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Goodwill Message

Good sportsmanship is the hallmark of our bridge community.

Lamya Agelidis, Chair

Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

Jump Start Bridge takes off: 23 new school bridge programs



Patty Tucker is positively giddy.

She's normally an enthusiastic person, but talking about how Jump Start Bridge is going – her latest effort to get bridge into schools – she can hardly contain her excitement. Take a look at the program's numbers and it's not hard to see why.

Since attending the National Association for Gifted Children conference last November, there are 18 new school bridge programs. Since

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NABC+ Fast Pairs named for Oshlag

The ACBL has named the NABC+ Fast Open Pairs in honor of Grand Life Master Richard Oshlag, a two-time winner of the event and a 50-year employee of the League.

Oshlag began working for the ACBL in its Greenwich CT headquarters in 1969. He was hired by then-Bridge Bulletin editor Richard Frey to be the magazine's proofreader and advertising manager. 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

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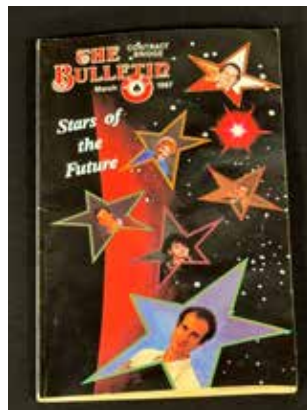


The more things change ...

Elaine Said of Nashville TN stopped by the Daily Bulletin office with a treasure: an issue of the Contract Bridge Bulletin from March of 1987. She had been looking at it recently and remarked at how similar the problems facing the league were then and now. (Except for maybe the debate about smoking vs. non-smoking sections.)

Said was specifically referencing the letters to the editor. One letter lamented the decline of contract bridge. Titled "What can be done?" the writer went on to note: *Television offers cheap entertainment. Our*

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Today's Bridge Events

Friday, March 22 Volunteer Appreciation Day

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	Segell – East Tower, 3rd floor	\$40	\$50
10 am				
Cynthia Hall Friday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Cochran – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
Sandy Spears "4-4, to the Floor" 299er Pairs	single	Daisy – West Tower, 2nd floor	\$18	\$28
10 am & 3 pm				
SILODOR OPEN PAIRS	1-2 F	Grand Ballroom A – East Tower, 2nd floor	\$30	\$40
SMITH WOMEN'S PAIRS	1-2 F	Grand Ballroom C – East Tower, 2nd floor	\$30	\$40
0-2500 PAIRS	1-2 F	Carroll Ford – East Tower, 2nd floor	\$25	\$35
Unit 130 Club Managers Top-Flight Pairs <i>(unlim./5000)</i>	1-2	Grand Ballroom B – East Tower, 2nd floor	\$22	\$32
Sandy Spears Mid-Flight Pairs <i>(4000/1250)</i>	1-2	Cochran – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Daisy – West Tower, 2nd floor	\$22	\$32
Larry Kozlove Memorial Top-Flight Swiss Teams <i>(unlim./6000/4500)</i>	1-2	Archibald – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
Jackie Merkel Memorial Bracketed Round Robin Teams <i>(0-4000)</i>	1-2	Archibald – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
3 pm				
Cynthia Hall Friday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Cochran – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
Jackie Merkel Memorial 299er Pairs	single	Cochran – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$18	\$28
7:30 pm				
Friday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri Evening Series</i>	single	Cochran – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32

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

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

International Fund

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

Today's Sponsors

Volunteer Appreciation Day

Jean Donoho would like us all to acknowledge, thank and appreciate all the volunteers in District 11 who made this NABC possible, particularly those from the Louisville Bridge Club.

Led by the Tournament Chair Joanne Traver, her team of volunteers has worked diligently to make sure that the attendees at this tournament have had a wonderful time both at the tables and in our wonderful city.

If you encounter a volunteer today, be sure to thank them and continue to enjoy your time in Louisville!

Unit 130 Club Managers

The Central Indiana Bridge Association



sends a rousing, warm round of applause to the clubs included in Unit 130, along with the great managers who oversee the day-to-day supervision and oversight of these programs. We thank the managers, boards, volunteers and players who were intrepid during the COVID pandemic, seeking novel solutions to keep their clubs strong and intact. For that reason, duplicate bridge is alive and well in Central Indiana.

Hats off to these clubs and managers: Bloomington Duplicate Bridge Club, Daniel Groves; Indianapolis Bridge Center Inc.,

Sharon Austin; Lafayette Duplicate Bridge Club, Lt. Col. John Polles; Muncie Duplicate Bridge Club, Thomas Charles; The New Club in Carmel IN, Heather Harmeyer; Terre Haute Bridge Inc., Tana Holt; The West Side Duplicate Bridge Club in Indianapolis, Heather Harmeyer; Woodstock Duplicate Bridge Club in Indianapolis, Dr. Marsha Sandersen.

If you are visiting Central Indiana, stop by and visit our clubs. You will find a friendly atmosphere and competitive bridge wherever you choose to play!

