



Daily Bulletin



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Bridge Mania is tonight



BridgeBattle – the easy way to teach your friends and family the basics of the game – is now available in a box set. See pg. 10

**ATTENDANCE
through TUESDAY
4550 tables**



Goodwill Message

Remember, it's nice to be important;
it's more important to be nice.

Lamya Agelidis, Chair

Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

Carruthers crew captures Senior Swiss crown

John Carruthers of Kingsville ON led a veteran squad to victory in the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss. Joining him on the winning team were Daniel Gerstman of Buffalo NY, Howard Weinstein of Midway UT, Larry Robbins of Glenview IL, Allan Graves of St. Johnsbury VT and

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Winners of the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss: Larry Robbins, Howard Weinstein, Daniel Gerstman, team captain John Carruthers, Allan Graves and Michael Gamble

Ferm-Kazmucha take Women's Pairs



Winners of the Wagar Women's Pairs: Barbara Ferm and Danuta Kazmucha.

Posting two solid performances in the final sessions of the Wagar Women's Pairs, Barbara Ferm and Danuta Kazmucha are the winners of the two-day contest. Ferm of Dallas TX and Kazmucha of Poznan, Poland, qualified in 19th position in Monday's opening round, but scored 62.74% and 62.90% in the final to move into the top spot.

This is the first NABC title for both players. Ferm has five second-place

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'Then & Now': The mission of the FPAB

Most ACBL members are familiar with League-associated organizations such as the Charity Foundation and the Educational Foundation, but there are others that are less well known, including the Foundation for the Preservation and Advancement of Bridge, aka the mercifully shorter FPAB. Despite its relative obscurity, the FPAB is an important organization.

Its mission is to foster an appreciation of contract bridge and its impact on our culture by celebrating its history, honoring its champions, inspiring young players and preserving the legacy of the game. The FPAB does these things through two main paths, which the organization describes as "Then & Now."

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Today's Bridge Events

Wednesday, July 15 Sue Greenberg Day 9:30 am & 3:30 pm

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd of 32	M100F, mezzanine	\$43	\$53
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 QF	L100G, 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	L100G, 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

* 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

Sue Greenberg Day

The Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club is honoring Sue Greenberg on her recent retirement after serving as the club manager for



over 20 years. She was also the Unit 103 president for five years.

As an elementary school teacher, Sue was active in state and national professional teachers' organizations. When she retired from Rochester Public Schools, she taught cooking classes for four years and nurtured her hobbies of reading, crossword puzzles, gardening and cooking.

But, most important for us in the Rochester Bridge Club, Sue took a beginning bridge class from Marv Kulas and has followed her passion for bridge ever since. She began traveling to national tournaments with a foursome of friends in early 2000, and loved the play, socialization and touring that these tournaments provided.

Sue started teaching bridge classes locally starting around 2010. Many of us have benefited from her teaching and have found ourselves taking her classes over and over again. Sue has obtained the rank of Ruby Life Master and the Rochester Club has benefitted greatly from her leadership, mentoring, teaching and nurturing. Sue, we thank

you for your service to our club and our game!

Today has been designated Sue Greenberg Day at the 2026 Summer NABC in Minneapolis to help celebrate all that Sue has given to the game of bridge and to the success of our club!

Lance Chamberlain

Lance Chamberlain (1944–2025) was a longtime esteemed member of the Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club. He was also the treasurer for Unit 103 for decades. Lance started playing bridge in the early '70s and he played a "mean hand of bridge" with the philosophy of "the fewer conventions the better."

Lance enjoyed going to national tournaments, often going solo and picking up partners from other parts of the country. He obtained the rank of Emerald Life Master. When not playing bridge, Lance loved the Minnesota Twins and enjoyed his beer and chocolates. Today's open pairs will be played in honor and memory of Lance.

Kerry Holloway

Kerry was born three blocks north of the Minneapolis Convention Center, grew up 30 miles west of it, and graduated



from college 3 miles east of it. During his freshman year (1965), his best friend Dick introduced Kerry to bridge. Kerry began reading, playing with and teaching his roommates the game. Later, Kerry and his partner Jack tried the Minneapolis Bridge Center at 34th and Nicollet. They finished first E/W in their 13-table section and they were hooked.

A few years later, Kerry found another bridge location, a local sorority, where he met the love of his life. Cara didn't play, but she was the prettiest co-ed in the house; 55 years later, Cara and Kerry are still married. Kerry retired from a career in computer hardware and software sales and now spends summers in a cabin on a lake up north. Meanwhile, his two daughters and four grandchildren compete for his time (along with golf, bridge and backgammon).

Dean and Elaine Graham

In loving memory of Dean and Elaine Graham, whose family vacations always included bridge tournaments, including many held in Minneapolis. In recognition of their shared love of duplicate bridge, their longtime support of the game, and the friendships they built at the table over many years. Sponsored by their daughter Deborah, who took up the game in their honor.

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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SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Meetings are at either the Sheraton or Minneapolis Convention Center.

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.

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

Thursday, July 16
9:15 a.m. Keith Thompson *Learn From Your Results*
2:15 p.m. Robert Todd *Problem Opening 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.

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

Thursday, July 16
Fruit yogurt

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 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.

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

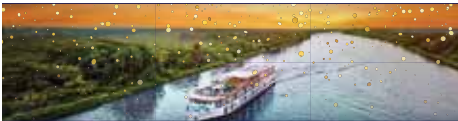
Bridge Mania: Jeopardy, Family Feud and other bridge-themed games. Light food and cash bar. 8:30 p.m. *Mill City Ballroom, lobby level, Sheraton*

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*

Need to join or renew?

You can renew or reinstate your membership online at acbl.org/join or in the Tournament Operations office (*Room 201, level 2, MCC*).



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JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Andrew Weber and his son, Colton, of Concord NC, have been playing bridge for “almost exactly three years,” Colton said. The pair learned the game from Andrew’s parents, both Silver Life Masters.

“Colton is not very good at sports,” Andrew said. “So, I decided, ‘Hey, you’re going to play bridge or chess.’”

For Colton, the choice was easy. “I was like, ‘I already know how to play chess. I’m going to do bridge. That’s cards. I like cards.’”

The Webers began playing at the Concord Bridge Club, where it wasn’t long before Andrew was recruited. “The director said, ‘Look, I’m the only guy doing this. I need help,’” Andrew recalled.

Andrew, who had just 30 masterpoints at the time, passed the test to become a club director. Today, he directs games at three area clubs. Colton, who is homeschooled, also lends a hand at the club, filling in whenever there’s a half table or someone in need of a partner.

After graduating from high school, Colton hopes to study meteorology. His analytical mind is one of the reasons



bridge appeals to him. “I’m a math brain, so I think in numbers,” he said. “Bridge comes somewhat naturally to me.”

Thinking Bridge

By **Eddie Kantar**

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

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♥	Dbl	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Opening lead: ♥A.

Bidding commentary: As North, the 2♥ cuebid after the takeout double shows three-card support for partner’s suit, presumably with 18+ to 19 HCP. The 3♠ bid is invitational and shows 20–21 HCP. Partner could have nothing! As

South, you have enough to accept partner’s invitation.

Defensive commentary: As East, start a high-low in hearts. On the third heart, discard the ♣2. You need partner to play a fourth heart to promote your ♠J, so make a negative discard (♣2) in a suit partner is likely to lead (clubs).

Defensive commentary No. 2: As West, honor partner’s discard of the ♣2, telling you nothing doing there. If there is nothing doing in clubs, the only hope is that partner has the ♠J, in which case you must lead a fourth round of hearts for a trump promotion.

When making a discard in a situation where you need a trump promotion and want partner to give declarer a ruff and sluff, discard negatively in a suit partner is likely to want to lead (clubs in this case). Don’t waste a discard in a suit (diamonds) partner is unlikely to want to lead in any case.

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.



Milestones

Two ACBL Hall of Famers reached major masterpoint milestones in Minneapolis.

Bart Bramley surpassed 30,000 masterpoints after placing fifth in the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs with Zia Mahmood.



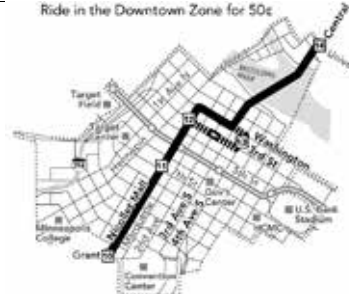
Janice Seamon-Molson crossed the 25,000-masterpoint mark by winning her first open championship, the Morehead Championship Flight of the Grand National Teams.



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 Libations into the Night

Libations and Late Nite Bites

Brit's Pub: (1110 Nicollet Ave.) Open until 1 a.m. Friday/Saturday, a stone's throw from the hotels.

Star Bar & Pizza: In the Hotel Indigo, open daily until 1 a.m.

Masa & Agave: Across-the-street tequilateria in the Hotel Ivy, open until midnight.

Little Tijuana: (17 E. 26th St.) On Eat Street, open until 1 a.m. daily.

In the North Loop

Billy's After Dark: Open until midnight, but it's speakeasy-like. Located in Maverick Townhomes (120 N. 1st Ave.), back of the building, ring the bell.

Pizza Luce: (119 N. 4th St.) Open until 2:30 a.m.

Parlour Bar: (730 N. Washington Ave.) open until 1 a.m. Friday/Saturday. Legendary hamburgers.

Few surprises in Spingold

The top seeds in the Round of 64 of the Spingold Knockout Teams advanced with few upsets. The biggest surprise came when the No. 50 seed Wang team eliminated the No. 15 Lall squad.

The match was close from start to finish. Wang led by 4 IMPs after the first quarter and by 12 at halftime before Lall came back to take a 14-IMP lead after three quarters. Wang answered with a high-scoring final set to complete the comeback, winning 145-142.

It was by far the closest contest in a day dominated by one-sided victories. Several teams got the afternoon off when their opponents withdrew.

The complete bracket appears on pages 12-13, with Round of 32 pairings on pages 14-15.

Mini Spingold down to six

The 0-6000 Mini-Spingold Knockout Teams began with nine teams playing a round-robin qualifying stage. Three teams were eliminated, leaving six to advance: Kristensen, Caranicas, Robertson, Scott, des Jardins and Barlow. Those teams will play a quarterfinal round robin today, with the top four moving on to the semifinal and final rounds.

The 0-3000 Micro-Spingold Knockout Teams attracted 13 entries. One team also entered the Mini-Spingold and will continue play there,

leaving 12 teams to compete in four qualifying "rings" today. The field will be reduced to eight teams for the next stage.

The complete team rosters can be found on page 15.

Senior Swiss

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Runners-up in the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss: Fred Schenker, team captain Bernie Greenspan and Greg Michaels (Kenneth Kranyak inset)

Michael Gamble of Shawnigan Lake BC.

The team spent most of the first final session at or near the top of the leaderboard, holding first or second place through the opening four rounds. Four straight wins in the final session secured the title with 127.79 victory points.

"I want to thank my teammates," said Carruthers. "They were brilliant. They carried Danny and me."

"We had wonderful team camaraderie," Graves added. Carruthers agreed.

"Larry said at the beginning of the day, 'Even if we get zero victory points, it's been a pleasure playing with you guys.'"

Bernie Greenspan of Beachwood OH, Fred Schenker of Pittsburgh PA, Kenneth Kranyak of Parma OH and Greg Michaels of Cleveland OH finished second with 124.72 VPs.

