



Daily Bulletin



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Youth poll

How has your life changed since you started playing bridge?

"I've found a good competitive environment where I feel like I can grow my skills – dexterity, memory, strategy. It's a niche activity I can take pride in."

Mitchell Edelstein, 14

Flager Beach FL

See more youth answers, pages 20-21

**ATTENDANCE through
THURSDAY
7365 tables**



Goodwill Message

Good sportsmanship is the hallmark of our bridge community.

Lamya Agelidis, Chair

Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

Perlmutter wins Mixed BAM

The squad led by Mark Perlmutter are the winners of the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams. Perlmutter, playing with Lynne Feldman and teammates Kitty Cooper and Paul Bethe, finished with 35.75, a half board ahead of the team led by Gillian Minitier.

The winners qualified with a carryover of 1.25, and scored a blistering 19 wins in the first final session. Their score of 15.5 in the

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Winners of the Freeman Mixed BAM Teams:
Lynne Feldman, Mark Perlmutter, Kitty Cooper and Paul Bethe.

Botta-Rotaru rally, win Wernher



Iulian Rotaru of Sunnyside NY and Giorgia Botta of Brooklyn NY are the winners of the Wernher Open Pairs. It's the first NABC+ win for Botta. Rotaru now has five; this is his second win at this tournament. He won the Grand National Teams Championship Flight earlier.

"First time playing together,

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Winners of the Wernher Open Pairs:
Iulian Rotaru and Giorgia Botta

George F. Tornay, Jr. 1936–2025

By Claire Tornay

George's introduction to bridge was at his parents' party bridge games. It was the major inexpensive entertainment of the era. As a child, he took a serious interest in the game and would practice playing hands with his parents as opponents. When he encountered his first "bad break," he exclaimed, "Damn!" and was immediately sent to his room. This may have been the start of his disciplined demeanor at the table. He did not tolerate idle chitchat and demanded total concentration, especially of

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Today's Bridge Events

Friday, Aug. 1 9:30 am & 3:30 pm			Entry/player/session*	
Event	Session	Sold	Members with discount	Members without discount
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 QF	Salon D, 5th floor	\$40	\$50
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	Salon D, 5th floor	\$25	\$35
0-3000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 QF	Salon D, 5th floor	\$25	\$35
10 am				
Arnold Selig Memorial Friday Morning Side Pairs	single	Franklin B, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
<i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>				
Carl Cronath 299er Pairs	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$18	\$28
10 am & 1 pm				
Lois Sanders Fast Pairs	1-2	Room 304, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3 pm				
NABC 0-10,000 PAIRS	1-2 F	Independence Ballroom 3rd floor across the skywalk	\$25	\$35
Elaine Weintraub Memorial Open Pairs (unlim./4000/1500)	1-2	Liberty Ballroom 3rd floor across the skywalk	\$22	\$32
Leon Lyday Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Vince Civale Memorial Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Franklin B inside, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Collegiate Pairs	1-2	PCC Room 201, 3rd floor, across skywalk	Free	Free
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship	QF/SF	PCC Room 201, 3rd floor, across skywalk	Free	Free
10 am & 3:30 pm				
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 Q	Salon H, 5th floor	\$40	\$50
<i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions</i>				
3 pm				
Don Swan Jr. Memorial Friday Afternoon Side Pairs	single	Franklin B, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
<i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>				
Jerry Craige Memorial 299er Pairs	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$18	\$28
7:30 pm				
Ann Smallen Friday Evening Side Pairs	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$22	\$22
<i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>				
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship	Final	PCC Room 201, 3rd floor, across skywalk	Free	Free

* For premier, NABC+ and NABC events, participants must be full ACBL members and up-to-date with their membership dues or service fees. For all other events, participants must be ACBL members (or guest members). Inactive members may renew or pay a \$5 upcharge per session. Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events. **Green = Regional events (gold and red points).** **Blue = Gold Rush events (gold and red points).** **Red = Intermediate/Newcomer 299er events (red points).**

International Fund

In NABC+ events, \$1.50 (per person, per session) of each entry fee will be allocated to the ACBL International Fund. These funds are used to underwrite part of the expenses of ACBL players who participate in international competition.

Today's Sponsors

Arnold Selig Part 1

by Susan Morse



Elvis.
Madonna. The Babe.
Every community has a member so infamous and beloved that no last name is needed for identification.

In Philly proper, we have Rocky and Fabian. In the Philly duplicate bridge scene, we had Arnold.

A Boston-born, lifelong Red Sox fan and lobster lover, Arnold spent much of his professional life here. After he retired from his job as a statistician for Philly's Public Health Department, he stuck around playing pinochle, bowling and building his reputation as one of our most colorful bridge characters.

You'd have known him immediately. Arnold was a Buddy Hackett type – he looked like Buddy a little, sounded like him a lot, and was at least as funny.

He was also what you'd call a shirt-off-the-back guy. He'd offer a ride to the game if he found out you were stuck. He'd pay off your parking meter if you lacked the change, buy you a meal if you were short, even help with your tax return. But if you went down in a cold contract, watch out. Players at North Penn Duplicate Bridge Club were more than relieved when they stopped using travelers to keep score because it put an end to Arnold scrutinizing all results after each hand and then running across the room to holler at some player: "How could you go down in four hearts? Even (name deleted) made four hearts!"

He knew his stuff, too. He played the hand beautifully, but he was always a little different. Playing South at Table 1 with Bobbie Gomer in Yorktown, he'd doze off as declarer, then wake

up and resume his line of play as if nothing had happened. He kept opening 1NT with a seven-card suit for years after the practice was banned – just couldn't break the habit.

When he wanted partner Ellen Gordon to play the jack in dummy, Arnold would say "What's Mendelsohn's first name?" (Jack Mendelsohn was Arnold's good friend and rival – a slightly less notorious Yorktown regular. Ellen, not wanting to give Arnold the satisfaction, would shoot back "Jacob!")

Not to be discouraged, declaring another hand later in the match with Q-10-x in hand and K-9-x on the board, Arnold would pause and scan the room. "Where's Mendelsohn sitting?" he'd ask Ellen. If he spotted Jack somewhere on his left, he'd finesse to the dummy. With Jack on his right, Arnold would lead to his hand.

He slowed down during the pandemic. Elaine Clair brought a spare iPad over to Arnold's assisted living facility and showed him the ropes on BBO. He could have had his pick of partners for a lift to a game when things opened back up – friends who remembered rides offered years back, meals sprung for, change for the parking meter. Instead, Arnold shipped himself home; back to family, Fenway Park and a lobster dinner. Or two.

We missed him. When he slipped away entirely on Sept. 10, 2024, we grieved.

This final weekend in Philly, we celebrate Arnold with the morning side game series. No matter which events you choose, feel free to check this space in tomorrow's Daily Bulletin for a few Arnold-isms that still come up in these parts and see why Arnold Selig possessed a spirit that truly lives on.

– Remembered fondly by John Dickenson and Susan Morse

Elaine Wentraub



Elaine Weintraub began her bridge career in 2004, as retirement approached and she was looking for a new hobby.

Elaine has a master's in mathematics from Johns Hopkins University and worked as a computer programmer, systems analyst and engineering manager. At Honeywell, she created products for the automation of oil refineries and chemical plants. At G.E., she created systems for automating electrical substations. At Motorola, she helped develop digital cable TV. Elaine served as tournament chair for Unit 141, chaired the Information Desk at the 2018 Philadelphia NABC, and served for many years as the tournament chair for District 4.

Elaine passed away in early 2025 and is sorely missed by her friends in and outside the bridge world.

– Memorialized by District 4

Vince Civale

by Paul Zebrowski



If you missed your chance to play bridge with Vince Civale, you missed an awesome ride. Auctions with Vince were

like roller-coaster rides in a tunnel, often harrowing but always (or almost always) coming to rest in a good spot; and the card play matched the bravado – you knew he was making when Vince started to sing to himself. From his bonafide New Jersey accent, you would never have guessed that Vince started life in Italy and immigrated to the U.S. when he was 15. Although he arrived without knowledge of

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SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

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

Saturday, Aug. 2

5:30–7 pm **Youth NABC Closing Reception.** PCC Room 204, across skywalk

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.

Friday, Aug. 1

9:15 a.m.	Chris Rivera	<i>Choosing an Opening Lead</i>
2:15 p.m.	Donna Compton	<i>Four Auctions, Four Suits to Lead</i>

Saturday, Aug. 2

9:15 a.m.	Jade Barrett	<i>How to Beat Everyone You Know</i>
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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.

Friday, Aug. 1

Bottled smoothies

Saturday, Aug. 2

Muffins

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.

Friday, Aug. 1

Potato and cheese pierogies, tomato soup, salad bar, smoked kielbasa, beef franks, sauerkraut, puddings

LIVE COMMENTARY

Live commentary on the Spingold Knockout Teams is available daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the ACBL's YouTube channel. Join the chat, ask questions and benefit from expert insight — all for free. Tune in at bridgecast.org!

No smoking in stairwells

The management of the Marriott has announced that any players caught smoking or vaping in the stairwells of the hotel will be ejected from the property and issued no-trespass warnings.

Local entertainment

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

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

Limited events eligibility

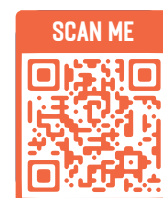
Players who have previously won an NABC+ event are not eligible to participate in any event with an upper masterpoint limit, including 0–10,000 events.

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

PLAYER MEMO

FILE ONLINE

ACBL.ORG/PLAYER-MEMO



If you have a problem, SAY something!

If you have any questions, please email recorder@acbl.org.





JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Tanis Nielsen is here at the NABC to play in the Collegiate Pairs with Dane Meade. They both go to the University of Illinois at Chicago, where they were recruited into the bridge club by the math department; they are both graduate students.

Tanis has been playing for almost one year. "It's fun," he said. "I love it so far. I feel like I'm like, working with the system, like rapping with it."

He admitted that both the bidding and

the card play can be "stressful, but I'm at the point where the bidding is more of a memory challenge and the card play is more of a skill challenge."

Dane, who didn't want his photo taken, added, "I think it's more strategy than any other card game that I'm familiar with. And that's without gambling."

"I don't feel that I'm good enough to even recognize how many mistakes I'm making, but I'm enjoying it."



Take All Your Chances

By Eddie Kantar

North (Dummy)

♠ A Q 7 5
♥ 6 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ A 10 5 4

South (You)

♠ K 2
♥ A 10 8 5 3
♦ K 4
♣ K Q J 2

You talk yourself into opening 1NT because you want to protect your kings in case the contract ends up in notrump.



Besides, you like playing the hand. Partner bids 2♣, Stayman, and you bid 3♥, showing five hearts. Partner, not impressed, bids 3NT. West leads the ♠J. Plan the play.

You start with eight sure tricks and must look to a red suit for a ninth. If you attack hearts, you more or less have to find hearts 3-3 (36%). If they are 4-2 (48%), the opponents may be able to establish a spade trick before you can set up your fifth heart, not to mention the ♦A. In other words, if hearts are 4-2, your chances of success are remote with a capital 'R.'

What about diamonds, your weakest suit? It may be a weak suit, but it still offers you a 75% chance of getting one trick! Lead up to the king, and if that loses, lead up to the jack: That's two finesses. You have to find the ♦A with East or the ♦Q with West.

At times the shortest combined suit offers the best percentage chance of building up a quick trick. However, don't try to make a living playing short suits before long suits!

The full deal:

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

Tip: Though it may work once in while, don't make a practice of opening 1NT with 5-4-2-2 distribution, particularly when the five-card suit is a major! With something like:

♠ A Q ♥ K 6 ♦ J 8 7 4 ♣ A Q 8 3 2,

both long suits minors and strength in both doubletons, 1NT is the best opening bid. You will have a major second-round bidding problem if you open 1♣ and partner responds 1♥ or 1♠. You are not strong enough to reverse by bidding 2♦, showing a minimum of 17 HCP with this distribution. Nor are you strong enough to jump to 2NT showing 18-19 HCP. Finally, you are too strong to rebid 1NT showing 12-14 HCP. In effect, you have painted yourself into a tiny corner.

