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Pre-registration required for Mini-Spingold KOs

Registration for the Mini-Spingolds, the deadline is 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 13, for the 0-6000, and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, for the 0-3000. Contingent entries are allowed: May withdraw pending qualification in another event. This can be done on Entry Express.

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Goodwill Message

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

*Lamya Agelidis, Chair
 Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee*

Goodwill honors four



ACBL Executive Director Bronia Jenkins with Honorary Member of the Year James Holzhauser

Members of the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee gathered in Minneapolis on Monday to celebrate the recipients of four annual awards: Honorary Member of the Year James Holzhauser, Volunteer of the Year Susan Bridges, Charity Foundation Volunteer of the Year Joyce Hill and Goodwill Member of the Year Noel Stewart.

Goodwill Committee Chair Lamya Agelidis welcomed attendees.

"Tonight we celebrate the character behind the cards," Agelidis said. "Every one of us has sat across from someone who made the game more enjoyable –

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The 2026 Canadian Championships

By John Carruthers



CBF President Shelley Burns (center) congratulates the winners of the Open Canadian National Teams Championships: Brad Bart, Dave Willis, Nic L'Écuyer, Marc-André Fourcaudot, Jeff Blond

The Canadian National Teams Championship featured four main divisions: Open, Women's, Senior and Mixed. The finals of these events were staggered so that a player could compete in more than one championship; the Open came first. All four events had online qualifying,

reducing the field to eight for the Open and Mixed and four for the Women's and Seniors, then face-to-face knockout matches. All KO matches were one full day in length except the Open final, which was two days long.

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Today's Bridge Events

Tuesday, July 14

Jon Frederic Voedisch Memorial Day

Jon Frederic Voedisch Memorial Day 10 am			Entry/player/session* Members with discount Members without discount	
Event	Session	Sold		
Nelsine Stuhlman Christensen Tuesday Morning Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$18	\$28
10 am & 3 pm				
WAGAR WOMEN’S PAIRS	1-2 F	200D, level 2	\$38	\$48
Peder Langsetmo Memorial Top-Flight Pairs (<i>unlim./5000</i>)	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Detroit Lakes DBC Mid-Flight Pairs (<i>4000/1250</i>)	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
The Best Hour of Bridge WMT Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Mon-Tue Mini-Soloway Style B racketed Knockout Teams	1-2 F	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Jon Frederic Voedisch Memorial Top-Flight Swiss Teams (<i>unlim./6000/4500</i>)	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Detroit Lakes DBC 0–4000 Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3:30 pm				
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd of 64	Ballroom A, ground level	\$43	\$53
TRUSCOTT/USPC SENIOR SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Ballroom B, ground level	\$38	\$48
0–6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd 1	200B, level 2	\$25	\$35
<i>Full-day knockout matches until complete; Pre-registration required by 3:30 pm Mon 7/13***</i>				
3 pm				
Bruce Wachsman Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$18	\$28
7:30 pm				
Tuesday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>	single	200D, level 2	\$22	\$22

* Players must be full ACBL members whose dues are current in order to compete in any Premier NABC+, NABC+ or NABC events. Except in the few events where guest members are expressly permitted, players must also be full ACBL members and up-to-date on dues to play in regional events. Guest members are allowed only in events with an upper masterpoint limit of 20. 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, \$3 (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

Jon Frederic Voedisch Memorial Day

By Bill Voedisch and Laurie Carlson

We are proud to be sponsors of this day at the Summer NABC in memory of our brother, Jon Frederic Voedisch.

In the fall of 1958, Jon was a freshman engineering student at the University of Minnesota. Between classes, Jon found the Coffman Union student center on campus and began watching bridge games. One of the bridge players, like Jon, was also an avid ping-pong player, and they squared off a few times at Coffman Union. That bridge/ping-pong player was Eddie Kantar!

Jon began playing serious bridge around 1964, entering the first Swiss teams event held in Minnesota in the winter of 1968–69 at the Calhoun Beach Club. Jon's team carried the day, and my "junior" squad (with about 30 masterpoints), finished 5–3, and we were thrilled.

Jon passed away tragically in August of 1969, just 20 masterpoints shy of Life Master. At the time, he was one of the best players in Minnesota. Jon, you were a wonderful brother, and I miss you every day. Thank you for introducing me to the real game of bridge.

Detroit Lakes

Duplicate Bridge Club

Since the mid-1970s, there has been duplicate bridge in Detroit Lakes.

Initially, there was a Tuesday morning game and a second game on Thursday afternoons at the Elks. Each summer, a Detroit Lakes sectional brought players from far outside the lakes area.

In the early 2000s, the two games merged, and the Detroit Lakes DBC currently meets Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. and Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. at the Episcopal church in Detroit Lakes. Players always bring treats, the coffee is free, everyone is welcome, and zero tolerance is enforced. Players are nice, respectful and do not give lessons to others. The game is going strong partly because many people who grew up going to the lakes are coming back and other players from the Fargo/Moorhead area drive down regularly for the games.

Peder Langsetmo

By Bob Balderson

Peder Langsetmo was truly one of Minnesota's great bridge warriors. He played tough, high-level bridge into his 90s and was a fixture at the winner's table. I had the pleasure of playing with Peder as both his bridge partner and teammate for almost 40 years until his death in 2020. During that time, we had many bridge discussions, in the bar (or the hotel room over a bottle of Old Grouse Hunter, Peder's favorite Scotch).



One of my favorite memories of playing bridge with Peder was the time my wife Cindy was making me try kava to help mellow me out at the bridge table. It really worked – I felt very mellow when I played. After about two days of it, Peder went to Cindy and said, "No more kava for Bob."

And one of my favorite bridge hands I call Peder's Lightner double. He doubled a spade slam holding a club void and the ♠A x, hoping (praying?) that I would find a club lead to beat it. As he waited painfully, I slowly fanned my hand to the declarer and asked him, "What I should lead?" The declarer refused to play the hand! (I had ♠K J 9 x x x.) Possibly the most successful Lightner double ever.

The final Peder story is the time we were playing against the Norwegian national team, and I was the only person at the table, kibitzers included, that didn't speak Norwegian. After each hand there would be a lively discussion, all in Norwegian, with Peder leading the way. Afterwards, everyone would look at me, laugh heartily, nod and then pick up their cards for the next deal. Where's that kava when you need it?

WMT The Best of Hour Bridge

Every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. (CST), watch and learn live on YouTube as Rob Barrington and Gavin

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Thanks to our Major Sponsors for the Summer NABC in Minneapolis: Joel & Laurie Kramer • Bill Voedisch and Laurie Carlson • District 14

A big thank you to our Silver Level Sponsors who supported the NABC by naming a game for their friends, teachers, partners, and in honor of those we have lost. We also thank those who donated anonymously.

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Gopher Unit 103

Viking Unit 178
Hawkeye Unit 216
Cornhusker Unit 241

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Meetings are at either the Sheraton or Minneapolis Convention Center.

Tuesday, July 14
9–9:30 am **Foundation for the Preservation and Advancement of Bridge meeting.**
Room 204A, level 2 MCC

6:30–10 pm **Educational Foundation board meeting.** *Boardroom, lobby level, Sheraton*

8:30–10 pm **General Membership meeting.**
All members of the ACBL are invited to attend this meeting on Zoom. *Online only;*
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Wednesday, July 15
8:30–11 pm **Bridge Mania.** Jeopardy, Family Feud and other bridge-themed games. *Mill City Ballroom, lobby level, Sheraton*

Friday, July 17
8:30–10 pm **Crazy Bridge.** Chaos-inducing twists on bridge with a different rule change on every board. *Room 200B, level 2, MCC*

Saturday, July 18
5:30–7 pm **Youth NABC Closing Reception.** *Room 200D, level 2, Sheraton*

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game!
Exhibit Hall A, back right corner, on the lower level of the Convention Center.

Tuesday, July 14
9:15 a.m. Corey Krantz *Forcing vs. Nonforcing*
2:15 p.m. Donna Compton *Defenders' Number Rules*

Wednesday, July 15
9:15 a.m. Donna Compton *Gaining the Mental Edge*
2:15 p.m. Jerry Helms *Forcing and Forward-Going Bids*

HOSPITALITY

Food will be served mornings beginning at 9 a.m. and, courtesy of the host committee, selected afternoons at 2 p.m. on each floor of the Minneapolis Convention Center that games are being held that day. Coffee is not available on the lower level. Stop at Dunn Brothers Coffee on the ground level before going down to the lower level.

Tuesday, July 14
Bagels

Wednesday, July 15
Morning: assorted pastries. Afternoon: brownies.

PATRON LOUNGE

Patron Members are invited to visit the Patron Lounge in the Craft Bar above the Convention Center lobby from 1 to 3 p.m. today through Wednesday, July 15, for light lunch and coffee. Coffee, tea, water and freshly baked bread are available each day. The lounge is NOT open in the mornings. Additional seating is available on the second floor.

Tuesday, July 14
Caesar salad, Southwest beef pot pie, carrot cake (plated)

Wednesday, July 15
Caesar salad, chicken bella (grilled chicken breast, lemon white cheddar cream sauce, roasted new potatoes, steamed fresh vegetables), apple spice cake (plated)

Evening entertainment

Wednesday, July 15
Bridge Mania: Jeopardy, Family Feud and other bridge-themed games. Light food and cash bar. 8:30 p.m. *Mill City Ballroom, lobby level, Sheraton*

Friday, July 17
Crazy Bridge: Chaos-inducing rule changes lighten the game. Get ready to laugh, play and think on your feet. 8:30 p.m. *Room 200B, level 2, MCC*



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Karl Knight of South St. Paul MN, and Navin Jaipuriyar of Blaine MN, are enjoying their first NABC together. They are pictured with their teacher, Tom Knier of Burnsville MN, who believes both have a natural aptitude for the game.

"They have great card sense," Knier said. "Some people's cup is half full or half empty; Navin's is overflowing."

Karl first learned to play social bridge years ago before his daughter encouraged him to give duplicate a try.

Navin, meanwhile, took up bridge after retiring because he had heard it "keeps your mind sharp."

Although they have been playing together for only a few weeks, the partnership is already showing promise. On Sunday, Knight and Jaipuriyar finished fourth in the 299er Pairs.



Thinking Bridge

By Eddie Kantar

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	2♠	2NT
		All Pass	

Opening lead: ♠6.

Bidding commentary: As East, you have a borderline raise to 2♠. As North, your 2♦ bid in competition shows 10+ HCP and is not a game-force, but your trick-taking potential is enough to raise to 3NT after partner's non-forcing 2NT bid (13-14 HCP).

Play commentary: As South, take the first trick with the ♠K, not the ace. West knows you have the ♠A K from East's play of the ♠J, but East can't be sure what's going if you win the king. East may think you have K-Q-x or K-x-x. It doesn't matter on this deal, but if you win the ♠A, East may smell a rat. If your only stopper is the ace, why no holdup play? Bottom line: With an A-K stopper at notrump, take the first trick with the king. In a suit contract, try the ace.

Defensive commentary: As West, after winning the ♦A, you can count declarer for at least nine tricks outside of hearts: five diamonds, two spades and two clubs, minimum. To entertain any hope of defeating the contract, shift to a low heart (the 3) looking for four heart tricks.

Defensive commentary No. 2: As East, when partner shifts to a low heart, showing strength, win the ♥A, return the ♥2 and rattle off four heart tricks. Down one. If West had wanted a spade return, He would have shifted to a high heart, showing weakness.

Eddie Kantar (1932-2022) was an accomplished player with two world championships and 17 NABC titles. Kantar is probably best known as a teacher and author of over 35 bridge books. He was a longtime contributor to the ACBL's Bridge Bulletin.



Sponsors

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Wolpert play eight hands against the bots on “The Best of Hour Bridge.”

Nelsine Stuhlman Christensen

Nelsine has a long history with local bridge organizations. She was the co-chair of the 1982 Nationals, the treasurer for the 1994 nationals in Minnesota, and the chair of the Gopher Regional for over 20 years. She is a longtime volunteer and supporter of bridge in the Twin Cities. This game is named for her by her daughter, Patti Stuhlman, chair of the 2026 Summer NABC in Minneapolis.

Bruce Wachsman

By Beth Simpson

“Are you crazy?” When I heard that Memphis’s local tournament chairman was willing to chair the Spring 2025 NABC, those



were my exact words. Bruce was willing and very able to step in and do it. That’s just who he is.

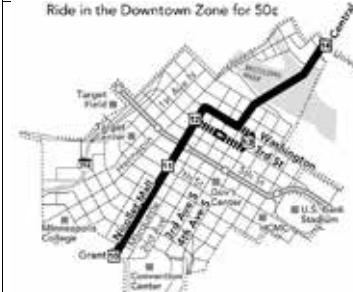
Bruce has mentored many players, always with a sense of humor and willingness to teach. Before the pandemic, he taught a popular weekly bridge lesson for intermediate players. Bruce charged just \$2 and would have gladly done it for free, but he felt that if he didn’t charge anything, people wouldn’t take it seriously. Bruce was serious about trying to help people improve their games and these were some of the best lessons that I ever took. Bruce could have been playing with better players and amassing all kinds of points, but that’s just who he is.

