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Can you think of a celebrity who seems like they could get into bridge?

“Taylor Swift. Because she’s brilliant – very intelligent and purposeful in everything he does.”

Liam Lafferty, 17
Palm Coast FL

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Goodwill Message

Accept defeat and victory with grace; practice active ethics.

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UC Berkeley wins Collegiate

The team from UC Berkeley (Zhenling Wang, Weichen Tang and Mihir Singhal, Berkeley CA; Ethan Xie, Williamsville NY) are the champions of the Mitch Dunitz Collegiate Bridge Bowl. The team



UC Berkeley are the 2026 Collegiate Bowl Champions. Robert Todd of the ACBL Educational Foundation presents the trophy to Weichen Tang, Zhenling Wang, Mihir Singhal and Ethan Xie.

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Valente–Balof win 10K Pairs



Claire Valente and Barry Balof, a couple from Walla Walla WA, won the NABC 0–10,000 Pairs.

Valente, a history teach at DeSales Catholic High School in Walla Walla, and Balof, a professor of mathematics at Whitman College, qualified 25th in Thursday’s opening round, but posted 59.80% and 61.44% scores in Friday’s

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Winners of the NABC 10K Pairs: Claire Valente and Barry Balof

Mini-Spingold champs: desJardins

A California/New Zealand foursome are the winners of the 0–6000 Mini-Spingold KO Teams. Captain David desJardins of Burlingame CA, Andrew Gumperz of Berkeley CA, Lysandra Zheng of Auckland, New Zealand, and Leon Meier of Christchurch New Zealand, defeated Kevin

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The 0–6000 Mini-Spingold KO winners: Leon Meier, Lysandra Zheng, captain David desJardins and Andrew Gumperz.

Today's Bridge Events

Saturday, July 18 Hawkeye Unit 216 Day 9:30 am & 3:30 pm

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	M100F, mezzanine	\$43	\$53
0-3000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	M100F, mezzanine	\$25	\$35
10 am				
Saturday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$18	\$28
10 am & 1:30 pm				
OSHLAG FAST PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Ballroom A, ground level	\$38	\$48
10 am & 3 pm				
BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS <i>Under 3000 & Ribbon Q required; 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	L100G, lower level	\$25	\$35
Collegiate Pairs Championship	1-2	200B, level 2	Free	Free
Bridge Center of St. Paul Open Pairs <i>(unlim./4000/1500)</i>	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Patti Stuhlman Top-Flight Swiss Teams <i>(unlim./6000/4500)</i>	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Mike & Jill Flader 0-4000 Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3:30 pm				
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 SF	Ballroom B, ground level	\$43	\$53
0-10,000 MIXED SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	L100H, lower level	\$25	\$35
3 pm				
Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$18	\$28

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In the 1980s, Dick Baker founded the St. Paul Bridge Club, holding games in various locations such as Stillwater, Hastings, 3M and Century College. Later, seeking a permanent home, he secured donor support to purchase tables and chairs, and rent a bridge studio at Highway 36 and English Street. Following Dick's death in 1996, the bridge club continued to operate, and in the late 1990s was incorporated as a 501(c)7 nonprofit organization under the name Bridge Center of St. Paul and governed by a member-elected board.

In 2026, the club transitioned to a 501(c)3 status named the St. Paul Bridge Center, able to accept fully

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Patti Stuhlman

Patti is the chair of this NABC. Like her mother Nelsine, she has also chaired the Minnesota Gopher Regional tournament for more than 20 years. Patti started her bridge involvement in 1964 as a caddy and began playing tournament bridge in 1975. She was the caddy master at the 1982 Summer NABC in Minneapolis, and the entertainment co-chair for the 1994 Fall NABC in Minneapolis. Patti has also served on and been the president of both the Unit 178 board and the Minneapolis Grand Slam Club. Every bridge player in the area owes Patti a debt of gratitude, appreciates her excellent organizational skills, and wants to thank her for both her selfless service and her major contributions to bridge in Minnesota.



Mike and Jill Flader

Mike and Jill Flader met as teacher and student in a bridge class and have worked together for decades for the betterment of the Twin Cities bridge community. During his long career, Mike was the front man, first as director of the Twin City Bridge Center, later as a long-time ACBL national director, Bridge Bulletin monthly columnist, and well-respected bridge teacher. Meanwhile, Jill maintained her own full-time career as a diabetes educator; while doing all the organizing, follow-up and behind-the-scenes work that helped Mike's bridge career flourish.



After retirement, they both traveled extensively to play in bridge tournaments in Las Vegas, Florida and elsewhere. A few years ago, their joint devotion to bridge took a back seat to Mike's need for a kidney transplant. To avoid the typical five-year wait for a kidney, Jill donated a kidney in June into the national living donor pool. After some frustrating delays, Mike received his new kidney and is on the road to recovery. He is extremely thankful for all the support from friends and family. The 2024 Gopher Regional marked the Fladers' return to tournament play. Welcome back!

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SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Meetings are at either the Sheraton or Minneapolis Convention Center.

Saturday, July 18

5:30–7 pm **Youth NABC Closing Reception. Room 200D, level 2, MCC**

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.

Saturday, July 18

9:15 a.m. **Jade Barrett** *Declarer Play Starts with the Auction*

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Saturday, July 18

Bagels

Sunday, July 19

Breakfast burritos

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In the Friday morning 299er game, the overall winners were David Niles and Huldah Niles (top), both of Minnetonka MN. They posted a 63.39% game.

They also won the Wednesday morning 299er game, then tried the afternoon Gold Rush Pairs, which was harder, they said. This is their first NABC. Both of their grandmothers were social bridge players, so they are learning the ropes of duplicate together.

Second overall and first North-South were Jim Bloom of Port Matilda PA and Brad Cottel (bottom photo) of Aptos CA. They met that morning at the partnership desk and got along very well, scoring 58.33%.

When asked what their bridge goals are, Jim said, "To play a hand without making a mistake."

Brad has two goals for 2026. "To learn lebensohl," he said. "A pretty big goal."

His second goal grew out of a conversation with legendary teacher Barbara Seagram, who was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in Minneapolis. After playing in the Mid-Flight Pairs, where he "got destroyed," Brad, who teaches and plays a lot online, was asked a question. "She asked me how often I played in person," he said. "My answer was, 'Never.'"

That exchange inspired a new resolution. "My goal is to play cards with real humans once a week."



Thinking Bridge

By Eddie Kantar

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

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♥	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♥	4♠

Opening lead: ♥10.

Bidding commentary: As South, your hand improves once you know partner has at least two spades (based on his bid of 1NT).

Lead commentary: When leading partner's suit through a notrump bidder, it is normal to lead the 10 from 10-x-x, the jack from J-x-x, and the queen from Q-x-x. Not the

case this time, but the possibility exists.

Defensive commentary: As East, if dummy plays low, signal encouragement with the ♥8 and when partner leads a second heart, cover dummy's card and play a third heart, putting partner in a position to overruff declarer.

Play commentary: As South, there is a reasonable chance that West has the ♠K and will overruff if you ruff high. If this happens, you are stuck with a diamond loser. Discard a diamond instead. It's a sure loser anyway. Now you can win any return and take the spade finesse. With 10 spades between the two hands, the percentage play (by far) is to take the finesse. It is wrong to play East for the singleton king unless the bidding absolutely tells you that East must have that card – or it has fallen on the floor face up!

As declarer, when there is a clear danger of being overruffed (third heart), consider discarding a loser instead, particularly if the suit cannot be continued effectively.

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.



“Micro”-Spingold Final: Xu vs. Casinovi

The 0–3000 Spingold Knockout Teams has come down to two finalists. California’s Donald Xu squad will take on Giorgio Casinovi, a team with players from Georgia and California, for the title.

Casinovi advanced with a 166–98 victory over Jason Grove. Although the margin remained within a few game swings for most of the match, Casinovi seized control in the final quarter, outscoring Grove 62–19.

The other semifinal between Xu and David Neiman was a thriller. The lead changed hands after every quarter. Xu led by 14 IMPs after the opening segment before Neiman surged ahead by 19 at halftime. Xu responded to regain a 15-IMP advantage after three quarters, then held off a late charge to prevail 119–115 and earn a place in the final.

Defending champs bounced from Spingold

Jeff Wolfson and company were the defending champions in the Spingold KO, and, hence, the No. 1 seed, but they were ousted from this year’s event by Harrison Luba’s squad in the quarterfinal round, 195–105.

No. 2 seed Marty Fleisher handled Leslie Amoils 141–104, leading the match through all four quarters. Paul Street’s squad eliminated Patricia Cayne’s run in the contest, 115–101. And Andy Goodman’s team narrowly defeated Andrew Rosenthal’s squad, 93–90.

Today’s semifinal pairings feature Luba vs. Goodman and Fleisher vs. Street.

Baker leads the pack in Roth

After the first qualifying sessions of the Roth Open Swiss Teams, the squad led by Lynn Baker of Austin TX are in front with 110.67 VPs. They will have a carryover of 30 VPs for today’s two-session semifinal.

Rajath Shourie of Pacific Palisades CA and his crew are close behind in second place with 109.90 VPs and a carryover of 29.82.

Of the 99 teams that entered the event, 50 qualified for the semifinal.



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Collegiate

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will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. They defeated Georgia Tech (Chase Lefevre, Blackshear GA; Lior Weber, Chamblee GA; Alex Han, Katy TX; Justin Shiao, Atlanta GA) 95–21. The Georgia Tech team will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

This year's contest featured a new format. Teams were divided into Open and Limited brackets, with each bracket playing a qualifying Swiss on Thursday. The top four teams advanced to Friday's knockout stage, where the semifinals and finals were contested over two 12-board segments. In addition to the scholarship awards to the top two teams, the Open third and fourth place teams will receive \$3,000 and \$2,000 scholarships, respectively, and the Limited first and second place teams will receive \$3,000 and \$1,500 scholarships.

In the Open semifinal, top-seeded Georgia Tech faced fourth-seeded NYU (Ava Donnellan, Brooklyn NY; Marin Hirono, Jan Borowski and Xingrui Wang, New York NY; Quentin Liang, Long Island City NY). Georgia Tech advanced to the final with a 95–27 victory.

The other semifinal matched second-seeded Chicago (Richmond Yeung, Sascha Gordon-Zolov and Zheshen Li, Chicago IL; Ian Dunbar, Evanston IL) against third-seeded UC Berkeley. The teams were tied 37–37 at halftime before UC Berkeley pulled away in the second segment for a 68–40 win.

The Limited bracket also featured two decisive semifinal matches. Top-seeded Duke (Surya Naresh and Plato Deliyannis, Durham NC; Erel Amit, Northbrook IL; Anthony Zhao, Watertown MA) defeated fourth-seeded NYU (Alyssa Chen, Stamford CT; Maxwell Gong, Fair Lawn NJ; Surbhi Surbhi, New York NY; Ada Lin, Jericho NY) 89–33.

In the other semifinal, third-seeded

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10K Pairs

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Second in the NABC 10K Pairs: Patricia Herrera and Marc Sylvester

two-session final to win.

Valente and Balof finished more than a board ahead of runners-up Patricia Herrera of Mexico City and Marc Sylvester of Edinboro PA.

Third place went to Tom Breur of Belmont MA and Samuel Phillips of Largo FL.

Mini-Spin

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Robertson's team in the 56-board final, 113–110.

Playing with Robertson of Beachwood OH were Scott Brozell of Half Moon Bay CA, Greg Warden of Ridgewood NJ and Andrew Skolnick of Bedford Hills NY.

The desJardins team trailed Robertson by 16 IMPs after the first quarter, but won the second set 51–6 to lead by 29. The third quarter saw desJardins tack on an additional 8 IMPs. The Robertson team won the last set 49–25, but it was not enough.

Second in the 0–6000 Mini-Spin Gold KO Teams: Greg Warden, Andrew Skolnick, captain Kevin Robertson and Scott Brozell.



Collegiate

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Purdue (Connor Schmutz, West Lafayette IN; Nathaniel Miller, Glen Ellyn IL; William Warms, Louisville KY; Alice Zhang, Ames IA) defeated second-seeded North Texas (Gioia Folefack, Forney TX; Rilee Burden, Arlington TX; Rohan Srivastava and Thomas Matheos Denton, TX) 70–55 to earn a place in the final.–

The Open championship match was all UC Berkeley from the start. Berkeley stormed to a 48–6 halftime lead and never looked back, cruising to a 95–21 victory.

