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Youth poll



Where do you think is the best place to learn bridge?

“The best place is not at all because it’s an addiction you can never escape. [laughs] Probably school. It’s nice to be surrounded by peers.”

Jack Boge, 17

New York NY

See more youth answers, pages 18-19

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Goodwill Message

Good sportsmanship is the hallmark of our bridge community.

Lamya Agelidis, Chair

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Rimstedt and company take Mixed BAM crown

With a score of 36.0 wins, the squad of Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Shan Huang and Sandra Rimstedt captured the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams title by a quarter board over Gillian Minter’s team. Joyce Hill is the non-playing captain for the winners.

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Winners of the Freeman Board-a-Match Teams: Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt and Shan Huang. Their npc is Joyce Hill (not pictured).

Itabashi–Silverman win Wernher Open Pairs



Winners of the Wernher Open Pairs: Neil Silverman and Mark Itabashi

Mark Itabashi of Newport Beach CA and Neil Silverman of Fort Lauderdale FL are the winners of the Wernher Open Pairs. After two average-ish qualifying sessions, the pair were in 56th place going into Thursday’s two-session final. Their 61.07% first final score boosted them into 14th place and their final session – 65.02% – brought their combined score up to 2172.97, a little more than a board over second place. “That was definitely our cleanest session of the event,” said Itabashi. “We knew

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Entry Express and purchase options

Advance entries for events are available through the ACBL’s online Entry Express system. It is necessary for eligible players to use Entry Express



in order to receive the host discount of \$10 per session for being a guest of one of the host hotels or resident of the host district. Canadian Bridge Federation members eligible for the Maple Leaf Discount of \$14 per session must also

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Today's Bridge Events

Friday, July 26 Barbara Seagram and Alex Kornel Day

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*		
			Members with CBF discount	Members with host discount	Members without discount
9:30 am & 3:30 pm					
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 QF	202D, 2nd floor	\$50	\$54	\$64
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 QF	202D, 2nd floor	\$30	\$34	\$44
0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 QF	202D, 2nd floor	\$30	\$34	\$44
10 am					
John Rayner Friday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Ex Hall B East, 3rd floor	\$24	\$28	\$38
299er Pairs	single	Ex Hall B West, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24	\$34
10 am & 1 pm					
Fast Pairs	1-2	Ex Hall B East, 3rd floor	\$24	\$28	\$38
10 am & 3 pm					
NABC 0-10,000 PAIRS	1-2 F	Constitution Hall 107, 1st floor	\$30	\$34	\$44
Alex Kornel Open Pairs (<i>unlim./4000/1500</i>)	1-2	Ex Hall B East, 3rd floor	\$24	\$28	\$38
Unit 246 Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Ex Hall B West, 3rd floor	\$24	\$28	\$38
Barbara Seagram Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Ex Hall B South, 3rd floor	\$24	\$28	\$38
Collegiate Pairs	1-2	205B, 2nd floor	Free	Free	Free
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship	QF/SF	205B, 2nd floor	Free	Free	Free
10 am & 3:30 pm					
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 Q	Constitution Hall 106, 1st floor	\$50	\$54	\$64
<i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions</i>					
3 pm					
Friday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Ex Hall B East, 3rd floor	\$24	\$28	\$38
299er Pairs	single	Ex Hall B West, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24	\$34
7:30 pm					
Friday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>	single	Ex Hall B East, 3rd floor	\$24	\$28	\$28
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship	F	205B, 2nd floor	Free	Free	Free
Collegiate Individual	single	205B, 2nd floor	Free	Free	Free

* For premier, NABC+ and NABC events, participants must be full ACBL members and up-to-date with their membership dues or service fees. For all other events, participants must be ACBL members (or guest members). Inactive members may renew or pay a \$5 upcharge per 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

Barbara Seagram and Alex Kornel

Toronto's Monday Club and friends proudly recognize Barbara Seagram and Alex Kornel.



Barbara and Alex started playing together in the early 1980s and then tied the knot in 1984. They are not only partners in life but in business and bridge. Barbara and Alex both say that the other is their favorite bridge partner!

They are a great team, complementing each other. Alex is calm, wise and unflappable and everyone knows all about Barbara's enthusiasm, humor and passion.

Barbara and Alex owned and ran the Kate Buckman Bridge Studio in Toronto for many years. It was the largest bridge club in Canada and the fourth-largest on the continent. In 2006, it was named by ACBL as the top bridge club in North America out of 3200 clubs.

They took over the running of Monday Club from 2007 to 2016 and were instrumental in its continued success.

Presently Barbara and Alex own and run the School of Bridge in Toronto. Barbara teaches thousands of students a year at all levels all over the U.S. and Canada while also traveling all over the world. They have now visited 171 countries. They are tenacious in promoting bridge wherever they travel. Barbara jokes: "It is my solution to world peace!"

Barbara is the author of 38 bridge books. Her most well-known book is "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know." Recently revised, it is now in its 21st printing. It has been named one of the top five best-selling bridge books of the last 60 years and has been translated into French, German, Japanese, Portuguese and Danish.

David Bird notes that he and Barbara have worked together on a number of teaching books for Masterpoint Press. "Much of my other writing, such as the Abbot stories and world championship bulletins, uses fairly advanced deals, sometimes with a hard-to-see twist," Bird said. "Barbara often had to point out to me, very pleasantly, that some of my deals might (just possibly) be 'too difficult.' They needed to be simplified or replaced. Of course, she was right. She has spent many years teaching vast numbers of novice and intermediate players and knew what she was talking about. Our books together have sold well, and this must be because the deals were (eventually) at the right level. I would be hopeless as a class teacher, having nowhere near the patience required. I admire those who do, particularly the great Barbara!"

Barbara is an educator par excellence. She was named No. 40 on the list of the top 52 bridge personalities that have most influenced the game. She is a frequent speaker at the NABCs and she was a co-founder of the Zero Tolerance policy. She has inspired and taught thousands of bridge enthusiasts around the world.

Barbara has been the recipient of several awards: The Kate Buckman Award, given to the person who has contributed most to others' enjoyment of the game and the Audrey Grant Award for excellence in teaching.

Barbara and Alex have been such a force in persuading players to return to F2F bridge post-COVID. They have worked tirelessly to promote the game we love. Barbara ran half-day seminars at no charge to many clubs in Canada and in the U.S. to encourage a return to F2F bridge. They truly have been on a mission to help F2F clubs by giving workshops at many bridge clubs struggling to survive.

Barbara is also very active in the American Bridge Teachers' Association. She is passionate about marketing events of all sorts and writes a monthly

newsletter, advertising all upcoming events and including lots of bridge articles and quizzes to further students' knowledge at the same time. She sends this out to over 9500 of her former and current students. She loves to support local bridge events and community causes.

Monday Club has benefited as a part of the bridge community thanks to their encouragement, mentoring, expertise and infectious passion for the game.

They are tireless fundraisers and many of us have attended Barbara's lessons to raise funds for local charities and for the compassionate projects in Cambodia and Laos that Barbara, Alex and Patti Lee started and continue to develop and grow. They have four schools in Cambodia that they have built and sustain, and they have many water projects in Cambodia and in Laos. They also have foster children in Burkina Faso.

Both are caring people and we are fortunate to have them involved in bridge and with Monday Club as honorary members.

Monday Club salutes them both.

Scoring error?

Scoring corrections for NABC+ and NABC events can now be submitted online using the form found at tinyurl.com/scorecorrection. Corrections for these and all other events can be submitted in person at the Tournament Operations office (Room 205C, ground level). Corrections can also be reported to the director in charge of the event.

Shuttle times updated

The morning shuttle times from the Sheraton Central Toronto Hotel and the Westin Harbour Castle to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre have been updated to the following:

8:00 a.m.
8:30 am
9:00 am
9:30 am

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

All meetings are at the InterContinental or Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Friday, July 26
10 am–6 pm **Youth NABC. Room 104, lower level, MTCC**

Saturday, July 27
10 am–5:30 pm **Youth NABC. Room 104, lower level, MTCC**
5:30–7:30 pm **Youth NABC Closing Reception. Room 104, lower level, MTCC**

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game!
Exhibit Hall B West on the upper level of the Convention Centre.

Friday, July 26
9:15 a.m. **Patty Tucker** *Reopening Doubles*
2:15 p.m. **Jerry Helms** *Balancing*

Saturday, July 27
9:15 a.m. **Jade Barrett** *The Power of Fits*

HOSPITALITY

Food will be served mornings beginning at 9 a.m. and, courtesy of the host committee, selected afternoons at 2:30 p.m. on the upper and lower levels of the Convention Centre.

Friday, July 26
Morning: wild berry scones. Afternoon: homemade tarts.

Saturday, July 27
Breakfast loaf

PATRON LOUNGE

Patron Members are invited to visit the Patron Lounge in Room 204 on the ground level of the Convention Centre from 1 to 3 p.m. today for light lunch and coffee.

Friday, July 26
Seasonal soup, cookies

Nurse on Duty

A nurse will be available from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day for those in attendance at the Toronto NABC. The nurse's office is located on the second level (street level) behind the Partnership Desk, first door on the right. Look for the first-aid cross symbol above the door.

You oughta be in pictures

If you achieve a new masterpoint milestone here in Toronto – Life Masters and upwards – please come by the Bulletin office: Convention Centre, street level, Room 205A and let us take your picture. We're eager to congratulate you and share your achievement in the Daily Bulletin.



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JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Tips for New Players

By Frank Stewart

Auction inferences

Accurate bidding requires more than counting points and knowing a system. Players need good judgment plus imagination: the ability to “see cards,” visualizing how the cards lie around the table. Inferences are often available.



Neither side vulnerable at IMPs, you hold as South:

♠Q 9 6 3 ♥7 5 3 ♦A Q 5 ♣K 6 2.

East deals and opens 1♥, West raises to 2♥ and two passes follow.

Your partner has some strength; if he had none, the opponents would still be bidding. Double. Don't let them play comfortably at the two level when they have a trump fit. Your partner will bid something – 2♠, you hope. Then if he plays there, he may make the contract. If the opponents go to 3♥, you will have a better chance for a plus on defense.

North	South
1♦	1♥
1NT	?

South holds:

♠9 3 ♥10 7 4 3 ♦A 8 5 3 ♣K 5 4.

Bid 2♦. North neither raised your hearts nor rebid 1♠, so he must have at least four cards in diamonds.

IMP, North–South vulnerable:

West	North	East	South
1♣	Dbl	Pass	?

South holds:

♠K 4 ♥Q 7 ♦A J 10 5 2 ♣Q 9 5 3.

Bid 3NT. North won't have a lightish double at this vulnerability, but a key factor is that the play will go easily: You will know where the missing high cards are.

IMP, both vulnerable:

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	?

South holds:

♠5 ♥K 7 4 3 2 ♦K 7 5 ♣A K J 2.

North's 3♥ promised no more than a sound minimum, so South's 4♣ cuebid to try for slam was aggressive. South should sign off at 4♥. West's vulnerable preempt increases

the chance of bad breaks. Players often neglect to allow for that chance even when the auction makes it likely.

Try this quiz. IMPs, both vulnerable:

1.	West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
	2♦	Dbl	Pass	?

South holds:

♠A J 10 4 ♥4 ♦A 9 4 3 ♣J 9 5 2

2.	West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass	1♣
	Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
	Pass	3♥	Pass	?

South holds:

♠A K 5 ♥A J ♦8 5 3 2 ♣J 9 4 3

3.	West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♥	Dbl	Reddbl
	2♣	Pass	Pass	?

South holds:

♠K 5 ♥10 6 4 2 ♦A K 5 ♣9 5 3 2

4.	West	North	East	South
		1♦	Pass	1♠
	Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
	Pass	5♦	Pass	?

South holds:

♠K Q 7 5 3 ♥A 10 5 ♦A ♣9 6 4 2

My answers

1. Bid 4♠. North has a good hand to act between two bidding opponents. He is marked with diamond shortness and five hearts, but he did not overcall 1♥. The inference is that his hearts are weak, so his high cards lie elsewhere – where they will fit with your long suits. Be aggressive.

2. North's bidding suggests about 10 HCP and six hearts. Why didn't he open 2♥? If he has either a minor-suit void or four cards in spades, that will suit you fine. Bid 4♥.

3. Bid 4♥. Your hand has great playing strength. North is marked with four spades from East–West's failure to play at spades and can ruff spades in your hand. You lack a heart honor, but North has a good suit; with four spades and five hearts, some Norths might have preferred to double.

4. Bid 6♦. Club losers are a concern, but North could hardly leap to an 11-trick contract missing both red aces and some high spades without a club control. He held:

♠A x ♥x ♦K Q 10 9 8 x x x ♣K x.



