

Daily Bulletin

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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

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Pre-registration required for Micro-Spingold

Registration for the 0–3000 Mini Spingold Knockout Teams is required by 3:30 p.m. today. This can be done on Entry Express or on site.

Contingent entries are allowed: May withdraw pending qualification in another event.

ATTENDANCE through MONDAY 4391 tables



You can be competitive and still be friendly, caring and ethical.

Lamya Agelidis, Chair

Lamya Agelidis, Chair Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

Tony Jackson is Teacher of the Year

Tony Jackson didn't set out to be a bridge teacher. But people kept asking him questions, and he kept answering them. Eventually he started a small, one-table mentoring group for people at his club in Sonoma County, California. But people kept asking to join, and he kept letting them, until the group got so big he had to start offering classes. They were online, so anyone anywhere could – and did – join. He started sending out notes after class, which grew to a newsletter with a distribution list that now



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North American medalists in European Championships



Congratulations to the North Americans who won medals at the recently concluded European Transnational Championships held in Poznan, Poland.

Mixed Teams gold medalists (from left): Christina Lund Madsen, Bas Drijver, Barbara Ferm, Ida Gronkvist, Sjoert Brink and Andrea Manno

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Billy Eisenberg 1937-2025

Multiple world and national champion Billy Eisenberg – an original member of the famed Aces super-team – died July 13. He was 87.

In 1968, Eisenberg became part of bridge lore with his decision to join Ira Corn's crusade to win back the world championships from Italy, whose Squadra Azzura had dominated the Bermuda Bowl throughout the '60s. The Texas-based Corn assembled a team of young experts – Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Bobby Wolff, Jim Jacoby, Mike

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Today's Bridge Events

	Tuesda	ry, July 29		
	Rick Ro	wland Day	Entry/play	er/session*
		•	Members with	Members without
Event	Session	Sold	discount	discount
	1	0 am		
Harold Jordan Tuesday Morning Side Pairs Sun-Tue Daylight Series	single	Room 304, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
Alan Horowitz Memorial 299er Pairs	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$18	\$28
	10 am	ı & 3 pm		
WAGAR WOMEN'S PAIRS	1-2 F	Liberty Ballroom,	\$35	\$45
		3rd floor, across skywalk		
Rick Rowland Top-Flight Pairs (unlim./5000)	1-2	PCC Room 201,	\$22	\$32
		3rd floor, across skywalk		
Popper & Mooch Mid-Flight Pairs (4000/1250)	1-2	PCC Room 201,	\$22	\$32
		3rd floor, across skywalk		
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	Franklin B inside, 4th 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 H, 5th floor	\$35	\$45
0–6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd 1	Independence Ballroom	\$25	\$35
		3rd floor, across skywalk		
Full-day knockout matches until complete; Pro	e-registration	required by 3:30 pm Mon 7/28***		
	3	pm		
Kim Holm Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs Sun-Tue Daylight Series	single	Room 304, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
Dan Boye 299er Pairs	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$18	\$28
	7:3	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.

Today's Sponsors

Rick Rowland Day by Barbara Rhoades



Last fall, the board of Unit 190, Delaware's only unit, voted to sponsor a day at this NABC. Led by president Rick Rowland,

the board decided to honor our living members who reached the 10,000 masterpoint milestone by naming it "Delaware Day". These esteemed members are Rick Rowland, Richard Popper, Francis (Mooch) Taylor, Pete and Marie Filandro, Jess Stuart and John Hogan.

A few weeks after this decision was made, however, Rick, who had been struggling with health issues for a few years, was hospitalized, resigned as president of the board and entered hospice care. In response, the board quickly decided to make a change. "Delaware Day" would now become "Rick Rowland Day."

Rick began his love of cards playing canasta with his grandmother when he was a child. Upon entering Bucknell University, he discovered an established bridge group. He would join in when they needed a fourth and has been playing ever since. Also, while at Bucknell, he studied. Rick became a CPA and started his own accounting firm, Rowland & Co., a prominent, well-known firm in Delaware.

As a fixture of the Delaware bridge community since the 1970s, Rick has served on the unit board on and off over the last 50 years and first became president of the unit in 1978. He served as president again in 2007–08 and most recently in 2024. He was also a member of the District 4 board and served as district treasurer for 14 years ending in 2014. On the national level, Rick was a member of the original Online Ethical Oversight Committee.

Rick has won numerous sectional and regional events and in 2010, he became a Grand Life Master by winning the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams with partner Tom Weik and teammates Ken Cohen and Neal Satten. This win also made Rick the second of only two Grand Life Masters in Delaware history. The other is Dave Treadwell, a two-time NABC champion and Hall of Famer, who was a frequent partner of Rick's for more than 15 years. Rick won his second national title in 2017, winning the Senior Swiss once again, this time with partner Marty Rabinowitz, Rick's steady partner for more than 30 years, along with teammates and long-time friends Bob and Joann Glasson.

Over the years, Rick has had many bridge partners, including Marty and Dave and Ken Cohen, also a Grand Life Master with multiple NABC championships. However, Rick's favorite partner by far is his wife of 45 years, Cindy. Rick and Cindy made a pact early on in their marriage. She would learn to play bridge, and he would learn to play golf. As any local player will tell you, Cindy certainly learned to play bridge. What about Rick learning to play golf? Not so much. Rick and Cindy have a daughter, Christine, who is married to Wally, and three adorable grandchildren, Hayden, Lillian and Avery.

Rick is a quiet man with a soft demeanor. He's a joy to have as a partner or teammate as he never has a cross word – or any word for that matter. He loves to watch sports, "Jeopardy!", old TV shows (think "M*A*S*H," "Adam 12" and "Emergency") and is always happy to hear a little gossip. The last few years have been difficult for him, but he has managed to maintain his sense of humor throughout. Shortly after the board made the decision to make the change to "Rick Rowland Day," I informed him of the decision. A few days later I received a text

from Rick: "Hold off on the Rick Rowland Day activities, I'm feeling a little better." I visited Rick in the hospital later that same day, Cindy and Christine were there too, and as we talked and laughed, he said, "Won't it be embarrassing if I show up at Rick Rowland Day." (More like a statement than a question.) We assured him that if he does, it will be his best joke yet, and now that it's true, it most certainly is!

Ann Smallen



The Mohawk Valley Bridge Association, a club in Unit 112, is sponsoring a side series in honor of our president, Ann

Smallen.

Ann exemplifies a willingness to help others at the local, unit and national levels. When the ACBL initiated having local clubs electronically upload results and reports, Ann developed a step-by-step guide to instruct local directors on how to do this. When COVID occurred. Ann started our virtual club games and still directs many of them. After COVID, when our prior playing site was no longer available, Ann found a new site for our weekly face-toface games. Whenever someone is ill or experiencing difficulty, Ann is immediately in contact.

Within our unit, Ann helped another club, the Oswego County Bridge Association, to acquire Bridgemates and provided training on their use. She volunteered to duplicate the boards used for their sectional tournament.

When a new club in Roanoke VA was formed (after the illness and death of the former owner), Ann helped the new owner and director establish a virtual game and provided assistance when they started face-to-face games.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

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

8:30-11 pm

9:15 a.m.

2:15 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29

6:30-10 pm

Educational Foundation board

meeting. Conference Suite 2, third floor

Wednesday, July 30

Bridge Mania. Jeopardy, Family Feud

and other bridge-themed games. *Rooms*

302–306, third floor

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.

Tuesday, July 29

9:15 a.m. Donna Compton Defender's

Number Rules

2:15 p.m. Norman Beck *Odd Things and Bridge*

Wednesday, July 30

Jeff Hand Play These Trump

Contracts

Jerry Helms Always Plan a Second

Bid

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

Tuesday, July 29

Morning: energy bars from Jonesbar, Kate's Real Food, 88 Acres. Afternoon at 1: soft pretzels.

Wednesday, July 30

Morning: Chobani yogurt cups. Afternoon at 2: Tastykakes

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.

Tuesday, July 29

Cheesesteak soup, salad bar, sloppy Joes, tuna melt, chips, rice pudding

Wednesday, July 30

Maryland crab soup, chicken a la king, rice pilaf, steamed corn, fruit salad

Local entertainment

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

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

Emilie Torwalt of Edmonton AB was waiting to play in the bracketed round-robin teams on Monday. She's been playing for about three years but has been aware of bridge for much longer. "My family always used to play, but they told me that it was too complicated for me, so they would never teach me," she said. "So, then I taught myself and then started playing with them." While Emilie was attending the University of Alberta, she learned of someone else who wanted to play bridge. "I sort of helped him start up a bridge club at the University of Alberta, and that's how I got into more competitive play."

Emilie graduated last year and is now a biologist. (The tattoo on her left shoulder is the chemical oxytocin. "Like the love hormone.") "I still go back and play in some of their weekly practices, just as an advisor." The bridge club is supported through the ACBL Educational Foundation and the "Mitch Fund."

There are many things Emilie enjoys about bridge. "I really like the community. It's a very good way to meet people that like to think about complex problems and focus really, really intensely on something," she said. "I also like the competitive aspect, especially duplicate because it feels like more of a direct measure of skill and that's very interesting. I sort of like the gambling aspect of it, too."

But the real question: Is Emilie now better than the rest of the family? "Yes. I will say probably. But not very much."



Take All Your Chances By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: South Vul: Both IMPs *North (Dummy)* **♠** 10 9 8 6

∨ K 6 2

▼ K 6 2

♣ A 7 4 2

South (You)

♠ A O J 5 4

V A 5 4

♦ K 7 4

♣ Q J



You have no trouble getting to 4 fafter partner makes a limit raise of your 1 for opening bid.

West leads the ♥3, fourth best. Plan the play.

Optimistically, you could make an overtrick if both black finesses work. Realistically, you could go down if

both finesses lose – and you misplay the hand.

Your first concern should be that "slow" heart loser. If the opponents get in twice before you can get rid of your heart loser, that slow heart loser becomes a fast heart loser. Worse, you could go down if both black kings are offside. The bottom line is that you don't have time to take the spade finesse. If it loses and a heart comes back, down you go if the club finesse also loses.

What you have to do is start with one of the minor suits to get rid of your slow heart loser, but which one? And did you notice that both minor suits are blocked?

When you see a blocked suit, think entries. After a suit has been unblocked, there must be an entry to the hand where the established trick(s) resides.

Say you win the lead in your hand and take the club finesse. Say it loses and a heart comes back, driving out dummy's king. After you unblock the \$\displaystyle J\$ you can't get back to dummy to cash the \$\displaystyle A\$ unless the \$\displaystyle K\$ is singleton. Do not hold your breath.

Now look at the other blocked suit, diamonds. Say you win the opening lead in dummy with the king, drive out the ◆A, and another heart comes back driving out your ace. Good defense, but you will prevail. Unblock the ◆J and cross to the ♠A – no finesse please! Why put your contract at risk for no good reason? Remember, this is IMPs, the scoring used in team games, so overtricks aren't critical, but game bonuses are!

After the \triangle A, cash the \triangle K, discarding a heart from dummy. Assuming nothing too cruel has happened like someone ruffing the \triangle K with a low spade and East having the \triangle K to boot, you are home free, losing a diamond, a spade, and maybe a club, but not a heart.

Bart leads Senior Swiss

In the qualifying round of the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, the squad of Les Bart, Gloria Bart, David Caprera and Anne Brenner finished on top to lead the field of 52 teams who survived to today's final. The Barts, of Sarasota FL, and Caprera–Brenner of Denver CO, scored 119.87 victory points to finish just ahead of Marty Seligman, Mark Lair, Michal Kwiecien and Wlodzimierz Starkowski who scored 119.58 VPs.

In third with 111.51 VP is the team of Robb Gordon, Ron Gerard, Richard Oshlag and Mark Dahl.

Near tie as Shi-Zhang lead Wagar

A half a matchpoint separates the top two pairs in the Wagar Women's Pairs after Monday's qualifying sessions. Sylvia Shi of San Francisco CA and Susan Zhang of Los Altos Hills CA hold a slight lead over Pam Wittes of Venice CA and Shawn Quinn of Sugar Land TX.

