizen	12	19	68	82

18. Hill	26	31	61	84
47. Bianchi	50	105	116	139

15. Street	53	100	156	220
50. Collins	14	56	58	102

10. Nitabach	18	82	122	139
55. Pratt	16	33	50	58

23. Bertheau	15	68	87	134
42. Texan Aces	50	74	91	107

26. Benner	23	54	76	115
39. Hudson	19	34	62	64

7. Lebowitz	59	94	170	246
58. Keefer (59)	13	56	88	102

6. Levine	53	82	127	152
59. Geist (64)	10	33	47	73

27. Feldman	44	83	118	156
38. Watson	39	58	93	118

22. Cayne	21	66	97	167
43. Sheng	28	54	93	115

11. Wolfson	34	46	69	99
54. Rossard	30	39	68	87

14. Donner	41	75	117	159
51. Gettleman	22	79	104	105

19. Palma	47	80	118	142
46. Zhu	33	54	67	95

30. Simson	9	37	101	152
35. Joel	28	79	115	145

3. Rosenthal	45	125	185	185
62. Bishel	10	44	68	w/d

1. Nickell	24	48	79	97
32. Hans	37	77	102	104

17. Levinson [48]	32	51	73	82
16. Bramley	23	66	87	124

9. Tulin	32	60	75	92
24. Rippey	34	37	90	107

25. Juster	23	39	71	107
8. Spector	49	106	126	156

5. Amoils	37	58	89	123
28. Leong	28	69	83	122

21. Gupta	15	57	85	95
12. Milner	32	59	79	135

13. Andresen	40	63	103	150
20. Rogoff [45]	24	85	114	161

29. Beatty	26	44	69	w/d
4. Zimmermann	39	81	164	164

2. Lee	42	81	125	138
31. Kolesnik	35	38	52	94

18. Bianchi [47]	33	77	89	114
15. Street	19	40	95	127

10. Nitabach	26	44	67	89
23. Bertheau	29	48	59	118

26. Benner	18	48	73	106
7. Lebowitz	48	81	118	148

6. Levine	4	20	51	81
27. Feldman	12	40	64	85

22. Cayne	20	46	63	88
11. Wolfson	2	60	84	113

14. Donner	11	42	91	128
19. Palma	35	62	65	118

30. Simson	15	25	25	107
3. Rosenthal	21	67	67	125

1. Hans [32]	15	47	67	102
16. Bramley	30	78	103	141

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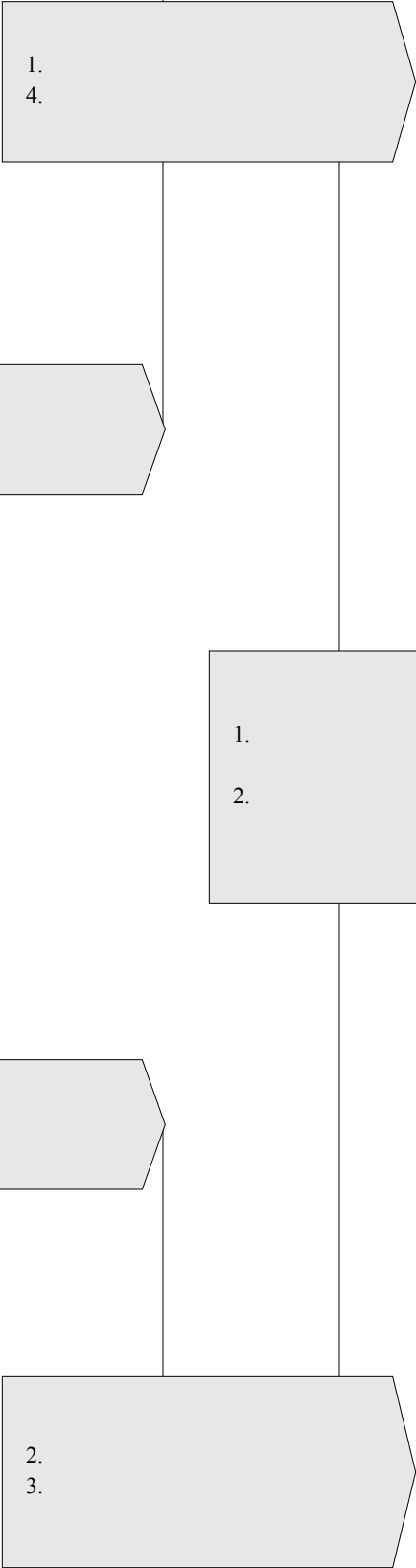
14. Donner	27	70	114	167
3. Rosenthal	8	31	56	101

