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Erkoc, Esptein tie for 10K Swiss title

The squads led by Timucin Erkoc of Katy TX and Robert Epstein of Atlanta GA tied for the win in the NABC 0-10,000 Swiss Teams.



Co-winners of the NABC 0-10,000 Swiss Teams: Can Berktaş, team captain Timucin Erkoc, Eddie Bass and Yusuf Sohtorik.

In the final, the Erkoc team posted the highest Victory Point total of 120.85 to 106.49 for the Epstein team, but ACBL officials determined

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Co-winners of the NABC 0-10,000 Swiss Teams: Team captain Robert Epstein, Carl Wolinsky, Martin Nathan and William Rittenberg.

Levinson leads Open BAM

The team captained by Steve Levinson of Highland Beach FL moved into the lead of the Mitchell Open Board-a-Match teams in the second qualifying session. They will have a carryover of 3.71 going into today's two-session final. Playing with Levinson are Barnet Shenkin, Lars Arthur Johansen, Tor Eivind Grude and Nils Kvangraven.

In second place with a carryover of 3.45 is the team led *continued on page 3*

Valliant-Willis lead Super Seniors

John Valliant of Victoria BC and David Willis of Orleans ON topped the qualifying round of the Super Senior Pairs, limited to players 75 and older. Valliant and Willis averaged 62% in the qualifying sessions.

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Hennings looks to build on recent progress

Margot Hennings, who this year served as the ACBL Board's first vice president, has been elected president for 2024. She'll be the first to preside over a 13-member Board under a plan she was instrumental in designing.



"I'm very pleased, excited the Board is allowing me the opportunity to lead," Hennings said. "Being a good leader requires integrity, work ethic, willingness to listen and engage, attention to detail and ability to synthesize input into the big picture. That's what I'm known for."

With the departure of Georgia Heth, whose term ends this year, Hennings will be the longest-serving member of the Board, having been a member of the governing body since 2011 as District 6 director and since 2022 as Region

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Soloway Round of 32: Few surprises

Most of the top seeds prevailed in the first round of elimination matches in the Soloway Knockout Teams. Notable exceptions are the No. 6 seed Bailey, who lost to No. 27 Juster 137-114 and No. 9 seed McAllister, who lost to No. 24 Han 103-147.

The No. 2 seed Knottenbelt and the No. 4 seed Levine both had squeakers: They won their matches by 9 and 6 IMPs, respectively.

Perennial favorites Nickell and Fleisher drew one another early, with Fleisher winning a very tight match 117-86.

Scores and pairings are found on pages 12-14.



Goodwill Message

Be a champion of goodwill: Engage, connect and uplift others at the bridge table.

Nancy Strohmer, Chair

Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

Today's Bridge Events

Monday Nov. 27 Goodwill Day

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			Members	Other
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd of 16	Salon 4, International Level	\$30*	—
10 am				
Monday Morning Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
99er Pairs	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
10 am & 3 pm				
MITCHELL OPEN BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	1-2 F	Atrium Ballroom B, Atrium Level	\$30	—
SUPER SENIOR PAIRS	1-2 F	A602, Atrium Level	\$30	—
NABC 0–10,000 IMP PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	A707, Atrium Level	\$22	—
Mike Kovacich Memorial Top-Flight Pairs <i>(unlim./5000)</i>	1-2	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
Dora Biven Memorial Mid-Flight Pairs <i>(4000/1250)</i>	1-2	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
Top-Flight Swiss Teams <i>(unlim./6000/4500)</i>	1-2	Imperial Ballroom, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
Bracketed Round Robin Teams <i>(0–4000)</i>	1-2	Imperial Ballroom, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
3 pm				
Monday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
7:30 pm				
Monday Evening Side Pairs <i>Fri-Mon Evening Series</i>	single	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
Monday-Tuesday Evening Open Swiss Teams <i>(unlim./4000/1500)</i> <i>Continues Tuesday at 7:30 pm</i>	1 of 2	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
Monday-Tuesday Evening Gold Rush Swiss Teams <i>Continues Tuesday at 7:30 pm</i>	1 of 2	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24

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

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (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

Mike Kovacich

Mike Kovacich from Stone Mountain GA died from heart failure on Feb. 25, 2022. Mike was both an expert bridge player and a valuable member of District 7 and the ACBL Board. He was named the seventh member of the Georgia State Bridge Hall of Fame because of his skill at the table and deep resume of bridge volunteer work.



Mike won hundreds of regional and sectional events after joining the ACBL in 1970. His lifetime masterpoint total exceeded 20,700. He twice was president of the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference and was president, vice-president, and secretary of District 7 and the Georgia State unit. He chaired conditions of contest committees, spearheaded bylaws rewrites, and frequently headed disciplinary committees.

ACBL President Joann Glasson noted: "Mike was respected and loved by all his colleagues. All his comments were thoughtful and well-reasoned – not surprising from a lawyer who successfully argued a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. He will be truly missed."

Dora Biven

Dora was born in 1934 in Alexander City AL to Mary Tate and Benjamin Duncan, a family of singers and devout



Methodists. In her senior year at Alabama College, she received the Carlisle Loving Cup by her classmates

as the Elite in Social Work and was also selected to the Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Fresh out of college, Dora loaded her things into a small Nash Rambler and headed east for the bright lights and city life of Atlanta. A modern Scarlett O'Hara, she came to adore the city that became her new home. One evening at a ballroom dance class, she met a young Georgia Tech professor, Carl Biven, and seven months later they were married. Dora and Carl had three children and enjoyed 47 years together until Carl's death in 2007.

Dora knew no strangers, particularly in Atlanta. When friends and family would visit, she knew all of the best places to take them from coffee houses to Erickson's Wit's End Comedy Club. She also knew places to shop that you would never imagine. On one occasion her son Louis needed tuxedos for his upcoming wedding and after spending the day shopping at malls, clothing stores, and men's shops with no success, he was ready to call it a day. Dora suggested they try "one more place" and directed him to an unmarked warehouse in a seedy industrial part of town. Dora spoke to the woman in charge and directed her son to come in. The warehouse was full of formalwear, and he got the four tuxedos in the sizes needed. Dora was always able to pull off miracle feats.

Following Carl's death, Dora met Ted Kolczak, a widower, and they were together until her death. Their love and devotion to each other was without measure. They played bridge at Atlanta Duplicate almost every day. Dora was passionate about all sports, especially the Braves. Always dressed beautifully, Dora was special to Atlanta bridge players and is missed at the bridge table.

Open BAM

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by Ishmael Del'Monte, playing with John Jones, Robert Shore and Mark Bartusek.

Three squads are tied for third through fifth with a carryover of 3.18: Perlin, Ashe and Minitier.

Of the 98 squads that entered the event, 52 qualified for the final.

Super Seniors

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In second are Petra Hamman of Carrollton TX and Joan Jackson of Dallas TX with an average of 60%. In third place are former ACBL Board members Alvin Levy of Lakeworth FL and George Retek of Montreal QC who averaged 59%.

Forty-two pairs entered the contest, and 24 advanced to today's two-session final.



Teacher Breakfast Meeting

See presentations from ABTA Master Teachers of award-winning teaching materials and learn how the ACBL and ACBL Educational Foundation can help you. The first 20 teachers who register receive complimentary copies of the materials, and non-ABTA members receive a free one-year membership in the ABTA. Register at [acbl.org/signup](https://www.acbl.org/signup)

*Monday, Nov. 27,
7:30-9:30a.m.*

Room M103, Marquis Level

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Meetings are at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

Monday, November 27

- 7:30–9:30 am **ABTA Teacher Breakfast.** Open discussion for veteran and new teachers learning from each other and developing a network. *Room M103, Marquis level*
- 8 am–noon **Best Practices Teacher Assessments.** People who complete the Best Practices Teacher Workshop can sign up for an assessment during this time. *Room M106, Marquis level*

- 7:30–9:30 pm **Goodwill Reception.** Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee members only. *Salon 1, International level*
- 7:30–11 pm **Karaoke.** *A701, Atrium level*

Tuesday, November 28

- 6–9:30 pm **ACBL Educational Foundation Board of Trustees meeting.** Room M106, Marquis level
- 7:30–11 pm **Singer/guitarist Craig Gleason.** *A701, Atrium level*

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

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

Monday, Nov. 28

- 9:15 am Jerry Helms *The Suggestion of 22*
- 2:15 pm GS Jade Barrett *Surviving the Competitive Auction*

Tuesday, Nov. 29

- 9:15 am Patty Tucker *Splinter Raises*
- 2:15 pm Frank Stewart *Who Has the Queen?*

HOSPITALITY

Grab-and-go items are available starting at 9 a.m. and again at 2:30 p.m. on the Marquis and Atrium levels.

