94th Fall North American Bridge Championships

NABCDailyBulletin@acbl.org | Editors: Paul Linxwiler, Chip Dombrowski and Amy Casanova

# **Welcome to Phoenix**

By Kenneth Titow, Tournament Chair

Welcome to the 2022 Phoenix NABC. It has been nine years since we last hosted this

exciting event, and your local NABC team, in partnership with the ACBL Headquarters team and the Visit Phoenix tourist bureau, have done everything we could to make this tournament as successful for you as possible.



Please take

advantage of all the facilities that are available to you while you are here.

Our Partnership Desk will ensure that any unattached players are matched up with a compatible partner or teammates. Our Intermediate/ Newcomer Desk will help our first-timers and newer players smoothly integrate into tournament play.

Our Welcome Desk will provide you with our restaurant guide and welcome gift. This easy-touse guide will allow you to quickly locate eating establishments that meet your budgetary and cuisine preferences. Our Prize Desk will make sure that all our section top and overall winners receive a small gift as recognition for their accomplishments.

The Phoenix Visitors' Bureau (visitphoenix. com) has a wealth of information regarding the plethora of activities in the Phoenix-Scottsdale

In addition, you will see a number of volunteers with large "Ask Me" badges throughout the corridors outside the playing areas. Please do not hesitate to ask for their help.

The only thing missing from this NABC will be our longtime local and national tournament director, Gary Zeiger. He passed away during the COVID crisis, and so we have dedicated today to his memory.

I wish you all a successful tournament and implore you to remember that fair play and civilized discourse with partners, opponents and tournament officials is never out of style.

# Mayne Man John R. Mayne of Modesto CA won the Fall

**2023 NABC** Robot Individual. The three-session contest, held earlier this week, drew over 2100 participants.

Mayne has been a Stanislaus County (CA) Superior Court judge for two years. Before that, he was a prosecutor for 20 years, with one



case ending up on Dateline NBC. His combined score of 69.22% earned him first overall in Flights A and B. Mayne's first session score of 66.63% was a good start but relatively modest for a robot event – notorious bot-beater Leo LaSota posted 79.17% in the first session. Mayne took the top spot with a 77.11% score in the second session and scored 63.93% in the third and final session. "I love the robot events," said Mayne. "The robots never complain after you've fooled them."

Second in Flight A with a score of 67.69% was James Geist of Olney MD; third in A with 66.61% was Jorge Barrera of Bogota, Colombia.

Second in Flight B with 64.55% was Oyvind Tafjord of Seattle WA; third in B with 64.25% was Jim Dickson of Baltimore MD.

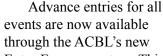
First in Flight C with 62.54% was Raji Jarjour of Burbank CA; tied for 2/3 in C with 62.14% was Wangfeng Mou of Sugar Land TX and Vladimir Kolbun of Forest Hills NY.

## Notice to non-North American residents

If you are currently a member of a bridge organization outside of USA, Canada, Mexico or Bermuda, or have been in the past, please be aware that you must have eligibility points assigned to you (or those previously issued to you) reviewed prior to participation in any event at this NABC. This is especially important if you intend to enter an event, flight or stratum with a masterpoint limit or a bracketed event. Please arrive early and see the Tournament Director in Charge of Operations (Convention Center, Room 124B) for this purpose.

# **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.



Entry Express system. This system can be accessed through a website.

continued on page 5

**SCAN ME** 

# 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 highly recommended. Masks may be required at times; see page 2 for more information on the mask policy. Attendees



Domestic code



who are unable or unwilling to comply with these

continued on page 2

ACBL invites all attending NABC guests to a casual welcome gathering in the lobby of PCC West, with a cash bar and some light appetizers from 5 to 6 p.m. today.

# **Gaylor Kasle** 1941-2022

**Welcome Happy Hour** 

Grand Life Master Gaylor Kasle of Paradise Valley AZ died Oct. 3. He was 81.

Born in Flint MI. Kasle attended Short Ridge High School in Indianapolis where he made many lifelong friends. Upon graduating, he served in the U.S. Army where



his love of playing bridge began.

Kasle won 12 NABC events: Mitchell Open BAM Teams (1973); Keohane North American Swiss Teams (1982, 1985, 1990); Vanderbilt KO Teams (1994); Freeman Mixed BAM Teams (1996); Jacoby Open Swiss Teams (2012); Baze Senior KO Teams (2012, 2018); Roth Open Swiss Teams (2019); Wernher Open Pairs (1993); Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs (2006).

Kasle also had 11 second-place finishes in NABC events.

In world championship events, Kasle was part of the victorious squad in the 1994 Rosenblum Cup and the World Senior Bowl in 2003. Additionally, he picked up two silver medals and one bronze medal in world Senior team contests.

Playing with Robert Levin, Kasle won the prestigious Sunday Times Invitational Pairs in 1993.

Bridge Bulletin contributor Josh Donn wrote, "He was known for his simple style (although he had all the "old-timer" tricks in his arsenal),

continued on page 5

**Goodwill Message** 

Welcome to the 2022 Fall North American Bridge Championships in Phoenix. Tournament chair Kenneth Titow and his local committee have a great tournament planned for everyone.

Please join us in saying thank you to our hosts. Roger Smith, Chair Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

# **SPECIAL EVENTS**

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

1-6 pm

6:30-9:30 pm

Meetings are at the Hyatt Regency or the Phoenix Convention Center (north or west buildings).

Friday, November 25 Best Practices Teacher Workshop. Session one of 1–5 p.m. three. ACBL's interactive seminar for people interested in learning how to teach bridge. Room 123, level 1, PCC North

5-6 pm NABC Welcome Happy Hour. Lobby, PCC West 6:30-8 pm Club and Teacher Reception. Thank-you reception for the teachers and club officials who work so hard to recruit and retain our members. Regency Ballroom, lobby level, Hyatt 8-10 pm **U.S. Bridge Federation board meeting.** Remington A,

level 2, Hyatt

Saturday, November 26

Best Practices Teacher Workshop. Session two of 8 am–noon three. ACBL's interactive seminar for people interested in learning how to teach bridge. Room 123, level 1, PCC

North

8:30–10:30 am ACBL Charity Foundation meeting. Remington A, level

2, Hyatt

World Bridge Federation meeting. Cameron, level 2, 10 am-5 pm

Hyatt

Free Bridge Lesson with Jerry Helms, "Intro to Suit 10 am-noon Defense," followed by a special game for newer players.

