



# Daily Bulletin



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## Respect for hotel staff

Reports from the Marriott hotel management reveal an embarrassing series of incidents in which ACBL members behaved inappropriately toward the staff of the hotel restaurant, pantry and concessions stands.

"We are so lucky to get to come to wonderful places to enjoy the game we all love so much," said ACBL Executive Director Bronia Jenkins "We need to be respectful of staff and

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## Beyond Bridge

Photos from the night of fun

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**ATTENDANCE through  
MONDAY  
3429 tables**



## Goodwill Message

Today is Goodwill Day! Goodwill builds bridges by connecting hearts and minds through the game we love.

*Lamya Agelidis, Chair*

*Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee*

## Miniter Wins GNT Champ Flight

**Winners of the Morehead Grand National Teams Championship Flight, from District 24 (New York): Joe Grue, John Hurd, captain Gillian Miniter, Joel Wooldridge, Iulian Rotaru. They defeated the Robinson team from D6**

**(DC area) 136-94. It's the first NABC+ win for Miniter and makes her a Grand Life Master.**



**See other GNT winners, page 6**

## Luba-Lien victorious in von Zedtwitz



**Winners of the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs: Owen Lien and Harrison Luba**

Harrison Luba of Lynnfield MA and Owen Lien of Oak Park MI are the winners of the von Zedtwitz Life

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**See other national pairs event winners, page 7**



**Winners of the NABC+ Open Pairs: Vincent Demuy and Marusa Gold**

## Gold-Demuy win NABC+ Open Pairs

Vincent Demuy of West Palm Beach FL and Marusa Gold of Leeds, UK, are the winners of the NABC+ Open Pairs.

This is the second national win for Gold, who won this event earlier this

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## Today's Bridge Events

**Monday, July 28**

**Krauss Dansby Wealth Partners Day / Goodwill Day**

**10 am**

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
Monday Morning Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	PCC Room 201, 3rd floor, across skywalk	\$22	\$32
Kate Shuler 299er Pairs	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$18	\$28

**10 am & 3 pm**

WAGAR WOMEN'S PAIRS <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Liberty Ballroom, 3rd floor, across skywalk	\$35	\$45
Rusty Krauss Open Pairs (unlim./4000/1500)	1-2	PCC Room 201, 3rd floor, across skywalk	\$22	\$32
Phil Krauss Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
David Dansby Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Franklin B inside, 4th floor	\$22	\$32

**10 am & 3:30 pm**

SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS <i>Full-day knockout matches ending Sunday 8/3; Pre-registration required by 3:30 pm Sun 7/27</i>	Rd 1	Salon I, 5th floor	\$40	\$50
TRUSCOTT/USPC SENIOR SWISS TEAMS <i>Must be 65 or older; 2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Salon H, 5th floor	\$35	\$45

**3 pm**

Monday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	PCC Room 201, 3rd floor, across skywalk	\$22	\$32
Kevin Hoonan 299er Pairs	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$18	\$28

**7:30 pm**

Monday Evening Side Pairs <i>Fri-Mon Evening Series</i>	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$22	\$22
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\* 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.

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## You oughta be in pictures

If you achieve a new masterpoint milestone here in Philadelphia – Life Masters and upwards – please come by the Daily Bulletin office, Room 502, fifth floor, and let us take your picture. We're eager to congratulate you and share your achievement in the Daily Bulletin.

## Pre-registration required for Mini, Micro-Spingold

Registration for the 0-6000 Mini Spingold Knockout Teams is required by 3:30 p.m. today. This can be done on Entry Express or on site.

For the 0-3000 Mini-Spingold, the deadline is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 29. Contingent entries are allowed: May withdraw pending qualification in another event. This can be done on Entry Express.

## Stay in touch

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

## MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

All meetings are at the Marriott unless specified as at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

<b>Monday, July 28</b>		<b>Tuesday, July 29</b>	
<b>Goodwill Day</b>		<b>Educational Foundation board</b>	
8 am–5 pm	<b>Best Practices Teacher Assessments.</b>	6:30–10 pm	<b>meeting.</b> <i>Conference Suite 2, third floor</i>
<i>Room 309, third floor</i>			

## CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Franklin Hall A on the fourth floor of the Marriott.

<b>Monday, July 28</b>		<b>Tuesday, July 29</b>	
9:15 a.m.	Marjorie Michelin	9:15 a.m.	Donna Compton
	<i>Entries are Everything</i>		<i>Defender's Number Rules</i>
2:15 p.m.	Jerry Helms	2:15 p.m.	Norman Beck
	<i>Overcalls</i>		<i>Odd Things and Bridge</i>

## HOSPITALITY

Food will be served mornings beginning at 9 a.m. and, courtesy of the host committee, selected afternoons at 1 or 2 p.m. on the fourth and fifth floors of the Marriott, and in the HeadHouse Tower, and some mornings in the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

<b>Monday, July 28</b>		<b>Tuesday, July 29</b>	
Bagels		Morning: energy bars from Jonesbar,	
		Kate's Real Food, 88 Acres.	
		Afternoon at 1: soft pretzels.	

## PATRON LOUNGE

Patron Members are invited to visit the Patron Lounge in Room 407 on the fourth floor from 1 to 3 p.m. today through Friday, Aug. 1, for light lunch and coffee. The lounge is also open mornings from 9 to 10 for coffee and tea.

<b>Monday, July 28</b>		<b>Tuesday, July 29</b>	
Potato and cheese pierogies, tomato soup, salad bar, smoked kielbasa, beef franks, sauerkraut, puddings		Cheesesteak soup, salad bar, sloppy Joes, tuna melt, chips, rice pudding	

## Local entertainment

The Philadelphia NABC host committee has arranged for several local entertainers to perform and engage with players during the afternoon lunch break.

### Today

Benjamin Franklin will be wandering around the fourth and fifth floors between 1 and 3 p.m.

### Tuesday, July 29

The Mummers parade with the Frailinger String Band, which performed Friday, will return from 1:40 to 2 with more folk music and dance.

### Wednesday, July 30 and Friday, Aug. 1

Rocky will be walking around the fourth and fifth floors between 1:45 and 2:45.

## Evening entertainment

Two nights of fun evening entertainment are planned. Light food and cash bar at both.

### Wednesday, July 30

Bridge Mania: Jeopardy, Family Feud and other bridge-themed games. 8:30 p.m. Rooms 302–306, third floor. Also Wednesday: Wear your favorite NABC T-shirt to participate in the T-shirt contest.

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# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Jeffery Zhang and Sean Song, both from Princeton NJ, have been playing bridge for about a year and a half. They attended the Las Vegas NABC last fall and will play in the upcoming Youth NABC here in Philadelphia. "My dad is pretty good at bridge, so, he decided to teach us," said Sean. "I was already friends with Jeffery, and he agreed to learn with me."

They both mentioned they enjoy the challenge of the game.

"I think it's fun because I like to challenge my mind a lot, and bridge gets you to think in a lot of different ways and try to predict what your partner has," said Jeffery.

"When you get the cards, it's very fun," said Sean. "It challenges a bunch of memorization skills."



## Take All Your Chances

*By Eddie Kantar*

North (Dummy)

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

South (You)

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



You open 1♦, partner responds 1♥, East overcalls 1♠, you try 2♦, and West jumps to 3♠, preemptive. Partner has heard enough and leaps to 5♦, the final bid.

West leads a disconcerting ♣J. Plan the play. (Diamonds are 1–1.)

You are looking at two possible club losers plus the ♥A. If West has underled the ♣K, there is no compelling reason to insert the queen. If you take the trick with the ace, you can always take a second trick with the queen later by leading up to it. The play of the ace prevents East from winning the king and returning a club, setting up a second club winner before a heart winner can be established for a club discard. Given the bidding, it is surely the proper play, but the hand isn't over yet.

One plan is to win the ♣A, cross to a diamond and lead a heart to the jack. If this drives out the ace, the ♥K can be used to discard a club. Even if the ♥J loses to the queen, you have enough dummy entries to trump two hearts hoping to flush out the ♥A.

But there is even a better plan. Win the ♣A, strip the spades using the trump suit as communication (i.e., play the

♠A, ruff a spade in dummy, cross back to your hand with a trump, ruff your last spade, and come back to your hand with a trump), and then lead a heart to the jack. Say it loses to the queen. If East has the expected ♥A, East is cooked, as any return presents you with the contract.

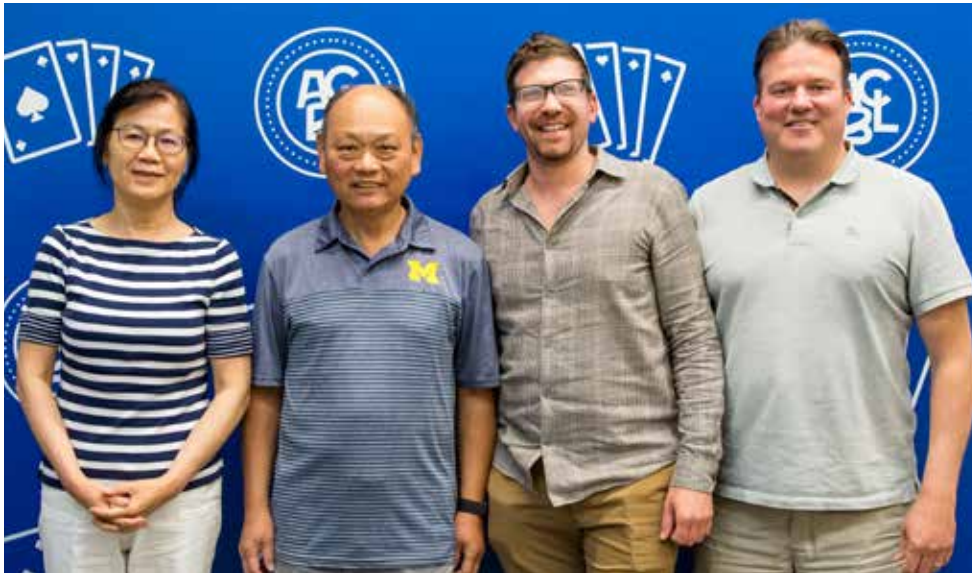
The full deal:

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

The key play is the ♣A at trick one, but notice West's top-of-sequence club lead rather than leading partner's suit. Holding a weak hand with a big fit in partner's suit, this may be West's last chance to be on lead. It is imaginative and often productive to lead from an honor sequence rather than partner's suit, particularly when it is likely one opponent has a singleton in the suit that you and partner have been bidding madly. If the ♣J is not led, then the ♠K is the recommended lead, as it may be important to hold the lead to make a killing shift if the king wins the trick.

Tip: It is an illusion to think you must always play the queen when dummy has A–Q–x–(x) and the suit is led. If you play the ace and later lead up to the queen, you still take a trick with the queen if the opening leader has led from the king. In the meantime, you are temporarily protected if fourth hand has the king. This play presumes you can afford to lose one trick in the suit.

## Winners in the GNT Flights



### Flight A

After leading by 29 IMPs, Wang was down 8 after the third quarter. They went on to win 167–135.

**Winners of the Goldman Flight A, from District 12 (Michigan): Yanping Zhang, captain Ching-Po Wang, Zachary Wasserman, Michael McDonald.**

### Flight B

The Bingham team defeated Oakes from D22 (Southern California) 102–45 in three quarters.

**Winners of the Sheinwold Grand National Teams Flight B, from District 6 (DC area): captain Rick Bingham, Colin Schloss, Mel Yudkin, Alan Munro.**



### Flight C

Fisk defeated the Li team from D24 (New York) 145–55 in three quarters.

**Winners of the MacNab Grand National Teams Flight C, from District 13 (Chicago): Ranmit Pantle, captain Ben Fisk, Rahul Garga, Manmit Pantle.**



**Winners of the Young 0-3000 Pairs:**  
**Jichong Chai and Haoyi Yu**

## DC area duo wins Young

Jichong Chai of Arlington VA and Haoyi You of Greenbelt MD won the three-day Young 0-3000 Pairs on Sunday by more than two and a half boards.

In Friday's qualifying round, Chai and You scored 64.42% and 55.40% to qualify in a somewhat distant second place. They dropped to fourth on Saturday with scores of 55.32% and 53.08% but came back strong on Sunday with 64.71% and 57.36%.

It's the first limited NABC win for the pair, who have been playing together for a year and a half.

"It's a very good experience for us," You said. "We are lucky."

In second were Daniel Murphy and Sharon Murphy of Indianapolis, who qualified in 48th place Friday and 31st on Saturday. A strong final with scores of 62.75% and 57.52% boosted them to second.

First- and second-day leaders Jackson Wahl and Sarah Wahl of Minneapolis fell to third, less than 2 matchpoints behind.



**Winners of the Bruce LM-6000 Pairs:**  
**Andy Caranicas and Richard Lawson**

## Minnesotans win Bruce

Andy Caranicas and Richard Lawson of the Minneapolis area won the Bruce LM-6000 Pairs on Sunday by nearly a board.

They got off to a slow start in Friday's qualifying sessions with 49.70% and 53.64% to qualify in 28th place, but took the lead on Saturday with scores of 59.23% and 63.77%. They capped it off with 57.84% and 53.66% in the final.

In second were Shelley Burns and Cindy Oishi of Vancouver BC, who qualified in 29th place, right behind the eventual winners, on Friday and moved to 21st place on Saturday. A big 62.31% in the first final session followed by 54.55% put them in second.

Caranicas and Lawson came to play in the Grand National Teams on District 14's Flight A team, so entering the Bruce was a bit of a consolation event for them. They won the GNT Flight B in 2010, and the previous year Caranicas played on a team that won the 0-1500 Spingold.

They have played together for 18 years, which has given them plenty of time to develop firm understandings. "We knew our system," Lawson said. "We had discussed every auction, every defensive situation that came up."

The three-day event is limited to those who have achieved the rank of Life Master but not gone over 6000 masterpoints.



**Runners-up in the NABC+ Open Pairs:**  
**Troels Buus Thomsen and Signe Buus Thomsen**

## NABC+ Open Pairs

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year in Memphis.

Demuy has six NABC titles prior to this one, most recently the Norman Kay Platinum Pairs in 2023.

This is their first victory together. After qualifying 148th out of 156 pairs, they had some work to do. A 59.27% first final session got them up to 39th; their final session score of 69.56% brought their combined score to 2584.92, a little more than a board ahead of the second-place pair.

In second place were Troels Buus Thomsen and Signe Buus Thomsen, both of Denmark. "I think it's fun to play with family," said Signe, who was playing with her uncle.

They qualified in 32nd place and moved into second place with a 63.41% game in first final session. They hung on to that spot with a 55.09% second final.

## Conduct

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hotel employees who are here to help us. While I understand that our time is limited and that creates pressure, the reports from the hotel about some of our players' behavior are unacceptable."

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

## von Zedtwitz Pairs

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Master Pairs, a prestigious three-day pair event.

It's the first NABC+ win for both, which makes Lien a Grand Life Master and Luba more than halfway there.

"This guy just played amazing," said Lien of his partner.

"No, Owen was amazing," countered Luba. "I had a lot of bad boards in the morning, which was our better session, but Owen was a rock. Not a single mistake all day. It was awesome."

"It was easy," added Lien. "Just playing natural, not many agreements. Focusing on playing the cards."

The pair were in 30th place going into today's two-session final. Their 62.04% morning session moved them into second place. They scored 57.76% in the afternoon to win by 6.98 matchpoints (38 top).

In second place were Christian



**Runners-up in the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs: Christian Bakke and Mikael Rimstedt**

Bakke of Bergen, Norway, and Mikael Rimstedt of Halmstad, Sweden.

## 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!



### Host Hotel

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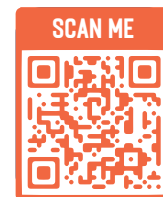
San Francisco is a city full of iconic attractions, offering visitors a range of experiences. The historic Ferry Building serves as a vibrant marketplace featuring local artisan food vendors and shops. Golden Gate Park spans over 1,000 acres and includes must-see spots like the California Academy of Sciences, de Young Museum, Japanese Tea Garden, and the San Francisco Botanical Garden. Another classic experience is riding the city's famous cable cars, particularly the Powell-Hyde line, which offers scenic views and access to destinations like Ghirardelli Square and Fisherman's Wharf.

