



# Daily Bulletin



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## Memphis NABC hosts World Tour Final

Sixteen of the top pairs in the world will compete for the crown in the WBF World Tour Final at the site of the Spring 2025 NABC in Memphis.



The event, to be held March 12-13, will be played by 16 world-class pairs who have earned Tour Ranking Points throughout 2024 in the World Bridge Federation contest. The points are earned at top-level events such as world, European, Asian and North

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**ATTENDANCE through Saturday 9745 tables**



## Goodwill Message

As we pack up our bid boxes and prepare to leave, let's be sure to thank our hosts. The Las Vegas committee, led by co-chairs Liz Hamilton and Rolf Houtkooper, have exhibited outstanding hospitality.

*Lamy Agelidis, Chair  
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee*

## Horace Gower is Molnar Director of the Year

The ACBL announces with great pleasure the winner of the 2024 Jean Molnar Employee of the Year Award is Horace Gower of Freeport ME.

This award, for field employees, honors the memory of Jean Molnar, a longtime Tournament Director. Jean loved bridge, the players and her co-

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*Sue Miguel, Horace Gower and his wife, Sonia at Horace Gower Day at the Warwick regional*



## Fun! Fun! Fun! We must "bid" you farewell!

*By Liz Hamilton & Rolf Houtkooper, NABC Co-Chairs*



*Members of the Fall 2024 NABC Tournament Committee from District 17 (from left): Brian Marsh (treasurer), Ev Dahl (volunteers), Julie Clark (hospitality), Rolf Houtkooper (co-chair and partnerships), Marion Brum de Barros (prizes), Liz Hamilton (co-chair), Jennifer O'Neill (charity), Toby McEvoy (intermediate-newcomers), Sharon Smith (education liaison), Chris Hahn (intermediate-newcomers); (front, kneeling) Christina Goldsby (ACBL Meeting Services). Not pictured: Cindy Shoemaker (communications)*

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## Ethics champ Brogeland praises, critiques today's game

Almost a decade ago, Norwegian superstar Boye Brogeland, frustrated with the inability – or unwillingness – of bridge organizations to confront pairs engaged in flagrant collusive cheating, shattered the norms of the era by screaming his accusations against

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## Today's Bridge Events

### Sunday, Dec. 8 District 17 Volunteers Day 9:30 am & 3:30 pm

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with host discount	Members without discount
<b>REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS</b>	1-2 F	Pavilion 1	\$40	\$50
<b>KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS</b>	1-2 F	Pavilion 4	\$40	\$50
<b>10 am</b>				
Rolf Houtkooper Sunday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Pavilion 9	\$22	\$32
Toby McEvoy & Chris Hahn 299er Pairs	single	Pavilion 9	\$18	\$28
<b>10 am &amp; 1 pm</b>				
Julie Clark & Marion Brum De Barros Fast Pairs	1-2	Pavilion 11	\$22	\$32
<b>10 am &amp; tba</b>				
Bonnie Bagley Top-Flight Swiss Teams <i>(unlim./6000/4500)</i> Playthrough with a short break	1-2	Paradise North	\$22	\$32
Jerry Keernan & Lisa Geiger Bracketed Round Robin Teams <i>(0-4000)</i> Playthrough with a short break	1-2	Paradise North	\$22	\$32
<b>10 am &amp; 3 pm</b>				
NABC 0-6000 PAIRS	1-2 F	Ballroom F	\$25	\$35
<b>10 am &amp; 3:30 pm</b>				
NABC+ MIXED SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Ballroom C	\$35	\$45
<b>2 pm</b>				
Tom Shulman Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Pavilion 9	\$22	\$32
Brian Marsh 299er Pairs	single	Pavilion 9	\$18	\$28

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.

## District 17 Volunteers Day

This is the team of people who work on district events and this tournament. They are not voting board members, but we could not do it without them. The games today are named in their honor. They are constantly engaged in our D17 grassroots events, tournaments, communications, website maintenance and so much more. Many do their work behind the scenes.

Rolf Houtkooper is this NABC's co-chair and partnership chair; Toby McEvoy and Chris Hahn are co-chairs of the I/N program; Julie Clark is the D17 GNT/NAP coordinator and Welcome Desk chair; Bonnie Bagley is the STaC coordinator and recently retired GNT coordinator. Marion Brum De Barros is the Prize Desk chair; Ev Dahl is the volunteer chair for this tournament; Jerry Keeran is the Pianola coordinator; Lisa Geiger is an assistant webmaster; Tom Shulman works on grassroots financial transactions; and Brian Marsh is the



**Rolf Houtkooper**



**Toby McEvoy**



**Chris Hahn**



**Julie Clark**



**Bonnie Bagley**



**Marion Brum De Barros**



**Ev Dahl**



**Jerry Keeran**



**Tom Shulman**



**Lisa Geiger**



**Brian Marsh**

treasurer for this tournament.

Incredible volunteers! They do so much to promote bridge!

## Use of the bidding box – Alerts and Announcements

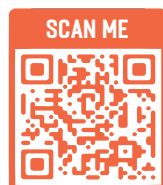
The ACBL requires that players tap the Alert strip and say "Alert" at the same time.

When making an Announcement, use the Announcement phrase (such as "15-17" or "hearts") and tap the Alert strip at the same time. A player who Alerts or Announces a bid must make sure the opponents are aware that an Alert or Announcement has been made.

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## World Bridge Tour

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American championships.

The winners will receive the new Jan Kamras Trophy, put in play by the eponymous WBF president.

The format will feature a round-robin with each pair playing six boards against the other pairs, scored by cross-IMPs.

For details, visit [championships.worldbridge.org/world-bridge-tour](https://championships.worldbridge.org/world-bridge-tour).

## Entry Express and purchase options

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



Advance entries for events are available through the ACBL's online Entry Express system. It is necessary for eligible players to use this system in order to receive the host discount of \$10 per session for being a guest of the host hotel or resident of the host district.

To use Entry Express, go to [members.acbl.org/tournaments/2412001/detail](https://members.acbl.org/tournaments/2412001/detail) or scan the QR code above. This may be done until midnight the day before the event begins.

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

For help with Entry Express, visit the Entry Express Help Desk located in the Pavilion passway.

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.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## HOSPITALITY

Food will be served starting at 9 a.m. in the Pavilion hall.

**Sunday, Dec. 8**

Sausage breakfast sandwich

### Molnar Award

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workers. She delivered outstanding customer service through her technical expertise, her quick and effective response and her ability to handle all situations professionally and calmly.

As the selection committee reviewed all the nominations, they thought of how much the players loved Jean for her friendliness and love for the game. Horace embodies these characteristics: he loves being on the floor and working with the players.

Tournament Director Tim Hill of the Boston area, who nominated Gower for the award, says, "Horace is my favorite director. He's a great role model. What I admire most about him is his manner with the players. He's the sort of director who makes playing fun."

Horace has been playing bridge since his college days, and he and a partner won the Maine state championship in 1972. He became a director more than 30 years ago and has made many friends at the tournaments he's directed. Throughout his career, Horace has been known for running events smoothly and making them thoroughly enjoyable for players and explaining rulings so that players understand and accept them.

Horace runs six sectionals – solo – in Maine each year and directs at most New England regionals. He is held in the highest regard by players and directors who have the opportunity to work with him.

District 25 recently honored Horace at the Ocean State Regional in Warwick RI. Players wore "I ♥ Horace" pins and the staff sported "Super Horace" T-shirts. District 25 President Sue Miguel chose the hero theme because



**Horace – in a signature cardigan – with Sue Miguel**

Horace is her directing hero. "In addition to being thoughtful, kind, funny, efficient and dedicated to each and every player he encounters, he's a wicked awesome player!" exclaimed Miguel.

"Horace is the most fabulous person, and I wouldn't be the Fairy Goldmother without him," continued Miguel. "I've worked with him for 20 years. When I found out he was going to retire, I took to my bed for two days.

"When we decided we were going to have Horace Gower day at the Warwick regional earlier this year, we wanted to keep it a secret from him. It's pretty hard to keep a secret from your DIC. I had to order T-shirts and find out what to get for presents. I called his wife, Sonia, and I asked, 'What does Horace like?' She said, 'He likes Reese's peanut butter cups.' You can get anything on the internet, so I found a bouquet of Reese's. He's always wearing a cardigan, so we got him a really nice one from L.L. Bean."

They mostly kept Horace from finding out about the day in his honor, but the night before, they decorated the playing area with posters and signs. "He knew when he came in," said Sue.

"He saw the buttons everyone was wearing and the T-shirts and got pretty emotional.

"People don't realize you can be kind and funny and solicitous of people's needs and also apply the Laws efficiently. We can't lose the human part of bridge, that is what makes everyone want to play."

Nominating committee chair and fellow TD Scott Humphrey said, "Jean Molnar was dedicated to player service and fair play, so Horace is the perfect choice for this award because he embodies those principles. The players appreciate him so much for that."

Congratulations, Horace! Thank you for your commitment to ACBL's mission, our players, and your coworkers.

### Monitoring

ACBL monitors events at North American Bridge Championships with both visible and concealed real-time cameras in public spaces. The images are recorded and available for later inspection and review by ACBL management and tournament officials. These recordings are also uploaded to the internet following the NABC.

By general monitoring of the session and participants' behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues or disputes arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table. This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.



# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Tips for New Players

By Frank Stewart

### Declarer's clues

When you learned bridge, you may have been dismayed by all you had to absorb: the elements of a bidding structure, plus dictums for play and defense (“eight ever, nine never” and “third hand high.”) But if bridge only amounted to applying an array of rules, nobody would play. The game’s appeal lies in problem-solving.

In much of my writing, I focus on logical thinking. That, I believe, is the big reason why people find bridge a compelling game.

Dlr: South     ♠ K J 2  
 Vul: None     ♥ K 6 5  
 IMPs            ♦ K 10 8 3 2  
                   ♣ 8 3

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

As South you play at a normal 3NT, and West hits you where it hurts by leading the ♣2. You capture East’s king; holding up will achieve nothing. Suppose you try a heart to dummy’s king and a heart to your jack. The finesse wins, but when you take the ♥A, West discards a spade.