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4. Zimmermann	5. Amoils
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2. Street [15]	7. Lebowitz
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6. Wolfson [11]	3. Donner [14]
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SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS –
QUARTERFINAL PAIRINGS

68 Tables
Pierre Zimmermann – Michal Klukowski – Piotr Gawrys –
Sebastiaan Drijver – Sjoert Brink, Geneva Switzerland; Fernando
Piedra, Zurich Switzerland
vs
Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Chip
Martel, Davis CA; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France; Thomas
Bessis, Paris France; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland

Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Dennis Bilde, Aarhus Denmark;
Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Zachary Grossack –
Adam Grossack, Newton MA; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA
vs
Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L’Ecuyer, Montreal QC;
Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk
Poland; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Massimiliano Di Franco,
Italy

Warren Spector, Chilmark MA; Kevin Bathurst – Vincent Demuy
– Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York
NY; John Kranyak, Greenville SC
vs
Bart Bramley – Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey,
Kensington CA; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; Liam Milne,
Sidney Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia

Jeffrey Wolfson – Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Erik Berg, Meldal
Sor-Tron Norway; Peter Crouch, Surrey England; David Gold –
Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom
vs
Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm
Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Brad Moss,
Denver CO; Joe Grue, New York NY; Cecilia Rimstedt,
Jacksonville FL

50.00 9/16 Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Jacek Kalita,
Warsaw Poland; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland; Antonio
Sementa, Parma Italy; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy
50.00 9/16 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken – Jan
Jansma, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye
Brogeland, Flekkefjord Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway
50.00 9/16 Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Roy Welland,
New York NY; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Rafal
Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw
Poland; Hemant Lall, Marina Del Rey CA
50.00 9/16 Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Oren Toledano,
Jerusalem Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Daniel
Zagorin, Chicago IL
50.00 9/16 Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Kamil Nowak,
Kielce Poland; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Piotr
Nawrocki, Warsaw Poland; Piotr Wiankowski, Gdansk Poland;
Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC
50.00 9/16 Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Daniel Lavee,
Thornhill ON; Jacob Freeman – Darren Wolpert, Toronto ON;
Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Powell
OH
50.00 9/16 Sartaj Hans – Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia;
Peter Gill, Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand
50.00 9/16 Bruce Rogoff, Boca Raton FL; Eugene Saxe,
Briarcliff NY; Alexander Ornstein, New York NY; Zygmunt
Marcinski, Montreal QC
25.00 17/32 Nick Nickell, New York NY; Ralph Katz, Burr
Ridge IL; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Steve Weinstein, Cedar
Grove NJ; Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV
25.00 17/32 Mike Levine, Pinckney MI; Jeff Meckstroth,
Clearwater Bch FL; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; David
Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm Sweden;
Eddie Wold, Houston TX

25.00 17/32 Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi,
London England; Louk Verhees Jr, Voorhout Netherlands; Cornelis
Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Alon Birman – Dror
Padon, Tel Aviv Israel
25.00 17/32 Lynda Nitabach, N Plainfield NJ; Juan Castillo,
Fort Lauderdale FL; Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL; Daniel
Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL
25.00 17/32 Martin Andresen, Nesaya Norway; Thor Erik
Hoftaniska, London England; Tor Helness, Monaco; Thomas
Charlsen, Bergen Norway
25.00 17/32 Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal; Connie
Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland; Vesa
Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden
25.00 17/32 Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Emil Jepsen,
Aarhus Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark; Simon
Cope, Hertfordshire United Kingdom; Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard
Denmark; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden
25.00 17/32 Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Dano De
Falco, Rubano Italy; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands;
Bart Nab, Tilburg Netherlands; Bob Drijver, Rotterdam
Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands
25.00 17/32 Jeffrey Juster – Iulian Rotaru, New York NY;
Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV
25.00 17/32 Debbie Benner – Arthur Crystal, Fairfield CT;
Ishmael Del’monte, Baton Rouge LA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX;
Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV
25.00 17/32 Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Jacob Morgan,
Madison WI; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby
Sweden
25.00 17/32 Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Fred Stewart,
Bradenton FL; Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik
Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ; Jeff
Roman, Bend OR
25.00 17/32 Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Jeff Aker,
Briarcliff NY; John Lusky – Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Barry Rigal,
New York NY; Glenn Milgrim, Ransomville NY
25.00 17/32 Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX; Kevin Rosenberg,
Sunnyvale CA; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel; Ron Smith,
Chicago IL
25.00 17/32 Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Leonardo Cima,
Roma Italy; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy; Irene Baroni,
Moniga Italy
25.00 17/32 Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Barnett
Shenkin, Hallandale Beach FL; Nils Kvangraven – Geir Brekka,
Kristiansand Norway

