



Daily Bulletin



94th Fall North American Bridge Championships

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Bryant, Nisbet win Women's Pairs

Brenda Bryant of Ferndale MI and Pamela Nisbet of New Zealand won the Whitehead Women's Pairs on Wednesday.

The winners, Canadians who have relocated to other parts of the world, had three exceptionally strong sessions. On Tuesday they scored 63.72% and 61.28% to lead the qualifying round handily with almost four boards of carryover. A 49.46% in the first final dropped them to third place, but 61.38% in the last session put them on top by half a board. Their final score was 815.42.

While they have several Canadian championships, this is their first NABC title.

"It's exciting," Bryant said. "We loved it."

"For 50 years, this has been the best women's event at a national," Nisbet added. "Everyone was so nice."

Karen Lee Barrett of Elk Point SD and Kathryn Kimmerling of Blythewood SC were second with 802.47.



Winners of the Whitehead Women's Pairs: Brenda Bryant and Pamela Nisbet

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Betty Starzec is Honorary Member of the Year

The list of contributions Betty Starzec has made to bridge over the past 40 years is very, very long.

As chief presenter of the ACBL's Teacher Accreditation Program for 20 years, she trained about 3000 teachers. She spent years revising the textbooks known as the ACBL Bridge Series that have been in use since 2006 and more recently participated in creating the Best Practices Teacher Workshop, which has replaced the TAP as the official teacher training program.

As a trustee of the Educational Foundation since 2014, she established and administers an ongoing teacher support grant that provides a startup kit worth \$180 to all newly trained teachers who complete the Best Practices workshop and assists teachers in other ways.



As a longtime member of the American Bridge Teachers Association board, including two years as president, she worked to bring the organization closer to the ACBL and to improve the skills of teachers.

As intermediate/novice coordinator for Houston Unit 174 in the mid-'90s, she tripled attendance at sectionals and created a tournament welcome packet that became the basis for the ACBL's booklet for players attending their first NABC.

At the district level, she served as co-chair of the Houston NABCs in 2002 and 2009, has been a representative on the Advisory Council since 2010 and is currently president of District 16.

For all these reasons and more, Starzec has been named the Honorary Member of the Year. The

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Sorry, Partner!

Catherine Harris and Jocelyn Startz have been friends and partners since they met years ago when they were both living in San Francisco. "We independently wandered into the local bridge club," said Harris. The club manager introduced us, and we've been playing together either face-to-face or online ever since! We are each other's first-ever bridge partners."

Now, Harris lives in Australia, while Startz has stayed in California. The pair launched their podcast, "Sorry, Partner!" in September 2021. Each week they chat with bridge experts and read listener's letters, sharing stories from around the world.

"Jocelyn and I were lucky enough during the pandemic to be able to start playing together more frequently online," said Harris. "We would have these extended debriefs and postmortems. Our spouses overheard us talking and decided that we should make it public."

"Share the fun," added Startz.

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Catherine Harris and Jocelyn Startz, hosts of "Sorry, Partner!"

Soloway final: Street vs Cope

The teams captained by Paul Street and Simon Cope will face off in today's Soloway Knockout Teams final.

In the semifinal, Street trailed at the end of the first quarter, but came back strong to defeat the Feldman team 162-99.

Street is playing with Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Andrea Manno, Massimiliano Di Franco, Ron Pachtmann and Piotr Pawel Zatorski.

The other semifinal match was a thrilling

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Munday, Pavlicek lead Blues

Jim Munday of Albuquerque NM and Richard Pavlicek of Fort Lauderdale built a huge lead in Wednesday's semifinal sessions of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs. After qualifying 33rd on Tuesday, they scored 69% and 66.10% to earn the maximum carryover of four full boards.

Joel Wooldridge and Kent Mignocchi of New York are second, about a board and a quarter back. Jacek Kalita and Michal Klukowski of Poland held onto the their third-place qualifying position. First-day leaders David Caprera and Anne Brenner of Denver CO dropped to fifth.

Fifty-two pairs advanced to today's final round.

Pikens maintain lead in Mini-Blues

The father-son duo of Ed and Michael Piken won the qualifying round of the 0-6000 Blue Ribbon Pairs, and they kept the pole position in the semifinal round. The Pikens scored 60.77% and 61.62% in Wednesday's semifinal sessions to lead the remaining 28 pairs for today's two-session final.

Frank Xie and Mukund Thapa were second after the first day of play in the contest, and they remained in the No. 2 spot after Wednesday's round.

In third place are Andrew Clements and Jonathan Cohn of Nebraska.

Pre-registration required for Reisinger

Teams that wish to enter the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams must pre-register no later than 7 p.m. today. See the TD in the North Building, North Ballroom A, 1st floor.

Teams may also pre-register by midnight tonight using Entry Express. (Note: To use Entry Express, *all* players on the team *must* be paid-up ACBL members.) See page 8 for details on how to use Entry Express.



Goodwill Message

Accept the decisions of the tournament director politely and with respect.

Roger Smith, Chair

Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

ATTENDANCE
through Wednesday
4158 tables

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

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

Friday, December 2

8:30–10:30 am ACBL Hall of Fame Committee meeting. *Remington A, level 2, 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.

Thursday, Dec. 1			Friday, Dec. 2		
9:15 am	Jeff Hand	<i>Play These Notrump Contracts</i>	9:15 am	Adam Parrish	<i>When to Draw Trumps</i>
2:15 pm	Marjorie Michelin	<i>Sledgehammer Defense</i>	2:15 pm	Ginny Schuett	<i>Negative Doubles</i>

HOSPITALITY

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

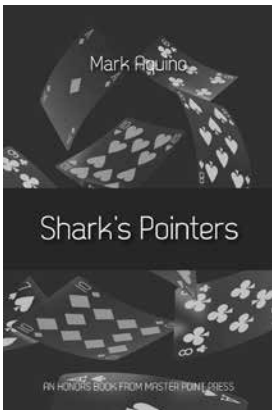
Thursday, Dec. 1		Friday, Dec. 2	
Bagels		Yogurt parfait	

Welcome and Prize Desks

The Welcome and Prize Desks at the Phoenix NABC are located in the West Building of the Convention Center outside the 301 Ballroom.

Mark Aquino book signing today

Join Region 2 Director and Grand Life Master Mark Aquino for a book signing today at 9:15 at the Baron Barclay table (PCC West, third floor, outside 301C). Aquino will be signing copies of his book “Shark’s Pointers.” The book is adapted from a collection of lectures Aquino gave online in 2020–21.





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.*

PLAYER MEMO

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



If you have a problem, SAY something!

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 3 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 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 this page.

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.



Domestic code



International code

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.

Stay hydrated!

We are in the desert, so if you are not acclimated to this type of climate, remember to drink more water than what you are typically used to.

Women's Pairs

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Runners-up in the Whitehead Women's Pairs: Karen Lee Barrett and Kathryn Kimmerling

The winners were particularly proud of their defense on Board 14 in the second qualifying session.

Dlr: East	♠ K 9 7 6 2
Vul: None	♥ 10
	♦ J 4
	♣ A K Q 8 5
♠ A J 10 4	♠ Q 3
♥ A K	♥ Q J 7 6 4 3 2
♦ 9 3 2	♦ Q 5
♣ J 9 7 4	♣ 10 3
	♠ 8 5
	♥ 9 8 5
	♦ A K 10 8 7 6
	♣ 6 2

Against 4♥ by East, Bryant cashed the ♦A K and led a third diamond. Nisbet ruffed with her ♥10, forcing declarer to overruff with the ♥Q. Declarer than ran the ♠Q to Nisbet's king. Nisbet cashed the ♠A K and gave an upper cut by leading a third club. Down three was worth 90%.

ACBL seeks candidates for executive director

The ACBL Executive Director is a full-time position reporting to the ACBL Board of Directors. Candidates for this position must be committed to membership service and exhibit the financial skills and strong supervisory leadership needed to direct ACBL staff in day-to-day business operations.

The executive director is responsible for working closely with the Board of Directors to implement the strategic goals established by the Board. Extensive experience in senior management, a strong technology background and understanding of the game of bridge are key attributes for success in this position.

A willingness to relocate to Horn Lake MS is a requirement.

If you are interested in applying, please contact searchchair@acbl.org for more information. A more extensive description of the position will be available on the ACBL website after Dec. 15.

JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Don't Be a Slave to the Point Count

by Vic Quiros

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Final exam, Part 1

Quick Tricks

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

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

Answers: Quick Tricks

- 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. 4-1/2 QT. Although this hand has eight 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.



Quiz: Length considerations

How many length points does each of the following hands contain?

- A. ♠A Q 7 3 2 ♥K 5 ♦10 5 2 ♣K Q 5
- B. ♠A Q J 10 8 ♥K J 5 4 2 ♦A K ♣10
- C. ♠A Q J 10 5 2 ♥A K 5 ♦A 9 5 ♣4
- D. ♠K J 10 ♥A K 3 2 ♦K 9 5 ♣A J 10

Answers: Length considerations

- A. 1 length point for the five-card suit.
- B. 2 length points: 1 for each five-card suit.
- C. 2 length points for the six-card suit
- D. Subtract 1 point for 4-3-3-3 shape. Why? Because these hands have limited trick-building potential.