Room 122B, level 1, PCC North

Learn Bridge in a Day?<sup>TM</sup> This popular session is designed especially for true beginners, those returning to bridge after long absences and those merely wanting to "test the waters" before committing to formal classes. The concentrated course includes both class instruction and coached play. No pre-registration required. Fee: \$25 covers textbook and door prizes. Room 122B, level 1, PCC North

6-8:30 pm Learn Bridge in a Day?<sup>TM</sup> Teacher Accreditation.

> Teacher training includes information on organizing and marketing LBIAD as well as maximizing retention rates, writing effective grant requests and the presentation of the seminar. Fee: \$75. Room 122B, level 1, PCC North

Hall of Fame Reception. Award recipients will be inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in a ceremony. Advance reservations required. Regency Ballroom, lobby

level, Hyatt

#### **CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM**

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Talks will be held in 301D, level 3, PCC West. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

Friday, Nov. 25

9:15 am Linda Green Finer Points of Finesses 2:15 pm Robert Todd Dealing with the Opponents' Preempts

Saturday, Nov. 26 9:15 am

Donna Compton Singleton Lead, Yes or No

Sunday, Nov. 27

Saturday, Nov. 26

9:15 am GS Jade Barrett How to Win Marjorie Michelin 2:15 pm Discovery Plays

#### HOSPITALITY

Grab-and-go items are available starting at 8:30 a.m. outside the North and West Ballrooms.

Friday, Nov. 25 **Donuts** 

**Smoothies** 

#### **Vaccination**

#### continued from page 1

guidelines will not be admitted to the tournament.

We have procured Vow Digital Health to manage the verification process for vaccinations. For more information or to obtain your passkey, go here: acbl.org/phoenix/#safety or scan the appropriate QR code on page 1.

Before you are permitted to enter any playing area, you will need to show a wristband. You can get a wristband by showing your Vow passkey at any one of the vaccine verification checkpoints.

Checkpoints are located outside the entrances to both playing areas, at the end of the sky bridge in the West building and in the hallway near the escalators in the North building.

Checkpoints are open 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6:30–7:45 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 2.

#### 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.

## Mask policy

Consistent with the CDC's recommendations, the ACBL's COVID protocols for tournaments remain as they were at the other NABCs this year.

If the COVID-19 Community Level as determined by the CDC is "high," face masks will be required.

Masks will be optional (though they are always recommended) for tournaments held in counties listed as having a "low" or "medium" community level as indicated by the CDC.

Whatever the level, masks are required whenever seated at a table with a player who asks for tablemates to wear masks. Failure to comply with such a request is subject to disciplinary action.

At this NABC in Phoenix, we will note in each Daily Bulletin and in signage onsite what the day's community level is. To check the community level, visit cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/yourhealth/covid-by-county.html. Phoenix is located in Maricopa County, Arizona.

Limited supplies of face masks will be available in the playing area, but players should have their own on hand.

# **Defenders, Fall North American Championships** Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs: Thomas Bessis,

Cedric Lorenzini

Nail Life Master Open Pairs: Phillip Becker, Kenneth Kranyak

Whitehead Women's Pairs: Heather Dhondy, Maggie Knottenbelt Senior Mixed Pairs: Roger McNay, Irva

Nevhart Super Senior Pairs: Richard Budd, John

Hrones Jr.

0–10,000 Fast Pairs: Marc Sylvester, Bryan Delfs

0-10,000 IMP Pairs: Gonzalo Herrera, Cecil Crowson Jr.

0-6000 Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs: Jennie Legge, Winston Legge

Soloway Knockout Teams: Warren Spector, Gavin Wolpert, Vincent Demuy, Kevin Bathurst, John Kranyak, John Hurd

Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams: Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin

Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams: Mitch Dunitz, Mark Itabashi, Iftikhar Bagai, Ross Grabel

Keohane North American Swiss Teams: Paul Street, Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Ron Pachtmann, Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Andrea Manno, Massimiliano Di

NABC+ Mixed Swiss Teams: Paul Lewis, Linda Lewis, Ron Smith, Disa Eythorsdottir

0–10,000 Swiss Teams: A.J. Stephani, Margot Hennings, Carole Weinstein, Bob Gorsey

**NABC Robot Individual:** Samuel Ieong Goren Trophy: Geoff Hampson





# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

# Don't Be a Slave to the Point Count

by Vic Quiros

vic@thebridgeclassroom.com www.thebridgeclassroom.com

This is the first in a series of 10 articles on hand evaluation. We'll start with the basics:

- What takes tricks
- Quick tricks
- The point count the good and the bad We'll then

move on to additional factors that will help you evaluate your hand more effectively, particularly in competitive auctions:



- Length considerations
  - Honors in long suits
  - Honors in combination
  - Reevaluation based upon the auction

Many of these are taken from Jeff Rubens' classic, "The Secrets of Winning Bridge." The ongoing theme is to free yourself from being a slave to the point count. You can and will become a better bidder, and your results will reflect that!

#### What wins tricks?

Too many of us are "slaves to the point count." Although the point count is a useful tool in evaluating our hand, it is not the only one. The theme of this series is to consider other factors. Remember that when the auction is over, you need to take tricks. What takes tricks?

- 1. High cards, of course. Aces and kings and, to a lesser extent, queens and jacks
  - 2. Intermediates (10s and 9s)
  - 3. Long suits that can be established
- 4. Trumps ruffing losers in the dummy, and stopping the opponents' suits

#### **Quick Tricks**

Prior to the introduction of the point count, the favored valuation method was quick tricks. It's a measure of the defensive prospects of the hand and uses only the two highest cards in each suit. Although the point count has essentially replaced this method, it's still nice to have some defense when you open the bidding. Here's a table:

Holding	Quick Trick.
ΑK	2
ΑQ	1-1/2
Αx	1
K Q	1
K x	1/2
Less	0

Many players like to have at least two quick tricks to open. The important thing is to adopt a consistent approach to opening bids and discuss this with your partner(s).