Sandy Spears

Sandy Spears has been tireless in both recruiting new bridge players and teaching lessons at various levels. She was instrumental in helping the Louisville Bridge Center rebuild its education program (and as a result its membership) after the pandemic forced us to shut down in 2020. She has taught numerous classes at both the bridge center and branches of the Louisville Free Public Library. These classes typically include several supervised play sessions at the end of the course. Her efforts have been so successful that now several other members are helping out with teaching and recruiting. As a result the club has



added several new sessions for players with 0-50 or 0-99 masterpoints. In addition she has initiated a "fifth chair" game, in which an experienced player consults at each table during the bidding and play, and which the new players really like. She even plays matchmaker when new players need help finding a partner.

Thank you, Sandy, for all you do for the LBC!

In memory of Larry Kozlove

Larry Kozlove passed away on Sept. 2, 2020, at the age of 75 in Louisville.

After serving in the Vietnam War, he became a banker in Louisville. In the late '70s, Larry and John Sheridan formed a partnership that earned an NABC first (Wernher Open Pairs, 1978) and two seconds. Their teammates in their Spingold second were Ken Cohen and Larry Gould. Remarkably, his next two partners in the '80s were Ken and Larry! Then, after a 20-year hiatus from NABCs, he and his wife Ellen moved to Boca Raton. He became a regular in a Boca IMP game. Larry partnered up with Gaylor Kasle, another Boca IMP game player, and returned to NABC bridge. Between 2012 and 2015, Larry and Gaylor



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SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

All meetings are in the Galt House.

Saturday, March 23

7 pm–midnight Junior Night. ACBL Educational Foundation-sponsored event; Juniors only.
Sampson, first floor, East Tower

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

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

Friday, March 22

9:15 am	Patty Tucker	<i>What Do You Know?</i>
2:15 pm	Jade Barrett	<i>Surviving the Competitive Auction</i>

HOSPITALITY

Grab-and-go items are available starting at 9 a.m. on the second floor of the East Tower and second and third floors of the West Tower.

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Saturday, March 23

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JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Tips for New Players

By Frank Stewart

Give yourself a chance – or two

The great Eddie Kantar, who contributed to this Daily Bulletin feature for many years before he left us in 2022, specialized in “take all your chances” problems, challenging declarer to combine every possibility of making the contract. This is a common theme in dummy play. Try all your chances in the correct order; if one doesn’t work, you still get to try some more.



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

You are South. Because North had some high-card strength – two aces – he judged not to transfer to spades and give you the option of playing at a weak 5–3 spade fit. West leads the ♦7. How will you play?

First, play the ♦9 from dummy; West might have led from K–Q–8–7–4. Assuming East wins and returns a diamond to dummy’s ace, cash the top spades next. If the suit breaks 3–2, no worries. If a defender discards, try the clubs next – in this order: king, queen, ace. If the suit breaks 3–3, your fourth club is a winner, and you can return to the ♥A to cash it. If the clubs don’t break either, the lead is in dummy, and you can try the heart finesse for your ninth trick.

Dlr: North ♠ J 5
 Vul: None ♥ 4
 IMPs ♦ 9 7 5 3
 ♣ A Q 7 5 3 2

 ♠ A Q 3
 ♥ A 10 5 3 2
 ♦ A K 4
 ♣ K 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West leads the ♠6, and dummy’s jack wins.

If the clubs break 3–2, declarer can score at least two overtricks. But the suit will not break so obligingly about a third of the time, and then declarer will have only eight tricks. He can win a third diamond trick if that suit breaks 3–3, but the only entry to dummy’s fourth diamond lies in clubs. So declarer should try for a ninth trick by leading the ♦A K and a third diamond. If East–West follow, fine; otherwise, declarer can hope for a favorable club break.

Dlr: South ♠ 6 5 4 3 2
 Vul: None ♥ 6 5 4
 IMPs ♦ A 9
 ♣ A 6 5

 ♠ A K Q
 ♥ A Q 3 2
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ K Q 4 2



Terry Brown and Jordan Altstadt, both of Jasper IN, are here playing together at the Louisville NABC. “Our town has a small club,” said Brown, “We probably average about four and a half tables. We rotate partners.”

They’re here mining for gold points. “I signed up three months after they increased the requirements,” sighed Altstadt.

Still, they’ve done pretty well: 19.05 gold points so far, including a second-place finish in Thursday’s Unit 193 Gold Rush Pairs.

Vanderbilt SF pairings: Nickell v. Goodman, Switzerland v. Bathurst

The squads captained by Nick Nickell, Andy Goodman, Pierre Zimmermann and Kevin Bathurst defeated their respective quarterfinal opponents to advance to today's semifinal round.

In yesterday's QF action, No. 1 Nickell disposed of Leslie Amoils and company 144–118. Nickell (Ralph Katz, Eric Greco–Geoff Hampson, Robert Levin–Steve Weinstein) found themselves in a near-tie with Amoils (Tom Hanlon, Brad Moss–Joe Grue, Oren Toledano–Ami Zamir) in the first quarter, but Nickell moved ahead in the second set by 22 IMPs, a margin they roughly maintained throughout the rest of the match.