For the contract, how do you play the diamonds?

West’s ♣2 suggested a four-card holding, and he had two hearts. If West had as many as five spades, he would have led a spade against 3NT. You should play West for no more than four spades, hence at least three diamonds. Cash the ♦A, intending to finesse against West.

Dlr: West     ♠ A 4 3  
 Vul: None     ♥ 9 6 4  
                   ♦ Q 10 6 5  
                   ♣ A 10 4

♠ J 9 8 2  
 ♥ K J 3  
 ♦ A K J 8 2  
 ♣ 2

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



West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♥	2♣(!)
2♥	3♣	All Pass	

You were absent when they passed out fear, so you overcalled at the two level with a broken five-card suit. You survive when North has some strength plus club support.

West leads the ♦K and ♦A. East discards on the second diamond, and ruffs dummy’s 10 on the third diamond. He shifts to a low heart, and you take the ace. If you can pick up the trumps, you can discard a heart on the ♦Q and make your contract. How do you handle the trump suit?

East had one diamond, West had five. Hearts must be 3–4; East needed four to bid the suit, West would not have raised without three. Moreover, spades must be 4–4; West would not open 1♦ with five spades, East would not respond 1♥ with five spades. East’s shape was 4=4=1=4. Take the ♣A. If the queen doesn’t appear, let the ♣10 ride.

The first playing area you encounter as you walk into NABC-world at the Westgate is the “GR/IN” area, where events for the Gold Rush and Intermediate Newcomer crowd are held and the celebrity speakers present their lessons before the morning and afternoon sessions. Here in Las Vegas, it’s been staffed by Intermediate/Novice Co-Chairs Chris Hahn and Toby McEvoy, who also volunteered in this capacity in 2019. They both really care about the players and nurturing them in a playing environment that can be overwhelming to those not accustomed to a big tournament. “We really want to know the community,” said Chris.



**Las Vegas NABC Intermediate/Novice Co-Chairs Chris Hahn and Toby McEvoy**

Toby agrees – the personal touch is important. “The ACBL has made a lot of technological advances since 2019, there’s a lot more stuff happening online, but in general, bridge players want to talk to people, they want eye contact, they want faces. We can’t replace that. We can supplement it with signs and technology, but we still need friendly and knowledgeable faces to help guide them.”

So, if you’re a new player and thinking about attending an NABC, look for the GR/IN room and a friendly face to help you navigate the tournament. And thank you, Chris and Toby!

## Fleisher leads Reisinger finalists

The squad captained by Marty Fleisher leads the 10 remaining squads in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams. Fleisher, playing with Chip Martel, Cedric Lorenzini, Thomas Bessis, Alfredo Versace and Antonio Sementa enjoys an overall score of 43.16 wins (carryover = 11.16 + 16.5 in the first session + 15.5 in the second). This puts Fleisher more than a half board ahead of the runners-up led by Bill Pollack who have 42.51.

In third with 42.22 wins is Connie Goldberg and company.

## Bernal barrels ahead in Keohane

Francisco Bernal and his team, Frederic Wrang, Fredrik Nystrom, Johan Upmark, Alejandro Bianchedi and Antonio Palma are leading the Keohane North American Swiss Teams after yesterday's semifinal sessions. They will have a carryover of 30.37 victory points going into today's final sessions. They began the day in fifth place.

In second with a carryover of 21.20 VPs are Jian-Jian Wang, Ligang Zhang, Shu Liu, Ze Jun Zhuang, Junjie Hu and Zheng Jun Shi.

The field was halved from 48 to 24 teams for today's two-session final.

## Silverstein squad leads NABC+ Mixed Swiss

The team captained by Avery Silverstein of Ridgefield CT is leading the NABC+ Mixed Swiss. They finished with 117.81 victory points and will have a carryover of 28.90 VPs going into Sunday's two final sessions. The rest of the team is Aaron Silverstein, Jack Boge, Shihong You and Mingmin Zhu.

Close behind in second place are Bruce Lang, Corey Krantz, Kathrine Bertheau, Christina Madsen and Christian Bakke with a carryover of 28.32.

Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Shan Huang and Sandra Rimstedt are in third with a carryover of 24.83.

Of the 125 teams that entered the event, 64 qualified for today's two-session final.

## Runaway in 0-6000K

Marc Franklin of Newport Beach CA and Alan Wood of San Diego CA are crushing the NABC 0-6000 Pairs, an event limited to those with less than 6000 masterpoints. They started the day with a 70.11% first qualifying session and followed that up with a 62.95% to finish with a combined score of 1210.80 – three and a half boards ahead (35 top). They will have a carryover of 66.46 – almost two boards (35 top).

In second place are Donald Perry of Green Valley AZ and Craig Harrison of Normandy Park WA with a combined score of 1088.60. They have a carryover of 38.86. In third with a combined score of 1080.90 and a carryover of 37.12 are David Schulman of Atlanta GA and Steve Callaham of Alpharetta GA.

Of the 72 pairs that entered the event, 36 qualified to play in today's two-session final.

## Farewell

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All good things must come to an end, and we are sad to see you leave. Our hope is that you enjoyed your bridge games and the nonstop entertainment in Las Vegas.

NABC tournaments bring together players from around the world. Old friendships can be renewed at this wonderful face-to-face event, and we are sure that new friendships have been formed. We have enjoyed sharing the common language of bridge with all of you. The volunteers at the Welcome Desk were thrilled to meet you.

Many additional volunteers joined us to assemble gift bags and hand out prizes. A big thank-you to Peggy Norris, Rebecca Brown, Rosy and Pawan Agrawal, Carole and Dick Gerck, Bill Phillips, Ann Shuster, Mike Crimmins, Melinda Johnston, Marie Adams, Karen Jacobson, JoAnne Lowe, Kristen Onsgard and Stefanie Scott. Yes – it takes a volunteer village!

Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) players joined us in the Patron Lounge on Thursday evening for an educational experience with Robert Todd. It was great! Since COVID, it has been a challenge to get newer players to attend an NABC. Toby McEvoy and Chris Hahn, our I/N chairs, created a fun competition for players and teachers. They also found some wonderful door prizes, and everyone left with a souvenir for participating in this event. It is our hope that the 48 attendees will go home and become ambassadors for bridge. NABCs have something to offer players at all levels.

A final thank-you to our great directors, caddies and all the ACBL staff who make this event successful. See you in Las Vegas in the summer of 2027!

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## Brogeland

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the perpetrators in online forums. Initially armed with little evidence, but driven by a compulsion to expose an ethical rot at the heart of the expert game, Brogeland's declaration was politically dangerous and a risk to his own reputation. But his *cri de couer* was heard around the bridge world and initiated a cascade of events that ended the playing careers of some of the world's top-ranked pairs and altered the way the high-level game is played today.

In an interview at the Fall NABC in Las Vegas, Brogeland looked back the watershed events of the summer of 2015 and described his views on the state of the game today.

"The ethical condition of the top-level game has never been as good as it is now," says Brogeland, 51, a three-time gold medalist in world championship events and a 10-time NABC winner.

"You don't hear rumors about cheating pairs anymore; things have gotten much, much better."

But while video security and robust disciplinary structures have greatly suppressed cases of "hard cheating," Brogeland believes there is still much room for improvement in what he describes as "soft cheating," which typically occurs from tempo breaks and the resulting unauthorized information (UI).

"It's in the Laws: You can't use tempo to your advantage. But players are still using tempo variations, especially in the realm of defensive signaling, to send messages to their partners. It's very bad, and it needs to be fixed," he says.

Brogeland's plan for addressing this problem is multifold, beginning with a trick-one rule for when declarer is permitted to call a card from dummy.

"Several European bridge organizations have already implemented a 10- to 15-second rule for trick one. Declarer must pause that



long before calling a card from dummy to give the defender in third position a chance to plan, minimizing the risk of a revealing tempo break. This rule needs to be more widely adopted by other federations."

But a more difficult piece to Brogeland's plan requires a change in player attitudes about the ethics of acting on UI.

"Education is needed at the expert level – people who should know better – about taking advantage of tempo breaks as defenders when signaling. A cultural shift is needed. Expert players must be willing to accept a bad result rather than break tempo or accept information to which they're not entitled. But this concept needs to be embedded in the hearts of bridge players. To a certain extent, it's already there, because they intuitively know that it's wrong. It's unfair. But educating players to take the occasional poor result in the name of fair play is a challenge," Brogeland says.

The last component of Brogeland's idea involves the role of tournament directors.

"Tournament directors should go much harder on UI. But at the top level, we are sometimes asking TDs to rule in situations that they don't fully understand. I feel that there are some cases where expert awareness and table experience is lacking in tournament

officials. The TDs don't understand the game as well, and this is bad for bridge."

Of course, directors often poll expert players in contested cases to help officials gauge whether a tempo break was relevant/transmitted UI. But Brogeland feels that the method can be flawed, as pollees are automatically aware that a problem exists as they are being quizzed.

"The game is so much better now, but we have room to grow."

## New Gold Life Masters

**Andrew**

**Fenves** of Boston MA crossed the 2500-masterpoint threshold in Las Vegas to become a Gold Life Master.

Fenves earned the points he needed in the Thursday afternoon side game, playing with John Schwartz of Plano TX.

Also becoming a Gold LM in Las Vegas is

**Lynne Castoldi**

of La Quinta CA. Castoldi, who needed 55 masterpoints at the beginning of the NABC to advance to the new rank, picked up 52 when her squad finished second in the 10K Swiss Teams, and earned the remaining part in Monday's Top-Flight Swiss. Castoldi was playing with Aly El-Selehdar of Minnetonka MN and teammates Rita Bichara of San Francisco and Nayer Ahmed of Egypt.



## Masterpoint disclaimer

Results reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections. The masterpoint awards as shown are, therefore, also subject to change.

## Player of the Year race: Toledano vs. Fleisher

The Player of the Year race has come down to two, according to unofficial Daily Bulletin analysis: Oren Toledano of Israel and Marty Fleisher of New York.