0–6000 MINI-SPINGOLD – SEMIFINAL
PAIRINGS

22 Tables
Gerard Turcotte – Alain Dufour – Robert Tremblay, Quebec QC;
Denis Lafrance, Shannon QC
vs
Leon Yu, Syosset NY; Bing Le, Pembroke ON; Tsao-Tung Tsai,
Cupertino CA; Winston Huang, Los Altos CA

David Yoon, Bayside NY; Lorraine Cable, Greenfield IN;
Jacqueline Chang – Jordan Lampe, New York NY
vs
Steve Chen – Charlie Chen – Andrew Chen, Austin TX; Qiang
Zhang – Brian Zhang, Dublin CA

12.60 5/8 Nicolas Hammond, Alpharetta GA; Edward
Foran, Acworth GA; Lawrence Lerner, New Providence NJ;
Deborah Murphy, San Francisco CA
12.60 5/8 Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Rory Xiao,
Fremont CA; Michael Gladfelter – Mary Jane Gladfelter,
Columbus OH
12.60 5/8 Peter Clay, Wellesley MA; Harold Nordstrom,
Reading MA; Michael Marcucci, San Gabriel CA; Ashok Rao,
Cambridge MA
12.60 5/8 Yang Xu – Hong Ding, New York NY; Danning
Lu, Goleta CA; Jiaheng Hu, Pittsburgh PA; Hengrui Xing,
Brooklyn NY; Yan Song, Livingston TX

0–2500 MINI-SPINGOLD – FINAL PAIRING

16 Tables
Rachael Gosling – John F. W. Glynn, Paget Bermuda; Stephan
Juliusburger, Miami FL; Gertrude Barker, Warwick Bermuda
vs
Roy Martin, Vestavia Hills AL; Guy Martin, Montgomery AL;
Denny Cahan, Atlanta GA; Alexander Woo, Moscow ID

15.60 3/4 Rick Whitehead, Knoxville TN; Timothy
Prime, Cambridge MA; Martin Friedman – Richard Pepper,
Greensboro NC
15.60 3/4 Paul Hattis, Newton MA; Howard Booth,
Summit NJ; James Orleans, Northbrook IL; Steven Fox,
Kensington MD

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Teams, Wagar Women’s Pairs, Truscott/USPC
Senior Swiss Teams, Wernher Open Pairs, Freeman
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means \$120 per team per session for four-person
teams, \$150 per team per session for five-person
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session. Note: \$1.50 per person per session benefits
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to play in the Grand National Teams (Flights A,
B & C), the 0–6000 and 0–2500 Mini-Spingold
Knockouts, the 0–10,000 NABC Pairs, the
0–10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams, the Bruce LM–6000
Pairs, the Young 0–2500 Pairs and the Bean Red
Ribbon Pairs. The entry fee is \$22 per player per
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team per session for teams of four, \$110 per team
per session for teams of five and \$132 per team per
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MONDAY–TUESDAY DAYTIME SERIES				
52.00 Tables / Based on 24 Tables				
11.90	1/2	Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX		134.51%
11.90	1/2	Marilyn Adams, Beaumont TX		134.51%
6.70	3/4	Eva Cheung, Menlo Park CA		124.53%
6.70	3/4	Ken Gee, Regina SK		124.53%
5.31	5	Nancy Strachan, Mississauga ON		123.75%
6.09	6/7	Joyce Stiefel, Wethersfield CT		119.65%
6.09	6/7	Phyllis Bausher, West Haven CT		119.65%
5.17	8/9	Belinda Ledgerwood, Walnut Creek CA		118.88%
5.17	8/9	Jack Hawks, Palm Desert CA		118.88%
3.25	10	Robert Kaplan, Columbus OH		117.64%
2.18	11/12	Johnny Raimondi, Palm Beach Gardens FL		117.42%
2.18	11/12	Alexander Smirnov, Lubeck		117.42%

WEDNESDAY–THURSDAY DAYTIME SERIES				
38.75 Tables / Based on 17 Tables				
9.45	1/2	Karen Grossman, Boca Raton FL		120.75%
9.45	1/2	Howard Sloan, Boca Raton FL		120.75%
6.08	3	David Barbour, Albuquerque NM		116.78%
4.48	4/5	Patrick De Vries, Memphis TN		116.57%
4.48	4/5	Jill Hankinson, Cranston RI		116.57%
4.52	6/7	Eva Cheung, Menlo Park CA		114.73%
4.52	6/7	Ken Gee, Regina SK		114.73%
3.03	8/9	Charles Miner, Orlando FL		114.47%
3.03	8/9	Ann Farrell, Orlando FL		114.47%

