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Winners of the Senior Mixed Pairs: Charles Miner and Janice Seamon-Molson



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Grossack leads Reisinger BAM

Thirty-six teams entered the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, a three-day event. Today's qualifying sessions whittled the field down to 20 teams; today's semifinal sessions will halve that once again.

In front are Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Laurence

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Fireman leads Keohane Swiss

Today's qualifying sessions of the Keohane North American Swiss Teams saw 79 entries. After eight rounds, the squad captained by Phyllis Fireman of Chestnut Hill MA is leading the pack. Fireman's team is Joris van Lankveld,

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Juniors: On Top of the World

Since 1987, the World Bridge Federation has held biennial team championships for young people from all across the globe. The United States Bridge Federation is responsible for selecting, training and supporting the teams to represent the U.S. Over the years, the age categories have evolved into

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WBF President Jan Kamras (far left) and WBF Vice President Eric Laurent (far right) with the U-21 WYTC silver medal winners (from left): Jonathan Yue, Rory Xiao, Michael Hu, Arthur Zhao, Michael Haas, Sam Pahn and NPC Aaron Silverstein.

New 0-6000 Pairs starts

The inaugural 0-6000 Pairs begins today. This four-session event is limited to players with less than 6000 masterpoints. Approximately half of the pairs entering will qualify for tomorrow's final.

ATTENDANCE through FRIDAY
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Goodwill Message

Good sportsmanship is the hallmark of our bridge community.

Nancy Strohmer, Chair

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Today's Bridge Events

Event	Saturday, Dec. 2		Entry/player/session	
	Session	Sold	Members	Other
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	1-2 SF	Salon 4, International Level	\$30*	—
10 am				
Saturday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19
10 am & 1 pm				
Fast Pairs	1-2	A602, Atrium Level	\$20	\$24
10 am & 3 pm				
NABC 0–6000 PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	A707, Atrium Level	\$22	—
Open Pairs (<i>unlim./4000/1500</i>)	1-2	Marquis Ballroom C, 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
Charles Pierson Bracketed Round Robin Teams <i>(0–4000)</i>	1-2	Imperial Ballroom, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
10 am & 3:30 pm				
KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 SF	Atrium Ballroom A, Atrium Level	\$30	—
MIXED SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Atrium Ballroom B, Atrium Level	\$30	—
3 pm				
Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Marquis Ballroom C, Marquis Level	\$15	\$19

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

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

Charles Pierson

Charles Pierson was born in Douglas GA on March 23, 1938, and later moved to Vidalia GA.



Charles was introduced to the game of bridge at age 12 when the father of one of his friends taught the neighborhood children the basics, and he was immediately hooked.

While attending Georgia Tech (1956–60), Charles was introduced to duplicate bridge. He and his partner, John, had never had any bridge lessons or knew what a convention card was, but they did develop a unique bidding system of their own. Needless to say, there were some interesting situations at the club games where they played

at the old YMCA in downtown Atlanta and the Elks Club on Peachtree Street on Wednesday nights. Charles later developed a bridge partnership with one of his ATO fraternity brothers, Conner Collins from Camilla GA, and they had a lot of fun playing.

In 1998 after a 40-year break from bridge, Charles began playing online on MSN Games (Zone). Two years later, one of his partners asked if he was going to Birmingham in November for the NABC. As he was not a member of ACBL, he knew nothing about the tournament but decided it would be fun. He played at the Birmingham NABC, won a few points and had a great time. After returning home, Charles checked The Gainesville Times and found an ad for the local bridge club at the Recreation Center. He connected and was soon partnered with Tom Carter who became one of his partners for about

15 years.

Charles is an accomplished pianist and an instrument-rated multi-engine private pilot. He and his wife, Sara Ann, have two sons. Charles has managed the Lanierland Duplicate Bridge Club for many years and promoted bridge in more ways than can be described. He has kept the bridge club going since 2008, offering classes and lessons before games and is always ready to answer a question and share his knowledge, or tell a story or a joke. When some of us started playing bridge, Charles was known as one of the "Big Boys," and we were slightly intimidated to be at the table with him. Then the next thing you knew, he asked to be your partner. We are grateful for his many contributions to the game.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Meetings are at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

Saturday, December 2

2–6:30 pm

Come Play Spades With Us. *Marquis Ballroom A, Marquis level*

7:15 pm–midnight

ACBL Educational Foundation Junior Night. For those 30 and under. *A703, Atrium level*

7:30–11 pm

Strolling magician and board games. *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.

Saturday, Dec. 3

9:15 am

Robert Todd

Trick-Showing Bids

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.

Saturday, Dec. 2

Morning: Juice smoothies
Afternoon: Ice cream bars

Sunday, Dec. 3

Morning: Warm sticky buns
Afternoon: Assorted cookies

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.**

Saturday Dec. 2

Hospitality: games and a strolling magician.

Wanted: RV rental/purchase

My wife and I (and our little boy) would like to go for an adventure and drive from Los Angeles up to Canada between the two NABCs next year. We are looking for an RV between end of March/April and July 2024.

If you are interested to sell/rent your RV, or if you have any other recommendation, please contact me. Thank you!

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Special Dining Hours at the Marriott

Saturday, Dec. 2

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.

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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.

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

Jerry Smith of Reynoldsburg OH – sporting bright blue hair – stood out in the crowd of Gold Rush Pairs players on Thursday. “My grandson plays football in Davis CA for the Blue Devils,” explained Smith. “I went there for a “Tackle Cancer” game they were having – I’m a survivor – and I got a bigger round of applause than he did!”

It’s not the first time Smith has experimented with a pop of color. “Last March, my friend Linda, who lives in Boise, was having an 80th birthday party,” said Smith. “She was battling pancreatic cancer.” Smith decided at the last minute to fly to Boise and surprise her. He was getting his hair cut and telling this to his hairdresser who mentioned that purple is the color for pancreatic cancer awareness. He said, “Let’s do it.”

“When I got to the party, Linda ran across the room and, pointing to my head, she said, ‘Is that for me?’ We cried together. She died three months ago.”



Tips for New Players By Frank Stewart

Help from an opponent

It’s usually better if you get to play last to a trick. To execute an endplay, you present an opponent with the lead, you get to play last, and anything he leads will benefit you.



Dir: South ♠ 7 6 5
 Vul: N-S ♥ J 4 3
 IMPs ♦ J 3
 ♣ A Q 9 6 2

♠ Q 10 8 4 3
 ♥ K 6 2
 ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ 5 3

♠ A 9 2
 ♥ A Q 5
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ K 10 8 4

♠ K J
 ♥ 10 9 8 7
 ♦ 10 9 8 7 4
 ♣ J 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

My colleague Alfred Sheinwold (1912–1997) used this deal to illustrate an endplay with his inimitable style:

“Once upon a time,” Sheinwold wrote, “there was a poor but honest bridge player who was terrible at finessing. When he had a crucial choice of finesses, he always tried the wrong one. His Fairy Godmother took pity on him and gave him a magic coin. ‘When you have a choice of finesses,’ the FG said, ‘decide that heads means one finesse and tails means the other. The coin will tell you what to do.’”

That worked well for a year and a day, Sheinwold went on, until this deal came along. West led a spade against 3NT. Declarer let East’s king win but took the return of the ♠J. He

counted eight tricks saw that a winning finesse in a red suit would give him nine, so he pulled out the magic coin.

“Meanwhile,” Sheinwold wrote. “West sat there with a cynical look; he didn’t believe in magic coins and he knew neither finesse would work.”

South decided that heads meant to finesse in hearts, tails in diamonds. But when he flipped the coin, it landed on its edge and bounced out the window and down a drain.

Luckily, South wasn’t a complete klutz. He figured that meant he shouldn’t take a finesse. Instead, he cashed two clubs, then exited with his last spade. West took three spades, but then he had to lead a red card, and South won his ninth trick without risking a finesse.

