



# Daily Bulletin

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## Rosenbluth is Robot King

Josh Rosenbluth of Eugene OR won the three-day Spring 2026 NABC Robot Individual played on BBO Feb. 22–24.



**Josh Rosenbluth**

Rosenbluth posted a three-session average of 72.45% to win the contest that attracted some 1800 participants.

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## Xiao–Zhu win NAP Championship title



**Winners of the North American Pairs Championship Flight, Brent Xiao and Bo Han Zhu of District 21**

Brent Xiao and Bo Han Zhu of the San Francisco Bay Area (District 21) captured their first NABC title by winning the North American Championship Flight. The duo finished just half a board ahead of the defending champions, Mitch Dunitz and Iftikhar Baqai of the Los Angeles area, District 23.

Xiao, 25, and Zhu, 23, qualified in second place in Wednesday’s opening round, which drew 68 eligible pairs from around North America for the national final. In Thursday’s two-session final, Xiao and Zhu scored

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## Pre-registration required for Vanderbilt, 10K KO

Registration for the Vanderbilt KO Teams and 0–10,000 Knockout is required by 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1. Entries may be purchased on Entry Express anytime before then or onsite Sunday.

For the 0–10,000 Knockout, contingent entries are allowed; you may withdraw pending qualification in another event.

## Chung–Ganesan take NAP Flight A crown

Chris Chung and Sriram Ganesan completed District 21’s sweep of national contests last night when they won the Jan Martel North American Pairs Flight A. The newly created contest is restricted to players under

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**The District 21 duo of Chris Chung and Sriram Ganesan won the North American Pairs Flight A.**



## Goodwill Message

Welcome to the 2026 Spring North American Bridge Championships in St. Louis. Tournament chair Michael Sherberg and his local committee have a great tournament planned for everyone. Please join us in saying thank you to our hosts.

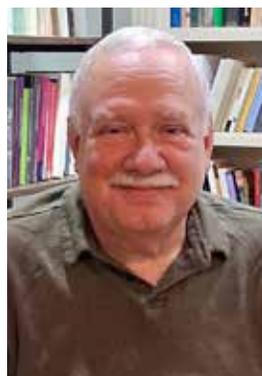
Remember: In the world of bridge, Goodwill is our strongest suit!

*Lamya Agelidis, Chair*

*Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee*

## Welcome to St. Louis

**By Michael Sherberg, Tournament Chair**



Welcome to St. Louis. We are delighted that you have come here to play bridge. What better way to escape the winter doldrums!

If you flew into town, you may have seen our famous Gateway Arch from the sky. If not, head over there when you have a minute. The view from the foot of this amazing sculpture is dizzying (in a good way), and if you’d like you can ride up to the top or tour the museum below. You might also check out the gorgeous Eads Bridge to the north. It’s the first steel bridge ever built, and the first over the Mississippi

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## Today's Bridge Events

**Friday, Feb. 27**

**Pat Penelton Memorial Day**

**Location key: ACC = America's Center MtPz = Marriott Plaza**

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
<b>10 am</b>				
Friday Morning Side Pairs <i>Thu-Sat Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
<b>10 am &amp; 3 pm</b>				
<b>KAY PLATINUM PAIRS</b> <i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal &amp; 2 final sessions; Qualification required</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic E, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$40	\$50
<b>LEBHAR IMP PAIRS</b> <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic D, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
<b>SENIOR MIXED PAIRS</b> <i>Must be 65 or older; 2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Room 224, ACC	\$35	\$45
Pat Penelton Memorial Open Pairs <i>(unlim./4000/1500)</i>	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Room 225, ACC	\$22	\$32
Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
<b>3 pm</b>				
Friday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Thu-Sat Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
<b>7:30 pm</b>				
Friday Evening Side Pairs <i>Fri-Mon Evening Series</i>	single	Majestic F, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$22	\$22

\* For premier, NABC+ and NABC events, participants must be full ACBL members and up-to-date with their membership dues or service fees. For all other events, participants must be ACBL members (or guest members). Inactive members may renew or pay a \$5 upcharge per session.

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

### International Fund

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

### FOOD TRUCKS

Food trucks will be on Washington Avenue outside the America's Center daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each day will have a different set of trucks.

**Friday, Feb. 27**

Mr. Papas, Doughboys, Wing and a Prayer

**Saturday, Feb. 28**

Taste D Burger, Wok-O Taco, Zacchi



**Come play BridgeBattle!**

A fast and fun game blends Bridge and War — no lessons needed.

Just show up, play and win prizes.

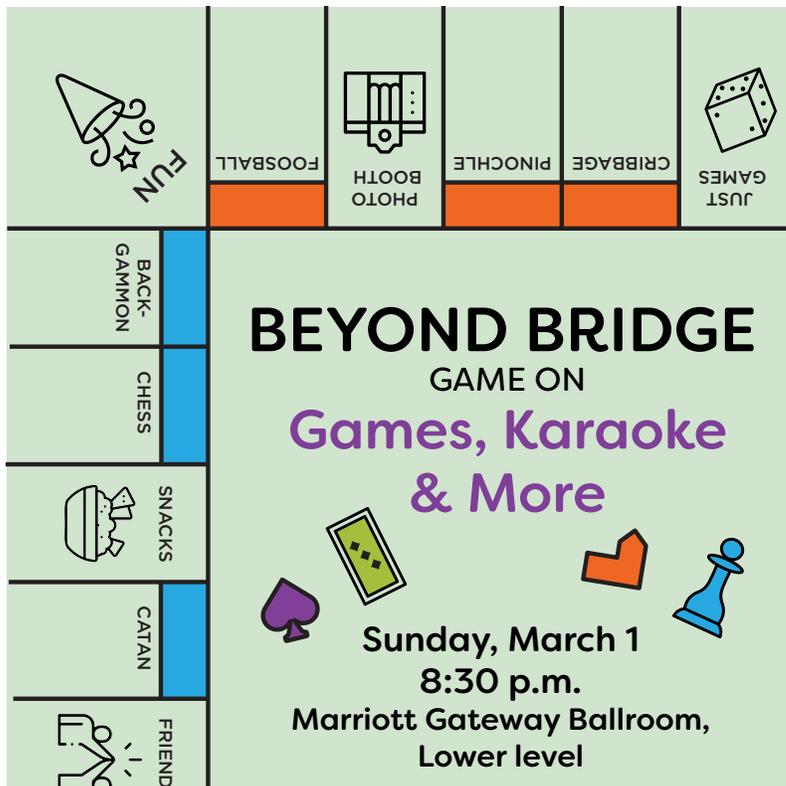
**Saturday, February 28 | 1- 3 p.m. | Free**  
**Location: America's Center, Rm. 230**

**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.

**Senior events eligibility**

To be eligible to play in Senior events, players must be 65 or older.



**BEYOND BRIDGE**  
 GAME ON  
**Games, Karaoke & More**

**Sunday, March 1**  
**8:30 p.m.**  
**Marriott Gateway Ballroom, Lower level**

**Today's Sponsors**

**Pat Penelton Memorial Day**



Today we honor the memory of Patricia Penelton, an ACBL member who died in the St. Louis tornado on May 16, 2025, which devastated city neighborhoods. Pat was busy preparing lunches at the Centennial Christian Church in North St. Louis when the

tornado hit, collapsing the bell tower and roof and killing her.

In addition to her work organizing meals for homeless residents, Pat ran the church's food pantry, sang in the choir, and led in its outreach efforts. Before retiring, she worked for both AT&T and Charter as a project manager.

Pat was a longtime bridge player who was a regular at one of our Tuesday night games.

Pat's life and legacy have already earned local recognition. Back in June, the In Unison chorus sang at the legendary Fox Theatre in her honor. Pat was a former coordinator and founding member of the chorus.

The ACBL charitable donation in conjunction with this NABC goes to Operation Food Search. The organizing committee recommended Operation Food Search because its commitment to feeding the hungry reminded us of Pat.