Bruce continues to chair our sectional and NLM tournaments. These tournaments are a lot of work with very little thanks. Thanks again, Bruce, for all you’ve done.

Round Round Get Around: Via Bus

Travel inside the Metro Transit Downtown Zone for **\$0.50**. The #10, #25 and the **Free Bus** from the river stop at the Convention Center .. Northbound the #10 & #17 cross the Mississippi at 3rd Av. if you want to visit the St. Anthony restaurants (still in the downtown .50 zone). Either the #17 or #18 head South on Nicollet to Eat Street (<10’ away). A short walk to Nicollet gets you to them or you can board the Free Bu:

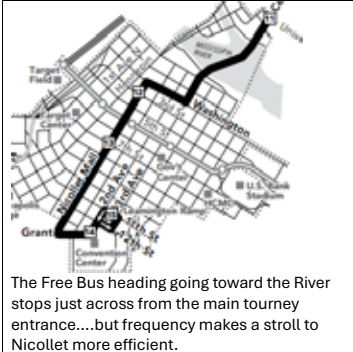
#17 \$0.50 will get you to the St. Anthony restaurants as well as near some in downtown East. The #17 continues South to Eat Street on Nicollet outside the .50 zone.



#18 Travels up and down Nicollet with a jog into Downtown East. Eat Street restaurants are beyond the downtown .50 zone heading South.



#10&25&FREE stop at the Convention Center. **UPDATE: 7/9 FOR EFFICIENCY’S SAKE WALK THE 2 BLOCKS TO NICOLLET WHERE BUS FREQUENCY IS LESS FRUSTRATING** The 10&25 head East at Washington before crossing into the St. Anthony area on 3rdAv.



#4 After riding up Nicollet on any of the free, #17,18, or 25 buses you can transfer to the Westbound #4 to go into the heart of the North Loop or the Eastbound #4 toward the Downtown East restaurants.



For more Minneapolis-based information on Restaurant Week, Eat Street, Hall of Fame Restaurants, Outdoor Patio Dining or Lunch Bites, visit minnesotabridge.com and select the “NABC Restaurant Resources” link.

Round Round Get Around Dining Patio Dining

Visit this link for great suggestions about patio dining in Minneapolis:
<https://www.twincities.com/2026/05/21/people-watching-patios-minneapolis-st-paul/>
 The award winning Diane’s Place (117 14th Ave. NE) in Northeast Minneapolis has opened outdoor dining under a sail. First come, first served.
 A curated list of spots from the NABC Restaurant Guide is available at the information desk and with the Meet Minneapolis reps at your hotel.

Both of the multi-vendor food halls (Graze North Loop and Eat Street Crossing) have ample outdoor dining areas, perfect if your dinner friends have varying tastes.

Graze North Loop 520 N. Fourth St.

<https://www.grazenorthloop.com/>

Berto’s: Rolled tacos and burritos

Graze on the Green: Grain bowls

Dream Chicken: 7 fried sandwich

Two Mixed-Up: Burgers, bowls, bites

Umami: Asian street food

Wrecktangle: Detroit-style Pizza

Eat Street Crossing 2819 Nicollet

<https://eatstreetcrossing.com/vendors/>

Ichigo Crepe: Souffle pancakes, crepes

House of Hue: Bun bo Hue, banh mi nico nico boba

El Sazon: Gourmet tacos

Staff Meeting: Hawaiian/Filipino

ESCAPE Bar: Mocktails and harder stuff

Ravipudi leads Senior Swiss

In the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, the team captained by Subba Ravipudi, playing with Iftikhar Baqai, Neil Silverman, Mitch Dunitz and Mark Itabashi, topped the leaderboard with 114.14 VPs. They will have a carryover of 26.45 VPs. In second place with 109.80 VPS are Joanne Weingold, Jack Weingold, Dennis Clerkin, Jerry Clerkin, Jeff Meckstroth and David Berkowitz. Their carryover is 23.15.

Of the 85 teams that entered the event, 44 qualified to play in today's two-session final.

Wang-Zhang lead Women's Pairs

Chicago's Wenfei Wang and Susan Zhang of Los Altos Hills CA topped the field in the qualifying round of the Wagar Women's Pairs. Wang and Zhang posted 58.23% in the morning session and 62.81% in the afternoon set to finish just ahead of Cindy Scheinfeld of New York City and Andrea Nilsson of Sweden.

Third place belongs to Anam Tebha of New York City and Christina Parker of Chestnut Hill MA.

Sixty-four pairs of the 111 who entered the contests advanced to today's two-session final.

Spingold Round of 64 begins

The 2026 Spingold Knockout Teams attracted 77 squads, and Monday's opening round reduced the field to a bracket-perfect 64 teams. The 25 top seeds received byes, while the remaining 52 teams played four-way matches to produce 39 advancers. (25 + 39 = 64).

Today's round will feature 60-board head-to-head matches, of which 32 teams will survive to tomorrow's round.

The highest-rated seed to lose in the opening round was No. 33 Lynn Baker's star-studded team (Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Olivia Schireson, Colorado Springs CO; Katarzyna Dufurat, Wroclaw, Poland; Justyna Zmuda, Skawina, Poland; Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt-Sandra Rimstedt, Jupiter FL).

Goodwill

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not because they played brilliantly, but because they were gracious in victory, generous in defeat, welcoming to newcomers and unfailingly respectful to everyone at the table. Those are the people who make us want to come back.

"Every bridge session presents dozens of decisions. Most involve bidding or card play. But the decisions that define us have nothing to do with the cards. They're choices we make in how we treat our partner, our opponents, our directors and our volunteers."

Honorary Member

James Holzhauer rose to fame in spring 2019 as a "Jeopardy!" contestant who broke records with the large sums he won throughout his 33-day streak. That summer, the NABC was held in Las Vegas, where he lived at the time. It was the perfect opportunity for him to immerse himself in the bridge community, with the help of several top players who volunteered to mentor him. Over the past seven years, he went from not-yet-a-Life Master to Emerald Life Master with more than 8000 masterpoints.

It was also at the 2019 Summer NABC when Holzhauer began contributing to the bridge community. Before the tournament, Stephanie Threlkeld, manager of marketing and education for the ACBL, asked if he would be willing to help promote the game. She invited him to meet with college players; he sponsored a brunch for them and began a tradition of playing in the Collegiate Individual. He also came to the Youth NABC and posed for pictures.

In 2023, Bronia Jenkins, executive director, conceived Bridge Mania and asked Holzhauer to host the "Jeopardy!" component. After reviewing the questions for the first Bridge Mania held in Atlanta, Holzhauer volunteered to take over writing the material.

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Later that year, he got involved in Tucker's Jump Start Bridge program, which encourages school teachers to start bridge programs at their schools. The national conference for gifted teachers was being held in Seattle, where Holzhauer now lives. He reached out to Tucker and volunteered to go to the conference and serve as bait to get teachers coming to the booth. He's since attended three conferences.

Last year, when Aaron Jones took over the Bridge Bulletin's It's Your Call feature, Holzhauer joined the expert panel.

Holzhauer's award was presented by Jenkins.

"Most of America met James in 2019, when he turned a quiz show into a spectacle: 32 straight wins, wagers that made the producers sweat, and a style so relentless, other players began to copy it," began Jenkins. "But he wasn't just answering questions. He was reading the board, calculating the odds, and betting big when the math was on his side. If that sounds familiar, it should. That's a bridge player."

Jenkins went on to praise Holzhauer for being everything the Honorary Member is supposed to be, including mentioning bridge every time he has the chance, talking to everyone, posing for photos, being kind, and helping spread the word about this game we all love. "Thank you for what you do for this game," Jenkins said. "Thank you for what you give; for who you are."

Holzhauer accepted the award to exuberant applause. "I want to specifically thank everyone at the ACBL, with the exception of whoever was supposed to tell me to prepare a speech.

"I love this game so much. You know, today we lost two matches and we're out of the big KO event. I could hang my head and be sad about that, but really, I got to play a great game. I had a great time doing it."

Holzhauer thanked Patty Tucker for the Jump Start Bridge program. "It's a privilege to go to these events and raise awareness that there's this great thing

out there for people like me. When I was a kid, I would get done with the sports and comics in the newspaper and there was a bridge column there, and it would fascinate me. I don't know if I ever would have discovered this game without that column. Those columns are gone now. We need some way to get the word out there, and I feel like I can try and help a little bit. Thank you."



Region 4 Director Margot Hennings with Volunteer of the Year Susan Bridges

Volunteer of the Year

Susan Bridges of Madison AL has been successful in implementing educational and mentoring opportunities – bringing and retaining new members into her local club – as well as working with several schools in the Huntsville area with Jump Start Bridge.

Between the spring of 2022 through 2025, she taught 155 students beginning bridge. What's remarkable is that 81 of those students were still playing at the Huntsville Bridge Club two years later. That's a remarkable retention rate, about eight times higher than average according to the American Bridge Teachers' Association.

When Bridges began playing at the Huntsville Bridge Club in 2014, she immediately identified the need to do something about shrinking membership. The club's bridge education program "grew by leaps and bounds as Susan experimented with the best ways to market bridge and encourage locals to try lessons," according to Charles Durrin, who nominated her.

Bridges' efforts were so successful in gaining newer players that her mentor program ran out of mentors. So, Bridges shifted to a new format, with one experienced volunteer monitoring four newer players in an online teaching table.

When Bridges heard about the Jump Start Bridge launch, she went to work immediately on it. Susan coordinated an online meeting between Huntsville school administrators, teachers of gifted students and Tucker. The elementary school teachers came away very enthusiastic.

In the end, Susan was able to get 104 students enrolled in Huntsville's Jump Start program. Ninety-eight fourth- and fifth-graders competed in a year-end tournament. The children were ecstatic, yelling their support for the winners and their adoration for their teachers, for Susan and her cast of 25 volunteers.

Bridges was presented by former ACBL President Margot Hennings, who chose her for the award.

"We all know the problem," Hennings said. "ACBL membership is aging and membership numbers have been shrinking. Something needs to be done to ensure ACBL continues to grow and flourish."

Bridges saw the problem, did something about it, and her efforts were wildly successful.

"Clearly she's doing something right. Susan is truly an outstanding volunteer, transforming the Huntsville Bridge Association from a stagnant club of mostly aging retirees into a growing organization of new bridge players. Her local area is Huntsville, but her reach is large and will impact ACBL far beyond the club's boundaries."

"This is a real privilege," Bridges said. She thanked her husband and nominators Region 7 Director Larry Sealy and Charles Durrin.

"Most of all I want to thank the volunteers in the Huntsville Bridge Club," she said. "They volunteer for so many things. I call on them and they do

it.”

She took Tucker’s suggestion to hold a tournament for the kids who learned bridge at school through Jump Start Bridge, but she realized that to have a volunteer at each table when there were a hundred kids would require 25 volunteers. And she was able to find that many people willing to help.



ACBL Charity Foundation Secretary Kathy Kimmerling with Joyce Hill, Volunteer of the Year

Charity Foundation Volunteer of the Year

A bout with appendicitis several years ago set Joyce Hill on a mission. An overburdened emergency room was slow to identify her problem and help her. After her emergency surgery, she looked into the systemic problems that create delays in emergency care.

Determined to improve the system, Hill traveled throughout the U.S. studying emergency departments. Her research eventually led to a lasting legacy. In 2013, Prisma Health opened a new emergency mental health center bearing her name, inspired by her vision of improving care for patients experiencing mental health crises. Hill donated \$800,000 toward the project and helped the Palmetto Health Foundation raise another \$800,000.

That accomplishment is only one chapter in a lifetime devoted to serving others.

Hill’s commitment to service began early, starting with paper drives in elementary school. In graduate school, she worked at a crisis center



Goodwill Committee members and guests gathered to celebrate the four 2026 award recipients

near Duke, where she was trained to focus on listening to callers. Over the years, Hill has served on numerous nonprofit boards, including the South Carolina Ballet, the Columbia Museum of Art, Historic Columbia, the U.S. Equestrian Team and the U.S. Eventing Association.

Hill has also been one of Patty Tucker’s earliest supporters in bringing bridge into schools, starting with Atlanta Junior Bridge and now Jump Start Bridge. She believes bridge gives academically minded children an opportunity to excel.

Hill learned bridge as a child and began playing seriously in 1998. After winning the Mini-Spangold in 2008, she began playing women’s events with Jenny Wolpert, winning several more NABC titles the next few years. In recent years she’s been playing with Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, with whom she won the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams in 2022.

“She has a massive heart,” Dwyer Rimstedt said.

Hill was presented by Kathy Kimmerling of the Charity Foundation, who provided some context about the organization and the award. “The Charity Foundation is an independent entity from the ACBL that is funded by ACBL Charity Games, including the Gold for Good games and private donations,” said Kimmerling. “The foundation is tasked with giving back to communities where our players live and play. This is done by awarding grants and making funds available to the districts on a rotational basis.

“Two years ago, ACBL Executive Director Bronia Jenkins offered the foundation the opportunity to recognize a bridge player for their philanthropic work. This year, I am pleased to announce that our honoree is Joyce Martin Hill, who has been a longtime leader in her community in the arts, medicine, mental health, education, sports and animals – and a longtime supporter of Patty Tucker’s Jump Start Bridge program. I’d like to thank Tucker for her recommendation.”