Spingold KO: No. 2 seed ousted

In the Spingold Knockout Teams Round of 16, the No. 2 seed, ZIMMERMANN, fell to No. 15 VENTIN. The final score was 88–150.

ZIMMERMANN (Sebastiaan Drijver, Sjoert Brink, Michal Nowosadzki, team captain Pierre Zimmermann, Michal Klukowski and Jacek Kalita) led at the half by a margin of 16 IMPs, but VENTIN (Fredrik Nystrom, Johan Upmark, team captain Juan Carlos Ventin and Simon Hult) put on a clinic in the third quarter, outscoring their opponent 68 to 14. In the fourth quarter, they again outperformed by a margin of 51 to 27.

No. 6 ROSENTHAL (Andrew Rosenthal, Chris Willenken, Aaron Silverstein, Martin Schaltz, Christian Bakke and Boye Brogeland) was up by 31 at the half to HANS (Sartaj Hans, Andy Hung, Michael Whibley and Nabil Edgton) that was cut to an 18-IMP edge after three. HANS came roaring back with a 52–15 fourth set to win the match 135–116.

No. 5 SHOURIE (Rajath Shourie, Kevin Bathurst, Gavin Wolpert, Vincent Demuy, John Hurd and John Kranyak) fell behind to No. 12 VEDANTA CAPITAL (Parag Saxena, Migry Zur Campanile, Bart Nab, Veri Kiljan, Oren Toledano and Ami Zamir) by 19 at the half. They picked up 4 after the third set to be down 15 and rallied to win in the fourth 135–123.

The bracket and pairings for the quarterfinal matches can be found on pages 8–10.

Mini-Spingold final: East meets West

In the 0–6000 Mini-Spingold Knockout Teams, the East coast team (New Jersey, Virginia, Ontario) of Ryan Connors, Randi Adelman, Shona Donovan and Mark Donovan will face off against Californians Philip Kuhn, Jennifer Kuhn, Charles Riffle and Douglas Grant.

Rich–Hamilton lead 10K pairs

Larry Rich of Cumming GA and Carol Hamilton of Sarasota FL won the opening round of the NABC 0–10,000 Pairs. The duo scored a strong 67.45% in the morning session and followed up with a 49.64% in the afternoon to lead the contest by a fraction of a board over Tracey Bauer of San Rafael CA and Melissa Baker of West Harrison NY.

Narrowly in third place are Daiva Vitukynaite and Gediminas Poska of Palos Hills IL.

Of the 56 pairs that entered the contest, 36 survived to today's two-session final.

Mixed BAM

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Second in the Freeman Mixed BAM Teams: Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Gillian Minitier, Ida Gronkvist, Frederic Wrang and Tor Elvind Grude.

second final was enough to win the contest.

This is the first NABC win for captain Perlmutter, making him a Grand Life Master. It is also the first NABC title for Bethe, a former Junior star who has not played actively in many years. Cooper is his mother. She and Feldman each have multiple NABC wins. Feldman previously won the Mixed BAM in 1979.

Playing with Minitier were Swedish teammates Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Ida Gronkvist, Frederic Wrang and Tor Elvind Grude.

Micro-Spin enters QF round

The round of eight in the 0–3000 Mini-Spingold KO Teams feature the following pairings:

Robert Gervis vs. Simon-Pierre Goulet; Huang-Chia Chang vs. Ken Pelowski; Elizabeth Wood vs. Jason Grove; and Jichong Chai vs. Edward Lechner.

Full rosters are on page 16.

Wernher

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Runners-up in the Wernher Open Pairs: Doug Doub and Adam Wildavsky

longtime best friends,” said Botta. “Couldn’t be happier.”

“Georgia is the best,” said Rotaru.

The event was pretty much a two-horse race after the first final session, with Botta–Rotaru 20 matchpoints (77 top) behind the leaders. Their final session score – 59.54% – put them ahead by 10. Their final score was 2756.69

In second place with a score of 2746.70 were Adam Wildavsky of New York NY and Douglas Doub of Oak Ridge TN. They had a monster 71.28% first final session to move up from 24th to first. They finished with 58.14%.

Thursday’s final sessions featured 156 pairs.

Today's Sponsors (continued)

English, he thrived in school, served in the Army, graduated from college and became a CPA. Along the way he learned to play bridge with a vengeance, achieving Life Master in the early 1970s and winning many regional and sectional titles. It was through bridge that Vince met Pat, his partner of 40 years at the table as well as in love and work.

– *Memorialized by Pat Civale*

Carl Cronath

Carl Cronath was president of District 4 in 2008.

– *Honored by the Philadelphia NABC*

Lois Sanders

Lois Sanders was president of District 4 in 2007.

– *Honored by the Philadelphia NABC*

Leon Lyday

Leon Lyday was president of District 4 in 2004.

– *Honored by the Philadelphia NABC*

Don Swan Jr.

Don Swan Jr. was president of District 4 in 2002.

– *Memorialized by the Philadelphia NABC*

Jerry Craige

Jerry Craige was president of District 4 in 2001.

– *Memorialized by the Philadelphia NABC*

Tornay obit

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himself. However, many people have commented on his dry sense of humor and his outstanding ability to tell a joke. He often complained of “Excedrin Headache No. 8–26–62” (the date of our marriage).

George was born in Brooklyn, but spent some early years in New Jersey, Manhattan and, later, Queens where he was a member of his high school chess team. His father’s work eventually took the family to Toledo OH where he finished high school and went on to earn his bachelor’s degree at Miami University in Oxford OH. While in college, he explored his interest in theater and singing by performing in school productions. Bridge was still an active, but not major, part of his life. By then, he was also involved with tennis and golf. In summers, he was a tennis counselor at sleep-away camp. After college, he taught high school math and also served as tennis coach.

After we married, George began working as a consulting actuary, while simultaneously studying for the exams in that field. Bridge had now become a major focus for us. We attended many tournaments, frequently playing together or as teammates,

both domestically and in Europe. In 1987, the tragic death of our only child occurred just minutes before his 21st birthday. Bridge became an even more prominent diversion.

When George retired and moved to Florida in 2003, he had three hobbies which he pursued vigorously: bridge, golf and singing. He joined and sang with the Choral Society of the Palm Beaches, also serving as an officer on its board. He played some golf nearly every day and played lots of bridge, even more so when he received a diagnosis of Parkinson’s. The pandemic shuttered him, as well as the rest of the world, and he then began playing online. George had already attained the rank of Grand Life Master well before that, so the quest to garner masterpoints had quelled.

Along the road to some of his successes, he had developed serious partnerships with Leon Shore, Lou Levy, Saul Bronstein, Sam Stayman and Armond Barfus to name but a few. He won many regional events but his major bridge achievements were wins in the Senior and Advanced Senior Masters Pairs (1962), Men’s Board-a-Match Teams (1980), Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams (1984), the Swiss Plate (1986) and an eighth-place finish in the Rosenblum Teams (1986).

He is survived by Claire, his wife of 62 years, his sister Tish (husband John Bayer), plus numerous nieces and nephews.



Host Hotel

Marriott Marquis
\$189+tax per night

Reservations at host hotel are now open. Please visit 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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SPINGOLD TEAMS, ROUND OF 32 PAIRINGS

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17. Helle 118 48. Sealy 107		1. (32) Rippey 8. (9) Wolfson
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24. Cayne 116 41. IntoBridge 132		9. Wolfson 31 80 109 138 8. Lebowitz 21 46 92 118
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20. Bailey 193 45. Winestock 150		13. Goldberg 33 49 59 w/d 4. Fleisher 23 80 162
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4. Fleisher 182 61. Bodell 69		

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SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS – QUARTERFINAL PAIRINGS

88 Tables

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mike Rippey, San Francisco CA; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Przemyslaw Janiszewski, Warsaw Poland; Wojciech Strzemecki, Poland; Irene Baroni, Paris France

50.00 9/16 Pierre Zimmermann – Sjoert Brink – Michal Nowosadzki – Michal Klukowski – Jacek Kalita – Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland

50.00 9/16 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Martin Schaltz, Copenhagen Denmark; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Boye Brogeland, Norway

50.00 9/16 Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Adam Grossack, Newton MA

50.00 9/16 Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore Singapore; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskedalen Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL



50.00 9/16 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

50.00 9/16 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

50.00 9/16 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

50.00 9/16 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

25.00 17/32 Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Massimiliano di Franco – Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC

25.00 17/32 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 FL

25.00 17/32 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

25.00 17/32 William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Daniel Korbel – Joshua Donn – Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Israel

25.00 17/32 Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX; Jie Li, Beijing China; Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Hongji Wei, Jersey City NJ

25.00 17/32 Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY

25.00 17/32 John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Ethan Derman, Baltimore MD; Bart Bramley, Avon CT; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA

25.00 17/32 Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Edward Xu, North York ON; Yizhuo Zhang, Beijing China; Linlin Hu, China; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY

25.00 17/32 Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom; Tim van de Paverd, Leiden Netherlands; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands

25.00 17/32 Jerome Rombaut, France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France; Jean-Luc Aroix, Bordeaux France; Jeremie Tignel, Castanetolosan France; Nicholas Lhuissier, Rueil Malmaison France; Julien Bernard, Paris France

25.00 17/32 Diane Gordy, Palm Beach FL; Vladimir Mihov – Ivan Nanev Ivanov, Sofia Bulgaria; Jerry Stamatov – Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL; Radu Nistor, Aventura FL

25.00 17/32 Stefan Skorchev – Desislava Malakova – Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria; Ahu Zobu, Istanbul Turkey

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

25.00 17/32 Maxim Siline, Hudson MA; Alexander Wernle – Jovanka Smederevac, Vienna Austria; Carrie Liu, Hudson MA

25.00 17/32 Adam Parrish, New York NY; Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA; Danny Sprung, Las Vegas NV; Phil Clayton, Bella Vista AR; Ankur Rathi, San Francisco CA

25.00 17/32 Jeffrey Ferro, Saint Helena CA; Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Andrew Stark – Franco Baseggio, New York NY; Nikolaj Hammelev, Aarhus Denmark; Daniel Tylvad, Bronshoj Denmark

0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KO – FINAL PAIRING

16 Tables

Ryan Connors, Alexandria VA; Randi Adelman, Teaneck NJ; Shona Donovan – Mark Donovan, Kingston ON

vs

Philip Kuhn – Jennifer Kuhn, San Mateo CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA

20.80 3/4 Farley Mawyer, Port Chester NY; Frank Morgan, Ocean City NJ; Jonathan Howe, Sag Harbor NY; Hubert Howe Jr., Westhampton NY

20.80 3/4 Barry Dehlin, Dresher PA; Matt Sherman, Mechanicsburg PA; Rachael Gosling, Bermuda; John F. W. Glynn, Paget Bermuda

0-3000 MINI-SPINGOLD KO – QUARTERFINAL PAIRINGS

20 Tables

Robert Gervis, Boynton Beach FL; Paul Hattis, Newton MA; James Orleans, Delray Beach FL; Howard Booth, Cornelius NC

vs

Simon-Pierre Goulet, Montreal QC; Frederic Belanger, Verdun QC; Andrew Skolnick, Bedford Hills NY; Greg Warden, Ridgewood NJ

Huang-Chia Chang – John Altman, Cincinnati OH; George Mansour, Scranton PA; Richard Krauland, Kittanning PA; Russell Poppleton, Camp Hill PA

vs

Ken Pelowski – Lori Mirek, Atherton CA; Jacqueline Zayac, Lafayette CA; Kevin Marnell, Milwaukie OR

Elizabeth Wood, Arlington MA; Susan Lincoln, Boxford MA; David Gardner – Nicole Gardner, Watertown MA

vs

Jason Grove, Glastonbury CT; Justin Young, East Hartford CT; Sarah Wahl – Jackson Wahl, Minneapolis MN