**Evening entertainment**

Several nights of fun evening entertainment are planned. These events begin at 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday, March 1**

**Beyond Bridge:** Karaoke, board games, photo booth, activities. Light food and cash bar.

*Gateway, lower level, Marriott Main*

**Monday, March 2**

**It's Midnight Somewhere Zip KO:** Social bridge, no masterpoints.

*Majestic D, second floor, Marriott Plaza*

**Wednesday, March 4**

**Bridge Mania:** Jeopardy, Family Feud and other bridge-themed games. Everyone is invited. Light food and cash bar. *Lucas, Hawthorne, 21st floor, Marriott Main*

**Friday, March 6**

**Crazy Bridge:** Chaos-inducing twists on bridge. *Majestic D, second floor, Marriott Plaza*

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

All meetings are in the America's Center, Marriott Plaza or the main Marriott Grand.

Friday, Feb. 27		Saturday, Feb. 28	
9 am–5 pm	<b>World Bridge Federation meeting.</b> <i>Lafayette Boardroom, mezzanine, Marriott main</i>	8–9:45 am	<b>Free Bridge Lesson</b> with Donna Compton, “Notrump Lead Strategies,” followed by a special game for newer players. <i>Room 230, second floor, ACC</i>
1–5 pm	<b>Best Practices Teacher Workshop.</b> Session one of three. Learn modern teaching techniques in this interactive course which includes hands-on experience. Pre-registration required. Assessments will be Sunday afternoon and Monday. <i>Room 232, second floor, ACC</i>	8 am–noon	<b>Best Practices Teacher Workshop.</b> Session two of three. Learn modern teaching techniques in this interactive course which includes hands-on experience. Pre-registration required. Assessments will be Sunday afternoon and Monday. <i>Room 232, second floor, ACC</i>
6:30–8 pm	<b>Club and Teacher Reception.</b> Thank-you reception for the teachers and club officials who work so hard to recruit and retain our members. Preregistration required but closed. <i>Gateway Ballroom, lower level, Marriott main</i>	8:30–9:30 am	<b>Hall of Fame Committee meeting.</b> <i>Shaw Boardroom, mezzanine, Marriott main</i>
		1–3 pm	<b>Bridge Battle.</b> An easy-to-learn game that gets newcomers hooked on trick-taking. Free. <i>Room 230, second floor, ACC</i>

## CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Room 225, second floor, ACC. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

Friday, Feb. 27		Saturday, Feb. 28	
9:15 am	Adam Parrish <i>Being a Good Partner</i>	9:15 am	Marjorie Michelin <i>Loser-on-Loser</i>
2:15 pm	Robert Todd <i>Problem Opening Bids</i>		<i>Plays</i>

## HOSPITALITY

Grab-and-go items are available starting at 9 a.m. on the second floors of America's Center and Marriott Plaza and sometimes also on the first floor of Marriott Plaza. The host committee is providing afternoon hospitality at 2 p.m. on selected days.

**Friday, Feb. 27**  
Morning: bagels  
Afternoon: cookies

**Saturday, Feb. 28**  
Morning: breakfast burritos (sausage, potatoes, egg)

## PATRON LOUNGE

Patron Members are invited to visit the Patron Lounge in the Washington Room on the ground level of the Marriott Plaza from 1 to 3 p.m. today through Friday, March 6, for light lunch and coffee. The lounge is also open mornings 9 to 10 a.m. for coffee.

**Friday, Feb. 27**  
St. Louis-style barbecue: Sliced brisket, shredded smoked chicken, loaded potato salad, silver dollar rolls, butter cakes

**Saturday, Feb. 28**  
All-beef hot dogs, vegetarian chili, chips, cookies



# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Two-Over-One Game Forcing – Part 1

By Larry Cohen | [larryco.com](http://larryco.com)



Did any of you play bridge in the 1960s? You don't have to admit it. Back then, there was a move to switch from strong two-bids to weak two-bids. There was resistance at first, but eventually, everyone made the change. Now, we face the same situation with the move from "Standard" to "2/1 GF." [Note: "2/1" is short-hand for "Two-Over-One"

and "GF" stands for "Game Forcing."] 2/1 GF is by far the superior (and easier system). If teaching beginners, I would start out with 2/1 GF. Most bridge teachers agree with me.

In "Standard," if your partner opens 1♠ and you respond, say, 2♦, it is natural and shows 10+ HCP. What possible reason could the fathers of our game have had for defining this 2/1 response as "10+ HCP?" That number leaves you in no-man's land. If opener has 12+ (or 13+) for his opening, and responder has 10+, then the partnership has 22+ (or 23+). What good is that? All it does is cause confusion as to whether or not game will be reached. It is hard to know if/when any player can pass below game.

In the superior system of 2/1 GF, the response of 2♦ to 1♠ promises an opening bid (13+). Now we have two opening bids facing each other, so game must be reached. Neither player can pass until game is reached.

There are many details to cover. Already I'm sure some of you are asking, "Do you count only high-card points or add distribution?" That will be covered. So will all of the many other small things you need to know (such as "What do you respond if you have 11 or 12 HCP?").

We have to start somewhere, so here is a quick look at the 2/1 responses. In its simplest terms, the "system" described as 2/1 GF refers to the following six sequences:

- 1♦-2♣
- 1♥-2♣
- 1♥-2♦
- 1♠-2♣
- 1♠-2♦
- 1♠-2♥

These are the only six possible 2/1 auctions. Anything else would be either a raise, or a jumpshift (for example, 1♥-2♥ is a raise and 1♥-2♠ is a jumpshift).

This system is not "on" if the opponents interfere (either with a double or an overcall). Nor is this system on by a passed hand. (So, the opening must be by the dealer or the player in second position).

When responder uses a game-forcing 2/1 bid, he is informing opener that he, too, holds at least opening-bid values. Accordingly, the partnership may leisurely proceed to the optimum contract without fear of being dropped below game. Opener then should show his shape, without implying the number of high-card points he holds. Bidding is natural. That is the beauty of this system. Try not to jump and try to best describe your hand. You'll be amazed at how simple it is.

Try it out. As opener, what do you rebid after you open 1♥ and partner responds 2♣ (GF)?

- A. ♠5 4      ♥K Q 10 8 7 4      ♦A J 3      ♣K 4
- B. ♠3 2      ♥Q J 10 8 7      ♦A 4      ♣A Q 5 4
- C. ♠A K J 2      ♥A Q 8 7 6      ♦A 5 4      ♣2
- D. ♠A Q 3      ♥K J 8 7 6      ♦9 8 7 6      ♣K
- E. ♠Q J 2      ♥Q 9 7 6 4      ♦Q 9 2      ♣A Q
- F. ♠A 2      ♥A K Q J 9 8      ♦K 7 6      ♣5 2

### Answers

A. 2♥. Repeat the six-card suit. In future articles, we will discuss if six cards are promised.

B. 3♣. Forcing, of course, until at least game is reached. No extras promised.

C. 2♠. Natural – and just coincidental that you have extras.

D. 2♦. Just bid naturally, even though the suit is of poor quality.

E. 2NT. Natural. Also, not promising extras.

F. 3♥. An unnecessary jump should show a solid suit. This is rare.

Partner opens 1♥, and you respond with a GF 2♦. When opener rebids 2NT, what do you do next as responder?

- G. ♠K J 3      ♥A 2      ♦K Q 10 8 7      ♣4 3 2
- H. ♠4 2      ♥A Q J      ♦A Q 8 7 6 5      ♣A 7
- I. ♠4      ♥A 5      ♦A K Q 10 8 7 2      ♣Q 3 2
- J. ♠4 3      ♥A Q 2      ♦K Q J 10 8 2      ♣5 2
- K. ♠K Q J      ♥10 3      ♦A Q 10 8 4      ♣A Q 5

### Answers

G. 3NT

H. 3♥. Forcing, of course. Leave room for investigation.

I. 3♦. No need to rush into Blackwood.

J. 4♥. Most players use this jump to show a minimum with all the pictures in the suits bid. More on this in the future.

K. 4NT. Quantitative, i.e., invitational to slam, balanced.



# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Welcome, Gold Rush and I/N Players to St. Louis!