Monday, Nov. 27

Morning: Bagels

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Morning: Ham and cheese biscuits
Afternoon: Ice cream bars

Patron Lounge

The ACBL invites all Patron Members to visit the Patron Lounge in the Pulse Loft from 1 to 3 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 1.

Lunch and coffee are provided.

You must have become a Patron Member prior to Nov. 1 to take advantage of Patron Lounge benefits. This ensures the proper amount of food is ordered.

- Monday, Nov. 27 Veggie wrap with chips
- Tuesday, Nov. 28 Vegetarian tortilla soup
- Wednesday, Nov. 29 Hot meatball & marina sauce
Mini-hoagie & chips
- Thursday, Nov. 30 Turkey wrap and chips
- Friday, Dec. 1 Veggie Brunswick stew

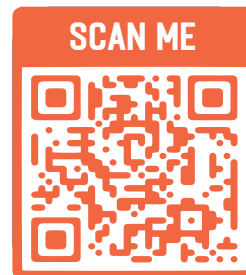
You oughta be in pictures

If you achieve a new masterpoint milestone here in Atlanta – Life Masters and upwards – please come by the Bulletin office, Marquis Level, Room M301, and let us take your picture. We're eager to congratulate you and share your achievement in the Daily Bulletin.

PLAYER MEMO

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



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Bridge Plus

On Sunday, after Patty Tucker's free 8 am lesson on Drury, three tables of students stuck around to play in a free, 12-board game. The winners, Diego Camarinha and Rafael Reggiari Marzo, had just taken the Learn Bridge in a Day? class the day before. It works!



Diego Camarinha and Rafael Reggiari Marzo scored 64.58% and won 1.39 red points.



Miriam Eve Tidwell and Julia Ashley, both of Columbus GA, scored 55.21% and won 1.04 red points.



Kit Ying U and Eileen Seitz came in third.

Tips for New Players

By Frank Stewart

Should you hold up?

Most players are familiar with the potential benefits of holding up a winner. Refusing a trick you could win may have a tactical advantage, often by severing the opponents' communication. If you play at notrump with ♠3 2 in dummy opposite ♠A 5 4 in your hand, and the opening lead is a spade, you may do well to hold up your ace at least once.



One challenging aspect of bridge is that "rules" of play have exceptions – and the exceptions have exceptions. For example, you are told to avoid a holdup play when a shift to a different suit may present a greater danger, or when doing so will cost a trick in the suit. Suppose South declares at this 3NT:

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

♠ Q 9 8 6 2
 ♥ 5
 ♦ 8 7 6
 ♣ 9 8 7 2

♠ K 7 4
 ♥ K 10 9 8 7 3
 ♦ A 2
 ♣ K 6

♠ A J 3
 ♥ A Q 2
 ♦ K 10 5 3
 ♣ Q 5 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3NT	All Pass	1NT

West leads the ♠6. South plays low from dummy, and East plays the king. Declarer can assure a second spade trick if he takes the ace, but if he forces out the ♦A next, East will return a spade and West will duck, preserving the defenders'

link. South has only eight tricks: two spades, two hearts with a winning finesse, three diamonds and one club. When East gets in with the ♣K, he will lead his last spade, and the defenders will have five tricks.

West is almost sure to hold five spades (having led his own suit instead of his partner's). Declarer can succeed by letting East's ♠K win and ducking the spade return. West will never score his long spades, and declarer will lose only two spades, a diamond and a club. (If South has a crystal ball, he can make 3NT even if he wins the first trick.)

Whether to hold up may be far from obvious. How should South play here?

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

♠ J 4
 ♥ 10 9 8 5 3
 ♦ 9 8 7 2
 ♣ K 7

♠ A Q 9 8 7
 ♥ Q J 2
 ♦ J 10 5
 ♣ 8 5

♠ K 2
 ♥ K 6 4
 ♦ Q 4 3
 ♣ A 10 6 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	1♠	3NT

All Pass

West leads the ♠J in response to East's overcall, and East follows with the 9. If East has the ♣K, South will make overtricks, but there is danger if West has it. If he gets in and leads another spade, bad things will happen.

If you were South, would you safeguard your contract by ducking the first spade? If West leads another spade, East can take the ace and queen, but dummy's 10 will stand up, and if the club finesse loses to West, he will have no more spades.

President

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4 director. Though she's been around a long time, Hennings has been an advocate for change, particularly in her role as governance chair the past five years and a member of the related Board restructuring task force of 2019.

Previously during her tenure, Hennings had considered whether she might seek the presidency and concluded at the time it wasn't something she wanted or needed to do. But she reconsidered when she ran for the newly created position of vice president a year ago.

Though she was starting to think about it then, it was really her work chairing the search committee that led to Bronia Jenkins becoming the League's executive director that pushed her to run. Both Jenkins and the other candidates the committee interviewed helped regenerate Hennings' spark.

"I got more excited than I'd been in a long time about the future of the ACBL from the candidates," Hennings said. Seeing their good ideas, the depth of their concern for the ACBL and their commitment as volunteers was refreshing, and Jenkins in particular brought an infectious enthusiasm. "When the Board approved the search committee's recommendation of Bronia to be our new executive director, I got bit by the bug and wanted to work with her."

In a similar vein, Jenkins said, "I think it is important to recognize that the bridge world is clearly in a

challenging position. It is important for everyone to realize that rowing together in the same boat is our best chance of success. I am so happy about the relationship that I have with the Board and our bridge community. Good teams have to look at each other with kind eyes."

Hennings of Annandale VA has been an ACBL member since 1980. She's an Emerald Life Master with almost 8000 masterpoints. She won the 0-10,000 Swiss Teams in fall 2021 and placed second in the 2019 Senior Mixed Pairs with Bob Heller, who served as ACBL president in 2017. She co-chaired the 1993 and chaired the 2002, 2009 and 2016 NABCs in Washington DC and has served in various administrative roles in her unit (Northern Virginia), District 6, the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference and now Region 4, which consists of Districts 5 and 6, extending from Virginia Beach to Cleveland and Buffalo NY.

She studied Russian language and Soviet politics; "All my friends thought I worked for the CIA, but I didn't." When the Cold War ended, she became a project manager for a nonprofit that did work for the government. That work, which included identifying requirements and presenting solutions to the problems, has been useful experience on the Board.

A year into her time on the Board, Hennings lost her husband and longtime bridge partner to pancreatic cancer in early 2012. She noted surveys have shown one of the most common reasons people drop out

of bridge is the loss of a long-term partner, an issue she understands with empathy.

Membership remains at the top of the list of priorities for the ACBL, and Hennings puts retention on equal footing with recruitment. "We have to give current members a reason to want to continue," she said. "We need to capture some excitement that many may feel is missing."

On the recruitment front, Boost, the joint program with the ACBL Educational Foundation that helps teachers recruit beginning bridge students, is continuing. Jenkins has also begun a host of new efforts to reach various kinds of prospective members and is collecting metrics to evaluate these programs' success. "The Board is totally in step with Bronia on this," Hennings said. "Measuring initiatives and not being afraid to stop what is not working and embark on something that might be important. We just have to try everything we can to bring in new players. And once we have them, there has to be a place for them to play."

Local volunteers are key to retention, and better suited to the task than email campaigns, Hennings said. "There needs to be a personal touch; there needs to be good outreach. That requires volunteers. And, recruiting volunteers is increasingly challenging in a world where face-to-face teaching and bridge play is still not back to pre-pandemic levels."

The balance between face-to-face and online bridge remains a key issue. "There needs to be a synergy rather

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than a tension between them. We need to figure out a good path to achieve that.”