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## GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

### MOREHEAD GNT CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

16 Tables  
 120.00 1 Gillian Minter – Joe Grue – John Hurd, New York NY; Iulian Rotaru, Sunnyside NY; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY  
 90.00 2 Steve Robinson, Ashburn VA; Mark Shaw – Michael Gill, Columbia MD; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA; William Cole, Silver Spring MD  
 60.00 3/4 Alain Schreiber – Billy Miller – Roger Lee – Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Brad Moss, Denver CO  
 60.00 3/4 Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Jerry Clerkin – Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Shan Au, Westerville OH  
 27.00 5/8 Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Zygmunt Marcinski, Montreal QC; Michel Lorber, Baie-D'urfe QC; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON  
 27.00 5/8 Sam Dinkin – Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX; Venkatrao Koneru – Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Robert Morris, Houston TX  
 27.00 5/8 Bart Bramley – Kitty Cooper, Avon CT; Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT; Jonathan Weinstein – Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA  
 27.00 5/8 Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Gary Cohler, Wellington FL; Sam Lev, Aventura FL; William Pollack, Boca Raton FL

### GOLDMAN GNT FLIGHT A

16 Tables  
 85.00 1 Ching-Po Wang, Troy MI; Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI; Michael McDonald, Northville MI; Zachary Wasserman, Farmington Hills MI  
 63.75 2 Charles Durrin III – Michael Weir – Guohui Zhang, Madison AL; Paul Linxwiler, Memphis TN  
 42.50 3/4 Ryan Schultz, Dayton OH; Isaac Stephani – Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH; Tom Bishel, Columbus OH  
 42.50 3/4 Shen Duan – Meiyan Duan, Andover MA; Joon Pahk – Samuel Pahk, Somerville MA; Jay Tang, Dover MA; Jianqiao Gu, Lexington MA  
 19.13 5/8 Cory Perkers – George Clark – Matthew Dyer, Chicago IL; Michael Steigmann, Wilmette IL  
 19.13 5/8 Pawel Hanus, Carrollton TX; Ari Sippola, Richardson TX; Ying Peng – James Zhan – Jessie Lee, Sugar Land TX  
 19.13 5/8 Russ Pearly – Bob Fashingbauer, The Villages FL; Peter Jargowsky, Boca Raton FL; Stephan Juliusburger, Big Pine Key FL; Jack Brawner Jr., Palm Harbor FL; John Vega, Naples FL  
 19.13 5/8 Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Perry van Hook, Surprise AZ; Ronald Vickery, Oro Valley AZ; Jared Boulds, Tucson AZ

### SHEINWOLD GNT FLIGHT B

16 Tables  
 70.00 1 Rick Bingham, Fairfax VA; Mel Yudkin, Annandale VA; Colin Schloss, Falls Church VA; Alan Munro, Vienna VA  
 52.50 2 Daniel Oakes, Santa Ana CA; Harvey Jaffe, Huntington Beach CA; Marc Franklin, Newport Beach CA; Alan Wood, San Diego CA  
 35.00 3/4 Peter Ashbrook, Urbana IL; Anthony Curtis – Lisa Bievenue – Gabriel Ewing, Champaign IL  
 35.00 3/4 Elizabeth Wellington – William Nicolai – John Scheuermann, Loudon TN; Simon Sellers, Walland TN  
 15.75 5/8 Elenalani Lam, Sunnyvale CA; Andrew Lazarus, Berkeley CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA  
 15.75 5/8 Rita Vachani, Lexington MA; Stan Piltch, Plymouth MA; Venky Venkataramani, Andover MA; Vikram Srimurthy, Brookline MA  
 15.75 5/8 Kenny Ying, West Vancouver BC; Alexander Woo, Moscow ID; George Meng, White Rock BC; Nelson Davis, Seattle WA  
 15.75 5/8 David Neiman – Mark Lasoff, Minneapolis MN; David Goodrie, Plymouth MN; David Trevor, Bloomington MN

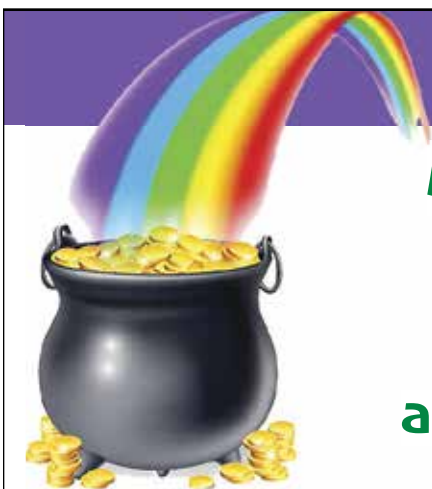
### MACNAB GNT FLIGHT C

16 Tables  
 45.00 1 Ben Fisk – Rahul Garga – Ranmit Pantle – Manmit Pantle, Chicago IL  
 33.75 2 Music Li, Mountain View CA; Yuchen Xu – Yang Xu, New York NY; Hengrui Xing, Brooklyn NY  
 22.50 3/4 Milind Girkar, Sunnyvale CA; Shailesh Sampat, San Jose CA; Henry Zhang, Saratoga CA; Youfeng Wu, Palo Alto CA  
 22.50 3/4 David Nelmark, Urbandale IA; Rhonda McCoy, West Des Moines IA; Ross Anderson, Woodbury MN; Mark Feld, Bondurant IA  
 10.13 5/8 Wei Xu – Jinrong Wang – Xinyun Zheng, Sugar Land TX; Kai Liu, Thomball TX  
 10.13 5/8 Robert Kaplan – Victoria Fritchen – Andrew Kleit, Columbus OH; Michael Wang, Grove City OH  
 10.13 5/8 Greg Thesenvitz – Sarah Thesenvitz, Black Diamond WA; Fred Yu – Chungli C. Wang, Bellevue WA  
 10.13 5/8 Li Zhang – Guoliang Yu – Wei Chen, San Jose CA; Jay Wang, San Leandro CA

## VON ZEDTWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS

39.0 Tables / Based on 160 Tables

190.00	1	Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	1215.24
142.50	2	Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden	1208.26
106.88	3	Andrew Rosenthal, New York NY; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA	1174.16
87.69	4	David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	1170.48
81.43	5	Arthur Korth, Galloway NJ; Jay Apfelbaum, Philadelphia PA	1162.57
76.00	6	Danny Sprung, Las Vegas NV; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL	1145.55
71.25	7	Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA	1143.78
67.06	8	Jerome Rombaut, France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France	1139.69
63.33	9	Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Zhaobin Xie, Chengdu China	1128.95
60.00	10	Tim van de Paverd, Leiden Netherlands; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy	1127.70
57.00	11	Jian-Ping Chen, Yorktown VA; Sheng Li, New York NY	1127.02
54.29	12	Julien Bernard, Paris France; Nicholas Lhuissier, Rueil Malmaison France	1110.42
51.82	13	Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel	1110.21
49.57	14	Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Marc Topaz, Flourtown PA	1109.24
47.50	15	Bob Hamman – Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX	1107.93
45.60	16	Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL	1099.56
43.85	17	Alexander Wernle, Vienna Austria; Maxim Siline, Hudson MA	1098.76
42.22	18	Ioannis Oikonomopoulos – Giorgos Oikonomopoulos, Thessaloniki Greece	1090.89
40.71	19	James Holzhauer, Seattle WA; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA	1081.76
39.31	20	Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Jeff Roman, Bend OR	1072.11
38.00	21	Brian Zhang, Dublin CA; Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom	1068.24
36.77	22	Alan Watson, Lexington MA; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	1066.11
35.63	23	Ton Bakkeren – Frank Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands	1064.45
34.55	24	Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA; Dana Berkowitz, New York NY	1057.18
33.53	25	Steve Weinstein, Up Saddle River NJ; Larry Cohen, Delray Beach FL	1055.74
32.57	26	Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	1054.02
31.67	27	Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina	1052.38
30.81	28	Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY	1050.12
30.00	29	Jun Shi, Half Moon Bay CA; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD	1048.85
29.23	30	Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY; Howard Weinstein, Midway UT	1037.29
28.50	31	Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA; Max Schireson, Stanford CA	1037.17
27.80	32	Richard Zeckhauser, Cambridge MA; Boye Brogeland, Norway	1030.30
27.14	33	Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Will Ehlers, Lancaster PA	1029.26
26.51	34	Louk Verhees Jr., Leiden Netherlands; John Ramos, Los Angeles CA	1027.75
25.91	35	Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; David Moss, New York NY	1022.54
25.33	36	Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Robb Gordon, Prescott AZ	1022.24
27.03	37	Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Ash Gupta, New York NY	1021.83
24.26	38	Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA; Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH	1018.21
23.75	39	Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC	1018.01
23.27	40	Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Amber Lin, Mountain View CA	1016.90
22.80	41	Kim Eng – Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA	1014.23



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22.35	42	Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL; Yanong Han, Milpitas CA	1010.00
21.92	43	Simon Cope, United Kingdom; Thomas Paske, Manhattan NY	1005.86
22.94	44	Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy	999.89
21.11	45	Leo Lasota, Ewa Beach HI; Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR	996.06
20.73	46	Peter Knee, Canyon Country CA; Stelios Touchtidis, Parrish FL	992.09
20.36	47	Ahu Zobu, Istanbul Turkey; Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria	985.95
20.00	48	Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Eric Greco, Frisco TX	985.08
19.66	49	Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL	982.64
19.32	50	Jianfeng Luo, North York ON; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ	980.90
19.00	51	Steven Caplan, Boca Raton FL; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	980.50
18.69	52	Joseph Stokes – Steve Garner, Chicago IL	979.76
18.39	53	David Treitel, Ocala FL; Saul Gross, Miami Beach FL	978.57
18.10	54	Adam Deeb, Clearwater FL; Steve Valencic, Land O Lakes FL	970.93
17.81	55	Jing Liu – Zhuo Wang, Forest Hills NY	962.33
17.54	56	Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Margie Cole, New York NY	959.31
17.27	57	William Neumann, Columbia MD; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA	959.05
17.01	58	Alon Birman, Israel; Ofer Haramati, Kfar Saba Israel	956.70
16.76	59	Vern Swing, Minneapolis MN; Keith Connolly, St. Paul MN	954.14
16.52	60	Jared Lilienstein – Michael Polowan, New York NY	948.56
16.29	61	Stella Wan, San Francisco CA; Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY	940.47
16.06	62	Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Zachary Madden, Glen Mills PA	936.08
15.83	63	Stephen Tu, Stockton CA; Ronald Powell, San Jose CA	931.51
15.62	64	Ankur Rathi, San Francisco CA; Anant Rathi, San Francisco CA	929.95
15.41	65	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Cary NC	929.21
15.20	66	Christal Henner, New York NY; Uday Ivatury, New York City NY	928.39
15.00	67	Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Aaron Mayerson, Brooklyn NY	923.93
14.81	68	Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	917.66
14.62	69	Lance Kerr, Sylmar CA; W. Reynolds, South Pasadena CA	917.57
14.43	70	David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD	910.31
14.25	71	Jovanka Smederevac, Vienna Austria; Carrie Liu, Hudson MA	908.61
14.07	72	Sandeep Karmarkar, Mumbai India; Rajendra Gokhale, Redmond WA	904.97
13.90	73	Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC; Gigi Simpson, Sarasota FL	904.24
13.73	74	Avery Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Daniel Balof, Walla Walla WA	898.54
13.57	75	Rich Rothwarf, Jenkintown PA; Stan Tulin, Villanova PA	878.64
15.31	76	Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Larry Robbins, Deerfield IL	831.24
13.26	77	Mark Leonard, Long Beach CA; Edward Piken, Palos Verdes Peninsula CA	824.00
13.10	78	Sarik Goyal, Jersey City NJ; Eric Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	784.74

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18.0 Tables / Based on 39 Tables

75.00	1	Andrew Caranicas, St. Paul MN; Richard Lawson, Plymouth MN	563.80
56.25	2	Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC; Cindy Oishi, West Vancouver BC	547.93
42.19	3	Yi Xiong, Lawrenceville GA; Xiao-Qian Wang, Norcross GA	532.43
34.62	4	Charles Carroll, St. Paul MN; Paul Gutterman, Eagan MN	531.57
32.14	5	Xiaodong Zhao, Edmonton AB; Jadwiga Polujan, Calgary AB	526.32
30.00	6	James Musumeci, El Cajon CA; Rick Bobrow, Naples FL	525.67
28.13	7	John Yin, Southborough MA; Xianwen Xie, Parrish FL	510.73
26.47	8	Hadi Abushakra, Kensington MD; James Beller, Washington DC	510.49
25.00	9	Paul Amer, Moultonboro NH; Jeff Ruben, Wilmington DE	504.77
23.68	10	Douglas Watt, Loveland CO; Fiona Freeseaman, Fort Collins CO	499.92
22.50	11	Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD; Thomas Webster, Ellicott City MD	498.58
21.43	12	Nicholas France, Spring Valley NY; Leonard Helfgott, Teaneck NJ	495.98
20.45	13	Hong Liu, Frontenac MO; Paul Irvine, Allentown PA	488.98
19.57	14	Gregory Gorshkov, Somerville NJ; Robert Rebelein, Poughkeepsie NY	488.54
18.75	15	Lily Andre – James Andre, Allyn WA	486.02
18.00	16	Jim Dingwerth – William Hoge, Olathe KS	485.28
17.65	17	Qi Ju – Yi Peng Mai, Calgary AB	483.10
16.67	18	Peter van Zijl, Hanover MD; Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD	478.95
16.07	19	Jim Gaarder, Columbia MD; Jimmy Ritzenberg, Bethesda MD	476.18
15.52	20	Randi Adelman, Teaneck NJ; David Yoon, Bayside NY	472.34
18.88	21	Kenneth Salter, Norristown PA; Thomas Salter, Hatfield PA	470.88
14.52	22	Michael Krevor, Port Washington NY; Charles Bilich, Hewlett NY	468.26
14.06	23	Yu Nadler, Boca Raton FL; Andrey Sidelnikov, Fort Lauderdale FL	467.53
13.64	24	James Scott, Wellington FL; Harry Apfel, New York NY	463.78
13.24	25	Mark Blanchard, Bay Shore NY; Amy Rhodes, New York NY	463.17
12.86	26	Andy Hsiao, Marvin NC; Greg Leblanc, Charlotte NC	458.63
13.91	27	Steven Gewirtzman, Ambler PA; Cliff Wilson, Princeton NJ	457.27
12.16	28	Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Charles Faille, St.-Constant QC	455.24
15.91	29	Kurt Engleman, Avondale PA; Mark Cohen, Audubon PA	441.30
11.54	30	Elizabeth Gilbert, Mahwah NJ; Barbara Bergen, Fort Lee NJ	436.76
11.25	31	Gregory Chaffee, La Jolla CA; Lamya Agelidis, San Diego CA	435.88
10.98	32	Kristi Fjare, Estes Park CO; Greg Smith, Denver CO	434.71
10.71	33	Conner Boyd, Davidson NC; Barry Boyd, Key West FL	423.09
10.47	34	Robert Zimmermann, Pittsburgh PA; Martin Greenberg, San Jose CA	422.18
10.23	35	Barbara Rhoades, Wilmington DE; Roy Perry, St. John's NL	406.81
10.00	36	Raye Lundrigan – Brian Collins, St. John's NL	385.16