Quiz: Trick-taking potential

Assume you're playing in a notrump contract, and you have time to develop tricks in your hand. Also assume you have adequate entries to take

finesses. How many tricks would you expect to score in each example?

- A. ♠J 4 3 2 ♥Q 3 2 ♦K 3 2 ♣A 3 2
- B. ♠5 4 3 2 ♥Q 3 2 ♦J 3 2 ♣A K 2
- C. ♠A K Q J ♥5 3 2 ♦4 3 2 ♣4 3 2
- D. ♠5 4 3 2 ♥4 3 2 ♦K Q J ♣A 3 2

Answers: Trick-taking potential

- A: We'll take one trick in clubs, one-half in diamonds (finesse works half the time), plus a little in the majors for a total of 1-1/2 +.
- B: We'll take two tricks in clubs plus a little, total of 2+.
- C: We'll take four tricks in spades.
- D: We'll take one trick in clubs and two in diamonds (after we drive out the ace), for a total of 3.

The theme here is that honors in combination are more valuable than honors in isolation.

Free game for new players draws crowd

A free 0-5 game organized by I/N chair Stephanie Haddy and held Wednesday morning drew five tables.

"Five tables!" said director Dianne Barton-Paine. "I'm surprised it's so many."

At one table were Cathy Stoelting and Lisa Wetzler of DC Ranch in Scottsdale and Maria Teresa Martinez and Cathy Hughes of Phoenix. All four have taken lessons from Haddy.



Cathy Stoelting



Lisa Wetzler



Maria Teresa Martinez



Cathy Hughes

"I'm playing in my first bridge tournament on my birthday," said Stoelting, who began learning the game this summer.

Wetzler began a few months sooner. Haddy recruited both of them.

Martinez said she'd been playing social bridge forever but just recently began learning it more seriously.

The two pairs tied for third in the event.

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/your-health/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.

New Diamond Life Master

Laurie Rowe of Eugene OR (and Palm Desert CA when the rains come) became a Diamond Life Master here in Phoenix. She needed 22.09 masterpoints and has exceeded that handily. Rowe is District 20 Director; her term is coming to an end this year.



Soloway

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come-from-behind win for Cope. Playing against the Fleisher team, Cope trailed the entire time and entered the last set down by 46 IMPs. They outscored Fleisher 65-14 in the fourth quarter to earn a spot in the final.

Playing with Cope are Kevin Rosenberg, Finn Kolesnik and Ishmael Del'Monte.

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.



District 7 Bridge

2023 Winter and Spring Regionals

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DEC. 27, 2022 — JAN. 2, 2023

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The Friendly Regional
Co-Chair: Jim Villanueva
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Sorry, partner!

Every episode features a different guest from somewhere around the world. “We try to be strategic and make sure we balance different regions of the world and gender; we try to alternate male and female guests each week. We just want to reach as many people as we can around the world,” said Harris.

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Between their time zone differences and that of their guests, “one of us is typically getting up at a very strange hour or staying up very late, especially if we are talking to Europe,” said Startz.

The podcasts are typically around an hour in length and, after a brief introduction of the show’s guest and topic, start with their signature line, “But first, let’s kibbitz!” They share personal experiences – from both virtual and F2F bridge with each other and other partners – and are funny and charming and humanize the sometimes-perplexing world of duplicate bridge.

Another regular feature of the show is the guests offering their favorite bridge tips. So many of them have paraphrased Bob Hamman’s famous advice, “move on from a bad board,” that a sort of drinking game has developed. “If somebody says, ‘Bob Hamman; the great Bob Hamman, Bob Hamman says, as Bob Hamman once said, my friend Bob says ...’ we drink!”

Cheers!

Smoking Policy

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



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WHITEHEAD WOMEN’S PAIRS

26.0 Tables / Based on 45 Tables			
94.00	1	Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; Pamela Nisbet, Dunedin New Zealand	815.42
70.50	2	Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Kathryn Kimmerling, Blythewood SC	802.47
52.88	3	Sandra Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Joan Brody, Livingston NJ	797.67
41.78	4	Melody Euler – Lilly Justman, Austin TX	773.95
37.60	5	Jovana Zoranovic, Novi Sad Serbia; Jovanka Smederevac, Vienna Austria	770.99
34.18	6	Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Jodi Edmonds, New York NY	761.85
31.33	7	Sheila Xieyi Xu, North York ON; Rose Hou, Richmond Hill ON	757.35
28.92	8	Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Qing Lu, San Jose CA	755.71
26.86	9	K. Fung – Susan Culham, Edmonton AB	753.03
25.07	10	Ida Groenkvist, Bromma Sweden; Margie Cole, New York NY	744.29
23.50	11	Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY	740.00
22.12	12	Mindy Fleder, New York NY; Christina Madsen, Denmark	728.82
20.89	13	Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV; Rena Hetzer, Collierville TN	726.77
19.79	14	Lisa Berkowitz – Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL	721.60
18.80	15	Jessie Brunswig, Fountain Hills AZ; Patti Hartley, Everett WA	717.70
17.90	16	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	712.99
17.09	17	Harriet Eaton Morris, Ponce Inlet FL; Nancy Mitchell, Jacksonville FL	706.78
16.35	18	Laurie Rowe, Palm Desert CA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA	706.53
15.67	19	Xia Hong, Markham ON; Yimei Cao, North York ON	705.35
15.04	20	Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; Lamyia Agelidis, San Diego CA	702.73
14.46	21	Amy Casanova – Irva Neyhart, Portland OR	688.12
13.93	22	Faye Marino, Greenwich CT; Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL	684.89
13.43	23	Jo Morse, Boise ID; Barbara Kasle, Paradise Valley AZ	681.74

QUALIFIERS IN THE 0–6000 BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

14.0 Tables / Based on 53 Tables				Carryover
	1	Michael Piken, Torrance CA; Edward Piken, Palos Verdes CA	32.50	
	2	Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA	18.71	
	3	Andrew Clements, La Vista NE; Jonathan Cohn, Elkhorn NE	17.80	
	4	Michael Kerr, Newport Beach CA; Harvey Jaffe, Huntington Beach CA	16.46	
	5	Marielle Brentnall – Raymond Hornby, Winnipeg MB	16.38	
	6	Leon Yu, Syosset NY; Tsao-Tung Tsai, Cupertino CA	14.25	
	7	Mark Krusemeyer, Northfield MN; Robert Rebelein, Poughkeepsie NY	13.31	
	8	Jill Burtram – Mary Udell, Albuquerque NM	13.06	
	9	Kevin Cline – Becky Stevens, Seattle WA	12.36	
	10	Yan Song, Fremont CA; Hong Ding, New York NY	9.30	
11/12	Gail Cannold, Rye NY; Dennis Glazer, Bronxville NY	8.52		
11/12	Bill Kertes, Nobleton ON; Motaz Farag, Welland ON	8.52		
	13	Tom Nault – Douglas Mann, Calgary AB	8.43	
	14	Steve Evans, Spokane WA; Ben Tucker, Vashon WA	8.00	
	15	Jim Dingwerth – William Hoge, Olathe KS	7.78	
	16	David Roselle, Kirkland WA; Paul Martin, Duvall WA	7.58	
	17	Bradley Leach, Oro Valley AZ; Tim Tilton, Tucson AZ	6.26	
	18	Michael Shedd, Brighton CO; Jay Silberberg, Denver CO	5.48	
	19	Christopher Cowan – Debbie Feldman, Oakville ON	5.37	
	20	Daniel Jablonski, Stoneham MA; R. Muggia, Andover MA	3.29	
	21	Peter Clay, Wellesley MA; Paul Harris, Waltham MA	3.24	
	22	John Overdeck, Short Hills NJ; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy	2.55	
	23	Lucy Zhong – Jack Qi, North Vancouver BC	2.02	
	24	Tsing-Hai Wann, Temple Terrace FL; Kim Dean, Belleair FL	1.71	
	25	Ronald Vickery, Oro Valley AZ; Henry Nelson, Zelenople PA	1.54	
	26	AnnSophie Andersson, Rimbo Sweden; Fredrik Kronmarker, Stockholm Sweden	1.51	
	27	David Braverman, Overland Park KS; Alan Hierseman, Olathe KS	0.21	
	28	Derald Keetch, Livingston TX; John Manopoli, Jamaica Plain MA	0.00	