Forty-four teams competed in today's final.

Wagar

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finishes, Kazmucha one. But Ferm and Kazmucha have one world title each. Ferm won the World Mixed Transnational Teams in 2022, while Kazmucha won the gold medal in the 2024 World Mixed Teams representing her native Poland.

In second by two-thirds of a board were Arti Bhargava of Mill Valley CA and Disa Eythorsdottir of Huntsville AL



Runners-up in the Wagar Women's Pairs: Disa Eythorsdottir and Arti Bhargava.



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FPAB

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First, the “Then” part: The FPAB acts as the fundraising arm of the ACBL Bridge Museum and the Albert H. Morehead Memorial Library, both located at the League’s headquarters in Horn Lake MS. The museum is the premier collection of bridge-related artifacts in the world, and it makes the game come alive with photos, videos, art, national championship trophies and more. It also serves as the home of the ACBL Hall of Fame, recognizing individuals for their skills or service to bridge. The Morehead Library is the largest bridge library in the world, containing thousands of books and periodicals, some of them rare and historically significant. The FPAB is

the conduit through which donations of artifacts or money for the museum and library are received.

Second, the “Now” part: The FPAB attracts funding for Junior bridge contests, notably the annual Youth North American Bridge Championships and the Collegiate Championships held each summer. The annual King/Queen of Bridge award, given in recognition to outstanding high school seniors, is also supported through these funds. Sponsors donate monies through the FPAB to support scholarship prize funds.

Starting this summer at the NABC in Minneapolis, the FPAB offers a touring exhibit of rare and interesting artifacts from the ACBL archives for players to enjoy. This year’s particular exhibit – located on the lobby level of the convention center across from Ballroom A – is the famous letter from Easley Blackwood to The Bridge World magazine proposing that 4NT be used to ask partner for the number of aces held, and the equally famous rejection letter penned by Albert Morehead. The exhibit also serves to highlight the important work of the FPAB and to attract financial support.

To learn more about FPAB and to show your support of its mission, visit fpabridge.org/mission.htm or use this QR code.



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WAGAR WOMEN'S PAIRS

32.0 Tables / Based on 56 Tables

100.00	1	Danuta Kazmucha, Poznan Poland; Barbara Ferm, Dallas TX	1059.77
75.00	2	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	1031.92
56.25	3	Pam Wittes, Venice CA; Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land TX	999.15
44.44	4	Sophia Baldysz, Charlottesville VA; Maureen McLaughlin, Princeton NJ	986.18
40.00	5	Gigi Simpson, Sarasota FL; Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX	980.28
36.36	6	Muh-Sha Crawford, Hampton VA; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD	972.27
33.33	7	Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL	962.29
30.77	8	Anam Tebha, New York NY; Christina Parker, Chestnut Hill MA	958.00
28.57	9	Zinnia Meyer, Chicago IL; Katherine Hwang, New York NY	945.92
26.67	10	Joan Jackson, Dallas TX; Ellen Hessel, San Antonio TX	931.59
25.00	11	Nina Huang, Pasadena CA; Dilek Yavas, Bursa Turkey	920.69
23.53	12	Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL; Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY	912.50
22.22	13	Barbara Heller, Knoxville TN; Nancy Frank, Glencoe IL	905.90
21.05	14	Suyan Liu, Charlotte NC; Wen Zhou, Thousand Oaks CA	900.43
20.00	15	Jessica Larsson, Heimdal Sweden; Cynthia Ogden, New York NY	898.67
19.05	16	Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL; Bella Ionis-Sorren, Fort Lauderdale FL	890.97
18.18	17	Ho-Yee So, Taipei City Taiwan; Yu Nadler, Boca Raton FL	889.73
17.39	18	Cindy Scheinfeld, New York NY; Andrea Nilsson, Varberg Sweden	887.09
16.67	19	Jung Hu, San Jose CA; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ	887.08
16.00	20	Virginia Chediak, Kragero Norway; Judi Whaling, Houston TX	875.23
15.38	21	Zheng Jiang Liao, Chengdu China; Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL	869.76
14.81	22	Christina Madsen, Denmark; Brooke Cohen, New York NY	869.58
14.29	23	Wenfei Wang, Northbrook IL; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA	868.51
13.79	24	Giorgia Botta, Brooklyn NY; Judy Goodman, New York NY	867.56
13.33	25	Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Sheila Cesarano, Fort Lauderdale FL	860.34
13.60	26	Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI; Jacinda Liu, Sandy UT	856.55
12.50	27	Ann Aliotta, Edmond OK; Kathryn Aliotta, St. Paul MN	852.99
12.12	28	Gale Senter, San Clemente CA; Ann Brinker Schwall, Houston TX	850.22

TRUSCOTT/USPC SENIOR SWISS TEAMS

44 Tables / Based on 85 Tables

100.00	1	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	127.79
75.00	2	Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH; Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH; Greg Michaels, Cleveland OH	124.72
56.25	3	David Yang, Darien IL; Craig Gardner, Streamwood IL; Lin-Huan Chen - Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	115.93
44.44	4	Alain Schreiber, Henderson NV; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ; Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands	113.92
40.00	5	Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA; William Cole, Silver Spring MD; Mark Shaw, Columbia MD; Steve Robinson, Ashburn VA	111.23
36.36	6	Linda Lewis - Paul Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL	105.93
33.33	7	Subba Ravipudi, Dana Point CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA	103.02
30.77	8	Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Daniel Boye, Baldwinsville NY; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL; Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL	102.43
28.57	9	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	102.21
26.67	10	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	102.04
25.00	11	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	101.78
23.53	12	Glenn Eisenstein - John Rengstorff - Allen Kahn, New York NY; Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Jon Greenspan, The Villages FL; Robb Gordon, Mesa AZ	101.37

22.22	13	Mark Perlmutter - Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA; Kitty Cooper, Avon CT; Charles Finch, Las Vegas NV	100.83
21.05	14	Richard Chan, Markham ON; Yimei Cao, Aurora ON; Robert Fendrick, Marietta GA; Hugh Brown, Mc Cormick SC	99.64
20.00	15	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	98.23
19.05	16	Emory Whitaker, Macon GA; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA; Richard Brown, Easley SC; Mark Jones, Birmingham AL	96.10
18.18	17	Tod Moses, St. Louis MO; Gary Cohler, Wellington FL; Sam Lev, Aventura FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA	94.05
17.39	18	Leon Fisher, Clearwater FL; Suresh Mahajan, Del Mar CA; Mark Ginsburg - Thomas Dressing, Buffalo Grove IL	91.58
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64. (65) Z. Wang 27 6 77 109

32. Ashe 40 94 136 **169**
33. (44) Goyal 39 65 81 113

16. Feinstein NPC 53 128 **190**
49. Mawyer 22 39 42 w/d

17. Vedanta Capital 49 106 142 **208**
48. (55) Chubukov 34 59 89 100

9. Helle 37 98 **180**
56. Zhang 4 17 45 w/d

24. Luba 47 70 108 **201**
41. Fredin 35 109 137 167

25. Rippey 49 96 145 **185**
40. Castoldi 20 47 89 115

8. Rubenstein 51 150 **230**
57. (72) Rockoff 24 46 79 w/d

5. Rosenthal 53 89 105 **195**
60. Aldrich 38 60 67 68

28. Goldberg 44 98 138 **175**
37. Sabbah 23 93 115 128

21. Wildavsky 46 112 **160**
44. (59) Alaybeyi 1 3 15 w/d

12. Overdeck 60 **150**
53. (76) Silvius 2 10 w/d

13. Goodman 32 78 142 **152**
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45. E. Xiao 38 66 81 88

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vs

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Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Cedric Lorenzini, Miserey Salines France; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Sjoert Brink - Sebastiaan Drijver, Netherlands

vs

Ash Gupta, New York NY; Omer Ekinici, Astoria NY; Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Ugurcan Suzer, Istanbul Turkey

Pierre Zimmermann - Michal Nowosadzki – Jacek Kalita – Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland; Franck Multon, Monaco; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland

vs

Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Zhaobin Xie, Chengdu China; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Edward Xu, North York ON; Fu Zhong, Beijing China

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

vs

Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Carlos Pellegrini - Pablo Ravenna, Buenos Aires Argentina

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

vs

Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Nikolaj Hammelev, Aarhus Denmark; Daniel Tylvad, Bronshoj Denmark; Jeffrey Ferro, St. Helena CA; Hua Poon, Singapore



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

vs

Andrew Dyson - Tom Townsend, London United Kingdom; Glyn Liggins, London United Kingdom; Ben Handley-Pritchard, Stroud United Kingdom

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vs

Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde - Soren Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark

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

vs

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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

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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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vs

Andrew Caranicas, St. Paul MN; Richard Lawson, Plymouth MN; Eric Hendrickson, Charlottesville VA; Michael Kelley, Nellysford VA

vs

Kevin Robertson, Beachwood OH; Scott Brozell, Half Moon Bay CA; Greg Warden, Ridgewood NJ; Andrew Skolnick, Bedford Hills NY

William Scott, Madison WI; Tamas Szabo, Oconomowoc WI; Mark Kinzer, Middleton WI; Bob Marheine, Waukesha WI

vs

David desJardins, Burlingame CA; Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA; Lysandra Zheng, Auckland New Zealand; Leon Meier, Christ Church New Zealand

vs

Andrew Barlow, Lebanon NJ; Leigh Walker, Piscataway NJ; Janice Keefer – Dennis Keefer, Sparta NJ

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Martin Deneroff – Valerie Deneroff – Chip Lawrence – Robin Sanders

Andrew Barlow – Leigh Walker – Janice Keefer – Dennis Keefer

Kevin Robertson – Scott Brozell – Greg Warden – Andrew Skolnick

Matthew Bribitzer-Stull – Jason Bribitzer-Stull – Jan Miyake – Josh Levy

Anthony Zhao – Plato Deliyannis – Kevin Le – Erel Amit

0-3000 Micro Spingold

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Brenda Hatton – Jacqueline Zayac – John Stremel – Gregory Gauthier

David Neiman – Mark Webb – David Trevor – David Goodrie

Elizabeth Sewell – Molly Silvia – Di Lapeyre – Cappy McIver

Jon Lelevier – Steve Reid – Donald Xu – Timothy Vickers

James LaFave – Gary Rowland – Edie Siemens – Amy Howells

Joshua Allen – Victor Poon – Debbie Russell – Matt Just

Carlene Ziegler – Ann Howard – Jonathan Hoak – Mari Stuart

Kevin Babcock – Douglas Babcock – Brigitte Sandquist – Kirsten Beda

Ross Anderson – Justin Young – Chris Westermeyer – Jason Grove

Aaron Igra – Charles Holmes – Cooper Pierce – Rebecca Mathew

Giorgio Casinovi – Weilong Shen – Vasisht Ganesh – Haoxiang Zhang

Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams

The Mixed Board-a-Match Teams, one of the oldest ACBL events, begins play today.

First played in 1929, the contest consists of two qualifying and two final sessions. At stake is the Richard Freeman Memorial Trophy, put into play in 2010 by Freeman's longtime bridge partner, Nick Nickell.