Hill took the stage and accepted the award. “Thank you very much. I feel very honored and humbled to receive this award,” said Hill. “Actually, my friends asked me what the award was, and I said, ‘I think a piece of paper,’ so I’m really thrilled.”



Goodwill Committee Chair Lamya Agelidis with Goodwill Member of the Year Noel Stewart

Goodwill Member of the Year

Noel Stewart and her husband Craig moved to Hot Springs Village AR about 10 years ago. That turned out to be a

very good thing for The Village Card Club. She went from learning modern bridge to directing to club president to unit board and local sectional director.

But what truly sets her apart is the personal, thoughtful touches she brings to her community, such as greeting newcomers and making them feel at home, according to those at the club who nominated her. A 25-year member, Chris Voeller, described her as the most “dedicated, inclusive, gracious and caring” leader the club had ever known.

Noel first learned to play bridge as a child, but kept a love for it as her life took her elsewhere. After retirement from a chemical company, she moved to Arkansas. When she checked out bridge, she found she had to relearn it. Still a novice, she became a director in 2019, when the club was the fourth-largest in the ACBL.

Noel was the VCC president when the pandemic struck and got them online. When the club reopened – to a steep drop in attendance – she led the way in rebuilding it.

“She created an ACBL family in our club,” said Louallen Wyatt, who taught her when she arrived. “Noel loves our game and the people who play it.”

One way she does that is through her approach to the “eight is enough” team game. She assigns and rotates partnerships and teams, which keeps the focus on fun and more players of different levels getting to know each other. Then there’s the food. Noel started bringing some herself, which grew to huge spreads as others joined in.

Stewart was presented by Agelidis.

“Noel truly embodies the spirit of goodwill, and her auctions speak louder than her words,” Agelidis said. “During Covid, Noel personally visited countless members’ homes to help get them online, ensuring they could stay connected. Her care extends far beyond what anyone could expect. When a member lost her hearing aid, Noel drove back to the club to search for it. She is truly one of a kind. Central Arkansas Unit 161 and the Village Card

Club are fortunate to have her.”

Stewart began with an observation about how the room was decorated.

“I looked around the tables and saw a lot of messages about kindness,” she said. “Here’s one I didn’t see: Kindness is free.”

“I’d like to thank the ACBL for choosing me. Looking at the other honorees, I wonder, why am I here on this stage? I know many people give their hearts and time to their local clubs. I’m here because members of the Village Card Club put a lot of thought and effort into nominating me.”

She thanked Andy Cosby, who mentored her as a director; Louallen Wyatt, who mentored her as a player; and partners Deborah Christian, Martha McAllister and Wally Johnson.

“I wouldn’t be here without them,” she said.

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Canadian Championship

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Federation's championships, with their permanent home in Schaumburg IL, the CBF Championships have a rota of venues across the country, usually opposite a regional tournament, and this year's site, Penticton BC, is one of the favorites, the venue being on the south shore of beautiful Lake Okanagan, in semi-arid BC wine country.

For the Open Teams, the online phase in January comprised 16 teams who played a complete round-robin of 12-board matches over three days to qualify eight teams for the final in June. With one match to play on Day 3, 15 of the 16 teams still had a mathematical chance to qualify! Then, with a single board to play, matters were still in doubt!

In the end, two of the favorites met in the final to decide the 2026 champions. The combatants were GARTAGANIS: Judith Gartaganis, Nick Gartaganis, David Sabourin, Jeff Smith and WILLIS: Brad Bart, Jeff Blond, Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Marc-André Fourcaudot, David Willis. The final comprised eight 15-board sessions over two days.

The following deal occurred early and got WILLIS off to a lead that they never relinquished; the bidding was a victory for system work and practice.

Open Teams Final

Session 1. Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vulnerable.

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

West <i>Bart</i>	North <i>Smith</i>	East <i>Blond</i>	South <i>Sabourin</i>
		1♠	Pass
1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
2♦ ⁽³⁾	Pass	3♠ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass
4♥ ⁽⁵⁾	Pass	4NT ⁽⁶⁾	Pass
5♥ ⁽⁷⁾	Pass	6♣ ⁽⁸⁾	Pass
7♣ ⁽⁹⁾	Pass	7♠	All Pass

- 1) Forcing
- 2) Gazzilli: either (a.) natural or (b.) any 16+ HCP.
- 3) 8+ HCP; GF if alternative (b.) is held.
- 4) Good spades with alternative (b.).

5) Heart control in support of spades, no diamond or club control.

6) RKCB (knowing that the diamond ace is not held by West).

7) Two key cards, no ♠Q

8) All key cards and the ♠Q are accounted for; bid seven with third-round control of clubs.

9) An offer to play – I have the ♣Q to length if you prefer to play here.

Blond might have passed 7♣ had he known there was a five-card suit opposite, but how could he do that with seven spades to the K–Q–J, knowing that Bart held the ace? As it was, the spade grand slam offered about a 91% chance of success, beaten only by 4–0 clubs with four in the hand on lead or 5–0 spades; 7♣ could only be beaten by 5–0 spades with the five on lead, approximately 98%.

At the other table, the Gartaganii (as they are affectionately known) got to 6♠ after a strong club and some vigorous heart interference. That was a 13-IMP gain for WILLIS.

With the match still hanging in the balance, WILLIS led by 15 IMPs, 215–200, going into the seventh set.

Session 7. Board 93. Dealer South. E–W Vulnerable.

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

West <i>Bart</i>	North <i>Smith</i>	East <i>Blond</i>	South <i>Sabourin</i>
Pass	3♦	Dbl	4♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

4♠ is not a great contract a priori, and it's worse on the bidding at this table. However, with trumps 3–2, the ♥Q onside doubleton and declarer able to get a complete count on the defensive hands, Bart drew trumps and made a second club trick with the 8–7 trapping Sabourin's jack after low to the queen, followed by the 9, 10, king and ace. That was a fine plus 620 to WILLIS.

At the other table, feigning strength and declining to preempt avoided propelling the opponents into game:

West	North	East	South
<i>Nick G.</i>	<i>Fourcaudot</i>	<i>Judith G.</i>	<i>Willis</i>
Pass	1♦	Dbl	2♣
Pass	2♦	Dbl	3♦
3♠	All Pass		

That won 10 IMPs for WILLIS.

Board 113. Dealer South. Both Sides Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nick G.</i>	<i>L'Ecuyer</i>	<i>Judith G.</i>	<i>Willis</i>
Pass	2NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	6♠	All Pass	3♥ ⁽³⁾

1) Multi: either six-card major; 5-10 HCP.

2) Inquiry.

3) Spades; nonminimum.

This board could have been very material to the match result and had some interesting aspects. At the first table, the multi 2♦ showed well as it hid the North hand and allowed l'Ecuyer-Willis to right-side the contract, protecting North's ♥K.

The ♦4 (second and fourth) was led to the queen and ace. Declarer played a spade to the king and a second diamond toward the closed hand. After some thought, West decided not to ruff, inducing l'Ecuyer to believe he had no more trumps. After making the ♦K, declarer ruffed a diamond low and was overruffed to go one off – minus 100.

L'Ecuyer could have brought 6♠ home after Gartaganis declined to ruff the second round of diamonds: ♦K, diamond ruff with the ♠10, spade to the ace, pulling both remaining trumps, diamond ruff, ♣A, club ruff to hand, two good diamonds. That makes six spade tricks, four diamond tricks, the ♣A and a club ruff in the short hand.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bart</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Blond</i>	<i>Sabourin</i>
Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	3♠ ⁽²⁾

1) Inquiry

2) Maximum

With the North hand on view, 6♠ would always (and did) fail, since, if declarer draws trumps, as he must do to avoid a defensive diamond ruff, he cannot set up and run the diamonds.

With five boards to go, GARTAGANIS was desperate for IMPs. The following deal was another in the family of pre-empts pushing the opponents to a good result in a game or slam they would not otherwise have bid.

Session 8. Board 116. Dealer East. Both Sides Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nick G.</i>	<i>L'Ecuyer</i>	<i>Judith G.</i>	<i>Willis</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
4♠	All Pass	4♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass

1) Precision; 0+ diamonds.

2) Splinter, limited by the failure to open 1♣.

The heart lead allowed the defense to make two heart tricks when the ♦Q failed to behave under the ace and king; plus 620.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bart</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Blond</i>	<i>Sabourin</i>
1♠	3♣	1♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

The diamond lead was not optimal but, after the preempt, declarer was odds-on to guess the ♦Q anyway. That resulted in another 13-IMP gain for WILLIS.

WILLIS outscored GARTAGANIS by 49 IMPs (91–42) over the last two stanzas to win the match 306–242.



Winners of the Women's Canadian National Teams Championships: Sondra Blank, Susan Culham, Marielle Decelles-Brentnall, Brenda Bryant

Women's Teams

The BLANK team (Sondra Blank, Brenda Bryant, Susan Culham, Marielle Dechelles-Brentnall) was a clear favorite in the Women's Championship and cruised to comfortable wins in both their semifinal and final matches, defeating SMITH (Ina Demme, Judy Harris, Julie Smith, Lesley Thomson) in the semifinal and CONNELL (Curley Anderson, Linda Connell, Deb Harper, Cydney Hayes,) in the final. CONNELL had won their semifinal match over GALBRAITH (Ann-Marie Crabbe, Janet Galbraith, Debbie Hargreaves, Cindy Oishi) by a single IMP, 130–129, after a cellphone penalty!

The following deal provided an early "Challenge the Champs" opportunity for the East–West pairs. It's the same Board 10 that was played on the first day of the Open Teams final above.

Here, three of the four pairs failed miserably, bidding 1♠–1NT; 4♠. The fourth pair had a chance ...

West	North	East	South
<i>Culham</i>	<i>Demme</i>	<i>Blank</i>	<i>Thomson</i>
		1♠	Pass
1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass
6♣ ⁽³⁾	All Pass		

1) Forcing

2) Exclusion key card Blackwood for clubs

3) Intended as an RKCB 1430 response (two key cards plus the ♣Q); interpreted correctly, according to their system notes, as a specialized step response showing one key card and the ♣Q

Blank and Culham were not on the same wavelength with Culham's response to the exclusion ask (Edgar Kaplan is chuckling in his grave); had they been in harmony, seven of a black suit would have been certain. BLANK won 12 IMPs anyway.

Nearing the end of BLANK's semifinal match, with faint hope for the SMITH team, this was the last nail in the coffin:

Board 56. Dealer East. Both Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Culham</i>	<i>Demme</i>	<i>Blank</i>	<i>Thomson</i>
		1♣	Pass
Pass	Dbf	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Blank led the ♥3 to the 10 and declarer's ace. A low diamond was won with the jack and East exited with another heart, won in dummy with the 9. Declarer then tried the diamond finesse, which lost to the king. Assuming that declarer was 2=2=5=4 from the bidding and play, Blank returned a low spade, won by declarer's king. North cashed the ♦A, hoping for a 3–3 split, but was met with bad news. If she now played a diamond to West, a club switch would have led to one spade, three diamonds and one club for the defense; if she played a spade, East would win with the ace and play another spade. Depending on declarer's plays after that, the defense would win two spades, two diamonds and one heart or one club; minus 100.

At the other table ...

West	North	East	South
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Brentnall</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Bryant</i>
		1♣	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led a fourth-best ♠3, won with the king over the jack. Declarer led a spade back, winning the queen when East ducked. A third spade was won by East as North pitched a diamond from hand. East shifted to a low heart to the 10 and ace. With East likely to hold the ♦K, North cashed the ♦A and, when the jack fell, led a low diamond to East's king. East continued with a heart, won by dummy's jack. Brentnall cashed the ♥K and exited with a heart. East could take her spade winner but was then endplayed into leading away from

the clubs into declarer's ♣A–Q; a delectable plus 600; 12 IMPs to BLANK.

BLANK ran out easy winners, 158–68, having led by just 19 at the half.

Senior Teams

Despite there being no definite favorite in the Seniors' Championship, the semifinal resulted in stress-free wins for JACOB (Doug Fraser, Sandra Fraser, Dan Jacob, Bryan Maksymetz) over ANDREWS (Doug Andrews, John Laskin, Steve Mackay, Mel Norton, Lew Richardson, John Stevens), 135–72, and FINDLAY (Daniel Bertrand, Gordon Campbell, Ian Findlay, Paul Janicki) over TODD (Doug Fisher, Ray Hornby, Neil Kimelman, Bob Todd), 173–91.

Senior Final

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vulnerable.

♠ 6 5 4 3
♥ A J 10 3 2
♦ 10 2
♣ 9 6

♠ 9 7
♥ K 9 8 6 5
♦ Q J 6 5
♣ 7 5

♠ A K Q J
♥ Q 7
♦ 9 4
♣ A K J 8 3

♠ 10 8 2
♥ 4
♦ A K 8 7 3
♣ Q 10 4 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertrand</i>	<i>Maksymetz</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Jacob</i>
1♥	Pass	1♣	1♦
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The ♦10 lead was ducked to declarer's jack; another diamond went to the 9 and king. Jacob exited with a spade to dummy. Without the previously hoped-for two diamond tricks, declarer was compelled to look to clubs for his ninth trick: ace, king and 3, won by South's 10. The defense now had five tricks – the problem was that South did not know it. If Maksymetz had the ♥A, Jacob could cash his minor-suit winners and shift to a heart for North's ace and one off. However, if declarer had the ♥A and North the king, taking the minor-suit winners would enable nine easy tricks for declarer before the defense could get five.