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New Life Master

Kathy Stadther

of St. Cloud MN became a Life Master here in Toronto. Needing 5.11 gold points, Kathy and her



partner, Jan Gembol of Clear Lake MN, had an emphatic win in Thursday's Gold Rush Pairs – posting 64.20% and 65.52% games and winning over 12 gold points. "It was my goal to be a Life Master, it's all I wanted," said Kathy. "I'm just a simple person, but a fun-loving one. I have fun at bridge."

Kathy and Jan came to the NABC with friends and teammates Nancy Balfanz and Theresa Kornwolf.



Ivan Pavlovic, age 36, is the chief of staff at 52 Entertainment (the company that owns BBO). He lives in Paris, France. He came all the way to Toronto to play his first F2F tournament.

He played with Donald Jones of Oshawa ON and placed third with a 58% game in the first Friday morning 299er pairs.

Entry Express

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use Entry Express.

To use Entry Express from your own device, go to members.acbl.org/tournaments/2407001/detail or scan the QR code on page one. You must be logged into Entry Express before you can use it*. This may be done until midnight the day before the event begins.

For multi-day events, each day must be purchased separately in Entry Express. Only those who purchased the first day online are automatically eligible to purchase later days in Entry Express. If you did not purchase the first day online but would like to purchase later days online, email entryexpress@acbl.org to request permission.

Hotel guests are assigned two discount coupons per night of stay plus one (six nights gets 14 coupons).

For help with Entry Express, visit the Entry Express Help Desk located on both the upper level, on the east side of Exhibit Hall B, and on the lower level, right off the escalator.

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

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

*If you aren't sure whether you are logged into Entry Express, click any blue Select button; if you aren't logged in, you will be prompted to do so.

Eligibility points

Notice to members of other national bridge organizations:

If you are currently a member of a bridge organization outside of USA, Canada, Mexico or Bermuda, or have been in the past, please be aware that you must have eligibility points assigned to you (or those previously issued to you reviewed, if more than a year ago) prior to participation in any event at this NABC. This is especially important if you intend to enter an event, flight or stratum with a masterpoint limit or a bracketed event. Please visit the Tournament Operations office (Room 205C, ground level) for this purpose.

Develin–Mayefsky set pace in 10K Pairs

Mike Develin of Kirkland WA and Eric Mayefsky of Washington DC posted 62.31% and 57.08% sessions in the opening round of the NABC 0–10,000 Pairs. Develin and Mayefsky, who won the Bruce LM-6000 Pairs earlier this week, are ahead of Sriram Ganesan of Sunnyvale CA and Jordan Lampe of New York City by about one board.

In third are Gur Baykal and Margaret Baykal of Markham ON.

Twenty-eight pairs qualified for today's two-session final.

Milestone

Lisa Eklund of Baltimore MD became a Bronze Life Master on Thursday playing in the Gold Rush Pairs with Hamilton Sawczuk. Eklund,



who is under the old system (pre-2010 members), was just 1 point short of 500. She gained 2.74 for placing eighth.

Spingold Round of 16: RIPPEY, ROMAN ROSENTHAL KOed

In the Spingold Knockout Teams, the two underdog seeds, No. 32 RIPPEY and No. 38 ROMAN have come to the end of their run, losing to original No. 17 seed ROSENBERG and original No. 22 seed DELIMPALTADAKIS respectively. Also of note, the No. 3 seed ROSENTHAL lost to the original No. 19 seed GOLDBERG.

The closest and most exciting match was between NICKELL and WELLAND: After leading at the end of every quarter, including their largest lead of 34 IMPs after three sets, WELLAND was held to 6 IMPs in the fourth to NICKELL'S 48 IMPs. The final score was 115–107.

Today's pairings can be found on page 12.

Mini reaches semifinal

The 0–6000 Mini-Spingold is in the semifinal round today.

The No. 6 Turcotte team will face the No. 7 Murphy team. On the other side of the bracket, the original No. 14 Ives team will face the No. 16 Chung team. See pairings on page 13.

Micro in quarterfinals

The 0–2500 Mini Spingold will play the quarterfinal round today. On Thursday, four three-way matches reduced from 12 teams to eight. Surviving teams were captained by Dominic Antonelli, Jill Plasteras, Douglas Grant, Shakti Chandra, Mark Webb, John Mayne, Steven Fox and Simon-Pierre Goulet. See pairings on page 13.

Collegiate Bridge Bowl underway


Eighteen teams entered the 2024 Collegiate Bridge Bowl, the largest ever. Thursday's Swiss pared the field to eight teams who will play three sessions (quarterfinal, semifinal and final) today to determine first, second, third and fourth place; all of those teams will win scholarships.

See complete pairings on page 13.


New Life Master


Barry Arbus of Toronto became a Life Master on Tuesday playing with Morty Goldbach in the Gold Rush Pairs. Arbus needed 1.73 gold and scored 2.32 for placing 17th in the event.





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Mixed BAM

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The Dwyer Rimstedt team won the qualifying round on Wednesday, but was neck and neck with Minter’s squad (Roger Lee, Migry Zur Campanile, Eldad Ginossar and Ida Groenkvist) throughout the final. Minter finished with 35.75.

Also in the fray was the team of Zijian Shao, Jing Rong Ran, Shen Qi, Jike Jin and Yuxiong Shen who finished narrowly in third with 35.5.

Werhner

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Runners-up in the Werhner Open Pairs: Kwok Fai Mak and Wai Kit Lai

we were playing well. We defended well against partscores.”

It’s the sixth NABC+ win for Silverman, the second with Itabashi. They won the Silodor Open Pairs together in 2022. “I knew we had a chance,” said Silverman. “We had a good, steady set. Sometimes you have mistakes and still win; we didn’t have many mistakes.”

It’s Itabashi’s eighth title.

In second place were Wai Kit Lai and Kwok Fai Mak of Hong Kong. They qualified in seventh place and remained there after the first final session. They scored a 58.98% final to secure the second spot.

In third were Kelley Hwang of New York NY and Chris Moll of Cary NC.

Second in the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams: Gillian Minter, Roger Lee, Migry Zur Campanile, Eldad Ginossar and Ida Groenkvist.



Scissors coup

By Brian Glubok

Possibly it was Terence Reese – the British writer, regarded by many as the greatest player-writer ever (we have our Edgar Kaplan and Eddie Kantar to give Reese and the Brits a run for it) – who coined the term “Scissors coup.” Here’s an example of the play, from the first day of the Werhner Open Pairs, Board #14 of the morning session:

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

<i>Glubok</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>South</i>
1♠	3♦	1♥	Pass
All Pass		Dbl	4♦

Opening lead: ♠K

At our table, declarer won the opening lead in dummy and I encouraged. South played a trump at trick two. My partner, Alex Kolesnik, won the ♦A and played a second spade to dummy’s ace – I followed with my lowest spade, a suit preference signal indicating a high honor in clubs. When declarer drew the missing trump, I signaled a second time to indicate a high club honor.

Now, when Alex won his ♥A, he was able to underlead his ♣A Q and I was able to cash the ♠J to set 4♦ one trick.

Had declarer made the far-sighted play of a club at trick two, he’d have severed our communication and dummy’s ♥10 would have provided a discard for his losing spade.

This play is easy to grasp in the postmortem but is usually overlooked at the table (whether the table is real or virtual).

Be alert for this play, it comes up more often than you’d think.



Strictly Come Teaching



On Saturday 25 January 2025 at 7pm GMT, the Welsh Bridge Union is holding its First Annual 'Strictly Come Teaching' Competition on Real Bridge – please join us!

- ▶ It is for partnerships consisting of a player who would genuinely still describe themselves as a learner/beginner and their PRO – any bridge teacher or experienced player to waltz them round the tables! *This will be a 'best-behaviour-ever-at-bridge' event!*
- ▶ We will play 16 Boards with 8 minutes per board to allow time for initial introductions, exchanging pleasantries and thinking what to do! Please dress for the occasion (black tie/evening dress encouraged!) For health & safety reasons, no stilettos, no transfer responses to 1 Club and no 2 Diamond Multi!
- ▶ Trophy to the best scoring pair and surprise prizes to the best dressed pair and the friendliest pair! The lovely Sarah Amos is Directing! To save red faces, the top half of the field results will be published on the WBU website with other players listed as 'Chorus'!

Please email Andrea Knox, WBU President: andrea.knox@knoxcommercial.co.uk or tel. +44 (0)7958 611282 to enter. Entry is free – it will be paid for by the WBU President – but donations from entrants are invited please towards Welsh Junior Bridge to fund our WBU Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Teams



Please pass on the word to any Bridge Teachers and learners you know!



SPINGOLD TEAMS, ROUND OF 8 PAIRINGS

1. Fleisher **136**
64. (65) Bodell 92

1. Fleisher 125
32. Rippey **130**

32. Rippey **102**
33. Ashe 29

1. (32) Rippey 5 19 55 87
16. (17) Rosenberg 24 50 90 **118**

17. Rosenberg **237**
48. (81) Potter 42

17. Rosenberg **145**
16. Simpson 106

16. Simson **218**
49. Senior 97

1. (17) Rosenberg
8. (9) Leonardon

9. Leonardon **138**
56. Selway 99

9. Leonardon **125**
24. Bailey 107

24. Bailey **137**
41. Kuz 29

9. Leonardon 27 72 93 **132**
8. (25) Hamman 9 27 56 73

25. Hamman **187**
40. Sandfia 99

25. Hamman **131**
8. Lebowitz 112

8. Lebowitz **185**
57. Dahl 122

1.
4.

5. Street **138**
60. Botwin 78

5. Street **172**
28. (37) Rigal 63

28. Feldman 100
37. Rigal **142**

5. Street 31 59 103 **148**
12. Gerli 37 63 75 92

21. Yenova **114**
44. Sheng 33

21. Yenova 97
12. Gerli **169**

12. Gerli **160**
53. Ho 129

5. Street
4. Zimmermann

13. Lien **161**
52. Luo 90

13. Lien **129**
20. (45) Rogoff 27

20. Shourie 114
45. Rogoff **156**

13. Lien 30 71 85 121
4. Zimmermann 36 82 129 **151**

29. Wildavsky 133
36. Stark **155**

29. (36) Stark 85
4. Zimmermann **166**

4. Zimmermann **163**
61. Data 109

SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS – QUARTERFINAL PAIRINGS

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

vs

Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO

Pierre Zimmermann – Sebastiaan Drijver – Sjoert Brink, Geneva Switzerland; Michal Klukowski – Jacek Kalita, Geneva Switzerland; Franck Multon, Monaco

vs

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

Richard Leonardon, Santa Fe NM; Chris Compton, Omaha NE; John Hurd, New York NY; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL; John Kranyak, San Francisco CA

vs

Kevin Rosenberg, Millbrae CA; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Jie Li, Beijing China; Yang Cai, Shanghai China

Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden

vs

Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis – Vasileios Vroustis, Athens Greece; Kiki Ward-Platt, Fayence France; Patryk Patreuha, Boleslawiec Poland; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy

50.00 9/16 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Espen Erichsen, Tunbridge Wells United Kingdom

50.00 9/16 Leslie Amoils, North York ON; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia; Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland

50.00 9/16 Aldo Gerli, Padova



Italy; Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY; Norberto Bocchi – Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain

50.00 9/16 Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL

50.00 9/16 Roy Welland, New York NY; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Jerome Rombaut, Paris France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France

50.00 9/16 Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Allan Graves, St. Johnsbury VT; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Carlos Pellegrini – Pablo Ravenna, Buenos Aires Argentina

50.00 9/16 Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Irene Baroni, Paris France; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy

50.00 9/16 Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ; Ton Bakkeren – Frank Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands

25.00 17/32 Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy

25.00 17/32 Jeffrey Wolfson – David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; David Gold – Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL

25.00 17/32 Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack, Newton MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Ola Rimstedt – Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden

25.00 17/32 Lynda Nitabach, North Plainfield NJ; Juan Castillo, Oakland Park FL; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Ishmael Del'Monte, Baton Rouge LA; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX

25.00 17/32 Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel

25.00 17/32 Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; Daniela von Arnim, Hockenheim Germany; William Watson, Sunnyvale CA; Michal Nowosadzki, Geneva Switzerland

25.00 17/32 Dror Padon – Alon Birman, Tel Aviv Israel; Yinghao Liu, Hoboken NJ; Jun Zhang, Beijing China; Yichao Chen, Shanghai China

25.00 17/32 William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Daniel Korbel – Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Jan Jansma, New York NY; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark

25.00 17/32 Rob Helle, Pereybere Mauritius; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennepe Netherlands; Jerry Stamatov – Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL; Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands

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

25.00 17/32 John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Daniel Gullberg, Stockholm Sweden; Bar Tarnowski, Rishon Lezion Israel; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel

25.00 17/32 Andrew Stark – Franco Baseggio, New York NY; John Ramos, Los Angeles CA; Louk Verhees Jr., Leiden Netherlands; Danny Sprung, Las Vegas NV