The presence of a trump suit adds an extra dimension to endplays. If you have surplus trumps, look for a chance:

Dir: South ♠ Q J 4 3
 Vul: Both ♥ Q 4
 IMPs ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ K 10 6 3

♠ A K 9 6 2
 ♥ A K 3
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ A J 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Against the slam, West leads a diamond. Declarer can try a finesse with dummy’s queen, and even if the finesse loses, he will succeed if he can guess the ♣Q.

But for a sure thing, declarer takes the ♦A, draws trumps, cashes three heart tricks to discard dummy’s low diamond, and exits with a diamond. The defender who wins is stuck. If he leads a club, he guesses the queen for declarer; if he leads red card, declarer ruffs in dummy and discards a club from his hand.

Junior World Championships

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their current state: Under-31, Under-26, Under-21, Under-16 and Women's Under-26.

This year, the 18th World Youth Team Championships were held in Veldhoven, Netherlands, during the summer. Several players from the ACBL came home with medals; for many, it was their first time attending the world championships.

Alex Kolesnik, who coordinates the USBF's online Junior training program, described the setting: "The weather was nice and cool in Veldhoven, although it rained almost every day. It was great to have about 600 kids all together in one place. There were sports courts (volleyball, badminton, racquetball), a pool, a nice gym, table tennis, pool tables, darts, etc. Kids were playing games and hanging out every night. The rooms were mostly dorm style (very small!), but not a lot of time was spent in the rooms. I think this type of 'summer camp' experience is what will ultimately save bridge."

There were five days of round robin play to determine the top eight teams who would advance to the knockout stage. Three U.S. teams brought home medals in the main championship events.

Teams that did not finish in the top

eight played in the Board-a-Match qualifying event. Teams could change their lineups, combining, substituting or adding players. After the qualifying day, there was a two-day A Final for the top teams, plus quarterfinal consolation matches. The non-qualifiers went into the B Final. Two U.S. teams won medals in the BAM events.

In the Rona (Women's Under-26), neither USA1 (Yichen Cai, Helen Chow, Ava Donnellan, Margot Donnellan, Helena Hsieh, Nicole Qian and Npc Adam Parrish) nor USA2 (Cecilia Ehrlichman, Katherine Hwang, Morgan Johnstone, Katie Sullivan, Phuong Khanh Tran Nguyen, Jessica Udomsrirungruang and Npc Michael Shuster) advanced out of the round robin.

The Under-31 team (Benjamin Kompa, Danning Lu, Kyle Rockoff, Andrew Rowberg, Jeffrey Schwartz, Daniel Weiss, Npc Alex Kolesnik and coach David Caprera) finished 13th in the qualifying round robin.

In the Under-26 event, the USA1 team (Noah Thomas Apteker, Zach Grossack, Emma Kolesnik, Finn Kolesnik, Benjamin Kristensen, Kevin Rosenberg, Npc Ishmael Del'Monte and coach Adam Grossack), featuring several national champions, topped the field in the round robin and chose eighth-place Singapore as their opponent for the quarterfinal match,

even though the U26 team lost to Singapore last year in the championship. After falling behind by 29 IMPs in the first quarter, USA1 came back to within 8 at the half. Singapore's lead increased to 13 after the third set, and they outscored the U.S. by 20 IMPs in the final quarter to win 125-92. Singapore went on to meet the Netherlands in the final, losing 88-157.

The USA2 squad (Cornelius Duffie, Cynthia Huang, Richard Jeng, Amber Lin, Qinqin Wan, Brent Ziao and Npc Daniel Korbel) finished 13th in the round robin.

In the Under-21 category, the USA2 squad (Michael Haas, Michael Hu, Samuel Pahk, Rory Xiao, Jonathan Yue, Arthur Zhou and Npc Aaron Silverstein) won a silver medal, losing to Denmark in the final. They finished the round robin in fifth place, just behind the USA1 team (Arthur Gong, Nathan Gong, Harrison Luba, Olivia Schireson, Michael Xu, Bo Han Zhu and Npc Roger Lee), and the two U.S. teams met in an exciting quarterfinal match that saw USA2 build an early lead and withstand a fourth-quarter comeback by USA1, holding on to win the match by 16 IMPs.

USA2 went on to defeat China 175-89 in the semifinal and was leading Denmark in the final 87-51 after a blistering second quarter where they outscored their opponent by 43 IMPs. This deal won them 11 IMPs.

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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.

Keohane Swiss

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Berend Van Den Bos, David Grainger, Joel Wooldridge and Jenny Wolpert. They will have a carryover of 88.89 in today's semifinal.

In second place are Patricia Cayne, Bob Drijver, David Bakhshi, Cornelis Van Prooijen, Tim Verbeek and Danny Molenaar with a carryover 82.17.

Forty teams qualified for the semifinal.



Senior Mixed

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Runners up in the Senior Mixed Pairs: Mark Itabashi and Laura Brill

Janice Seamon-Molson of Hollywood FL and Charles Miner of Orlando FL won the Senior Mixed Pairs. It's the first NABC win for Miner, who needed every bit of the masterpoint award to become a Grand Life Master. It's the 20th NABC win for Seamon-Molson. They are longtime friends who have known one another since college.

The pair qualified in 45th place but a 67.36% first final session boosted them into the lead. They hung on with a 57.14% second final session to secure the top spot with a combined score of 1260.40.

In second place were Mark Itabashi of Newport Beach CA and Laura Brill of White Plains NY. They were in seventh place going into the second final session and were neck-and-neck with Seamon-Molson and Miner. The one and two spots flipflopped every time new scores came in.

Itabashi and Brill finished with a combined score of 1259.05. Brill is a Platinum Life Master still searching for that national title. It's the second second-place finish for Brill and Itabashi in a mixed pairs contest.

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Lebowitz, Agustin Madala, Dennis Bilde, and Michael Rosenberg with a score of 34.00.

In second place are Brian Platnick,

10K Fast

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Runners-up in the 0-10,000 Fast Pairs: Craig Allen and Stephen Donahue

Howard Engle of Highland Park IL and Mark Friedlander of Deerfield IL are the winners of the NABC 0-10,000 Fast Open Pairs. After a below-average first qualifying session, the duo picked up the pace and qualified in 15th place with a 58.31% second session. They moved up to fourth place with a 58.17% first final and had a strong second final session score of 63.18%. Their combined score was 582.66, just edging out Craig Allen of Glen Ellyn IL and Stephen Donahue of Riverwoods IL, whose combined score was 581.69.

Allen and Donahue qualified in ninth place and took the lead after the first final session. They were still in first place with one round to go, with Engle and Friedlander right behind them. The two spots flipped on the last board.

They are all good friends with one another and often team up together. They came in third in Wednesday's Top-Flight Swiss Teams.

Earlier this week, Friedlander and Engle were fourth in the NABC 0-10K IMP Pairs and Allen and Donahue were fifth.

Kevin Rosenberg, Roger Lee and Finn Kolesnik with a score of 33.80.

In third is the squad captained by Martin Andresen with a score of 32.50.

Junior World Championships

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Dlr: South ♠ 4 3
 Vul: None ♥ A Q J 9 7 2
 Bd. 27 ♦ 4
 ♣ K J 8 7

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

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

West	North	East	South
Haas		Pahk	
			1♣ ⁽¹⁾
Dbl	1♥	Pass	Pass
2♣	Dbl	Pass	Pass
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♠	All Pass

(1) 2+ clubs

Michael Haas chose to begin describing his strong two-suiter with a double over the could-be-short 1♣ bid. He then cuebid, jumped to game in spades and competed to the five level in diamonds. Sam “Slam” Pahk, who could not possibly know how valuable his ♠8 and ♦Q were (thanks to spades splitting 2–2), eked out a preference to spades and Haas had no trouble scoring an overtrick. He ruffed the ♣7 opening lead, pulled trump in two rounds, crossed to the ♠8 and finessed in diamonds, losing only one heart.