No. 2 Switzerland (Zimmermann, Franck Multon, Sjoert Brink–Sebaastian Drijver, Michal Klukowski–Jacek Kalita) trailed Laurence Lebowitz in the first quarter, but reestablished a small lead by halftime. Lebowitz (Adam Grossack, Michael Rosenberg–Zachary Grossack, Agustin Madala–Dennis Bilde) were blitzed in the third quarter, however, and did not recover. Switzerland advanced 168–99.

No. 3 Bathurst (John Hurd, Ron Smith–Chris Compton, Jing Liu–Hongji Wei) and No. 6 Patricia Cayne (Bob Drijver, David Bakhshi, Cornelius van Prooijen, Tim Verbeek–Danny Molenaar) had a low-scoring first set (Bathurst led 11–7). Bathurst jumped into a 54–22 lead in the second set, but Cayne blitzed Bathurst in the third 30–0 to reduce Bathurst's lead to 2 IMPs, 54–52. Bathurst kept Cayne at arm's length in the fourth quarter to win 96–89.

No. 4 Jerome Rombaut (Leo Rombaut, Roy Welland–Sabine Auken) began with a 67–31 lead over No. 5 Goodman (Mike Passell, Simon de Wijs–Bauke Muller, Giacomo Pecario–Giovanni Donati) but their lead was cut

to 5 IMPs at the half, 87–82. Goodman moved ahead in the third set, 125–99, and kept the lead to advance 149–132.

Lahrman–Wang lead in Silodor

Christian Lahrman of Denmark and Zhuo Wang of Forest Hills NY posted the best score in the opening round of the Silodor Open Pairs, just ahead of Mike Cappelletti of Delray Beach FL and Michael Gamble of Shawnigan Lake BC.

Lahrman and Wang posted two consistent sets of 63.51% and 63.91% to finish just three matchpoints ahead of Cappelletti and Gamble (top = 124).

Third place is occupied by Norwegians Espen Erichsen and Martin Andresen.

The field of 250 pairs in yesterday's qualifying round has been reduced to 130 pairs for today's two-session final.

Women's Pairs: Onsgard-Passell in front

Kristen Onsgard of Dallas TX and Nancy Passell of Plano TX scored 59.98% and 57.38% in the first two qualifying sessions of the Smith Women's Pairs. They have a carryover of 88.40, or about three and a half boards, going into today's two-session final (25 top).

In second place are Rena Lieberman of North Easton MA and Marina Polestra of Boston MA with a carryover of 81.33.

Kerri Sanborn of Delray Beach FL and Myra Kolton of Boca Raton FL are in third place with a carryover of 76.47.

This event, which had previously been restricted to Life Masters, is now open to all women who want to compete. Of the 76 pairs who entered, 52 qualified to play in today's final.

Entry express

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Advance entries for events are available through the ACBL's online Entry Express system. It is necessary for eligible players to use this system in order to receive the host discount of \$10 per session for being a guest of the host hotel or resident of the host district.

To use Entry Express from your own device, go to members.acbl.org/tournaments/2403001/detail or scan the QR code on page 1. This may be done until midnight the day before the event begins.

For help with Entry Express, visit the Entry Express Help Desk located in both the East Tower, second floor, outside the Grand Ballroom, and the West Tower, third floor, outside the Archibald Ballroom.

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

Entries for NABC events are no longer available on Bridge Winners.

Buying early is especially recommended for NABC+ pairs events. All entries must be purchased at least 15 minutes before game time. Pairs who expect to be seeded should buy at least 30 minutes in advance.

10-year-old, dad lead 0–2500 Pairs

Father and son Hua Chen and Kyo Chen, 10, of Sugar Land TX lapped the field in the qualifying round of the 0–2500 Pairs, scoring 65.92% in the first session and 59.16% in the second. They have a carryover of 43.12, about three and a quarter boards and almost a board ahead of second.

In second are Monte Jaffe and Jon Kasdan of Sharon MA, who scored 63.54% and 55.44%. Benjamin Levine of Hartford CT and Nicole Hudak of New York were third.

The event is limited to players with less than 2500 masterpoints.

Fifty-two pairs entered and 28 qualified for today's final.

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won and placed second in the Baze Senior KO and won the Jacoby Swiss Teams. They also earned a silver medal in the D'Orsi Senior Bowl. When seeded below 49 in the Spingold and Vanderbilt, they regularly eliminated top seeds in the round of 64.

In memory of Jackie Merkel

As a tournament director, Jackie (1949–2020) was easily recognized for her bright neon shirts, matching shoes and white hair. A resident of Lexington KY, she worked tournaments mostly in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. As a longtime bridge enthusiast, she competed in tournaments throughout the country, attaining the rank of Sapphire Life Master.



