



# Daily Bulletin

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## Tulin ekes out win in Jacoby Swiss Teams



*The squad captained by Stan Tulin narrowly won the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams by 0.47 victory points over Bart Bramley's squad. The winners are Dror Padon and Alon Birman of Israel, Louk Verhees Jr. and Cornelis Van Prooijen of the Netherlands, and (inset) David Bakhshi and Stan Tulin.*

*Although each member of the winning team has multiple NABC titles, this is the first victory in the Jacoby Swiss for each of them.*



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**Winners of the NABC+ Fast Pairs:**  
*Ljudmila Kamenova and Alex Perlin*

### Kamenova-Perlin win Fast Pairs

Ljudmila Kamenova of South Setauket NY and Alex Perlin of Metuchen NJ won the NABC+ Fast Pairs. They are both graduates of MIT with PhDs in mathematics. "She took a lot of tricks," said Perlin. "I needed

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**Winners of the Golder North American Pairs, Flight B:**  
*James Zhan and Ying Peng*

### A Texas-sized win

James Zhan and Ying Peng, both of Sugar Land TX in District 16, won the Golder North American Pairs, Flight B. They qualified in 11th place for Sunday's two-session final. They had two very strong final sessions – a score of 63.91% which moved them into first place, and then a 65.24%

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**Winners of the President's Cup North American Pairs, Flight C:**  
*Hongsa Situ and Bill Shane*

### SoCal pair wins NAP C

Bill Shane of Laguna Woods CA and Hongsa Situ of Irvine CA, representing District 22, won the President's Cup North American Pairs, Flight C, on Sunday by a board and three quarters.

Both were Mini-McKinney winners in 2022 – Situ won the 0-5 bracket, *continued on page 2*

**FINAL ATTENDANCE: 7124.5 tables**

## Fast Pairs

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**Runners-up in the NABC+ Fast Pairs: David Hoffman and Ken Bercuson**

help from her.” The pair also placed 10th in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs earlier this week.

It is the first national title for Perlin (aside from three NABC Robot Individual wins) and the third for Kamenova, who won the Marsha May Sternberg Womens BAM Teams in 2017 and 2018.

Second in the NABC+ Fast Pairs were David Hoffman of Galloway NJ and Ken Bercuson of Las Vegas, NV.



## NAP-B

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**Runners-up in the Golder North American Pairs, Flight B: Jean La Traverse and Stephane Turcotte**

which guaranteed their victory. Their combined score was 609.93, almost four boards ahead of second place. This was their first North American Pairs contest.

In second place were District 1 representatives Jean La Traverse of Montreal QC and Stephane Turcotte of Saint-Laurent QC. They qualified in second place for the final, and though they dropped a spot after the first final session with a 55.13% game, their last session score of 54.06 was good enough to get them back to the number two spot. The pair was also second in the 0–2500 Swiss Teams.

## NAP-C

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**Runners-up in the President's Cup North American Pairs, Flight C: James Yi and Tengyun Tony Cao**

and Shane won 5–20. They've been playing together since last March.

“This is so exciting,” Situ said. “A great ending. I'm very fortunate to have him as my partner.” She also thanked her mentor, Weishu Wu.

“She just started playing a year and a half ago and she's phenomenal,” Shane said. “More than anything we just enjoy playing.”

They scored 59.26% and 49.22% on Saturday to qualify in 12th place. A monster 73.41% game in the first final session catapulted them into the lead, and they backed it up with a 56.97% last session. Their final score was 629.01.

In second were District 12's James Yi of West Bloomfield Mi and Tengyun Tony Cao of Troy MI with 599.67.