#### **Quiz on Quick Tricks**

How many quick tricks (QT) does each of the following hands contain?

A.	<b>♠</b> A 9 8 6	<b>♥</b> K 7 6 3	♦A 9 2	<b>♣</b> A 9
B.	<b>♠</b> Q J 8	<b>♥</b> K 9 8 3	<b>♦</b> K J 4	<b>♣</b> Q J 7
C.	<b>♠</b> A 9 5	<b>♥</b> K 10 8 4	<b>♦</b> K 6 4 3	<b>♣</b> 3 2
D.	<b>♠</b> 10 8 6	<b>♥</b> K Q 8 3	<b>♦</b> K Q 7 5	<b>♣</b> 8 7
E.	<b>♠</b> K 8 4	<b>♥</b> K Q J 9 5 3	♦8 4	<b>♣</b> 8 2
F.	<b>♠</b> A K Q J	<b>♥</b> A K Q J	<b>♦</b> K 9 4	<b>♣</b> 5 3
G.	<b>♠</b> Q J 5	<b>♥</b> Q J 7 6	<b>♦</b> Q J 3	<b>♣</b> Q J 4

#### **Quiz Answers**

- A. 3-1/2 QT. 1 for each ace and 1/2 for the unsupported king.
- B. 1 QT. 1/2 for each unsupported king.
- C. 2 QT. 1 for the ace and 1/2 for each unsupported king.
- D. 2 QT. 1 for each K–Q combination.
- E. 1-1/2 QT. 1/2 for the unsupported king, 1 for the K–Q combination.
- F. 4 QT. Although this hand has lots of playing tricks, quick tricks involve only the two highest cards in each suit.
- G. Zero. This is a terrible 12 points. Many would open this hand because it has 12 points, but it doesn't look like an opening bid to me.

#### **The Point Count**

We are all familiar with the point count popularized by Milton Work in the 1930s, and further by Charles Goren in the 1950s. We all know the basic point count: A=4, K=3, Q=2, J=1.

Good things about it:

- Simple and convenient
- No need for advanced math
- Works well on balanced hands

But there are some not-so-good things:

- Aces are undervalued; queens and jacks are overvalued.
- Intermediates like 10s and 9s are not considered
  - Long suits are not considered What about unguarded honors?

Unguarded honors like a singleton king, doubleton queen or tripleton jack are tricky. They may be useful cards, but might not be. I suggest, before the auction starts, you deduct one point for an unguarded honor, but prepare to reevaluate. If partner bids the suit, the card is probably full value; if the opponents bid it, probably less. As we will see, the value of your hand often goes up and down as the auction proceeds; unguarded honors are just an example of this. Here's a suggestion for evaluating unguarded honors:

Singleton king 2 points
Doubleton queen 1 point
Doubleton jack 0 points
Doubleton Q-J 2 points

*Reminder:* This is a starting point, before the auction begins. Be prepared to reevaluate as the auction proceeds.

# Welcome Intermediate/ Newcomer Players to Phoenix!

Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) games begin at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. All Gold Rush and I/N events will be held in 301D on the third floor of PCC West.

The I/N Partnership Desk guarantees you a partner if you sign up one hour prior to game time.

Don't forget to pick up your welcome gift from both the Welcome and I/N desks.

Celebrity speakers will give free mini-lessons at 9:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. on most days. Today, Linda Green presents "Finer Points of Finesses" and Robert Todd presents "Dealing with the Opponents' Preempts."

#### **Entry fee special**

ACBL members with 0–5 masterpoints can play free in the 299er games today.

#### **Bridge-Plus+**

Don't miss these free two-hour lessons (10 a.m. to noon) by renowned teachers in Room 122B on the first floor of PCC North:

- Saturday, Nov. 26: Jerry Helms Intro to Suit Defense
- Sunday, Nov. 27:

Patty Tucker Help Suit Game Tries

A special game for 0–20 MPs players will be held immediately following these lectures (14 deals, free!).

#### Learn Bridge in a Day?

Yes! Let Patty Tucker show you how on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 1–6 p.m. in Room 122B in PCC North. Fee: \$20 if preregistered or \$25 at the door, *acbl.org/reglbiad*.

#### Notrump in a Day

This workshop from Patty Tucker explores basic notrump bidding on Sunday, Nov. 26, from 1–5 p.m. in Room 122B in PCC North. Fee: \$20 if preregistered or \$25 at the door, *acbl.org/reglbiad*.

# **Entry fees**

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

Players must be ACBL
members whose service fees
or dues are current in order to
compete in any of the following
nationally ranked events: Soloway Knockout
Teams, Nail Life Master Pairs, Whitehead
Women's Pairs, Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams,
Keohane North American Swiss Teams, NABC+
Mixed Swiss Teams, Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs,
Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, Senior
Mixed Pairs and Super Senior Pairs. The entry fee
for these contests is \$30 per player per session. For
team events, this means \$120 per team per session
for four-person teams, \$150 per team per session
for five-person teams, and \$180 per team per

session for six-person teams.

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

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the 0–6000 Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, the 0–10,000 Swiss Teams, the 0–10,000 IMP Pairs and the 0–10,000 Fast Pairs. The entry fee is \$22 per player per session. For the team events, this means \$88 per team per session for teams of four, \$110 per team per session for teams of five, and \$132 per team per session for teams of six.

Regional events are \$20 per player per session for current members, \$24 for inactive members. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is \$80 per session.

Events with a limit of 300 masterpoints or lower are \$15 per player per session for current members, \$19 for inactive members.

When screens are in use, there is a fee of \$10 per pair or \$20 per team per session.



# **FILE ONLINE**

ACBL.ORG/PLAYER-MEMO



If you have any questions, please email recorder@acbl.org.

If you have a

problem, SAY

something!