Coming into the Fall NABC, Toledano and partner Ami Zamir held a big lead. They played on a different team at each NABC, and had been doing well with all of them, but their best results were in pairs: first in the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs and second in the Kay Platinum Pairs. They won the Roth Open Swiss Teams in the summer with the Simson team and placed third in the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams in the spring with the Amoils team. Quarterfinals in the Vanderbilt and round of 32 in the Spingold brought them to 675.31 platinum points for the year.

In Las Vegas, playing on the four-handed Zagorin team, they reached the round of 16 for 50 more points, coming to 725.31.

The round of 16 was an early

enough exit that they could have entered the Blue Ribbon Pairs, but they didn't. Instead they played regional teams for a couple days, and then Zamir seems to have left. The tie between them finally broke when Toledano got a session award in the second session of the Reisinger. Zagorin added Blue Ribbon Pairs winners Simon Cope and Thomas Paske. They qualified for the second day in 11th-14th place but did not qualify for the final day. That leaves Toledano with 728.37.

Fleisher, meanwhile, had been in 15th place in the Player of the Year standings after the Summer NABC, with 351.74 platinum points: he won the Spring NABC+ Open Pairs with Brad Moss, round of 16 in the Vanderbilt, fifth in the Jacoby Swiss, 10th in the von Zedtwitz, round of 32 in the Spingold and 14th in the Roth. But winning the Soloway moved him up to third place with 601.74.

That's a hefty deficit to overcome

- 126.63 - but Fleisher's team has led the first two days of the Reisinger. First (200) or second place (150) in the Reisinger will do it, but third pays only 112.50.

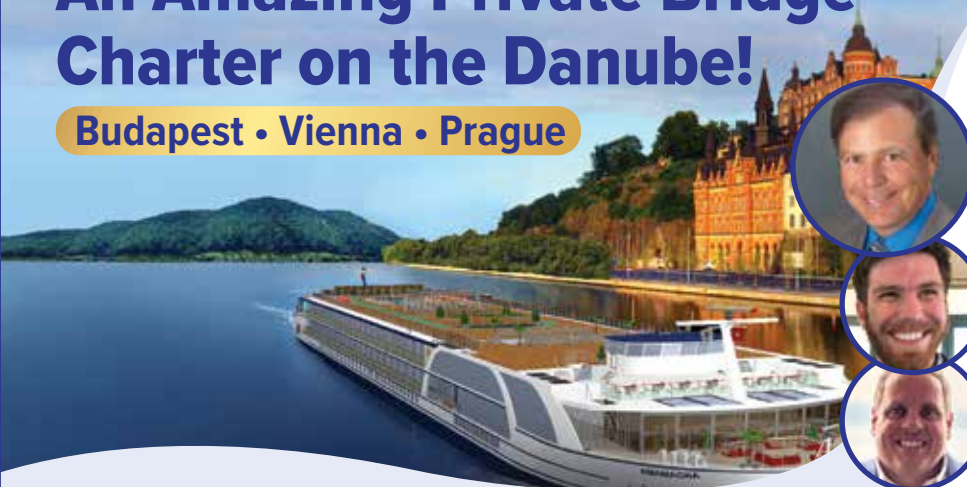
Jerome Rombaut and Leo Rombaut of France are tied for fourth place with 575.09 platinum and also played in the Reisinger, but did not qualify for the final day.

### Player of the Year leaders

- |                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Oren Toledano, Israel           | 728.37 |
| 2. Ami Zamir, Israel               | 725.31 |
| 3. Martin Fleisher, New York NY    | 601.74 |
| 4. Jerome Rombaut, France          | 575.09 |
| Leo Rombaut, France                | 575.09 |
| 6. Robert Levin, Henderson NV      | 543.59 |
| 7. Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV     | 533.72 |
| 8. Brad Moss, Denver CO            | 523.49 |
| 9. Steve Weinstein, Cedar Grove NJ | 467.44 |
| 10. Thomas Bessis, France          | 461.18 |

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10 Tables / Based on 40 Tables	Carryover
1 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	2.67
2 William Pollack, Boca Raton FL; Gary Cohler, Wellington FL; Sam Lev, Aventura FL; Daniel Tylvad, Bronshoj Denmark; Nikolaj Hammelev, Aarhus Denmark	2.35
3 Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden	2.20
4 Pierre Zimmermann – Michal Nowosadzki – Michal Klukowski – Jacek Kalita – Sjoert Brink Sebastian Drijver, Geneva Switzerland	2.19
5 Leslie Amoils, North York ON; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia	1.71
6 Kevin Rosenberg, Millbrae CA; Jie Li, Beijing China; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Yongge Zhang, China	1.67
7 Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack, Newton MA; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina	1.46
8 Linlin Hu, China; Yuxiong Shen – Yang Cai, Shanghai China; Gang Chen, China; Jakub Wojcieszek, Zachodniopomors Poland; Shiyu Sun, Beijing China	1.03
9 Nick Nickell, Water Mill NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Steve Weinstein, Cedar Grove NJ; Robert Levin, Henderson NV	0.41
10 Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Federico Iavicoli, Roma Italy; Michele Cammarata, Massa Italy; Cristiano Valsega, Aosta Italy	0.00

**QUALIFIERS IN THE KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS**

24 Tables / Based on 95 Tables	Carryover
1 Francisco Bernal, Miami FL; Frederic Wrang – Fredrik Nystrom – Johan Upmark, Stockholm Sweden; Alejandro Bianchedi, New York NY; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal	30.37
2 Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Ligang Zhang – Shu Liu, Beijing China; Ze Jun Zhuang – Junjie Hu, Shanghai China; Zheng Jun Shi, Beijing China	21.20
3 Pawel Hanus, Carrollton TX; Ari Sippola, Richardson TX; Steve Raine, Nottingham United Kingdom; Ewan McNay, Glenmont NY	20.29
4 Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde – Soren Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark	18.17
5 Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands	17.12
6 Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil; Michael Byrne, Manchester United Kingdom; Maggie Knottenbelt, London United Kingdom; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom	16.03
7 Piotr Bizon, Cracow Poland; Marek Blat, Bielsko-Biala Poland; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland; Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Poznan Poland	15.81
8 Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY	13.73
9 Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Stephen Sanborn – Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL; Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury MA; Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA	13.67
10 Cao Yi, Shanghai China; Miao Shi – Jianming Dai, Beijing China; Cheng Luo, Singapore	10.60
11 Jeffrey Blond, Brossard QC; Brad Bart, Coquitlam BC; David Lindop – Doug Baxter, Toronto ON; Michael Hargreaves, Victoria BC; Gordon McOrmond, Sidney BC	9.88
12 Jeffrey Ferro, Saint Helena CA; Sibrand Van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands; Xavier Friesen, Venray Netherlands; Ronald Goor, Houten Netherlands	9.53
13 Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA; Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Yinghao Liu, Hoboken NJ; Yichao Chen, Shanghai China; Guy Mendes De Leon, Amsterdam Netherlands; Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands	7.89
14 Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Daniel Weiss, New York NY; Sarik Goyal, Jersey City NJ; Ronald Vickery, Oro Valley AZ	6.53
15 Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Richard Jeng, Los Angeles CA; Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY; Cynthia Huang, Las Vegas NV	6.16
16 Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Bart Nab – Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; David Gold, United Kingdom	4.85
17 Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland; Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland	3.23
18 Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Agnes Snellers – Wubbo De Boer, Groenekan Netherlands;	

	Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Tim Van De Paverd, Leiden Netherlands	2.63
19	Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis – Vasileios Vroustis, Athens Greece; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy; Franck Multon, Monaco; Kiki Ward-Platt, Cannes France	2.48
20	Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark; Nicolai Heiberg-Evensatd, Finnsnes Norway; Ethan Liu, Fremont CA	2.09
21	Barry Rigal, New York NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; John Lusky – Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Glenn Milgrim, Ransomville NY; Ron Rubin, Las Vegas NV	2.06
22	Walter Lee, Framingham MA; David Yang, Darien IL; Difan Wang, Unionville ON; Xiaoqing Deng, Richmond BC	1.37
23	Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Wanfeng Mou, Sugar Land TX; Jeff Fang, Rowland Heights CA; Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Xin Li, Guangdong China	0.15
24	Sun Xudong, Shang Hai China; Fu Zhong, Beijing China; Xinli Gan, China China; Jike Jin, Shanghai China; Lidang Dong, Shaanxi China	0.00