Gold Rush and Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) games begin at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Gold Rush and I/N (GRIN) events will be held in Room 225 on the second floor of America's Center. The GRIN Welcome Desk is outside this room.

The Partnership Desk can help you find a partner. The earlier you request one, the better.

Don't forget to pick up your welcome gift from both the Welcome and GRIN desks.

Celebrity speakers will give free mini-lessons at 9:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. on most days. On Friday, Feb. 27, Adam Parrish presents "Being a Good Partner" and Robert Todd presents "Problem Opening Bids." These will be held in Room 225.

### Entry fee special

ACBL members\* with 0–5 masterpoints can play free in the 299er games on Friday, Feb. 27.

### Free lessons

Don't miss these free lessons (8 to 9:45 a.m.) by renowned teachers in Room 230:

- **Saturday, Feb. 28:**  
Donna Compton  
*Notrump Lead Strategies*
- **Sunday, March 1:**  
Patty Tucker  
*Help Suit Game Tries*

A special game for 0–20 MPs members\* will be held immediately following these lectures (12 deals, free!).

### BridgeBattle

Come play this fast, fun game that blends bridge and war – no lessons needed. Just show up, play and win prizes on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Room 230 on the second floor of America's Center. Free. Preregistration encouraged at [acbl.org/bwregister](http://acbl.org/bwregister).

### Learn Bridge in a Day?

Yes! Let Patty Tucker show you how on Sunday, March 1, from 1–6 p.m. in Room 230, ACC. Fee: \$25 if preregistered or \$30 at the door, [acbl.org/reglbiad](http://acbl.org/reglbiad).

\*Guest members permitted



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## NAP Champ winners

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**Second in the North American Pairs Championship Flight, Mitch Dunitz and Iftikhar Baqai of District 23.**

solid games of 57.67% and 56.21% respectively; coupled with their strong carryover, the pair won the contest.

Both Xiao and Zhu – both software techs – have represented the United States in world-level Junior events. Xiao earned a silver medal in the Under-26 category at the 2025 World Youth Team Championships in Salsomaggiore, Italy, while Zhu scored a gold medal in the Under-26 division of the World Youth Team Championships in 2022, also in Salsomaggiore.

Third place went to the District 20 (Oregon) duo of David Brower and McKenzie Myers. The contest was dominated by players from the West Coast, with the top five slots going to players from California or Oregon.

## NAP-A winners

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**Runners-up in the North American Pairs Flight A: Daniel Jablonski and Andrew Chesterton of District 25.**

6000 masterpoints.

Chung and Ganesan, both of the San Francisco area, finished more than a board ahead of runners-up Daniel Jablonski and Andrew Chesterton of Massachusetts (District 25).

This was the first limited national victory for Chung and Ganesan, both software techs. Boosted by a huge 70% game in Wednesday's first qualifying session, the duo began yesterday's final in the pole position.

Third place went to Texans Lunhui Lin and Kalyan Venkat representing District 16.

The event's first iteration coincides with the birthday of namesake Jan Martel, who lives in District 21.

## Robot Individual

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Rosenbluth, whose BBO screen name is JoshRose, scored 67.73% and 73.32% in the first two sessions, but a standout 76.71% on Day 3 propelled him to the top of the overall leaderboard.

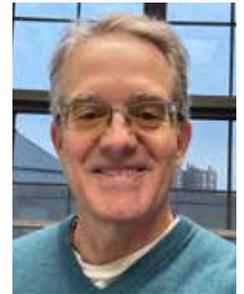
In second with a three-day average of 71.63% was Yauheni Siutsau (Zhenya\_S)

of Loveland OH, while third place went to Jim Munday (jmunday) of Albuquerque NM with a 70.04% average.

The winner of Flight B was Jose Cortina (jcortina) of Oak Hill VA who scored 68.49%.

Cortina led Flight B from Day 1 and held the top spot throughout the event. He finished seventh overall.

Yiran Liu (ihateapple) of Baltimore MD won Flight C, scoring 63.68%, good for 37th overall.



**Jose Cortina**



**Yiran Liu**

## Welcome

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at St. Louis. Laclede's Landing, one of our oldest downtown neighborhoods, offers an elegant entry point to the bridge. South of the Arch, you'll see the Old Cathedral (the Cathedral Basilica, with its dazzling mosaics, is farther west on Lindell Boulevard). Elsewhere downtown there's the Wainwright Building, one of the first steel-frame skyscrapers ever built, albeit at a modest 10 stories. Or you can stroll up Washington Avenue to the City Museum, an amazing repository of all sorts of local finds.

Farther afield you'll find plenty

else to do, when you're not playing: our world-class St. Louis Symphony in Powell Hall, an acoustic wonder; other entertainment venues (Union Station! the Fox! the Sheldon! Jazz at the Bistro!); and our beautiful St. Louis Art Museum, Missouri History Museum, and Science Center, all conveniently located in Forest Park, one of the largest urban parks in the United States. For some peace and quiet, head to the Missouri Botanical Garden: the Climatron, a geodesic dome that functions as a greenhouse, will always keep you warm.

Our handy restaurant guide (available at the Welcome Desk) focuses on five St. Louis neighborhoods that are

dense with great eateries (two of these neighborhoods, The Hill and Clayton, can be found in the online edition). But don't be deceived: St. Louis is a top-notch restaurant city, and you'll find plenty to enjoy just about everywhere.

We are mindful, however, that you are here primarily to play bridge, and to that end we've done everything possible to ensure a fun, rewarding experience for you. If we can do more, please let us know! I'll be around every day, and members of the local organizing committee will be here too, as well as our army of volunteers. We're happy to help you out.

Thank you for choosing St. Louis.

**BALDWIN NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT**

14.0 Tables / Based on 34 Tables

100.00	1	Bo Han Zhu, Mountain View CA; Brent Xiao, Fremont CA	418.76
75.00	2	Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA	412.00
56.25	3	McKenzie Myers, Eugene OR; David Brower, Portland OR	401.55
44.44	4	Walter Schafer Jr., Cerritos CA; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA	396.01
40.00	5	Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA	394.98
36.36	6	Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	392.74
33.33	7	Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY; Selen Hotamisligil, Weston MA	386.45
30.77	8	Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Alex Hudson, Cary NC	384.40
28.57	9	Jacqueline Chang, New York NY; Iulian Rotaru, Sunnyside NY	378.22
26.67	10	Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON; Frederic Pollack, Laval QC	377.35
25.00	11	Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL	366.95
23.53	12	Daniel Jackson – Bill McCarty, San Antonio TX	364.82
22.22	13	Adam Kaplan – Jack Boge, New York NY	362.69
21.05	14	Joon Pahk, Somerville MA; Jonathan Weinstein, Newton MA	361.13
20.00	15	William Pollack – Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL	359.11
19.05	16	Michael Creager, Bedford OH; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH	356.11
18.18	17	Sheldon Tan – Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	353.35

