



# Daily Bulletin



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**ATTENDANCE**

through Saturday  
**6386 tables**



## Goodwill Message

Accept defeat and victory with grace; practice active ethics.

*Lamya Agelidis, Chair*

*Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee*

## Meckstroth–Lahrmann win Mixed Pairs



Capitalizing on a strong first final session, Sally Meckstroth and Christian Lahrmann won the NABC+ Mixed Pairs. Meckstroth, of Clearwater Beach FL, and Lahrmann, of Denmark, qualified fifth in Thursday’s opening round, but jumped to first after a 65.84% game in Friday’s first session. A 55.02% game in the second session was good enough for them to win by a

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**Mixed Pairs champions Sally Meckstroth and Christian Lahrmann**

## Transformer

### Susan Bridges is 2025 Volunteer of the Year

Susan Bridges of Madison AL has been selected as the 2025 Nadine Wood Volunteer of the Year for successfully implementing educational and mentoring opportunities – bringing and retaining new members into her local club – as well as working with several schools in the area with Jump Start Bridge. The award is chosen by the ACBL president.

“I had a number of really excellent choices this year and went with the person who had contributed more widely across the ACBL,” said ACBL President Margot Hennings. “Susan recruited members through

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**Susan Bridges, 2025 Nadine Wood Volunteer of the Year**

## Barbara Nudelman 1931–2025

*Photo by Jonathan Steinberg*

Former ACBL President Barbara Nudelman of Wilmette IL died Nov. 13. Nudelman, a longtime bridge administrator who served five terms on the ACBL Board of Directors, was 94.

Since 1968, Nudelman was an integral part of the Chicago Contract Bridge Association, serving in various offices, including as president of the organization.

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## Today's Bridge Events

**Saturday, Dec. 6**

### Richard Meffley Memorial Day

**9:30 am & 3:30 pm**

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with host discount	Members without discount
<b>REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS</b>	1-2 SF	Yerba Buena 7, Bottom Level	\$40	\$50
<b>10 am</b>				
Saturday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Golden Gate B, Level B2	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Golden Gate C, Level B2	\$18	\$28
<b>10 am &amp; 1 pm</b>				
Anne Hollingsworth Adopt-a-Cat Fast Pairs	1-2	Yerba Buena 6, Bottom Level	\$22	\$32
<b>10 am &amp; 3 pm</b>				
NABC 0-6000 PAIRS <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Yerba Buena 10, Bottom Level	\$25	\$35
Open Pairs (unlim./4000/1500)	1-2	Golden Gate B, Level B2	\$22	\$32
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Golden Gate C, Level B2	\$22	\$32
Richard Meffley Memorial Top-Flight <i>Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4500)</i>	1-2	Golden Gate A, Level B2	\$22	\$32
Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-4000)	1-2	Golden Gate A, Level B2	\$22	\$32
<b>10 am &amp; 3:30 pm</b>				
<b>KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS</b>	1-2 SF	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$40	\$50
<b>NABC+ MIXED SWISS TEAMS</b> <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Yerba Buena 9, Bottom Level	\$35	\$45
<b>3 pm</b>				
Research Long COVID Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Golden Gate B, Level B2	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Golden Gate C, Level B2	\$18	\$28

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events. **Green = Regional events (gold and red points).** **Blue = Gold Rush events (gold and red points).** **Red = Intermediate/Newcomer 299er events (red points).**

### International Fund

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

## Today's Sponsors

### Richard Meffley Memorial Day

by Anthony Toto

Richard Meffley, a Grand Life Master and member of the District 21 board, died in 2020, a week after his 70th birthday.



Richard's parents taught him to play bridge at an early age. He graduated from Bullard High School before going on to Davis. While at Davis he started a new bridge club and played in Sacramento. After graduating from UC Davis in 1972, Richard returned to Fresno and works for the IRS.

He became a member of Unit 522 in 1967, initially playing in the evenings as one of the "young kids."

When Unit 522 was part of District 22, Richard was the vice president and in charge of the GNTs and NAPs. In District 21, Richard was unit president as well as a district board member and a member of the Board of Governors.

In 1987, Richard took classes from Audrey Grant to improve his teaching techniques, and he continued to operate small groups and teach lessons. He also attended most NABCs.

In 2009, Richard reached the milestone of Grand Life Master. Not only did he accumulate well over 10,000 master points, but he also won a national title: the Silodor Open Pairs, a four-session event, at the Kansas City Spring NABC in 2001 with Jim Tritt.

A wonderful player and excellent teacher, he was an example for all at the bridge table.

### Anne Hollingsworth

by Jane McLaughlin

Anne Hollingsworth: Capable, charismatic and caring. These words capture the essence and spirit of the wonderful chair of this NABC. Her list



of volunteer activities and leadership positions in her unit and District 21 make her a perfect and well-deserved choice in her lead role at the SFNABC. She has been organized and efficient in these last months so that her committee members and ACBL liaisons have had an easy, clearly directed, and pleasurable time working for and with her. She is generous with her praise and brings a lot of joy and fun to all the volunteers who have helped her.

On a personal note, she loves the color orange, loves her adopted cats at home, and is a devoted daughter-in-law. She is a terrific bridge partner to many and is always a pleasure when you play at her table. She is my bridge partner, friend and my roommate at the nationals. She does get a bit competitive about the drawer and bathroom sink space in the hotel room, but I let that slide.

When you see her, give her a smile and a thank you, as she most certainly deserves it!

### Research Long COVID

by Beverly A. Weiss

Have you ever had the flu, West Nile virus, Pneumonia, Epstein-Barr virus, herpes, HIV or COVID-19? Almost any of these can trigger post-acute infection syndrome leaving one with pathological fatigue and life-altering co-morbidities.

Many think the COVID pandemic is over but a whole generation is living through its lasting impact. Lives are derailed at a pivotal moment. For the young, the real risk is failing to launch into adulthood; think of all they might contribute, the potential loss to our society is staggering. It has been suggested that Long COVID may surpass asthma as the most common childhood chronic disease, impacting 6 million of our youth.

In the pandemic's wake, COVID-19 has left an estimated 20 million Americans, equal to the population of New York, with a variety of chronic,

systemic and often disabling conditions collectively known as Long COVID.

It can follow asymptomatic, mild, or severe COVID infection and is characterized by shortness of breath, fatigue, recurring headaches, a fast heart rate and more than 100 other symptoms affecting multiple organ systems. It can be continuous from the time of acute COVID infection or have a delayed onset for weeks or months after what had appeared to be full recovery from acute infection and may last for life.

Long COVID is one of the "infection-associated chronic conditions and illnesses" (IACCIs): complex, multi-systemic illnesses (predominantly caused by viral, fungal or bacterial infections) that include ME/CFS, POTS and other forms of dysautonomia, fibromyalgia, persistent Lyme, mass cell activation (MCAS). These post-infectious/viral illnesses impact about 50 million in the U.S.

Up to half of those with Long COVID have symptoms consistent with another IACCI called myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome or ME/CFS (as referenced in the Daily Bulletin on Nov. 30) that manifests with disabling fatigue (think crawl to the bathroom), brain fog and other comorbidities.

Research is desperately needed. Even if one assumes that only 20% of this IACCI population is eligible for disability (estimated at \$18,000/year), the cost to our country is \$180 billion a year. The return on investment for even \$20 billion a year in research would be positive without even considering the cost of human suffering. To find out more see [omf.ngo](http://omf.ngo) and [SolveLongCovid.org](http://SolveLongCovid.org).

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Talks will be held in Golden Gate C, level B2. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

**Saturday, Dec. 6**

9:15 am GS Jade Barrett *The Power of Fits*

## HOSPITALITY

Food will be served starting at 9 a.m. outside the Golden Gate and Yerba Buena ballrooms.

**Saturday, Dec. 6**

Mini-muffins

### Zimmermann leads field in Reisinger

The qualifying sessions of the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, a three-day event, saw Pierre Zimmermann, playing with Michal Klukowski, Kamil Nowak, Piotr Marcinowski, Jacek Kalita and Franck Multon, take the lead with a score of 18.50. They will have a carryover of 14.57 in today's semifinal.

In second place with a score of 17.00 and a carryover of 14.14 are Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin, Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson.

Tied for third and fourth place are Daniel Zagorin, Ofek Sabbah, Yonatan Sliwowitz and Ilai Baniri along with Jodi Edmonds, Zachary Grossack, Geir Helgemo, Sjoert Brink and Sebastiaan Drijver. Their carryover is 13.93.

Of the 34 teams that entered the event, 20 qualified to play in today's semifinal.

### Baker leading Keohane

Lynn Baker of Austin TX, playing with Olivia Schireson, Katarzyna Duftrat, Justyna Zmuda, Harrison Luba and Cenk Tuncok are leading the Keohane North American Swiss Teams, a three-day event. They topped the qualifying sessions with 109.54 VPs and will have a carryover of 83.17 in today's semifinal.

In second place with a carryover of 82.05 is the team captained by Ming Sheng.

Paul Street and his crew are in third with a carryover of 81.51.

The field of 81 teams was cut to 42 for the semifinal stage.

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# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Tina Smith is a medical companion. Her client, Janet Campbell, is 89, and has been playing bridge since she was 8. “Her whole family plays bridge,” said Tina. They encouraged Tina to take some classes and learn how to play, and Janet teaches her too. They told her about the tournament and that there were classes and seminars. Tina came last weekend and had so much fun, she’s back again to play this weekend.