Another issue is the continuation of efforts to clean up the online game and make online players comfortable knowing that cheating is significantly reduced. The newly created Institute of Bridge Arbitration and EDGAR, the online cheating detection system, are key to those efforts.

“We have to look seriously at how to provide our membership the best online experience we can,” she said.

Improving the ACBL’s technology infrastructure remains a concern, but the hard work of Jay Whipple this past year and the recent hire of Marcin Waslowicz as director of IT has restored optimism that we are finally moving in the right direction.

“An awful lot of progress has been made,” Hennings said. “I want to build on the momentum that has been started this year.”

Though Hennings loves to travel, especially internationally, she doesn’t expect to do hardly any in 2024, because the job of president as it’s evolved over the last few years doesn’t allow time for it the way it used to. She’s hoping to get to one or two areas of the country she’s never been for bridge play, but will otherwise rely on her fellow Board members for input from their outreach efforts.

The energy Jenkins brings is a source of optimism as well as a contagious motivator for the Board.

“We sense a new enthusiasm at ACBL Headquarters,” Hennings said. “Everything is moving in a more positive direction.”

Toronto NABC Freebies

Free promos and info for the 2024 Summer NABC in Toronto are available at the Toronto NABC information table on the Marquis Level foyer. Volunteers will be manning the table from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. and 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Purchase options

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



Advance entries are now available through the ACBL’s online Entry Express system.

To use Entry Express from your own device, go to members.acbl.org/tournaments/2312001/detail or scan the QR code on page 1. This may be done until midnight the day before the event begins.

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

When screen fees apply, they will be charged outside of Entry Express. Entries for NABC events are no longer available on Bridge Winners.

Buying early is especially recommended for NABC+ pairs events. All entries must be purchased at least 15 minutes before game time. Pairs who expect to be seeded should buy at least 30 minutes in advance.

Special Dining Hours at the Marriot Marquis

For Monday, Nov. 27, through Friday, Dec. 1

Sear 6:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Breakfast and lunch buffet only. No la carte. Lunch buffet \$22.

Sear 4–10 p.m. Dinner buffet only. No la carte. Dinner buffet \$28.

Concessions Marquis Level: 8–11 a.m. Breakfast. Two hot items. 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Lunch. One hot soup.

Starbucks Offering drip coffee station; Normal hours.

High Velocity 2 p.m.–midnight
Pulse Normal hours.

BEYOND BRIDGE GAME ON

Wed., Nov. 29
8:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Room A701, Atrium Level

Grid icons: FUN (party hat), FOOSBALL, PHOTO BOOTH, PINOCCHLE, CRIBBAGE, JUST GAMES, BACK-GAMMON, CHESS, SNACKS, CATAN, FRIENDS (handshake).

10K Swiss

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during the final sessions that the Erkok should have been ineligible to play in the masterpoint-limited event based on their player history in Turkish events. The squad was not disqualified, however, because they actively

attempted to explain their experience prior to Saturday’s qualifying round to see if they were eligible to enter. ACBL officials were unable to confirm their actual status until Sunday, and rather than punish the team who tried to do the right thing, ACBL decided to crown co-champions instead.

Erkok, playing with Eddie Bass of

Brookeland TX, Can Berktaş of Katy TX and Yusuf Sohtorik of Istanbul, Turkey, tied with the team captained by Robert Epstein of Atlanta GA, Carl Wolinsky of Long Beach CA, William Rittenberg of Atlanta GA and Martin Nathan of Atlanta GA.

Bridge Mania!

Sunday evening, the ACBL hosted Bridge Mania at the Marriott.

In the top shot, Jeopardy! champion James Holzhauer hosted a bridge version of the popular game show, while in the bottom photos, brothers Adam Grossack and Zach Grossack hosted a Family Feud knock-off.

In the bottom right photo, Zia celebrates getting a top answer on the Family Feud board.



QUALIFIERS IN THE MITCHELL OPEN BAM

52 Tables / Based on 98 Tables	Carryover
1 Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Barnet Shenkin, Glasgow Scotland; Lars Arthur Johansen, Trondheim Norway; Tor Eivind Grude, Trondheim Norway; Nils Kvangraven, Kristiansand Norway	3.71
2 Ishmael Del'Monte, Baton Rouge LA; John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA; Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA	3.45
3/5 Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL; Igor Savchenko, Morris Plains NJ; Walter Lee, Farmingham MA	3.18
3/5 Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Tim Van De Paverd, Leiden Netherlands	3.18
3/5 Gillian Minitier – Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Joris van Lankveld, Amsterdam Netherlands; Berend Van Den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands	3.18
6/9 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway	2.92
6/9 Sharon Horton, Lakeland FL; Ed Schulte – Steven Wallis, Tampa FL; Rahn Smith, Riverview FL	2.92
6/9 Melanie Tucker, New York NY; Curtis Cheek – Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Danuta Kazmucha, Poznan Poland	2.92
6/9 Brian Zhang – Qiang Zhang – Serena Guo, Dublin CA; Xiao Hu, Kunming China; Difan Wang, Unionville ON; Xiaojing Deng, Richmond BC	2.92
10/12 Lynda Nitabach, North Plainfield NJ; Juan Castillo, Oakland Park FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL	2.65
10/12 Jianfeng Luo – Ian Findlay, North York ON; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ; Paul Janicki, Markham ON	2.65
10/12 Stefan Thorpe, Leiden Netherlands; Jeffrey Ferro, Saint Helena CA; Selena Pepic, Paris France; Jovana Zoranovic, Novi Sad Serbia	2.65
13 Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA; Sylvia Shi, San Francisco CA; Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL; Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL	2.58
14 Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Chris Compton, Omaha NE; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL	2.49
15 Clay Hall, Vestavia AL; Hugh Brown Jr., McCormick SC; Robert Fendrick, Marietta GA; Mark Jones, Birmingham AL	2.39
16/19 Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Josh Sher, Dublin OH; Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA	2.12
16/19 Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands; David Bakhshi, London England; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands	2.12
16/19 Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy; Andrea Boldrini, Roma Italy; Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain	2.12
16/19 Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Robert McCaw, Jasper GA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	2.12
20/21 Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL	1.86
20/21 Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC; Jay Barron, Norman OK; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Robert Morris, Houston TX	1.86
22/26 Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Ethan Liu, Fremont CA; Ari Sippola, Richardson TX; Pawel Hanus, Carrollton TX	1.59
22/26 Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Shireen Mohandes – Andy Bowles, London England; Chris Moll, Cary NC	1.59
22/26 Walter Schafer Jr., Long Beach CA; Wenjia Yan, Cerritos CA; Dwight Meredith, Greensboro NC; George Woltman, Blowing Rock NC	1.59
22/26 Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, England; Jeffrey Rothstein, New York NY; Russell Samuel, Coram NY	1.59
22/26 Peter Crouch, Surrey England; Erik Berg, Meldal Sor-Tron Norway; Richard Plackett, Oxted United Kingdom; Alexander Allfrey, Dorset England; Andrew Robson, Wiltshire United Kingdom; Espen Erichsen, Tunbridge Wells United Kingdom	1.59