25.00 17/32 Barry Rigal, New York NY; Ron Rubin, Las Vegas NV; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Glenn Milgrim, Ransomville NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY

25.00 17/32 Martine Rossard, France France; Jerzy Romanowski, Courbevoise France; Grazyna Brewiak – Jaroslaw

Piasecki, Mundelein IL
25.00 17/32 Bruce Rogoff, Boca Raton
FL; Alexander Ornstein, New York NY;
Zygmunt Marcinski, Montreal QC; Michel
Lorber, Baie-D'urfe QC

25.00 17/32 Uday Maitra – Terrence
Rego, Mississauga ON; Amitabh Raturi,
Cincinnati OH; Ritobrata Bagchi, Orleans
ON; Krishnan Ramaratnam, New York NY;
Sathya Bettadapura, Campbell CA

0–6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KO – SEMIFINAL PAIRINGS

25 Tables
Stephane Turcotte, St.-Laurent QC;
Normand Houle, St.-Hubert QC; Bijoy
Anand – Janice Madsen, Jacksonville FL
vs
Deborah Murphy – Deepak Ramanathan,
San Francisco CA; Lauren Friedman, Daly
City CA; Fred Chasalow, Belmont CA

Robert Ives, Bethesda MD; Louis-
Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France;
Ana Kovacevic – Miroslav Kovacevic,
Woodbridge ON
vs
Ringo Chung, Mississauga ON; Xiaodong
Zhao, Edmonton AB; Yanping Zhang, Ann

Arbor MI; Ching-Po Wang, Troy MI

14.22 5/8 Ryan Connors, Alexandria
VA; Randi Adelman, Teaneck NJ; Shona
Donovan – Mark Donovan, Kingston ON
14.22 5/8 Shelley Burns, North
Vancouver BC; Kelvin Raywood,
Vancouver BC; Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA;
Thomas Foerster, New London NH
14.22 5/8 Chantal Dube, Montreal
QC; Charles Faille, Saint-Constant QC;
Alain Henault, Longueuil QC; Eric David,
Sainte-Julie QC
14.22 5/8 Roger Chu, Toronto ON;
Pengqiao Qu, Oakville ON; Tiger Hu –
David Zhang, Markham ON

COLLEGIATE BRIDGE BOWL QUARTERFINAL PAIRINGS

12 Tables
New York University: Ava Donnellan, Brooklyn NY; Yanlai Yang, New York NY; Yihan
Xiao, Elmhurst NY; Yirong Bian, Jersey City NJ
vs
UC Berkeley: Mihir Singhal – Liangxun Tan – Weichen Tang, Berkeley CA; Jonathan Yue,
San Jose CA; Ethan Xie, Williamsville NY

University of Waterloo: Olivia Laufer – Max Cheng, Toronto ON; Martin Zhao, Richmond
Hill ON; John Dong, Maple ON
vs
Washington University in St. Louis: Rachel Yoken – Jinhao Zhao, St. Louis MO; Rohan
Srivastava, University City MO; Yizhe Wang, St. Louis MO

Georgia Tech White: Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA; Yanhua Wang – Justin Shiao, Atlanta GA;
Vasisht Ganesh, Miramar FL
vs
University of Alberta: Isaac Stone – Emilie Torwalt – Katie Wendling – Reece Jurgens,
Edmonton AB

Georgia Tech Gold: Weilong Shen, Atlanta GA; Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Alan Yeung,
Sparta NJ; Alan Yu, Longmont CO
vs
Georgia Tech Navy: Luke Baird – Shao-Heng Chu, Atlanta GA; George Sorkin, Buford GA;
Maxwell Guo, Alpharetta GA

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: Daniel Schuck – Nicholas Koskelo,
Champaign IL; Ryan Fu – Aaron Howe, Urbana IL
vs
Carleton College: Aydn Math, Northfield MN; Brendan Banfield, Berkeley CA; Kyra
Helmbold, Los Gatos CA; Cecilia Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY

Northwestern University: Elijah Carroll – Zhaofeng Wang – Nicole Qian, Evanston IL;
Griffin Stewart, Hattiesburg MS; Alvin Huang, Westford MA; Ranmit Pantle, Chicago IL
vs
University of Chicago: Ziheng Yun – Sarik Goyal, Jersey City NJ; Zhiyu Cheng – Alec Sun,
Chicago IL

0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KO – QUARTERFINAL PAIRINGS

22 Tables
Dominic Antonelli – Niki Antonelli
– Tatyana Stemkovski – Vladimir
Stemkovski, Raleigh NC
vs
Jill Plasteras, Victoria BC; Madeleine
Tremblay, North Saanich BC; Patrick
Thompson, Lakewood Ranch FL; Richard
Aufmann, Bradenton FL

Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Charles
Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Elenalani Lam,
Sunnyvale CA; Andrew Lazarus, Berkeley
CA
vs
SHAKTI: Shakti Chandra – Rahul Chandra,
St. John's NL; Nicole Hudak, New York
NY; Benjamin Levine, Hartford CT

Mark Webb, Rome GA; Manning Rountree,
Lyme NH; Harry Rosenberg, Chicago IL;
Claire Gardner, Newport NH
vs
John Mayne – Pamela Mayne – Garrard
Marsh, Modesto CA; Lorraine Bocks,
Legrand CA

Steven Fox, Kensington MD; Scott
Tumperi, Newnan GA; Alexander Woo,
Moscow ID; Nelson Davis, Seattle WA
vs
Simon-Pierre Goulet, Montreal QC;
Frederic Belanger, Verdun QC; Greg
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Breaking barriers

Jack Boge of New York NY and Katherine Yang of Scarborough ON played in the Thursday morning Youth Pairs event – the first session of this year’s YNABC. Both Katherine and Jack have quite a lot of experience playing in open and Junior competition at high levels, so it was almost a surprise to see them at a YNABC table. “I was bored,” said Jack. They had a solid game and won, scoring 64.35%.

Jack is entering his senior year at Hunter College Campus Schools, a prep school in New York City, where he was introduced to bridge. “I learned when I was about 9,” he said. “They ran a bridge course for a year; it was a replacement for the chess class for six months. Hunter is very big on chess. They have a team that wins chess nationals.

“I found bridge more exciting. With bridge, you get a new hand every seven minutes. It works for my brain.”

Katherine started playing when she was 7. Her sister, Michelle Yang, also plays. Michelle represented Canada on the U16 and Open teams at the 2023 World Youth Teams Championships in Veldhoven; Katherine played on the U21 team.

“My dad’s a bridge teacher,” said Katherine of her father, Michael Yang, who is the Youth NABC Committee Chair. “Sometimes I play with him. He taught a lot of people on the Canada teams. He coached us when we were kids.”

Jack and Katherine met through Michelle last year, in Veldhoven.

During their sit-out, they discussed two of the major impediments of bridge: partnership and the learning curve.

Katherine said she hadn’t played much in the last five years, until last year when she went to the WYTC. “After COVID, I didn’t get to play,” she explained. “My partner started college, so I didn’t have anyone to play with. Everyone already has a partner.”



Katherine Yang and Jack Boge

“It’s hard to find one you’re really compatible with,” agreed Jack. “I look for someone who is willing to dedicate as much time as I am to the game. I really love it. It’s probably bad how much I love it.

“I don’t really care about age, honestly,” said Jack. “It’s weird, I have to have a Junior partner for the trials and the Junior championships. But I think partnership and the learning curve are the biggest barriers to young people playing bridge by far. But the only way you can eliminate the partnership barrier is to get bridge more widespread, and the only way you can get bridge more widespread is to eliminate the partnership barrier.”

When it comes to learning, Jack has a lot of insight. “I think too many bridge courses focus on bidding first. They decide that’s an essential part of bridge. I think the right strategy is to just let them sit down and play cards and figure it out themselves,” he said. “This memorization bidding, even

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Give it time

Last year at the Youth NABC, one of the lunchtime poll questions was “How would you go about getting other kids interested in bridge?” While most of the kids had ideas on things that would help recruiting, Derek Deschenes of Bellevue WA took a different approach. He was very engrossed in a game he was playing on his phone. Barely looking up from it, he simply said, “I wouldn’t.”

He had just learned bridge about a month before coming to the YNABC,

and he was so busy with that video game, explained Hong Gao, Derek’s mother. But his attitude toward bridge has completely changed since then.

“Last year when I took him to Chicago, he was constantly looking at his phone,” Gao said. “This year, I can see he’s having fun.”

Derek, 12, admitted he would change his answer to the question. How would he try to get a peer interested in bridge now? “I just tell them,” he said.

Derek attended the Basement Army bridge camp taught by Nathan Gong in Seattle, and that made all the difference – both in his attitude toward bridge and life in general.

“He’s more cheerful now,” Gao said.



Youth Teams



First overall: Lee Blocher, Jayson Lee, Zinnia Meyer and Adam Hemmer



First in B, second overall: James Fu, James Sung, Yichen Wang and Patrick Guo



Tied for first in C: Kevin Wei, Jeremy Zhang, Danielle Wolpert and Brandon Wolpert



Tied for first in C: Aiyana Cayetana, Suki Liu, Elisabeth Chheang and (inset) Anna Grigoruk

YOUTH EVENTS

All Youth NABC events are in Room 104, lower level, MTCC.

Friday, July 26
BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL
YOUTH OPEN PAIRS
10 am
 Qualifier
2 pm
 Finals
2 pm
 Youth Pairs single session
10 am, 2 pm
 CardrOOK Pairs single sessions

Saturday, July 27
ACBL ED FOUNDATION & BRIDGEWHIZ NATIONAL
YOUTH SWISS TEAMS
10 am
 Qualifier
2 pm
 Finals
2 pm
 Youth Teams single session
10 am & 2 pm
 CardrOOK Pairs single sessions

Youth Award Ceremony
Saturday, July 27,
at 5:30 pm
 Including Bridge Base Online Sportsmanship Award, Baron Barclay Youth Pairs Scholarship and ACBL Ed Foundation & BridgeWhiz National Youth Swiss Teams Scholarship

Youth Pairs



First overall: Katherine Yang and Jack Boge



First in B: Maiya Clouse and Leyi Chen



First in C: Jeremy Zhang and Kevin Wei



Second overall: Joey Qi and Andrew Eidelhoch



Second in B: Nina Ke and Rudy Cheng



Third in C: Michael Hoagland and Anna Grigoruk

if you learn it, you have to grow out of it eventually, because there are so many unique sequences, you're never going to be a strong player if you just know the first steps and are clueless about the second round of bidding."

Jack said he "enjoys teaching – if they are willing to learn. There is also a level that I can deal with. I need an advanced beginner and someone who isn't hopeless. I'm not saying not smart, I'm saying they are stuck in a way of memorizing and not willing to learn."

Aside from the Canadian Bridge Federation and the United States Bridge Federation, Jack believes there is no "real pathway from learning to playing seriously, especially for kids. Adults can pay for classes. We need more serious programs. The youth groups, even in New York City, weren't focused on teaching. If you didn't know what to bid, they'd make your bid for



Fourth in B: Wyatt Christlieb and Glynnis Gong



Fourth in C: Ryan Wolpert and Kaining Sheng

you, but you never learned why. Only about three of us kept playing."

A surprising consistency among the youth players is how much they prefer to play in-person. "I hate online bridge. It's a pet peeve of mine," stated Jack. "The fun part about bridge for me is getting to meet everyone and talk. It's a social activity. That's why I started preferring bridge to chess."