“Bridge is motivational,” said Tina. “It activates numbers in your mind. Your memory is working, as you play, and your eyes have to keep up with what’s going on. It’s giving me a lot of morale boosting. I love it.”



## Bidding Basics by Larry Cohen

*[larrycohen.com](http://larrycohen.com)*

### Responding to 1NT (Part 1)



1NT is the most complex opening bid to respond to.

Let’s begin with the two main things to consider:

1. **Level.** Are we going to:
  - a. Insist on a partscore contract?
  - b. Invite game?
  - c. Insist on game?
  - d. Invite slam?
  - e. Insist on slam?
2. **Trump suit.** Are we going to:
  - a. Insist on notrump?
  - b. Show a five-card or longer suit?
  - c. Use Stayman to look for a 4-4 major-suit fit?

Knowing that partner has 15–17 balanced points will help us with these decisions.

### Responder has a balanced hand

With two balanced hands, we’d want to have 26 HCP total to reach 3NT. If, as responder, we have a balanced hand (4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2 or 5-3-3-2), we can add our points to partner’s. With, say, 11 balanced points, we know our partnership has a combined 26–28 points, which tells us we want to be in game (not partscore, not slam). It is our job to make sure our partnership lands in a game contract.

What if we have less? Suppose, for example, we have 9 HCP, balanced. Now we want to be in game opposite 17 (26 total), but a partscore opposite 15 (24 total). Our job is to

invite game. If we have less than 9 balanced points, we want to be in a partscore and will usually pass 1NT.

If we have a balanced hand with slam interest, we have several choices. One is to ask for aces with 4♣ (a convention called Gerber). This rarely comes up and is barely worth even this mention. More common is an invitational bid of 4NT to ask partner if they are minimum or maximum. You might respond 4NT with something like:

♠A 8 2 ♥K Q 9 ♦Q J 7 6 ♣A 10 8.

This is not Blackwood. Knowing how many aces partner has is not as important as asking if he is minimum or maximum.

### Unbalanced hands

With unbalanced hands, the decision-making process is more difficult. A lot depends on if an eight-card (or longer) major-suit trump fit can be located. In Part 1, we will discuss Stayman. In Part 2, we will visit Jacoby Transfers and other responses.

### Stayman

A 2♣ response to 1NT says nothing about clubs. It can be bid with a club void! The bid is completely artificial (but does not require an Alert). It asks opener about major-suit holdings. If opener has no four-card major, the answer to Stayman is 2♦. (Never should opener respond 2NT.) With one four-card major, the opener bids it at the two level. With both majors, hearts are bid first. With a five-card major, the opener treats it as four and, again, just bids it on the two level. The follow-ups to these auctions will not be covered

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# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

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here. For now, it suffices to say that the responder's next move is to either pass, invite game, bid game, invite slam or bid slam.

What are the requirements to respond 2♣? How many high-card points do you need? The first requirement is that responder has at least one four-card major. Without a four-card major, there is no need to use the 2♣ Stayman inquiry. Regarding high-card points, the most common hand-type contains invitational or better values. So that means at least 8 decent HCP or 9 HCP. Here is why: Suppose you were to use Stayman with this 6-point hand:

♠Q 2 ♥A 7 6 5 ♦6 5 4 ♣10 6 3 2.

Your 2♣ is met with 2♠ by opener. Now what? You can't pass (and play a 4-2 fit). So you would have to correct to 2NT. Not only is this likely to be too high, but partner might bid 3NT! Yes, this auction is invitational. Stayman followed by 2NT is inviting 3NT. It means: "No, we didn't find a 4-4 major fit, but I am still inviting game." So the typical minimum for Stayman would have a king added to the example above:

♠Q 2 ♥A 7 6 5 ♦6 5 4 ♣K 10 3 2.

Now, you can comfortably respond 2♣ to 1NT. If partner doesn't choose hearts, you follow up with 2NT, invitational.

There is no upper limit on Stayman. You can add lots of points to the example hand above and you would still start with 2♣ to look for the 4-4 heart fit. You would respond 2♣ with:

♠Q 2 ♥A K J 5 ♦A 5 4 ♣K J 10 3.

The difference is that if you have enough for game (or slam), you would later make sure to get there.

Can Stayman ever be used after 1NT with less than an invitational hand? Yes! But be careful to understand why. If the responder is willing to pass anything the opener responds (to Stayman), then it is OK to use it. What if responder were to use Stayman with:

♠5 4 3 2 ♥5 4 3 2 ♦6 5 4 3 2 ♣—?

An extreme example, but 2♣ (Stayman) is the right response to 1NT! Yes, you will get to the two level, but it will be in a playable trump suit – much better than putting down this dummy in 1NT where it is worth zero. If partner responds 2♥ or 2♠ to Stayman, it likely will go down, but the 4-4 fit won't be too bad. Your hand will be worth something in a trump suit. If partner responds 2♦, you will pass. Partner has some diamonds (usually at least three) and you will be in a much better contract than 1NT. Some of your low diamonds will take tricks! So, if you have short clubs and the other three suits, you can use Stayman with 0 HCP!

## Bidding Basics Quiz

Partner opens 1NT (15–17 HCP) and RHO passes.

What is your call with each of the following:

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

## Answers

- Pass. You can't afford Stayman because you would be stuck opposite anything but 2♥.
- 2♣. This time, you can comfortably pass partner's reply, even 2♦, which usually will provide at least a seven-card fit.
- 3NT. There is no need to show diamonds here.
- 2♣. And then invite in partner's major or with 2NT over 2♦.
- 2♣. And then insist on game in partner's major or with 3NT over 2♦.
- 3NT. Even opposite 17 and a total of 31, that isn't enough to look for 6NT.
- 4NT. Invitational. Partner will go with 17 and pass with 15. Judgment is required with 16.
- 4♣. The very rare situation where you care only how many aces partner has. You will reach game, small slam or grand slam, depending on the answer.

## Monitoring

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

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

## Nudelman

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After becoming chair of the ACBL Board of Governors in 1983–84, Nudelman was elected to the League's Board of Directors in 1985 representing District 13, a position she held until 1997. During that time, Nudelman served as president of the Board in 1993 and as its chairman in 1994. She was appointed to serve as one the ACBL's representative on the World Bridge Federation's Executive Committee (1994–1997), and she was president of the ACBL Educational Foundation (1991–92).

Away from the bridge world, Nudelman worked in the advertising business, and she was president of Chicagoland Media.

Nudelman is predeceased by husband Harold. She is survived by son Stephen Dorfman, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



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## Volunteer of the Year

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teaching, creative mentoring programs and working with Patty Tucker on Jump Start Bridge. Her retention rate for students is amazing!"

Between the spring of 2022 through 2025, a total of 155 students completed Susan's Bridge I classes and 111 students completed the Bridge II class. What's remarkable is that 81 of those students were still playing at the Huntsville Bridge Club two years later. According to the American Bridge Teachers' Association, about 5% of beginning bridge students are still playing bridge F2F at a bridge club two years later. With Susan's approach, about 44% of the students continued to play at the club after completing their courses.

A retired computer science professor who taught at Mississippi State University, Bridges and her husband, Phil, learned to play bridge when Phil was in the Army, over 50 years ago. "We played social bridge for 40 years," said Bridges. "When we lived in Mississippi, some friends started a duplicate club, and we started playing duplicate with them in about 2012. After we both retired from Mississippi State, we moved to Madison (a suburb of Huntsville) in 2014. We discovered the Huntsville Duplicate Bridge Club and started playing immediately after we moved. We took Easy Bridge lessons from Leon Galecki at the club and that got us off to a good start." They worked part-time until just before COVID and now play two or three times per week.

When Bridges began playing duplicate, she immediately identified the need to do something about shrinking membership. She has long been involved with coordinating educational opportunities at her local

club. Charles Durrin, Huntsville Bridge Club president and president emeritus for District 10, who nominated Bridges for this award, praised Bridges. "Her love of teaching prompted her to volunteer to establish a structured bridge education program in Huntsville," said Durrin. "This program grew by leaps and bounds as Susan experimented with the best ways to market bridge and encourage locals to try lessons, zeroing in on neighborhood email services as the approach that produced the best results."



**Huntsville teacher Jaida Allen (right) with winners from her school**

Bridges found her efforts curtailed by the pandemic, but she started up again in earnest in the spring of 2022. "Before COVID (I guess that is how we mark time these days), I had started a mentoring program at the club using the ACBL guidelines (very helpful)," explained Bridges. "Charles organized topical bridge lessons online during COVID. These lessons were taught by some of our best players, and these were very beneficial to advanced beginners and intermediate players in our club. Our club also started BBO teaching tables during COVID to keep newer players engaged – again, students like me benefited greatly from these lessons. After COVID, it was clear our club would die if we did not have beginner classes, so I started organizing them. Phil taught the first ones, and I started teaching about two years later. I love teaching

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beginners through Beginner I and II and then turning them over to our more experienced players to learn more.”

Bridges’ efforts were so successful in gaining newer players that the traditional mentor-mentee program she had previously established did not have enough mentors. So, Bridges shifted solely to teaching tables on BBO, where she found experienced volunteers to monitor four newer players.

Bridges found that, with the mentor program, “some people didn’t have enough experience to benefit from a mentor. If you’ve only taken two bridge classes, there’s lots you don’t know. New players can’t remember all the hands to discuss all the hands after the game is over, so it’s worked out better this way. It’s easier to schedule. More flexible, it doesn’t cost anything. Mentors were paying not only with their time but to play. I never heard anyone complain, but the teaching tables work better.