27	Dana Berkowitz, New York NY; Mariusz Krasnicki – Adam Krysiak, Lodz Poland; Jaroslaw Kaczorowski, Lublin Poland	1.49
28/31	Barry Rigal, New York NY; William Pollack, Boca Raton FL; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ; Jeff Roman, Bend OR	1.33
28/31	Samuel Marks – Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA; Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC; Kevin Collins, Dunwoody GA	1.33
28/31	Anne Brenner – David Caprera, Denver CO; Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL; Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI	1.33
28/31	Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Sanna Clementsson, Stockholm Sweden; Jessica Larsson, Heimdal Sweden	1.33
32/35	Corey Krantz, Boynton Beach FL; Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; E.R. ‘Bud’ McKinney, Cary NC; Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC	1.06
32/35	Kevin Dwyer – Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt – Shan Huang, Jacksonville FL; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden	1.06
32/35	Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Dave Schouweiler, Bismarck ND; Aaron Jones, Los Angeles CA; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	1.06
32/35	Anne Lamport, Lane Cove Ns Australia; Marshall Lewis, Bloomington IN; Arianna Testa, Rome Italy; Dimitrios Kapiris, Greece	1.06
36/38	Bryan Howard, Nashville TN; Jim Foster, Vestavia AL; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC; Bernard Yomtov, Cambridge MA	0.80
36/38	Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; David Lindop – Doug Baxter, Toronto ON; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Jason Feldman, San Diego CA	0.80
36/38	Sheng Li, New York NY; Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Yimei Cao, North York ON; Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC	0.80
39/44	Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland; Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland	0.53
39/44	Yoko Sobel, Brooklyn NY; Eric Genheimer, Edmond OK; Zachary Wasserman, Farmington Hills MI; Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA	0.53
39/44	Stelian Hritcu, North Olmsted OH; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH; John Bacon, Shaker Heights OH; Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH	0.53
39/44	Ellis Feigenbaum – Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Bruce Norman, Flowery Branch GA; Bob Zeller, Kanata ON	0.53
39/44	Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Bob Hamman – Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Powell OH	0.53
39/44	Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA; Hailong Ao, Ashburn VA	0.53
45/49	Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; David Yang, Darien IL; John Lusky, Portland OR; Allan Falk, Okemos MI; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	0.27
45/49	Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA; David Lodge, Rancho Mirage CA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA	0.27
45/49	Louk Verhees Jr., Leiden Netherlands; Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Gary Cohler, Delray Beach FL; Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Guy Mendes De Leon, Amsterdam Netherlands	0.27
45/49	Maxim Siline – Carrie Liu, Hudson MA; Jim Darvey, Rancho Mirage CA; Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA	0.27
45/49	Barry Margolin – Linda Robinson, Arlington MA; Jan Popiel, Lexington MA; Daniel Jablonski, Stoneham MA	0.27
50/52	Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Brady Richter, Summit NJ; Eugene Saxe, Briarcliff NY; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	0.00
50/52	Jan Van Cleeff, Maastricht Netherlands; Bob Drake, Wassenaar Netherlands; Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL; Tod Moses, St. Louis MO	0.00
50/52	Erik Saelensminde – Arild Rasmussen, Bergen Norway; Per Erik Austberg, Norway; Samuel Gillis, London United Kingdom	0.00

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12.0 Tables		Carryover
1	John Valliant, Victoria BC; Dave Willis, Orleans ON	44.00
2	Petra Hamman, Carrollton TX; Joan Jackson, Dallas TX	35.20
3	Alvin Levy, Lake Worth FL; George Retek, Montreal QC	33.80
4	Charles Bilich, Hewlett NY; Michael Krevor, Port Washington NY	32.98
5	Fred King, McLean VA; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL	24.50
6	Santosh Gangwal, Cary NC; Joe Handler, Toronto ON	22.05
7	Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL	20.45
8	Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV; Mac Busby, San Diego CA	20.25
9	Carolyn Neyman, Hoover AL; Kristina Oliver, Birmingham AL	18.56
10	Stuart Goodgold – Mansoor Gowani, San Jose CA	18.20
11	George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Glenn Eisenstein, New York NY	17.89
12	Libby Fernandez – Stella Rainey, Tuscaloosa AL	17.84
13	Cheryl Schneider, Columbus OH; Terry James, Upper Arlington OH	17.10
14	Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY; Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL	16.41
15	Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA; Hal Jones Jr., Lorton VA	15.25
16	Jim Stogner, Atlanta GA; Bob Simkins, Decatur GA	12.28
17	Bruce Greenspan – Judy Cardin, Estero FL	7.44
18	Carolyn Benner – Philip Benner, The Villages FL	4.10
19	Vic Quiros, Phoenix AZ; John Berry, Manhasset NY	3.76
20	David Rodney – Avril Rodney, Ashburn VA	1.05
21	David Barbour, Albuquerque NM; Fred Brown, Napa CA	0.81
22	Perry Van Hook, Surprise AZ; Kenneth Titow, Scottsdale AZ	0.09
23	Donald Caplin – Sondra Caplin, Waltham MA	0.03
24	Gen Geiger – Terry McHenry, Sarasota FL	0.00

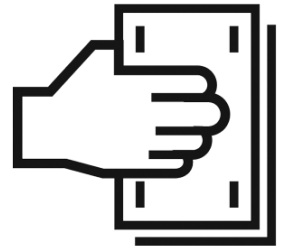
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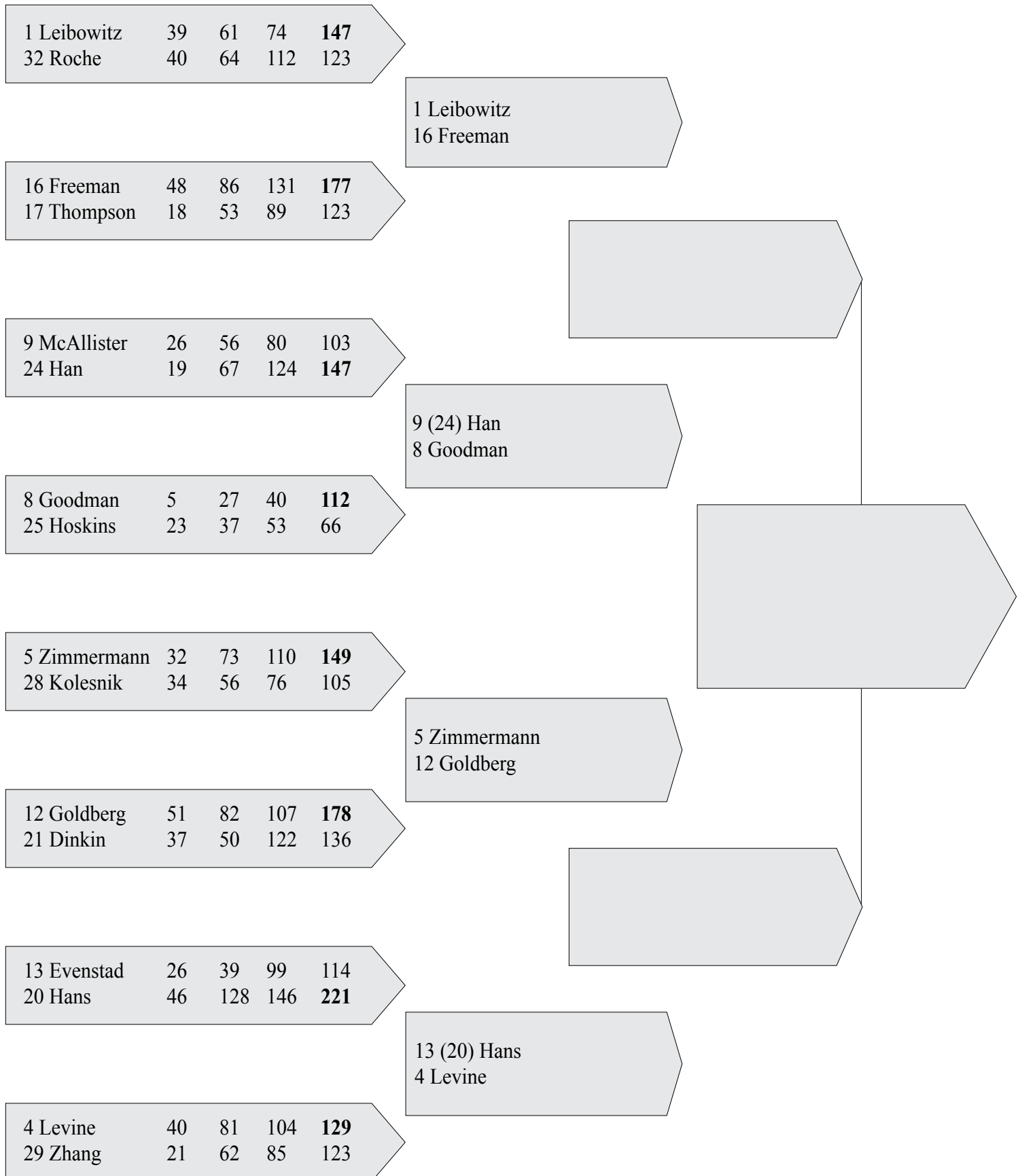
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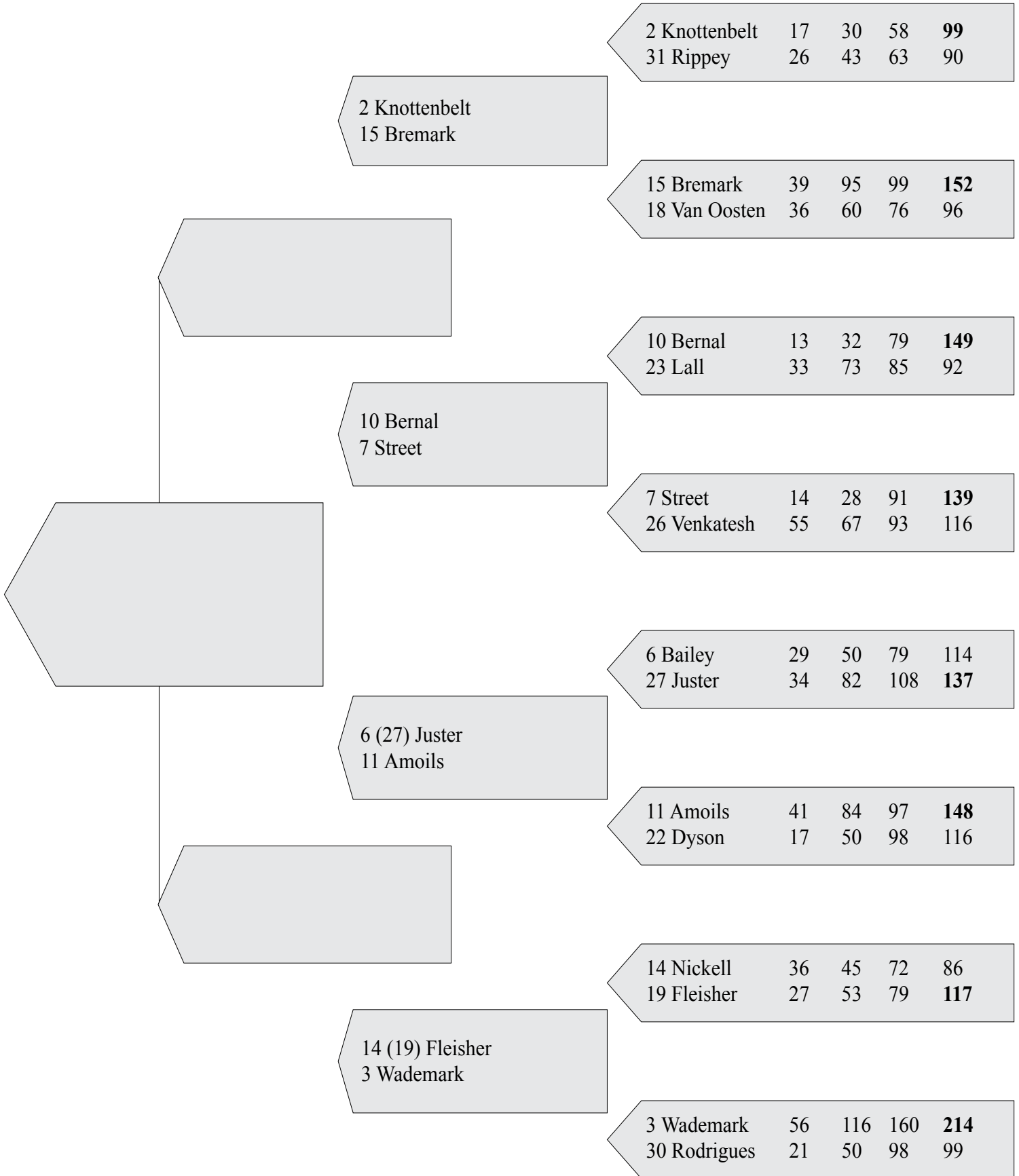
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32 Tables
 Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack – Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark

vs

Jacob Freeman – Franco Baseggio, New York NY; Darren Wolpert, Toronto ON; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA

Maggie Knottenbelt – David Gold – Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom; Michael Byrne, Manchester United Kingdom; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil

vs

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

Olle Wademark, Lidinga Sweden; Tommy Bergdahl, Trangsund Sweden; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Kranyak, San Francisco CA

vs

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

Mike Levine – David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; John Hurd, New York NY; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL

vs

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

Pierre Zimmermann – Michal Nowosadzki – Sebastiaan Drijver – Sjoert Brink, Geneva Switzerland; Jacek Kalita – Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland

vs

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

Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Andrea Manno – Massimiliano Di Franco, Palermo Italy

vs

Francisco Bernal, Miami FL; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Franck Multon, Monaco; Marc Bompis, Bourg La Reine France; Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy

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

vs

Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Wanfeng Mou, Sugar Land TX; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Jun Shi, Halfmoon Bay CA; Edward Xu, North York ON; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA

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

vs

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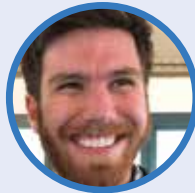
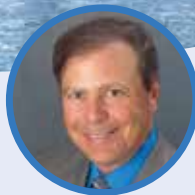
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16 Tables / Based on 30 Tables		VPs	
65.80	1	Timucin Erkoc – Can Berktaş, Katy TX; Eddie Bass, Brookeland TX; Yusuf Sohtorik, Istanbul Turkey	120.85
65.80	1	Robert Epstein – William Rittenberg – Martin Nathan, Atlanta GA; Carl Wolinsky, Long Beach CA	106.49
49.35	2	Claire Alpert, Miami FL; Omer Ekinci, Stamford CT; Barbara Dessi, Rome Italy; Carlos Hoyos, Bogota Colombia	104.44
37.01	3	Richard Lash – Thomas Dale – Roy Perry, St. John’s NL; Barbara Rhoades, Wilmington DE	100.01
29.24	4	Ray Fink, Jackson WY; Randal Gentillon, Idaho Falls ID; Renae White – Tim White, Mercer Island WA	99.72
26.32	5	Margaret Malaspina – Derrick Niederman – Thomas Musso, Charleston SC; Kathrine Loh, Walnut Creek CA	94.69
23.93	6	Steve Callahan, Alpharetta GA; Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH; Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA; John Dickenson, North Wales PA	93.31
21.93	7	Michael Botwin, Rockville Center NY; Barry Plotkin, Baldwin NY; Jonathan Cohn, Elkhorn NE; Jeffrey Buckwalter, Omaha NE	89.30
20.25	8	Carolyn Bitetti, Belmont MA; Kacper Kopka, Sochaczew Poland; Krzysztof Cichy, Warsaw Poland; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia	91.92
20.25	8	Ethan Derman, Baltimore MD; Daniel Balof, Walla Walla WA; Avery Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Jack Boge, New York NY	87.14



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Control freaks

Mark Itabashi reported this deal from the first final session of the Nail Life Master Pairs. Itabashi was playing with partner Neil Silverman. The duo used various types of control bids to reach a cold grand slam:

Dlr: East	♠ Q 9 5 4		
Vul: N-S	♥ 10 9 6 5 4 3		
Bd: 18	♦ 9		
	♣ 9 3		
♠ A K		♠ J 10 6 2	
♥ A K 2		♥ J	
♦ A Q 7 5		♦ J 8	
♣ Q J 5 4		♣ A K 10 8 7 6	
	♠ 8 7 3		
	♥ Q 8 7		
	♦ K 10 6 4 3 2		
	♣ 2		

West
Itabashi

2♣
2NT
3♦
4♦⁽⁴⁾
4♠⁽⁴⁾
7♣

East
Silverman

Pass
2♠⁽¹⁾
3♣⁽²⁾
4♣⁽³⁾
4♥⁽⁴⁾
6♣
Pass

- (1) 3 controls (A=2, K=1), all in one suit
- (2) Stayman
- (3) Natural, slammish
- (4) Control bids

Over Itabashi's strong 2♣, Silverman showed three "suited" controls: Itabashi could tell from his own hand that Silverman held the ♣A K. After the natural 2NT rebid, Silverman learned that there wasn't a spade fit, so he continued with a slam-going, natural 4♣.