She served as a director of the Lexington Bridge Club for many years. She shared her passion for the game as an instructor there, especially with newcomers and intermediate players whom she taught, encouraged, congratulated on successes and then immediately challenged to do even better. After bad rounds and puny scores, she would often say “you were having too much fun.” She was particularly pleased by several young players who were inspired to take and pass both the club and tournament director’s tests.

Jackie would also often say, “Sometimes life gets in the way of bridge!” So true, even in death. Surviving her are a husband of 51 years, James Merkel, four children and nine grandchildren. RIP, Jackie.

Cynthia Hall

Cynthia Hall played party bridge for decades before beginning duplicate bridge 33 years ago. During her early days of playing duplicate, she



attended numerous tournaments winning masterpoints (100+ at a Gatlinburg tournament – wow!) and friendships along the way.

Cynthia has played most conventions ever created and today she still knows each one as if she still utilizes it. It is always impressive to witness the wealth of knowledge that she possesses.

Even more amazing is that she willingly partners with those players who she sees have the desire to learn about bridge. Cynthia freely mentors multiple partners, helping them to improve their game.

To Cynthia, her greatest accomplishment is her family of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. But her bridge partners have become her bridge family and that is quite an accomplishment too.

Cynthia’s kindness at the table is evident to everyone. “Bid whatever you feel is right. I’ll never get upset about it.” “Let me see your card. We’ll play what you are comfortable playing.” This demeanor at the table draws new players to the game and encourages intermediate players. But do not mistake her kind nature as a sign of weakness. “I try to never let my opponents play at or below the two level.” “Preempt to mess up the opponents bidding.”

She likes to compete. She likes to win. And she plays a game that lets everyone know why she is ranked sixth in masterpoints in Louisville Unit 117.

Jump Start Bridge

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attending the Georgia Association for Gifted Children conference just two weeks ago, there are three more, with two other orders pending. That’s over 600 kids that have started learning bridge at school this year – with possibly many more to come.

Tucker has about 300 teachers on email lists from these conferences, and 70% of them are opening her messages. Several who didn’t think they had time to get their bridge programs going this year are still thinking about starting next school year.

“The potential for this is huge,” Tucker said.

Tucker has been trying to crack this nut since 2006, running into many, many dead ends. Others have tried and found the same dead ends. The school systems appeared to be impenetrable.

“I think we found the formula,” she said. “It’s harder and harder for anyone to get into schools. The teachers are the answer. They’re there. They’re underpaid. A lot of them are required to do after-school programs.

“If you go bother them at school, they’re busy. If you catch them at a conference, they’re looking for new things. That’s what needs to happen.”

Jump Start Bridge is not just free to schools, but teachers actually earn stipends through the program. The hardest part, Tucker says, is getting teachers to believe that’s it’s really free.

“One teacher was practically in tears. She said, ‘No one ever gives us anything.’ If we get them talking to each other, it’s just going to explode.”

There have long been a handful of established school bridge programs that send kids to the Youth NABC or local regionals. They’ve managed to be successful despite being isolated. But nothing like this has happened on a mass scale.

Stephanie Threlkeld, the ACBL

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manager of marketing and education who oversees the school bridge program, is seeing the results. “More have signed up in the past five months than in the past several years,” Threlkeld said.

The recent Georgia conference was especially rewarding. Tucker attended with four volunteers: Evelyn Gilliard, Linda Dunn, Brenda Willis and Amy Willis.

“We were the hit of the conference,” she said. “We had people coming two and three times, brining their friends, taking pictures in our booth. One of the speakers addressing the whole crowd told them to come by our booth because we had everything they were looking for.”

Teachers who sign up for Jump Start Bridge get free supplies, books, Powerpoint presentations, lesson plans and a stipend for every group of

students they’re teaching bridge to.

The next step is getting Jump Start Bridge presenters at more teacher conferences. There are about a dozen state gifted teacher conferences happening this fall – about half of them in the Midwest: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and Kansas. The ACBL Educational Foundation has approved funding for Tucker to go to three (including the one she just attended). By careful budgeting, she thinks she could stretch it to four.

That leaves a lot of opportunities on the table. But even if the Ed Foundation was willing to cover all of them, Tucker doesn’t want to do all of them herself. Nor can she, when dates of multiple conferences overlap. “It doesn’t make sense to be sending me from Georgia to all these other places. Not when there are other people who live there who could go in my place.”

But not just anyone is cut out to be a convention booth host. Tucker is especially looking for retired teachers and administrators – people who are able to speak the teachers’ language.

Tucker never misses an opportunity to find such people and pitch her program to them. Even in the midst of this interview, Tucker paused our discussion when three retired Louisville teachers who had just taken Learn Bridge in a Day? stopped by. She encouraged them to reach out to their friends who were still in the school system and tell them about Jump Start Bridge. “I’m not in the education system, so I’m fighting an uphill battle. They’ll listen to you,” she told them.

Where new school bridge programs are being established, volunteers are also needed to support teachers. Teachers who are learning bridge themselves alongside their students want someone they can go to with questions. Tucker would also like to see bridge clubs near these schools offer summer camps to keep kids engaged with bridge during school breaks.