Winners and runners-up:

1929	Max Cohen, Mrs. M.K. Alexander, Rose Fleischer, R. Frankenstein	1944	Charles Goren, Olive Peterson, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel	1963	Sidney Lazard, Betty Kaplan, Edgar Kaplan, Stella Rebner
1930	Winfield Liggett, Dorothy Rice Sims, P. Hal Sims, Sir Derrick Wernher	1945	John Crawford, Ruth Sherman, Margaret Wagar, Waldemar von Zedtwitz	1964	John Fisher, John Gerber, Emma Jean Hawes, Margaret Wagar
1931	Mrs. G.A. Bennett, Doris Fuller, Charles Lochridge, George Reith	1946	Samuel Katz, Alicia Kempner, Evelyn Lebharr, Bertram Lebharr Jr.	1965	Barbara Brier, Alvin Roth, Jan Stone, Tobias Stone, Waldemar von Zedtwitz
1932	Marie Black, Huber Boscowitz, Sam Fry, Olga Hilliard	1947	Harry Fishbein, Ruth Goldberg, Ludwig Kabakjian, Edith Seligman	1966	Jimmy Cayne, Judy Dryer, Paul Soloway, Eunice Rosen, William Rosen
1933	David Burnstine, Elinor Murdoch, Mrs. Ivan Stengel, Edwin Wetzler	1948	John Crawford, Charles Goren, Helen Sobel, Margaret Wagar	1967	Mike Cappelletti, Kathie Cappelletti, Mike Moss, Gail Shane
1934	Lester Bachner, Mrs. Lester Bachner, James Lemon, Martha Lemon	1949	Peter Leventritt, Charles Solomon, Peggy Solomon, Sally Young	1968	Minda Brachman, James Jacoby, Oswald Jacoby, Helen Sobel Smith
1935	Helen Bonwit, Howard Schenken, Ruth Sherman, Louis Watson	1950	Peter Leventritt, Charles Solomon, Peggy Solomon, Sally Young	1969	Janice Cohn, Flo Orner, Charles Peres, Dan Rotman, Ivar Stakgold, Alice Stakgold
1936	Hortense Evans, Louis Haddad, Robert McPherran, Elizabeth Whitney	1951	Jane Jaeger, Richard Kahn, Leo Roet, Ruth Sherman	1970	Dorothy Bare, Gerald Bare, Eugenie Mathe, Lew Mathe
1937	Philip Abramsohn, Estelle Drescher, Morrie Elis, Ann Naiman	1952	Anne Burnstein, Harold Harkavy, Alvin Roth, Edith Seligman	1971	John Anderson, Ron Andersen, Marilyn McCrary, Sue Picus
1938	Doris Fuller, Charles Goren, Henry Vogel, Sally Young	1953	Anne Burnstein, Harold Harkavy, Edith Kemp, Alvin Roth	1972	Gail Moss, Mike Moss, Marietta Passell, Bill Passell
1939	Robert Chatkin, Valerie Klein, Alvin Landy, Florence Stratford	1954	Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel, Margaret Wagar	1973	Ellen Alfandre, Philip Feldsman, Edith Sacks, Stanley Tomchin
1940	Marie Black, Henry Chanin, Olive Peterson, Waldemar von Zedtwitz	1955	Gratian Goldstein, Harold Harkavy, Terry Michaels, Alvin Roth	1974	Edith Kemp, Jerome Yavitz, Rita Seamon, William Seamon
1941	Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel, Sally Young	1956	Mary Bowden, Douglas Drury, Robert Freedman, Agnes Gordon, Eric Murray	1975	Gerald Caravelli, Nancy Gruver, Jim Linhart, Helen Utegaard
1942	John Crawford, Olive Peterson, Margaret Wagar, Waldemar von Zedtwitz	1957	John Crawford, Milton Ellenby, Harold Harkavy, Edith Kemp, Gloria Turner	1976	1-2. Richard Katz, Carol Sanders, Paul Swanson, Marion Weed
1943	Charles Goren, Olive Peterson, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel	1958	Leland Ferer, Gratian Goldstein, Eunice Rosen, William Rosen	1977	Nancy Alpaugh, Joan DeWitt, Mark Lair, Sidney Lazard
		1959	Peter Leventritt, Robert Jordan, Charles Solomon, Peggy Solomon, Sally Young	1978	Nancy Alpaugh, Joan DeWitt, Mark Lair, Sidney Lazard
		1960	William Grieve, Alicia Kempner, George Rapee, Betty Ann Welch	1979	1-3. Nancy Alpaugh, Joan DeWitt, Mark Lair, Sidney Lazard; 1-3. Betty Bloom, Steven Bloom, Mark Cohen, Edith Sacks; 1-3. Lynne Feldman, Mark Feldman, Ed Nagy, Sharon Smith
		1961	Richard Freeman, Emanuel Hochfield, Louise Robinson, Gloria Turner	1980	Barry Crane, Jose John Hamui, Elias Konstantinovskiy, Laura Mariscal, Kerri Shuman
		1962	Charles Coon, Agnes Gordon, Eric Murray, Helen Portugal		

1981 Doug Fraser, Sandra Fraser, Ralph Katz, Paul Lewis, Linda Peterson, Esta Van Zandt

1982 1-2. Tommy Sanders, Carol Sanders, Sidney Lazard, Joan DeWitt; 1-2. Lynn Deas, Norb Kremer, Beth Palmer, Bill Cole

1983 Alan Kudisch, Judy Landau, Drew Casen, Karen Allison

1984 Susan Sternberg, Bernie Chazen, Juanita Skelton, Allan Cokin, Barbara Sion, Steve Sion

1985 Bill Pollack, Rozanne Pollack, Alan Truscott, Dorothy Truscott, Evelyn Levitt, Dave Treadwell

1986 Mark Cohen, Stasha Cohen, Harold Lilie, Joyce Lilie, David Berkowitz, Lisa Berkowitz

1987 1-2. Jim Mahaffey, Linda Perlman, Joan Remey, Paul Soloway; 1-2. Bob Hamman, Kerri Shuman, Rama Linz, Robert Levin

1988 1-2. Robert Radwin, Helen Utegaard, Flo Rotman, Dan Rotman; 1-2. Ken Cohen, Jo Anne Manfield, Robert Woodard, Ev Cogan

1989 Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel, Gladys Collier, Juanita Chambers

1990 Edith Rosenkranz, George Rosenkranz, Eddie Wold, Marinesa Letizia, Kerri Shuman, Mark Lair

1991 John Carruthers, Katie Thorpe, Brad Moss, Bronia Gmach, Jared Lilienstein

1992 Gabriel Chagas, Marinesa Letizia, Dennis Clerkin, Juanita Chambers, Mike Lawrence, Beth Palmer

1993 Lisa Berkowitz, David Berkowitz, Beth Palmer, William Pettis

1994 Mike Lucas, Michael Seamon, Renee Mancuso, Steve Sion, Barbara Sion

1995 Joyce Lilie, Harold Lilie, David Berkowitz, Lisa Berkowitz

Winners of last year's Freeman Mixed BAM:
Lynne Feldman,
Mark Perlmutter,
Kitty Cooper
and Paul Bethe



1996 Gaylor Kasle, Barabara Kasle, Nancy Passell, Garey Hayden

1997 Marc Low, Sandra Low, Sue Sachs, David Sachs

1998 David Berkowitz, Lisa Berkowitz, Jim Bjerkan, Cheri Bjerkan

1999 Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, Zia Mahmood, Matthew Granovetter

2000 Barry Rigal, Sue Picus, Sylvia Moss, Judi Radin, Alex Ornstein, Jeff Ferro

2001 Rose Meltzer, Peter Weichsel, Chip Martel, Jan Martel, Lew Stansby, JoAnna Stansby

2002 Michael Rosenberg, Debbie Rosenberg, Lisa Berkowitz, Larry Cohen, Richard Schwartz, Margie Gwozdzinsky

2003 Fulvio Fantoni, Hemant Lall, Donna Compton, Petra Hamman

2004 Steve Robinson, Lynn Deas, Bill Pollack, Rozanne Pollack, Beth Palmer, Bill Pettis

2005 Peggy Kaplan, Petra Hamman, Rozanne Pollack, Steve Beatty, Hemant Lall, Marty Fleisher

2006 Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, William Pettis, Rozanne Pollack, William Pollack

2007 Don Stack, Linda Eakes, Jack Spear, Nancy Spear

2008 Chris Willenken, Migry Zur Campanile, JoAnna Stansby, Lew Stansby

2009 Robert Hampton, Jenny Wolpert, Sylvie Willard, John Hurd, Sabine Auken, Joel Wooldridge

2010 Gary Cohler, Jill Meyers, JoAnna Stansby, Lew Stansby

2011 Hemant Lall, Petra Hamman, Peggy Kaplan, Winthrop Allegaert, Judith Bianco

2012 Joan Eaton, Michael Roche, Nader Hanna, Karen Cumpstone

2013 Winthrop Allegaert, Petra Hamman, David Grainger, Judy Bianco

2014 Karen Cumpstone, Michael Roche, Nader Hanna and Joan Eaton

2015 Paul Fireman, Shannon Cappelletti, John Hurd, Sylvie Willard, Vincent Demuy, Benedict Cronier

2016 Sheila Gabay, Victor King, Linda Lewis, Paul Lewis

2017 Marusa Basa, Thomas Paske, Sarah Bell, Alexander Hydes

2018 Douglas Doub, Yiji Starr, Jiang Gu, Rose Yan

2019 Veri Kiljan, Christina Madsen, Migry Zur Campanile, Thomas Paske

2020 Not held

2021 Not held

2022 Joyce Hill, Kevin Dwyer, Signe Buus Thomsen, Mikael Rimstedt, Amber Lin, Shan Huang

2023 Phyllis Fireman, Jenny Wolpert, Joris van Lankveld, Berend Van Den Bos, Jessica Larsson

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

2025 Mark Perlmutter, Lynne Feldman, Kitty Cooper, Paul Bethe

Wernher Open Pairs begins today



**2025 Wernher Open Pairs winners
Iulian Rotaru and Giorgia Botta**

The Wernher Open Pairs – formerly the National Men's Pairs (1934–1991) and Open Pairs II (1992–2002) – is a four-session event consisting of two qualifying sessions and two final sessions.

The event was contested at the Summer NABC until 1962. It moved to the Spring NABC in 1963 where it remained for 40



years. In 2004, the Wernher Open Pairs returned to the Summer NABC lineup.

The trophy was donated in 1934 by Sir Derrick J. Wernher. Wernher (1889–1947) was a resident of London, England and Deal NJ. A leading personality in American bridge in the '30s, Wernher was president of the American Bridge League in 1933, chairman of its Master Plan committee and a member of the board of directors of the American Whist League.

Wernher placed second in the Asbury Challenge Teams (now the Spingold Knockout Teams) in 1936 and won the Reisinger (played in conjunction with the New York regional) in 1930.