A series of cuebids bids followed showing first- or second-round controls. Silverman then jumped to 6♣; Itabashi correctly understood this to show extra club length. Based on this, the heart control bid (showing shortness) and the Stayman inquiry, Itabashi knew that Silverman's hand was almost certainly 4=1=2=6 with the ♣A K. He confidently bid 7♣ for 92% of the matchpoints.



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SUNDAY OPEN PAIRS


42.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
26.00	1			Jim Russell, Sarasota FL; David Rogers, Clearwater FL	61.59%
19.50	2	1		Ying Zhang, Longmont CO; Rick Clelland, Boulder CO	59.55%
14.63	3			Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL	59.22%
10.97	4			Michael Strizhevsky, Dunwoody GA; Missy Coy, Marietta GA	57.97%
8.67	5			Richard Overholt, Sandy Springs GA; Arlene Conway, Woodstock GA	57.43%
7.43	6			Mustafa Cem Tokay – Gail Schargel, New York NY	57.20%
6.50	7			Beth Stephens – Garry Williams, Marietta GA	56.87%
5.78	8			Paul Meerschaert, Long Lake MN; Pierre Flatowicz, Omaha NE	56.68%
5.20	9			Anshul Paliwal – Josh Feldstein, Gainesville FL	56.52%
4.73	10			Paul Burnham, Wilton CT; Sonja Smith, Chapel Hill NC	56.36%
4.33	11			Carole Weinstein, Waltham MA; Doug Couchman, Tucson AZ	56.05%
4.00	12			Philippe Galaski, Florence MA; Gail Kreppel, West Palm Beach FL	55.96%
3.71	13			Marc Lachapelle, Blainville QC; Xavier Combey, Dol-Des-Ormeaux QC	55.68%
3.50	14			Stephen Sturm, Fullerton CA; Sanjeev Pathak, Roswell GA	55.30%
3.25	15			Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Jack Waller, Dana Point CA	55.09%
3.06	16			Geoffrey Phipps, Bluffton SC; Scott Vincini, Hilton Head Is SC	54.62%
2.89	17			Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Normand Houle, St.-Hubert QC	54.29%
5.61	18	2	1	Maksim Tabatadze – Robert West, Athens GA	54.27%
2.60	19			Paul Heller, Marietta GA; Daniel Neill, Hillsboro OR	53.82%
2.48	20			R. Arthur Cannamela Jr., Cumming GA; Baskaran Sankaran, Alpharetta GA	53.68%
4.08	21			Tim Edwards-Davies – Lisa Hebert, Ottawa ON	53.45%
4.21		3	2	M. Floyd East, Columbus GA; Kirk McDaniel, Pine Mountain GA	53.26%
3.16		4		Phil Reynolds, Jackson MI; James Gundell, New York NY	53.24%
2.75		5		Peter Griff, Randolph MA; R. Edward Kelley, Quincy MA	52.51%
2.36		6	3	Linda Lin, Santa Monica CA; Gerardo Zumel, Argentina	51.78%
3.08		7		John Manopoli, Jamaica Plain MA; Pete Goldsmith, Hillsborough CA	51.59%
2.82		4		Terry Wu, Duluth GA; Yi Jin, Norcross GA	51.48%

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SATURDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.12	1			Joseph Shull, New Haven IN; Dimi Cooklev, Fort Wayne IN	67.56%
3.47	2	1		Jan Popiel, Lexington MA; Michael Tarnower, Arlington MA	60.71%
2.32	3			Martin Rokyta, Wien Sweden; Barbara Von Kleist, Muenster Germany	57.14%
2.60	4	2	1	Ross Richardson, Traverse City MI; Sharon Bacon, Tucson AZ	55.65%
1.95	5	3	2	Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA; Timothy Maloney, Palo Alto CA	53.57%
1.46		4		Harry Potter – James Mosley, Falls Church VA	51.19%

SUNDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

10.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.33	1			Susan BaileyCarman – Dennis Carman, Plainwell MI	61.31%
3.68	2	1		Erin Bealles, Mars PA; Theresa Venhuis, Denver CO	60.71%
2.42	3/4	2/3		Larry Shell, Muscatine IA; Wendy Joyner, Raleigh NC	59.23%
2.42	3/4	2/3		Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK; Janice L. Wild, Briarcliff NY	59.23%
1.20	5/6			Timothy Byrnes, Perpigna France; Charles Davis, Duluth GA	56.55%
2.28	5/6	4	1	Jason Yao, Bellevue WA; Ella Su, Redmond WA	56.55%
1.71		5	2	Lisa Shelton, Landrum SC; Jane Eden, Columbus NC	53.27%

SUNDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

3.0 Tables

	A	B			
1.95	1			Nola Schrum, Tucson AZ; Earl Conner, Woodbury MN	63.00%
1.52	2	1		Jill Chopra – Bimal Chopra, Atlanta GA	56.00%
1.00		2/3		Bonnie Whitman, Atlanta GA; Nathan Lipsett, Brookhaven GA	48.00%
1.00		2/3		John Hehn – Cain Haley, Highlands NC	48.00%

SUNDAY BRIDGE-PLUS+

3.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.39	1	1	1	Diego Camarinha – Rafael Reggiari Marzo, Sao Paulo Spain	64.58%
1.04	2	2	2	Julia Ashley – Miriam Tidwell, Columbus GA	55.21%

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

13.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.98	1			Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Johnny Raimondi, Palm Beach Gardens FL	62.50%
3.90	2	1		Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA; Timothy Maloney, Palo Alto CA	62.31%
2.80	3			Fredrik Kronmarker, Stockholm Sweden; Goran Hammarstrom, Spanga Sweden	59.09%
2.10	4			Dennis Carman – Susan BaileyCarman, Plainwell MI	57.39%
2.93	5	2		Larry Shell, Muscatine IA; Johannes Braakman, Almere Netherlands	55.68%
1.34	6			Niall Igoe, Richmond United Kingdom; Bjorn Tiller, London United Kingdom	53.79%
2.28		3	1	Ella Su, Redmond WA; Alexandra Deschenes, Bellevue WA	52.65%
1.71		4	2	Lisa Shelton, Landrum SC; Jane Eden, Columbus NC	50.76%
1.23		5		Joo-Hee Janicki, Markham ON; Imtiaz Husain, Midland MI	50.19%

SUNDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	A	B			
2.10	1	1		Toban Toban, Pasadena CA; Benjamin Bascom, South Pasadena CA	65.51%
1.58	2			Pam Bigelow – Michael Bigelow, Stone Mountain GA	56.01%
1.38	3	2		Nola Schrum, Tucson AZ; Earl Conner, Woodbury MN	53.71%

SUNDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

16 Tables / Based on 135 Tables

	A	X		VPs
36.68	1		Scott Tumperi, Newnan GA; Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; Lamya Agelidis, San Diego CA; Wirt Gilliam, Santee CA	86.00
24.07	2/3		Linda Einhorn-Ihde – Erez Hendelman – Bonnie Gellas, New York NY; Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury Ma MA	83.00
24.07	2/3		Steve Raine, Nottingham United Kingdom; Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA; Jeffrey Goldman, Norwalk CT; Adam Hickman, Warwickshire United Kingdom	83.00
15.47	4		Joseph Lieberman, Brooklyn NY; Uday Ivatury – Christopher Welland – Christal Henner, New York NY	71.00
19.49	5	1	Wufeng Luo, Suwanee GA; Yi Xiong, Lawrenceville GA; Xiao-Qian Wang, Norcross GA; Mingqiang Bao, Markham ON	66.00
14.62		2	Andrew Chen – Charlie Chen – Steve Chen, Austin TX; Xin Ge – Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA; Chen Zhou, Naples FL	65.00
10.96		3	Yanlai Yang, New York NY; Ziheng Yun – Zhiyu Cheng, Chicago IL; Tianyang Chen, Princeton NJ; Yifu Ouyang, Cambridge MA	64.00
8.22		4	Jack Alhale – Rozi Alhale, New York NY; Joseph Meyers – Beverly Pogoda Meyers, Hilton Head SC	60.00

SUSAN COLE MEMORIAL SUNDAY MID-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

