

Daily Bulletin



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Youth poll



What do your friends think about the fact that you play bridge?

“Some of them really appreciate it and think it’s cool. There’s a couple of jokes about it now and then but they still care. Some are interested in playing. I’m thinking about starting a club at my school next year.”

Leo Susser, 16

San Francisco CA

**See more youth answers,
pages 14-15.**

Fireman wins Mixed BAM

In the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams, the Fireman squad (captain Phyllis Fireman of Chestnut Hill MA, Jenny Wolpert of Palm Beach Gardens FL, Jessica Larsson of Sweden, Joris van Lankveld and Berend

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Winners of the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams (from left): Berend Van Den Bos, Jenny Wolpert, Jessica Larsson, Phyllis Fireman and Joris van Lankveld

Gerli, Fruscoloni win Wernher

Boosted by a strong carryover from their domination of the qualifying round, Italian players Aldo Gerli and Leonardo Fruscoloni won the four-session Wernher Open Pairs. Gerli,



Wernher Open Pairs champions Aldo Gerli and Leonardo Fruscoloni

**ATTENDANCE
through Thursday
6647 tables**

of Padua, and Fruscoloni, of Rome, finished with a matchpoint total of 2626.50, just ahead of runners-up Vesa Fagerlund and Kauko Koistinen of Finland, who scored 2613.08. (Top = 77.) Using their carryover of 308 matchpoints, Gerli and Fruscoloni stayed in control throughout the final with a 61.06% performance in the first session and a 54.75% score in the second.

This is the first North American title for the winners, although Gerli won the Spring 2021 North American Online Bridge Championship Premier Pairs. Fruscoloni won a silver medal in the 2019 Transnational Open Pairs.



Goodwill Message

Respect the tournament directors; they are here for you.

*Nancy Strohmer, Chair
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee*

Today's Bridge Events

Friday, July 21

Sam Amer Memorial Day

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session Members	Other
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 QF	Chicago 10 Ballroom, Upper Level	\$30*	—
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	Conference Center, Lobby Level	\$22*	—
0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	Conference Center, Lobby Level	\$22*	—
10 am				
Carol LaBarge Friday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$20	\$24
Jan Howard 299er Pairs	single	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$15	\$19
10 am & 1 pm				
Chester Johnson Memorial Fast Pairs	1-2	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$20	\$24
10 am & 3 pm				
BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Sheraton 1 Ballroom, Upper Level	\$22	—
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship Collegiate Pairs	QF/SF	Sheraton 3 Ballroom, Upper Level	Free	—
Sam Amer Memorial Open Pairs <i>(unlim./3000/1500)</i>	1-2	Sheraton 3 Ballroom, Upper Level	Free	Free
The Admiral on the Lake Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$20	\$24
Burt Lewis Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Riverwalk A Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$20	\$24
10 am & 3:30 pm				
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Sheraton Ballroom, Upper Level	\$30*	—
3 pm				
Dr. Alexander White Memorial Friday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$20	\$24
Helen Anglemire 299er Pairs	single	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$15	\$19
7:30 pm				
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship	F	Conference Center, Lobby Level	Free	—
Fred Johnston Memorial Friday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>	single	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$20	\$24
Collegiate Individual	single	Sheraton 3 Ballroom, Upper Level	Free	Free

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

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** **UPPER CASE = NABC events.** **Green = Regional events (gold and red points).** **Blue = Gold Rush events (gold and red points).** **Red = Intermediate/Newcomer 299er events (red points).**

International Fund

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

Today's Sponsors

Sam Amer

Sam Amer passed away at the beginning of April. He is survived by his parents, Paul and Jill, and his two sisters, Libby and Sarah.



Sam grew up in Delaware and started playing bridge as a teenager. After graduating from the University of Delaware, he moved to the New York City area where he was a pro player for the last few years.

Everyone at the Honors Bridge Club has wonderful remembrances about Sam – which is exactly what you would expect if you knew him.

Sam was a former member of the USBF Junior program and represented

the U.S. in the 2018 World Youth Championships where an amazing match in the USA2 finals famously came down to the last board.

Sam had numerous high finishes in NABC pair events in recent years, all without having a truly established partnership with anyone.

Said his close friend, Matthew Weingarten, "Sam, we love you. We will never forget you."

Sam will forever be an inspiration to Junior players in the United States Bridge Federation, American Contract Bridge League, collegiate games, and the World Bridge Federation.

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Johnson was an ABA Grand Life Master with almost 55,000 masterpoints, as well as an ACBL Gold Life Master. He had the most masterpoints of anyone in the ABA since January 2007 and was a four-time winner of the William Friend race for winning the most ABA masterpoints in a calendar year.



2006 ACBL President Harriette Buckman, who knew Johnson for 50 years, won many mixed pairs events with him. "No bridge player ever played with a greater love for the game or sheer joy in all that it had to offer," Buckman said.

Chester Johnson

Chester Johnson was the top player in the American Bridge Association at the time of his death in 2017 at age 76. A many-time ABA champion, he was also active in the ACBL's Chicago Unit

Fees:

ACBL members \$15

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SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

All meetings are at the Sheraton Grand Chicago.

Friday, July 21

10 am–6 pm **Youth NABC. Michigan and other Lake Rooms, second floor**

Saturday, July 22

10 am–5:30 pm **Youth NABC. Michigan and other Lake Rooms, second floor**

5:30–7:30 pm **Youth NABC Closing Reception. Michigan Room, second floor**

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Riverwalk B Exhibition Hall on the first floor of the Sheraton.

Friday, July 21

9:15 a.m. Michael Berkowitz *Counting Your Losers the Right Way*

2:15 p.m. Jeff Hand *Play These Notrump Contracts*

Saturday, July 22

9:15 a.m. Adam Parrish *Modern Defensive Thinking*

HOSPITALITY

Food will be served mornings beginning at 9 a.m. and a few afternoons, from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, on the first and fourth floors of the Sheraton.

Friday, July 21

Croissants

Saturday, July 22

Bagels

“Come play cards with us!”

Volunteers from Jump Start Bridge and the ACBL will be in the playing areas throughout the tournament to collect videos of players saying, “Come play cards with us!” The short videos will be used as a social media campaign on platforms such as Instagram, TikTok and Twitter to heighten awareness about bridge. You can help out by simply agreeing to utter the catchphrase for the camera!

Follow @jumpstartbridge on your social media network to see your friends!



Thanks, District 13!

NABC Tournament Chair Suzi Subeck extends a special thanks to District 13 (the local district) for sponsoring the Saturday “chits” and the afternoon hospitality Monday through Thursday.

“I would like the district to know the funds we worked so hard to raise are going to good use and the attendees appreciate it!”

ACBL's Montie Hamblen adds, “These volunteers have gone above and beyond in every way possible. We truly appreciate all their efforts.”

New Ruby Life Master

Becky Kelley of Atlanta GA became a Ruby Life Master on Monday in the George Jacobs Bracketed Round Robin Teams (bracket 7). Her team, partner Terri Coil of Salem SC, Carol Duffy of Chicago IL and Elizabeth Ambler of Atlanta GA tied for first place and won 10.84 points. She only needed 10.75.



New Diamond LM

Yiji Brennan of the Boston area crossed the 5000-masterpoint milestone to become a Diamond Life Master. Brennan's squad finished 13th in the Freeman Mixed BAM Teams.



Chart change

The Basic Plus convention chart is now in effect in Gold Rush events and brackets over 300 masterpoints.



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Lee Blocher of Champaign IL and Zinnia Meyer of Chicago IL are attending their first NABC. They played together in the Wednesday Lawson Studio Gold Rush Pairs. The day before, Zinnia won the Zeke Jabbour Bracketed Round Robin Teams (bracket 13) with teammates Jake Williams of Chicago IL, Luke Williams of Issaquah WA and Olivia Schireson of Stanford CA.

Lee played in the Sheinwold Grand National Teams, Flight B with teammates Peter Ashbrook of Urbana IL, Lisa Bievenue of Savoy IL, Anthony Curtis of Champaign IL, and his dad, Kyle Blocher.

They made it to the semifinal. Lee's dad taught him to play about three years ago. "I love playing cards," said Lee. "I don't know why, I just do." Lee partners with his dad and Lisa, who said the two most popular questions people ask Lee are, "How old are you?" (12) and, "Are you two related?" (no). Lisa noticed that Lee starts to fade after about 18 boards and because Kyle doesn't want him to eat too much candy, she gives him blueberries to keep him going.

Both Zinnia and Lee will be playing in the Youth NABC this weekend.



Which hand is better?

Hand evaluation is the process of estimating how many tricks your partnership can win. Counting high-card points may work well enough with a pair of balanced hands, but even that simple method may require judgment.



Take this quiz: "Which hand is better?" There are only two choices per question, so you have a 50-50 chance of being right.

1. As dealer, which hand do you prefer?

(a) ♠A 7 4 3 ♥Q 6 ♦A 7 4 2 ♣K 5 2
 (b) ♠A K 5 4 ♥7 6 ♦A Q 5 4 ♣8 5 2

2. You are the dealer:

(a) ♠A K 10 9 4 ♥A J 10 9 5 ♦6 5 ♣5
 (b) ♠A ♥A K ♦8 6 5 4 2 ♣J 7 6 4 2

3. Your partner opens 1♠:

(a) ♠A 7 4 3 ♥A Q 6 ♦6 5 4 2 ♣4 3
 (b) ♠A Q 5 4 ♥A 7 6 ♦6 5 4 2 ♣4 3

Tips for New Players

By Frank Stewart

4.	Partner	You
	1♦	1♥
	1♠	1NT
	2♣	

(a) ♠K 4 ♥10 5 4 2 ♦A 4 ♣Q 10 5 4 2
 (b) ♠7 4 ♥K Q 5 2 ♦J 4 ♣K 7 5 4 2

5. Both sides vulnerable. Your partner opens 1♠, and RHO overcalls 2♥:

(a) ♠7 5 ♥A 7 5 ♦Q 7 5 3 ♣A J 6 4
 (b) ♠Q 4 ♥K J 5 ♦J 9 6 4 ♣A 10 5 4

6. RHO opens 1♠, you overcall 1NT and your partner raises to 2NT:

(a) ♠Q 10 8 5 ♥A 9 3 ♦K 6 2 ♣A K 7
 (b) ♠A K 2 ♥A 9 3 ♦K 6 3 ♣Q 10 8 5

7. You open 1♦, and your partner responds 1NT:

(a) ♠A 4 3 ♥A Q 6 ♦A 9 7 4 2 ♣A 2
 (b) ♠A 4 ♥A J 6 ♦A 9 7 4 2 ♣K Q 2

Answers

1. Hand (b) is better. Secondary honors are worth more when higher honors support them. The ♠K and ♦Q in (b) are more likely to win tricks.

2. Hand (a) offers better prospects. You prefer your high cards to reside in your long suits so that establishing the long cards will be easier. The 10s and 9s add "body." Also, prefer to have length in the major suits.

3. Hand (a) is better. With partner

known to have five or more spades, the ♠Q in (b) may be a wasted honor; partner may be able to draw trumps without it. The ♥Q in (a) may provide a needed winner.

4. Hand (a) is better. With wasted heart honors opposite West's marked shortness, (b) is worth only a chance-giving raise to 3♣. With (a), slam is possible. Give partner::

♠A 9 5 2 ♥— ♦K J 5 3 2 ♣A K 9 3.

5. Hand (b) is better. Your heart honors, sitting behind the heart bidder, are worth as much as the A-Q, and your ♠Q is working. You might bid 3NT! If you play at notrump with (a), the defense may knock out your heart stopper immediately. To bid notrump would be "anti-positional." If partner's hearts happens to be Q-x, he should be declarer at notrump. Your best call is a negative double.

6. Hand (a), where your spade tricks are "secondary," is better to accept partner's invitation. If the opponents lead spades, you must spend only 2 high-card points to win two tricks, leaving you with 14 points to set up tricks elsewhere.

7. Hand (b) is better. Partner's 1NT response marks him with length in clubs. Your good club holding is the key. Bid 3NT.

Spingold R16: three upsets

Three high seeds in the Spingold Knockout Teams fell in the Round of 16. No. 3 Rosenthal lost to No. 14 Bremark, No. 7 Spector came up short against original No. 23 seed Hans in a tight match and No. 6 Street was defeated by No. 11 Kolesnik.

Today's quarterfinal matches will be on delayed Vugraph on LoveBridge. Go to vugraph.lovebridge.com and select the match you wish to watch. There are several viewing options, such as "match view," where you can see both tables at once, or just zoom in on one table if you prefer. The quarterfinal pairings are on page 20.