Winner of the 2021 Fall Robot Individual: Samuel leong

#### **Fall Robot Individual**

The Fall NABC Robot Individual was held earlier this week.

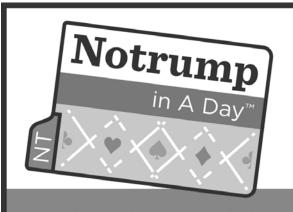
The three-session event is stratified and played online with Bridge Base Online robots. It pays gold points for overalls in each flight. It does not qualify for Grand Life Master status.

**2018** 1A. Jonathan Ferguson; 1B. Samuel Ieong; 1C. Junhui Zhu.

2019 1A. Phil Clayton; 1B/C. Liam King.2020 1A. Boris Tenchov; 1B Steve Welton; 1C.

2021 1A/B. Samuel Ieong; 1C. Wei Situ.

Junhui Zhu.



# Experience the new workshop, Notrump in A Day<sup>TM</sup>

This workshop explores basic notrump bidding and the most common responses, from raises to Stayman and Jacoby Transfers. If you need help knowing when to use which convention, what your second bid should be or what your partner is telling you, this workshop is for you!

Date: Sunday, Nov. 27

Time: 1-5 p.m.

Location: Check Daily Bulletin

Cost: Only \$20 when you pre-register at acbl.org/reglbiad - \$25 at door.
Course includes student workbook, presentation and practice hands.

#### More info:

Email marketing@acbl.org or call 662-253-3112.



#### THIDCOAY INTERNATIONAL FUND DAIDS

THURSDAY INTERNATIONAL FUND PAIRS					
16.0 Ta		D	C		
8.67	A 1	В	C	Brian Senior – Nigel Bird, England	63.92%
6.50	2			Ayako Miyakuni – Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo Japan	61.55%
4.88	3			Leon Lowe – JoAnne Lowe, Fountain Hills AZ	61.27%
3.66	4			Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; Laurie Rowe, Palm Desert CA	61.25%
5.38	5	1		Susan Bailey Carman – Dennis Carman, Plainwell MI	60.38%
2.06 2.65	6 7			Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Bill Cook, Louisville KY Lynne Feldman – Kitty Cooper, San Diego CA	58.71% 56.55%
4.04	8	2		Joanne Titow – Kenneth Titow, Scottsdale AZ	54.99%
3.03	Ü	3		Tracy Sherman – David Sherman, Manchester United Kingdom	54.86%
2.27		4		Linda Green, Boca Raton FL; Judith McNutt, Pittsfield MA	54.01%
1.70		5		Tom Bishel – John Bishel, Columbus OH	53.98%
3.50			1	Arthur Gong – Nathan Gong, Sammamish WA	52.73%
2.63 1.97			2 3	Fangqing Yuan, Ann Arbor MI; Stuart Goodgold, San Jose CA Emily Subers – Ruth Subers, Kalamazoo MI	52.30% 47.56%
1.48			4	Pierre Fougerouse, Villard France; Jane Marland, Switzerland	45.76%
1			•		10.7070
3.0 Tal	oles			THURSDAY INTERNATIONAL FUND 299er PAIRS	
2.0 140	A	В	C		
1.95	1	1		Martin Schimpf – Maya Schimpf, Boise ID	66.00%
1.46	2			Ronald Perkowski, San Antonio TX; Paul Hood, Toronto ON	57.00%
1.38		2		Adam Wilkinson – M. Prebula, Henderson NV	48.00%
				THURSDAY INTERNATIONAL FUND SWISS TEAMS	
9 Tabl		ъ	0		
5.07	A 1	В	C	Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON;	
3.07	1			Sibrand Van Oosten – Stefan Thorpe, Leiden Netherlands	59.00
3.80	2			Morten Bilde – Soren Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Vinita Gupta,	27.00
				Woodside CA; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark	53.00
3.60	3	1	1	Eric Xiao – Jeff Xiao – Guanghao Xiao, Shrewsbury MA;	
2.14	4			Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstd, Finnsnes Norway	49.00
2.14	4			Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI	43.00
				THURSDAY EDUCATION AT FOUNDATION BAIRS	
16.0 Ta	hles			THURSDAY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PAIRS	
10.0 14	A	В	C		
8.67	1	1		Frank Morgan, Ocean City NJ; Ben Bomber, Portland OR	63.46%
6.50	2	2	1	Zhenling Wang, Berkeley CA; Fangqing Yuan, Ann Arbor MI	61.03%
4.88	3			Brian Senior – Nigel Bird, England	59.74%
3.66	4	3		Tracy Sherman – David Sherman, Manchester United Kingdom	59.23%
2.74 2.06	5 6			Barry Rigal, New York NY; Marc Franklin, Newport Beach CA Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; E.R. "Bud" McKinney, Cary NC	57.69% 57.44%
2.51	7	4		Julie Clark, Aurora CO; Marion Brum de Barros, Denver CO	55.90%
1.88	8/9	5		Jim Liu, Saratoga CA; Jack Waller, Dana Point CA	55.38%
1.33	8/9			Kim Koski, Gilford ON; William Koski, King City ON	55.38%
2.25		6	2	Yizhong Fan, Rockville MD; Kun He, North Potomac MD	54.49%
1.69 1.27			3	Phillip Mingola, Omaha NE; Danning Lu, Goleta CA Julie Wong, Reno NV; David Barbour, Albuquerque NM	52.44% 46.79%
1.27			4	Julie Wong, Keno NV, David Barbour, Arbuquerque NM	40.79%
10 T 1	1		TH	HURSDAY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SWISS TEAMS	
10 Tab	A A	В	C		
5.33	1	D	C	Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Owen Lien,	
•				Oak Park MI; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI	57.00
4.00	2			Simon Cope, Hertfordshire United Kingdom; Kevin Rosenberg,	
2.00	2			Sunnyvale CA; Amber Lin, Millbrae CA; Cynthia Huang, Las Vegas NV	51.00
3.00	3			H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV;	50.00
4.53	4	1		David Johnson, Calgary AB; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON;	50.00
-r.JJ	7	1		Patryk Patreuha; Krzysztof Jassem, Poland	49.00
3.40		2	1	Eric Xiao – Jeff Xiao – Guanghao Xiao, Shrewsbury MA;	
				F : G 1 : F1 1077	• • • •

# 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.

38.00



# This program instructs teachers in methods of administering and presenting LBIAD.

Eric Genheimer, Edmond OK

If you wish to be accredited, you must complete the following two requirements:

Serve as a Table Mentor at a LBIAD seminar 🛦 Attend a two-hour LBIAD Teacher Training event

Teacher Training includes information on organizing and marketing LBIAD, maximizing retention, writing grant requests and seminar presentation. A light meal will be provided 6-6:30 p.m. To register, or if you have questions, please contact **Patty Tucker** at **patty@whirlwindbridge.com**.

