



# Daily Bulletin



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## Passell, Quinn win Women's Pairs

Nancy Passell of Plano TX and Shawn Quinn of Sugar Land TX are the winners of the Whitehead Women's Pairs. The duo started out strong in the first qualifying session with a 64.13% game and followed that up with an average session to qualify in fifth place for today's final. Their third session score of 58.62% bumped



Winners of the Whitehead Women's Pairs: Shawn Quinn and Nancy Passell

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## Boldrini, Gerli lead Blue Ribbon Pairs

Andrea Boldrini of Rome, Italy, and Aldo Gerli of Padua, Italy, took the lead in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, moving up from 67th place to third place after the first semifinal session – 65.96% – and then to first place with a 59.47% second semifinal session. Their carryover is 65.90 (31 top).

In second place are Ben Handley-Pritchard of Stroud, United Kingdom, and Tom Townsend of London, England.

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## NC pair lead Mini-Blues

Martin Friedman and Richard Pepper, both of Greensboro NC, are leading the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs. The duo qualified in 17th place for yesterday's semifinal. They scored 60.88% and 59.31% to move up to first place. They will

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## Reisinger Pre-Reg Deadline

*Pre-registration for the Reisinger is required by 8pm today.*

## Soloway final: Zimmermann vs. Street

Today's Soloway KO Teams final will feature captains Pierre Zimmermann facing off against Paul Street.

In the semifinal, the Zimmermann team (Michal Nowosadzki, Sebastiaan Drijver, Sjoert Brink, Jacek Kalita and Michal Klukowski) never trailed after any of the four quarters against Andy Goodman's team and won 128–80.

The Street–Fleisher semifinal match saw a big comeback for the Street squad. Trailing after three quarters by 25 IMPs, they had a 47–0 IMP run in the middle of the fourth quarter to win the match 122–106.

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

The full pairings and bracket sheet can be found on pages 11–13.

## Björn Fallenius 1957–2023



Grand Life Master Björn Fallenius of New York City died in November. He was 56.

Originally from Sweden, Fallenius represented his home country in multiple zonal and world championship contests. He earned the bronze medal in the 1987 and 1991 Bermuda Bowls, the 1988 World Team Olympiad and the 1986 and 1998 Rosenblum Cups.

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**ATTENDANCE through WEDNESDAY**  
**4139 tables**



## Goodwill Message

Remember, it's nice to be important; it's more important to be nice.

*Nancy Strohmer, Chair*

*Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee*

## Today's Bridge Events

### Thursday, Nov. 30

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			Members	Other
<b>9:30 am &amp; 3:30 pm</b>				
SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	Salon 1, International Level	\$30*	—
<b>10 am</b>				
Thursday Morning Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
99er Pairs	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
<b>10 am &amp; 1:30 pm</b>				
NABC 0–10,000 FAST PAIRS <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	A707, Atrium Level	\$22	—
<b>10 am &amp; 3 pm</b>				
SENIOR MIXED PAIRS <i>Must have been born before Jan. 1, 1960; 2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Atrium Ballroom B, Atrium Level	\$30	—
0–6000 BLUE RIBBON PAIRS	1-2 F	A703, Atrium Level	\$22	—
Top-Flight Pairs (unlim./5000)	1-2	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
Mid-Flight Pairs (4000/1250)	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 (unlim./6000/4500)	1-2	Imperial Ballroom, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
Ron Niu Memorial Bracketed Round <i>Robin Teams (0–4000)</i>	1-2	Imperial Ballroom, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
<b>10 am &amp; 3:30 pm</b>				
KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS	1-2 F	Salon 4, International Level	\$30*	—
<b>3 pm</b>				
Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
<b>7:30 pm</b>				
Betty Malin Memorial Thursday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>	single	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

### Ron Niu

Ron was born on Oct. 17, 1970, in China, and grew up in a family of scholars and educators. In 1991, he came to study in the



United States with his father who was a visiting scholar in Ohio. Ron graduated from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University of Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree in computer science. In keeping with his commitment to excel, he won a full scholarship to the University of Nevada–Las Vegas, and graduated with a master's degree in computer science.

In addition to being an avid basketball player and coach, Ron loved to play bridge and excelled at it. Jai Mi, one of Ron's friends and bridge partners, recalls that Ron was always smiling and never had anything negative to say regardless of the circumstances. They played at the unit game on Wednesday nights before COVID. During that time Ron worked with Patty Tucker to help bring bridge into the local elementary school as an extracurricular activity for kids ages 8–10.

Ron was the playing captain of two winning Grand National Teams – Flight C in 2022 in Providence and Flight B in Chicago in 2023. Ron handled all of the logistics for the team. His partner and teammates recall that he was always a mild-mannered, calming influence for the team.

After completing the third quarter on day three at the GNT in Chicago, Ron's blood pressure increased substantially. He was admitted to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, and his wife Bing Zeng came from Atlanta. He appeared to be recovering but then took a turn for the worse. While receiving medical care in the ICU, he consistently checked in with his teammates to cheer

them on. At age 53, Ron died from heart complications four days after his team's victory. He is survived by his wife Bing Zeng, sons Kevin and Brandon and his parents.

For those who knew Ron best, he will be remembered as an extremely humble person, a loving husband and caring father, and a hard worker who knew no bounds when it came to providing love, guidance and assistance to his family and friends.

### Betty Malin

Betty Malin (born 1924) was a member of the Greatest Generation. At age 13, to avoid having to drop out of school to help support



her family, she became a housekeeper in exchange for room and board and a chance to continue her education. Later during high school, she worked after school as a riveter in an aircraft assembly plant. After the war, Betty and her husband John raised seven children and instilled in them the importance of an education. Betty received a degree from Ohio State and taught for 20 years.

After she and John retired and moved to Panama City Beach FL, Betty had more time for travel and playing bridge and soon set a goal of becoming a Life Master. She made some progress playing at local clubs and tournaments, but without a regular partner, was chasing a dream. Fate intervened when Betty's son and daughter-in-law Sue, a good bridge player, moved to Maryland where they had bigger tournaments and she'd have a place to stay. Their first tournament was the 1993 Summer NABC in Washington DC. Betty told Sue she would handle all of the details and buy their entry. When they arrived and introduced themselves at their first table, there was a nice lady

named Audrey Grant and her partner. At the next round they met another famous player. At this point, even Betty realized that they had landed in the open pairs game, which was not where they needed to be, but it was certainly a treasured memory!

While pursuing her goal to become a Life Master, Betty had many accomplishments. She founded the PFR Women's Club and served as its first president. The club helped to support military veterans in Bay County and distributed gift boxes to veterans in various nursing homes. Betty also mobilized her club to create a program to purchase and distribute an unabridged paperback dictionary to children in the third grade in Bay County public schools. Betty received Governor Jeb Bush's Points of Light award for her volunteer and charitable activities.

Betty became a Bronze Life Master and finished with 889 masterpoints. In addition, her quest inspired her daughter-in-law Sue to pursue becoming a Life Master, which then led to her husband Bill's decision to play bridge and help Sue in her quest. Betty played her final face-to-face bridge game with her son Bill at the Panama City DBC. They scratched and were able to go home happy knowing that the baton had successfully passed to the next generation.