West	North	East	South
	Zhou		Hu
			1♣
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♣
4♣	5♣	5♠	Dbl
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
6♦	Dbl	All Pass	

At the other table, West started with a simple overcall of 1♠ and cuebid 4♣ at his next turn. East freely bid 5♠, which was doubled by Hu – a bold move. It’s hard to believe West didn’t bid 6♠ after East supported. Zhou accurately pulled the double to 6♣ and then doubled 6♦, which East passed. Fortunately for the U.S., 6♦ was the wrong slam – with no dummy entry, the defense was able to score the ♥A and ♦K for down one.

Denmark took back the lead in the third quarter and stayed in command in the fourth, winning 150–111.



Silver medal winners in the U-16 WYTC (from left): Jack Boge, Avery Silverstein, Daniel Balof, Ethan Derman, Jeffrey Yin, Claire Cao and Npc Kent Mignocchi.

In the Under-16 event, both U.S. teams made it out of the round robin – USA1 in first place and USA2 in eighth – to play each of the China teams. They both advanced to play each other in the semifinal, where USA2 (Daniel Balof, Jack Boge, Claire Cao, Ethan Derman, Avery Silverstein, Jeffrey Yin and Npc Kent Mignocchi) defeated USA1 (Andrew Chen, Charlie Chen, Kayden Ge, Eric Xiao, Jeff Xiao, Brian Zhang and Npc William Watson) 102–89.

In the semifinal match, USA1 started out strong with a 49–18 first segment. USA2 came back and then some in the second segment, outscoring USA1 by 48 IMPs and taking the lead by 17. USA1 won the third segment, but only by 4 IMPs; USA2 won 102–89.

The trajectory of the USA2 team is a story in itself. They spent most of the round robin out of contention, creeping their way from 20th place to 11th with one day to go. By round 17 of 19, they had secured the eighth spot with a good win over France and won their last two matches to qualify with room to spare. After defeating USA1, they advanced to the final, losing to Poland 53–98.



WYTC U-16 Bronze medal winners (from left): Charlie Chen, Andrew Chen, Eric Xiao, Jeff Xiao, Kayden Ge, Brian Zhang and Npc Will Watson.

USA1 narrowly won the bronze medal, outscoring Estonia 97–96. Kayden Ge’s father, Xin, wrote a wonderful essay on Bridge Winners about the experience in Veldhoven. He noted that although this team was one of the youngest, with the oldest players aged 14 and the youngest 11, they have been playing together for over five years. The team was put together two years ago for the purpose of this event.

The disappointment of losing the semifinal, especially after amassing a good lead in the first set, was a shock to the kids. “The team got lots of encouragement from various players and coaches, including Michael Shuster, Alex Kolesnik, Aaron Silverstein, and an overnight email from Joe Stokes, all wishing them to do well in the bronze match,” wrote Xin. “The bronze medal match was against Estonia, who lost the semifinal to Poland, and who beat us by 1 IMP in the Swiss. Andrew, Brian, Charlie and Kayden had an almost perfect first set, winning 51–15. Andrew, Brian, Eric and Jeff played the second set, and it was like an exact repeat of the previous day – the wheels fell off and we got destroyed 13–60 with an 11-IMP deficit. The players were upset but they were doing significantly better than the previous day. ‘Experience’ really helps.”

In the last set, USA1 tied the match on first board when Eric and Jeff bid and made a slam missed at the other table. “From there, it was a thrilling match, back and forth,” wrote Xin. “It was so difficult to watch for the team members and parents, many said later their hearts were racing. Personally, I am experienced after Italy, and I took an extra hypertension pill. With three boards to go, we were leading by 2 IMPs. The second-to-last board we lost an overtrick, so the lead shrank to 1 IMP. Eric and Jeff finished the match first. At their table, the Estonia team bid 3NT on the last board and made five. It looked like a pretty flat board, but a potential safety play would only bring in nine tricks, in which case we would lose the board by 2 IMPs and the match by 1 IMP. Everyone became super nervous; Brian and Andrew were waiting at the exit of the closed room. The moment they saw Charlie and Kayden, they asked, ‘How many did you make?’ When Kayden said, ‘3NT made five’ there was a huge shout of pure joy that was heard by the whole room, happy tears running, and team members were hugging each other.

“After a moment of celebration, we all walked to the Estonian team, who were devastated, and told them how they have played a great tournament and amazing match.”



Youth BAM Final A silver medal winners (from left): Bo Han Zhu, Harrison Luba, Nathan Gong, Michael Xu, Arthur Gong, Olivia Schireson and Npc Roger Lee.



Youth BAM Final B gold medal winners (from left): Jessica Udomsriprungruang, Cecilia Ehrlichman, Morgan Johnstone, Jacob Freeman, Katie Sullivan, Khan Tran Nguyen and Npc Michael Shuster.

In the Youth BAM A, the intact Under-21 USA1 team won the silver medal and were a mere fraction from winning the gold; they scored 62.17 behind the winning score of 62.56. In the Youth BAM Final B, the USA2 Rona team added Canadian Jacob Freeman and won the gold medal. They were in first place after the fourth round and never gave it up.

“It was truly a magical experience for the kids,” said Kolesnik. “Something they will always cherish.”



Lin-Rosenberg



Schireson-Xu



Freeman-Tan

The European Youth Pairs Championships were held the week before the World Youth Teams Championships. Congratulations to Kevin Rosenberg and Amber Lin, who won a gold medal in the Under-31 division, Michael Xu and Olivia Schireson, who won a silver medal in the Under-21 division, and Jacob Freeman and Sheldon Tan, who won a bronze medal in the IMP Pairs.

Pretty bad hand

Howard Engle of the Chicago area pointed out this deal from the second qualifying session of the 10K Fast Pairs. Engle, who is playing with partner Mark Friedlander, held the miserable West hand:

Dlr: South	♠ Q J 10 8 6	♠ A 9
Vul: N-S	♥ 9 7 6	♥ Q J 8 4
Bd: 15	♦ K 9	♦ A J 10 4 3
	♣ 10 8 2	♣ 6 5
	♠ 7 5 3 2	
	♥ 5 3 2	
	♦ 7 6 5 2	
	♣ 7 3	
	♠ K 4	
	♥ A K 10	
	♦ Q 8	
	♣ A K Q J 9 4	

Being an experienced matchpoint player, Engle didn't let the lack of values didn't stop him from bidding:

West Engle	North	East Friedlander	South
Pass	1♦ ⁽²⁾	2♦	1♣ ⁽¹⁾
4♦	Dbl	All Pass	Dbl ⁽³⁾

(1) Strong, artificial, forcing


(2) 0-7 HCP

(3) Strong, semi-balanced


Engle wrote, "As I had nothing higher than a 7, I didn't expect to play a role in the bidding, but after partner bid 2♦, I thought I would join the fun and bid 4♦ (at favorable vulnerability). We were doubled and played there for -500 against several vulnerable games that were making. Go figure."

Engle and Friedlander earned 88% of the matchpoints on the deal.