Fee: \$75 USD (If purchasing a LBIAD license within 30 days of accreditation, \$50 of the \$75 fee will be applied to the first-year license fee.)

Saturday, Nov. 26 ♠ 6:30-8:30 p.m. ♠ Check page 2 of Daily Bulletin for location

		T	OP FINISHERS IN THE FALL 2022 ROBOT IND	IVIDUAL
A	В	C		Percentage
1	1		John R. Mayne, Modesto CA	69.22
2			James Geist, Olney MD	67.69
3			Jorge Barrera, Bogota D.C. Colombia	66.61
4			Eric Greco, Frisco TX	66.56
5			David Chechelashvili, Santa Monica CA	66.35
6			Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ	66.31
7			Willem Mevius, Monaco	66.20
8			Orhan Topal, Maltepe Turkey	66.17
9			Leo LaSota, Glen Burnie MD	66.08
10			Bogdan Vulcan, Sammamish WA	66.02
11			Samuel Marks, Atlanta GA	66.00
12			Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	65.83
13			Adam Pawlowski, Kutno Poland	65.40
14			Franco Baseggio, New York NY	65.38
15			James Streisand, Wayland MA	65.05
16			Anton Tsypkin, Sherborn MA	64.91
17			Philip Markey, Adelaide Australia	64.75
18			Stelios Touchtidis, West Hills CA	64.56
19	2		Oyvind Tafjord, Seattle WA	64.55
20	_		Daniel Wilderman, New Haven CT	64.53
21			Fred Chang, Flushing NY	64.39
22			Trevor Dundas, Port Hope ON	64.28
23			Steven Hollingsworth, Chattanooga TN	64.25
23	3		Jim Dickson, Baltimore MD	64.25
25	5		Benjamin Pope III, Norfolk VA	64.23
26			Gregor Rus, Velenje Slovenia	64.18
27			Fabian Von Lobbecke, Koln Germany	64.13
28			Alan Watson, Lexington MA	63.92
29			Russell Shoup, Dayton OH	63.90
30			Bill Goldstone, Bellingham WA	63.86
30			Eric Robinson, Park City UT	63.86
32	4		Samuel Ieong, Mountain View CA	63.83
33	•		Bob Lyon, Fishers IN	63.82
34			Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA	63.59
35			William Bleish, Lenexa KS	63.56
36			Ronald Vickery, Oro Valley AZ	63.54
36			David Yang, Darien IL	63.54
38			Allen Kahn, New York NY	63.53
39			Andrea Boldrini, Roma Italy	63.50
40			Ben Bomber, Portland OR	63.41
41	5		Leonard Fowler, Granite City IL	63.40
42			Frederic Pollack, Laval QC	63.23
43			Ernie Tradewell, Victoria BC	62.88
44			Kim Daehong, Seoul South Korea	62.74
45			Ira Chorush, Houston TX	62.69
46	6		Hongmo Wang, Herndon VA	62.65
47	7	1	Raji Jarjour, Burbank CA	62.54
48			Jeff Gertz, Salem MA	62.47
49			John Garrison, Hailey ID	62.45
50			Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON	62.39
50	8		Marina Seppius, Palo Alto CA	62.39
			11 /	-

#### Kasle

#### continued from page 1

always playing standard carding with few artificial agreements. But in the world of bridge, his most lasting legacy is that he was the godfather of professional bridge, effectively inventing it in its current form by being the first to find sponsors and matching them up with professional partners.

"His personality was also one of a kind. He was always smiling and joking and befriending everyone around him, with a joie de vivre that was hard to match. I was fortunate to partner him for several years, including his last win in 2019. My time with him was always enjoyable. I learned a lot from him about bridge and life."

His family wrote, "In addition to bridge, Gaylor loved his family and friends, his dogs, traveling and watching sports. He especially loved his wife of 33 years, Barbara Day Kasle, who he always wanted by his side.

Full of charisma and charm, Gaylor enjoyed smiling and joking as well as being a big flirt. He was extremely generous and also a great businessman."

Kasle is survived by his wife Barbara, and their 12 children: David Kasle (Holly); Cynthia Feig (Dan); Duke Dresser (Marian); Mark Dresser (Nancy); John Dresser; Laura Lear; Beth Opazo; Brenda Sells; Lois Major (Paul); Mary Filippinetti; Bill Whitesel (Maria); and Michael Whitesel (Elaine). He is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, his brother Dennis Kasle

(Carol), and his former wife Sharon Kasle.

Donations can be made in his memory to the ACBL Educational Foundation acbleducationalfoundation.org or Shriners Hospitals for Children *lovetotherescue.org*.

# **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.

#### Purchase options

#### continued from page 1

To use Entry Express from your own device, go to members.acbl.org/tournaments or scan the QR code on page one. 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/entryexpress.

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

When screen fees apply, they will be charged outside Entry Express.

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.

# Vugraph operators needed

ACBL Vugraph Maven Jan Martel is looking for people who are interested in being vugraph operators. Never done it before? No problem. Jan will train you! The pay is \$200 a day (two sessions). The times are 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

As the Soloway KO Teams begins Sunday, Jan is looking for candidates right away. Interested parties may contact her at jan@usbf.org, or by text at 530-574-5780.