Winners:

National Men's Pairs

1934 David Burnstine, Oswald Jacoby

1935 Edward Cook, Fred French
1936 Richard Ecker, Fred Kaplan
1937 Edward Cook, John Kunkle
1938 B. Jay Becker, Charles Goren
1939 John Crawford, Oswald Jacoby
1940 Merwyn Maier, Robert McPherran
1941 Joseph Low, Simon Rossant
1942 Robert von Engel, Aaron Goodman
1943 Charles Goren, Charles Solomon
1944 Sigmund Dornbusch, Herman Goldberg
1945 Sylvester Gintell, Lee Hazen
1946 Mitchell Barnes, Waldemar von Zedtwitz
1947 Sol Mogal, Tobias Stone
1948 Fred Hirsch, Samuel Katz
1949 Charles Goren, Oswald Jacoby
1950 Phillip Briggs, Richard Revell
1951 Milton Ellenby, Emanuel Hochfield
1952 Arthur Grau, William Rosen
1953 Harold Harkavy, Bill Root
1954 Douglas Drury, Eric Murray
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1956 Paul Allinger, James Jacoby
1957 David Carter, John Hubbell
1958 William Grieve, Ira Rubin

This event was held at the Summer North American Championships until 1963. A similar event was held at the Spring NABCs 1958-1962 with these winners:

1958 Norman Kay, Sidney Silodor
1959 James Pestaner, John Swanson
1960 Frank Hoadley, Julius Rosenblum
1961 Morton Rubinow, Tobias Stone
1962 Ivan Erdos, Philip Feldesman

1959 Harry Fishbein, John Gerber
1960 Jack Blair, William Christian
1961 Philip Feldesman, Ira Rubin
1962 Philip Feldesman, Ira Rubin
1963 Sami Kehela, Wolf Lebovic
1964 Ed Don Weiner, G. Gard Hays
1965 Lawrence Rosler, Jeff Rubens
1966 Barry Crane, Peter Rank
1967 Richard Lawrence, Art Price

1968 Kyle Larsen, Edmond Lazarus
1969 Michael Martino, Frank Vine
1970 Richard Kaye, Richard Walsh
1971 Giorgio Belladonna, Benito Garozzo
1972 Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey
1973 Jack Kennedy, David Hadden
1974 George Slemmons, George Steiner
1975 Harlow Lewis, Art Waldemann
1976 Gerald Caravelli, Larry Cohen
1977 Joseph Fox, Garey Hayden
1978 Larry Kozlove, John Sheridan
1979 Roy Fox, Paul Swanson
1980 Neil Silverman, Peter Weichsel
1981 Warren Rosner, Allan Stauber
1982 David Berkowitz, Harold Lilie
1983 Marty Bergen, Allan Stauber
1984 Mike Lawrence, Peter Weichsel
1985 Ed Manfield, Kit Woolsey
1986 Bob Hamman, Paul Swanson
1987 Darryl Pedersen, George Steiner
1988 Arthur Hoffman, Stephen Shane
1989 Mike Moss, Charles Coon
1990 Steve Sion, Steve Landen
1991 Ken Cohen, Bob Thomas

Open Pairs II

1992 Jeff Meckstroth, Perry Johnson
1993 Gaylor Kastle, Robert Levin
1994 Thomas Peters, John Zilic
1995 Steve Weinstein, Fred Stewart
1996 David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen
1997 Lloyd Arvedon, Allan Falk
1998 Mike Moss, Bjorn Fallenius
1999 Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
2000 Stephen Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha
2001 Chris Willenken, Ron Smith
2002 Curtis Cheek, Eric Greco
Wernher Open Pairs
2003 Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco
2004 Vacated
2005 Nagy Kamel, Nader Hanna
2006 Jianrong Lin, Julie Zhu
2007 Joan Jackson, Petra Hamman
2008 K.R. Venkataraman, Sunit Chokshi
2009 Nikolay Demirev, Nicolas L'Ecuyer

- 2010 Beatrice Kemp, Richard Burton
 2011 Meyer Kotkin, Howard Cohen
 2012 Robert Lebi, David Lindop
 2013 Lynne Rosenbaum, Valentin Kovachev
 2014 Marc Nathan, Jose Robles
 2015 Ai-Tai Lo, William Pettis
 2016 Frederic Pollack, Kamel Fergani
 2017 Joel Wooldridge, John Hurd
 2018 Juan Carlos Ventin, Joaquin Pacareu
 2019 Bob Bitterman, Mark Bendure
 2020 Not held
 2021 Not held
 2022 Andrew Cavalier, Christian Jolly
 2023 Aldo Gerli, Leonardo Fruscoloni
 2024 Mark Itabashi, Neil Silverman
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0–3000 Mini-Spingold plays today



Winners of last year's 0–3000 Mini-Spingold: Justin Young, Jason Grove, Jackson Wahl and Sarah Wahl

The 0–3000 Mini-Spingold will begin play today. 2025 was the first year of a new masterpoint limit; it was previously raised from 1500 to 2500 in 2017.

The Mini-Spingold will run concurrently with the Spingold Knockout Teams and continue for not more than five 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.

Mini-Spingold II (0-1500):

- 2001 Bob Hollow, Motaz Farag, Jim Brickman, Bill Kertes, Leo Takefman, Irving Goodman
 2002 Bob Hollow, Motaz Farag, Gabriel Tawil, Theo Lichtenstein
 2003 Matt Meckstroth, Rob Meckstroth, Rich Regan, James Hawkes, Andrew Hurd
 2004 Mark Teaford, Norton Rimer, Myron Rimer, Ronald Resnick
 2005 Nancy Ferguson, David Bryant, Bruce Blakely, Dmitri Shabes
 2006 Steve Callaham, John Hassett, Edward Foran, Nicolas Hammond
 2007 Matt Meckstroth, Robert Glickman, Sam Katz, Daniel Goldfein
 2008 Brian Duran, Ivania Yeo, Lon Sunshine, Gloria Tsoi
 2009 Eric Hendrickson, Andy Caranicas, Matthew Bribitzer-Stull, Jason Bribitzer-Stull
 2010 Jonathan Pines, Belinda Gu, Jennifer Gu, Adam Portley

- 2011 Yuan Chen, Kaiyu Qian, Sam Yu, Wenbo Zhang
 2012 Jin Hu, Jonathan Fleischmann, Max Glick, Zachary Sherr, Zachary Wasserman
 2013 John Felker, Stephanie Felker, Buddy Landis, Rick Whitehead
 2014 Om Chokriwala, Frederick Upton, Kevin Lane, Steve Ramos Jr.
 2015 Hunter McClain, Benjamin Kompa, Xiyuan Ge, Kenneth Ramaley
 2016 Curt Kristensen, Gregory Sellgren, Ti Davis, Brian Rink

Mini-Spingold II (0-2500):

- 2017 Tsao-Tung Tsai, Luen-Jyh Luo, Edward So, Jack Uppal
 2018 Jim Liu, Tsao-Tung Tsai, Xuhua Lin, Leon Yu
 2019 Jordan Lampe, Christopher Moh, Jacqueline Chang, Siqing Yu
 2020 Not held
 2021 Not held
 2022 Roy Martin, Guy Martin, Denny Cahan, Alexander Woo
 2023 Jeffrey Schwartz, Susa Davison, Daniel Lev, Catherine Williams, Sharon Phillips, Michael Xu
 2024 Douglas Grant, Charles Riffle, Elenalani Lam, Andrew Lazarus

Mini-Spingold II (0-3000):

- 2025 Jason Grove, Justin Young, Sarah Wahl, Jackson Wahl

“Would you rather?”
By George Jacobs

Playing in the Top-Flight Swiss, my partner, Jay Barron, faced an interesting choice. He had the option to defend 2♠ or ...6♣.

Intrigued? These hands follow me like the black cloud over Joe Btfsplk. (Bonus points for naming the comic strip, huge reward for pronouncing his name.)

Here was the bidding, certain to never be repeated. Follow along with my hand:

♠K 10 8 3 ♥J 9 8 5 4 ♦6 4 3 2 ♣—.

Jay opened 1NT and my plan was to steal the hand by bidding Stayman, then 2♥ over his 2♦ reply. It didn’t go like that. RHO (Tom Hanlon) bid 2♠. I was too weak to come in, so I passed, as did Leslie Amoils. Jay could have passed, but what fun would that have been? He doubled for takeout. Tom now offered 3♣. I chimed in with 3♥, and then it got interesting. Leslie bid 4♥, pass by Jay and Tom bid 4♠. I had a couple of spade tricks and a partner who opened a strong notrump, so I doubled. Leslie now jumped to 6♣!

It went double by Jay, all pass. Who do you like here? Here was the full hand (low spots approximate) with Tom as declarer.

Dlr: East	♠ 2	
Vul: None	♥ A 10 2	
	♦ A J 10	
	♣ Q 9 8 7 6 2	
♠ K 10 8 3		♠ Q
♥ J 9 8 5 4		♥ K Q 7 6
♦ 6 4 3 2		♦ K Q 9 7 5
♣ —		♣ A 10 3
	♠ A J 9 7 6 5 4	
	♥ 3	
	♦ 8	
	♣ K J 5 4	

West	North	East	South
George	Leslie	Jay	Tom
		1NT	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	3♣
3♥	4♥	Pass	4♠
Dbl	6♣	Dbl	All Pass

I led a heart. Turns out they have gotten to an amazing slam. It took the lethal combination of Jay having a singleton spade honor and the ♣10 in order to beat this. Try it. No matter how you play, you cannot make 6♣. I guess he was right to roust them out of 2♠, eh?



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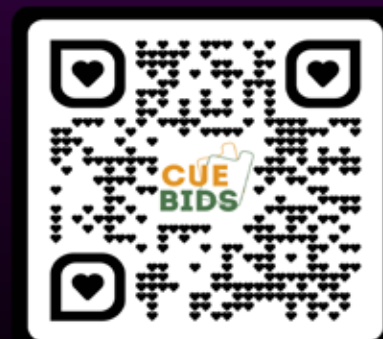
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Smooth Operator

This deal from the first session of the Spingold Knockout Teams was reported by Max Schireson, playing on the Gitelman team (Fred Gitelman, Sheri Winestock, Max Schireson, Christal Henner, Debbie Rosenberg, Uday Ivatury) vs. des Jardins (David des Jardins, Andrew Gumperz, Leon Meier, Lysandra Zheng).

Schireson was impressed with Zheng's defense on Board 30.

Dlr: East ♠ 9 3 2
 Vul: None ♥ K 10 6 2
 ♦ 9 6 3
 ♣ K 8 7

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

♠ Q 10 6 5
 ♥ A J 9 4 3
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A Q J

Gitelman vs. des Jardins

West	North	East	South
<i>Meier</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Zheng</i>	<i>Schireson</i>
3♦	3♥	1♦	1♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	3♠
		All Pass	

West led the ♦K. East overtook with the ace and switched to a low spade! "When I didn't put up the ♠Q, I lost three spade tricks plus the ♠A for down one," said Schireson.

On a more routine defense, such as continuing diamonds or leading a trump, once declarer discovers the ♥Q in the West hand, it will be easier to place the ♠A K with East.

"Overtaking the diamond to play a low spade isn't the only way I can go wrong," Schireson continued. "If West is left on lead and switches to a spade and a spade is continued, I also have a chance to go wrong.

"But they must make me play spades immediately, and the way East can guarantee that is to play exactly as she did. A club switch through dummy's king might look attractive to West but will be fatal as will a trump or a second diamond."

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A costly opening lead

By Hongbo Li

In Sunday’s bracketed round robin teams, I was playing with Weiling Zhao of Los Angeles CA and teaming with Steven Hamburg of Troutman NC and Lee Dowell Jr. of Denver NC. We played the last match of the day against the leaders, Michael Berard of Glenn Dale MD, Todd Thorsen of Lititz PA, Rolf Swenson of Silver Spring MD and Art McCann of Finksburg MD.