– By Bill Malin and Melanie Malin Campbell

## 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.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Meetings are at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

### Thursday, November 30

7:30–11 pm **Charity poker tournament.** To guarantee a spot, please donate \$50 or more to Promise686. Go to [atlantanabc.org/evening-entertainment/](http://atlantanabc.org/evening-entertainment/) to donate. *A701, Atrium level*

### Friday, December 1

7 pm–midnight **ACBL Educational Foundation Junior Night.** For those 30 and under. *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.

### Thursday, Dec. 1

9:15 am Patty Tucker *Splinters*  
2:15 pm Jerry Helms *Always Plan a Second Bid*

### Friday, Dec. 2

9:15 am Marjorie Michelin *Rules of 9 and 17*  
2:15 pm Jeff Hand *Notrump Contracts*

## 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.

### Thursday, Nov. 30

Morning: Turkey and cheese biscuits

### Friday, Dec. 1

Morning: Dunkin' Donuts  
Afternoon: Assorted cookies

## Special Dining Hours at the Marriot Marquis

*Today through Friday, Dec. 1*

**Sear** 6:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Breakfast and lunch buffet only.

No a la carte. Lunch buffet \$22.

**Sear** 4–10 p.m. Dinner buffet only. No a 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://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.



## 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.



# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

**Benjamin Bascom of South Pasadena CA and Toban Toban of Pasadena CA won the Sunday afternoon 299er pairs, scoring 65.51%.**

**Bascom, who is 38, started playing when he was 18. He discovered bridge at a coffee shop. "One of the people I learned with is now the co-owner of the club we play at, Zachary Vedro." Bascom played on BBO a bit during COVID and now plays Mojo's (Pasadena Bridge Club) and Quick Tricks.**

**Toban Toban came back to the game after quitting in the early 2000s. "I had to restart from the beginning in Mojo's novice class in January," she said.**

**The two met at the Pasadena Bridge Club while taking classes.**



## Tips for New Players

*By Frank Stewart*

### Blackwood abuses

A successful small slam has three elements: enough material for 12 winners, controls in every suit (so the defenders can't take two fast tricks anywhere) and, if there is a trump suit, adequate trump quality. Slam may also depend on other factors, such as the degree of fit in a key side suit. A Blackwood 4NT inquiry reveals only one piece of the puzzle.



Blackwood was never intended as a slam-bidding convention, but as a way of avoiding slam when too many aces are missing. Nevertheless, some players seem to view Blackwood as an obligatory rite of passage to any slam; they wheel out "Old Black" even when it won't provide the information they need.

Suppose you hold:

♠A Q J 6 4 ♥7 2 ♦K 3 ♣A Q J 4.

You open 1♠, and your partner bids 2NT, a conventional forcing raise (often called a "Jacoby 2NT" response). Should you try Blackwood? Suppose partner shows one ace. If you bid 6♠, he will have:

♠K 9 5 2 ♥J 5 3 ♦A Q 5 ♣K 7 6.

The opening leader finds a heart lead, and you lose the first two heart tricks. If you stop at 5♠, partner will have:

♠K 9 5 2 ♥A 5 3 ♦Q J 4 2 ♣K 6,

and 6♠ will be colder than Labrador.

Principle: Don't use Blackwood if a lack of controls is an issue. On the hand above, it's better to start with a cuebid of 4♣, showing slam interest and a control, almost always the ace. Involve your partner in the decision. Try to let your slam bidding be a cooperative effort.

What went wrong here?

West

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

East

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

West

1♠  
4NT  
6♠

East

2NT  
5♥  
Pass

The slam had little chance after a trump lead. West had a balanced hand with several losers. What he needed from East was maximum values to provide help. Because a possible lack of power was the problem, Blackwood was no help. Over 2NT, West might have marked time with 3♠ or jumped to 5♠ to consult East.

Suppose you hold:

♠K 9 6 5 2 ♥— ♦K J 7 6 2 ♣A K 5.

You open 1♠, partner bids 2NT. He could hold:

♠J 7 4 3 ♥A K 4 3 ♦A 8 3 ♣J 4.

Slam will have problems in trumps and in diamonds.

Partner could hold:

♠A Q 7 3 ♥A J 6 ♦9 5 3 ♣Q 8 3.

Slam will need good luck in diamonds.

He could hold:

♠A Q 8 3 ♥Q 8 4 ♦A Q 4 ♣8 4 2.

A grand slam will be all but cold.

With all three hands, partner will show two aces in response to Blackwood. Opener will do better to start with a 4♣ control bid.

You hold:

♠K Q 10 6 4 ♥K Q J 6 4 ♦A K ♣4.

You open 1♠, partner responds 2NT. Use Blackwood.

You can place the contract accurately after seeing partner's answer.

## Women's Pairs

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**Runners-up in the Whitehead Women's Pairs: Linda Marshall and Monique Smith**

them up to third and they sealed the deal with a very strong final session: 67.28%. They finished 40 matchpoints (25 top) in front of the second-place pair, Linda Marshall of Bethesda MD and Monique Smith of Arlington VA, who were leading the event after the first two qualifying sessions. They scored 54.38% in the first final session to drop to second, remained second after scoring 61.08% in the second final session.

This is the second win in this event for the pair; they previously won in 2016. Quinn has 24 NABC+ titles and three world championship wins. Passell has four NABC+ wins and one world championship. They agreed "winning is always good" and each said the other played great. But, Quinn noted, the best boards are when the opponents make a mistake.

## Blue Ribbon

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They moved up from 21st place and have a carryover of 56.53.

In third are Liam Milne and James Coutts, both of Sydney, Australia.

Sixty-four pairs qualified for today's two-session final.

## Mini-Blue

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have a carryover of 28.47, a little more than two boards, going into today's two-session final.

Right behind them with a carryover of 27.51 are Jerry Barrett and Wiley McMinn III, both of Austin TX. They qualified in seventh place and moved up several spots thanks to a 58% and 59.38% semifinal.

In third are Ronald Carriere of St.-Hippolyte QC and Michel Lorber of Baie-D'urfe QC with a carryover of 27.09.

The field was cut from 52 pairs to 28 for today's final.



## Player conduct toward hotel staff draws scrutiny

Reports from Marriott Marquis hotel management reveal an embarrassing series of incidents in which ACBL members behaved inappropriately toward hotel staff.

In particular, rude and disrespectful conduct has been directed to service staff at the front desk and the concessions stand. Temper tantrums, change/coupons thrown at staff, and the deliberate spilling of beverages are just some of the atrocious examples of behavior that have been reported.

Players should be aware that ACBL disciplinary procedures can and will be invoked for such infractions. The League's Code of Disciplinary Regulations applies to member conduct in all public areas of the playing site.

## New Life Master

ACBL's newest Life Master is **Margie Moses** of Chattanooga TN. Moses, who needed 4 gold points to advance to the new rank, earned more than 6 playing in Tuesday's Gold Rush Pairs with partner Susie Crouch, also of Chattanooga.



## We Share the Air

**Please keep it healthy and fragrance-free**

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**Be Sensitive to Others**

### Please

DO NOT wear perfume, cologne, lotion, aftershave and other fragrances.

USE unscented personal care products.