THURSDAY 0–3000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1				
9 Tables				
14.09	1	Susan Mullin, Naples FL; Sheila Middleton, Milton MA; Priscilla Hostetter – Karen Largay, Osterville MA		103.00
10.57	2	Yves Decelles – Denise Leclerc – Luc Gagnon – Sylvie Levesque, Baie-Comeau QC		97.00
7.93	3	Dennis Keefer – Janice Keefer, Sparta NJ; George Weber – Jan Weber, Vero Beach FL		95.00
5.94	4	Martin Causley, Chapel Hill NC; Fran Tewkesbury, Greensboro NC; Martha Meyer – Mark Meyer, Winston-Salem NC		92.00

THURSDAY 0–3000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2				
9 Tables				
12.60	1	Jenny Koenecke – Paul Manganello, Kingston MA; Elizabeth Paige, Duxbury MA; Margie Wollam, Hingham MA		108.00
9.45	2	Rita Vachani, Lexington MA; Stan Piltch, Plymouth MA; Carolyn Bitetti, Belmont MA; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia		105.00
7.09	3	Barbara Devaney, Washington DC; Alexander Stille, Bethesda MD; Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA; Alison Shoemaker, Wyndmoor PA		99.00
5.32	4	Raluca Dobrescu, Aventura FL; Brooke Cohen – Melissa Fawer, New York NY; Robert Barrington, West Palm Beach FL		95.00

THURSDAY 0–3000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3				
9 Tables				
11.34	1	Alan Munro, Vienna VA; James Dahlberg, Arlington VA; Colin Schloss, Falls Church VA; Nick Migliacci, Las Vegas NV		111.00
8.51	2	Lisa Hebert – Mark Lacroix, Ottawa ON; Patrick Thompson, Lakewood Ranch FL; Sohail Hasan, Harwich MA		97.00
6.38	3	Susan Kipp, Rowayton CT; Gail Morse, Edgartown MA; Linda Holmes, South Dartmouth MA; Susan Swope, Vero Beach FL		89.00
4.78	4	Girish Nathan, Sammamish WA; James LaFave, Minneapolis MN; Paul Caten Jr., Windham NH; John D Aguiar, Calgary AB		88.00

THURSDAY 0–3000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4				
9 Tables				
9.89	1	Rob Jones, Acton MA; Thomas Shea, Naples FL; Tracy Burlock, Newton MA; Barbara Blauer, Needham Heights MA		115.00
7.42	2	Brendan O’Malley – Linda O’Malley, Lafayette Hill PA; Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA; Karen Haines, Summit NJ		113.00
5.56	3	Judith Hyde, Northampton MA; Nanette Hittmeier – Judy Duning, Olympia WA; Peter Thurrell, East Dummerston VT		90.00
4.17	4	Jui Wang, Morrisville NC; Judith McNutt, Pittsfield MA; Tracy Nolan – Elizabeth Flanigan, Naples FL		89.00

THURSDAY 0–3000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5				
9 Tables				
8.67	1	Julian Jefferson, Manchester NH; Michael Albert, Cambridge MA; Eric Siegel, Brooklyn NY; R. Michelle Green, Somerville MA		117.00
6.50	2	Abraham Fisher, Concord MA; Paul Sojka, West Lafayette IN; Jill Hunter, Northborough MA; Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY		90.00
4.88	3	John Calderbank – Nancy Calderbank, Glastonbury CT; Mary Sullivan, West Hartford CT; Xenia Coulter, Moodus CT		88.00
3.66	4	Linda Einhorn-Ihde – Sue Murphy – Candace Kurtz, New York NY; Maureen Rives, Saddle River NJ		83.00

THURSDAY 0–3000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 6				
13 Tables				
8.52	1	Rolf Swenson – Kathy Kopnisky, Silver Spring MD; Jichong Chai, Arlington VA; R. Mani, Lanham MD		122.00
6.39	2	Yong Wang, Richmond Hill ON; Yuan Li, Markham ON; Xin Chen, South Salem NY; Xiaodong Zhao, Edmonton AB		117.00
4.79	3	Rachel Brannan – Leslie Ehrlich – Susan Montgomery – Patricia Sacks, New York NY		89.00
3.59	4	Barbara Foley – Deborah Suckow, Darien CT; Melissa Graves, Chicago IL; Carolyn Eddie, Darien Denmark		88.00
2.84	5	Darlene Campbell – Judy Wood, Dallas TX; Robert Drosdzal – Susan Drosdzal, Lansdowne VA		86.00

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

By Steven Gaynor

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

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

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

Winning IMP strategies include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Take out insurance.” In every team game, there will be a hand where both sides can make game. Usually it is a wild hand with lots of distribution, doubles fits and long suits. It is usually right to bid one more (called “taking out

insurance”) – unless you are sure they are going down and you cannot make your bid.