Jichong Chai, Arlington VA; Haoyi You, Greenbelt MD; Wen Zhou, Thousand Oaks CA; Shirley Shi, Sacramento CA

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82.50	2	Gillian Minter, New York NY; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden; Tor Eivind Grude, Trondheim Norway; Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Royal Palm Beach FL; Ida Groenkvist, Sundbyberg Sweden	35.25
61.88	3	David Treitel, Ocala FL; Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Pamela Granovetter – Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	33.25
48.89	4	Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Zhaobin Xie – Zheng Jiang Liao, Chengdu China; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL	32.50
44.00	5	Margie Cole, New York NY; Sandra Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden	31.75
40.00	6	Shawn Quinn – Joe Quinn, Sugar Land TX; Sally Wheeler – Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX; Ira Hessel – Ellen Hessel, San Antonio TX	31.50
36.67	7	Gigi Simpson, Sarasota FL; Jessica Larsson, Heimdal Sweden; Gary Cohler, Wellington FL; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC	31.25
33.85	8	Sheri Winestock – Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV; Max Schireson, Stanford CA; Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Christal Henner, New York NY; Uday Ivatury, New York NY	30.75
31.43	9	William Neumann, Columbia MD; Sophia Baldysz, Charlottesville VA; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland; Lynne Castoldi, Minnetonka MN	30.55
29.33	10	Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Christina Madsen, Denmark; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark	30.50
27.50	11	Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Bo Fu, Shanghai China; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL	30.25
25.88	12	Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Justyna Zmuda, Skawina Poland; Piotr Wiankowski, Gdansk Poland; Katarzyna Dufurat, Wroclaw Poland; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY	30.15
24.44	13	Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA; Sylvia Shi, San Francisco CA; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON	30.00
23.16	14	Jared Lilienstein, New York NY; William Pollack – Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL	29.90
22.00	15	Rita Shugart, Carmel CA; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil; Carlos Pellegrini – Pablo Ravenna, Buenos Aires Argentina; Debra Hyatt, Lakewood CO; Pam Wittes, Venice CA	28.75
20.95	16	Gabriele Zanasi, Palermo Italy; Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL; Mustafa Cem Tokay, New York NY; Simonetta Paoluzi, Rome Italy	28.25
18.77	17/20	Eric Mayefsky, Arlington VA; Mike Rice – Rosalind Lin, Chapel Hill NC; Jennifer Lin, North Bethesda MD	28.00
18.77	17/20	Tim Archdeacon, Key Biscayne FL; Marusa Gold, Leeds United Kingdom; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	28.00
18.77	17/20	Jian-Ping Chen, Yorktown VA; Leah Shao, Harrisonburg VA; Jiang Chen - Qinqin Wang, Lexington MA	28.00
18.77	17/20	Ethan Liu, Fremont CA; Ho-Yee So, Taipei City Taiwan; Wenhao Hu – Hui Zhang, Providence RI	28.00

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93.75	2	Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN	2746.70
70.31	3	Mark McCarthy, San Francisco CA; Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA	2673.24
55.56	4	Selen Hotamisligil, Weston MA; Burak Baskan, Amesbury MA	2514.59
50.00	5	Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON; Frederic Pollack, Laval QC	2512.50
45.45	6	Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH	2480.72
41.67	7	Hugh Brown, McCormick SC; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA	2478.60
38.46	8	Dani Cohen, Ramat Hasharon Israel; Joseph Engel, Israel	2463.41
35.71	9	Ioannis Oikonomopoulos – Giorgos Oikonomopoulos, Thessaloniki Greece	2434.69
33.33	10	Nir Grinberg, Hod Hasharon Israel; Avi Kalish, Haifa Israel	2432.81
31.25	11	Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	2430.05
29.41	12	Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA; Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA	2419.12
27.78	13	Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA	2391.89
26.32	14	Corey Krantz, Boynton Beach FL; Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	2372.88
25.00	15	Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; James Holzhauer, Seattle WA	2372.50
23.81	16	Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL	2372.45
22.73	17	Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Marc-Andre Fourcaudot, Montreal QC	2365.08
21.74	18	Nigel Bird, England; Brian Senior, Nottingham England	2346.87
20.83	19	James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX	2346.63
20.00	20	Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA; Brian Zhang, Dublin CA	2320.08
19.23	21	Jenni Carmichael – Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA	2316.55
18.52	22	Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Shan Au, Westerville OH	2304.40
17.86	23	Samuel Pahk, Somerville MA; Michael Haas, Haddonfield NJ	2294.02
17.24	24	Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL	2293.05
16.67	25	Marty Seligman, Wynnewood PA; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland	2287.98
16.13	26	Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA; Chris Compton, Omaha NE	2287.88
15.63	27	Jeff Xiao – Guanghao Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	2285.13
15.15	28	Robert Morris – Arjune Bose, Houston TX	2284.21
14.71	29	George Jacobs, Geneva IL; Jordan Chodorow, West Hollywood CA	2274.28
14.29	30	Sarik Goyal, Jersey City NJ; Siqing Yu, San Diego CA	2274.14
13.89	31	Normand Houle, St.-Hubert QC; Stephane Turcotte, St.-Laurent QC	2274.06
15.66	32	Ash Gupta, New York NY; Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL	2261.47
13.16	33	Andrew Chen, Austin TX; Zheng Zhang, Toronto ON	2259.08
12.82	34	Owen Lynch, Huntsville AL; Guohui Zhang, Madison AL	2251.89
12.50	35	Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA; John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA	2245.94
12.20	36	Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA	2245.80
11.90	37	Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI; Michael Curley, Rockford MI	2244.49
11.63	38	Daniel Lev, New York NY; Sam Lev, Aventura FL	2243.68
11.36	39	Sandeep Karmarkar, Mumbai India; Rajendra Gokhale, Redmond WA	2240.31
15.59	40	John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Bob Feller, Guilderland NY	2238.38
10.87	41	Daniel Boye, Baldwinsville NY; Larry Sunser, Syracuse NY	2233.99
10.68	42	Junko Hemus, Los Angeles CA; Aly El-Selehdar, Minnetonka MN	2230.12
10.42	43	Andy Cope, Coventry United Kingdom; Aleksandar Lishkov, Kenilworth IL	2227.00
10.20	44	Mike Ma, Cincinnati OH; Stephen Moese, West Chester OH	2226.30
10.00	45	Ron Gerard – Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY	2225.08
9.80	46	Jeffrey Schwartz – Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA	2200.66
9.62	47	Federico Porta Tadolini, Roma Italy; Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy	2199.61
9.43	48	Ronald Kral, Reston VA; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria	2195.12
9.26	49	Mark Chen, Charleston SC; Brad Theurer, Gaithersburg MD	2192.53
9.09	50	Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI; Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL	2189.51
8.93	51	Martin Garvey – Andrea Knox, Llandudno United Kingdom	2187.09
9.08	52	Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; Paul Holmes, Wadsworth OH	2186.21
8.62	53	Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ	2178.59
8.47	54	Don Lussky, Elmhurst IL; Craig Gardner, Streamwood IL	2177.09
8.33	55	Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA; Sriram Ganesan, Sunnyvale CA	2175.74
8.20	56	Charles Carroll, St. Paul MN; Bernard Fudor, Pittsburgh PA	2172.72
8.06	57	Paul Lewis, White Plains NY; H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY	2167.32

7.94	58	Russell Samuel, Coram NY; Chris Moll, Cary NC	2165.75
7.81	59	Gary Schwartz, Huntsville AL; Pete Matthews Jr., Canton MA	2160.84
7.69	60	Jeffrey Rothstein – Allen Kahn, New York NY	2157.20
7.58	61	Mansoor Gowani, San Jose CA; Suresh Mahajan, Del Mar CA	2157.16
11.46	62	Jeff Schuett, Lincolnshire IL; Nancy Frank, Glencoe IL	2155.70
7.35	63	Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC; Samuel Marks, Atlanta GA	2152.89
7.25	64	Richard Newell, West Des Moines IA; Toby White, Des Moines IA	2149.61
7.14	65	Richard Logan, Diamondhead MS; Jay Segarra, Ocean Springs MS	2147.71
7.04	66	Drew Cavalier, Huntsville AL; Christian Jolly, New Hudson MI	2138.13
10.06	67	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Andrew Chesterton, Winchester MA	2133.80
6.85	68	C. Valerie Gamio, Rolling Hills Estates CA; Guillermo Minutti, Rolling Hills CA	2128.09
6.76	69	Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA; Peter Knee, Canyon Country CA	2128.07
6.67	70	Jordan Lampe, New York NY; Wayne Ohlrich, Carrboro NC	2120.54
6.58	71	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA	2118.93
6.49	72	Samuel Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY; Cecilia Ehrlichman, Ann Arbor MI	2111.16
6.41	73	Brian McGuire, United Kingdom England; Sebastian Atisen, London England	2111.14

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18.0 Tables		Carryover
1	Larry Rich, Cumming GA; Carol Hamilton, Sarasota FL	59.01
2	Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Melissa Baker, West Harrison NY	57.81
3	Daiva Vitukynaite – Gediminas Poska, Palos Hills IL	57.29
4	James Breihan – Jane Boozalis, Houston TX	51.18
5	Tom Jacobson, Fairfield CA; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA	48.56
6	Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD; John Klein, Ijamsville MD	47.36
7	Michael Zeller, New Kingstown PA; David Schuster, New Freedom PA	47.15
8	Michael Heider, Redding CT; James Osofsky, South Deerfield MA	46.36
9	Lon Sunshine, Merrimack NH; Brandon Fong, Mount Laurel NJ	42.54
10	Jack Lipson, East Meadow NY; Howard Cohen, Oceanside NY	42.39
11	Ilan Tadmor, Sunnyside NY; Barak Engel, Oakland CA	41.63
12	Natalie Bassil, Boston MA; Chuck Greenslit, Framingham MA	41.61
13	Eugene Hung – Han-Yu Chang, Los Altos CA	35.48
14	Charles Nemes, Longboat Key FL; Charles Sheaff, Jacksonville IL	33.26
15	Sibrand van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands; Barbara Shukov, Los Altos CA	32.27
16	Ugur Ergun, Ankara Turkey; Murat Alaybeyi, Saratoga CA	31.70
17	Suyan Liu, Charlotte NC; Xi Xing, Skillman NJ	30.18
18	Alan Frank, Amherst MA; Mansur Hasib, Gambrills MD	27.31
19	Paul Burnham, Wilton CT; Sonja Smith, Chapel Hill NC	27.12
20	Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA; Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland	26.54
21	Trevor Reeves, New Fairfield CT; Felix Springer, West Hartford CT	25.88
22	Ann Hudson – Randolph Johnson, Hadley MA	24.83
23	Bruce Schwaidelson, Doylestown PA; Alvaro Ronderos, Plymouth Meeting PA	22.73
24	David Langer – Judy Riehs, Buffalo Grove IL	21.58
25	Kalyan Venkat, Round Rock TX; Charlene Sands, Driftwood TX	19.34
26	Peter van Zijl, Hanover MD; Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD	17.99
27	Muffie Gur – Reha Gur, Bonita Springs FL	17.64
28	Jin Wang, Seattle WA; Qing Ping Yu, Thornhill ON	16.36
29	Feng Liu – Jacinda Liu, Sandy UT	14.32
30	Weilong Shen, Milpitas CA; Alan Yu, Herndon VA	11.84
31	Andy Hsiao, Marvin NC; Greg Leblanc, Charlotte NC	10.92
32	Venky Venkataramani – R. Muggia, Andover MA	6.96
33	David Rosenberg, Jackson Heights NY; Alene Friedman, New York NY	6.32
34	Michael Flader, Eagan MN; Joel Kramer, Minneapolis MN	5.31
35	Michael Berard, Glenn Dale MD; Murat Berk, Potomac MD	2.44
36	Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Randy Okubo, St. Paul MN	0.00