QUALIFIERS IN THE KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

26.0 Tables / Based on 110 Tables				Carryover
	1	Jim Munday, Albuquerque NM; Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL	100.00	
	2	Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	69.47	
	3	Jacek Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Michal Klukowski, Geneve Switzerland	54.86	
	4	Peter Gill, Australia; Sartaj Hans, Sydney Australia	46.42	
	5	David Caprera – Anne Brenner, Denver CO	43.57	
	6	Francisco Bernal, Miami FL; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy	41.87	
	7	Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ	39.90	
	8	Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Robb Gordon, Prescott AZ	39.49	
	9	Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ	38.56	
	10	Espen Erichsen, United Kingdom; Richard Plackett, United Kingdom	37.12	
	11	Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	36.56	
	12	Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Iulian Rotaru, New York NY	35.16	
	13	David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	34.62	
	14	Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV	28.60	
	15	Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark	28.31	
	16	Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA	27.50	
	17	Ben Handley-Pritchard, Stroud United Kingdom; Tom Townsend, London England	27.02	
	18	Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland; Pierre Zimmermann, Geneva Switzerland	26.97	
	19	Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Powell OH; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX	26.73	
	20	Ethan Wood, Dover MA; John Ramos, Los Angeles CA	26.47	
	21	Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN	25.88	
	22	David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Ron Smith, New York NY	25.65	
	23	Phil Clayton, Frisco TX; Danny Sprung, Las Vegas NV	25.29	
	24	Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Emma Kolesnik, Newton Center MA	25.23	
	25	Sibrand Van Oosten – Stefan Thorpe, Leiden Netherlands	24.02	
	26	Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Kranyak, Greenville SC	22.77	
	27	Andrew Robson, Wiltshire United Kingdom; Alexander Allfrey, Dorset England	22.68	
	28	Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand	22.30	
	29	Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV	22.02	
	30	Uday Ivatury – Christal Henner, New York NY	20.73	
	31	Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	19.62	
	32	Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Jared Lilienstein, New York NY	18.00	
	33	Drew Cavalier, Huntsville AL; Christian Jolly, New Hudson MI	17.38	

34	Gregg Van Dyke, Key Largo FL; Tom Grue, Apple Valley MN	16.72
35	Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH	16.41
36	Adam Parrish, New York NY; Anant Rath, San Francisco CA	13.27
37	Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA; Sam Amer, Hoboken NJ	12.22
38	Patryk Patreuha, Boles Awiec Poland; Maciej Klis, Krakow Poland	11.99
39	Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Barnet Shenkin, Hallandale Beach FL	8.19
40	Erik Berg, Meldal Sor-Tron Norway; Peter Crouch, Surrey England	7.53
41	Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Ross Grabel, Palm Desert CA	5.12
42	Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	4.60
43	Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	4.50
44	Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; E.R. “Bud” McKinney, Cary NC	3.91
45	Clay Hall, Vestavia AL; Mark Jones, Birmingham AL	3.33
46	Piotr Klimowicz, Edmonton AB; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	3.01
47	Jeffrey Ferro, Saint Helena CA; Alexander Smirnov, Lubeck Germany	2.77
48	Ray Miller, Seattle WA; Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA	2.52
49	Eric Laurant, Overasselt Netherlands; Nicolas Hammond, Alpharetta GA	1.57
50	John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Sveinn Eiriksson, Delray Beach FL	0.97
51	Jacqueline Chang – Jordan Lampe, New York NY	0.49
52	G. Venkatesh, Carmel CA; Anil Padhye, Mumbai India	0.00

GAVIN WOLPERT WEDNESDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS

60.0 Tables / Based on 125 Tables		A	X		
44.85	1			Nils Kvangraven, Kristiansand Norway; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway	65.85%
33.64	2			Daniel Lev – Sam Lev, New York NY	63.65%
25.23	3			Weishu Wu – Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA	61.59%
18.92	4			Emily Harrell, Birmingham AL; Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX	61.50%
14.95	5			Bernard Yomtov, Cambridge MA; Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA	60.34%
12.81	6			Sherman Gao, Brea CA; Robert Micone, Tustin CA	60.08%
11.21	7			Claude Vogel, Chicago IL; Carol Frank, Burbank CA	59.31%
9.97	8			Ringo Chung, Mississauga ON; Richard Chan, Markham ON	58.95%
8.97	9			Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	58.66%
17.15	10	1		David Johnson – John D’Aguiar, Calgary AB	57.63%
7.48	11			Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Diana Marquardt, Del Mar CA	57.63%
6.90	12			Magnus Olafsson, Huntsville AL; Susan Stockham, Birmingham AL	57.18%
6.77	13			Leon Lowe, Fountain Hills AZ; John Grantham, Bentonville AR	56.79%
5.98	14			Jeff Jacob, Vancouver WA; Carol Hamilton, Sarasota FL	56.64%
5.61	15			Ann Hudson – Randolph Johnson, Bluffton SC	56.06%
5.73	16			Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON	55.78%
4.98	17			Gilbert Stinebaugh, Van Nuys CA; John Clark, Simi Valley CA	55.53%
4.72	18			H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY; Norman Beck, Dallas TX	55.49%
4.49	19			Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Eric Leong, Oakland CA	55.45%
4.27	20			Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA	55.30%
4.08	21			Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Maureen McLaughlin, Princeton NJ	55.14%
3.90	22			Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Steve Gross, Camarillo CA	55.12%
4.68	23			Tod Moses, St. Louis MO; Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL	55.00%
12.86	24	2		Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Sheng Li, New York NY	54.85%
3.45	25			Barbara Grzegorzewski – Steven Grzegorzewski, Meadville PA	54.69%
9.65	26	3		Judy Stilson, Everett WA; Shameine Ali, New Westminster BC	54.62%
4.49	27			Lynn Shannon – John Miller, Campbell CA	54.36%
3.61	28			Kyoko Shimamura, Tokyo Japan; Russell Samuel, Coram NY	54.34%
4.01	29			Mustafa Cem Tokay – David McCreery, New York NY	53.89%
3.44	30			David Hoffner, Galloway NJ; Ken Bercuson, Las Vegas NV	53.77%
7.24		4		Kenneth Titow – Joanne Titow, Scottsdale AZ	53.73%
5.72		5		Piotr Rajski – Andrew Proczkowski, Edmonton AB	52.78%
4.90		6		Terry Goodykoontz, South Palm Bch FL; William Strauss, Urbana IL	52.20%
4.29		7		Tracy Sherman – David Sherman, Manchester United Kingdom	52.07%
3.81		8		Fran White, Vista CA; Christine Denny, Encinitas CA	51.91%
3.43		9		Rick Clelland, Boulder CO; Ying Zhang, Longmont CO	51.44%
5.07		10		Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA; Sohail Hasan, Harwich MA	51.28%
2.94		11		Jan Van Cleeff, Maastricht Netherlands; Bob Drake, Wassenaar Netherlands	51.20%
2.70		12		Eli Jolley, Auburn AL; Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA	50.82%
2.45		13		David Parsons – Paul Frean, New York NY	50.77%
2.36		14		Cayce Blanchard, Tucson AZ; George Welsh, Sedona AZ	50.60%

DAN KORBEL WEDNEDSAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

33.0 Tables					
	7	4	2		
11.29	1			Ken Pelowski – Lori Mirek, Atherton CA	62.91%
8.47	2			Shaviv Ben Neriah – Jeremy Bowman, Vancouver BC	60.44%
7.60	3	1		Skip Seroy, Lafayette CA; Dean Ruddell, Martinez CA	60.29%
5.70	4	2		David Tepper, Glendale WI; Jerome Tepper, Scottsdale AZ	59.69%
3.76	5			Margaret Barr, Ponoka AB; Betty Swenson, Goodyear AZ	58.43%
4.28	6	3		Virginia Minnaar, Toronto ON; Sheryn Posen, Victoria BC	57.72%
2.82	7			Anita McClintock, Scottsdale AZ; Kathleen Malo, Calgary AB	57.45%
3.21	8	4		Bill Walter – Christine Walter, Vancouver BC	56.59%
2.26	9			Murray Cutten, Red Deer AB; Victor Poon, Stony Brook NY	56.05%
2.42	10			Harlene Michaels – Lawrence Michaels, Brookeland TX	55.31%
3.40	11	5	1	Michele Glenn – Gary Glenn, Grosse Pointe MI	55.20%
2.17	12	6		Terri Grant – Glen Grant, Sun City AZ	54.90%
2.55	13	7	2	Joseph Mattrey, Scottsdale AZ; Mary Newstead, Phoenix AZ	54.37%
1.51	14			Robert Lumbert, Severn MD; Chris Stewart, Medicine Hat AB	54.15%
1.69	15	8		Kay Brock, Colorado Springs CO; Kathy McMahon, Denver CO	53.51%
1.61	16			Glen Rowe – Don Peterson, Carson City NV	53.48%
2.24	17	9		Sid Paskett – Miki Paskett, Orem UT	53.32%
1.42		10		Barbara Foley, Darien CT; Melissa Graves, Chicago IL	53.20%
1.27		11		Terry Wassmann, Cape Coral FL; Janice Adragna, Concord CA	53.02%
1.91			3	Wilscott Naugler, Portland OR; Britt Evans, Eureka Springs AR	51.48%
1.43			4	Nancy Montgomery – Tara Evans, Sierra Vista AZ	49.54%

Honorary Member

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award is given annually to someone widely known throughout the membership who has given freely of their time and ability, without thought of reward and in the interest and welfare of the League as a whole.