Both pairs were strong throughout the day, with Shi–Zhang scoring 59.40% and 62.44% while Wittes–Quinn scored 61.68% and 60.13%. Their carryovers are separated by less than a tenth of a matchpoint.

In third, less than half a board behind, are Rose Hou of Richmond Hill ON and Xiaowen (Angelica) Li of Jersey City NJ.

Of the 118 pairs who entered, 52 qualified for today's final.

Notice of Binding Arbitration

By becoming an ACBL member, or renewing your membership in the ACBL, you expressly agree to waive your right to have disputes (including high-level disciplinary matters) between you and the ACBL resolved in a court of law and agree to accept the use of binding arbitration before the Institute for Bridge Arbitration. The binding arbitration provisions are available for review at *acbl.org/arbitration/*.

88 teams enter Spingold

An unexpectedly high number of entries in the opening round of the Spingold KO Teams – 88 in total – created the following pairing arrangements for the first day of the contest.

The two top seeds – the defending champions led by Paul Street and the "Swiss" squad captained by Pierre Zimmermann – received byes, while seeds No. 3 through No. 7 played head-to-head matches. The remaining 76 teams in the field played in fourway matches; these feature four teams where the higher-seeded teams play half-matches against their lower-seeded counterparts. The winners advance while the losers are given one more chance in a second half-match. The winner of that contest also advances while the loser is eliminated.

The round of 64 will include the two teams that received byes, plus the five winning squads of the head-to-head matches, along with the 57 teams that advanced from the four-way contests.

There were no notable upsets in the opening round.

Take all your Chances

continued from page 5 The full deal: **♠** 10 9 8 6 **∀** K 6 2 ♦ Q J ♣ A 7 4 2 **♠** K 3 **♠** 7 2 ♥ Q 10 8 3 **♥** J 9 7 ♦ A 8 6 2 **♦** 10 9 5 3 **4** 10 8 3 ♣ K 9 6 5 **♠** A Q J 5 4 **V** A 5 4 ♦ K 7 4 ♣ O J

Getting rid of a slow loser usually boils down to winning a race: Can they set up a trick in your slow-loser suit before you can get rid of it safely?



Today's Sponsors (continued)

During winter months, she directs our virtual games while also directing games at The Villages in Florida.

Ann Smallen is certainly worthy of having games at the Philadelphia NABC named in her honor.

Alan Horowitz By Ala Hamilton-Day



During our glory days, we were the A Team – not necessarily because we played A-level bridge every time, but because

we were Alan, Ala, and Anne – three people with names headed by an A

who played often as a team, always in search of a fourth.

My partner was Alan Horowitz, an associate professor of sociology at the University of Delaware, and a past president of the Delaware State Bridge Association. Alan was essentially unbeatable at trivia and word games and loved purple.

Alan passed away due to esophageal cancer on October 25, 2018. He enjoyed teaching bridge to others (which is why today's 299er Pairs is named after him). He was a joy to be around.

Dan Boye

Dan Boye was president of District 4 from 2016 through 2017. He is also Partnership Chair of the 2025 Philadelphia NABC.

– Honored by the Philadelphia NABC

Harold Jordan

Harold Jordan was president of District 4 in 2006.

– Honored by the Philadelphia NABC

Kim Holm

Kim Holm is president of Unit 190 in District 4.

– Honored by the Philadelphia NABC

Teacher of the Year

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numbers 472, including some people who haven't even taken a class from him

And that's how he ended up as the American Bridge Teachers Association Teacher of the Year. The ABTA received 57 letters of nomination for Jackson for the award, which is sponsored by Baron Barclay.

Star teacher Barbara Seagram, who is a member of the ABTA selection committee, happens to be one of the many people on Jackson's mailing list. She met him years ago when she was invited to teach at the Bridge Gallery when it was in Santa Rosa (it closed in 2020 and later reopened in Petaluma). She likes his content so much that she often includes it in her own newsletter.

"I was fortunate enough to be added to his newsletter list and have thoroughly enjoyed the terrific articles he shares with his students," Seagram said. "Tony is an outstanding teacher, and his students absolutely love him. He primarily teaches online now and goes above and beyond to support his students. His classes are lively, engaging and fun. Tony is truly

deserving of the Teacher of the Year Award, and we are all thrilled to see him recognized."

Jackson played off and on since learning bridge in 1991, but not regularly until he moved to Sonoma in 2017 after retiring; he began teaching in 2019. Lead nominator Maxine Reagh says his first classes "were packed, because all realized quickly that Tony is a gifted teacher."

In the early part of the pandemic, when people had loads of time on their hands, Jackson set up "teaching table" practice games on BBO several times a week, and attendance steadily grew by word of mouth. A few months later he was an early adopter of the Shark Bridge Teaching Console, which revolutionized online teaching (See Bridge Bulletin, January 2021, pg. 20). That allowed him to scale his reach from a small group to dozens to hundreds, across the U.S. and beyond.

"I like teaching bridge more than playing bridge, by far," Jackson said. "I feel privileged. This gives me purpose."

Jackson focuses on the intermediate level. His choice of topics is often prompted by students asking him to teach about something like balancing or cuebids.

"I never learned except in the school of hard knocks," he said. "My goal is to get them to short-circuit that without the pain of having gotten bad results."

It's working, students say. From the nomination letters:

- "Tony epitomizes everything a good teacher needs to be patient, exceedingly knowledgeable (without being overbearing), passionate about bridge, listens well, respectful of those with whom he works (acknowledging their different levels of understanding), always prepared and willing to work with those who request help. Tony raises the level of understanding of every person with whom he comes into contact." Arlene Holt, Sonoma
- "What sets him apart is his ability to inspire rather than intimidate. Instead of making students feel overwhelmed by what they don't know, he instills a confidence and a genuine excitement for learning. He is, without question, the best teacher I've ever encountered in any subject." – Allison Ash, Glen Allen CA

- As a 40-year duplicate bridge player, I have taken multiple lessons from multiple teachers. I have learned more from him than all those others combined." Valerie Petersen, Walnut Creek CA
- "Tony has literally changed my bridge life. ... My partners and I hear Tony in our ears during games and he has truly leveled up our partnerships." – Shirley Ehrlich, Mill Valley CA
- "Tony is a treasure." Peter Pinfield, Sonoma CA

Many of those who attend his games in Petaluma, where he directs a weekly 499er game and teaches a lesson before, also commented on his baking skill, as evinced by the treats he brings to each game. And much of what he does – the newsletters, the coaching, even some of his classes – is done for free. He mainly charges for his bigger lessons using Shark, when he needs to cover the costs of using the platform.

Jackson's earliest jobs involved teaching software. He graduated from MIT in 1987 and soon after worked there teaching the administrative staff how to use software like Word and Excel. Next, at software companies, he taught programming. Then he moved to Silicon Valley and did programming.

Having played spades, he decided to show up at a bridge club in San Francisco, QuickTricks, and watch – too intimidated to try playing without knowing how. "I spent the next week trying to read 'Five Weeks to Winning Bridge," he said. "I was just hooked."

He tried playing regularly for a couple years, but found it too hard to balance with his work life. He took a break for a few years, then came back only to quit again for the same reason. The cycle repeated several times.

"I feel so much better at work the next day if I go to the gym and exercise after work than if I go to bridge, get wound up and can't sleep," he recalled. "I said I'll play bridge when I retire."

At his last job, a tech company called Guidewire, he played bridge at

lunch with co-workers. Though he still had little playing experience even after 20 years, he was already trying to help his colleagues improve. "I was getting the Bridge Bulletin and devouring it every month. I was teaching them what's a reverse and why you shouldn't rebid a five-card suit most of the time."

Then he retired, moved to the Santa Rosa area and got involved with the club and Unit 509. He made Life Master at the end of 2019 and is now about halfway between the Silver and Ruby Life Master levels.

"I'm only one step ahead of my students," he said. "I want to teach people the stuff I've barely learned."

Jackson believes there is a demand for more teaching at the intermediate level, and he has benefitted from trying to fill the gap. He says many teachers prefer to teach beginning bridge because they don't trust themselves to tackle more advanced subjects. "If you push yourself to teach, you will find that you have learned more about that topic," he said. "It will help you and your students."

Partner Patricia Hertz can attest to that: "Playing with him at our home club and at tournaments has ideally positioned me to watch his incredible growth as a bridge player and as a bridge teacher. Every time we play, we encounter his students who bring compliments, questions and anecdotes."

Each of the past three years he selected one month to send out a daily lesson to his newsletter group: November 2022, October 2023, August 2024. He calls them tips, but that's a misnomer. A tip is what you might find in a bullet point at the bottom of the third page. You've consumed much more than a tip by the time you get that far into one of "Tony's Tips." The document containing the 31 tips from last August runs 165 pages.

Recognizing the limitations of his own experience level, he had all of his tips vetted by a mentor, Bob Vollbracht of Belleair FL, who returned copious notes on them.

It takes a lot of time to produce that much content, even when it's just preparing lessons and the weekly newsletter. "It sometimes feels close to feeling like a full-time job," Jackson said.

It is a job, in the view of the ABTA. The award selection committee consisted of chair Patty Tucker, Seagram, Enid Roitman, Mary Jane Orock, Richard Braunstein and Betty Starzec, with coordinator Kristen Onsgard.

And it all happened because he was looking for something to do in the dark days of spring 2020.

"I was really able to turn lemons into lemonade," Jackson said. "What I have now is so much more than (before). I really feel like I'm having a positive effect. It's really worthwhile."



Host Hotel Marriott Marquis \$189+tax per night

Reservations at host hotel are now open. Please vist acbl.org/sanfran to access the necessary link for accessing the special rate.

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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European champions



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Mixed Teams Silver Medalists (clockwise from left): Mikael Rimstedt, Steven Ashe, Selena Pepic, Luc Tijssen, Anam Tebha and Signe Buus Thomsen

Mixed Teams Bronze Medalists (from left): Michal Nowosadzki, Danuta Kazmucha,, Daniela von Arnim, Simon de Wijs, Geeske Joel and Steve Weinstein



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Mixed BAM Gold Medalists (from left): Joel Wooldridge, Jodi Edmonds, Michal Klukowski, Katarzyna Dufrat, Piotr Zatorski and Justyna Zmuda

Mixed BAM Silver Medalists (from left): Morten Bilde, Kathrine Bertheau, Dorte Cilleborg Bilde, Zia Mahmood, Vinita Gupta and Dennis Bilde





Women's Teams Gold Medalists (from left): Justyna Zmuda, Danuta Kazmucha, Linda Robinson, Christina Parker, Anam Tebha and Katarzyna Dufrat

Obit

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Eisenberg at the Cap Gemini Pairs in 1991

Lawrence and Bob Hamman – dubbed the Dallas Aces (later reduced to just "The Aces"). The extraordinary practice and analysis sessions the

team engaged in led to rapid success, and Corn's dream of a U.S. victory in the Bermuda Bowl came to fruition in 1970.

Nicknamed "Broadway Billy" for his Manhattan NY roots, Eisenberg was a larger-than-life personality. Zia Mahmood said, "Broadway Billy was a hell of a bridge player and a hell of a guy. He coached the Pakistani team before the world championships in Miami in 1986. He taught us many things (such as Roman key card Blackwood) at the table, and a zest for life off! He was a unique and colorful personality in the midst of often serious bridge players. Truly a great and a friend who will be missed."

One of the leading players in the world from the late '60s to the early '80s, Eisenberg won five Bermuda Bowls (1970, 1971, 1976, 1977, 1979) with four different partners. He also earned a silver medal in the Bermuda Bowl in 1975 and a bronze in 1969.

In WBF Senior team events, Eisenberg took home three silver medals (1994, 2008 and 2014).

Eisenberg was a 17-time NABC champion. His victories included two wins each in the Vanderbilt KO (1971, 1978), the Spingold KO (1969, 1973), the Reisinger BAM (1969, 1973) and the Grand National Teams (1974, 1976). Eisenberg also claimed wins in the Mitchell Open BAM (1968) and the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs playing with fellow Ace Goldman (1968).

In later years, Eisenberg scored wins in four Senior events: Baze Senior KO Teams (1995, 1996, 1999) and the Senior Mixed Pairs (2015) with Connie Goldberg.

Eisenberg had 16 second-place finished in NABC contests.