Funding is a third barrier for some young people. The ACBL's Educational Foundation is a sponsor for a YNABC event and plays a role in sponsoring some

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

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	A	B	C		
3.99	1			Jayson Lee, Hillsborough CA; Lee Blocher, Champaign IL; Zinnia Meyer, Chicago IL; Adam Hemmer, Houghton MI	51.00
2.99	2	1		James Sung, New York NY; Yichen Wang – Patrick Guo, Calgary AB; James Fu, Westfield NJ	40.00
1.73	3/5			Casper Gu, Barrie ON; William Liu, Brampton ON; Rudy Cheng, Toronto ON; Nina Ke, North York ON	39.00
1.73	3/5	2		Alexander Xu, Lisle IL; Ryan Sederstrom, Cedar Lake IN; Michael Hoagland, Redwood City CA; Derek Deschenes, Bellevue WA	39.00
1.73	3/5			Eddy Qi – Joey Qi – Andrew Eidelhoch, San Francisco CA; Clayton Kaneko, Danville CA	39.00
0.73		3		Glynnis Gong – Liam Lafferty – Leon Grigoruk – Wyatt Christlieb, Palm Coast FL	34.00
0.86		4/5	1/2	Jeremy Zhang, San Jose CA; Kevin Wei, Union City CA; Brandon Wolpert – Danielle Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL	26.00
0.86		4/5	1/2	Suki Liu – Elisabeth Chheang – Anna Grigoruk – Aiyana Cayetana, Palm Coast FL	26.00

THURSDAY MORNING YOUTH PAIRS

12.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.21	1			Jack Boge, New York NY; Katherine Yang, Scarborough ON	64.35%
3.91	2			Andrew Eidelhoch – Joey Qi, San Francisco CA	62.60%
2.93	3	1		Leyi Chen, Bellevue WA; Maiya Clouse, Kirkland WA	61.27%
2.20	4	2		Nina Ke, North York ON; Rudy Cheng, Toronto ON	59.69%
1.65	5	3		James Sung, New York NY; James Fu, Westfield NJ	58.45%
1.24	6			Tiger Li, Buffalo NY; Darwin Skalski, Williamsville NY	58.22%
1.69		4		Glynnis Gong – Wyatt Christlieb, Palm Coast FL	56.61%
0.51		5		Liam Lafferty – Leon Grigoruk, Palm Coast FL	56.07%
1.22			1	Kevin Wei, Union City CA; Jeremy Zhang, San Jose CA	54.22%
0.92			2	Melanie Skalski, Williamsville NY; Carol Li, Buffalo NY	53.59%
0.69			3	Anna Grigoruk, Palm Coast FL; Michael Hoagland, Redwood City CA	50.79%
0.51			4	Kaining Sheng, Northbrook IL; Ryan Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL	49.58%

THURSDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.22	1	1		Aydan Jia – Alexa Jia, Waterloo ON	70.28%
1.04	2	2	1	Leidan Clouse, Kirkland WA; Joseph Hoagland, Redwood City CA	66.14%
0.69	3			Rian Souffrant – Kiarra Jeffries, Orange NJ	62.97%
0.78	4	3	2	Kyra Smartt – Asani Sanford-Green, Orange NJ	55.56%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

3.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.06	1			Kiarra Jeffries – Rian Souffrant, Orange NJ	65.29%
1.05	2	1		Faith Mathis – Sahara Hafiz-Kendall, Orange NJ	62.50%
0.79		2		Kyra Smartt – Asani Sanford-Green, Orange NJ	59.71%

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Where would you learn?

During lunch at the Youth NABC on Thursday, we asked players: Where do you think is the best place – the best kind of environment – to learn bridge, and why? Here are their answers.



“School. Because you get extra time because you go almost every day.”
Kiarra Jeffries, 11
Orange NJ



“From family. I felt really comfortable, really relaxed. Bridge can be stressful.”
Andrew Eidelhoch, 18
San Francisco CA



“Definitely something in person. Online is less social.”
Katherine Yang, 18
Toronto ON



“I would rather learn online. It suits me better. It’s good for beginners.”
Aydan Jia, 14
Waterloo ON



“From a family member. Regular instruction can be thorough, but if you have someone who loves the game and cares about you, it can help you grow as a person.”
Zinnia Meyer, 13
Chicago IL



“An extracurricular club. My school has a bridge club and that’s how I got into it. It’s not like you’re forced to, but your friends are around and you’re having fun.”
Rian Souffrant, 16
Orange NJ



“At a bridge club. You have so many people with different backgrounds and different knowledge of the game. The people at my club are older and have a lot of experience that I don’t.”
Wyatt Christlieb, 17
Palm Coast FL



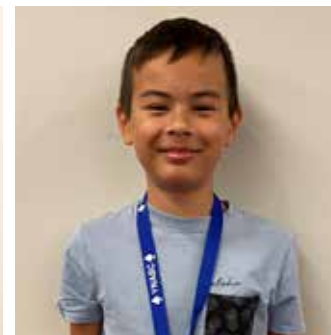
“It’s more accessible to learn online, but I think it’s best to learn in a club. They’re designed to help you. I learned online because I don’t have a club near me in the far north of Michigan.”
Adam Hemmer, 13
Houghton MI



“Camp. I don’t know. It’s fun.”
Brandon Wolpert, 12
Palm Beach Gardens FL



“School. You can have classes with it.”
Yichen Wang, 11
Calgary AB



“Camp. It’s run by more experienced people.”
Derek Deschenes, 12
Bellevue WA



“A school program. It’s more structured.”
Eddy Qi, 12
San Francisco

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“With people I know who are at the same skill level – with my peers. It doesn’t matter where.”
Joey Qi, 18
San Francisco CA



“Going to a club. Someone will give a lesson on a convention. You get a lot of experience and play with experienced players.”
Diego Costa, 18
Palm Coast FL



“I think the best place to learn bridge is here because you get to learn new things when you’re playing.”
Arianna Shivers, 10
Orange NJ



“At your grandparents’ house. You have a lot of people to play with and they won’t get tired of teaching you.”
Ethan Xie, 18
Buffalo NY



“Here at the Youth NABC. You get to do a lot of rounds.”
Marckyse Duverge, 9
Orange NJ



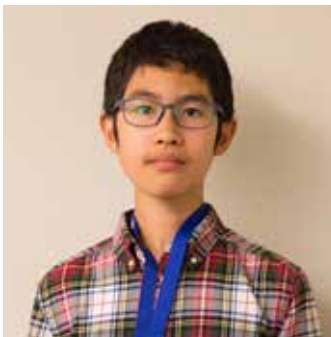
“I like tournaments. You can learn from experience and mistakes and your partner.”
Clayton Kaneko, 11
San Francisco CA



“My house. My parents taught us. Because I feel comfortable with them.”
Danielle Wolpert, 15
Palm Beach Gardens FL



“Home. Because I can teach my family, my mom. Teaching helps me learn.”
Thyme Johnson, 10
Orange NJ



“Mostly online, but sometimes if you’re introduced to it by a volunteer at a bridge club that’s better because they can teach you more things.”
Casper Gu, 14
Barrie ON



“At a bridge club. The people there are really friendly to us because they want young people to play. They’re willing to explain to us when we make a mistake.”
Glynnis Gong, 18
Palm Coast FL



“I would learn at a club. When I’m at a club I get to meet so many people. At school I have a lot else to learn. I like Fridays when they have pizza.”
Kevin Wei, 9
Union City CA



“I think online would be at the bottom. I joined a club in college. That was a good environment. As long as you have someone who knows how to teach, any environment is good.”
Ryan Sederstrom, 19
Cedar Lake IN

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Cardrook Pairs



Morning, first overall: Aydan Jia and Alexa Jia



Morning, first in C, second overall: Joseph Hoagland and Leidan Clouse



Afternoon, first overall: Rian Souffrant and Kiarra Jeffries



Afternoon, first in B, second overall: Faith Mathis and Sahara Hafiz-Kendall

collegiate activities. Their Spark! fund helps offset expenses for USBF Junior teams to travel to competition, both locally for the trials and internationally for the main events. Last year, the fund enabled the U.S. to send two women’s teams to Veldhoven. When asked about playing on the Rona (women’s) team at the WYTC, Katherine said, “I don’t think Canada has a women’s youth team. I don’t think we have funding for that.”

The mentoring, coaching and fundraising efforts are undoubtedly putting these young players on a fast track to success – and not just at bridge. Expert Jenny Wolpert, who is here with her three children, has noticed how they have benefited socially. “They learn people skills,” she said. “It’s the number one thing for the kids, especially for the timid. My kids are pretty outgoing but my youngest has anxiety in social situations. Bridge is a big deal for him.”

Wolpert also appreciates the different levels of games available for the kids – and the partnership desk. “It’s been amazing,” she said. “And they already know they can be a little silly in the youth games but they’re good at adapting to the 299er games, and they like both.”

Wolpert reiterated the concept of delaying the bidding lessons. “It’s the only way,” she emphasized. “We talk about points, but no bidding, so the kids are already wonderful declarers.

“Ryan recently learned Stayman – he was so excited; he opened 1NT with 5=6=1=1 because he had 17 HCP. He told his partner, ‘Ask me about the majors!’”

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93.75	2	Wai Kit Lai, Kowloon Hong Kong; Kwok Fai Mak, Hong Kong	2097.38
70.31	3	Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Chris Moll, Cary NC	2078.56
55.56	4	Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ; Robb Gordon, Mesa AZ	2055.30
50.00	5	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Gordon McOrmond, Sidney BC	2055.02
45.45	6	Weimin Pan, Shenzhen China; Difan Wang, Unionville ON	2040.59
41.67	7	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	2030.90
38.46	8	Jun Shi, Halfmoon Bay CA; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD	2006.10
35.71	9	Giuseppe Delle Cave, Rome Italy; Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy	1996.81
33.33	10	Mike Xiao-Fang Xue, Markham ON; Peter Wong, North York ON	1994.15
31.25	11	Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL; Paul Markarian, Stuart FL	1988.83
29.41	12	Richard Temkin, Farmington MI; Michael Crane, West Bloomfield MI	1986.64
27.78	13	Darren Wolpert – Daniel Lavee, Toronto ON	1977.37
26.32	14	Sebastian Atisen, London England; Brian McGuire, United Kingdom England	1975.66
25.00	15	Guy Mendes De Leon, Amsterdam Netherlands; Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands	1956.64
23.81	16	James Holzhauer, Las Vegas NV; Stefan Skorchev, Sofia Bulgaria	1956.45
22.73	17	Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI; Michael D. Alioto, Birmingham MI	1947.67
21.74	18	John Lusky, Portland OR; Allan Falk, Okemos MI	1939.76
20.83	19	Federico Iavicoli, Roma Italy; Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT	1923.95
21.94	20	Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA	1923.54
19.23	21	Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL; Walter Lee, Framingham MA	1920.62
18.52	22	James Breihan, Houston TX; Joe Yassi, Etobicoke ON	1917.86
17.86	23	Anant Rathi, San Francisco CA; Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame CA	1911.65
20.99	24	Drew Cavalier, Huntsville AL; Christian Jolly, New Hudson MI	1910.12
16.67	25	Jamie Thompson, Sydney Australia; Alexander Smirnov, Lubeck Germany	1902.00
16.13	26	Jeffrey Goldman – Brett Adler, Norwalk CT	1900.35
22.96	27	Arrigo Franchi, Rome Italy; Sylvia Shi, San Francisco CA	1893.46
21.43	28	Nancy Molesworth – Ron Gerard, White Plains NY	1888.44
14.71	29	Toby White, Des Moines IA; Richard Newell, West des Moines IA	1887.98
14.29	30	Ranald Davidson, York ON; Jeffrey Blond, Brossard QC	1879.03
13.89	31	Xu Hou, Beijing China; Eric Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	1876.52
15.87	32	Mark Laken, Glyndon MD; Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD	1872.28
13.16	33	Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY	1865.46
12.82	34	Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA; Silvana Rojko, Maribor Slovenia	1865.23
12.50	35	Bo Han Zhu, Mountain View CA; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA	1859.44
12.20	36	Marshall Lewis, Bloomington IN; John Carruthers, Kingsville ON	1850.15
15.27	37	Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA; Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA	1841.05
11.63	38	Larry Duffy, Stouffville ON; Charles Martineau, St.-Lambert QC	1834.59
11.36	39	Gabriel Tatar, Toronto ON; Dorin Toma, Guelph ON	1831.55
11.11	40	Carol Frank, San Diego CA; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL	1830.32
10.87	41	David Lin, Mississauga ON; Alain Chamsi, Ottawa ON	1823.61
10.64	42	Sean Mekie, London United Kingdom; Steve Raine, Nottingham United Kingdom	1823.53
10.42	43	Rui Gong, Sammamish WA; Jason Ciano, Henderson NV	1822.02
10.20	44	Himanshu Joshi, Chester NJ; Bharat Rao, Berwyn PA	1819.56
10.00	45	Danning Lu, Sacramento CA; Bo Xiao, Fremont CA	1816.38
13.91	46	Bill Kertes, Nobleton ON; John Rayner, Toronto ON	1816.03
9.62	47	Robert Kuz, St. Anne MB; Barry Senensky, Toronto ON	1814.27
9.43	48	Brandon Ge, Cupertino CA; Arthur Gong, Sammamish WA	1801.17
9.26	49	Ivanie Yeo – Lon Sunshine, Merrimack NH	1800.58
9.09	50	Chiu Fai Wai – Chi Cheung Ng, Hong Kong	1800.23
9.60	51	Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI; Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL	1797.84
8.77	52	Ron Smith, Glenview IL; Ethan Wood, Dover MA	1796.64
8.62	53	David Yang, Darien IL; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	1791.89
8.47	54	Dwight Bender, London ON; Cliff Campbell, Thunder Bay ON	1780.27
8.33	55	Carrie Liu – Maxim Siline, Hudson MA	1774.44
12.24	56	Weishu Wu, Irvine CA; Michele Liu, Cupertino CA	1770.04
8.06	57	Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA	1766.81