The match for third/fourth place was closer at the start – Chicago led NYU by 16 IMPs after the opening segment, but NYU mounted a strong comeback in the second half, outscoring Chicago by 27 IMPs to claim third place, 89–78.

The Limited final followed a similar script to the Open championship. Duke built a 15-IMP lead in the first segment, then put the match out of reach by limiting Purdue to just 13 IMPs while scoring 41 of its own in the second. Duke captured the title, 69–26.

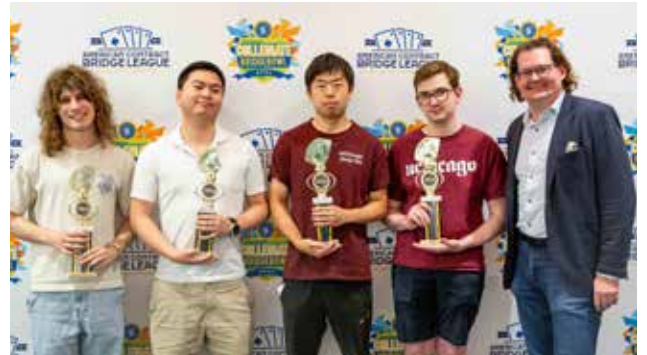
In the Limited third-place playoff, the University of North Texas defeated NYU, 76–47.

Second place in the Collegiate Bridge Bowl is Georgia Tech: Justin Shiao, Alex Han, Lior Weber and Chase Lefevre pictured with ACBL Educational Foundation President Robert Todd.



Third place in the Collegiate Bridge Bowl went to NYU: Jan Borowski, Marin Hirono, Quentin Liang, Ava Donnellan and Xingrui Wang pictured with Todd.

Chicago took fourth place in the Collegiate Bridge Bowl: Sascha Gordon-Zolov, Richmond Yeung, Zheshe Li and Ian Dunbar pictured with Todd.



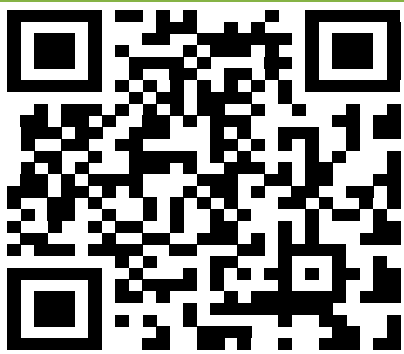
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Bracket 2 winners from Duke: Anthony Zhao, Surya Naresh, Plato Deliyannis and Erel Amit pictured with Todd.

Collegiate Bridge Bowl Bracket 2 runners-up from Purdue University: Alice Zhang, Nathaniel Miller, Connor Schmutz and Will Warms pictured with Todd.



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Under-13 pair wins Baron Barclay Youth Pairs

Arjun Chaunal of Issaquah WA and Kevin Wei of Fremont CA won the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs on Friday. They were one of the youngest pairs in the field.

Chaunal, 12, and Wei, 11, have been regular partners since shortly before the 2024 Junior U.S. Bridge Championships. They play mostly online when practicing with the USBF Junior program and have only played together in person a few times for big tournaments.

Arjun had only been playing for four months when he went to the Junior trials; Kevin has been playing since he was 6. Both learned from their grandfathers.

For Kevin, it was during the pandemic. His grandpa was concerned he'd be bored, so taught him bridge so he'd have something to do when there

wasn't much else.

For Arjun, his grandpa came to visit for what was supposed to be a few days, but his dad wanted him to stay longer. Dad figured out he could con Grandpa into a longer stay by asking him to teach him bridge. Arjun joined, and proved to be a fast learner. A few months later he was in Atlanta qualifying to be part of the USA2 Under-16 team.

They were a very young team, and didn't get great results when they went to the 2025 World Youth Team Championships in Italy, failing to qualify for the knockout phase and then placing fourth in the BAM.

"I don't feel like we deserved to be chosen," Wei said. "I don't feel like we represented the USA well."

"I feel like if we could go back, we'd do better," Chaunal said.



Arjun Chaunal and Kevin Wei

It so happens there's another Junior trials this December, and they are planning to try again.

Last weekend, Arjun and his dad, Mudit Chaunal, scored a 60% in the second session of the NABC+ Open

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Florida pair enjoys the social side of bridge

Some young players take bridge very seriously, aspiring to be Junior champions. Many don't.

Leon Grigoruk and Liam Lafferty are playing in their fifth Youth NABC. They've continued to come as part of the Flagler Palm Coast High School group even after graduating a year ago. But their dedication is more to the event than to the game.

"I enjoy bridge because I get to spend time with friends," said Leon, 19, who is studying math at the University of Florida. "It's a very social thing for me. If Liam was not my partner, I would not play bridge. I play bridge passively. I am aware of my cognitive focus – I'm not focusing in bridge. My friendship with Liam transcends bridge."

"We're not playing to win, we're playing to have fun," said Liam, who turns 18 next month and is a Florida Atlantic University student who builds

software.

They've known each other since Leon was in fourth grade and Liam third and have been good friends a long time.

Since Leon started high school first, he got into bridge first when Per Berg, then a Spanish teacher at the school, recruited him. Berg ran the bridge program through the school originally and has continued it independently after retiring.

"I was college maxxing," Leon said. "Bridge seemed fun. A lot of other smart people were in it."

But he needed a partner, so he recruited Liam.

"He said, 'You should play bridge with me,'" Liam explained. "He said,



Leon Grigoruk and Liam Lafferty

"It's sophisticated, intellectual."

"I did?" Leon said, surprised.

That was five years ago, and they've played almost exclusively together ever since.

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Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs



Winners of the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs: Arjun Chaunal and Kevin Wei



Second in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs: Kaining Sheng and Samuel Kuang

Morning Qualifying Session – Section Tops



Colton Weber and William Liu



Wilson Hall and Casper Gu



Kaitlyn Kuang and Muyi Chen

Afternoon Youth Consolation Pairs



First: Jacob Rodney and Julianna Rodney

Second, first in C (not pictured): Everett Erpelding and Harris Vandrovec



Second in C: Mihai Constantin and Liya Li

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BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS

9.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables

9.18	1	Kevin Wei, Fremont CA; Arjun Chaunal, Issaquah WA	67.79%
6.89	2	Kaining Sheng, Northbrook IL; Samuel Kuang, San Francisco CA	65.74%
5.16	3	Nina Ke, North York ON; Rudy Cheng, Toronto ON	62.50%
3.87	4	Katherine Lee – Jayson Lee, Hillsborough CA	61.57%
3.06	5	Colton Weber, Concord NC; William Liu, Oakville ON	59.49%
2.62	6	Zinnia Meyer, Chicago IL; Nathan Kasperkiewicz, Redmond WA	58.66%
2.30	7	Daniel Yfrah, Palm Coast FL; Ryan Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL	58.01%
2.04	8	Leyi Chen – Jessica Yao, Bellevue WA	57.79%
1.88	9	Casper Gu, Barrie ON; Wilson Hall, Newmarket ON	53.90%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH CONSOLATION PAIRS

5.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.47	1	1		Jacob Rodney – Julianna Rodney, Arlington VA	78.58%
2.60	2	2	1	Everett Erpelding, Minnetonka MN; Harris Vandrovec, Eden Prairie MN	56.19%
1.95	3	3		Elan Ravishankar, Schaumburg IL; Emma Wang, Palatine IL	53.99%
1.49	4	4	2	Mihai Constantin, CA; Liya Li, San Jose CA	49.52%

FRIDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.22	1			Kate Rogers – Kessner Munday, Kalispell MT	66.18%
1.13	2	1	1	Colin Bousu – Charles Osburn, Bloomington MN	58.00%
0.85	3	2	2	Avalon Bribitzer-Stull – Xander Alcivar, Bloomington MN	57.73%
0.64	4	3		Siyue Yu – Xintong Zhong, Cupertino CA	55.77%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.14	1	1	1	Sakina Konate – Bealiah Dolcine, Orange NJ	55.83%
0.86	2	2		Kessner Munday – Kate Rogers, Kalispell MT	52.50%
0.78	3	3	2	Westley Wei, Woodridge IL; Felicity Just, Athens GA	50.00%



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What celebrity should try bridge?

During lunch at the Youth NABC, we asked players: Can you think of a celebrity who seems like they could get into bridge? Here are their answers.



"Emma Watson. She's a smart person. Bridge requires intellect."

*Beatrice Hung, 12
Los Altos CA*



"Brad Pitt. He does everything. I feel like he would enjoy bridge."

*Troy Christlieb, 16
Palm Coast FL*



"Billie Eilish. I can tell from her songwriting she's really intelligent."

*Khadijatou Dia, 12
Orange NJ*



"I can see Albert Einstein and Isaac Newton being bridge partners."

*Ethan Wu, 13
Cupertino CA*



"Luka Modric, a soccer player from Croatia. He's really patient, a playmaker. I feel like he would be intelligent."

*Ivy Chen, 17
Palm Coast FL*



"Is a dead one OK? Michael Jackson. Creativity is good to have in bridge. He's very creative. He would get more people interested in bridge."

*Wilson Hall, 17
Toronto ON*



"Twilight Sparkle from My Little Pony. She has magic. She could hold up cards without her hooves getting tired."

*Alexandra Deschenes, 16
Bellevue WA*



"Kamala Harris. Because she cares about health and would want to encourage people to do something to prevent Alzheimer's."

*Liya Li, 9
San Jose CA*



"James Holzhauer."
[He already plays.]

"Magnus Carlson – a chess player."
*Nathan Kasperkiewicz, 17
Seattle WA*



"Martha Stewart. She seems calm and smart."

*Kessner Munday, 12
Kalispell MT*



"Robert Downey Jr. He's a genius, millionaire and playboy."

*Syed Haider, 17
Palm Coast FL*



"SpongeBob. He's a rectangle just like the cards."

*Jessica Yao, 14
Bellevue WA*

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“Vincent Van Gogh. I feel like artistic people think outside the box. Taylor Swift. She’d be great.”

*Anna Grigoruk, 16
Palm Coast FL*



“Ted Danson. He’s older. In ‘Cheers’ he seemed to be down to earth and social. He’d fit in well.”

*Mitchell Edelstein, 15
Flagler Beach FL*



“Steve Harvey. He’s a person who likes learning a bunch of new things. I think he’d be interested.”

*Sakina Konate, 11
Orange NJ*



“Mark Rober. He’s an engineer and YouTuber. Figuring things out is what he does.”

*Kate Rogers, 12
Kalispell MT*



“Richard Sherman. He used to play cornerback for the Seahawks. He went to Stanford. When I saw his commentary, he seems intelligent and like he likes games.”

*Zinnia Meyer, 15
Chicago IL*



“Wayne Gretzky. He did not become the GOAT at hockey by being the strongest and the fastest. He did it by being innovative. If he got into bridge, he would be great. Also he’s Canadian.”

*Casper Gu, 16
Barrie ON*



“Ariana Grande. Her albums are very intricate; there’s always a deeper meaning. Like Taylor Swift, she thinks ahead about her next album and plans ahead.”

*Kirstina Seang, 17
Palm Coast FL*



“Leonardo DiCaprio. He plays poker and other card games. He’s good at figuring things out. Give him a month and he’ll destroy these kids. He doesn’t like to lose.”

*Ethan Zverinsky, 17
Palm Coast FL*



“Terry Tao – one of the greatest mathematicians.”

*Leon Grigoruk, 19
Palm Coast FL*



“Magnus Carlson. He already plays chess.”

*James Fu, 15
Westfield NJ*



“Michael Jackson. He seems pretty smart.”

*Lanhao Zhao, 15
Sammamish WA*



“Kim Kardashian. I think she might be interested.”

*Bealiah Dolcine, 10
Orange NJ*

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Barclay Youth Pairs

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Pairs; but it wasn't enough to make up for their first session, and they didn't qualify.

In Friday's Youth Pairs, they scored 55% in the morning session – 13th out of 18 qualifiers; they thought it had been a 53%.