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SENIOR MIXED PAIRS

39.0 Tables / Based on 71 Tables

80.00	1	Charles Miner, Orlando FL; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL	1260.40
60.00	2	Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Laura Brill, White Plains NY	1259.05
45.00	3	Alan Schwartz – Annie Schwartz, Fairfax VA	1242.88
35.56	4	Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA	1219.72
32.00	5	Les Bart – Gloria Bart, Sarasota FL	1208.02
29.09	6	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Alan Watson, Lexington MA	1198.49
26.67	7	Michael Dalton, Palm Coast FL; Lynn Leisy, Amelia Island FL	1166.60
24.62	8	Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Julia Bomalaski, Melbourne FL	1157.45
22.86	9	Douglas Dye, Wyndmoor PA; Patricia Civalo, Chesterfield NJ	1157.06
21.33	10	Will Ehlers, Boynton Beach FL; Bella Ionis-Sorren, Fort Lauderdale FL	1153.88
20.00	11	David Birnbaum, Pegram TN; Linda Murdock, Nashville TN	1148.56
18.82	12	Ellen Hessel – Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX	1140.47
17.78	13	Molly O’Neill, Fort Lauderdale FL; Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN	1134.98
16.84	14	David Rogers, Clearwater FL; Sharon Horton, Lakeland FL	1130.26
16.00	15	David Caprera – Anne Brenner, Denver CO	1128.52
15.24	16	Joan Jackson – Norman Beck, Dallas TX	1121.24
14.55	17	Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Michael Wolf, Fort Lauderdale FL	1120.63
13.91	18	Victoria Gregory, Pittsburg KS; Russell Samuel, Coram NY	1108.03
13.33	19	Sandrea Friedman, Flushing NY; Michael Rosen, New York NY	1106.24
12.80	20	Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX; Pamela Nisbet, Dunedin New Zealand	1103.72
13.38	21	Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Jim Darvey, Rancho Mirage CA	1086.17
11.85	22	Wayne Burt, Pembroke NH; Marina Polestra, Boston MA	1083.98
11.43	23	Fred King, McLean VA; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL	1079.87
11.03	24	Jeff Schuett, Riverwoods IL; Marie Smerjac, Castle Rock CO	1078.50
10.67	25	Chuck Greenslit, Framingham MA; Natalie Bassil, Boston MA	1075.93
14.22	26	Sally Wheeler – Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX	1074.00
10.00	27	Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL	1073.12
9.70	28	Sondra Schubiner – Joseph Machotka, Boca Raton FL	1069.83
9.41	29	Frances Schneider, Riverside CT; H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY	1069.65
14.16	30	Bob Glasson – Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ	1066.32
8.89	31	John Dickenson, North Wales PA; Susan Morse, Flourtown PA	1064.77
8.65	32	Pam Wittes, Venice CA; Robert Perlsweig, Pacific Palisades CA	1063.85
8.42	33	Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL	1057.25
8.21	34	Elizabeth Wachowicz – Zenon Wachowicz, Clearwater FL	1055.85
8.00	35	Michael Prahin – Elena Prahin, Irvington NY	1046.32
7.80	36	Toni Bales, Pickerington OH; Richard Chan, Markham ON	1045.92

NABC 0–10,000 FAST PAIRS

18.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables

44.80	1	Howard Engle, Highland Park IL; Mark Friedlander, Deerfield IL	582.66
33.60	2	Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL	581.69
25.20	3	Hal Hindman, Centreville VA; Amy Brisson, Arlington VA	554.82
19.91	4	Hua Yang – Yan Song, Plano TX	544.00
17.92	5	Sofie Sjodal, Oslo Norway; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	526.72
16.29	6	Oleg Rubinchik, Brooklyn NY; George Krizel, Hollywood FL	525.95
14.93	7	Samuel Phillips, Largo FL; Tom Breur, Belmont MA	523.93
13.78	8	Martin Nathan – William Rittenberg, Atlanta GA	518.59
12.80	9	George Mansour, Scranton PA; Michael Zeller, Dallastown PA	507.85
11.95	10	Peter Stein, Hillsborough NJ; Himanshu Joshi, Chester NJ	506.24
11.20	11	Henri Farhi – Kit Humphrey, Chula Vista CA	502.80
10.71	12	Rob Gordon – Dori Cohen, Woodbury NY	502.14
15.95	13	Baskaran Sankaran, Alpharetta GA; Varghese George, Milton GA	500.50

QUALIFIERS IN THE REISINGER BAM

		Carryover
20 Tables / Based on 36 Tables		
1	Adam Grossack – Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA	34.00
2	Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Kevin Rosenberg, Millbrae CA; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX	33.80
3	Martin Andresen, Nesaya Norway; Thor Erik Hoftaniska, London England; Stian Evenstad, Gibostad Norway; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway; Thomas Charlsen, Bergen Norway	32.50
4	Pierre Zimmermann – Michal Nowosadzki – Sebastiaan Drijver – Sjoert Brink – Michal Klukowski, Jacek Kalita, Geneva Switzerland	32.09
5	Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Hailong Ao, Ashburn VA; Bob Drake, Wassenaar Netherlands; Jan Van Cleeff, Maastricht Netherlands	31.00
6	Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY	30.50
7	Jacob Freeman, New York NY; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; Liam Milne – James Coutts, Sydney Australia; Stefan Thorpe, Leiden Netherlands	30.15
8	Piotr Marciniowski, Wroclaw Poland; Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Jakub Patreuha – Patryk Patreuha, Boleslawiec Poland; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC	30.00
9	Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway	29.50
10/12	Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Simon Cope, Hertfordshire United Kingdom; Thomas Paske, Manhattan NY; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden	29.00
10/12	Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France	29.00
10/12	Andrew Dyson, New York NY; Glyn Liggins, London United Kingdom; Tom Townsend, London England; Ben Handley-Pritchard, Stroud United Kingdom	29.00
13/15	Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Nils Kvangraven, Kristiansand Norway; Barnet Shenkin, Glasgow Scotland; Tor Eivind Grude, Trondheim Norway; Lars Arthur Johansen, Trondheim Norway	28.50
13/15	Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Bo Han Zhu, Mountain View CA	28.50
13/15	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	28.50
16	Alexander Allfrey, Dorset England; Andrew Robson, Wiltshire United Kingdom; Richard Plackett, Oxted United Kingdom; Espen Erichsen, Tunbridge Wells United Kingdom; Erik Berg, Meldal Sor-Tron Norway; Peter Crouch, Surrey England	28.35
17/18	Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Powell OH	28.00
17/18	Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Joe Grue, New York NY; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel	28.00
19/20	Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand	27.50
19/20	John Lusky, Portland OR; Allan Falk, Okemos MI; Bruce Rogoff, Boca Raton FL; Alexander Ornstein – Barry Rigal, New York NY	27.50

QUALIFIERS IN THE KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS

		Carryover
40 Tables / Based on 79 Tables		
1	Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Joris van Lankveld, Amsterdam Netherlands; Berend Van Den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL	88.89
2	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	82.17
3	Mauricio Figueiredo – Joao Paulo Campos, Sao Paulo Brazil; Marcos Toma, Sao Paulo Brazil; Adriano Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro Brazil	81.40
4	Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL; Wenjia Yan, Cerritos CA; Ding-Hwa Hsieh – Lin-Huan Chen, Kirksville MO	77.18
5	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	76.70
6	Gillian Miniter – John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, San Francisco CA; Vincent Demuy – Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL	75.69
7	Fredrik Nystrom – Johan Upmark – Leif Bremark – Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal	75.50