For his extraordinary accomplishments, Eisenberg was inducted into the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame in 1998.

In addition to his at-the-table success, Eisenberg was a noted coach. He worked several years with U.S. Junior teams and later with national federations such as Israel, Panama, Venezuela and Netherlands to coach their squads.

Eisenberg was also a world-class backgammon player, winning the World Backgammon Championship in 1974.

Entry Express

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Use of ballrooms at night

The Marriott requests that any afterhours 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.



QUALIFIERS IN THE WAGAR WOMEN'S PAIRS

	QUALIFIERS IN THE WAGAR WUNTEN'S PAID	
26.0 Tables /	Based on 59 Tables	Carryover
1	Sylvia Shi, San Francisco CA; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA	50.87
2	Pam Wittes, Venice CA; Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land TX	50.78
3	Rose Hou, Richmond Hill ON; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ	46.66
4	Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA; Kitty Cooper, Avon CT	44.73
5	Gen Geiger – Gigi Simpson, Sarasota FL	40.08
6	Christina Madsen, Denmark; Linda Robinson, Arlington MA	38.76
7	Ellen Kozlove, Louisville KY; Nancy Passell, Plano TX	34.44
8	Diana Schuld, Glen Head NY; Shelley Fishman, Merrick NY	33.57
9	Sarah Chen, Austin TX; Jessie Lee, Sugar Land TX	32.57
10	Joan Dziekanski, New York NY; Maya Jonas-Silver, Brooklyn NY	32.49
11	Jessica Larsson, Heimdal Sweden; Cynthia Ogden, New York NY	28.97
12	Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Justyna Zmuda, Skawina Poland	28.62
13	Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL; Bella Ionis-Sorren, Fort Lauderdale FL	27.30
14	Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Royal Palm Beach FL; Joan Millens, Kingston NY	25.81
15	Eva Graczyk, Forest Hills NY; Elizabeth Brimberg, New York NY	25.36
16	Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Nancy Katz, New York NY	24.70
17	Junko Hemus, Los Angeles CA; Maureen Loeb, Bridgeville PA	23.24
18	Danuta Kazmucha, Poznan Poland; Barbara Ferm, Dallas TX	22.04
19	Ida Groenkvist, Sundbyberg Sweden; Margie Cole, New York NY	21.78
20	May Sakr, Miami FL; Allison Freeland, Coral Gables FL	20.61
21	Carole Banks, Silver Spring MD; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD	18.06
22	Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Prudence Saunders, Palo Alto CA	17.33
23	Cindy Oishi, West Vancouver BC; Claire Valente, Walla Walla WA	16.90
24	Vivian Wu, Cos Cob CT; Linda Green, Fairfield CT	14.37
25	Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY; Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL	13.24
26	Sandra Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Joan Brody, Livingston NJ	12.61
27	Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL	11.87
28	Cecilia Billiet, Verbier Switzerland; Sybil Bragadir, Lausanne Switzerland	11.58
29	Susan Morse, Flourtown PA; Patricia Civale, Chesterfield NJ	11.49
30	Jessica Lin, Markham ON; Yimei Cao, Aurora ON	11.22
31	Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark; Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	10.56
32	Ginny Schuett, Lincolnshire IL; Chris Benson, Leroy IL	9.74
33	Hongsa Situ, Irvine CA; Wen Zhou, Thousand Oaks CA	9.73
34	Yu Nadler, Boca Raton FL; Bo Fu, Shanghai China	7.85
35	Cindy Scheinfeld, New York NY; Andrea Nilsson, Varberg Sweden	7.40
36	Leslie Paryzer, Bronx NY; Susan Cabral, Briarcliff NY	7.38
37	Eileen Li, Devon PA; Lisa Li, Surrey BC	7.05
38	Silvana Rojko, West Palm Beach FL; Faye Marino, Greenwich CT	6.08
39	Bobbi Kauffman – Chris Kollenberg, Houston TX	6.00
40	Anam Tebha – Brooke Cohen, New York NY	5.86
41	Ljudmila Kamenova, South Setauket NY; Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX	4.86
42	Gail Schargel, New York NY; Irem Ozbay, Weehawken NJ	4.78
43	Gila Guttmann – Gail Bell, Boca Raton FL	4.65
44	Lorraine Cable, Greenfield IN; Wendy Nickerson, New York NY	3.81
45	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	3.61
46	Irina Kislitsyna, Miami FL; Ramani Ravikandan, Rolling Hills Estates CA	2.76
47	Marguerite Levin – Mary Schaeffer, Plymouth MA	0.92
48	Terry Lubman, Riverside CT; Jane de Briyn, Santa Rosa CA	0.67
49	Jung Hu, San Jose CA; Serena Guo, Dublin CA	0.51
50	Gail Greenberg – Cynthia Colin, New York NY	0.50
51	Allison Capelletti, Delray Beach FL; Gerrianne Mason, Crossville TN	0.42
52	Alene Friedman – Jane Dillenberg, New York NY	0.00

	QUALIFIERS IN THE TRUSCOTT/USPC SENIOR SWISS TEAMS	
52 Tab	les / Based on 101 Tables	Carryover
1	Les Bart – Gloria Bart, Sarasota FL; David Caprera – Anne Brenner, Denver CO	30.00
2	Marty Seligman, Wynnewood PA; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland; Mark Lair, Canyon TX;	
	Włodzimierz Starkowski, Poznan Poland	29.78
3	Robb Gordon, Prescott AZ; Ron Gerard – Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Mark Dahl,	
	Richmond VA	23.68
4	James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; Sam Lev, Aventura FL;	
	Fred Chang, Flushing NY	19.47
5	Peter Stein, Hillsborough NJ; Himanshu Joshi, Chester NJ; Richard Ross, Highland Park NJ;	
	Dennis Thompson, Lake Hiawatha NJ	17.54
6	Chris Moll, Cary NC; Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Andrew Markowitz, Lahaska PA;	
	Rich Rothwarf, Jenkintown PA	16.92
7	Paul Lewis – Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Ron Smith, Glenview IL	16.83
8	Rick Binder, Waltham MA; Jared Lilienstein, New York NY; Eugene Saxe, Briarcliff NY;	
	Alan Watson, Lexington MA	16.34
9	Melih Ozdil - Erez Hendelman, New York NY; Sharon Goldman - Herbert Jordan, Miami FL	15.74
10	Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL; Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI; Robert Bitterman,	
	Harbor Springs MI; Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT; John Rengstorff, New York NY;	
	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA	14.02
11	Claudia Feagin – Jack Feagin Jr., Atlanta GA; Jim Foster, Vestavia AL; Bernard Yomtov, Cambridge MA	12.88
12	Albert Shrive – Richard Gabriel, Naples FL; Paul Meerschaert, Long Lake MN; Paul Zebrowski, Voorhees NJ	11.49
13	Nir Grinberg, Hod Hasharon Israel; Avi Kalish, Haifa Israel; Dani Cohen,	
	Ramat Hasharon Israel; Joseph Engel, Israel	11.09
14	Perry van Hook, Surprise AZ; Tom Trachuk, Walnut Creek CA; Marjorie Michelin,	44.0=
	Laguna Woods CA; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA	11.07
15	Douglas Dye, Wyndmoor PA; Kenneth Chatzinoff, Cinnaminson NJ; George Krizel,	11.05
1.6	Hollywood FL; Everett Young, Lafayette Hill PA	11.05
16	John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Bob Feller, Guilderland NY; Michael Radin, New York NY;	10.62
17	Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY	10.63
17	Alain Schreiber – Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter,	10.20
10	South Orange NJ; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands	10.38
18	Brad Theurer, Gaithersburg MD; Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD; Mark Laken, Baltimore MD; Lyle Poe Jr., Columbia MD	9.42
19	David Treitel, Ocala FL; Saul Gross, Miami Beach FL; Stan Tulin, Villanova PA;	9.42
19	Harry Tudor, Miami FL	7.94
20	Fred King, Ashburn VA; Robert Bell, Silver Spring MD; Hal Hindman, Oakton VA;	7.24
20	Sumner Steinfeldt, Washington DC	7.41
21	Steve Robinson, Ashburn VA; William Cole, Silver Spring MD; Mark Shaw, Columbia MD;	7.71
21	Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA	7.40
22	Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Mitch Dunitz,	7.10
	Sherman Oaks CA; Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Subba Ravipudi, Dana Point CA	7.28
23	Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Joe Quinn, Sugar Land TX; Sally Wheeler – Buddy Hanby,	
	The Woodlands TX	7.12
24	Greg Leblanc, Charlotte NC; Andy Hsiao, Marvin NC; Judy Fendrick, Marietta GA;	
	R. Arthur Cannamela, Jr., Cumming GA	7.02
25	Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; Craig Kavin, Camarillo CA; Sara Rothmuller,	
	Occidental CA; Elliot Sternlicht, New York NY	6.96
26	W. Reynolds, South Pasadena CA; Lance Kerr, Sylmar CA; David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD;	
	Vincent Wilmot Jr., Gaithersburg MD	5.98
27	Anthony Barre, Sunnyvale CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA; Gary Macgregor,	
	Portola Valley CA; Michael Ranis, Aventura FL; Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA	5.93
28	John Carruthers, Kingsville ON; Joseph Silver, Hampstead QC; G. Venkatesh, Carmel CA;	
	Anil Padhye, Braintree MA	5.82
29	Thomas Rush, Houston TX; Lawrence Sherman, San Diego CA; Ann Buchholz,	
	St. Augustine FL; Mark Crumrine, Ocala FL	5.74
30	Vic Quiros, Phoenix AZ; Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA; Michael Heymann,	
	Fort Worth TX; Roberto Scaramuzzi, Los Angeles CA; Michael Wolf, Fort Lauderdale FL	5.60
31	James Musumeci, El Cajon CA; Rick Bobrow, Naples FL; Stephen Wood – Kim Brinkman, Austin TX	5.53

32	Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH; Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA; Kenneth Kranyak,	
	Parma OH; Greg Michaels, Cleveland OH	5.48
33	Ken Lowenstein, Forest Hills NY; Harriet Goldman, Melville NY; Susan Port –	
	Barry Port, Atlantic Beach NY; Mark Hyman, Briarwood NY	5.41
34	Edward Lee – Ray Robert – Rick Prouser, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR	4.94
35	Arthur Korth, Galloway NJ; Andy Kaufman, Upper Gwynedd PA; Jay Apfelbaum,	
	Philadelphia PA; Michael Cassel, Roseville MN	4.91
36	Daniel Boye, Baldwinsville NY; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL; Abe Pineles,	
	Jackson NJ; Alexander Allen, Annandale NJ	4.64
37	John Klayman, Fairfax VA; Ken Eisner, Truro NS; Allan Wolf, North Haven CT;	
	Russell Friedman, Wilton CT	4.56
38	Seth Cohen, Los Angeles CA; Bill St Clair, Houston TX; Jeff Ruben, Wilmington DE;	
	Howard Sanders, Cincinnati OH	4.51
39	Joann Glasson - Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ; Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA;	
	Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA	4.42
40	Tod Moses, St. Louis MO; Gary Cohler, Wellington FL; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD;	
	Howard Weinstein, Midway UT	4.30
41	Jay Levy, Amherst NY; Dan Roseberry, Dover OH; Gene Benedict, Perrysburg OH;	
	Richard Temkin, Farmington MI	4.17
42	Lew Gamerman, Fall River MA; Robert McCaw, Jasper GA; Jeffrey Rothstein – Allen Kahn,	
	New York NY; Russell Samuel, Coram NY	3.98
43	James Fox, Virginia Beach VA; Rich Regan, Delray Beach FL; Don Chillrud,	
	Schenectady NY; Jason Ji, Jersey City NJ	3.73
44	Charles Fortney, Wheaton IL; Kathleen Fortney, St. Paul MN; Elinor Hood,	
	Vancouver WA; Kathy Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO	3.68
45	Robert Fendrick, Marietta GA; Hugh Brown, McCormick SC; Shihong You, Boyds MD;	
	Richard Chan, Markham ON	3.40
46	Jim McKeown, State College PA; Kathrine Loh, Walnut Creek CA; Thomas Andrews,	
	Utica NY; Thomas Musso, Charleston SC	3.34
47	Carole Weinstein, Waltham MA; Bob Gorsey, Burlington MA; Rena Lieberman, Carver MA;	
	Marina Polestra, Boston MA	3.29
48	Arif Janjua, Saratoga CA; Ronald Powell, San Jose CA; Susan Stockham, Birmingham AL;	
	Magnus Olafsson, Huntsville AL	2.93
49	Martha Bley - Ross Bley, Fort Washington MD; James Gerding, Alexandria VA; Keith Hafen,	
	Gainesville VA	2.57
50	Will Ehlers, Lancaster PA; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Glenn Eisenstein, New York NY;	
	Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	1.24
51	A. William Schmidt, Morton PA; Stephen Cooper, Fogelsville PA; Barry Senensky –	
	Barbara Shnier, Toronto ON	0.39
52	Chen Zhou, Atlanta GA; Chongmin Zhang, Getzville NY; Kun He, North Potomac MD;	
	Xun Zhang, Longueuil QC	0.00