So, Jacob exited with the ♥4; over to North who, by contrast, ought to have realized that the defense had five tricks (if South did not have the ♦A, declarer's play was unusual in the extreme: if declarer had held the ♦A, upon winning the spade at trick three, all he had to do was lead a heart for his ninth trick). So, taking the ♥A and putting declarer in dummy with a spade or a heart would have allowed South to take the

♦A when he won a trick with the ♣Q.

However, North put in the ♥10, forcing the queen. That allowed declarer to take the spades, discarding diamonds from hand, and exit with a heart, eventually making his ninth trick with the ♥K (four spades, two hearts, one diamond and two clubs). Plus 600 for East–West.

In the other room:

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Fraser</i>	<i>Janicki</i>	<i>S. Fraser</i>	<i>Findlay</i>
		2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Ian Findlay led the ♠10(!) and Janicki encouraged. Sandra Fraser won, cashed the ♣A and led the ♦7, ducked by South, to the queen. A club to the jack lost to the queen and South shifted to the ♥4, 5, jack, queen. When declarer then led the king and another club, the defense could only take two clubs and two diamonds. Plus 600 for an ungainly push.

At this table, with the ♥K on view, South should have delayed leading his heart until declarer led a diamond or a club to him. Then, cash the other minor-suit winner and lead a heart; North would have known what to do in that case.

JACOB was up 14 IMPs (92–78) after three quarters of the 60-board final. The last segment went mostly FINDLAY's way – three consecutive boards mid-stanza swung the match.

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Here they are:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Fraser</i>	<i>Janicki</i>	<i>S. Fraser</i>	<i>Findlay</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dbl	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

With a very unattractive opening lead prospect before him, Doug Fraser considered the matter for several minutes before selecting the ♥2 as his opening salvo; it did not turn out well for him. Ian Findlay won with his ♥Q and led a diamond to the king, then another diamond; Sandra Fraser discarded a

heart, so Findlay won with his ace, ruffed a diamond with the ♠A, led a trump to hand and ruffed the fourth diamond with dummy's last trump. East could overruff or not – the defense was restricted to a trump and the ♣A: plus 450 for FINDLAY.

It requires almost double-dummy defense to defeat 4♠: West must lead his trump, then, when in with the heart ace, underlead his clubs to East, who can lead a second trump. That allows the defense to take a trick in each suit.

When, at the other table, North–South declared 3♠ for plus 140, 7 IMPs went to the FINDLAY team.

Board 25. Dealer North. E–W vulnerable.

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



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West	North	East	South
<i>D. Fraser</i>	<i>Janicki</i>	<i>S. Fraser</i>	<i>Findlay</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♦	2♥	3♦	4♠
All Pass			

How do you play the undisturbed auction 1♥–4♠? To play? Kickback? Void splinter? Exclusion key card ask? Forty or 50 years ago this would not even have been a question – it would have been to play. Today, however ...

Findlay felt afterward that he ought to have bid 4♠ at his first turn to bid (his teammates agreed with this assessment). However, he survived, and in a big way.

Doug Fraser led the ♦A and, having received an even-number signal from Sandra, shifted to his singleton heart. East won with her ace and returned a diamond, fearing a discard if she continued with hearts and partner had a trump trick with as little as jack-third. As it was, there was no second diamond to take; a heart continuation would have produced a second trump trick for the defense.

Declarer ruffed the diamond, went to the ♣A and led dummy's ♠9: queen, king, ace. West led a second club to the king and declarer's last dummy entry was gone. He led the high heart, hoping West had a second one of the suit and discarded his losing club. Here, West had a true "senior moment," discarding a diamond! Then, when a club ruff survived the wars, declarer was able to draw trumps and claim 10 tricks for plus 420.

At the other table ...

West	North	East	South
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Janicki</i>	<i>Bertrand</i>	<i>Findlay</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♦	2♥	2♠	4♠
5♦	Dbl	All Pass	

With clubs 3–3, the ♦Q dropping cooperatively and the magic meshing of the East–West major-suit holdings, there was nothing to the play and Campbell scored up plus 750. That resulted in another 15 IMPs to FINDLAY.

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Fraser</i>	<i>Janicki</i>	<i>S. Fraser</i>	<i>Findlay</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

4♠ is a tricky contract with potential losers everywhere.

The ♦6 was led to the queen and declarer's ace. Sandra led her heart to the 3, 8 and queen; Janicki shifted to the ♣10: queen, king, ace. Declarer tried the ♥K for a club discard, won by South's ace. Declarer won the club continuation with her jack and led the ♠6 to the 8, 10 and king. On North's heart return, declarer had to guess to ruff with the queen and lead a middle spade to pick up the jack, using the 5 to pick up the 4 and stay in dummy for the hearts but, instead, ruffed low and was overruffed by the knave. That was two spades and two hearts for the defense, minus 100.

In the other room ...

West	North	East	South
<i>Janicki</i>	<i>Maksymetz</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Jacob</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Jacob also led the ♦6 to the queen and ace and Campbell too led his heart, again ducked by South. Campbell guessed to play the king and, when it held, played a diamond to the king and ruffed a diamond; a heart ruff dropped the ace and another diamond was ruffed with the ♠10, overruffed by the king. When North played a heart, declarer ruffed low, allowing South to make the ♠J. A late club loser meant plus 620 and another 12 IMPs to FINDLAY.

Down 14 IMPs with one set to play, FINDLAY dominated the fourth quarter, winning the match 127-110.



CBF President Shelley Burns (center) congratulates the winners of the Mixed Canadian National Teams Championships: Kismet Fung, Jeffrey Smith, Judith Gartaganis, Nicholas Gartaganis

Mixed Teams

The GARTAGANIS team (Kismet Fung, Judith Gartaganis, Nick Gartaganis, Jeff Smith) was a slight favorite over three or four others in the Mixed. Nevertheless, they

breezed through the qualifying round, then did likewise in the knockouts, easily winning all three matches, defeating XU (Yimei Cao, Cindy He, Edward Xu, Yan Wang) in the final.

This deal from the fourth quarter was critical to the GARTAGANIS' success; they had started the set up 32 IMPs, a very useful lead, but hardly comfortable.

Mixed Final

Board 50. Dealer West. Both Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Xu</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Cao</i>	<i>Fung</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Dbl	2♣	4♥
All Pass			

Edward Xu led the ♠10. With just five top tricks, declarer needed five trump tricks to make four hearts. She cashed two

spades (pitching a club) and led a third round, ruffed in the dummy, West pitching a diamond. Declarer then cashed two diamonds and ruffed the third round with the ♥7. When she led a fourth round of spades, Xu ruffed with the ♥Q and led a heart to Cao's ace. Because she was unable to play a second round of hearts, her club return allowed declarer to crossruff for 10 tricks and plus 620.

An initial trump lead, an early ruff with the ♥Q and a second trump lead would have left declarer with only four trump tricks for one off. On the actual, normal, spade lead, the defense to defeat 4♥ is interesting, difficult and delicate: West must discard a club on the third spade, not a diamond.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nick G.</i>	<i>He</i>	<i>Judith G.</i>	<i>Wang</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dbl
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

The lead of the ♠10 was ducked by declarer; Wang won the spade continuation with the king. Declarer played a diamond to dummy's king and led the ♥9. East won with the ace and continued spades (West pitching a low heart). Wang won with the king, traveled to the ♦A and played another heart, ducked to West's queen. West cashed two diamonds and exited with a heart. Wang could do no better than take his two hearts and the ♣A to concede down one. Plus 100 and plus 620 was worth 12 IMPs to GARTAGANIS, who defeated XU 158–97.



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New Life Master

Richard Trachy of Golden Valley MN needed about 12 gold/red points to reach Life Master. He got that this week playing teams with Kristine Verdin of St. Paul MN, Paul Wehrman of Shoreview MN and Catherine Wehrman of Shoreview MN. "I'm playing today and the bridge gods are teaching me the value of humility," said Richard.



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QUALIFIERS IN THE WAGAR WOMEN'S PAIRS

32.0 Tables / Based on 56 Tables

Carryover

1	Wenfei Wang, Northbrook IL; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA	96.17
2	Cindy Scheinfeld, New York NY; Andrea Nilsson, Varberg Sweden	94.05
3	Anam Tebha, New York NY; Christina Parker, Chestnut Hill MA	84.70
4	Pam Wittes, Venice CA; Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land TX	82.62
5	Linda Robinson, Arlington MA; Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark	81.98
6	Sophia Baldysz, Charlottesville VA; Maureen McLaughlin, Princeton NJ	80.80
7	Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI; Jacinda Liu, Sandy UT	80.72
8	Zinnia Meyer, Chicago IL; Katherine Hwang, New York NY	74.68
9	Barbara Heller, Knoxville TN; Nancy Frank, Glencoe IL	67.60
10	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	66.40
11	Gail Schargel, New York NY; Irem Ozbay, Cliffside Park NJ	65.09
12	Bridget Poizner – Marina Fomenkova, San Diego CA	64.28
13	Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Jane McLaughlin, San Francisco CA	61.47
14	Christina Madsen, Denmark; Brooke Cohen, New York NY	60.38
15	Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL; Bella Ionis-Sorren, Fort Lauderdale FL	60.11
16	Gigi Simpson, Sarasota FL; Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX	58.69
17	Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY; Melissa Baker, West Harrison NY	58.52
18	Ellen Tilzer, North Caldwell NJ; Sheila Katz, Bonita Springs FL	52.96
19	Danuta Kazmucha, Poznan Poland; Barbara Ferm, Dallas TX	46.66
20	Ildiko Baxter, Allison Park PA; Erin Bealles, Mars PA	45.13
21	Jung Hu, San Jose CA; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ	44.87
22	Rebecca Anspach, St. Paul MN; Cheryl Macintosh, Orleans ON	44.37
23	Claire Valente – Mary Eliza Balof, Walla Walla WA	43.99
24	Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL	43.34
25	Peg Waller, Edina MN; Patti Stuhlman, Minneapolis MN	42.90
26	Suyan Liu, Charlotte NC; Wen Zhou, Thousand Oaks CA	42.85
27	Virginia Chediak, Kragero Norway; Judi Whaling, Houston TX	42.75
28	Ho-Yee So, Taipei City Taiwan; Yu Nadler, Boca Raton FL	41.99
29	Helen Benson, Newtown CT; Lisette Voorhees, Ridgefield CT	39.00
30	Giorgia Botta, Brooklyn NY; Judy Goodman, New York NY	38.87
31	Gale Senter, San Clemente CA; Ann Brinker Schwall, Houston TX	38.40
32	Patricia Herrera, Mexico City Mexico; Anu Goodman, Toronto ON	37.94
33	Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Sheila Cesarano, Fort Lauderdale FL	35.29
34	Zheng Jiang Liao, Chengdu China; Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL	33.92
35	Muh-Sha Crawford, Hampton VA; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD	33.90
36	Jessica Larsson, Heimdal Sweden; Cynthia Ogden, New York NY	30.50
37	Maureen Garlich, Winterset IA; Tracey Ball, Urbandale IA	28.74
38	Bo Fu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Shelly Dunietz, Santa Rosa CA	28.65
39	Jadwiga Polujan, Calgary AB; Alison Shoemaker, Wyndmoor PA	27.88
40	Ida Groenkvist, Sundbyberg Sweden; Margie Cole, New York NY	27.42
41	Susan Calabro, Roslyn NY; Dina Arker, Palm Beach Gardens FL	25.05
42	Lindsay Pearlman, Las Vegas NV; Eleanor Seaman, New York NY	21.94
43	Eva Graczyk, Forest Hills NY; Elizabeth Brimberg, New York NY	21.38
44	Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Mindy Fine-Fleder, New York NY	20.06
45	Marie Abate, Newington CT; Maureen Brines, Virginia Beach VA	19.03
46	Jan Assini, Pittsburgh PA; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH	18.95
47	Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Terry Jones, Falls Church VA	17.03
48	Kimberly Fanady, San Francisco CA; Prudence Saunders, Palo Alto CA	16.17
49	Ava Donnellan, Brooklyn NY; Kyra Helmbold, Minneapolis MN	11.99
50	Ann Aliotta, Edmond OK; Kathryn Aliotta, St. Paul MN	9.78
51	May Sakr, Fort Lauderdale FL; Allison Freeland, Coral Gables FL	8.83
52	Nina Huang, Pasadena CA; Dilek Yavas, Bursa Turkey	8.63
53	Silvana Rojko, West Palm Beach FL; Faye Marino, Greenwich CT	7.41
54	Diana Schuld, Glen Head NY; Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA	7.14
55	Laura Miller, Mercer Island WA; Shannon Kasperkiewicz, Redmond WA	5.68
56	Ritchey Goodwin, West Palm Beach FL; Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	5.64
57	Chris Benson, Leroy IL; Ginny Schuett, Lincolnshire IL	3.98
58	Pamela Furtsch, Armonk NY; Allison L. Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	3.90