8	Jeffrey Juster, Dallas TX; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Terje Aa, Heimdal Norway; Allan Livgard, Norway	72.62
9	Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Glenn Milgrim, Ransomville NY	72.36
10	Eric Robinson, Park City UT; Michael Kamil, Buckeye AZ; David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	71.74
11	Eric Genheimer, Edmond OK; Michael Shuster, Collegeville PA; Phil Clayton, Bentonville AR; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	70.91
12	Jerome Rombaut, France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France; Lionel Sebbane, Clichy France; Paul Segueineau, New York NY; Alain Levy – Erick Mauberquez, Paris France	70.89
13	Bob Balderson Jr. – Cynthia Balderson, Eden Prairie MN; Carole Miner, Rochester MN; Peg Waller, Edina MN	70.26
14	Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Mark Feldman, Austin TX; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Ross Grabel, Palm Desert CA; Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA	70.25
15	Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; Arthur Gong, Sammamish WA; Sean Gannon, Atlanta GA; Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Rozanne Pollack – William Pollack, Boca Raton FL	69.67
16	Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA; Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH; Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL; Barry Bragin, North Hutchinson FL	69.13
17	Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Luc Tijssen – Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Jovana Zoranovic, Novi Sad Serbia; Selena Pepic, Paris France	68.10
18	William Neumann, Columbia MD; Jeff Hand, New York NY; Tom Bishel – John Bishel, Columbus OH	68.07
19	Riki Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Kevin Dwyer – Shan Huang, Jacksonville FL; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden	67.75
20	Hemant Lall, Marina Del Rey CA; Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland; Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Poznan Poland; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Alon Apteker, Johannesburg South Africa	67.62
21	Raphael Hallerman, Washington DC; Siqing Yu, San Diego CA; Kenneth Chan, Goleta CA; Jin Chu, Plano TX	67.27
22	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	66.60
23	Franco Baseggio, New York NY; Allan Graves, Saint Johnsbury VT; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; David Yang, Darien IL; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA	65.95
24	William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Daniel Korbel – Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Jan Jansma, New York NY	65.59
25	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	65.48
26	Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina; Hansa Narasimhan, Mountain View CA; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA; William Watson, Sunnyvale CA; Santiago Semberoiz, Oakland Park FL; Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA	65.12
27	Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA	64.97
28	Seth Cohen, Brooklyn NY; Curtis Cheek – Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Magnus Olafsson, Huntsville AL	64.43
29	Margie Cole – Alejandro Bianchedi, New York NY; Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Jacksonville FL; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Tim Van De Paverd, Leiden Netherlands	63.00
30	Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC; Kelvin Raywood, Vancouver BC; Robert Guerard, Brossard QC; Chantal Dube, Montreal QC	62.60
31	Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Ash Gupta – Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL	62.58
32	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Andrew Chesterton, Winchester MA; Selen Hotamisligil, Weston MA; Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury MA	62.38
33	Carolyn Bitetti, Belmont MA; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia; Krzysztof Cichy, Warsaw Poland; Kacper Kopka, Sochaczew Poland	62.30
34	Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN; Stella Wan, Palo Alto CA; Amber Lin, Millbrae CA; Cynthia Huang, Las Vegas NV; Max Schireson, Stanford CA; Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA	61.04
35	Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Morrisville NC; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Edward Xu, North York ON	60.40
36	Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame CA; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Foster Tom, Cambridge MA; Anant Rathi, San Francisco CA	60.29
37	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	60.24
38	John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL; Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA; George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Ishmael Del'Monte, Baton Rouge LA; Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA	60.21
39	Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; Jacqueline Chang – Jordan Lampe, New York NY; Lisa Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Paul Holmes, Wadsworth OH	59.29
40	Farley Mawyer, Port Chester NY; Frank Morgan, Ocean City NJ; Larry Gordon, West Orange NJ; Steven Siegel, Mendham NJ	58.89

FRIDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS

29.0 Tables / Based on 54 Tables

	A	X		
40.71	1		Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland; Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland	60.11%
30.53	2	1	John Schwartz – Jane Havighurst, Allentown PA	57.83%
22.90	3	2	Leigh Ives, Alliston ON; Renee Alpert, Orange CA	56.37%
17.17	4		Ho-Yee So, Taipei City Taiwan; Kelvin Ng, Singapore	56.00%
13.57	5		Fran White, Vista CA; Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA	54.43%
11.63	6		Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD; Monique Smith, Arlington VA	54.24%
10.18	7	3	Susan Wolfe – J. Wolfe, Marietta GA	54.21%
9.05	8	4	R. Muggia – Venky Venkataramani, Andover MA	53.93%
8.14	9		Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Catherine Williams, New York City NY	53.69%
7.40	10		Drew Cavalier, Huntsville AL; Morgan Johnstone, Atlanta GA	53.62%
6.79	11		Jim Dickson, Baltimore MD; David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD	53.49%
6.26	12		Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC	53.34%
5.82	13		Tina Tessaro – Frederick Wills, Miami FL	53.22%
5.43	14		Aaron Jones, Los Angeles CA; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	52.91%
3.42		5	Philippe Galaski, Florence MA; Gail Kreppel, West Palm Beach FL	50.89%

FRIDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

25.0 Tables / Based on 64 Tables

	B	C		
28.90	1		Beverley Bessey – Glen Williamson, Sarnia ON	60.13%
21.68	2	1	C. Paul Tyborowski, Saint James NC; Lisette Voorhees, Ridgefield CT	58.45%
16.26	3	2	Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Chen Zhou, Naples FL	58.37%
10.91	4/5		Matthew Gordon, Huntington NY; James Knopf, Roslyn NY	57.93%
10.91	4/5		Dana Osburn – Dan Osburn, Summerville SC	57.93%
8.26	6		Rufus Cole – Silvia Szanto, Cos Cob CT	57.69%
7.23	7		Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA	57.60%
6.42	8		Valerie Deneroff – Martin Deneroff, New York NY	56.56%
5.78	9		Michael Klemens, Tarzana CA; Linda Burroughsford, Fort Erie ON	55.76%
5.25	10		Howard Sloan – Karen Grossman, Boca Raton FL	55.19%
5.36	11	3	Ewan McNay, Glenmont NY; Bobbie Spellman, Charlottesville VA	54.95%
4.45	12		Rick Jasper, San Jose CA; Perri Mann, Pass Christian MS	54.25%
4.02		4	Jie Crocker, Trussville AL; Bing Tong, Suwanee GA	52.99%
3.17		5	Jill Sackett – Joseph Sackett, Winchendon MA	52.94%
2.72		6	Kazi Farooqui, Round Lake IL; Robin Elliott, Boulder CO	52.70%

FRIDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

26.0 Tables / Based on 25 Tables

	7	4	2		
9.19	1	1		Elisa Donohoe, Fulton MD; Robert Kaplan, Columbus OH	64.52%
6.89	2			Barbara Kelley – Anita Berry, Raleigh NC	62.06%
5.17	3			Jenny Hornby – Barbara Hitt, Huntsville AL	58.42%
3.88	4			Richard Munoz – Ann Munoz, Pocatello ID	58.38%
4.64	5	2		Karen Riddell – Susan Viguerie, Atlanta GA	57.01%
3.48	6	3		Gina Davanzo, Eastchester NY; Judith Burger, Tarrytown NY	56.63%
2.30	7			Simon Cote, St-Donat QC; Richard Laplante, Albany NY	56.01%
2.04	8			Cynthia Marks, Safety Harbor FL; Elaine Navas, Belleair FL	55.88%
2.61	9	4		Sue Grove, Dahlonega GA; Joan McGraw, Gainesville GA	54.90%
2.06	10	5		Chris Hill, Commerce Township MI; Jerry Smith, Reynoldsburg OH	54.74%
1.71	11			Bobb Cucher – Glenda Cucher, Atlanta GA	54.57%
3.72	12	6	1	Scott Campbell Jr., Atlanta GA; Dhelia Williamson, Decatur GA	54.51%
1.31	13			Sally Murphy – Maggie Staton, Atlanta GA	54.26%
1.48		7/8		Howard Waldman, Jupiter FL; Betsy Amira, East Williston NY	54.18%
2.79		7/8	2	Margaret King – Biswajit Chandra, Birmingham AL	54.18%
2.09			3	Jane Doss – Carol Inman, Rome GA	54.07%
1.57			4	Giorgio Casinovi, Tucker GA; Cole McCord, Atlanta GA	50.56%
1.55			5	Margaret Reiser – Mary Barrett, Atlanta GA	49.88%

FRIDAY FAST PAIRS

13.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
11.50	1			Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV; Jon Brissman, Indianapolis IN	59.85%
8.63	2			Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI; Julie Arbit, Milford MI	57.58%
6.47	3			William Young, Durham NC; Andrzej Bednarczyk, Lemont IL	56.91%
4.34	4/5			Ronald Carriere, St.-Hippolyte QC; Michel Lorber, Baie-D'urfe QC	55.59%
4.34	4/5			Richard Gross, Owens Cross Roads AL; Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY	55.59%
3.29	6			Theri Andino, Niceville FL; Chris Sloan, Nashville TN	55.02%
3.35	7			Milt Van Reed, Terre Haute IN; Joanna Hebermehl, Paris IL	54.55%
4.90		1		Cynthia Rivet – Rebecca Brown, Lakeway TX	49.62%
3.68		2		Bridget Poizner – Patrick Staley, San Diego CA	48.48%
2.76		3		Candyce Clanton, Grovetown GA; Diane Alexander, Alexandria VA	47.16%