7.94	58	Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA; Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH	1762.68
7.81	59	Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA; John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA	1762.20
7.69	60	Marius Moldovan, Pointe-Claire QC; Jocelyn Bernier, Quebec QC	1756.73
7.58	61	Thomas Rush, Houston TX; Marie Smerjac, Chireno TX	1756.55
7.46	62	Fred King, McLean VA; Walter Schenker, West Palm Beach FL	1754.72
7.35	63	Perry Van Hook, Surprise AZ; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA	1746.69
7.25	64	Don Liu, North Andover MA; Clyde Kruskal, Rockville MD	1737.45
7.14	65	Oleg Rubinchik, Brooklyn NY; George Krizel, Hollywood FL	1736.37

FREEMAN MIXED BAM TEAMS

32 Tables / Based on 64 Tables

110.00	1	Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt – Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Royal Palm Bch FL; Shan Huang, Royalpalm Beach FL; Sandra Rimstedt, Jupiter FL	36.00
82.50	2	Gillian Minitier – Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Ida Groenkvist, Sundbyberg Sweden	35.75
61.88	3	Zijian Shao – Jing Rong Ran – Shen Qi – Jake Jin – Yuxiong Shen, Shanghai China	34.50
48.89	4	Tim Archdeacon, Key Biscayne FL; Marusa Gold, Leeds United Kingdom; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark; Adam Kaplan, New York NY	33.75
44.00	5	Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France; Justyna Zmuda, Skawina Poland; Katarzyna Dufurat, Wroclaw Poland	32.75
40.00	6	Louise Weiss-Selway – Florian Weiss-Selway, Vienna Austria; Kay Preddy - Norman Selway, Orpington United Kingdom	32.25
36.67	7	Adam Parrish, New York NY; Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA; Jenni Carmichael, Marysville WA; Julie Arbit, Milford MI	31.75
33.85	8	Joe Quinn – Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land TX; Pam Wittes, Venice CA; Sam Lev, Aventura FL; Rozanne Pollack – William Pollack, Boca Raton FL	31.50
30.38	9/10	Lotte De Wijs – Sarah De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Tim Van De Paverd, Leiden Netherlands; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands	29.50
30.38	9/10	Maximo Crusizio – Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL; Gerriane Mason, Crossville TN; Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	29.50
27.50	11	Sidney Brownstein – Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Rhoda Walsh, Carlsbad CA; Paulo Brum, Columbus Brazil; Gary Cohler, Delray Beach FL; Sophia Baldysz, Charlottesville VA	29.34
25.16	12/13	Sally Wheeler – Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX; Ellen Hessel – Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX	29.25
25.16	12/13	Carlos Hoyos, Bogota Colombia; C. Valerie Gamio, Rolling Hills Estates CA; Guillermo Minutti, Montevideo Uruguay; Lucia Menezes – Caru Vidigal, Rio De Janeiro Brazil	29.25
22.58	14/15	Hong Ding, New York NY; Adam Stokka, Taby Sweden; Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	28.25
22.58	14/15	Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Selena Pepic, Paris France; Jovana Zoranovic, Novi Sad Serbia; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands	28.25
20.48	16/17	Barbara Ferm, Dallas TX; Martin Schaltz, Copenhagen Denmark; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm Sweden; Christina Madsen, Denmark; Gunn Tove Vist, Stjordal Norway; Christer Kristoffersen, Stja Rdal Norway	28.00
20.48	16/17	Nader Hanna, Toronto ON; Michael Roche, Victoria BC; Joan Eaton, North York ON; Karen Cumpstone, Nanaimo BC	28.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE NABC 0–10,000 PAIRS

14.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables

1	Mike Develin, Kirkland WA; Eric Mayefsky, Washington DC	36.55
2	Sriram Ganesan, Sunnyvale CA; Jordan Lampe, New York NY	31.31
3	Gur Baykal – Margaret Baykal, Markham ON	27.38
4	Lynne Castoldi – Aly El-Selehdar, Minnetonka MN	26.72
5	Sofie Sjodal, Oslo Norway; Castor Mann, Lund Sweden	24.63
6	Michael Hu – Qing Lu, San Jose CA	24.36
7	Jill Sackett – Joseph Sackett, Winchendon MA	23.58

Carryover

8	Tom Bishel – John Bishel, Columbus OH	22.79
9	Eric He – Edward He, Bellevue WA	22.27
10	Philip Lentz, New York NY; Thomas Rozinski, Brooklyn NY	19.52
11	Natalie Bassil, Boston MA; Chuck Greenslit, Framingham MA	18.99
12	Sarko Kassabian – Maryse Hambrick, Saint-Laurent QC	18.47
13	Randolph Johnson – Ann Hudson, Hadley MA	17.03
14	Bernie Katchen – Andy Altay, Toronto ON	16.11
15	Louis Trautwein III – John Vega, Naples FL	14.80
16	David Hemmer, Houghton MI; Kurt Dasher, Petersburg MI	12.71
17	Nic Hristea – Mark Pinkowski, Chicago IL	12.44
18/19	Xinshan Zhao, Oakville ON; Tong Chen, Waterloo ON	8.65
18/19	Hal Hindman – Amy Brisson, Oakton VA	8.65
20	Cooper Smith, Marquette MI; Marley Cedrone, Durham NH	8.12
21	Steve Chen – Sarah Chen, Austin TX	6.16
22	Samuel Kuang, Elmhurst NY; Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA	5.63
23	Barry Dehlin, Dresher PA; Yan Zhang, Jersey City NJ	5.11
24	Venky Venkataramani – R. Muggia, Andover MA	4.85
25	Ala Hamilton-Day, Philadelphia PA; John Hogan Jr., Rehoboth Beach DE	3.67
26	Margot Hirsch, Fort Worth TX; Theresa Ann Brantley, Mansfield TX	3.41
27	Muffie Gur – Reha Gur, Bonita Springs FL	3.27
28	Frances Schneider, Riverside CT; H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY	0.00

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 Northwestern: Elijah Carroll – Griffin Stewart – Alvin Huang – Ranmit Pantle – Zhaofeng Wang – Nicole Qian
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 New York University Brooklyn Bridge: Quentin Liang – Alex Thearling – Nori Naka – Michaela Blemur – Ellie Konty
 Carleton College: Aydn Math – Brendan Banfield – Kyra Helmbold – Cecilia Ehrlichman
 University of Chicago: Ziheng Yun – Zhiyu Cheng – Sarik Goyal – Alec Sun

HAZEL WOLPERT TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

53 Tables / Based on 146 Tables

	A	B	C	
37.50	1			Lynda Nitabach, N. Plainfield NJ; Juan Castillo, Oakland Park FL; Ishmael Del'Monte, Baton Rouge LA; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland 91.00
28.13	2			Jeffrey Wolfson – David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; David Gold, United Kingdom; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom 90.00
21.09	3			Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands; Rob Helle, Pereybere Mauritius; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Jack Zhao – Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL 83.00
15.82	4			Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Yoko Sobel, Brooklyn NY; Andreas Abragi, Huddinge Sweden; Johan Saefsten, Uppsala Sweden; Stefan Thorpe – Sibrand Van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands 80.00
12.50	5			Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL 79.00
10.05	6/7			Mike Bell – Sarah Bell, London England; Michael Byrne, Manchester United Kingdom; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil 78.00
10.05	6/7			Charmian Koo – Pearlie Chan – Pik Kin Lau, Hong Kong; Alan Sze, North Point Hong Kong; Daniel S.W. Chui, Markham ON 78.00
8.33	8			Wenfei Wang, Northbrook IL; Eddie Wold – Robert Morris, Houston TX; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA 77.00
7.16	9/10			Dror Padon – Alon Birman, Tel Aviv Israel; Yinghao Liu, Hoboken NJ; Yichao Chen, Shanghai China; Jun Zhang, Beijing China 76.00
7.16	9/10			Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Ash Gupta, New York NY; Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Bart Nab, Tilburg Netherlands 76.00
6.25	11			Alain Schreiber – Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Kerri Sanborn – Stephen Sanborn, Delray Beach FL; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL 75.00
5.77	12			Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy 73.00
5.36	13			Vladimir Mihov – Ivan Nanev Ivanov, Sofia Bulgaria; Dian Petrov, Buffalo NY; Rumen Dimitrov, East Greenwich RI; Aleksandar Lishkov, Kenilworth IL 72.00
14.54	1	1		Leah Shao, Harrisonburg VA; Lisa Li, Surrey BC; Huailin Chen, Herndon VA; Jian-Ping Chen, Yorktown VA 70.00
10.91	2	2		Doug Brenner, Lindsay ON; Birte Ayer – John Curley – Lyn Stevens, Peterborough ON 69.00

8.18	3	David Rodney – Avril Rodney, Ashburn VA; Shawn Stringer, Silver Spring MD; Lamy Agelidis, San Diego CA	65.00
6.13	4	3 Robert McKinnon – Catherine Ferguson, Anstruther United Kingdom; Angus Macdonald, Glasgow United Kingdom; Anne Perkins, Edinburgh United Kingdom	59.00
4.50	5/6	4 Tim Edwards-Davies – Patti McCabe, Ottawa ON; Cheryl Macintosh, Orleans ON; Scott Rappard, Dartmouth NS	57.00
4.50	5/6	Hazel Wolpert, North York ON; David Cohen, Thornhill ON; Eugene Kales, East Lansing MI; Todd Thorsen, Lititz PA	57.00
2.92	5	Harold George – Dan Chocron, Wichita KS; Erich Schifter – Edward Lechner, Ann Arbor MI	56.00

HAZEL WOLPERT BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1

7 Tables

13.91	1	Peter Peng, North York ON; Mike Peng, Waterloo ON; Jorry Chu, Mississauga ON; Gabriel Sitarenios, Richmond Hill ON	104.00
10.43	2	Debbie Wastle – David Reid – Ruth Davies, Victoria BC; Shelley Burnham, Brentwood Bay BC	61.00
7.82	3	Eric Schneider, Edwards CO; Jamie Carroll, Coloma MI; Jed Drew, Tillsonburg ON; Robert Michaud, Sun City West AZ	60.00

HAZEL WOLPERT BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2

7 Tables

12.99	1	Yves Decelles – Denise Leclerc – Luc Gagnon – Sylvie Levesque, Baie-Comeau QC	86.00
9.74	2	Kohur Gowrisankaran, Pointe-Claire QC; William Golush, Denville NJ; Stephen Pickett, Vancouver BC; Shameine Ali, New Westminster BC	76.00
7.31	3	Graham Dixon, Etobicoke ON; Paul Pointet – Iain Macdonald – Jerry Lenders, Toronto ON	72.00

HAZEL WOLPERT BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3

7 Tables

11.30	1	Music Li, Great Neck NY; Maya Jonas-Silver, Brooklyn NY; Jason Yao, Bellevue WA; Ella Su, Redmond WA	95.00
8.48	2	Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA; Lucy Zhong – Jack Qi, North Vancouver BC	86.00
6.36	3	Per Berg – Lynn Ostergaard, Flagler Beach FL; Jenna Rivet, Glen Ellyn IL; Michael Lee, Seattle WA	82.00

HAZEL WOLPERT BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4

7 Tables

11.41	1	Eusebio Menezes, Cupertino CA; Brenda Hatton, San Jose CA; Shirley Shi, Sacramento CA; Chen Zhou, Naples FL	83.00
8.56	2	Kimberly Exum – Sarah Van Rens, Wilmington NC; Art Friday, Huntersville NC; Steven Hamburg, Troutman NC	65.00
6.42	3	Elizabeth Wood, Arlington MA; Susan Lincoln, Boxford MA; Nicole Gardner – David Gardner, Watertown MA	64.00



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HAZEL WOLPERT BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5

7 Tables

11.10	1	Josette Levesque – Jean La Traverse, Montreal QC; Johanne Sevigny, Westmount QC; Andre La Traverse, St. Lazare QC	82.00
8.33	2	Donald Duncan – Nancy Mitchell – Melody Purdy, Ottawa ON; Suzanne Maurice, Gloucester ON	72.00
6.24	3	Robert Guerard, Brossard QC; Benoit Favreau, St.-Hubert QC; Norma Fajardo-Solache – Irma Lopez-Solache, Montreal QC	71.00

HAZEL WOLPERT BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 6

7 Tables

10.71	1	Sue Knirsch – James Knirsch, Chagrin Falls OH; Jeffrey Weiss, Novelty OH; Kent Furst, Cleveland OH	74.00
8.03	2	Rona Cappell – Karen Lane, Toronto ON; Stefanie Scott, Carrollton TX; Patrick Thompson, York ON	73.00
6.02	3	Willis Renouf, Tide Head NB; Stephen Mast – Holli Mast, Corning NY; Sartaj Alag, McLean VA	65.00