Donations – to Tucker’s nonprofit,

Atlanta Junior Bridge, and the ACBL Educational Foundation – can also help build the program. Tucker aims to build a national network of Jump Start Bridge representatives.

“It’s about building a program, building an organization to support that program, building a critical mass of kids learning bridge,” she said. “The more you get, the more will come.”

You oughta be in pictures

If you achieve a new masterpoint milestone here in Louisville – Life Masters and upwards – please come by the Bulletin office: Beckham Room, East Tower, third floor, (escalator up from grand ballroom) and let us take your picture. We’re eager to congratulate you and share your achievement in the Daily Bulletin.



American Bridge Teachers' Association



Call for Entries

The American Bridge Teachers' Association welcomes submissions for our annual book and technology awards. Presentation will be made at our annual convention, to be held in conjunction with the 2024 NABC in Toronto.


Winners are determined based on the value of the product to bridge teachers and/or students. A winner may be selected in each of the following categories:

- Beginner/Novice Book of the Year
- Intermediate to Advanced Book of the Year
- Technology of the Year (software, media, etc.)

Works published since May 1, 2023, are eligible. Reprints will not be considered unless there are substantial revisions. Authors or publishers may contact Awards Committee chair, Karen Walker, at bookoftheyear@abthome.com for information on how to submit an entry.

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Swan Games

FACE TO FACE BRIDGE ONLINE

Swan Games, one of the oldest online bridge sites, has been completely rebuilt the site from the ground up, adding integrated audio and video along with a sleek, modern interface.

Swan is one of only three sites sanctioned to award ACBL masterpoints for online games. **Starting Tuesday, March 26, Swan will be holding daily 18-board games at 1pm ET**, with more games added soon.

Swan is holding two contests to celebrate their launch. The player who wins the most masterpoints on Swan during April and May wins a signed copy of one of the books by Bridge Bulletin contributor and national champion **Adam Parrish**. And the player who plays in the most games on Swan during April and May wins a one-hour lesson with Adam!

Here is an interesting hand from a recent tournament on Swan Games.

Lee Rautenberg of Delray Beach FL made a nice defensive play on a recent hand played on Swan Games.

North (Dummy)		East (Rautenberg)	
♠ 5 3	♠ K J 10 8 4	♥ 3 2	♥ A Q 7 5
♥ 3 2	♥ A Q 7 5	♦ 8 5 3	♦ K 7 4
♦ 8 5 3	♦ K 7 4	♣ A Q J 9 8 2	♣ 7
♣ A Q J 9 8 2	♣ 7		

West North East South
1♠ 2♥

All Pass

Partner leads the ♠2 and your king holds the trick. What do you do at trick two?

and declarer wouldn't duck with the ♠A and ♠Q, so partner started with the ♠Qxx and declarer the ♠Axx. Declarer is clearly planning to ruff a spade, so you should cash the ♥A and lead another heart to prevent the ruff, right?

The spade ruff isn't the only threat in the dummy: Declarer could also use the club suit to pitch losers. Whether the ♣K is in declarer's hand or partner's, the club suit is going to run. The goal might be to set up diamond tricks rather than prevent a spade ruff.

Because partner has the ♠Qxx and didn't raise to 2♠, they don't have much else. But they could certainly have the ♦Q. If you play hearts now, you might never get a diamond trick. The full deal:

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

So Lee switched to the ♦4. When declarer played the 9, Lee's partner won the ♦10 continued diamonds, setting up a second diamond trick. Declarer got his spade ruff, but the defense got two diamond tricks. If Lee had played the ♥A and a heart, declarer would knock out the ♥Q and run clubs, and the defense would never get their diamonds. Sometimes the key to defense is figuring out

Oshlag

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promotion to business manager of the Bulletin, accepted the change of venue and went to work for editor Henry Francis.

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.

Dismayed over ACBL leadership in 1988, Oshlag left the League for a five-year period but returned in 1993 when Roy Green was named CEO. Oshlag continued to live in the Memphis area until 2021 when he moved to White Plains NY to work for the ACBL remotely.

Oshlag is a four-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. 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.

Oshlag, 78, has four second-place finishes in NABC contests.

The Oshlag Fast Open Pairs will first be held under its new name at the 2024 Summer NABC in Toronto.

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The ACBL invites all Patron Members to visit the Patron Lounge in the Willis room on the second floor of the East Tower from 1 to 3 p.m. today.

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Things change

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educational system inspires very little respect for intellectual activities. Most of those who have good potential for becoming bridge players (i.e. college students) have had no opportunity to be exposed to the game.

Two other letters noted the success free duplicate classes and applauded the test market of an ACBL General Education Program – the beginning of the popular “Club Series” written by Audrey Grant.

And yet another letter was from a young man who appreciated going to Atlanta to participate in the “Rookie Grand National Pairs.” He wrote: *I am in law school and I never would have been able to afford to go if ACBL had not paid.*

I wish I could get more of my friends interested. The game needs younger members. The ACBL would be overflowing with new members if people only realized how much fun the game of bridge can be.