Mini-Spin SF pairings: Harris vs. Marker, Sylvester vs. Macbride

Four squads remain in the Mini-Spingold 0–6000 KO Teams. Martin Harris and company (Miriam Harris-Botzum, Mark Kinzer and Bob Marheine) face David Marker's team (Eli Jolley, Rajath Shourie, Thomas Dressing, Mark Ginsburg and Kenneth Tatz). In the other bracket, Marc Sylvester's squad (David Yoon, Ryan Connors and Randi Adelman) square off against Bonnie Macbride's team (Bradley Komsthoeft, Venky Venkataramani and Robert Gervis).

Schwartz, Hu meet in Micro-Spin final

The teams led by Jeffrey Schwartz and Ping Hu meet in today's final of the 0–2500 Mini-Spingold KO Teams. Playing with Schwartz are Susan Davison, Daniel Lev, Catherine Williams, Sharon Phillips and Michael Xu. Hu's lineup includes Henry Shi, Zhiqiang Hu and Li Miao.

In the semifinal, Schwartz beat the team led by Roger Thomas (James Weider, Gregory Gauthier and John Stremel), while Hu defeated Avery Silverstein's squad (Jack Boge, Nicole Hudak and Benjamin Levine).

Spingold Round of 16 played on computers

The ACBL Conventions and Competition Committee voted to test the use of the LoveBridge electronic environment at the Summer NABC. Chromebooks running the LoveBridge software were used in the Spingold KO Teams for yesterday's Round of 16 and will be used today in the quarterfinal round.



Mixed BAM

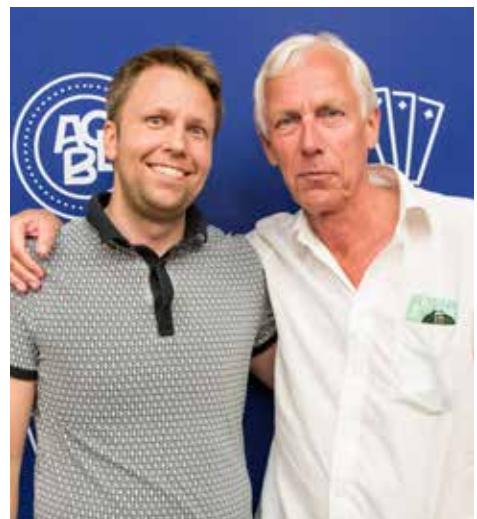
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Runners-up in the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams (from left): Signe Buus Thomsen, Shan Huang, Joyce Hill, Kevin Dwyer, Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt and Mikael Rimstedt

Van Den Bos of the Netherlands) qualified in 29th place for today's two-session final. The team scored 18.5 in both final sessions to win the event with a score of 38.39. It is the first NABC+ win for Larsson.

In second place was team Hill (Joyce Hill of St. Augustine FL, Kevin Dwyer of Jacksonville FL, Shan Huang of Jacksonville FL, Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt of Jacksonville FL, Mikael Rimstedt of Sweden and Signe Buus Thomsen of Denmark), who qualified tied for fourth place. They dropped to eighth after an average first final session but had a strong last session to finish with a score of 37.94, narrowly edging out Tim Archdeacon's team, who had a score of 37.11.



Second in the Wernher Open Pairs: Vesa Fagerlund and Kauko Koistinen

The Comparison

For bridge players, the comparison of results in a team game verges on a sacred rite. It is a moment of reckoning. Success and luck are rewarded; failed choices are punished. Here's a collection images from team comparisons in the Spingold KO.



FREEMAN MIXED BAM

40 Tables / Based on 72 Tables

110.00	1	Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Joris van Lankveld, Amsterdam Netherlands; Berend Van Den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands; Jessica Larsson, Heimdal Sweden	38.39
82.50	2	Joyce Hill, St. Augustine FL; Kevin Dwyer – Shan Huang – Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Jacksonville FL; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark	37.94
61.88	3	Tim Archdeacon, Oyster Bay NY; Marusa Gold, Leeds United Kingdom; Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Allison L. Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Iulian Rotaru, New York NY	37.11
48.89	4	Gillian Miniter – Migry Zur Campanile – Dana Berkowitz, New York NY; Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL	35.39
44.00	5	Margie Cole – Alejandro Bianchedi, New York NY; Ida Groenqvist, Bromma Sweden; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands	35.00
40.00	6	Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Gary Cohler, Delray Beach FL	34.50
36.67	7	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Paul Lewis – Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA	34.44
33.85	8	Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands; Selena Pepic, Paris France; Jovana Zoranovic, Novi Sad Serbia	34.17
31.43	9	Edward Xu, North York ON; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Shen Qi – Yichao Chen – Bo Fu, Shanghai People's Republic of China	33.28
29.33	10	Sally Wheeler – Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX; Hua Yang – Yan Song, Plano TX	32.22
26.69	11/12	Gerrianne Mason, Crossville TN; Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina; Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil	31.61
26.69	11/12	Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; Daniela von Arnim, Hockenheim Germany; Sandra Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; William Watson, Sunnyvale CA; Helmut Haeusler, Saarbruecken Germany; Louk Verhees Jr., Leiden Netherlands	31.61
24.44	13	Yiji Brennan, Wayland MA; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Wenfei Wang, Northbrook IL; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	31.27
23.16	14	John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA; Matthew Brown, Pokeno New Zealand; Alexander Wernle – Jovanka Smederevac, Vienna Austria	31.06
22.00	15	Michael Kamil – Gabrielle Kamil, Buckeye AZ; David Treitel, Ocala FL; Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ	30.00
20.95	16	Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Michael Shuster, Collegeville PA; Michael Berkowitz, Salt Lake City UT; Lisa Berkowitz – Sondra Schubiner – Joseph Machotka, Boca Raton FL	29.22
20.00	17	Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; Ofer Haramati, Kfar Saba Israel; Robert Mendelson, Troy MI; Suzy Burger, West Bloomfield MI	28.94
19.13	18	Huailin Chen, Herndon VA; Lisa Li, Surrey BC; Jian-Ping Chen, Yorktown VA; Muh-Sha Crawford, Hampton VA	28.17

WERNHER OPEN PAIRS

78.0 Tables / Based on 136 Tables

125.00	1	Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy; Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY	2626.50
93.75	2	Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland	2613.08
70.31	3	Hal Hindman, Centreville VA; Clyde Kruskal, Rockville MD	2586.58
55.56	4	Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Allan Graves, St. Johnsbury VT	2566.74
50.00	5	Franco Baseggio, New York NY; Jeffrey Ferro, St. Helena CA	2554.21
45.45	6	Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL	2551.50
41.67	7	Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA	2520.52
38.46	8	Sanna Clementsson, Stockholm Sweden; Tobias Tornqvist, Dubai United Arab Emirates	2456.21
35.71	9	James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Sam Lev, New York NY	2436.38
33.33	10	Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Linda Robinson, Arlington MA	2425.77
31.25	11	Stefan Thorpe, Leiden Netherlands; Zhivko Draganov, Stara Zagora Bulgaria	2416.27
29.41	12	Andy Bowles – Shireen Mohandes, London England	2408.78
27.78	13	Craig Gardner, Streamwood IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL	2384.80

26.32	14	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Mark Ospeck, Remsen NY	2357.26
25.00	15	Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM	2349.72
23.81	16	Zachary Wasserman, Farmington Hills MI; Oliver Burgess, London United Kingdom	2348.27
22.73	17	Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Brian Glubok, New York NY	2347.74
21.74	18	Drew Cavalier, Huntsville AL; Christian Jolly, New Hudson MI	2340.49
20.83	19	Daiva Vitukynaite – Gediminas Poska, Palos Hills IL	2318.66
20.00	20	Maria Yakovleva, Moscow Russia; Tatiana Dikhnova, Genev Switzerland	2316.74
19.23	21	Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ; Jeff Roman, Bend OR	2311.55
18.68	22	Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA	2302.85
21.58	23	Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Giuseppe Delle Cave, Rome Italy	2302.27
17.24	24	Russell Samuel, Coram NY; Chris Moll, Cary NC	2294.81
16.67	25	Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Robert Guerard, Brossard QC	2293.50
22.06	26	David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Adam Kaplan, New York NY	2290.21
15.63	27	Jay Segarra, Ocean Springs MS; Richard Logan, Diamondhead MS	2285.99
15.15	28	Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; John McLaughlin, Melrose MA	2283.85
14.71	29	Serdar Ogut, Darien IL; Larry Cohen, Elmhurst IL	2283.67
14.29	30	Vern Swing, Minneapolis MN; Keith Connolly, St. Paul MN	2283.02
14.44	31	Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land TX	2281.00
13.51	32	Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	2277.13
13.16	33	Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI; Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI	2268.65
12.82	34	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Morrisville NC	2267.36
12.50	35	John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA	2264.14
12.20	36	Tim Van De Paverd, Leiden Netherlands; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands	2256.51
11.90	37	Brad Bart, Coquitlam BC; Bob Todd, Winnipeg MB	2252.11
11.63	38	Xiaojing Deng, Richmond BC; Difan Wang, Unionville ON	2251.09
11.36	39	Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Andy Kaufman, Upper Gwynedd PA	2245.02
11.11	40	Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD; Mark Laken, Glyndon MD	2239.94
15.73	41	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Selen Hotamisligil, Weston MA	2230.73
10.64	42	Stian Evenstad, Gibostad Norway; Ingar Hansen, London United Kingdom	2223.42
20.35	43	Richard Jeng, Los Angeles CA; Brent Xiao, Fremont CA	2216.55
10.20	44	William Bartley – Paul Darin, San Diego CA	2210.23
10.00	45	Jack Oest, Chicago IL; Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL	2209.02
9.80	46	Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH; Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA	2204.49
9.62	47	Weishu Wu – Alberto Feilhaber, Irvine CA	2202.79
9.43	48	Ron Gerard – Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	2202.14
9.26	49	James Dressler, Chicago IL; Daniel Levin, Deerfield IL	2195.98
9.09	50	Daniel Boye, East Syracuse NY; Larry Sunser, Syracuse NY	2195.38
8.93	51	Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	2183.97
8.77	52	Robert Schachter, Eden Prairie MN; Paul Meerschaert, Long Lake MN	2181.12
8.62	53	Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA; Leslie Paryzer, Bronx NY	2174.37
8.47	54	Jordan Kaye, Chicago IL; Xu Wang, Astoria NY	2167.78
8.33	55	Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	2165.76
8.20	56	Bob Feller, Guilderland NY; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT	2161.64
8.06	57	Jeffrey Rothstein – Allen Kahn, New York NY	2160.61
7.94	58	Philippe Galaski, Florence MA; Roger Webb, Amherst MA	2157.98
7.81	59	Corey Krantz, Delray Beach FL; Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	2156.43
7.69	60	Sathya Bettadapura, Campbell CA; Pedro Miguel Durao, Lisbon Portugal	2153.72
7.58	61	Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame CA; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL	2153.67
7.46	62	Krishnan Ramaratnam, New York NY; Atul Rai, Wichita KS	2153.32
7.35	63	Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH	2152.32
7.25	64	Yoko Sobel, Brooklyn NY; Eric Genheimer, Edmond OK	2144.01
7.14	65	James Griffin - Patricia Griffin, Greenville SC	2135.28
7.04	66	Jeff Schuett, Riverwoods IL; David Yang, Darien IL	2134.79
6.94	67	Stan Christie, Kirkland WA; Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA	2126.72
6.85	68	Daniel Wilderman, New Haven CT; Kenneth Zuckerberg, Boxborough MA	2125.13

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14.0 Tables / Based on 44 Tables

75.00	1	Hong Liu, Frontenac MO; Gregory Tapia, Monterey Park CA	432.36
56.25	2	Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA	413.35
42.19	3	Jung Hu – Qing Lu, San Jose CA	396.62
34.62	4	Betsy Downs, Chicago IL; Marc Passman, Skokie IL	386.95
32.14	5	Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA; Cheryl Haines, Princeville HI	386.81
30.00	6	Edward Piken, Palos Verdes Peninsula CA; Perry Van Hook, Surprise AZ	385.79
28.13	7	Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC; Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA	378.25
26.47	8	Steven Shaye, Slingerlands NY; Larry Rosen, Albany NY	370.72
25.00	9	Leigh Anne Shafer, Winnipeg MB; Charles Fortney, Wheaton IL	370.42
23.68	10	Louis Trautwein III – John Vega, Naples FL	366.86
22.50	11	Richard Franklin, New Canaan CT; David Venetianer, Chadds Ford PA	364.45
21.43	12	David Binney, Seattle WA; Anne Kao, Bellevue WA	363.46
20.45	13	Linda Murdock, Nashville TN; William Lefko, Hopkinsville KY	361.00
19.57	14	Hal Hindman, Centreville VA; Amy Brisson, Arlington VA	358.30
18.75	15	Andy Hsiao, Marvin NC; Brad McKeown, Rock Hill SC	357.47
18.00	16	Jerry Poliquin, Kansas City MO; Robert Maxson, River Forest IL	357.40
21.97	17	Xingyu Zhang, Ypsilanti MI; Ching-Po Wang, Troy MI	356.99
16.67	18	David Bogolub, Deerfield IL; Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL	356.44
16.07	19	Bonnie Gellas, New York NY; Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY	353.81
15.52	20	Fran White, Vista CA; Christine Denny, Encinitas CA	344.53
15.00	21	Robert Balas, San Francisco CA; Daniel Kroll, Berkeley CA	337.04
14.52	22	Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD; Todd Thorsen, Lititz PA	336.41
14.06	23	Tom Rusk, Sanford FL; Elaine Cobb, Deland FL	334.45
13.64	24	James West, St. Johns FL; Ru Hong Terajewicz, Ponte Vedra FL	333.88
13.24	25	Charles Sheaff, Jacksonville IL; Bob Fashingbauer, The Villages FL	331.92
12.86	26	Kenneth Wolf, Libertyville IL; Thomas Dressing, Buffalo Grove IL	330.04
12.50	27	Ethan Wood, Dover MA; Jane McLaughlin, San Francisco CA	324.01
12.16	28	Luca Crone – Matthew O'Farrell, Dublin Ireland	304.86