### QUALIFIERS IN THE NABC+ MIXED SWISS TEAMS

64 Tables / Based on 125 Tables		Carryover
1	Avery Silverstein – Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Jack Boge, New York NY; Shihong You, Boyds MD; Mingmin Zhu, Mississauga ON	28.90
2	Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Corey Krantz, Boynton Beach FL; Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Christina Madsen, Denmark; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway	28.32
3	Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt – Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt – Shan Huang, Royal Palm Beach FL; Sandra Rimstedt, Jupiter FL	24.83
4	Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Hailong Ao, Ashburn VA; Bo Fu, Shanghai China; Ada Ding, Beijing China	24.62
5	Maxim Siline – Carrie Liu, Hudson MA; Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Alan Watson, Lexington MA	22.37
6	Jay Barron, Norman OK; Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC; Danuta Kazmucha, Poznan Poland; Ishmael Del'Monte, Baton Rouge LA	19.89
7	Phyllis Yates – Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Anam Tebha, New York NY; Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV	19.12
8	Peggy Ware – Spencer Jones, Denver CO; Garth Yettick, Westminster CO; Harley Bress, Barrow AK; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL	18.84
9	Gillian Minitier, New York NY; Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Adi Asulin, Rishon Lezion Israel; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Jessica Larsson, Heimdal Sweden; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway	18.76
10	Hong Ding, New York NY; Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO; Martin Schaltz, Copenhagen Denmark	18.52
11	Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France; Justyna Zmuda, Skawina Poland; Katarzyna Dufurat, Wroclaw Poland	15.79
12	Brenda Keller, Meridian ID; Craig Kavim, Camarillo CA; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV; Bruce Ferguson, la Paz Mexico; Jo Smith, Abilene TX	15.36
13	Lynn Leisy, Amelia Island FL; Michael Dalton, Palm Coast FL; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Simonetta Paoluzi, Rome Italy; Mustafa Cem Tokay, New York NY	15.09
14	Paul Lewis – Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Jenni Carmichael, Marysville WA; Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA	14.64
15	Uday Ivatury, New York City NY; Christal Henner – Elizabeth Reich, New York NY; Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX; Lapt Chan, Forest Hills NY; Steve Garner, Chicago IL	14.17
16	Linda Friedman – Daniel Friedman, Orinda CA; John Miller – Lynn Shannon, Campbell CA	13.70
17	Han-Yu Chang – Eugene Hung, Los Altos CA; Ari Greenberg – Thuy Tran, San Francisco CA	13.67
18	Tracy Sherman, United Kingdom; David Sherman, Manchester United Kingdom; Deborah Sandford – Gad Chadha, London United Kingdom	13.13
19	Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; Gerrianna Mason, Crossville TN; Ellen Hessel – Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Cameron Doner, Surrey BC; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI	12.37
20	Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland; Erleta Plana, Sandnes Norway	11.89
21	Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA; Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France; Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	11.59
22	Berk Basaran – Tuna Elmas, Istanbul Turkey; Bulent Aslan, Izmir Turkey; Dilek Yavas, Bursa Turkey	11.40
23	Jessica Lin, Markham ON; Peter Wong, North York ON; Weishu Wu – Hongsa Situ, Irvine CA	11.34
24	Jiang Chen – Qinqin Wang, Lexington MA; Fengming Chen, Dorval QC; Xia Hong, Richmond Hill ON	10.82
25	Yongkang Huang, Los Angeles CA; Dominique Moore, Arcadia CA; Hanna Zhuang, Alhambra CA; Gregory Tapia, Monterey Park CA	10.69

26	John Bacon, Shaker Heights OH; Flo Newlin, Denver CO; Jan Miyake, Oberlin OH; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH	10.18
27	Terry McHenry – Gen Geiger, Sarasota FL; Santiago Semberoiz, Oakland Park FL; Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	9.67
28	Jianfeng Luo, North York ON; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ; Rose Hou – Yan Wang, Richmond Hill ON	9.53
29	Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Sylvia Shi, San Francisco CA; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Ron Smith, Glenview IL; Wenfei Wang, Northbrook IL	9.13
30	Joanne Weingold – Jack Weingold – Joseph Machotka – Sondra Schubiner – Joy Scher, Boca Raton FL; Jason Ciano, Henderson NV	8.85
31	Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC; Yimei Cao, Aurora ON; Jung Hu, San Jose CA; Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA	8.41
32	Rita Shugart, Carmel CA; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil; Debra Hyatt, Lakewood CO; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY	8.39
33/34	Michael Rosen, New York NY; Sandra Friedman, Flushing NY; Nancy Schwantes – Prakash Kumar, Las Vegas NV	8.35
33/34	Patti Hartley, Everett WA; Ronald Woodard, Palm Springs CA; Amy DeShaw, Seattle WA; Elaine DeShaw, Federal Way WA; Kevin Bolan, Snohomish WA	8.35
35	Monika Sautaux, Grolley Switzerland; Agnieszka Pietrzyk, Zarki-Letnisko Poland; Tomasz Wozniak, Torun Poland; Michal Wrobel, Warszawa Poland	7.14
36	Allison L. Cappelletti – Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Gigi Simpson, Sarasota FL; Michael Gamble, Shannigan Lake BC	7.10
37	Barbara Devaney, Washington DC; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Amy Brisson – Hal Hindman, Oakton VA	6.60
38	Marc Jacobus – Brenda Jacobus – Jerry Weinstein – Sue Weinstein, Las Vegas NV	6.08
39	Ann Romeo – Ray Miller, Seattle WA; Ben Bomber, Grandview WA; Amy Casanova, Portland OR; David Johnson – Dorothy Mersereau, Calgary AB	6.03
40	Winston Huang, Los Altos CA; Ho-Yee So – Li-Hsiang Kuo, Taipei City Taiwan; Jui Wang, Morrisville NC	5.83
41	Tim Archdeacon, Key Biscayne FL; Marusa Gold, Leeds United Kingdom; Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel	5.78
42	Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; Dana Berkowitz, New York NY; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Emma Kolesnik, Newton Center MA; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX	5.73
43	Michael Curley, Rockford MI; Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI; Morgan Johnstone, Atlanta GA; Ella Rosthoj, Frederiksberg Denmark	5.69
44	Andrea Knox – Martin Garvey, Llandudno United Kingdom; Patricia Herrera, Mexico City Mexico; Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico	4.95
45	Anne Brenner – David Caprera, Denver CO; Jovanka Smederevac – Alexander Wernle, Vienna Austria	4.62
46	William Neumann, Columbia MD; Mark Dahl – Rebecca Duty, Richmond VA; Sophia Baldysz, Charlottesville VA	4.59
47	Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA; John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Kitty Cooper, Avon CT; Roberto Scaramuzzi, Woodland Hills CA	4.52

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49	Dominic Antonelli – Niki Antonelli – Glen Anderson, Raleigh NC; Renee Getz, Cary NC	4.20
50	Athena C. Chow – Alan Hayward – Claire Robinson, London United Kingdom; Tom Copeland, Leeds United Kingdom	3.99
51	Sheri Winestock – Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV; Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Max Schireson, Stanford CA	3.70
52	Kenneth Titow – Linda Mitchell, Scottsdale AZ; Bruce Wick – Susan Stubinski, Houston TX	3.00
53	Marc-Andre Fourcaudot, Montreal QC; Martine Lacroix, Repentigny QC; Pascale Gaudreault, Quebec QC; Marc Lachapelle, Blainville QC	2.85
54	Lynne Castoldi, La Quinta CA; Aly El-Selehdar, Minnetonka MN; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland; Cathy Baldysz, Mieroslawskiego Poland	2.16
55	Donna Lombardini, Alcester SD; Thomas MacCormac, Dublin Ireland; Kathryn Kimmerling, Blythewood SC; Sam Whitten, Southaven MS; Adolfo Madala – Clara Feintuch, Buenos Aires Argentina	1.93
56	Jennifer Kuhn – Philip Kuhn, San Mateo CA; Kai Eckert, El Granada CA; Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA	1.65
57	Dolores Aquino, Houston TX; Jim Johnsen, Frisco TX; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH; Richard Chan, Markham ON	1.20
58	Hua Yang – Yan Song, Plano TX; Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL; Wenjia Yan, Cerritos CA	1.01
59	Todd Wachsman – Janis Wachsman, Delray Beach FL; Lee Ohliger – Joyce Menezes, Bradenton FL	0.96
60	Phebe Packer, Phoenix AZ; Harvinder Sidhu, Scottsdale AZ; JoAnne Lowe – Leon Lowe, Fountain Hills AZ	0.63
61	Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR; Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR; Rita Bichara, San Francisco CA; Nayer Ahmed, Giza Egypt	0.25
62	Darcy Parker – James Parker, Hendersonville NC; Steven Devico – Gayle Covey, Tucson AZ	0.07
63	Claire Alpert, Miami FL; Carlos Hoyos, Bogota Colombia; Giuseppe Delle Cave – Pramotton Emanuela, Rome Italy	0.01
64	Shawn Abernethy – Becky Stevens – Michael Christensen, Seattle WA; George Klemic, Lombard IL	0.00

### QUALIFIERS IN THE NABC 0–6000 PAIRS

18.0 Tables / Based on 36 Tables	Carryover
1 Marc Franklin, Newport Beach CA; Alan Wood, San Diego CA	66.46
2 Donald Perry, Deer Park WA; Craig Harrison, Normandy Park WA	38.86
3 David Schulman, Atlanta GA; Steve Callahan, Alpharetta GA	37.12
4 David Roselle, Kirkland WA; Patrick White, Simi Valley CA	27.24
5 Max Aeschbacher – Charlie Belusa, Cottonwood Heights UT	26.48
6 Michael Bodell – Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA	21.37
7 David Bogolub, Deerfield IL; Steve Kreiner, Techy IL	20.94
8 Steven Fox, Kensington MD; Andrew Krywaniuk, Burnaby BC	19.70
9 Ilko Dossev, Pickering ON; Lu Kohutiak, Scarborough ON	19.04
10 Zenon Wachowicz – Elizabeth Wachowicz, Clearwater FL	18.94
11 Debbie Hargreaves, Victoria BC; Donna Chambers, Schenectady NY	17.15
12 Rahul Chandra, St. John's NL; Matti Hietalahti, Belle Chasse LA	16.93
13 Amy Rhodes, New York NY; Mark Blanchard, Bay Shore NY	15.81
14 Susan Powell – Donald Parsons, Reno NV	15.27
15 Joel Schwartz, Las Vegas NV; Yi Xiong, Lawrenceville GA	13.86
16 Robert Gervis, Boynton Beach FL; Dan Rice, Norwell MA	12.96
17 Kerry Cotterell, Windham ME; Curt Kristensen, Duluth MN	12.83
18 Thomas Anderson, North Vancouver BC; Cindy Oishi, West Vancouver BC	11.75
19 David Helmbold, Los Gatos CA; Kyra Helmbold, Minneapolis MN	10.66
20 Robert Robinson, Severna Park MD; Ronald Dixon, Vancouver BC	9.26
21 Daniel Jablonski, Stoneham MA; Andrew Chesterton, Winchester MA	9.15
22 Jane Rubin – Bruce Rubin, Las Vegas NV	7.73
23 Nancy Joe, Austin TX; Randy Okubo, St. Paul MN	7.52
24 Cynthia Ogden, New York NY; Raluca Nistor, Aventura FL	7.00
25 Miguel Zubizarreta, Bay Village OH; Kevin Robertson, Beachwood OH	6.17
26 Shawn Tuttle, London ON; Joe Albert Garcia, Fullerton CA	5.67
27 Jichong Chai, Fairfax VA; R. Mani, Lanham MD	5.60
28 Robert Munger, Seattle WA; Anne Kao, Bellevue WA	4.86
29 Gregory Nowak, Las Vegas NV; Jonas Drobulis, Graby CO	4.38
30 Jack Brawner Jr., Palm Harbor FL; Beth Stephens, Naples FL	2.71