“She may be the most deserving Honorary Member we’ve ever had,” said Bob Morris, a close friend and occasional partner for the past 20 years. “She’s done everything. She’s a tireless promoter of the game.”

“She’s worked hard all her life in bridge,” said Barbara Heller, who served with Starzec on the Ed Foundation board for eight years. “If I were thinking of someone throughout the nation to nominate, I would have trouble thinking of anyone who’s better. She’s very gracious, kind. She cares. She’s a hard worker.

“I’ve always felt like she could be trusted to take care of any project. Everything you gave her to do was done with grace and perfection. That’s the kind of volunteer you like to have.”

Two previous Honorary Members chimed in. “Betty is someone who cares about bridge,” said Patty Tucker, the 2016 honoree and teacher extraordinaire who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2019 for her contributions to the game. “She doesn’t care about credit or recognition. She cares about the future of bridge, and the present of bridge. I’ve never heard her say an unkind or disparaging word about anyone. She always does whatever needs to be done to make things better.”

Hall of Famer Eddie Wold was honored as Honorary Member in 2017 for his teaching efforts at Rice University, a junior camp he hosted in Houston and on cruises, along with his role in detecting cheating at the 2013 world championships. Starzec compiled and organized notes for all of Wold’s classes so that students would have a copy to take home.

“She was my right-hand woman,” Wold said. “When I won, I said Betty deserves this, too. That was really a joint effort.”

And Starzec has done so much more. “She’s been super responsible for improving beginning bridge. We would have classes of 100 to 200 people at our club,” he added. “Whether it’s hospitality, arranging speakers, serving on boards, she does everything. I don’t see how she finds time for it.”

This week Starzec can be seen hobbling around the NABC on a bad knee. She’s had one replaced already and was due to have the other one replaced by now, but she’s waiting until after the Houston Regional in January so that she can execute her duties as district president there without the limitations of recovering from surgery. Even when it comes to something as important as being able to walk without pain, for Starzec, bridge responsibilities always come first.

“I just love the game,” Starzec said.

Now an Emerald Life Master, Starzec joined the ACBL in 1983. She started teaching bridge a couple of years later – in Indonesia. Her husband’s work for Mobil Oil took them to France, Saudi Arabia, Japan and two cities in Indonesia, Lhokseumawe and Jakarta, where she spent the second half of the 1980s. Aside from some charity work, she didn’t have much to do there besides read bridge books. Teaching bridge on several continents started as a social thing.

“Moving around, I had to have some way to get to know people,” she said. “Everywhere I went, bridge was the great force that helped me make friends.”

She returned to the U.S. and spent part of the early ’90s in New Jersey before returning to Houston. She got involved, becoming I/N coordinator and education liaison in 1994. She looked for ideas on marketing bridge and increasing I/N attendance. She found one from Judy Cotterman, who was then in Indiana, suitable for the pre-internet era: sending postcards to players encouraging them

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David Butler 1949–2022

By Mark Dahl

Platinum Life Master David Butler of Keswick VA died Nov. 13 at age 73, and with his passing, the bridge world has lost a fine gentleman, an outstanding player and a friend to many.



I first played with Dave in 1975, and after our first session, in which we had a 73% game, we looked at one another and said, “We should play again.” We did so, for 35 years. He combined a keen, analytical mind with poker skills that made him unflappable and unreadable at the table. He is perhaps the finest player who never finished first in an open NABC event. Among his achievements were finishing second in the 2007 Senior Swiss Teams, making the semifinals of the Grand National Teams in 2004, earning four other top-10 finishes in NABC+ events as well as over 100 Blue Ribbon qualifications. Most importantly, as a quiet country gentleman, David was my dear and patient friend.

Friend John Miller wrote, “From the moment I began to play bridge in Charlottesville in the 1980s, I looked to Dave as the example of how to play the game. He showed me the value of temperament. You would never know that he had landed in an inferior contract, and when all the tricks had been turned he often had made lemons into lemonade. We played only occasionally, especially after I left Charlottesville, but in one memorable regional, we lost the knockout finals to Meckwell by 1 IMP in overtime. As was Dave’s habit, he took responsibility for that lone IMP that any of us could have secured, overlooking the fact we would never had made it to overtime had he not played brilliantly before. I will miss him greatly.”

Not only was he a great bridge player, but also he gave back significantly to the game in his positions as unit president and representative to the district board. He could be seen setting up and taking down bridge tables, announcing winners as he handed out prizes, patiently answering bridge players’ questions and rectifying the accounts of the various tournaments he helped run. Knowing that the bridge-playing community needed to lower the average age of its members, Dave gave generously to the USBF Junior Fund.

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.

Patron Lounge

The ACBL invites all Patron Members to visit the Patron Lounge on Patio 1 near Ballroom D in PCC North from 1 to 3 p.m. today through Saturday, Dec. 3.

ROB BARRINGTON WEDNESDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

24.5 Tables / Based on 65 Tables

	B	C		
27.24	1	1	Kenneth Chan, Singapore Singapore; Gary Charness, Solvang CA	58.77%
20.43	2		Kenneth Johnson – Joanne Wicker, Morgan Hill CA	57.49%
15.32	3	2	Jack Hawks, Palm Desert CA; Andy Hawks, Alexandria VA	57.10%
11.49	4		Erin Gonzalez, Mars PA; Alexander Bealles, Butler PA	56.97%
9.08	5		Kathryn Papermaster, Horseshoe Bay TX; Vera Baum, Los Altos CA	56.68%
7.78	6		Larry Wyner, Tucson AZ; Thomas McGuire Jr., Oakland CA	56.23%
6.81	7	3	Beth Wisinski – Gary Wisinski, Scottsdale AZ	55.91%
6.05	8	4	Jerry Neuman – Terry Neuman, Tucson AZ	55.87%
5.45	9	5	Elliott Zeller, Albany CA; Maynard Smith Jr., Homer AK	55.56%
4.95	10		Brian Castle, Poway CA; Ramey Farah, La Jolla CA	54.98%
4.54	11		Marion Brum de Barros, Denver CO; Julie Clark, Aurora CO	54.60%
4.19	12	6	Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA; Michele Liu, Cupertino CA	54.50%
3.89	13		Alan Hanson, Alexandria MN; Mark Doucette, Mesa AZ	53.26%

JULIE BOSSERMAN WEDNESDAY FAST PAIRS

13.0 Tables

	A	B	C	
11.50	1			Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA; Norman Marks, San Jose CA
8.63	2			Robert Morris, Houston TX; Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC
6.47	3			Henri Farhi – Kit Humphrey, Chula Vista CA
4.98	4			Yan Zhang, Jersey City NJ; Barry Margolin, Arlington MA
3.83	5			Nancy Gunn, Santa Rosa CA; Sarita Mathiasen, Albany CA
3.29	6			Steve Bruno – Elaine DeShaw, Federal Way WA
5.60	7	1	1	Tracey Guice, Seattle WA; Ivy French, Sioux Falls SD
4.20		2		Paula Najarian, East Greenwich RI; Lois DeBlois, Warwick RI
3.15		3		Nic Hristea – Mark Pinkowski, Chicago IL
2.36		4		Dan Graham, Redfield AR; Kathy Gates, North Little Rock AR
2.56			2	Robyn Grant – Rose Reynolds, Newport Beach CA

FELIX MOORE TUESDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

8.0 Tables

	A	B	C	
3.90	1			Wagner Van Vlack, Carmel IN; Larry Hudgens, Tucson AZ
2.93	2			Allan Karro – Yen Karro, White Rock BC
2.19	3			Brian Koblenz, Leavenworth WA; John Cox, Bayfield CO
3.03	4	1		William Golush, Denville NJ; Jerry Thorpe, Tacoma WA
1.68	5			Clyde Johnson, Duluth MN; Judy Stilson, Everett WA
2.49		2	1	Judith King – Janice Skinner, Mesa AZ
1.70		3		Carol Marks, Overland Park KS; Fran Bernstein, Scottsdale AZ
1.87			2	Judy Wood – Lisa Smith, Dallas TX

PAT LINVILLE SPLIT WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

13.0 Tables

	A	B	C	
4.98	1			Jessica Larsson, Heimdal Sweden; Kristen Swenson, New York NY
3.74	2			Ron Beall – Jennifer Beall, Bellingham WA
2.80	3			Jan Zadroga, Todz Poland; Alfred Lee, Foster City CA
2.10	4			Rae Murbach – Jerry Murbach, Altadena CA
1.58	5			Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Jan Kamras, Tel Aviv Israel
3.68	6	1		Tom Moore – Dorothy Moore, Keller TX
2.76		2	1	Susan Poorman, Portland OR; Sharon Fausel, Scottsdale AZ
2.07		3		Donna North, Goodyear AZ; Fred Dyle, Huntington Beach CA
1.55		4		David Findley – Blythe Olshan Findley, Westchester IL
1.16		5		Harriet Hegge – Layne Benben, Portland OR
1.71			2	Dawna Wilson, Teton Village WY; Kathryn Oberly, Palm Beach FL