**YOUNG 0-3000 PAIRS**

18.0 Tables / Based on 38 Tables

50.00	1	Jichong Chai, Arlington VA; Haoyi You, Greenbelt MD	604.49
37.50	2	Daniel Murphy – Sharon Murphy, Indianapolis IN	559.16
28.13	3	Jackson Wahl – Sarah Wahl, Minneapolis MN	557.29
23.08	4	Eric Anderson, Seattle WA; Keith Hafen, Gainesville VA	551.34
21.43	5	Frank Grzegorzewski, Erie PA; John Rothschild, Elkridge MD	538.96
20.00	6	Aaron Balleisen, Pittsburgh PA; Edward Balleisen, Durham NC	536.13
18.75	7	Robert Gervis, Boynton Beach FL; Dan Rice, Norwell MA	533.19
17.65	8	Ryan Daniels, Vernon Hills IL; Charles Alexander, Northbrook IL	531.72
16.67	9	Gloria Tamlyn – Ralph Tamlyn, New York City NY	529.22
15.79	10	Susan Davison – Daniel Lev, New York NY	517.80
15.00	11	Art McCann, Finksburg MD; Michael Berard, Glenn Dale MD	514.39
14.29	12	Tom Trivers, Chattanooga TN; Mark Harkins, Bethesda MD	497.12
13.64	13	Giorgio Provenza, United Kingdom; Lee Guy, London United Kingdom	492.88
13.04	14	Larry Gordon, West Orange NJ; Jason Tokuda, Livingston NJ	488.75
14.61	15	Lee Lin, New York City NY; Alan Davidson, New York NY	485.00
12.00	16	Mark Throop – Eleanor Throop, Framingham MA	482.34
11.54	17	Rich Pestien – Charles Young, Peoria IL	479.93
11.11	18	Carol Benson – Peter Doubilet, Boston MA	479.55

12.09	19	Camilla Schiaffino, New York NY; Zain Mahmood, London United Kingdom	476.21
10.34	20	Erika Silver, Boynton Beach FL; Allen Greenbaum, Old Bethpage NY	473.01
12.82	21	Francis Gupta, Princeton NJ; Ivan Smirnov, Staten Island NY	471.36
11.32	22	Andy Hawks, Alexandria VA; Jack Hawks, Palm Desert CA	469.07
9.38	23	Michael Shelton – Julie Shelton, Wilmette IL	462.44
13.08	24	Lon Sunshine, Merrimack NH; Brandon Fong, Mount Laurel NJ	456.30
8.82	25	John F.W. Glynn, Paget Bermuda; Rachael Gosling, Bermuda	447.28
10.05	26	David Barbour, Albuquerque NM; Debra Pride, Laguna Woods CA	446.91
8.33	27	Jason Grove, Glastonbury CT; Chris Westermeyer, Falcon Heights MN	445.53
8.11	28	Tim Lannan, Girona Spain; George Biris, Jersey City NJ	444.30
7.89	29	Domenico Sneider, Carmel IN; Thomas Frank, Indianapolis IN	440.70
8.95	30	Elizabeth Greenfield – Aviv Shahaf, Jericho NY	437.89
7.50	31	Henri J. Jansen, Corvallis OR; Krista Garver, Portland OR	433.25
8.86	32	Susan Bennett – Justin Young, East Hartford CT	431.06
8.35	33	Patrick Thompson, Lakewood Ranch FL; Richard Aufmann, Bradenton FL	421.29
6.98	34	Helen Benson, Newtown CT; Lisette Voorhees, Ridgefield CT	417.59
6.82	35	Jeff Tonole – Nora Shang, Ithaca NY	411.00
6.67	36	Gail Kreppel, West Palm Beach FL; Deborah Branch, Davie FL	410.23

### NABC+ OPEN PAIRS

78.0 Tables / Based on 141 Tables

125.00	1	Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL; Marusa Gold, Leeds United Kingdom	2583.92
93.75	2	Troels Buus Thomsen, Aarhus Denmark; Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark	2499.83
70.31	3	Shihong You, Boyds MD; Richard Chan, Markham ON	2470.03
55.56	4	Sriram Ganesan, Sunnyvale CA; Sheldon Tan, New York NY	2462.74
50.00	5	Andrew Stark – Franco Baseggio, New York NY	2445.18
45.45	6	Bing Le, Pembroke ON; Howard Huynh, Summerville SC	2426.62
41.67	7	Bonnie Gellas – Erez Hendelman, New York NY	2415.58
38.46	8	Marty Seligman, Wynnewood PA; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland	2414.75
35.71	9	Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; May Sakr, Miami FL	2406.85
33.33	10	Sjoert Brink, Geneva Switzerland; Barbara Ferm, Dallas TX	2405.57
31.25	11	Jacob Freeman, New York NY; Sam Dinkin, Austin TX	2375.23
29.41	12	Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI; Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI	2371.41
27.78	13	Andy Cope, Coventry United Kingdom; Aleksandar Lishkov, Kenilworth IL	2370.93
26.32	14	Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; David Yang, Darien IL	2365.05
25.00	15	Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Glenn Robbins, New York NY	2363.51
23.81	16	Drew Cavalier, Huntsville AL; Kai Eckert, El Granada CA	2361.02
22.73	17	Bart Bramley – Kitty Cooper, Avon CT	2360.43
21.74	18	Kun He, North Potomac MD; Xun Zhang, Longueuil QC	2359.19
20.83	19	John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden	2357.37
20.00	20	Chris Moll, Cary NC; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH	2332.50
19.23	21	Huailin Chen – Jim Zhong, Herndon VA	2331.00
18.52	22	Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Laura Brill, White Plains NY	2326.98
17.86	23	John Lusky, Portland OR; Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA	2317.74
17.24	24	Hal Montgomery, Portland OR; Ben Bomber, Grandview WA	2313.82
16.67	25	Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA; Hailong Ao, Ashburn VA	2310.43
20.17	26	Ebru Ates, Pennington NJ; Ugurcan Suzer, Istanbul Turkey	2309.28
15.63	27	John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Lawrence Sherman, San Diego CA	2304.55
22.54	28	Sam Lev, Aventura FL; Fred Chang, Flushing NY	2304.47
19.32	29	Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA	2303.34
14.29	30	Travis Crump, Wyomissing PA; William Sedlis, Reading PA	2277.50
13.89	31	Mark Jones, Birmingham AL; Clay Hall, Huntsville AL	2276.41
13.51	32	Ira Hessel – Ellen Hessel, San Antonio TX	2268.69
13.16	33	Mark Boswell, Clarkson Valley MO; Mark Zellmer, Creve Coeur MO	2265.66
12.82	34	Greg Hinz – Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX	2263.42
13.90	35	Tracy Brines, Smithfield VA; Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY	2262.98
12.20	36	Rose Hou, Richmond Hill ON; Ada Ding, Beijing China	2262.88
11.90	37	George Jacobs, Geneva IL; Jordan Chodorow, West Hollywood CA	2260.73
11.63	38	Jeff Schuett, Lincolnshire IL; Kerry Smith, Milwaukee WI	2257.02

11.36	39	Jeff Xiao – Guanghao Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	2250.60
11.11	40	Eugene Saxe, Briarcliff NY; Bryan Howard, Nashville TN	2245.76
10.87	41	John Rengstorff, New York NY; Gregory Woods, Greenwich CT	2244.80
15.64	42	Sveinn Eiriksson, Delray Beach FL; Gunnar Helgason, Reykjavik Iceland	2233.17
10.42	43	Dilek Yavas, Bursa Turkey; Irem Ozbay, Weehawken NJ	2217.53
10.20	44	C. Ganzer, Brooklyn NY; Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA	2211.85
10.00	45	Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland	2210.69
9.80	46	Gediminas Poska – Daiva Vitukynaite, Palos Hills IL	2202.87
9.62	47	Junko Hemus, Los Angeles CA; Aly El-Selehdar, Minnetonka MN	2201.79
9.43	48	Barry Senensky – Barbara Shnier, Toronto ON	2200.69
9.26	49	Michael Ranis, Aventura FL; Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL	2195.66
9.09	50	Rui Gong, Sammamish WA; Ling Hu, Pittsburgh PA	2194.15
8.93	51	Steve Chen, Austin TX; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA	2192.21
8.77	52	Kenneth Chatzinoff, Cinnaminson NJ; Paul Zebrowski, Voorhees NJ	2182.80
8.62	53	Jared Boulds, Tucson AZ; Ronald Vickery, Oro Valley AZ	2182.37
8.47	54	Drew Becker, Chicago IL; Josh Sher, Dublin OH	2179.48
8.33	55	Daniel McGuire, Epsom NH; Gary Schwartz, Huntsville AL	2177.78
8.20	56	Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel	2174.51
8.06	57	Hui Zhang – Wenhao Hu, Somerset NJ	2173.72
7.94	58	Perry van Hook, Surprise AZ; Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ	2161.64
7.81	59	Thomas Mac Cormac – Peter Pigot, Dublin Ireland	2161.53
7.69	60	Ying Peng – James Zhan, Sugar Land TX	2150.20
7.58	61	David Marker, New York NY; Giorgia Botta, Brooklyn NY	2149.66
19.70	62	Melissa Baker, West Harrison NY; H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY	2149.38
7.35	63	Anthony Barre, Sunnyvale CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA	2140.59
7.25	64	Ken Eisner, Truro NS; John Klayman, Fairfax VA	2140.26
7.14	65	Eliezer Solomon – R. Jay Becker, Ocean City MD	2138.65
7.04	66	David Soukup, Philadelphia PA; Julian Kurtzman, Brooklyn NY	2127.17
6.94	67	Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL; Rumen Dimitrov, East Greenwich RI	2123.05
6.85	68	Michael Klein, Falls Church VA; Stephen Rzewski, South Dennis MA	2116.91
6.76	69	Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Eric Richelson, Fort Pierce FL	2107.70
11.16	70	Jeffrey Goldman, Norwalk CT; Elliot Sternlicht, New York NY	2105.80
6.58	71	Arjune Bose – Eddie Wold, Houston TX	2104.24



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## Beyond Bridge

Beyond Bridge was a little different this time due to the unique setting the Philadelphia Marriott offers: a bowling alley off the lobby. Instead of the board game room that has been a staple since the event began two years ago, there was bowling. There was still karaoke, but it was in a smaller room – a loft above the bowling alley accessible only by

elevator. Because both spaces were too small for the large crowds this event reliably draws, for much of the night, the biggest crowd was in the lobby where there was more room to socialize. The bowlers bowled and the singers sang, and everyone else found their own way to have a good time.





# Grand Adventures

By Mark Horton

Since 1985, each of the ACBL’s 25 Districts can qualify teams to the Grand National Teams, which nowadays has four flights. The focus of attention is on the Championship Flight, which regularly features some of the biggest stars. The winner’s circle includes the likes of Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Paul Soloway, Eddie Kantar, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Mike Lawrence and a host of others. In 1990, the winning team from District 11 included Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell. They dominated the event, Eric recording 13 wins and Jeff 16.

This year the semifinals saw District 6 (Steve Robinson, Mark Shaw, Bill Cole, Alan Schwartz, Alan Sontag and Mike Gill) take on District 11 (Douglas Simson, Jerry Clerkin, Dennis Clerkin and Shan Au), while the defending champions from District 17 (Alain Schreiber, Billy Miller, Roger Lee, Geoff Hampson, Brad Moss and Robert Levin) faced District 24 (Gillian Minitier, Joe Grue, Joel Wooldridge, John Hurd and Iulian Rotaru).

I intended to cover both matches (they were playing the same deals) but there were some BBO issues in the match between ROBINSON and SIMSON.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

MINITER vs SCHREIBER  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lee	Grue	Levin	Minitier
1♦	1♥	2♦	Pass
3♦	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	5♣ <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	5♦ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	6♣ <sup>(4)</sup>
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- (1) RKCB  
(2) One key card  
(3) ♠Q?  
(4) ♠Q + ♣K

East led the ♣2, and having pitched a diamond on dummy’s ♣A, declarer played on spades, soon claiming 12 tricks, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Schreiber	Hurd	Miller
2♦	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the ♦2 and declarer won, crossed to the ♥Q, pitched a diamond on the ♣A, drew trumps and claimed. Plus 480 but an 11-IMP loss.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

MINITER vs SCHREIBER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lee	Grue	Levin	Minitier
Pass	1♦	2♣	3♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	3♠	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

(1) Diamond support

East led the ♥K, and three rounds of the suit saw West win and cash the ♠A for two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Schreiber	Hurd	Miller
Pass	1♦	2♣	3♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

(1) Diamond support

West led the ♣10, and declarer won with the ♣Q and played the ♦J, putting up dummy's ♦A when West followed with the ♦6. When East discarded the ♣3 on the ♦K, declarer could only continue the suit and the defenders cashed out for one down, -100 but a 3-IMP gain.

Declarer could be reasonably sure that the clubs were at least 6-2. Was that enough to make running the ♦J the percentage play?

Had declarer done so, he would still have had work to do. (Is it obvious to play on hearts?)

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

MINITER vs SCHREIBER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Miniter</i>
			Pass
1♦	Dbl	1♠	2♣
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♥4, and declarer was allowed to win with the ♥J. He played a club to the ace, the ♣10 covered and ruffed, cashed the ♥A, ruffed a heart and played the ♣J, ruffed and overruffed, followed by a heart ruff and a club. When North ruffed with the ♠J, declarer pitched a diamond and claimed 11 tricks, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Schreiber</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Miller</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♣9, and declarer took an eternity before putting up dummy's ♣A (an essential move, as playing low would have left declarer with four losers) and playing the ♦2 to the 4, queen and jack. He cashed the ♥A, ruffed a heart

and played the ♣J, ruffing North's king, ruffed another heart and played the ♣10. When North ruffed in with the ♠J, declarer pitched a diamond and was soon claiming 10 tricks, +420 losing an IMP, but dodging a bullet.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

MINITER vs SCHREIBER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Miniter</i>
	1♦	Pass	3♦
4♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

(1) Majors

When South led the ♦A, declarer claimed all the tricks, +710 (only 12 tricks are apparent).

A couple of observations: If it were available, a fit jump of 3♣ would be a nice move with the South hand. Also, North might have bid 5♣ over 4♥.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Schreiber</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Miller</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The au pair wanted to bid 4♣ over 3♥ – if it was doubled, she would find out if partner held the ♣A, and if it was not, she planned to jump to 6♥ expecting to get a diamond lead. Declarer took 12 tricks on a diamond lead, +480.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

MINITER vs SCHREIBER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Minitier</i>
			Pass
1NT	Pass	3♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

(1) Diamonds

North led the ♠K, and in due course, declarer collected nine tricks, +110.

The same number of tricks are available in 3NT, but West had no way to indicate that he had a useful holding in diamonds.

As an aside, imagine East had opened 3♦. It would be a fair shot to bid 3NT with West's hand, as give partner nothing more than seven diamonds headed by the king and you will probably have a play for it.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Schreiber</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Miller</i>
			1♣
1♥	DbI	2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
2♦	3♣	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) Transfer to diamonds

When East took a second bid, West was happy to take a shot at game – great bidding!

North led the ♣3 to the 4, king and ace, and declarer cashed the ♦A and could claim on the next round, +400 and 7 IMPs.

MINITER would go into the second session leading 39–26.



## 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.

## 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.

In bracketed events, players with less than 10,000 points who have won an NABC+ event should report their masterpoint total as 10,000 rather than their actual holding.

# Runner-ups in the GNT and National Pairs Events



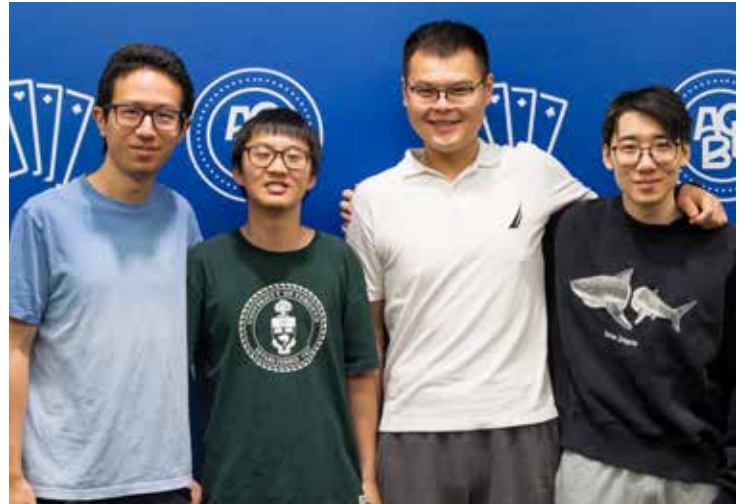
**Second in the Morehead Grand National Teams Championship Flight, from District 6 (DC area):** Bill Cole, captain Steve Robinson, Mark Shaw, Alan Schwartz, Alan Sontag, Mike Gill



**Second in the Goldman Flight A, from District 10 (Deep South):** Paul Linxwiler, captain Charles Durrin, Michael Weir, Grant Zhang



**Second in the Sheinwold Grand National Teams Flight B, from District 22 (Southern California):** captain Dan Oakes, Harvey Jaffe, Alan Wood, Marc Franklin



**Second in the MacNab Grand National Teams Flight C, from District 24 (New York):** Yuchen Xu, captain Music Li, Yang Xu, Hengrui Xing



**Runners-up in the Young 0-3000 Pairs:** Sharon Murphy and Daniel Murphy



**Runners-up in the Bruce LM-6000 Pairs:** Shelley Burns and Cindy Oishi

## Wagar Pairs starts today



**Winners of last year's Wagar Women's Pairs: Marjorie Michelin and Kismet Fung**

The Wagar Women's Pairs gets underway today. The event has been through several format and name changes; after decades as a knockout, it was run as a pairs contest for the first time in 2017. In some ways a relatively new event, it is tied to the history of the longest running women's event on the ACBL calendar.