BETTY MALIN MEMORIAL THURSDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

12.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.98	1			Marianne Goff – Margaret Coe, Egg Harbor Township NJ	59.14%
3.74	2	1		Shao-Heng Chu, Atlanta GA; Bo Han Zhu, Mountain View CA	57.64%
2.80	3			Dian Petrov, Buffalo NY; Rumen Dimitrov, East Greenwich RI	57.08%
2.10	4			Gregory Barnes, Jefferson City MO; Sasanka Ramanadham, Birmingham AL	55.18%
2.76	5	2		Julie Anderson, Tinton Falls NJ; Dorel Livescu, Marlboro NJ	54.59%
2.07	6	3		James Rich – James Ray, Nashville TN	53.76%
1.55		4		Stephen Pozez, Tucson AZ; Clyde Johnson, Duluth MN	53.62%
1.16		5		Kohur Gowrisankaran, Pointe-Claire QC; William Golush, Denville NJ	53.51%

FRIDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

7.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.68	1			Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Michael Dworetzky, Palm Beach Gardens FL	60.00%
3.03	2	1		Kathleen Loeb, Orlando FL; Stefanie Scott, Carrollton TX	58.75%
2.07	3			Ken Gee, Regina SK; Eva Cheung, Menlo Park CA	57.92%
1.36	4/5			Robert Morris, Houston TX; Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC	56.25%
1.36	4/5			Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Anu Goodman, Toronto ON	56.25%
2.27		2		Gerald Lackner, Furstenfeld Austria; Karl Pack, Hartberg Austria	53.33%
1.70		3		Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX; Zaprinka Anguelova, Deerfield Beach FL	49.17%

FRIDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

5.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.40	1	1	1	Bonnie Whitman, Atlanta GA; Nathan Lipsett, Brookhaven GA	64.58%
1.80	2			Richard Nathenson – Carol Nathenson, Monroeville PA	64.37%
1.60	3	2	2	Susan Whiteside – Bogdan Antoniu, Burlington ON	58.12%
1.20	4	3	3	Jill Chopra – Chuck Warren, Atlanta GA	53.65%
0.90		4	4	Sally White – Margaret Joiner, Atlanta GA	51.04%

WILL BOYNTON MEMORIAL FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1

10 Tables

33.81	1	Ahmed Yousry, West Palm Beach FL; Diane Gordy, Palm Beach FL; Aly El-Selehdar, Minnetonka MN; Ivan Nanev Ivanov, Sofia Bulgaria; Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL	85.00
25.36	2	Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Corey Krantz, Boynton Beach FL; Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Christina Madsen, Denmark	84.00
19.02	3	Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Ahu Zobu, Tarabya Istanbul Turkey; Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria	77.00
14.26	4	Maya Jonas-Silver, Brooklyn NY; Omer Ekinci, Stamford CT; Can Berkatas, Katy TX; Yusuf Sohtorik, Istanbul Turkey	61.00

WILL BOYNTON MEMORIAL FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2

7 Tables

18.85	1	Carl Dahl Jr., Sun City Center FL; Jim Hutter, Broomfield CO; Brigitte Tetzner, Calgary AB; Joyce McMonagle, Ocala FL	75.00
14.14	2	Tracy Brines, Smithfield VA; Thomas Musso, Charleston SC; Kathrine Loh, Walnut Creek CA; Joyce Neville, White Marsh VA	66.00
8.28	3/5	Paul Chan – Lily Chan, Columbia MO; Alan Hierseman, Olathe KS; David Braverman, Overland Park KS	62.00
8.28	3/5	Katherine Pollock, East Amherst NY; Frank Kelton, Calgary AB; Xingping Kang, El Monte CA; Chongmin Zhang, Getzville NY	62.00
8.28	3/5	Paul Amer, Newark DE; Anne Taylor, Rehoboth Beach DE; Roy Perry, St. John's NL; Barbara Rhoades, Wilmington DE	62.00

WILL BOYNTON MEMORIAL FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3

7 Tables

16.76	1	Jianfeng Luo, North York ON; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ; Yan Wang, Richmond Hill ON; Lisa Chen, Stouffville ON	83.00
12.57	2	Marc Goldberg – Suzanne Goldberg – Richard Lowens – Elaine Lowens, Durham NC	66.00
9.43	3	Peter Martin, Kennesaw GA; Carey Snider, Woodstock GA; Michelle Alterman, Atlanta GA; Becky Butler, Alpharetta GA	58.00

WILL BOYNTON MEMORIAL FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4

7 Tables

14.99	1	Paul Burnham, Wilton CT; Sonja Smith – Deanna Larus – Ian Cloudsdale, Chapel Hill NC	75.00
11.24	2	Karl Zaman, Strongsville OH; Anne Wilson, Campbell CA; Brenda Hatton, San Jose CA; Eusebio Menezes, Cupertino CA	73.00
8.43	3	Mark Blanchard, Bay Shore NY; Amy Rhodes, New York NY; Gerald Berkman, Murrells Inlet SC; Karen Galleher, Pawleys Island SC	66.00

WILL BOYNTON MEMORIAL FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5

7 Tables

13.76	1	Dan Griggs, Canton GA; Fred Tanzer, Land O'Lakes FL; Virginia Saul – Helen Browdy, Atlanta GA	79.00
10.32	2	Thomas Dale – Brian Collins – Raye Lundrigan – Richard Lash, St. John's NL	67.00
7.74	3	Peter Manzon, Waltham MA; Rick Holcomb, Malden MA; Susan Frayman – Rene Frayman, Auburn MA	66.00

WILL BOYNTON MEMORIAL FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 6

7 Tables

12.25	1	Malcolm Todd, Sandy Springs GA; Sara Tuohy, Hoschton GA; Lisa Decarlo, Gainesville GA; Mil Clyburn Jr., Cleveland GA	86.00
9.19	2	Denise Leclerc – Yves Decelles – Sylvie Levesque – Luc Gagnon, Baie-Comeau QC	83.00
6.89	3	Sheryl Sack – Lana Imerman, Atlanta GA; Jan Banks, Norcross GA; Asako Ahmed, Alpharetta GA	64.00

WILL BOYNTON MEMORIAL FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 7

7 Tables

11.12	1	Julie Anderson, Tinton Falls NJ; Beth Wisinski – Gary Wisinski, Scottsdale AZ; Dorel Livescu, Marlboro NJ	92.00
8.34	2	Ellen Luchette, Limerick PA; Andrew Perry, Fredericton NB; Marc Topaz, Flourtown PA; Lorna Johnson, Keswick Ridge NB	75.00
6.26	3	James Knirsch – Sue Knirsch, Chagrin Falls OH; Clyde Bruce Baldwin, Statesboro GA; Joan Blinn, Hollidaysburg PA	73.00

WILL BOYNTON MEMORIAL FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 8

7 Tables

10.70	1	Art Quey, San Mateo CA; Neil Gordon, Atlanta GA; Pierre Dufour, Boca Raton FL; Cecil Crowson Jr., Morelos Mexico	83.00
8.03	2	Barbara Devaney, Washington DC; Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD; Bobette Thorsen – Todd Thorsen, Lititz PA	77.00
6.02	3	Cristi Nelson, Grand Rapids MI; David Pingel, Hamilton MI; Phyllis Ward – Maggie Miller, Marietta GA	66.00

WILL BOYNTON MEMORIAL FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 9

7 Tables

10.31	1	Ken Pelowski – Lori Mirek, Atherton CA; Kathryn Papermaster, Horseshoe Bay TX; Vera Baum, Los Altos CA	94.00
7.73	2	Jay Silberberg, Denver CO; Michael Shedd, Brighton CO; Janet Meyer, Dallas TX; Jacqueline Brown, Frisco TX	86.00
5.80	3	Shakti Chandra – Rahul Chandra, St John's NL; Nelson Daigle, Metairie LA; Matti Hietalahti, Belle Chasse LA	76.00