31	Perry Van Hook, Surprise AZ; Tom Trachuk, Walnut Creek CA	2.53
32	Paul Pugsley – Brenda Pugsley, Carson City NV	2.44
33	Susan Davis, Marietta GA; Gabriel Fadel, Alpharetta GA	1.99
34	Andrey Sidelnikov, Fort Lauderdale FL; Yu Nadler, Boca Raton FL	1.27
35	Stefan Thorpe, Leiden Netherlands; Arif Janjua, Saratoga CA	0.16
36	Andrew Hanes, Holliston MA; R. Muggia, Andover MA	0.00

### NABC+ MIXED PAIRS – REVISED

78.0 Tables / Based on 157 Tables

100.00	1	Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	2552.19
75.00	2	Stella Wan, San Francisco CA; Johan Saefsten, Uppsala Sweden	2494.74
56.25	3	Garth Yettick, Westminster CO; Jessica Larsson, Heimdal Sweden	2490.72
44.44	4	Charles Miner, Orlando FL; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL	2465.35
40.00	5	Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Robert Giragosian, Bakersfield CA	2462.67
36.36	6	Sheri Winestock – Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV	2462.64
33.33	7	Maxim Siline – Carrie Liu, Hudson MA	2394.05
30.77	8	Tom Jacobson, Fairfield CA; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA	2393.64
28.57	9	David Gurvich – Rachael Moller, New York NY	2392.45
26.67	10	John Miller – Lynn Shannon, Campbell CA	2383.83
25.00	11	Ho-Yee So, Taipei City Taiwan; Winston Huang, Los Altos CA	2383.24
23.53	12	Daniel Friedman – Linda Friedman, Orinda CA	2372.85
22.22	13	Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; John Jeffrey, Las Vegas NV	2362.82
21.05	14	James Zhan – Jessie Lee, Sugar Land TX	2356.07
20.00	15	Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD; Lyle Poe Jr., Columbia MD	2349.28
19.05	16	Flo Newlin, Denver CO; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	2335.91
18.18	17	Paul Darin – Phyllis Yates, San Diego CA	2335.88
17.39	18	Ayako Miyakuni – Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo Japan	2322.59
16.67	19	Mark Perlmutter – Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA	2320.60
16.31	20	Ira Hessel – Ellen Hessel, San Antonio TX	2316.09
15.38	21	Douglas Dye, Wyndmoor PA; Patricia Civalo, Chesterfield NJ	2310.06
14.81	22	Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL	2297.14
14.29	23	Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA	2289.47
13.79	24	Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ; Paul Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	2281.78
13.33	25	Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Gillian Minitier, New York NY	2281.20
14.77	26	Claudia Feagin – Jack Feagin Jr., Atlanta GA	2277.06
12.50	27	Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH	2273.35
12.12	28	Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA; Alyssa Kennedy, Marina Del Rey CA	2271.52
11.76	29	Alan Hayward – Claire Robinson, London United Kingdom	2269.18
11.43	30	Terry McHenry – Gen Geiger, Sarasota FL	2263.10
14.76	31	Kim Brinkman – Stephen Wood, Austin TX	2260.82
11.74	32	Lon Sunshine – Ivanie Yeo, Merrimack NH	2254.57
10.53	33	Kim Eng – Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA	2246.78
10.26	34	Peter Trenka, New York NY; Bunny Lukas, Riverside CT	2239.66
10.00	35	Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	2238.82
9.76	36	Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland	2237.87
9.52	37	Han-Yu Chang – Eugene Hung, Los Altos CA	2236.19
9.30	38	Ariel Smid – Sandra Sarnow, Huixquilucan Mexico	2235.28
9.09	39	Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA; Carrie Touslee, Roseville CA	2232.35
10.76	40	Theo Lichtenstein, Mississauga ON; Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY	2231.18
8.70	41	Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	2229.43
8.51	42	Kevin Bolan, Snohomish WA; Laurie Rowe, Palm Desert CA	2226.21
8.33	43	Zhaobin Xie, Chengdu China; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ	2222.60
8.16	44	Janet Lee, Oakton VA; Frederick Allenspach, Plantation FL	2220.90
8.00	45	Linda Tipton – V. Jay Tipton, Irvine CA	2219.88
10.72	46	Craig Kavim, Camarillo CA; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV	2217.92
7.69	47	Steven Devico – Gayle Covey, Tucson AZ	2217.09
7.55	48	Steve Zolotow, Las Vegas NV; Anam Tebha, New York NY	2210.63
7.41	49	Rebecca Duty – Mark Dahl, Richmond VA	2208.97
7.27	50	Peggy Ware – Spencer Jones, Denver CO	2208.59

11.35	51	Barry Senensky – Barbara Shnier, Toronto ON	2206.30
7.02	52	Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Catherine Williams, New York City NY	2198.99
6.90	53	David Rodney – Avril Rodney, Ashburn VA	2191.77
6.78	54	Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Robert Guerard, Brossard QC	2190.57
6.67	55	Jian Tao – Hua Li, Sugar Land TX	2182.53
6.56	56	Gerrianna Mason, Crossville TN; Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC	2180.45
6.45	57	Avery Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Jack Boge, New York NY	2179.83
6.35	58	Jeff Schuett, Riverwoods IL; Nancy Frank, Glencoe IL	2167.35
6.25	59	Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; Cameron Doner, Surrey BC	2167.07
6.15	60	Nan Wang, Nanking China; Richard Chan, Markham ON	2165.15
6.06	61	Diana Schuld, Glen Head NY; Bill Dinner, Sands Pointe NY	2158.29
14.12	62	Sondra Schubiner – Joseph Machotka, Boca Raton FL	2154.70
5.88	63	Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark; R. Muggia, Andover MA	2147.36
9.43	64	Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Laura Brill, White Plains NY	2142.42
5.71	65	Joseph Byrnes, Long Beach NY; Monique France, New York NY	2139.74
5.63	66	Frances Schneider, Riverside CT; H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY	2137.32
5.56	67	Clara Feintuch – Adolfo Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina	2134.16
5.48	68	Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Zheng Jiang Liao, Chengdu China	2130.67
8.57	69	Marc-Andre Fourcaudot – Sylvie Labelle, Montreal QC	2117.22
5.33	70	Leon Lowe – JoAnne Lowe, Fountain Hills AZ	2102.63
5.26	71	Tim Benoit – Lisa Evans, Danville CA	2100.83
5.19	72	David Johnson – Dorothy Mersereau, Calgary AB	2099.78
10.49	73	Ishmael Del'Monte, Baton Rouge LA; Beatrice Kemp, Hoschton GA	2098.63
8.57	74	Michael Gladfelter – Mary Jane Gladfelter, Columbus OH	2098.54
5.00	75	Mingmin Zhu, Mississauga ON; Shihong You, Boyds MD	2087.65
4.94	76	Jack Weingold – Joanne Weingold, Boca Raton FL	2086.54
4.88	77	Bill Page – Regina Sooey, Jacksonville FL	2081.13
4.82	78	William Muir – Victoria Muir, Kansas City MO	2080.68
4.76	79	Susan Bender-Scheer, Morristown NJ; Erez Hendelman, New York NY	2079.36



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12.75	1	Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA; Feng Liu – Jacinda Liu, Sandy UT	91.00
9.56	2	Joseph Lieberman, Brooklyn NY; Charlotte Baumgart, Zierzow Germany; Eva Graczyk, Forest Hills NY; Laura Tolkow, New York NY	78.00
7.17	3	Matthew Wilkins – Anthony Toto, Clovis CA; Victor Greener, Fresno CA; Robert Jennings, Pasadena CA	62.00

**TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS**

33 Tables / Based on 91 Tables

	A	B	C		
25.11	1/3			Adam Parrish, New York NY; Anant Rathi, San Francisco CA; Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ	87.00
25.11	1/3			Richard Wegman, Bethesda MD; Fred King, McLean VA; Barry Bragin, N. Hutchinson FL; Mark Laken, Glyndon MD; David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD	87.00
25.11	1/3			Ronald Kuip, Voorburg Netherlands; Adriaan Lucassen, Tilburg Netherlands; Tim Van Den Bos, Eindhoven Netherlands; Johann Bouman, Wassenaar Netherlands	87.00
13.74	4			Edward Nagy, Danville CA; Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	83.00
10.86	5			David Willis, Ottawa ON; Sara Moran, London United Kingdom; Andrew McIntosh, Inverness United Kingdom; Waldemar Frukacz, Gloucester ON	80.00
9.31	6			Bill Gates, Kirkland WA; Sharon Osberg, Larkspur CA; Eric Robinson, Park City UT; Richard Friesner, New York NY	78.00
12.44	7/8	1/2	1/2	Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA; Jacinda Liu – Feng Liu, Sandy UT	71.00
12.44	7/8	1/2	1/2	Wen Zhou – Lei Tsui – Yongdong Yang, Thousand Oaks CA; Enhao Du, Newbury Park CA	71.00
7.99	3	3		Simon Zheng, Santa Clara CA; Bo Liu, Irvine CA; Hao Ge, Westlake OH; Edward Xu, North York ON	62.00
5.99	4	4		Matthew Wilkins – Anthony Toto, Clovis CA; Victor Greener, Fresno CA; Diane Strategos, Sacramento CA	60.00
4.74	5	5		Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI; Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI; Mansoor Gowani, San Jose CA; R. Bruce Martin, Paia HI	58.00

**2ND SATURDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 1**

10 Tables

16.41	1	Marion Tumen, Pacific Palisades CA; Diane Audeon – Stanford Holzberg, Sherman Oaks CA; Judy Hyde, Memphis TN	80.00
12.31	2	James Paschal, Reno NV; Chetan Mody, Greenville PA; Raelene Kirkbride, Grand Rapids MI; Frank Grzegorzewski, Erie PA	76.00
9.23	3	Allison Brandt – Mike Giesler, Washington DC; Howard Kahlenberg, Philadelphia PA; Bill Rose, Seattle WA	72.00
6.92	4	Richard Lash, St. John's NL; Paul Boisvert, Tallahassee FL; Andrew Fenves, Boston MA; Graham Fenton, Greater Manchester United Kingdom	71.00