**JAN MARTEL NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT A**

14.0 Tables / Based on 29 Tables

80.00	1	Chris Chung, Belmont CA; Sriram Ganesan, Sunnyvale CA	425.56
60.00	2	Daniel Jablonski, Stoneham MA; Andrew Chesterton, Winchester MA	408.90
45.00	3	Lunhui Lin, Dickinson TX; Kalyan Venkat, Round Rock TX	405.16
35.56	4	Christopher Cowan – Debbie Feldman, Oakville ON	392.83
32.00	5	Andrew Chen – Steve Chen, Austin TX	382.98
29.09	6	Paul Gutterman, Palmetto FL; Charles Carroll, St. Paul MN	381.49
26.67	7	Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Laurie Rowe, Palm Desert CA	377.83
24.62	8	John Bishel – Tom Bishel, Columbus OH	377.31
22.86	9	Ewan McNay, Glenmont NY; Sarik Goyal, Jersey City NJ	376.64
21.33	10	Jay Tang, Dover MA; Jianqiao Gu, Lexington MA	375.38
20.00	11	David Yoon, Bayside NY; Julian Kurtzman, Brooklyn NY	375.03
18.82	12	Tamas Szabo, Oconomowoc WI; Bob Marheine, Waukesha WI	368.86
17.78	13	David Venetianer, Chadds Ford PA; Kurt Engleman, Avondale PA	364.92
16.84	14	Marlene Pontifex – David Sired, Winnipeg MB	363.96
16.00	15	Mark Raphaelson – Lance Marrou, Orlando FL	363.00

**INTERNATIONAL FUND/EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS**

32.0 Tables / Based on 66 Tables

	A	X	Y		
36.52	1	1		Amber Lin – Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA	61.45%
27.39	2	2		Lamya Agelidis, San Diego CA; John Boackle Jr., Poway CA	60.19%
20.54	3			James Partridge, Vestavia Hills AL; Robert Whiting III, Hoover AL	58.95%
15.41	4			Stephen Stewart, Overland Park KS; Brad Carmichael, Shawnee KS	58.56%
12.17	5			Terry Beckman, Brooklyn Park MN; David Collins, Fridley MN	58.52%
10.43	6			Radu Nistor, New York NY; Siqing Yu, San Diego CA	58.34%
11.21	7	3		Scott Nason – Gary Bush, Dallas TX	58.20%
10.96	8	4	1	Arun Goyal, Mason OH; Mike Ma, Cincinnati OH	55.51%
7.30	9	5		Jonathan Williams – Jim O'Brien, The Villages FL	55.13%
6.64	10			Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France; Jim Johnsen, Frisco TX	55.08%
6.09	11			Federico Porta Tadolini, Roma Italy; Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy	54.84%
5.62	12			Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL; Leila DeNotaristefani, Mendham NJ	54.75%
5.22	13			Mike Passell, Plano TX; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	54.38%
4.87	14			Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI; Michael Curley, Rockford MI	54.02%
4.57	15			Drew Cavalier, Pensacola FL; Bryan Howard, Nashville TN	53.90%
8.22	16	6	2	Peter Sugerman, South Windsor CT; James Scott, Wellington FL	53.76%
4.06	17			Cenk Tuncok, Carrollton TX; Lynn Baker, Austin TX	53.70%
4.98		7		Michael Gladfelter – Mary Jane Gladfelter, Columbus OH	53.28%

4.43	8	George Woltman, Blowing Rock NC; Dwight Meredith, Greensboro NC	52.90%
3.98	9	Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH; Roy Martin, Vestavia Hills AL	51.36%
3.62	10	Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Carrie Touslee, Roseville CA	51.19%
6.17	3	Leon Fisher, Clearwater FL; Michael Sherberg, St. Louis MO	51.07%
4.62	4	Roger Miller, Highlands Ranch CO; Edward Yosses, Aurora CO	50.98%
3.65	5	Mark Pinkowski – Nic Hristea, Chicago IL	50.80%
3.13	6	Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD; John Krah, Seattle WA	50.73%

#### INTERNATIONAL FUND/EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

18.0 Tables

	B	C	D		
11.20	1			Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Charles Faille, St.-Constant QC	58.93%
8.40	2			Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA	58.77%
7.15	3	1		Rick Londeree, Chesterfield MO; Elizabeth Mayer, Webster Groves MO	56.86%
4.73	4			Richard Peffer – Martin Friedman, Greensboro NC	56.81%
5.36	5	2	1	Greg Thesenvitz – Sarah Thesenvitz, Black Diamond WA	56.32%
3.20	6			Marie Sander, Maryland Heights MO; Sandy Bigg, Chesterfield MO	55.45%
2.80	7			Sarah Deschenes, Pasadena CA; Morris Jones, Monrovia CA	55.28%
4.02	8	3		Daniel Murphy – Sharon Murphy, Indianapolis IN	55.12%
3.02	9	4		Robert Reich, Mandeville LA; Buddy Massey, Gulfport MS	54.68%
2.38		5		A. Moulton – Tamara Moulton, Hilliard OH	53.92%
2.22		6		Joseph Grill, Seattle WA; Lak Lakshmanan, Bellevue WA	53.76%
2.96			2	Cathy Vivirito, Chesterfield MO; Julie Ertmann, St. Louis MO	53.21%
2.22			3	Linda Bodien – Robert Kaplan, Columbus OH	51.58%
1.66			4	Cathy Duncan, Cordova TN; Rod Goree, Ruston LA	45.86%

#### INTERNATIONAL FUND THURSDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

8.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.90	1	1	1	Martin Fitch – Wanda Mikhail, New Braunfels TX	58.93%
2.93	2	2		Gail Dare, O'Fallon IL; Phyllis Siegel, St. Louis MO	58.33%
2.19	3			Mark Zellmer, Creve Coeur MO; Mark Boswell, Clarkson Valley MO	58.04%
1.65	4			Nicholas France, Spring Valley NY; Margaret Moen, Seattle WA	57.74%
1.23	5			Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR; Jennifer Luner, St. Louis MO	55.36%
1.95		3		George Marvin, Maryland Heights MO; Edward Wang, Chesterfield MO	52.98%
1.84		4	2	Sandra Curtiss, Wildwood MO; Lynne Puetz, Ballwin MO	52.68%
1.21			3/4	Linda Key, Shiloh IL; Karen Kersey, Troy IL	51.49%
1.58			3/4	Jerry Wade, Marathon FL; Diana Serban, Bucarest Romania	51.49%



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**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS**

16.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.63	1			Dan Roseberry, Dover OH; Richard Katz, North Versailles PA	64.58%
4.22	2			Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; John Moffat, Bellingham WA	64.39%
3.90	3	1	1	Tanaaz Timblo – Jayendu Patel, Carlsbad CA	63.07%
2.38	4			Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Michael Golden, Wyckoff NJ	62.31%
1.78	5			Chris Moll, Raleigh NC; Irina Kislitsyna, Miami FL	60.23%
1.34	6			Ron Smith, Glenview IL; Stanley Landers, Old Westbury NY	59.85%
2.93	7	2		Edward Betteto, Holland Landing ON; Joyce McMonagle, Ocala FL	57.01%
2.19		3		Jerry Wade, Marathon FL; Jerry Ruther, Santa Fe NM	54.55%
2.27		4	2	Stacy Hancock, Germantown TN; Susan Schwartz, Memphis TN	51.70%
1.23		5		Eli Jolley, Auburn AL; Judith McNutt, Pittsfield MA	49.05%
1.70			3	Susan Glasspiegel – Robert Glasspiegel, Johns Island SC	46.97%

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 499ER PAIRS**

3.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.90	1/2			Amy Stabenow – Steve Reiss, St. Louis MO	56.50%
1.95	1/2	1		Susan Goldenberg – Carol Kushnick, Scarsdale NY	56.50%
1.46		2		Stefan Lopatkiewicz, Washington DC; Susan Trebach, Chevy Chase MD	52.08%

**INTERNATIONAL FUND/EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 1**

8 Tables

30.74	1	Samuel Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY; Corey Krantz, Boynton Beach FL; Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Michael Kopera, Fort Mill SC			96.00
23.06	2	Patrick Williams, Greenbrier TN; Milton Neher, Hendersonville TN; Kimmel Jones, Eules TX; Mark Bumgardner, Murphy TX			79.00
17.29	3	James Holzhauer – Ray Miller, Seattle WA; Stan Christie, Kirkland WA; Bryan Delfs, Vancouver WA			75.00