## 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.

Thursday, Nov. 30

Turkey wrap and chips

Friday, Dec. 1

Veggie Brunswick stew

## Morris tops 25K



**Bob Morris** of Houston TX went over the 25,000 mark here in Atlanta. Morris, a Grand Life Master, has two national titles, the Jacoby Open

Swiss in 1998 and the Silodor Open Pairs in 2005.

## Evening entertainment

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.**

**Thursday, Nov. 30**

Charity poker tournament.

**Friday, Dec. 1**

Karaoke night

**Saturday Dec. 2**

Hospitality: games and a strolling magician.

## Fallenius

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In pairs competitions, Fallenius and Peter Fredin won the European Bridge League Open Pairs in 2009 and captured the silver medal in the 2010 World Open Pairs.

Fallenius was an 11-time NABC champion with a stunning resume of victories: von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 2006; Wernher Open Pairs 1998; Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs 2009; Nail Life Master Pairs 2007; Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1996; Vanderbilt KO Teams 2007; Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams 2005; Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams 1991 and 2001; Roth Open Swiss Teams 2006; Spingold KO Teams 2003. He also had eight second-place finishes in NABC contests.

In 2006, Fallenius won the Fishbein Trophy for winning the most masterpoints at the Summer NABC, held in Chicago.

Fallenius and his late wife Kathy Fallenius operated the Cavendish Bridge Club in New York City for many years.

Longtime partner Fredin wrote, "Björn was probably the best partner any bridge player could ask for. Even when I completely lost my mind at the table, he tried to take the blame. I think I speak for everyone when I say that no bridge player would have something bad to say about Björn. Everybody respected him. He was just a very kind person.

"I will really miss Björn, but I will forever remember all the nice moments we had together."

## Found: Cellphone

A cellphone was found on the Atrium Level of the Marriott near the bar area.

Please see the staff at the partnership desk on the Marquis Level approximately 30 minutes before game time to claim this item.

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for a FREE Spades Event!**


Saturday, Dec. 2, 2-6:30 p.m.  
Marquis Ballroom, Marquis Level  
[acbl.org/spades](http://acbl.org/spades)

### WHITEHEAD WOMEN'S PAIRS


26.0 Tables / Based on 44 Tables


92.00	1	Nancy Passell, Plano TX; Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land TX	891.34
69.00	2	Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD; Monique Smith, Arlington VA	850.00
51.75	3	Sofie Sjodal, Oslo Norway; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	834.13
40.89	4	Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Jacksonville FL	832.48
36.80	5	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Maureen McLaughlin, Princeton NJ	822.88
33.45	6	Ida Groenkvist, Bromma Sweden; Margie Cole, New York NY	810.79
30.67	7	Sylvia Shi, San Francisco CA; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA	788.67
28.31	8	Allison L Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Paula Coleman, Oakville ON	777.24
26.29	9	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Linda Robinson, Arlington MA	757.93
24.53	10	Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA	750.61
23.00	11	Irene Baroni, Paris France; Gerriane Mason, Crossville TN	747.02
21.65	12	Migry Zur Campanile – Nancy Katz, New York NY	745.48
20.44	13	Jung Hu, San Jose CA; Yimei Cao, North York ON	745.12
19.37	14	Faye Marino, Greenwich CT; Silvana Rojko, Maribor Slovenia	739.98
18.40	15	Fran Tewkesbury – Deborah Monroe, Greensboro NC	724.54
17.52	16	Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA	717.75
16.73	17	Shirley Berent, Aventura FL; Carol Clifford, Miami FL	703.95
16.00	18	Stella Rainey, Tuscaloosa AL; Barbara Heller, Knoxville TN	701.36
15.33	19	Amy Rhodes, New York NY; Chantal Dube, Montreal QC	697.83
14.72	20	Kristina Oliver, Birmingham AL; Carolyn Neyman, Hoover AL	694.68
14.15	21	Katarzyna Dufurat, Wroclaw Poland; Claire Alpert, Miami FL	690.05
13.63	22	Betty Bursey, Chevy Chase MD; Lucy McCoy, Annandale VA	688.92

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**15 - 21 APRIL, 2024**



**1<sup>st</sup> EUROPEAN WINTER TRANSNATIONAL TEAMS**

**LES ÉTINCELLES BAM TROPHY**

#### Schedule

- 15 April **Transnational Teams** (Qualification, Swiss)
- 16 April **Transnational Teams** (Qualification, Swiss)
- 17 April **Transnational Teams** (KO, Round of 32)  
**Les Étinelles BAM Trophy** (Qualification)
- 18 April **Transnational Teams** (KO, Round of 16)  
**Les Étinelles BAM Trophy** (Qualification)
- 19 April **Transnational Teams** (KO, Quarterfinals)  
**Les Étinelles BAM Trophy** (Semifinals A & B)
- 20 April **Transnational Teams** (KO, Semifinals)  
**Les Étinelles BAM Trophy** (Semifinals A & B)
- 21 April **Transnational Teams** (KO, Final)  
**Les Étinelles BAM Trophy** (Final)

#### Entry fee

**Transnational Teams + Les Étinelles BAM Trophy:**  
€ 400/player

**Very special discount for Amateur Teams**

E.g.: if the team consists of players without European (EGM or EM) or World titles (GM, LIM, WIM), price per player is **only € 100**.  
Check details at: [WWW.WINTERBRIDGE.ORG](http://WWW.WINTERBRIDGE.ORG)

#### Prizes

**1<sup>st</sup> EUROPEAN WINTER TRANSNATIONAL TEAMS**

- **Title of EBL European Champion** (for the Winner of the Main event)
- **EBL Medals** (for the top 4 teams of the Main event)
- **EBL Masterpoints**



**LES ÉTINCELLES BAM TROPHY**

	Final A	Final B
1 <sup>st</sup>	€ 6000	€ 1600
2 <sup>nd</sup>	€ 4000	€ 1200
3 <sup>rd</sup>	€ 2800	€ 800
4 <sup>th</sup>	€ 2000	
5 <sup>th</sup>	€ 1600	


#### Accommodation

Please book with this special code on [WWW.ETINCELLES.COM](http://WWW.ETINCELLES.COM): **EBL2024**  
The special prices apply to stays from April 13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**2 Hotels ★★★★★**

-  Daria I Nor (Distance from the venue: 100m)
-  Au Chamois d'Or (Distance from the venue: 1km)

**1 Residence appartments ★★★★★**




-  Daria I Nor (Distance from the venue: 100m)

**Free transportation from and to the airports provided for the players staying at these hotels.**

#### Alpe d'Huez

**THE PLACE ALPE D'HUEZ** is known for being the largest ski resort in France, its sunshine and for the Tour de France passing through.  
**SPECIAL RATINGS FOR SKI EQUIPMENT RENTING**

#### Coming To Alpe d'Huez

-  **Train**  
40' from the main train station Grenoble
-  **Plane**  
Lyon & Geneva (2h50'), Grenoble (BA, Easyjet, Ryanair, Transavia, Wizz)
-  **Shuttle**  
from Lyon & Geneva organised by Les Étinelles on 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April.  
To be booked at: [reservation@etinelles.com](mailto:reservation@etinelles.com)


**Public transportation:**  
from Grenoble Transalitude ([www.transalitude.fr](http://www.transalitude.fr))  
Operational until 16 April 2024 included  
One trip = € 20