59	Marguerite Levin – Mary Schaeffer, Plymouth MA	3.71
60	Judith McNutt, Pittsfield MA; Jui Wang, Cary NC	2.34
61	Raluca Nistor, New York NY; Melissa Fawer, New York NY	1.44
62	Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL; Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY	1.14
63	Joan Jackson, Dallas TX; Ellen Hessel, San Antonio TX	1.09
64	Linda Purrington, Eagan MN; Kathy Beckman, Brooklyn Park MN	0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE TRUSCOTT/USPC SENIOR SWISS TEAMS

44 Tables / Based on 85 Tables	Carryover
1 Subba Ravipudi, Dana Point CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA	26.45
2 Joanne Weingold – Jack Weingold – David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Dennis Clerkin – Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	23.15
3 Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH; Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH; Greg Michaels, Cleveland OH	22.13
4 Joe Quinn, Sugar Land TX; Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Buddy Hanby – Sally Wheeler, The Woodlands TX; Mark Feldman, Austin TX; Jeff Aker, Sleepy Hollow NY	21.95
5 Glenn Eisenstein – John Rengstorff – Allen Kahn, New York NY; Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Jon Greenspan, The Villages FL; Robb Gordon, Mesa AZ	21.02
6 John Carruthers, Kingsville ON; Daniel Gerstman, Buffalo NY; Howard Weinstein, Midway UT; Larry Robbins, Glenview IL; Allan Graves, St. Johnsbury VT; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC	19.08
7 Charles Carroll, St. Paul MN; Robert Winters, McMurray PA; Frank Cymerman – Bernard Fudor – Craig Biddle, Pittsburgh PA	16.92
8 Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Alan Watson, Lexington MA; Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA; Chris Moll, Raleigh NC; John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Richard Popper, Wilmington DE	16.14
9 Albert Shrive, Naples FL; Anthony Barre, Sunnyvale CA; Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA; Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA	15.80
10 Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Jim Johnsen, Frisco TX; Alan Hierseman, Olathe KS	15.40
11 Jeff Schuett, Lincolnshire IL; Kerry Smith, Milwaukee WI; Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Jack Oest, Chicago IL; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL	14.91
12 Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL	14.80
13 Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC; Shihong You, Boyds MD; Jian-Ping Chen, Yorktown VA; Bob Heller, Knoxville TN	14.20
14 Pete Matthews Jr., Canton MA; Gary Schwartz, Huntsville AL; Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC; Ed Schulte, Beverly Hills FL	14.07
15 Tod Moses, St. Louis MO; Gary Cohler, Wellington FL; Sam Lev, Aventura FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA	12.32
16 Alain Schreiber, Henderson NV; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ; Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands	12.20
17 Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Daniel Boye, Baldwinsville NY; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL; Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL	11.72
18 Mark Perlmutter – Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA; Kitty Cooper, Avon CT; Charles Finch, Las Vegas NV	9.85
19 George Jacobs, Geneva IL; Claude Vogel, San Diego CA; Marjorie Michelin – Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Russell Samuel, Coram NY; Jeffrey Rothstein, New York NY	9.60
20 Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Bruce Luttrell, San Jose CA; Marshall Kerlin, Sun City Center FL; Peter Knee, Canyon Country CA; Jack Waller, Dana Point CA	8.71
21 Leon Fisher, Clearwater FL; Suresh Mahajan, Del Mar CA; Mark Ginsburg – Thomas Dressing, Buffalo Grove IL	8.48
22 Kurt Schaeffer, Lakeville MN; Bob Balderson Jr. – Cynthia Balderson, Eden Prairie MN; Stan Fuhrmann, Madison WI	8.31
23 Edward Nagy, Danville CA; Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	7.14
24 Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR; Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR; Susan Parnes – Gordon Parnes, Flint MI	6.69
25 John Lusky, Portland OR; Allan Falk, Okemos MI; Barry Rigal, New York NY; Ron Rubin, Deerfield Beach FL; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY	6.67
26 Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY; Joseph Byrnes, Long Beach NY	5.87

27	Emory Whitaker, Macon GA; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA; Richard Brown, Easley SC; Mark Jones, Birmingham AL	5.52
28	Robert Coyne, Colonia NJ; Chuck Greenslit, Framingham MA; John Manopoli, Jamaica Plain MA; Natalie Bassil, Boston MA	5.38
29	Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA; Abe Pineles, Jackson NJ; Alexander Allen, Annandale NJ	4.27
30	David Yang, Darien IL; Craig Gardner, Streamwood IL; Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	4.26
31	William Neumann, Columbia MD; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD; Mark Laken, Baltimore MD	4.07
32	Richard Chan, Markham ON; Yimei Cao, Aurora ON; Robert Fendrick, Marietta GA; Hugh Brown, McCormick SC	3.88
33	Harold Nordstrom, Reading MA; Stephen Kolkhorst, Portland ME; Susan Lincoln, Boxford MA; Ashok Rao, Cambridge MA	3.00
34	John Bacon, Mayfield Heights OH; Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; Claude King, Mississauga ON; Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH	2.75
35	Perry Van Hook, Surprise AZ; Tom Trachuk, Walnut Creek CA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA; Marshall Lewis, Bloomington IN	2.61
36	Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA; Terri Asiel – Erez Hendelman, New York NY; Jason Ji, Jersey City NJ	2.47
37	William Voedisch, Marine MN; Joseph Browan, Maplewood MN; Joseph Koester, Brooklyn Park MN; Dennis Cerkenik, Minnetonka MN; Kristine Verdin, St. Paul MN	2.28
38	Annie Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Jim Wakefield, Springfield VA; Susan Smith – Michael Smith, Alexandria VA	1.78
39	Arthur Lowen, Nashville TN; David Birnbaum, Pegram TN; Jim Foster, Vestavia AL; Bernard Yomtov, Cambridge MA	1.72
40	Robert Morris, Houston TX; Betty Starzec, Sugar Land TX; Magnus Olafsson, Huntsville AL; Susan Stockham, Birmingham AL	1.37
41	Raymond Depew, Naples FL; Michael Berard, Glenn Dale MD; Don Chillrud, Schenectady NY; Peter van Zijl, Hanover MD	0.74
42	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT; Robert Cappelli, Naples FL; Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI	0.58
43	Arthur Flashinski, Kronenwetter WI; Paolo Ranaldi, Eau Claire WI; William Christensen, Arbor Vitae WI; Terry Byrne, Fort Myers FL	0.45
44	Alberto Feilhaber – Weishu Wu, Irvine CA; Lee Ohliger, Bradenton FL; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	0.00

VON ZEDTWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS – REVISED

39.0 Tables / Based on 132 Tables

190.00	1	Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Andreas Abragi, Huddinge Sweden	1281.62
142.50	2	Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark	1261.16
106.88	3	Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland	1225.28
87.69	4	Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Andrew Rosenthal, New York NY	1178.51
81.43	5	Bart Bramley, Avon CT; Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom	1156.62
76.00	6	Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	1154.49
71.25	7	John McLaughlin, Melrose MA; Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY	1147.76
67.06	8	Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA	1141.60
63.33	9	Pablo Ravenna – Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina	1137.24
60.00	10	Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL	1135.09
57.00	11	Larry Robbins, Glenview IL; Howard Weinstein, Midway UT	1133.94
54.29	12	Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria; Ahu Zobu, Istanbul Turkey	1130.23
51.82	13	Mike Passell, Plano TX; Andy Goodman, Carmel CA	1129.15
49.57	14	Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	1128.72
47.50	15	Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL	1128.53
45.60	16	Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden	1126.66
43.85	17	Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Sweden	1117.18
42.22	18	Ioannis Oikonomopoulos, Hatboro PA; Will Ehlers, Lancaster PA	1111.22
40.71	19	Avery Silverstein, Austin TX; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT	1110.86
39.31	20	Jerome Rombaut – Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France	1109.63

38.00	21	Eric Mayefsky, Arlington VA; Victor Chubukov, Seattle WA	1107.21
36.77	22	Jason Feldman, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON	1102.38
35.63	23	Jeff Xiao – Guanghao Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	1088.51
34.55	24	Jie Li, Beijing China; Eric Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	1076.08
33.53	25	Edward Zuckerberg, Los Altos Hills CA; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY	1071.21
32.57	26	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Robert Cappelli, Naples FL	1070.04
31.67	27	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA	1069.06
30.81	28	Peter Knee, Canyon Country CA; Stelios Touchtidis, Parrish FL	1061.17
30.00	29	Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; John McAllister, Charlottesville VA	1060.84
29.23	30	Sally Wheeler – Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX	1051.15
28.50	31	Benjie Miao, La Jolla CA; Tianyang Chen, Plainsboro NJ	1048.37
27.80	32	John Ramos, Los Angeles CA; Sibrand van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands	1043.54
27.14	33	Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	1037.30
26.51	34	Tracy Brines, Richland WA; Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY	1035.34
25.91	35	Ofek Sabbah – Yonatan Sliwowiec, Petah Tikva Israel	1032.83
25.33	36	Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV	1024.85
24.78	37	John Overdeck, Palm Beach FL; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy	1019.45
24.26	38	Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI	1016.84
23.75	39	Drew Cavalier, Pensacola FL; Christian Jolly, New Hudson MI	1010.21
23.27	40	Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH; John Bacon, Mayfield Heights OH	1003.52
22.80	41	Steven Wallis, Tampa FL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI	1002.75
22.35	42	Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL	997.37
21.92	43	Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY; David Gurvich, New York NY	992.70
21.51	44	Daniel Gerstman, Buffalo NY; John Carruthers, Kingsville ON	992.21
21.11	45	Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Norman Beck, Dallas TX	991.96
20.73	46	Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Shan Au, Westerville OH	991.32
20.36	47	Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Peter Jargowsky, Boca Raton FL	989.52
20.00	48	Leo Lasota, Ewa Beach HI; Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA	989.01
19.66	49	Mark Caplan, Mulmur ON; Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV	983.56
19.32	50	Pedro Miguel Durao, Lisbon Portugal; Thomas Peters, Dayton MD	983.29
19.00	51	Alan Watson, Lexington MA; Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT	976.80
18.69	52	Hemant Lall, Marina Del Rey CA; Michael Penick, Dallas TX	970.48
18.39	53	Uday Ivatury, New York City NY; Christal Henner, New York NY	966.57
18.10	54	Brian Zhang – Qiang Zhang, Dublin CA	961.94
17.81	55	Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Jack Oest, Chicago IL	960.34
17.54	56	Rory Xiao, Fremont CA; Jonathan Yue, Chicago IL	954.90
17.27	57	Michael Christensen, Seattle WA; T. Brian Zaugg, Burien WA	947.29
17.01	58	Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	945.99
16.76	59	Guy Mendes de Leon, Leiden Netherlands; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands	932.67
16.52	60	Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	932.12
16.29	61	Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL	929.80
16.06	62	Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC; Radu Nistor, New York NY	925.36
15.83	63	Rajagopal Sriraman, Louisville KY; Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH	920.32
15.62	64	Jacqueline Chang, New York NY; Iulian Rotaru, Sunnyside NY	911.86
15.41	65	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Santiago Semberoiz, Fort Lauderdale FL	911.32
15.20	66	JoAnna Stansby, Dublin CA; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA	908.14
15.00	67	Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina; Margie Cole, New York NY	907.88
14.81	68	Lucy Zhang, Brooklyn NY; David Soukup, Philadelphia PA	903.48
14.62	69	Kevin Rosenberg – Amber Lin, Mountain View CA	900.44
14.43	70	Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; R. Muggia, Andover MA	897.10
14.25	71	Robert Robinson, Severna Park MD; Alexander Sandin, Horn Lake MS	896.00
14.07	72	Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Lair, Amarillo TX	888.06
13.90	73	Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA	886.66
13.73	74	Wayne Ohlrich, Carrboro NC; Jordan Lampe, New York NY	863.29
13.57	75	Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia; Robert Ives, Bethesda MD	854.54
13.41	76	Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Eric Richelson, Fort Pierce FL	814.67
13.26	77	Kim Eng – Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA	787.98
13.10	78	Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; John Hogan Jr., Rehoboth Beach DE	753.64

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- 1 Jeffrey Wolfson, Boca Raton FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Yinghao Liu, Dublin CA; Yichao Chen, Mountain Lakes NJ; Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL
- 2 Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Cedric Lorenzini, Miserey Salines, France; Thomas Bessis, Paris, France; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Sjoert Brink – Sebastiaan Drijver, Netherlands
- 3 Pierre Zimmermann – Michal Nowosadzki, Jacek Kalita; Michal Klukowski, Geneva, Switzerland; Franck Multon, Monaco; Kamil Nowak, Kielce, Poland
- 4 Nick Nickell, Water Mill NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Steve Weinstein, Upper Saddle River NJ; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD
- 5 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Martin Schaltz, Denmark; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway
- 6 Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk, Poland; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem, Israel
- 7 Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA; Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Andy Hung, Brisbane, Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland, New Zealand; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney, Australia; Sartaj Hans, Goulburn, Australia
- 8 Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway
- 9 Rob Helle Maritus; Bob Drijver, Aalsmeer, Netherlands; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense, Spain; Cornelis van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennepe, Netherlands; Simon de Wijs, Doorn, Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag, Netherlands
- 10 Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Dennis Bilde, Horsens, Denmark; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad, Sweden; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY
- 11 Chris Compton, Omaha NE; Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL; John Kranyak, Tucson AZ; Richard Leonardon, Santa Fe NM; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York NY
- 12 John Overdeck, Palm Beach FL; Alfredo Versace, Rome, Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma, Italy; Aldo Gerli, Padova, Italy; Andrea Manno, Palermo, Italy; Antonio Palma, Evora, Portugal
- 13 Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Giacomo Percario, Livorno, Italy; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Shan Huang – Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Robert Levin, Henderson NV
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Beyond Bridge

Beyond Bridge was its usual smashing success on Sunday night, with players enjoying all the social night offers: playing a variety of games in the game room, performing and singing along in the karaoke room, putting on funky accessories to pose for pictures at the photo booth and

mingling and enjoying snacks in the lobby. Among the highlights was Simon Goulet's performance of the French version of "Let It Go." Despite few of those in attendance being French speakers, everyone sang along raucously.