**INTERNATIONAL FUND/EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 2**

9 Tables

16.61	1	John Vega, Naples FL; Jack Brawner Jr. Palm Harbor FL; Ann Buchholz, St. Augustine FL; Mark Crumrine, Ocala FL			99.00
12.46	2	Robert Williamson, Kansas City MO; Stephen Coates, Mission KS; Ana Kovacevic – Miroslav Kovacevic, Woodbridge ON			97.00
9.34	3	Mark Bolotin – David Soukup, Philadelphia PA; Radu Vasilescu, West Chester PA; Jacob Baron, New York NY			96.00
7.01	4	Jess Jurkovic, New York NY; Randi Adelman, Teaneck NJ; Omer Ekinci, Astoria NY; Maya Jonas-Silver, Brooklyn NY			89.00

**INTERNATIONAL FUND/EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 3**

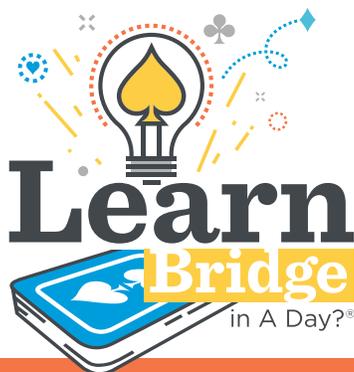
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8.09	1	Matti Hietalahti, Belle Chasse LA; Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD; Morgan Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Kai Eckert, El Granada CA			98.00
6.07	2	Edward Lechner, San Mateo CA; Erich Schifter – Matthew Evett – Susan Evett, Ann Arbor MI			92.00
4.55	3	Les Bell – Philippa Bell, Wildwood MO; Aloys Faenger, St. Louis MO; Job George, Columbia IL			78.00

### Spring 2026 NABC Robot Individual

MPs	A	B	C		Percent
48.00	1			Josh Rosenbluth, Eugene OR	72.45
36.00	2			Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH	71.63
27.00	3			Jim Munday, Albuquerque NM	70.04
21.33	4			Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA	69.64
19.20	5			Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ	69.08
17.45	6			Eric Robinson, Park City UT	68.63
32.00	7	1		Jose Cortina, Oak Hill VA	68.49
15.46	8			David Smith, Lafayette CA	67.71
13.71	9			Leo Lasota, Ewa Beach HI	67.60
12.80	10			Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA	67.34
12.00	11			Bob Wang, Parlin NJ	67.03
11.29	12			Alvaro Ronderos, Plymouth Meeting PA	66.15
10.67	13			Andrew Kaufman, Gaithersburg MD	65.98
20.38	14			Eric Greco, Frisco TX	65.93
9.60	15			Guohui Zhang, Madison AL	65.89
9.15	16			James Streisand, Wayland MA	65.70
11.79	17			Stuart Graham, Belfast UK	65.62
24.00	18	2		William Scott, Madison WI	65.38
8.00	19			Thomas Rozinski, Brooklyn NY	65.34
7.68	20			Mark McCarthy, San Francisco CA	65.12
7.38	21			Bradley Furnish, Kansas City MO	64.58
7.11	22			Phillip Martin, Scarsdale NY	64.54
18.00	23	3		Danut Gliga, Manassas VA	64.38
6.62	24			Alex Martelli, Sunnyvale CA	64.32
6.19	25			John Mayne, Modesto CA	64.21
6.40	25			Iype Koshy, Gretna LA	64.21
6.00	27			William Bleish, Lenexa KS	64.20
6.07	28			Janis Dzenis, Vandzenes, Latvia	64.16
6.95	29			En Xie, St. Louis MO	64.15
5.49	30			Michael Strong, Huntley IL	63.98
5.50	31			Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL	63.96
7.07	32			Robert Schachter, Eden Prairie MN	63.87
15.28	33			Mark Bumgardner, Murphy TX	63.85
4.92	34			Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ	63.81
14.22	35	4		Edward Bezeau, Oakville ON	63.76
4.73	36			Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL	63.70
24.00	37	5	1	Yiran Liu, Baltimore MD	63.68
4.72	38			Platt Hill, St. Charles IL	63.63
4.36	39			Thomas Peters, Dayton MD	63.41
4.27	40			Cindy Bernstein, Indialantic FL	63.36
11.64	41	6		Junhui Zhu, Burnaby BC	63.31
4.09	42			Philip Lowry, United Kingdom	63.24
10.67	43	7		Yong-Dong Wang, Memphis TN	63.19
5.18	43			Leonard Fowler, Granite City IL	63.19
3.96	45			Doug Couchman, Tucson AZ	63.15
4.20	46			Dan Chocron, Wichita KS	63.14
18.00	47	8	2	Austin Olivier, Albuquerque NM	63.09
3.64	48			Arthur Korth, Galloway NJ	63.04
4.62	49			Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON	63.03
13.50	50	9	3	Nolan Derby, Vancouver BC	62.94
5.75	51			Chris Brewer, Ann Arbor MI	62.93
11.22	52	10		Josh Sinnett, Bellingham WA	62.87
4.37	53			Willem Mevius, France	62.78
3.35	53			John Ramos, Los Angeles CA	62.78
8.00	55	11		Adam Miller, Des Plaines IL	62.77
3.92	56			Vladimir Stemkovski, Raleigh NC	62.72
6.20	57			Bob Crossley, Sequim WA	62.70
4.11	58			Guy Gecht, Los Altos CA	62.64

3.87	59		Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	62.62
7.53	60	12	Steve Newfield, Hillsborough NJ	62.61
4.33	61		Roberto Romoli, Italy	62.60
7.54	62	13	Mark Rosenfeld, Boca Raton FL	62.55
3.07	63		Andrey Sidelnikov, Fort Lauderdale FL	62.53
3.96	64		Gregory Rosoff, Mahwah NJ	62.48
3.65	65		R. David Walker, Radnor PA	62.44
4.20	66		Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI	62.31
2.75	66		Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV	62.31
6.18	68		Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	62.22
3.46	69		Drew Cavalier, Pensacola FL	62.20
6.74	70	14	Andrew Quinton, South Berwick ME	62.19
3.32	71		Jane Eason, Hot Springs Village AR	62.17
18.95	72		James Kee, Portugal	62.13
3.35	73		Frank Feng, Basking Ridge NJ	62.12
3.64	74		Vladimir Petkovic, Serbia	62.09
3.55	75		Peter Sager, San Rafael CA	61.98
5.97	76		Samuel Marks, Atlanta GA	61.95
3.78	77		Barry Goren, Las Vegas NV	61.94
3.13	78		Bruce Pynnonen, Midland MI	61.93
3.10	79		Marius Moldovan, Pointe-Claire QC	61.89
3.47	79		Alberto Gerli, Padova, Italy	61.89
3.45	81		Krzysztof Pikus, Kiezliny, Poland	61.84
6.40	81	15	Jonathan Ruel, Quebec QC	61.84
3.36	83		Bobby Maynard, Houston TX	61.79
3.81	84		Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX	61.78
3.05	85		Ralph Russo, Orlando FL	61.77
3.95	86		Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON	61.74
6.13	87		Giovanni Salomone, Fossano, Italy	61.70
3.45	88		Robert Buchner, Coral Springs FL	61.64
5.80	89		Zachary Vedro, South Pasadena CA	61.62
3.45	90		James Geist, Olney MD	61.59
3.10	91		John Garrison, Hailey ID	61.55
2.68	92		Frederic Pollack, Laval QC	61.43
5.16	93		Richard McCombs, Santa Fe NM	61.37
3.85	93		James Holzhauer, Seattle WA	61.37
4.07	95		Howard Stern, Des Plaines IL	61.30
4.53	96		Robert Winkler, Baden, Austria	61.26
6.10	96	16	Manish Dixit, Naperville IL	61.26
10.67	98	17	4 Janet Ashe, Tarpon Springs FL	61.24
3.58	98		Sandy Johnson, Ho Ho Kus NJ	61.24
5.57	100	18	Jason Tokuda, Livingston NJ	61.17



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## Battling the Bots

Josh Rosenbluth of Eugene OR won the Spring NABC Robot Individual this week, and the new champ shared some of the deals that helped him win the title.