#### Registration online:



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- DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: **12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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3	Liam Milne – James Coutts, Sydney Australia	55.47
4	Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY	54.43
5	Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Chris Willenken, New York NY	52.84
6	Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria; Ahu Zobu, Tarabya Istanbul Turkey	52.47
7	Joan Lewis – Robert Hopkins Jr., Arlington VA	46.04
8	Erik Berg, Meldal Sor-Tron Norway; Peter Crouch, Surrey England	44.86
9	Richard Zeckhauser, Hobe Sound FL; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway	43.95
10	Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland	41.61
11	Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel	41.55
12	Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ	38.51
13	John Hurd, New York NY; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL	37.17
14	Shan Huang, Jacksonville FL; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	35.94
15	Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL	34.60
16	Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel	32.18
17	Alexander Allfrey, Dorset England; Andrew Robson, Wiltshire United Kingdom	28.72
18	Lionel Sebbane, Clichy France; Paul Segueineau, New York NY	27.09
19	Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands; Steven Ashe, Tampa FL	26.35
20	Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Kranyak, San Francisco CA	25.44
21	Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA	25.14
22	Jerome Rombaut, France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France	24.93
23	Ayako Miyakuni – Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo Japan	22.04
24	Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Wanfeng Mou, Sugar Land TX	21.99
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26	Adam Kaplan, New York NY; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON	21.33
27	Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Andrew Rosenthal, New York NY	21.02
28	Dwight Meredith, Greensboro NC; George Woltman, Blowing Rock NC	19.39
29	Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; William Neumann, Columbia MD	19.29
30	William Pollack, Boca Raton FL; Sam Lev, New York NY	19.17
31	Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Daniel Boye, East Syracuse NY	18.68
32	Claudia Feagin – Jack Feagin Jr., Atlanta GA	17.51
33	Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA; Hailong Ao, Ashburn VA	17.31
34	Jay Barron, Norman OK; George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL	16.97
35	Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	16.54
36	Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC; Mark Yaeger, Hollywood FL	16.25
37	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Morrisville NC	15.53
38	Robert McCaw, Jasper GA; Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA	13.11
39	Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	12.73
40	Richard Plackett, Oxted United Kingdom; Tor Eivind Grude, Trondheim Norway	11.71
41	Pierre Bedouet, Corna France; Esteban Vallet, Rixheim France	11.28
42	Maggie Knottenbelt – Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom	10.78
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44	David Yang, Darien IL; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ	9.98
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46	Sanna Clementsson, Stockholm Sweden; Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden	8.67
47	Cynthia Huang, Las Vegas NV; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL	8.18
48	John Carruthers, Kingsville ON; Robert Lebi, Toronto ON	6.41
49	Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL; Tod Moses, St. Louis MO	5.75
50	Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom	5.64
51	Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; Arthur Gong, Sammamish WA	5.46
52	Martin Rokyta, Wien Sweden; Barbara Von Kleist, Muenster Germany	4.81
53	Glyn Liggins, London United Kingdom; Andrew Dyson, New York NY	4.03
54	Robert Fendrick, Marietta GA; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC	3.85
55	James Fox, Virginia Beach VA; Maximo Crusizio, Fort Lauderdale FL	3.78
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58	Brian Zhang, Dublin CA; Yinghao Liu, Hoboken NJ	2.17
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60	Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA	1.41
61	Jan Jansma, New York NY; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV	0.55
62	Eugene Saxe, Briarcliff NY; Brady Richter, Summit NJ	0.51
63	Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Hong Ding, New York NY	0.41
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4	Andre Asbury, Brookhaven GA; Gabriel Fadel, Alpharetta GA	25.18
5	Daniel Neill, Hillsboro OR; Paul Heller, Marietta GA	21.36
6	Glenn Reider, Louisville TN; Brad Vander Zanden, Knoxville TN	20.61
7	Peter Martin, Kennesaw GA; Mason Barge, Atlanta GA	18.01
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17	Rick Jasper – Kathy Jasper, San Jose CA	6.36
18	Shazia Makhdumi, San Francisco CA; Daniel Kroll, Berkeley CA	5.97
19	Jack Alhale – Rozi Alhale, New York NY	5.03
20	Richard Lowens – Elaine Lowens, Durham NC	4.15
21	Matthew Gordon, Huntington NY; Tim Archdeacon, Key Biscayne FL	3.38
22	Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland; Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA	3.19
23	Nicolas Hammond, Alpharetta GA; Edward Foran, Acworth GA	2.70
24	Franklin Fine – Carol Crawford, Albuquerque NM	2.53
25	Stephen Zenk, St. Louis MO; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO	2.02
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125.00 3/4 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

125.00 3/4 Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy

80.00 5/8 Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack – Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark

80.00 5/8 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

80.00 5/8 Leif Bremark – Fredrik Nystrom – Johan Upmark – Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal

80.00 5/8 Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Nabil Edgton, Sydney Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand

50.00 9/16 Maggie Knottenbelt – David Gold – Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom; Michael Byrne, Manchester United Kingdom; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil

50.00 9/16 Olle Wademark, Lidinga Sweden; Tommy Bergdahl, Trangsvund Sweden; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Kranyak, San Francisco CA

50.00 9/16 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

50.00 9/16 Francisco Bernal, Miami FL; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Franck Multon, Monaco Monaco; Marc Bompis, Bourg La Reine France; Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy

50.00 9/16 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

50.00 9/16 Jacob Freeman – Franco Baseggio, New York NY; Darren Wolpert, Toronto ON; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA

50.00 9/16 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

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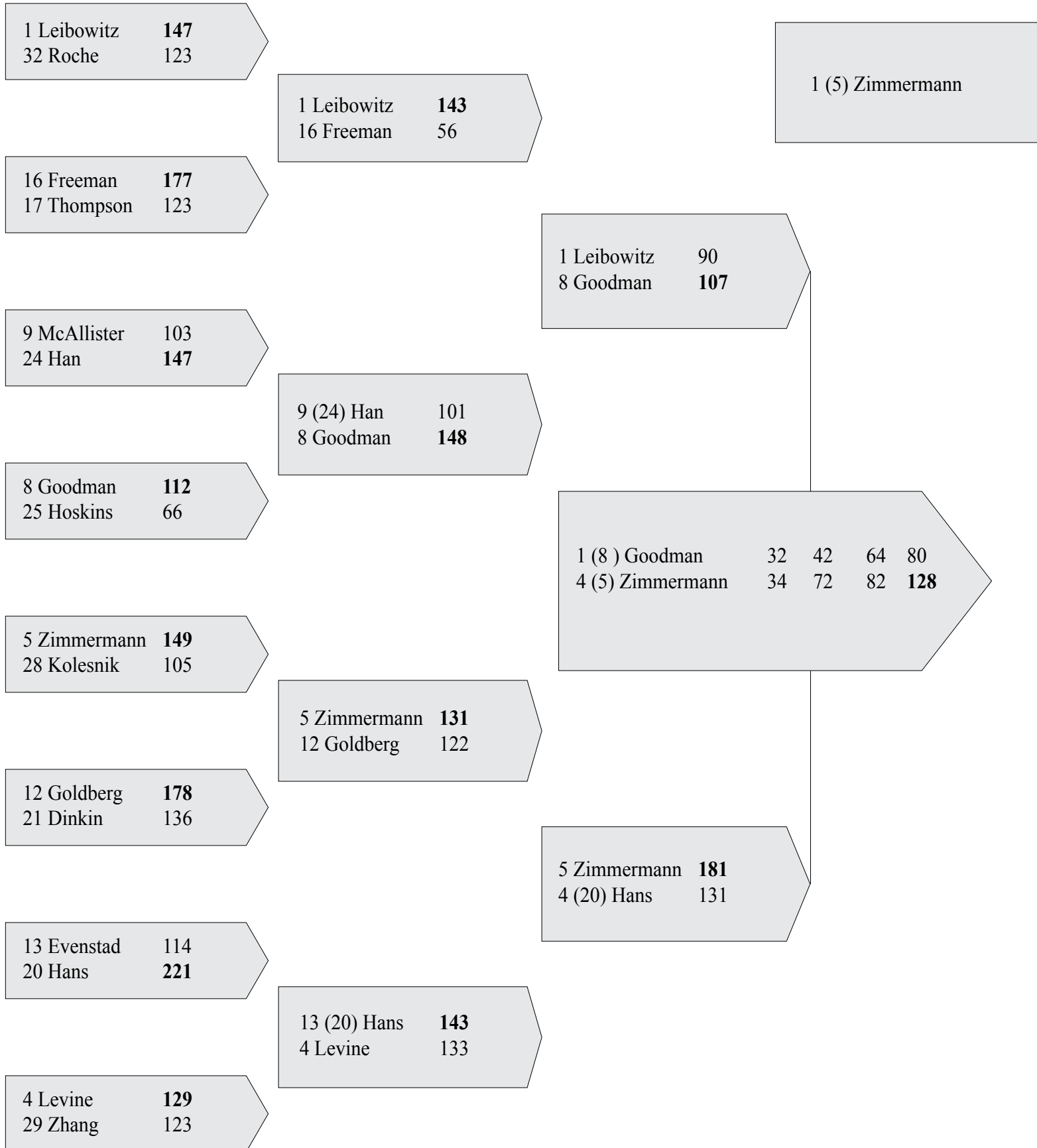
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2 Knottenbelt 124  
15 Bremark 151

10 Bernal 110  
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11 Amoils 127

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3 Wademark 95

2 Knottenbelt 99  
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15 Bremark 152  
18 Van Oosten 96

10 Bernal 149  
23 Lall 92

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26 Venkatesh 116

6 Bailey 114  
27 Juster 137

11 Amoils 148  
22 Dyson 116

14 Nickell 86  
19 Fleisher 117

3 Wademark 214  
30 Rodrigues 99

**WEDNESDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS**

73 Tables / Based on 201 Tables

	A	X	Y		
40.83	1			Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland; Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland	100.00
30.62	2	1	1	Jianfeng Luo – Edward Xu, North York ON; Lisa Chen, Stouffville ON; Yan Wang, Richmond Hill ON	87.00
20.10	3/4			Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL; Mark Friedlander, Deerfield IL; Howard Engle, Highland Park IL; Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL	85.00
20.10	3/4			Adam Parrish, New York NY; Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame CA; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Anant Rathi, San Francisco CA	85.00
12.64	5/6			Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; Ronald Powell, San Jose CA; Stephen Tu, Stockton CA	84.00
12.64	5/6			Tommy Bergdahl, Trangsund Sweden; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Olle Wademark, Lidinga Sweden	84.00
10.21	7			Kevin Rosenberg – Amber Lin, Millbrae CA; Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Max Schireson, Stanford CA	81.00
8.62	8/9			Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands; David Bakhshi, London England; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Venneep Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands	80.00
12.08	8/9	2	2	Drew Cavalier, Huntsville AL; Daniel Lev, New York NY; Maya Jonas-Silver, Brooklyn NY; Siqing Yu, San Diego CA	80.00
6.84	10/12			Lynda Nitabach, North Plainfield NJ; Juan Castillo, Oakland Park FL; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL	78.00
6.84	10/12			Dave Willis, Orleans ON; J. Mark Siegrist, Gloucester ON; John Valliant, Victoria BC; Tim Edwards-Davies, Ottawa ON	78.00
6.84	10/12			Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Corey Krantz, Boynton Beach FL; E.R. ‘Bud’ McKinney, Cary NC; Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC	78.00
5.83	13			Sam Dinkin – Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA; Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL	77.00
5.44	14			Doug Couchman, Tucson AZ; Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA; Marina Polestra, Boston MA; Carole Weinstein, Waltham MA	75.00
7.93	15/16	3/4	3	Rui Gong – Dong Yan, Sammamish WA; Zhenzhong Guo, Issaquah WA; Weidong Guo, Beijing People’s Republic of China	74.00
7.93	15/16	3/4		Hua Yang – Yan Song, Plano TX; Alberto Feilhaber – Weishu Wu, Irvine CA	74.00
4.54	17			Hugh Brown Jr., McCormick SC; Robert White, Raleigh NC; Emory Whitaker, Macon GA; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA	73.00
4.19	18/19			Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX	72.00
4.19	18/19			G. Venkatesh, Carmel CA; Anil Padhye, Mumbai India; Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA; Vic Quiros, Phoenix AZ	72.00
5.37		5	4	C. Valerie Gamio, Rolling Hills E CA; Roberto Martinez, Uruguay; Linda Lin, Santa Monica CA; Gerardo Zumel, San Juan Argentina	71.00
4.60		6	5	O. Gordon Lien III, Augusta GA; Carey Snider, Woodstock GA; John Baker, North Augusta SC; Becky Butler, Alpharetta GA	63.00
4.03		7		Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Dominique Custers, Amsterdam Netherlands; Bernard Fudor, Pittsburgh PA; Zain Mahmood, London United Kingdom	62.00
3.58		8		Robert Epstein – Tom Drinkard, Atlanta GA; Carl Wolinsky, Long Beach CA; Lanette Moore, Dunwoody GA	61.00
3.30			6	Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA; Hal Jones Jr., Lorton VA; Patrick Staley, San Diego CA; Brian Castle, Poway CA	60.00

**CHARLES PIERSON WEDNESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1**

7 Tables

13.75	1	Cara-Lyn Lappen – Wayne Rosenberger, Durango CO; Rosalind Smith, Dallas TX; Mary Lynn Genovesi, Fairview TX	84.50
10.31	2	Susan Mann – Susan Wesley – Jim Bean, Winston-Salem NC; Susan Williford, Clemmons NC	73.00
7.73	3	Karyl Asta – Henri Asta – Tiffany Greene – Veronica Stoessel, Marietta GA	72.00

**CHARLES PIERSON WEDNESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2**

9 Tables

13.84	1	Yves Decelles – Denise Leclerc – Luc Gagnon – Sylvie Levesque, Baie-Comeau QC	108.00
10.38	2	Timothy Niebauer – Robin Elliott – Ann Gruidel, Boulder CO; John Manopoli, Jamaica Plain MA	102.00
7.79	3	Dion Dubois, Maurice LA; L. Snyder, St Francisville LA; Jane Ardoin, Eunice LA; Ginger Hebert, Lafayette LA	101.00
5.84	4	Maureen Bitler, Atlanta GA; Tracey Ball, Urbandale IA; Alberta McKinley, West Des Moines IA; Margie Wollam, Hingham MA	88.00