COLLEGIATE BRIDGE BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP – Round of 12 Pairings**12 Tables**

Western: Simon Hungate, Toronto ON;
Sean McBride – Jeffrey Martinovic,
Mississauga ON; Garrett Liu, Oakville
ON; Rachel Penney, Hamilton ON

vs

Carnegie-Mellon: Mingkuan Xu,
Pittsburgh PA; Raphael Stone, Austin TX;
Peter Duers, New York NY; Austin Shi,
McLean VA; Lena Liang, St. Louis MO

Princeton: Katherine Hwang, New York
NY; Tianyang Chen – Zhouzhou Gu –
Yitao Chen, Princeton NJ; Zhao Yu Ma,
Jersey City NJ

vs

Alberta: Bernice Ng – Dan Bell – Reece
Jurgens – Isaac Stone, Edmonton AB;
Evelyn Boucher, Calgary AB

UC Davis: Maxwell Burns, Washington
DC; Aniket Mondal – Haoqing Chen,
Davis CA; Keari Bjorgum, Elk Grove CA

vs

Queens: Cynthia Wang – Sarah Larsen,
Kingston ON; Zhaofeng Wang, Evanston
IL; Quan Chen, North York ON

U of Chicago: Alec Sun, Philadelphia PA;
Jake Williams, Brooklyn NY; Alex Ding –
Zheshen Li, Chicago IL

vs

NYU: Xingrui Wang – Jan Borowski, New
York NY; Quentin Liang, Long Island City
NY; Alex Thearling, Cambridge MA

Georgia Tech: Justin Shiao – Yanhua
Wang, Atlanta GA; Vasisht Ganesh,
Miramar FL; George Sorkin, Buford GA

vs

UC Berkeley: Jonathan Yue, San Jose
CA; Weichen Tang – Zhenling Wang –
Mihir Singhal, Berkeley CA; Ethan Xie,
Williamsville NY

Amherst: Jonah McDonald, Takoma Park
MD; Hank Hsu, Cupertino CA; Kiara
Falcasantos, Amherst MA; Michael Zheng,
Fremont CA

vs

NYU: Yanlai Yang – Zihan Wang,
Jersey City NJ; Ava Donnellan – Margot
Donnellan, Brooklyn NY



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Flipper kibitzes at the Youth NABC

Ethan Wu of Cupertino CA and Beatrice Hung of Los Altos CA (and her penguin, Flipper) had a sit-out in the Thursday morning Youth Pairs. They tried a round of BridgeWar – a new game developed by the ACBL to introduce people to the concept of bridge – and then answered a few questions.

Beatrice has been playing since she was 7, “so, like, four years.” This is her first time at an NABC, but she’s played in tournaments before. Her parents play, and her younger brother is here too; he played in the Cardrook Pairs.

Beatrice got right to the point. “I like winning,” she said. “I like it when I make a doubled contract. I also hate it when I go down in a doubled contract. Or when my partner passes my takeout double.”

Beatrice said BridgeWar is “a good way to learn, but I think the best way to learn bridge is to first, learn whist; second, learn how trumps work; third, learn mini-bridge; fourth, play actual bridge.”

Beatrice, who will be in seventh grade, is thinking about studying

computer science. Besides playing bridge, she likes to code “and play video games and think about how they work.” She also crochets and knits and likes penguins. “They’re just so cute.” Her favorite is the gentoo penguin. “They can swim over 22 miles per hour.”



Beatrice and Flipper

Beatrice described a memorable event at the bridge table. “There was a time when my partner played the ♠A then king and I accidentally ruffed it. I was just discarding from my longest



A gentoo penguin

suit, but my longest suit was the trump suit, because they violated Burn’s Law. I know all three of them. The first one is, do not play in a contract when the opponents have more trumps than you do. Second is the rule of eight: Find out how many aces the opponents have. Subtract that number from eight. Do not play at that level. And the third rule is, you can’t make notrump on a crossruff. That one is my favorite.”

Ethan didn’t have as much to say. This is not his first NABC. “I went to Atlanta last time,” he said. He likes bridge because “there are so many

YOUTH EVENTS

All Youth NABC events are in PCC Room 204, across skywalk from third floor.

Friday, Aug. 1 BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS

10 am

Qualifier

2 pm

Finals

2 pm

Youth Pairs single session

10 am, 2 pm

Cardrook Pairs single sessions

BridgeWar single sessions

Saturday, Aug. 2 ACBL ED FOUNDATION & BRIDGEWHIZ NATIONAL YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

10 am

Qualifier

2 pm

Finals

2 pm

Youth Teams single session

10 am & 2 pm

Cardrook Pairs single sessions

BridgeWar single sessions

Youth Award Ceremony Saturday, Aug. 2 at 5:30 pm

Including Bridge Base Online Sportsmanship Award, Baron Barclay Youth Pairs Scholarship and ACBL Ed Foundation & BridgeWhiz National Youth Swiss Teams Scholarship

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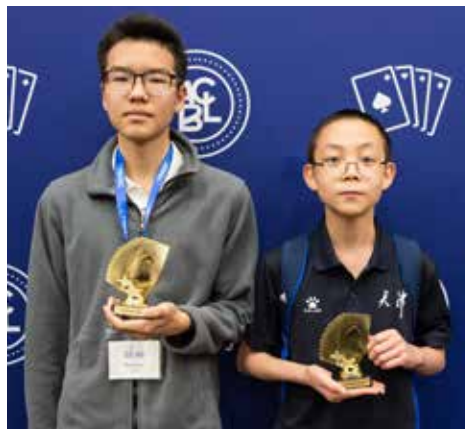


First overall: Ran Ji, Oscar Deng, Alvin Guo and Encan Liu,

Youth Pairs



First overall: Casper Gu and Aydan Jia



First in B and C: Botong Li and Bowen Pang



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Second overall: Jayson Lee and*



Second in B and C: Zimo Hu and Xuheng Li

Flipper

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Ethan Wu, Beatrice Hung and Flipper
different ways to play.” As for animals,
“Personally, I like just about any kind
of dog,” he said.

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THURSDAY MORNING YOUTH PAIRS

24.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
7.93	1			Casper Gu, Barrie ON; Aydan Jia, Waterloo ON	68.33%
5.95	2			Jayson Lee – Katherine Lee, Hillsborough CA	65.83%
3.91	3/4			Shira Lahav, Asheret Israel; Aviv Zaidenberg Gatt, Rechovot Israel	63.81%
3.91	3/4			Syed Haider, Palm Coast FL; Brayden Dobbins, Flagler Beach FL	63.81%
2.51	5			Patrick Guo, Calgary AB; Colton Weber, Concord NC	63.69%
2.22	6	1	1	Botong Li – Bowen Pang, Tianjin China	63.57%
1.51	7			Kevin Wei, Union City CA; Arjun Chaunal, Issaquah WA	63.33%
1.43	8			Michael Hoagland, Redwood City CA; Noah Hutchinson, Woodbridge CT	62.38%
2.04		2	2	Zimo Hu – Xuheng Li, Beijing China	59.76%
1.25		3		Joseph Hoagland, Redwood City CA; Clayton Kaneko, Danville CA	58.10%
1.43		4	3	Kevin Yichen Zou – Stella Zhang, Beijing China	57.38%
0.72		5	4	Ran Ji, Beijing China; Encan Liu, Beijing China	55.71%
0.75		6	5	Beatrice Hung, Los Altos CA; Ethan Wu, Cupertino CA	55.55%
0.55			6	Justin Cui – Xianze Liu, Beijing China	55.12%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

26 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.53	1	1	1	Alvin Guo, Philadelphia PA; Encan Liu, China; Ran Ji – Oscar Deng, Beijing China	53.00
4.90	2			Jayson Lee – Katherine Lee, Hillsborough CA; Kyle Lin – Keith Lin, San Francisco CA	52.00
3.67	3			Arjun Chaunal, Issaquah WA; Kevin Wei, Union City CA; Casper Gu, Barrie ON; Aydan Jia, Waterloo ON	51.00
2.75	4	2	2	Minghan Liu – Yilin Liu – Xianze Liu – Justin Cui – Chenghan Bai – Brady Lin, Beijing China	50.00
2.07	5			Lee Blocher, Champaign IL; Alexander Xu, Lisle IL; Aviv Zaidenberg Gatt, Rechovot Israel; Shira Lahav, Asheret Israel	49.00
1.55	6			Eli Shuster, Collegeville PA; Ziyana Khan, Hummelstown PA; Derek Deschenes, Bellevue WA; Demian Li, San Jose CA	45.00
1.16	7	3	3	Xinlun Yu – Botong Li – Bowen Pang, Tianjin China; Muchen Li, Beijing China	42.00
0.66		4	4	Stella Zhang – Kevin Yichen Zou – Yuzhe Hu – Junyao Wang – Haoyang Li, Beijing China	34.00
0.50		5		Shuangfu Liu – Tianjie Zhang – Yufan Lu, Tianjin China; Ruien Shang, Beijing China	31.00

THURSDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.30	1			Liam Hamilton – Kenneth Quinlan, Williamsburg VA	76.39%
1.13	2	1	1	Zhouxiong Wu, Cupertino CA; Flora Ding, San Jose CA	72.22%
0.73	3			Samuel Clement – Ounar Traore, Orange NJ	63.89%
0.55	4			Wyatt Buff, TBD NC; Thomas S. Fleming, Williamsburg VA	62.50%
0.85		2	2	Samuel Kuang – Anson Wong, San Francisco CA	54.17%
0.64		3		Mackyse Duverge, Bayonne NJ; Zeinabe Konate, Orange NJ	46.75%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.14	1	1	1	Zhouxiong Wu, Cupertino CA; Flora Ding, San Jose CA	78.12%
0.86	2	2		Sahara Hafiz-Kendall – Faith Mathis, Orange NJ	51.04%
0.78	3	3	2	Thomas S. Fleming, Williamsburg VA; Arthur Hung, Los Altos CA	43.75%

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How have you changed?

During lunch at the Youth NABC on Thursday, we asked players: How has your life changed since you started playing bridge? Here are their answers.



"It's been nice to meet a lot of new people. I've grown as an intellectual and it's great fun."

*Ethan Wu, 12
Cupertino CA*



"I've learned to think more deeply, in play and in everyday situations."

*Keith Lin, 15
San Francisco CA*



"I've gotten to meet a lot of people. It teaches me a whole new perspective."

*Daniel Yfrah, 15
Palm Coast FL*



"Now I can concentrate during school work. It's a memory game that helps your mind and mindset."

*Luthando Libisi, 12
Orange NJ*



"When I started I was confused a lot. Now I'm getting better because I pay attention more and am more focused."

*Kiarra Jeffries, 12
Orange NJ*



"Bridge has made me more open to the real world and more strategy and cooperation with my partner."

*Sahara Kendall, 14
Scranton PA*



"It's a good way to participate in the community with older people. It's good for them and good for us."

*Ivy Chen, 16
Palm Coast FL*



"I've gotten better at memory. It's been a great highlight of my life – a terrific life-changing experience."

*Syed Haider, 16
Palm Coast FL*



"Bridge helped me expand my mind and make new friends."

*Alexa Jiu, 11
Waterloo ON*



"I can hang out with my friends more and concentrate."

*Thyme Johnson, 11
Orange NJ*



"I've been meeting a lot of people and I've been traveling a lot."

*Kurt Hoisie, 8
Tiburon CA*



"It's my first year. It's fun. It makes me concentrate."

*Success Clement, 10
Orange NJ*

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"I've met so many new people. It gave me an activity to do to improve my mental health."

*Brayden Dobbins, 17
Flagler Beach FL*



"I met a lot of new people and actually gotten smarter. It's been a super experience."