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

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

Steven Gaynor is a Platinum Life Master who lives in Minneapolis MN. He is a member of the national Charity and Goodwill committees.

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8 Tables			
Georgia Tech Gold: Cyrus Hettle – Morgan Johnstone – Shengding Sun, Atlanta GA; Santhosh Karnik, East Lansing MI; Bo Han Zhu, Etobicoke ON; Richard Jeng, Los Angeles CA			
vs			
University of Chicago: Cynthia Huang, Berkeley CA; Ilan Wolff, Philadelphia PA; Raphael Hallerman, Washington DC; Zihan Tan, Evanston IL			
UC Berkely: David Gaddy, Mountain View CA; Ziheng Yun – Krish Desai – Zhenling Wang – Yanlai Yang, Berkeley CA; Foster Tom, Cambridge MA			
vs			
Georgia Tech White: Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA; Anthony Trasatti, Atlanta GA; Alan Yeung, Sparta NJ; Lorelei Linkel, Kannapolis NC			
Washington University: Lucas Strammello, Carmel IN; Jinhao Zhao, Saint Louis MO; Rohan Srivastava, Piedmont CA; Henry Shuster, New York NY			
vs			
Carleton College: Cecilia Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY; Kyra Helmbold, Los Gatos CA; Elliot Heyman, Shorewood MN; Owen Barnett, McLean VA; Sean Boyce, Silver Spring MD; Allie Clark, Wayzata MN			
Brown University: Charles Holmes, Rocklin CA; Steven Creech, Providence RI; William Gold, Stamford CT; Aaron Igra, Seattle WA			
vs			
Northwestern University: Ben Fisk, Cincinnati OH; Jakob Reinke – Yung Chi Li, Evanston IL; Sihon Fei, Princeton NJ			

Here’s the good news ...

By Barry Rigal

In the Round of 12 in the 0–6000 Mini-Spingold, one declarer had the choice of a seven-card, near-solid fit to play in or an eight-card fit. He chose the seven-card fit and found the other suit was splitting 5–0. That was the good news, the bad news? Read ’em and weep ...

Dlr: West	♠ K Q 10		
Vul: Both	♥ J 8 6 3		
Bd. 20	♦ K J 6 4 3 2		
	♣ —		
♠ 6 5 2		♠ 8 7 3	
♥ Q 10 2		♥ A K 7 5	
♦ 10 7 5		♦ Q 8	
♣ K J 7 4		♣ A 6 3 2	
	♠ A J 9 4		
	♥ 9 4		
	♦ A 9		
	♣ Q 10 9 8 5		
West	Xiao	East	Stephani
Pass	1♦	1NT	Dbl
Pass	Pass	2♥	Dbl
All Pass			

After Rory Xiao’s light opener, East’s 1NT was takeout (don’t blame me, I only report the facts). West’s pass of 1NT doubled denied a five-card suit, so East guessed to bid his better suit. Isaac Stephani doubled to show cards, and all passed.

Stephani led a club and Xiao ruffed to play a diamond to the ace for another club ruff. Next came the ♠K, the ♠10 overtaken for a third ruff, and a third spade overtaken for the fourth ruff and then the ♦K for the ninth trick taken on defense. At this stage, the defenders graciously gave up, with 1100 in the bag. The Stephani team advanced to the quarterfinal round.

The past comes alive

Dutch players Frank van Wezel and Hans van de Konijnenberg collect books, magazines and Daily Bulletins about bridge. They especially enjoy reading Daily Bulletins from the pre-internet era – these periodicals are a treasure trove of wonderful photographs, marvelous sketches, splendid deals and tremendous stories and anecdotes.

Van Wezel and van de Konijnenberg decided that this material should be at the disposal of all bridge players. At the same time, they want to save the history of bridge from oblivion. Therefore they launched a free website: www.bridgedailybulletins.nl.

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If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6-board matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

If the director determines the partnership has at least one substantially completed convention card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, the director may give warnings or assign such penalties as they deem to be appropriate under the circumstances.

Playing in an NABC+ pairs game?

Buy your entry early!

In an effort to speed up the start of all NABC+ pairs events – which require additional time for proper seeding – the ACBL asks participants to please buy their entries at least 15 minutes before game time. This is especially true if you expect to be a seeded pair.



Winners of the Red Ribbon Pairs in 2019: Roy Martin and Denny Cahan

Red Ribbon Pairs begins today

The Red Ribbon Pairs, an ACBL event with national rating open to players with less than 2500 masterpoints, gets underway today. Before 2015, it was on the spring schedule.