## Jaboby Swiss Teams

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**Second in the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams was the Bramley squad: Brian Platnick of Evanston IL, Liam Milne (with son George) and Andy Hung of Australia, Kit Woolsey of Kensington CA, Kevin Rosenberg of Sunnyvale CA and Bart Bramley of Dallas TX.**



**JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS**

46 Tables / Based on 91 Tables

125.00	1	Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Dror Padon - Alon Birman, Tel Aviv Israel; David Bakhshi, London England; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Venneep Netherlands; Louk Verhees Jr., Leiden Netherlands	126.00
93.75	2	Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Liam Milne, Sidney Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA	125.53
70.31	3	Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Peter Gill, Australia; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand	124.94
55.56	4	William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden	118.26
50.00	5	Lynda Nitabach, North Plainfield NJ; Juan Castillo, Fort Lauderdale FL; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL; Ivan Nanev Ivanov, Sofia Bulgaria	113.93
45.45	6	Gillian Minitier - John Hurd, New York NY; Kevin Bathurst - Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Kranyak, Greenville SC	111.81
41.67	7	Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France; Jerome Rombaut, France; Alain Levy - Erick Mauberquez, Paris France; Nicholas Lhuissier, Rueil Malmaison France; Julien Bernard, Paris France	106.54
38.46	8	Sebastiaan Drijver - Sjoert Brink, Geneva Switzerland; Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland; Jacek Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland; Bartlomiej Igla, Kusnacht Switzerland	102.27
35.71	9	Amber Lin, Millbrae CA; Cynthia Huang, Las Vegas NV; Franco Baseggio - Dana Berkowitz, New York NY	101.04
33.33	10	Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Massimiliano Di Franco, Italy	100.33
31.25	11	Andrew Rosenthal - Chris Willenken - Jan Jansma, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway	99.63
29.41	12	Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack - Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA	98.58
27.78	13	Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Allan Graves, St. Johnsbury VT; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	98.32
26.32	14	Jeffrey Juster - Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA	96.86
25.00	15	Joyce Hill, St. Augustine FL; Kevin Dwyer - Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt - Shan Huang, Jacksonville FL; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden	96.13
23.81	16	Andrew Dyson, New York NY; Glyn Liggins, London United Kingdom; Peter Crouch, Surrey England; Erik Berg, Meldal Sor-Tron Norway	95.95
22.73	17	Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA	95.93
21.74	18	Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel	95.22
20.83	19	Mike Levine - David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm Sweden	94.85
20.00	20	Melih Ozdil, New York NY; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV	94.72
19.23	21	Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Giuseppe Delle Cave, Rome Italy; Franceso Mazzadi, Parma Italy; Gabriele Zanasi, Palermo Italy	92.97
18.52	22	John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Nick Jacob, New Zealand	92.00
17.86	23	Michael Bell - Sarah Bell, London England; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil	91.01

**NABC+ FAST PAIRS**

32.0 Tables / Based on 59 Tables

100.00	1	Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; Ljudmila Kamenova, South Setauket NY	986.25
75.00	2	Ken Bercuson, Las Vegas NV; David Hoffner, Galloway NJ	970.76
56.25	3	Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Jessica Larsson, Heimdal Sweden	953.38
44.44	4	Frank Treiber III, Toledo OH; Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI	944.51
40.00	5	Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, England	941.48
36.36	6	Michael Shuster, Collegeville PA; Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA	940.96
33.33	7	Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	938.52
30.77	8	Bryan Howard, Nashville TN; Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL	932.16
28.57	9	Aaron Jones, Los Angeles CA; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	930.81
26.67	10	Richard Logan, Diamondhead MS; James Bush, New Orleans LA	913.46
25.00	11	Mark Moss, Piedmont CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	910.47
23.53	12	Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Norman Beck, Dallas TX	909.56
22.22	13	Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL	908.90
21.05	14	Jeffrey Blond, Brossard QC; Brad Bart, Coquitlam BC	906.03
20.00	15	Annie Schwartz – Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA	904.36
19.05	16	Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury MA; Stephannie Culbertson, New York NY	901.96
18.18	17	Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY	900.77
28.74	18	Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA; Adam Parrish, New York NY	899.28
16.67	19	Guillermo Minutti, Montevideo Uruguay; C. Valerie Gamio, Rolling Hills Estates CA	894.22
16.00	20	Laurie Vogel – Barry Rigal, New York NY	893.70
15.38	21	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Irva Neyhart, Portland OR	892.63
16.47	22	Steven Wallis – Ed Schulte, Tampa FL	884.41
14.29	23	Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA; Sriram Ganesan, Redmond WA	878.80
13.79	24	Don Lussky, Elmhurst IL; Steve Shirey, Fort Worth TX	871.33
13.33	25	Sibrand Van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands; Jane McLaughlin, San Francisco CA	867.64
12.90	26	Edward Xu, North York ON; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA	865.63
12.50	27	Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Michael Christensen, Seattle WA	863.88
12.12	28	Paul Wright Jr., Mount Pleasant SC; Martin Johnson Jr., Folly Beach SC	859.08
11.76	29	Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL	857.01
11.43	30	Gediminas Poska – Daiva Vitukynaite, Palos Hills IL	849.90