ALL-WESTERN NITECLUB WEDNESDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

8.0 Tables

	A	B	C	
2.70	1	1	1	Barbara Weir, Scottsdale AZ; Linda Free, Mesa AZ
2.03	2	2		Marjorie Scherer – Janet Race, Goodyear AZ
1.52	3	3		Joy Brown, San Diego CA; John Sandahl, Carlsbad CA
1.14	4			Bill Brady, Iola TX; Sue McCulley, Richmond TX
1.40	5	4	2	Laurel Dambrosio, Oro Valley AZ; Loren Baker, Bellevue WA
1.05		5	3	Matthew Wilkins, Clovis CA; Kenneth Ferrill, Estancia NM

STEPHANIE HADDY WEDNESDAY 0–5 PAIRS

5.0 Tables

1.22		1		Virginia Rinehart – Diane Adler, Scottsdale AZ
0.92		2		Eric Stone, Fountain Hills AZ; Randall Stout, Scottsdale AZ
0.67		3/4		Cathleen Stoelting – Lisa Wetzler, Scottsdale AZ
0.60		3/4		Maria Teresa Martinez – Catherine Hughes, Phoenix AZ

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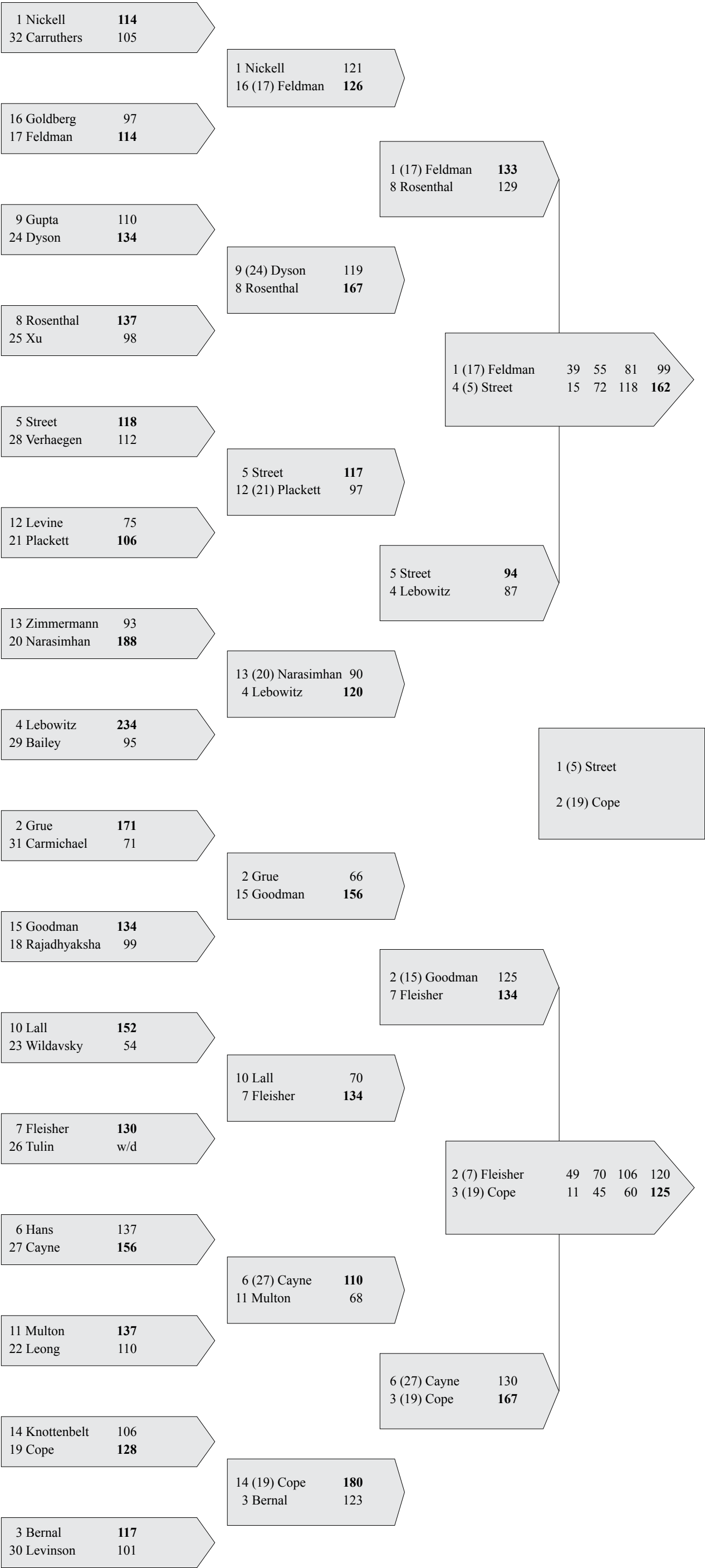
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FINAL PAIRING



32 Tables
Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L’Ecuyer, Montreal QC;
Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Massimiliano Di Franco, Italy; Ron
Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland
vs
Simon Cope, Hertfordshire United Kingdom; Kevin Rosenberg,
Sunnyvale CA; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX;
Ishmael Del’monte, Baton Rouge LA

125.00 3/4 Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Chip Martel,
Davis CA; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Leslie Amoils, Toronto
ON; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France
125.00 3/4 Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Daniel Zagorin,
Chicago IL; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden;
Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel;
Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden
80.00 5/8 Adam Grossack – Zachary Grossack, Newton
MA; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA;
Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Dennis Bilde, Horsens
Denmark; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina
80.00 5/8 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken – Jan
Jansma, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT Boye
Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway
80.00 5/8 Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell,
Plano TX; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Simon De Wijs, Doorn
Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands
80.00 5/8 Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Dano De
Falco, Rubano Italy; Tim Verbeek, DrieBergen Netherlands; Danny
Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands; Bart Nab, Tilburg Netherlands;
Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands
50.00 9/16 Nick Nickell, Water Mill NY; Ralph Katz, Burr
Ridge IL; Robert Levin, Henderson NV;
Steve Weinstein, Cedar Grove NJ; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV;
Eric Greco, Frisco TX
50.00 9/16 Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver
CO; Sheri Winestock – Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Marion
Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen
Sweden
50.00 9/16 Francisco Bernal, Miami FL; Miguel Villas-
Boas, Salvador Brazil; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Alfredo
Versace, Rome Italy
50.00 9/16 Hemant Lall, Marina Del Rey CA; Reese
Milner, Sarasota FL; Roy Welland, New York NY;
Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw
Poland; Piotr Tuczynski, Poznan Poland
50.00 9/16 Franck Multon, Monaco; Giovanni Donati, Italy;
Kiki Ward-Platt, Fayence France;
Vasileios Vroustis – Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis, Athens Greece;
Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy
50.00 9/16 Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina;
Maximo Crusizio, Fort Lauderdale FL;
Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland
50.00 9/16 Richard Plackett, Oxted United Kingdom; Peter
Crouch, Surrey England; Erik Berg,
Meldal Sor-Tron Norway; Alexander Allfrey, Dorset England;
Espen Erichsen, Tunbridge Wells
United Kingdom; Andrew Robson, Wiltshire United Kingdom
50.00 9/16 Andrew Dyson, New York NY; Glyn Liggins,
London United Kingdom;
Tom Townsend, London England; Ben Handley-Pritchard, Stroud
United Kingdom



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New Life Master

Glen Rowe of Carson City NV became a Life Master at the Phoenix NABC. He needed just a handful of points and attended the recent Las Vegas regional, where he played with his wife, Vicki. “We struck out, so he got a new partner,” said Vicki. That new partner was Don Peterson, also of Carson City.

“I want to thank Don Peterson for getting me over the line,” said Glen. “He played at our club, and I knew him, had played against him. We showed up in Las Vegas and Vicki and I were struggling, and he was there; we never played together before. We got a little bit of gold and decided to play here.”

He said of his journey, “it was long. You don’t think about it, but all of a sudden, you start accumulating and you realize, you’re close.”

Glen thanks his many mentors.

“It takes a bridge village,” added Vicki.



Linda Seifert of San Luis Obispo CA needed just 1.59 gold points to become a Life Master. She picked that up playing in the bracketed round robin teams – and winning – with partner Rose Will, also of San Luis Obispo, and teammates H. Lyle Supp of Kissimmee, FL and Ron Schwarer of Pismo Beach, CA. They won almost 12 gold points!

Linda and Rose also tried the Top-Flight Teams earlier this week. That experience was described as “eye-opening,” “brutal,” and “like being dipped in hot oil,” but ultimately, “fun!”

Linda played bridge earlier in life and came back to it four years ago. She won practically all her gold points in the last few months attending regionals in her area. Now, she’s going for Silver Life Master.

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.

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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.