Flash-forward 37 years. Television is still a popular form of entertainment, even though its delivery method has changed. We still aren’t exposing people to the game of bridge enough, even with the increased opportunities



available via the internet – but bridge’s presence online through social media, streaming and platforms for playing are definitely on the rise. And, with people like Patty Tucker and Samantha Punch (among other tireless volunteers) promoting and researching the benefit of bridge in schools, youth programs could start paying dividends soon and keep doing so for decades. The ACBL Educational Foundation and the Mitch Fund (see the Bridge Bulletin’s Volunteer of the Year award story, January 2024) are literally paying college kids to play bridge.

Said is encouraged. “If people

over 30 years ago thought we were in trouble, but we’re still here, maybe we still will be another 30 years from now,” she said.

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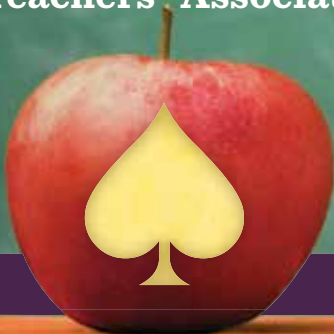
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60 Tables
 Nick (Frank) Nickell, Water Mill NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Steve Weinstein, Cedar Grove NJ; Robert Levin, Henderson NV

vs

Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy

Sebastiaan Drijver – Sjoert Brink – Pierre Zimmermann, Geneva Switzerland; Michal Klukowski – Jacek Kalita, Geneva Switzerland; Franck Multon, Monaco

vs

Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York NY; Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Chris Compton, Omaha NE; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Hongji Wei, Jersey City NJ

80.00 5/8 Adam Grossack – Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark

80.00 5/8 Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel

80.00 5/8 Jerome Rombaut – Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France; Sabine Auken,



Charlottenlund Denmark; Roy Welland, New York NY

80.00 5/8 Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands; Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London England; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands

50.00 9/16 Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy
 50.00 9/16 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris

Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjord Norway

50.00 9/16 Jeffrey Wolfson – David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; David Gold, London United Kingdom; Peter Crouch, Surrey England; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL

50.00 9/16 Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Andrea Manno – Massimiliano Di Franco, Palermo Italy

50.00 9/16 Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Jeffrey Juster, Dallas TX; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; John Kranyak, San Francisco CA; Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL
 50.00 9/16 Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Nabil Edgton, Sydney Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand

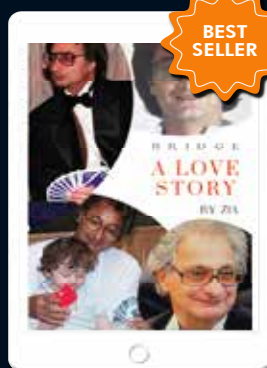
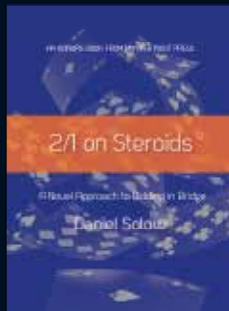
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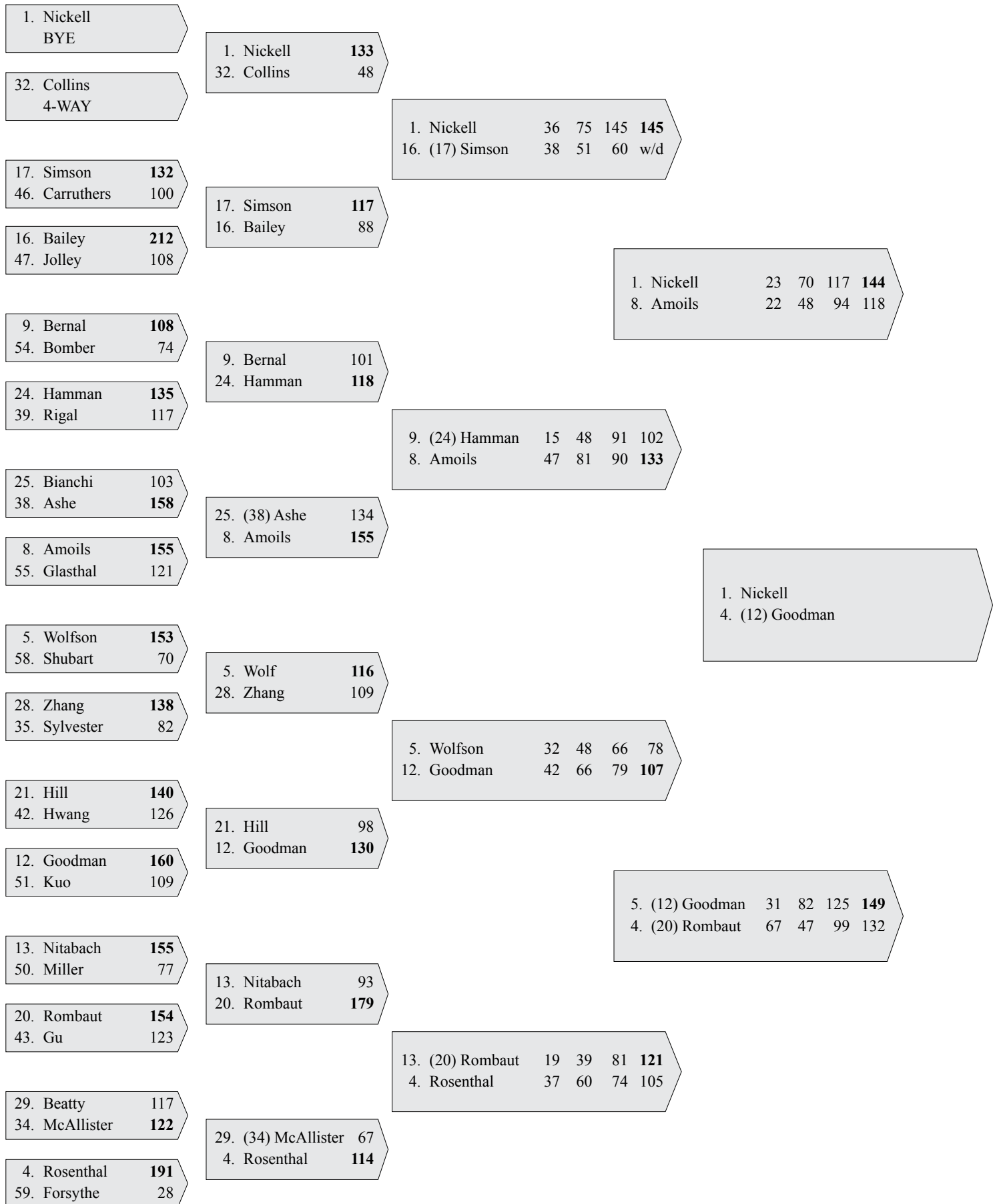