Grande Finale

By Mark Horton

District 21 (Yanong HAN–Ethan Liu–Ming Sheng–Tien-Chun Yang–Jun Shi) met District 9 (Bill POLLACK–Rozanne Pollack–Janice Seamon–Molson–Gary Cohler–Sam Lev–David Berkowitz) in the 2026 final of the Championship Flight of the Grand National Teams.

Session 1

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Han</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♠	3♥	1♠	1NT
		All Pass	

When North did not respond, East may not have had a way of indicating a two-suiter, and in any event, it looks best to make a simple overcall.

East led the ♣10 and declarer won with dummy’s ♣A, cashed the top spades pitching a diamond, and then overtook the ♥9 and continued with the ♥7, losing only two hearts and a diamond, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
3♠	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			5♣

West led the ♥A, and when East followed with the ♥2, he switched to the ♣5, declarer winning with the ♣A. She cashed the top spades discarding a diamond, ruffed a spade and played the ♦10, East taking the ♦A and exiting with the ♥4. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart and played a diamond, but West could ruff with the ♣J for one

down, -100, and 7 IMPs to HAN.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Han</i>
1♠	2♥	2NT ⁽¹⁾	4♣ ⁽²⁾
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

- (1) Spade support
(2) Fit jump

North led the ♥K, and when South followed with the ♥9, he switched to the ♣J, South winning with the ♣Q and continuing with the ♣7. Declarer ruffed with the ♠Q, played two rounds of spades and disposed of dummy’s hearts on the diamonds, +620.

If the ♥9 showed an odd number of cards in the suit, North must have thought his partner had five of them.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
1♠	Dbl	2NT ⁽¹⁾	3♣
4♠	All Pass		

- (1) Spade support

North led the ♥K, and this time the ♥9 from South saw the ♥Q and ♥A cashed, followed by a club switch to the king and ace. When South continued with the ♣7, declarer ruffed with the ♠4 and was two down, -200, and 13 IMPs to POLLACK.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Han</i>
			1NT
3♠	4♥*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

East led the ♠6 to the 10, jack and ace, and declarer ran the ♦J. That was an unlucky one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
			1NT
Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(1) Diamonds

I don't know if 3♣ promised a fitting card in diamonds.

West led the ♠8, and declarer won with the ♠10 and played two rounds of diamonds, +720, and 13 IMPs to POLLACK, leading 31-11.

Credit those IMPs to West for his overcall in the other room.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Han</i>
	Pass	1♠	2♣
3♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(1) Spade support

South cashed the ♣A K and continued with the ♣3, declarer discarding dummy's ♦4 and ruffing in hand. A heart to the 10 saw North win with the ♥A and switch to the ♦10, declarer winning with the ♦A and running the ♠J. When it held, he played a spade to dummy's ace and claimed, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♣K, cashed the ♣A and switched to the ♥2, North taking the ♥A and returning the ♦8. Declarer continued with a spade to the ace and a spade finesse. One down meant 12 IMPs for POLLACK, who took the session 45-21.

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Session 2

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>R. Pollack</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>B. Pollack</i>	<i>Sheng</i>
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1NT ⁽²⁾	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) Precision, 16+

(2) 8–13 HCP

South led the ♥6, and North took dummy's ♥10 with the ♥A and switched to the ♦Q. Declarer won with dummy's ♦A and played back the ♦2, North winning with the ♦J and exiting with the ♦3. Declarer took the ♦10, cashed the ♣A and continued with the ♣4. South went up with the ♣Q and exited with the ♥9, declarer taking dummy's ♥K, cashing the ♦K, unblocking the ♣J, coming to hand with a heart and cashing the ♣K. North pitched the ♦8, scoring a spade at the end, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Han</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♦5, and when declarer played dummy's ♦6, the ♦9 saw declarer win with the ♦A and run the ♣J. South won and switched to the ♥8 rather than a spade. North took dummy's ♥10 with the ♥A and continued with the ♦Q, followed by the ♦J. Declarer won, cashed dummy's ♣A K and two hearts ending in hand and exited with a diamond. The endplay was good for one down, -100, and 12 IMPs to POLLACK.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>R. Pollack</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>B. Pollack</i>	<i>Sheng</i>
	1♦	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	2♠ ⁽²⁾
3♠	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

(1) Majors

(2) Diamond support

East led the ♠A and switched to the ♥A followed by the ♥9. Declarer took dummy's ♥K and played a diamond to the ace, East pitching the ♠4. Declarer ruffed a spade, cashed the ♦Q and continued with the ♦10 to the jack and king, East discarding the ♥5 and ♣5. After two more diamonds, declarer played on clubs for +600.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Han</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
	1♦	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	3♠ ⁽²⁾
4♠	5♦	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♦	Dbl	All Pass
(1) Majors			
(2) Splinter			

East led the ♠A and the ♥A was the setting trick, -200, and 13 IMPs to HAN. However, it was POLLACK who took the session 37–20, increasing their lead to 82–41.

Session 3

Board 34. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>R. Pollack</i>	<i>Han</i>	<i>B. Pollack</i>	<i>Sheng</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	5♠ ⁽³⁾
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

(1) Splinter

(2) Exclusion Blackwood

(3) 1 key card

West led the ♠5, and when declarer played dummy's ♠9, East won, cashed the ♣A and switched to the ♦4. When the ♦J held, declarer cashed the top hearts and was two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Cohler</i>
Pass	1♣	Dbl	Rdbl
1♦	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When North jumped to 3♣, we were denied the opportunity to see if N–S could collect 800 from 1♦ doubled, although that might not be the final contract, as West might retreat to 1♠.

West led the ♠2. East won with the ♠K and switched to the ♦4, declarer winning with the ♦K and playing a club to dummy's king. When it held, he cashed the ♥A, played a heart to the jack and the ♦Q. East won and returned the ♦7. Declarer won with the ♦J, cashed his hearts and played the ♠Q. That was his ninth trick, and had he let it hold and exited with a diamond West would have had to give the last trick to dummy's ♠A. However, +600 was good for 13 IMPs to POLLACK.

As the session drew towards its close, HAN trailed 46–103.

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Board 41. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>R. Pollack</i>	<i>Han</i>	<i>B. Pollack</i>	<i>Sheng</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♠	All Pass		Pass

(1) Semiforcing

North led the ♦A, and when South followed with the ♦3, he switched to the ♥9. Declarer won with the ♥A, played a club to the queen and a spade to the queen, king and ace. North cashed the ♦K and exited with a diamond, and declarer ruffed and played the ♠7, South winning with the ♠10 and continuing with the ♦Q. When declarer ruffed with the ♠8, North's ♠J 6 represented the setting tricks, one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Cohler</i>
1♠	Pass	3♥ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(1) Invitational

South led the ♦Q and switched to the ♥4. Having won in dummy, declarer played a club to the ace and a spade to the 10, king and ace. North cashed the ♦K and exited with a heart to dummy, but declarer ruffed a spade and cashed his trumps, +420, giving 10 IMPs to HAN.

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Board 43. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>R. Pollack</i>	<i>Han</i>	<i>B. Pollack</i>	<i>Sheng</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♦ ⁽²⁾
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(1) Puppet Stayman

(2) No five-card major

West led the ♦J and declarer won with the ♦Q, cashed the ♣K and played the ♣8, collecting West's ♣Q. The ♥9 saw East take the ♥A and return the ♦8, declarer taking West's ♦10 with dummy's ♦K, cashing two clubs and playing a heart to the jack. The ♥K and the ♠A took his trick total to nine, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Cohler</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	2♣	All Pass	

West led the ♠K, and seeing partner's ♠7, switched to the ♥5, East taking the ♥A and returning the ♥7. Declarer put in the ♥J and played the ♦9 to dummy's ♦K. When that held, he played a spade to the ace, ruffed a spade and continued with a diamond to the queen and ace. He ruffed West's spade exit with dummy's ♣9, ruffed a diamond and played the ♥K. He was assured of nine tricks, +110, but it was 10 IMPs to HAN.

Board 45. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>R. Pollack</i>	<i>Han</i>	<i>B. Pollack</i>	<i>Sheng</i>
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1NT ⁽²⁾	Pass
3NT	All Pass		Pass

(1) Precision, 16+

(2) 8–13 HCP

South led the ♦7 and declarer won with the ♦Q and cashed his clubs, getting him up to six tricks. When he exited with the ♠K, North won and played a diamond and South could cash four tricks in the suit for one down, -50.

The Rueful Rabbit might have made 3NT, accidentally exiting with the ♦K after cashing his clubs. South could win and cash three more tricks in the suit, but his last three cards would be the ♥Q 10 3.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Cohler</i>
			Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♥9 to the jack, queen and ace, and declarer played a club to the queen and a spade to the king and ace. North switched to the ♦10 and declarer took 10 tricks, +430, and 10 IMPs to HAN.

If North had found a diamond lead, South must take the ♦A and return a diamond to be sure of defeating the contract which is slightly counterintuitive.

With 15 deals remaining, POLLACK led 103–78.

Session 4

After six deals, the score had advanced to 113–84.
Board 52. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Han</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Sheng</i>
1NT	2♣	1♠	Pass
		2♠	All Pass

South led the ♣10, and declarer won the second round of the suit, played a diamond to the king and a spade to the king and ace, +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
1NT	3♣	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass	3♠	Pass

Here, too, declarer easily collected 11 tricks for +650 and 10 IMPs to HAN.

Board 53. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Han</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Sheng</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	All Pass

North led the ♣8. Declarer won with the ♣J and played the ♥A Q, overtaking with dummy's ♥K, cashed the ♥J and advanced the ♠Q. That was nine tricks, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Having won North's opening lead of the ♣8 with the ♣J, declarer played a spade to the queen, South winning with the ♠K. A club return saw North cash four tricks in the suit and then play two rounds of diamonds, three down, -300, and 10 IMPs went back to POLLACK.

Board 54. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Han</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Sheng</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♦J and declarer won with the ♦A, crossed to the ♣K and played the ♠Q, followed by the ♠J. East covered with the ♠K, and having taken the ♠A, declarer cashed the ♣A and then played the ♠10 followed by the ♣Q. East could ruff but declarer had 10 tricks, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
3♦	All Pass		

South led the ♥10, and declarer won with the ♥J and played the ♦2, which got past South's ♦A. Having won with dummy's ♦10, declarer played a club to the 8, jack and queen, and South wisely cashed the ♦A. She continued with two rounds of clubs, and declarer ruffed and played the ♠K. South took the ♠A and exited with the ♣4, but declarer ruffed in dummy, cashed the ♦K and ran the ♥9 for +110 and 11 IMPs to HAN.

One way to defeat 3♦ is for South to exit with a low club after winning with the ♣Q when North can win and play a diamond. It's not an obvious move.

HAN quickly added 9 IMPs via a couple of partscore swings taking the score to 114–123. However, the last three deals were as flat as the proverbial pancake, and POLLACK was home.

It was David Berkowitz's 11th victory in the event and a seventh for Gary Cohler. Having twice finished as a runner-up, Sam Lev got his name on the trophy for the first time, as did William and Rozanne Pollack and Janice Seamon-Molson.