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Friday, July 21

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YOUTH OPEN PAIRS

10 am

Qualifier

2 pm

Finals

Youth Pairs single session

10 am, 2 pm

Cardrook Pairs single sessions



Saturday, July 22

ACBL ED FOUNDATION &
BRIDGEWHIZ
NATIONAL YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

10 am

Qualifier

2 pm

Finals

Youth Teams single session

10 am, 2 pm

Cardrook Pairs single sessions

Youth Award Ceremony

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Youth Pairs



First overall: Han Wu and Samuel Li

Second overall:
Lee
Blocher
and
Zinnia
Meyer



Tied for first in B: Jerry Yao and Oliver Que

[NOT PICTURED]

First in C, tied for first in B: Lydia Zhang and Maiya Clouse

Youth Teams



First overall: Sameul Li, Han Wu, Matthew Rippin and Nicole Qian



First in B: Katherine Lee, Jayson Lee, Chloe Chow and Nathan Chow



First in C: Olivia Rabinowitz, Davis Buff, Alex Fu and Alex Xu

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

14 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.81	1			Han Wu, Markham ON; Samuel Li, North York ON; Nicole Qian, Gainesville FL; Matthew Rippin, Plano TX	51.00
2.86	2	1		Katherine Lee – Jayson Lee, Hillsborough CA; Chloe Chow – Nathan Chow, San Francisco CA	50.00
2.14	3			Tiger Li, Buffalo NY; Claire Cao, Westford MA; Darwin Skalski, Williamsville NY; Jeffrey Yin, McLean VA	47.00
1.61	4			Keith Lin – Kyle Lin – Joey Qi – Andrew Eidelhoch, San Francisco CA	44.00
1.06	5/6	2/3		Tamyra Rumble – Martha Johnson – Jeremiah Charles – Momo Sacko, Orange NJ	34.00
1.06	5/6	2/3	1	Davis Buff, New Hill NC; Alex Fu, Westfield NJ; Olivia Rabinowitz, Williamsburg VA; Alexander Xu, Lisle IL	34.00
0.44		4/5		Kevin Jiang – Owen Jiang, Deerfield IL; Toby Frankel – Ari Frankel	26.00
0.64		4/5	2	Michael Johnson – Brendan Wang, Flagler Beach FL; Greyson Peugh, Palm Coast FL; Wade Zimmerle, Bunnell FL	26.00

THURSDAY MORNING YOUTH PAIRS

15.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.67	1			Han Wu, Markham ON; Samuel Li, North York ON	73.26%
4.25	2			Lee Blocher, Champaign IL; Zinnia Meyer, Chicago IL	70.15%
3.19	3			Nicole Qian, Gainesville FL; Matthew Rippin, Plano TX	68.68%
2.39	4			Andrew Eidelhoch – Joey Qi, San Francisco CA	68.13%
1.79	5			Tiger Li, Buffalo NY; Darwin Skalski, Williamsville NY	63.00%
1.57	6/7	1/2		Oliver Que, Princeton NJ; Jerry Yao, Millstone NJ	61.90%
1.57	6/7	1/2	1	Lydia Zhang, Clyde Hill WA; Maiya Clouse, Kirkland WA	61.90%
1.69		3		Brendan Wang, Flagler Beach FL; Greyson Peugh, Palm Coast FL	61.36%
1.25		4		Keith Lin – Kyle Lin, San Francisco CA	57.14%
1.04		5	2	Leon Grigoruk – Liam Lafferty, Palm Coast FL	51.83%
0.78		6	3	Renata Serrano, Belleville NJ; Evan Rabinowitz, Williamsburg VA	51.65%
1.18		4		James Sung, New York NY; James Fu, Westfield NJ	50.55%
0.46		5		Alexandra Deschenes – Avery Liang, Bellevue WA	47.25%

THURSDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.30	1			Ari Frankel – Toby Frankel	70.83%
0.98	2			Andrew Jin, Newtown PA; Clayton Kaneko, Danville CA	66.67%
0.73	3			Carol Li, Buffalo NY; Melanie Skalski, Williamsville NY	64.17%
1.13	4	1	1	Ounar Traore – Samuel Clement, Orange NJ	51.67%
0.85		2	2	Frances Richardson, Amery WI; Avalon Bribitzer-Stull, Bloomington MN	48.33%
0.64		3		Brandon Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Elan Ravishankar, Schaumburg IL	45.83%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.22	1	1		Elan Ravishankar, Schaumburg IL; Clayton Kaneko, Danville CA	67.45%
0.92	2			Derek Deschenes, Bellevue WA; Agnes Shu, Singapore	64.23%
0.85	3	2		Nolan Balocki, San Francisco CA; Emma Wang, Palatine IL	53.65%
0.64	4	3		Kiarra Jeffries – Skemi Arogunjo, Orange NJ	46.90%

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What do your friends think?

During lunch at the Youth NABC on Thursday, we asked players: What do your friends think about the fact that you play bridge? Here are their answers.



"They all gave me funny looks and I had to explain what bridge was."

*Frances Richardson, 13
Avery WI*



"They call me an old man because it's an old person's game, but it's light-hearted."

*Michael Johnston, 17
Flagler Beach FL*



I've gotten a lot of friends to play, so they don't think it's weird.

*Olivia Rabinowitz, 17
Williamsburg VA*



I haven't really told my friends about it. I think they'd accept it.

*Alex Xu, 12
Naperville IL*



"The think I'm a bridge sweat."

*Alex Fu, 14
Westfield NJ*



"These are my friends right here. They all play."

*Momo Sacko, 17
Orange NJ*



"They don't know. It never comes up."

*Matthew Rippin, 18
Dallas TX*



"It doesn't matter much to them."

*Agnes Shu, 9
Singapore*



"They think it's cool we get to travel and play in tournaments. I've had a couple be surprised but they'll say, 'That's cool.'"

*Tamyra Rumble, 18
Orange NJ*



"Most people don't know what bridge is. But when I tell them it's a card game, they think it's easy to pick up, like solitaire. It should be more widespread than it is."

*Brendan Wang, 17
Flagler Beach FL*



"They think it's so weird. I know nobody who plays, young or old. They think it's the nerdiest thing. But they get jealous I get to go to Chicago."

*Sofie Profit, 15
Boston MA*



"My sister and I haven't been playing that long, so no one has formed an opinion about it. They think it's cool we get to travel."

*Sabrina Da Silva-Carvalheira, 17
Palm Coast FL*

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"It's split. Some people are like, 'Cool, fun game,' others are like, 'This kid's a nerd.'"

*Wyatt Christlieb, 16
Palm Coast FL*



"Most of my friends think it's a waste of time because I miss football practice sometimes."

*Evan Rabinowitz, 15
Williamsburg VA*



"I just don't mention it a lot. Most of the ones I talk about it with also play bridge."

*Avery Liang, 14
Seattle WA*



"This group here in IB, I hope they like it. The other group think I'm wasting my time."

*Leon Grigoruk, 16
Palm Coast FL*



"My friends don't care."

*Kaleb Carrigan, 12
Kingston WA*



"They don't know."

*Davis Buff, 15
Raleigh NC*



"I told them, but they didn't really react."

*Avalon Britzber-Stull, 7
Bloomington MN*



"I got one to play but I don't really have time with soccer."

*Lee Blocher, 12
Champaign IL*



"Most think it's an old people game. I have a couple who asked if I can teach them. They're going to join."

*Anna Grigoruk, 14
Palm Coast FL*



"People think it's an old person game or a nerdy game. A lot of people know euchre – it's a lot easier to play."

*Wade Zimmerle, 17
Bunnel FL*



"When I first tell people they're surprised because bridge is mostly for older people, but they're OK with it."

*Autumn Tarver, 17
Orange NJ*



"I don't really have any friends [laughs]. Everyone else thinks the bridge players are geeks."

*Liam Lafferty, 14
Palm Coast FL*

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Cardrook Pairs



Morning, first overall: Ari Frankel and Toby Frankel



Morning, first E/W: Carol Li and Melanie Skalska



Afternoon, first overall: Elan Ravishankar and (not pictured) Clayton Kaneko



Afternoon, first E/W: Nolan Balocki and Emma Wang



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A suit or a 1/C double?

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IntoBridge demonstrates a new way to play bridge

IntoBridge, the new online platform for bridge players, is now available in Chicago at the vendors' area on the first floor, next to the Chicago Burger Company.

In addition to the regular play modes and their embedded audio-video connection, IntoBridge is showcasing their Ranked Games feature, a new way for playing bridge online. According to the platform's founder Stefan Skorchev, this mode allows players to have the freedom to play whenever they want, for as long or as little as they choose. With Ranked Games, players can avoid the commitment of a full bridge game and the worry of letting down their partner and friends.

So how does it work? In Ranked Games, you play one hand, partnering with a robot, and you are then matched against another player who has already played the same hand. Based on the score of that specific hand, you can win or lose rating points, similar to how the rating system works in chess. You can continue playing as many hands as you like, experiencing the thrill of competition.

One of the unique features of Ranked Games is the flexibility it offers. You can leave the game at any time and return whenever you please; the game will be waiting for you in the exact state you left it.

If you're interested in seeing a quick demonstration of IntoBridge's Ranked Games feature, make sure to visit their booth in the vendors' area. Don't miss out on their custom free giveaways as well!

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More beer?

By David Caprera

Playing in the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss with my wife Anne, I picked up:

♠A10 ♥63 ♦9754 ♣AQ10954.

Dealer, on my left, opened 1♦ and the auction proceeded:

<i>West</i>	<i>Anne</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>Dave</i>
1♦	Dbl	1♥	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♥	3♣

All Pass

The opening lead was the ♥Q and here is what I saw:

Dummy

♠J752
♥A853
♦AKQ
♣82

Dave (declarer)

♠10
♥63
♦9754
♣AQ10954

I won the ♥A, RHO encouraging, played the ♣8 to the 3, 5 and jack. LHO returned a diamond. I played a second club from dummy and RHO played the ♣7. The hand is now an open book. Spades are 4-4, LHO is 4-1-5-3.

I played the ♣A and another club. LHO won the ♣K as

RHO signaled for a spade. LHO played a spade to RHO's king, who cashed a heart and returned a spade which I ruffed.

Here is the end position:

♠J7	♥53	♦AQ	♣—
♠AQ	♥—	♦J102	♣—
♠—	♥—	♦975	♣Q10

(irrelevant)

I played a club and LHO was caught in a trump squeeze. If they pitched a spade, I could establish the ♠J. They actually pitched a diamond, so I cashed the diamonds, ruffed a spade and my last diamond was good.

So, what was the valuable lesson? Among Juniors, the ♦7 is referred to as the "beer card." If you make your contract and score the ♦7 at trick 13 (in a non-diamond contract), everyone at the table owes you a beer. But you better not beer your wife or you'll end up sleeping on the couch.

Makes sense

In the Spingold Round of 64, the Nickell vs. Goldstein match featured Shail Gupta of Chino CA extrapolating an interesting bridge lesson.

Dlr: South	♠K2
Vul: N-S	♥KQ9874
Bd. 15	♦J5
	♣Q108
♠A74	♠Q8653
♥J2	♥106
♦AK10974	♦3
♣53	♣J9642
♠J109	
♥A53	
♦Q862	
♣AK7	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Shail</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Katz</i>
1♠	2♥	4♠	5♦
All Pass			

"I was taught that when your RHO opens your five-card suit, you're allowed to overcall a four-card suit," said Shail. "The idea is that the hand plays really well when there is a ruff/overruff situation." Here, Shail visualized his partner being short in diamonds with support for the other suits. Being down 33 IMPs at halftime, Shail reasoned that if they opened his six-card suit, he should be allowed to overcall his three-card suit.