**2ND SATURDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 2**

7 Tables

11.74	1	Judith McNutt, Pittsfield MA; Haskell Weinberger, Bushnell FL; Lee Weinberger, Delray Beach FL; Eli Jolley, Auburn AL	99.00
8.81	2	Steve Horton – Richard Hollander, Las Vegas NV; Karen Fusco – Darryl Depew, Henderson NV	77.00
6.60	3	Joe Tang, Fresno CA; Peter Figdor, Tuckahoe NY; Jill Plasteras, Victoria BC; Madeleine Tremblay, North Saanich BC	72.00

**2ND SATURDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 3**

9 Tables			
11.38	1	Robert Domsalla – Susan Domsalla, Tomball TX; Debbie Nash – Bill Nash, Cypress TX	110.00
8.54	2	Olav Ellestad, Oslo Norway; Harald M. Weie – John Kirkholt – Christian M. Hostad, Oslo Norway	99.00
5.60	3/4	Martin Hrachovy – Donna Hrachovy, Sugar Land TX; Sarah Springer, Katy TX; Marilyn Frazier, Port O'Connor TX	88.00
5.60	3/4	Nancy Tom, San Antonio TX; Sharon Evans, Boerne TX; D Abraham, Windsor ON Iliana Rozemberg, Hollywood FL	88.00

**2ND SATURDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 4**

9 Tables			
7.95	1/2	Bettina Brill – Debbie Keller – Jeanne Sholl – Kathy Mitton, Tucson AZ	98.00
7.95	1/2	Mark Benford, Aurora CO; Richard Blumberg, Denver CO; Vard Nelson – Frances Nelson, Evergreen CO	98.00
5.11	3	Dennis Viner, Kapaa HI; Tad Kelly – Ramzi Fawaz, Denver CO; David Leaver, Los Altos Hills CA	91.00
3.83	4	Darrel VanDyke, Lewisville TX; Haluk Aktan, Las Vegas NV; Jan Mogged – Chuck Mogged Jr., Colleyville TX	90.00

**2ND SATURDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 5**

7 Tables			
6.05	1	Wendy Fotland – David Fotland – Allen Samuels – Mary Samuels, San Jose CA	96.00
4.54	2	Carol Holman, Portland OR; Laurie Gaspar, Denver CO; Kenneth Steinhauer, Orlando FL; Leslie Truluck, Maitland FL	59.00
3.40	3	Penny Storry, Tucson AZ; Roberta Elliott, South Orange NJ; Francesca Petruzzelli – Kathleene Paul, San Francisco CA	54.00

**2ND SATURDAY OPEN PAIRS**

33.0 Tables / Based on 74 Tables

	A	B	C		
37.84	1			Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Robert Kuz, St. Anne MB	66.60%
28.38	2			Stephen Stewart, Overland Park KS; Brad Carmichael, Shawnee KS	64.06%
21.29	3			Yi Peng Mai, Calgary AB; Xiaodong Zhao, Edmonton AB	62.82%
15.96	4			Frank Wharton, London England; Brian McGuire, United Kingdom England	59.33%
14.68	5	1		Sandra Forsythe – Steven Forsythe, Centerville OH	59.19%
10.81	6			Christopher Cowan – Debbie Feldman, Oakville ON	58.12%
9.46	7			Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR	57.35%
8.41	8			James Rasmussen, Seattle WA; Kimberly Gilman, Carlisle MA	57.07%
7.57	9			Barry Senensky – Barbara Shnier, Toronto ON	56.93%
6.88	10			Annie Schwartz – Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA	56.24%
6.31	11			Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA; Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA	54.80%
11.01	12	2	1	Li Chen, Fairfax VA; Lewis Hutchinson, Chantilly VA	54.39%
8.26	13	3		Barbara Bivins – Marian Kinder, Las Vegas NV	54.19%
5.05	14			Charles Sheaff, Jacksonville IL; James Melville, Greensboro NC	53.89%
4.73	15			Philippe Galaski, Florence MA; Judith Hyde, Northampton MA	53.87%
4.45	16			Clara Hetz – Nathan Hetz, Ramath-Gah Israel	53.74%
6.19	17	4	2	William Segraves, Guilford CT; Andrew Ware, Missoula MT	53.74%
4.89		5		Brian King, Kihei HI; James Lutz, Fort Worth TX	51.99%
4.19		6		Randy Zeibert, Las Vegas NV; James Bjorum, Henderson NV	50.54%
3.67		7		Peter Schneider, Las Vegas NV; Edwin Seputis, Oakland CA	50.46%
3.26		8		Raye Lundrigan – Brian Collins, St. John's NL	50.36%
2.94		9		Bruce Brownfield, Graham WA; Paul Evanoff, Fife WA	50.35%
2.87			3	Don Nemeth – Don Sharp, Salt Spring Island BC	49.68%
2.62			4	Rick Bobrow, Naples FL; James Musumeci, El Cajon CA	49.23%
2.33			5	Daniel McGuire – Owen Porterfield, Las Vegas NV	48.86%



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**2ND SATURDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS**

14.0 Tables / Based on 13 Tables

7	4	2		
6.04	1			Ernie Grant – Deborah Dawes, Bella Vista AR 63.26%
4.53	2			Xiaomin Misenti, Fair Oaks CA; David Britton-Ohl, Elk Grove CA 60.52%
3.40	3			Richard Springer, Alameda CA; Jay Nitschke, Berkeley CA 58.07%
4.04	4	1		Patricia Kassinger, Henderson NV; Jean Long, Las Vegas NV 55.17%
2.01	5			Kevin Babcock, San Francisco CA; Douglas Babcock, Fitchburg WI 55.02%
1.73	6			David Lemasters – Frankie Lemasters, Granbury TX 55.02%
3.03	7	2	1	Jeannie Willmon – Greg Willmon, Bakersfield CA 54.97%
2.27		3		Linda Finch – Carol Kirshman, Las Vegas NV 54.25%
1.70		4		Lisa Lombardy – Anthony Hurwitz, Goodyear AZ 53.70%
1.66		5		Terri Tedford, Miles TX; Sue Koepp, Ruidoso NM 52.43%
2.07		2		Angelika Algava, Delray Beach FL; Kathy Alfonzetti, New York NY 45.75%

**2ND SATURDAY FAST PAIRS**

18.0 Tables

A	B	C		
14.00	1			Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL 66.50%
10.50	2			Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, England 62.57%
7.88	3			Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY 60.49%
5.91	4			Howard Epley – Kevin Epley, Kent WA 60.22%
8.50	5	1		Jack Waller, Dana Point CA; Rolf Houtkooper, Las Vegas NV 57.00%
4.28	6			Samuel Marks, Atlanta GA; Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC 55.82%
3.50	7			Melody Gann, Arlington TX; Nancy Peterson, Euless TX 54.80%
6.38	8	2		Keith Connolly – Rebecca Anspach, St. Paul MN 53.63%
4.78	9	3		Charles Fortney – Kathleen Fortney, Wheaton IL 53.46%
3.59		4		Gregory Klinker – Susan Miguel, Tiverton RI 51.10%
2.83		5		Barbara Mikkelsen – Rick Lepscier, Las Vegas NV 50.88%
5.25		6	1	Linda Drake, Fulshear TX; B. Haznedar, Houston TX 50.49%
3.94			2	Dariusz Matus, Surrey BC; Michael Desaulniers, Maple Ridge BC 49.44%
2.95			3	Marla Patterson, Arlington WA; Kathy Gilman, Shoreline WA 48.06%
2.21			4	Hank Sigal – Mark Hartzell, San Diego CA 47.65%

**RITA SIMAS FRIDAY EVENING SIDE GAME**

11.0 Tables

A	B	C		
4.55	1			Yongkang Huang, Los Angeles CA; Dominique Moore, Arcadia CA 64.54%
3.41	2			Peter Clay, Wellesley MA; Paul Harris, Waltham MA 60.76%
2.80	3			Malcolm Morris, London United Kingdom; John Herriot, Los Angeles CA 58.25%
3.68	4	1	1	Angel Almanza, Tualatin OR; Kevin Marnell, Milwaukie OR 57.45%
2.76	5	2		Rick Lepscier – Maureen Pechacek, Las Vegas NV 55.65%
2.07	6	3		Mike Shafer, Blaine WA; Ronald Grosh, Middleton WI 55.40%
2.06		4	2	Lawrence Kratz – Cathy Kratz, Pocatello ID 51.74%
1.55		5	3	Anne Best – Robert Chang, Tucson AZ 51.19%
1.16			4	John Snyder – Carol Snyder, Goleta CA 49.19%

**2ND SATURDAY MORNING SIDE GAME**

15.5 Tables

A	B	C		
5.63	1			Joseph Shull, New Haven IN; Dimi Cooklev, Fort Wayne IN 65.72%
4.22	2			Stuart Whittle – Saul Agranoff, Waltham MA 63.08%
3.17	3			Michael Gecht, Staten Island NY; Marie Abate, Newington CT 62.65%
2.38	4			Jan Kamras, Tel Aviv Israel; Marc De Paun, Destelbergen Bermuda 59.55%
1.78	5			Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Jean Choi, Honolulu HI 59.37%
1.52	6			Helen Rose, Banbury United Kingdom; James Thrower, London United Kingdom 55.28%
4.12	7	1	1	David Gin – Brad Carson, Oakland CA 54.06%
3.09		2	2	Anne Best – Robert Chang, Tucson AZ 53.84%
2.32		3		Clair Kretschmann, Tucson AZ; Lewis Anten, Encino CA 52.61%
1.74		4		Emelie Quennell, Calgary AB; Melissa Martin, Whitefish MT 52.45%
1.30		5		Margaret Moen – Gordon Sawyer, Seattle WA 51.34%