WILL BOYNTON MEMORIAL FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 10

7 Tables

9.37	1	David Cancian, Lincoln MA; Richard Giles, Andover MA; Rob Jones, Acton MA; Rob Russell, Middleton MA	86.00
7.03	2	Linda Jones, Newnan GA; Gail Melton, Locust Grove GA; Elizabeth Burks, Sandy Springs GA; Sikina Ehmer, Atlanta GA	72.00
5.27	3	Fran Madsen – Nels Madsen – Fran Hultquist – Jane Clark, Auburn AL	71.00

WILL BOYNTON MEMORIAL FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 11

7 Tables

8.42	1	Ashish Gupta, San Francisco CA; Larry Shell, Muscatine IA; Lee Stem – Laima Stem, Mississauga ON	90.00
6.32	2	Malcolm Millar – Rosalyn Millar, Summerside PE; Peggy Kramer, Indianapolis IN; Brenda Lashbrook, Plainfield IN	73.00
4.74	3	Brian McClure, Suttons Bay MI; Christopher Gennick, Traverse City MI; Patience Mawhorter – Mark Caudill, Marietta GA	69.00

WILL BOYNTON MEMORIAL FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 12

7 Tables

7.43	1	Judy Piper – Barbara Pomer, Greensboro NC; Elizabeth Johnson, Georgetown KY; Ellen Hume, Lexington KY	85.00
5.57	2	Douglas Clink, Orange Beach AL; Gwen Chen, Wilmington DE; Robert Lumbert, Severn MD; Gary Rowland, Golden Valley MN	71.00
4.18	3	Hope Campbell, Bel Air MD; Roger Reese, Johnstown PA; Jeffrey Gourley, Evertt PA; Diana Beaver, Sidman PA	70.00

WILL BOYNTON MEMORIAL FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 13

7 Tables

5.84	1	Adam Wilkinson – M. Prebula – Amy Fieldman, Henderson NV; Kevin Freund, Princeton NJ	79.00
4.38	2	Janet Daniel – Nell McAnelly – Kathy Adamek – Elaine Frisbie, Baton Rouge LA	70.00
3.29	3	Richard Siegel – Jeff Frank – David Swain, Atlanta GA; Neha Shah, Marietta GA	62.00



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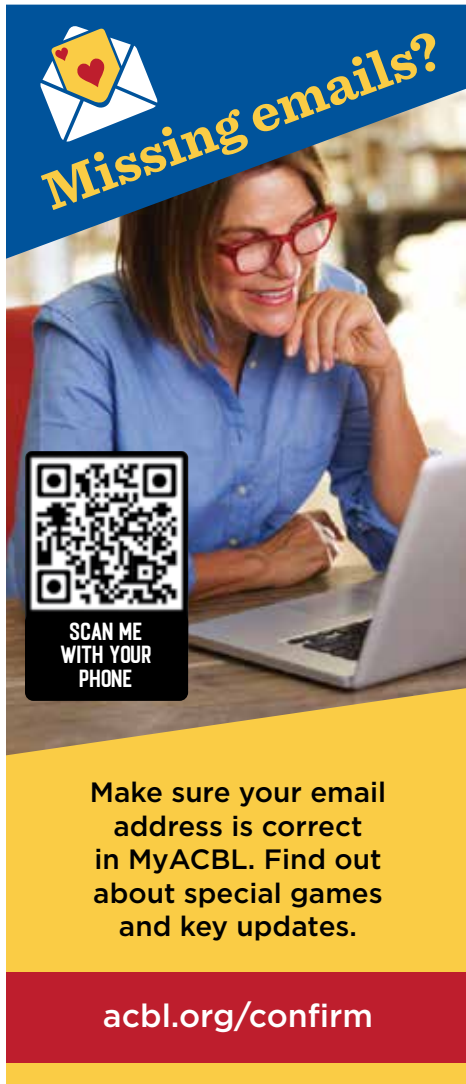
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Disappearing trump trick

Mark Itabashi of Newport Beach CA, playing with Laura Brill of White Plains NY, reported this deal from the second qualifying session of the Senior Mixed Pairs:

Dlr: North ♠ J 9 8 6 4 3
 Vul: Both ♥ Q 9 8
 Bd. 13 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ A 10

♠ K 10 2
 ♥ J 10 5 3 2
 ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ 8 6

♠ Q 7 5
 ♥ A K 7 4
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ K Q J 5

♠ A
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A Q J 9 4 3
 ♣ 9 7 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
	<i>Itabashi</i>		<i>Brill</i>
	Pass	1♦	Dbl
1♥	2♠	3♦	4♠
All Pass			

East led his singleton heart. “On the face of it, it looks like you’re off two diamonds and the ♠A K,” said Itabashi. “However, you have hope that if the clubs are 4–3, you have a diamond pitch. So, you start clubs: ♣A, club to the king and ♣Q. West is forced to ruff, you overruff, play a heart to dummy’s king and play another club. When West ruffs with the 10, you overruff again, play a trump and crash the ♠A K.”

Itabashi made 10 tricks for a 95% board.

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Wanted: Vugraph Operators

As usual, the ACBL is broadcasting various sessions of NABC team events on BBO. We are looking for people to take on the fun and challenge of being a vugraph operator.

A few operators are still needed for the Reisinger Board-A-Match Teams final, Sunday, Dec. 3.

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NABC+ Mixed Swiss starts today

The NABC+ Mixed Swiss Teams, which made its debut in 2015, starts today. The event, which qualifies winners for Grand Life Master, pays platinum points for overall placements. It's a two-day affair consisting of two qualifying sessions and two final sessions.

- 2015** Kerri Sanborn, Steve Sanborn, Sylvia Shi, Steve Robinson
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- 2018** Alison Wilson, Kent Mignocchi, Magdalena Ticha, Richard Ritmeijer, Ida Groenkvist
- 2019** Sanna Clementsson, Alexander Sandin, Roger Lee, Wei Wang
- 2020** Not held
- 2021** Paul Lewis, Linda Lewis, Ron Smith, Disa Eythorsdottir
- 2022** Joan Brody, Joel Wooldridge, Marion Michielsen, Per-Ola Cullin, Janice Seamon-Molson

Book seller

The book seller at the Atlanta NABC is located on the Marquis Level near the concession stand.

Glasson reviews tenure as president

In an interview this week with the Daily Bulletin staff, outgoing ACBL President Joann Glasson reflected on her two-year stint in the leadership role and discussed what she felt were the top achievements of the Board, management and committees in 2022 and 2023.



“The Board restructured Headquarters management in 2022 to remove a layer of middle managers at the League as a cost-savings measure. And the Board itself continued with its own multi-year restructuring plan: On Jan. 1, the Board will finally become a 13-member body, down from the original number of 25 several years ago,” she said.

“On the discipline front, the creation of the Institute for Bridge Arbitration has worked well, moving conduct and ethics cases away from in-house committees and into binding arbitration. Mark Friedlander and Allan Falk, especially, have been instrumental in helping with this project, which shields the League from litigation associated with these cases.

“And the EDGAR project, to deal with online cheating, is finally getting off the ground, allowing us to tackle more of these abusive situations in a shorter amount of time. The work of Brian Platnick and Franco Baseggio has been fantastic,” Glasson said.

The ACBL has faced technology-related challenges for years. Modernization of existing platforms has been difficult, complicated by turnover in IT staffing. Glasson seems optimistic, however, about the future of this issue.

“Jay Whipple [former Board member and 2020 Volunteer of the Year] has been indispensable in helping the ACBL with its technology

challenges, as well as its processes for handling them. With Marcin Waslowicz now at the helm of the IT department, it feels like we have a good plan for going forward.”

The recent hiring of Bronia Jenkins as executive director is also a cause for optimism on Glasson's part.

“Bronia's boundless enthusiasm and energy is infectious, but she's self-aware. She knows that she doesn't know everything. She works so well with staff and the Board; she's a terrific fit.”