HAZEL WOLPERT BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 7

7 Tables

9.79	1	Ken Pelowski – Lori Mirek, Atherton CA; Kathryn Papermaster, Horseshoe Bay TX Vera Baum, Los Altos CA	94.00
7.34	2	Martin Braun, Thornhill ON; Howard Arcand, Richmond Hill ON; Lawrence Lazazzera – Andrea Davis, Toronto ON	73.00
5.51	3	Meg O’Leary – Julie Reiser, Las Cruces NM; Robert Greenberg – Sue Lass, Naples FL	69.00

HAZEL WOLPERT BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 8

7 Tables

9.26	1	Natalie Silverstein – Stephen Laufer – Barry Arbus, Toronto ON; David Weil, North York ON	78.00
6.95	2	Richard Jacoby, Stamford CT; Jackie Scott, Norwalk CT; Barry Laflam, Southampton MA; Yan Drabek, Florence MA	75.00
5.21	3	Pat Tylander, Alexandria VA; William Ferris – Barbara Coneys – Gerald Poissant, Fort Myers FL	65.00

HAZEL WOLPERT BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 9

7 Tables

8.69	1	Malcolm Millar – Rosalyn Millar, Summerside PE; Janine Higgins – Michelle Murphy, London ON	80.00
6.52	2	Barbara Levine – H. Michael Mogil – Hugo Finarelli, Naples FL; Nancy Marion, Bonita Springs FL	79.00
4.89	3	Laura Orticelle, Amityville NY; Elizabeth Shapiro, West Hampstead NY; Sandie Sickle, Syosset NY; Susan Eisner, Huntington Bay NY	69.00

HAZEL WOLPERT BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 10

7 Tables

8.07	1	Lisa Hebert – Mark Lacroix – Codie Lonsberry – Colin Brennan, Ottawa ON	93.00
6.05	2	Steven Norris – Debby Ingram, Alliston ON; Gheorghe Beres – Dorina Beres, Georgetown ON	77.00
4.54	3	Marcie Burros – Nelson Burros – Maxine Adler – Judy Kleinberger, New York NY	76.00

HAZEL WOLPERT BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 11

7 Tables

7.70	1	Heidi Wegman, Ottawa ON; Angela Hills, Airdrie AB; Mary Goodale, Orleans ON; Rob Durward, Russell ON	91.00
5.78	2	Margaret Hoaen, Pickering ON; Henry Stevens, Scarborough ON; Mark Barley, Port Hope ON; Kevin Lauzon, Whitby ON	81.00
4.33	3	Brigitte Sandquist – Kirsten Beda, San Francisco CA; Anne Meyer – Sheri Carryl, Jacksonville FL	64.00

HAZEL WOLPERT BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 12

7 Tables

6.89	1	David Promislow – Michael Rachlis – Harold Little, Toronto ON; Jack Gemmell, Mississauga ON	103.00
5.17	2	Connie Bartlett – Jennifer Huntsman, Moncton NB; Renette Bourgeois, Toronto ON; Sherril Minns, Riverview NB	69.00
3.88	3	Heather Harmeyer, Indianapolis IN; Aaron Krieser, Florissant MO; Barbara Webb, Southampton MA; Sheila Ryan, Florence MA	63.00

HAZEL WOLPERT BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 13

8 Tables

6.03	1	Jeffrey Imber, Bolton ON; Jackmen Chong, Burlington ON; Catherine Peters, Atlanta GA; Peter Logan, Etobicoke ON	78.00
4.52	2	Pawan Agrawal – Rosy Agrawal, Las Vegas NV; Kathy Myers, Arlington Heights IL David Fritzsche, Kildeer IL	70.00
3.39	3	Jean Belfour – Francesca Carpino – Josephine Milne, Orillia ON; Nancy Pakulak, Barrie ON	69.00

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All entry fees and discounts are listed in Canadian dollars.

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NABC+ events are the NABC+ Open Pairs, Wagar Women's Pairs, Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, Wernher Open Pairs, Freeman Mixed Board-A-Match Teams and the Oshlag


Fast Pairs. The undiscounted entry fees for these contests are \$58 per person per session. For team events, this means \$232 per team per session for four-person teams, \$290 per team per session for five-person teams and \$348 per team per session for six-person teams.

Note: \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund for all of the above events.

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THURSDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS

33.0 Tables / Based on 116 Tables

	A	X		
43.87	1		Bruce Norman, Flowery Branch GA; Bob Zeller, Kanata ON	60.88%
32.90	2		Ellie Hanlon – Mary Savko, Barre VT	59.86%
24.68	3		Glenn Milgrim, Ransomville NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY	59.44%
18.51	4	1	Adrian Barna, Etobicoke ON; Andrei Prodan, Mississauga ON	58.32%
14.62	5		Linda Robinson, Arlington MA; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	57.90%
12.53	6		Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Suresh Mahajan, Del Mar CA	57.24%
10.97	7		Anna Dosseva, Pickering ON; Lu Kohutiak, Scarborough ON	56.70%
9.75	8		Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; William Koski, Gilford ON	56.64%
8.77	9		Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	56.46%
7.98	10		Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV	55.95%
7.31	11		Mel Colchamiro, East Meadow NY; Ruth Grant, Tarrytown NY	54.72%
13.56	12	2	Clement Maamarbachi, Montreal QC; Ghassan Menachi, Fabreville QC	54.57%
10.17	13	3	Paul Lewis, White Plains NY; Melissa Baker, West Harrison NY	54.27%
5.85	14		Elliot Sternlicht, New York NY; Danuta Kazmucha, Poznan Poland	54.00%
5.67	15		Samuel Marks, Atlanta GA; Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC	53.70%
5.16	16		Linda Einhorn-Ihde – Erez Hendelman, New York NY	53.64%
4.87	17		Dorothy Kelleher, Westbrook ME; Dan Morgenstern, Brunswick ME	53.34%
7.63		4	Saad Dahdouh, Toronto ON; Amir Dawoodally, Richmond Hill ON	53.06%
6.03		5	Arjun Dhir, Johns Creek GA; Anne Lamport, Lane Cove Ns Australia	52.97%
5.17		6	James Lutz, Fort Worth TX; Brian King, Kihei HI	52.94%
4.27		7/8	Michael Abramson, Fairview NJ; Jeremy Schryber, London United Kingdom	52.52%
4.27		7/8	Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY	52.52%

THURSDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

43.0 Tables / Based on 83 Tables

	B	C		
31.61	1	1	James Mosley – Harry Potter, Falls Church VA	66.83%
23.71	2	2	William Steele – Linda Hechter, Toronto ON	61.29%
17.78	3		Harry Selldin – Sherry Withers, Houston TX	60.94%
13.34	4		Heather Elmslie, Don Mills ON; John Collins, Toronto ON	59.73%
10.54	5		Bobette Thorsen, Lititz PA; Margaret Cooke, Thiells NY	59.14%
9.03	6	3	William Curtis – F. Mark Davey, Whitehorse YT	58.94%
7.90	7	4	Lucia Enica, Washington DC; Ignacio Miquelez, Oakland Park FL	58.32%
7.02	8		Bert Connolly, Whitby ON; John Barber, Thunder Bay ON	57.06%
6.32	9		Dennis Glazer, Bronxville NY; Gail Cannold, Rye NY	56.83%
5.75	10		Rene Frayman – Susan Frayman, Auburn MA	56.57%
5.27	11		David Eddy, Burlington ON; Freyja Eddy, London ON	56.38%
4.86	12	5	Emma Knight – Ethan Macaulay, Toronto ON	56.27%
4.52	13		Cindy Oishi, West Vancouver BC; Thomas Anderson, North Vancouver BC	56.17%
4.21	14	6	Kyle Blocher, Champaign IL; Michael Myers, Ottawa ON	55.90%
3.95	15		Judy Lewis – Emily Seiden, New York NY	55.72%
3.72	16	7	Robert Harris – Lucille Harris, Ottawa ON	55.50%
3.51	17	8	Yuan Li, Markham ON; Yirong Chen, Toronto ON	55.33%
3.33	18		Gerald Keller – Gita Keller, Toronto ON	55.22%
3.16	19		Maya Alela, Flagstaff AZ; Anu Goodman, Toronto ON	55.07%
3.64	20		Ellen D'Amato – Victoria Billard, Kansas City MO	54.96%
2.87	21	9	Paul Michaels – Vicki Mace, Bonita Springs FL	54.71%
3.03	22	10	Richard Piette – Ryan Clark, Calgary AB	54.67%
2.60		11	Chaim Kozlovsky, Teaneck NJ; Joseph Rich, Philadelphia PA	53.51%

THURSDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

37.0 Tables

	7	4	2	
12.34	1			Kathleen Stadther, St. Cloud MN; Jan Gembol, Clear Lake MN
9.26	2	1		Salvatore Pace – Noah Pace, Waterloo ON
6.94	3	2	1	Alan Burnham, Mississauga ON; Stanislaw Zielinski, Etobicoke ON

5.21	4	3	Howard Waldman, Acton MA; Neha Shah, Marietta GA	59.16%
4.11	5	4	Theresa Frosell – Tim Frosell, Hudson OH	59.15%
3.53	6		Penny Mintz, New York NY; Howard Collins, Jamesport NY	58.74%
3.09	7		Bob Yu, Timmins ON; Ross Libby, South Porcupine ON	58.35%
2.74	8	5	Lisa Eklund – Hamilton Sawczuk, Baltimore MD	58.22%
2.47	9	6	Marina Kong, Davis CA; David Clement, Sacramento CA	56.84%
2.55	10		Jim Janik, Hilliard OH; Patricia Janik, Glen Allen VA	56.46%
2.06	11		Eleanor Young, Rockville MD; Carole Smith, Washington DC	56.39%
2.02	12	7	Laura Shukovsky – Kim Cornetet, Sarasota FL	56.33%
1.80	13	8	Jane Weatherbie, Toronto ON; Sarah Reading, Plymouth MA	56.14%
1.89	14	9	Ann Sacher, Scarsdale NY; Sue Newman, White Plains NY	55.88%
1.54	15	10	Harvey Thomson, Fergus ON; Bruce Clark, Toronto ON	55.53%
2.87	16	11	2 Susan Guichon – Sharon Ranson, Toronto ON	54.96%
2.04	17	12	Kathleen Kent – David Kent, Bracebridge ON	54.83%
1.45	18		Paul Finley, London ON; Fred Stoneman, Newmarket ON	54.78%
1.80	19		Jayde Gibbs, Barrie ON; Melissa Crossland, Coldwater ON	54.53%
2.15		3	Lori Rothberg – Maris Gordon, Sands Pointe NY	51.50%
1.62		4	Susanna Westerwick – Greg Westerwick, Durango CO	51.37%
1.28		5	Michelle Walsh – Mary Moore, St. John’s NL	51.09%

THURSDAY FAST PAIRS

13.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
12.00	1	1		Kathy Guinyou – Robert Marcus, North York ON	57.00%
9.00	2	2		Paul Freaan – Sabrina Freaan, New York NY	55.91%
6.75	3	3		Christopher Cowan – Debbie Feldman, Oakville ON	55.87%
5.06	4	4		Ankur Rathi, San Francisco CA; Max Aeschbacher, Cottonwood Heights UT	55.48%
4.00	5			Adam Grossack, Newton MA; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA	55.17%
3.43	6	5		James Olson, Charleston WV; David Olson, Owings Mills MD	55.14%
3.50	7			Andrew Firko, Oakville ON; Mel Norton, Burlington ON	54.55%
4.23			1	Janice Barrett, Richmond Hill ON; Melanie Bloch, North York ON	50.02%
3.17			2	Derek Broughton – Marta Mihoff, Dartmouth NS	47.32%

WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.12	1			Richard Newell, West Des Moines IA; Toby White, Des Moines IA	58.04%
3.47	2	1		Willis Renouf, Tide Head NB; John Kraha, Seattle WA	57.14%
2.53	3			Kohur Gowrisankaran, Pointe-Claire QC; William Golush, Denville NJ	56.25%
1.74	4			Ken Collins, Aurora ON; Andrew Risman, Toronto ON	55.36%
2.60	5	2	1	Nicole Qian – Zhaofeng Wang, Evanston IL	54.46%
1.95		3	2	Mark Rexroth, Carmel IN; Maureen McCann, Arnprior ON	52.98%
1.46		4	3	Aaron Krieser, Florissant MO; Heather Harmeyer, Indianapolis IN	48.81%



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WEDNESDAY EVENING COLLEGIATE INDIVIDUAL

9.00 Tables

3.04	1	Ranmit Pantle, Chicago IL	72.40%
2.28	2	Liangxun Tan, Berkeley CA	69.79%
1.71	3	Garrett Liu, Oakville ON	67.19%
1.28	4	Max Cheng, Toronto ON	65.62%
0.96	5	Ryan Fu, Urbana IL	64.58%
0.72	6	Kyra Helmbold, Los Gatos CA	61.98%