"I cannot recommend this logic for three-card suits (it is a psyche), but if you choose to employ this tactic with a four-card suit, it's essential to have opening-hand strength. If you overcall a four-card suit, subsequently you should deduct 3 HCP from your hand (as the auction progresses)," advised Shail.

North-South at the other table failed to reach 4♥, so instead of losing 10 had they not pushed their opponents to the five level, they won 7 IMPs.

This board helped Goldstein cut the lead down to 13 after the third quarter, but they lost the match in the fourth quarter.

SPINGOLD TEAMS, QUARTERFINAL PAIRINGS

1. Zimmermann **170**
32. Meltzer 139

1. Zimmermann 25 44 119 **174**
16. Nitabach 21 71 87 109

16. Nitabach **147**
17. (48) Tommasini 127

1. Zimmermann
8. Lebowitz

9. Amoils 142
24. (41) Levinson **144**

9. (41) Levinson 24 58 78 w/d
8. Lebowitz 37 119 173 **173**

25. Juster 98
8. Lebowitz **107**

5. Wolfson **134**
28. (37) Henner 116

5. Wolfson
4. Fleisher

21. J. Zhang **130**
12. Delimpaltadakis 102

5. Wolfson 27 70 97 **140**
12. (21) J. Zhang 19 37 75 93

13. Goodman 116
20. Fredin **147**

13. (20) Fredin 56 75 110 117
4. Fleisher 19 49 82 **136**

29. Dinkin 71
4. Fleisher **155**

SPINGOLD TEAMS, QUARTERFINAL PAIRINGS

2. (34) Rombaut
7. (23) Hans

2. (34) Rombaut 41 88 123 **150**
15. Goldberg 22 44 68 99

2. Nickell 115
31. (34) Rombaut **135**

18. Hinze 59
15. Goldberg **105**

10. Bailey 97
23. Hans **158**

10. (23) Hans 32 64 97 **138**
7. Spector 33 61 104 125

26. Gupta 87
7. Spector **163**

6. Street **150**
7. Rippey 124

6. Street 13 34 51 89
11. F. Kolesnik 25 57 89 **116**

22. Zagorin 84
11. F. Kolesnik **150**

6. (11) F. Kolesnik
3. (14) Bremark

14. Bremark 27 53 69 **142**
3. Rosenthal 17 33 63 91

14. Bremark **121**
19. Cayne 116

30. (35) Z. He 86
3. Rosenthal **151**

SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS, QUARTERFINAL PAIRINGS

80 Tables

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Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy

vs

Jeffrey Wolfson – David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Zia Mahmood – David Gold, London United Kingdom; Steve Garner, Chicago IL

Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA

vs

Leif Bremark – Fredrik Nystrom – Johan Upmark – Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal

Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Nabil Edgton, Sydney Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand

vs

Jerome Rombaut, France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France; Jean-Luc Aroix, Bordeaux France; Jeremie Tignel, Castanettolosan France; Baptiste Combescure – Pierre Franceschetti, Paris France

50.00 9/16 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway

50.00 9/16 Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Ron Pachtman, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Andrea



Manno – Massimiliano Di Franco, Palermo Italy

50.00 9/16 Warren Spector, Chilmark MA; Kevin Bathurst – Vincent Demuy – Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, Greenville SC

50.00 9/16 Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Simon Cope, Hertfordshire United Kingdom; Thomas Paske, Manhattan NY; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden

50.00 9/16 Lynda Nitabach, N. Plainfield NJ; Juan Castillo, Oakland Park FL; Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL; Ishmael Del'Monte, Baton Rouge LA; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland

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25.00 17/32 Nick (Frank) Nickell, Water Mill NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Steve Weinstein, Cedar Grove NJ; Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV

25.00 17/32 Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Oren Toledo, Jerusalem Israel

25.00 17/32 William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Daniel Korbel – Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Jan Jansma, New York NY

25.00 17/32 Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis – Vasileios Vroustis, Athens Greece; Franck Multon, Monaco; Kiki Ward-Platt, Fayence France; Jacek Kalita, Geneve Switzerland; Fernando Piedra, Zurich Switzerland

25.00 17/32 Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy

25.00 17/32 Greg Hinze – Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Powell OH; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Ron Smith, Astoria NY

25.00 17/32 Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London England; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands; Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands; Bart Nab, Tilburg Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, DrieBergen, Utrecht Netherlands

25.00 17/32 Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Josef Roll, Yavne Israel; Amir Levin, Israel

25.00 17/32 Jeffrey Juster, Dallas TX; Chris Compton, Omaha NE; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI

25.00 17/32 Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Soren Bilde – Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden

25.00 17/32 Mike Rippey, Orinda CA;

Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Artur Malinowski, Harrow United Kingdom 25.00 17/32 Rose Meltzer, Chapel Hill NC; Saverio Margiotta, Italy; Francesco Mazzadi, Parma Italy; Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy

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21 Tables

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Marc Sylvester, Edinboro PA; David Yoon, Bayside NY; Ryan Connors, Alexandria VA; Randi Adelman, Teaneck NJ

vs

Bonnie Macbride, Kensington CA; Bradley Komsthoeff, Clayton CA; Venky Venkataramani, Andover MA; Robert Gervis, Boynton Beach FL

14.40 5/8 Daniel Jablonski, Stoneham MA; R. Muggia, Andover MA; Robin Hillyard, Carlisle MA; Andrew Chesterton, Winchester MA

14.40 5/8 Farley Mawyer, Port Chester NY; Lawrence Gordon, West Orange NJ; Steven Siegel, Mendham NJ; Frank Morgan, Ocean City NJ

25.00 17/32 Zhenyi He, Yuxiong Shen, Zhaobin Xie, Zheng Jiang Liao, People's Republic of China 25.00 17/32 Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel; Patryk Patreuh, Boleslawiec Poland; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczykoud Poland; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark

25.00 17/32 Christal Henner – Uday Ivatury, New York NY; Sheri Winestock – Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV 25.00 17/32 Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom; Joao Paulo Campos, Sao Paulo Brazil; Adriano Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro Brazil

14.40 5/8 Charlie Belusa – Max Aeschbacher, Cottonwood Heights UT; Ankur Rathi – Anant Rathi, San Francisco CA

14.40 5/8 Alexander Stille, Bethesda MD; Barbara Devaney, Washington DC; Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD; Todd Thorsen, Lititz PA; Amy Brisson, Arlington VA

0-2500 MICRO-SPINGOLD FINAL PAIRING

13 Tables

Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Susan Davison – Daniel Lev, New York NY; Catherine Williams, New York City NY; Sharon Phillips, Greenwich CT; Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA

vs

Ping Hu – Henry Shi, Naperville IL; Zhiqiang Hu, Thornhill ON; Li Miao, Palatine IL

15.00 3/4 Roger Thomas, West Linn OR; James Weider, Portland OR; Gregory Gauthier, Mountain View CA; John Stremel, San Jose CA

15.00 3/4 Avery Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Jack Boge – Nicole Hudak, New York NY; Benjamin Levine, Hartford CT

New Bronze Life Master

Greg Gauthier of Mountain View CA became a Bronze Life Master on Thursday when his team, partner John Stremel

of San Jose CA and teammates Roger Thomas of West Linn OR and Jim Weider of Portland OR, made it to the semifinal of the 0-2500 Micro Spingold. "It's been great to have wonderful teammates," said Gauthier. It was his first time playing in the Spingold. The team, who got connected through the partnership desk, entered the main Spingold event and lost on Monday. They were happy to not have been the lowest-seeded team and said it was a great experience.



COLLEGIATE BOWL TEAMS KO, QUARTERFINAL PAIRINGS

8 Tables

(1) **Georgia Tech Gold:** Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA; Bo Han Zhu, Los Altos Hills CA; Weilong Shen, Atlanta GA; Alan Yu, Longmont CO

vs

(8) **Washington U-St. Louis:** Rohan Srivastava – Gavin McGimpsey, University City MO; Henry Shuster, New York NY; Jinhao Zhao, St. Louis MO

(2) **U of Chicago:** Ziheng Yun – Zhiyu Cheng – Sarik Goyal – Jake Williams, Chicago IL; Ian Dunbar, Evanston IL

vs

(7) **Georgia Tech White:** Alan Yeung, Sparta NJ; Vasisht Ganesh, Miramar FL; Neng Kai Neo, Atlanta GA; George Sorkin, Buford GA

(3) **U of Illinois:** Ryan Fu – Han-Mo Ou, Urbana IL; Nicholas Koskelo, Claremont CA; Daniel Schuck, Champaign IL

vs

(6) **Carnegie-Mellon:** Gan Yang – Alec Sun – Mingkuan Xu, Pittsburgh PA; Daniel Weiss, New York NY

(4) **Waterloo:** Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON; Jasmine Xiong, Markham ON; Martin Zhao, Richmond Hill ON; John Dong, Maple ON

vs

(5) **UC Santa Barbara:** Kenneth Chan – Hanwen Tian – Danning Lu, Goleta CA; Michael Zheng, Saratoga CA

Entente Cordiale

By Mark Horton

With three matches on offer from the Spingold Round of 32, my attention was immediately drawn to the match between the legendary Nickell and the French squad Rombaut, the latter containing several players who are regular contributors to Bridgerama+. I suspect that most people know that the Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of France, but there were unlikely to be many gifts on offer at the bridge table.

Dlr: South	♠ Q 8 5
Vul: E-W	♥ K J 10 7 3
	♦ Q 8 7
	♣ 10 2
♠ A K 10 2	♠ J 7 4 3
♥ Q 9 2	♥ A 8 5
♦ J 10	♦ A
♣ K Q 5 3	♣ A J 7 6 4
♠ 9 6	
♥ 6 4	
♦ K 9 6 5 4 3 2	
♣ 9 8	

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Levin</i>
		3♦	
Dbl	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

When West could not bid 5♥ over 5♦, East let matters rest.

North led the ♦7, and having won with dummy's ace, declarer played a spade to the 10 and queen, North returning the ♦Q. Declarer ruffed in dummy, drew trumps and claimed, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Aroix</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Tignel</i>
		Pass	
1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♠	Pass	3♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦ ⁽³⁾	Pass
4NT ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	5♣ ⁽⁵⁾	Pass
5♦ ⁽⁶⁾	Pass	5♠ ⁽⁷⁾	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

- (1) 14–16 HCP
- (2) Slam try in spades
- (3) Control bid
- (4) RKCB
- (5) 0 or 3 key cards
- (6) ♠Q?
- (7) No

Systems guru Al Hollander was on hand to explain the auction – his laconic annotation for 6♠ was “man overboard.”

After the same lead to the ♦A, declarer played a spade to the ace, ruffed a diamond and ran the ♠J, the same 11 tricks meaning the loss of 13 IMPs.

Dlr: West	♠ K Q 10 8 5 4 3
Vul: Both	♥ —
	♦ 4 2
	♣ J 9 7 2
♠ J 7	♠ 9
♥ A K Q 9 2	♥ J 8 4 3
♦ 10 8	♦ A K J 7 6 5 3
♣ A K Q 10	♣ 6
♠ A 6 2	
♥ 10 7 6 5	
♦ Q 9	
♣ 8 5 4 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Levin</i>
1♥	4♠	5♥	5♣
Dbl	All Pass		

East cashed the top diamonds and switched to the ♣6, West playing four rounds of the suit, East's ruff making the penalty -1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Aroix</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Tignel</i>
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	4♠	5♦	All Pass

(1) 16+ artificial, upgrades common

South led the ♠A, and seeing partner's 10, switched to the ♥6. When North ruffed, declarer must have feared the worse, but the trumps divided, +600 holding the loss to 11 IMPs.

My au pair, who has a lot of imagination, wondered what South would have led if North had doubled 5♦.

Dlr: North	♠ A 9 4 3
Vul: N-S	♥ A J 8
	♦ 5 4
	♣ A K 6 4
♠ Q 8 2	♠ K 7 5
♥ 10 9	♥ Q 7 6 5 4
♦ A 9 8 7 3 2	♦ K Q 10 6
♣ J 7	♣ Q
♠ J 10 6	
♥ K 3 2	
♦ J	
♣ 10 9 8 5 3 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Levin</i>
		1NT	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	3♣	All Pass	
(1) Hearts and a minor			
(2) Clubs			

East started with two rounds of diamonds. Declarer ruffed in dummy and ran the ♠J. In the fulness of time, a second spade finesse meant 11 tricks, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Aroix</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Tignel</i>
		1NT	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
4♦	5♣	All Pass	

(1) Diamonds and a major

(2) Clubs

Here, having ruffed the second diamond in dummy, declarer played three rounds of trumps ending in dummy and ran the ♠J. He also finished with 11 tricks, the 10 IMPs gained taking the score to 35-0 for Rombaut.