“I’d like to brag on our club; we have a really strong club with three Grand Life Masters who play routinely and a lot of other strong players, and everyone is very supportive of the educational efforts. They are friendly, welcoming and don’t give new players a hard time. The excellent players are patient and encouraging. They are generous with time and finances.”

One of those players is Region 7 Director Larry Sealy. “Being a member of the same club as Susan, I witnessed firsthand the magic she worked – from marketing to identify prospective new members, to teaching and arranging classes, coordinating mentor/mentee games, and leading the local Jump Start Bridge program,” said Sealy. “The Huntsville JSB program was written up in the ACBL Bulletin (Dec. 2024, pg. 27). I was one of the volunteers for the first JSB tournament and saw the impact Susan’s hard work had on the students.

“When the subject of Volunteer of the Year was discussed, I could not imagine a more deserving recipient.

I enlisted Charles Durrin to describe what Susan means to bridge in North Alabama. Charles and I were happy to nominate Susan and even more pleased when she won.”

When Bridges heard about the Jump Start Bridge launch, she went to work immediately on it. She discussed the program with Patty Tucker at the Chicago ABTA meeting. Back in Huntsville, Susan coordinated a Zoom teleconference meeting between Huntsville school administrators, teachers of gifted students and Tucker and her Jump Start colleague, Rebecca Campbell.

The elementary school teachers came away very enthusiastic and agreed to work with Susan on the program.

Susan is excellent at recruiting, engaging and mobilizing volunteers. Susan started lessons at Huntsville’s Academy for Science and Foreign Language Elementary, then sent bridge teachers to Morris Elementary and the Academy for Academics and Arts Elementary School.

In the end, Susan was able to get 104 students enrolled in Huntsville’s Jump Start program. To have a great finish, Susan worked with the Huntsville Bridge Club to have a “season ending” tournament for the fourth- and fifth-graders. Ninety-eight students competed in the Huntsville Jump Start Tournament. The tournament was a fantastic success. The students were awarded trophies for first, second and third place in each direction in each of three separate sections, for a total of 18 winners. The children, even those who did not win trophies, were ecstatic, yelling their support for those who did win and their adoration for their sponsoring schoolteachers, for Susan and her cast of 25 volunteers.

“She’s obviously dedicated to her group and what they’re doing in the Huntsville school system,” said Tucker. “She’s just so easy to work with, pleasant and always available, and always willing to help. We need people



**Volunteers from the Huntsville DBC with the students**

like her in every city in the United States.”

Bridges’ draws on her knowledge and experience from decades of teaching computer science to instill the important components of bridge, which she identifies as logical thinking and basic reasoning. “I keep the class fun and interactive,” she said. “You have to keep people engaged; you can’t just lecture. I like to walk around the room, especially during the bidding.”

When she pivoted from older adults to young children, she noted their attention spans were shorter. “Many of them have not played cards at all, so it takes a while to learn the dexterity, suits, rank,” she explained. “But they catch on fast. We’ve been teaching in the classroom in gifted classrooms, so those kids really catch on fast. They find it fun and challenging; some were more engaged than others but most of the kids loved it and were proud of themselves that they had learned something. The teachers really like that there’s nothing electronic, the kids have to work with a partner, they have to learn to interact and cooperate with their partner and opponents. The etiquette and the social interaction is something that the teachers appreciate. Several administrators came by and were amazed by a roomful of 100 kids playing cards.

“It’s been very rewarding for me and the members of our club,” said Bridges. “One person can’t do it alone. Everyone wants bridge to live on and recognizes the importance of bringing

in younger people. Someone didn't like it, so we found something else for them to do. Our club has been very supportive of our educational efforts. I've been working hard to get other people teaching beginning bridge. My husband Phil has been with me every step of the way on this."

Bridges stressed the need for night and weekend classes. "People say they want young players, but they only teach during the day. We have to give people an opportunity to play."

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## Mixed Pairs

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third of a board.

In second were Wenfei Wang of Northbrook IL and Jiang Gu of Mountain Lakes NJ.

This is the first NABC+ win for Meckstroth and Lahrman. With the victory, Meckstroth becomes a Grand Life Master. She has five second-place finishes in NABC events. Lahrman previously won a limited NABC contest, this year's 0-10,000 Swiss Teams.



**Runners-up in the Mixed Pairs: Wenfei Wang and Jiang Gu**

## Fashion News

A team from Palo Alto CA is playing in San Francisco sporting specially-made shirts for the NABC. Team captain Liz Koh explains:

"David Merenbach had a wonderful gift for his fellow Palo Alto Bridge Club teammates: individually named

shirts with 'Koh Conspirators' displayed on the back! The team name recognizes my role in organizing and leading the team.

"We got lots of laughs, and some have asked how to get their own made!"



**Palo Alto teammates David Merenbach, Dianne Giancarlo, Liz Koh and Marc Cervellino**

## You oughta be in pictures

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



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## Junior Bridge Night

On Friday, the ACBL Educational Foundation hosted a Junior night event for young players to get together, play cards and other games and socialize.



**NABC+ MIXED PAIRS**

52.0 Tables / Based on 104 Tables

100.00	1	Christian Lahrman, Virum Denmark; Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	1735.16
75.00	2	Wenfei Wang, Northbrook IL; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	1721.63
56.25	3	Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	1657.66
44.44	4	Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC; Yimei Cao, Aurora ON	1591.19
40.00	5	Siqing Yu, San Diego CA; Giorgia Botta, Brooklyn NY	1580.01
36.36	6	Peggy Ware – Spencer Jones, Denver CO	1571.89
33.33	7	Iulian Rotaru, Sunnyside NY; Jacqueline Chang, New York NY	1568.83
30.77	8	Ayako Miyakuni – Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo Japan	1564.60
28.57	9	Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Laura Brill, White Plains NY	1542.33
26.67	10	Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Garth Yettick, Westminster CO	1537.28
25.00	11	Roger Bates, Las Vegas NV; Susan Sneed, Scottsdale AZ	1535.47
23.53	12	Bryan Delfs, Vancouver WA; Jenni Carmichael, Marysville WA	1534.12
22.22	13	Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Dilek Yavas, Bursa Turkey	1530.76
21.05	14	Chih-Cheng Yeh, Los Angeles CA; Jui Wang, Cary NC	1525.39
20.00	15	Grant Vance – Jessica Lai, Oakland CA	1513.05
19.05	16	Adi Asulin, Rishon Lezion Israel; Shai Morag, Tel Aviv Israel	1486.21
18.18	17	Heather MacGregor – Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA	1485.89
17.39	18	Ahu Zobu, Tarabya Istanbul Turkey; Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria	1485.30
16.67	19	Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA; Carreen Hinds, Bakersfield CA	1482.83
16.00	20	Hemant Lall, Marina Del Rey CA; Allison L Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	1481.52
15.38	21	Richard Chan, Markham ON; PeiHua Liu, Taipei Taiwan	1478.94
14.81	22	Linda Friedman – Daniel Friedman, Orinda CA	1473.43
14.29	23	John Kissinger – Susan Kissinger, San Clemente CA	1472.86
13.79	24	Sophia Baldysz, Charlottesville VA; William Neumann, Columbia MD	1468.90
13.33	25	Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden	1466.78
12.90	26	Catherine Strauss, Bryn Mawr PA; Castor Mann, Lund Sweden	1466.48
12.50	27	Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Bo Fu, Shanghai China	1459.12
12.12	28	Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA	1457.29
11.76	29	Craig Kavin, Camarillo CA; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV	1454.01
11.43	30	Jackson Wahl – Sarah Wahl, Minneapolis MN	1450.67
11.11	31	John Miller – Lynn Shannon, Campbell CA	1450.55
10.81	32	Kwok Fai Mak – Joyce Tung, Hong Kong	1446.26
16.08	33	Markus Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Andrea Nilsson, Varberg Sweden	1444.53
10.26	34	Gregory Klinker – Susan Miguel, Tiverton RI	1432.71
10.00	35	Michael Christensen – Becky Stevens, Seattle WA	1427.67
9.76	36	Li-Hsiang Kuo, Taipei City Taiwan; Kuan-Hsuan Chen, New Taipei City Taiwan	1425.24
16.70	37	Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Molly O'Neill, Fort Lauderdale FL	1424.44
9.30	38	Lapt Chan, Forest Hills NY; Elizabeth Brimberg, New York NY	1423.44
9.97	39	Gary Soules – Jan Soules, Elk Grove CA	1412.84
8.89	40	Karen Willenken, Brooklyn NY; Dale Johannesen, Saratoga CA	1411.56
8.70	41	Ariel Smid – Sandra Sarnow, Huixquilucan Mexico	1410.59
8.94	42	Kate Hill – James Reed, Santa Rosa CA	1404.96
10.80	43	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Alan Watson, Lexington MA	1398.14
8.16	44	Joan Rubin, Encino CA; Bill Schreiber, Valley Glen CA	1395.23
8.00	45	Juan Castillo, Fort Lauderdale FL; Maris Zilant, Palo Alto CA	1393.93
7.84	46	Jike Jin – Zuho Ping, Shanghai China	1387.68
7.69	47	Kim Eng – Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA	1383.50
7.55	48	James Rasmussen, Seattle WA; Kimberly Gilman, Carlisle MA	1382.76
7.41	49	Sheldon Tan – Hong Ding, New York NY	1376.73
7.27	50	Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA; Marolyn Imaoka, San Jose CA	1374.52
7.14	51	Gayle Covey – Steven Devico, Tucson AZ	1372.83
9.10	52	Gary Brinker, Maumee OH; S. Kolinski, Holland OH	1372.13