Margaret Wagar (1902–1990), inducted into the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame in 1999, became Life Master No. 37 in 1943, the fifth woman to earn the rank. She and Kay Rhodes share one of the most remarkable achievements in ACBL history – they won the Women's Pairs four consecutive years: 1955, 1956, 1957 and 1958.



Wagar and Rhodes share another record – one of frustration. They were second in the Women's Teams for seven consecutive years, 1952–1958.

Wagar's impressive record spans three decades and includes wins in women's and open competition. Her open wins include the Reisinger in 1941, the Open Pairs (the forerunner of the Blue Ribbon Pairs) in 1947 and 1948 and the Spingold in 1946 and

1948.

Wagar served on the ACBL Board of Directors from 1960 to 1972 and was named ACBL Honorary Member in 1979. She was non-playing captain of the U.S. World Women's Teams in 1968 and 1972.

Before being named for Wagar, the event was contested for the Coffin Trophy.

### Winners

#### Wagar Women's Teams

- |             |   |             |  |
|-------------|---|-------------|--|
| <b>1933</b> | Mrs. Greene Fenley Jr., Mrs. Richard Field, Mrs. John W. Friedlander, Jane Wallace; | <b>1948</b> | Frances Robinson, Alma Stewart, Carolyn Sondheim Ruth Gordon, Gratian Goldstein, Josephine Gutman, Charlotte Sidway                                      |
| <b>1934</b> | Gail Hamilton, Marguerite Hoffmeier, Helen Pendelton Rockwell, Anne Rosenfeld       | <b>1949</b> | 1-2. Hortense Evans, Frances Robinson, Mrs. Henry Sabatt, Carolyn Sondheim; 1-2. Marianne Boschan, Catherine Cotter, Gertrude Ebersson, Katherine McNutt |
| <b>1935</b> | Doris Fuller, Angela Quigley, Florence Stratford, Helen White                       | <b>1950</b> | Marge Anderson, Mary Bowden, Ruth Gordon, G. Eloise Neil   |
| <b>1936</b> | Doris Fuller, Angela Quigley, Florence Stratford, Helen White                       | <b>1951</b> | Paula Bacher, Anne Burnstein, Dolly Rosenfeld, Edith Seligman, Sally Young   |
| <b>1937</b> | Martha Lemon, Mrs. A. Philip Stockvis, Mrs. Martin West, Sally Young                | <b>1952</b> | Jackie Begin, Sally Herman, Jessie S. Moore, Norma Matz  |
| <b>1938</b> | Mrs. Galloway Morris, Lillian Peck, Olive Peterson, Mrs. Donald B. Tansill          | <b>1953</b> | Gretchen Feldstein, Vera Glick, Gratian Goldstein, Lucille Schwarz   |
| <b>1939</b> | Mabel Ervin, Doris Fuller, Helen Mitchell, Helen Sobel, Sally Young                 | <b>1954</b> | Wynne Ecker, Doris Fuller, Marguerite Harris, Norma Matz   |
| <b>1940</b> | Helen Levy, Adelaide Neuwirth, Margaret Wagar, Lottie Zetosch                       | <b>1955</b> | Peggy Adams, Carolyn Brall, Louise Eisenman, Shirley Johnson, Juanita Strich   |
| <b>1941</b> | Inez Buchanan, Mae Dickens, Mabel Scott, Linda Terry                                | <b>1956</b> | Peggy Rotzell, Jan Stone, Charlotte Sidway, Mary Elizabeth Tiernan   |
| <b>1942</b> | Peggy Golder, Olga Hilliard, Olive Peterson, Ruth Sherman                           | <b>1957</b> | Marie Cohn, Mary Jane Kauder, Stella Rebner, Peggy Solomon   |
| <b>1943</b> | Emily Folline, Helen Sobel, Margaret Wagar, Sally Young                             | <b>1958</b> | Carolyn Brall, Bee Gale, Sally Johnson, Peggy Rotzell  |
| <b>1944</b> | Emily Folline, Helen Sobel, Margaret Wagar, Sally Young                             | <b>1959</b> | Margaret Alcorn, Lee Kasle, Josephine Sharp, Adelaide Simon, Garner McDaniel   |
| <b>1945</b> | Emily Folline, Helen Sobel, Margaret Wagar, Sally Young                             | <b>1960</b> | Roberta Erde, Sally Johnson, Barbara Kachmar, Bee Schenken   |
| <b>1946</b> | Emily Folline, Helen Sobel, Margaret Wagar, Sally Young                             | <b>1961</b> | Roberta Erde, Sally Johnson, Barbara Kachmar, Bee Schenken   |
| <b>1947</b> | 1-2. Marge Anderson, Ruby Lyons, Mimi Roncarelli, Jane Wallace; 1-2. Cass Illig,    | <b>1962</b> | Anne Burnstein, Edith Kemp, Alicia Kempner, Stella Rebner, Teddie Warner   |
|             |   | <b>1963</b> | Pat Adler, Terry Michaels, Garner McDaniel, Carol Sanders, Sylvia Stein  |
|             |   | <b>1964</b> | Hermine Baron, Mary Jane   |

	Farell, Peggy Solomon, Bee Schenken	1980	Nancy Gruver, Edith Kemp, Betty Ann Kennedy, Judi Radin, Carol Sanders, Kathie Wei		Gates, Jo Anne Casen, Jan Martel, Joann Glasson, Jo Ann Manfield
1965	Virginia Heckel, Betty Kaplan, Edith Kemp, Jacqui Mitchell			1995	Juanita Chambers, Lila Perlstein, Gail Greenberg, Jillian Blanchard, Irina Levitina, Shawn Womack
1966	1-2. Frieda Arst, June Deutsch, Sylvia Stein, Carol Stoklin; 1-2. Nancy Gruver, Garner McDaniel, Terry Michaels, Sue Sachs	1981	June Deutsch, Pat Lapides, Sandi Leavitt, Evelyn Levitt, Jo Morse, Helen Utegaard	1996	Pam Wittes, Cheri Bjerkan, Sue Weinstein, Stasha Cohen, Shawn Quinn, Judy Wadas
1967	Dorothy Hayden, Emma Jean Hawes, Agnes Gordon, Margaret Wagar	1982	Stasha Cohen, Mary Jane Farell, Nancy Gruver, Edith Kemp, Randi Montin, Dorothy Hayden Truscott	1997	Jill Meyers, Randi Montin, Mildred Breed, Tobi Sokolow, Renee Mancuso, Shawn Quinn
1968	Hermine Baron, Mary Jane Farell, Sally Johnson, Bee Schenken, Peggy Solomon, Rhoda Walsh	1983	Kathie Wei, Judi Randin, Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss, Carol Sanders, Betty Ann Kennedy, Jim Zimmerman (npc)	1998	Kitty Munson, Carol Simon, Margie Gwozdzinsky, Susan Wexler, Linda Lewis, Karen Barrett
1969	Karen Allison, Virginia Heckel, Edith Kemp, Alicia Kempner, Helen Portugal, Jan Stone	1984	Edith Kemp Freilich, Nancy Gruver, Mary Jane Farell, Helen Utegaard, Beverly Rosenberg, Carol Pincus	1999	Beth Palmer, Lynn Deas, Rozanne Pollack, Connie Goldberg, Carol Sanders, Lisa Berkowitz
1970	Mary Jane Farell, Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Hayden, Marilyn Johnson, Jacqui Mitchell, Peggy Solomon	1985	Rama Linz, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Kay Schulle, Barbara Hamman, Juanita Skelton	2000	Kathie Wei-Sender, Betty Ann Kennedy, Juanita Chambers, Jill Levin, Tobi Sokolow, Janice Seamon-Molson
1971	Judi Friedenberg, Gail Moss, Marietta Passell, Helen Utegaard, Kathie Wei	1986	Jo Morse, Evelyn Levitt, Sharon Osberg, Peggy Sutherlin, Cindy Bernstein, Sally Wheeler	2001	Kathie Wei-Sender, Betty Ann Kennedy, Juanita Chambers, Jill Levin, Tobi Sokolow, Janice Seamon-Molson
1972	Mary Jane Farell, Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Hayden, Sue Picus	1987	Kathie Wei, Judi Radin, Jacqui Mitchell, Amalya Kears, Carol Sanders, Betty Ann Kennedy	2002	Cheri Bjerkan, Stasha Cohen, Pam Wittes, Renee Mancuso, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer
1973	Nancy Gruver, Terry Michaels, Jo Morse, Helen Utegaard	1988	Beverly Rosenberg, Helen Utegaard, Sue Weinstein, Janice Seamon, Carol Pincus, Pat Schor	2003	Disa Eythorsdottir (npc), Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, Kerri Sanborn, Debbie Rosenberg, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer
1974	Mary Jane Farell, Emma Jean Hawes, Marilyn Johnson, Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss, Dorothy Hayden Truscott	1989	Juanita Chambers, Kay Schulle, Cheri Bjerkan, Randi Montin, Pam Wittes, Jill Meyers	2004	Kathy Sulgrove, Pam Wittes, Renee Mancuso, JoAnn Sprung, Peggy Sutherlin, Karen Allison
1975	Mary Jane Farell, Emma Jean Hawes, Marilyn Johnson, Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss, Dorothy Hayden Truscott	1990	Mary Jane Farell, Roberta Epstein, Dorothy Truscott, Gail Greenberg, Lisa Berkowitz, Rozanne Pollack	2005	Lynn Baker, Kerri Sanborn, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Daniela von Arnim, Sabine Auken
1976	Mary Jane Farell, Emma Jean Hawes, Marilyn Johnson, Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss, Dorothy Hayden Truscott	1991	Nancy Passell, Nell Cahn, Sue Picus, Stasha Cohen, Susan Green, Sharon Osberg	2006	Judi Radin, Sylvia Moss, Pamela Granovetter, Migry Zur-Campanile, Mildred Breed, Shawn Quinn
1977	Betty Adler, Jo Morse, Judi Radin, Sue Sachs	1992	Juanita Chambers, Cheri Bjerkan, Marinesa Letizia, Janice Seamon	2007	Phyllis Fireman, Mildred Breed, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow, Daniela von Arnim, Sabine Auken
1978	Nancy Alpaugh, Nancy Gruver, Betty Ann Kennedy, Evelyn Levitt, Carol Sanders, Kerri Shuman	1993	Gail Greenberg, Dorothy Truscott, Judy Tucker, Stasha Cohen, Irina Levitina, Rozanne Pollack	2008	Lynn Baker, Kerri Sanborn, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer,
1979	Betty Adler, Anne Burnstein, Edith Kemp, Terry Michaels, Jo Morse, Sue Sachs	1994	Sally Woolsey, Georgiana		

	Karen McCallum, Irina Levitina		Westheimer, Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Shawn Quinn		<b>Wagar Women's Pairs</b>
<b>2009</b>	Val Covalciuc, Linda Lewis, Joann Galsson, Lisa Berkowitz, Betty Ann Kennedy, Cindy Bernstein	<b>2013</b>	Sylvia Moss, Joann Glasson, Catherine D'Ovidio, Beth Palmer, Lynn Deas and Janice Seamon-Molson	<b>2017</b>	Julie Smith, Susan Humphries
<b>2010</b>	Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, Beth Palmer, Lynn Deas, Irina Levitina, Kerri Sanborn, Sam Dinkin (npc)	<b>2014</b>	Lu Yan, Ran Jingrong, Wu Shao Hong, Wenfei Wang, Zhang Yu and Wang Hongli	<b>2018</b>	Sondra Schubiner, Linda Wynston
<b>2011</b>	Joyce Hampton, Jenny Wolpert, Sabine Auken, Daniela von Arnim, Benedicte Cronier, Sylvie Willard	<b>2015</b>	Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, Kerri Sanborn, Irina Levitina, JoAnna Stansby, Pamela Granovetter	<b>2019</b>	Bronia Jenkins, Benedicte Cronier
<b>2012</b>	Jenny Wolpert, Jill Levin, Mildred Breed, Valerie	<b>2016</b>	Ling Gu, Tao Zhou, Jingrong Ran, Wen Hu, Ling Gan, Juyu Wang	<b>2020</b>	Not held
				<b>2021</b>	Not held
				<b>2022</b>	Sandra Rimstedt, Margie Cole
				<b>2023</b>	Sondra Schubiner, Linda Wynston
				<b>2024</b>	Kismet Fung, Marjorie Michelin



**Winners of the 2024 Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams: Barry Bragin, Mark Laken, Robert Cappelli and Mark Aquino**

## Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams begins play today

Two qualifying sessions are scheduled today in the Truscott/U.S. Playing Card Senior Swiss Teams with two final rounds slated for tomorrow. Players age 65 and older are eligible to participate.

The trophy for the contest honors ACBL Hall of Fame member and former bridge editor of The New York Times Alan Truscott. It was put into play in 2006 by the United States Playing Card Company.



	<b>Previous winners:</b>		Garozzo, Beta Nahapetian (npc)
<b>1997</b>	Harry Ross, John Gustafson, Helen Gustafson, Jerry Gaer, Marilyn Hemenway, Mike Albert	<b>2010</b>	Rick Rowland, Neal Satten, Thomas Weik, Ken Cohen
<b>1998</b>	Mike Levine, Zeke Jabbour, Richard Reisig, Fred Hamilton, Arnie Fisher, P.O. Sundelin	<b>2011</b>	Leonard Melander, Mark Dahl, Richard Oshlag, Mary Oshlag
<b>1999</b>	Corinne Kirkham, Jim Kirkham, Richard Potter, John Potter, Marc Low, Sandra Low	<b>2012</b>	Bob Heller, Robert Fendrick, John Herriot, Larry Harding
<b>2000</b>	Trudi Nugit, Hamish Bennett, Gene Simpson, Mike Shuman	<b>2013</b>	Dee Adams, Mark Itabashi, John Sutherlin, Al Stone, Fred Hamilton, Dan Morse
<b>2001</b>	Mike Levine, P.O. Sundelin, Zeke Jabbour, Arnie Fisher, Randy Pettit, Allan Siebert	<b>2014</b>	Stephen McConnell, Warren Cederborg, Jeff Schuett, Kerry Smith, Robert Gardner, Dick Bruno
<b>2002</b>	Roger Clough, Rebecca Clough, Louise Freed, Gene Freed, Derrell Childs, Nels Erickson	<b>2015</b>	Haven Sharaf, Bill Irvine, Robert Lurie, John Hrones Jr., Melvin Marcus, Rena Lieberman
<b>2003</b>	Carolyn Bjorklund, Fred Hamilton, Ed Barlow, Evan Bailey, Arnie Fisher	<b>2016</b>	Glenn Eisenstein, Richard Reitman, John Rengstorff, Geoffrey Brod
<b>2004</b>	Hamish Bennett, Gene Simpson, Bruce Noda, Fran Dickman, Mike Shuman	<b>2017</b>	Bob Glasson, Joann Glasson, Rick Rowland, Martin Rabinowitz
<b>2005</b>	Jerry Bare, Gene Freed, Jim Murphy, Mike Savage	<b>2018</b>	Crispin Barrere, Bruce Noda, Mark Ralph, William Harker
<b>2006</b>	Geof Brod, Steve Earl, Richard DeMartino, John Stiefel	<b>2019</b>	Steve Bruno, Ben Blacik, Sundaresan Ram, Marty Schiff Jr.
<b>2007</b>	Geof Brod, Pat McDevitt, Richard DeMartino, John Stiefel	<b>2020</b>	Not held
<b>2008</b>	Mark Lair, Fred Hamilton, John Carruthers, Reanette Frobouck, Allan Graves	<b>2021</b>	Not held
<b>2009</b>	Karen Allison, Michael Ledeen, Lea Dupont, Benito	<b>2022</b>	Meyer Kotkin, Alexander Allen, Abe Pineles, Daniel Boye
		<b>2023</b>	Hemant Lall, Michael Penick, Iftikhar Baqai, Ross Gabel
		<b>2024</b>	Barry Bragin, Robert Cappelli, Mark Laken, Mark Aquino

## 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/2508001/detail](https://members.acbl.org/tournaments/2508001/detail) or scan the QR code at right. This may be done until 8 a.m. the day the event begins (new extended hours!).