*Clayton Kaneko, 12
Danville CA*



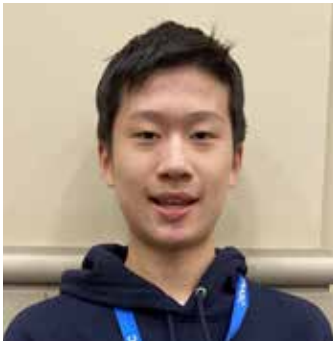
"I've been spending more quality time with my day. It's a fun way to spend time without technology."

*Ziyana Khan, 15
Hummelstown PA*



"Bridge made me think a lot harder and allowed me to develop critical thinking skills."

*Daniel Gnatyuk, 15
Palm Coast FL*



"Bridge has helped me make better decisions – decision-making skills, collaborative skills, strategic thinking. I can think a little bit beyond what I could before."

*Aydan Jia, 15
Waterloo ON*



"I've gotten more in tune with the community, especially the older population. It's fun and different from other activities like video games."

*Spencer Habeck, 16
Bunnell FL*



"I've become more patient. You have to pause think and before making a decision. I take my time instead of rushing school work. It's opened new opportunities for me."

*Kayla Jia, 17
Waterloo ON*



"Lots. Definitely broadened my range of perspectives. I've seen every single old person in North America. It's really improved my patience, manners, self-control. I'm less shy."

*Casper Gu, 15
Barrie ON*



"It helps us communicate with each other. It helps socializing with people we don't know well."

*Kristina Seang, 16
Palm Coast FL*



"I started traveling, did a lot of tournaments. My dad started pushing me harder."

*Beatrice Hung, 11
Los Altos CA*



"It's given me something to do in my free time and it helps with mental endurance."

*Cesar Bocanegra, 15
Palm Coast FL*



"It's more traveling and it's a fun hobby to have. Nothing too major."

*Eddy Qi, 13
San Francisco CA*

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Cardrook Pairs



First overall in the afternoon, first in B and C in the morning: Zhouxiong Wu and Flora Ding

First overall in the morning (not pictured): Liam Hamilton and Kenneth Quinlan



Third in the morning: Oumar Troure and Samuel Clement

Youth Pairs – section tops



Third overall: Shira Lahav and Aviv Zaidenberg Gatt



Third in B: Clayton Kaneko and Joseph Hoagland



Encan Liu and Ran Ji



Fifth overall: Colton Weber and Patrick Guo



Third in C: Kevin Zou and Stella Zhang



Xianze Liu and Justin Cui



"I've been going more on national trips."

*Joseph Hoagland, 12
Redwood City CA*



"Bridge has changed me. I'm more concentrated. I can focus on tests."

*Faith Mathis, 14
Orange NJ*



"It's offered me a challenge for my mind and I met all these great people at this table."

*Ethan Lord, 15
Palm Coast FL*

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Summer Boyd-Bowman and Kaitlyn Kuang

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Wernher wunderkinder

Brian Zhang, 14, and Kayden Ge, 16, earned a cold top on this deal from the first final session of the Wernher Open Pairs. The California-based duo took advantage of firm agreements in the auction:

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

West	North Zhang	East	South Ge
4♥	4♠	Pass	1NT ⁽¹⁾
5♦	Pass*	5♥	Pass*
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

(1) 14–16 HCP

West made a reasonable jump to 4♥ over the 1NT opener, and Zhang chose the equally reasonable 4♠. When this was passed back around, West made an ill-advised stab at 5♦ – the vulnerability makes this a dangerous choice – and Zhang calmly passed as North, confident that his partner would understand that the pass was forcing.

When East corrected to 5♥, it was Ge's turn to pass as South, knowing that his partner would take further action.

Zhang decided that the pass of 5♥ suggested no wasted values in hearts, so he offered 6♣ at his next turn, which pleased Ge as South.

West now compounded his error on the second round by doubling on a hand with little/no defense against a black-suit contract. Zhang had no difficulty scoring all 13 tricks, scoring +1190 for 77 out of 77 matchpoints.

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Spingold Round of 32 recap

By Mark Horton

The first offerings on BBO were FLEISHER (4) vs ROMBAUT (29) and RUBENSTEIN (7) vs KAPLAN (26).

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs ROMBAUT

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Bernard</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
		2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♥	Dbl	All Pass	

(1) Multi: strong or weak with one major

(2) Asking

(3) Weak with hearts

North led the ♠K and continued with the ♠2, declarer winning with the ♠9 and playing two more spades, pitching diamonds from dummy. South won North's diamond switch and returned the ♣7, North taking the ♣A and exiting with a diamond. Declarer ruffed in dummy and claimed seven tricks, two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>L. Rombaut</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♦	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl
3♥	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

(1) Hearts

West led the ♥10 to the queen and king, declarer pitching a spade from dummy. A spade to the queen, a diamond to the queen and another spade gave declarer an easy route to nine tricks, +600 and 7 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

This looks like a reasonable 6♥ for E/W, cold if hearts are 2-2, or if the diamond finesse is right.

FLEISHER vs ROMBAUT

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Bernard</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
		1♥	1♠
2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(1) Raise with 4♥

South led the ♣Q, and declarer organized the play so as to discard a club on the ♠K and played for hearts to be 2-2, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>L. Rombaut</i>
	2♣ ⁽¹⁾	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(1) Game forcing or 5+ ♦, 3-8 HCP

South led the ♦9, and declarer took dummy's ♦A and cashed the top hearts, +680.

RUBENSTEIN vs KAPLAN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Rubenstein</i>
	Pass	1♥	1♠
2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦ ⁽²⁾	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Redbl ⁽³⁾	Pass	4NT ⁽⁴⁾	Pass
5♥ ⁽⁵⁾	All Pass		

- (1) Heart support
- (2) Control
- (3) First-round control
- (4) RKCB
- (5) Two keycards

Declarer knew there was a probable diamond loser and was not prepared to bid a slam that would require him to locate the ♥Q.

South led the ♦9, and having won with dummy's ♦A, declarer played a spade to the king and cashed the top hearts, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Wei</i>
	Pass	1♥	1♠
2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

- (1) 4+♥, 10+ HCP
- (2) Game forcing

South led the ♣Q. Declarer won with the ♣A, unblocked the ♠A, went to dummy with the ♥A and ran the ♥J, +650, to lose an IMP.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Both Norths in the FLEISHER vs ROMBAUT match bid and made 4♠ for a push.

In RUBENSTEIN vs KAPLAN, however, Rosenberg chose 4♠ as North while his counterpart, Li, opted for just 3♠. That was 6 IMPs to RUBENSTEIN.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

In FLEISHER vs ROMBAUT, the auction was the same at both tables: 3♠ by South and 4♠ by North. The West players led the ♦6 at both tables, losing to East's queen. The trump return was won by West, and a second diamond meant one down. Push.

FLEISHER had held ROMBAUT to just 15 IMPs, but they themselves had scored only a single to trail by 14.

RUBENSTEIN vs KAPLAN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Rubenstein</i>
			3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♦6 and East won with the ♦Q and switched to the ♣4, declarer winning with the ♣A as the ♦4 went from dummy. I was expecting a long think at this point, but declarer almost instantly played the ♠9 and had to go one down, West winning and playing a diamond.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Wei</i>
			3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♦6 and East won with the ♦Q and switched to the ♣K, declarer winning with dummy's ace as a diamond went away. Declarer now ran the ♠9, but West won with the ♠A and a second diamond spelled the demise of the contract.

After East's switch, declarer needed to play on hearts.

KAPLAN led 19–15.

Plenty of IMPs were traded in other matches (70 or more eight times), a testament to how well our featured teams performed.

Roth Open Swiss starts today



Winners of last year's Roth Open Swiss Teams: Eddie Wold, Eric Rodwell, Oren Toledano, Ami Zamir and (not pictured) Doug Simson and Venkatrao Koneru

The six-session Open Swiss Teams, named in honor of ACBL Hall of Famer Al Roth, begins with today's two-session qualifier. The nationally rated event was first held in 2005.

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

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

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

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

Roth retired from active bridge competition in the '70s but remained active as a staff member of Bridge Today and on panels of The Bridge

World, Bridge Today and Australian Bridge.

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

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

Previous winners:

- 2005** Christal Henner-Welland, Michael Kamil, Claudio Nunes, Fulvio Fantoni, Frederik Nystrom, Peter Bertheau
- 2006** Christal Henner-Welland, Roy Welland, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski, Antonio Sementa, Bjorn Fallenius
- 2007** Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco
- 2008** Philip Gordon, Josh Donn, Jason Feldman, Terje Aa, Joergen Molberg
- 2009** Robert Hampton, Gavin Wolpert, Joel Wooldridge, John Hurd, Krzysztof Buras, Grzegorz Narkiewicz
- 2010** Steve Weinstein, Lew Stansby, Chip Martel, Bobby Levin, Martin Fleisher and Mike Kamil

- 2011** Mark Gordon, Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Alan Sontag, Terje Aa, David Berkowitz, Jorgen Molberg, Allan Cokin (coach)
- 2012** Geoff Hampson, John Diamond, Fred Gitelman, Eric Greco, Brad Moss
- 2013** Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki, Bart Bramley, Lew Stansby
- 2014** Paul Fireman, John Kranyak, Vince Demuy, Gavin Wolpert, John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge
- 2015** Brian Platnick, John Diamond, Kevin Bathurst, Justin Lall, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco
- 2016** John Onstott, Drew Casen, Mike Passell, Chris Compton, Joshua Donn
- 2017** Ai-Tai Lo, William Cole, Beth Palmer, William Pettis
- 2018** John Onstott, Magdalena Ticha, Richard Ritmeijer, James Krekorian, Bruce Ferguson, Drew Casen
- 2019** Gaylor Kasle, Bartosz Chmurski, Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Piotr Tuczynski, Michal Kwiecien, Joshua Donn
- 2020** *Not held*
- 2021** *Not held*
- 2022** Laurence Lebowitz, Adam Grossack, Dennis Bilde, Agustin Madala, Zachary Grossack, Michael Rosenberg
- 2023** Jun Shang, Yanhui Sun, Yinghao Liu, Linlin Hu, Alon Birman, Dror Padon
- 2024** Douglas Simson, Oren Toledano, Ami Zamir, Venkatrao Koneru, Eric Rodwell, Eddie Wold

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New Life Master



Cindy Mueller of Mechanicsburg PA is ACBL's newest Life Master. Mueller earned the last few gold

points she needed for her new rank in Wednesday's Bracket Round-Robin Teams. Her squad – which included fellow-Pennsylvanians Margaret Sobolewski, James Boyer and Thomas Anderson – won Bracket 5 of the contest.

Mueller also topped the 750-masterpoint milestone to become a Bronze LM at the same time.



Linda Gaston of Austin TX became a Silver LM in Wednesday's Bracket Round-Robin Teams.

Gaston, playing with partner Heike Koistinen and teammates Robert Jennings and Ed Gould, won Bracket 8 of the event.

Milestone



Paul Holmes of Wadsworth OH became a Gold Life Master on Thursday playing in the Wernher Open Pairs with Eric

Gettleman of Ellicott City MD. He was about 8 points short of 2500 when he arrived in Philadelphia, and needed just 0.7 on Thursday. They placed 52nd in the Wernher for 9.08 platinum points.

New Life Master – and Bronze Life Master



Madonna Wadden of St. John's NL became a Life Master – and a Bronze Life Master – on Thursday.

"I came all the way from Newfoundland to play here," she said. "My husband insisted I come even though two of my friends couldn't make it. The guys from Halifax helped me get the gold."

Madonna needed 11.41 gold points. On Monday, she played bracketed round robin teams with Bonnie Gallagher of Longmont CO, Bob Wyman of Boulder CO and Linda Gaston of Pflugerville TX and picked up 6.03. On Thursday, she played with Michael Ritcey of Indian Harbour NS, David Wolfe of Halifax NS and Noah Cotterill of Halifax NS for 5.50.