## QUALIFIERS IN THE REISINGER BAM TEAMS

### 20 Tables

1	Pierre Zimmermann – Michal Klukowski – Jacek Kalita, Geneva Switzerland; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Franck Multon, Monaco	14.57
2	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	14.14
3/4	Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Ofek Sabbah – Yonatan Sliwowitz, Petah Tikva Israel; Ilai Baniri, Barcelona Spain	13.93
3/4	Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; Sjoert Brink – Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland	13.93
5	Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina	13.71
6/7	Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA	13.29
6/7	Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Cedric Lorenzini, France; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Chip Martel, Davis CA	13.29
8	Anant Rathi, Denver CO; Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame CA; Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Ray Miller, Seattle WA	13.07
9/13	Stephane Messika, Paris France; Stephane Garcia, France; Vanessa Reess, Clichy France; Laurent Thuillez, Frederic France	12.86
9/13	Bart Bramley, Avon CT; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Sam Lev, Aventura FL; Fred Chang, Flushing NY	12.86
9/13	Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA; Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Nabil Edgton, Sydney Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand	12.86
9/13	Jerome Rombaut, France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Roy Welland, New York NY; Simon Cope, United Kingdom; Thomas Paske, Manhattan NY	12.86
9/13	Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Marion Michielsen, Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal	12.86
14/15	Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde – Soren Bilde – Dorte Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark	12.43
14/15	Tomasz Sielicki – Dariusz Kowalski – Wojciech Bak, Warsaw Poland; Stanislaw Golebiowski, Legnica Poland	12.43
16/17	Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA; Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA; Daniel Molochko, Eureka CA	12.00
16/17	Andrew Dyson – Glyn Liggins – Tom Townsend, London United Kingdom; Ben Handley-Pritchard, Stroud United Kingdom;	12.00
18	Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	11.79
19/20	Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil; Michael Byrne, Manchester United Kingdom; Maggie Knottenbelt, London United Kingdom; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom	11.57
19/20	Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	11.57



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42 Tables		Carryover
1	Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA; Katarzyna Dufurat, Wroclaw Poland; Justyna Zmuda, Skawina Poland; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Cenk Tuncok, Carrollton TX	83.17
2	Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Edward Xu, North York ON; Yan Wang, Richmond Hill ON; Alex Hong, West Vancouver BC	82.05
3	Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Andrea Manno – Massimiliano di Franco, Palermo Italy	81.51
4	Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Tim Van De Paverd, Leiden Netherlands; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Agnes Snellers – Wubbo De Boer, Groenekan Netherlands	79.19
5	Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Rock Shi Yan, Richmond BC; Yizhuo Zhang, Beijing China; Zhaobin Xie, Chengdu China	79.05
6	David Bakhshi, London England; Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands; Danny Molenaar – Berend van den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands; Joris Van Lankveld, Castricum Netherlands	76.62
7	Carolyn Bitetti, Belmont MA; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia; Xavier Friesen, Venray Netherlands; Ronald Goor, Houten Netherlands; Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway	75.49
8	Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland; Vesa Fagerlund, Helsinki Finland	74.72
9	Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy; Shan Huang – Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL	73.79
10	David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Lynda Nitabach, West Palm Beach FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater FL	73.69
11	Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, New York NY; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Louk Verhees Jr, Leiden Netherlands; Jason Feldman, Palm Beach Gardens FL	72.90
12	Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Robb Gordon, Prescott AZ; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; David Chechelashvili, Santa Monica CA; Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	72.89
13	Rob Helle, Mauritius; Bob Drijver – Simon de Wijs, Netherlands; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Cornelis van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands	72.75
14	Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Bar Tarnovski, Rishon Lezion Israel; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel	72.21
15	Chris Compton, Omaha NE; Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL; John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, Tucson AZ; Richard Leonardon, Santa Fe NM; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL	71.61
16	Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Zia Mahmood – David Gold, London United Kingdom; Ash Gupta, New York NY	71.56

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17	Chi Cheung Ng – Hoi Tung Ho – Chiu Fai Wai – Wai Lam Ho – Abby Chiu – Alan Sze, Hong Kong	70.25
18	Cheng Luo – Kien Fong – Yukun Zhang – Kelvin Ng, Singapore	70.20
19	Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Jaggy Shivdasani, West Hollywood CA	69.94
20	Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Federico Iavicoli – Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy; Franceso Mazzadi, Parma Italy; Federico Primavera, Rome Italy	69.35
21	Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Robert Bell, Silver Spring MD; Fred King, Ashburn VA; Eric Richelson, Fort Pierce FL	69.25
22	Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Wanfeng Mou, San Francisco CA; Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Jeff Fang, Rowland Heights CA; Sheng Li, New York NY; Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL	69.02
23	Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Daniel Weiss, New York NY; Ethan Liu, Fremont CA; Linlin Hu, China	68.14
24	Chun Ling, Las Vegas NV; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON; Michael Polowan, New York NY	67.83
25	Bo Han Zhu – Amber Lin, Mountain View CA; Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Richard Jeng, Los Angeles CA	67.63
26	William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Joshua Donn – Roger Lee – Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Israel	66.95
27	Gillian Minitier – Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Johan Upmark, Stockholm Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, Sweden; Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL	66.52
28	Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA; Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; Sriram Ganesan, Sunnyvale CA; Brad Bart, Coquitlam BC	65.59
29	Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland	64.92
30	Maximo Crusizio – Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL; Tony Leibowitz, Australia; David Stern, Redfern Australia	64.38
31	Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ton Bakkeren – Frank Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands; Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Jovanka Smederevac – Alexander Wernle, Vienna Austria	64.23
32	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT; Kenneth Titow, Scottsdale AZ; Thomas Stern, San Francisco CA; Uresh Vahalia, Saratoga CA; Jayendu Patel, Carlsbad CA	63.37
33	Samuel Gillis, London United Kingdom; Erik Saelensminde – Arild Rasmussen, Bergen Norway; Odin Svendsen, Oslo Norway	63.16
34	Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL; Walter Lee, Framingham MA; Franco Baseggio, New York NY; David Yang, Darien IL	63.01
35	Rumen Dimitrov, East Greenwich RI; Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL; Vladimir Mihov – Ivan Nanev Ivanov, Sofia Bulgaria	62.86
36	Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Bart Nab, Netherlands; Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY	62.76
37	Eric Mayefsky, Arlington VA; Mike Develin, Kirkland WA; Jennifer Lin, North Bethesda MD; Victor Chubukov, Seattle WA	62.75
38	Alex Hudson, Cary NC; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Larry Sunser, Syracuse NY; Daniel Boye, Baldwinsville NY	62.60
39	Murat Alaybeyi, Saratoga CA; Ugur Ergun, Ankara Turkey; Omer Ekinici, Astoria NY; Bulent Aslan, Izmir Turkey	62.50
40	Edward Nagy, Danville CA; Mark Moss, Piedmont CA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	62.43
41	Xiang Gao, China; Jie Li, Beijing China; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Jun Shi, Halfmoon Bay CA	62.28
42	Bonnie Gellas – Erez Hendelman, New York NY; Don Liu, North Andover MA; Ozlem Kandolu, Kadikoy Turkey	61.92

### KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS – REVISED

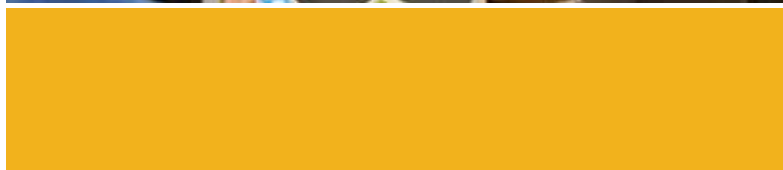
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190.00	1	Jerome Rombaut, France; Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France	969.39
142.50	2	Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA	949.49
106.88	3	Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL	949.22
87.69	4	Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland	944.29
81.43	5	David Gold, United Kingdom; Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom	937.60
76.00	6	Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina	930.99
71.25	7	Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY	927.41
67.06	8	Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY	923.39
63.33	9	Bar Tarnovski, Rishon Lezion Israel; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel	922.55