JANICE UPENIEKS THURSDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

17.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.85	1	1	1	Ranmit Pantle, Chicago IL; Griffin Stewart, Hattiesburg MS	62.08%
4.39	2	2		Dinesh Agrawal – Rajendra Agrawal, Calgary AB	59.72%
3.29	3			Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Linda Gross Halpern, Manhasset NY	57.92%
3.05	4	3		Barry Gilbert, Lincoln RI; Karen Kupersmith, Warwick RI	57.78%
2.00	5/6	4/5		Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX; Marilyn Adams, Beaumont TX	57.50%
2.00	5/6	4/5		Jay Baudler, San Jose CA; Cordelia Menges, New York NY	57.50%
1.04	7			Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Sasakatoon SK	57.08%
1.55		6		Gail Schargel, New York NY; Santiago Semberoiz, Oakland Park FL	56.67%
1.98			2	Melanie Pereira, Danville CA; Mrudula Patel, Dubai United Arab Emirates	52.08%
1.38			3	Lorne Burns – Susan Craven, North Vancouver BC	48.47%

THURSDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

14.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.60	1	1	1	Christine Haselmayer – Carolyn Ring, Toronto ON	65.18%
2.70	2	2		Diane Conde – Brad Orr, Ann Arbor MI	60.50%
2.20	3	3	2	Arthur Gans – Michael Steinberg, Toronto ON	59.61%
1.52	4	4		Barry Stevenson – Deborah Stevenson, Cookstown ON	58.41%
1.65	5	5	3	Beth McLean – Vicky Morris, Toronto ON	57.95%
0.85	6			Valerie Bauer – Marsha Irelan, Kalamazoo MI	56.93%
1.24		6	4	Christopher Shively, Churubusco IN; Alex Kratzer, Angola IN	56.32%
1.17			5	Saville Levin – Shelley Obal, Toronto ON	55.50%
0.82			6	Bogdan Antoniu – Susan Whiteside, Burlington ON	52.77%

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SUSIE COOPER MEMORIAL THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

15.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.42	1			Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA; Jeff Edelstein, Brooksville FL	68.13%
4.07	2			Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Linda Gross Halpern, Manhasset NY	64.38%
3.05	3			Geoffrey Brod – Marie Abate, Newington CT	62.90%
4.77	4	1	1	Dorie Isaacson, Northbrook IL; Lee Nykaza, Wilmette IL	62.06%
3.58	5	2		Jacqueline DeRouin, Okemos MI; Abbie Cole, New York NY	62.00%
2.68	6	3	2	Elijah Carroll, Evanston IL; Alvin Huang, Westford MA	60.42%
2.01		4	3	Margot Donnellan, Brooklyn NY; Chloe Chow, San Francisco CA	56.84%
1.51		5		Cordelia Menges, New York NY; Jay Baudler, San Jose CA	56.82%
1.13		6		Paul Linxwiler, Memphis TN; Kai Eckert, El Granada CA	56.54%
1.18			4	Linda Gaston, Pflugerville TX; Maxwell Burns, Washington DC	56.37%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

10.5 Tables

	D	E	F		
3.15	1	1		Diane Conde – Brad Orr, Ann Arbor MI	65.24%
2.40	2	2	1	Dru Horne – Elliot Williamson, Athens GA	64.17%
1.80	3	3	2	John Dahl, Florence MA; Anita Thompson, Williamsburg MA	60.00%
1.35	4	4	3	Ellen Dworetzky, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Sarah Eidelhoch, San Francisco CA	56.34%
1.01	5	5	4	Rod Paterson, Toronto ON; Derek Sims, Blue Mountains ON	52.41%
0.76	6	6	5	Susan Whiteside – Bogdan Antoniu, Burlington ON	51.18%

WED-THU DAYLIGHT SIDE SERIES

44.75 Tables / Based on 21 Tables

10.85	1/2			Linda Gross Halpern, Manhasset NY	123.13%
10.85	1/2			Chuck Said, Nashville TN	123.13%
7.53	3/4			Cordelia Menges, New York NY	120.14%
7.53	3/4			Jay Baudler, San Jose CA	120.14%
4.34	5/6			Marie Abate, Newington CT	119.01%
4.34	5/6			Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT	119.01%
4.97	7/8			Terry Lubman, Riverside CT	117.92%
4.97	7/8			Linda Green, Fairfield CT	117.92%
4.97	9/10			Abbie Cole, New York NY	117.42%
4.97	9/10			Jacqueline DeRouin, Okemos MI	117.42%
7.10	11/12			Elaine Said, Nashville TN	117.32%
7.10	11/12			Howie Halpern, Manhasset NY	117.32%

FRED GITELMAN WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE GAME – REVISED

16.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.63	1			Howie Halpern, Manhasset NY; Elaine Said, Nashville TN	65.24%
4.55	2	1		Robert Gray, Milton DE; Rusty Vilks, Long Neck DE	60.94%
3.17	3			Linda Green, Fairfield CT; Terry Lubman, Riverside CT	59.45%
3.41	4	2		Dwight Goden – Dale Schaefer, Peterborough ON	57.72%
2.56	5	3		Lucille Griffin, New Maryland NB; Andrew Perry, Fredericton NB	57.71%
1.92	6	4		Susan Thompson, Zanesville OH; Cynthia Martin, Moorestown NJ	57.23%
1.47	7			Diane Campbell – Janet Sharpe, Calgary AB	56.06%
1.44		5		Malcolm Jarvis – Pamela Lawrence, San Diego CA	55.97%
1.47		6		Gail Geiger – Stephen Carpman, Ann Arbor MI	53.88%
2.45			1	Richard Roth, Brooklyn NY; Marie Pattie, Moss Beach CA	51.49%
1.84			2	Nancy Prusky – Francie Storm, Toronto ON	50.15%
1.38			3	Terri Newman – Judith Peck, New York NY	46.45%

Spingold Round of 32 Redux

By Mark Horton

There was so much action taking place in Wednesday's Round of 32 in the Spingold KO that it was difficult to decide which deals to include. Without giving anything away, if your avenue of interest is exciting partscores, then look away now.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Simson v Rosenberg

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>K. Rosenberg</i>	<i>Wold</i>	<i>Platnick</i>	<i>Koneru</i>
1♥	Pass	3♠*	Dbl
3NT	4♠	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♥	All Pass

I found a convention card from the 2023 Open USBC, but it does not specifically mention the jump to 3♠. It might have been a way of indicating a splinter (or a void). If 3NT was "serious," once West had bid 5♠ and 6♦, East was happy to go "all in."

There was nothing to the play, +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Cai</i>
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♣ ⁽³⁾	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Dbl
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

(1) 16+ HCP

(2) 8–11 HCP any or 16+ balanced

(3) Five hearts

The notes attached to the system card only go up to 3♣, so I can't tell you what went wrong, but it was clearly something major. It meant the loss of 17 IMPs.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Rubenstein v Helle

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Prooijen</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Moss</i>
	Pass	1♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
1NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

(1) 11–15 HCP, denies five hearts

(2) Game forcing relay

The 1NT response initiated a series of relays, and West discovered enough to bid the grand slam.

On a neutral lead, for example a spade, declarer wins, ruffs a spade, ruffs a heart, ruffs a spade, cashes a diamond, comes to hand with a club, ruffs a spade, ruffs a heart, draws trumps and claims. However, with trumps 3–1, if South leads a top heart (or even his club), declarer cannot prevail.

Having ruffed the heart lead, declarer cashed the ♦Q, went to dummy with a diamond, ruffed a heart, went to dummy with a club and . . . claimed 12 tricks. That looks wrong, as after ruffing a heart, cashing the ♠A, ruffing a spade and drawing the outstanding trump the 4–1 club break leaves declarer with two losers.

(The board was scored 7♦ down one.)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Z. Grossack</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Rubenstein</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl
Pass	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	5♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

(1) Controls

Perhaps East should have redoubled to indicate a first-round control in hearts. Not to worry, +400 was worth 10 IMPs.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Wolfson v Roman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>F. Bakkeren</i>	<i>Wolfson</i>	<i>T. Bakkeren</i>	<i>Garner</i>
		3♦	Pass
5♦	Dbl	Pass	5♥
6♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

South led the ♠K, and when partner followed with the ♠4, he switched to the ♥4, but declarer had the rest, +1090.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Roman</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Buchalter</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♥	3♦	4♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

That was +650, but a loss of 10 IMPs.

It was a remarkable session, involving five slams, the Roman squad winning it 65–14.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Lebowitz v Hamman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>O. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>M. Rimstedt</i>
		Pass	1NT ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

(1) 10–12

(2) 5+♥/♠, invitational+

West led the ♠8 to the king and ace. East continued with the ♠J, West ruffing and returning the ♦5. East won and played the ♠7, but declarer could ruff with the ♥Q and claim.

There is a winning defense, but it is not easy to see. East must switch to a club at trick two. That attacks the entry to the diamonds, and having won with the ♣K, West has no losing return.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lebowitz</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>A. Grossack</i>	<i>Graves</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

(1) Control

East led the ♥4, and declarer won with the ♥J and played the ♦2 to dummy's ♦K. When it held, he played a spade to the king and ace, and East astutely switched to the ♣3. Declarer won with the ♣A and played a spade, but West ruffed, cashed the ♣K and exited with a heart, leaving declarer a trick short of his target, -50, and 10 IMPs, the only double-digit swing of the session.

As the cards lie, declarer could have gotten home by ruffing a diamond at trick three; he returns to dummy with a heart, ruffs another diamond and finishes up with an overtrick.

Board 36. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sprung</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Baseggio</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	3NT	Pass	1NT
Pass		All Pass	

West led the ♠8, and declarer won with the ♠9, played a club to the jack and a spade to the jack and king. West switched to the ♦3, and East won with the king and continued with the ♦J, West overtaking it with the ♦Q and exiting with the ♦9. Declarer took East's ♦10 and cashed his clubs and spades. East pitched the ♥J, but that resulted in the loss of an overtrick, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Ramos</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	1NT

West led the ♥5, and when declarer put in the ♥Q, East won with the ♥K as declarer followed with the ♥6. When East switched to the ♦J, declarer ducked, and East continued with the ♦2, West winning with the ♦9 as declarer again withheld the ♦A. With unerring accuracy, West now went back to hearts. Declarer won with the ♥A and played a spade to the queen, but West won and played a heart for one down and 10 IMPs.

Do you see how declarer could have made the contract? He must go up with the ♥A at trick one!

He then takes a spade finesse and should score three spades, a heart, a diamond and four clubs.

Board 37. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sprung</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Baseggio</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	1♦	Dbl	1♠
2♥	Dbl ⁽¹⁾	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) Three-card spade support

West led the ♥Q, and East overtook it with the ♥K and switched to the ♣K. Declarer took dummy's ♣A, ran the ♠Q (dropping the ♠9) ran the ♠8 and claimed 12 tricks, +680.

Closed Room

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

East led the ♥A and continued the suit to collect 13 IMPs.

Board 38. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sprung</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Baseggio</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♥3, and declarer won with the ♥J and played the ♦9 to the king and 4. A spade to the king was followed by the ♦10, and when South discarded the ♠2, North took the queen with the ♦A and returned a heart, South winning and exiting with the ♥7. Declarer won and played a diamond, North winning and switching to the ♣6. When declarer put up the ♣K, he was five down, -250.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Ramos</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The rebid of 4♦ promised six diamonds and four spades (and perhaps a slightly better hand than this one, according to Al Hollander).

South led the ♦2 to the king, ace and 9, and North switched to the ♣Q, declarer ruffing in dummy and playing a heart to the king and ace. He took the spade return with the king and played the ♦10. South ruffed, but declarer had the rest, +420, completing a 35-IMP blitz that saw the No. 2 seed win the session 50–18.

Meanwhile, the defending champions and No. 1 seed were engaged in a battle royal, the score being tied at 91–91 going into the final session. Along came this deal:

Board 52 Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Fleisher v Rippey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♦
All Pass		Pass	3NT

West led the ♣5. Declarer won with the ♣J, played a heart to the jack, the ♦K and a diamond to the 9. When that collected the ♦A, declarer was in clover, +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
Pass	1♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	1NT ⁽³⁾
Pass	2♦ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT		

(1) 2+♣, any 12–14 balanced, also with 4/5♦

(2) 4+♠

(3) 2♠

(4) Any game force

Here, too, West led the ♣5, and declarer won with the jack, played a diamond to the king and a diamond to the queen and ace, West exiting with the ♣3. Declarer overtook dummy's ♣K and cashed the ♦J, West discarding the ♠6. When declarer continued with the ♦9, East won and returned the ♣8 which meant declarer could muster only eight tricks, -50, and an 11-IMP swing.