**CHARLES PIERSON WEDNESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3**

7 Tables

11.25	1	Manning Rountree, Lyme NH; William Schelstrate, Tucson AZ; Mark Webb, Rome GA; Harry Rosenberg, Chicago IL	89.00
8.44	2	Robert McFarland, Cumming GA; Sam Maloy, Alpharetta GA; Douglas Roberts, Woodstock GA; J. Wesley Clements, Flowood MS	69.00
6.33	3	Deborah Branch, Davie FL; Judy Davis, Delray Beach FL; Ann Goldberg, Fort Lauderdale FL; Jeanne Wamack, Birmingham AL	62.00

**CHARLES PIERSON WEDNESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4**

7 Tables

10.51	1	Steve Puschaver, Moreland GA; Morris Dodd – Michael McGowan, Peachtree City GA; Richard Overholt, Sandy Springs GA	90.00
7.88	2	Judith McNutt, Pittsfield MA; Jui Wang, Morrisville NC; Diana Hughes - Richard Starr, Atlanta GA	74.00
5.91	3	Connie Haugabook – Susan Easterlin, Montezuma GA; Gail Coogle – Deana Haugabook, Oglethorpe GA	63.00

**CHARLES PIERSON WEDNESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5**

9 Tables

10.58	1	Steven Hamburg, Troutman NC; Eric Johnson – T. Ted Jarrell, Charlotte NC; Lee Dowell Jr., Denver NC	102.00
7.94	2	Sarah Springer, Katy TX; Martin Hrachovy – Donna Hrachovy, Sugar Land TX; Marilyn Frazier, Port O'Connor TX	95.00
5.95	3	Kazi Farooqui, Round Lake IL; Margaret Getman, St. Paul MN; Malcolm Millar – Rosalyn Millar, Summerside PE	85.00
4.46	4	Pauline Pettinato, Tucson AZ; Michelle Harlow, Durango CO; Barbara Pomer – Judy Piper – Andy Symmes, Greensboro NC	82.00

**CHARLES PIERSON WEDNESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 6**

9 Tables

9.65	1	Phil Reynolds, Jackson MI; James Gundell, New York NY; Sandra Whitman, Nassau Bahamas; Helen Spalding, San Francisco CA	118.00
7.24	2	Sue McKinley – James Knight – Pam Gutt, Atlanta GA; Ruth Schaefer, Vero Beach FL	100.00
5.43	3	Gail Overgaard – Amy Hillenbrand – Sharon Smith, Steamboat Springs CO; Laura Brice, Phippsburg CO	84.00
4.07	4	Dennis Viner, Kapaa HI; Gary Sheerer, Los Altos CA; David Leaver, Los Altos Hills CA; Sherrie Barakatt, Modesto CA	82.00

## Beyond Bridge = Fun

Dozens of players attended Beyond Bridge at the Marriott Wednesday evening. Participants played all types of board games, shot some hoops and took advantage of the photo booth.



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## New Silver Life Master

**Irene Aronin**

of Atlanta GA became a Silver Life Master on Monday playing in the Bracketed Round Robin Teams, bracket 2. She had over 1000 masterpoints but needed a couple of pigmented points. She earned 6.87 gold playing with Barbara Fleming and Barbara Goldman, also of Atlanta, and Tiffany Greene of Marietta, GA.

“I want to thank my teammates!” said Aronin.



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**CHARLES PIERSON WEDNESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 7**

7 Tables

7.86	1	William Golden – Kaye Stanley, Little Rock AR; Fred Stahmann – Linda Stahmann, Gallatin TN	79.00
5.90	2	Kaye Summers, Shawnee Mission KS; Timothy Ellis – Mike Finnin, Edwards CO; Mitchell Hayne, Eagle CO	73.00
4.42	3	Suzanne Torrence – Lee Wyatt – Tammy Gray, Nashville TN; Michele Bass, Murfreesboro TN	70.00

**CHARLES PIERSON WEDNESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 8**

7 Tables

7.26	1	Harry Potter – James Mosley, Falls Church VA; R Mani, Lanham MD; Jichong Chai, Fairfax VA	101.00
5.45	2	Dan Grabski, Portland OR; Nicole Hudak, New York NY; Shakti Chandra - Rahul Chandra, St. John’s NL	66.00
4.08	3	Teresa McRae – Leeann Young – Cherie Van Winkle – Missy Budd, Atlanta GA	60.00

**CHARLES PIERSON WEDNESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 9**

7 Tables

6.64	1	Lee Stem – Laima Stem, Mississauga ON; Charlotte Cannon, Steamboat Springs CO; Linda Knox, Tallahassee FL	95.00
4.98	2	Steven Greil, Nashville TN; William Zimmern, Gulf Breeze FL; Gwen Chen, Wilmington DE; Douglas Clink, Orange Beach AL	64.00
3.74	3	Sandra Layne, Hiram GA; Nancy Hamrick, Acworth GA; Nancy Fleming, Marietta GA; Allyson Welsh, Monroe WA	57.00

**CHARLES PIERSON WEDNESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 10**

9 Tables

6.79	1	Sheila Coyle, Roswell GA; Kay Watson, Houston TX; Carol Doyle – Caroleta Garrett, Atlanta GA	81.00
5.09	2	Giorgio Casinovi, Tucker GA; Justin Shiao – Weilong Shen, Atlanta GA; Alan Yu, Longmont CO	80.00
3.82	3	Ronald Tucker – Janet Tucker, Hoover AL; Cheryl Upchurch – Peggy Goodwin, Birmingham AL	68.00
2.86	4	David McCollum, Townsend TN; Leslie Milligan – Tammy Milligan, Jefferson City TN; Doug Wilson, Knoxville TN	63.00

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**MONDAY-TUESDAY EVENING OPEN SWISS TEAMS**

12 Tables / Based on 27 Tables

	A	B	C		
14.80	1	1		Lee Wilcox, Black Mountain NC; Max Shaw – Paul Westervelt, Asheville NC; Nicholas Frost, Swannanoa NC	76.00
11.10	2	2		William Golush, Denville NJ; Kohur Gowrisankaran, Pointe-Claire QC; Jo Shah – Sam Shah, Irving TX	74.00
8.33	3	3		Glen Anderson, Raleigh NC; Renee Getz, Cary NC; Fran Tewkesbury, Greensboro NC; Martin Causley, Chapel Hill NC	72.00
6.24	4			Peter Clay, Wellesley MA; Phyllis Siegel, St. Louis MO; Mary Ann Baird, Glencoe AL; Amelia Cartrett, Attalla AL	67.00
4.44		4	1	Lee Dowell Jr., Denver NC; Steven Hamburg, Troutman NC; Eric Johnson – T. Ted Jarrell, Charlotte NC	66.00
2.92			2/3	Tammy Gray – Suzanne Torrence – Lee Wyatt, Nashville TN; Michele Bass, Murfreesboro TN	58.00
2.92			2/3	Judith Lapolla, Cumming GA; Bert Emma, Gainesville GA; Shawn Miller, Dacula GA; Vicki Styburski, Hoschton GA	58.00

**MONDAY-TUESDAY EVENING GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS**

7 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.57	1	1	1	Caroline Vroon – Molly Osborne – Maggie Staton – Kimberly Nagy, Atlanta GA	77.00
2.68	2	2		Arlene Tauber – Glenda Beerman, Atlanta GA; Nancy Pakulak, Barrie ON; Lois Head, St. Cloud MN	67.00
2.01	3			Donna Morris – Richelle Sajovec, Raleigh NC; Clyde Cleveland, Hickory NC; Warren Webb, Morganton NC	65.00

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**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.