Dlr: East	♠ J 9 3
Vul: Both	♥ 8 4
	♦ K
	♣ K J 10 6 5 3 2
♠ K 10 2	♠ A Q 8 7 6
♥ A 3 2	♥ J 6
♦ J 10 5 4 2	♦ Q 9 8 3
♣ A 4	♣ Q 8
	♠ 5 4
	♥ K Q 10 9 7 5
	♦ A 7 6
	♣ 9 7

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Levin</i>
		Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

East's 3NT bid might look odd, but give West ♥A 10 2 and you can see how it might work well.

South led the ♥K to the 2, 4 and 6. That left South with a decision, and when he continued with the ♥K, declarer took dummy's ace, drew trumps and played the ♦3. When South put up the ace, declarer had a bonus trick, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Aroix</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Tignel</i>
		1♠	2♥
2NT	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North's contribution saw South lead the ♣9. Declarer took dummy's ace, drew trumps ending in dummy and played the ♦J. When his king held, North cashed the ♣K and switched to the ♥8, ensuring one down and a 13-IMP swing.

It was a fantastic start for Rombaut, ahead 59-8 at the end of the set.

Dlr: West	♠ K Q J 6
Vul: E-W	♥ J 8
	♦ A Q 7 6 3 2
	♣ 2
	♠ 8 7 4
	♥ Q 5 3 2
	♦ J 4
	♣ Q J 10 5
	♠ 9 5
	♥ A 10 9 4
	♦ 10 8 5
	♣ K 8 4 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
Pass	1♦ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♠	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	Dbl	All Pass	

(1) 2+♦, 11-15, stiff honor possible

Perhaps the exuberance of youth played a part in West's decision to bid 3♠.

South led the ♠5, and when his jack held, North continued with the king, followed by the 6. Declarer won with the ♠10, cashed the ♠A and then played the ♥K. South took the ace and played the ♦8, North winning with the ace and returning the ♦6. Declarer won, crossed to dummy with the ♥Q and ran the ♣Q. South won and played a diamond, and North won with the queen and cashed the rest of the suit (not bothering to retain the beer card). That was five down, -1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Combescure</i>
Pass	1♦	Dbl	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

East led the ♥6, West winning with the queen and switching to the ♣Q. East took the ace and returned the ♣6, declarer winning with dummy's king, playing a diamond to the ace and the ♥J to dummy's ace. A diamond to the jack, queen and king saw a claim for +110, giving Nickell 15 IMPs on the road to recovery.

Dlr: East ♠ A 7
 Vul: Both ♥ A Q J 3 2
[♦] 9 7 6
 ♣ A J 6
 ♠ J 9 5 4 3
 ♥ K 9 6
 ♦ 2
 ♣ 8 7 5 4
 ♠ K Q 10 8
 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ A Q J 10 5 3
 ♣ 2

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

Closed Room
 West North East South
 Katz Franceschetti Nickell Combesure
 Pass 1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠
 Pass 2 ♣⁽¹⁾ Pass 2 ♦
 Pass 3 ♣ Pass 3 ♦
 Pass 3 ♥ Pass 3 ♠
 Pass 3NT Pass 4 ♦
 Pass 4 ♥⁽²⁾ Pass 4 ♠⁽²⁾
 Pass 6 ♦ All Pass

(1) Fourth-suit forcing

(2) Control bids

3 ♣ look like a type of fifth-suit forcing, suggesting a hand with slam interest.

West led the ♣ 5, and declarer took dummy's ace, ran the ♦ 9 and repeated the finesse, soon claiming all the tricks when the hearts behaved, +1390 and 12 IMPs that halted the Nickell rally.

Dlr: West ♠ 6 5
 Vul: N-S ♥ A 6
 ♦ A Q J 9 5 4 3
 ♣ A J

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(1) 2+♦, 11–15, stiff honor possible

(2) Fourth suit forcing

East led the ♣ K and switched to the ♦ 4. Declarer went up with dummy's ace, played a heart to the jack and the ♦ 9, East taking the king and returning the ♠ 6, declarer claiming the rest, +660.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

(1) 16+ artificial, upgrades common

I was no longer following the play “live” at this point, so I can’t be certain of the precise meaning of 4NT and 5NT. However, they got the job done. West led the ♠10 to the king and ace, and the ♦10 saw declarer claim, +1470.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Combescure</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♠4, and when dummy’s queen held, declarer played clubs, overtaking the jack and cashing the rest of the suit before playing a diamond, +720 but a 13-IMP loss.

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

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

 ♠ 9 6
 ♥ J 10
 ♦ K Q 9 7 3
 ♣ K 10 6 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
		2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4NT ⁽²⁾	Pass
5♣ ⁽³⁾	Pass	5NT ⁽⁴⁾	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

(1) Control bid

(2) RKCB

(3) One key card

(4) Grand slam try

South led the ♦K, and the absence of the ♥J, 10 or 9 in dummy meant the only hope was a minor miracle in the club suit. There was no Rabbi on hand to assist, so that was one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Combescure</i>
		2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

(1) Splinter

A painless +450 meant 11 IMPs to Nickell who had taken the set 53–16 to trail 61–75 at the half.

In the third session, the teams traded blows. Many of the swings centered on the diamond suit.

Dlr: North ♠ A 9
 Vul: None ♥ A K 4
 ♦ K J 10 5 3
 ♣ 9 8 5

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

 ♠ K Q J 7
 ♥ J 7 5 2
 ♦ A Q 7
 ♣ A 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Katz</i>
		1NT	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

North’s hand rates 16.05 on the Kaplan-Rubens Hand Evaluator – a combination of the aces and kings and the five-card suit nudging it above its notional value. This time, it meshed perfectly with South’s hand and there were 12 top tricks, declarer recording +490 on the lead of the ♠8.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Aroix</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Tigel</i>
		1NT	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

If you decide to accept invitation via a quantitative 4NT you can either show the number of “real” aces you have or suggest a possible trump suit.

Playing in diamonds, declarer could win the trump lead, draw trumps, cash the ♥A K, take three rounds of spades pitching a heart, ruff a heart and claim the rest for +940 and 10 IMPs.

Dlr: East	♠ K 8 7 4 3
Vul: N-S	♥ A 10 7 5
	♦ A 10 8
	♣ K
♠ J 9 6 2	♠ 10 5
♥ 2	♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ K Q 7 3	♦ J 9 6
♣ Q 6 5 2	♣ 8 7 3
	♠ A Q
	♥ 9 6 3
	♦ 5 4 2
	♣ A J 10 9 4

On this deal, both North-Souths played in 3NT, East having bid hearts at some point.

In the Open Room, North took the ♥K immediately, unblocked the ♣K, crossed to dummy with a spade, cashed the ♣A and the ♠Q and exited with the ♥9. The 4-2 split in spades meant two down, -200.

In the replay, North ducked the ♥K, and when East continued with the queen (not easy to switch to a diamond), declarer won and played back the ♥7, East won and switched to the ♦6 (West had pitched the ♣2 and the ♦7). Declarer took West's queen, unblocked dummy's spades, came to hand with the ♣K, cashed the ♠K and the played the ♥10. West, down to the ♠J, ♦K 3 and ♣Q 6, pitched the ♦3 and was thrown in with a diamond, forced to give dummy the last two tricks after cashing the ♠J, +600 and 13 IMPs to Nickell.

It costs declarer nothing to duck the first round of diamonds. If West continues with the ♦K, declarer wins and cashes the ♥10, squeezing West in three suits. Discarding a club allows declarer to score five tricks in the suit, and a spade gives up the guard. That leaves a diamond, but then West has lost contact with partner, and declarer will get home whichever black suit he plays on.

A poor 6♦ (there were two top clubs to lose) cost Nickell 11 IMPs, but then came this deal:

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

Open Room	West	North	East	South
	Combescure	Nickell	Franceschetti	Katz
			2♠	Dbl
	Pass	3♦	Pass	6♦
	All Pass			

This would make a good lead problem.

The aggressive options are to start with a heart or a club, hoping to find partner with the king in either suit and a trick elsewhere (in a way, hearts is slightly safer, as partner might have the jack). Garozzo was a great supporter of aggressive leads against slams – they are easier to find on paper. Here, only a heart pays a dividend.

When East went with the ♣2 (unlucky) declarer won perforce in dummy, cashed the top diamonds and then played on spades, claiming 12 tricks – West could score the ♦Q at some point, but that was all, +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Aroix	Weinstein	Tignel
		Pass	1♦
Pass	2♠	3♥	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

That's the auction recorded on BBO – perhaps it was South who rebid 3♥, North's 2♠ possibly being a transfer of some sort or a diamond raise?

Declarer won the spade lead with the queen and played on diamonds, unblocking the ♣A along the way and finishing with 11 tricks, +460 but a 10-IMP loss.

Dlr: South	♠ A 7
Vul: N-S	♥ A K 8 6
	♦ 9 8 2
	♣ 10 9 8 6
♠ Q 6 3	♠ K J 5 2
♥ 7 5 3	♥ J 4 2
♦ K Q	♦ A J 3
♣ K Q J 5 4	♣ A 3 2
	♠ 10 9 8 4
	♥ Q 10 9
	♦ 10 7 6 5 4
	♣ 7

Open Room	West	North	East	South
	Combescure	Nickell	Franceschetti	Katz
			Pass	
	1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
	1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♥A, and when South followed with the 9, he continued with the ♥8 to the 10, the defenders taking the first five tricks, -100.

If I interpret a comment from the operator correctly, North played the **♥K** at trick three before South had played, making the **♥K** a major penalty card. Once the options had been explained to West, he told South to carry on. Were he to forbid a heart lead, anything other than a spade switch would allow declarer to make the contract as the **♥K** would have to be discarded on the fifth round of clubs, but who wants to win that way?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	Aroix	Weinstein	Tignel
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the **♣10**, and declarer won with the queen and played the **♠6**. When North followed with the 7, declarer won with dummy's jack and claimed, +400 and another 10 IMPs, Nickell taking the session 40–28 to trail by just 2 IMPs.

By the time Board 59 settled on the table, Rombaut led 119–115.

Dlr: North	♠ 9 7 5 3 2
Vul: Both	♥ 9 7 2
	♦ K Q 6 5
	♣ 6
♠ A K J 10	♠ Q 8 4
♥ K 5	♥ 8 6 3
♦ J 10 8 7	♦ 9 2
♣ 8 7 2	♣ Q J 10 9 3
♠ 6	
♥ A Q J 10 4	
♦ A 4 3	
♣ A K 5 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tignel	Greco	Aroix	Hampson
		Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dbl
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

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(1) 16+ artificial, upgrades common

You may recall an earlier deal where the French team overcalled 1♠ on a four-card suit. Had North elected to pass the double of 2♠ and lead a trump, declarer would be hard-pressed to take more than five tricks.

East led the ♣Q and declarer won in dummy and played a spade, West taking the ace and returning the ♦7. Declarer won with dummy's ace, pitched a spade on the ♣K, ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club (overruffing West's ♦J) ruffed a spade and cashed the ♥A for +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levin	J. Rombaut	Weinstein	L. Rombaut
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dbl	2♥	2NT	4♥

All Pass

West started with the top spades, and declarer ruffed and played the ♥10. When that held, he cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club, came to hand with the ♦A, ruffed a club, ruffed a spade and cashed the ♥A, +680 and 11 IMPs.

The lead was up to 15 and Rombaut added 5 IMPs on the last board to seal a famous victory.

Eligibility points

Notice to members of other national bridge organizations: 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 visit the Tournament Operations office (*Ohio Room, second floor*) for this purpose.



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Roth Open Swiss starts today



Winners of last year's Roth Open Swiss Teams: Morten Bilde, Agustin Madala, Zach Grossack, Adam Grossack, Michael Rosenberg and (not pictured) captain Laurence Lebowitz

The six-session Open Swiss Teams, named in honor of ACBL Hall of Famer Al Roth, begins with today's two-session qualifier. The nationally rated event was first held in 2005.

Al Roth (1914–2007) is generally considered the premier bidding theorist of his bridge generation, perhaps of all time. He and longtime partner Tobias Stone are credited with developing the negative double, the unusual notrump, 1NT forcing and weak two-bid.

An ACBL Grand Life Master with more than 12,000 masterpoints, Roth won 26 national titles, including the Spingold five times, the Vanderbilt three times and the Reisinger twice.

He represented North America in the Bermuda Bowl in 1955, 1958 and 1967. A WBF Life Master, he placed second in the World Team Olympiad in 1968.

During his first world championship appearance, Roth was declaring a 2♦ contract and felt he played the hand before – but as a defender. The director, Al Sobel, did not believe him because the hands had been dealt at the table. Sobel made Roth call out all the cards in each hand – including the spots – before he threw out the board.

No one ever discovered how this happened.