**2ND SATURDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS**

7.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.55	1			Fred Yu – Chungli C. Wang, Bellevue WA	60.00%
2.27	2	1		Lawrence Calder – Dianne Belk, Carlsbad CA	57.92%
1.87	3	2	1	Maya Migotti – Maureen Pechacek, Las Vegas NV	57.50%
1.12	4			Kent Taylor, Punta Gorda FL; David Platshon, Princeville HI	54.17%
1.23	5/6	3/4	2/3	Andrea Dunn, Apex NC; Tabitha Chinniah, Scarborough ON	52.92%
1.23	5/6	3/4	2/3	Jane Sauer – Kristin Kobylinski, Mequon WI	52.92%

**2ND SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME**

8.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.90	1			Malcolm Morris, London United Kingdom; John Herriot, Los Angeles CA	66.54%
3.47	2	1		Fredrik Kronmarker, Stockholm Sweden; Annsophie Andersson, Rimbo Sweden	61.05%
2.60	3	2		Joseph Shull, New Haven IN; Dimi Cooklev, Fort Wayne IN	59.18%
1.95	4	3		Kenneth King, Pleasanton CA; Jason Doyle, Dublin Ireland	58.76%
1.23	5			Ray Johnson, Park City UT; Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL	58.70%
2.71		4	1	Margaret Moen – Gordon Sawyer, Seattle WA	51.45%
2.03			2	Donald Beck – Lynn Porter, Lompoc CA	51.36%

**2ND SATURDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS**

4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.10	1	1		Michael Wenzel – Meda Brown, Eugene OR	68.75%
1.58	2	2		Janet Lengsfelder – Ivanie Finsvik, Santa Barbara CA	59.03%
1.18	3	3		Lawrence Calder – Dianne Belk, Carlsbad CA	55.56%

**TUE-FRI EVENING SIDE SERIES**

34.00 Tables / Based on 14 Tables

9.05	1/2			Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	130.53%
9.05	1/2			Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC	130.53%
8.51	3/4			Jan Nettler, Florence MA	129.26%
8.51	3/4			John Krah, Seattle WA	129.26%
5.45	5/6			William Golush, Denville NJ	124.96%
5.45	5/6			Kohur Gowrisankaran, Pointe-Claire QC	124.96%
8.29	7/8			Dominique Moore, Arcadia CA	124.39%
8.29	7/8			Yongkang Huang, Los Angeles CA	124.39%

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# Reisinger vugraph theater on YouTube

The vugraph presentation for the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams was broadcast on YouTube for the first time. Players were able to enjoy live commentary from longtime vugraph host Rob Barrington and a slew of world-class players attending the Fall NABC in Las Vegas.

## Reisinger Vugraph

This year's Reisinger Vugraph has a new platform: YouTube. For the final round on Sunday, two matches (four tables) will be covered in each session. No matches will be shown on BBO; instead the BBO report of each round will be shown on YouTube after the round has been completed. The YouTube show will also have expert commentary and video feed showing the players. Running scores and information about the boards (including what each of the 10 teams scored on each board) will be presented.

You can see the YouTube broadcast by visiting the ACBL's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/@ACBLbridge](https://youtube.com/@ACBLbridge), where you can also subscribe to get information about future broadcasts.

The first session of play will start at 10 a.m. Pacific Time. The second session each day is scheduled to start at 4 p.m.; each has a 30-minute broadcast delay.



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**Dates:** Participants must attend all three days

**Friday, March 14** (1 - 5 pm)

**Saturday, March 15** (8 am - noon)

**Sunday, March 16** (8 am - noon)

For more information contact the ACBL education department at [education@acbl.org](mailto:education@acbl.org)

## Goren Trophy Measures Most Fall NABC Masterpoints



**Winner of the Goren Trophy for the most points earned during the 2023 Fall NABC was Aldo Gerli.**

The Goren Trophy is awarded to the player(s) who captures the most masterpoints at the Fall NABC. Last year in Atlanta it was won by Aldo Gerli, who won the Reisinger and the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs and finished fourth in the Mitchell Open BAM.

Here are the previous winners of the Goren (originally the Lou Herman) Trophy. (An asterisk indicates the record was broken that year.)

<b>Lou Herman Trophy</b>		
1952	Al Roth	
1953	John Crawford	
1954	Paul Hodge	
1955	Milt Ellenby	
1956	Paul Hodge	
1957	Lew Mathe	
1958	Sylvia Stein	
1959	Mort Rubinow	
1960	Oswald Jacoby	
1961	Phil Feldesman	
1962	Marshall Miles	
1963	Eric Murray	211
1964	Harold Rockaway	180
1965	Mike Lawrence	211
1966	Charles Coon	144
1967	Sami Kehela	155
1968	Henry Bethe	144
1969	Sylvia Stein	150
1970	Ira Rubin, Chuck Burger	154
1971	John Grantham	150
1972	Steve Robinson	181
1973	Larry Cohen	207
1974	Fred Hamilton	202
1975	Walt Walvick	171
1976	Paul Soloway	199

1977	John Mohan	160	2016	Eric Greco	382.88
1978	Bob Hamman	165	2017	Joe Grue	266.10
1979	Robert Levin	233*	2018	Joe Grue	422.31
1980	Jeff Meckstroth	225	2019	Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, Michal Nowosadzki, Jacek Kalita, Jacek Pszczola	400.00
1981	Chip Martel	225	2020	Not awarded	
1982	Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell	191	2021	Geoff Hampson	356.88
1983	Marty Bergen	233*	2022	Simon Cope, Kevin Rosenberg	404.00
1984	Grant Baze	200	2023	Aldo Gerli	456.99
1985	Eric Rodwell	364.75*			
1986	Kit Woolsey, Ed Manfield	211.55			
1987	Jill Meyers	176.00			
1988	Bob Hamman	269.55			
1989	Mark Molson	253.71			
1990	Eddie Wold	276.26			
1991	David Berkowitz	356.65			
1992	Haig Tchamitch	201.66			
1993	Bob Hamman	355.13			
1994	Mark Lair	365.06*			
1995	Jeff Meckstroth	407.77*			
1996	Michael Rosenberg	445.77*			
1997	Bart Bramley, Sidney Lazard	320.31			
1998	Eric Rodwell	328.59			
1999	Geir Helgemo	449.37*			
2000	George Jacobs	365.22			
2001	George Jacobs, Alfredo Versace	333.75			
2002	Dan Morse	388.81			
2003	Geoff Hampson	374.79			
2004	Jeff Meckstroth	381.16			
2005	Zia Mahmood	416.88			
2006	Drew Casen, Jim Krekorian	334.13			
2007	Lew Stansby	375.28			

### The Herman Trophy becomes the Goren Trophy

2008	Eric Rodwell	623.75*
2009	Jeff Meckstroth	377.66
2010	Steve Garner	326.20
2011	James Cayne, Michael Seamon	378.63
2012	Zia Mahmood	348.08
2013	Agustin Madala	402.22
2014	Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist	368.89
2015	Bogulsaw Gierulski, Jerzy Skrzypczak, Ron Pachtmann, Pawel Zatorski	375.94

## Convention card notice

Each player must have an ACBL convention card legibly filled out and on the table. The convention card must include the first and last name of each member of the partnership, and the cards must be identical. Please note that other types of convention cards, such as the WBF convention card or homemade cards that do not sufficiently resemble the ACBL convention card, are not acceptable substitutes.

If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may, and often will, receive a 1/6-board matchpoint penalty. In IMP team games, the magnitude of the penalty shall be at the discretion of the director.

If the director determines the partnership has at least one substantially completed convention card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, the director may give warnings or assign such penalties as they deem to be appropriate under the circumstances.

## Limited events eligibility

Players who have previously won an NABC+ event are not eligible to participate in any event with an upper masterpoint limit, including 0–10,000 events.

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## Rajath Shourie's path to World Champion

By Emanuel Unge



**Pablo Lambardi Transnational Teams Gold Medal winners (from left): Tor Eivind Grude, Gavin Wolpert, Rajath Shourie, Geir Helgemo, John Kranyak and Vincent Demuy**

This is the story about Rajath (Raj) Shourie, one of the kindest and craziest men I've had the pleasure of meeting, and how he went from a bridge rookie to world champion – albeit with a very strong team – in just a couple of years.



Raj was first introduced to bridge in his teens. However, it wasn't love at first sight, so he didn't pick it up again until the COVID pandemic hit. He started playing online with his friend, Eli Jolley. They were playing on BBO, but Eli also introduced him to the, at the time, brand new app Cuebids, where they started practicing their bidding.

Raj attended his first NABC in Austin TX in 2021 with Eli. They played in the 0–10K IMP Pairs in which they, despite being a new partnership and Raj being a near-complete beginner, managed to take second place – a remarkable achievement.

It was during this time Raj fell in love with bridge and wanted to consume as much content as possible. On YouTube, he discovered Gavin Wolpert's channel and quickly devoured all his videos before joining his website and the courses available there. But for Raj, simply taking courses wasn't enough. It didn't take long before he booked his first training session with Gavin.

One thing led to another, and soon they decided to travel to Sweden – my home country – to compete in the Chairman's Cup in the summer of 2023. Before the game, Raj and Gavin sat down in the hotel lobby to write system notes. Alongside teammates Christian Bakke and Tor Eivind Grude, they qualified for the top 32 and advanced to the quarterfinals, where they finally lost to the Swedish twins Ola and Mikael Rimstedt. The Rimstedts, along with Joe Grue, Thomas Paske, and Gillian Minter, went on to win the tournament.

Undeterred, Raj and Gavin booked their next event at the 2023 ACBL fall nationals in Atlanta. Raj set his sights on the prestigious Nail Life Master Pairs event. There was just

one problem: Raj was not a Life Master. In fact, he barely had any masterpoints. He had picked up a few with Eli in the 0–10K and some more with Gavin, but that was it. Gavin told him it was impossible to achieve Life Master status before the event and suggested playing something else. But Raj is not like most people. Being told it was impossible only made him more determined.