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## Two from the Blues

By Barry Rigal

This deal comes from the second qualifying session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs. I was South:

Dlr: North ♠ 9 4 3  
 Vul: N-S ♥ K J 10 7  
 Bd: 21 ♦ Q J 8 5  
 ♣ 9 6

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

♠ J 6  
 ♥ A 8 6 5 2  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ A J 8 7 4 3

♠ A K 10 7 2  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ A 10 4 3  
 ♣ K 10 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♣	4♠
All Pass			

West led a low heart to East's ace, as I followed with the queen perforce. East erred at trick two by cashing the ♣A (a low club would have given me no chance) and playing another club. I won the king and West followed with the queen.

On the ♠A, both opponents followed low, and on the ♠K, West followed low as East played the ♠J. I then exited with the ♣10: Whether West ruffs or discards, he will eventually be endplayed or forced to let me cash the good hearts in dummy, allowing to pitch the low diamonds from my hand.

East might have recovered at trick four by dropping the ♠J under the ace! Now I cannot afford to cash the ♠K if trumps were 4-1. I'd probably lead a club at trick five, and

West could ruff high and give his partner a diamond ruff!

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

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

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dbl
4♠	All Pass		

South was the sort of player who regards it as a mortal sin to pass throughout any deal.

North led the ♦8. Now the normal line is to plan to ruff two clubs in dummy. The problem is that if you (as West) unblock the ♣K and play a spade to the king, North ducks. A club ruff followed by another trump to your queen sees North win and play a second diamond. Now you're locked in dummy to lose a trump via a promotion.

So as West, I unblocked the ♣K at trick two and led a low heart from the table at trick three. South won the ♥Q and played a trump, North ducking when I put up the king. I ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and played a second spade, and North could not prevent me from getting back to my hand to draw trumps for the overtrick.



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## Fiendish lead

If Alan and Annie Schwartz come to your table at a bridge tournament, you'd better sit up and pay attention. The duo from Fairfax VA played in Wednesday's Top-Flight Pairs, and they defended against this slam:

Dlr: South ♠ A Q 2  
 Vul: Both ♥ 9 8 7 5 3  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ K Q 7 4

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

<i>North</i>	<i>South</i>
2♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	1NT
4♠ <sup>(3)</sup>	3♥ <sup>(2)</sup>
6♥	4NT <sup>(4)</sup>
	Pass

- (1) Hearts
- (2) Super-accept
- (3) RKCB for hearts
- (4) One or four key cards

Alan was West, and he led the ♥2, which ran to the 3, jack from East, and declarer's ace.

The clubs allow declarer to pitch one spade, so this leaves a possible spade loser if the king is offside. That means the only other possible loser for declarer is in trumps. What's the layout of the trump suit?

It certainly looks as if West has led the singleton 2, and that East started with ♥Q J 4. So you cash the ♦A at trick two, ruff a low diamond in dummy and play the ♥9, East following with the 4. You take the heart finesse ... and West wins the queen.

Later, when you get around to taking the spade finesse, you find that the king is offside (naturally). Down one.

Here's the full layout:

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

The imaginative trump lead created a fiendish illusion for declarer.

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Winners of last year's 0-10,000 Fast Pairs: Eric Mayefsky and Mike Develin

## 10K Fast Pairs starts today

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

- 2015** Vladislav Isporski, James Melville  
**2016** Michael Gladfelter, Mary Jane Gladfelter  
**2017** Daniel Miles, Justyna Zmuda  
**2018** Hirokai Miura, Keiko Miwa  
**2019** David Rodney, Rusty Krauss  
**2020** Not held  
**2021** Marc Sylvester, Bryan Delfs  
**2022** Mike Develin, Eric Mayefsky



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Last year's winners of the Senior Mixed Pairs were Annie Schwartz and Alan Schwartz.

## Senior Mixed Pairs begins today

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

- 2011** 1. Polly Dunn, Pat Dunn; 2. Doug Fraser, Sandra Fraser  
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**2019** 1. Tobi Sokolow, David Sokolow; 2. Margot Hennings, Bob Heller  
**2020** Not held  
**2021** 1. Roger McNay, Irva Neyhart; 2. Patricia Dovell, Markland Jones  
**2022** 1. Annie Schwartz, Alan Schwartz; 2. Jo Morse, Howard Parker

## Then there were four

By Mark Horton

There were some dramatic deals as the Soloway quarterfinal round unfolded.

### Lebowitz v Goodman

Goodman led by 15 IMPs going into the last session, and although they gave up 33 IMPs, they scored 46 of their own. The penultimate deal was beautiful:

Board 59. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Z. Grossack</i>
	Pass	1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
1♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	1♥ <sup>(3)</sup>	2♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(1) 15+ HCP, any shape

(2) 0–8 HCP

(3) Artificial, 18+

North led the ♦K and having won perforce with dummy's ace, declarer cashed the ♠A and followed it with a spade to the queen and king, South discarding the ♦4. North cashed the ♠J and then played a diamond, declarer ruffing in dummy and drawing the outstanding trump.

Declarer cashed one top heart, then took three rounds of clubs, South discarding a heart. Declarer finessed in hearts, and South took the last three tricks for two down, -200.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Percario</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

(1) Gazzilli

South led the ♦Q and declarer won, cashed the ♠A and ran the ♠9, North winning the jack and returning the ♦K. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♣A K and ♥A, played a club to dummy's queen and a heart to the king. If South follows with the ♥2, declarer exits with a heart, ruffs the diamond return and ruffs a heart with dummy's ♠Q, ensuring a trick for the ♠10.

South saw this coming and dropped the ♥Q under the king, a brilliant effort which cost an overtrick, as declarer could cash the ♥J and ruff a heart with the ♠Q, +650 and 13 IMPs.

Declarer can also get home by ruffing dummy's fourth club and only then playing the ♥K. If South does not unblock the queen, he will have to lead a diamond in the two-card ending and declarer must score a trump trick.

### Fleisher v Amoils

Amoils led by 3 IMPs entering the final session. After eight deals, Fleisher had moved ahead, 103–95.

Board 54. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Versace</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	2♣
4♥	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

(1) Pick a slam.

Mama mia! When South was asked to pick a slam, he inferred that North would be void in hearts. He could not be sure about possession of the ♣K, but if it was missing, there was a chance it would be with East. The play did not take long, +1440.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Amoils</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠ <sup>(1)</sup>
4♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	5♦	5♥	5♠ <sup>(3)</sup>
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

(1) Transfer (clubs)

(2) Splinter

(3) Cuebid

+940 meant the loss of 11 IMPs and the remaining deals offered no scope to the trailing team. I recall that it is not the first time the ♣K has been kindly disposed for a pair from Italy!