This was the last board of the day:

Dlr: West	♠ —		
Vul: Both	♥ 10 7 4		
	♦ J 9 4 3		
	♣ K J 6 5 4 3		
♠ A K 6 4 2		♠ Q J	
♥ 9 5		♥ A K Q J 8 3 2	
♦ K 8 7		♦ A 6	
♣ Q 10 2		♣ 9 8	
	♠ 10 9 8 7 5 3		
	♥ 6		
	♦ Q 10 5 2		
	♣ A 7		

West	North	East	South
Swenson	Li	Zhao	McCann
1♠	3♣	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

The auction at the other table:

West	North	East	South
1♠	3♣	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

We were -1470 vs. +790, which meant we lost 12 IMPs. Alternatively, if I make a low club lead, 3NT would be down five for +500 and +790, which is win 15 IMPs (and we will end up winning by 3 IMP, 12:8 VP, instead of losing by 25

IMPs, 1:19 VP). As it turned out, we wouldn’t have won the event, because they were too far ahead of us, but we would have secured second place instead of dropping to third.

I played with a pickup partner, Weiling Zhao; we met at the partnership desk in the morning, so we didn’t have agreements like Lightner doubles, otherwise her not doubling might encourage me to lead a club.

The hand is interesting for me because I think it is dramatic (last hand of the day) and I (allegedly) made a 27-IMP mistake. I polled some people about the hand, and nobody seems to be leading a low club. I have a philosophy, when I preempt and they bid notrump, I “trust the opponents,” so I was afraid of leading away from my ♣K J into the ♣A Q. But this time I got fooled (or even humiliated, lol) by the imaginary stopper, especially given the fact that they are good players.



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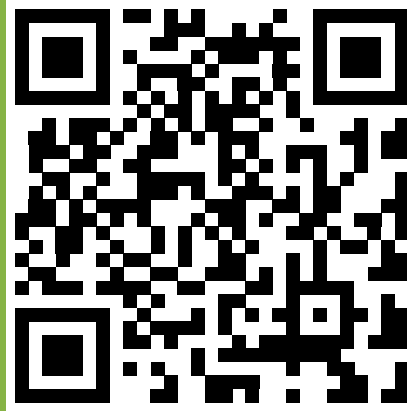
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Minneapolis Kibitzing from Afar: Vugraph & Bridgecasts

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.
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The Golden Thread: Spingold Opening Round

By Mark Horton

Although I haven't yet asked AI to try producing a bridge article, I did ask it if the Fates used a golden thread. As the 2026 Spingold got underway, the teams vying for a place in the round of 64 would be hoping that they were not singled out by Atropos.

Teams that did not enjoy a bye on the first day of the Spingold played in four-way matches, in which each squad played a half match (30 boards only) against another squad in their bracket of four. The winners advanced, and the losers then played another half match against each other, with the winner of that contest advancing, too.

Session 1

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

DERMAN vs. LEV

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kristensen</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Derman</i>
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Dbl
Rdbl	All Pass		

In Acol-land, the jump to 3♣ would be game forcing.

South led the ♥4, and declarer won with the ♥A and played the ♠7. When South followed with the ♠2, declarer let the ♠7 run, collecting North's ♠6. A second spade saw South take the ♠K as North discarded the ♦5. South switched to the ♦3 and declarer took dummy's ♦A, played a heart to the king and the ♠J. South won, cashed the ♠10 and then played the ♦K, forcing declarer to ruff. Declarer cashed the ♣A K and then played the ♣Q, which South ruffed as the ♥Q went from dummy. When South cashed the ♥10, North pitched the ♦Q so declarer scored the last trick with dummy's ♦J, "escaping" for only two down, -1000.

As the cards lie, to be sure of defeating the contract, South must lead a top spade. At trick two, cashing the other top spade and then switching to a diamond will be good enough

for one down as will continuing with a low spade.

If declarer assumes that South's double must be based on a powerful spade holding, he should leave the trump suit alone. There are several ways to come to 10 tricks, for example, by playing the top clubs. South can ruff the third round but dummy overruffs and declarer then takes two rounds of diamonds, ruffing and plays a low spade towards dummy's ♠Q or a fourth club, or cashes the ♥K and then plays a spade. South can win with the ♠A K but cannot stop 10 tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ramos</i>	<i>Kuang</i>	<i>Towner</i>	<i>Jolly</i>
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♦ ⁽²⁾	Dbl	2♥ ⁽³⁾	3♦
4♦ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

(1) Gazzilli

(2) 8+ HCP

(3) 17+ HCP

(4) Control

South led the ♥4. Declarer won with the ♥K and played the ♣A K Q, ruffed by South and overruffed in dummy. There were only 10 tricks, two down, -100, but 13 IMPs to DERMAN.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

DERMAN vs. LEV

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kristensen</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Derman</i>
			Pass
1♦	Dbl	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♣	2♥	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

East led the ♦9, and when dummy's ♦10 held, declarer cashed two top clubs and then played a spade to the 8, jack and ace. Two rounds of hearts saw East win and return the ♦4 to declarer's ♦J, which was accompanied by a claim, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ramos</i>	<i>Kuang</i>	<i>Towner</i>	<i>Jolly</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥ ⁽¹⁾
All Pass			3NT

(1) Spades

Naturally East led a heart, but unfortunately it was the ♥K! West overtook it and returned the ♥4, but it was declarer who produced the ♥Q and he cashed two clubs and then played a spade to the jack and ace. He won the diamond switch, went to dummy with the ♠K, ran the ♣10, came to hand with a diamond and cashed two clubs for +600 and 10 IMPs to LEV.

GOLDBERG vs. BLOCHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hammelev</i>	<i>K. Lee</i>	<i>Tylvad</i>	<i>J. Lee</i>
Pass	1♣	3♥	Pass
			All Pass

South led the ♣10. North won with the ♣A and continued with the ♣K, declarer ruffing, playing two rounds of hearts ending in dummy and exiting with a diamond. North won with the ♦J, cashed the ♦A and switched to the ♠7, the defenders taking two spade tricks for one down, 100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Blocher</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>B. Wolpert</i>	<i>Holtz</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥ ⁽¹⁾
All Pass			3NT

(1) Spades

East led the ♥J and the defenders were soon ahead 8–0, four down, -400, and 11 IMPs to BLOCHER.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

DERMAN vs. LEV

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kristensen</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Derman</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
4♦	Pass	5♦	Dbl
All Pass			

South led the ♣Q, and declarer won, drew trumps and exited with a club. North won and played the ♠4, ducked to South's ♠K and his return of the ♠2 unlocked the frozen suit, speeding up the play, +550.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ramos</i>	<i>Kuang</i>	<i>Towner</i>	<i>Jolly</i>
Pass	Pass	2NT	All Pass

South led the ♥6 and declarer had his eighth trick, +120, but 10 IMPs to LEV.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

GOLDBERG vs. BLOCHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hammelev</i>	<i>K. Lee</i>	<i>Tylvad</i>	<i>J. Lee</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♥ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

(1) Spades

(2) Spade fit

I don't know if a retransfer of 3♥ was at West's disposal, but with North on lead, the ♦10 was lethal. South won and returned the ♦6, the black aces ensuring one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Blocher</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>B. Wolpert</i>	<i>Holtz</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♥ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

(1) Spades

South led the ♥2 to the jack, queen and king, and when a spade to the queen held, declarer played a second round of the suit, eventually securing a 10th trick with dummy's ♦K, +620 and 12 IMPs to BLOCHER. After 15 deals they led 34-20.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

DERMAN vs. LEV

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kristensen</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Derman</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

The strong 2♣ Kokish sequence to 3NT was followed by 4♣ and 4♠ control bids, but E-W came to rest in 4NT.

North led the ♣10 and declarer won with the ♣A and played a spade to the king. South won and returned the ♣Q for three down, -150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ramos</i>	<i>Kuang</i>	<i>Towner</i>	<i>Jolly</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♣	3♣	Dbl	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♦5 and that meant 12 tricks, +490, and 12 IMPs to DERMAN, who led 43-26 at the end of the session.

Session 2

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

DERMAN vs. LEV

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kristensen</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Derman</i>
	1♣	1♥	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♥K. Declarer won with the ♥A, played a club to the ace and a diamond to the 10, East winning and switching to the ♠4. West took the ♠A and returned the ♠9, declarer taking 10 tricks, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ramos</i>	<i>Kuang</i>	<i>Towner</i>	<i>Jolly</i>
	1♣	1♥	2♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

East led the ♥K, and declarer won with the ♥A and played a club to the queen followed by a club to the king. He ruffed a spade, played a diamond to the king and a heart, East winning with the ♥Q and exiting with the ♦Q, which saw declarer claim, +920 and 10 IMPs to LEV.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

DERMAN vs. LEV

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kristensen</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Derman</i>
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	5♥	All Pass	

(1) Multi: weak in a major

East led the ♠4. Declarer took dummy's ♠A, ruffed a spade with the ♥A, played three rounds of clubs ruffing in dummy and ruffed a spade with the ♥K. She cashed the ♥J and ruffed a club with the ♥9, but when the ♥10 refused to fall under the ♥J, she was one down, -50.

There is a beautiful (but difficult!) winning line: Declarer must play a diamond at trick two. She ruffs the spade return, and plays another diamond. A third spade is ruffed and declarer then ruffs a diamond. A heart to the ace is followed by a diamond ruff, a club to the king, a diamond ruff, a club to the ace and a club, collecting East's ♥10 6.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ramos</i>	<i>Kuang</i>	<i>Towner</i>	<i>Jolly</i>
2♠	4♥	All Pass	2♥

Declarer won West's lead of the ♠K and played the ♦Q, East winning and returning a spade. Declarer ruffed and played a second diamond, West winning and returning the ♠Q. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♥A and ruffed a diamond, establishing the suit. He was assured of 10 tricks, +420 and 10 IMPs to LEV. At the end of the session, DERMAN had squeaked home 66–64.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

GOLDBERG vs. BLOCHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Poon</i>	<i>J. Lee</i>	<i>Goldberg</i>	<i>K. Lee</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	2♣
Dbl	Pass	2♥	All Pass

(1) Three-card heart support

South led the ♦4. Declarer won with dummy's ♦A and played a heart, North taking the ♥A and returning the ♦3 to the jack and king. A spade to the queen saw South take the ♠A, cash the ♥K and play the ♦6 which forced declarer, ensuring the contract would fail, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Blocher</i>	<i>Tylvad</i>	<i>B. Wolpert</i>	<i>Hammelev</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Dbl	All Pass

West led the ♥8 and declarer won with the ♥K and played the ♦J, West winning with the ♦K and continuing with the ♥3. Declarer took dummy's ♥A and played a club to the 10 and jack, West returning the ♥4. East cashed the ♥Q 10 and declarer emerged with only five tricks, four down, -1100 and 15 IMPs to BLOCHER.

It was too late, GOLDBERG winning 83–54.