60.00	10	Nikolaj Hammelev, Aarhus Denmark; Daniel Tylvad, Bronshoj Denmark	922.00
57.00	11	Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX	913.83
54.29	12	Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Ash Gupta, New York NY	910.51
51.82	13	Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	900.98
49.57	14	Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	897.88
47.50	15	Kelvin Ng, Singapore; Cheng Luo, Singapore	893.81
45.60	16	Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway	892.73
43.85	17	Greg Hinze – Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX	892.67
42.22	18	Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	873.44
40.71	19	Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	865.25
39.31	20	David Gurvich, New York NY; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY	859.79
38.00	21	Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON	858.16
36.77	22	Pawel Hanus, Carrollton TX; Ari Sippola, Richardson TX	855.57
35.63	23	Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Chun Ling, Las Vegas NV	853.29
34.55	24	Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway	852.40
33.53	25	John Lusky, Portland OR; Allan Falk, Okemos MI	851.74
32.57	26	Andy Cope, Coventry United Kingdom; Aleksandar Lishkov, Chicago IL	850.96
31.67	27	Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY	846.56
30.41	28/29	Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD	842.62
30.41	28/29	Norman Selway – Kay Preddy, Orpington United Kingdom	842.62
29.23	30	Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ; Jeff Roman, Bend OR	838.22
28.50	31	Yul Inn, Cupertino CA; Rob Stevens, Darlington MD	837.87
27.80	32	Tomasz Sielicki – Dariusz Kowalski, Warsaw Poland	835.91
27.14	33	Stella Wan, San Francisco CA; Johan Saefsten, Uppsala Sweden	830.14
26.51	34	Franco Baseggio, New York NY; David Yang, Darien IL	821.20
25.91	35	Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI; Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL	819.09
25.33	36	Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA	818.45
24.78	37	Carrie Liu – Maxim Siline, Hudson MA	816.67
24.26	38	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Suzanne Cook, Salem OR	815.15
23.75	39	Miguel Zubizarreta, Bay Village OH; Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	811.95
23.27	40	Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	806.56
22.80	41	Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Jeff Fang, Rowland Heights CA	804.30
22.35	42	Carlos Pellegrini – Pablo Ravenna, Buenos Aires Argentina	802.86
21.92	43	Louise Weiss-Selway – Florian Weiss-Selway, Vienna Austria	802.80
21.51	44	Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Robb Gordon, Prescott AZ	801.86
21.11	45	John Ramos, Los Angeles CA; Ethan Wood, Dover MA	797.20
20.73	46	Stanislaw Golebiowski, Legnica Poland; Wojciech Bak, Warsaw Poland	796.74
20.36	47	Omer Ekinci, Astoria NY; Bulent Aslan, Izmir Turkey	792.64
20.00	48	Eric Laurant, Overasselt Netherlands; Bartosz Chmurski, Lomianky Poland	780.68
19.66	49	Russell Samuel, Coram NY; Kyoko Shimamura, Tokyo Japan	770.42
19.32	50	Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Jeffrey Ferro, St. Helena CA	764.98
19.00	51	Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	764.73
18.69	52	Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA	763.67
18.39	53	Wanfeng Mou, San Francisco CA; Yanong Han, Milpitas CA	758.18
18.10	54	Gary Cohler, Wellington FL; Fred Chang, Flushing NY	756.06
17.81	55	Carole Liss, Laguna Woods CA; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV	753.66
17.54	56	Mingchien Liu, New Taipei City Taiwan; Harald Eide, Norway	747.26
17.27	57	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Cary NC	739.73
26.73	58	Laurie Vogel – Barry Rigal, New York NY	732.41
16.76	59	Bart Bramley, Avon CT; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA	732.28
16.52	60	Dee Lindon – Peter Lindon, Buckinghamshire England	716.54
16.29	61	Alan Schwartz – Annie Schwartz, Fairfax VA	710.26
16.06	62	Alan Malloy, Mountain View CA; Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA	703.47
15.83	63	Sun Xudong, Shanghai China; Alfred Lee, Foster City CA	681.07
15.62	64	Ron Smith, Glenview IL; Stanley Landers, Old Westbury NY	675.45

## Crazy Bridge

Players participated in Crazy Bridge on Friday night. After a board is bid normally, the table opens a piece of paper for that board's quirky rule (courtesy of Adam Kaplan), such as "Forbidden Fruit": If the final contract is a suit contract, trump may not be led to a trick at any point unless the hand on lead has only trumps remaining. If the final contract is notrump, hearts may not be led at any point unless the hand on lead only has hearts remaining. Or "Dummy Declares": The opening lead is made and the dummy is put down. Dummy then plays for declarer without seeing their hand, e.g. "play low" or "win it" or "a high club" etc.



## Caught in the crossruff

This deal from the second qualifying session of the NABC+ Mixed Pairs was reported by Elliot Sternlicht of New York NY, partnering Riva Ko of Goshen CT, who was declarer.

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

West <i>Ko</i>	North	East <i>Sternlicht</i>	South
		Pass	1♥
1♠	Dbl	2♥	3♣
Dbl	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Ko won the ♥Q opening lead with the ace and led the ♠J, covered by the king and ace. She now ducked a heart to South, who continued with a high heart, ruffed with the ♠8. Declarer led a diamond to the jack and ace, and South played another high heart, which was ruffed with the ♠9. Declarer

played the ♣A and ruffed a club, then the ♦K and another diamond. South ruffed with the ♠7 and declarer overruffed with the jack, leaving the following position:

	♠ 4
	♥ —
	♦ Q
	♣ 10
♠ 2	♠ Q 6
♥ —	♥ —
♦ —	♦ 9
♣ J 5	♣ —
	♠ —
	♥ 9
	♦ —
	♣ K Q

Declarer ruffed a club in dummy and ruffed a diamond with the ♠2 as North followed suit. She scored the last trick with dummy's ♠Q, North undertruffing with the ♠4 at trick 13. Plus 650 was good for an 87% board, but the board was already won in the bidding as many East-Wests stopped in a spade partscore.

South can hold declarer to 10 tricks by leading a trump after winning the ♦A.

The double-dummy play for 11 tricks is to double-finesse in diamonds, inserting the ♦9. Even if South leads trump after winning the ♦A, declarer can then finesse the ♦J and the ♦K provides a parking place for a club loser.

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# New Life Master

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**FRIDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS**

29.0 Tables / Based on 98 Tables

	A	X		
41.67	1		Stephen Stewart, Overland Park KS; Brad Carmichael, Shawnee KS	61.98%
31.25	2	1	Ilan Tadmor, Sunnyside NY; Kimberly Fanady, San Francisco CA	57.15%
23.44	3		Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD; James Geist, Olney MD	56.95%
17.58	4		Igor Chalupiec, Warsaw Poland; Anna Sarniak, Halinow Poland	56.45%
13.89	5		Yichao Chen, Shanghai China; Shelly Duniets, Santa Rosa CA	56.07%
11.91	6		Linda Tipton – V. Jay Tipton, Irvine CA	55.55%
10.42	7		Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Chris Moll, Raleigh NC	54.67%
9.26	8		Robert Morris, Houston TX; Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land TX	54.63%
8.33	9		Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France; Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR	54.62%
10.08	10	2	Eugene Hung – Han-Yu Chang, Los Altos CA	54.36%
7.56	11	3	Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA	54.15%
6.41	12		Rahn Smith, Riverview FL; Sharon Horton, Lakeland FL	54.11%
5.95	13		Carrie Touslee, Roseville CA; Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA	54.06%
5.56	14		Joan Lewis – Robert Hopkins Jr., Arlington VA	54.04%
5.67	15	4	Joseph Byrnes, Long Beach NY; Monique France, New York NY	53.44%
4.48		5	David Brower – Mark Mackenzie, Portland OR	52.05%
3.84		6	Robert Dean – Marcia Dean, San Jose CA	50.55%

**JACK UPPAL MEMORIAL FRIDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS**

29.0 Tables / Based on 69 Tables

	B	C		
29.68	1		Kathryn Barnard, Redwood City CA; Alex Stagner, Menlo Park CA	60.19%
22.26	2		Kenneth Johnson – Joanne Wicker, Morgan Hill CA	59.90%
16.70	3	1	Maxime Rioux, Sutton QC; Sylvain Dionne, La Prairie QC	57.29%
12.52	4		Andrea Ventris, Tiburon CA; Kathryn Legro, Carmichael CA	55.54%
9.89	5		Jon Lelevier, Cardiff CA; Steve Reid, Carlsbad CA	55.44%
8.48	6	2	Ellen Luchette, Limerick PA; Marc Topaz, Flourtown PA	55.11%
7.42	7		Matthew Quint, San Rafael CA; Neal Mazaroff, Oakland CA	54.82%
6.60	8	3	Yu-Shiang Cheng, New Taipei City Taiwan; Kuan-Ying Lee, Cupertino CA	54.73%
5.94	9	4	Ihsan Erdin, Ottawa ON; Mark Cook, West Monroe LA	54.51%
5.40	10		Brenda Spear, Sun City West AZ; Kandi Osborne, Phoenix AZ	54.34%
4.95	11		Michael Gecht, Staten Island NY; Janine Buss, Port Washington NY	54.14%
4.57	12		Lynn Gast, Pleasanton CA; Diane Simpson, Bethel Island CA	53.94%
4.24	13		Brenda Hatton, San Jose CA; Eusebio Menezes, Cupertino CA	53.80%
3.96	14	5	Thomas Michalek, Topsfield MA; J. Xavier Prochaska, Santa Cruz CA	53.63%
3.71	15	6	Jichong Chai, Falls Church VA; R. Mani, Lanham MD	53.57%

**STAN CHOW MEMORIAL FRIDAY FAST PAIRS**

11.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
11.00	1			Paul Darin – Phyllis Yates, San Diego CA	63.60%
8.25	2			Ellis Feigenbaum – Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA	59.58%
6.19	3			Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; Chetan Mody, Greenville PA	58.11%
4.64	4			Thuy Tran – Ari Greenberg, San Francisco CA	57.94%
4.90	5	1		Martha Keller – Jeanette Shinsako, San Francisco CA	55.68%
3.14	6			Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Seth Cohen, Brooklyn NY	55.46%
3.68		2		Danning Lu, Sacramento CA; Andrew Rowberg, Dublin CA	46.38%
2.76		3		Bridget Poizner – Marina Fomenkova, San Diego CA	44.77%