PETE HOLLANDS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME					
16.0 Tables	A	B	C		
5.63	1			Michael Kelley – Martina Kelley, Lake Zurich IL	65.83%
4.22	2			Stella Q. Wan, Palo Alto CA; David Stern, Redfern Australia	65.00%
3.17	3			Rae Murbach – Jerry Murbach, Altadena CA	63.89%
2.38	4			Subba Ravipudi, Dana Point CA; Gale Senter, San Clemente CA	58.89%
3.90	5	1		Krista Kabacy – Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA	58.33%
2.93	6	2		Carol Benson – Peter Doubilet, Boston MA	57.78%
2.19	7	3		Layne Benben – Harriet Hegge, Portland OR	57.50%
1.65		4		Donna North, Goodyear AZ; Fred Dyle, Huntington Bch CA	53.61%
1.23		5		Dattatraya Kale, Phoenix AZ; Larry Shell, Muscatine IA	51.67%
2.45			1	Dawna Wilson, Teton Village WY; Kathryn Oberly, Palm Beach FL	48.06%
1.84			2	Denise Dufour – Mary Kirsch, Sewickley PA	45.69%
1.38			3	Clyde Johnson, Duluth MN; Gerald Hitt, Meredith NH	43.06%
TROON BRIDGE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS					
5.5 Tables	A	B	C		
2.40	1	1		Joy Brown, San Diego CA; John Sandahl, Carlsbad CA	65.10%
1.80	2			Bill Brady, Iola TX; Sue McCulley, Richmond TX	61.31%
1.73	3	2	1	Barbara Weir, Scottsdale AZ; Linda Free, Mesa AZ	57.74%
1.20	4	3		Melissa Conrad, New Palestine IN; Sarah Wolf, Greenfield IN	56.77%
0.90		4		Lawrence Fritz, North Richland Hills TX; Norma #NAME?, Mississauga ON	54.17%
1.30			2	Laurel Dambrosio, Oro Valley AZ; Loren Baker, Bellevue WA	51.19%
HAIG TCHAMITCH TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS					
62 Tables / Based on 171 Tables	A	X	Y		
39.14	1			Mike Levine, Boca Raton FL; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm Sweden; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria	94.00
29.36	2			Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht, Netherlands; Bart Nab, Tilburg Netherlands; Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands; Dano De Falco, Rubano Italy; Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL	92.00
22.02	3			Maggie Knottenbelt, London United Kingdom; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil; Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom; Thomas Paske, Manhattan NY; David Gold, United Kingdom; Michael Byrne, Manchester United Kingdom	89.00
16.51	4			Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden; Liam Milne, Sidney Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia	88.00
13.05	5			Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland; Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland; Maximo Crusizio, Fort Lauderdale FL	86.00
14.77	6	1		Caru Vidigal – Lucia Menezes, Rio De Janeiro Brazil; Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland	82.00
9.79	7			Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark; Soren Bilde – Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA	79.00
8.70	8			Walter Schafer Jr., Long Beach CA; Bart Bramley – Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Adam Kaplan, New York NY	77.00
7.48	9/10			Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL; Gary Cohler, Delray Beach FL; Bronia Jenkins, Vero Beach FL; Michael Berkowitz, Salt Lake City UT; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel	76.00
7.48	9/10			Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack – Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark	76.00
9.70	11/13	2/3	1	Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Marcel Verhaegen, Netherlands; Gabriele Zanasi, Palermo Italy	75.00
9.70	11/13	2/3		Michael Botwin, Rockville Center NY; Barry Plotkin, Baldwin NY; Ken Bowlby, London ON; Judy Rimer, La Jolla CA	75.00
6.04	11/13			Steven Love, La Jolla CA; Roger Bates, Las Vegas NV; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Mark McCarthy, San Francisco CA	75.00
5.06	14/15			Rita Shugart, Monterey CA; Michael Whitman, San Francisco CA; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL	73.00
7.20	14/15	4	2	Paula Nataf, Beverly Hills CA; Romain Tembouret, Paris France; Laurent Thuillez, France; Pascale Thuillez, France	73.00
5.40	16	5	3	Michael Gosnell, Fairfield CA; Thomas Musso, Charleston SC; Kathrine Loh, Walnut Creek CA; Barbara McKay, Orinda CA	71.00
4.22		6	4	Renee Alpert, Orange CA; Leigh Ives, Alliston ON; Gary Waldron – Carol Foster, Laguna Beach CA	69.00
3.69		7	5	Mike Develin, Kirkland WA; Eric Mayefsky, Washington DC; Belinda Gu – Ryan Gossiaux, San Francisco CA	65.00
2.74			6	Sidney Porter, Sun Lakes AZ; James Siegel, Ketchum ID; Kitty Larson – Eric Larson, Chandler AZ	62.00
SUZETTE WYNN BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1					
9 Tables					
13.96	1			Wayne Rosenberger – Cara-Lyn Lappen, Durango CO; Mary Lynn Genovesi, Fairview TX; Rosalind Smith, Dallas TX	101.00
10.47	2			Ashok Rao, Cambridge MA; Harold Nordstrom, Reading MA; Robert Gervis, Brighton MA; Venky Venkataramani, Andover MA	98.00
7.85	3			G. Steve Wheeler – Susan Wheeler, Castle Rock CO; Kathy Bergman, Goodyear AZ; Arjun Singh, Lakewood CO	96.00
5.89	4			Gary Haynie, Kailua HI; William Stevenson, Honolulu HI; Loring Harkness, Kilauea HI; John Tippet, Fort Collins CO	84.00
SUZETTE WYNN BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2					
9 Tables					
12.92	1			Eric Katz, Paradise Valley AZ; J. Robert Garrioch, Lasalle ON; Donna Barrow, Cherry Hills Village CO; Jennifer O’Neill, Greenwood Village CO	103.00
9.69	2			James Logan – Karen Fusco, Henderson NV; Gunnar Niemi, Emeryville CA; Richard Hollander, Las Vegas NV	101.00