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Spingold Round of 32 recap – part 2

By Mark Horton

Play resumed with KAPLAN and ROMBAUT enjoying narrow leads over RUBENSTEIN and FLEISHER, respectively.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

RUBENSTEIN vs KAPLAN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
1♠	2♣	2NT ⁽¹⁾	3♥
4♣ ⁽²⁾	5♥	6♠	7♥
Pass	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

(1) Spade support

(2) Control

North led the ♦K and declarer claimed, +2470.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rubenstein</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Han</i>
1♠	2♣	2NT ⁽¹⁾	3♥
4♣ ⁽²⁾	4♥	4NT ⁽³⁾	5♥
Pass ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

(1) Four-card spade raise

(2) Control

(3) RKCB

(4) Odd number of keycards

I'm basing the interpretation of West's pass on a convention card from the U.S. trials. When West bid 6♣, it was clear he held three keycards, but East must have been worried about where his ♥8 would go. Scoring +1460 meant the loss of 14 IMPs.

Kaplan won the session 40–19 to lead 59–34.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs ROMBAUT

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lhussier</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Bernard</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
2♥	3NT	All Pass	Dbl

East found the devastating lead of ♠6, and West took dummy's ♠K with the ace and switched to the ♥J to the king and ace. When East continued with the ♥Q, West must have been tempted to unblock the ♥9, but what if declarer held the ♥8? When he followed with the ♥3 East switched to the ♠10 and that was four down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Martel</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>L. Rombaut</i>
Pass	2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♠ ⁽³⁾	Pass	2NT ⁽²⁾
All Pass			3NT

(1) Invitational for notrump or clubs

(2) Shortage

When West led the ♠8, declarer won and cashed the clubs before advancing the ♦J. East, down to ♦K10, covered and that was +490 and 12 IMPs.

The au pair (she says, "Hi, Chip") wanted to lead the ♥9.

FLEISHER won the session 34–26, but ROMBAUT still led, 41–35.

For the last two sessions, the FLEISHER–ROMBAUT match remained online, but for the second day running, the defending champions (STREET) were in trouble, this time to the tune of 55 IMPs against RIPPEY (who includes three of the current world champions).

Board 31. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs ROMBAUT

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Tignel</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Aroix</i>	<i>Martel</i>
	2♠	Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾
Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	3♦ ⁽³⁾
Pass	3♥ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

- (1) Asking
(2) 6♠, good hand
(3) Asking
(4) Not balanced

East led the ♣A and that was one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Lhussier</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Bernard</i>
	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

East led the ♦3, +690 and 12 IMPs.
Board 36. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

STREET vs RIPPEY

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Pachtmann</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		



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South led the ♥5, and declarer won with the ♥Q and cashed the ♠A. When South's king appeared, he went to dummy with the ♥A and played the ♠7 to the 10 and jack and could play on clubs for 10 tricks, +620.

There is an old adage in chess – never take the queen's knights pawn (it almost always leads to disaster) – and leading away from a king is not a bad comparison.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♦2, and declarer won with dummy's ♦A and played a spade to the jack and king. North won the diamond return and switched to the ♥J for two down, -200, and 13 IMPs, RIPPEY cruising at 107–34.

Board 45. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs ROMBAUT

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tignel</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Aroix</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♥5, and declarer took dummy's ace and played clubs, finishing with 11 tricks, +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>L. Rombaut</i>
			Pass
1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♠ ⁽²⁾	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

(1) 10–13 HCP

(2) Transfer

North led the ♥3 and declarer went up with dummy's ♥A, cashed the ♦K and ran the ♦J. Two rounds of clubs got him to hand and a loser went on the ♦A for +920 and 10 IMPs that gave FLEISHER the session 29–21 and the lead, 64–62.

STREET vs RIPPEY

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Pachtmann</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♠	2♥	Dbl ⁽¹⁾	3♣ ⁽²⁾
Dbl	Pass	3♦	3♥
4♥ ⁽³⁾	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

(1) Support

(2) Fit non-jump

(3) Control

South led the ♣K but there were only 11 tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
		1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	Pass	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

(1) Control

That was worth 10 IMPs, STREET closing to 80–108.

Board 50. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs ROMBAUT

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tignel</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Aroix</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
1♥	1NT	Pass	2♠ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

(1) Range-ask or clubs

(2) Minimum

East led the ♥9. West won and cashed the ♠K A before returning a heart, two down, -200.

Perhaps South should have passed 4NT?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>L. Rombaut</i>
1♥	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♥9 and West cashed his tricks, declarer claiming the balance for +630 and 13 IMPs, 91–68 ROMBAUT.

Board 52. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tignel</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Aroix</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	2♣	Pass	2♥
3♦	4♥	All Pass	

West cashed the ♦K and switched to the ♠5, East winning and returning the ♠6. West won with the ♠K and continued with the ♠Q but declarer ruffed and drew trumps, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>L. Rombaut</i>
		Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
3♦	3♠ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4♥
Dbl	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(1) Multi

(2) Pass or correct

South led the ♣J and continued with the ♣9, but declarer ruffed in dummy, unblocked the ♠K Q and played a diamond to the 10 for 12 tricks, +680, and a massive 15 IMPs. FLEISHER now trailed by just 6 IMPs, 91–85.

Board 55. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

STREET vs RIPPEY

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Pachtmann</i>
	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♥K and declarer took dummy's ♥A, played a spade to the queen and cashed the ace. A diamond to the king lost to the ace, and West returned the ♥7, East cashing out for one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
	4♠	All Pass	

When East led the ♥K, declarer withheld dummy's ace. East continued with the ♥Q and declarer took the ace, could draw trumps via the finesse, cash the ♥J and play a diamond to the king, +420.

Do you see how the defenders could have prevailed?

East must play the ♥10 at trick two!

Declarer can let that run to his jack, but there is no entry to dummy, so West will score a ruff to go with the missing aces.

It was a 10-IMP swing, 123–101, RIPPEY ahead.

Board 57. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

STREET vs RIPPEY

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Strzemecki</i>	<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Pachtmann</i>
2♥ ⁽¹⁾	Db1	3♥	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
(1) 3–10 HCP, 5+♥ and 5(4) ♣/♦			

East led the ♥2, and when dummy's ♥J held, declarer ran the ♦9, East winning and switching to the ♣J. West took the ♣A and returned the ♥8 to the king and ace, and when East continued with the ♥10, declarer claimed the rest, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1♦ ⁽²⁾
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥ ⁽³⁾
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) Polish Club

(2) 0–7

(3) Spades

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East led the ♣J and West took the ♣A and switched to the ♦2. When declarer put in the queen, East won and returned the ♦8, West ruffing and playing the ♥8, one down, -50, and 10 IMPs to STREET, still alive at 111–123.

Because the clubs are 6–2, declarer could have got home by taking the ♦A, drawing trumps and playing on diamonds – he will score a heart at the end.

If you are a follower of cricket, you will be aware of the superstition surrounding the number 111 (there is no truth in the rumor that when this score appears on vugraph that Barry Rigel hops on one leg until it changes).

Board 58. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>L. Rombaut</i>
4♠	4NT ⁽¹⁾	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

(1) Two places to play

North led the ♦K. Declarer won with dummy's ♦A and returned the ♦2, North winning with the ♦Q as South pitched the ♥J. When North continued with the ♦J, South pitched the ♥2 and declarer ruffed, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a heart for one down, -100.

North's double left South with a tough decision. Had he bid 6♣ North would have tried 6♦ and West would have been on lead against 6♥. What would he have led? As you can see it has to be a club.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
3NT ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	4♥ ⁽²⁾	Dbl
4♠	5♥	5♠	6♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

(1) Good 4♥/4♠ opening

(2) Pass or correct

Played by North, 6♥ could not be defeated.

Declarer ruffed the spade lead, played a heart to dummy

and a diamond to the 9, king and ace. The spade return was ruffed high, a heart to the 10 allowing another spade ruff, at which point declarer claimed, +1660, and 17 IMPs that sealed the deal, 140–111.

Board 59. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs ROMBAUT

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tignel</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Aroix</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Dbl	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♦2. East took the ♦A and played two rounds of clubs, declarer winning with dummy's ♣K and playing a heart. West took the ♥A, but that was the last trick for the defense, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>L. Rombaut</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Was South worth a try? The raise improves South's hand (the fifth heart now has the value of an extra king) but is that enough?

Missing the game cost 10 IMPs, taking the score to 109–93; FLEISHER had survived a bruising encounter.

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35.0 Tables / Based on 105 Tables

	A	X		
42.57	1		Michael Wolf, Fort Lauderdale FL; Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX	61.79%
31.93	2		Dilek Yavas, Bursa Turkey; Elliot Sternlicht, New York NY	61.75%
23.95	3		Ron Rubin, Las Vegas NV; Barry Rigal, New York NY	60.39%
17.96	4		Ahu Zobu, Tarabya Istanbul Turkey; Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria	59.66%
14.19	5		Craig Hemphill, Jacksonville FL; Clay Hall, Huntsville AL	59.42%
12.16	6	1	Magnus Weiman, Lynchburg VA; Maeve Lucey, New Canaan CT	57.39%
10.64	7	2	Bill Rose, Seattle WA; Howard Kahlenberg, Philadelphia PA	56.87%
9.46	8	3	Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Mike Redden, West Linn OR	56.75%
8.51	9	4	Summer Rifkah, Hollidaysburg PA; Tudor Trifan, Matthews NC	56.45%
7.74	10		Bart Bramley, Avon CT; Norman Beck, Dallas TX	55.94%
7.10	11		Donna Morgen – Richard Morgen, Havertown PA	55.47%
6.55	12		Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Julia Bomalaski, Melbourne FL	55.07%
6.08	13		Emory Whitaker, Macon GA; Steven Huhman, Woodstock GA	54.23%
5.68	14	5	Sandra Sarnow – Ariel Smid, Huixquilucan Mexico	54.05%
5.32	15		Carol Frank – Claude Vogel, San Diego CA	53.89%
5.01	16		Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Charles Wilkins, Greensboro NC	53.69%
4.73	17		H Hunt, Kiawah Island SC; Neal Satten, Philadelphia PA	53.60%
4.48	18		Michael Schwartz, New York City NY; David Gurvich, New York NY	53.57%
3.25		6	Ron Haack, Fort Plain NY; William Haack, Englewood FL	52.46%

UNIT 112 THURSDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

30.0 Tables / Based on 70 Tables

	B	C		
29.83	1		Melanie Petsch – James Beha, New York NY	59.91%
22.37	2	1	Sheryl Haberman, Brookville NY; Randy Raubvogel, Boca Raton FL	59.43%
16.78	3	2	Phil Reynolds, Jackson MI; Jeremy Xu, Fort Myers FL	59.10%
12.58	4	3	Thomas Webster, Ellicott City MD; Michael Miale, Arlington VA	58.29%
9.94	5		Stuart Dombey – Chris Brewer, Ann Arbor MI	57.48%
8.52	6		Edward Kung, Philadelphia PA; Wayne Rosenberger, Durango CO	56.97%
7.46	7		Everette Harris, Ivyland PA; Amy Ross, New Hope PA	56.85%
6.63	8		Phil Feldman, Los Angeles CA; Kenneth Hopke, Annandale VA	56.76%
5.97	9		Mark Bolotin, Philadelphia PA; Mark Cohen, Audubon PA	56.56%
5.42	10	4	Aileen O'Meara, Breezy Point NY; Susan Smith, Forest Hills NY	55.28%
4.97	11		Jay Wang, San Leandro CA; Li Zhang, San Jose CA	54.79%
4.59	12		Elizabeth Patton, Pittsford NY; Sue Machler, Warminster PA	54.64%
4.26	13	5	Tracy Burlock, Somerville MA; Ann Jenkins, Cambridge MA	54.45%
3.98	14	6	Sharon Goldman, Havertown PA; Rebecca Matthias, Philadelphia PA	54.00%
3.73	15		Gail Cannold, Rye NY; Dennis Glazer, Bronxville NY	53.83%