Roth retired from active bridge competition in the '70s but remained active as a staff member of Bridge Today and on panels of The Bridge World, Bridge Today and Australian Bridge.

He was the author of "The Roth-Stone System," "Al Roth on Bridge" and "Picture Bidding" and co-author of "Bridge Is a Partnership Game," "Modern Bridge Complete" and "Bridge for Beginners."

A longtime resident of New York, where he owned and managed the Mayfair Club, Roth retired to Boca Raton FL.

Previous winners and runners up:

2005 1. Christal Henner-Welland, Michael Kamil, Claudio Nunes, Fulvio Fantoni, Frederik Nystrom, Peter Bertheau; 2. Matin Harris, Jacob Morgan, Steve Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha

2006 1. Christal Henner-Welland, Roy Welland, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski, Antonio

Sementa, Bjorn Fallenius; 2. Nader Hanna, Nagy Kamel, Greg Hinze, Ira Hessel, Ellen Hessel (npc)

2007 1. Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco; 2. George Klemic, Drew Becker, Jason Rosenfeld, Angeliki Magklara

2008 1. Philip Gordon, Josh Donn, Jason Feldman, Terje Aa, Joergen Molberg; 2. George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein, Walid Elahmady, Tarek Sadek

2009 1. Robert Hampton, Gavin Wolpert, Joel Wooldridge, John Hurd, Krzysztof Buras, Grzegorz Narkiewicz; 2. Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Eddie Wold, Roger Bates, Antonio Sementa, Giorgio Duboin

2010 1. Steve Weinstein, Lew Stansby, Chip Martel, Bobby Levin, Martin Fleisher and Mike Kamil; 2. Alon Apteker, Craig Gower, Phillippe Cronier, Jacob Morgan, Adam Wildavsky and Michael Polowan

2011 1. Mark Gordon, Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Alan Sontag, Terje Aa, David Berkowitz, Jorgen Molberg, Allan Cokin (coach); 2. Aaron Silverstein, Chris Willenken, Andrew Rosenthal, Michael Rosenberg, Bjorn Fallenius, Peter Fredin

2012 1. Geoff Hampson, John Diamond, Fred Gitelman, Eric Greco, Brad Moss; 2. Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Andrew Gromov, Aleksander Dubinin, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski

2013 1. Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki, Bart Bramley, Lew Stansby; 2. Martin

	Fleisher, Michael Kamil, Zia Mahmood, Chip Martel, Michael Rosenberg, Chris Willenken
2014	1. Paul Fireman, John Kranyak, Vince Demuy, Gavin Wolpert, John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge; 2. Tom Breed, Darren Wolpert, Jeff Roman, Daniel Korbel, Chris Compton, David Grainger
2015	1. Brian Platnick, John Diamond, Kevin Bathurst, Justin Lall, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco; 2. Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin
2016	1. John Onstott, Drew Casen, Mike Passell, Chris Compton, Joshua Donn; 2. Stan Tulin, Kevin Dwyer, Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki, Alon Birman, Dror Padon
2017	1. Ai-Tai Lo, William Cole, Beth Palmer, William Pettis; 2. Mike Levine, Eddie Wold, David Grainger, Greg Hinze, Mike Passell, Chris Compton
2018	1. John Onstott, Magdalena Ticha, Richard Ritmeijer, James Krekorian, Bruce Ferguson, Drew Casen; 2. Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
2019	1. Gaylor Kasle, Bartosz Chmurski, Włodzimierz Starkowski, Piotr Tuczynski, Michal Kwiecien, Joshua Donn; 2. Alison Wilson, Kent Mignocchi, Mikael Groenkvist, Ida Groenkvist, Magdalena Ticha, Richard Ritmeijer
2020	Not held
2021	Not held
2022	1. Laurence Lebowitz, Adam Grossack, Dennis Bilde, Agustin Madala, Zachary Grossack, Michael Rosenberg; 2. Juan Castillo, Lynda Nitabach, Jacek Pszczola, Daniel Korbel, Jerry Stamatov

James Holzhauer of "Jeopardy!" fame stopped by Thursday night's Collegiate Individual



Holzhauer follows the play on defense.



Holzhauer partners Isaac Stone; Ian Dunbar and James Rowan are East-West.



Holzhauer partners Zach Stevens; Henry Shuster and Jake Williams are East-West.

Red Ribbon Pairs begins today



Winners of the Red Ribbon Pairs last year: Jenny Kuhn and Phil Kuhn

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

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

The four-session event began in 1986 and winners are honored by the Percy X. Bean Trophy.

The trophy was designated by the ACBL Board of Directors in 1996 to honor Bean, ACBL president in 1972 and chairman of the Board in 1973.

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

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

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

than expert class.

Winners and runners-up:

1986	1. Wayne Perrin, Martin Newland; 2. Hugh Ogle, Charlie Cargile	2003	1. Chi-Yen Lai, Bin Dai; 2. Edward Leach, Bruce Schwaidelson
1987	1. Jim Gaarder, Jimmy Ritzenberg; 2. Charles Moser, Paul Bratton	2004	1. Martin Harris, Jacob Morgan; 2. Mark Brighouse, Harvinder Sidhu
1988	1. Leni Holtz, Guy Green; 2. Anthony Trafecanty, Michael Trafecanty	2005	1. Yeong-Long Shiue, David Margolin; 2. Jim Lyle, Robert Todd
1989	1. Lu Kohutiak, Yvonne Hernandez; 2-3. Warren Haynie, Charlie Cargile; 2-3. Bill Goldberg, Bill McKenna	2006	1. Chris Buchanan, B.J. Trelford; 2. Everett Boyer, Mansoor Gowani
1990	1. Philip Gordon, Mike Grodsky; 2. Rajendra Agarwal, Don Chilrud	2007	1. Jack Hawthorne, Paul Spear; 2. Jim Kehoe, Chuck Michalski
1991	1. Dan Marthaler, Robert Johnstone; 2. Steven Gaynor, Art Ardy Bakshian	2008	1. Mike Develin, Li-Chung Chen; 2. Sidney Kanter, Ron Nelken
1992	1. Duncan McCallum, Peter Peng; 2. Andy Goodman, Steve Zolotow	2009	1. Daniel Jackson, Bill Gervais; 2. Steven Towner, Mitch Towner
1993	1. Ron Weinstock, John Gillette; 2. Hank Meyer, Marty Graf	2010	1. Bob Levey, Jim Ritzenberg; 2. George Dragich, Rosemary Dragich
1994	1. T.C. Petty, Steve Altus; 2. Grant Robinson, Joe Walden	2011	1. Brad Berry, David Amsterdam; 2. Eric Goff, Neil Cohen
1995	1. Marc Umeno, Hank Youngerman; 2. Bernie Greenspan, Keith Sechler	2012	1. Daniel Neill, Jason Rotenberg; 2. Steve Hirsch, Gregory Thorpe
1996	1. Vinay Sarin, Ringo Chung; 2. Burton Lipsky, Arnold Goldstein	2013	1. Brian Cummins, Blake Sanders; 2. Jeff Dater, Rich Brandenburg
1997	1. Tony Miller, Diane Miller; 2. Mark Bumgardner, Nagy Kamel	2014	1. Ted Bain, Mike Miedema; 2. Erli Zhou, Zhou Wang
1998	1. Paul Spear, Jim Johnsen; 2. David Halasi, Mike Nadler	2015	1. Paul Hattis, James Orleans; 2. Lelvin Crowe, Sam Graham
1999	1. Jenni Hartsman, Andrew Rosenthal; 2. Martin Hunter, Andy Stark	2016	1. Paul Hattis, James Orelans; 2. Renee Shunta, Cameron Shunta
2000	1. Nie Wei Ping, Christopher Leung; 2. David Yang, Xiaodong Shi	2017	1. Sudhir Patwardhan, Steve Overholt; 2. Daniel Lev, Samuel Amer
2001	1. LaToss Carpenter, Brandon Carpenter; 2. Mike Nadler, Gurhun Baykal	2018	1. Michael Kelley, Martina Kelley; 2. David Venetianer, Richard Franklin
2002	1. Rich Atwater, Chris Pesce; 2. Bob Sievers, Georgia Heth	2019	1. Roy Martin, Denny Cahan; 2. Paul Hattis, James Orleans
		2020	Not held
		2021	Not held
		2022	1. Jennifer Kuhn, Philip Kuhn; 2. Paul Hattis, James Orleans

SUZI SUBECK THURSDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS

36.0 Tables / Based on 108 Tables

	A	X		
32.95	1	1	Brady Richter – Jennifer Richter, Summit NJ	63.19%
24.71	2		Markland Jones, Phoenix AZ; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL	61.77%
18.53	3		Gail Greenberg – Jeff Hand, New York NY	61.37%
13.90	4		Tod Moses, St. Louis MO; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	61.07%
13.42	5	2	Josh Shanes, Skokie IL; Michael Steigmann, Wilmette IL	59.99%
9.41	6		Igor Savchenko, Morris Plains NJ; Joan Brody, Livingston NJ	59.77%
8.24	7		Subhash Gupta, New Delhi India; Noriko Domichi, Tokyo Japan	58.01%
7.32	8		Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL; Bella Ionis-Sorren, Fort Lauderdale FL	57.77%
6.59	9		Emily Harrell, Birmingham AL; Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX	57.39%
6.08	10		Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Edward Zuckerberg, Los Altos Hills CA	56.92%
10.06	11	3	Aravind Alwan, Milpitas CA; Prashanth Sriram, San Mateo CA	56.23%
7.55	12	4	John Krah, Seattle WA; Bernie Fromm, Kansas City MO	54.56%
5.96	13	5	Kannan Krishnamurthy, Kinshasa Congo; Jayant Rajgopal, Pittsburgh PA	54.53%
4.39	14		Tania Reyes Hiller, Bedford Corners NY; Paul Lewis, White Plains NY	54.40%
7.22	15		Mary Gorkin – Bernard Gorkin, Boca Raton FL	54.31%
5.11	16	6	Jessica Lin, Markham ON; Peter Wong, North York ON	54.17%
4.47	17	7	Ethan Wood, Dover MA; Jane McLaughlin, San Francisco CA	53.73%
3.47	18		Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; AJ Stephani, Cincinnati OH	53.71%
3.98		8	Teri Smoot, Placerville CA; Harold George, Wichita KS	53.44%
3.58		9	Jason Rosenfeld, Seattle WA; Jennifer Gu, Palo Alto CA	51.99%
3.25		10	Don Chillrud, Schenectady NY; Don Liu, North Andover MA	51.84%
2.98		11	Susan Port – Barry Port, Atlantic Beach NY	51.81%
4.21		12	Sandra Sarnow – Ariel Smid, Huixquilucan Mexico	51.80%

THURSDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

32.0 Tables

	B	C		
13.78	1		Gary Mankin, San Francisco CA; Barbara Ehrmann, Buffalo Grove IL	65.13%
10.34	2		Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA	62.25%
7.75	3		Donald Parsons – Susan Powell, Reno NV	60.84%
7.30	4	1	Harry Eaglesham – Lorraine Eaglesham, Unionville ON	59.09%
4.83	5		Xia Hong, Richmond Hill ON; Terry Du, Maple ON	58.46%
5.48	6	2	Ryan Gossiaux, San Francisco CA; Anderson Wang, San Diego CA	57.55%
4.11	7	3	Stephen Collier – Mohammad Zaidi, Washington DC	57.47%
3.06	8		Lazaro Brener, Austin TX; Joseph Tomlinson, Chicago IL	55.85%
3.08	9	4	Kenneth Eiger – Susan Eiger, St. Louis MO	55.27%
2.51	10		Marjorie Zolla – John Miller, Chicago IL	54.98%
2.84	11	5	Mark Langer, Racine WI; David Schatz, Ann Arbor MI	54.68%
2.12	12		Stuart Dombey – Chris Brewer, Ann Arbor MI	54.44%
2.09	13	6	Julian Jefferson, Manchester NH; R. Michelle Green, Somerville MA	53.80%
1.84	14	7	La Verne Swiggum – William Omdahl, Madison WI	53.47%
1.98	15	8	Jichong Chai, Fairfax VA; R. Mani, Lanham MD	53.32%
1.62	16	9	Robert Salita, Fort Lauderdale FL; Doug Scofield, Skokie IL	53.32%
1.33		10	Ken Deutch – Diane Deutch, Saint Louis MO	52.08%