Defeated teams from the first half-match had a second chance to advance.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

CASTELLINO vs. BLOCHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Blocher</i>	<i>Castellino</i>	<i>B. Wolpert</i>	<i>Alwan</i>
1♠	Pass	3♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

(1) Spade raise

(2) Controls

North led the ♦4, and declarer took dummy's ♦A pitching the ♥2 and played a spade to the queen and king, North returning the ♦K. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps and eventually played North for the ♥Q, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quiros</i>	<i>J. Lee</i>	<i>Sloofman</i>	<i>K. Lee</i>
1♠	3♦	3♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

North led the ♥4 which simplified declarer's task. The ♠A was followed by the ♠3 and a claim, +980 and 11 IMPs to CASTELLINO.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

HOLZHAUER vs. PINKOWSKI

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Garga</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Pinkowski</i>	<i>Beatty</i>
		Pass	1♦
2♣	Dbl	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♣A followed by the ♣K. Declarer ruffed and played a heart to the 7, 9 and jack, East returning the ♣J. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♥A, went to dummy with a spade and played the ♥K. When West discarded, declarer played on diamonds, but East ruffed the third round and exited with a spade, scoring the setting trick at the end with the ♠9, -100.

If declarer decides that West's overcall makes it unlikely that the trumps will divide, he can arrive at 10 tricks in a number of ways. One would be to cross to dummy with a spade, ruff a club, cash the ♥A, go back to dummy with a spade, ruff a spade, cash two diamonds ending in dummy and then play the ♥K followed by the ♠K.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Holzhauser</i>	<i>Dyer</i>	<i>Carmichael</i>	<i>Holmes</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

When East led the ♦9, declarer cashed six tricks in the suit, which saw East pitch three clubs and the ♥4 while West parted with the ♥10 6 and the ♠2. Declarer continued with dummy's ♠10 to the jack and ace and cashed the ♠K Q, East pitching the ♣3. At this point, exiting with the ♠3 endplays East for a third overtrick, but declarer was happy to cash out for +1150 and 15 IMPs to PINKOWSKI.

Would you have found a club lead?

CASTELLINO vs. BLOCHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Blocher</i>	<i>Castellino</i>	<i>B. Wolpert</i>	<i>Alwan</i>
		Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

East led the ♥Q and declarer won with the king and cashed his diamonds, scoring +1350 as East parted with a couple of spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quiros</i>	<i>J. Lee</i>	<i>Sloofman</i>	<i>K. Lee</i>
Pass	3NT	Pass	2♦
		All Pass	

Here East led the ♥4, and declarer took 11 tricks for +660, 12 IMPs to CASTELLINO.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

HOLZHAUER vs. PINKOWSKI

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Garga</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Pinkowski</i>	<i>Beatty</i>
Pass	2♥ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	1NT
3♥	4♣	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	4♠	All Pass	4♥

(1) Spades

East led the ♥J and declarer won with the ♥Q, played a spade to the king, a spade to the 9, cashed the ♠A and knocked out the ♦A for +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Holzhauser</i>	<i>Dyer</i>	<i>Carmichael</i>	<i>Holmes</i>
Pass	2♥ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	1NT
3♥	4♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	5NT ⁽²⁾

(1) Spades

(2) Pick a slam

East led the ♦6, and West took the ♦A and returned the ♦9. Declarer won with the ♦J, played a club to the king and the ♣10, claiming after drawing trumps, +920 and 10 IMPs to Pinkowski, who led 40–36 at the half.

CASTELLINO vs. BLOCHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Blocker</i>	<i>Castellino</i>	<i>B. Wolpert</i>	<i>Alwan</i>
Pass	2♥ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥ ⁽³⁾	Pass	3♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	3♠
All Pass			6♣

(1) Spades

(2) Clubs

(3) Control

West led the ♦A and switched to the ♥2, declarer winning and playing the ♣K followed by the ♣6, +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quiros</i>	<i>J. Lee</i>	<i>Sloofman</i>	<i>K. Lee</i>
Pass	2♥ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	1NT
3♥	4♣	Pass	2♠
All Pass			4♠

(1) Spades

West led the ♥9 and declarer took 12 tricks, +480, but 10 IMPs to CASTELLINO who finished well ahead, 51–14.

Session 2

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

HOLZHAUER vs. PINKOWSKI

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Garga</i>	<i>Humphreys</i>	<i>Pinkowski</i>	<i>Parrish</i>
1♦	Dbl	Rdbl	1♠
Dbl	Rdbl	2♦	Pass
2♠	Dbl	3♣	Pass
3♦	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

Terence Reese maintained that a doubleton queen was a good holding for notrumps. Easy to be a paper tiger and bid 3NT rather than 4♦.

North led the ♦K, and declarer took 10 tricks, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Holzhauser</i>	<i>Dyer</i>	<i>Carmichael</i>	<i>Holmes</i>
1♦	1♥	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♥8, and declarer cashed out for +600 and 10 IMPs to HOLZHAUSER, giving them the lead, 46–40.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

CASTELLINO vs. BLOCHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>K. Lee</i>	<i>Castellino</i>	<i>J. Lee</i>	<i>Alwan</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the ♣7, and when West put in the ♣10, declarer took all the tricks, +710.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quiros</i>	<i>Blocher</i>	<i>Sloofman</i>	<i>B. Wolpert</i>
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

(1) Spades

When West led the ♠10, declarer won with the ♠A, overtook the ♠Q and soon had 12 tricks, +1430 and 12 IMPs

to BLOCHER.

In my other featured match, both teams bid a slam – and survived, West leading the ♠10 against 6NT and 6♠!

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

CASTELLINO vs. BLOCHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>K. Lee</i>	<i>Castellino</i>	<i>J. Lee</i>	<i>Alwan</i>
1♦	Dbl	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

East led the ♦5, and when declarer played dummy's ♦7, West unwisely put up the ♦Q. Declarer won, played a spade to the jack and queen, won the diamond return with dummy's ♦J, and played the ♠K, covered by the ♠A and ruffed with the ♥10. Declarer now played the ♦10, but instead of discarding a club from dummy, he ruffed and played the ♠10. West should have ruffed that, as discarding a diamond allowed declarer to pitch a club. He then ran the ♥9 and the slam was home, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quiros</i>	<i>Blocher</i>	<i>Sloofman</i>	<i>B. Wolpert</i>
1♦	Dbl	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	5♣ ⁽²⁾
Pass	5♦ ⁽³⁾	Pass	5♠ ⁽⁴⁾
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

(1) RKCB

(2) 1 key card

(3) ♠Q?

(4) No

East led the ♠6 and West won with the ♠Q and switched to the ♦8. If declarer lets it run, he can make 6♥ doubled, but he took the ♦K, cashed the ♦A, ruffed a diamond and played the ♠K covered and ruffed. Another diamond ruff was followed by the ♠10 for a club discard, but West had to score

the ♥Q for one down, -100 and 14 IMPs to CASTELLINO.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

HOLZHAUER vs. PINKOWSKI

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Garga</i>	<i>Humphreys</i>	<i>Pinkowski</i>	<i>Parrish</i>
	2♥	Pass	2NT
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

North led the ♥A, and when South followed with the ♥K, he continued with the ♥3, declarer ruffing and playing a diamond to the king and ace. Declarer ruffed the heart return, played a diamond to the queen and a spade, South taking the ace and switching to the ♦J. Declarer ruffed and cashed the ♠K, which cost an extra undertrick, four down, -1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Holzhauser</i>	<i>Dyer</i>	<i>Carmichael</i>	<i>Holmes</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

If you follow the principle that it is rarely wrong to raise partner with five-card support, you will surely raise to 3♥ on this deal, reaching the excellent game.

West led the ♥7. Declarer won with the ♥10, cashed the ♠A and ruffed a spade with the ♥4. East overruffed and switched to the ♣Q followed by the ♣J. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a spade with the ♥5 and suffered another overruff which meant he finished with nine tricks, +140 which meant 14 IMPs for HOLZHAUER.

CASTELLINO vs. BLOCHER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>K. Lee</i>	<i>Castellino</i>	<i>J. Lee</i>	<i>Alwan</i>
	Pass	3♣	Dbl
5♣	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

East led the ♠4, and West was allowed to win with the ♠8. The ♣K was followed by the ♥3 and when declarer discarded East ruffed and played the ♦K, the contract finishing three down, -150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quiros</i>	<i>Blocher</i>	<i>Sloofman</i>	<i>B. Wolpert</i>
	2♥	Pass	4♣ ⁽¹⁾
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			
(1) Splinter			

North led the ♣6, and declarer won with dummy's ♣Q, played a spade to the jack and continued with the ♠K which resulted in four down, -1100 and 15 IMPs to BLOCHER. They picked up 24 IMPs on the next two deals, but it was not enough, CASTELLINO winning 84–70.

In the other match, PINKOWSKI defeated HOLZHAUER winning 77–69.

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PEDER LANGSETMO TUESDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS

49.0 Tables / Based on 120 Tables

	A	X		
44.31	1		Stephen Stewart, Overland Park KS; Brad Carmichael, Shawnee KS	62.58%
33.23	2		Ghassan Menachi, Fabreville QC; Clement Maamarbachi, Montreal QC	60.66%
24.92	3		Pierre Daigneault – Terri Verret, Montreal QC	58.77%
18.69	4		Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Laura Brill, White Plains NY	58.13%
14.77	5		Elliot Sternlicht – Robert Kuhnreich, New York NY	57.81%
16.91	6	1	Dan Israeli, Tel Aviv Israel; Linda Einhorn-Ihde, New York NY	57.43%
12.68	7	2	Robert Gervis, Boynton Beach FL; Venky Venkataramani, Andover MA	57.43%
9.85	8		Barry Purrington, Eagan MN; Terry Beckman, Brooklyn Park MN	56.87%
8.86	9		Daiva Vitukynaite – Gediminas Poska, Palos Hills IL	55.76%
8.06	10		Bob Lyon, Fishers IN; Darrow Neves, Indianapolis IN	55.45%
7.39	11		David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD; Robert Robinson, Severna Park MD	55.30%
9.51	12	3	Bruce Humphreys, Clifton NJ; Nicholas France, Spring Valley NY	55.13%
7.13	13	4	Feng Liu, Sandy UT; Steven Towner, Charlottesville VA	54.66%
5.91	14	5	Max Aeschbacher, Cottonwood Heights UT; Ankur Rathi, San Francisco CA	54.61%
5.54	15		Ellen Gabriel – Mary Lee, Naples FL	54.51%
5.21	16		Jon Brissman, Indianapolis IN; Dennis Botch, Henderson NV	54.51%
4.92	17		Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; Lamy Agelidis, San Diego CA	54.50%
4.66	18		Ann Karin Fuglestad, Farsund, Norway; Daniel Rubinfeld, Rockville MD	54.44%
4.43	19		Robert Hale – David Idleman, Greensboro NC	53.99%
4.22	20		Ron Smith, Glenview IL; Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA	53.93%
4.03	21		Francesco Mazzadi, Parma Italy; Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT	53.60%
3.85	22		Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Charles Wilkins, Greensboro NC	53.45%
3.69	23		Lapt Chan, Forest Hills NY; Lynne Koeppel, New York NY	53.43%
4.83	24	6	Ari Greenberg – Thuy Tran, San Francisco CA	53.43%
3.41	25		Steven Wallis, Tampa FL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI	53.24%
4.23		7	Sarah Chen, Austin TX; Jessie Lee, Sugar Land TX	52.47%
3.76		8	Sherrie Goodman, New Orleans LA; Vicki Willis, Houma LA	51.96%
3.38		9	Thomas Knier, Burnsville MN; Frank Knier, Fargo ND	51.84%
3.27		10	Cara-Lyn Lappen, Durango CO; Michael Hellman, Denver CO	51.83%
3.72		11	Tianze Tan – Jianguo Tan, San Diego CA	51.48%