"We barely qualified," Chaunal said. "We were mad at ourselves."

"I thought, how are we supposed to beat the pair that had a 16 carryover?" Wei said.

But in the afternoon session, "we started off with a good round and it just kept going, kept getting better," Chaunal said, and 66% was enough.

They finished half a board in front of Kaining Sheng of Northbrook IL and Samuel Kuang of San Francisco CA.

The pair Wei worried about catching – Colton Weber and William Liu, who dominated the qualifying session with a 73% – finished fifth. Last year's winners, Katherine Lee and Jayson Lee, finished fourth.

Florida Pair

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"For a month [in 2023] he left me for a girl," Liam said. "I was so heartbroken."

"There was no romantic interest," Leon clarified. "I regret it now."

But five years is already a long time for a partnership to last, perhaps even more so for the Youth NABC. What's changed since they first came to Providence in 2022?

"Every year they [the other kids] get better and we get worse," Leon said. Still, "Me and Liam are the dream team. If we wanted to, Liam and I could lock in and get good."

But they haven't ever decided they want to.

"The thing is, the more conventions you learn, the marginal utility for each new one goes down," Liam said. "Even if you know them all, it's still only a marginal edge. Most of the time they don't come up."

Especially now that they're apart in college and only play when they're home on breaks, they see their casual approach to the game as an advantage.

"When we were in high school, we tried more," Leon said. "Now we don't have that pressure anymore."

"I think that's why we lasted," Liam said. "The other kids, they tried a lot harder than us. I think they got burnt out. Then when they couldn't play as much, they started losing skill, and that was even more discouraging. We could not play for a year and come back and be fine."

They enjoy the occasional bridge games as reunions – opportunities to catch up with their friends from high school and Berg.

"I don't think I'll ever give up bridge," Liam said. "But it will be casual for the foreseeable future."

YOUTH EVENTS

All Youth NABC events are in 200D, level 2

Saturday, July 18

**ACBL ED FOUNDATION &
BRIDGEWHIZ NATIONAL YOUTH
SWISS TEAMS**

10 am

Qualifier

2 pm

Finals

2 pm

Youth Teams single session

10 am & 2 pm

Cardrook Pairs single sessions

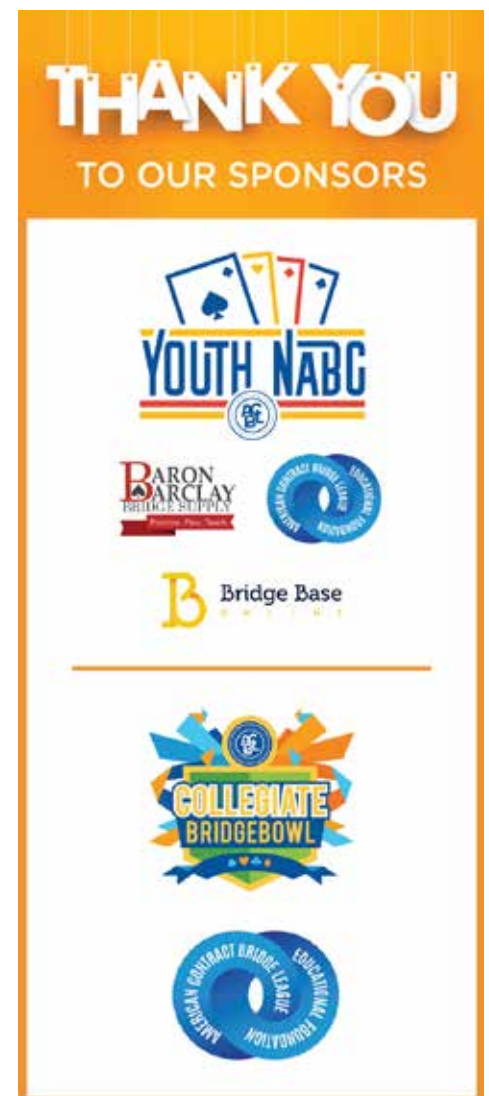
Bridge Battle single sessions

Youth Award Ceremony

Saturday, July 18

at 5:30 pm

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



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Cardrook Pairs



First in the morning, second in the afternoon: Kessner Munday and Kate Rogers



Second in the morning, first in B: Colin Bousu and Charles Osburn



Third in the morning: Avalon Britzber-Stull and Xander Alcivar



First in the afternoon: Sakina Konate and Bealiah Dolcine

Question

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“Helen Keller. Even though she’s blind and couldn’t hear, I feel like she deserves to be part of the game because she’s smart and talented.”

*Emma Wang, 12
Palatine IL*



“Magnus Carlson.”
*Rudy Cheng, 14
Toronto ON*



“Tom Holland. He looks smart. Or Taylor Swift.”
*Leyi Chen, 13
Bellevue WA*



“Joe Biden. He’s old.”
*Derek Deschenes, 14
Bellevue WA*

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SPINGOLD TEAMS, SEMIFINAL PAIRINGS

1. Wolfson	203
64. (65) Z. Wang	109
32. Ashe	169
33. (44) Goyal	113
16. Feinstein NPC	190
49. Mawyer	42
17. Vedanta Capital	208
48. (55) Chubukov	100
9. Helle	180
56. Zhang	45
24. Luba	201
41. Fredin	167
25. Rippey	185
40. Castoldi	115
8. Rubenstein	230
57. (72) Rockoff	79
5. Rosenthal	195
60. Aldrich	68
28. Goldberg	175
37. Sabbah	128
21. Wildavsky	160
44. (59) Alaybeyi	15
12. Overdeck	150
53. (76) Silvius	10
13. Goodman	152
52. Lev	111
20. Simson	195
45. E. Xiao	88
29. Glubok	143
36. Bramley	121
4. Nickell	146
61. Ives	44 w/d

1. Wolfson	153
32. Ashe	126
16. Feinstein NPC	129
17. Vedanta Capital	135
9. Helle	86
24. Luba	145
25. Rippey	67
8. Rubenstein	158
5. Rosenthal	155
28. Goldberg	112
21. Wildavsky	122
12. Overdeck	191
13. Goodman	183
20. Simson	120
29. Glubok	113
4. Nickell	180

1. Wolfson	110
16. (17) Vedanta Capital	99

1. Wolfson	34
8. (24) Luba	46

9. (24) Luba	172
8. Rubenstein	112

1. (24) Luba	172
4. (13) Goodman	104

5. Rosenthal	157
12. Overdeck	95

5. Rosenthal	14
4. (13) Goodman	18

13. Goodman	151
4. Nickell	104

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SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS – SEMIFINAL PAIRINGS

77 Tables

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

vs

Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Nicolas L'Ecuycer, Montreal QC; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel

Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Shan Huang - Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Robert Levin, Henderson NV

vs

Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX

80.00 5/8 Jeffrey Wolfson, Boca Raton FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Yinghao Liu, Dublin CA; Yichao Chen, Mountain Lakes NJ; Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL

80.00 5/8 Andrew Rosenthal - Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Martin Schaltz, Denmark; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway

80.00 5/8 Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London United Kingdom; Danny Molenaar - Berend van den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, Driebergen Netherlands; Joris van Lankveld, Castricum Netherlands

80.00 5/8 Leslie Amoils, North York ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON; Sibrand van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands; Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands

50.00 9/16 Pierre Zimmermann - Michal Nowosadzki - Jacek Kalita - Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland; Franck Multon, Monaco; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland

50.00 9/16 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

50.00 9/16 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

50.00 9/16 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



50.00 9/16 Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Bart Nab, Tilburg Netherlands; Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Sweden

50.00 9/16 Jerome Rombaut - Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Roy Welland, New York NY; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil; Joao Paulo Campos, Brazil

50.00 9/16 Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Nils Kvangraven, Norway; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Oyvind Saur, Gja Vik Norway; Massimiliano Di Franco, Palermo Italy; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy

50.00 9/16 Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde - Soren Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark

25.00 17/32 Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA; Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia; Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia

25.00 17/32 Rob Helle, Mauritius; Bob Drijver, Aalsmeer Netherlands; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Cornelis van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Simon de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands

25.00 17/32 Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY

25.00 17/32 Richard Leonardon, Santa Fe NM; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York NY; Chris Compton, Omaha NE; Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL; John Kranyak, Tucson AZ

25.00 17/32 William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Joshua Donn - Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Israel; Eddie Wold, Houston TX

25.00 17/32 Lynda Nitabach, West Palm Beach FL; Fredrik Nystrom - Johan Upmark, Sweden; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Bartosz Chmurski, Lomianky Poland

25.00 17/32 Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Venkatrao Koneru - Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY

25.00 17/32 Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Mark Lair, Amarillo TX; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Jason Feldman, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Louk Verhees Jr., Leiden Netherlands

25.00 17/32 Mike Rippey, San Francisco CA; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Irene Baroni, Paris France; Leonardo Cima - Federico Porta Tadolini, Roma Italy; Wojciech Bak, Warsaw Poland

25.00 17/32 Andrew Dyson - Tom Townsend, London United Kingdom; Glyn Liggins, London United Kingdom; Ben Handley-Pritchard, Stroud United Kingdom

25.00 17/32 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

25.00 17/32 Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Carlos Pellegrini - Pablo Ravenna, Buenos Aires Argentina

25.00 17/32 Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Zhaobin Xie, Chengdu; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Edward Xu, North York ON; Fu Zhong, Beijing

25.00 17/32 Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Guy Mendes de Leon - Tim van de Paverd, Leiden Netherlands

25.00 17/32 Ash Gupta, New York NY; Omer Ekinci, Astoria NY; Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Ugurcan Suzer, Istanbul Turkey

25.00 17/32 Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Jun Shi, Halfmoon Bay CA; Brian Zhang, Dublin CA; Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA

0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD

9 Tables

40.00 1 David desJardins, Burlingame CA; Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA; Lysandra Zheng, Auckland New Zealand; Leon Meier, Christ Church New Zealand

30.00 2 Kevin Robertson, Beachwood OH; Scott Brozell, Half Moon Bay CA; Greg Warden, Ridgewood NJ; Andrew Skolnick, Bedford Hills NY

20.00 3/4 William Scott, Madison WI; Tamas Szabo, Oconomowoc WI; Mark Kinzer, Middleton WI; Bob Marheine, Waukesha WI

20.00 3/4 Andrew Caranicas, Saint Paul MN; Richard Lawson, Plymouth MN; Eric Hendrickson, Charlottesville VA; Michael Kelley, Nellysford VA

0-3000 MINI-SPINGOLD – FINAL PAIRING

12 Tables

Donald Xu, San Diego CA; Jon Lelevier, Cardiff CA; Steve Reid, Carlsbad CA; Timothy Vickers, Poway CA

vs

Giorgio Casinovi, Tucker GA; Weilong Shen, Milpitas CA; Vasisht Ganesh, Menlo Park CA; Haoxiang Zhang, Decatur GA

15.00 3/4 David Neiman, Minneapolis MN; Mark Webb, Rome GA; David Trevor, Bloomington MN; David Goodrie, Plymouth MN

15.00 3/4 Jason Grove, Glastonbury CT; Ross Anderson, Woodbury MN; Justin Young, East Hartford CT; Chris Westermeyer, Falcon Heights MN

MITCH DUNITZ COLLEGIATE BRIDGE BOWL

4 Tables

10.07 1 UC Berkely: Zhenling Wang – Weichen Tang – Mihir Singhal, Berkeley CA; Ethan Xie, Williamsville NY
 7.05 2 Georgia Tech: Chase Lefevre, Blackshear GA; Lior Weber, Chamblee GA; Alex Han, Katy TX; Justin Shiao, Atlanta GA
 4.53 3 NYU: Ava Donnellan, Brooklyn NY; Marin Hirono – Jan Borowski – Xingrui Wang, New York NY; Quentin Liang, Long Island City NY
 3.52 4 Chicago: Richmond Yeung – Sascha Gordon-Zolov – Zheshen Li, Chicago IL; Ian Dunbar, Evanston IL