HINSDALE DBC THURSDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

21.0 Tables

	7	B	C		
8.14	1	1		Doug Shuman, Chicago IL; Tom Drouin, Glen Ellyn IL	60.07%
6.11	2	2		Janice Hardcastle, Houston TX; Larry Junck, Ann Arbor MI	59.03%
4.58	3	3	1	Dennis Jennings, Lake Forest IL; Gregory Smith, Long Grove IL	58.82%
3.43	4	4		Muneer Jamal – Madhavi Gullapalli, Naperville IL	58.25%
2.71	5	5	2	Chris Veeneman – Anthony Veeneman, Olympia Fields IL	58.19%
2.33	6	6		Tricia Fox – David Faulkner, Chicago IL	57.27%
2.04	7			Bruce Miller, Louisville KY; Fred Spitzzeri, Bloomington IL	56.86%
2.03	8	7	3	William Han, Amherst MA; Thomas Ye, Stamford CT	56.37%
1.63	9	8		Gerald Poissant – Barbara Coneys, Fort Myers FL	55.89%
1.53	10			Linda O’Malley – Brendan O’Malley, Lafayette Hill PA	55.77%
1.36	11			Joseph Miranda, Clifton Park NY; Jacob Breneisen, Wilmette IL	55.02%
1.61			4	James Lacy – Bob Lenet, Chicago IL	54.82%
1.74			5	Donald Dahlgren, Arlington Heights IL; Michael Tabor, Libertyville IL	51.43%

LEE THRASHER THURSDAY FAST PAIRS

16.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
13.00	1	1	1	Harry Potter, Vienna VA; James Mosley, Falls Church VA	62.01%
9.75	2			Freerk Polling, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Frederick Wills, Miami FL	57.94%
7.31	3	2		Eric Gentleman, Ellicott City MD; Paul Holmes, Wadsworth OH	56.92%
5.48	4	3		Glenn Haas, Villa Park IL; Amin Karim, Wheaton IL	56.57%
4.33	5			Deborah Murphy, San Francisco CA; Lawrence Lerner, New Providence NJ	56.51%
4.20	6			Joseph Chin, Highland IN; Don Cohen, Oak Park IL	56.30%
3.25	7			Lucy McCoy, Annandale VA; Dalia Kende, Rockville MD	56.06%
4.20	8			Muffie Gur – Reha Gur, Bonita Springs FL	54.92%
4.59		4		Dennis Glazer, Bronxville NY; Gail Cannold, Rye NY	54.59%
3.00		5		Lapt Chan, Forest Hills NY; Paula Smith, New York NY	52.34%
3.94	6	2		Wendy Nickerson, New York NY; Lorraine Cable, Greenfield IN	52.09%
2.95		3		Carole Perla, Hudson MA; Florine Schoen, Natick MA	47.91%
2.21		4		Raluca Dobrescu, Aventura FL; Brooke Cohen, New York NY	47.49%

FRED JOHNSTON MEMORIAL WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

16.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.63	1	1	1	Rory Xiao, Fremont CA; Marley Cedrone, New Ipswich NH	65.72%
4.22	2	2		Mark Pinkowski – Philip McPeek, Chicago IL	64.39%
3.17	3			Vijay Ahuja, Montclair NJ; Barbara Clark, West Orange NJ	62.31%
3.03	4	3		Sharon Snyder, Grand Junction CO; Andrey Sidelnikov, Fort Lauderdale FL	60.80%
2.12	5			James Gullo, Lancaster NY; David Barbour, Albuquerque NM	59.85%
2.10	6	4		Timothy Luce – Mel Volmert, Springfield MO	58.90%
1.58	7	5		Cappy McIver – Di Lapeyre, New Orleans LA	57.77%
1.84	6/7	2/3		Lisa Leffell, Scarsdale NY; Carol Low, Purchase NY	56.82%
1.84	6/7	2/3		Nicole Qian, Gainesville FL; Helen Chow, San Francisco CA	56.82%
1.18		4		Rahul Garga, Chicago IL; Michael Guilmette, Durham NC	52.27%

VIRGINIA WHITMAN THURSDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

9.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.00	1	1		Carol Walter, Minnetonka MN; Bonnie Lervik, Excelsior MN	61.14%
2.25	2	2	1	Richard Brode, Berwyn IL; Andrew Lerner, Chicago IL	59.91%
1.69	3	3	2	Gina Zhang, Clyde Hill WA; Qian Liang, Bellevue WA	57.39%
1.27	4	4	3	Sarah Eidelhoch – Zhongxia Qi, San Francisco CA	56.36%
0.95	5	5		Cliff Williams – Kay Williams, Mandeville LA	55.01%
0.84	6		4	Anne Frantzen, West Chicago IL; Beth McCulloch, Clarendon Hills IL	54.08%

THURSDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS**24.0 Tables**

	A	B	C		
7.37	1			Marilyn Adams, Beaumont TX; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX	62.79%
5.53	2			Neil Montague – Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA	61.56%
4.15	3			Thomas Ferch – Joanne Molt, Grand Rapids MI	59.94%
3.11	4			Paul Burnham, Wilton CT; Sonja Smith, Chapel Hill NC	59.35%
5.63	5/6	1		Shawn Tate, Overland Park KS; Randall Klein, Leawood KS	58.56%
2.04	5/6			Alain Coriat – Martine Coriat, Paris France	58.56%
1.80	7			Barbara Seagram – Alex Kornel, Toronto ON	58.49%
4.22		2	1	Margaret Randle – Jane Pettinger, Kansas City MO	58.10%
3.17		3		Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA; Cyndi Sauvage, Englewood CO	56.87%
2.89		4	2	Deepak Abbhi, Miami FL; James Davis Jr., Toano VA	55.84%
2.17		5	3	Dorie Isaacson, Northbrook IL; Steven Hamburg, Troutman NC	54.23%
1.62		6	4	Zeljko Sokolovic, Oakville ON; Dragan Basta, Toronto ON	53.56%
1.22		7	5	Kate Claeys – Donald Claeys, Kamuela HI	53.22%
1.84			6	William Anderson, De Pere WI; Ronald Niesing, Green Bay WI	51.06%

LES KENT MEMORIAL THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME**19.5 Tables**

	A	B	C		
6.50	1			Barbara Clark, West Orange NJ; Vijay Ahuja, Montclair NJ	62.58%
4.88	2	1	1	Maxwell Burns, Washington DC; Sean Malloy, Cleveland OH	61.57%
3.66	3	2		Shawn Tate, Overland Park KS; Randall Klein, Leawood KS	60.65%
2.74	4			Martha Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Lynne Schaefer, Ellicott City MD	59.80%
2.06	5			Neil Montague – Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA	59.42%
1.63	6			James O'Neil, Oak Park IL; Carolyn Naselli, Chicago IL	58.85%
2.68	7	3		Suzanne Maurice, Gloucester ON; Donald Duncan, Ottawa ON	56.97%
2.33		4		Deepak Abbhi – Ritambhar Burman, Miami FL	56.31%
2.24		5	2	Isaac Stone, Austin TX; Daviud Brown, Syosset NY	55.60%
1.13		6		James Davis Jr., Toano VA; Bridget Whitley, Harrisburg PA	54.29%
1.68			3	Margaret Randle – Jane Pettinger, Kansas City MO	53.35%
1.43			4	Robert Kaplan – Skip Yassenoff, Columbus OH	52.24%
0.94			5	Barbara Matas, New York NY; Melanie Appelbaum, Harrison NY	48.83%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS**8.0 Tables**

	A	B	C		
2.70	1	1	1	Kristin Kobylinski, Cedarburg WI; Jennifer Deslongchamps, Whitefish Bay WI	60.04%
2.03	2	2	2	Alexander Sung, New York NY; Connie Lee, Old Tappan NJ	59.90%
1.52	3	3		Claude Roy – Joanne Leboeuf, Bromont QC	59.27%
1.14	4	4		Nancy Hartzler, Saint Paul MN; Lynn McNabb, Mendota Heights MN	57.74%
1.13	5	5	3	Helene Paris – Carolyn Short, Chicago IL	56.08%
0.84			4	Avery Liang – Alexandra Deschenes, Bellevue WA	54.85%

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY DAYLIGHT SIDE SERIES**49.50 Tables / Based on 22 Tables**

13.00	1/2	Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX	127.97%
13.00	1/2	Marilyn Adams, Beaumont TX	127.97%
7.59	3/4	Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA	120.98%
7.59	3/4	Neil Montague, Swampscott MA	120.98%
9.29	5/6	Shawn Tate, Overland Park KS	119.21%
9.29	5/6	Randall Klein, Leawood KS	119.21%
5.91	7/8	Lynne Schaefer, Ellicott City MD	119.03%
5.91	7/8	Martha Katz, Burr Ridge IL	119.03%
5.98	9	Maxwell Burns, Washington DC	115.74%
3.11	10/11	Sonja Smith, Chapel Hill NC	112.74%
3.11	10/11	Paul Burnham, Wilton CT	112.74%

WEDNESDAY EVENING COLLEGIATE INDIVIDUAL**5.00 Tables**

3.00	1	Charles Holmes, Rocklin CA	64.81%
2.25	2	Mary Eliza Balof, Walla Walla WA	62.52%
1.69	3	Weilong Shen, Atlanta GA	61.08%
1.27	4	Edwin Lu, McLean VA	59.08%
0.95	5	Aaron Igra, Seattle WA	56.27%
0.71	6	George Sorkin, Buford GA	54.87%

CLAUDE VOGEL TUESDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS, REVISED**56.0 Tables / Based on 123 Tables**

	A	X		
44.64	1		Weishu Wu – Alberto Feilhaber, Irvine CA	60.60%
33.48	2		Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Peter Weiden, Charlestown MA	59.55%
25.11	3	1	Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC; Jian-Ping Chen, Yorktown VA	59.25%
18.83	4		Joel Wooldridge – Christopher Rivera, Jackson Heights NY	58.72%
14.88	5		Freerk Polling, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Frederick Wills, Miami FL	58.51%
12.75	6		H Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY; Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY	58.45%
11.16	7		Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Joe Quinn, Sugar Land TX	57.51%
14.23	8	2	Daniel Wilderman, New Haven CT; Kenneth Zuckerberg, Boxborough MA	57.08%
8.93	9		Drew Cavalier, Huntsville AL; Eric Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	57.01%
8.12	10		Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Randy Okubo, St. Paul MN	56.62%
7.44	11		Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, England	56.41%
10.67	12	3	Craig Biddle, Pittsburgh PA; Philip Goulding, Wexford PA	55.90%
6.38	13		Benedicte Cronier, Paris France; Melanie Tucker, New York NY	55.04%
5.95	14		Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Ljudmila Kamenova, South Setauket NY	54.76%
5.58	15		Eugene Saxe, Briarcliff NY; Thomas Riley, Pleasant Hill CA	54.34%
5.25	16		Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX; Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA	54.33%
8.00	17	4	Christoph Eick, Houston TX; Craig Henderson, Chicago IL	54.31%
4.70	18		Stan Christie, Kirkland WA; Becky Stevens, Seattle WA	54.19%
4.46	19		Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Tom Kniest, Brentwood MO	54.14%
4.25	20		Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Morrisville NC	53.86%
4.06	21		Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Rosede Olson, Chicago IL	53.66%
3.88	22		Robert Kent, Chicago IL; Normand Houle, St.-Hubert QC	53.57%
3.72	23		Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Cecil Crowson Jr., Morelos Mexico	53.48%
6.32	24	5	Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA; Tim Benoit, Danville CA	53.48%
3.43	25		Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; Samir Zeine, Farmington Hls MI	53.46%
3.31	26		William Bartley – Paul Darin, San Diego CA	53.37%
3.19	27		Jeff Overby, Boynton Beach FL; Carlos Munoz, White Plains NY	53.26%
5.42	28	6	Beckie Stasi, Lenexa KS; Donna Johnson, Lawrence KS	52.94%
4.74	7		Jordan Winick, Toronto ON; William Segraves, Guilford CT	52.94%
4.22	8		Lynne Castoldi – Aly El-Selehdar, Minnetonka MN	52.89%
3.79	9		Karl Zaman, Strongsville OH; Lori Anzine, Orland Park IL	52.63%
3.45	10		Krishnan Ramaratnam, New York NY; Atul Rai, Wichita KS	52.46%
3.16	11		Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Jack Waller, Dana Point CA	52.17%
4.17	12		Daniel Balof – Barry Balof, Walla Walla WA	52.05%
3.37	13		Philippe Galaski, Florence MA; Gail Kreppel, West Palm Beach FL	52.01%
2.53	14		Bert Murphy, Naples FL; Margaret Moore, Metamora MI	51.83%