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 ACBL Help Desk located on either the fourth or fifth floor, outside Franklin Hall and Salon E.

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.

\*Important: Entry fee discounts through Entry Express are available through the ConferenceDirect list. If you book your own reservation at an NABC-associated hotel or added/modified a roommate, you must notify us prior to Entry Express purchases in order to receive the discount. No refunds on prior purchases given. Use the form at [acbl.org/philadelphiaEEform](https://acbl.org/philadelphiaEEform).

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## Use of ballrooms at night

The Marriott requests that any after-hours use of the playing areas in the evenings be confined to Franklin Hall on the fourth floor, where the evening side game is held. This area is big enough for small, informal gatherings that don't disturb the side game. Please do not use the fifth floor ballrooms or other playing areas after 8 p.m.

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# Spingold Knockout Teams



**ACBL Executive Director Bronia Jenkins presents the Spingold Trophy to 2024 winners, Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Ron Pachtmann, Massimiliano Di Franco, captain Paul Street, Nicolas L'Ecuyer and Andrea Manno.**

The Spingold Master Knockout Teams was originally known as the Masters Teams-of-Four, and it was first contested in September 1934 as a separate event held in conjunction with the Masters Individual. Although not played in 1935, it was again contested with the Masters Individual in 1936 and 1937. In 1938, the event became known as the Spingold Master Knockout Teams and was included in the summer schedule.

At one time the Spingold was a double elimination event scored by total points, usually lasting nine or ten sessions, restricted to players of Senior Master rank (100 or more masterpoints) and higher. Beginning in 1958, all matches were scored by IMPs (international matchpoints). In 1965, the double elimination method was replaced by three qualifying sessions (subsequently reduced to two), followed by single elimination knockout matches. The preliminary qualifying sessions were dropped in 1970.

The Spingold Trophy, donated by Nathan B. Spingold in 1934, is among the ACBL's most highly prized team trophies.

Spingold (1886–1958), a New York publicist, motion picture executive and patron of the arts, was one of the most influential men in bridge administration from 1937 to 1943.

Born in Chicago, he became a reporter on The Chicago Examiner, The Chicago Record Herald and The

Chicago Tribune. Spingold's interest in show business brought him to New York City in the 1930s.

In 1932 he joined Columbia Pictures in a public relations capacity. He was named to the board of directors in 1940 and three years later took charge of advertising, publicity and development. He became a vice president of the company in 1954.

Active in bridge from its earliest days, Spingold was named ABL Honorary Member in 1936. He was instrumental in effecting a peaceful merger between the American Bridge League and the United States Bridge Association in 1937 and became president of the newly formed American Contract Bridge League the following year.

He served for many years on the League's Board of Governors and Board of Directors. Spingold was also president of the Cavendish Club in New York.

## Previous winners

### Winners, Asbury Park Trophy

- 1930** 1. Ely Culbertson, Josephine Culbertson, Theodore Lightner, Waldemar von Zedtwitz; 2. Michael Gottlieb, Willard Karn, Lee Langdon, P. Hal Sims
- 1931** 1. David Burnstine, Oswald Jacoby, Willard Karn, P. Hal Sims; 2. S. Garton Churchill, Travers LeGros, Dorothy Roberts, Phillip Stockvis
- 1932** 1. Michael Gottlieb, Oswald

Jacoby, Theodore Lightner, Louis H. Watson; 2. B. Jay Becker, Herbert Lent, George Reith, Anne Rosenfield

- 1933** 1. David Burnstine, Oswald Jacoby, Richard Frey, Howard Schenken; 2. Sam Fry, Edward Hymes, Louis H. Watson, Waldemar von Zedtwitz

- 1934** 1. Aaron Frank, Jeff Glick, William Hopkins, Charles Porter; 2. Josephine Culbertson, Theodore Lightner, Alphonse Moyse Jr., Sherman Stearns

- 1935** 1. Sam Fry, Edward Hymes, Theodore Lightner, Merwyn Maier, Louis H. Watson; 2. Mitch Barnes, Hubert Boscowitz, Charles Lochridge, Johnny Rau

- 1936** 1. Lewis Bernard, Louis Haddad, Alvin Landy, Matthew Reilly, Philip Steiner; 2. Melvin Goddard, Sidney Silodor, Henry Vogel, Sir Derrick Wernher

- 1937** 1. David Burnstine, Charles Goren, Oswald Jacoby, Merwyn Maier, Howard Schenken; 2. Phil Abramssohn, Mitch Barnes, Henry Chanin, Morrie Elis, Fred Kaplan

## Winners, Masters Teams-of-Four

- 1934** 1. David Burnstine, Richard Frey, Michael Gottlieb, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken; 2. Aaron Frank, Jeff Glick, Louis Haddad, Charles Hall

- 1936** 1. B. Jay Becker, David Burnstine, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken; 2. Sam Fry, Edward Hymes, Merwyn Maier, Waldemar von Zedtwitz

- 1937** 1. Sam Fry, Edward Hymes, Theodore Lightner, Waldemar von Zedtwitz; 2. Phil Abramssohn, Lewis Bernard, Morrie Elis, Harry Fishbein, Herbert Goldberg

**Winners, Spingold Knockout Teams**

<b>1938</b>	1. B. Jay Becker, David Burnstine, Oswald Jacoby, Merwyn Maier, Howard Schenken; 2. Mitch Barnes, Morrie Elis, Fred Kaplan, Charles Lochridge				
<b>1939</b>	1. Oswald Jacoby, Theodore Lightner, Merwyn Maier, Robert McPherran, Howard Schenken; 2. John Crawford, Myron Fuchs, Charles Goren, Charles Solomon, Sally Young				
<b>1940</b>	1. Oscar Brotman, Bertram Lebhar, Samuel Katz, Alvin Roth; 2. Sam Fry, Myron Fuchs, Edward Hymes, Charles Lochridge, Waldemar von Zedtwitz				
<b>1941</b>	1. Mitch Barnes, Sam Fry, Edward Hymes, Waldemar von Zedtwitz; 2. B. Jay Becker, Oswald Jacoby, Theodore Lightner, Merwyn Maier, Howard Schenken				
<b>1942</b>	1. Sigmund Dornbusch, Richard Frey, Lee Hazen, Sam Stayman; 2. Jay Feigus, Charles Harvey, Samuel Katz, Edward Marcus				
<b>1943</b>	1. John Crawford, Charles Goren, Edward Hymes, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor; 2. B. Jay Becker, Harry Fishbein, George Rapee, Alvin Roth, Helen Sobel				
<b>1944</b>	1. B. Jay Becker, George Rapee, Helen Sobel, Sam Stayman; 2. Simon Becker, Edward Ellenbogen, Stanley Frenkel, Peggy Golder				
<b>1945</b>	1. Sam Fry, Edward Hymes, Oswald Jacoby, Theodore Lightner, Howard Schenken; 2. Harry Fishbein, Lee Hazen, Alvin Roth, Waldemar von Zedtwitz				
<b>1946</b>	1. William Christian, Mark Hodges, Sol Mogal, Margaret Wagar; 2. Jeff Glick, Arthur Goldsmith, Alvin Landy, Elmer Schwartz				
<b>1947</b>	1. B. Jay Becker, Charles Goren, Lee Hazen, Helen Sobel, Waldemar von Zedtwitz; 2. John Crawford, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor, Sam Stayman	<b>1948</b>	1. John Crawford, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sam Stayman, Margaret Wagar; 2. Julius Bank, Arthur Glatt, Robert Halpin, Oswald Jacoby, Ralph Kempner	<b>1955</b>	1. Myron Field, Lee Hazen, Richard Kahn, Charles Solomon, Sam Stayman; 2. B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor
		<b>1949</b>	1. Jeff Glick, Arthur Goldsmith, Bruce Gowdy, Alvin Landy, Sol Mogal; 2. Henry Chanin, David Clarren, Oswald Jacoby, Jack Krause, Waldemar von Zedtwitz	<b>1956</b>	1-3. Charles Goren, Peter Leventritt, Boris Koytchou, Harold Ogust, William Seamon, Helen Sobel; 1-3. Harold Harkavy, Victor Mitchell, Alvin Roth, Ira Rubin, Tobias Stone; 1-3. Robert Abeles, Kalman Apfel, Francis Begley, Louis Kelner, Ronald Rosenberg
		<b>1950</b>	1. John Crawford, Oswald Jacoby, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sam Stayman; 2. B. Jay Becker, Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel, Waldemar von Zedtwitz	<b>1957</b>	1. B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Alvin Roth, Sidney Silodor, Tobias Stone; 2. Milton Ellenby, Ivan Erdos, Emanuel Hochfeld, Jim Jacoby, Oswald Jacoby, Ira Rubin
		<b>1951</b>	1. Myron Field, Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel; 2. Ambrose Casner, Charles Hall, Allen Harvey, Frank Weisbach	<b>1958</b>	1. Paul Allinger, William Hanna, Sidney Lazard, Cyrus Neuman, Robert Rothlein; 2. Harry Fishbein, Sam Fry, Leonard Harmon, Lee Hazen, Ivar Stakold
		<b>1952</b>	1. B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sam Stayman; 2. Jeff Glick, Arthur Goldsmith, Alvin Landy, Sol Mogal, Edwin Smith	<b>1959</b>	1. William Grieve, Oswald Jacoby, Victor Mitchell, Ira Rubin, Morton Rubinow, Sam Stayman; 2. Richard Freeman, Andy Gabrilovitch, Frank Hoadley, Mike Michaels, Jan Stone, Richard Walsh
		<b>1953</b>	1. Clifford Bishop, Milton Ellenby, Don Oakie, William Rosen, Doug Steen; 2-5. Ed Burns, David Clarren, Bertram Lebhar, Sam Katz, Albert Weiss; 2-5. F. Ayers Bombeck, David Carter, John Hubbell, Arthur Kincaid, Bobby Nail; 2-5. Harold Harkavy, Edith Kemp, Alvin Roth, Tobias Stone, Waldemar von Zedtwitz; 2-5. Ivan Erdos, Edward Fischauer, Lew Mathe, Meyer Schleifer	<b>1960</b>	1. Charles Goren, Peter Leventritt, Boris Koytchou, Harold Ogust, Howard Schenken, Helen Sobel; 2. B. Jay Becker, William Grieve, Ralph Hirschberg, Norman Kay, George Rapee, Sidney Silodor
		<b>1954</b>	1. Clifford Bishop, Milton Ellenby, Lew Mathe, John Moran, William Rosen; 2-4. F. Ayers Bombeck, David Carter, John Gerber, John Hubbell, Harold Rockaway; 2-4. Eddie Burns, Ambrose Casner, Allen Harvey, Cliff Russell; 2-4. Sidney Lazard, Cyrus Newman, Lewis Rosen, Julius Rosenblum, Robert Rothlein	<b>1961</b>	1. Andy Gabrilovitch, Eddie Kantar, Marshall Miles, William Root; 2. John Crawford, Norman Kay, Alvin

	Roth, George Rapee, Sidney Silodor, Tobias Stone		Neiger, Tom Smith, Joel Stuart, Peter Weichsel; 2. Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Don Krauss, Lew Mathe		Brian Glubok, Mike Lawrence, George Rapee, Michael Rosenberg, John Solodar
<b>1962</b>	1. Leonard Harmon, Eddie Kantar, Marshall Miles, Ivar Stakgold; 2. David Carter, John Hubbell, Jim Jacoby, Gerald Michaud, Bobby Nail	<b>1972</b>	1. B. Jay Becker, Michael Becker, Andy Bernstein, Jeff Rubens; 2. Pat Brennan, Byron Greenberg, Edith Kemp, Cliff Russell, Curtis Smith, Albert Weiss	<b>1981</b>	1. Larry Cohen, Ron Gerard, Ralph Katz, Warren Rosener, Allan Stauber, John Sutherland; 2. Bart Bramley, Rich Friesner, Ed Manfield, Kit Woolsey
<b>1963</b>	1. Russ Arnold, Harold Harkavy, Edith Kemp, Alvin Roth, Cliff Russell, William Seamon; 2. Sami Kehela, Richard Kahn, William Root, Tommy Sanders, Tobias Stone, Waldemar von Zedtwitz	<b>1973</b>	1. Larry Cohen, Billy Eisenberg, Eddie Kantar, Richard Katz, Bud Reinhold; 2. Minda Brachman, Sidney Lazard, Jim Jacoby, Paul Soloway, John Swanson	<b>1982</b>	1. Ron Rubin, Mike Becker, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel; 2. Mark Molson, Billy Cohen, Eric Kokish, Peter Nagy
<b>1964</b>	1. Bruce Elliott, Sami Kehela, Eric Murray, Percy Sheardown; 2. Marvin Altman, Bruce Gowdy, Fred Hoffer, Ray Jotcham	<b>1974</b>	1. Lou Bluhm, Larry Gould, Steve Goldberg, Richard Shepherd; 2. Harlow Lewis, Lew Mathe, Peter Pender, William Root, Harry Stappenbeck, Arthur Waldman	<b>1983</b>	1. Malcolm Brachman, Bobby Wolff, Bobby Goldman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Ron Andersen; 2. Luella Slaner, Marty Bergen, Brian Glubok, Larry Cohen, Mark Cohen, Jerry Goldfein
<b>1965</b>	1. Bruce Elliott, Sami Kehela, Eric Murray, Percy Sheardown; 2. B. Jay Becker, Dorothy Hayden, Norman Kay, Edgar Kaplan	<b>1975</b>	1. Grant Baze, John Fejervary, Lew Stansby, Piyush Vakil, Ron Von der Porten; 2. Ira Cohen, Harold Guiver, Marty Shallon, Bill Sides	<b>1984</b>	1. George Rosenkranz, Eddie Wold, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Marty Bergen, Larry Cohen; 2. Alan Sontag, Allan Cokin, Jim Sternberg, Bernie Chazen, Steve Sion
<b>1966</b>	1. William Root, Alvin Roth, Ira Rubin, Curtis Smith; 2. William Grieve, Sidney Lazard, Paul Levitt, Harold Ogust, George Rapee	<b>1976</b>	1. Roger Bates, Larry Cohen, Richard Katz, John Mohan, George Rosenkranz; 2. Dave Berkowitz, Mark Blumenthal, Jim Jacoby, Mike Lawrence, George Rapee, John Solodar	<b>1985</b>	1. Tom Mahaffey, Jack Denny, Bill Passell, Russ Arnold, Ira Rubin, Chuck Burger; 2. Ron Rubin, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Mike Lawrence, Peter Weichsel
<b>1967</b>	1. Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, William Root, Alvin Roth; 2. John Gerber, Paul Hodge, Dan Morse, George Rosenkranz, Bobby Wolff	<b>1977</b>	1. Lou Bluhm, Dan Morse, Cliff Russell, Curtis Smith, Tommy Sanders, Eddie Wold; 2. Ken Cohen, Larry Gould, Larry Kozlove, John Sheridan	<b>1986</b>	1. Malcolm Brachman, Bobby Goldman, Ron Andersen, Mike Passell, Mark Lair, Paul Soloway; 2. Brian Glubok, Billy Cohen, John Schermer, Neil Chambers
<b>1968</b>	1. Sami Kehela, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Sidney Lazard, Eric Murray, George Rapee; 2. Steve Altman, B. Jay Becker, Michael Becker, Dorothy Hayden	<b>1978</b>	1. Malcolm Brachman, Bobby Goldman, Eddie Kantar, Mike Passell, Paul Soloway; 2. Steve Altman, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Richard Pavlicek, William Root, Tom Smith	<b>1987</b>	1. Brian Glubok, Dan Rotman, Harry Stappenbeck, Jaggy Shivdasani; 2. Tom Mahaffey, Jack Denny, Russ Arnold, Bernie Chazen, Roy Fox, Michael Seamon
<b>1969</b>	1. Billy Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Bob Hamman, Mike Lawrence, Jim Jacoby, Bobby Wolff; 2. Phil Feldesman, William Grieve, Victor Mitchell, Ira Rubin, Sam Stayman, Jeff Westheimer	<b>1979</b>	1. Fred Hamilton, Bob Hamman, Ira Rubin, Bobby Wolff; 2. Ed Manfield, Steve Robinson, Eric Rodwell, John Sheridan, Kit Woolsey	<b>1988</b>	1. Jim Mahaffey, Ron Andersen, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman, Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth; 2. Ron Rubin, Michael Becker, Peter Weichsel, Bart Bramley, Robert Levin, Lou Bluhm
<b>1970</b>	1. Steve Altman, Tom Smith, Dave Strasberg, Joel Stuart, Peter Weichsel; 2. Billy Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Bob Hamman, Jim Jacoby, Mike Lawrence, Bobby Wolff	<b>1980</b>	1. Mike Becker, Kyle Larsen, Ron Rubin, Alan Sontag, Ron Von der Porten, Peter Weichsel; 2. Rich Friesner,	<b>1989</b>	1. Jimmy Cayne, Chuck Burger, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Mike Passell, Mark
<b>1971</b>	1. Steve Altman, Eugene				