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20.0 Tables

	7	4	2	
7.88	1	1		Sid Klotz, Manchester NJ; Hal Sprechman, Manchester Town NJ
5.91	2	2	1	Alex Koriakin, Rehoboth Beach DE; Rich Lepley, Lewes DE
4.43	3	3		Donna Davidek, Marco Island FL; Mary Wynn, Naples FL
3.32	4	4		Fred Yu – Chungli C. Wang, Bellevue WA
2.63	5			Mary Lee Wetzel, Midlothian VA; Patricia Bell, Richmond VA
2.25	6			Sharon Saile – George Saile, Vienna VA
1.97	7	5		Laura Shukovsky – Kim Cornetet, Sarasota FL
1.75	8	6		Sandra Miller – Wayne Olson, Dobbs Ferry NY
1.58	9			Allyson Welsh, Monroe WA; Charles Shanes, Wappingers Falls NY
2.39	10	7	2	Linda Nagle, College Grove TN; Birgitt Adams, Southwest Harbor ME
2.01		3/4		Marguerite Swope, State College PA; James Bloom, Port Matilda PA
1.57		3/4		Vasundara Varadan, State College PA; Kathy Ebeling, Mill Hall PA

THOMAS WEIK THURSDAY FAST PAIRS

5.0 Tables / Based on 15 Tables

	A	B	C		
12.50	1	1		Cooper Smith, Grand Rapids MI; Marley Cedrone, Durham NH	67.00%
9.38	2			Milt Van Reed, Terre Haute IN; Joanna Hebermehl, Paris IL	58.00%
7.03	3			Melody Gann, Arlington TX; Nancy Peterson, Euless TX	57.00%
5.27	4	2		Susan Case, Laguna Woods CA; Ramani Ravikandan, Rolling Hills Estates CA	56.00%

ANN SMALLEN WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

21.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.72	1			Richard Newell, West Des Moines IA; Toby White, Des Moines IA	67.96%
5.04	2			Jack Coleman, Forest VA; Ernie Eayrs, Fairfax VA	66.91%
5.85	3	1	1	Nicolas Decelles, Vaudreuil-Dorion QC; Francois Girard, Quebec QC	66.10%
4.39	4	2		Usama Faris, Queen Creek AZ; Richard Cohen, Boca Raton FL	61.82%
2.13	5			Muh-Sha Crawford, Hampton VA; Anthony Wang, Vienna VA	61.45%
2.45	6			G.S. Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Jason Doyle, Dublin Ireland	60.21%
3.29	7	3	2	Gary Kamin, Sun Prairie WI; Margot Donnellan, Brooklyn NY	59.36%
2.47		4	3	Weichen Tang – Zhenling Wang, Berkeley CA	56.19%
1.85		5		George Mansour, Scranton PA; Cynthia Mazzaferro, Naples FL	56.10%
1.48		6	4	Cooper Smith, Grand Rapids MI; Marley Cedrone, Durham NH	54.97%
1.23		7		Sulaiman Ghaussy, Vienna VA; Jichong Chai, Arlington VA	54.79%
1.23			5	Quan Chen, North York ON; Simon Hungate, Toronto ON	54.29%
0.83			6	Jan Borowski – Xingrui Wang, New York NY	53.90%

WEDNESDAY EVENING COLLEGIATE INDIVIDUAL

7.00 Tables

2.23	1/2	Zhouzhou Gu, Princeton NJ	71.43%
2.23	1/2	Eric Kephart, Sherwood Park AB	71.43%
1.43	3	Raphael Stone, Austin TX	70.24%
1.28	4	Daniel Balof, Walla Walla WA	67.86%
0.90	5	Richmond Yeung, Chicago IL	65.48%
0.90	6	Bridget Moynihan, Cambridge MA	64.29%



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ED BISSELL THURSDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.55	1			Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Ritchey Goodwin, West Palm Beach FL	71.43%
3.41	2			Eva Cheung, Menlo Park CA; Ken Gee, Regina SK	64.29%
2.56	3			Geoffrey Brod – Marie Abate, Newington CT	60.71%
1.92	4			Neil Montague – Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA	55.65%
1.44	5			Franck Multon, Monaco; Kiki Ward-Platt, Cannes France	55.36%
3.47	6	1	1	Melisa Cooper, Philadelphia PA; Steven Katz, Swarthmore PA	54.46%
2.60		2		Peter Ruben – Karen Ruben, Boca Raton FL	53.57%
1.95		3		Fred Weber, Concord NC; Robert Michaud, Sun City West AZ	50.30%
1.46		4		Jonathan Klinker – Susan Miguel, Tiverton RI	47.92%
1.84			2	Barbara Hitt – Jenny Hornby, Huntsville AL	47.62%
1.38			3	Mary Higgins, Naples FL; Carole Schuller, Columbus OH	47.32%

JIM PATTON THURSDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

13.0 Tables

	3	2	1		
3.45	1	1	1	Will Epstein, New York NY; Richmond Yeung, Chicago IL	64.79%
2.59	2	2		Abbe Binstock, Belle Mead NJ; Laurie Kramer, East Mill Stone NJ	61.91%
1.94	3	3		Ellen Wang, Villanova PA; Kimberly Ferzan, Haverford PA	60.23%
1.90	4	4	2	Zhongxia Qi – Joey Qi, San Francisco CA	58.44%
1.42	5	5	3	Jill Cordry, Bala Cynwyd PA; Sandy Friedlander, Wynnewood PA	57.39%
1.07	6	6	4	Elaine Kurceba – Melynda Holmes, Willow Street PA	55.70%
0.80			5	Alan Hale, Palm Coast FL; Aidan Szilagyi, Montclair NJ	54.91%

BOB COLE THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

15.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.42	1	1		Kun He, North Potomac MD; Xun Zhang, Longueuil QC	66.10%
3.56	2/3			Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Linda Gross Halpern, Manhasset NY	62.31%
3.56	2/3			Geoffrey Brod – Marie Abate, Newington CT	62.31%
2.33	4			Ken Gee, Regina SK; Eva Cheung, Menlo Park CA	60.61%
1.71	5			David Latart, Rochester NY; James Carroll, Lyons NY	56.82%
1.29	6			Michael Hartnett – Nancy Ferguson, Bloomington IN	55.49%
2.93		2		Susan Case, Laguna Woods CA; Ramani Ravikandan, Rolling Hills Estates CA	55.30%
2.19		3		Sarah Weinberg – Gary Weinberg, Parrish FL	52.65%
1.65		4		Eric Anderson, Seattle WA; Christopher Rivera, Jackson Heights NY	51.52%
1.23		5		Richmond Yeung, Chicago IL; Marilyn Goldfarb, Boalsburg PA	49.81%

JIM PATTON THURSDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

5.0 Tables

	3	2	1		
2.25	1	1	1	Sandy Friedlander, Wynnewood PA; Jill Cordry, Bala Cynwyd PA	66.00%
1.69	2	2	2	Timo Pekkanen, Cambridge MA; Jim Finn, Milton MA	64.00%
1.27	3	3		Clara Szlyk, Fredericksburg VA; Vivek Ramakrishna, Chantilly VA	51.00%
0.73	4/6			Chris Thorn – Joan Verdon, Northvale NJ	47.00%
0.73	4/6			David Harrison – Joanne Heller, Philadelphia PA	47.00%
0.73	4/6			Stefan Lopatkiewicz, Washington DC; Susan Trebach, Chevy Chase MD	47.00%

RAY RASKIN MEMORIAL THURSDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

59 Tables / Based on 162 Tables

	A	X	Y		
38.58	1			Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Edward Xu, North York ON; Yizhuo Zhang, Beijing China; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Linlin Hu, China	98.00
28.94	2			Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Diane Gordy, Palm Beach FL; Ivan Nanev Ivanov – Vladimir Mihov, Sofia Bulgaria; Jack Zhao – Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL	89.00
18.99	3/4			Bachiraju Satyanarayana, New Delhi India; Kiran Nadar, Portola Valley CA; Rajeshwar Tewari, New Delhi India; Sumit Mukherjee, Kolkata India; Kaustabh Nandi, Kolkata India; Kaustubh Bendre, Pune India	87.00
18.99	3/4			Massimiliano di Franco – Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland	87.00
12.86	5			Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Jie Li, Beijing China; Hongji Wei, Jersey City NJ; Yanong Han, Milpitas CA	84.00
11.02	6			William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Daniel Korbel – Joshua Donn - Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Israel	81.00
8.24	7/10			Molly O'Neill, Fort Lauderdale FL; Dennis Clerkin – Marshall Lewis, Bloomington IN; Anne Lamport, Lane Cove Australia	79.00
18.83	7/10	1		Jeffrey Ferro, St. Helena CA; Ethan Derman, Baltimore MD; Nikolaj Hammelev, Aarhus Denmark; Daniel Tylvad, Bronshoj Denmark; Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA	79.00
8.24	7/10			Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden	79.00
8.24	7/10			John Miller – Lynn Shannon, Campbell CA; Janet Lee, Oakton VA; Frederick Allenspach, Plantation FL	79.00
6.43	11			Jerry Goldberg – Jane Dillenberg – Michael Rosen, New York NY; Sandra Friedman, Flushing NY	77.00
14.12	12	2		Raymond Depew – Betsy Weiss – Louis Trautwein III – Judith Argento, Naples FL	75.00
5.51	13			Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland; Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland	72.00
4.70	14/17			Dorothy Kelleher, Westbrook ME; Dan Morgenstern, Brunswick ME; Rena Lieberman, Carver MA; Marina Polestra, Boston MA	69.00
8.27	14/17	3/5		Laura Lipman, Vassalboro ME; Peter J. Boyd-Bowman – Kathy Coop, Greensboro NC; Francisco Guerra, Caba Argentina	69.00
10.39	14/17	3/5	1/2	Steven Lockwood – Jay Sarver, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Vivian Wu, Cos Cob CT; Linda Green, Fairfield CT	69.00
10.39	14/17	3/5	1/2	Daniel Kroll, Berkeley CA; Aravind Alwan, Milpitas CA; Prashanth Sriram, Santa Clara CA; Shazia Makhdumi, San Francisco CA	69.00
6.68		6	3	Hakan Berk, Potomac MD; David Soukup, Philadelphia PA; Lucy Zhang, Brooklyn NY; Sophia Chang, San Gabriel CA	68.00
4.49		7/8	4/5	Krishnan Gopalakrishnan, Greenville NC; Nasir Memon, Brooklyn NY; Joseph Shull, New Haven IN; Steven Jackson, Fort Wayne IN	66.00
4.49		7/8	4/5	Li Miao, Palatine IL; Zhenzhong Guo, Issaquah WA; Lisa Li, Surrey BC; Eileen Li, Devon PA	66.00
3.39			6	Ryan Schultz, Dayton OH; Peter Whipple, Keswick VA; Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Julian Kurtzman, Brooklyn NY	63.00

WALTER MITCHELL THURSDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1

9 Tables

16.13	1			Komal Kamat, Plainsboro NJ; Francis Gupta, Princeton NJ; Charles Dvorkin - Arnold Dorin, Manalapan NJ	90.00
12.10	2			Dennis Keefer – Janice Keefer, Sparta NJ; George Weber – Jan Weber, Vero Beach FL	86.00
9.07	3			Anne Wilson, Campbell CA; Robert Flynn, Pittsburgh PA; Brenda Hatton, San Jose CA; Eusebio Menezes, Cupertino CA	66.00
6.80	4			Curt Kristensen, Duluth MN; Darrow Neves – Sharon Murphy – Daniel Murphy, Indianapolis IN	55.00

WALTER MITCHELL THURSDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2

7 Tables

12.16	1	Kurt Engleman – Kelley Wilson, Avondale PA; Pamela Scalamandre, Cherry Hill NJ; Caroline Hughes, Wilmington DE	79.00
9.12	2	Annalisa Ebanks – Bruce Ebanks – Sandy Spears – Katherine Zimmerman, Louisville KY	74.00
6.84	3	James Koss, Medford NJ; Glenn Fuhrman – Michael Minoff, Cherry Hill NJ; Craig Rohner, Marlton NJ	67.00