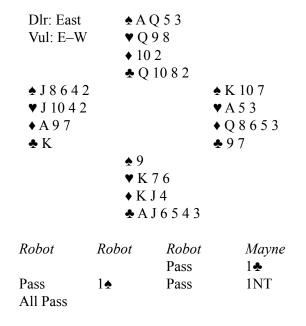


## But is it bridge?

Robot bridge is definitely a whole new ballgame. Second place in the Robot Individual went to James Geist of Olney MD, who noted, "In robot games, I make bids that I would never do with a person because that would ruin partnership

Robot Individual winner John R. Mayne offered a few key alterations against the bots:

- 1. 1NT is 14 to a very bad 17. I'm going to play a trick better, and this seems to work better. Singletons are fine. Sometimes off-shape hands look notrumpy; bid notrump.
- 2♦ is the usual response to Stayman, even with a five- or six-card major.
- 3. Be very careful with low-level doubles; partner will take them out when they shouldn't be taken out.
- 4. Never bid Michaels.
- 5. Never pass a hand out.
- 6. Remember that their defense will trust your bidding over their partner's carding every time. Here's a deal that illustrates the nuances of cyber bridge:



I opened 1 - I generally think that fooling around with fake minor openings is a net loss. (A common tactic against bots is to deliberately distort your pattern.) Partner bid 1♠, and it's matchpoints, so I bid 1NT. Partner passed.

The hand started well for me (and everyone else who had the same auction) with the ♥2 to East's ace, then the ♦5 which I ducked to West's ace. Next came the ♦7 to the queen and my king. I played a small heart to the queen, leaving this position with the lead in dummy:

> **♠** A Q 5 3 ♣ Q 10 8 2 **♠** 9 **♥** K ♣ A J 6 5 4 3

I'm missing only the ♣K for the rest of the tricks. I led the ♣Q off dummy; East played low, and I hopped up with my ace and dropped the stiff king offside. The robot would have always covered with the king because it knows I might have four clubs and it can never gain double dummy not to cover.

Nothing too fancy here – but a 95% board.





The 2019 winners of the Nail Life Master Pairs: Iulian Rotaru and Radu Nistor.

# **Nail Life Master Pairs** begins today

Play begins today in the Nail Life Master Pairs. The event, restricted to Life Masters, consists of two qualifying sessions and two final sessions.

Before 1963, the event was restricted to National Masters and players of higher rank. It was a men's event until 1990, when it was changed to an open event.

At stake is the Bobby Nail Trophy, designated by the ACBL Board of Directors to honor the diminutive Texan (1925-95) who won this event in 1974 with longtime friend and partner Gerald Michaud.

Nail, inducted into the Bridge Hall of Fame in 2001, won four other North American championships and represented North America twice in the Bermuda Bowl. His team was second in 1963.

Past winners and runners-up:

- 1. G. Gard Hays, Max Manchester; 1961
  - 2. Martin J. Cohn, Hampton Hume
- 1962 1. Sam Fuoto, Victor Mitchell;
  - 2. Hal Kandler, Kelsey Petterson
- 1963 1. Sami R. Kehela, Eric R. Murray;
- 2. Harry J. Fishbein, Charles J. Solomon 1964 1. Charles Coon, Bobby Goldman;
- 2-3. Mervin Key, Harold Rockaway;
  - 2-3. Jack Blair, Col. William Christian
- 1965 1. Paul Soloway, Alex Tschekaloff;
- 2. Edgar Kaplan, Victor Mitchell
- 1966 1. Carl J. Hudecek, Ray Zoller;
- 2. Gaylor Kasle, Ed Theus
- 1967 1. Harlow S. Lewis, Peter A. Pender;
- 2. Donald R. Faskow, William L. Flannery
- 1. Henry Bethe, John Solodar; 1968
  - 2. Don Pearson, John Swanson
- 1969 1. Chuck F. Burger, James Cayne;
- 2. Norman H. Fischer, Christopher G.
- 1970 1. Ron E. Andersen, Hugh C. MacLean;
  - 2. Curtis K. Smith, E. Lowell Yost
- 1971 1. Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel;
- 2. Stephen W. Robinson, Kit Woolsey
- 1972 1. Leslie C. Bart, Marc S. Jacobus;
- 2. Stephen W. Robinson, Kit Woolsey
- 1973 1. Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay;
- 2. Roxy Violin, Ed Weiner
- 1974 1. Gerald L. Michaud, G. Robert Nail;
  - 2. John Gerber, Daniel Kaim
- 1975 1. Steve Lapides, Walt Walvick;
- 2. Marc Culbertson, Robert Visokey
- 1976 1. Roger Bates, John Mohan;
- 2. Steve Altman, Thomas M. Smith 1977 1. David Hoffner, David Schroeder;
- 2. Roger Bates, John Mohan
- 1978 1. Norm Coombs, Tom Hodapp;
  - 2. Kevin Castner, Michael S. Lawrence
- 1979 1. Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. Zeke Jabbour, Dennis McGarry
- 1980 1. V. Craig Janitschke, Jan Janitschke;
- 2. Robert D. Hamman, Paul Swanson
- 1981 1. Roger Abelson, Mike Levinson;
  - 2. Robert D. Hamman, Donald P. Krauss
- 1982 1. Robert Lipsitz, Dan Gerstman;
  - 2. Lew Mathe, Harold Guiver

- 1. Marty Bergen, Larry N. Cohen; 1983 2. Mitch Chandler, Cliff Bishop
- 1984 1. Per Olov Sundelin, Peter Pender;
  - 2. Jim Becker, Howard Chandross
- 1985 1. John Mohan, Roger Bates;
  - 2. Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth 1. Jim Krekorian, Paul Kiefer;
    - 2. Marty Bergen, Larry N. Cohen
    - 1. Bart Bramley, Lou Bluhm; 2. Leslie West, David Ashley

1987

1988

- 1. Robert Levin, Larry Cohen;
- 2. Glen Lublin, Peter Boyd
- 1989 1. Steve Lapides, Walt Walvick;
  - 2. Peter Weichsel, Roger Stern

In 1990, the event became the Life Master Open Pairs.