### Session 3, Board 24

Dlr: West      ♠ 8 6 3  
 Vul: None     ♥ A 8 7 6 3 2  
                   ♦ A J  
                   ♣ 6 2

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

                  ♠ 9 5 4  
                   ♥ Q 5  
                   ♦ K 7 4 2  
                   ♣ A K Q 3

West	North	East	South
1♦	1♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass			<i>Me</i>

“A common bidding sequence to 2NT by South. The ♦3 was led, taken on the board with the jack. I could count only seven tricks and didn’t have a clue on how to get another. I could try leading a low heart, but even if that works (and given the bidding, it likely doesn’t), I have no entry back to cash the ♥A. So, I led a spade, hoping the Robots would make a mistake. West cashed four spades (East and I pitching a diamond on the last spade; two low hearts were pitched from dummy) and exited with a diamond, taken by the ace in dummy.

“The bidding marked West with four diamonds and he had played four spades. He has also shown up with 11 HCP, so it was reasonable to think East had the ♥K. I cashed three club tricks, all following. Then, I crossed my fingers that East has the last club and put him in with a club. He was endplayed (nothing but hearts left). This was worth 79.5% of the matchpoints.”

### Session 2, Board 21

Dlr: North      ♠ K 5 4 2  
 Vul: N–S        ♥ 8 6 5  
                   ♦ J 9 5  
                   ♣ A Q 10

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

                  ♠ J 7  
                   ♥ A 10  
                   ♦ K Q 7 3 2  
                   ♣ K J 4 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass	3♦	Dbl	All Pass

“Again, a common bidding sequence. The play to the first four tricks was the same at most tables. The ♠9 lead went to the East’s queen. East next cashed the ♠A and led the ♠10. I discarded the ♥10, and West ruffed. West then led a low heart to my now-blank ace.

“Many other declarers lazily played a low diamond next, dummy’s jack losing to the ace, and establishing West’s ♦10 as a trick. Given the bidding, East almost certainly has the ♦A. So long as I lead a low diamond from the board, I won’t have to finesse the ♦9 if the suit splits 4–1. So I crossed with a club and popped the stiff ♦A on my right. Making 3♦ doubled for 95.7%.”

### Session 2, Board 16

Dlr: West      ♠ 3  
 Vul: E–W        ♥ 7 5  
                   ♦ A K J 10 7 3 2  
                   ♣ 8 5 4

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

                  ♠ A K J 9 5  
                   ♥ J 6  
                   ♦ Q 6  
                   ♣ A 9 6 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	4♥	Dbl
All Pass			

“It’s all about the bidding this time. I went into the tank after my partner’s 3♦ opener, but finally decided to pass. West bid 3♥, and it went around to me. I figured 3♠ had to be right (I could run to 4♦ if needed). My partner bid 4♣ and I was ready to run. But East bid 4♥, saving the day. I doubled and West finished down three, 800 for us and 95.5% of the matchpoints.

“Most Souths bid 4♦ over 3♥ and got to play it there.”



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**Platinum Pairs eligibility**

The three-day Norman Kay Platinum Pairs starts today.

Eligible players are paid-up ACBL members who meet one of the following criteria: earned 50 Platinum masterpoints over the previous nine NABCs; earned at least 200 Platinum points lifetime or attained the rank of Platinum Life Master or Grand Life Master.

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## Spring Robot Individual

The Spring NABC Robot Individual was held earlier this week.

The three-session event is stratified and played online with Bridge Base Online robots. It pays gold points for overalls in each flight. It does not qualify for Grand Life Master status.



**Winner of the 2025 Spring Robot Individual: Rob Brady**

- 2018** 1A/B. Michael Czerwonko; 1C. Frank Lin.  
**2019** 1A. Alex Perlin; 1B/C. Junhui Zhu.  
**2020** 1A. Jorge Barrera; 1B. Samuel Jeong; 1C. Michael Wang.  
**2021** 1A. Fred Chang; 1B/1C. Wanfeng Mou.  
**2022** 1A/B. Guohui Zhang; 1C. Adam Deeb.  
**2023** 1A. Yauheni Siatsiu; 1B. Felix Schwartz; 1C. Richard Rizza  
**2024** 1A. Jiang Gu; 1B. Junhui Zhu; 1C. Yong-Dong Wang  
**2025** 1A. Rob Brady; 1B. Richard Bickley; 1C. Richard Rizza

## Norman Kay Platinum Pairs begins today



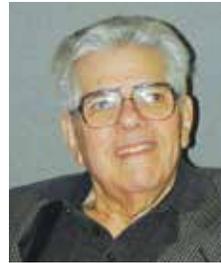
**Kevin Rosenberg and Zia Mahmood won the Platinum Pairs last year.**

The six-session Norman Kay Platinum Pairs gets underway today.

Eligible players are paid-up ACBL members who meet one of the following criteria: have earned 50 platinum masterpoints over the three calendar years prior; earned at least 200 platinum points lifetime, or have attained Platinum Life Master or Grand Life Master rank. No exemptions will be granted for this event.

The event honors Norman Kay, who was named ACBL's top performance player for the double decade 1957–1977. Partnered by Sidney Silodor (who died in 1963) and later by Edgar Kaplan, Kay had 13 major wins in those 20 years: two Spingolds, four Vanderbilts, four Reisingers, one Blue Ribbon and two Open Pairs. He was a World Bridge Federation Life Master who placed second in the Bermuda Bowl in 1961 and 1967, and second in the World Olympiad Teams in 1968 and third in 1960.

An ACBL Grand Life Master with more than 13,000 masterpoints, Kay won the McKenney Trophy (now the Barry Crane Top 500) in 1955. His North American championships outside the 20-year window include four additional wins in the Vanderbilt and three in the Reisinger.



- 2010** 1. Andrew Stark, Franco Baseggio. 2. Gary Gottlieb, Peter Fredin  
**2011** 1. Joel Wooldridge, John Hurd. 2. Ken Kranyak, Laurie Kranyak  
**2012** 1. Bob Hamman, Justin Lall. 2. Ishmael Del'Monte, Thomas Bessis  
**2013** 1. Martin Fleisher, Michael Kamil. 2. Jeff Meckstorth, JoAnna Stansby  
**2014** 1. Richard Coren, Robert Levin. 2. Cedric Lorenzini, Thomas Bessis  
**2015** 1. Thomas Bessis, Cedric Lorenzini. 2. Andrea Manno, Massimiliano Di Franco  
**2016** 1. Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco. 2. Joel Wooldridge, Kent Mignocchi  
**2017** 1. Justin Lall, Dennis Bilde. 2. Jeff Meckstroth, Thomas Bessis  
**2018** 1. Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein. 2. Dror Padon, Vincent Demuy  
**2019** 1. Curtis Cheek, Zia Mahmood. 2. Barry Rigal, Glenn Milgrim  
**2020** Not held  
**2021** Not held  
**2022** 1. Zachary Grossack, Michael Rosenberg. 2. Eric Greco, Jeff Meckstroth  
**2023** 1. Vincent Demuy, John Hurd. 2. Irene Baroni, Ola Rimstedt  
**2024** 1. Joel Wooldridge, Kent Mignocchi. 2. Oren Toledano, Ami Zamir  
**2025** 1. Kevin Rosenberg, Zia Mahmood. 2. Sibrand Van Oosten, Thibo Sprinkhuizen

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## Baldwin North American Pairs, Championship Flight



**Winners of last year's North American Pairs, Flight A: Mitch Dunitz and Iftikhar Baqai, representing District 23**

The Baldwin North American Pairs Championship Flight is a grassroots event that begins in the summer at the local club level. Qualifiers at the club level advance to unit competition and those qualifiers advanced to district finals. Three pairs from each district

– more, depending upon attendance – qualify for the North American final.