**2ND FRIDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS**

34.0 Tables

	7	B	C		
11.55	1	1	1	Greg Willmon – Jeannie Willmon, Bakersfield CA	62.27%
8.66	2			Sheila Stuart – J. Michael Held, San Francisco CA	61.15%
6.50	3			Tim Underwood, Oakland CA; Richard Springer, Alameda CA	58.70%
4.87	4			Kathy Ormseth, Saratoga CA; Debra Willrett, Palo Alto CA	58.43%
6.06	5	2		Caroline Allen, San Francisco CA; Houpei Wei, Walnut Creek CA	57.85%
4.55	6	3		Incy Brooks – Lynn Farris, Pebble Beach CA	57.01%
2.89	7			Peggy Spencer, Kealahou HI; Vera Dodson, Freeland WA	56.89%
3.61	8	4	2	Jim Hexter, Jamaica Plain MA; Matthew Nathanson, Santa Cruz CA	56.60%
2.31	9			Jane Zarfoss, Richmond CA; Demry Sibson, Palm Beach FL	56.58%
2.69	10	5		Elizabeth Heron, Seattle WA; Lynda Weinman, Montecito CA	55.77%
2.71	11	6	3	Wayne Wheeler, San Diego CA; Jessica Rohm, La Jolla CA	55.67%
2.03	12	7	4	Michael Macko – Travis Emick, San Francisco CA	55.32%
1.80	13	8		Kathryn Walker, San Jose CA; Pamela Resser, San Mateo CA	55.02%
2.15	14	9	5	Patricia Cericola – David Lansky, San Francisco CA	54.92%
1.47	15	10		Thomas Blean – Maureen Keating, San Francisco CA	54.78%
1.36	16			Gregory Benesh, Wilsonville OR; Charles Goldburg, Denver CO	54.75%
2.76	17			David Gin – Brad Carson, Oakland CA	54.74%
1.45		11		Herb Stoller – Suzi Stoller, Vero Beach FL	54.37%
1.45		12		Lea Salem, San Francisco CA; Lipika Sur, Cupertino CA	54.32%
1.38			6	Gail Kepley – Lonnie Kepley, Naperville IL	52.75%

**THURSDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS**

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.12	1			Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Kyra Helmbold, Minneapolis MN	66.20%
3.09	2			James Tanner, Highland CA; James Griffin Jr., Rancho Mirage CA	64.12%
2.03	3/4			Michael Botwin, Rockville Center NY; Janine Buss, Port Washington NY	56.71%
3.47	3/4	1		Yan Zhang, Jersey City NJ; Mark Pinkowski, Chicago IL	56.71%
2.28	5/6	2/3		Cynthia Mazzaferro, Naples FL; Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD	54.86%
2.45	5/6	2/3	1	Richard Ross, Gilroy CA; Wesley May, Newark CA	54.86%
1.46		4		Lu Ann Walker, Dublin CA; Robert Brunkhorst, Sunnyvale CA	53.94%
1.84			2	Linda Martin, Winnetka IL; Maureen Martin, San Mateo CA	48.61%
1.38			3	Joseph Hatch, Mount Olive NC; Felecia Peavy, Houston TX	48.15%

**FRIDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS**

13.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.20	1	1		Gerald Lackner, Furstenfeld Austria; Alice Wendler, Feldbach Argentina	64.02%
3.90	2			Tomi Storey, Frisco TX; Scott Nason, Dallas TX	61.51%
2.93	3			Gilbert Ramirez – Cynthia Swezey, Reno NV	58.59%
2.19	4			Bonnie Clementsson, Sweden; Jan Clementsson, Sodra Sandby Sweden	57.69%
3.09	5	2		Richard Robertson – Doug Weil, San Francisco CA	57.30%
2.63	6	3	1	Linda Golm – Louis Golm, Austin TX	57.19%
1.97		4	2	Manoj Thawani, San Jose CA; Rakesh Gupta, Saratoga CA	54.24%
1.94		5	3	Robert Lerche, Belmont CA; Inna Brovman, San Mateo CA	53.42%
1.36			4	Laurie Steuri – Chris Steuri, Denver CO	53.02%

**2ND FRIDAY MORNING 299er PAIRS**

14.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.75	1			Robert Saken – Brandi Chavin, San Francisco CA	71.43%
3.40	2	1	1	Sorin Blebea – Diana Blebea, Hillsboro OR	64.20%
2.55	3	2	2	Manisha Agrawal – Druhin Goel, Atherton CA	64.16%
1.91	4	3	3	Pamela Davison – Joanna Berg, Oakland CA	57.50%
1.43	5	4	4	Jeff Knutson – Sandy Knutson, Brookings OR	57.43%
1.49	6	5	5	Kao Li, Cohasset MA; Becky McElroy, Raleigh NC	56.55%
1.04		6	6	Alice Chu – Ed Der, San Francisco CA	55.95%

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS**

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.12	1			Ed Schulte, Beverly Hills FL; Betty Sue el Gammal, Hoover AL	63.56%
3.09	2			Jeff Edelstein, Brooksville FL; Judith Nab, Amsterdam Netherlands	63.10%
2.32	3			Viktor Anikovich, Los Angeles CA; Nina Huang, Pasadena CA	57.66%
1.74	4			Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Robert Guerard, Brossard QC	56.73%
1.30	5			Jay Baudler, San Jose CA; Cordelia Menges, New York NY	55.57%
3.47		1		Charles Tonelli – Jean Wood, El Cerrito CA	55.08%
2.60		2		Daniel Groves, Bloomington IN; Eric Groves, San Francisco CA	54.51%
2.28		3	1	Gretchen Wyatt – Hilary Charlton, Atherton CA	53.19%
1.71		4	2	Susanna Westerwick – Greg Westerwick, Durango CO	49.79%

**2ND FRIDAY AFTERNOON 299er PAIRS**

8.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.70	1	1		Becky McElroy, Raleigh NC; Jeanmarie Mariadassou, Saratoga CA	65.18%
2.13	2	2	1	R.E. Stern, Chicago IL; Elisabeth Kashner, US	63.79%
1.60	3	3	2	David Bowen – Alan Blackwood, San Francisco CA	60.60%
1.20	4	4	3	Paul Martin – Rand Montoya, San Francisco CA	57.13%
0.85	5			Robert Saken – Brandi Chavin, San Francisco CA	55.29%
0.90		5	4	Manisha Agrawal – Druhin Goel, Atherton CA	53.29%

**2ND FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 1**

9 Tables

27.94	1	Andy Bowles, London England; Gonzalo Goded, Madrid Spain; Dee Lindon – Peter Lindon, Buckinghamshire England	133.00
20.96	2	Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; Danuta Kazmucha, Poznan Poland; Michal Nowosadzki, Geneva Switzerland; William Watson, Los Altos CA; Daniela von Arnim, Hockenheim Germany	90.00
15.72	3	Christine Denny, Oceanside CA; Paul Spear, Sun City West AZ; Dolores Aquino, Houston TX; Jim Johnsen, Frisco TX	88.00
11.79	4	Robert Ives, Bethesda MD; Ella Rosthoej, Frederiksberg Denmark; Bo Xiao, Fremont CA; Yuan Chen, North York ON	85.00

**2ND FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 2**

9 Tables

21.61	1	Ethan Wood, Dover MA; Jane McLaughlin, San Francisco CA; Daniel Brandgaard, Copenhagen Denmark; Sibrand van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands	103.00
16.21	2	Edward Lee – Ray Robert, Portland OR; Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Mike Redden, West Linn OR	97.00
12.16	3	Aly El-Selehdar, Pembroke NH; Mark Peterson – Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA; Dawn Campbell, Portland OR	95.00
9.12	4	Weiling Zhao, Los Angeles CA; Bo Liu, Irvine CA; Zhenzhong Guo, Issaquah WA; Weidong Guo, Beijing China	81.00

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**2ND FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 3**

9 Tables

15.39	1/2	Maya Alela, Flagstaff AZ; Shailesh Gupta, Las Vegas NV; Don Chillrud, Schenectady NY; Jason Ji, Jersey City NJ	99.00
15.39	1/2	Norman Marks – Ronald Baron – Lynn Bartz – Ken Imboden, San Jose CA	99.00
9.89	3	Shirley Shi, Sacramento CA; Sheng Dou, Brentwood CA; Ho Ming Yim, St. Petersburg FL; Xingping Kang, El Monte CA	86.00
7.42	4	S. Robinson, Singapore; Bob Stoldt, Lake Forest CA; Brenda Pugsley – Paul Pugsley, Carson City NV	84.00

**2ND FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 4**

9 Tables

14.85	1	Sam Dodson, Houston TX; Thomas Racciatti, Minneapolis MN; Joan Oliver – Lee Hausner, Los Angeles CA	92.00
11.14	2	Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD; Todd Thorsen – Bobette Thorsen, Lititz PA; Sherrie Goodman, New Orleans LA	89.00
7.31	3/4	Ann Romeo – Margaret Moen, Seattle WA; Joel Fuhrman, Kirkland WA; Allyson Welsh, Monroe WA	83.00
7.31	3/4	Mark Stein, Skokie IL; Denis Racine, Clearlake Oaks CA; Lee Nykaza, Scottsdale AZ; Dorie Isaacson, Northbrook IL	83.00

**2ND FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 5**

9 Tables

13.58	1	Charles Swart – Patrick Chye, Alameda CA; Phil Feldman, Los Angeles CA; Kenneth Hopke, Annandale VA	108.00
10.19	2	Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Stanley Weiner, Las Vegas NV; Clifford Chernick, San Carlos CA	107.00
7.64	3	Max Aeschbacher – Charlie Belusa, Cottonwood Heights UT; L. Allison Rudary – Matthew Rudary, Redding CT	97.00
5.73	4	Anne Wilson, Campbell CA; Allen Simon, Palo Alto CA; Li Zhang, San Jose CA; Jay Wang, San Leandro CA	91.00