TERI BLU MONDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS

25.0 Tables / Based on 88 Tables

	A	X		
40.27	1		Corey Krantz, Boynton Beach FL; Neal Satten, Philadelphia PA	58.80%
30.20	2		Elliot Sternlicht – Robert Kuhnreich, New York NY	58.21%
22.65	3		Zygmunt Marcinski, Barbados; Michel Lorber, Baie-D'urfe QC	58.03%
16.99	4		Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL; Anne Lamport, Lane Cove Australia	57.35%
13.69	5	1	Thomas Peters, Dayton MD; Art McCann, Finksburg MD	57.20%
11.51	6		Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Laura Brill, White Plains NY	56.33%
10.07	7		Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Lair, Amarillo TX	56.11%
10.27	8	2	Michael Mullin, Omaha NE; Michael Haas, Haddonfield NJ	55.36%
8.05	9	3	Ghassan Menachi, Fabreville QC; Clement Maamarbachi, Montreal QC	55.10%
7.32	10		Sangit Chatterjee, Sun City Center FL; Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	55.04%
6.71	11		Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	54.98%
6.20	12		James Breihan, Houston TX; Phillip Grothus, Bucierias Mexico	54.61%
5.75	13		Ann Karin Fuglestad, Farsund Norway; Daniel Rubinfeld, Rockville MD	54.49%
5.78		4	Ari Greenberg – Thuy Tran, San Francisco CA	52.74%
4.56		5	Donald Tofte, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR	51.74%
3.91		6	Steven Towner, Charlottesville VA; Feng Liu, Sandy UT	51.60%

STAN BIRNBAUM MONDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

23.0 Tables / Based on 63 Tables

	B	C		
28.73	1	1	Robert Goldbloom, Hastings-on-Hudson NY; Joel Steinberg, Princeton Junction NJ	64.94%
21.55	2		Gregory Gauthier, Mountain View CA; John Stremel, San Jose CA	62.26%
16.16	3		John Mayne – Pamela Mayne, Modesto CA	59.46%
12.12	4	2	Damon Suden – Anthony Chiochi, New York NY	58.76%
9.58	5		Michael Hartnett – Nancy Ferguson, Bloomington IN	57.67%
8.21	6		Chyah Burghard, Cordova TN; Bruce Wachsmann, Germantown TN	56.74%
7.18	7	3	Justin D'Arms, Columbus OH; Theodore Spieth, San Francisco CA	56.26%
6.38	8		William Higbee, Madison WI; Ronald Grosh, Middleton WI	56.15%
5.75	9		Kathryn Papermaster, Horseshoe Bay TX; Gary Croland, Delray Beach FL	56.06%
5.22	10	4	Ryan Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Aniket Mondal, Davis CA	55.02%
4.79	11		Joel Kramer – Laurie Kramer, Minneapolis MN	54.58%
4.42	12		Karen Kimes, Las Vegas NV; Gregory Sellgren, Sarasota FL	52.70%
3.89		5	Janice O'Brien, Pacifica CA; Pete Goldsmith, Hillsborough CA	52.67%
3.33		6	Joe Dixon, Edina MN; Scott Eller, Minneapolis MN	52.35%
2.92		7	Darci Engle, Columbia MO; Jacqueline Walker, Plattsburgh NY	51.48%

ROSEMARY THOMPSON CARPENTER MONDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

25.0 Tables

A	B	C		
9.19	1	1	Maris Gordon, Sands Pointe NY; Lori Rothberg, Sands Point NY	62.38%
6.89	2		Lynn Schnettler, St. Cloud MN; Robert Leighton, Foley MN	59.16%
5.17	3		Steve Gleason – Liz Gleason, Omaha NE	58.67%
3.88	4		Cathy Vivirito – Elizabeth Vivirito, Chesterfield MO	58.36%
4.28	5	2	1 Nathan Nantais, Edmonton AB; Phoebe Eckstein, Bedford TX	57.98%
2.63	6		Patti Teik-Schadow, Tucson AZ; Elizabeth Hasselman, Eden Prairie MN	56.76%
3.21	7	3	Lisa Ihrke, Rochester MN; Jim Bier, Oronoco MN	56.53%
2.04	8		Eugene Clark, Stevens Point WI; Robert Alexejun, Wausau WI	56.33%
3.19	9	4	2 Keith Davies, St. Augustine FL; Michael Brent, St. Louis MO	55.68%
1.90	10	5	Martha Kendall – Jamie Hays, Annapolis MD	54.87%
1.53	11		Linda Nagle, College Grove TN; Birgitt Adams, Southwest Harbor ME	53.99%
1.41	12		Fred Yu – Chungli C. Wang, Bellevue WA	53.31%
1.31	13		Dennis Shea – John Layde, Eau Claire WI	53.25%
2.39		6	3 Tess Offord, San Anselmo CA; Diane Sklar, Tiburon CA	53.15%
1.89		7	4 Kaining Sheng, Northbrook IL; Leslie Heimbach, Johnston IA	52.42%
1.45			5 Jamie Ross – Tracy Miller, Jacksonville FL	51.48%
1.21		6	Joan Thomas, St. Paul MN; Ellen Kluz, Minneapolis MN	51.05%

SUNDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

11.0 Tables

A	B	C		
4.55	1		Toby White, Des Moines IA; Tracey Ball, Urbandale IA	62.16%
3.90	2	1	Cooper Smith, Grand Rapids MI; Marley Cedrone, Durham NH	61.39%
2.93	3	2	Lisa Royer, Camarillo CA; Kirit Dharia, Thousand Oaks CA	61.34%
2.63	4	3	1 David Scharfbillig, Plymouth MN; Nicholas Erpelding, Chanhassen MN	58.48%
1.97	5	4	2 Damon Suden – Anthony Chiocchi, New York NY	57.61%
1.48	6	5	3 Isaac Stone, Edmonton AB; Quan Chen, North York ON	57.05%
1.11		4	Dan Bell – Nathan Nantais, Edmonton AB	53.89%

BILL VOEDISCH MONDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

9.0 Tables

A	B	C		
4.12	1		Weiling Zhao, Los Angeles CA; Fengming Chen, Dorval QC	60.42%
3.09	2		Peter J Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; Betty Sue el Gammal, Hoover AL	60.12%
3.47	3	1	Kevin Marnell, Milwaukee OR; Alex Clapp, Kihei HI	57.44%
2.63	4	2	1 Anthony Wang, Vienna VA; Jack Coleman, Forest VA	56.85%
1.30	5		Norman Beck – Linda Schubert, Dallas TX	52.38%
1.97		3	2 Kurt Haeusler, Wheaton IL; Sadaf Quas, Naperville IL	52.08%
1.48		4	3 Rose Gong – Jessica Yu, Irvine CA	50.89%
1.11		4	Elizabeth Johnson, Hayward WI; Donna McCabe, Scottsdale AZ	48.51%

MONDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

9.0 Tables

A	B	C		
2.85	1		Lori Schretzman, Highland Park IL; Deirdre Brekke, Chicago IL	64.58%
2.14	2		Gloria Emerson – Mary Rutten, Fargo ND	60.71%
1.63	3	3	1 Billie Miller, Minneapolis MN; Navin Jaipuriyar, Blaine MN	60.12%
1.20	4	4	Debbie Kamin, Sun Prairie WI; Kimberly Smith, Long Grove IL	59.23%
0.90	5		Judith Bratton – Donald Bailey, Port Angeles WA	55.36%
0.76		5	Douglas Donaldson – Kate Donaldson, Minnetonka MN	54.76%
1.22			2 Sarah Armstrong, Mendota Heights MN; Therese Bowker, Estero FL	49.70%
0.92		3	Matthew Yelle, Edina MN; Daniel Holte, Minneapolis MN	47.32%

ROBERT CROSBY MEMORIAL MONDAY MORNING 0–20 PAIRS

3.0 Tables

A	B	C		
1.39	1	1	1 Frazier Eales, Minneapolis MN; Ed Curtiss, MN	66.25%
1.04	2	2	2 Sarah Krzesowiak, Edina MN; Keith Melby, Minneapolis MN	56.25%

MONDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.12	1			Richard Newell, West Des Moines IA; Toby White, Des Moines IA	68.45%
3.09	2			Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Lynda Nitabach, West Palm Beach FL	65.18%
2.32	3			Lynne Schaefer, Ellicott City MD; Martha Katz, Burr Ridge IL	60.12%
3.25	4	1		Richard Grier, Lakewood CO; Jenna Rivet, Glen Ellyn IL	58.04%
1.30	5			Peter J Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; Betty Sue el Gammal, Hoover AL	56.55%
2.44		2		Daniel Murphy – Sharon Murphy, Indianapolis IN	51.79%
1.83		3		Brad Peterson, Eden Prairie MN; Paula DeSanto, Minneapolis MN	50.60%
1.37		4		Marguerite Swope, State College PA; James Bloom, Port Matilda PA	47.02%

MONDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

7.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.70	1	1		Debbie Kamin, Sun Prairie WI; Kimberly Smith, Long Grove IL	59.03%
2.03	2			David Rosedahl, Hopkins MN; Frank Yang, Minneapolis MN	57.54%
1.52	3			Lars Christensen – Maclore Christensen, St. Paul MN	57.29%
1.14	4			William Kessel – Sarah Kessel, Bedford MA	56.35%
1.52	5/6	2	1	Roberta Chapman, Frenchtown MT; Vicki Mueller, Elburn IL	55.56%
0.75	5/6			Susan Gauen – Mary Walsdorf, Chicago IL	55.56%
1.13		3		Kao Li, Cohasset MA; Liya Li, San Jose CA	51.59%
1.14		4	2	Daniel Holte, Minneapolis MN; Matthew Yelle, Edina MN	48.41%

SPINGOLD BYE SWISS TEAMS

9 Tables

3.29	1	Jeffrey Wolfson, Boca Raton FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA; Yinghao Liu, Dublin CA; Yichao Chen, Shanghai China			51.00
2.47	2	William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Joshua Donn – Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Israel			39.00
1.85	3	Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Rob Helle, Mauritius; Bob Drijver, Aalsmeer Netherlands; Cornelis van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Simon de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands			38.00
1.22	4/5	Leslie Amoils, North York ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON; Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Sibrand van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands; Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands			27.00
1.22	4/5	Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London United Kingdom; Danny Molenaar – Berend van den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands; Joris van Lankveld, Castricum Netherlands			27.00

BECKY ROGERS MONDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

14 Tables / Based on 39 Tables

	A	X	Y		
19.60	1	1	1	Cooper Smith, Grand Rapids MI; Marley Cedrone, Durham NH; Cooper Pierce, New York NY; Rory Xiao, Fremont CA	82.00
14.70	2			Kathryn Kimmerling, Blythewood SC; Saverio Margiotta, Italy; Thomas MacCormac – Peter Pigot, Dublin Ireland	81.00
11.03	3	2	2	Mark Kinzer, Middleton WI; Bob Marheine, Waukesha WI; Tamas Szabo, Oconomowoc WI; William Scott, Madison WI	77.00
8.27	4			Caru Vidigal, Rio De Janeiro Brazil; Guillermo Minutti – C. Valerie Gamio, Rolling Hills Estates CA; Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; James Schatzman, Aurora CO; Paulo Brum, Columbus Brazil	72.00
6.53	5			Radu Nistor – Susan Schnelwar, New York NY; Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY; Carlos Hoyos, Bogota Colombia	70.00
5.67		3		Kyle Blocher – Lisa Bievenue, Champaign IL; Daniel Balof – Barry Balof, Walla Walla WA	68.00

PETER SOLBERG MONDAY MID-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

53 Tables

	B	C	D		
20.16	1			Linda Brammer, Edina MN; Eric Swanlund, Minneapolis MN; Shelly Husebo, Eden Prairie MN; Vicky Smith, Minnetonka MN	102.00
15.12	2	1		Andrew Barlow, Lebanon NJ; Leigh Walker, Piscataway NJ; Brian Dicker, Morris Plains NJ; Simon Thomson, Summit NJ	86.00
11.34	3	2	1	Marin Hirono – Jan Borowski – Xingrui Wang, New York NY; Quentin Liang, Long Island City NY	82.00
8.51	4	3		Maury Fjestad – Jan Masterson, The Villages FL; Maureen Kiernan – Michael Kiernan, West Fargo ND	79.00
6.72	5	4		Thad Smith – Mindy Smith, Boulder CO; Jo Shah – Sam Shah, Irving TX	78.00
5.76	6			Eric Schneider, Boca Raton FL; Dianne Carr – Clyde Johnson, Duluth MN; Jamie Carroll, Naples FL	77.00
4.76	7/8	5/6		Kevin Robertson, Beachwood OH; Bruce Graham, Sneads Ferry NC; Scott Brozell, Half Moon Bay CA; Clair Kretschmann, Tucson AZ	76.00
4.76	7/8	5/6		H. Michael Mogil – Barbara Levine – Michelle Stafford, Naples FL; Donna Davidek, Marco Island FL	76.00
3.85	9/10			Joy Rieckers, Tucson AZ; Gunnar Niemi, Emeryville CA; Arjun Singh, Lakewood CO; Richard Dunie, Oro Valley AZ	75.00
3.85	9/10	7		David Neiman, Minneapolis MN; Mark Webb, Rome GA; David Trevor, Bloomington MN; David Goodrie, Plymouth MN	75.00
3.36	11	8		Linda O'Malley – Brendan O'Malley, Lafayette Hill PA; Marc Topaz, Flourtown PA; Ellen Luchette, Limerick PA	72.00
2.99	12/13	9/10		Mary McIntyre, St. Paul MN; Miriam Larson, Minneapolis MN; Catherine Wehrman – Paul Wehrman, Shoreview MN	70.00
2.99	12/13	9/10		Jackson Wahl, Minneapolis MN; Megan Murphy, St. Paul MN; Gerry Keith, North Oakes MN; Paski Paskaradevan, Newport MN	70.00
2.30		11		Connie Scott, Gunter TX; Judy Thompson, McKinney TX; Jan Miyake – Josh Levy, Oberlin OH	69.00
2.55		2/4		Catherine Gussler – Joseph Gussler – Heather Shearouse – Alexandra Whiddon, Savannah GA	50.00
2.55		2/4		Margo Lablonde-Carli – Sara Drury, Marquette MI; Jerry Sherman – Susan Sherman, Big Bay MI	50.00
2.55		2/4		David Klevan – James Lair, Saint Paul MN; Joseph Kivel, Pine City MN; Patti Huiras, Olive Branch MS	50.00