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VS

Jianfeng Luo – Peter Wong, North York ON; Yan Wang, Richmond Hill ON; Zheng Zhang, Toronto ON

Pierre Zimmermann – Sjoert Brink – Michal Nowosadzki – Michal Klukowski – Jacek Kalita – Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland

VS

Steve Chen – Andrew Chen – Charlie Chen, Austin TX; Jeff Xiao, Shrewsbury MA

Nick Nickell, Water Mill NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Steve Weinstein, Up Saddle River NJ; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV

VS

Mustafa Akhun – Gul Gokce – Turker Tarhan, Istanbul Turkey; Burak Baskan, Amesbury MA

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

VS

Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Sheng Li, New York NY; Tom Bishel – John Bishel, Columbus OH

Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA; Kevin Bathurst – Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL; John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, San Francisco CA

VS

Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy; Federico Porta Tadolini, Roma Italy; Santiago Semberoiz, Oakland Park FL; Francisco Guerra, Caba Argentina

Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Martin Schaltz, Copenhagen Denmark; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Boye Brogeland, Norway

VS

Kevin Robertson, Beachwood OH; Scott Brozell, Half Moon Bay CA; Miguel Zubizarreta, Bay Village OH; Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH

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

VS

Ligang Zhang – Shu Liu – Hanxi Ma – Jiashen Yin, Beijing China; Junjie Hu – Ze Jun Zhuang, Shanghai China

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

VS

Brian Zhang, Dublin CA; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Jun Shi, Halfmoon Bay CA; Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA

Jeffrey Wolfson, Boca Raton FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Yinghao Liu, Dublin CA; Yichao Chen, Shanghai China

VS

Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Ai-Tai lo, Reston VA; Josh Sher, Dublin OH

Lynda Nitabach, West Palm Beach FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Juan Castillo, Fort Lauderdale FI

VS

Ethan Liu, Fremont CA; Ho-Yee So, Taipei City Taiwan; Wenhao Hu – Hui Zhang, Providence RI

Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia

VS

Stan Christie, Kirkland WA; Ray Miller – Becky Stevens – Michael Christensen, Seattle WA

Hemant Lall, Marina Del Rey CA; Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Zia Mahmood – David Gold, London United Kingdom; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Roy Welland, New York NY

VS

Lefei Yu, Riverside CA; Tong Jiang, Beijing People's China; Bing Du, Beijing; Qian Sun, New York NY; Tianyang Chen, Princeton NJ; Zhaofeng Wang, Evanston IL

Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL

VS

Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Cenk Tuncok, Carrollton TX; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA; Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland

Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy; Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt – Shan Huang, Royal Palm Beach FL

VS

Uday Maitra, Mississauga ON; Uttam Gupta, Bangalore India; Rajendra Gokhale, Redmond WA; Sandeep Karmarkar, Mumbai India

Juan Carlos Ventin, Barcelona Spain; Johan Upmark – Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm Sweden; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden

VS

Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC; Qiang Zhang, Dublin CA; Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO

Franck Multon, Monaco; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy; Jakub Patreuha – Patryk Patreuha, Boleslawiec Poland; Kiki Ward-Platt, Cannes France

VS

Jeffrey Ferro, St. Helena CA; Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Andrew Stark – Franco Baseggio, New York NY; Nikolaj Hammelev, Aarhus Denmark; Daniel Tylvad, Bronshoj Denmark

Rob Helle, Pereybere Mauritius; Cornelis van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Simon de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Bob Drijver, Netherlands

VS

Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; James Holzhauer, Seattle WA

Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, New York NY; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Louk Verhees Jr., Leiden Netherlands; Jason Feldman, Revelstoke BC

VS

Adam Parrish, New York NY; Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA; Danny Sprung, Las Vegas NV; Phil Clayton, Bella Vista AR

Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Eddie Wold, Houston TX

VS

Maxim Siline, Hudson MA; Alexander Wernle – Jovanka Smederevac, Vienna Austria; Carrie Liu, Hudson MA

William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Daniel Korbel – Joshua Donn – Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Israel

VS

Sheri Winestock – Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV; Uday Ivatury, New York City NY; Christal Henner, New York NY; Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Max Schireson, Stanford CA

Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Bart Nab – Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel

VS

Martine Rossard, France France; Jerzy Romanowski, Courbevoie France; Grazyna Brewiak – Jaroslaw Piasecki, Mundelein IL

John Overdeck, Short Hills NJ; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy; Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy

VS

Bruce Rogoff, Boca Raton FL; Alexander Ornstein, New York NY; Zygmunt Marcinski, Montreal QC; Michel Lorber, Baie-D'urfe QC

Leslie Amoils, North York ON; Lionel Sebbane, Clichy France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France; Colin Deheeger, Les Vlis France; Pierre Bedouet, Corna France; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland

VS

Kiran Nadar, Portola Valley CA; Rajeshwar Tewari, New Delhi India; Sumit Mukherjee – Kaustabh Nandi, Kolkata India; Kaustubh Bendre, Pune India; Bachiraju Satyanarayana, New Delhi India

Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands; Danny Molenaar – Berend van den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands; Joris Van Lankveld, Castricum Netherlands; David Bakhshi, London England

VS

Stefan Skorchev – Desislava Malakova – Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria; Ahu Zobu, Istanbul Turkey Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark

VS

Diane Gordy, Palm Beach FL; Vladimir Mihov – Ivan Nanev Ivanov, Sofia Bulgaria; Jerry Stamatov – Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL; Radu Nistor, Aventura FL

Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX; Jie Li, Beijing China; Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Hongji Wei, Jersey City NJ

VS

Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA; Sriram Ganesan, Sunnyvale CA; Siqing Yu, San Diego CA; Sarik Goyal, Jersey City NJ

Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY

VS

Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil; Carlos Pellegrini – Pablo Ravenna, Buenos Aires Argentina; Rita Shugart, Carmel CA

John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Ethan Derman, Baltimore MD; Bart Bramley, Avon CT; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA

VS

William Pollack, Boca Raton FL; Mark Feldman, Austin TX; Barry Rigal, New York NY; Ron Rubin, Las Vegas NV; John Lusky – Eric Stoltz, Portland OR

Selena Pepic, Paris France; Daniel Gullberg, Stockholm Sweden; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN

VS

Jerome Rombaut, France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France; Jean-Luc Aroix, Bordeaux France; Jeremie Tignel, Castanettolosan France; Nicholas Lhuissier, Rueil Malmaison France; Julien Bernard, Paris France

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VS

Rajat Gupta, Westport CT; Jan Jansma, New York NY; Siraj Haji, Columbus OH; Sudheer Pimputkar, Galena OH

VON ZEDTWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS – REVISED

39 N Ta	hles /	Based on 160 Tables	
190.00	1	Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	1214.74
142.50	2	Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden	1207.76
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	1174.10
81.43	5	Arthur Korth, Galloway NJ; Jay Apfelbaum, Philadelphia PA	1170.58
76.00	6	Danny Sprung, Las Vegas NV; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL	1102.37
71.25	7	Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA	1144.28
67.06	8	Jerome Rombaut, France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France	1139.19
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	1127.20
57.00	11	Jian-Ping Chen, Yorktown VA; Sheng Li, New York NY	1127.20
54.29	12	Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel	1110.71
51.82	13	Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Marc Topaz, Flourtown PA	1110.71
49.57	14	Julien Bernard, Paris France; Nicholas Lhuissier, Rueil Malmaison France	1109.92
47.50	15	Bob Hamman – Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX	1107.93
45.60	16	Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL	1100.06
43.85	17	Alexander Wernle, Vienna Austria; Maxim Siline, Hudson MA	1098.26
42.22	18	Ioannis Oikonomopoulos – Giorgos Oikonomopoulos, Thessaloniki Greece	1091.39
40.71	19	James Holzhauer, Seattle WA; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA	1081.76
39.31	20	Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Jeff Roman, Bend OR	1072.61
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	1063.45
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	1056.24
32.57	26	Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	1054.52
31.67	27	Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina	1052.88
30.81	28	Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY	1050.62
30.00	29	Jun Shi, Half Moon Bay CA; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD	1048.35
29.23	30	Louk Verhees Jr., Leiden Netherlands; John Ramos, Los Angeles CA	1044.75
28.50	31	Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY; Howard Weinstein, Midway UT	1036.79
27.80	32	Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA; Max Schireson, Stanford CA	1036.17
27.14	33	Richard Zeckhauser, Cambridge MA; Boye Brogeland, Norway	1030.30
26.51	34	Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Will Ehlers, Lancaster PA	1030.26
25.91	35	Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; David Moss, New York NY	1023.04
25.33	36	Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Robb Gordon, Prescott AZ	1022.74
27.03	37	Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Ash Gupta, New York NY	1021.33
24.26	38	Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Amber Lin, Mountain View CA	1017.90
23.75	39	Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA; Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH	1017.71
23.27	40	Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC	1017.51
22.80	41	Kim Eng – Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA	1013.73
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	1005.36
22.94	44	Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy	998.89
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	992.59
20.36	47	Ahu Zobu, Istanbul Turkey; Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria	985.45
20.00	48	Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Eric Greco, Frisco TX	984.08
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	981.90
19.00	51	Steven Caplan, Boca Raton FL; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	981.50
18.69	52	Joseph Stokes – Steve Garner, Chicago IL	980.26
18.39	53	David Treitel, Ocala FL; Saul Gross, Miami Beach FL	978.07
18.10	54	Adam Deeb, Clearwater FL; Steve Valencic, Land O Lakes FL	970.93
17.81	55 56	Jing Liu – Zhuo Wang, Forest Hills NY William Novembra, Columbia MD: Mark Dohl, Biohmand VA	961.83
17.54	56	William Neumann, Columbia MD; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA	959.55
17.27	57	Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Margie Cole, New York NY	959.31

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16.52	60	Stella Wan, San Francisco CA; Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY	940.47
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15.83	63	Stephen Tu, Stockton CA; Ronald Powell, San Jose CA	931.51
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15.20	66	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Cary NC	928.21
15.00	67	Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Aaron Mayerson, Brooklyn NY	923.43
14.81	68	Lance Kerr, Sylmar CA; W. Reynolds, South Pasadena CA	918.07
14.62	69	Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	917.66
14.43	70	David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD	911.31
14.25	71	Jovanka Smederevac, Vienna Austria; Carrie Liu, Hudson MA	909.11
14.07	72	Sandeep Karmarkar, Mumbai India; Rajendra Gokhale, Redmond WA	905.47
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	898.04
13.57	75	Rich Rothwarf, Jenkintown PA; Stan Tulin, Villanova PA	878.14
15.31	76	Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Larry Robbins, Deerfield IL	831.74
13.26	77	Mark Leonard, Long Beach CA; Edward Piken, Palos Verdes Peninsula CA	824.50
13.10	78	Sarik Goyal, Jersey City NJ; Eric Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	784.24

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Learn Bridge in a Day

Learn Bridge in a Day? was a hit in its first time running in a new time slot on Sunday instead of Saturday. Twelve tables turned out to get an introduction to the game from Hall of Fame teacher Patty Tucker. Some were so eager to try out what they had learned that they were thinking about coming back to play later this week.

















Deep Finesse 1, Ethan Stein 0

By Barry Rigal

♠ KJ976

♦ A Q J 5

♣ Q 8 2

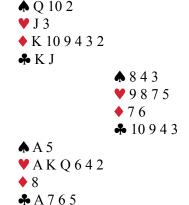
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Earlier at the NABC in Philadelphia, Ethan Stein of Irvington NY came to me with a question: Does Deep Finesse ever make a mistake?