**GOLDER NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT B**

18.0 Tables / Based on 37 Tables

60.00	1	James Zhan – Ying Peng, Sugar Land TX	609.93
45.00	2	Jean La Traverse, Montreal QC; Stephane Turcotte, St.-Laurent QC	544.20
33.75	3	Sean Casey, Atlantic Highlands NJ; Jason Tokuda, Livingston NJ	536.57
26.67	4	Eric Goff – Neil Cohen, Austin TX	528.07
24.00	5	Gregory Andrews – Scott Cantor, Houston TX	517.82
21.82	6	Keith Hafen, Gainesville VA; John Pegues, Warrenton VA	515.95
20.00	7	Nathan Gong – Arthur Gong, Sammamish WA	515.04
18.46	8	Jui Wang, Morrisville NC; Clerk Shaw, Knoxville TN	511.05
17.14	9	Bing Tong, Suwanee GA; Morgan Johnstone, Atlanta GA	497.92
16.00	10	Shendi Young – Chen Young, Henderson NV	497.91
15.00	11	Qing Yang, Cupertino CA; Elenalani Lam, Sunnyvale CA	496.33
14.12	12	Daniel Lustig, Germantown TN; Howard Morris, Cordova TN	496.22
13.33	13	Thomas Kriz, Breinigsville PA; Philip Geibel, Durhamville NY	494.46
12.63	14	Henry Zhang, Plymouth MI; Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI	492.17
12.00	15	Jonathan Pulvers – Krista Garver, Portland OR	491.38
12.72	16	Donghui Lu, San Jose CA; Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA	488.20
14.10	17	Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Kevin Marnell, Portland OR	487.93
10.53	18	Xiaoyuan Niu – Jia Mi, Alpharetta GA	480.76
10.00	19	Amit Duvshani, New York NY; Vladimir Kolbun, Forest Hills NY	471.16

## PRESIDENT'S CUP NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT C

18.0 Tables / Based on 28 Tables

40.00	1	Bill Shane, Laguna Woods CA; Hongsa Situ, Irvine CA	629.01
30.00	2	James Yi, West Bloomfield MI; Tengyun Tony Cao, Troy MI	599.67
22.50	3	Jonathan Weyn – Christine Chai, Redmond WA	597.67
17.78	4	Prashanth Sriram, San Mateo CA; Aravind Alwan, Milpitas CA	584.88
16.00	5	Kenneth Mandel – Andrew Jeanguenat, New York NY	582.45
14.55	6	Maya Jonas-Silver – Jack Latta, Brooklyn NY	581.59
13.33	7	Ashot Harutyunyan – Shih-Chieh Fuh, Montreal QC	574.15
12.31	8	Rolf Hoyer, des Moines IA; Susan Hamel, Des Moines IA	554.72
11.43	9	Xu Li, Pasadena MD; Helin Wei, Clarksville MD	550.82
10.67	10	Alec Sun – Mingkuan Xu, Pittsburgh PA	548.91
10.00	11	Jason Mook, Shreveport LA; Tommy Mook, Shreveport L LA	525.30
9.41	12	Milind Girkar, Sunnyvale CA; Shailesh Sampat, San Jose CA	516.92
8.89	13	Kevin Tomanek – Michael Szesztopalow, Winnipeg MB	514.27
8.42	14	John Groenewold, Schaumburg IL; Dave McCarty, Chicago IL	505.49

### The man with two faces

*By George Jacobs*

I get asked all the time if Claude is a real person. Well, I assure you he is, and here are two interesting sides of Claude that occurred in the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams qualifying rounds.