- 1990 1. Zia Mahmood, Hugh Ross;
  - 2. Tommy Gullberg, Michael Polowan
- 1991 1. Zia Mahmood, Hugh Ross;
- 2. Larry N. Cohen, David Berkowitz
- 1992 1. Mike Kamil, Michael Rosenberg;
- 2. Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
- 1993 1. Brad Moss, Ravindra Murthy;
- 2. Ed Nagy, Jeff Polisner
- 1. Robert Levin, Richard Katz;
- 2. Michael Polowan, Steve Robinson 1995 1. John Sutherlin, Bart Bramley;
- 2. Mark Itabashi, Gene Simpson
- 1996 1. Walter Schafer, Ron Smith;
- 2. Michael Schreiber, Curtis Cheek 1. Kerry Smith, Jeff Schuett;
- 2. Dennis Kasle, Garey Hayden
- 1998 1. JoAnna Stansby, Lew Stansby;
- 2. Ron Smith, Richard Schwartz
- 1999 1. Paul Soloway, Steve Catlett; 2. Lew Stansby, JoAnna Stansby
- 2000 1. Jill Meyers, Steve Garner;
- 2. Zia Mahmood, Chuck Burger
- 2001 1. Piotr Gawrys, Jacek Pszczola;
- 2. Zia Mahmood, Sidney Lazard
- **2002** 1. Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson; 2. Larry Cohen, Steve Weinstein
- 2003 1. Jo Morse, Kyle Larsen;
  - 2. Fred Gitelman, Jay Borker
- 1. Richard Pavlicek, Richard Pavlicek Jr.;
  - 2. Jonathan Green, Mark Aquino
- 2005 1. Zia Mahmood, Jill Meyers;
- 2. Robert Levin, Louk Verhees 2006
- 1. Steve Garner, Howard Weinstein; 2. John Armstrong, Paul Hackett
- 2007 1. Zia Mahmood, Bjorn Fallenius;

2. Michael Prahin, Alex Perlin

- 2008 1. Nikolay Demirev, Ralph Katz;
  - 2. Eric Rodwell, John Diamond
- 1. Tor Helness. Martin Andresen: 2009
  - 2. Hemant Lall, Justin Lall
- 2010 1. Hiroaki Miura and Kazuo Furuta; 2. Brad Moss and Fred Gitelman
- 2011 1. Ishmael Del'Monte, Justin Lall;
- 2. Doug Doub, Adam Wildavsky
- 1. Chip Martel, Zia Mahmood; 2012
- 2. Cecilia Rimstedt, Meike Wortel
- 2013 1. Curtis Cheek, Ishmael Del'Monte;
- 2. Robert Levin, Kevin Bathurst 2014 1. Jim Krekorian, Venkatrao Koneru:
- 2. Wael Mohsen, Reda Yaacoub
- 1. Geoff Hampson, Eric Geco; 2015
- 2. David Gold, Kevin Castner
- 2016 1. Marion Michielsen, Zia Mahmood;
- 2. Tom Hanlon, Leslie Amoils
- 2017 1. Alon Birman, Dennis Bilde; 2. Quentin Robert, Godefroy De Tessieres
- 2018 1. David Grainger, Greg Hinze;
- 2. David Gold, Boye Brogeland
- 1. Radu Nistor, Iulian Rotaru;
- 2. Alex Perlin, Igor Savchenko
- 2020 Not held
- 1. Phillip Becker, Kenneth Kranyak; 2021
  - 2. Olin Hubert, Kevin Collins



Winners of the Soloway KO Teams last year: Gavin Wolpert, captain Warren Spector, Kevin Bathurst, John Hurd, John Kranyak and Vincent Demuy.

## Soloway KO starts today

The Soloway Knockout Teams gets underway today. The top-tier contest begins with a two-day Swiss qualifying round, reducing the field to 32 squads, followed by five days of head-to-head knockout matches to produce a single winner.

The contest awards platinum points, which are even available from match awards in the Swiss qualifier.

The Soloway KO concludes on Thursday, so that it does not conflict with the venerable Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, which begins the following day.

The contest is named in honor of late Hall of Famer Paul Soloway (1941–2007), who was the all-time ACBL masterpoint leader until his death. Soloway was the winner of five Bermuda Bowls and 31 North American championships. In 2001 he was the first recipient of the Sidney Lazard Jr. Sportsmanship Award.

The Soloway KO was a new event when it was held in San Francisco in 2019, so there is only one previous winning team.

Jacek Pszczola, Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki, Sjoert Brink, Sebastiaan Drijver

**2020** Not held

2021 Warren Spector, Gavin Wolpert, Vincent Demuy, Kevin Bathurst, John Kranyak, John Hurd

## You oughta be in pictures

If you achieve a new masterpoint milestone here in Phoenix – Life Masters and upwards – please come by the Bulletin office and let us take your picture. We're eager to congratulate you and share your achievement in the Daily Bulletin. *North Building, Room 124A*.





initial learning curve.

You'll nail the basics of bridge in this interactive class that has both instruction and coached play. If you're just starting, returning to the game or wanting to "test the waters" before taking formal lessons, this course is for you. Leave the class and take on a newcomer game!

Date: Saturday, Nov. 26

Time: 1-6 p.m.

Location: Check Daily Bulletin

Cost: Only \$20 when you pre-register at acbl.org/reglbiad - \$25 at door.
Textbooks and door prizes included.