44 Tables / Based on 20 Tables

	B	C		VPs
28.29	1	1	Victor Galis, Fremont CA; Art Quey, San Mateo CA; Neil Gordon, Atlanta GA; Pierre Dufour, Boca Raton FL	93.00
21.22	2		Diane Landry – Jean Trudelle, Laval QC; Sardarsinh Gohel, Troy MI; Tai Chan, Bradenton FL	85.00
13.92	3/4		David Johnson, Milledgeville GA; Michael Baker – Susan Swope, Vero Beach FL; Linda Sherrell, Collierville TN	84.00
13.92	3/4	2	Gan Yang, Chicago IL; Sheldon Tan, New York NY; Shao-Heng Chu, Atlanta GA; Bo Han Zhu, Mountain View CA	84.00
9.43	5		Peg Mitchell, Minneapolis MN; Michael Shedd, Brighton CO; Jay Silberberg, Denver CO; Carol Rynders, St. Paul MN	78.00
8.08	6		William Golush, Denville NJ; Brigitte Tetzner, Calgary AB; Linda Hagood, Marietta GA; Susan Young, Sapphire NC	77.00
6.68	7/8	3	Tracey Guice, Seattle WA; Ivy French, Sioux Falls SD; Sharon Bacon, Tucson AZ; Ross Richardson, Traverse City MI	76.00
6.68	7/8		Denise Leclerc – Yves Decelles – Sylvie Levesque – Luc Gagnon, Baie-Comeau QC	76.00
5.66	9		Brigitte Sandifer, Sugar Land TX; Harry Selldin – Nancy Strohmer, Houston TX; Paddy Fiorino, Missouri City TX	74.00
5.14	10		Becky Kelley – Chuck Morn – Lana Imerman – Sheryl Sack, Atlanta GA	73.00
4.72	11	4	Merrie Edelston – Jane Melby, Atlanta GA; Corinna Sams, Powder Springs GA; Ann Gronewald, Marietta GA	72.00
3.08		5	Louise Desantis, Acworth GA; Mary Amundson-Miller, Mableton GA; Jan Banks, Norcross GA; Asako Ahmed, Alpharetta GA	69.00
2.64		6	Giorgio Casinovi, Tucker GA; Anyao He – Weilong Shen, Atlanta GA; Alan Yu, Longmont CO	66.00




SUNDAY GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS

24 Tables					VPs
7	4	3			
7.14	1	1		Hua Chen – Kyo Chen, Sugar Land TX; Wei Situ, Fort Mill SC; Arvil Price, Charlotte NC	94.00
5.36	2	2	1	Anne Schuster, Englewood CO; David Schuster, New Freedom PA; Richard Fuerst – Linda Bowles, Littleton CO	84.00
4.02	3	3		Jerry Lichtefeld – Ann Lichtefeld, Kennesaw GA; Nancy Fleming, Marietta GA; W. Glover Housman Jr., Athens GA	83.00
3.01	4	4	2	Mohnish Pabrai, Austin TX; Pamela Wiley, Jacksonboro SC; Michelle Crivella, Charleston SC; Neil Rhodes, Fullerton CA	76.00
2.38	5	5		Jeffrey Imber, Bolton ON; Tom Young, Dothan AL; Edward Lechner – Erich Schifter, Ann Arbor MI	74.00
2.04	6	6		Thomas Kristof, Vinton VA; Linda Knox – Deborah Dodd, Tallahassee FL; Fred Wardwell Jr., Wellesley MA	73.00

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ABTA American Bridge Teachers' Association


Call for Entries

The American Bridge Teachers' Association welcomes submissions for our annual book and technology awards. Presentation will be made at our annual convention, to be held in conjunction with the 2024 NABC in Toronto.

Winners are determined based on the value of the product to bridge teachers and/or students. A winner may be selected in each of the following categories:

- Beginner/Novice Book of the Year**
- Intermediate to Advanced Book of the Year**
- Technology of the Year** (software, media, etc.)

Works published since May 1, 2023, are eligible. Reprints will not be considered unless there are substantial revisions. Authors or publishers may contact Awards Committee chair, Karen Walker, at bookoftheyear@abthome.com for information on how to submit an entry.



Entries close on May 1, 2024
abthome.com



Check out our interactive restaurant map at acbl.org/foodmap

Atlanta's host committee, District 7 and the ACBL have teamed up to provide you with some interesting and fun evening entertainment for the Fall NABC. The Hospitality Room (A701, Atrium Level) opens around 7:30 p.m. each night. **A top player will discuss the hands of the day.**

Evening entertainment

- Monday, Nov. 27**
Karaoke night
- Tuesday, Nov. 28**
Atlanta's own Craig Gleason, singer and guitarist, performs.
- Wednesday, Nov. 29**
Beyond Bridge Game night:
Cribbage, Scattergories, Pictionary,

- Rook, photo booth, etc. Cash bar and light food.
- Thursday, Nov. 30**
Charity poker tournament.
- Saturday Dec. 2**
Hospitality: games and a strolling magician.

Up for the Cup

By Mark Horton

If you happen to be a student of football, you will know that in the English FA Cup, the teams are not seeded, but drawn on a random basis. This sometimes produces a situation where two of the favorites meet at an early stage. The situation is not quite the same in the knockout rounds of the Soloway, but the round of 32 saw two of the strongest teams pitted against each other, Team 14 Nickell (Katz, Greco–Hampson, Levin–Weinstein) facing Team 19 Fleisher (Martel, Bessis–Lorenzini, Sementa–Versace).

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
		1♦	1♠
Dbl	Pass	2♥	Dbl
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

South's second-round double did not turn out well.

West led the ♥Q and declarer won, cashed the ♣K and played a club to the ace, eschewing the finesse that would have allowed him to escape for two down. After ruffing a club, declarer exited with a heart and West won, cashed the ♠A K and switched to a diamond, East taking the ace and returning the ♦Q for West to ruff. The ♣Q eventually meant the contact was three down, -800. With 4♥ slated to fail, it was not the stuff of dreams.

If West starts with his singleton diamond, East wins and returns the ♦3 for a ruff. West can then play three rounds of spades, after which the defenders must collect a heart and a club for -800.

In the other room, E/W played in 4♥ which failed by a trick which meant the loss of 13 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Dbl	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

(1) Transfer

East led the ♥10, but declarer won in dummy and played on spades, East taking the second round and switching to a diamond. West won and played a club, and when the defenders played three rounds of the suit, declarer emerged with an overtrick, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Dbl	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

(1) Transfer

North found the only lead to keep the defenders in the game by selecting the ♦3. Declarer won in dummy and ducked a spade, North winning and continuing with the ♦8. Declarer took that in dummy, cashed the ♠A and ruffed a spade, North pitching the ♥7. The ♣10 was covered by the king and ace and declarer ruffed another diamond and ran the ♣9 for 11 tricks, +400, recovering 12 IMPs.

Did you spot North's missed opportunity? On the third round of spades, he must discard a club! Declarer can come to hand via a club finesse and ruff another spade, but North discards his remaining club and will be able to score a club ruff.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
1NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠5, and declarer managed five tricks, -100. (I asked David Bird to write this up, but unluckily he was busy penning another award-winning book.)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
1♦ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(1) 2+♦, 10–15 HCP

East led the ♦5, and declarer won with the king and ran the ♣J, West winning and switching to the ♠3, which went to dummy's 7. When the ♥K took the next trick, declarer unblocked the ♦Q, played a club to the jack and a heart, claiming nine tricks, +400 and 7 IMPs, taking the score to 26–20 in favor of Nickell.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
	Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
1NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

(1) 2+♣, 11–14 HCP or 14–16 (5♥/♠) or 11–22 unbalanced

(2) Game-forcing relay

North led the ♠7 to dummy's king, won the next trick with the ♣A and exited with the ♥5. Declarer cashed the ♣J and took three more rounds of the suit, pitching diamonds. Two hearts ending in dummy were followed by the top spades. Declarer played dummy's ♦7 to the 9 (drum roll) ... queen and king. Two down, -200.