	Lair; 2. Jon Wittes, Ross Grabel, Mark Cohen, Mark Feldman		2. Jimmy Cayne, Chuck Burger, Mike Passell, Michael Seamon, Mark Feldman, Alan Sontag		2. Tom Carmichael, Michael White, Joel Wooldridge, John Hurd, Bryan Maksymetz, Dan Gerstman
<b>1990</b>	1. Jimmy Cayne, Chuck Burger, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff; 2. Jim Mahaffey, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman, Ron Andersen, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell	<b>1998</b>	1. Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. Grant Baze, Michael Whitman, Adam Zmudzinski, Marek Szymanowski, Marcin Lesniewski, Cezary Balicki	<b>2006</b>	1. Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. James Cayne, Michael Seamon, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria
<b>1991</b>	1. Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Seymon Deutsch, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. Cliff Russell, Peter Weichsel, Robert Levin, Sam Lev, Alan Sontag, Eddie Kantar	<b>1999</b>	1. Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. John Onstott, Steve Beatty, Billy Eisenberg, Garey Hayden	<b>2007</b>	1. Nick Nickell, Hemant Lall, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. Andrew Gromov, Aleksander Dubinin, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski
<b>1992</b>	1. Ron Rubin, Russ Ekeblad, Mike Becker, Ron Sukoneck, Robert Levin, Peter Weichsel; 2. Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Lew Stansby, Kit Woolsey, Neil Silverman, Chip Martel	<b>2000</b>	1. Rose Meltzer, Peter Weichsel, Alan Sontag, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Kyle Larsen; 2. Roy Welland, Brad Moss, Marc Jacobus, Fred Gitelman, Magnus Lindkvist, Peter Fredin	<b>2008</b>	1. Andrew Gromov, Aleksander Dubinin, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki; 2. Roy Welland, Brian Glubok, Billy Cohen, Ron Smith, Steve Garner, Howard Weinstein
<b>1993</b>	1. Richard Freeman, Nick Nickell, Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth, Bobby Wolff, Bob Hamman; 2. Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Seymon Deutsch, Hemant Lall, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby	<b>2001</b>	1. George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Giorgio Duboin, Norberto Bocchi, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace; 2. Mike Moss, Fred Chang, Kerry Smith, Jeff Schuett	<b>2009</b>	1. Russ Ekeblad, Jan Jansma, Matthew Granovetter, Ron Rubin, Ricco van Prooijen, Louk Verhees; 2. Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, Alan Sontag, Tor Helness, Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz
<b>1994</b>	1. Richard Freeman, Nick Nickell, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. Jimmy Cayne, Chuck Burger, Mark Lair, Mike Passell, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman	<b>2002</b>	1. George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Giorgio Duboin, Norberto Bocchi, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace; 2. Mike Moss, Martin Shifko, Allan Graves, Bryan Maksymetz	<b>2010</b>	1. John Diamond, Brian Platnick, Fred Gitelman, Brad Moss, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson; 2. Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, Alan Sontag, David Berkowitz
<b>1995</b>	1. Richard Freeman, Nick Nickell, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby	<b>2003</b>	1. Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski; 2. Rose Meltzer, Peter Weichsel, Kyle Larsen, Alan Sontag, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby	<b>2011</b>	1. Pierre Zimmermann, Tor Helness, Gier Helgemo, Franck Multon; 2. Nick Nickell, Eric Rodwell, Ralph Katz, Bob Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Zia Mahmood, Donna Compton (npc), Eric Kokish (coach)
<b>1996</b>	1. Richard Freeman, Nick Nickell, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. Richard Schwartz, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman, Steve Robinson, Alan Sontag, Ron Smith	<b>2004</b>	1. Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. Mark Feldman, Billy Cohen, Ron Smith, Gavin Wolpert, Warren Spector, Vincent Demuy	<b>2012</b>	1. Tor Helness, Franck Multon, Pierre Zimmermann, Geir Hegemo; 2. Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth, Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin
<b>1997</b>	1. Grant Baze, Tipton Golias, Adam Zmudzinski, Marek Szymanowski, Marcin Lesniewski, Cezary Balicki;	<b>2005</b>	1. Russ Ekeblad, Ron Rubin, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Fred Gitelman, Brad Moss;	<b>2013</b>	1. Jacek Kalita, Rafal Jagniewski, Michal Nowosadzki, Wojciech Gawel; 2. Joe Grue, Jacob Morgan, Peter Bertheau, Thomas

<b>2014</b>	Bessis, Les Amoils, Brad Moss	<b>2018</b>	1. Piotr Gawrys, Michal Klukowski, Pierre Zimmermann, Franck Multon, Geir Helgemo, – Tor Helness;	<b>2023</b>	Brink; 2. Paul Street, Nicholas L'Ecuyer, Ron Pachtmann, Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Andrea Manno, Massimiliano Di Franco
	1. Richard Schwartz, Allan Graves, Espen Lindqvist, Boye Brogeland; 2. Pierre Zimmermann, Tor Helness, Gier Helgemo, Franck Multon		2. Andrew Rosenthal, Aaron Silverstein, Migry Zur Campanile, Chris Willenken, David Berkowitz, Eldad Ginossar		1. Martin Fleisher, Chip Martel, Cedric Lorenzini, Thomas Bessis, Alfredo Versace, Antonio Sementa;
<b>2015</b>	1. vacated; 2. vacated	<b>2019</b>	1. Jacek Pszczola, Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki, Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver; 2. Pierre Zimmermann, Franck Multon, Piotr Gawrys, Michal Klukowski, Krzysztof Martens, Tor Helness	<b>2024</b>	2. Leif Bremark, Fredrik Nystrom, Johan Upmark, Frederic Wrang, Simon Hult, Antonio Palma
<b>2016</b>	1. Martin Fleisher, Joe Grue, Roy Welland, Chip Martel, Sabine Auken, Brad Moss; 2. Pierre Zimmermann, Franck Multon, Geir Helgemo, Krzystof Martens, Dominik Filipowicz		2020 Not held		1. Paul Street, Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Ron Pachtmann, Piotr Pawl Zatorski, Andrea Manno, Massimiliano Di Franco; 2. Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis, Vasileios Vroustis, Kiki Ward-Platt, Patryk Patreuha, Giorgio Duboin, Leonardo Cima
<b>2017</b>	1. John Diamond, Brian Platnick, Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist; 2. Lavazza: Norberto Bocchi, Antonio Sementa, Giorgio Duboin, Dennis Bilde, Agustin Madala, Alejandro Bianchedi	<b>2021</b>	Not held		
		<b>2022</b>	1. Pierre Zimmermann, Fernando Piedra, Michal Klukowski, Piotr Gawrys, Sebastiaan Drijver, Sjoert		

## Zia's Double Squeeze

By Brian Glubok

One great thing about playing in the major (and massive) national pair games is the chance to play against so many longtime friends and rivals. Yesterday, we got drilled by the legendary Zia Mahmood on the following deal. I was partnering Howie Weinstein and Zia was playing with almost-15-year-old bridge phenom, Brian Zhang of Dublin CA.

Check out Zia at the wheel in this 3NT contract, Board 25 of the second semifinal session:

Dlr: North  
Vul: E-W

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

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

♠ 10  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ A 5 2  
 ♣ —

♠ —  
 ♥ 10 9  
 ♦ 9 8  
 ♣ —

♠ —  
 ♥ K 8  
 ♦ K 4  
 ♣ —

♠ Q  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ Q J 10  
 ♣ —

West	North	East	South
Zia	Weinstein	Zhang	Glubok
	Pass	Pass	2♠
Dbl	Pass	3♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) Values

After opening 2♠ in third seat, Zia made a takeout double. Howie passed and young Zhang contributed a constructive (playing lebensohl) 3♥. Zia rebid 3NT and Howie led a spade.

In less time than it takes to write these paragraphs, Zia won the ♠K in dummy, unblocked the ♥A Q, drove out the ♣A, cashed the ♠A and his three clubs and claimed on a double squeeze, reaching this ending:

With Howie, Zia's LHO, marked with the ♥10 (guarding dummy's 8) and me, on Zia's right, marked with the spade guard, it was apparent to Mahmood that the diamonds would run for the last three tricks.

Well done, Zia!

## Double slam swing

Few things move the IMP needle in a team game more than a double slam swing. Carole Weinstein reported the following deal from the top bracket of Friday's Bracketed KO Teams where her squad picked up a huge 22 IMPs:

Dlr: South	♠ A K Q 7 6 5 4
Vul: Both	♥ K 8 7 4
	♦ Q
	♣ J
♠ —	♠ 10 8 2
♥ 5 3	♥ A
♦ K J 10 8 7 3	♦ 9 2
♣ A Q 9 6 3	♣ K 10 8 7 5 4 2
	♠ J 9 3
	♥ Q J 10 9 6 2
	♦ A 6 5 4
	♣ —

At one table, this was the auction:

West	North	East	South
			2♥
3♦	4♥	5♣	5♥
6♣	Dbl	All Pass	

On the ♥Q lead, declarer won, drew the outstanding trump and led a diamond to dummy. When South won the ace, declarer claimed. Plus 1540. Yes, South can defeat the contract by cashing the ♦A at trick one and giving North a ruff.

At Weinstein's table, this was the auction (she was South):

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♦	4♠	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♣	6♠
Dbl	All Pass		

Weinstein decided the South hand was not a good candidate for a weak 2♥ opening, as the hand has first-round controls in diamonds and clubs, as well as three spades, making that strain playable opposite spade length.

6♠ doubled making – the defense can only take one heart trick – was worth 1660. Combined with the result from the other table, this was a total of plus 3200 which scores 22 IMPs.

Despite this excellent result, her team narrowly lost the match(!).

Weinstein played with Peter Stein and teammates Bob Gorsey and Neil Montague.

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	A	B	C		
39.03	1			Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA	66.00%
29.27	2			Joseph Pospis, Saddle Brook NJ; Lynn Mackall, Wanaque NJ	62.33%
21.95	3			Allison L. Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Gerrianne Mason, Crossville TN	60.98%
16.47	4			Donald Caplin – Sondra Caplin, Waltham MA	60.54%
13.01	5			Jacqueline Chang, New York NY; Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden	59.86%
11.15	6			Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	59.85%
9.76	7			Ed Schulte, Beverly Hills FL; James Fox, Virginia Beach VA	59.24%
8.67	8			Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA	59.12%
7.81	9			Ethan Wood, Dover MA; Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA	58.91%
7.10	10			Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY; Paul Lewis, White Plains NY	58.83%
14.00	11	1	1	Xi Xing, Skillman NJ; Suyan Liu, Charlotte NC	58.83%
10.50	12	2		Cecilia Billiet, Verbier Switzerland; Sybil Bragadir, Lausanne Switzerland	58.14%
5.58	13			Jim Wakefield, Springfield VA; Hal Jones Jr., Lorton VA	58.12%
5.51	14			Cenk Tuncok, Carrollton TX; Lynn Baker, Austin TX	57.95%
7.88	15	3		Marty Greengrass, Lutz FL; Bruce Maier, Tampa FL	57.71%
4.59	16			Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Michael Christensen, Seattle WA	57.29%
4.34	17			John Fout – Stephannie Culbertson, New York NY	57.15%
5.91	18	4		Robert Kuhnreich – James Southern, New York NY	57.01%
3.90	19			Douglas Kuschner, Auburn WA; Samuel Kuang, Woodside NY	56.99%
4.27	20			Joshua Donn – Bruce Rubin, Las Vegas NV	56.75%
3.55	21			Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA; Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA	56.39%
3.39	22			Saul Agranoff – Stuart Whittle, Waltham MA	56.31%
3.60	23			Ti Davis, Flower Mound TX; Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA	56.09%
3.12	24			Ray Miller, Seattle WA; Stan Christie, Kirkland WA	56.01%
3.35	25			William Ravreby, Merion Station PA; Neal Satten, Philadelphia PA	55.81%
2.89	26			Mark Laken, Baltimore MD; Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD	55.45%
3.35	27			David Birnbaum, Pegram TN; Arthur Lowen, Nashville TN	55.34%
6.18	28			John Moschella, Winter Springs FL; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL	55.20%
3.35	29			Peter Peng, North York ON; Andrew Risman, Toronto ON	54.92%
4.67	30	5		Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Cynthia Ogden, New York NY	54.68%
4.00	31	6		Gary Croland, Delray Beach FL; Charles Schubiger, Jacksonville FL	54.65%
2.65	32			Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; John Hogan Jr., Rehoboth Beach DE	54.60%
2.35	33			John Bishel – Tom Bishel, Columbus OH	54.35%
5.40	34	7	2	Kenny Ying, W Vancouver BC; Hua Ying Wan, Surrey BC	54.20%
3.11	35	8		Steve White, Broomall PA; David Sloane, Glen Cove NY	54.19%
2.11	36			Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Stanley Landers, Old Westbury NY	54.16%
2.80	37	9		Fan Zhang – Min Zheng, Redmond WA	53.99%
2.00	38			Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Barbara Murphy, Newton MA	53.85%
3.83	39			R. Arthur Cannamela, Jr., Cumming GA; Baskaran Sankaran, Alpharetta GA	53.67%
3.09	40			Katarzyna Dufat, Wroclaw Poland; Mindy Fine-Fleder, New York NY	53.66%
4.05		10	3	Robert Goldbloom, Hastings Hudson NY; Joel Steinberg, Princeton Junction NJ	53.51%
2.33		11		Joseph Lanzel, Foxboro MA; George Zavaliagos, Lexington MA	52.35%
3.04		12	4	Debbie Machlin, Los Altos CA; Debbie Lundahl, San Carlos CA	52.14%
2.00		13		Dimitri Duceac, Montreal QC; Jeff Reusing, Brockville ON	51.98%
2.35		14		James Davenport Jr., Bethesda MD; Eugene Fisher, Rockville MD	51.83%
2.68		15		Gregory Herman – Aaron Mohrman, Seattle WA	51.69%
2.57			5	Jonathan Dings – Jill Barker, Fort Collins CO	50.71%
2.44			6	Noah Cotterill, Halifax NS; Janet Ritcey, Bedford NS	49.66%
2.63			7	Mai Zhang, Bound Brook NJ; Yichen Wang, New York NY	47.30%