COLLEGIATE BRIDGE BOWL BKT 2

4 Tables

2.15 1 Duke: Surya Naresh – Plato Deliyannis, Durham NC; Erel Amit, Northbrook IL; Anthony Zhao, Watertown MA
 2.77 2 Purdue: Connor Schmutz, West Lafayette IN; Nathaniel Miller, Glen Ellyn IL; William Warms, Louisville KY; Alice Zhang, Ames IA
 1.78 3 North Texas: Gioia Folefack, Forney TX; Rilee Burden, Arlington TX; Rohan Srivastava – Thomas Matheos, Denton TX
 0.79 4 NYU: Alyssa Chen, Stamford CT; Maxwell Gong, Fair Lawn NJ; Surbhi Surbhi, New York NY; Ada Lin, Jericho NY

FRIDAY COLLEGIATE PAIRS

23.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
10.20	1			Michael Mullin, Omaha NE; Michael Haas, Haddonfield NJ	67.47%
7.65	2			Ryan Fu, Champaign IL; Han-Mo Ou, Urbana IL	64.23%
5.74	3			Griffin Stewart, Hattiesburg MS; Jakob Reinke, Evanston IL	59.96%
5.40	4	1		Nicholas Koskelo, Champaign IL; Aaron Howe, Urbana IL	58.84%
4.05	5	2		Zeyu Wang – Jiateng Sun, Evanston IL	57.83%
2.73	6/7			Aaron Balleisen – Mingkuan Xu, Pittsburgh PA	57.62%
3.04	6/7	3		Jack Coleman, Forest VA; Anthony Wang, Vienna VA	57.62%
2.27	8			Zhouzhou Gu, Princeton NJ; Tianyang Chen, Plainsboro NJ	56.25%
2.04	9			Dan Bell – Isaac Stone, Edmonton AB	55.82%
3.36	10	4	1	Derrick Zhao, Westfield NJ; Leon Cao, Chicago IL	54.97%
2.52	11	5	2	Gabriel Avrahami, New York NY; Phoebe Eckstein, Bedford TX	54.91%
1.89	12	6	3	Yuhan Li, Amherst MA; Jonah McDonald, Takoma Park MD	53.70%
1.35		7		Bernice Ng – Reece Jurgens, Edmonton AB	53.31%
1.42		8	4	Alexander Huang, Princeton Junct NJ; Justin Li, Brooklyn NY	53.22%
1.04		9/10	5/6	Kiara Falcasantos, Amherst MA; Megan Li, Belmont CA	53.08%
1.35		9/10	5/6	Isabel Lagdameo, Brooklyn NY; Amy Nilsson, Hebron CT	53.08%

THURSDAY EVENING COLLEGIATE INDIVIDUAL

7.00 Tables

2.72	1	James Holzhauer, Seattle WA	66.40%
2.04	2	Maxwell Gong, Fair Lawn NJ	61.83%
1.53	3	Ryan Fu, Champaign IL	61.78%
1.36	4	Keari Bjorgum, Elk Grove CA	60.79%
0.95	5	Jim Wang, New York NY	57.94%
0.68	6	Mihir Singhal, Berkeley CA	57.61%

NABC 0–10,000 PAIRS

18.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables

46.40	1	Claire Valente – Barry Balof, Walla Walla WA	571.83
34.80	2	Patricia Herrera, Mexico City Mexico; Marc Sylvester, Edinboro PA	551.41
26.10	3	Tom Breur, Belmont MA; Samuel Phillips, Largo FL	541.97
20.62	4	Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA; Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland	515.30
18.56	5	Dmitri Stukalov – Marina Seppius, Palo Alto CA	507.51
16.87	6	Jennifer Kuhn – Philip Kuhn, San Mateo CA	507.06
15.47	7	Randy Okubo, St. Paul MN; Nick Straguzzi, Mullica Hill NJ	505.14
14.28	8	Florin Constantin, Alameda CA; Han-Yu Chang, Los Altos CA	504.66
13.26	9	Mike Redden, West Linn OR; Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA	503.44
12.37	10	Thomas Rush, Houston TX; Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC	497.19
11.60	11	Joel Kramer, Minneapolis MN; Michael Flader, Eagan MN	492.89
10.92	12	Xia Hong, Richmond Hill ON; Fengming Chen, Dorval QC	491.61
10.31	13	Yongkang Huang, Walnut Creek CA; Wen Zhou, Thousand Oaks CA	486.36
9.77	14	Natalie Bassil, Boston MA; Chuck Greenslit, Framingham MA	483.81

WERNHER OPEN PAIRS – REVISED

65.0 Tables / Based on 124 Tables

125.00	1	David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	2369.22
93.75	2	Hailong Ao, Ashburn VA; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	2203.95
70.31	3	Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY	2006.28
55.56	4	Drew Cavalier, Pensacola FL; Eric Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	1984.77
50.00	5	Rachael Moller – David Gurvich, New York NY	1975.13
45.45	6	Jay Barron, Norman OK; Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC	1972.83
41.67	7	Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	1967.33
38.46	8	Daniel Lev, New York NY; Sam Lev, Aventura FL	1945.53
35.71	9	Ethan Liu, Fremont CA; Alexander Sandin, Horn Lake MS	1934.72
33.33	10	Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	1931.87
31.25	11	Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA	1931.25
29.41	12	Ioannis Oikonomopoulos, Hatboro PA; Will Ehlers, Lancaster PA	1911.48
27.78	13	Matthew Weingarten, Tampa FL; Alec Sun, Cambridge MA	1909.87
26.32	14	Elliot Sternlicht, New York NY; Dilek Yavas, Bursa Turkey	1906.19
25.00	15	Roberto Verthelyi, Hoboken NJ; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA	1904.73
23.81	16	Jackson Wahl – Sarah Wahl, Minneapolis MN	1902.26
22.73	17	Stephen Stewart, Overland Park KS; Brad Carmichael, Shawnee KS	1884.56
21.74	18	Stephannie Culbertson – John Fout, New York NY	1880.11
20.83	19	John Bishel – Tom Bishel, Columbus OH	1873.80
20.00	20	Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI; Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI	1866.77
19.23	21	Eric Mayefsky, Arlington VA; Victor Chubukov, Seattle WA	1865.52
18.52	22	Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; James Holzhauer, Seattle WA	1865.28
28.41	23	Gary Cohler, Wellington FL; Ranjan Bhaduri, Toronto ON	1863.87
17.24	24	Shen Duan – Meiyuan Duan, Andover MA	1857.65
16.67	25	Walter Schafer Jr., Inglewood CA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	1856.72
16.13	26	JoAnna Stansby, Dublin CA; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA	1851.03
15.63	27	Chris Chung, Palo Alto CA; Arjune Bose, Houston TX	1848.29
15.15	28	Bryan Howard, Nashville TN; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA	1846.28
15.24	29	Suresh Mahajan, Del Mar CA; Stefan Skorchev, Suvorovo Bulgaria	1844.80
14.29	30	Aly El-Sehedar, Pembroke NH; Junko Hemus, Los Angeles CA	1834.76
13.89	31	Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA	1829.98

13.51	32	Ray Miller – Michael Christensen, Seattle WA	1828.14
13.16	33	Peter Peng, North York ON; Leigh Ives, Alliston ON	1824.42
12.82	34	Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA; Charles Finch, Las Vegas NV	1823.07
13.67	35	Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA	1822.32
12.20	36	Charles Wilkins, Greensboro NC; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV	1814.90
11.90	37	Suman Agarwal, Columbus OH; George Krizel, Hollywood FL	1811.18
11.63	38	Douglas Kuschner, Auburn WA; Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA	1810.28
11.36	39	Andrew Chen – Charlie Chen, Austin TX	1807.32
11.11	40	Jacqueline Chang – Jordan Lampe, New York NY	1804.91
10.87	41	Ron Smith, Glenview IL; Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA	1803.78
10.64	42	Gokhan Yilmaz, Istanbul Turkey; Murat Alaybeyi, Saratoga CA	1802.45
10.42	43	Samuel Marks, Atlanta GA; Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC	1798.99
10.20	44	Ahmed Harb, Cairo Egypt; Yu Nadler, Boca Raton FL	1798.65
10.00	45	Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI; Michael Curley, Rockford MI	1797.26
9.80	46	Michael Ranis, Aventura FL; Michael Wolf, Fort Lauderdale FL	1796.52
9.62	47	John Ramos, Los Angeles CA; Mitch Towner, Phoenix AZ	1795.71
9.43	48	Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Amber Lin, Mountain View CA	1792.56
9.26	49	Edward Nagy, Danville CA; Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA	1790.46
9.09	50	Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM	1788.68
8.93	51	Vern Swing, Minneapolis MN; Keith Connolly, St. Paul MN	1785.53
8.77	52	Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Francesco Mazzadi, Parma Italy	1775.44
8.62	53	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Robert Cappelli, Naples FL	1770.15
8.47	54	Avery Silverstein, Austin TX; Ethan Derman, Baltimore MD	1760.66
8.33	55	Abe Pineles, Jackson NJ; Alexander Allen, Annandale NJ	1754.01
8.20	56	Claude Vogel, San Diego CA; Carol Frank, San Diego CA	1753.43
8.06	57	Jeff Xiao, Shrewsbury MA; David Caprera, Denver CO	1750.95
12.59	58	Bob Lyon, Fishers IN; Darrow Neves, Indianapolis IN	1750.27
7.81	59	Kim Eng – Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA	1749.33
7.69	60	Toby White, Des Moines IA; Richard Newell, West Des Moines IA	1749.05
7.58	61	Lee Ohliger, Bradenton FL; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	1744.21
16.79	62	Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL	1742.39

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1 Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Olivia Schireson, Colorado Springs CO; Katarzyna Dufurat, Wroclaw Poland; Justyna Zmuda, Skawina Poland; Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt – Sandra Rimstedt, Jupiter FL	30.00
2 Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA; Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gdns FL; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia; Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia	29.82
3 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	29.24
4 Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Sylvia Shi, San Francisco CA; Wenfei Wang, Northbrook IL; Ida Groenkvis, Sundbyberg Sweden; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL	29.17
5 Chun Ling, Las Vegas NV; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Alexander Sandin, Sweden; Ethan Liu, Fremont CA; Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Jie Li, Beijing China	29.08
6 Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL; Gabriele Zanasi, Italy; Danuta Kazmucha, Poznan Poland; Wojciech Strzemecki, Poland; Christina Madsen, Denmark	28.18
7 Gillian Miniter, New York NY; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden; Tor Eivind Grude, Trondheim Norway; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden	27.37
8 Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Tim van de Paverd, Leiden Netherlands; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands	27.34
9 Qiang Zhang – Serena Guo, Dublin CA; Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	26.91
10 Aleksandar Lishkov, Chicago IL; Andy Cope, Coventry United Kingdom; Charlotte Bedford, Oxford United Kingdom; Liam Fegarty, Cambridge United Kingdom; Jamie Fegarty, Douglas United Kingdom	26.73
11/12 Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Jun Shi, Halfmoon Bay CA; Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA; Brian Zhang, Dublin CA	26.68
11/12 William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Joshua Donn – Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Israel; Eddie Wold, Houston TX	26.68
13 William Pollack, Boca Raton FL; Sam Lev, Aventura FL; Michael Polowan, New York NY; Gary Cohler, Wellington FL; Louk Verhees Jr., Leiden Netherlands	26.24
14 Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Zhaobin Xie, Chengdu ; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Edward Xu, North York ON; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Fu Zhong, Beijing China	25.93
15 Mike Rippey, San Francisco CA; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Irene Baroni, Paris France; Leonardo Cima – Federico Porta Tadolini, Roma Italy; Wojciech Bak, Warsaw Poland	25.92
16 Jack Boge, New York NY; David Yoon, Bayside NY; Julian Kurtzman, Brooklyn NY; Ilan Wolff, New York City NY	25.90
17 Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA	25.70
18 Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Nils Kvangraven, Norway; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Oyvind Saur, Gja Vik Norway; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy; Massimiliano Di Franco, Palermo Italy	25.56
19 Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY; Pablo Ravenna, Buenos Aires Argentina; Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina	25.33
20 Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Mark Lair, Amarillo TX; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Ioannis Oikonomopoulos, Hatboro PA; Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY	25.14
21 John Overdeck, Palm Beach FL; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal; Antonio Sementa, Parma PR Italy; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy	25.12
22/23 Ariel Smid, Huixquilucan Mexico; Julie Arbit, Milford MI; Christian Jolly, New Hudson MI; Daniel Lev, New York NY; Jessica U, State College PA; Samuel Pakh, Somerville MA	25.01
22/23 Arvind Ranasaria, Redmond WA; Rajendra Gokhale, Seattle WA; Anant Rege, Ottawa ON; Satya Rami, Morganville NJ	25.01
24 Bob Drijver, Aalsmeer Netherlands; Rob Helle, Mauritius; Cornelis van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Simon de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands	24.96
25 Jerome Rombaut – Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Roy Welland, New York NY; Joao Paulo Campos, Brazil; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil	24.89
26 Chris Compton, Omaha NE; Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL; John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, Tucson AZ; Richard Leonardon, Santa Fe NM; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL	24.79
27 Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Ofek Sabbah – Yonatan Sliwowiez, Petah Tikva Israel; Ilai Baniri, Barcelona Spain	24.78