With a trip to India planned just before the nationals, Raj had about two months to accomplish the seemingly impossible. The grind began immediately. He played every robot event on BBO, participated in local club competitions, and competed in as many tournaments as possible. Raj averaged nine hours a day grinding for masterpoints. By the fall of 2023, in Atlanta, Raj had done it. He went from 20 to 500 masterpoints in two months, earning the required pigmented points to qualify as a Life Master. Gavin and Raj registered for the Nail Life Master Pairs and they did well enough to qualify for the final day. This feat alone is story-worthy, but the best was yet to come.

Raj started to practice bidding with Vincent Demuy and Peter Crouch alongside Eli and Gavin. They were honing their system for their next goal: the Transnational World Championship in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Gavin created specific bidding scenarios for them to practice. He would define sets with various options and then they would hammer them out one by one until most of the system was well-groomed. They focused a lot on slam bidding and strong hands. They ran a few 2♣ scenarios and went over a lot of slam techniques. One of them is bidding a side suit at the six-level to ask for third round control. This is just foreshadowing.

Raj easily averaged 50–70 hands on Cuebids per day during this preparation for the World Championship. During this time, Lia – the IntoBridge robot – was introduced to the site as well so he could practice even when neither Vince, Peter, Eli nor Gavin was online. Which of course, Raj did. A couple of thousand of hands with the bot made sure he ironed out the last few bidding mistakes and before they knew it, it was time to travel to Argentina.

Raj told me, "I'm much stronger at bidding than playing the cards, and that is thanks to Cuebids."

By the time they arrived in Argentina, Raj was as prepared as anyone could be. In the first match, they faced the Polish Senior team. Raj and Gavin played in the closed room, while Vince and John Kranyak were in the open. Raj was nervous, but months of preparation paid off, and they started strong, winning 16 VPs. They won their next four matches and were off to a great start until a loss in the final match of the day to Team Ventin dropped them to second place.

In one notable hand during the second session, Raj held:

♠A9 ♥AQ7 ♦AJ2 ♣AKJ95.

When Gavin opened 1♥, Raj's slam bells rang. The auction went:

West	Gavin	East	Raj
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	?

And now it was Raj's turn again. He knew Gavin had at least six hearts to the king and, because he should have more than 3 HCP for his opening bid of 1♥, grand slam is absolutely in the picture. Now he pulled the previously mentioned trick from his sleeve and bid 6♣, asking for third-round control and Gavin bid 7♣, showing the ♣Q. Knowing partner has this card makes it easy to count 13 tricks (one spade, six hearts, one diamond and five clubs), so Raj bid 7NT.

The lead was made, the dummy hit the table, and Raj immediately claimed.

Gavin and Raj were sitting out the last match. Their team kept playing well and in the final match with three boards to go, it looked like they had won. They buttoned their shirts, adjusted their sleeves, and strutted towards the gaming area with the swagger of champions, unaware that disaster

was about to hit harder than a misguessed finesse. They dropped out of first place and the last two boards should be completely flat based on other results, so it looked doomed. They needed a miracle plus score on the final hand.

Raj and Gavin came to the playing area as Vince, who had been playing, opened the door. Gavin, who knew they needed a plus score on the final board, yelled across the room to Vince, "Did you plus the final board?" And with Vince's cheerful response it was settled. They had won the championship.

Raj said it was the experience of a lifetime, but I think his journey has just begun.

Big congratulations to Raj and the team!

## New Bronze Life Master

**Steven Stark** of Farmingdale NJ became a Bronze Life Master on Friday playing in the Bracketed Round Robin Teams (15) with his wife, Marian Stark, and teammates Dennis Walsh and Elli Freihofer, both of Osprey FL. He needed just over 3 masterpoints and picked up 5.01 gold points when they finished third overall.



## New Life Master

**Matti Hietalahti** of Belle Chasse LA became a Life Master here in Las Vegas. He needed about 18 masterpoints. "It's been a rough week," said Hietalahti. "I'm glad I made it." He went over Saturday playing in the 0–6,000 pairs with Rahul Chandra of St. John's NL.



## You oughta be in pictures

If you achieve a new masterpoint milestone here in Las Vegas – Life Masters and upwards – please come by the Bulletin office: Conference Room 1 first floor, past the FedEx office, and let us take your picture. We're eager to congratulate you and share your achievement in the Daily Bulletin.



## Eligibility points

Notice to members of other national bridge organizations:

If you are now or have been a member of a bridge organization outside of the U.S., Canada, Mexico or Bermuda, please be aware that you must have eligibility points assigned to you (or those previously issued to you reviewed). This is especially important if you intend to enter an event with a masterpoint limit or a bracketed event. Please visit the Tournament Operations office (*Conference Room 4*) for this purpose.

## Smoking policy

No smoking or vaping of any kind is allowed in guest rooms at the Westgate. There is an automatic \$500 fine for each occurrence. Smoking areas are outside the North Tower and outside the Paradise foyer on the north patio.

## Entry fees

A valid ACBL player number is required to play in all events at the NABC.

For all daytime events, a discount of \$10 per player per session is available to registered guests of the host hotel and residents of the host district who purchase entries through Entry Express.

Players must be ACBL members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any Premier NABC+, NABC+ or NABC events.

Premier NABC+ events are the Soloway Knockout Teams, the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams and the Keohane North American Swiss Teams. The undiscounted entry fees for these contests are \$50 per player per session. For team events, this means \$200 per team per session for four-person teams, \$250 per team per session for five-person teams, and \$300 per team per session for six-person teams. For the four-session Swiss stage of the Soloway KO, the total undiscounted entry fee is \$150 per player.

NABC+ events are the Nail Life Master Pairs, Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, Super Senior Pairs, Whitehead Women's Pairs, NABC+ Mixed Pairs and NABC+ Mixed Swiss Teams. The undiscounted entry fees for these contests are \$45 per player per session. For team events, this means \$180 per team per session for four-person teams, \$225 per team per session for five-person teams, and \$270 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.

NABC events are the 0–6000 Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, the 0–10,000 Swiss Teams, the 0–10,000 IMP Pairs, the 0–10,000 Fast Pairs, the 0–2500 Pairs and the 0–6000 Pairs. The undiscounted entry fee is \$35 per player per session. For the team events, this means \$140 per team per session for teams of four, \$175 per team per session for teams of five, and \$210 per team per session for teams of six.

Regional events are \$32 per player per session for current members without discount, \$37 for inactive members. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is \$128 per session regardless of the number of team members. Evening events are \$22 per player per session.

Events with a limit of 300 masterpoints or lower are \$28 per player per session for current members without discount, \$33 for inactive members.

## Don't be a pig

Players are reminded to strive for a neat playing environment. Please pick up trash around your table, especially after the session.

Being a hand hog is one thing; being a pig at the table is another. Please clean up!



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# Upcoming Events Calendar



## Regionals

Dec. 9-14	CA/Rancho Mirage
Dec. 16-22	FL/Boca Raton
Dec. 26-31	KS/Overland Park
Dec. 26-29	NY/New York
Dec. 30-Jan. 5	SC/North Charleston
Jan. 6-12	CA/Monterey
Jan. 6-12	FL/Orlando
Jan. 8-12	OH/Independence (Cleveland)
Jan. 20-26	NM/Albuquerque
Jan. 19-23	NY/Suffern
Jan. 25-31	Bermuda/Hamilton
Jan. 27-Feb. 2	HI/Honolulu
Feb. 3-9	TX/Houston
Feb. 10-16	FL/Fort Myers
Feb. 17-21	OK/Catoosa (Tulsa)
Feb. 17-23	WA/Vancouver (Portland)
Feb. 25-1	AZ/Tucson
Feb. 24-2	IN/Indianapolis
Feb. 25-2	MX/San Miguel De Allende
Feb. 24-2	SC/Hilton Head Island

## I/N

Jan. 3-5	ON/Toronto
Jan. 16-18	AZ/Chandler (Phoenix)
Jan. 16-19	FL/Naples
Jan. 17-19	MO/Olivette (St. Louis)
Jan. 15-18	TN/Pigeon Forge
Jan. 23-26	MS/Flowood (Jackson)
Feb. 18-22	MA/Mansfield

## Cruises

Jan. 4-20	Lima to Fort Lauderdale
Jan. 8-24	Los Angeles to Panama Canal to Miami
Jan. 20-Feb. 4	San Francisco to Panama Canal to Fort Lauderdale
Feb. 1-8	Fort Lauderdale to Bahamas (rt)
Feb. 5-20	Fort Lauderdale to Panama Canal to San Pedro
Feb. 9-16	Tampa to Western Caribbean (rt)
Feb. 10-20	Galveston to Western Caribbean (rt)
Feb. 17-27	Tampa to Eastern Caribbean (rt)
Feb. 19-March 1	Hong Kong to Tokyo
Feb. 23-March 2	GALVESTON to WESTERN CARIBBEAN (rt)
Feb. 23-March 2	Orlando to Western Caribbean (rt)
Feb. 26-March 7	Tahiti to French Polynesia (rt)
March 14-28	Rio to Lisbon
March 21-April 2	BUDAPEST to VIENNA to PRAGUE
March 21-April 4	Miami to New Orleans to Cozumel (rt)

### Key

Regional at Sea

Open sectional

Nonchampionship sectional

(rt) = round trip

## Online

Dec. 30-Jan 5	Junior Fund Week
Jan. 13-15	Silver Slivers
Feb. 13-16	Stardust Weekend
Feb. 17-23	Ed. Foundation Week
March 6-9	Silver Linings Weekend
March 8-10	NABC Robot Individual
March 26-29	Hollywood Magic Online Regional

## At the Club

Dec. 9-14	Gold For Good
Dec. 10	ACBL-wide
Tuesday afternoon	International Fund Game
Dec. 16-21	Gold For Good
Dec. 16-22	Stardust Week
All of January	Junior Fund Games
Jan. 10	ACBL-wide
Friday afternoon	Junior Fund Game
All of February	Ed. Foundation Games
Feb. 8	ACBL-wide
Saturday afternoon	International Fund Game
March 10	ACBL-wide Senior Pairs
Monday afternoon	
March 25	ACBL-wide Charity Game
Tuesday afternoon	

**Spring NABC**  
**March 13-23**  
**Renasant Convention Center**

**Memphis**  
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