**HOLD UP: AM I DIVERSIFIED? SUNDAY FAST PAIRS**

18.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
14.00	1			Paul Lewis – Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	58.54%
10.50	2			Rajiv Agarwal, West Chester PA; Everett Young, Lafayette Hill PA	57.33%
7.36	3/4	1		Laura de Vesine, Philadelphia PA; Nancy Rassbach, Westminster CO	57.22%
6.90	3/4			Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; Michael D. Alioto, Birmingham MI	57.22%
4.67	5			George Krizel, Hollywood FL; Oleg Rubinchik, Brooklyn NY	56.81%
5.52	6	2		Nick Straguzzi, Mullica Hill NJ; Randy Okubo, Saint Paul MN	56.25%
3.50	7			Linda Ivanoff – Robert Priest, Harrisburg PA	55.69%
4.99	8	3	1	Lucia Enica, Washington DC; Gary Jackoway, Loudon TN	55.21%
3.17	9	4		Arjun Dhir, Johns Creek GA; Anne Lamport, Lane Cove Ns Australia	54.93%
3.03		5		Lisa Bievenue, Champaign IL; Peter Ashbrook, Urbana IL	53.61%
3.52			2	James Mosley – Harry Potter, Falls Church VA	49.72%
2.64			3	Anthony Curtis – Gabriel Ewing, Champaign IL	48.26%
2.36			4	Usama Faris, Queen Creek AZ; Harriet Inselbuch, New York NY	46.74%

**SATURDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS**

16.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.63	1	1		Linda Griffith – Frank Floca, Austin TX	64.79%
4.22	2	2		Charlie Chen, Austin TX; Ilan Wolff, New York City NY	64.55%
3.17	3	3		Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD; Thomas Webster, Ellicott City MD	62.34%
2.43	4			Pamela Rosenberger – Barry Gorski, Lancaster PA	60.88%
2.10	5	4		Jichong Chai, Arlington VA; Haoyi You, Greenbelt MD	60.04%
2.80	6	5	1	Cooper Smith, Grand Rapids MI; Marley Cedrone, Durham NH	59.51%
1.74	7	6		Cynthia Mazzaferro, Naples FL; Deborah Branch, Davie FL	59.16%
2.10			2	Aaron Balleisen, Pittsburgh PA; Edward Balleisen, Durham NC	57.63%
1.58			3	Colleen Desrosiers, Zionsville IN; Douglas Kenny, Westfield IN	56.44%
1.18			4	Vincent Yan – Vincent Zheng, unknown NY	52.01%

**SUNDAY MORNING SIDE GAME**

14.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.20	1			Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC; Betty Sue el Gammal, Hoover AL	64.39%
4.55	2	1	1	Sandy Thwaites – Karin Vannett, Littleton CO	64.02%
3.41	3	2		Helen Walker, Lafayette Hill PA; Judi Shinberg, Dresher PA	63.07%
2.56	4	3	2	Margarida Souza, Brazil; Claudia Vargas, Brasilia Brazil	59.85%
1.96	5	4	3	Judy Kutin – Samuel Kutin, Princeton NJ	58.90%
1.44	6	5	4	Landon Woody – Scott Belleman, Richmond VA	58.71%
1.08		6	5	Jeffrey Boitnott, Hanover NH; Owen Barnett, Mc Lean VA	54.55%

**FINESSING PORTFOLIO VOLATILITY 299ER PAIRS**

12.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.30	1			Joe Hildebrand, Denver CO; Scott James, Arlington VA	68.56%
2.53	2	1		Phoebe Hyman – Scott Hyman, Lynchburg VA	64.96%
1.90	3	2	1	Daniel Hope, Sharon ON; Chris Wright, The Villages FL	63.45%
1.39	4			Roger Hitt – Linda Hitt, Omaha NE	61.74%
1.42	5	3		Suzan Willcox, Philadelphia PA; Janeane Sloane, Ambler PA	60.61%
0.78	6			Harry Dewey, Los Alamos NM; Linda Lambert, Bernalillo NM	58.90%
1.07		4		Jeffrey Badler, Forest Hills NY; Steven Leser, New York NY	53.03%
0.80		5		Deborah Kahn, Voorhees NJ; Michele Digirolamo, Haddonfield NJ	51.89%
1.31			2	Hendrik Mayer, Ann Arbor MI; Elliot Heyman, Shorewood MN	49.81%
0.98			3	Shawn McLaughlin, Ambler PA; Diane Rigotti, Horsham PA	45.45%
0.74			4	Pascale Davidson, Ardmore PA; Marilyn Silberstein, Philadelphia PA	44.51%

**‘ALVIN’ ROTH CONVERSIONS SUNDAY BRIDGE PLUS**

## 6.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.71	1	1	1	Jacob Rodney – Julianna Rodney, Arlington VA	83.83%
1.28	2	2	2	Hazel Hannaway, Haverford PA; Gisela Loepke, Wynnewood PA	63.33%
0.96	3	3	3	Joyce Hoyle, Medford NJ; Brian Hoyle, unknown NJ	54.35%
0.72	4	4	4	Thomas Kokoska – Denise Horan, Philadelphia PA	53.85%

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS**

## 20.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.50	1	1		Jay Wang, San Leandro CA; Li Zhang, San Jose CA	71.51%
4.88	2	2		Evan Marti, Houston TX; Randy Pearson, Pittsburgh PA	70.16%
3.66	3	3		Hubert Howe Jr., Westhampton NY; Jonathan Howe, Sag Harbor NY	65.94%
2.74	4			Davis Heussler, East Aurora NY; Linda Burroughsford, Fort Erie ON	63.18%
2.06	5			Ellen Gabriel – Richard Gabriel, Naples FL	62.80%
1.63	6			John Dickenson, North Wales PA; Lisa Mita, Downingtown PA	58.89%
2.19	7	4		Renee Waas, Heber City UT; Stephanie Austin, West Caldwell NJ	57.36%
2.80		5	1	Scott Belleman – Landon Woody, Richmond VA	55.08%
2.10		6	2	Claudia Vargas, Brasilia Brazil; Margarida Souza, Brazil	54.34%
1.58			3	Mark Cook, West Monroe LA; Susan Hinderaker, Arden NC	53.03%
1.22			4	Judy Kutin – Samuel Kutin, Princeton NJ	51.83%

**OPENING BID: CAN I RETIRE? SUNDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS**

## 11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.15	1			William Licht – Dorothy Cockrell, Allentown PA	72.79%
2.36	2			Harry Dewey, Los Alamos NM; Linda Lambert, Bernalillo NM	66.96%
1.77	3			Joe Hildebrand, Denver CO; Scott James, Arlington VA	66.16%
2.40	4	1		Fred Griffith, Coopersburg PA; John Leonard, Newton MA	58.04%
1.80	5	2		Edwin Wiest – Rebecca Wagner, Philadelphia PA	57.74%
1.87	6	3	1	Kathy Wolff, Basking Ridge NJ; Karen Washington, Frankfort IL	56.96%
1.40		4	2	Jacob Rodney – Julianna Rodney, Arlington VA	56.46%
1.05		5		Diane Basile, Jeffersonville PA; Jane Hileman, Wayne PA	54.21%
1.05			3	Joyce Kerpan, Delran NJ; Anthony Zecca, Edison NJ	50.60%
0.82			4	Chris Wright, The Villages FL; Daniel Hope, Sharon ON	47.96%

**RETIREMENT VULNERABILITY SUNDAY GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS**

## 25 Tables

	7	4	2		
7.35	1	1	1	Cooper Pierce – Ellie Gossage, New York NY; Rebecca Mathew, Providence RI; Sam Bellows, Brooklyn NY	88.00
5.51	2	2		Chungli C. Wang – Fred Yu, Bellevue WA; Greg Thesenvitz – Sarah Thesenvitz, Black Diamond WA	85.00
4.13	3	3		Michael Ritcey, Indian Harbour NS; David Ritcey – Willy Robinson – David Wolfe, Halifax NS	82.00
3.10	4	4		Stuart Scherr – Sandy Friedlander, Wynnewood PA; Sandy Harrison, Ardmore PA; William Harrison, Bloomsbury NJ	79.00
2.45	5	5	2	Kristen Fireman, Flourtown PA; Jane Bonenberger – Lori Flynn, Wyndmoor PA; Kathy Sullivan, Philadelphia PA	78.00
2.10	6	6		Robert Kaplan – Victoria Fritchen, Columbus OH; Elisa Donohoe, Fulton MD; Hamilton Sawczuk, Baltimore MD	74.00
1.72			3	Kathy Alfonzetti, New York NY; Angelika Algava, Delray Beach FL; Gary Kamin – Debbie Kamin, Sun Prairie WI	73.00

**RETIREMENT FAST ARRIVAL SUNDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS**

72 Tables / Based on 326 Tables

	A	X		
45.87	1		Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Bart Nab – Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Selena Pepic, Paris France; Daniel Gullberg, Stockholm Sweden	100.00
34.40	2		Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL	96.00
25.80	3		Tom Trachuk, Walnut Creek CA; Linda Mitchell – Kenneth Titow, Scottsdale AZ; Jack Lipson, East Meadow NY	88.00
19.35	4		John Carruthers, Kingsville ON; Joseph Silver, Hampstead QC; G. Venkatesh, Carmel CA; Anil Padhye, Braintree MA	86.00
15.29	5		Sarah de Wijs – Lotte de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands; Anam Tebha, New York NY	83.00
12.29	6/7		Sally Wheeler – Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX; Lynne Feldman – Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA	81.00
12.29	6/7		Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Massimiliano di Franco, Palermo Italy	81.00
10.19	8		Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland; Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland	80.00
9.17	9		Mike Rippey, San Francisco CA; Irene Baroni, Paris France; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Wojciech Strzemecki, Poland; Przemyslaw Janiszewski, Warsaw Poland	79.00
8.34	10		Rita Shugart, Carmel CA; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil; Carlos Pellegrini – Pablo Ravenna, Buenos Aires Argentina	78.00
7.65	11		Nigel Bird, England; Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Brian McGuire, United Kingdom England; Sebastian Atisen, London England	77.00
6.81	12/13		Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Leslie Amoils, North York ON; Lionel Sebbane, Clichy France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France; Pierre Bedouet, Corna France; Colin Deheeger, Les Vlis France	76.00
6.81	12/13		J. David Adler, New York NY; Alessandro Gandoglia – Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain	76.00
5.93	14/15		Bob Drijver, Netherlands; Cornelis van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Simon de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Rob Helle, Pereybere Mauritius; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands	75.00
5.93	14/15		Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy; Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Federico Porta Tadolini, Roma Italy; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA	75.00
5.25	16/17		Les Bart – Gloria Bart, Sarasota FL; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY; David Gurvich, New York NY	74.00
5.25	16/17		Ligang Zhang – Shu Liu, Beijing ; Jiashen Yin – Hanxi Ma, Beijing China; Yichao Chen, Shanghai China; Yinghao Liu, Dublin CA	74.00
4.83	18		Fred King, Ashburn VA; Richard Wegman, Bethesda MD; Sven Pride, Vienna VA; Vincent Wilmot Jr., Gaithersburg MD	73.00
15.16	1		Christopher Moh – Jordan Lampe, New York NY; Hakan Berk, Potomac MD; Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA	70.00
9.95	2/3		Qian Sun, New York NY; Lefei Yu, Riverside CA; Tong Jiang – Bing Du, Beijing China	69.00
9.95	2/3		Jeff Dater, Dallas TX; Suvabrata Biswas, Katy TX; Prashanth Sriram, Santa Clara CA; Aravind Alwan, Milpitas CA	69.00
6.40	4		Peter Jargowsky, Boca Raton FL; Stephan Juliusburger, Big Pine Key FL; Bob Fashingbauer – Russ Pearly, The Villages FL	68.00
5.05	5		Isaac Stone – Reece Jurgens, Edmonton AB; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON; Quan Chen, North York ON	62.00
4.06	6/7		Kayden Ge – Brandon Ge, Cupertino CA; Andrew Chen – Charlie Chen, Austin TX	60.00
4.06	6/7		Ethan Derman, Baltimore MD; Jack Boge, New York NY; Arthur Gong, Sammamish WA; Jie Li, Beijing China	60.00

**INTEREST RATE SQUEEZE SUNDAY MID-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS**

73 Tables / Based on 90 Tables

	B	C		
34.62	1		Rick Jasper – Kathy Jasper, San Jose CA; Todd Thorsen – Bobette Thorsen, Lititz PA	101.00
25.97	2	1	Eli Jolley, Auburn AL; Arvin Uppal, Madison MS; Alec Sun, Philadelphia PA; Xiaorui Guo, Flowood MS	94.00
19.47	3	2	Jacob Baron – Haris Hodzic, Philadelphia PA; Caglar Dogan, New York NY; Santhosh Karnik, Bala Cynwyd PA	90.00
11.18	4/7		Peter Clay, Wellesley MA; Harold Nordstrom, Reading MA; Ashok Rao, Cambridge MA; Michael Marcucci, San Gabriel CA	85.00
11.18	4/7		Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Perry Poole, Maitland FL; Stanley Weiner, Las Vegas NV	85.00
11.18	4/7		Brenda Hatton, San Jose CA; Jacqueline Zayac, Lafayette CA; Kyle I. Larson, Rockford IL; Andrew Lazarus, Berkeley CA	85.00
11.18	4/7		Julie Anderson, Tinton Falls NJ; Dorel Livescu, Marlboro NJ; Komal Kamat, Plainsboro NJ; Radu Ariton, Staten Island NY	85.00
7.86	8	3	Barry Heller, Burbank CA; Timothy Bezanson, Vienna VA; Ken Weems, Crofton MD; Richard Shultz, Three Rivers MI	81.00
6.92	9		Lynn Ackerman, Pittsford NY; Mary Miller, Canandaigua NY; Jeanne Gehret, Lancaster PA; Michael Myers, Ottawa ON	79.00
5.80	10/12		Fred Shubert, Andover NJ; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; John Luebke, Aubrey TX	77.00
5.90	10/12	4	Melanie Petsch – Scott McDermott, New York NY; David Gardner – Nicole Gardner, Watertown MA	77.00
5.80	10/12		Donna Johnson, Lawrence KS; Loretta Westler, Coconut Creek FL; Judi Wexler, Philadelphia PA; Laura Gastelum, Lomita CA	77.00
4.95	13		Cynthia Mazzaferro, Naples FL; David Sizemore, San Diego CA; Dale Remmers – Valarie Remmers, Plano TX	76.00
4.66	14	5	Barry Balof – Mary Eliza Balof – Claire Valente, Walla Walla WA; Kyle Blocher, Champaign IL	75.00
4.08	15/17	6/8	Barbara Levine – H Michael Mogil – Michelle Stafford, Naples FL; Robert Jennings, Pasadena CA	71.00
4.08	15/17	6/8	Dru Horne, Athens GA; Brennan Easton, Madison GA; William Boen, Simpsonville SC; Siavash Karbasizadeh, Cayce SC	71.00
4.08	15/17	6/8	Jared Egerer, Mount Arlington NJ; Hongsa Situ, Irvine CA; Lucy Zhong – Jack Qi, North Vancouver BC	71.00
3.47	18/20	9/10	Thomas Rosenthal, Richmond VA; Ted Edgar, Pine Mountain GA; Mary Baril – Thomas Kasvin, Henrico VA	70.00
3.47	18/20	9/10	Ava Donnellan, Brooklyn NY; Kyra Helmbold, Minneapolis MN; Katherine Hwang, New York NY; Nicole Qian, Evanston IL	70.00
3.47	18/20		Ken Deutch – Diane Deutch, Saint Louis MO; Kenneth Eiger – Susan Eiger, Clayton MO	70.00



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## Close Calls

By Mark Horton

At the end of the first quarter of the GNT semifinal matches, SIMSON led ROBINSON by 4 IMPs and was 1 behind at the half (alas, no BBO coverage was posted). Meanwhile, MINITER led by 6 IMPs after the first session.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

MINITER vs SCHREIBER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Hand on heart it would not occur to me to raise to 4♠ with East's cards, but once you appreciate that North-South are likely to have a huge heart fit, it has its advantages. As Mr. Spock would say, "Logic is the beginning of wisdom – not the end."