28	Guanghao Xiao – Jeff Xiao, Shrewsbury MA; Maxim Siline – Carrie Liu, Hudson MA	24.67
29	Adam Parrish, New York NY; Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA; Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; Ari Greenberg, San Francisco CA; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Emma Kolesnik, Brooklyn NY	24.53
30	Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Jeffrey Ferro, St. Helena CA; Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Nikolaj Hammelev, Aarhus Denmark; Daniel Tylvad, Bronshøj Denmark	24.03
31	Frank Feng, Basking Ridge NJ; Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA; Jason Ji, Jersey City NJ; Hailong Ao, Ashburn VA	23.99
32	Alain Schreiber, Henderson NV; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands; Frank Bakkeren, Netherlands	23.94
33	Samuel Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY; Cecilia Ehrlichman, Ann Arbor MI; Jordan Lampe, New York NY; Jeffrey Goldman, Norwalk CT	23.90
34	Barry Rigal, New York NY; Ron Rubin, Deerfield Beach FL; Jeff Aker, Sleepy Hollow NY; Allan Falk, Okemos MI; Mark Feldman, Austin TX; John Lusk, Portland OR	23.77
35	Matthew Weingarten, Tampa FL; Sriram Ganesan, Sunnyvale CA; Sarik Goyal, Jersey City NJ; Sheldon Tan, New York NY	23.75
36	Anam Tebha, New York NY; Marc Warner, Crozier VA; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands; Guy Mendes de Leon, Leiden Netherlands	23.67
37	Tim Archdeacon, Key Biscayne FL; Greg Hinze – Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL	23.59
38	Hemant Lall, Marina Del Rey CA; Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom; David Gold, United Kingdom; Wojciech Gawel, Wrocław Poland; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland	23.55
39	Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde – Søren Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark	23.39
40	Franco Baseggio, New York NY; Ethan Derman, Baltimore MD; Mitch Towner, Phoenix AZ; John Ramos, Los Angeles CA	23.24
41	Andrew Dyson, London United Kingdom; Ben Handley-Pritchard, Stroud United Kingdom; Glyn Liggins – Tom Townsend, London United Kingdom	22.95
42	Alan Watson, Lexington MA; Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT; Tom Trachuk, Walnut Creek CA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	22.76
43	Lynne Castoldi, Minnetonka MN; Andreas Abragi, Huddinge Sweden; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark; Mathias Bruun, Hellerup Denmark; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway	22.75
44	Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY; Amber Lin, Mountain View CA; Renee Cooper, Perth Australia	22.64
45	Daiva Vitukynaite – Gediminas Poska, Palos Hills IL; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA; Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA	22.49
46	Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Charles Wilkins, Greensboro NC; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI	22.32
47	Lynda Nitabach, West Palm Beach FL; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Johan Upmark – Fredrik Nystrom, Sweden; Bartosz Chmurski, Lomianki Poland; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland	22.12
48	Caru Vidigal, Rio De Janeiro Brazil; Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; Guillermo Minutti – C. Valerie Gamio, Rolling Hills Estates CA; Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL	21.93
49	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Cary NC; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY; Daniel Nussbaum, Cambridge MA; Michel Lorber, Baie-D'Urfe QC; Zygmunt Marcinski, Barbados	21.91
50	Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Bart Bramley, Avon CT; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; James Kjekshus, Pensacola FL	21.68
51/54	Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Martin Scholtz, Denmark; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway	21.68
51/54	Leslie Amoils, North York ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON; Sibrand van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands; Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands	21.68
51/54	Jeffrey Wolfson, Boca Raton FL; Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Yichao Chen, Mountain Lakes NJ; Yinghao Liu, Dublin CA; Steve Garner, Chicago IL	21.68
51/54	Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London United Kingdom; Danny Molenaar – Berend van den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands; Joris van Lankveld, Castricum Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands	21.68

Crazy Bridge

Bolstered by a multitude of Youth and Collegiate players, Crazy Bridge was packed with 32 tables of players coping with rule changes thrown at them – a different one on every board – and laughing along at the resulting chaos.

“Ugh, I hate this one!” Kai Eckert said as he opened the instructions for board 8 to find out it was poker: Play the first eight tricks normally, then judge who has the best poker hand remaining. Defenders Hamilton Sawczuk and Luke Brezak studied their hands trying to plan a five-card ending. After Eckert took his tricks, Brezak was left with a 10-high straight.



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

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

Penalties: If it is determined that an electronic equipment is not compliant with (1) above, the penalty for the first offense is 1/8 of a board, 1.5 IMPs, or 1/2 VP. For each subsequent offense during an event, the penalty will be doubled. Beginning with the third offense, the player may be subject to disqualification, upon approval of the Sponsoring Organization.

2. Players are expected to be paying attention to the game. While at the table, players may not use or

interact with their electronic devices during bridge play. When between rounds or sitting out, use or interaction with electronic devices is permitted, provided it is inaudible. For other situations, permission to use or interact with an electronic device will be granted upon the director's judgment and on a case-by-case basis.

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

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

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

Penalties for captains and coaches: Same as for players.

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

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

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

Convention card notice

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

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

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



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A 59-year bridge partnership ... and still at it!

By Bill Voedisch, Marine MN

Denny Cerkvenik and I are Minnesota bridge players who are in our 60th year as partners. It began at the Cargill company in downtown Minneapolis in January of 1967, where we first played lunchtime bridge in the cafeteria, just five blocks from this Summer nationals.

That fall, we joined the Cargill team that competed in the Minneapolis Industrial Bridge League. I won my first fractional masterpoint that fall, whereas Denny had been playing with his first partner, Arnie Ullevig, and already had three masterpoints. I can remember thinking, "I'll never catch him!"

In the Winter of '68-'69, we played in the very first Swiss team held in Minnesota. Our team of lightweights, with a total of about 30 masterpoints, finished 5-3. We were thrilled! My brother Jon Voedisch's team won with a 7-1 record. Very few players are still around who competed in that first team event. Ron DeHarpporte is one.

We've slowed down a bit, but we still play a weekly game when we are both in town. We play in fewer tournaments but made a point to play a couple of times at this Summer NABC. This late in our careers, we managed to win our first Platinum points in the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams.



Longtime Minnesota partners Denny Cerkvenik and Bill Voedisch

During all of these years, Denny has been nothing but a gentleman at the table.

We'll celebrate our 60th anniversary next year with maybe a cake at the St. Paul Bridge Center.

It's been a great run, Denny. Thanks for everything.

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New Life Master

Wendy Rieser
of Madison WI
needed 1.49 gold
points to reach
Life Master.
She won 2.23
placing seventh in
Thursday's Gold
Rush Pairs with
Judy Kvalheim, also of Madison WI.



0-10,000 Mixed Swiss plays today



*Winners of last
year's 0-10,000
Mixed Swiss
Teams: Mukund
Thapa, Jung Hu,
Daiva Vitukynaite
and Gediminas
Poska*

The 0-10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams returns to the Summer NABC calendar. Play starts today in the two-day event: two qualifying rounds followed by two final rounds tomorrow.

Teams must field two male-female pairs. The contest is a gold-point event, but also pays platinum points at 10% of the overall award, up to a maximum of 10 platinum points. Because there is a masterpoint ceiling, winning the event does not count toward Grand Life Master status.

- 2014** Ava Grubman, Elliott Grubman, Linda Rothstein, Jeffrey Rothstein
- 2015** Jeffrey Rothstein, Linda Rothstein, Ava Grubman, Elliott Grubman
- 2016** Dori Byrnes, Sylvia Shi, Shan Huang, Michael McNamara, Sylwia McNamara, William Ehlers

- 2017** Christina Parker, Stewart Rubenstein, Susan Smith, Michael Smith
- 2018** Linda Epstein, Jakob Kristinsson, Gail Hanson, Sveinn Eiriksson
- 2019** Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis, May Sakr, Benedicte Cronier, Ioannis Papakyriakopoul, Vasileios Vroustis
- 2020** Not held
- 2021** Not held
- 2022** Martine Rossard, Jerzy Romanowski, Grazyna Brewiak, Jaroslaw Piasecki
- 2023** Gediminas Poska, Daiva Vitukynaite, Mukund Thapa, Vandana Vidwans
- 2024** Xiaowen Li, Jianfeng Luo, Serena Guo, Qiang Zhang
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Red Ribbon Pairs begins today



Winners of the Red Ribbon Pairs last year: Sam Bellows and Aaron Igra

The Red Ribbon Pairs, an ACBL event with national rating open to players with less than 2500 masterpoints, gets underway today. Before 2015, it was on the spring schedule.

Players earn qualification by placing first or second overall in regionally rated events of at least Flight B status. Neither member of a qualifying pair may hold more than 2500 masterpoints at the time of qualification.

The four-session event began in 1986 and winners are honored by the Percy X. Bean Trophy.

The trophy was designated by the ACBL Board of Directors in 1996 to honor Bean, ACBL president in 1972 and chairman of the Board in 1973.

Bean (1916–1992) represented District 19 on the Board from 1964 until 1988 and served as president of the ACBL Charity Foundation from 1974 until 1981. He was a member of the National Goodwill Committee and the National Board of Governors and general chairman of arrangements for the World Team Olympiad in Seattle in 1984.

Bean and his wife, Anne, were named ACBL Honorary Members for 1992, the first time that honor was bestowed on a husband-wife combination.

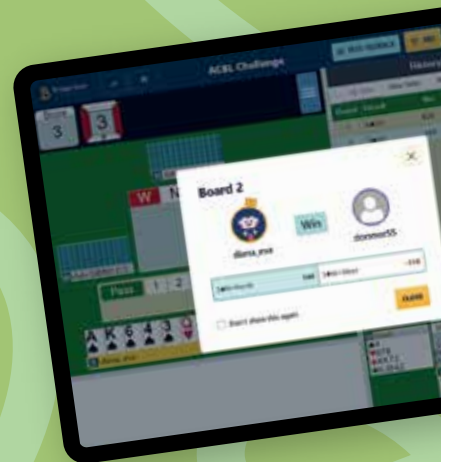
Bean was the editor of *Mad, Mad World of Bridge*, a publication that strongly championed players of less than expert class.

Winners:

1986	Wayne Perrin, Martin Newland
1987	Jim Gaarder, Jimmy Ritzenberg
1988	Leni Holtz, Guy Green
1989	Lu Kohutiak, Yvonne Hernandez
1990	Philip Gordon, Mike Grodsky
1991	Dan Marthaler, Robert Johnstone
1992	Duncan McCallum, Peter Peng
1993	Ron Weinstock, John Gillette
1994	T.C. Petty, Steve Altus
1995	Marc Umeno, Hank Youngerman
1996	Vinay Sarin, Ringo Chung
1997	Tony Miller, Diane Miller
1998	Paul Spear, Jim Johnsen
1999	Jenni Hartsman, Andrew Rosenthal
2000	Nie Wei Ping, Christopher Leung
2001	LaToss Carpenter, Brandon Carpenter
2002	Rich Atwater, Chris Pesce
2003	Chi-Yen Lai, Bin Dai
2004	Martin Harris, Jacob Morgan
2005	Yeong-Long Shiue, David Margolin
2006	Chris Buchanan, B.J. Trelford
2007	Jack Hawthorne, Paul Spear
2008	Mike Develin, Li-Chung Chen
2009	Daniel Jackson, Bill Gervais
2010	Bob Levey, Jim Ritzenberg
2011	Brad Berry, David Amsterdam
2012	Daniel Neill, Jason Rotenberg
2013	Brian Cummins, Blake Sanders
2014	Ted Bain, Mike Miedema
2015	Paul Hattis, James Orleans
2016	Paul Hattis, James Orelans
2017	Sudhir Patwardhan, Steve Overholt
2018	Michael Kelley, Martina Kelley
2019	Roy Martin, Denny Cahan
2020	Not held
2021	Not held
2022	Jennifer Kuhn, Philip Kuhn
2023	Brandon Ge, Xin Ge
2024	Ryan Clark, Richard Piette
2025	Aaron Igra, Sam Bellows



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Diamond Life Master

Paul Irvine of Allentown PA became a Diamond Life Master playing in Bracket 3 of the Bracketed Round Robin Teams on Friday. Irvine played with his wife, Peg Irvine and a pickup pair, Bob Kaplan and Michael Wang from Ohio. Irvine was about 10 points short of 5000, and winning the bracket was worth 14.54.