I told him that a few bugs had been edited out over a decade ago, but I hadn't heard of anything recently.

Ethan said he was struggling to find out why Deep Finesse claimed that 11 tricks were the limit on the following deal. He and I struggled through a few iterations, then left it TBD. The next morning, Ethan came to me with the answer ... but why should I spoil your fun?

Would rather play or defend 6♥ on this layout?



See the answer on page 28

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.



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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!



Grand Final Bv Mark Horton

The 2025 Grand National Teams Championship final would be a 60-deal encounter between MINITER and ROBINSON.

After six deals, MINITER led 11–2, but the spectators were about to get their money's worth.

Board 7. Dealer East, E/W Vul. **♠** 9 5 3 2 **♥** K Q 8 **♦** 8 7 6 2 ♣ K 6 **♠** K J 8 **♠** 64 **♥** J 4 3 2 💙 A 10 9 7 6 **♦** K J 10 ♣ J 8 4 ♣ A Q 10 9 7 3

♠ A Q 10 7 **Y** 5 ♦ A Q 9 5 4 3 **♣** 5 2

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Miniter	Robinson	Grue	Shaw
			1♦
Pass	1 ♠	2♥	3 ♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dhl	All Pass	

South led the $\triangle A$ and switched to the $\triangle A$, declarer ruffing and playing two rounds of hearts. When South discarded on the second round, there were only 10 tricks, one down, -200.

There is a winning line, but it is far from clear that declarer should take it. He must cross to dummy with the \clubsuit K, run the \clubsuit 8 and then play a heart to the 10.

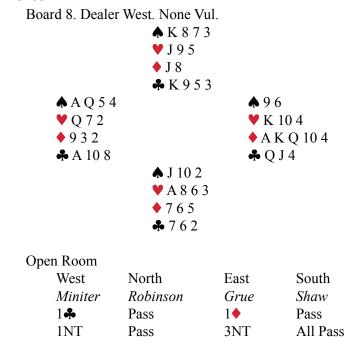
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Sontag	Hurd	Gill	Wooldridge
			1♦
Pass	1 ♠	$2NT^{(1)}$	4 ♠ ⁽²⁾
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
(1) Hearts and	elube		

(1) Hearts and clubs

(2) Spade fit

West had length support for partner's suits, but those jacks did not look especially useful. Against that, partner was vulnerable. With terrific holdings in both South's suits, might West have doubled $4\spadesuit$, when -1100 is in the picture?

East led the ♥A, cashed the ♣A and continued with the ♣3. With all the important cards wrong, declarer was three down, -300, and ROBINSON had 11 IMPs to lead 13-11.

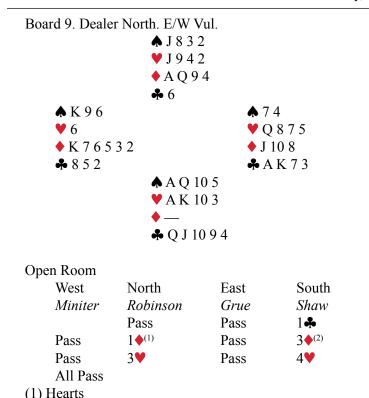


North led the $\clubsuit 3$. Declarer won with the $\spadesuit Q$ and played a heart to the king, South winning and returning the \$\int_J\$, followed by the ♠2. Declarer won, cashed the ♦A K and ran the \clubsuit O, finishing with nine tricks, +400.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Sontag	Hurd	Gill	Wooldridge
1♦	Pass	2 ♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass
(1) Inverted			

South led the $\triangle J$. Declarer won with dummy's $\triangle A$, cashed two diamonds and then ran the &Q. North won and switched to the ♥5, South winning and returning the ♠10 for one down, -50, and 10 IMPs for MINITER.

Whilst it is true that 3NT can still be made after the spade lead, the lines are certainly double-dummy and the fault lies in the fact that the contract was wrong-sided. If West had been permitted by system to rebid 2NT, that could have been avoided.



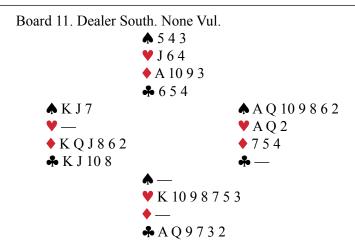
(2) Heart raise, game forcing or invitational

East led the ♣A and switched to the ♣4, West winning with the ♠K and returning the ♣5. Declarer ruffed, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a club. When he then ruffed a diamond and cashed the ♥K, the 4–1 split meant he was one down.

If declarer could divine the heart position, he could play on spades instead of ruffing a diamond. East could ruff in, but would then be endplayed.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Sontag	Hurd	Gill	Wooldridge
	Pass	Pass	1 🗫
Pass	1♥	Pass	4 ♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
(1) Splinter			

East led the \clubsuit 7, and when declarer put in the \clubsuit 10, West won with the \clubsuit K and switched to the \spadesuit 2, declarer playing the \spadesuit Q and discarding the \clubsuit 4 from dummy. A heart to the ace was followed by the \clubsuit Q, East winning with the \clubsuit A and exiting with the \spadesuit 10. Declarer won, pitching a club from dummy and ran the \blacktriangledown 9. When West discarded a diamond, declarer continued with a heart to the 10, ruffed a club and claimed 10 tricks, +420, and 10 IMPs for MINITER.



The definitive book on how to bid a 0=7=0=6 is waiting to be written.

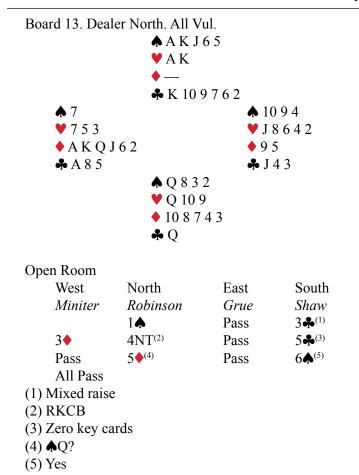
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Miniter	Robinson	Grue	Shaw
			1♥
2♦	2♥	4♠	5♥
5 ^	Pass	6 ♠	7♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Once South knew about the heart fit he saw no point in introducing his clubs.

West led the ♠7, and declarer ruffed and exited with the ♥10. There was no way to avoid going five down, -1100.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Sontag	Hurd	Gill	Wooldridge
			1♥
2•	2♥	3♠ ⁽¹⁾	4 ♣
4♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	5 ♣ ⁽²⁾	6♥
7 ♦	Dbl	7♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	
(1) Diamond su	ıpport		
(2) Controls			

South led the ♣A and declarer ruffed, ruffed a heart, and claimed for one down, -100, and a 15-IMP loss.



East led the \blacklozenge 9, and declarer ruffed and played a club, West winning and returning the \blacklozenge A. Declarer ruffed, cashed the \clubsuit A, ruffed a club, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a club high and drew trumps for +1430.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Sontag	Hurd	Gill	Wooldridge
	1 ♣	Pass	1 🖍
2♦	5 •(1)	Pass	5 ♥ ⁽²⁾
Pass	6♠	All Pass	
(1) Exclusion F	Blackwood		

- (1) Exclusion Blackwood
- (2) Zero key cards

West led the ♥3. Having won in dummy, declarer played a club to the 4, queen and ace, ruffed the diamond return, cashed the ♠A K, ruffed a club and claimed, +1430, and a push.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul. **♠** A J 9 5 4 **♥** K 2 ♦ A K 5 2 ♣ A 9 ♠ Q 10 6 ♠ K 8 7 2 **♥**QJ93 **V** 10 8 5 **♦** J 7 **♦** 10 3 ♣ J 10 5 4 **8** 8 6 3 2 **♠** 3 **V** A 7 6 4 ♦ O 9 8 6 4 ♣ K Q 7

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Miniter	Robinson	Grue	Shaw
			1♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2 ♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2 V
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4NT ⁽²⁾
Pass	5 ♣ ⁽³⁾	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

- (1) Checkback
- (2) RKCB for diamonds
- (3) One key card
- (4) **♦**Q?
- (5) ♦Q + ♣K

Unless you can discover that South has a singleton spade, it is hard to see how you can reach 7♦.

West led the \clubsuit J. Declarer won with dummy's \clubsuit A, cashed the \spadesuit A K and claimed, +1390.

Hurd and Wooldridge duplicated this result at the other table. Some combinations are too difficult, so it was another push to end an exciting session that saw MINITER leading 46–23.

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0-6000 Mini-Spingold plays today



Winners of last year's 0–6000 Mini-Spingold KO Teams: captain Bob Ives, Louis Beauchet, Ana Kovacevic and Miroslav Kovacevic

The 0–6000 Mini-Spingold will begin play today. New masterpoint limits took effect in 2017, raised from the previous limit of 5000.

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Previous winners, Mini-Spingold I (0-5000):

2001 Brian Johnston, John Lloyd, Bill Woodcock, Gary Whiteman, Brooke Nelles, Dale Freeman

2002 Howard Einberg, Michael Mikyska, Alan Myerson, Jim Glickman, David Sokolow

2003 Barbara Wallace, Mark Yaeger, Lisa Kow, Rich Pavlicek Jr., Brian Gunnell 2004 Larry Mohr, Alex Hong, Shi Yan, Hao Ge, Yi Liu

2005 Walt Murphy, Julie Murphy, Steve DeVico, Gayle Covey, Elliott Grubman, Ava Grubman

2006 Martin Harris, Jacob Morgan, Jim Melville, Will Engel

2007 Brian Alexander, Karl Hicks, Jim Gordon, Mike Betts

2008 David Grainger, Jon Rice, Joyce Hampton, Mike Rice, Lucas Lebioda

2009 Jay Whipple, Kevin Dwyer, David Grainger, Owen Lien, Jon Rice

2010 Morrie Kleinplatz, John Boyer, Robert Stayman, Mark Leonard

2011 John Lewis, Susan Fuller,Maris Zilant, Howard Einberg,Saul Gross, David Sokolow

2012 Peter Wong, Edward Xu, Jianfeng Luo, Yan Wang 2013 Arjun Dhir, Josh Parks, Alex Dezieck, Max Aeschbacher

2014 Mark Friedlander, Richard Fellars, Howard Engle, Mark Weisman

2015 Steve Zolotow, Anam Tebha, Christian Jolly, Oren Kriegel, Sean Gannon

2016 Edmund Wu, Jesse Chao, Alex Dezieck, Zhuo "Jimmy" Wang

Previous winners, Mini-Spingold I (0-6000):

2017 Henry Caspar, Terry Richardson, Christopher Cowan, Debbie Feldman, Doug Barnes, John McWhinnie

2018 James Weeks, Neil Stern, J.J. Johnsen, Dorn Bishop

2019 Martin Harris, Greg Michaels, Miriam Harris-Botzum, John Botzum

2020 Not held

2021 Not held

2022 Leon Yu, Bing Le, Tsao-Tung Tsai, Winston Huang

2023 Martin Harris, Miriam Harris-Botzum, Mark Kinzer, Bob Marheine

2024 Bob Ives, Louis Beauchet, Anna Kovacevic Miroslav Kovacevic

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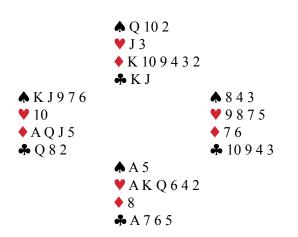
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Soultion to Deep Finesse problem

By Barry Rigal

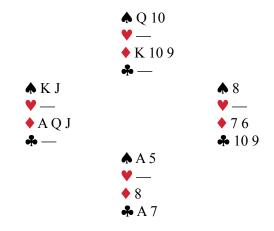
The discussion for this deal appears on page 22, but to repeat the main question for convenience, would you rather play or defend 6♥ here?



Against 6♥ by South, a spade lead is suicidal. If you lead a diamond, declarer will pitch a spade on the ♠K, finesse a club and ruff a club. On a heart lead, declarer wins in hand and leads a diamond, using the ♥J and the ♣J to set up diamonds, and the ♣K to cash the long diamond.