Fellow Board member Cindy Shoemaker praised Glasson's work as president.

“Joann is an impactful leader. She served as president during extraordinary times and embraced the responsibility to drive change. She harnessed the talents of our volunteers to improve IT, build and retain membership and curtail cheating. Throughout her service, she remained optimistic and appreciative. The ACBL is in a better place thanks to her hard work and dedication to the organization and to the sustainability of bridge.”

Board member David Lodge wrote, “It has been a pleasure serving with Joann as president. She has been the right person for the time. Leaders present images. Joann's is one of collegiality and positivity. Negativity is just not part of her demeanor. She is friendly but firm. She encourages and cajoles rather than mandating. Joann is a tireless worker with a real grasp of the big picture. She is conversant with the details on the important items. She is admired and respected by the members of the Board.”

Glasson's term ends Dec. 31. The new president for 2024 is Margot Hennings.



Jon Herman and Mark Blanchard, present day

A 46-year tour

Jon Herman of Decatur GA and Mark Blanchard of Bay Shore NY both went to Grinnell College, a private liberal arts school in Grinnell IA.

“Mark was a larger-than-life persona on campus,” said Herman. “He was kind of a professional character. He was an athlete in a school that had few athletes, little bit of a party guy.”

At the time, Blanchard was a junior and Herman was a freshman.

“Jon was a young kid, wide-eyed,



Herman in his college days

who couldn’t wait for his college experience,” remembers Blanchard.

Fast-forward 46 years, here at the Atlanta NABC, Herman was playing pairs. “I pressed the button to look at the names and was like, ‘Mark Blanchard? Holy \$#!+!’ I looked at him and said, ‘Deal!’ because that was his trademark in college. He still looked confused – I knew he wouldn’t recognize me – and I said, ‘Jon Herman.’ He gave me a warm



Blanchard running track at Grinnell

handshake and it’s just been really nice to see each other.”

Herman reflected on their history. “In college, Blanch was the Skipper to my Gilligan,” said Herman. “But in fact, I became the professor, and he became a millionaire.”

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Final Countdown

By Mark Horton

The final of the Soloway Knockout would be between Switzerland, the reigning Bermuda Bowl Champions led by Pierre Zimmermann, and Paul Street's cosmopolitan squad.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
2♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	2NT ⁽³⁾	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) Balanced 17+ to 19 HCP, denies 5♥/♠

(2) Relay or 4+♠

(3) Denies four spades

South led the ♥3, and declarer won with dummy's queen and played a spade to the king and a spade to the 10. When they held, a heart to the king also scored, and declarer cashed the winning diamonds and played a club to the king, finishing with 11 tricks, +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>L'Ecuyer</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Street</i>
		1NT	All Pass



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Louisville attractions

Louisville is a thriving city that combines heritage, originality and friendliness. It was listed as one of 52 Places to Go in 2023 by The New York Times. Several notable attractions are within walking distance of The Galt House, while others are within 5 miles.

See a detailed listing of attractions and events at gotolouisville.com.

Kentucky Derby Museum

Discover the rich history of the Kentucky Derby at this museum situated within the iconic Churchill Downs. Engage with interactive exhibits, enjoy a guided tour of the racetrack, and explore an exhibit dedicated to the fascinating world of derby fashions, particularly the famous derby hats.

704 Central Ave. • derbymuseum.org

Louisville Slugger Museum

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800 W. Main St. • 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

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

Declarer took 10 tricks for +180, a loss of 7 IMPs.
Naturally the Rueful Rabbit would accidently drop the ♣Q on the table, after which even 1NT is doomed.

Board 4. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
1NT	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	3♦ ⁽²⁾	4♠
All Pass			Pass

(1) One major
(2) Hearts

West led the ♠6 and declarer won with the ♠9 and played a heart, West winning and continuing with the ♠J. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a heart and played the ♣Q. East won and switched to the ♦10 for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>L'Ecuyer</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Street</i>
1NT	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	3♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

(1) One major
(2) Hearts

West led the ♥A K and declarer ruffed, drew trumps ending in dummy and played a diamond to the 9, king and ace, one down, -200 and 3 IMPs to Zimmermann, bringing the score level at 7-7.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♠	All Pass

South led the ♣7 and declarer won in dummy, cashed the ♥A K pitching a club and a diamond, and took the diamond finesse. He was two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>L'Ecuyer</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Street</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Although North had not doubled 5♣, it was the obvious suit to lead, and South tabled the ♣7. Declarer won in dummy, cashed the ♥A K, pitching a club and a diamond and took the diamond finesse. The unlucky diamond break meant North could score the setting trick via an overruff, -100 and 3 IMPs, taking the score to 11-11.

Both sides got too high on Board 9, Zimmermann scoring more tricks to pick up 4 IMPs and take the lead, 15-11.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2♦ ⁽³⁾	Pass	2♣ ⁽²⁾
Pass	3♠	Pass	2NT
All Pass		Pass	3NT

(1) Polish Club: 11–14 balanced, or 15+ with long clubs, or 18+ any pattern

(2) 4♦/5+♣, 15+

(3) Artificial game force

West led the ♥J and when East played the ♥K declarer won, cashed the ♥Q and exited with the ♥6. West won and switched to the ♠Q, and declarer won in dummy, cashed the ♥9 and continued with the ♦J to the queen, king and 4. East had pitched the ♦8, West the ♦2 on the fourth heart, and declarer exited with the ♦10, pinning the ♦9. He had nine tricks now, via two spades, three hearts, three diamonds and a club.

It's a complex hand.

If West exits with a low spade, East must discard a spade on the ♥9 and West the ♦2. Another way for the defenders to prevail is for West to switch to a diamond. Declarer can win with the 10 and cross to dummy with a spade, but East covers the ♦J and the defenders should prevail.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>L'Ecuyer</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Street</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass		Pass	3NT

West led the ♥J and declarer won with the queen, cashed the ♥A, East unblocking the king and exited with a heart, West winning and switching to the ♠Q. Declarer

won in dummy and cashed the ♥9, both defenders pitching a diamond. Declarer played a club to the queen and West won and went back to spades (a club return is best but hard to find) and declarer won in dummy but fatally discarded a diamond. A transmission problem caused the rest of the play to be lost, but declarer finished two down, -200, Zimmermann scoring 13 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	1NT	3♣	Db1 ⁽²⁾
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT

(1) 2+♣

(2) Takeout

East led the ♣10, and when his king held, West decided to switch, going for the ♥2. However, partner came to the rescue by holding the ♥10. Declarer won with dummy's king and played on diamonds, East winning the second round and returning the ♥10. West won with the ♥J and continued with the ♥Q and declarer could only take eight tricks, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>L'Ecuyer</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Street</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♣10, and when his king held, West mysteriously switched to the ♦5. That handed declarer the contract on a plate, and he might even have recorded an overtrick, +600 and 12 IMPs to Street.

At the end of the session, Zimmermann led 33–23.

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Sunday, Dec. 3

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			Members	Other
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Salon 4, International Level	\$30*	—
REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	1-2 F	Salon 1, International Level	\$30*	—
10 am				
Sunday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	A703, Atrium Level	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	A703, Atrium Level	\$15	\$19
10 am & 1 pm				
Fast Pairs	1-2	A602, Atrium Level	\$20	\$24
10 am & tba				
Top-Flight Swiss Teams (<i>unlim./6000/4500</i>) <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Atrium Ballroom B, Atrium Level	\$20	\$24
Bracketed Round Robin Teams (<i>0-4000</i>) <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Atrium Ballroom B, Atrium Level	\$20	\$24
10 am & 3 pm				
NABC 0-6000 PAIRS	1-2 F	A707, Atrium Level	\$22	—
10 am & 3:30 pm				
MIXED SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Atrium Ballroom A, Atrium Level	\$30	—
2 pm				
Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	A703, Atrium Level	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	A703, Atrium Level	\$15	\$19

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

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

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