North led the ♦10 and South played three rounds of the suit, declarer ruffing with the ♠J and North overruffing with the ♠Q and cashing the ♥A for one down, -100.

There are a couple of points worth noting.

If North refuses to overruff the ♠J, declarer will lose an additional trick.

Leading a club at trick one gives the defenders a shot at three down (declarer wins in dummy and plays a heart, but if South wins and switches to the ♠5, the defenders should get six tricks, provided North does not cover declarer's ♠J).

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Miniter</i>	<i>Schreiber</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Miller</i>
2♠	Pass	4♠	5♥
Pass	6♥	Dbl	All Pass

North's trump support was exceptional, but the rest of his hand was not.

West started with two rounds of spades and, in due course, East scored his clubs for -300 and a 9-IMP swing.

I was about to move on to the next deal when it occurred to me that had South doubled 4♠ North would have had an easy conversion at these colors for a possible 800. A great hand for a results merchant.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

MINITER vs SCHREIBER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

East led the ♣6 and West won with the ♣K and returned the ♣10. Having won with dummy's ♣A, declarer ran the ♠Q, East winning and exiting with the ♣9. Declarer ruffed, Cashed the ♥A K and finished with 10 tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Miniter</i>	<i>Schreiber</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Miller</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Having taken the second round of clubs, declarer cashed the ♥A K, collecting West's ♥Q. A heart to the jack was followed by two rounds of spades and when East exited with the ♣9, declarer ruffed in dummy and played a diamond to the king, +620 giving SCHREIBER 10 IMPs.

## Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

## MINITER vs SCHREIBER

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
		Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbl	2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	3♣
3♠	Pass	Pass	3NT <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

(1) Limit raise

(2) Minors

West led the ♣10 and declarer won with dummy's ♣J, pitched a heart on the ♠A and played the ♦8 for the 2, jack and ace. West switched to the ♥5 and East won and returned the ♣7, West's ruff ensuring two down, -500.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Miniter</i>	<i>Schreiber</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Miller</i>
		1♣	1♦
1♠	Dbl	Rdbl <sup>(1)</sup>	2♣
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

(1) Three-card support

East's 1♣ illustrates to perfection the modern approach. West led the ♣10 and declarer won with dummy's ♣J, pitched a heart on the ♠A and played a diamond to the king. That meant he finished one down, -100 but a 9-IMP gain.

MINITER took the session 26–22 to lead 53–43.

## Board 32. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

## ROBINSON vs SIMSON

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Au</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Simson</i>	<i>Shaw</i>
		Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♠3 and declarer won with the ♠K and played three rounds of hearts, East discarding the ♣5 and the ♦2. West won with the ♥Q and switched to the ♣K, ending declarer's hopes, one down, -50.

Having cashed the ♥A K, declarer needed to play on diamonds, removing East's entry.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>D. Clerkin</i>	<i>Cole</i>	<i>J. Clerkin</i>
		2♦	Dbl
Pass	3♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

(1) Values

West led the ♦9 and East took the ♦A and switched to the ♣Q, West overtaking it and returning the ♣8. Declarer ducked twice, won the spade switch and played the ♥A followed by the ♥6, claiming nine tricks, +600 and 12 IMPs.

In the other match, Moss made an overtrick in 3NT, but at the other table, Grue and Rotaru finished in 4♥. West led the ♣K (East had bid 3♣ at some point) but when declarer ducked in dummy, he failed to find the essential diamond switch, so only an IMP changed hands.

## Board 35. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

## MINITER vs SCHREIBER

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Rotaru</i>
	1♣	Dbl	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

North led the ♥9 and declarer took dummy's ♥A and played a diamond for the king and ace, South pitching the ♥4. He had to come to nine tricks, +110.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
	1♣	Dbl	1♥
Pass	2♣	Dbl	3♣
3♦	Dbl	Pass	3♥
4♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Given North's double of 3♦, the subsequent actions of East-West are mystifying. North led the ♣A and continued with the ♣Q, so this adventure cost -300 and 9 IMPs.

## ROBINSON vs SIMSON

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Au</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Simson</i>	<i>Shaw</i>
	1♣	Dbl	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

East cashed the ♠A K Q and switched to the ♦3, eventually collecting the ♣K and the ♥A for three down, -800.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>D. Clerkin</i>	<i>Cole</i>	<i>J. Clerkin</i>
	1♦	Dbl	Redbl <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	2♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Dbl	2♥
All Pass			

(1) Hearts

(2) Clubs could be longer than diamonds, denies three hearts

West led the ♣9 (only a major suit lead gives the defenders a shot at six tricks) and declarer took dummy's ♣A, pitched a spade on the ♦A and played the ♥9. East took the ♥A and played three rounds of spades, but declarer ruffed, cashed the ♥K and claimed nine tricks, +140 and 14 IMPs.

## Board 36. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

## MINITER vs SCHREIBER

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Rotaru</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) Splinter

East led the ♥3 and declarer won with dummy's ♥K and played a club for the 2, king and ace. Declarer won the heart return, ruffed the ♣10, pitched a diamond on the ♥Q, played two rounds of diamonds and claimed – he could crossruff the minors for +420.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

## (1) Splinter

East led the ♥3 and declarer won with dummy's ♥K and played a club for the 2, jack and ace. He took the heart return with the ♥A, ruffed a club, pitched a diamond on the ♥Q, played two rounds of diamonds ending in hand, pitched a heart on the ♣K and ruffed a club.

At this point, ruffing a diamond is the winning move, but when declarer played dummy's ♠8 for the 2, jack and queen, East returned the ♠3 and West won and played the ♥J, promoting East's ♠9 into the setting trick, -50 and a 10-IMP swing.

Board 37. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

## MINITER vs SCHREIBER

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Rotaru</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Alas, I don't know the meaning of North's 2♠.

East led the ♦6 and declarer claimed 12 tricks, +680.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	4♣ <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	4♠ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	5♦ <sup>(4)</sup>
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

## (1) Splinter

## (2) Control

## (3) RKCB

## (4) Two keycards

East led the ♥3, +1430 along with 13 IMPs.

In the other match both teams played in 6♦, ROBINSON collecting an overtrick IMP.

Board 40. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

## MINITER vs SCHREIBER

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Rotaru</i>
		1♠	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

## (1) Values

East led the ♠A and when West followed with the ♠7, he cashed the ♠K and switched to the ♣J. Declarer won with dummy's ♣K and played a diamond for the 5, 10 and jack. A second club set up a potential ruff, but when declarer won with dummy's ♣Q and played a diamond, West followed with the ♦8, so that was only one down, -100.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
		1NT	All Pass

South led the ♥Q and declarer won with the ♥A and played a club for the 7, 10 and ace. North switched to the ♦Q, when that held, he continued with the ♥J followed by the ♣5. South won with the ♣Q, cashed the ♥K and ♥9 and exited with a diamond. Declarer won with dummy's ♦A and played a spade to the jack, and that meant he was four down, South winning and playing two rounds of clubs, allowing North to get in to cash diamonds. It was an 11-IMP swing and a candidate for the newly instituted David Bird award for the most interesting 1NT contract of the year.

SCHREIBER took the session 47–30 and the lead, 90–83. Meanwhile SIMSON had outscored ROBINSON 37–9 to lead 70–53.

Board 47. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

MINITER vs SCHREIBER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Rotaru</i>
	1♦	Pass	2♠ <sup>(1)</sup>
3♥	4♠	5♣	All Pass

(1) Weak

South led the ♦Q and declarer won with dummy's ♦A, played a club to the jack, a heart to the ace and a club to the queen. When South discarded the ♠9, declarer could not recover, -50.

Having won with the ♣J, declarer might have continued with the ♣Q. If North wins and switches to a spade, declarer can win, ruff a spade and run the ♣9, taking advantage of the early appearance of the ♣7.

There is a neat double-dummy defense.

South must lead a spade and declarer takes North's ♠Q with the ♠A and plays the ♣K. North must duck that, and the next club. When declarer then ruffs a spade North must unblock the ♠K. He can then win the next club and play a spade.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
	1♦	Pass	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	All Pass

North led the ♠K and declarer took dummy's ♠A, drew trumps and played a club to the king. A spade ruff was followed by another club and when North took the ♣A, declarer claimed, +450 and 11 IMPs.

Board 49. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

MINITER vs SCHREIBER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Rotaru</i>
			1NT
Pass	2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

(1) Transfer

West led the ♣A and switched to the ♥2, East winning with the ♥K and returning the ♣4. In due course, the defenders scored five trumps (!) for three down, -150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	2♦ <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

(1) Relay to 2♦

(2) Forced

North led the ♠2 and declarer won with the ♠Q and continued with a spade to the 8, South ruffing and switching to the ♥3. North won and returned the ♥6, declarer taking

dummy's ♥K and discarding a heart on the ♠A as South ruffed with the ♣9. A heart ruff, two top diamonds and the ♥Q meant a trump promotion and three down, -300 delivering 10 IMPs.

Board 53. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

MINITER vs SCHREIBER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Rotaru</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	5♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

(1) RKCB

(2) One keycard

Why North went on to 6♦ is a mystery.

West led the ♥2 and East won with the ♥A as South followed with the ♥Q.

If you make the assumption that South would not have employed Blackwood with ♥Q x, then a spade switch looks right, but East returned the ♥6 and declarer claimed moments later, +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥(1)
Pass	4NT(2)	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

(1) RKCB

(2) One keycard

West led the ♥2 and East won and switched to the ♠6, +600 but a 13-IMP loss, giving MINITER the lead, 112–108.

Board 58. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

MINITER vs SCHREIBER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Rotaru</i>
2♠	3♦	4♠	4NT <sup>(1)</sup>
5♣	Pass	5♠	Dbl
All Pass			

(1) Takeout

There were four top losers, two down, -300.

With North–South unable to make anything after two rounds of spades, it was a phantom.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
2♠	Pass	4♠	Dbl
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

It looks like 4NT suggested two places to play, with 5NT being “pick-a-slam,” but that looks inconsistent with North's 6♦.

Two rounds of spades forced declarer to ruff and the best he could do was two down, -200 giving MINITER 11 IMPs and a 14-IMP cushion.

ROBINSON vs SIMSON

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Clerkin</i>	<i>Sontag</i>	<i>J. Clerkin</i>	<i>Gill</i>
2♠	Pass	4♠	Dbl
Pass	4NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

(1) Two places to play

West led the ♠2 and East won with the ♠A but then switched to the ♥J. Declarer won with dummy's ♥Q, ran the ♣Q and continued with a club for the jack and ace. He could knock out the ♣K and claim, +600.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Simson</i>	<i>Cole</i>	<i>Au</i>
2♠	3♦	5♠	6♦
6♠	Dbl	All Pass	

That was three down, -500 and 3 IMPs for ROBINSON that took the score to 79-73.

## Board 59. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

## MINITER vs SCHREIBER

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Rotaru</i>
	1♠	2♠	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	3♦	Dbl
All Pass			

It looks like West's redouble was asking for the minor. South led the ♠7 (the Rueful Rabbit would have inadvertently dropped the ♣K onto the table) and North won with the ♠10 and played two rounds of clubs, declarer ruffing and exiting with the ♥5. South won with the ♥10 and switched to the ♦6, declarer winning with the ♦10, crossruffing and exiting with the ♥9. South could pitch the ♣K, but was forced to ruff North's spade return and lead into declarer's ♦A Q, one down, -200.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
	1♠	2♠ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
3♣	4♠	All Pass	
(1) 2♠	Hearts and a minor		

East led the ♣7 and declarer won with the ♣A and played two rounds of spades. West winning and switching to the ♥5. That was +680 and 10 IMPs for SCHREIBER down by just 4 IMPs.

## ROBINSON vs SIMSON

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Clerkin</i>	<i>Sontag</i>	<i>J. Clerkin</i>	<i>Gill</i>
	1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	1♦	1NT
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

## (1) Strong

East led the ♥6 and when dummy's ♥10 held, declarer could finesse in spades and was soon claiming +680.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Simson</i>	<i>Cole</i>	<i>Au</i>
	1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	2♦	2NT
3♦	3♠	4♦	4NT
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

## (1) Strong

This auction is partially explained by the fact that South bid 3NT over East's 4♦ and corrected it to 4NT.

East led the ♥3 and having won with dummy's ♥10, declarer played a spade to the queen and cashed two rounds of clubs. When East discarded the ♦2, declarer tried a heart to the jack but West ruffed and returned the ♣8. Declarer could draw trumps, but the 4-1 spade break meant one down, -100 and 13 IMPs that sealed the deal for ROBINSON, who took the session 39-3 and the match 92-73.

## Board 60. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

## MINITER vs SCHREIBER

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Rotaru</i>
Pass	3♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	5NT*	Pass	3NT
			6NT

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
Pass	3♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			6NT

Whatever the meaning of 3♠ (perhaps minor suit Stayman or a transfer to clubs or simply forcing 3NT), North's 5NT was clearly pick-a-slam.

West led the ♥4, so declarer's hopes must have soared, but the club break meant two down, -100. The door was open.

Writing in The Acol Index, Eric Crowhurst pours scorn on the idea of opening 2NT on 20-point hands, let alone 19. It meant a flat board here, as it was in the other semifinal.

It would be a showdown Sunday for MINITER and ROBINSON.



## ACBL kiosks

A new feature at this NABC is the ACBL kiosks stationed near the playing areas. You can use them to:

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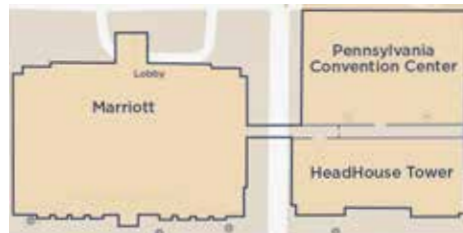
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To get to locations in the HeadHouse Tower (Liberty Ballroom, Independence Ballroom), take the skywalk from the third floor of the Marriott and exit to the right. (If you are already in the HeadHouse Tower, take the elevator to the second floor.) To get to locations in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, take the skywalk straight through the gate and exit to the left.


See the Welcome Desk on the fourth floor for a detailed map of the playing areas.




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At all regional tournaments, when the convention is permissible[5], pre-Alerts and written defenses will be required to be provided and opponents may refer to them during the auction.[6]

[1] Permissible events at the 2025 are Morehead GNT Championship Flight, Spingold KO Teams, Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, Roth Open Swiss Teams, 0–10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams, Top-Flight Swiss Teams and Open+ Chart brackets of Open Bracketed Round-Robin Teams only.

[2] Extra copies are available by request (ask a tournament director).

[3] Players are encouraged to refer to the written defense for every auction or none.

[4] Written defense requirements for other conventions have not changed. This change applies to Multi 2D only.

[5] Permissible events for future tournaments are described in the ACBL Convention Charts.

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Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
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10 am				
Harold Jordan Tuesday Morning Side Pairs Sun-Tue Daylight Series	single	Franklin B, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Alan Horowitz Memorial 299er Pairs	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$18	\$28
10 am & 3 pm				
WAGAR WOMEN’S PAIRS	1-2 F	Liberty Ballroom, 3rd floor, across skywalk	\$35	\$45
Rick Rowland Top-Flight Pairs (unlim./5000)	1-2	PCC Room 201, 3rd floor, across skywalk	\$22	\$32
Popper & Mooch Mid-Flight Pairs (4000/1250)	1-2	PCC Room 201, 3rd floor, across skywalk	\$22	\$32
Hayden, Lillian & Avery Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Pete & Marie Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4500)	1-2	Salon H, 5th floor	\$22	\$32
Jess & John Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-4000)	1-2	Franklin B inside, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3:30 pm				
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd of 64	Salon I, 5th floor	\$40	\$50
TRUSCOTT/USPC SENIOR SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Salon E, 5th floor	\$35	\$45
0–6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd 1	Salon I, 5th floor	\$25	\$35
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3 pm				
Kim Holm Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs Sun-Tue Daylight Series	single	Franklin B, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Dan Boye 299er Pairs	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$18	\$28
7:30 pm				
Ann Smallen Tuesday Evening Side Pairs Tue-Fri Evening Series	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$22	\$22

\* 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.