A club lead is the only chance, attacking the late entries to

the diamonds. Declarer has to win the $\clubsuit J$ and run the hearts after unblocking the $\clubsuit K$. This is the ending:



While it is true that West gets squeezed on the A – forcing a diamond discard – dummy also gets squeezed! A spade discard from the table is obviously wrong, but on a diamond pitch from dummy, West can win the declarer's diamond exit with the ace and exit a diamond, forcing declarer to surrender a spade trick in the ending.

A relatively unlikely combination of circumstances.



RUSTY KRAUSS MONDAY OPEN PAIRS

61.0 Ta	ibles / B	ased o	n 181	Tables	
	A	В	C		
42.07	1			Eliezer Solomon, Ocean City MD; John Hogan Jr., Rehoboth Beach DE	62.78%
31.55	2	1		Ethan Wood, Dover MA; Barbara Shukov, Los Altos CA	59.18%
23.66	3			Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA; Walter Schafer Jr., Cerritos CA	59.11%
17.75	4	2		Stephane Turcotte, Saint-Laurent QC; Normand Houle, StHubert QC	58.71%
14.02	5			Jeff Hand, New York NY; William May, Shepherdstown WV	58.61%
12.02	6			Joyjit Sensarma, Brooklyn NY; Sartaj Alag, McLean VA	58.47%
10.52	7			Sveinn Eiriksson, Delray Beach FL; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC	58.15%
9.35	8			Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, England	57.99%
8.41	9			Serge Aronovich – Marianne Aronovich, Tuxedo Park NY	57.89%
7.65	10			Sophia Baldysz, Charlottesville VA; William Neumann, Columbia MD	57.32%
7.01	11			Hee-Jung Moon, New York NY; Lapt Chan, Forest Hills NY	56.98%
12.41	12/13	3		Art McCann, Finksburg MD; Thomas Peters, Dayton MD	56.72%
6.24	12/13			Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Aaron Mohrman, Seattle WA	56.72%
9.31	14	4		Jason Doyle – Luca Crone, Dublin Ireland	56.60%
5.26	15			David Rosenberg, Jackson Heights NY; Andrea Teacher, Waltham MA	56.15%
4.95	16			Kelley Hwang – Katherine Hwang, New York NY	56.02%
4.67	17			Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL; Leila DeNotaristefani, Mendham NJ	55.89%
7.36	18	5		Michael Kieli, Naples FL; David Legrow, West Palm Beach FL	55.84%
6.31	19	6		Anu Goodman – John Laufer, Toronto ON	55.74%
4.01	20			Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Laura Brill, White Plains NY	55.71%
4.03	21			Rachael Moller – David Gurvich, New York NY	55.10%
9.00	22	7	1	Joel Steinberg, Princeton Junction NJ; Robert Goldbloom, Hastings-on-Hudson NY	55.01%
4.90	23	8	•	Robert Gervis, Boynton Beach FL; Stephen Pozez, Tucson AZ	54.83%
3.37	24	Ü		M. Webster Ewell Jr., McLean VA; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA	54.41%
3.24	25			William Ravreby, Merion Station PA; Mark Cohen, Audubon PA	54.16%
4.41	26	9		Adam Deeb, Clearwater FL; Steve Valencic, Land O Lakes FL	54.14%
3.01	27			Mustafa Cem Tokay – Mona Husami, New York NY	54.06%
4.01	28	10		Summer Rifkah, Hollidaysburg PA; Tudor Trifan, Matthews NC	53.93%
6.75	29	11	2	David Soukup – Alec Sun, Philadelphia PA	53.66%
2.71	30			Haven Sharaf, Peabody MA; Kimberly Gilman, Carlisle MA	53.44%
2.63	31			Peter Knee, Canyon Country CA; Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA	53.34%
5.06		12	3	Nicolas Decelles, Vaudreuil-Dorio QC; Francois Girard, Quebec QC	52.99%
3.80		13	4	Cooper Smith, Grand Rapids MI; Marley Cedrone, Durham NH	52.64%
2.94		14		Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Charles Faille, Saint-Constant QC	52.17%
2.76		15		Kenneth Hopke, Annandale VA; Phil Feldman, Los Angeles CA	51.93%
3.00		16	5	Ken Trock, Hamilton NJ; Israel Raphaelli, Robbinsville NJ	51.80%
3.35		17	6	Stephen Pollard, Laramie WY; Kenneth Ferrill, Estancia NM	51.69%
2.35		18		Paul Perkowski, Highlands Ranch CO; Michael Hellman, Denver CO	51.56%
2.52		19		Jim Dingwerth – William Hoge, Olathe KS	51.55%
2.10		20		Brian Collins – Raye Lundrigan, St. John;'s NL	51.37%
2.78			7	Lee Nykaza, Scottsdale AZ; Dorie Isaacson, Northbrook IL	51.05%
2.86			8	Christopher Rivera, Jackson Heights NY; Eric Anderson, Seattle WA	50.68%
2.06			9	Marc Topaz, Flourtown PA; Zaprinka Anguelova, Deerfield Beach FL	50.60%
1.72			10	David Clement, Sacramento CA; Sherrie Barakatt, Modesto CA	48.97%
				PHILL KRAUSS MONDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS	
25.0 Ta					
	7	4	3		
9.45	1			Deborah Richter, Pleasantville NY; Doris Chance, Fort Lauderdale FL	60.29%
7.09	2	_		Howard Waldman, Acton MA; Kenneth Steinhauser, Orlando FL	59.18%
5.70	3	1		Clifford Sokolic, Marlton NJ; Bruce Pedretti, Haddonfield NJ	58.26%
3.99	4	•		Laurie Vree – Judy Duport, Santa Rosa CA	56.87%
4.28	5	2	1	Linda Nagle, College Grove TN; Birgitt Adams, Southwest Harbor ME	56.82%
2.70	6	2	_	Ken Mitchell, Milford CT; Joseph Miranda, Clifton Park NY	55.93%
3.21	7	3	2	Harriet Lazarus, Brookline MA; Christine Sloane, Brockton MA	55.89%
2.10	8			Kenneth Koneval, Sparta NJ; James Hundley, Stanhope NJ	55.10%
1.89	9			Robert Frantzen – Chantal Frantzen, Princeton NJ	54.62%

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1.72	10			Patsy Cram – Bob Cram, Indianapolis IN	54.07%
1.71	11			Jean Futami, Rollng Hills Estates CA; Paul Marjoram, Alexandria VA	53.29%
1.45	12			Robert Kaplan, Columbus OH; Elisa Donohoe, Fulton MD	53.09%
2.41	13	4	3	Donna Davidek, Marco Island FL; Mary Wynn, Naples FL	52.98%
1.90	13	5	3	Jeri Davis, Holland PA; Sharon O'Neill, Furlong PA	52.51%
1.89					
		6	4	Richard Greenberg – Max Lieberman, Elkins Park PA	52.49%
1.81		7	4	Joyce Wilson, Montgomery PA; Joy Proctor, South Williamsport PA	52.43%
1.43			5	Steven Tam – Matthew Kanzler, Honolulu HI	51.82%
				SUNDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS	
15.0 Ta	ables				
	Α	В	C		
5.42	1	1		Fred Shubert, Andover NJ; Dawn Lee, Los Angeles CA	63.07%
4.07	2	2		Harry Potter – James Mosley, Falls Church VA	55.87%
3.33	3	3	1	Jerry Wade, Marathon FL; Gregory Menken, Wyckoff NJ	55.68%
2.00	4/5	4/5	2	Gerald Hitt, Meredith NH; Mark Cook, West Monroe LA	55.11%
2.00	4/5	4/5		Hubert Howe Jr., Westhampton NY; Jonathan Howe, Sag Harbor NY	55.11%
1.29	6			George Weber – Jan Weber, Vero Beach FL	54.55%
1.42	Ü		3	Kim Gandy, Silver Spring MD; Jan Borowski, New York NY	52.65%
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4.33	1			Neil Montague – Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA	64.29%
3.25	2			Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Sasakatoon SK	60.71%
2.14	3/4			Ti Davis, Flower Mound TX; Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA	56.55%
2.33	3/4			Davis Heussler, East Aurora NY; Linda Burroughsford, Fort Erie ON	56.55%
3.03	5	1		Dale Remmers - Valarie Remmers, Plano TX	56.25%
1.17	6			Randy Okubo, St. Paul MN; Nick Straguzzi, Mullica Hill NJ	55.95%
2.60		2	1	Lucia Enica, Washington DC; Gary Jackoway, Loudon TN	55.06%
1.95		3	2	Charles Shanes, Wappingers Falls NY; Jon Udell, Wilsonville OR	50.60%
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12.0 10	A	В	C		
3.30	1	1	1	Craig Bersak, Voorhees NJ; Arnold Freedman, Philadelphia PA	62.87%
2.48	2	2	2	Deborah Kahn, Voorhees NJ; Michele Digirolamo, Haddonfield NJ	60.73%
1.86	3	3	_	Arvin Uppal, Madison MS; Xiaorui Guo, Flowood MS	59.92%
1.44	4	4	3	Beverly Cutler, Merion Station PA; Linda Levitt, Newtown Square PA	59.36%
1.04	5	5	4	Meiping Tien, Wynnewood PA; WenLei Hubbard, Bethesda Mali	59.23%
	6	6	4	Martin Trumpler, King of Prussia PA; Tedd Bodimer, Media PA	57.95%
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0.72			5	Angela Masterson, East Norriton PA; Janet Tancredi, Ambler PA	52.40%
				MONDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS	
13.5 Ta	ables				
	A	В	C		
5.20	1			Ed Schulte, Beverly Hills FL; Betty Sue el Gammal, Hoover AL	64.78%
3.90	2			Jeff Edelstein, Brooksville FL; McKenzie Myers, Eugene OR	64.72%
2.93	3			Linda Burroughsford, Fort Erie ON; Davis Heussler, East Aurora NY	61.22%
2.19	4			Gilbert Ramirez – Cynthia Swezey, Reno NV	60.58%
3.68	5	1	1	Nathan Yee, Spring TX; Benjamin Levine, Hartford CT	60.16%
1.96	6			Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Marie-France Benoit, Ottawa ON	59.27%
2.76	-	2		Ann Jenkins – Bart Bussink, Cambridge MA	57.50%
2.07		3		John F.W. Glynn, Paget Bermuda; Rachael Gosling, Bermuda	55.96%
1.55		4		Lucia Enica, Washington DC; Ernest Gore, Media PA	54.91%
1.16		5		Lewis Lefkowitz, Somerset NJ; Michael Fried, Monroe Township NJ	51.20%
1.10		5	2	Melanie Weinstein – Edward Weinstein, White Plains NY	41.49%
1.38			3	Donna Heckscher, Dagsboro DE; Carl Coan, Rehoboth Beach DE	41.24%
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2.59	2	2 1	Walt Woerheide – Pat Kennedy, West Chester PA	62.31%
2.34	3	2 1	, 1 , ,	60.80%
1.76	4	3	Vasundara Varadan, State College PA; Kathy Ebeling, Mill Hall PA	58.14%
1.32	5	4	Bonnie Grossman – Rosalind Schacher, Warrington PA	55.87%
0.99	6	5	Mary Tassaro, Wyncote PA; Eleanor Davis, Wyndmoor PA	55.49%
0.74		6	Martin Trumpler, King of Prussia PA; Tedd Bodimer, Media PA	54.36%
1.70		2		53.79%
1.28		3		53.22%
0.96		4		49.05%
0.63		5/		48.67%
0.63		5/	6 Barbara Bingley, Williamsburg VA; Maxwell Burns, Washington DC	48.67%
7 T 1			DAVID DANSBY MONDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1	
7 Tabl 26.04	ies 1	Iiana Gu	Mountain Lakes NJ; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; David Yang, Darien IL;	
20.04	1		a, Ewa Beach HI	94.00
10.52	2		Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Dave Schouweiler, Bismarck ND; Ugurcan Suzer,	94.00
19.53	2		Turkey; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria	67.00
14.65	3		enner – Arthur Crystal, Fairfield CT; Ignacio Miquelez – Maximo Crusizio,	07.00
14.03	3		erdale FL; Jovana Maricic, Serbia; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia	60.00
		ron Lauu	etuale FL, Jovana Maricic, Scibia, Juan Fenpe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia	00.00
7 Tabl	lec		DAVID DANSBY MONDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2	
18.32	1	Andrew R	isman, Toronto ON; Carolyn Per – Sheldon Per, Bensalem PA; Peter Peng, North York ON	77.00
13.74	2		spis, Saddle Brook NJ; Lynn Mackall, Wanaque NJ; Nicholas France,	77.00
15.71	_	-	lley NY; Barbara Bergen, Fort Lee NJ	74.00
10.31	3		Sriram, Santa Clara CA; Aravind Alwan, Milpitas CA; Shazia	7 1.00
			ni, San Francisco CA; Daniel Kroll, Berkeley CA	67.00
			DAVID DANSBY MONDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3	
7 Tab	les			
15.95	1	Debbie So	chenkel, Wilmington DE; Fred Gillespie, Hockessin DE; Jeremy Xu,	
		Fort Myer	rs FL; Bernard Rehberg, Media PA	74.00
11.96	2	Bernardo	Flasterstein, Lake Worth FL; Christine Converse, Highland Beach FL;	
		Richard C	Castellone, Hawthorne NY; Julie Jawor, Boynton Beach FL	72.00
8.97	3	Farley Ma	awyer, Port Chester NY; Frank Morgan, Ocean City NJ; Hubert Howe Jr.,	
		Westhamp	oton NY; Jonathan Howe, Sag Harbor NY	67.00
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14.33	1		g – Fan Zhang, Redmond WA; Lily Andre – James Andre, Allyn WA	87.00
10.75	2		nlyn – Gloria Tamlyn, New York City NY; Stephen Levine – Rona Levine, New York NY	73.00
8.06	3		iffle, Emerald Hills CA; Perry Poole, Maitland FL; Douglas Grant,	
		San Franc	isco CA; Stanley Weiner, Las Vegas NV	66.00
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12.41	1		hrman – Art Simons – Gerald Abelow, Cherry Hill NJ; James Koss, Medford NJ	88.00
9.31	2		nors, Alexandria VA; Randi Adelman, Teaneck NJ; John Krah, Seattle WA;	70.00
6.00	2		er, Florence MA	79.00
6.98	3		icelle, Amityville NY; Victor Poon, Stony Brook NY; Jackie Haugen,	70.00
		Fort Moha	ave AZ; Eusebio Menezes, Cupertino CA	78.00