Winners are honored by the Baldwin Memorial Trophy and also receive certificates of recognition.

The trophy is named for Col. Russell J. Baldwin (1889–1969), U.S. Army officer and expert on tournament procedure who was ACBL Honorary Member of the Year in 1943.

Baldwin was active as an organizer from the earliest days of contract bridge. He became a director of the American Bridge League and its treasurer shortly after its founding in 1927. He was a member of the ACBL Laws Commission and primarily responsible for the first Duplicate Code issued in 1935.

Baldwin was active as a tournament director from 1927 until 1941. After service in World War II, he was ACBL business manager from 1946 until 1951.

He was recalled to military service at the outbreak of the Korean War and retired from the U.S. Army in 1957. He rejoined ACBL in 1958 and was in charge of tournament scheduling until his retirement in 1963.

The event was not held in 2020. Those who qualified in 2019 for the 2020 event competed online in 2021, when the event did not qualify for Grand Life Master due to the playing conditions.

### Previous winners:

- 1979** Arthur Moore, Eric Robinson (D25)
- 1980** Bob Feller, Jeffrey Hall (D3)
- 1981** Helen Blakey, Robert Blakey (D6)
- 1982** Bill Nutting, Ivan Scope (D21)
- 1983** John Griscom, Jim Felts (D10)
- 1984** Steve Sion, Harold Stengel (D25)
- 1985** Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson (D6)



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- 1986 Drew Cannell, G. Sekhar (D2)  
 1987 Jan Janitschke, Dick Reed (D17)  
 1988 Jan Martel, Chip Martel (D21)  
 1989 David Caslan, Dennis Clerkin (D11)  
 1990 Sidney Lazard, Jack LaNoue (D10)  
 1991 Mark Stein, Boris Baran (D1)  
 1992 Jim Krekorian, Rick Zucker (D24)  
 1993 James Griffin, Kenneth Schutze (D16)  
 1994 James Griffin, Kenneth Schutze (D16)  
 1995 David Berkowitz, Lisa Berkowitz (D9)  
 1996 Marshall Tuly, James Cunningham (D11)  
 1997 Aidan Ballantyne, Gordon McOrmond (D19)  
 1998 Ron Sukoneck, Bill Cole (D6)  
 1999 James Griffin, Kenneth Schutze (D16)  
 2000 Patty Tucker, Kevin Collins (D7)  
 2001 Frank Merblum, Doug Doub (D25)  
 2002 JoAnna Stansby, Lew Stansby (D21)  
 2003 Steve Landen, Michael Zerbini (D12)  
 2004 Henry Lortz, Wayne Ohlrich (D19)  
 2005 David Yang, Nikolay Demirev (D13)  
 2006 Gordon Campbell, Piotr Klimowicz (D18)  
 2007 Dave Abelow, Dick Wegman (D6)  
 2008 Xiadong Shi, David Yang (D13)  
 2009 Jim Krekorian, John Rengstorff (D24)  
 2010 Doug Doub, Frank Merblum (D25)  
 2011 Shane Blanchard, Joe Grue (D24)  
 2012 Jordan Cohen, Barry Senensky (D2)  
 2013 Kevin Dwyer, Gavin Wolpert (D9)  
 2014 Bryan Howard, Terry Spector (D10)  
 2015 Shome Mukherjee, Mark Aquino (D25)  
 2016 Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson (D6)  
 2017 Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson (D6)  
 2018 Adam Grossack, Zach Grossack (D25)  
 2019 Jeff Edelstein, Matthew Weingarten (D9)  
 2020 Not held  
 2021 Doug Fisher, Bob Todd (D2)  
 2022 Joel Wooldridge, Kent Mignocchi (D24)  
 2023 Zach Grossack, Linda Robinson (D25)  
 2024 Alexander Allen, Abe Pineles (D3)  
 2025 Mitch Dunitz, Iftikhar Baqai (D23)



*Last year's winners of the Senior Mixed Pairs were Mark Itabashi and Laura Brill.*

## Senior Mixed Pairs begins today

The Senior Mixed Pairs, an NABC+ event open to mixed partners born before Jan. 1, 1960, begins play today. This is a four-session event consisting of a two-session qualifier and two-session final.

This event was contested in the fall until recently. It debuted on the spring calendar in 2024.

- 2011 Polly Dunn, Pat Dunn  
 2012 Kitty Cooper, Steve Cooper  
 2013 Ginny Schuett, Jeff Schuett  
 2014 Ginny Schuett, Jeff Schuett  
 2015 Billy Eisenberg, Connie Goldberg  
 2016 Lee Atkinson, Mark Yaeger  
 2017 Gerry McCully, Rhonda Foster  
 2018 John Grantham, Rebecca Rogers  
 2019 Tobi Sokolow, David Sokolow  
 2020 Not held  
 2021 Roger McNay, Irva Neyhart  
 2022 Annie Schwartz, Alan Schwartz  
 2023 Charles Miner, Janice Seamon-Molson  
 2024 Randy Joyce, Kay Joyce  
 2025 Mark Itabashi, Laura Brill

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The 2023 Lebhar IMP Pairs winners were Paul Meerschaert and David Collins.

## IMP Pairs begins today

The four-session IMP Pairs – two qualifying sessions followed by two final sessions – gets underway today with the Lebhar Trophy at stake.

The trophy was donated by Bertram Lebhar Jr. in 1948 in memory of his wife, Evelyn. The trophy previously honored winners of the Mixed Teams but was redesignated for the IMP Pairs by the ACBL Board of Directors.

Lebhar (1907–1972), under the name of Bert Lee, earned a national reputation as a sportscaster and later as a bridge player and administrator. In private life, he owned radio and



television stations in Florida. He was one of the founders of the Greater New York Bridge Association and was elected its first president in 1948.

Lebhar was also a player: He won the Spingold in 1940 and the Master Mixed Teams in 1946. His team was his wife Evelyn along with Samuel Katz and Alicia Kemper.

### Previous winners

- |      |                                   |      |                                  |
|------|-----------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|
| 1987 | Robb Gordon, Linda Danas          | 2010 | Pablo Lambardi, Pablo Ravenna    |
| 1988 | Gene Freed, Mike Passell          | 2011 | Runar Lillevik, Oyvind Ludvigsen |
| 1989 | Richard Schwartz, Fred Hamilton   | 2012 | Hailong Ao, Jian-Jian Wang       |
| 1990 | Ralph Cohen, Renee Mancuso        | 2013 | Kent Mignocchi, Joel Wooldridge  |
| 1991 | Harvey Brody, Ralph Buchalter     | 2014 | Iulian Rotaru, Radu Nistor       |
| 1992 | Vera Gama, Marcelo Branco         | 2015 | Aaron Jones, Sylvia Shi          |
| 1993 | Bob Klein, David Ruderman         | 2016 | Kevin Dwyer, Stan Tulin          |
| 1994 | Tom Fox, Walter Schafer           | 2017 | Chen Zhao, Jing Liu              |
| 1995 | Steve Sion, Harold Lilie          | 2018 | Mark Jones, Clay Hall            |
| 1996 | Mike Albert, Marilyn Hemenway     | 2019 | Bob Zeller, Gregory Bright       |
| 1997 | Tom Carmichael, Joel Wooldridge   | 2020 | Not held                         |
| 1998 | Jim Robison, Gene Freed           | 2021 | Not held                         |
| 1999 | Ralph Katz, George Jacobs         | 2022 | Tim Van De Paverd, Luc Tijssen   |
| 2000 | Ashley Bach, Stephen Burgess      | 2023 | Emory Whitaker, Hugh Brown Jr.   |
| 2001 | Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd        | 2024 | Jianming Dai, Erli Zhou          |
| 2002 | Alan Schwartz, Ai-Tai Lo          | 2025 | David Collins, Paul Meerschaert  |
| 2003 | Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin     |      |                                  |
| 2004 | Jiang Gu, Nikolay Demirev         |      |                                  |
| 2005 | Blair Seidler, Kevin Wilson       |      |                                  |
| 2006 | Fred Gitelman, Geoff Hampson      |      |                                  |
| 2007 | Boye Brogeland, Ishmael Delmonte  |      |                                  |
| 2008 | Doug Doub, Adam Wildavsky         |      |                                  |
| 2009 | Nikolay Demirev, Nicolas L'Ecuyer |      |                                  |