Start your engines!



Massimiliano di Franco and Piotr Pawel Zatorski won the Oshlag Fast Pairs last year.

The Oshlag Fast Open Pairs, which requires players to finish their two-board rounds in 11 minutes, begins today. The event consists of two qualifying sessions followed by two final sessions tomorrow. A spring event in recent years, it returns to the summer calendar this year – with a new name. It has been named for Richard Oshlag, a two-time winner of the event, Grand Life Master and ACBL employee for over 50 years.

Oshlag began working for the ACBL in its Greenwich CT headquarters in 1969 as a proofreader and advertising manager for the Bridge Bulletin. When the League relocated to Memphis in 1972, much of the East Coast-based staff did not want to make the move. But Oshlag, tempted with a promotion to business manager of the Bulletin, accepted the change of venue.

In the early 1980s, Oshlag became increasingly interested in computers, and he switched positions to become data programming manager in 1984. He has been an integral part of the ACBL's computer/information technology departments since then. Oshlag was the architect for many of the League's computer-related projects over the decades.

Oshlag is a five-time NABC champion. He won the NABC+ Fast Open Pairs in 2017 and 2018 and was narrowly second in the contest in 2019. Oshlag consoled himself on missing the three-peat by winning the Silodor

Open Pairs the same year. He won the Mitchell Open BAM in 2024. In 2011, Richard won the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams playing with wife, Mary; it was their first national title. Richard and Mary enjoyed a successful, decades-long partnership which ended when Mary began suffering from dementia. She died in 2021.

Previous winners:

2000	Aaron Silverstein, Chris Willenken
2001	Mark Itabashi, Jim Robison
2002	Alan Kleist, Leo LaSota
2003	John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge
2004	Peter Weiden, Rick Zucker
2005	Ralph Buchalter, Chris Willenken
2006	Robert Lebi, Nick L'Ecuyer
2007	Geoff Hampson, Robert Levin
2008	Doug Doub, Adam Wildavsky
2009	Dick Bruno, Peggy Kaplan
2010	Dan Jacob, Nagy Kamel
2011	John Diamond, Geoff Hampson
2012	Tom Kniest, Ed Schulte
2013	Jim Munday, Larry Sealy
2014	Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack
2015	Igor Savchencko, Irina Kislitsyna
2016	Marty Nelson, Gil Cohen
2017	Richard Oshlag, Mark Dahl
2018	Mark Dahl, Richard Oshlag
2019	Marin Marinov, David Yang
2020	Not held
2021	Not held
2022	Greg Humphreys, Adam Parrish
2023	Alex Perlin, Ljudmila Kamenova
2024	Larry Sealy, Wafik Abdou
2025	Massimiliano di Franco, Piotr Pawel Zatorski

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Entry fees

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

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

- 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.

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 (and in the 299er events held Friday, July 10).

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.

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The Golden Thread – Spingold Round of 16

By Mark Horton

We start by checking out the form of the number 2 seed, FLEISHER, who faced the dangerous ROMBAUT.

Session 1

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Brink</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾
1NT	Pass	2♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

- (1) 2+ clubs
(2) Spades

North led the ♣2. South won with the ♣A and switched to the ♦K, declarer winning and taking three rounds of spades (finessing the ♠J) before advancing the ♥J. When South covered, declarer won and played a second heart, finishing with 11 tricks, +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Tommasini</i>
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Dbl ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♣	Dbl
2♥	Pass	4♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

- (1) 13+ HCP
(2) Splinter

When West showed four hearts, East considered his hand had improved enough to drive to game.

Here, having taken partner's club lead, South switched to the ♦2 and declarer won with dummy's ♦9 and ran the ♥10. When it held, he played a second heart and was soon claiming 11 tricks, +450 and 6 IMPs to FLEISHER.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Brink</i>
		1♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
1NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♦ ⁽³⁾	Pass
2♥ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	2NT ⁽⁵⁾	Pass
3♣ ⁽⁶⁾	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	All Pass		

- (1) Five diamonds (or 4 in a 4-4-4-1 pattern)
(2) Game forcing
(3) 5+ diamonds, 4+ clubs
(4) Relay
(5) 2=2=5=4
(6) Relay

There is some guesswork in the above after the 2♥ relay. 4♦ may have been an end signal asking East to reply 4♥ so that West could bid the final contract.

North led the ♦A (a very good move) and switched to the ♣7 (another good idea). Declarer took dummy's ♣A and played a heart to the queen, but when it lost his fate was sealed, North eventually scoring the ♠A Q for one down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Tommasini</i>
		Pass	Pass
4♠	Dbl	All Pass	

North started with the ♦A, but then switched to the ♥8, declarer winning with the ♥Q. A club to the ace was followed by the ♦K, declarer pitching a heart and claiming, +590 and 13 IMPs to FLEISHER.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Brink</i>
		1♥	Pass
1NT ⁽¹⁾	4♦	Pass	5♦
6♠	Pass	7♠	All Pass

(1) Game forcing

Having considerably more than might have been the case, East raised to the cold grand, +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Tommasini</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	4♦	Dbl	5♦
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

Here, too, E/W managed to overcome the heavy intervention to flatten the board. But lest you consider it easy, more than one pair stopped short.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Brink</i>
			2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♥ ⁽²⁾	All Pass	

(1) Weak-two in a major

(2) Pass or correct

East led the ♣K, and having won, declarer played a heart to the ace and claimed 12 tricks, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Tommasini</i>
			2♥
Pass	4♥	Dbl	All Pass

West led the ♠K and declarer took dummy's ace and claimed 11 tricks, 990 and 7 IMPs for ROMBAUT.



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Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Brink</i>
		1♥	1♠
2♦ ⁽¹⁾	3♦	3♥	3♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

(1) Heart support

South led the ♦A and switched to the ♥5, declarer winning with dummy's ♥Q and playing a club to the 10 and king, South contributing the ♣J. A spade to the queen was followed by the ♠A, ruffed and overruffed, declarer ruffing a diamond, ruffing a spade, ruffing a diamond, ruffing a spade and cashing the ♥A. The ♣6 saw North win with the ♣9 and cash the ♣A, one down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Tommasini</i>
		1♥	1♠
2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♥	All Pass

(1) Heart support

Once West freely supported hearts East applied Meckstroth's Law.

South led the ♣2 and North took the ♣A. When declarer contributed the ♣K, he returned the ♣9, declarer winning with dummy's ♣Q, playing a heart to the ace, a spade to the queen and the ♠A, ruffed and overruffed. Declarer exited with the ♣8, and when the suit divided, he could claim. One diamond could be discarded on a club, the other ruffed in dummy so +620 and 13 IMPs to FLEISHER.

You see why declarer dropped the ♣K?

If South's ♣2 was a singleton, a club ruff at trick two would be followed by a diamond allowing North to win and deliver another ruff. It was an attempt to deflect North from a potentially killing defense.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Brink</i>
		1♣ ⁽¹⁾	1♦
Dbl	2♦	Pass	3♦
Dbl	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

(1) 2+♣, may be any balanced hand including any other five-card suit, also 5-4-2-2

Having cashed the ♦A, South switched to the ♥2. Declarer won with dummy's ♥A and played a club to the jack and queen, South continuing with the ♥3 to dummy's ♥K. Declarer ruffed a heart with the ♠8, and South overruffed and exited with the ♣10. Declarer won with the ♣A and cashed the ♠A, but when South discarded, the best she could do was crossruff her way to one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Campos</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Tommasini</i>
		Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♣
3♦	Dbl	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♦A and switched to the ♥3, declarer winning with dummy's ♥A and playing a spade to the ace. When South's ♠Q appeared, declarer played the ♣7 and North won with the ♣K and returned the ♣3. Declarer won with the ♣J played the ♦3 and claimed. He could ruff the diamond, cash the ♥K and then crossruff his way to 10 tricks, +420, and 10 IMPs to FLEISHER, who took the session 47-23.

Session 2

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

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

(1) Fourth suit forcing

North led the ♥J, and declarer won with dummy's ♥Q, cashed the ♠K and took the ♠A Q. He cashed the ♦A discarding dummy's ♥6, pitched a club on the ♣K and ran the ♣10, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Welland</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	3♦
		Dbl	All Pass

West led the ♣10 and the defenders were soon leading 7-0. The ♣J, ruffed by South with the ♦8, was overruffed by West's ♦10 and there were still two diamonds to come, six down, -1400, and 9 IMPs to FLEISHER.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Martel</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	1♦ ⁽²⁾	Dbl	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT

All Pass

(1) Longest suit in unbalanced hand or 2+♣ if balanced

(2) Hearts

West led the ♦3 to the queen and ace, and declarer played four rounds of clubs, West winning as East pitched a heart and two diamonds (better to pitch a second heart). When West switched to the ♥6, declarer put in dummy's ♥10. East won and returned the ♥7, West winning and switching back to diamonds. Two rounds of the suit left declarer on play, and East's ♠K was the setting trick, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Welland</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	1♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	3NT

All Pass

(1) 2+♣

(2) Hearts

West led the ♥A and switched to the ♦8 to the queen and ace. Declarer cashed the top clubs and then played the ♠Q. When that held, he exited with a club and when West returned the ♠8 declarer had 11 tricks, +660 and 13 IMPs to ROMBAUT.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Martel</i>
Pass	3NT	1♣	Dbl
		All Pass	

East led the ♦Q, and declarer took the ♦A and played the ♠A followed by the ♠J. West took the ♠K and returned the ♦7, East winning with the ♦10 and switching to the ♣5. Declarer won with dummy's ♣J, played a spade to the jack and the ♥8, East taking the ♥A and exiting with a club. Declarer won and claimed for one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Welland</i>
Pass	3NT	1♣	Dbl
		All Pass	

Here, too, the opening lead was the ♦Q taken by the ♦A. Declarer played a heart to dummy's king and a spade to the 10. When that held, she continued with the ♥10 and East took the ♥A and exited with the ♥7. Having won with dummy's ♥Q, declarer played a spade to the jack, cashed the ♠A and played a club to the jack, +600, and 12 IMPs to ROMBAUT.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Martel</i>
2♥	3♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

West led the ♦10, and declarer won with the ♦A, cashed the ♥A, played a club to the ace and a heart. East ruffed with the ♠9 and returned the ♦3, declarer winning and ruffing the ♥J. East overruffed and played the ♦Q but declarer's spades were too good, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Welland</i>
Pass	2♠	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4NT ⁽¹⁾
All Pass			6♠
(1) RKCB			
(2) 1 key card			

West led the ♥8, and declarer won with the ♥J, played a club to the ace and a spade to the jack. When that lost to the ♠A, he might have been hopeful, but when East matched West's ♥Q exit with the ♠Q, he was one down, -100, and 12 IMPs to FLEISHER.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Martel</i>
2♣ ⁽²⁾	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	1♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
	All Pass		
(1) Longest suit in unbalanced hand or 2+♣ if balanced			
(2) Spade support			

South led the ♦5. North won with the ♦Q and played the ♥A followed by the ♥10, four rounds of the suit putting the contract two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Welland</i>
2♣ ⁽²⁾	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	1♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
	All Pass		
(1) 2+♣			
(2) Spade support			

When North led the ♣3 and dummy's ♣J scored, declarer had nine tricks, +600 and 13 IMPs to FLEISHER.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L. Rombaut</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>J. Rombaut</i>	<i>Martel</i>
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl
3♦ ⁽²⁾	Dbl	4♥	All Pass

(1) Hearts

(2) Maximum, four hearts

South led the ♦8. North took the ♦A and switched to the ♠2, South winning with the ♠A and returning the ♠10. Declarer put in dummy's ♠J discarding the ♣4 and cashed the ♥A, collecting North's rabbinical ♥K. After drawing trumps ending in hand, declarer tried for a second singleton king by crossing to the ♣A, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Welland</i>
		Pass	1♦ ⁽¹⁾
Dbl	2♥ ⁽²⁾	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

(1) 5 diamonds (or 4 in a 4-4-4-1 pattern)

(2) Spades

South led the ♣5. Declarer took dummy's ♣A and played a diamond, North hopping up with the ♦A and returning the ♦9. Declarer ruffed and played a spade, but South went in with the ♠A and switched to the ♥4. When declarer played dummy's ♥J that was two down, -200, and 13 IMPs to ROMBAUT. But winning the session 61-42, FLEISHER extended their lead to 108-65. ROMBAUT cut their opponents' lead in the third set to just 24 IMPs, but despite a furious charge by ROMBAUT in the last quarter, FLEISHER held on to win 174-169.