7.27	3	William Golush, Denville NJ; Ruth Sidebottom, Red Deer AB; Vard Nelson – Frances Nelson, Evergreen CO	88.00
5.45	4	Raluca Dobrescu, Aventura FL; Brooke Cohen – Melissa Fawer, New York NY; Robert Barrington, West Palm Beach FL	83.00
SUZETTE WYNN BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3			
9 Tables			
11.86	1	Linda Seifert – Rose Will, San Luis Obispo CA; H. Lyle Supp, Kissimmee FL; Ron Schwarer, Pismo Beach CA	96.00
7.79	2/3	Rick Jasper – Kathy Jasper, San Jose CA; Bobette Hayden Thorsen – Todd Thorsen, Lititz PA	85.00
7.79	2/3	Donna Johnson, Lawrence KS; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; Andre La Traverse, St. Lazare QC; Jean La Traverse, Montreal QC	85.00
4.11	4/6	Jim Tucker – Luraette Tucker – Travis Atterberry – Janice Atterberry, Little Rock AR	78.00
4.11	4/6	Ulla Winkler, Somerville MA; Joanne Tulimieri, Sudbury MA; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia; Carolyn Bitetti, Belmont MA	78.00
4.11	4/6	Ed Gould – Cornelia Gould, Indian Wells CA; Jacqueline Zayac, Lafayette CA; Richard Papst, Scottsdale AZ	78.00
SUZETTE WYNN BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4			
9 Tables			
11.21	1	Mark Lacroix – Lisa Hebert, Ottawa ON; Lesley Ruggles, Antigonish NS; Margaret Dodson, Pictou NS	107.00
8.41	2	Laurie Carr, Honolulu HI; Gay Yamagiwa, Eagle ID; Robert Kleinman – Madelaine Kleinman, Tucson AZ	100.00
6.31	3	Donna Hofer, Chandler AZ; Will Anthony, Lubbock TX; Terry Brown, Eddyville IA; Susan Kraght, Sun Lakes AZ	96.00
4.73	4	Gary Millam – Bruce Nordstrom, Flagstaff AZ; Ronald Martinez – Ronald Mohney, Sedona AZ	84.00
SUZETTE WYNN BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5			
9 Tables			
10.31	1	James Gundell, New York NY; Matthew Rudary, Redding CT; Phil Reynolds, Jackson MI; Christopher Rivera, Jackson Heights NY	103.00
7.73	2	Nancy Jonske, Scottsdale AZ; Judith Wilkinson – Margaret Evenson – Barbara Ball, Portland OR	94.00
5.80	3	Gary Smith, Merced CA; Lorraine Bocks, Legrand CA; Mary Wells – Michael Wells, Copperopolis CA	88.00
4.35	4	Karin Hansen, Sun Lakes AZ; Christine Garner, Chandler AZ; Phil Maynard – Jackie Maynard, Mesa AZ	84.00
SUZETTE WYNN BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 6			
9 Tables			
9.94	1	Kristin Brown – Patricia McCreary – Robert Donnelly – Anne Neeter, Sedona AZ	98.00
7.46	2	Michael Shelton – Julie Shelton, Tucson AZ; Jack Shoemaker, Marana AZ; Kohur Gowrisankaran, Pointe-Claire QC	97.00
5.59	3	Jeffrey Walker, Eagan MN; Louis Tesler, Golden Valley MN; Douglas Giloy, Rockford IL; Lou Liebovich, Fountain Hills AZ	93.00
4.19	4	J.B. Smart – Shari Smart, Gilbert AZ; Dianne Zimmerman, Chandler AZ; W. “Lakin” Hines, Sun Lakes AZ	91.00
SUZETTE WYNN BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 7			
9 Tables			
9.31	1	D. John Cunningham, Lake Forest Park WA; Maurice Chesney, Sun City West AZ; Phillip Loeb, Bastrop TX; Bill Davis, Woodridge IL	116.00
6.98	2	William Cook – Brenda Larsen, Twin Falls ID; Christiane Turner, Ketchum ID; Helen Spalding, San Francisco CA	92.00
5.24	3	Edith Heath – Lydia Delventhal – William Sabo, Sedona AZ; Lindley Boggess, Camp Verde AZ	89.00
3.52	4/5	Sara Streatfeild – Simon Streatfeild, Odenton MD; Kathleen Lathrop, Montebello NY; Edwin Elton, North River NY	78.00
3.52	4/5	Nancy Leonard – Christian Gilles – James Bechtel, Santa Barbara CA; Michael Durham, Dallas TX	78.00
SUZETTE WYNN BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 8			
9 Tables			
8.34	1	Bruce Watson – Maureen Volk – Rahul Chandra – Shakti Chandra, St John’s NL	115.00
6.26	2	Wilt Cooper – Joanne Groome – Karin Vannett, Littleton CO; Donna Agee, Centennial CO	107.00
4.69	3	Julie Wong – Rolando Grijalva, Reno NV; Mark Langer, Racine WI; Don Lycette, Bend OR	105.00
3.52	4	George Marx, Richmond CA; Tony Marshall, Bellevue WA; Sherrie Barakatt, Modesto CA; Margaret Tam, Sun Lakes AZ	93.00
SUZETTE WYNN BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 9			
9 Tables			
7.91	1	Thomas Botten, Prior Lake MN; Arne Langsetmo, Robbinsdale MN; Marc Ashton, Excelsior MN; Rolf Hubmayr, Minneapolis MN	118.00
5.93	2	David Comfort, Avondale AZ; Diane Ogradowski, Peoria AZ; Steve Sanderson, Sun City AZ; David Lethbridge, Stonewall MB	99.00
4.45	3	Sarah Springer, Katy TX; Martin Hrachovy, Sugar Land TX; Marilyn Frazier, Port O’Connor TX; Louisiana Cutler, Anchorage AK	90.00
3.34	4	Damian Birnstihl, Gilbert AZ; Pat Schlecht, Chandler AZ; Kay Kennedy, Phoenix AZ; William Travis, Sun Lakes AZ	80.00
SUZETTE WYNN BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 10			
15 Tables			
8.73	1	Bradford Stone, Reno NV; Donna Neff, Sparks NV; Kirsten Beda, Wilson WY; Brigitte Sandquist, San Francisco CA	107.00
6.55	2	Randy Asendorf, Sun City AZ; John Atten – Karon Chitwood, Sun City West AZ	104.00
4.91	3	Barbara Brue, Surprise AZ	98.00
4.91	3	Raymond Plouffe – Vivianne Plouffe, Lake Havasu Cit AZ; Ron Berube – Lorraine Berube, Sherwood Park AB	98.00
3.68	4	Eric Heinrich, Palatka FL; Adam Wilkinson – M. Prebula, Henderson NV; Ernest Ludington, Salem OR	93.00
2.91	5	Denise Pitzman – Sara Reinert – Marylou Burton – Jane Wiebe, Homer AK	86.00

BAM bewilderment

Peter Weichsel holds the record for the most number of wins in the Open Board-a-Match Teams (formerly the Mens’s Board-a-Match Teams) with seven victories in the contest, spanning the past six decades.

But Weichsel spotted something in Monday’s final of the Mitchell Open BAM that he had never seen before, an eye-popping choice of bids in the following auction. Take the hand that one of his opponents held during the bidding:

♠Q 8 5 2 ♥5 ♦9 4 2 ♣Q J 9 4 2

The auction begins with a pass on your left, 1♥ from partner and 2♦ on your right (both vul). You pass, as does LHO. Partner doubles, and RHO passes. What do you do?

The overwhelming favorite call would no doubt be 2♠. There might be some votes for 3♣, too, or maybe even an eccentric pass. But what was chosen at the table by the player who held these cards against Weichsel (the 2♦ overcaller)?

2♥. Yes, you read that right. 2♥. The best part? It’s the right call. Check out the full deal to see why:

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

Partner doubled with a 2=7=2=2 pattern ... but you knew what to do!

2♥ is the limit for East–West.

Weichsel noted that a bad bid can lead to a disaster, but two bad bids can bring you back to par.

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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.



Close Encounters

By Mark Horton

The quarterfinals of the Soloway KO Teams delivered plenty of excitement. Here is the final deal of the match between Jason Feldman and Andrew Rosenthal, the former enjoying a 5-IMP lead:

Dlr: East	♠ 9		
Vul: None	♥ A K 8 7 2		
Bd: 30	♦ 8 2		
	♣ K 10 9 8 7		
♠ A Q 3		♠ 8 6 2	
♥ Q 6		♥ 10 9 4	
♦ A Q J 10		♦ 9 7 6	
♣ Q J 6 4		♣ A 5 3 2	
	♠ K J 10 7 5 4		
	♥ J 5 3		
	♦ K 5 4 3		
	♣ —		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Zagorin</i>
			2♠
2NT	All Pass		

If North leads the ♠9, or cashes the top hearts or starts with a low diamond or club, declarer has no real prospects of securing eight tricks. However, North led the ♥7 and, having won with the queen, declarer played back the 6. North won and cashed his hearts before exiting with the ♣K, but declarer could win in dummy, play a spade to the queen and give up a diamond for +120.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
—	—	—	2♠
2NT		All Pass	

If North could find one of the nine cards to defeat the contract, the match would be tied and the players would have to endure an eight-deal tie-break.

Drum roll please: out came the ♥2 and declarer won, played the ♠Q to the king and ace, took the spade finesse and played on diamonds to flatten the board and advance to the semifinal.

Let’s move to Andy Goodman vs. Marty Fleisher, where the former enjoyed a 1-IMP advantage as the ultimate deal hit the table:

Dlr: East	♠ A Q 7 5 4 3		
Vul: None	♥ J 6 3		
Bd: 30	♦ J 4		
	♣ K 10		
♠ 8 6		♠ K	
♥ A Q 10 7		♥ K 9 5	
♦ 9 6 5 4 2		♦ A 10 8	
♣ 8 7 6		♣ A J 9 5 3 2	
	♠ J 10 9 2		
	♥ 8 4 2		
	♦ K Q 7 3		
	♣ Q 4		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Martel</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Muller</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	3♣	All Pass

(1) One major

South led the ♠J and North won with the ace and switched to the ♦J, followed by the 4. Declarer took the ace, went to dummy with the ♥Q and played a club to the 10 and ace. When North had to win the next club, declarer emerged with 10 tricks, +130.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Lair</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
—		1♣	
1♥		Dbl ⁽¹⁾	
Pass		2NT ⁽²⁾	

(1) Three-card heart support

(2) Spade support

East led the ♥5 and West won with the queen and returned the 7, East taking the king, cashing the minor-suit aces and then playing a third heart. West could win and play a fourth heart, promoting

East’s ♠K for two down, -100 and a single IMP that left the teams tied at 113–113.

By the time they reached the last of the eight extra deals, Goodman trailed 125–127. One of the BBO commentators opined, “I don’t see how they can pick up anything.”

Dlr: West	♠ A 10 8		
Vul: None	♥ Q 8 5		
Bd: 8	♦ K J		
	♣ J 8 7 5 4		
♠ 9 7 3 2		♠ K 6 5 4	
♥ J 6		♥ 10 9 3 2	
♦ Q 8 7 4		♦ A 10 9 6 5	
♣ A 9 3		♣ —	
	♠ Q J		
	♥ A K 7 4		
	♦ 3 2		
	♣ K Q 10 6 2		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Martel</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Muller</i>
—	—	1♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dbl
Pass	3♣	All Pass	
(1) “Tends to be unbalanced”			

Honorary Member

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to come to sectionals. It worked.

Though she had already gotten accredited as a teacher in 1989, Starzec continued to retake the TAP course at each NABC, as it was free to repeat. Her regular appearances caught the attention of Julie Greenberg, then the ACBL director of education, who asked her to take over teaching the course. Greenberg created a position for Starzec – field education representative – and she served as an employee from 1996 to 2003.

In addition to presenting TAP courses at NABCs and regionals, Starzec created, updated and ran various programs, seminars and handbooks, including a unit growth seminar she created. She was sought after by units, Greenberg said.