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1	Christian Lahrman, Virum Denmark; Zhuo Wang, Forest Hills NY	223.39
2	Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC	222.64
3	Espen Erichsen, Tunbridge Wells United Kingdom; Martin Andresen, Nesaya Norway	196.79
4	Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	192.85
5	Maxim Siline, Hudson MA; Alexander Wernle, Vienna Austria	184.72
6	Dennis Hesthaven – Ralph Letizia Jr., Louisville KY	180.04
7	Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA	173.45
8	Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Kevin Rosenberg, Millbrae CA	173.21
9	Randal Burns, Washington DC; Cadir Lee, Los Gatos CA	167.36
10	Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Edward Xu, North York ON	166.97
11	Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Jan Jansma, New York NY	151.82
12	Jakub Patreuha – Patryk Patreuha, Boleslawiec Poland	148.05
13	Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	147.68
14	Corey Krantz, Boynton Beach FL; Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	137.15
15	Nir Khutorsky, Haifa Israel; Aviv Zeitak, Rehovot Israel	130.90
16	Ahu Zobu, Istanbul Turkey; Viktor Aronov, Sofia Bulgaria	128.83
17	Daniel Lev – Sam Lev, New York NY	118.38
18	Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL	118.22
19	Li-Hsiang Kuo – Ho-Yee So, Taipei City Taiwan	114.98
20	Ann Karin Fuglestad – Ole Fuglestad, Farsund Norway	114.24
21	Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	113.01
22	Martin Garvey – Andrea Knox, Llandudno United Kingdom	112.25
23	Liam Milne – James Coutts, Sydney Australia	109.39
24	Adriano Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro Brazil; Joao Paulo Campos, Sao Paulo Brazil	106.95
25	Ben Handley-Pritchard, Stroud United Kingdom; Tom Townsend, London England	104.83
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30	Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Eric Stoltz, Portland OR	97.96
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32	Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Jeffrey Wolfson, Boca Raton FL	93.15
33	Bo Liu, Irvine CA; Sherman Gao, Brea CA	91.04
34	Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL	90.25
35	Marc Jacobus – Brenda Jacobus, Las Vegas NV	88.30
36	Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA	86.19
37	Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY; Robert Rebelein, Poughkeepsie NY	86.02
38	Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL	85.90
39	Bruce Rogoff, Boca Raton FL; Alexander Ornstein, New York NY	85.69
40	Thor Erik Hoftaniska, London England; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway	83.45
41	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Morrisville NC	82.96
42	Michael Huston, Joplin MO; Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL	81.05
43	Weishu Wu, Irvine CA; John Kissinger, San Clemente CA	80.45
44	Ethan Wood, Dover MA; Qing Lu, San Jose CA	79.93
45	Itai Baniri, Barcelona Spain; Tomer Loonstein, Tel Aviv Israel	79.23
46	Allan Graves, St. Johnsbury VT; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY	79.19
47	Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Michael Christensen, Seattle WA	78.11
48	Kevin Collins, Dunwoody GA; Patricia Tucker, Atlanta GA	77.33
49	Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; David Yang, Darien IL	77.11
50	Mark Jones, Birmingham AL; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA	76.58
51	Steve Raine, Nottingham United Kingdom; Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA	75.46
52	Tom Bishel – John Bishel, Columbus OH	73.39
53	Hugh Brown Jr., McCormick SC; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC	70.53
54	Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	68.41
55	Michael Bodell – Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA	67.50
56	Erli Zhou, Sunnyvale CA; Jianming Dai, Beijing People's Republic of China	67.38
57	Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL	64.18