First, here is Claude at the wheel playing a very difficult contract (spots approximate).

*George*

♠ J 5 4 2  
♥ A 2  
♦ A 10 9 2  
♣ 5 4 3

*Claude*

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♥
Dbl	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

It went a club to the jack, heart to the ace and he took a heart finesse, losing to the now stiff queen. A club came back; he cashed the ♥K and played a fourth heart while LHO pitched a spade and a diamond. RHO returned a spade to the king and LHO persisted with a third club, won with the ace.

Claude cashed his last heart and LHO pitched another spade. He now cashed the ♠A. The three-card end position was:

*George*

♠ J  
♥ —  
♦ A 10  
♣ —

*Claude*

♠ —  
♥ —  
♦ Q 3  
♣ 2

He fed his last club to lefty who had to lead away from the ♦K at trick 12. Making 3NT assured us qualifying.

However, in the previous round, chaos ensued. Forty years of Claude stories pale in comparison. Nobody has ever seen Johnny Hurd or Kevin Bathurst crack a smile at the bridge table, but oh, did they here. I should make this a contest to guess Claude's bid but there would never be a winner. Here we go.

Claude opened 1♦, Johnny said double, I bid 1♥, and Kevin bid 4♠. Here comes the bid that goes into the Guinness Book of Records. Claude bid 2♣(!!!), the greatest insufficient bid in history. The director was called, but I was doubled over with laughter so hard I was crying. I couldn't face the table. I completely disrupted the room. Many people came and asked me later what happened.

When I turned back and could function, I saw he had bid 5♣. I corrected to 5♦. He got doubled and was down one.

It just keeps happening, but he is so much fun to play with I cannot help myself.

**STEVEN PLOTKIN SUNDAY FAST PAIRS**

## 30.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
20.00	1			Michael D. Alioto, Birmingham MI; Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL	62.31%
15.00	2			Frances Corney – Bryan Maksymetz, Vancouver BC	60.57%
11.25	3			Marc Franklin, Newport Beach CA; Harvey Jaffe, Huntington Beach CA	60.15%
8.44	4			Paul Benedict, Pikesville MD; Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	59.79%
6.67	5			May Sakr, Weston FL; Bella Ionis-Sorren, Fort Lauderdale FL	59.78%
5.71	6			Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV	58.83%
8.01	7			Lynne Feldman – Kitty Cooper, San Diego CA	58.66%
6.22	8			Iulian Rotaru – Jacqueline Chang, New York NY	58.37%
4.00	9			Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Jerrold Grossman, Rochester Hills MI	57.60%
4.08	10			Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV	56.12%
3.33	11			Bjorgvin Kristinnsson, Mesa AZ; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	55.67%
4.67	12			Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA	54.95%
4.12	13			Keith Connolly, St. Paul MN; Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL	54.91%
2.67	14			Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Alice Brown, Midlothian VA	54.00%
6.65	15	1	1	Hanwen Tian, Goleta CA; Ethan Derman, Baltimore MD	53.96%
4.99		2		Randall Roberts, St. Petersburg FL; Michele Pockross, Wilmette IL	52.37%
3.74		3		Jennifer Elliott – Leslie Mc Donald, Kensington MD	51.84%
2.81		4	2	William Scott, Madison WI; S. Reese Koppel, Metairie LA	50.21%
2.22		5		Barbara Morgan, New Braunfels TX; Kathryn Bailey, Dripping Spring TX	49.90%
2.07			3	Gregory Harding, Madison WI; Douglas Babcock, Fitchburg WI	48.44%

**SUNDAY MORNING SIDE GAME**

## 15.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.42	1	1		Johanne Sevigny, Westmount QC; Josette Levesque, Montreal QC	63.07%
4.07	2			Larry Federico, Metairie LA; Idell Adams, Baton Rouge LA	57.20%
3.05	3	2	1	Howard Maier, Manhasset NY; David Derman, Baltimore MD	56.44%
2.29	4			Gilbert Ramirez – Cynthia Swezey, Reno NV	55.30%
1.50	5/6			Michael Dalton, Palm Coast FL; Lynn Leisy, Amelia Island FL	54.73%
2.19	5/6	3		Cyndria Wedge – Richard Kenny, Stratford PE	54.73%
1.44		4/5		Michael Lawrence, Bethesda MD; Craig Olson, Arlington VA	52.65%
1.97		4/5	2	Max Krawczyk, Palo Alto CA; William Han, Amherst MA	52.65%
1.48			3	William Dupont III – Camellia Gurley, Orlando FL	51.89%
1.11			4	Kevin Babcock – Christina Lo, San Francisco CA	51.14%

**SUNDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS**

## 8.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.70	1	1		Daphne Lesage – Laurie Hart, New Orleans LA	65.33%
2.03	2			Carole Campbell – Jerry Flury, Lancaster PA	60.33%
2.00	3	2	1	Jim Koch, New Orleans LA; Bette Marks, Metairie LA	56.96%
1.50	4	3	2	Adam Wilkinson – M. Prebula, Henderson NV	55.00%
1.13	5	4	3	Robin Eastern – Joseph Eastern, North Caldwell NJ	54.25%
0.76		5		Carol Schaafsma – Anne Bogart, Eugene OR	53.67%
0.84			4	Toni Hansen – Jay Hansen, Simi Valley CA	52.17%

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS**

## 4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.84	1/2	1/2	1/2	Linda Schelke – Charles Schelke, Lafayette Hill PA	56.25%
1.84	1/2	1/2	1/2	Dennis Kwapis, Tipton MI; Daniel Hakes, Manchester MI	56.25%
1.18	3			James Bates – Randy Steil, Baton Rouge LA	54.17%

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME**

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.55	1			David Johnson – Dorothy Mersereau, Calgary AB	62.20%
3.47	2	1		Edward Johnson, Silver Spring MD; Kenneth Iobst, Rockville MD	59.52%
2.56	3			Lily Andre – James Andre, Allyn WA	58.93%
1.92	4			Gerri Soffa Carlson, Rancho Palo Verdes CA; Walter Driscoll III, Cambridge MA	58.63%
1.44	5			Larry Rich, Cumming GA; Linda Dunn, Atlanta GA	57.14%
1.08	6			Ursula Brzuska, Reppens Germany; Ralf Kadler, Hamburg Germany	55.06%
2.60		2		Jason Doyle, Dublin Ireland; Kathryn Kimmerling, Blythewood SC	52.38%
1.95		3		Melissa Heston – Barbara Wood, Cedar Falls IA	51.49%
1.46		4		Elizabeth Cole – Jonathan Dings, Boulder CO	47.62%

**FRI-SUN DAYLIGHT SIDE SERIES**

50.75 Tables / Based on 20 Tables

10.50	1/2			Dee Moses, New Orleans LA	119.58%
10.50	1/2			David R. Williams, Metairie LA	119.58%
6.75	3			Dorothy Mersereau, Calgary AB	118.34%
8.91	4/5			Richard Kenny, Stratford PE	118.31%
8.91	4/5			Cyndria Wedge, Stratford PE	118.31%
5.12	6/7			Yuvuan Liao, Bloomington IN	117.36%
5.12	6/7			Boyuan Xiong, Bloomington IN	117.36%
3.68	8/9			Alice Bruist-Mak, Manchester NH	116.84%
3.68	8/9			Ronald Mak, Manchester NH	116.84%
6.21	10/11			Larry Federico, Metairie LA	115.53%
6.21	10/11			Idell Adams, Baton Rouge LA	115.53%