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			A	X	Y	
39.14		1				Rose Meltzer, Chapel Hill NC; Saverio Margiotta, Italy; Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; Francesco Mazzadi, Parma Italy; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy
						94.00
29.36		2				Steve Raine, Nottingham United Kingdom; Sean Mekie, London United Kingdom; Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA; Sriram Ganesan, Redmond WA
						93.00
22.02		3				William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Daniel Korbel – Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Jan Jansma, New York NY
						88.00
16.51		4				Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy
						84.00
13.05		5				Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Katarzyna Dufrat – Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland
						83.00
9.89		6/8				Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL; Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Mustafa Cem Tokay, New York NY; David McCreery, East Hampton NY
						80.00
9.89		6/8				Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde – Soren Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark
						80.00
9.89		6/8				Todd Werby, Tiburon CA; Aaron Jones, Los Angeles CA; Stephen Love, San Diego CA; Roger Bates, Las Vegas NV
						80.00
7.83		9				Jeffrey Juster, Dallas TX; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI
						79.00
21.02		10	1			John Ramos, Los Angeles CA; Mitch Towner, Tucson AZ; Eric Sieg, Kim Eng, Issaquah WA
						78.00
6.52		11				Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Amber Lin, Millbrae CA; Sandra Trent, Deerfield Beach FL; Ron Rubin, Las Vegas NV; Barry Rigal, New York NY
						77.00
6.02		12				Ilan Wolff, Philadelphia PA; Donna Dulet, Ocean NJ; Alexander Allen, Annandale NJ; Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA
						75.00
5.59		13				Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczykoud Poland; Patryk Patreuba, Boleslawiec Poland; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel; Christian Lahrman, Virum Denmark
						74.00
15.77	14/15	2	1			Yan Zhang, Jersey City NJ; Nic Hristea – Mark Pinkowski, Chicago IL, Barry Margolin, Arlington MA
						73.00
5.06	14/15					Adriano Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro Brazil; Joao Paulo Campos, Sao Paulo Brazil; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom
						73.00
10.35	16/18	3/4	2/3			Shawn Abernethy – Sue Anderson – Aaron Mohrman, Seattle WA; George Klemic, Bensenville IL
						70.00
10.35	16/18	3/4	2/3			Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet TN; Richard Brummer, Effingham IL; Marsha Woodbury, Blenheim New Zealand; Terry Goodykoontz, Carol Stream IL
						70.00
4.36	16/18					Josef Roll, Yavne Israel; Amir Levin, Israel; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL
						70.00
6.09		5/7				Mindy Fleder – Linda Einhorn-Ihde, New York NY; Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL; Christina Madsen, Denmark
						68.00
6.09		5/7				Charles Fortney – Kathleen Fortney, Wheaton IL; John Burgener, Creve Coeur MO; Karen Erlanger, Saint Louis MO
						68.00
6.09		5/7				Nathan Gong – Arthur Gong – Rui Gong, Sammamish WA; Zhenzhong Guo, Issaquah WA; Ray Miller – Ann Romeo, Seattle WA
						68.00
4.23		8/10				Christopher Fieber, Grandview MO; David Braverman, Overland Park KS
						Fred Lambert, Kansas City MO; Allen Rew, Lee's Summit MO
4.23		8/10	4/5			Lillian Range, New Orleans LA; Jane Havighurst – John Schwartz, Allentown PA; Gary Hillenbrand, Lehighton PA
						66.00
4.23		8/10	4/5			Steve Chen, Austin TX; Weizhong Bao – Frank Feng, Herndon VA; Yanong Han, Milpitas CA
						66.00
3.03		6				Mary Emory – Mary Goulet, Milwaukee WI; Liga Byrne, Austin TX; Steven Picus, Mequon WI
						64.00

GINNY AND JEFF SCHUETT 0-3000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1

12 Tables

15.43	1	Anthony Toto, Clovis CA; Richard Papst, Scottsdale AZ; Jacqueline Zayac, Lafayette CA; Pat Friesen, San Rafael CA	77.00
11.57	2	Perry Poole, Maitland FL; Stanley Weiner, Las Vegas NV; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA	72.00
8.68	3	Stephen Kolkhorst, Portland ME; David Waterman, Scarborough ME; Fred Shubert, Andover NJ; Richard Podkowik, Highland Lakes NJ	71.00
6.51	4	Michael Saltzman, Aurora IL; Marie-France Benoit, Ottawa ON; Paul Morgan, Marjorie Morgan, Madison WI	69.00

GINNY AND JEFF SCHUETT 0-3000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2

7 Tables

10.25	1	Sally Ann Rhea – Robin Elliott – Gregory Newcomb, Boulder CO; Daphne Davenport, Broomfield CO	67.00
7.69	2	Valarie Remmers – Dale Remmers, Plano TX; Julie Wong, Reno NV; John Luebkemann, Addison TX	65.00
5.05	3/4	Becky Kelley – Elizabeth Ambler, Atlanta GA; Nancy Alvarado, Lakewood CO; Carol Duffy, Chicago IL	63.00
5.05	3/4	David Divine – Anne West – Pat Linville, Scottsdale AZ; Michele Pockross, Wilmette IL	63.00

GINNY AND JEFF SCHUETT 0-3000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3

7 Tables

9.92	1	Douglas Giloy, Rockford IL; Louis Tesler, Golden Valley MN; Jeffrey Walker, Eagan MN; Lou Liebovich, Fountain Hills AZ	88.00
7.44	2	Molly Silvia – Di Lapeyre – Cappy McIver – Linda Conner, New Orleans LA	86.00
5.58	3	Richard Jacoby, Stamford CT; Jackie Scott, Norwalk CT; Joyce Lewis, Rochester MN; Christine Greenberg, Byron MN	72.00

GINNY AND JEFF SCHUETT 0-3000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4

7 Tables

8.66	1	Ken Pelowski – Lori Mirek, Atherton CA; Kathryn Papermaster, Horseshoe Bay TX Vera Baum, Los Altos CA	79.00
5.69	2/3	Wayne Humphrey, Bonita Springs FL; Elizabeth Flanigan, Naples FL; Patricia Steiner – Betty Goran, St. Louis MO	68.00
5.69	2/3	Balente, NPC, Daniel Balof – Barry Balof – Claire Valente, Mary Eliza Balof, Walla Walla WA	68.00

GINNY AND JEFF SCHUETT 0-3000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5

7 Tables

7.58	1	Jason Carter – John Huffman, Arlington VA; Lucy Ballard, Redwood City CA; Peter Monroe, North Bethesda MD	105.00
5.69	2	Barry Brenner – Suzanne Brenner, Camarillo CA; Roseann Buckley, Gary Feldman, Ventura CA	71.00
4.26	3	Lisa Karam, Huntington Woods MI; Mary Jo Campbell, Bloomfield Township MI; Carrie Osborne, Livonia MI; Pamela Radike, Bloomfield Hills MI	61.00

GINNY AND JEFF SCHUETT 0-3000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 6

7 Tables

6.89	1	Ava Donnellan – Margot Donnellan, Brooklyn NY; Helena Hsieh, Sammamish WA; Yichen Cai, Woodinville WA	75.00
4.53	2/3	Regina Ford – J. Timothy Ford – Dennis Walsh – Elli Freihofer, Osprey FL	72.00
4.53	2/3	Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria IL; Cheris Larson – Jennifer Schwarz, Bloomington IL; Becky Lagouros, Peoria Heights IL	72.00

GINNY AND JEFF SCHUETT 0-3000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 7

7 Tables

5.76	1	Jacqueline Cole, New York NY; Zain Mahmood, London England United Kingdom; Joseph Lanzel Jr., Foxboro MA; Maya Jonas-Silver, Brooklyn NY	87.00
4.32	2	Barbara Flaxman – Leah Laurie – Curtis Cassel, Chicago IL; Ralph Schindler Jr., Burr Ridge IL	63.00
2.84	3/4	Jeffrey Imber, Bolton ON; Dianne Zimmerman, Chandler AZ; Janice Flowers, Ed Flowers, Santa Rosa CA	56.00
2.84	3/4	Barbara Foley – Deborah Suckow, Darien CT; Melissa Graves, Chicago IL; Carolyn Eddie, Darien Denmark	56.00

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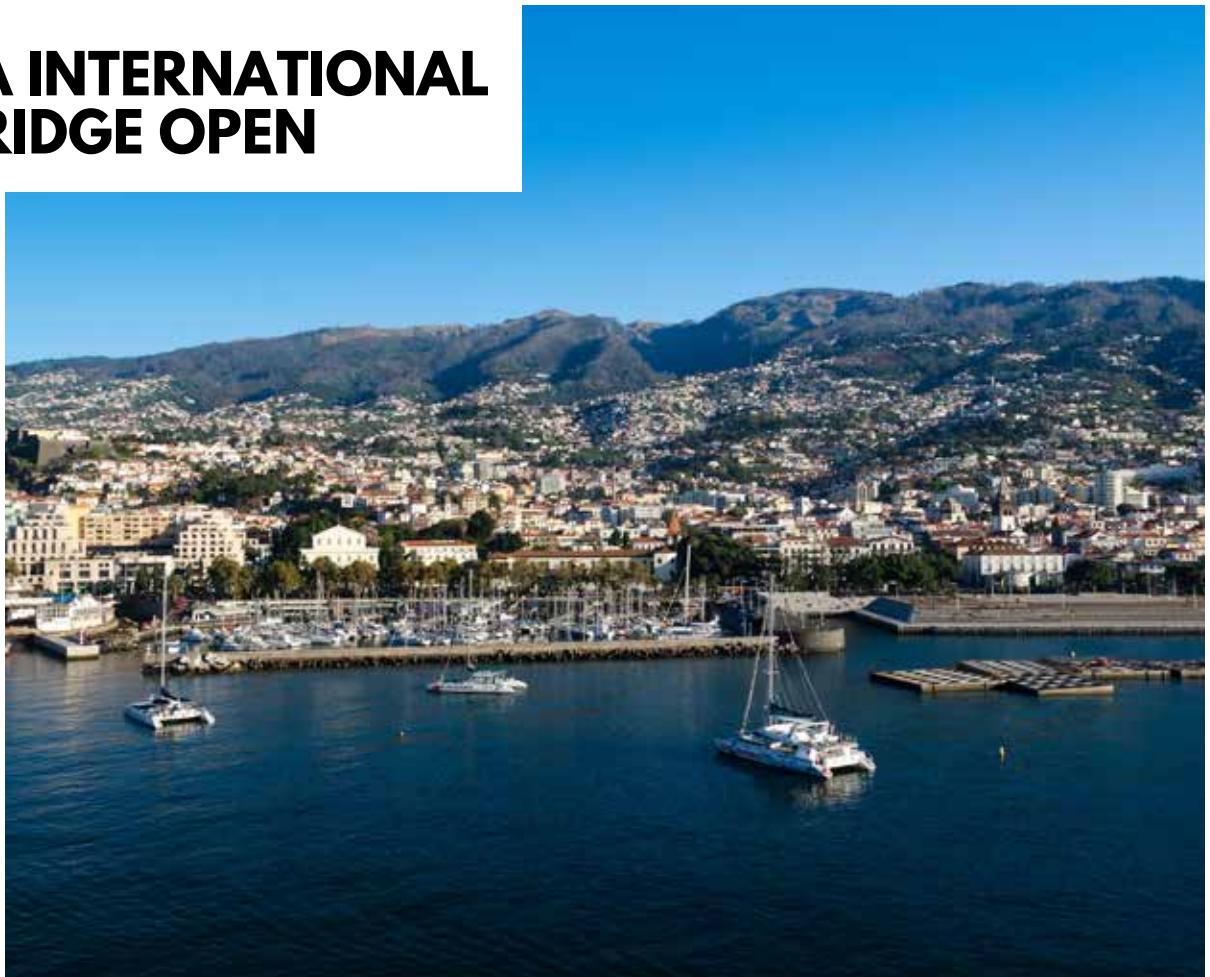
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Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Saturday, July 22 Dan Driggett Memorial Day

Event	Session	Sold Members	Entry/player/session Other
9:30 am & 3:30 pm			
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	Chicago 10 Ballroom, Upper Level	\$30*
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	Conference Center, Lobby Level	\$22*
0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	Conference Center, Lobby Level	\$22*
10 am			
Carol LaBarge Saturday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$20
Jan Howard 299er Pairs	single	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$15
10 am & 1 pm			
Judy Riehs Fast Pairs	1-2	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$20
10 am & 3 pm			
BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS	1-2 F	Sheraton 1 Ballroom, Upper Level	\$22
Collegiate Pairs Championship	1-2	Sheraton 3 Ballroom, Upper Level	Free
Cheri Bjerkan Top-Flight Pairs (unlim./6000/4000)	1-2	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$20
Frank Reidman Mid-Flight Pairs (3000/1500/750)	1-2	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$20
Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4000)	1-2	Riverwalk A Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$20
Dan Driggett Memorial Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-3000)	1-2	Riverwalk A Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$20
10 am & 3:30 pm			
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 SF	Sheraton Ballroom, Upper Level	\$30*
0-10,000 MIXED SWISS TEAMS 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions	1-2 Q	Chicago Ballroom, Upper Level	\$22
3 pm			
Dr. Alexander White Memorial Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$20
Helen Anglemire 299er Pairs	single	Riverwalk B Ex Hall, Lower Level	\$15

* 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).**

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