Players earn qualification by placing first or second overall in regionally rated events of at least Flight B status. Neither member of a qualifying pair may hold more than 2500 masterpoints at the time of qualification.

The four-session event began in 1986 and winners are honored by the Percy X. Bean Trophy. The trophy was designated by the ACBL Board of Directors in 1996 to honor Bean, ACBL president in 1972 and chairman of the Board in 1973.

Bean (1916–1992) represented District 19 on the Board from 1964 until 1988 and served as president of the ACBL Charity Foundation from 1974 until 1981. He was a member of the National Goodwill Committee and the National Board of Governors and general chairman of arrangements for the World Team Olympiad in Seattle in 1984.

Bean and his wife, Anne, were named ACBL Honorary Members for 1992, the first time that honor was bestowed on a husband-wife combination.

Bean was the editor of *Mad, Mad World of Bridge*, a publication that strongly championed players of less than expert class.

Winners and runners-up:

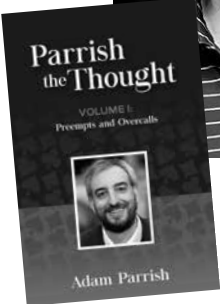
1986	1. Wayne Perrin, Martin Newland; 2. Hugh Ogle, Charlie Cargile
1987	1. Jim Gaarder, Jimmy Ritzenberg; 2. Charles Moser, Paul Bratton
1988	1. Leni Holtz, Guy Green; 2. Anthony Trafecanty, Michael Trafecanty
1989	1. Lu Kohutiak, Yvonne Hernandez; 2-3. Warren Haynie, Charlie Cargile; 2-3. Bill Goldberg, Bill McKenna
1990	1. Philip Gordon, Mike Grodsky; 2. Rajendra Agarwal, Don Chilrud

1991	1. Dan Marthaler, Robert Johnstone; 2. Steven Gaynor, Art Ardy Bakshian
1992	1. Duncan McCallum, Peter Peng; 2. Andy Goodman, Steve Zolotow
1993	1. Ron Weinstock, John Gillette; 2. Hank Meyer, Marty Graf
1994	1. T.C. Petty, Steve Altus; 2. Grant Robinson, Joe Walden
1995	1. Marc Umeno, Hank Youngerman; 2. Bernie Greenspan, Keith Sechler
1996	1. Vinay Sarin, Ringo Chung; 2. Burton Lipsky, Arnold Goldstein
1997	1. Tony Miller, Diane Miller; 2. Mark Bumgardner, Nagy Kamel
1998	1. Paul Spear, Jim Johnsen; 2. David Halasi, Mike Nadler
1999	1. Jenni Hartsman, Andrew Rosenthal; 2. Martin Hunter, Andy Stark
2000	1. Nie Wei Ping, Christopher Leung; 2. David Yang, Xiaodong Shi
2001	1. LaToss Carpenter, Brandon Carpenter; 2. Mike Nadler, Gurhun Baykal
2002	1. Rich Atwater, Chris Pesce; 2. Bob Sievers, Georgia Heth
2003	1. Chi-Yen Lai, Bin Dai; 2. Edward Leach, Bruce Schwaidelson
2004	1. Martin Harris, Jacob Morgan; 2. Mark Brighthouse, Harvinder Sidhu
2005	1. Yeong-Long Shiue, David Margolin; 2. Jim Lyle, Robert Todd
2006	1. Chris Buchanan, B.J. Trelford; 2. Everett Boyer, Mansoor Gowani
2007	1. Jack Hawthorne, Paul Spear; 2. Jim Kehoe, Chuck Michalski
2008	1. Mike Develin, Li-Chung Chen; 2. Sidney Kanter, Ron Nelken
2009	1. Daniel Jackson, Bill Gervais; 2. Steven Towner, Mitch Towner
2010	1. Bob Levey, Jim Ritzenberg; 2. George Dragich, Rosemary Dragich
2011	1. Brad Berry, David Amsterdam; 2. Eric Goff, Neil Cohen
2012	1. Daniel Neill, Jason Rotenberg; 2. Steve Hirsch, Gregory Thorpe
2013	1. Brian Cummins, Blake Sanders; 2. Jeff Dater, Rich Brandenburg
2014	1. Ted Bain, Mike Miedema; 2. Erli Zhou, Zhou Wang
2015	1. Paul Hattis, James Orleans; 2. Lelvin Crowe, Sam Graham
2016	1. Paul Hattis, James Orelans; 2. Renee Shunta, Cameron Shunta
2017	1. Sudhir Patwardhan, Steve Overholt; 2. Daniel Lev, Samuel Amer
2018	1. Michael Kelley, Martina Kelley; 2. David Venetianer, Richard Franklin
2019	1. Roy Martin, Denny Cahan; 2. Paul Hattis, James Orleans
2020	Not held
2021	Not held

Adam Parrish book signing Friday

Come meet Adam Parrish at the Baron Barclay book desk (convention center, third floor, Exhibit West) Friday, July 22, at 2:45 p.m.