**JAMES 'RED' HAILEY JR. MEMORIAL SUNDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS**

34 Tables / Based on 94 Tables

	A	X	Y		
32.91	1			Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal; Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Simon Cope, Hertfordshire United Kingdom; Thomas Paske, Manhattan NY	95.00
24.68	2			Hansa Narasimhan, Mountain View CA; Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland; Carlos Pellegrini – Pablo Lambardi, Buenos Aires Argentina; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland	80.00
18.51	3			Richard Chan, Markham ON; Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; Shihong You, Boyds MD; Bo Liu, Irvine CA; Keith Heckley, Hamilton ON	79.00
12.43	4/5			Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ; Ton Bakkeren – Frank Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands	78.00
12.43	4/5			Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	78.00
8.82	6/7			William Neumann, Columbia MD; Fred King, McLean VA; Robert Bell, Silver Spring MD; Jeff Hand, New York NY	75.00
8.82	6/7			Samantha Punch, Stirling United Kingdom; Stephen Peterkin, United Kingdom; Ron Gerard – Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	75.00
13.07	8	1		Jay Barron, Norman OK; Jason Chiu, San Jose CA; Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA; Michael Lipkin – Craig Ganzer, Brooklyn NY; Ethan Wood, Dover MA	73.00
6.58	9			Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Roberto Scaramuzzi, Woodland Hills CA	72.00
9.80		2	1	Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Jennifer Gu, Palo Alto CA; Sheng Li, New York NY; Jason Rosenfeld, Seattle WA	65.00
7.35		3	2	Joe Lisbon, Clearwater FL; Larry Murray, North York ON; Lorna Johnson, Keswick Ridge NB; Joyce McMonagle, Ocala FL	64.00
5.51		4	3	Zhenling Wang, Berkeley CA; Tianyang Chen, Princeton NJ; Fangqing Yuan, Ann Arbor MI; Qian Sun, Jersey City NJ	61.00
4.36		5	4	Jennifer Hong – Long Xie, Burnaby BC; Jianqiao Gu – Weican Xiao, Lexington MA	59.00

**STEVEN PLOTKIN BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN B TEAMS BKT 1**

11 Tables

13.90	1	Rona Goldberg – Garry Goldberg, Delray Beach FL; Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY; Ernest Napier, Nashville TN; Susan Port – Barry Port, Atlantic Beach NY	99.00
10.43	2	Reta Murray, Ottawa ON; Kohur Gowrisankaran, Pointe-Claire QC; Shameine Ali, New Westminster BC; Anne Kendall, Prince George BC	86.00
7.82	3	Alexander Woo, Moscow ID; Hugh Hendrickson, Renton WA; Larry Denneau Jr., Honolulu HI; Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI	75.00
5.86	4	Kathy Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO; Norman Kahn Jr, Prairie Village KS; Phil Rabichow, Tarzana CA; Mark Gould, West Hills CA	68.00

**STEVEN PLOTKIN BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN B TEAMS BKT 2**

7 Tables

8.18	1	Molly Silvia – Cappy McIver – Stephanie Musser – Linda Conner, New Orleans LA	93.00
6.14	2	Aline Zimmer, Lake Quivira KS; Barbara Waldron, Overland Park KS; Gay Ramsey, Lenexa KS; Susanne Kissane, Merriam KS	67.00
4.03	3/4	Bruce Maier – Diane Landis – Elizabeth Harris – Kim Koletic, Tampa FL	66.00
4.03	3/4	Leslie Blair, Raleigh NC; Nancy Sparks – Renee Getz – Eileen Bok, Cary NC	66.00

**STEVEN PLOTKIN BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN B TEAMS BKT 3**

7 Tables

6.06	1	Pete Goldsmith, Hillsborough CA; Mary McJunkin – Sharon Rubin, Charleston WV; Gil Krawitz, Great Falls VA	84.00
4.55	2	Steven Stark – Marian Stark, Farmingdale NJ; Joe Nolan – Janet Nolan, Winnetka IL	75.00
3.41	3	Elizabeth Sewell, New Orleans LA; Mary Belcher, Metairie LA; Perri Mann, Pass Christian MS; Julia Cavalier, Gulfport MS	72.00

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**Playing site**

All bridge events will be played at the Sheraton Grand Chicago.

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**Collegiate Bridge Bowl**

The 2023 Collegiate Bridge Bowl will be held July 20-22 in Chicago and will feature team and pair competitions. The Bridge Bowl Team Championship is July 20-21, and the Bridge Bowl Pairs Championship is July 21-22.

Although these events are open to all college players, six college teams and 12 college pairs will win travel packages that include airfare of up to \$500 per person, double occupancy hotel rooms (four nights for teams, three nights for pairs) and a per diem of \$50 per person with help from the ACBL Educational Foundation.