**2ND FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 6**

9 Tables

12.63	1	Jacinda Liu – Feng Liu, Sandy UT; Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI; Henry Zhang, Mountain View CA	108.00
8.29	2/3	Paul Thomas, Pollock Pines CA; James Coke, Shingle Springs CA; Virginia Wailes, Hillsborough CA; Jackie Thomas, San Ramon CA	88.00
8.29	2/3	Shameine Ali, New Westminster BC; Ralph Haberfeld, Jackson WY; Gay McAlister – Shirley Hooks, Houston TX	88.00
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9 Tables

11.75	1	Ashish Gupta – Marvin Arnold, Sacramento CA; Liam King, San Francisco CA; Jim Bowman, Carmichael CA	125.00
8.81	2	Ken Pelowski – Lori Mirek, Atherton CA; Vera Baum, Los Altos CA; Kathryn Papermaster, Horseshoe Bay TX	103.00
6.61	3	Jeffrey Imber, Bolton ON; Catherine Peters, Atlanta GA; William Golush, Denville NJ; Fiona French, London United Kingdom	91.00
4.96	4	Susan Vogtlin, Rio Vista CA; David Clement, Sacramento CA; Marina Kong, Davis CA; Sherrie Barakatt, Modesto CA	79.00

**2ND FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 8**

9 Tables

10.60	1	Kaye Summers, Shawnee Mission KS; Timothy Ellis – Mike Finnin, Edwards CO; Mitchell Hayne, Eagle CO	121.00
7.95	2	Don Lycette, Bend OR; Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA; Steve Kasner – Rob Tilley, Bellevue WA	103.00
5.96	3	Greg Thesenvitz – Sarah Thesenvitz, Black Diamond WA; Shi-Lin Yeh, Sugar Land WA; Marianne Kersten, Bellevue WA	93.00
4.47	4	Deanne Takasumi – Elizabeth Scully – Ruth Yokoyama – Carol Holman, Portland OR	87.00

**2ND FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 9**

9 Tables

9.62	1	Noah Bell, Ithaca NY; Lauri Laufman – James Woodward, Houston TX; Sue Manning, Hector NY	105.00
7.22	2	Susan Angel, Greenbrae CA; Carol Morse – Andy Andrews, Santa Rosa CA; Lawson James, Petaluma CA	104.00
5.41	3	Ralph Lipe – Lynda Lipe, Chelan WA; Chungli C. Wang – Fred Yu, Bellevue WA	101.00
4.06	4	Edward Lechner, San Mateo CA; Erich Schifter, Ann Arbor MI; Lisa Walker, La Canada Flintridge CA; Karmen Armoudjian, Pasadena CA	86.00

**2ND FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 10**

9 Tables

8.95	1	Gina Brown, Soquel CA; Glenn Chee, Salinas CA; Lynne Weatherman, Pacific Grove CA; Neville Kirby, Monterey CA	100.00
6.71	2	Charles Troup – Rajani Chandrasekar, Livermore CA; Brandon Flickner, Brentwood CA; Jo Streich, Pleasanton CA	90.00
5.03	3	Brigitte Sandquist – Emily Francis – Kirsten Beda, San Francisco CA; Roberta Francis, Wellesley MA	88.00
3.38	4/5	William Stevenson, Nashville TN; William Harwood – Dan Eineker, Kailua HI; Melanie Ligh, Honolulu HI	87.00
3.38	4/5	Clinton Gorsuch, Fullerton CA; Scott Gorsuch, Reno NV; Sheryl Gorsuch, Alexandria VA; Henry Fong, Daly City CA	87.00

**2ND FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 11**

13 Tables

7.90	1	Ann Morrison, Fremont CA; Etan Cohen – Diane Hidy, San Francisco CA; James Hopkin, Orinda CA	125.00
5.93	2	Satish Viswanatham – Jennifer Samuels, Portland OR; Laura Miller, Mercer Island WA; Shannon Kasperkiewicz, Redmond WA	113.00
4.44	3	Evan Kleiner, Madison WI; Douglas Babcock, Fitchburg WI; Kevin Babcock, San Francisco CA; Mai Zhang, Bound Brook NJ	94.00
3.33	4	Dennis Stambaugh, Rio Rancho NM; Russel Boknecht, Lacey WA; Meda Brown – Michael Wenzel, Eugene OR	86.00
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## Milestone

**Allyson Welsh** of Monroe WA became a Life Master and a Bronze Life Master. She needed 7.77 gold points. She won 6.09 in the mid-flight Swiss with David Wolfe of Halifax NS, Brenda Fortunate of Grand Blanc MI and William Golush of Denville, NJ, then another 4.76 with Wolfe, Fortunate and Catherine Peters of Atlanta GA in a bracketed round robin team event. She thanks her partners and teammates and the partnership desk, where she found everyone!



## Convention card notice

Each player must have an ACBL convention card legibly filled out and on the table. The convention card must include the first and last name of each member of the partnership, and the cards must be identical. Please note that other types of convention

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# Soloway KO Final

By Mark Horton

The last two teams in the 2025 edition of the Soloway Knockout Teams were ROSENTHAL (24) and SHOURIE (7). Who would end up being the last team standing?

On the opening deal, Shourie and Wolpert stretched to a Moysian 4♥ on this layout (alas the bidding is not recorded):

Board 1. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ J 6 5 2 ♥ 10 8 ♦ J 3 ♣ K Q 10 7 5</p> <p>♠ A Q 8 7 4 ♥ J 6 3 ♦ A Q 5 4 ♣ A</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ Q 7 5 2 ♦ K 9 8 6 2 ♣ 9 6 3 2</p> <p>♠ K 10 9 3 ♥ A K 9 4 ♦ 10 7 ♣ J 8 4</p>
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When South led the ♠10 and dummy's ♠Q held, declarer cashed the ♣A and the ♠A and then ruffed two spades and two clubs, ending in hand. If he now cashes two diamonds ending in hand and plays a club, he will score a 10th trick, but when he played a diamond to the ace and a club, South could pitch a diamond and that was one down, -50.

In the other room, E-W made 11 tricks in diamonds for +150 and 5 IMPs to ROSENTHAL.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>
			1NT	Pass
	3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♠4 and declarer took the second round of the suit and played the ♦10. When South was kind enough to cover, he had nine tricks, +400.

Closed Room

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Hans</i>
			1NT	Pass
	3NT	All Pass		

At this table, South did not cover the ♦10 at trick three, and when declarer took dummy's ♦K and continued with a diamond to the 8, he was one down, -50 and 10 IMPs to SHOURIE.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>
				1♣
	2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	2♦	2♥	3♣
	4♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
	5♥	All Pass		

(1) Majors

South led the ♦7 to the queen, king and ace, and declarer played a heart to the king collecting North's ♥Q. That looks like 12 tricks, but the score was entered as +650.

Closed Room

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Hans</i>
				2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
	3♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	5♣	All Pass	

(1) 6+♣, 10-15 HCP

(2) Majors

West led the ♠K and continued with the ♠3, declarer ruffing in dummy, playing a heart to the ace and the ♦7 to the 5, king and ace. East switched to the ♣5, and declarer won with dummy's ♣10, ruffed the ♦J, ruffed a heart, pitched a spade on the ♦10 and could claim, +400 and 14 IMPs to SHOURIE who led 24–5.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>
	1♦	3♣	4♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
5♣	5♦	All Pass	

(1) Diamond support

East led the ♠K immediately, solving any potential problem for the defense, and declarer was soon conceding one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Hans</i>
	1♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	3♣	Dbl
4♣	Dbl	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

(1) 2+♦, 10–15 HCP

East led the ♣Q, and having won, declarer drew trumps and played the ♥3 to the ♥K and a heart back to the queen and ace. West switched to the ♠5, but when declarer played the ♠8, East surprisingly put in the ♠9. Declarer took dummy's ♠A, ruffed a club, cashed the ♥J and exited with a spade, East having to win and offer up a ruff and discard, +600 and 12 more IMPs to SHOURIE.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>
	3♥	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♥2, and North won with the ♥K and returned the ♥4. There was time to read a chapter of War and Peace while declarer considered which card to play. Make that two chapters.

Given that if declarer had started with the ♥A K then half the time he would win with the other honor then playing the ♥10 feels right, and eventually that is what declarer did, finishing with 10 tricks when he rejects any idea of finessing in spades, + 630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Hans</i>
	3♥	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♥2, and when North put in the ♥J, declarer won and played four rounds of clubs before cashing the ♠K and playing a spade to the jack, +660 and an IMP to ROSENTHAL.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West <i>Shourie</i>	North <i>Silverstein</i>	East <i>Wolpert</i>	South <i>Rosenthal</i>
Pass	3♦	Dbl	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

It is rarely a bad idea to raise partner when you have four-card support.

South led the ♦A, and when declarer contributed the ♦Q, he switched to the ♣8, declarer taking North's ♣K and playing the ♠A followed by the ♠6, soon claiming, +420.

## Closed Room

West <i>Willenken</i>	North <i>Hung</i>	East <i>Schaltz</i>	South <i>Hans</i>
Pass	3♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Dbl	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

(1) 2+♦, 10–15 HCP

(2) Clubs and diamonds, non-forcing

South led the ♠4, and when dummy's ♠Q saw North pitch the ♣2, declarer played a club to the queen, cashed the ♣A and ruffed a club, easily securing 10 tricks, +170, but 6 IMPs went to SHOURIE.