Session 3

We move to No. 3 seed ZIMMERMANN, who was leading CAYNE, originally seeded 19, 66-46.

ZIMMERMANN scored 24 in bits and pieces, the only major swing coming here:

Board 35. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Lankveld</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>van den Bos</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	1NT	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	3♥ ⁽²⁾
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dbl	All Pass		

(1) Minor + major

(2) Spades, invitational+

East led the ♦A and continued with the ♦9, West ruffing and playing the ♥A followed by the ♥9. East won and played a diamond for West to ruff. There was still a trump trick to come, two down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
	1NT	2♥ ⁽¹⁾	3♥ ⁽²⁾
Dbl	Pass	Pass	3♠

All Pass

(1) Minor + major

(2) Spades

West led the ♦10 but here the penalty was only -200, 12 IMPs to CAYNE. With 15 deals to play, ZIMMERMANN led 90-60.

Session 4

Board 48. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
		1♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	Dbl
Pass	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♣	Dbl	All Pass	

N/S elected to defend 6♣ doubled, and declarer lost a spade, a heart and two diamonds for down three, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>van den Bos</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>van Lankveld</i>
		2♣	4♠
5♣	5♠	6♣	Pass
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West led the ♥Q, and declarer won with dummy's ♥A, played the ♦9 to the king and ducked a diamond. East won and switched to the ♠4 but declarer won with the ♠10, ruffed a diamond and claimed when the ♦A appeared, +1430.

Were West to lead a trump, one way to make is to win in dummy and run the ♦10. Another idea is to play a diamond to the king, go to dummy with the ♠7 and play a second diamond. East can win with the ace, but West will end up being squeezed in the red suits, which is how declarer would play if East were to take the first diamond and exit with a second spade.

In any event, it was 14 IMPs to CAYNE.

Board 49. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
			1♠
4♣	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Rdbl	All Pass	

West's speculative double was put to the test by North's redouble, but he stood his ground. East led the ♦A, and when West followed with the ♦6, he switched to the ♣7, West winning and returning the ♣10. When East was able to ruff and switch to the ♠9, the defenders had achieved their aim, one down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>van den Bos</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>van Lankveld</i>
			1♠
4♣	4♦ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	4♠
All Pass			
(1) Transfer			

I cannot be 100% certain that 4♦ promised hearts and tolerance for spades.

West led the ♦10. East won with the ♦K and switched to the ♣7, West winning and continuing with the ♦6. Declarer ruffed in dummy, cashed the ♠A, drew trumps via the marked finesse and took dummy's top hearts, +450, and 12 IMPs to CAYNE.

Board 50. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) Size ask or minors

(2) Nonminimum

South led the ♠3 and declarer won with the ♠J, cashed the ♣A and played a club to the queen. A third club collected the missing honors, and when South continued with the ♥A, declarer had no further work to do, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>van den Bos</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>van Lankveld</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) Transfer to clubs or invitational balanced

(2) Nonminimum

South led the ♠3, and having won with the ♠J, declarer played a club to the 10. North won with the ♣J and switched to the 6, South winning with the ♥J and returning the ♦8 to the jack and ace. Declarer crossed to the ♠K and ran the ♣Q, but South won and exited with the ♠8. Declarer cashed his winners but was two tricks short of his target, -200, and 13 IMPs to CAYNE, dramatically taking the lead 98–97.

Board 56. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Nowak</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

(1) Size ask or minors

It may be that 3♥ was a shortness.

North led the ♥Q. Declarer won with dummy's ♥A, drew trumps, played three rounds of spades, ruffing, and then played a diamond to the ace, claiming when South followed with the ♦Q, +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>van den Bos</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>van Lankveld</i>
		1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

(1) 0+♣; 11–14 balanced or 4–4–4–1 (4 diamonds); 15+ HCP with 5+ clubs; 18+ any

(2) Game forcing

South led the ♥3. Declarer won the fourth round of the suit discarding a club from dummy, cashed the ♣Q and then played a club to the 10, +600, but 13 IMPs to CAYNE.

In addition to the 52 IMPs we have seen, CAYNE scored another 18 in odds and ends, while ZIMMERMANN could muster only a single swing of 3 IMPs. That made the scoreline 129–100 in favor of CAYNE.

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Thirteen tricks on defense

This deal from the early rounds of the Spingold Knockout Teams was submitted by Alex Kolesnik of Los Angeles CA.

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

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾
Pass	3♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- 1) Diamonds
2) Super accept

I was East and thought about doubling but did not want them running,” said Alex. “I figured 100 a trick was enough. Boy, was I right. I led the ♣A (not asking for unblock) followed by the king and ♣10, partner winning the jack. Partner led a spade and I won the jack. I cashed the clubs and the ♥A, then led the ♠A and a spade. We took 13 tricks (six clubs, six spades and a heart) for a very rare score in today’s scoring system of +900.”

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A Tale of Two Idiots

By George Jacobs

Playing in the Senior Swiss, Claude and I proved that we belonged there.

Dlr: West	♠ 9 6		
Vul: None	♥ J 6 5 4		
	♦ J 2		
	♣ K Q J 7 5		
		♠ A 10 8 2	
♠ K Q J 7 4		♥ A Q 9	
♥ 10 8 7		♦ K 3	
♦ A Q 9 5 4		♣ 8 6 4 3	
♣ —			
	♠ 5 3		
	♥ K 3 2		
	♦ 10 8 7 6		
	♣ A 10 9 2		
George	North	Claude	South
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

I opened 1♠ and he bid 2NT. I forgot that this is not Jacoby, but a gadget we play. I did not Alert it, but I see now I should have. I have a nice hand with a second suit of ♦A Q 9 5 4, so I bid 4♦. Claude Alerted this and said it showed a void. Bear in mind, we discussed this the day before and agreed to show another suit. It got worse, way worse. Claude bid 4♠ ending the auction.

It turns out that he forgot the same convention! His bid showed 5–11 HCP with four or more spades and some shortness. But after I bid 4♦, he remembered, and thought I was showing a void. But only he can show a void, not me.

I am ice-cold for 6♠ but played it safe (or as he put it, like a moron, and I couldn't disagree). Spades are 2–2, one heart honor is onside, and my old dog Lola could have made six.

It was quite the cluster from two old fogies, and a well-deserved lose 11.

One footnote: I always wondered why people who missed game or slam made a trick less than the field.



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GAVIN WOLPERT FRIDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS

27.0 Tables / Based on 78 Tables

	A	X		
39.03	1		Zheng Jiang Liao, Chengdu China; Richard Chan, Markham ON	63.35%
29.27	2		Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	58.71%
21.95	3		Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL; Don Lussky, Elmhurst IL	58.21%
16.47	4		Kim Eng – Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA	58.04%
13.01	5	1	Feng Liu – Jacinda Liu, Sandy UT	55.22%
11.15	6		Ash Gupta, New York NY; Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL	55.10%
9.76	7		Ellen Luchette, Limerick PA; Castor Mann, Lund Sweden	54.82%
8.67	8		Suman Agarwal, Columbus OH; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI	54.78%
7.81	9		Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA	54.37%
7.10	10		Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA; Bharat Rao, Berwyn PA	54.29%
6.86	11	2	Perry Van Hook, Surprise AZ; Kathy Brousseau, Sun City AZ	53.80%
6.00	12		George Klemic, Lombard IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL	53.07%
5.58	13		Carol Rynders, St. Paul MN; Michael Cassel, Roseville MN	52.99%
5.20	14		Stephen Jackson – Susan Jackson, Roseville MN	52.46%
5.15		3	Shirley Shi, Sacramento CA; Mark Pan, Celina TX	51.57%
3.86		4	Lily Andre – James Andre, Allyn WA	51.53%
3.05		5	Suyan Liu, Charlotte NC; Xi Xing, Skillman NJ	50.82%

SUZETTE WYNN FRIDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

21.0 Tables / Based on 61 Tables

	B	C		
28.40	1	1	Sudhir Kulkarni, Pleasanton CA; William Omdahl, Madison WI	62.45%
21.30	2		Dwight Bostow, Fargo ND; Rosella Vanek, Gardner ND	60.44%
15.98	3		Richard Jones, Norton MA; Chris Brewer, Ann Arbor MI	59.96%
11.98	4		Tobey Roland, Baltimore MD; Jackie Thomas, San Ramon CA	58.91%
9.47	5	2	Peng Cheng – Xiaoyu Cheng, Saratoga CA	58.06%
8.11	6	3	Ken Pelowski – Lori Mirek, Atherton CA	57.62%
7.10	7		Sara Foster – Joelle Benioff, San Francisco CA	55.73%
6.31	8		Michele Pockross, Wilmette IL; Susan Bass, Chicago IL	55.51%
5.68	9		Mark Cook, West Monroe LA; Anne Wilson, Campbell CA	55.12%
5.16	10		Al Spaet, Tucson AZ; Anne Beaurivage, Lincoln NE	52.60%
4.73	11	4	Jianguo Tan – Tianze Tan, San Diego CA	52.31%
2.27		5	Elizabeth Gompels, Cambridge MA; Shari Metcalf, Newton MA	51.48%

PETER HOLLANDS FRIDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

17.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
7.09	1	1	1	Guo Dong Gao, Verona WI; Zhiying Xu, Naperville IL	68.00%
5.32	2			Kevin Kennett, Gladwin MI; Louann Cutler, Saint Augustine FL	56.96%
4.10	3	2		Marcia Jones – John Jones, Edina MN	55.99%
3.07	4	3	2	Stephanie Janeway – David Janeway, Lake Stevens WA	55.40%
2.36	5			Patti Smallwood, Brentwood TN; Vee Vee Scott, Nashville TN	55.30%
2.03	6			Wendy Rieser – Judy Kvalheim, Madison WI	54.38%
2.30	7	4	3	Ryan Carlson, Hawthorne CA; Paul Carlson, Salt Lake City UT	53.87%
1.58	8			Russel Boknecht, Lacey WA; Dennis Stambaugh, Rio Rancho NM	53.69%
1.82	9	5		Elisabeth Barr, Boise ID; Michael Bianco, Rittman OH	53.52%
1.56		6		Nancy Olsen, Eden Prairie MN; Shirley Billigmeier, Long Lake MN	53.18%
1.37		7		David Fritzsche, Kildeer IL; Richard Kern, Grayslake IL	52.87%

ROB BARRINGTON FRIDAY FAST PAIRS

17.0 Tables / Based on 68 Tables

	A	B	C		
36.91	1			Richard Lawson, Plymouth MN; Andrew Caranicas, St. Paul MN	63.54%
27.68	2			Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Haijin Li, Lisle IL	58.19%
20.76	3			Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA	57.15%
15.57	4			Bella Ionis-Sorren – Sheila Cesarano, Fort Lauderdale FL	56.74%
12.30	5	1		Randi Adelman, Teaneck NJ; Ryan Connors, Alexandria VA	55.63%