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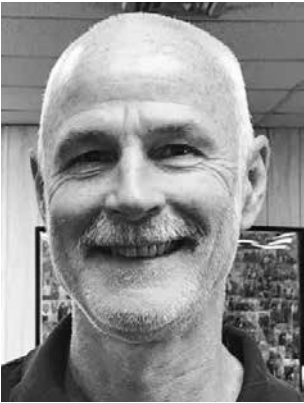
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Today's Bracketed Round Robin Teams and Top-Flight Pairs are named in memory of Victor King.

After graduating in 1978 from Middlebury College with a BA in sociology, Vic settled in Hartford, where he lived for the rest of his life and worked in the insurance industry. At his untimely passing, his friends said they did not know if they could properly convey his enthusiasm for life. He was accomplished in many areas.

Victor was a splendid athlete at soccer (he was a starting fullback on two high school state championship teams), at squash (he won the 1980–1981 CCSL championship), at golf (he was the proud owner of a single-digit handicap) and at cycling (which he did all over the world). His competitive successes, however, were not limited to sports. He also excelled at any number of board and card games, with Acquire and Scrabble two of his favorites. But among all his activities, physical



and cerebral, his number one love was bridge. Vic was introduced to bridge by his mother in his teens. He represented the U.S. in international competition, attaining the rank of Grand Life Master after winning the 2016 Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams, and he won dozens of regional championships. Despite all those triumphs, his most cherished bridge accomplishment was partnering with his mother on her successful quest to become a Life Master. Despite his competitive spirit, Vic was known for his kind, gentle soul, and willingness to help others in need, friend and stranger alike.

Victor’s fun-loving nature and sincere friendship were also always on display. Shortly before his death, he dyed his hair a vibrant red to match Sheila Gabay’s to honor his friend at the celebration of her attaining 30,000 masterpoints. His friends in the bridge community were legion, and all were grateful for that friendship. Despite being widely admired as a tenacious and most able competitor, the words most frequently used to describe Victor by them were “kind, thoughtful, compassionate and funny.”

As one said, all who knew him were blessed. He was a grandmaster not only at bridge, but as a

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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 later inspection and review by ACBL management and tournament officials. 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.



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Age requirement for Senior events

You must have been born before Jan. 1, 1960, to play in ACBL Senior events.

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Saturday, July 23				
Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS 0–6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	Room 554, 5th floor	\$30*	—
	1-2 SF	TBA	\$30*	—
	1-2 F	Room 554, 5th floor	\$22*	—
10 am				
Saturday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i> 299er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
	single	Exhibit Hall D, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
10 am & 1 pm				
RIBA Fast Pairs	1-2	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
10 am & 3 pm				
BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS Collegiate Pairs Championship Victor King Top-Flight Pairs (<i>unlim./6000/4000</i>) RIBA Mid-Flight Pairs (<i>3000/1500/750</i>) Top-Flight Swiss Teams (<i>unlim./6000/4000</i>) Bracketed Round Robin Teams (<i>0-3000</i>)	1-2 F	Ballroom C, 5th floor	\$22	—
	1-2	Room 556, 5th floor	Free	—
	1-2	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
10 am & 3:30 pm				
0-10,000 MIXED SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Ballroom E, 5th floor	\$22	—
3 pm				
Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i> 299er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
	single	Exhibit Hall D, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
7:30 pm				
Youth/Collegiate Pro-Am	single	Room 556, 5th floor	Free	—

* 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 (400-750/200-400/0-200). 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 (400-750/200-400/0-200). 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

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Today's Bridge Events				
Friday, July 22				
Victor King Day				
Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS 0–6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS 0–2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 Q	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	\$30*	—
	1-2 SF	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	\$22	—
	1-2 F	Exhibit Hall A, 3rd floor	\$22*	—
10 am				
Friday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i> 299er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
	single	Exhibit Hall D, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
10 am & 1 pm				
Fast Pairs	1-2	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
10 am & 3 pm				
BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions Collegiate Pairs Betty Crowther/Ed & Isle Rothman Open Pairs (unlim./3000/1500) Gold Rush Pairs Victor King Bracketed Round Robin Teams Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship	1-2 Q	Ballroom C, 5th floor	\$22	—
	1-2	Room 556, 5th floor	Free	Free
	1-2	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Exhibit Hall D, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
	1-2 F	Room 556, 5th floor	Free	—
10 am & 3:30 pm				
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions	1-2 Q	Ballroom A, 5th floor	\$30	—
3 pm				
Friday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i> 299er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
	single	Exhibit Hall D, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
7:30 pm				
Collegiate Individual	single	Room 556, 5th floor	Free	Free
Friday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>	single	Exhibit Hall B, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
Thursday-Friday Evening Bracketed Round Robin Teams	2 of 2	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
Friday Evening Zip Knockout Teams	single	Exhibit Hall C, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19