# **Smoking Policy**

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

# **Tomorrow's Bridge Events**

# Saturday, Nov. 26 Junior Day / Club Appreciation Day

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
		10 am		
Country Club Bridge on BBO Saturday Morning Side Pairs Fri-Sun Daylight Series	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301A	\$20	\$24
Holland Center Bridge Club 299er Pairs	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301D	\$15	\$19
Bridge Plus+	single	North Building, 1st floor, Meeting Room 122	Free	Free
Free two-hour lesson, then 14 deals (0-20)	C			
	1	10 am & 3 pm		
NAIL LIFE MASTER PAIRS	1–2 F	North Building, 1st floor, North Ballroom C	\$30*	_
Sun Lakes DBC Open Pairs (unlim./3000/1500)	1–2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301A	\$20	\$24
Bridge on Shea Gold Rush Pairs	1–2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301D	\$20	\$24
Bridge on Shea Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4000)	1–2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24
Sun Lakes DBC Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-3000)	1–2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24
	10	am & 3:30 pm		
SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS	3-4 Q	North Building, 1st floor, North Ballroom D	\$30*	_
NABC 0–10,000 SWISS TEAMS	1–2 Q	North Building, 1st floor, Meeting Room 121	\$22*	_
2 qualifying & 2 final sessions	1 2 Q	North Bullung, 1st 11001, Weeting Room 121	Ψ22	
2 qualifying & 2 julai sessions		2 nm		
Constant Cl. 1. Poil to the PPO Cot of the Advances of the Prince		3 pm	¢20	<b>CO</b> 4
Country Club Bridge on BBO Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301A	\$20	\$24
Fri-Sun Daylight Series	ain ala	West Duilding 2rd floor West Dellroom 201D	\$15	¢10
Fountain Hills Bridge Club 299er Pairs	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301D	\$15	\$19
		7:30 pm		
InTempo Saturday Evening Side Pairs	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24
Fri-Mon Evening Series				
Friday-Saturday Evening Bracketed Round Robin Teams	2 of 2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24
Via Linda Senior Center Bridge Club Saturday Evening Zip Swiss Teams	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$15	\$19

\* In addition, there is a screen fee of \$10/pair/session or \$20/team/session.

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events. Green = Regional events (gold and red points). Blue = Gold Rush events (gold and red points). Red = Intermediate/Newcomer 299er events (red points). \*Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

#### **International Fund**

## **Today's Bridge Events**

# Friday, Nov. 25 Gary Zeiger Memorial Day

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other				
		10 am						
Friday Morning Side Pairs Fri-Sun Daylight Series	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301A	\$20	\$24				
299er Pairs	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301D	\$15	\$19				
	10 am & 3 pm							
NAIL LIFE MASTER PAIRS 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions	1–2 Q	North Building, 1st floor, North Ballroom C	\$30*	_				
Gary Zeiger Memorial Open Pairs (unlim./3000/1500)	1–2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301A	\$20	\$24				
Gary Zeiger Memorial Gold Rush Pairs	1–2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301D	\$20	\$24				
Gary Zeiger Memorial Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1–2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24				
	10	am & 3:30 pm						
SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS 2-day Swiss Qualifying and 5-day KO	1–2 Q	North Building, 1st floor, North Ballroom D	\$30*	_				
		3 pm						
Friday Afternoon Side Pairs Fri-Sun Daylight Series	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301A	\$20	\$24				
299er Pairs	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301D	\$15	\$19				
		7:30 pm						
Friday Evening Side Pairs Fri-Mon Evening Series	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24				
Friday-Saturday Evening Bracketed Round Robin Teams continues Saturday 11/26, 7:30pm	1 of 2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24				

<sup>\*</sup> In addition, there is a screen fee of \$10/pair/session or \$20/team/session.

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events. Green = Regional events (gold and red points). Blue = Gold Rush events (gold and red points). Red = Intermediate/Newcomer 299er events (red points). \*Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

#### **International Fund**

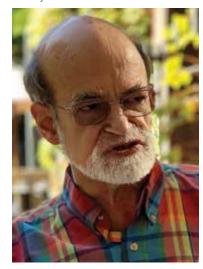
In NABC+ events, \$1.50 (per person, per session) of each entry fee will be allocated to the ACBL International Fund. These funds are used to underwrite part of the expenses of ACBL players who participate in international competition.

# **Today's Sponsors**

#### **Gary Zeiger Memorial Day**

National Tournament Director Gary Zeiger of Phoenix AZ died Jan. 19, 2021. He was 67.

Zeiger, who was respected for his technical expertise by players and staff alike, began directing in 1993 and became a full-time ACBL employee in 1997. He became the Assistant In Charge of the Fall NABCs in 2007 and was



promoted to National Director in 2008.

Anyone who has ever played in an event Zeiger directed will have encountered his unique and clever sense of humor. His ever-present industrial tape measure ensured that every table in any event he oversaw was properly spaced – to the inch!

His at-the-table rulings were always well thought out and clearly explained; players at all levels could expect be at the receiving end of a biting but professional retort if he thought the director call was a frivolous attempt to win in a ruling what one was unable to win at the table.

Bob Craig, a tournament director from El Paso TX, said, "I worked for Gary for about 20 years. When I first worked for him and asked a question, he would say, 'Am I working with a rookie?!' ... I loved working for him because we always had fun"

Longtime friend Steve Carr of Belmont CA met Zeiger in college in 1972 and reconnected with him after he returned to duplicate bridge in 2016.

"Gary hadn't changed much. He was witty, sarcastic and super-knowledgeable. Gary always aspired to be a curmudgeon, but deep down he was a mensch.

"When I became a Life Master in 2019, I told him the news right away. He said, 'Your achievement of Life Master has permanently tarnished and marginalized this bridge ranking.' He got a big laugh from me. I got what I expected and

wanted from him at that moment.

"I spoke to Gary about a month before he passed. He deeply missed doing his job and the interaction with the directors and players. We will all miss him."

Zeiger's wickedly funny sense of humor endeared him to many. Trading barbs with him was the subject of many of the remembrances submitted by readers. For example, Zeiger won the Tom Weeks Award for outstanding TD professionalism in 2004, but he never won the Fred Friendly Award for exemplary customer service. Fellow National TD Matt Smith (now retired), who won the honor in 2010, quipped during the award presentation, "Thank God I won it before Zeiger!"

Dave Vidaver of Sacramento CA wrote, "I, too, enjoyed Gary's disdain. Selling me an entry once, he inquired, 'Who are you playing with?' Playing with a beginner with an unpronounceable name, I thought I'd save us both time and replied. 'Nobody.' 'That makes two of you,' he commented dryly, and turned to the next player in line."

Zeiger is survived by his wife, Mary Brazier, and their daughter, Elyse Murphy Zeiger.