10.55	6		Ahu Zobu, Tarabya Istanbul Turkey; Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria	55.21%
9.23	7		John Bishel – Tom Bishel, Columbus OH	55.00%
8.20	8		Jim Johnsen, Frisco TX; Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX	54.93%
7.38	9		Kerry Cotterell, Windham ME; Curt Kristensen, Indianapolis IN	54.65%
6.52	2		Lorraine Cable, Greenfield IN; Wendy Nickerson, New York NY	51.53%
4.89	3		Michael Boreson, Kalispell MT; Ben Loehnen, New York NY	51.11%
4.17	4		Fran White, Vista CA; Marina Fomenkova, San Diego CA	50.28%

THURSDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.55	1	1	1	Dan Bell – Isaac Stone, Edmonton AB	65.00%
3.41	2			Michael Botwin, Rockville Center NY; Barry Plotkin, Baldwin NY	61.82%
3.09	3	2		Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD; R. Mani, Lanham MD	59.55%
2.80	4	3	2	Sharon Seidler, Charleston WV; Quan Chen, North York ON	59.32%
1.96	5	4	3	Aaron Balleisen, Pittsburgh PA; Maxwell Burns, Washington DC	58.86%
1.40	6			Barbara Grzegorzewski – Steven Grzegorzewski, Meadville PA	58.18%
1.30		5	4	Justin Turcotte, Mountain View CA; Stephen Viray, Florida NY	53.18%
1.11			5	Derrick Zhao, Westfield NJ; Caroline Zhao, Boston MA	50.00%

DANIEL KORBEL FRIDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

8.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.90	1			Roland Miller, Bowdoin ME; Bob Lafleur, Las Vegas NV	64.29%
2.93	2			Judy Hansen, Eagan MN; Mike D. Aguiar, Calgary AB	59.23%
2.19	3			Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Ritchey Goodwin, West Palm Beach FL	58.33%
3.25	4	1		Mudit Chaunal, Issaquah WA; Alexander Bealles, Mars PA	58.04%
2.44	5	2		Thomas McGlynn – Janet McGlynn, Catonsville MD	55.95%
1.83		3		Sally Kneser – Cyndi Sauvage, Englewood CO	53.57%
1.37		4		Mary Duffy, St. Louis Park MN; Susan Lowum, Minneapolis MN	50.30%

PAT LINVILLE FRIDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

9.0 Tables

	D	E	F		
2.85	1	1	1	David Niles – Huldah Niles, Minnetonka MN	63.39%
2.14	2	2	2	Bradford Cattel, Aptos CA; James Bloom, Port Matilda PA	58.33%
1.60	3	3		Robert Kaplan – Dorothy Fennell, Denver CO	57.44%
1.28	4	4	3	Eric Edwalds – Keith Melby, Minneapolis MN	56.55%
0.96	5	5	4	Kate Donaldson – Douglas Donaldson, Minnetonka MN	55.06%
0.63			5/6	Gayle Coleman, Fox Point WI; Paula Hogan, Milwaukee WI	50.89%
0.63			5/6	Gretchen Bartzen – Zhongxia Qi, San Francisco CA	50.89%

JOSH DONN FRIDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.47	1			Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Nicole Qian, Evanston IL	62.50%
2.60	2			Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Ritchey Goodwin, West Palm Beach FL	60.00%
1.95	3			Stephannie Culbertson – John Fout, New York NY	55.42%
1.46	4			David Niles – Huldah Niles, Minnetonka MN	55.00%

STEPHANIE HADDY FRIDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

7.0 Tables

	D	E	F		
2.55	1	1	1	Eric Edwalds – Keith Melby, Minneapolis MN	71.67%
1.91	2			Joan Lossing – Dennis Schulte, Woodbury MN	57.08%
1.70	3	2		Robert Kaplan – Dorothy Fennell, Denver CO	55.42%
1.40	4	3	2	Scott Woodward – Karen Woodward, Apple Valley MN	55.00%
0.92	5/6	4/5	3/4	Mark Strovink – Suzanne Fryer, Walnut Creek CA	52.08%
0.92	5/6	4/5	3/4	James Fisher – Mike Leidal, Austin MN	52.08%

HAIG TCHAMITCH FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1

7 Tables

20.80	1	William Scott, Madison WI; Tamas Szabo, Oconomowoc WI; Mark Kinzer, Middleton WI; Bob Marheine, Waukesha WI	92.00
15.60	2	Carrie Stockman, Bloomington MN; Naomi Paasch, Moorhead MN; Shirley Scott – Judy Hummel, Colorado Springs CO	64.00
11.70	3	Hal Hindman – Amy Brisson, Oakton VA; Sumner Steinfeldt, Washington DC; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA	63.00

HAIG TCHAMITCH FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2

9 Tables

16.42	1	Sam Shah – Jo Shah, Irving TX; Dianne Zimmerman – David Zapatka, Chandler AZ	102.00
12.32	2	Terry Jones, Falls Church VA; Ken Lowenstein – Debra Lamountain, Forest Hills NY; Mark Hyman, Briarwood NY	99.00
9.24	3	Cheryl Macintosh, Orleans ON; Joy Rieckers, Tucson AZ; Donald Duncan, Ottawa ON; Suzanne Maurice, Gloucester ON	90.00
6.93	4	Les Lee Roland, Sarasota FL; Murat Berk, Potomac MD; Marianne Bechet, Chestnut Hill MA; Dan Israeli, Tel Aviv Israel	87.00

HAIG TCHAMITCH FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3

9 Tables

14.54	1	Paul Irvine – Margaret Irvine, Allentown PA; Robert Kaplan, Columbus OH; Michael Wang, Grove City OH	124.00
10.91	2	Per Berg – Lynn Ostergaard, Flagler Beach FL; Michael Lee, Seattle WA; Jenna Rivet, Glen Ellyn IL	122.00
8.18	3	Dennis Keefer – Janice Keefer, Sparta NJ; Andrew Barlow, Lebanon NJ; Leigh Walker, Piscataway NJ	98.00
6.13	4	Scott Chupack – JC Chupack, Seattle WA; Kevin Foley, Mission KS; Bryan Delfs, Renton WA	93.00

HAIG TCHAMITCH FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4

7 Tables

11.43	1	Molly Silvia, New Orleans LA; Cappy McIver – Di Lapeyre – Elizabeth Sewell, New Orleans LA	85.00
8.57	2	Matthew Evett – Susan Evett, Ann Arbor MI; Sharon Seidler, Charleston WV; Arun Desouza, Troy MI	72.00
6.43	3	Michael Pratzel – Barb Pratzel, Madison WI; Ronald Grosh, Middleton WI; Mollie Freier, Marquette MI	71.00

HAIG TCHAMITCH FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5

7 Tables

10.72	1	Jason Bribitzer-Stull – Matthew Bribitzer-Stull, Bloomington MN; Jan Miyake – Josh Levy, Oberlin OH	100.00
8.04	2	Dennis Viner, Kapaa HI; William Taylor, Rancho Palos Ver CA; Gary Sheerer, Los Altos CA; Douglas Clink, Orange Beach AL	80.00
6.03	3	Keith Thompson – Ronald Smith, St. Paul MN; Michele Grindal, Minneapolis MN; Gerald Houlder, Coon Rapids MN	77.00

HAIG TCHAMITCH FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 6

7 Tables

10.15	1	Joshua Allen, Whitestone NY; Victor Poon, Stony Brook NY; Matt Just, Athens GA; Debbie Russell, Scarsdale NY	87.00
7.61	2	Ashley Szymiski, Aurora IL; Patty Garvy, Palm Beach FL; Jeff Duckworth, Sugar Grove IL; Neal Goldman, Willow Springs IL	78.00
5.71	3	Vard Nelson – Frances Nelson, Evergreen CO; Richard Jacoby, Stamford CT; Jackie Scott, Norwalk CT	74.00

HAIG TCHAMITCH FRIDAY BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 7

7 Tables

8.78	1	Sarah Wahl – Jackson Wahl, Minneapolis MN; Megan Murphy – Nancy Hartzler, St. Paul MN	85.00
6.59	2	Kimberly Hayward, Bayport MN; Fay Debellis, North Oaks MN; Ethan Lynch – John Lynch, Blaine MN	75.00
4.94	3	H. Michael Mogil – Barbara Levine – Michelle Stafford, Naples FL; Donna Davidek, Marco Island FL	74.00

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7 Tables

6.07	1	Fred Yu – Chungli C. Wang, Bellevue WA; Elizabeth Heron, Seattle WA; Chris Hadland, Minneapolis MN	85.00
4.55	2	Kathryn Aliotta, St. Paul MN; Jill Wroblewski, Minneapolis MN; Linda Huggard, Oklahoma City OK; Nancy Brunzel, Chisago City MN	74.00
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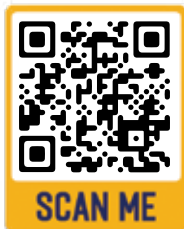
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Minneapolis Kibitzing from Afar: Vugraph & Bridgecasts

By Jan Martel

Vugraph

We have a very complete schedule of vugraph from the 2026 Summer NABC in Minneapolis.

From Monday, July 13, until Sunday, July 19, we'll be covering the Spingold.

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.

Bridgecasts

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

- Saturday–Sunday, July 18–19: Spingold semifinal & final matches. Full-day coverage of the play, starting at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. CT each day.



20th Bridge Festival
RIGA INVITES 2026

It is a great pleasure to welcome all players to the 20th "Bridge Festival" Riga Invites 2026

PROGRAM		PRIZES	VENUE
12.08.2026	18:00	OlyBet Sports Bar Invitational pairs tournament	Radisson Blu SAS Daugava, Riga, Latvia
13.08.2026	11:00	Open Teams tournament (1-3 rounds)	
13.08.2026	17:00	Open Teams tournament (4-6 rounds)	Special prices with code BRIDGE Room for two 105 EUR Room for one 95 EUR For the room reservation reservation.riga@radisson.com
14.08.2026	11:00	Open Teams tournament (7-9 rounds)	
14.08.2026	17:00	Open Teams tournament (10-12 rounds)	
14.08.2026	17:00	Get-Together & Banquet for all participants (pairs and teams) - OlyBet Sports Bar Radisson.	
15.08.2026	10:00	Open Teams tournament (semi-final)	ENTRY FEES
15.08.2026	11:00	Open Pairs tournament, Qualification session 1	
15.08.2026	12:30	Open Teams tournament (final)	300 EUR per Team for Teams tournament 200 EUR per Pair for Pairs tournament
15.08.2026	17:00	Open Pairs tournament, Qualification session 2	
16.08.2026	10:00	Open Pairs tournament, Final A	www.rigainvites.lv 12. - 16. August, 2026
16.08.2026	11:00	Open Pairs tournament, Final B	

PRIZES

First 3 places in the Invitational tournament receive cups and souvenirs. First 3 places in the Teams tournament receive cups and cash prizes. In the Pairs tournament first 6 places in Final A and first 3 places in Final B receive cash prizes. Special prizes for best Latvian pair; best woman pair; best mixt pair and best junior pair.

Prize fund - 10000 EUR
Team tournament - 5000 EUR
Pair A tournament - 4000 EUR
Pair B tournament - 1000 EUR

VENUE

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ENTRY FEES

300 EUR per Team for Teams tournament
200 EUR per Pair for Pairs tournament

Logos: OlyBet Sports Bar, RIGA INVITES, WFF WORLD TOUR, LATVIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Sunday, July 19
9:30 am & 3:30 pm

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	M101C, mezzanine	\$43	\$53
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	M100F, mezzanine	\$43	\$53
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS		M101C, mezzanine	\$25	\$35
0-3000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS		M101C, mezzanine	\$25	\$35
10 am				
Sunday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
499er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$18	\$28
10 am & 1 pm				
Fast Pairs (unlim./4000/1500)	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
10 am & 1:30 pm				
OSHLAG FAST PAIRS	1-2 F	Ballroom B, ground level	\$38	\$48
10 am & tba				
Bob & Cindy Balderson Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4500) <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
0-4000 Bracketed Round Robin Teams <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3 pm				
BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS	1-2 F	L100G, lower level	\$25	\$35
10 am & 3:30 pm				
0-10,000 MIXED SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	L100H, lower level	\$25	\$35
2 pm				
Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
499er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall A, lower level	\$18	\$28

* 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.