It was a great start for SHOURIE, who led 61–11 at the end of the session.

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## Solway KO Final – part 2

By Mark Horton

Facing a deficit of 46 IMPs (there had been a 6-IMP adjustment), ROSENTHAL did not need to panic; a steady accumulation of IMPs over the remaining deals would be sufficient.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Dbl
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	All Pass

(1) Checkback

When you can see all four hands, it is not so easy to be objective.

What West knew was that his partner must have a decent six-card suit, and that the ♣K was probably well placed. Is that enough to advance to the vulnerable game? If you argue that the opponents will be pressing a little, then the answer is yes.

South led the ♦A and switched to the ♥J. Declarer won with dummy's ♥A and played the ♠10, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Edgton</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♥5, and declarer won with the ♥A and played the ♠10 to the king and ace. The ♦3 saw South take the ♦A and return the ♥J, declarer winning with dummy's ♥Q and playing a diamond, South winning and cashing the ♣A, +630 and 10 IMPs to ROSENTHAL.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	3♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	3♦ <sup>(3)</sup>
Pass	3♠ <sup>(4)</sup>	Pass	4♣ <sup>(5)</sup>
Pass	4♥ <sup>(6)</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>(7)</sup>
Pass	5♠ <sup>(8)</sup>	Pass	6♦
	All Pass		

(1) One-round force

(2) Unspecified shortness

(3) Asking

(4) Spade shortness

(5) Control for diamonds

(6) Control, better hand than 4♦ waiting

(7) RKCB

(8) 2 key cards + ♦Q

It looks like 2NT agreed diamonds and initiated a series of relays.

East led the ♦5, and declarer won with dummy's ♦8, West discarding the ♥9. After cashing dummy's ♠A declarer ruffed a spade high, played a diamond to the king, ruffed a spade high, went back to dummy with the ♦J and ruffed a spade with the ♦A.

That is how the play is described, and at this point declarer is credited with 12 tricks.

Boye Brogeland told me what actually happened. Having eliminated the spades, declarer played a club to the ace and then played two rounds of hearts. West won and surprisingly played a third round of the suit, presenting declarer with a ruff and discard.

Closed Room

West <i>Rosenthal</i>	North <i>Whibley</i>	East <i>Silverstein</i>	South <i>Edgtton</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Dbl	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Open Room

West <i>Shourie</i>	North <i>Bakke</i>	East <i>Wolpert</i>	South <i>Brogeland</i>
			1♥
Pass	1♠	2♦	3♣
Pass	3♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	5NT <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

(1) Asking for a stopper

(2) Pick a slam

East led the ♥5 to the 2, jack and ace, and declarer played to eliminate the spades, drawing trumps along the way before exiting with a heart. West won and returned the ♣10 and that meant one down, -50, and 16 IMPs to ROSENTHAL.

You can make 6♦ by playing to reach this ending:

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

When declarer cashes the ♦7, East pitches a heart or a spade and away goes dummy's ♥10. If West parts with a club, declarer can play the ♣J, and if West pitches a major-suit card instead, declarer will either have a winning spade left in dummy or be able to exit with a heart to force East to lead away from the ♣Q. Not easy but very elegant!

At this point, ROSENTHAL had added 32 IMPs without reply, trailing only 42-55.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Oops! West led the ♦10 for -50.

Closed Room

West <i>Rosenthal</i>	North <i>Whibley</i>	East <i>Silverstein</i>	South <i>Edgtton</i>
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Dbl	6♥
All Pass			

If 4♠ was asking for key cards, 5♦ promised two. If it was a control then 5♦ would be Last Train.

West led the ♦10, and when he could not ruff the diamond return, that was +980 and 14 IMPs for SHOURIE. Although they lost the session 27-33, they led 88-43.

Session 3

Board 31. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Edgtton</i>	North <i>Schaltz</i>	East <i>Whibley</i>	South <i>Willenken</i>
	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) Hearts

South led the ♣3, and the contract was swiftly two down, -100.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Hans</i>
	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(1) Transfer

South led the ♠J. North took the ♠A, declarer unblocking dummy's ♠Q and returned the ♠4, declarer winning with the ♠10 and playing safely for 10 tricks, +420 and 11 IMPs to ROSENTHAL.

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

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
		Pass	2♥
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the ♥Q. Declarer won with the ♥A as South followed with the ♥2 and played the ♠Q, North winning and

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Well I wish I could tell you, but here the play record stops. Given that the score was +620, we can be sure that North did not switch to the ♦Q.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Hans</i>
		Pass	2♥
2♠	3♥	4♠	All Pass

The opening lead was the same, South following with the ♥9 (low encouraging, reverse count). North took the ♠A at trick two and switched to the ♦Q, one down, -100 and 12 IMPs to SHOURIE.

## Board 38. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
1♥	1♠	2♠ <sup>(1)</sup>	3♠
4♦	Pass	4NT <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
5♣ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	6♦	All Pass

(1) Heart support

(2) RKCB

(3) 1 key card

North led the ♠K, and having won in dummy, declarer played two rounds of diamonds, +920.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Hans</i>
1♥	1♠	2♠ <sup>(1)</sup>	3♠
4♦	Pass	4NT <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
5♦ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	5♠ <sup>(4)</sup>	Pass
5NT <sup>(5)</sup>	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

(1) Heart support

(2) RKCB

(3) 1 key card

(4) ♦Q?

(5) No

West was confident there was a nine-card fit in diamonds, so advancing to the grand slam was a reasonable shot. It did not pay off, and SHOURIE added 14 IMPs.

A succession of small swings added 16 IMPs to SHOURIE's total.

Board 43. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West led the ♥Q and declarer won, ruffed a diamond and drew trumps, +710

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Hans</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgtton</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
All Pass	2♦*	Pass	4♠

INT initiated a series of relays.

East led the ♦A. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♠A, played a spade to the king (East pitching the ♦6) a spade to the queen, a club to the king, cashed the ♠J and the ♥K, +1460 and 13 IMPs to SHOURIE.

SHOURIE had run off 50 IMPs over the last eight deals of the session, taking the score to 150-73, at which point ROSENTHAL extended their congratulations.

2♦ must have shown both majors, but even so, it looks odd not to open 1♥ when you can control three suits and have a great distributional hand.



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## NABC+ Mixed Swiss starts today

The NABC+ Mixed Swiss Teams starts today. The event, which qualifies winners for Grand Life Master, pays platinum points for overall placements. It's a two-day affair consisting of two qualifying sessions and two final sessions.



**Winners of the 2024 NABC+ Mixed Swiss: Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt, Shan Huang and (not pictured) npc Joyce Hill.**

**2015** Kerri Sanborn, Steve Sanborn, Sylvia Shi, Steve Robinson

**2016** Vinita Gupta, Billy Miller, Sandra Rimstedt, Zia Mahmood, Fredrik Nystrom, Anam Tebha

**2017** Valentin Kovachev, Lynne Rosenbaum, Ahu Zobu, Viktor Aronov

**2018** Alison Wilson, Kent Mignocchi, Magdalena Ticha, Richard Ritmeijer, Ida Groenkvis

**2019** Sanna Clementsson, Alexander Sandin, Roger Lee, Wei Wang

**2020** Not held

**2021** Paul Lewis, Linda Lewis, Ron Smith, Disa Eythorsdottir

**2022** Joan Brody, Joel Wooldridge, Marion Michielsen, Per-Ola Cullin, Janice Seamon-Molson

**2023** John McAllister, Sophia Baldysz, Matthew Brown, Lilly Justman

**2024** Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Shan Huang, Sandra Rimstedt

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**Winners of last year's NABC 0-6000 Pairs: David Bogolub and Steve Kreiner**

## 0-6000 Pairs starts

The NABC 0-6000 Pairs begins today. This four-session event is limited to players with less than 6000 masterpoints. Approximately half of the pairs entering will qualify for tomorrow's final.

**2023** Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Robert Ives

**2024** David Bogolub, Steve Kreiner

## Masterpoint disclaimer

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

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## Tomorrow's Bridge Events

### Sunday, Dec. 7

#### 9:30 am & 3:30 pm

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with host discount	Members without discount
<b>REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS</b>	1-2 F	Pacific I, 4th Floor	\$40	\$50
<b>KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS</b>	1-2 F	Yerba Buena 7, Bottom Level	\$40	\$50

#### 10 am

<b>Sunday Morning Side Pairs</b> <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Golden Gate B, Level B2	\$22	\$32
<b>299er Pairs</b>	single	Golden Gate B, Level B2	\$18	\$28

#### 10 am & 1 pm

<b>Martelli Ravenscroft Fast Pairs</b>	1-2	Golden Gate C, Level B2	\$22	\$32
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#### 10 am & tba

<b>Top-Flight Swiss Teams</b> ( <i>unlim./6000/4500</i> ) <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Golden Gate A, Level B2	\$22	\$32
<b>Bracketed Round Robin Teams</b> ( <i>0-4000</i> ) <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Golden Gate A, Level B2	\$22	\$32

#### 10 am & 3 pm

NABC 0-6000 PAIRS	1-2 F	Nob Hill, Bottom Level	\$25	\$35
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#### 10 am & 3:30 pm

NABC+ MIXED SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$35	\$45
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#### 2 pm

<b>Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs</b> <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Golden Gate B, Level B2	\$22	\$32
<b>299er Pairs</b>	single	Golden Gate B, Level B2	\$18	\$28

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). 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 (300-750/200-300/0-200). 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.