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7 Tabl			00.00
11.64 8.73	1 2	Todd Hertzberg – Linda Fried, Pittsburgh PA; David Loeb, Bridgeville PA; Mark Langer, Racine WI Fred Shubert, Andover NJ; Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; John Luebkemann,	80.00
		Aubrey TX; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	76.00
6.55	3	Patrick Thompson, Lakewood Ranch FL; Richard Aufmann, Bradenton FL; Daniel Mytelka, Bryn Mawr PA; Domenico Sneider, Carmel IN	74.00
		DAVID DANSBY MONDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 7	
7 Tabl	les		
11.00	1	Ben Loehnen, New York NY; Jesse Rockoff – Dylan Lupo, Rahway NJ; Michael Boreson, Kalispell MT 87.00	
8.25	2	Helen Walker, Lafayette Hill PA; Dianne Meyer, Haverford PA; Carl Ginsberg,	
6 10	2	Blue Bell PA; Gerry Jawer, Wyncote PA Debbie Moeblin, Los Altos CA: Debbie Lyndebl, San Carles CA: Mimi Sebneirov	81.00
6.19	3	Debbie Machlin, Los Altos CA; Debbie Lundahl, San Carlos CA; Mimi Schneirov, Elkins Park PA; Nancy Mayer, Bristol RI	75.00
	_	DAVID DANSBY MONDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 8	
7 Tabl		Charles Hamburg Transfer on NC, T. Tad Jamell, Charlette NC, Lee Daniell In	
10.58	1	Steven Hamburg, Troutman NC; T. Ted Jarrell, Charlotte NC; Lee Dowell Jr., Denver NC; Tucker Dowell, Murfreesboro TN	88.00
7.94	2	Hongbo Li – Hamilton Sawczuk, Baltimore MD; Sulaiman Ghaussy, Vienna VA; R. Mani, Lanham MD	69.00
5.95	3	Barbara Levine - Michelle Stafford - H. Michael Mogil, Naples FL;	
		Michael Myers, Ottawa ON	60.00
7 T.1.1	1	DAVID DANSBY MONDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 9	
7 Tabl 9.92	ies 1	Ira Tarnow, West Orange NJ; George Kalb, Millington NJ; Brian Dicker,	
9.92	1	Morris Plains NJ; Simon Thomson, Summit NJ	85.00
7.44	2	Barbara Blauer, Needham Heights MA; Tracy Burlock, Somerville MA;	00.00
5.50	2	Cindy Shoemaker – Jack Shoemaker, Tucson AZ	69.00
5.58	3	Marilyn Weintraub – Susan Jacobs, Philadelphia PA; Robert Shenkin – Susan Shenkin, West Chester PA	63.00
		DAVID DANSBY MONDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 10	
7 Tabl	les		
9.41	1	Stephen Mast – Holli Mast, Corning NY; Jeff Tonole – Nora Shang, Ithaca NY	82.00
7.06	2	Cynthia Martin, Moorestown NJ; Georgia Pope – Nancy Marion, Bonita Springs FL; Susan Thompson, Zanesville OH	74.00
5.29	3	Rich Ardini, Vienna VA; Santosh Chokhani, Arlington VA; John Templin Jr., Greenfield Center NY; Gwen Chen, Wilmington DE	73.00
		DAVID DANSBY MONDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 11	
7 Tabl	les	DAVID DANSDI MONDAI BRACKETED ROUND RODIN TEAMS BRI II	
8.87	1	Roberta Francis, Wellesley MA; Emily Francis, San Francisco CA; Sharon Murphy –	
6.65	2	Daniel Murphy, Indianapolis IN Phillip Wahhar Elli Ergihafar Crantham NIII. Phillip Proum New Landon NIII.	78.00
6.65	2	Philip Webber – Elli Freihofer, Grantham NH; Phillip Brown, New London NH; Steven Fraidstern, Denver CO	77.00
4.37	3/4	Richard Patterson - Barbara Patterson, Yardley PA; Greg Smith, Trenton NJ;	
4.37	3/4	Paul van Vreede, Newtown PA Joanne Brumberg – Louise Eisenstein, New York NY; Janice Brenner, Short Hills NJ;	71.00
r. <i>J l</i>	<i>31</i> T	Susan Finkelstein, Great Neck NY	71.00

		DAVID DANSBY MONDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 12	
7 Tabl	es		
8.04	1	Christine Sgro, Phoenixville PA; Diane Luedtke, Malvern PA; Heike Koistinen, Finland; Jonathan Harvey, Vancouver WA	69.00
6.03	2	Bonnie Gallagher, Longmont CO; Bob Wyman, Boulder CO; Madonna Wadden, St. John's NL; Linda Gaston, Pflugerville TX	68.00
4.52	3	Ann Johnson, Framingham MA; Christine Pettingell, Everett MA; Matthew Evett – Susan Evett, Ann Arbor MI	63.00
		DAVID DANSBY MONDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 13	
7 Tabl	es		
7.88	1	Fanjun Kong – Leqin Shi, Sterling VA; Li Chen, Fairfax VA; Lewis Hutchinson, Chantilly VA	101.00
5.91	2	Thomas Brown, Rosenberg TX; Lesley Kellet – Tonya McNabb – Bob Mendel, Houston TX	82.00
4.43	3	Rachel Brannan – Leslie Ehrlich – Joann Goodspeed – Lore Monnig, New York NY	58.00
7 T 11		DAVID DANSBY MONDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 14	
7 Tabl		Mad Nature Edward DE, Douglah Day, Harris et al. DE, Mad De Day His Trans Control Large DE	75.00
6.76 5.07	1	Mark Nehra, Felton DE; Donald Pyne, Harrington DE; Mickey Debellis – Terry Coates, Lewes DE Emilie Torwalt – Reece Jurgens – Bernice Ng – Dan Bell, Edmonton AB; Felix Boucher, Calgary AB	72.00
3.80	2 3	Bryan Snapp, Emmaus PA; Vivian Kane – Freda Witmer – Steven Berman, Allentown PA	71.00
		DAVID DANSBY MONDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 15	
7 Tabl			
6.39	1	Sue Marcus – Judy Waller, Springfield NJ; Margot Donnellan, Brooklyn NY; Jan Borowski, New York NY	87.00
4.79	2	Janet Ritcey, Bedford NS; Noah Cotterill – Willy Robinson – David Wolfe, Halifax NS	86.00
3.59	3	Barbara Daly, Flourtown PA; Karen Batchelder, Philadelphia PA; Eileen Vass,	
		Haverford PA; Steven Binnick, Blue Bell PA	82.00
		DAVID DANSBY MONDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 16	
8 Tabl			
5.28	1	Rex Wang, Manorville NY; Hsi-I Wang, Potomac MD; J. Hsung, La Jolla CA; Wei Chang, Wynnewood PA	94.00
3.96	2	Lori Flynn - Mark Stout, Wyndmoor PA; James Jarvis, Philadelphia PA;	
2.07	2	Lisa Lamason, Lafayette Hill PA	92.00
2.97	3	Ryan Lock, Philadelphia PA; Elisa Lock, Bryn Mawr PA; Devin Murphy, Berwyn PA; Betsy Smith, Wyndmoor PA	75.00



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2. Players are expected to be paying attention to the game. While at the table, players may not use or interact with their electronic devices during bridge play. When between rounds or sitting out, use or interaction with electronic devices is permitted, provided it is inaudible. For other situations, permission to use or interact with an electronic device will be granted upon the director's judgment and on a case-by-case basis.

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For the purpose of this policy, each day of a multi-day event is treated independently.

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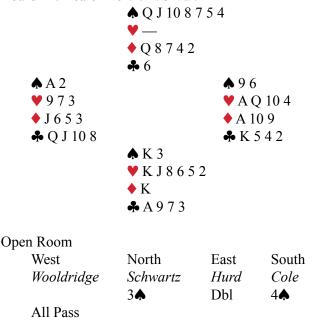
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GNT Final Countdown

By Mark Horton

Having delivered a coruscating kaleidoscope of deals in the first session of the GNT Championship final between MINITER and ROBINSON, the Great Shuffler took a wellearned breather in the second quarter.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



East led the ♣4. Declarer took dummy's ♣A and played the ♠K, East winning and switching to the ♠9. Two rounds of spades left declarer with two losing diamonds, which meant one down and -100.

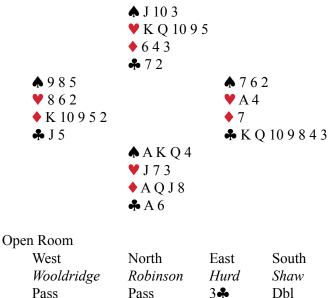
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sontag	Grue	Gill	Miniter
	4 ^	All Pass	

East led the ◆A, West following with the ◆3, and switched to the ♣4. Declarer could win in dummy and crossruff for 10 tricks, +620 and 12 IMPs.

MINITER took the session 28–10 to lead 74–33.

Board 34. Dealer West. All Vul.



The alternative to doubling 3. is to bid 3NT. Holding the A, you can always duck a round of clubs, which may take East out of the game. It would have worked here, provided partner transfers to hearts.

Pass

All Pass

3NT

3

4

Pass

Pass

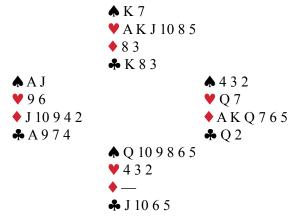
East led the ◆7. Declarer went up with dummy's ◆A and played a heart to the king and ace, claiming 11 tricks when East returned the ♣K, +650.



Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Cole	Grue	Schwartz	Rotaru
Pass	Pass	3♣	Dbl
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♣J, East overtaking. Declarer took the second round and played a heart, claiming six tricks when East produced the ♥A, -300 and 14 IMPs for ROBINSON, closing to 53–75.