MON-TUE BRACKETED KNOCKOUT BKT 1

4 Tables

Philip Lentz, New York NY; Roberto Verthelyi, Hoboken NJ; Paul Michaels – Vicki Mace, Bonita Springs FL

vs

Ben Loehnen, New York NY; Michael Boreson, Kalispell MT; Beth Loehnen – Brad Halfpap, Missoula MT

Hong Ding, New York NY; Sun Xudong, Shang Hai ; Hua Yang – Yan Song, Plano TX

vs

Henry Shi – Ping Hu, Naperville IL; Jay Wang, San Leandro CA; Li Zhang, San Jose CA

MON-TUE BRACKETED KNOCKOUT BKT 2

4 Tables

Keith Hafen, Gainesville VA; Jonathan Rodney, Arlington VA; Rich Ardini, Vienna VA; Kandi Osborne, Phoenix AZ

vs

Jared Egerer, Mount Arlington NJ; Tiger Lili Williams, Fair Lawn NJ; Larry Gordon, West Orange NJ; Becky Levinson, Moorestown NJ

Sandy Casey, St. Paul MN; Grant Duffrin, Roseville MN; Les Hassler, Shoreview MN; Eileen Fontaine, Bluffton SC

vs

Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA; Karen Haines – Jane Grewcock, Summit NJ; Allison McGeough, St. Augustine FL

MON-TUE BRACKETED KNOCKOUT BKT 3

4 Tables

Nancy Schnepf – George Schnepf, Sartell MN; Mark Doucette – Mary Doucette, Little Falls MN

vs

Matthew Evett – Susan Evett – Stuart Dombey – Larry Junck, Ann Arbor MI

Jason Grove, Glastonbury CT; Chris Westermeyer, Falcon Heights MN; Justin Young, East Hartford CT; Juanjuan Xia, St. Paul MN

vs

Louann Cutler, St. Augustine FL; Kevin Kennett, Gladwin MI; Marion Gagnon – Scott Gagnon, Racine WI



A late score correction moved Doug Doub and Adam Wildavsky into second place in the NABC+ Open Pairs which ended Sunday.

Water filling stations

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Minneapolis Kibitzing from Afar: Vugraph & Bridgecasts

By Jan Martel

Vugraph

We have a very complete schedule of vugraph from the 2026 Summer NABC in Minneapolis. We'll be covering the Grand National Team Championship Flight semifinal round on Saturday, July 11, and the final on Sunday, July 12.

From Monday, July 13, until Sunday, July 19, we'll be covering the Spingold. And just in case this isn't enough, on Friday, July 17, we'll also cover the College Bridge Bowl final in the afternoon.

Kibitz on RealBridge

Vugraph will be shown on RealBridge, which provides reliable delayed broadcasts, as well as a wealth of information for those of you who want to see what happened at other vugraph tables, and a bunch of statistics. Operators can now chat to spectators to give you inside information on what is happening at

the table, e.g., if the director has been called, if a player is really thinking this long, etc. Operator chat will appear as each board is played. You can't respond or ask the operators questions, as by the time you see something on the kibitz site, the operator will be following a future board.

To kibitz on RealBridge, go to kibitz.realbridge.online/ and click on the event you want to watch. RealBridge has helpful information for spectators to help you find what you're interested in.

Schedule

- Monday–Sunday, July 13–19: We will cover the Spingold from start to finish. On Monday and Tuesday, when there will be too many teams for screens, the vugraph morning session will start at 10:30 a.m. and the afternoon session at 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, the morning session will start at

10 a.m. and the afternoon session at 4 p.m.

- Friday, July 17: At 3:30 p.m., we will cover the final of the Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship.

Bridgecasts

Rob Barrington and friends will be hosting live commentary on the ACBL YouTube channel. The current plan is as follows:

- Monday–Friday, July 13–17: Spingold rounds of 128, 64, 32, 16, and 8. A summary of the first half of play each day and full live coverage of the second half, starting at 4 p.m. CT each day.
- Saturday–Sunday, July 18–19: Spingold semifinal & final matches. Full-day coverage of the play, starting at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. CT each day.

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Premier NABC+ events are the Grand National Teams (Championship Flight), von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, Spingold Knockout Teams and the Roth Open Swiss Teams. The undiscounted entry fees for these contests are \$53 per player per session. For team events, this means \$212 per team per session for four-person teams, \$265 per team per session for five-person teams and \$318 per team per session for six-person teams.

NABC+ events are the NABC+ Open Pairs, Wagar Women's Pairs, Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, Wernher Open Pairs, Freeman Mixed Board-A-Match Teams and the Oshlag Fast Pairs. The undiscounted entry fees for these contests are \$48 per person per session. For team events, this means \$192 per team per session for four-person teams, \$240 per team per session for five-person teams and \$288 per team per session for six-person teams.

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

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

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0-6000 Mini-Spingold plays today



Winners of last year's 0-6000 Mini-Spingold KO Teams: Mark Donovan, Shona Donovan, Randi Adelman, Ryan Connors

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

The Mini-Spingold will run concurrently with the Spingold Knockout Teams and continue for not more than six days. The length of a match will be similar to the length of regional knockout events. Screens will be used as appropriate in later rounds.

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

- 2001** Brian Johnston, John Lloyd, Bill Woodcock, Gary Whiteman, Brooke Nelles, Dale Freeman
- 2002** Howard Einberg, Michael Mikyska, Alan Myerson, Jim Glickman, David Sokolow
- 2003** Barbara Wallace, Mark Yaeger, Lisa Kow, Rich Pavliceck Jr., Brian Gunnell
- 2004** Larry Mohr, Alex Hong, Shi Yan, Hao Ge, Yi Liu
- 2005** Walt Murphy, Julie Murphy, Steve DeVico, Gayle Covey, Elliott Grubman, Ava Grubman
- 2006** Martin Harris, Jacob Morgan, Jim Melville, Will Engel
- 2007** Brian Alexander, Karl Hicks, Jim Gordon, Mike Betts

- 2008** David Grainger, Jon Rice, Joyce Hampton, Mike Rice, Lucas Lebioda
- 2009** Jay Whipple, Kevin Dwyer, David Grainger, Owen Lien, Jon Rice
- 2010** Morrie Kleinplatz, John Boyer, Robert Stayman, Mark Leonard
- 2011** John Lewis, Susan Fuller, Maris Zilant, Howard Einberg, Saul Gross, David Sokolow
- 2012** Peter Wong, Edward Xu, Jianfeng Luo, Yan Wang
- 2013** Arjun Dhir, Josh Parks, Alex Dezieck, Max Aeschbacher
- 2014** Mark Friedlander, Richard Fellars, Howard Engle, Mark Weisman
- 2015** Steve Zolotow, Anam Tebha, Christian Jolly, Oren Kriegel, Sean Gannon
- 2016** Edmund Wu, Jesse Chao, Alex Dezieck, Zhuo "Jimmy" Wang

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

- 2017** Henry Caspar, Terry Richardson, Christopher Cowan, Debbie Feldman, Doug Barnes, John McWhinnie
- 2018** James Weeks, Neil Stern, J.J. Johnsen, Dorn Bishop

- 2019** Martin Harris, Greg Michaels, Miriam Harris-Botzum, John Botzum
- 2020** Not held
- 2021** Not held
- 2022** Leon Yu, Bing Le, Tsao-Tung Tsai, Winston Huang
- 2023** Martin Harris, Miriam Harris-Botzum, Mark Kinzer, Bob Marheine
- 2024** Bob Ives, Louis Beauchet, Anna Kovacevic, Miroslav Kovacevic
- 2025** Ryan Connors, Randi Ademan, Shona Donovan, Mark Donovan

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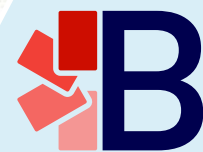
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To use Entry Express, go to acbl.org/ee or scan the QR code at right. This may be done until 8 a.m. the day the event begins and subsequent days. For continuing events, purchase



each day through Entry Express to continue receiving the discount.

Hotel guests are assigned two discount coupons per night of stay plus one (e.g., *six nights gets 14 coupons*). If you are staying at the hotel but are not on the discount list, go to acbl.org/minneapolisEEform to be added. Missing discounts are not refunded. See the FAQ at acbl.org/ee for more information. Only hotel guests who made their reservations through ConferenceDirect are automatically assigned discount coupons.

For help with Entry Express, visit the ACBL Help Desk located on either the ground level lobby or lower level in Room L100F.

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

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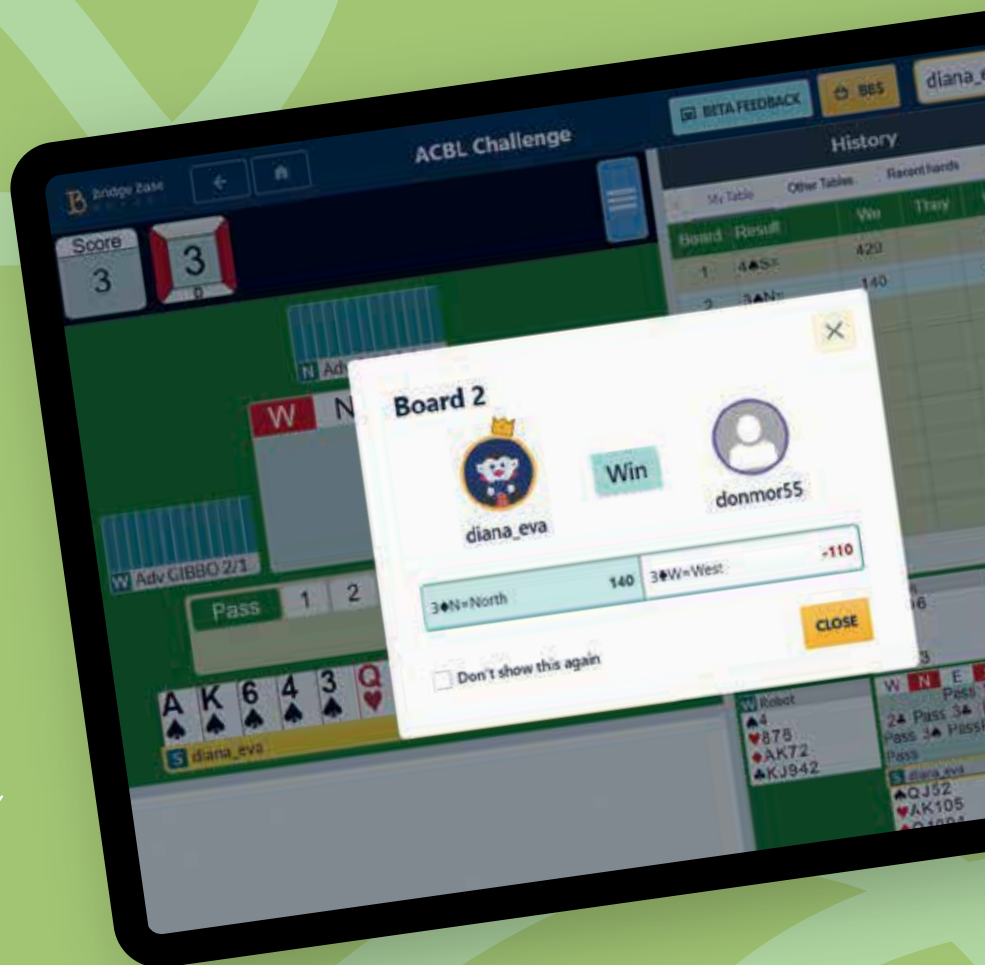
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Tomorrow's Bridge Events

			Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
Wednesday, July 15				
Sue Greenberg Day				
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
Event	Session	Sold		
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd of 32	M100F, mezzanine	\$43	\$53
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 QF	L100H, lower level	\$25	\$35
10 am				
Bruce Wachsman Wednesday Morning Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$18	\$28
10 am & 3 pm				
WERNHER OPEN PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Ballroom A, ground level	\$38	\$48
FREEMAN MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Ballroom B, ground level	\$38	\$48
Lance Chamberlain Memorial Open Pairs <i>(unlim./4000/1500)</i>	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Sue Greenberg Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Wed-Thu Mini-Soloway Style Bracketed Knockout Teams <i>Two-session Swiss qual; two-session KO final</i>	1-2 Q	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Kerry Holloway Top-Flight Swiss Teams <i>(unlim./6000/4500)</i>	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Dean & Elaine Graham Memorial Mid-Flight Swiss Teams <i>(4000/2000/750)</i>	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3:30 pm				
0-3000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS <i>Full-day knockout matches until complete; Pre-registration required by 3:30 pm Tue 7/14***</i>	Rd 1	L100H, lower level	\$25	\$35
3 pm				
Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$18	\$28
7:30 pm				
Wednesday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>	single	200D, level 2	\$22	\$22
Collegiate Individual <i>Short game Wed; 12 boards</i>	single	200B, level 2	Free	Free

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International Fund

In NABC+ events, \$3 (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.