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**The Hartford Bridge Club:
Thriving in the Pandemic**

The Hartford Bridge Club (HBC) is the oldest bridge club in North America. The club was founded in 1931 as a member-owned club, and it recently marked its 90th anniversary. It is housed in a spacious rental facility that can accommodate 44 tables with ample surrounding parking. At the start of 2020, HBC was riding high. It had just completed its best and busiest year. It was running 13 live games a week. It had 7441 tables in play in 2019 to rank first in New England and 25th among more than 3000 bridge clubs in North America. Its membership had grown to nearly 550, and the first two months of 2020 were gangbusters. Then the pandemic hit, and in March of 2020, the world changed dramatically for many organizations, and certainly for HBC.

When the pandemic hit, the club closed its doors at 19A Andover Drive in West Hartford for 15 months from March 15, 2020, until June 15, 2021. Prior to the pandemic, it had never run an online game. It suspended operations in March of 2020 and reopened for online activity for the first time in its history in April of 2020 with 12 online games a week. It then reopened for live games in June of 2021 and now is constantly tinkering with a mix of live and online games in the challenging environment created by the pandemic and inexpensive online games that have proven lethally attractive. The club remains an all-volunteer endeavor with Donna Feir as its club manager. Donna, the heart, and soul of the club, has been its club manager since 1997 and has seen the club through thick and thin.

HBC has survived the pandemic, not only through the efforts of its dedicated members, but through two initiatives it made with foresight

during the pandemic. The club revised its certificate of incorporation and bylaws to make clear that a primary mission was education in order to qualify as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization under Internal Revenue Service rules and guidelines. Then, to make sure that its educational mission was paramount, it enhanced and initiated a wide range of educational endeavors, including regular beginner and follow-up lessons, online and live weekly tutorials, mentorship programs, partnership programs where more experienced persons sign up to play with and tutor less experienced players, and regular sessions where expert players (the club has nearly a dozen players who have won or placed high in national championships) go over the finer points of play.

Furthermore, to try to maintain and build its loyal community during the pandemic, the club sponsored a host of new initiatives including, weekly club walks in a nearby park hosted by the board of trustees, almost daily newsletters announcing online schedules and special events, monthly newsletters highlighting members’ milestones and achievements, Zoom chats before games, frequent Zoom seminars offering playing tips particularly for advancing players, and weekly newsletters teaching members about playing with robots. All these efforts enhanced the glue that binds members to the club.

Even in the pandemic, the club sought to emphasize that bridge should always be fun and to focus on beginners. More than 100 new players have attended the club’s beginner lessons in the last two years, and the club has started to hold “graduation” exercises for its beginners who complete a series of classes. It is but another example of how the club tries to make bridge fun and build and maintain its community.

A graduation exercise was held where certificates of achievement were given, and a short commencement-like speech was made about the

journey that the graduates had been on and what awaits them in the future. For instance, from Art Linkletter: “Things turn out best for people who make the best out of the way things turn out. You are going to get bad breaks playing duplicate. So is everyone else. How you handle them will mark you as a player.”

The graduates came up to receive their certificates with “Pomp and Circumstance” playing in the background. The graduates then assembled for a group photo. Prior to the graduation talk, the table buddies, who provided invaluable assistance throughout the lessons, were recognized and applauded for their efforts. A small but vibrant token of appreciation, a long-stemmed red rose, was given to each table buddy.

The club’s emphasis on community, education and lessons, and the charitable donations it has received have allowed the club to offset the operating losses it is encountering in this most challenging environment for bridge clubs. The club remains a thriving enterprise and vibrant community. In the last calendar year, 2021, it had more than 460 members and 6881 tables in play to rank 33rd in the nation. It is that dedicated and loyal community that allowed the club quickly to raise \$3000 to honor Victor King’s memory so that there can be a day at the NABC dedicated to the memory of one of the club’s finest members.

The club still runs eight face-to-face games a week where members very much enjoy the socialization that only live bridge provides. The hope is that pandemic abates sufficiently to allow the club to hold many of the events it has postponed for more than two years, including a belated celebration of its own 90th anniversary this fall.

Felix Springer, Club President