On this layout, once the diamonds have failed to break, declarer must switch to hearts. It looks odd as there is no entry to hand, but sooner or later West will have to lead a black suit.

On Board 55, East held:

♠J ♥A 10 8 7 6 ♦K 10 8 3 ♣9 8 6,

and after two passes saw South open 4♠. Marcinowski doubled while Sementa passed. Partner had:

♠A 6 5 4 ♥K 5 2 ♣A Q 9 ♣A 4 3

and -500 gave RIPPEY 8 IMPs and an overtrick IMP meant the scores were tied.

Board 58. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

North led the $\heartsuit A$ and switched to the $\heartsuit J$ to the queen and king, South returning the $\heartsuit 9$ to dummy's $\heartsuit A$. A spade to the ace was followed by the king and jack, and declarer then played the $\clubsuit Q$ and then the $\clubsuit A$, claiming nine tricks, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
1 \spadesuit	Pass	1NT	Pass
2 \clubsuit ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2 \heartsuit ⁽²⁾	Pass
3 \heartsuit	Pass	3NT	All Pass

(1) Gazzilli; forcing with various hand types

(2) 8+ HCP

In some version of Gazzilli, 3 \heartsuit would show 17+ with five hearts, but that was not the case here.

A low diamond lead would have been a mortal blow, but South went with the $\heartsuit Q$. If North overtakes that and switches to the $\heartsuit J$, declarer cannot prevail, but North followed with the $\heartsuit 6$. If South continues with a diamond and North wins and switches to the $\heartsuit J$, declarer must duck, win the next heart, play the $\spadesuit 9$ to the ace, and then take four rounds of clubs via the marked finesse. Declarer then plays the $\spadesuit 5$, and if South covers with the $\spadesuit 8$, declarer wins in dummy and exits with a heart, forcing South to lead into dummy's $\spadesuit A 7$.

However, at this point, the screen was illuminated with

“10 tricks claimed.”


That suggests that North cashed a third diamond before playing a heart, and now declarer took the $\heartsuit A$ and played as indicated, the last club subjecting South to a repeating squeeze. +430 was good for 7 IMPs.

Board 59. Dealer North. All Vul.

\spadesuit K 10 6 4	\spadesuit J 9 8
\heartsuit 10 9	\heartsuit Q 8 5 4
\heartsuit 9 8 7 4	\heartsuit A 6 3 2
\clubsuit A K 9	\clubsuit 8 2
\spadesuit A Q 7 3	\spadesuit 5 2
\heartsuit A K 7 6	\heartsuit J 3 2
\heartsuit —	\heartsuit K Q J 10 5
\clubsuit Q 7 5 4 3	\clubsuit J 10 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
1 \clubsuit	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 \heartsuit	Pass	1 \heartsuit	Pass
	All Pass		



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South led the $\spadesuit K$, and declarer ruffed in dummy and played the $\clubsuit 3$, North finding the brilliant play of following with the $\clubsuit 9$. South overtook it with the $\clubsuit 10$ and switched to the $\spadesuit 5$, declarer playing dummy's $\spadesuit 3$. If North wins with the $\spadesuit K$ and returns the suit, declarer is stuck. If he draws trumps he cannot establish the clubs, but if he doesn't, South will score a spade ruff. However, North put in the $\spadesuit 10$ and now declarer could win with the $\spadesuit J$ and play a club, subsequently establishing the suit and finishing with 11 tricks.

Do you see how declarer could have ensured his contract? He must play the $\clubsuit Q$ at trick two! That forces North to win, and the clubs can be established in comfort.

The au pair reckons leading from honor combinations is overrated. An initial spade lead, North winning and returning the suit, cooks declarer's goose!

(1) $2+\clubsuit$, 11-14 balanced or 14-16 ($5\spadesuit/\heartsuit$) or unbalanced with clubs, 11-22

(2) $4+\heartsuit$

(3) $4\heartsuit$, 16+

I suspect $3\diamond$ was a transfer to hearts.

With North on lead, the defenders have no winning move.

North led the $\diamond 7$, and declarer ruffed and played the $\clubsuit 3$. It was easier for North to play the $\clubsuit 9$ here and South won and switched to the $\spadesuit 5$, North winning with the $\spadesuit K$ and returning the $\spadesuit 4$. Declarer won with dummy's jack and could only manage nine tricks (you may have guessed that there is no further record of the play) to lose 13 IMPs.

Here too, declarer needed to play the $\clubsuit Q$ at trick two.

The final deal was a dull game, giving RIPPEY a famous victory!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
$1\clubsuit^{(1)}$	Pass	$1\diamond^{(2)}$	Pass
$2NT^{(3)}$	Pass	$3\diamond$	Dbl
$3\heartsuit$	Pass	$4\heartsuit$	All Pass



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

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

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

During his first world championship appearance, Roth was declaring a 2♠ contract and felt he played the hand before – but as a defender. The director, Al Sobel, did not believe him because the hands had been dealt at the table. Sobel made Roth call out all the cards in each hand – including the spots – before he threw out the board. No one ever discovered how this happened.

Roth retired from active bridge competition in the '70s but remained active as a staff member of Bridge

Today and on panels of The Bridge World, Bridge Today and Australian Bridge.

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

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

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Nifty defensive maneuver

By Barry Rigal

This deal (rotated for convenience) comes from the Spingold Round of 64 and features a nice defensive play.

The full deal:

	<i>North (Dummy)</i>		
Dlr: East	♠	A K 9 4 2	
Vul: None	♥	8 5	
Bd: 8	♦	K 10 9	
	♣	J 8 7	
	<i>East</i>		
	♠	J 5 3	
	♥	6 3 2	
	♦	A J 6 5	
	♣	K 3 2	

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

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

As East you see partner lead the ♦7. Declarer calls for dummy's king, which you win with the ace as declarer follows with the 3. What next?

At our table, East returned a low diamond to West, who had to guess what to do next and got it wrong.

Maybe West should assume East should shift to a club at trick two unless he had a club honor, so it must be right to try to cash clubs? Be that as it may, declarer Rubin wrapped up 11 tricks on the defense of three rounds of diamonds.

However in the other room, East, Jeff Aker, knew that his partner Glenn Milgrim had either ♦Q x x or ♦Q x x x. He played the ♦J at trick two, and when West followed low, this was enough to get him to shift to clubs, letting the defenders cash three clubs for down one and a handy 6 IMPs.

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Spingold R16: Nickell vs. Welland

By Mark Horton

For the Spingold Round of 16 vugraph presentation, I went with NICKELL vs. WELLAND. There were more than 1000 spectators following the play.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
Pass	1♥	2♣	4♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
(1) Splinter			

East led the ♠Q, and declarer had no trouble collecting 12 tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Auken</i>
Pass	1♥	2♣	4♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♦ ⁽³⁾	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
(1) 5–(4)♦, 10+ HCP, unbalanced			
(2) Splinter			

Alas, I don't know the specific meaning of 4♦. The au pair thought control bidding 4♠ in either room would not have been ridiculous, my muttering about partner never having the perfect hand being brushed aside.

East led the ♠3, no swing.

On Board 4, North had to lead against 4♥ after West has opened 1♥ and then jumped to game over partner's fit showing response (3♣ in one room, 2NT in the other). His hand was:

♠7 6 5 4 ♥5 ♦6 4 ♣A Q 9 6 5 4.

They both led a spade. The au pair wants to know if they have read the Bird/Anthias masterpiece about opening leads, which would have told them a diamond is for choice – and it would have defeated the contract.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
Pass	2♣	4♣	1NT
5♣	5♠	Pass	4♠
6♣	Dbl	All Pass	Pass

Declarer lost a spade, a heart and a diamond for two down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Auken</i>
Pass	1♦ ⁽²⁾	3♣	1♣ ⁽¹⁾
4♣	4♦	5♣	Dbl
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	Pass

(1) 2+♣, 10+ HCP, many be any balanced hand including any other five-card suit, also 5–4–2–2

(2) 4+♥

The precise meaning of South's double is unclear, it could be extra values or three hearts with extra values.

That was only one down, -200, giving NICKELL 7 IMPs.

6♠ is a decent contract but might go down if declarer over-attacks the heart suit, for example ruffing two clubs in dummy and then playing a heart to the 10 and queen, when cashing the ♥A will be fatal (the winning move is to advance the ♦J).

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♠8, and declarer cashed his winners for +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Auken</i>
Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1♠ ⁽²⁾
Pass	1NT ⁽³⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽⁴⁾
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦ ⁽⁵⁾
Pass	4♥ ⁽⁶⁾	Pass	4♠ ⁽⁷⁾
Pass	5♣ ⁽⁸⁾	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

(1) As before

(2) Game-forcing relay

(3) Balanced, too weak or too strong for an initial 14–16 INT

(4) 6+♦

(5) Optional RKCB

(6) Not interested

(7) RKCB

(8) Zero key cards

East led the ♦4, and declarer drew trumps, West eventually discarding the ♠5 (I had time to make a coffee) the ♥4 and the ♣4. That simplified matters for declarer, who cashed one more diamond, took three spades pitching a heart, and then played a club to the queen and king, +920 and 10 IMPs.

Once the defenders have failed to lead a heart, declarer can always get home, even if West discards the ♥A and keeps all four clubs, if he reads the position.

While I was waiting for West to make his discards, I noticed that with this club layout, one way to score three tricks is to play the ♣9 from South's hand, intending to run it.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
3♣	Dbl	5♣	Pass
Pass	6♣	Pass	5NT
All Pass			6♥

West led the ♣Q. Declarer ruffed in hand, took the heart finesse, returned to hand with a spade and played another heart, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Auken</i>
Pass	2NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Dbl	4♣	5♣	3♣ ⁽³⁾
Pass	5♥	All Pass	Pass

(1) 4♠ and 5/6♥, 10–15 HCP or 17–19

(2) Relay

(3) Short clubs

The meaning of 4♣ is unclear, but it must have indicated some slam interest. With such poor trumps, South was not going to cooperate. That meant NICKELL collected 11 IMPs to regain the lead, 23–13.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2♠ ⁽²⁾	All Pass	

- (1) One major
- (2) Pass or correct

Declarer made nine tricks for +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Auken</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

- (1) Hearts
- (2) 5♥ + 4♦

West led the ♣2, and declarer won and played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing with the ♥8. West overruffed, but declarer had 11 tricks, +650 and 11 IMPs.

On Board 14, Jerome Rombaut saw N-S bid 1♥-1NT; 3NT. What to lead from:

♠K Q 8 ♥10 6 ♦8 7 4 3 ♣K 9 8 5?

He went with the ♠Q and hit partner's ♠A 9 6 4 3 for a fast one down. 4♥ would have made in comfort, and it was reached in the other room, giving WELLAND another 11 IMPs.

South's hand was:

♠5 2 ♥AK J 7 3 2 ♦A Q ♣A J 2,
partner having:

♠J 10 7 ♥8 5 4 ♦K 9 6 2 ♣Q 10 7.

WELLAND would go into the second session leading 36-23.



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Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Saturday, July 27 Audrey Grant Better Bridge Day

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*		
			Members with CBF discount	Members with host discount	Members without discount
9:30 am & 3:30 pm					
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	202D, 2nd floor	\$50	\$54	\$64
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	202D, 2nd floor	\$30	\$34	\$44
0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	202D, 2nd floor	\$30	\$34	\$44
10 am					
Saturday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Ex Hall B East, 3rd floor	\$24	\$28	\$38
299er Pairs	single	Ex Hall B East, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24	\$34
10 am & 1:30 pm					
OSHLAG FAST PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Ex Hall B West, 3rd floor	\$44	\$48	\$58
10 am & 3 pm					
BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Constitution Hall 107, 1st floor	\$30	\$34	\$44
Audrey Grant Open Pairs (unlim./4000/1500)	1-2	Ex Hall B East, 3rd floor	\$24	\$28	\$38
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Ex Hall B West, 3rd floor	\$24	\$28	\$38
Audrey Grant Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4500)	1-2	Ex Hall B South, 3rd floor	\$24	\$28	\$38
Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-4000)	1-2	Ex Hall B South, 3rd floor	\$24	\$28	\$38
Collegiate Pairs Championship	1-2	205B, 2nd floor	Free	Free	Free
10 am & 3:30 pm					
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 SF	Constitution Hall 106, 1st floor	\$50	\$54	\$64
0-10,000 MIXED SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Constitution Hall 105, 1st floor	\$30	\$34	\$44
3 pm					
Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Ex Hall B East, 3rd floor	\$24	\$28	\$38
299er Pairs	single	Ex Hall B East, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24	\$34

* For premier, NABC+ and NABC events, participants must be full ACBL members and up-to-date with their membership dues or service fees. For all other events, participants must be ACBL members (or guest members). Inactive members may renew or pay a \$5 upcharge per 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.