“Betty Starzec is an amazing woman,” said Greenberg. “She is intelligent, well-spoken and has a delightful personality. Betty was able to do anything I needed done in the Education Department and did it flawlessly. She was very popular with prospective teachers. Betty has worn many ACBL hats and succeeded at all of them.”

Starzec pioneered working from home while in that position. As part of the arrangement, the ACBL’s customer service 800 number rang in her home. She would answer unit, club and member questions. It worked until one time a West Coast player called at midnight to ask if she had made Life Master and was routed to the Starzec house. Starzec’s husband decided it was time to put an end to the phone service.

The position ended when the Starzecs moved to Tokyo, and Betty moved into a new role: updating the ACBL Bridge Series. Of course she had to test out the new material by doing some teaching in Japan.

When she returned to Houston three years later, she resumed teaching TAP and became more involved with the ABTA. Her focus became improving the skills of bridge teachers.

Bridge teachers generally fall into two camps: those with a background in teaching who don’t necessarily have the best bridge knowledge, and those with a background in bridge who don’t necessarily know how to teach. Starzec worked at improving both.

“She helped me to become a better teacher,” said Morris, a Grand Life Master.

Starzec developed a program to help ABTA teachers, many of whom were more familiar with party bridge, grow their bridge knowledge. She asked Wold to vet the material so that when the teachers questioned things that contradicted what they’d always believed, Starzec would have a bona fide expert to point to in defense of the new material.

East led the ♠5, and declarer had no trouble collecting 11 tricks, +150.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Lair</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
Pass		1♦	
1♠		2♠	
Pass		3NT	
		All Pass	

What should East lead?

You know South is looking at hearts and clubs while presumably North has a decent hand with stoppers in spades and diamonds.

When I asked the man on the Clapham omnibus, he thought the ♦10 was attractive, while the au pair thought a low diamond was possibly better.

As you may have guessed, East thought otherwise and went with the ♠4. Having won in dummy, declarer knocked out the ♣A and, after surviving the diamond switch by putting in the jack, he claimed 11 tricks, as East was sure to be squeezed in the majors.

When you look at these three deals you will understand why Benito Garozzo said that anyone who could always find the best opening lead would win everything the game has to offer!

Starzec served on the ABTA’s membership credential committee from 2005 to 2012 and has been a member of the ABTA board since 2011. She served as president in 2017–18 and has chaired the nominating committee since 2019, when Henry Meguid took over as president.

“Betty had and continues to have a profound impact on the business of teaching bridge,” said Meguid. “Over the years, her devotion to ABTA and bridging the gap between the ABTA, ACBL, and the ACBL Ed Foundation improved communication between the three organizations and overall support for bridge teachers. It has been my honor to work with her, and I am delighted that she is recognized as Honorary Member of the Year.”

Starzec considers bringing the ACBL, ABTA and Ed Foundation closer to each other her greatest accomplishment. “The three organizations need to work together for the betterment of bridge,” she said.

Through her Ed Foundation grant, she provides new teachers with a startup kit that includes the choice of boards and bidding boxes or Sharkbridge credits. They also get a free one-year membership in the ABTA and a BridgeBee module. The package is worth more than the cost of taking the Best Practices workshop.

“I wanted them to have as good a foundation as they possibly can,” Starzec said.

She uses her extensive knowledge of what is eligible for her teacher support grant to make things easier for teachers, who can come to her rather than applying for Ed Foundation grants themselves.

“She’s a terrifically hard worker,” said Kristen Frederick, the Ed Foundation executive director. “She definitely fits the profile [of Honorary Member].”

Heller, who left the Ed Foundation in July when she was elected to the ACBL Board, said Starzec’s focus on teaching dovetails with the Board’s priority of boosting membership.

“She exemplifies the type of volunteer that we all need to be,” Heller said. “Every one of us needs to market the ACBL the way she markets the ACBL.”

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. daily.

Interested parties may contact Jan at jan@usbf.org, or by text at 530–574–5780.

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Winners of the 2021 0–10,000 Fast Pairs: Bryan Delfs and Marc Sylvester

10K Fast Pairs starts today

The 0–10,000 Fast Pairs, which made its debut on the Fall NABC schedule in 2015, starts today. The event, two qualifying sessions and two final sessions, is limited to players with less than 10,000 masterpoints and pays platinum points at 10% of the overall award up to a maximum of 10 platinum points.

2015	Vladislav Isporski, James Melville
2016	Michael Gladfelter, Mary Jane Gladfelter
2017	Daniel Miles, Justyna Zmuda
2018	Hirokai Miura, Keiko Miwa
2019	David Rodney, Rusty Krauss
2020	Not held
2021	Marc Sylvester, Bryan Delfs

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.



Last year’s winners of the Senior Mixed Pairs were Roger McNay and Irva Neyhart.

Senior Mixed Pairs begins today

The Senior Mixed Pairs, an NABC+ event open to mixed partners born before Jan. 1, 1960, begins play today. This is a four-session event consisting of a two-session qualifier and two-session final.

2011	1. Polly Dunn, Pat Dunn; 2. Doug Fraser, Sandra Fraser
2012	1. Kitty Cooper, Steve Cooper; 2. Sally Meckstroth, Ed Schulte
2013	1. Ginny Schuett, Jeff Schuett; 2. Sandra Fraser, Doug Fraser
2014	1. Ginny Schuett, Jeff Schuett; 2. Kerri Sanborn, Lew Finkel
2015	1. Billy Eisenberg, Connie Goldberg; 2. Pat McDevitt, Margie Sullivan
2016	1. Lee Atkinson, Mark Yaeger; 2. Bill Eason, Jane Eason
2017	1. Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster; 2. Francisco Bernal, Sylvie Willard
2018	1. John Grantham, Rebecca Rogers; 2. Michael Prahin, Elena Prahin
2019	1. Tobi Sokolow, David Sokolow; 2. Margot Hennings, Bob Heller
2020	Not held
2021	1. Roger McNay, Irva Neyhart; 2. Patricia Dovell, Markland Jones

Tomorrow’s Bridge Events

Friday, Dec. 2

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS <i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions. Pre-registration req’d. See page 1.</i>	1–2 Q	North Building, 1st floor, North Ballroom A	\$30*	—
10 am				
Friday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i> 299er Pairs	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301A	\$20	\$24
	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301D	\$15	\$19
10 am & 1 pm				
Gayle Quiros Memorial Fast Pairs	1–2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301A	\$20	\$24
10 am & 1:30 pm				
NABC 0–10,000 FAST PAIRS	1–2 F	North Building, 1st floor, Meeting Room 122	\$22*	—
10 am & 3 pm				
SENIOR MIXED PAIRS	1–2 F	North Building, 1st floor, North Ballroom C	\$30*	—
Gayle Quiros Memorial Open Pairs (<i>unlim./3000/1500</i>)	1–2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301A	\$20	\$24
Jennifer O’Neill Gold Rush Pairs	1–2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301D	\$20	\$24
Jennifer O’Neill Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1–2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24
10 am & 3:30 pm				
KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions</i>	1–2 Q	North Building, 1st floor, North Ballroom D	\$30*	—
3 pm				
Friday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i> 299er Pairs	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301A	\$20	\$24
	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301D	\$15	\$19
7:30 pm				
Friday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24
Thursday-Friday Evening Bracketed Round Robin Teams	2 of 2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24
Friday 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

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

Today's Bridge Events

Thursday, Dec. 1				
Unit 356 Intermediate/Novice Day				
Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	North Building, 1st floor, Meeting Room 121	\$30*	—
10 am				
Thursday Morning Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301A	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301D	\$15	\$19
10 am & 1:30 pm				
NABC 0-10,000 FAST PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	North Building, 1st floor, Meeting Room 122	\$22*	—
10 am & 3 pm				
KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS	1-2 F	North Building, 1st floor, North Ballroom A	\$30*	—
SENIOR MIXED PAIRS	1-2 Q	North Building, 1st floor, North Ballroom C	\$30*	—
0-6000 BLUE RIBBON PAIRS	1-2 F	North Building, 1st floor, North Ballroom D	\$22	—
Open Pairs (<i>unlim./3000/1500</i>)	1-2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301A	\$20	\$24
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301D	\$20	\$24
Top-Flight Swiss Teams (<i>unlim./6000/4000</i>)	1-2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24
Bracketed Round Robin Teams (<i>0-3000</i>)	1-2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24
3 pm				
Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	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				
Thursday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24
Thursday-Friday Evening Bracketed Round Robin Teams <i>continues Friday 12/2, 7:30pm</i>	1 of 2	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24
Thursday Evening Zip Swiss Teams	single	West Building, 3rd floor, West Ballroom 301C	\$20	\$24
* In addition, there is a screen fee of \$10/pair/session or \$20/team/session. Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events. UPPER CASE = NABC events. Green = Regional events (gold and red points). Blue = Gold Rush events (gold and red points). Red = Intermediate/Newcomer 299er events (red points). *Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.				

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