DETROIT LAKES DBC TUESDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

31.0 Tables / Based on 71 Tables

	B	C		
29.98	1		Dwight Bostow – Mark Sinner, Fargo ND	63.24%
22.49	2		Barb Zipoy, Bloomington MN; Matthew Belau, Rochester MN	62.48%
16.86	3		Douglas Althouse, Roanoke VA; Craig Pritzker, Woodbridge VA	58.07%
12.65	4	1	Joel Steinberg, Princeton Junction NJ; Robert Goldbloom, Hastings-on-Hudson NY	57.84%
9.99	5		Dennis Glazer, Bronxville NY; Gail Cannold, Rye NY	57.15%
8.57	6		Marion Brum de Barros, Denver CO; Julie Clark, Aurora CO	56.91%
7.50	7		William Higbee, Madison WI; Ronald Grosh, Middleton WI	56.43%
6.66	8		Jichong Chai, Falls Church VA; Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD	56.08%
6.00	9		Ronald Carriere, St.-Hippolyte QC; Robert Briscoe, Knowlton QC	55.36%
5.45	10		Nancy Dugan, Long Grove IA; Michelle Feeney, Davenport IA	55.28%
5.00	11		Gerry Keith, North Oakes MN; Dean Whiteway, La Crosse WI	54.69%
6.78	12	2	Paula Koeller – Karen Douek, Portland OR	54.52%
4.28	13		Larry Shell, Muscatine IA; Mark Cook, West Monroe LA	54.24%
5.09	14	3	Linus Bendel-Stenzel, Richfield MN; Sarah Wahl, Minneapolis MN	53.89%
3.75	15		James Miller, Wilton Manors FL; Deborah Branch, Delray Beach FL	53.76%
3.53	16		Becky Stevens – Sue Anderson, Seattle WA	53.52%
3.81		4	Leslie Brook, Westbury NY; Judith Katz, Old Westbury NY	53.05%
3.01		5	Barb Pratzel – Michael Pratzel, Madison WI	52.46%
2.58		6	Justin D'Arms, Columbus OH; Theodore Spieth, San Francisco CA	51.52%
2.26		7	Kirsten Beda – Brigitte Sandquist, San Francisco CA	51.48%

WMT THE BEST HOUR OF BRIDGE TUESDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

25.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
9.19	1	1		Karen Solheim, Surprise AZ; Paula Cheslik, Glendale AZ	62.00%
6.89	2	2		Cathy Vivirito – Elizabeth Vivirito, Chesterfield MO	59.81%
5.17	3	3		Kevin Foley, Mission KS; John McKay, Kansas City MO	59.61%
4.04	4	4	1	Kevin Wei, Fremont CA; Arjun Chaunal, Issaquah WA	59.46%
3.06	5	5	2	Roger Andre – Susan Williams, Edina MN	59.32%
2.63	6	6	3	Stephanie Janeway – David Janeway, Lake Stevens WA	58.66%
2.30	7			Alexandra Muller, Minnetonka MN; Tom Sneed, Plymouth MN	58.51%
2.04	8			Patti Smallwood, Brentwood TN; Vee Vee Scott, Nashville TN	56.90%
1.84	9	7		Lisa Ihrke, Rochester MN; Jim Bier, Oronoco MN	53.99%
1.67	10	8		Andrew Weber – Colton Weber, Concord NC	53.80%
1.53	11			Linda Nagle, College Grove TN; Birgitt Adams, Southwest Harbor ME	53.67%
1.52	12	9		Mary Moster, Sturgeon Bay WI; Nancy Goldberg, Mequon WI	53.45%
2.28	13	10		Maris Gordon, Sands Pointe NY; Lori Rothberg, Sands Point NY	53.45%
1.70			4	Adam Rosenfield, Cambridge MA; Henry Mauer, Madison WI	53.16%
1.35			5	Margo Hinke, St. Paul MN; Leeann Gersmeyer, North Oaks MN	50.30%

MONDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

9.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.33	1			Gail Greenberg – Jeff Hand, New York NY	67.70%
3.25	2			Toby White, Des Moines IA; Tracey Ball, Urbandale IA	61.90%
3.68	3	1	1	Damon Suden – Anthony Chiocchi, New York NY	61.56%
2.76	4	2		Cooper Smith, Grand Rapids MI; Marley Cedrone, Durham NH	61.47%
2.07	5	3	2	Anthony Wang, Vienna VA; Jack Coleman, Forest VA	55.86%
1.55	6	4		Jonathan Klinker – Susan Miguel, Tiverton RI	53.58%
1.16		5		Rory Xiao, Fremont CA; Christopher Rivera, Jackson Heights NY	51.99%

NELSINE STUHLMAN CHRISTENSEN TUESDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

13.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.98	1			Bob Glasson – Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ	68.18%
3.74	2			Steven Zimmerman, Palm Coast FL; Per Berg, Flagler Beach FL	60.42%
3.47	3	1		Shazia Makhdumi, San Francisco CA; Bonnie Macbride, Kensington CA	58.52%
2.68	4	2		Jean Kiesel, Lafayette LA; Jane Schmidt, Saint Paul MN	54.17%
1.88	5/6			Susan Baileycarman – Dennis Carman, Plainwell MI	53.79%
1.38	5/6			Lee Hausner – Viktor Anikovich, Los Angeles CA	53.79%
1.95		3		Shlomit Rind – Richard Kassir, New York NY	53.41%
1.46		4		Karen Eveland, Lewiston ID; Christina Kelton, Middleton WI	52.46%
2.28			1	Owen Barnett, McLean VA; Elliot Heyman, Shorewood MN	44.51%
1.71			2	Pamela Leese, Edina MN; Margaret Keyes, Naples FL	43.94%

TUESDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

12.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.30	1			John Sanna, Madison WI; Thomas Rutherford, Sauk City WI	67.86%
2.53	2	1		Douglas Donaldson, Minnetonka MN; Stephen Watson, Minneapolis MN	65.77%
1.86	3			Donald Bailey – Judith Bratton, Port Angeles WA	59.52%
1.90	4	2		Brent Adler, Bexley OH; Bonnie Lervik, Excelsior MN	58.93%
1.42	5	3		Rochelle Christensen, Falcon Heights MN; Bob Gosselin, Edina MN	58.33%
1.07	6	4		Kaye Stennes, Maplewood MN; Joan Thomas, Saint Paul MN	57.14%
1.63		5	1	Laura Behling – Jan Brosnahan, Winona MN	52.08%
1.22			2	Sarah Krzesowiak, Edina MN; Keith Melby, Minneapolis MN	51.49%
0.92			3	Julianna Rodney – Jacob Rodney, Arlington VA	47.02%

BRUCE WACHSMAN TUESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

11.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.77	1			Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Sasakatoon SK	62.67%
3.58	2			Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; Betty Sue el Gammal, Hoover AL	59.74%
3.25	3	1	1	Mingmin Zhu, Mississauga ON; Ranjan Bhaduri, Toronto ON	58.56%
2.01	4			Mary Doyle, Lincoln NE; Kenneth McNary, Omaha NE	55.88%
1.51	5			William McFall, New Berlin WI; Scott Hiller, Naples FL	55.36%
1.80	6			Louis Trautwein III – Betsy Weiss, Naples FL	55.06%
2.44		2	2	Cooper Pierce – Aaron Igra, New York NY	53.65%
1.83		3	3	Christopher Rivera, Jackson Heights NY; Vincent Zheng, New York NY	50.46%
1.37		4		Julie Zimmerman – Steven Zimmerman, Palm Coast FL	47.18%

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

9.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.00	1	1	1	Carol Lord, Edina MN; Merrikay Bailey, Minneapolis MN	67.68%
2.25	2	2		Nancy Olt – Patricia Grasso, Bedford MA	66.96%
1.69	3	3		Bonnie Lervik, Excelsior MN; Phil Vivirito, Chesterfield MO	62.25%
1.27	4			William Kessel – Sarah Kessel, Bedford MA	57.35%
0.96	5	4		Joyce Ramige, Green Valley AZ; Margaret Krueger, Eden Prairie MN	54.98%
0.72	6	5		Robert Carli, Marquette MI; Beth Howard, Hawthorne CA	53.38%
1.14			2	Jacob Rodney – Julianna Rodney, Arlington VA	46.89%

FRI-MON EVE SIDE SERIES

27.00 Tables / Based on 11 Tables

7.80	1/2	Tracey Ball, Urbandale IA	124.06%
7.80	1/2	Toby White, Des Moines IA	124.06%
6.66	3/4	Marley Cedrone, Durham NH	122.86%
6.66	3/4	Cooper Smith, Grand Rapids MI	122.86%
4.33	5/6	Betsy Weiss, Naples FL	122.29%
4.33	5/6	Louis Trautwein III, Naples FL	122.29%

SUN-TUE SIDE SERIES

47.25 Tables / Based on 14 Tables

8.89	1/2	Hannah Moon, Sasakatoon SK	126.96%
8.89	1/2	Ken Gee, Regina SK	126.96%
6.67	3/4	Betty Sue el Gammal, Hoover AL	119.86%
6.67	3/4	Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC	119.86%
4.12	5/6	Toby White, Des Moines IA	119.51%
4.12	5/6	Richard Newell, West Des Moines IA	119.51%
4.61	7/8	Lynne Schaefer, Ellicott City MD	117.32%
4.61	7/8	Martha Katz, Burr Ridge IL	117.32%

STAN BIRNBAUM MEMORIAL MONDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS – REVISED

23.0 Tables / Based on 63 Tables

	B	C		
28.73	1	1	Robert Goldbloom, Hastings Hudson NY; Joel Steinberg, Princeton Junction NJ	64.86%
21.55	2		Gregory Gauthier, Mountain View CA; John Stremel, San Jose CA	62.30%
16.16	3		John Mayne – Pamela Mayne, Modesto CA	59.55%
12.12	4	2	Damon Suden – Anthony Chiocchi, New York NY	58.93%
9.58	5		Michael Hartnett – Nancy Ferguson, Bloomington IN	57.67%
8.21	6		Chyah Burghard, Cordova TN; Bruce Wachsman, Germantown TN	56.91%
7.18	7	3	Justin D'Arms, Columbus OH; Theodore Spieth, San Francisco CA	56.34%
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	56.10%
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	52.78%