Board 36. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Robinson	Hurd	Shaw
		$1NT^{(1)}$	Pass
3NT	Dbl	4	All Pass
(1) 14–16 HCP			

There is an old proverb to the effect of "Having said A, you have to say B." Having doubled 3NT, North was unwilling to bid $4 \checkmark$.

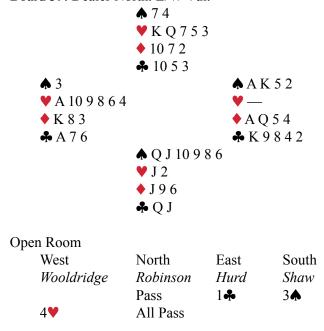
South led the \checkmark 2, and declarer cashed the \checkmark A K and switched to the \diamond 3. Declarer drew trumps and ran the \clubsuit Q, North winning and exiting with the \clubsuit 8, at which point nine tricks were claimed, -100.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Cole	Grue	Schwartz	Rotaru
		1♦	2 ^
3♠ ⁽¹⁾	4♥	5 ♦	5 🗸
Dbl	All Pass		
(1) Diamond su	pport		

East led the ♣Q, and West took the ♣A and returned the ♣9. When the ♣K survived, declarer cashed the ♥A K and claimed, +650 and 11 IMPs.

If East starts with a top diamond, declarer ruffs and plays a club, but if West does not fly in with the ♣A, there will only be 10 tricks.

Board 39. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



North led the ♠7. Having won in dummy, declarer played a diamond to the king, cashed the ♥A and continued with the ♥10, South winning with the ♥J. The switch to the ♣Q saw declarer win with the ♣A and continue with the ♥9. That meant there were three more heart losers, -100.

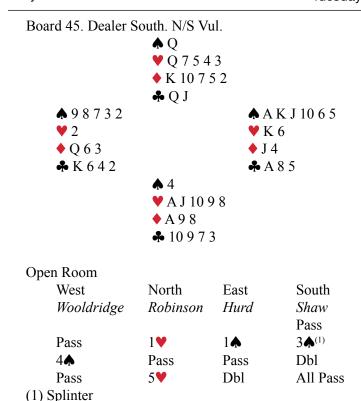
Having played two rounds of hearts, declarer could have gotten home by abandoning trumps, cashing winners, ruffing a club and then exiting with the \checkmark 9.

He could also have played the ♥4 on the second round of the suit which works whenever the suit is divided 4–3 and on the actual layout. In isolation, it offers an 83.97% chance of losing only three trump tricks.

If South started with a singleton heart honor, declarer can still make 4♥, despite the 6−1 trump split!

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Cole	Grue	Schwartz	Rotaru
	Pass	1 ♣	2♠
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The early play was identical, but when declarer played the ♥10 at trick four, North went up with the ♥K, ending the defender's interest in the deal; +620 and 12 IMPs for ROBINSON, still in touch at 65–92.



I'll leave you to consider North's problem when his partner doubled 4. Mindful of the fact that life is generally easier with all 52 cards on view, North's collection is defensive in nature and partner is aware that you opened in third position.

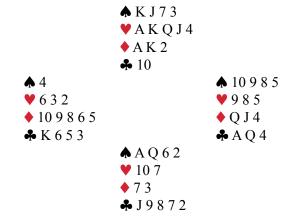
East led the ♠K and switched to the ♥6, declarer winning with dummy's ♥8, cashing the ♥A and playing a club to the 2, queen and ace. East returned the ♣5, and West won and exited with a club, an eventual diamond trick meaning two down, -500.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Cole	Grue	Schwartz	Rotaru
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1 🖍	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♣9, and when declarer allowed the ♣J to hold, North returned the ♣Q. Declarer won and cashed the ♠A, claiming one down, -50, losing 11 IMPs.

MINITER had edged the session 37–35 to lead 112–66.

Board 46. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Sontag	Hurd	Gill
Pass	1 4 (1)	Pass	1 (2)
Pass	1♥	Pass	1 🖍
Pass	4♣ ⁽³⁾	Pass	4NT(4)
Pass	5 • (5)	Pass	6 ^
All Pass			

- (1) Strong
- (2) Negative
- (3) Splinter
- (4) RKCB
- (5) Three key cards

West led the $\blacklozenge 9$. Declarer won with dummy's $\blacklozenge A$ and played the $\clubsuit 10$, East taking the $\clubsuit A$ and returning the $\blacklozenge Q$ to dummy's $\blacklozenge K$. A heart to the 10 and a club ruff were followed by the $\spadesuit K$ and a claim, +1430.

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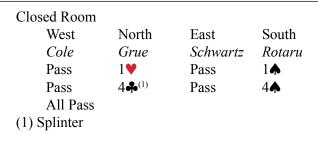
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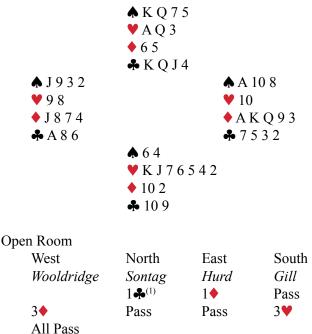
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Here, too, West led the ◆9 and declarer played to ruff a diamond in hand for 12 tricks, +480, meaning the loss of 11 IMPs, ROBINSON now down only 77–112.

Some small gains took the score to 84–112.

Board 51. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

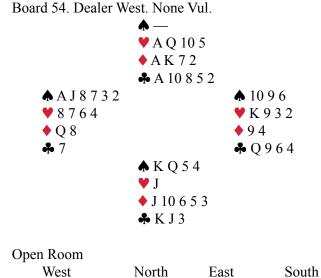


West led the \blacklozenge 7, and declarer lost four tricks, +140.

(1) Strong

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Cole	Grue	Schwartz	Rotaru
	1NT	Dbl	4 ♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4 \(\psi\)	Pass	Pass
4♠	$\mathrm{Dbl}^{(1)}$	All Pass	
(1) Hearts			

North led the ♣Q, and declarer won and played the ♠2, putting in dummy's ♠8 when North erroneously followed with the ♠5. If declarer had now played a heart, he would have escaped for two down, but a diamond to the jack was followed by a second spade. Now North's ♠K saw declarer win with the ♠A, cash the ♠A and exit with the ♠10. North won and played the ♥A followed by the ♥Q and that meant four down, -800, and a 12-IMP loss that took MINITER's lead to 40 IMPs.



open recom			
West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Sontag	Hurd	Gill
Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2 V ⁽²⁾
2♠	6♦	All Pass	
(1) Strong			
(2) $5 + 4 \checkmark / \spadesuit$, ga	me forcing		

East led the $\spadesuit 10$ to the queen, ace and a ruff, and declarer cashed the $\spadesuit A$ K and played a club to the jack, +940.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Cole	Grue	Schwartz	Rotaru
2♠	Dbl	3♠	3NT
Pass	$5NT^{(2)}$	Pass	6 ♦
All Pass			
(1) Pick a slam			

East led the \checkmark 6. Declarer won with dummy's \checkmark A, cashed the top diamonds, played a club to the jack, three more clubs, ruffing, and advanced the \spadesuit K for the same +940.

ROBINSON managed a couple of swings on the last two deals — they were only a consolation prize.

It was Joe Grue's second win in the contest (the previous one coming in 1997), but a first for everyone else (John Hurd has been runner-up four times and Joel Wooldridge three). It was Iulian Rotaru's first appearance in the final, while Gillian Miniter's win (having lost in the 2019 final) confirmed her as a Grand Life Master.

Multi 2♦ Written Defenses

At the 2025 Summer NABC in Philadelphia, any pair playing the Multi 2 convention (where permitted[1]) must pre-Alert the opponents and provide two copies[2] of the ACBL written defense to the opponents prior to the start of a round. The opponents may refer to this defense (or to their own written defense) during the auction.[3] Details specified in the ACBL Convention Charts, effective date June 16, 2025.

Effective August 4, 2025, pre-Alerts are still required but written defenses for Multi 2•[4] may not be referenced during the auction at any permissible event[5] at a North American Bridge Championship tournament, including regional-rated events.

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.
- [6] Applies to all regional tournaments (no district option to vary). Events where it is permitted must be at least six boards per segment and use the Open+ Convention Chart.

Eligibility points

Notice to members of other national bridge organizations: If you are currently a member of a bridge organization outside of USA, Canada, Mexico or Bermuda, or have been in the past, please be aware that you must have eligibility points assigned to you (or those previously issued to you reviewed, if more than a year ago) prior to participation in any event at this NABC. This is especially important if you intend to enter an event, flight or stratum with a masterpoint limit or a bracketed event. Please visit the Tournament Operations office (Room 405, fourth floor) for this purpose.





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Premier NABC+ events are the Grand National Teams (Championship Flight), von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, Spingold Knockout Teams and the Roth Open Swiss Teams. The undiscounted entry fees for these contests are \$50 per player per session. For team events, this means \$200 per team per session for four-person teams, \$250 per team per session for five-person teams and \$300 per team per session for six-person teams.

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

NABC event are the Grand National Teams (Flights A, B & C), the 0–6000 and 0–3000 Mini-Spingold Knockouts, the NABC 0–10,000 Pairs, the 0–10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams, the Bruce LM–6000 Pairs, the Young 0–3000 Pairs and the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs. The undiscounted entry fee for these events is \$35 per player per session. For the team events, this means \$140 per team per session for teams of four, \$175 per team per session for teams of five and \$210 per team per session for teams of six. (The GNT Flights A, B & C have no fee the first two days of the contest.)

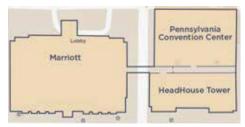
Regional events are \$32 per player per session for ACBL members, and \$37 for inactive members. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is \$128 per session. Evening events are \$22 per session.

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



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Vugraph operators needed

The ACBL is broadcasting various sessions of NABC team events on BBO. We are looking for people to take on the fun and challenge of being a vugraph operator. A few operators are still needed for Thursday, July 31, and Friday, Aug. 1.

Remuneration is \$100 per session. For more information, contact Jordan Caneveri by email at *Jordan*. *Canevari@acbl.org*.

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

	Wednes	day, July 30		
Me	eyer Kotki	n Memorial Day	Entry/play	er/session*
	9:30 am	& 3:30 pm	Members	Members
		1	with	without
Event	Session	Sold	discount	discount
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd of 32	Salon D, 5th floor	\$40	\$50
	1	0 am		
Joann Glasson Wednesday Morning Side Pairs	single	PCC Room 201,	\$22	\$32
Wed-Thu Daylight Series	8 -	3rd floor, across skywalk	,	, -
Meyer Kotkin Memorial 299er Pairs	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$18	\$28
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	10 an	n & 3 pm		
WERNHER OPEN PAIRS	1-2 Q	Salon H, 5th floor	\$35	\$45
2 qualifying & 2 final sessions		,		
FREEMAN MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH	1-2 Q	Salon E, 5th floor	\$35	\$45
TEAMS 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions		•		
Jane Segal Memorial Open Pairs	1-2	PCC Room 201,	\$22	\$32
(unlim./4000/1500)		3rd floor, across skywalk		
Bobbie Gomer Memorial Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Joan Brandeis Memorial Top-Flight Swiss	1-2	Franklin B inside, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Teams (unlim./6000/4500)				
Joan Weinrott Memorial Bracketed Round	1-2	Franklin B inside, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Robin Teams (0-4000)				
	10 am	& 3:30 pm		
0–6000 MINI-SPINGOLD	Rd 2	Liberty Ballroom,	\$25	\$35
KNOCKOUT TEAMS		3rd floor, across skywalk		
0–3000 MINI-SPINGOLD	Rd 1	Liberty Ballroom,	\$25	\$35
KNOCKOUT TEAMS		3rd floor, across skywalk		
Full-day knockout matches until complete; Pr	re-registration	n required by 3:30 pm Tue 7/29***		
	3	3 pm		
Terry Coughlin Memorial Wednesday	single	PCC Room 201,	\$22	\$32
Afternoon Side Pairs		3rd floor, across skywalk		
Wed-Thu Daylight Series				
Cathy Strauss 299er Pairs	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$18	\$28
	7:	30 pm		
Ann Smallen Wednesday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$22	\$22
Collegiate Individual	single	PCC Room 201,	Free	_
	U -	3rd floor, across skywalk		
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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.