**Hans v Zimmermann**

This was a cracking match. Hans led by a single IMP after one session and by 12 IMPs after two. That set saw Kalita and Klukowski bid three consecutive slams. On the first, some dodgy discarding spared declarer a guess (he would probably have got it right). On the second, a winning lead was available but not found at either table, and the third was basically no play, the net result being that Zimmermann added an IMP.

Board 36. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Hans</i>
Pass	3♣	1♦	2♣
Dbl	3NT	All Pass	3♦

East led the ♠Q and declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the ♣A, East discarding the ♦2. Declarer cashed a third club, then played the ♥K and a heart to the ace. When the queen did not appear, he exited with a heart, and West won and played the ♠10 to the jack and king. Another spade gave the defenders the rest, three down, -150.

Having taken two clubs, declarer can play on hearts, finessing the jack and scoring four tricks in the suit. The last of these will see declarer reach this position:

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

When he plays a club to the queen, East is helpless. If he discards a spade or a diamond, declarer runs the ♦9 and scores a spade with dummy's jack at the end.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	2NT	1♦	2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
All Pass		Pass	3NT

(1) No four-card major

East led the ♦10. Declarer won with the king, cashed three clubs and then played hearts for four tricks, +400 and 11 IMPs.

Board 37. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Hans</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠ <sup>(2)</sup>
All Pass		Pass	3NT

(1) Natural, not necessarily promising extra values

East led the ♠4 and declarer won with the queen, played a heart to dummy's ace and the ♠2, putting up the king when West pitched the ♣4. East won, cashed the ♠J and exited with the ♠5, and in the fullness of time, scored two diamonds and a spade for one down, -100.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Brink</i>
			1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♠4 and declarer won with the king, played a heart to dummy's ace and the ♦J, East winning with the queen and continuing with the ♠5. Declarer won with the 8 and cashed four hearts. When East discarded a spade on the penultimate round of the suit, declarer could establish a ninth trick in diamonds and he finished with 10 when East pitched a second spade on the last heart, +630 and 12 IMPs.

## Board 39. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Hans</i>
	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

West led the ♥J and declarer won with the queen, as East pitched the ♣4. The ♦Q was taken by West's king, and declarer won the return of the ♥10 with dummy's king and played the ♦10 to West's ace. When West switched to the ♠Q, East cashed his winners for one down, -100.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Brink</i>
	Pass	1♠	Dbl
Redbl	2♥	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Looking at two (or more) trump tricks, South wisely led the ♥A. (Any other suit is fatal; for example, on a diamond lead, declarer wins in dummy, unblocks the ♠Q, cashes a second diamond, ruffs a heart and plays winning spades, leaving South helpless.) Declarer ruffed and played the ♣3, South taking the queen and playing a second heart (two more rounds of clubs works well). Declarer ruffed North's king, cashed the ♠A and continued with the jack, South ruffing with the ♣6. Declarer overruffed with dummy's ♣7, ruffed a heart and now does best to play a top spade when he should escape for one down. Instead, he played a diamond to dummy's king and finished with only nine tricks, two down, -500 and a 12-IMP loss.

Having ruffed at trick one, if declarer crosses to the ♠Q, ruffs a heart and plays on spades, he should emerge with 10 tricks.

## Board 41. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Hans</i>
			Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	3♦	All Pass	

East led the ♣10. West played three rounds of the suit, declarer ruffing with the ♦J and then playing two rounds of diamonds, East winning and switching to the ♥4. Declarer took dummy's ace, pitched a heart on the ♣J and played a spade, West taking the ace and exiting with the ♥K, the ♠Q taking the setting trick, -50.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Brink</i>
			Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	3♦	Dbl	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

South led the ♦7, and North won and returned the ♦Q to declarer's king. A heart to the king and a second heart saw South win and switch to the ♠7, North taking dummy's queen with the king and playing the ♦10, ruffed with the ♣10 and overruffed with the ♣J. South's switch to the ♥6 saw North ruff with the ♣8, as declarer pitched a spade from dummy and exit with a spade to dummy's now bare ace.

There was still a trump to lose so that was four down, -800 and a 13-IMP loss.

In the space of six boards Zimmermann had scored 51 IMPs to take control of the match.

They won the last set as well (Klukowski and Kalita amassing 14 plus scores) to take their place in the semifinal.

## Inaugural WBF Online Women's Team Event

The Inaugural WBF Online Women's Team Event

The World Bridge Federation

has introduced a new online women's team event. Organized by the WBF Women's Committee with the support of the online platform RealBridge, this three-day event will be contested on RealBridge, Feb. 16–18, 2024.



The intent is to provide an opportunity for an international competitive bridge without the potential limitations of cost or travel. In the past, it's been a challenge to bring women from across the globe to play competitively.

Up to eight members can be on a team. The cost is 40 euros per team; entries close on Jan. 16. The tournament will be played over three calendar days with matches timed so that teams will meet others

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800 W. Main St. • [sluggermuseum.com](http://sluggermuseum.com)

### Muhammad Ali Center

Just two blocks from The Galt House, this museum features award-winning exhibits on Ali's life and legacy of creating change, pursuing justice and inspiring greatness. The center includes Civil Rights-era media footage, videos of Ali fights, hands-on boxing fun and art galleries.

144 N. Sixth St. • [alicenter.org](http://alicenter.org)

### Frazier History Museum

An affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, this museum of Kentucky history spotlights notable figures from the Bluegrass State, from Daniel Boone to current rapper Jack Harlow; depicts the lives of indigenous and later residents from the Ice Age to the present; and offers a visual guide to the history, craft and culture of bourbon. It is also home to a massive collection of toy soldiers.

829 W. Main St. • [fraziermuseum.org](http://fraziermuseum.org)



# Madeira International Bridge Open

27<sup>o</sup> Edition

VIDAMAR HOTEL - FUNCHAL, MADEIRA ISLAND



**Competition**  
5th - 10th Nov



**Social Events**  
31 Oct to - 04th Nov  
11th Nov

For more information

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# 05-10

November 2024

Registration starts:  
1st June 2024

## Tomorrow's Bridge Events

### Friday, Dec. 1

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			Members	Other
<b>9:30 am &amp; 3:30 pm</b>				
<b>REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS</b>	1-2 Q	Salon 4, International Level	\$30*	—
<i>Pre-registration required by 8pm Thursday; 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal &amp; 2 final sessions</i>				
<b>10 am</b>				
Friday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
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<b>10 am &amp; 1 pm</b>				
Fast Pairs	1-2	A602, Atrium Level	\$20	\$24
<b>10 am &amp; 1:30 pm</b>				
NABC 0–10,000 FAST PAIRS	1-2 F	A703, Atrium Level	\$22	—
<b>10 am &amp; 3 pm</b>				
<b>SENIOR MIXED PAIRS</b>	1-2 F	A707, Atrium Level	\$30*	—
Top-Flight Pairs ( <i>unlim./5000</i> )	1-2	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
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
Will Boynton Memorial Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Imperial Ballroom, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
<b>10 am &amp; 3:30 pm</b>				
<b>KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS</b>	1-2 Q	Atrium Ballroom B, Atrium Level	\$30*	—
<i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal &amp; 2 final sessions</i>				
<b>3 pm</b>				
Friday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Marquis Ballroom B, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
<b>7:30 pm</b>				
Betty Malin Memorial Friday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>	single	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.