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### Kay Platinum Pairs

Kevin Rosenberg, Zia Mahmood

### Baldwin North American Pairs

#### Flight A

Iftikhar Baqai, Mitch Dunitz,

District 23

### Golder North American Pairs

#### Flight B

Andrew Chen, Charlie Chen,

District 16

### President's Cup North American

#### Pairs Flight C

Tengyun Tony Cao, James Yi,

District 12

### Rockwell Mixed Pairs

Arti Bhargava, Aaron Jones

### Lebhar IMP Pairs

David Collins, Paul Meerschaert

### Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs

Mark Itabashi, Neil Silverman

### Senior Mixed Pairs

Mark Itabashi, Laura Brill

### Silodor Open Pairs

Neil Chambers, Bob Hamman

### Smith Women's Pairs

Dilek Yavas, Irem Ozbay

### NABC+ Open Pairs

Marusa Gold, Paul Seguineau

### 0–2500 Pairs

Rick Londeree, Sandy Bigg

### Vanderbilt Knockout Teams

Marty Fleisher, Chip Martel, Alfredo

Versace, Antonio Sementa, Cedric

Lorenzini, Thomas Bessis

### Jacoby Open Swiss Teams

Jiang Gu, Alex Perlin, David Yang,

Leo Lasota

### Women's Open Swiss Teams

Lynne Castoldi, Ann Karin Fuglestad,

Cathy Baldysz, Sophia Baldysz

### 0–10,000 Swiss Teams

Lynne Castoldi, Christian Lahrman,

Daniel Brandgaard, Andreas

Rolf-Larsen

### 0–10,000 Knockout Teams

Kyle Rockoff, Ronald Vickery,

Stephen Tu, Ronald Powell

### 0–2500 Swiss Teams

Hua Chen, Kyo Chen, Charlie Chen,

Andrew Chen

### Spring NABC Robot Individual

Rob Brady

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**Date:** Saturday, February 28

**Time:** 8am -9:45am

**Speaker:** Donna Compton

**Topic:** Notrump Lead Strategies

**Date:** Sunday, March 1

**Time:** 8am -9:45am

**Speaker:** Patty Tucker

**Topic:** Help Suit Game Tries

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## Entry fees

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

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

Players must be members whose dues are current in order to compete in any of the following NABC+ events: Lebhar IMP Pairs, Senior Mixed Pairs, NABC+ Open Pairs, Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Silodor Open Pairs, Smith Women's Pairs, Jacoby Open Swiss Teams and Women's Open Swiss Teams. The undiscounted entry fees for these contests are \$45 per player per session.\* (For team events, this means \$180 per team per session for four-person teams, \$225 per team per session for five-person teams, and \$270 per team per session for six-person teams.)

For Premier NABC+ events – the Kay Platinum Pairs and the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams – the entry fee is \$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.) There is no entry fee for any flight of North American Pairs.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the 0–10,000 Swiss Teams, 0–10,000 Knockout Teams, 0–2500 Swiss Teams and 0–2500 Pairs. The entry fee is \$35 per player per session. This means \$140 per team per session for teams of four, \$175 per team per session for teams of five, and \$210 per team per session for teams of six.

Regional events are \$32 per player per session. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is \$128 per session. Guest members must upgrade to full membership to play. Inactive members must renew.

Events with a limit of 500 masterpoints or lower are \$28 per player per session. Guest members are permitted in 0–20 events and as 0–5 players playing free on Friday, Feb. 27. Otherwise, guest members must upgrade to full membership to play.

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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

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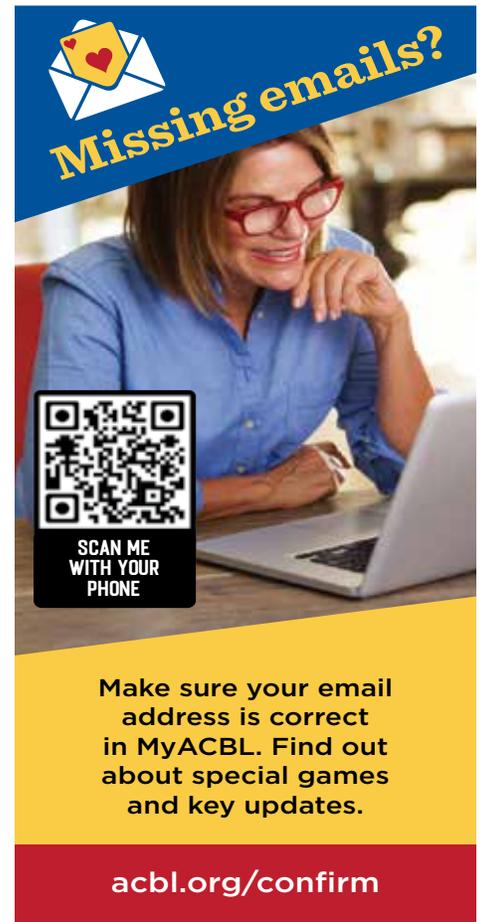
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For the purpose of this policy, each day of a multi-day event is treated independently.

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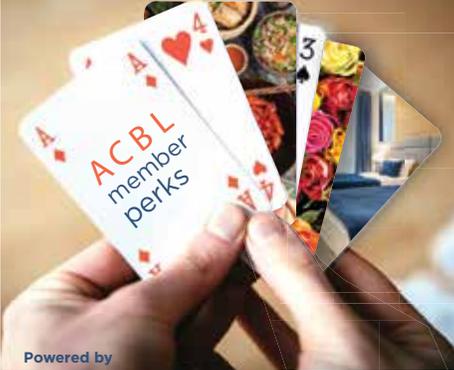
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Each player must have an ACBL convention card legibly filled out and on the table. The convention card must include the first and last name of each member of the partnership, and the cards must be identical. Please note that other types of convention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

If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6-board matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

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

## 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.

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### Saturday, Feb. 28

**Location key: ACC = America's Center MtPz = Marriott Plaza**

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
<b>10 am</b>				
Saturday Morning Side Pairs <i>Thu-Sat Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
Saturday Bridge Plus <i>Free: 12 deals (0-20), follows 8 am lesson</i>	single	Room 230, ACC	Free	Free
<b>10 am &amp; 3 pm</b>				
NABC+ OPEN PAIRS <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic E, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
LEBHAR IMP PAIRS	1-2 F	Majestic D, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
SENIOR MIXED PAIRS	1-2 F	Room 224, ACC	\$35	\$45
Open Pairs ( <i>unlim./4000/1500</i> )	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Room 225, ACC	\$22	\$32
Top-Flight Swiss Teams ( <i>unlim./6000/4500</i> )	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
0-4000 Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
<b>10 am &amp; 3:30 pm</b>				
KAY PLATINUM PAIRS	1-2 SF	Landmark 4, MtPz, 1st floor	\$40	\$50
0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic C, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$25	\$35
<b>3 pm</b>				
Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Thu-Sat Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
<b>7:30 pm</b>				
Saturday Evening Side Pairs <i>Fri-Mon Evening Series</i>	single	Majestic F, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$22	\$22

\* For premier, NABC+ and NABC events, participants must be full ACBL members and up-to-date with their membership dues or service fees. For all other events, participants must be ACBL members (or guest members). Inactive members may renew or pay a \$5 upcharge per session.

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

### International Fund

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