WALTER MITCHELL THURSDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3

7 Tables

11.41	1	David Carter – Diane Mangasarian – Jeanne Perkins, New York NY; Andrea Teacher, Waltham MA	79.00
8.56	2	Steve White, Broomall PA; David Sloane, Glen Cove NY; Larry Plotkin, Elkins Park PA; Kamrul Khan, Hummelstown PA	74.00
6.42	3	Mari Stuart, West Palm Beach FL; Katherine Cundey, North Palm Beach FL; Pamela Goergen, North Palm Beach FL; Clifford Wald, Greenwich CT	69.00

WALTER MITCHELL THURSDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4

7 Tables

10.96	1	Dorie Isaacson, Northbrook IL; Lee Nykaza, Scottsdale AZ; Steven Hamburg, Troutman NC; T. Ted Jarrell, Charlotte NC	91.00
8.22	2	Melissa Bissell – Ruth Schaefer, Vero Beach FL; Julie Malone, Linville NC; Anna Rosanelli, Rye NY	75.00
6.17	3	Renee Waas, Heber City UT; Stephanie Austin, West Caldwell NJ; Sharon Cupples, Frederickton NB; Charlene Coor, Austin TX	68.00

WALTER MITCHELL THURSDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5

7 Tables

10.50	1	Jan Miyake – Josh Levy, Oberlin OH; Lewis Lefkowitz, Somerset NJ; Michael Fried, Monroe Township NJ	80.00
7.88	2	Ira Tarnow, West Orange NJ; Fred Shubert, Andover NJ; Andrew Barlow, Lebanon NJ; Leigh Walker, Piscataway NJ	70.00
5.17	3/4	William Keys – Deborah Armstrong, Dallas TX; John Luebkekmann, Aubrey TX; Kathleen McDougall, Richmond TX	63.00
5.17	3/4	Margaret Sobolewski, Carlisle PA; James Boyer – Cindy Mueller, Mechanicsburg PA; Thomas Anderson, Dillsburg PA	63.00

WALTER MITCHELL THURSDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 6

7 Tables

9.61	1	Matthew Kanzler – Laurie Carr – Steven Tam, Honolulu HI; Erin Bealles, Mars PA	83.00
7.21	2	Carolyn Carpenter, Louisville KY; Jacqueline Schroering, Prospect KY; Jim Drexler, Cadiz OH; Linda Schanz, Las Vegas NV	63.00
5.41	3	Mary Hill – Manson Hill, Hilton Head Island SC; Gayle Davis, Haverford PA; Renata Sebba, London England	61.00

WALTER MITCHELL THURSDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 7

7 Tables

8.84	1	John Huffman – Jason Carter, Arlington VA; Lucy Ballard, Redwood City CA; Pete Goldsmith, Hillsborough CA	99.00
6.63	2	Debbie Keller – Jeanne Sholl – Bettina Brill – Kathy Mitton, Tucson AZ	89.00
4.97	3	Jacqueline Brown – Philip Brown, Frisco TX; Anne Goodman, Fairview TX; Kathy Russler, Dallas TX	54.00

WALTER MITCHELL THURSDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 8

7 Tables

8.43	1	Elizabeth Silvius – Stephen Silvius, San Bernardino CA; Hua Ying Wan, Surrey BC; James Sandefur, Arlington VA	92.00
6.32	2	Benjamin Levine, Hartford CT; Nathan Yee, Spring TX; Phillip Mingola, Little Rock AR; Nicole Hudak, New York NY	91.00
4.74	3	Barry Daubenspeck – John Early, Lansdale PA; Robert Domsalla – Susan Domsalla, Tomball TX	54.00

WALTER MITCHELL THURSDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 9

7 Tables

7.97	1	Lesley Kellet – Bob Mendel – Tonya McNabb, Houston TX; Thomas Brown, Rosenberg TX	85.00
5.98	2	Brigitte Sandquist – Kirsten Beda, San Francisco CA; Sheri Carryl – Anne Meyer, Jacksonville FL	80.00
4.48	3	Peg Woolard, Springfield PA; Dianne Meyer, Haverford PA; Carl Ginsberg, Blue Bell PA; Stephanie Abbonizio, Broomall PA	66.00

WALTER MITCHELL THURSDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 10

7 Tables

7.33	1	Seulky McInneshein, Elkins Park PA; Devika Chakraborty – Linda Blickman, Bryn Mawr PA; Diane Luedtke, Malvern PA	92.00
5.50	2	Michael Ritcey, Indian Harbour NS; David Wolfe – Noah Cotterill, Halifax NS; Madonna Wadden, St. John's NL	81.00
4.12	3	Gary Kamin – Debbie Kamin, Sun Prairie WI; Robert Nowikowski – Barbara Nowikowski, Bloomfield Hills MI	71.00

WALTER MITCHELL THURSDAY BRACKETED B ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 11

7 Tables

6.30	1	Anne-Marie Corner – Karen Batchelder, Philadelphia PA; Katharine Link – Barbara Daly, Flourtown PA	101.00
4.73	2	Kristen Fireman, Flourtown PA; Lisa Lamason, Lafayette Hill PA; Lori Flynn, Wyndmoor PA; Kathy Sullivan, Philadelphia PA	91.00
3.54	3	Carol Pastushok, Princeton NJ; Lucien Hernandez, Bronx NY; Peggy Crawford, Franklin TN; Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	84.00



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Submitting a score correction

If you can access ACBL Live, you can submit a score correction for a pair game (not a team game).

If you don't have a computer, tablet or smartphone, there are kiosks in the hallways outside the playing areas.

Here are instructions on how to submit a score correction via ACBL Live.

1. Go to live.acbl.org/
2. Find the event you played in. It's probably easiest to enter your name or player number to reach your results quickly.
3. Find the session and click on summary.
4. Find your name on the recap and click on scores on the far-right hand side.

Color	Personal Scores
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5. Now, on the far left, there is a column to the left of the board number with three dots. Click on that.

	Board	Contract	By
...	01	4♠	S
...	02	3♠	E
...	03	3NT	S
...	04	1NT	S
...	05	6♣x	E

6. Choose "correct score," follow the instructions and hit "submit."

Entry Express and purchase options

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

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

To use Entry Express, go to members.acbl.org/tournaments/2508001/detail or scan the QR code at right. This may be done until 8 a.m. the day the event begins (new extended hours!).

Hotel guests* are assigned two discount coupons per night of stay plus



one (e.g., six nights gets 14 coupons).

For help with Entry Express, visit the ACBL Help Desk located on either the fourth or fifth floor, outside Franklin Hall and Salon E.

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

Entries for NABC events are no longer available on Bridge Winners.

Buying early is especially recommended for NABC+ pairs events. All entries must be purchased at least 15 minutes before game time. Pairs who expect to be seeded should buy at least 30 minutes in advance.

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

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ACBL Electronic Device Policy

This policy applies to all events at NABCs and events where ACBL is the Sponsoring Organization. Regional and Sectional tournaments are encouraged to adopt and apply this policy or one more well-suited to their players. A violation of any of the restrictions below will result in an automatic penalty, pursuant to Law 91 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

1. Any electronic equipment must be kept in silent mode (except for health-related equipment, where silent mode is unavailable or could constitute a health risk).

It is recommended, though not mandatory, that any such equipment remain switched off while in the playing area during a session.

Penalties: If it is determined that an electronic equipment is not compliant with (1) above, the penalty for the first offense is 1/8 of a board, 1.5 IMPs, or 1/2 VP. For each subsequent offense

during an event, the penalty will be doubled. Beginning with the third offense, the player may be subject to disqualification, upon approval of the Sponsoring Organization.

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.

Penalties: If it is determined that an electronic equipment was operated in violation of (2) above, the penalty for the first offense is 1/2 of a board, 6 IMPs, or 2 VP. For each subsequent offense during an event, the penalty will be doubled. Beginning with the second offense, the player may be subject to disqualification, upon approval of the Sponsoring

Organization.

The above restrictions apply to all players, captains, coaches and kibitzers, except those persons granted permission by the ACBL, and are in force throughout any playing session or segment of play.

A kibitzer in violation of these policies must leave the playing area and may be readmitted only by permission of the tournament director.

Penalties for captains and coaches: Same as for players.

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

Further restrictions and requirements may apply in events involving live internet and/or VuGraph coverage and/or instruction from the Sponsoring Organization.

For the purpose of this policy, Sponsoring Organization is the ACBL for NABCs, the organizing District for Regionals, and the organizing Unit for Sectionals.



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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!



ACBL kiosks

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

- view or print personal scores
- buy entries on Entry Express
- submit score corrections
- file a player memo
- renew your membership
- access the ACBL website.

You will need to know your MyACBL password to access most of these features. The simple screen displays three buttons for the most common uses. The home button will take you to the ACBL website.

There are five kiosks: two on the fifth floor, across from Salon H and between the doors for Salons D and E; two on the fourth floor, next to the ACBL Help Desk and in the corner outside Franklin A; and one on the third floor in the Liberty Ballroom foyer.

Entry Fees

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

For all daytime events, a discount of \$10 per player per session is available to

1) ConferenceDirect-reserved registered guests of the host hotel; 2) other registered guests/roommates added through the EE form; and 3) residents of the host district or within 50 miles of the playing site who purchase entries through Entry Express.

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

Premier NABC+ events are the 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.

NABC+ events are the NABC+ Open Pairs, Wagar Women's Pairs, Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, Wernher Open Pairs, Freeman Mixed Board-A-Match Teams and the Oshlag Fast Pairs. The undiscounted entry fees for these contests are \$45 per person per session. For team events, this means \$180 per team per session for four-person teams, \$225 per team per session for five-person teams and \$270 per team per session for six-person teams.

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

NABC 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.)

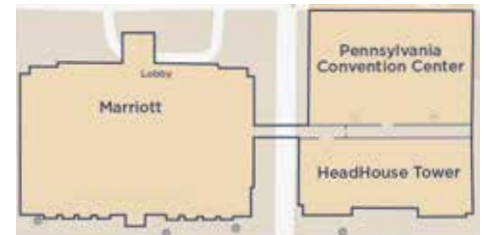
Regional events are \$32 per player per session for ACBL members, and \$37 for inactive members. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is \$128 per session. Evening events are \$22 per session.

Events with a masterpoint limit of 300 or lower are \$28 per player per session for ACBL members, \$33 for inactive members. Players with 0–5 masterpoints play free in I/N events on Friday, July 25.

Navigating the Marriott and PCC

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

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



Senior events

You must be age 65 or older to play in ACBL Senior events.

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Saturday, Aug. 2
9:30 am & 3:30 pm

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	Salon D, 5th floor	\$40	\$50
0-3000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	Salon D, 5th floor	\$25	\$35
10 am				
Arnold Selig Memorial Saturday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Franklin B, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Pat Civale 299er Pairs	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$18	\$28
10 am & 1:30 pm				
OSHLAG FAST PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Salon E, 5th floor	\$35	\$45
10 am & 3 pm				
BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS <i>Under 3000 & Ribbon Q required; 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Liberty Ballroom, 3rd floor, across skywalk	\$25	\$35
Bill Bauer Open Pairs (unlim./4000/1500)	1-2	Franklin B, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Betty Youmans Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Joe Distini Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4500)	1-2	Franklin B inside, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Bill Buskirk Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-4000)	1-2	Franklin B inside, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Collegiate Pairs Championship	1-2	PCC Room 201, 3rd floor, across skywalk	Free	Free
10 am & 3:30 pm				
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 SF	Salon H, 5th floor	\$40	\$50
0-10,000 MIXED SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Salon I, 5th floor	\$25	\$35
3 pm				
Jim Kenny Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Franklin B, 4th floor	\$22	\$32
Jim McKeown 299er Pairs	single	Franklin A, 4th floor	\$18	\$28

* 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.