JON FREDERIC VOEDISCH MEMORIAL TUESDAY OPEN SWISS TEAMS

38 Tables / Based on 105 Tables

	A	X	Y		
34.06	1			Phillip Grothus, Bucerias Mexico; James Breihan, Houston TX; Michael Curley, Rockford MI; Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI	95.00
25.55	2	1	1	Barry Balof – Daniel Balof, Walla Walla WA; Kyle Blocher – Lisa Bievenue, Champaign IL	88.00
19.16	3	2		Arif Janjua, Saratoga CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA; Clifford Nebel, Hastings-on-Hudson NY; Edward Zuckerberg, Los Altos Hills CA	85.00
11.82	4/6			Steven Devico – Gayle Covey, Pittsboro NC; Sandra Friedman, Flushing NY; Michael Rosen, New York NY	79.00
11.82	4/6			Robert Schachter, Eden Prairie MN; Richard Gabriel, Naples FL; Paul Meerschaert, Long Lake MN; David Collins, Fridley MN	79.00
11.82	4/6			Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR; R. Muggia, Andover MA; Aly El-Selehdar, Pembroke NH; Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France	79.00
8.52	7			Kathryn Kimmerling, Blythewood SC; Saverio Margiotta, Italy; Thomas MacCormac – Peter Pigot, Dublin Ireland	78.00
7.57	8			Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Olivia Schireson, Colorado Springs CO; Justyna Zmuda, Skawina Poland; Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt – Sandra Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Katarzyna Dufrat, Wroclaw Poland	74.00
9.07	9	3		Greg Leblanc, Charlotte NC; Andy Hsiao, Marvin NC; David Binney – Ann Romeo, Seattle WA	71.00
8.32	10	4	2	Reece Jurgens – Bernice Ng – Isaac Stone – Dan Bell, Edmonton AB	70.00
6.24		5	3	Michael Mullin, Omaha NE; Michael Haas, Haddonfield NJ; Zheshen Li – Richmond Yeung, Chicago IL	65.00
4.61		6		Amy Brisson, Oakton VA; Betty Bursey, Chevy Chase MD; Lucy McCoy, Annandale VA; Avril Rodney, Ashburn VA	62.00
4.19			4/5	Kate Hopkins – Susan Bates – Jane Kirby, Dallas TX; Hellen Revelle, Louisville KY	61.00
4.19			4/5	Lee Blocher, Champaign IL; Brandon Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Karen Jennings, Lafayette LA; Cynthia Mazzaferro, Naples FL	61.00

DETROIT LAKES DBC TUESDAY 0–4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 1

9 Tables

15.21	1	Linda Brammer, Edina MN; Eric Swanlund, Minneapolis MN; Shelly Husebo, Eden Prairie MN; Vicky Smith, Minnetonka MN	107.00
11.41	2	Shen Duan, Andover MA; Quentin Liang, Long Island City NY; Marin Hirono – Jan Borowski, New York NY	95.00
8.56	3	Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet TN; Carmon Lee Woodley, Titusville FL; Bruce Brown – Elizabeth Brown, Denton TX	91.00
6.42	4	Victoria Billard, Kansas City MO; Kathy Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO; Phyllis Siegel, St. Louis MO; Robert Gray, Milton DE	84.00

DETROIT LAKES DBC TUESDAY 0–4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 2

9 Tables

14.14	1	Barbara Devaney, Washington DC; Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD; Todd Thorsen – Bobette Thorsen, Lititz PA	129.00
10.61	2	Joe Lisbon, St. Cloud MN; Robert Dunas, Raleigh NC; Andrew Mitchell, Oak Harbor WA; Joyce Lewis, Rochester MN	97.00
7.95	3	Peter Doan – Susan Bass, Chicago IL; Randall Roberts, St. Petersburg FL; Michele Pockross, Wilmette IL	96.00
5.97	4	Michael Hartnett – Nancy Ferguson, Bloomington IN; Noah Kingdon – Henry Kingdon, San Rafael CA	93.00

DETROIT LAKES DBC TUESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 3

10 Tables

13.54	1	Randolph Osstyn – Faye Bowers – Martin Matthews – Karen Reese, Marquette MI	85.00
10.16	2	Mindy Smith – Thad Smith, Boulder CO; Susan Miguel – Jonathan Klinker, Tiverton RI	80.00
7.62	3	Bev Meyer, Minneapolis MN; Peter Bock, Apple Valley MN; James Schnepf – Connie Nelson, Avon MN	79.00
5.71	4	Donald Xu, San Diego CA; Jon Lelevier, Cardiff CA; Steve Reid, Carlsbad CA; Timothy Vickers, Poway CA	70.00

DETROIT LAKES DBC TUESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 4

9 Tables

12.21	1	Cheryl Rider – James Rider – David Sterner – Donna Jordan, Dallas TX	121.00
9.16	2	Donna Neff – Bradford Stone, Reno NV; Phil Reynolds, Jackson MI; Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA	107.00
6.87	3	Jeffrey Walker, Eagan MN; Michael Orsted, Stillwater MN; Todd Flowerday, Coon Rapids MN; Douglas Giloy, Rockford IL	92.00
5.15	4	Paul Wehrman – Catherine Wehrman, Shoreview MN; Mary McIntyre, St. Paul MN; Miriam Larson, Minneapolis MN	77.00

DETROIT LAKES DBC TUESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 5

9 Tables

11.49	1	Harold George – Robert Fraser, Wichita KS; Carol Pastushok, Princeton NJ; Dennis Sucec, Houston TX	116.00
8.62	2	Ashley Szymiski, Aurora IL; Jeff Duckworth, Sugar Grove IL; Patty Garvy, Palm Beach FL; Neal Goldman, Willow Springs IL	110.00
6.46	3	H. Michael Mogil – Barbara Levine – Michelle Stafford, Naples FL; Donna Davidek, Marco Island FL	92.00
4.85	4	Michael Kiernan – Maureen Kiernan, West Fargo ND; Maury Fjestad – Jan Masterson, The Villages FL	83.00

DETROIT LAKES DBC TUESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 6

7 Tables

7.74	1/2	Nicole Hudak, New York NY; Benjamin Levine, Hartford CT; Peter Solberg, Roseville MN; Nathan Yee, Spring TX	77.00
7.74	1/2	Jackie Thomas, San Ramon CA; Pete Goldsmith, Hillsborough CA; Janice O'Brien, Pacifica CA; Bruce Graham, Sneads Ferry NC	77.00
4.97	3	Linda O'Malley – Brendan O'Malley, Lafayette Hill PA; Ellen Luchette, Limerick PA; Marc Topaz, Flourtown PA	65.00

DETROIT LAKES DBC TUESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 7

7 Tables

7.46	1	Jackson Wahl, Minneapolis MN; Norrie Thomas, Plymouth MN; Rebecca Wooden - Gerald Flom, St. Paul MN	87.00
5.60	2	David Klevan – James Lair, St. Paul MN; Joseph Kivel, Pine City MN; Patti Huiras, Olive Branch MS; Gregory Stromath, Oakdale MN	78.00
4.20	3	Judy Niver – David Niver, Danville CA; Glenn Chee, Salinas CA; Gina Brown, Soquel CA	72.00

DETROIT LAKES DBC TUESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 8

7 Tables

6.41	1	Catherine Gussler – Joseph Gussler – Heather Shearouse – Alexandra Whiddon, Savannah GA	78.00
4.81	2	Shu Mei Hwang, Woodbury MN; Barbara Pianin, Treasure Island FL; Shari Parker, Hixson TN; Mark Grossman, South Pasadena FL	76.00
3.61	3	Scott Hoversten – Dennis Schulte – Barb Lennington, Woodbury MN; Lloyd Arntsen, Minneapolis MN	66.00

DETROIT LAKES DBC TUESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 9

7 Tables

5.71	1	Xintao He – Paraleen Pew – Gary Falkenstein – Connie Falkenstein, Rochester MN	85.00
4.28	2	Jeanne Sinsheimer – Barry Sinsheimer, Redondo Beach CA; Tommy Howard - Jason Howard, Hawthorne CA	73.00
3.21	3	Kaining Sheng, Northbrook IL; Kao Li, Cohasset MA; Dennis Stambaugh, Rio Rancho NM; Russel Boknecht, Lacey WA	65.00

MON-TUE BRACKETED KNOCKOUT BKT 1

4 Tables

33.45	1	Ben Loehnen, New York NY; Michael Boreson, Kalispell MT; Beth Loehnen – Brad Halfpap, Missoula MT
23.42	2	Henry Shi – Ping Hu, Naperville IL; Jay Wang, San Leandro CA; Li Zhang, San Jose CA
15.05	3	Hong Ding, New York NY; Sun Xudong, Shanghai China; Hua Yang – Yan Song, Plano TX
11.71	4	Philip Lentz, New York NY; Roberto Verthelyi, Hoboken NJ; Paul Michaels – Vicki Mace, Bonita Springs FL

MON-TUE BRACKETED KNOCKOUT BKT 2

4 Tables

20.90	1	Sandy Casey, St. Paul MN; Grant Duffrin, Roseville MN; Les Hassler, Shoreview MN; Eileen Fontaine, Bluffton SC
14.63	2	Jared Egerer, Mount Arlington NJ; Tiger Lili Williams, Fair Lawn NJ; Larry Gordon, West Orange NJ; Becky Levinson, Moorestown NJ
9.41	3	Keith Hafen, Gainesville VA; Jonathan Rodney, Arlington VA; Rich Ardini, Vienna VA; Kandi Osborne, Phoenix AZ
7.32	4	Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA; Karen Haines – Jane Grewcock, Summit NJ; Allison McGeough, St. Augustine FL

MON-TUE BRACKETED KNOCKOUT BKT 3

4 Tables

12.57	1	Matthew Evett – Susan Evett – Stuart Dombey – Larry Junck, Ann Arbor MI
8.80	2	Jason Grove, Glastonbury CT; Chris Westermeyer, Falcon Heights MN; Justin Young, East Hartford CT; Juanjuan Xia, St. Paul MN
5.66	3	Louann Cutler, St. Augustine FL; Kevin Kennett, Gladwin MI; Marion Gagnon – Scott Gagnon, Racine WI
4.40	4	Nancy Schnepf – George Schnepf, Sartell MN; Mark Doucette – Mary Doucette, Little Falls MN

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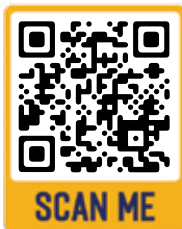
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1) ConferenceDirect-reserved registered guests of the host hotel; 2) other registered guests/roommates added through the EE form; and 3) residents of the host district who purchase entries through Entry Express.

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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.)

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

Events with a masterpoint limit of 500 or lower are \$28 per player per session.

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Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Thursday, July 16

Cornhusker Unit 241 Day / Stephen & Sue Jackson Day

9:30 am & 3:30 pm

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd of 16	M100F, mezzanine	\$43	\$53
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	M100F, mezzanine	\$25	\$35
0-3000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 QF	M100F, mezzanine	\$25	\$35
10 am				
Todd Flowerday Thursday Morning Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
10 am & 1 pm				
Fast Pairs (<i>unlim./4000/1500</i>)	1-2	L100H, lower level	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3 pm				
WERNHER OPEN PAIRS	1-2 F	Ballroom A, ground level	\$38	\$48
FREEMAN MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	1-2 F	Ballroom B, ground level	\$38	\$48
NABC 0-10,000 PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	L100G, lower level	\$25	\$35
Mitch Dunitz ACBL Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship <i>Round-Robin or Swiss qualifier</i>	1-2 Q	200B, level 2	Free	Free
Stephen & Sue Jackson Top-Flight Pairs (<i>unlim./5000</i>)	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Mid-Flight Pairs (<i>4000/1250</i>)	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Wed-Thu Mini-Soloway Style Bracketed Knockout Teams	1-2 F	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Scott Hiller Top-Flight Swiss Teams (<i>unlim./6000/4500</i>)	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Marjean Larson Memorial 0-4000 Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
3 pm				
Thursday 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				
Thursday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>	single	200D, level 2	\$22	\$22
Collegiate Individual	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.