There are four ways to win a travel package: two team tournaments, a pair tournament and a participation challenge. Each event will be held in the CBO Club area of Bridge Base Online. For information on how to join, go to [acbl.org/cbo](https://acbl.org/cbo).

For details and dates on how to participate for a chance at these packages, or for complete rules for the 2023 Collegiate Bowl, visit [acbl.org/bridgebowl](https://acbl.org/bridgebowl).

## King B

Kevin Cline and Becky Stevens, both of Seattle WA, are representing District 19 in the Golder North American Pairs, Flight B. Here is a deal from Saturday's first qualifying session in which Cline both bid to the best contract and got the necessary overtrick for a near-top.

the ♥7. South continued with the ♣10, won in dummy with the queen. Cline led a spade to his king, took the diamond finesse and ran spades. On the last spade, South was squeezed:

Dlr: East ♠ 10 6 5 4  
Vul: N-S ♥ 10 7 6 5 2  
Bd. 18 ♦ J 10 6

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

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

<i>Stevens</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>Cline</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1♣
Dbl	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Against 3NT, the ♣J was led to the 3, 2 and king. Cline returned a club, won by South with the ace, North pitching

“South must keep the ♣9 and three red cards,” said Cline. “If South keeps two hearts, I cash the ♦A and throw South in with a club to lead away from the ♥Q, making four. If South pitches the ♥Q, then I play a heart and claim: ♦A and ♥K, making four.”

At the table, South pitched the ♥Q. Plus 430 was a 94% board.

## Humphreys wins Mott-Smith

Greg Humphreys of Charlottesville VA won the Mott-Smith Trophy for the player earning the most masterpoints at the Spring NABC. He collected 291.24 points, all platinum, in four pairs events. Humphreys won the Rockwell Mixed Pairs with Jenni Carmichael for 100. Playing with Adam Parrish, he placed third in the Platinum Pairs (112.50), fifth in the Silodor Open Pairs (50) and 18th in the NABC+ Fast Pairs (28.74). He finished about 27 points ahead of Zia Mahmood and David Gold, members of the winning team in the Vanderbilt who picked up a few extra points in a regional teams.



## Masterpoint leaders

1.	Greg Humphreys	291.24	26.	Alfredo Versace	181.10
2.	David Gold	264.39	27.	Michael Kamil	180.00
3.	Zia Mahmood	264.39	28.	Giorgio Duboin	180.00
4.	Kevin Rosenberg	264.06	29.	Antonio Sementa	180.00
5.	Vincent Demuy	263.23	30.	Thomas Bessis	177.73
6.	Jeffrey Wolfson	262.87	31.	Irene Baroni	161.85
7.	Steve Garner	259.81	32.	Bart Bramley	161.56
8.	John Hurd	257.15	33.	Kit Woolsey	161.56
9.	Andy Hung	251.48	34.	Linda Robinson	158.70
10.	Liam Milne	251.48	35.	Jing Liu	156.02
11.	Joe Grue	250.00	36.	Alon Birman	155.12
12.	Brad Moss	250.00	37.	Chen Zhao	155.02
13.	Leonardo Cima	250.00	38.	Joshua Donn	151.41
14.	Dror Padon	239.97	39.	Bauke Muller	151.22
15.	Mike Passell	224.63	40.	Simon De Wijs	151.22
16.	Andy Goodman	224.63	41.	Linlin Hu	150.81
17.	Sebastian Drijver	213.46	42.	Giovanni Donati	150.16
18.	Sjoert Brink	213.46	43.	Giacomo Percario	150.16
19.	Brian Platnick	204.39	44.	Yinghao Liu	149.81
20.	Ola Rimstedt	196.65	45.	Cornelis Van Prooijen	147.65
21.	Mark Itabashi	194.47	46.	Michal Nowosadzki	146.26
22.	Sheila Gabay	191.96	47.	Michael Rosenberg	145.93
23.	Adam Parrish	191.24	48.	Ljudmila Kamenova	145.72
24.	Zachary Grossack	189.24	49.	Simon Ekenberg	144.67
25.	Francisco Bernal	181.10	50.	Peter Fredin	144.67