I leave you to decide how declarer should interpret North's failure to switch to a diamond at trick three, which would have broken up the impending squeeze.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
	Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	3♠ ⁽³⁾	Pass
3NT	Pass	5NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

(1) Strong, artificial, forcing

(2) 14+ balanced

(3) Relay to 3NT

North led the ♣10, and declarer won with the queen, played a spade to the king and a club to the jack and ace. Back came the ♥3, keeping declarer in the game. He won with dummy's king, cashed the clubs, South astutely pitching the ♦8 on the first of them, took two hearts and the top spades before taking the diamond finesse.

As Al Hollander remarked, "It was a pity we only got to see this deal twice."

At the end of the session, Nickell led 44–25 IMPs.

Eligibility points

Notice to members of other national bridge organizations:

If you are now or have been a member of a bridge organization outside of the U.S., Canada, Mexico or Bermuda, please be aware that you must have eligibility points assigned to you (or those previously issued to you reviewed). This is especially important if you intend to enter an event with a masterpoint limit or a bracketed event. Please visit the Tournament Operations office (*Room M304, Marquis Level*).

A minor miracle

In Saturday's Bracketed Round Robin Teams, Nathan Gong of Sammamish WA was playing with Stephan Skorchev of Bulgaria. Their teammates were Viktor Aronov, also of Bulgaria, and Ahu Zobu of Turkey. They dominated the top bracket, winning by 30 VPs, thanks in part to this deal:

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

Gong	North	Skorchev	South
1NT	2♣ ⁽¹⁾	3NT ⁽²⁾	4♥
5♣	Pass	6♣	Dbl
All Pass			

- 1) One major
- 2) Undiscussed

Gong said he was "pretty sure" that 2♣ was Alerted as one major, but it could have been both majors. Skorchev said

of his 3NT: "I have no way to find out about both stoppers. I have a long, decent suit. I hope that even if we don't have a stopper in one suit, they may not lead it. They're definitely making two, three or even four of a major, so even if I go off, I may still win IMPs.

"As for bidding 6♣, I thought Nathan should have aces, otherwise it's too risky (to bid 5♣), and also not many wasted points in the majors, so I thought it very likely he had something like ♣A K x x x x, the ♦K and a major-suit ace."

Gong bid 5♣ because "it seemed like it would make and 4♥ might not go down enough, if it went down at all."

South intended their double to mean "don't lead a heart," thinking that two spades might be cashing, but North led a heart honor. "I was extremely nervous that the clubs were splitting 2-0," said Gong. "After I plopped down the ♣A and both followed, I breathed a sigh of relief."

Plus 1740 was good for 15 IMPs; the other table was in 5♣ making seven.



Nathan Gong approved of this deal.

More on Entry Express

When buying entries for multi-day events on Entry Express, you will need to purchase each day separately (except for the first two days of the Soloway, which are a single stage). This is unlike the system in place this past summer in Chicago, when the entire event could be purchased at once. Any member of a pair or team can purchase subsequent days; it need not be the same one who purchased the first day.

Note that it is possible to pre-purchase entries for conflicting events with qualifying stages. If you fail to qualify for the first event, your entry to the second event is ready. But if you do qualify for the first event, it is necessary to go back into Entry Express and cancel your entry for the second event before midnight.

Stages of team events that are on screens will not be available for

purchase through Entry Express for the Atlanta NABC. See the director on site to purchase.

Entry Express accepts only one payment per event for the entire pair or team. You will be asked to pay for you, your partner and/or your team at the time of registration, and you will all receive confirmation emails once your purchase is complete.

For more information, see acbl.org/eefaq.

Book Signing

Expert player and author Matthew Granovetter will be at the Atlanta NABC this week to sign copies of his new book, "Method Bridge."

Come meet Matthew and Pamela Monday through Thursday at their booth on the Marquis Level and get a copy of the new book.

WBF Player Survey

By Ben Thompson
WBF 1st Vice President
and Chair Marketing &
Communications Committee

The World Bridge Federation is conducting a survey exploring what types of leisure activities people do and why. The survey is aimed primarily at bridge players (but we're interested in what friends of bridge players think, too).

The results will help us get a better understanding of why different groups of people around the world like and play bridge, and how bridge compares to other activities that bridge players and potential bridge players like to do.

Administrators, teachers and promoters can use the results to design better ways to get people into bridge, and to stay in bridge.

The survey is available at:
pip.surveymonkey.com/r/DKJW93X.



Winners of last year's 0–10,000 IMP Pairs were Jessica Lai and Grant Vance

10K IMP Pairs starts today

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

- 2015 Spencer Jones, Theri Andino
- 2016 Ed Piken, Steve Cohen
- 2017 Ron Kay, Bill Grant
- 2018 Hua Yang, Yuan Wei Wang
- 2019 Aaron Jones, Peter Gelfand
- 2020 Not held
- 2021 Gonzalo Herrera, Cecil Crowson Jr.
- 2022 Jessica Lai, Grant Vance

Mask up if requested

Proof of vaccination is not required for the Atlanta NABC. Other COVID measures, such as having masks and hand sanitizer available at NABC tournaments, remain in place. Concerned players, themselves wearing masks properly, retain the right to require that masks be worn at their table. Failure to comply with an appropriate masking request will result in a penalty; please call the director.

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Weinstein Wins Beta Season of IntoBridge's Ranked Games

IntoBridge.com is a new online platform presented here in Atlanta. They have a lot of free giveaways for ACBL members, as well as a special lottery for three signed copies of Zia's new book. The lottery is exclusively for individuals who create new accounts during the Atlanta NABC (or have an existing one). To enter the lottery, simply create a new account and register at IntoBridge's booth located at the vendor's area on the Marquis Level opposite the Registration Desk.

Ranked Games, the unique bridge mode offered on IntoBridge.com, has concluded its Beta season with Steve Weinstein, a multiple world champion, claiming the top spot!

The Beta season began Aug. 13 and ran for approximately three months. Over 3000 players participated, collectively playing 2.5 million hands!

Ranked games is a new way of playing with robots where you face someone who has played this board in the past on the same conditions as you. This format allows for flexible play, whether it's for a few seconds or for several hours or days, making it extremely convenient for anyone with personal commitments or time constraints.

Here are the top 10 scorers from the Beta season, each player putting up a fierce fight, often competing against each other:

1. Steve Weinstein, USA
(username: *CatchGav*)
2. Gavin Wolpert, USA (*Gavin*)
3. Adam Kaplan, USA (*mtvesuvius*)
4. Sebastian Atisen, UK (*SebastianA*)
5. Ove Hjelvik, Norway (*nullve*)
6. Sriram Narasimhan, USA (*sri*)
7. Finn Kolesnik, USA (*CatchSteve*)
8. Artur Wasiak, Poland (*ArturW*)
9. Kamel Fergani, Canada
(username: *Rakham*)
10. Victor Aronov, Bulgaria (*ryangiggs*)

The official Season 1 started a few days ago, and anyone can join. Creating a new account takes less than a minute, and it's free!

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Tuesday, Nov. 28 Frank Garson Memorial Day

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session Members	Other
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 QF	Salon 4, International Level	\$30*	—
10 am				
Tuesday Morning Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
99er Pairs	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
10 am & 3 pm				
KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS <i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Atrium Ballroom B, Atrium Level	\$30	—
WHITEHEAD WOMEN'S PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	A707, Atrium Level	\$30	—
0-6000 BLUE RIBBON PAIRS <i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Atrium Ballroom A, Atrium Level	\$22	—
NABC 0-10,000 IMP PAIRS	1-2 F	A602, Atrium Level	\$22	—
Open Pairs (<i>unlim./4000/1500</i>)	1-2	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
Bruce Tyler Memorial Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
Top-Flight Swiss Teams (<i>unlim./6000/4500</i>)	1-2	Imperial Ballroom, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
Lee Wilcox Bracketed Round Robin Teams (<i>0-4000</i>)	1-2	Imperial Ballroom, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
3 pm				
Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
7:30 pm				
Betty Malin Memorial Tuesday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>	single	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
Monday-Tuesday Evening Open Swiss Teams (<i>unlim./4000/1500</i>)	2 of 2	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
Monday-Tuesday Evening Gold Rush Swiss Teams	2 of 2	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24

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

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

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.