58	Chris Willenken, New York NY; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway	63.02
59	Barbara Cunliffe, Bentleyville OH; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH	62.57
60	Andrew Rowberg, Dublin CA; Danning Lu, Goleta CA	62.40
61	Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; Arthur Gong, Sammamish WA	61.57
62	Glyn Liggins – Andrew Dyson, London United Kingdom;	61.53
63	Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland	61.33
64	Ellen Hessel – Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX	61.04
65	Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Jeffrey Juster, Dallas TX	60.29
66	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Mark Ospeck, Remsen NY	58.96
67	Russell Shoup, Dayton OH; Gene Benedict, Perrysburg OH	57.84
68	Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Potter Orr, Cincinnati OH	57.35
69	Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands	57.06
70	Jack Lipson, East Meadow NY; Tom Trachuk, Walnut Creek CA	55.82
71	Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA; Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA	53.33
72	John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA	52.25
73	Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; E.R. ‘Bud’ McKinney, Cary NC	51.96
74	Tracy Brines, Smithfield VA; Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY	50.76
75	Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX	50.39
76	Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy	49.23
77	Drew Cavalier, Huntsville AL; Christian Jolly, New Hudson MI	48.02
78	Miao Shi, Beijing China; Cao Yi, Shanghai China	45.41
79	Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL; Linda Einhorn-Ihde, New York NY	44.18
80	Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Walter Schafer Jr., Long Beach CA	43.76
81	Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX	43.63
82	Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA	43.18
83	William Bartley – Paul Darin, San Diego CA	42.89
84	Stephen Vogel, West Chester OH; Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH	40.15
85	Louk Verhees Jr., Leiden Netherlands; Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL	38.20
86	Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD; Don Chillrud, Schenectady NY	36.84
87	Jason Ji, Kendall Park NJ; Shihong You, Boyds MD	36.79
88	Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	35.97
89	Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Sarik Goyal, Chicago IL	35.55
90	James Holzhauer, Las Vegas NV; Stefan Skorchev, Sofia Bulgaria	31.62
91	Mina Akhnoukh, Fort Lauderdale FL; Kathy Logue, Metairie LA	31.57
92	Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA	31.45
93	Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Jun Shi, Halfmoon Bay CA	31.20
94	Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA	30.72
95	Rory Xiao, Fremont CA; Michael Hu, San Jose CA	29.75
96	Sveinn Eiriksson, Delray Beach FL; Michael Schwartz, New York City NY	29.71
97	Mark McCarthy, San Francisco CA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	29.59
98	Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury MA; Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA	28.09
99	Jeff McKee, Livingston TX; Dolores Aquino, Houston TX	28.01
100	Rick Binder, Waltham MA; Alan Watson, Lexington MA	27.85
101	Russell Samuel, Coram NY; Chris Moll, Cary NC	25.65
102	Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; William Pollack, Boca Raton FL	23.99
103	Maya Alela, Flagstaff AZ; Bharat Rao, Berwyn PA	22.92
104	Barbara Grzegorzewski – Steven Grzegorzewski, Meadville PA	20.39
105	Milton Zlatic, St. Louis MO; Mark Boswell, Clarkson Valley MO	20.26
106	Omer Ekinci, Astoria NY; Avery Silverstein, Ridgefield CT	20.18
107	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Evelyn Holtz, Santa Rosa CA	19.52
108	Jovana Zoranovic, Novi Sad Serbia; Steven Ashe, Tampa FL	19.51
109	Zhaobin Xie, People’s Republic of China; Richard Chan, Markham ON	18.81
110	Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Andrew Rosenthal, New York NY	18.31
111	Harvinder Sidhu, Scottsdale AZ; Phebe Packer, Phoenix AZ	17.65
112	Chris Kollenberg, Houston TX; Phillip Grothus, Bucierias Mexico	16.57
113	Frank Feng – Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA	16.28
114	Michael Hartnett, Bloomington IN; Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA	15.95
115	Gerald Lackner, Furstenfeld Austria; Lucia Enica, Washington DC	13.55
116	Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France; David Roussel, Beaverton OR	13.47

117	Paul Munafo – Owen Lynch, Huntsville AL	11.23
118	Larry Newman, Amberley OH; Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH	10.31
119	Justin Graver – Jeffrey Buckwalter, Omaha NE	10.19
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121	Michael Krevor, Port Washington NY; Charles Bilich, Hewlett NY	9.86
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128	Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy; Gianmarco Giubilo, Roma Italy	2.66
129	Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Johan Saefsten, Uppsala Sweden	0.29
130	Andy Kaufman, Upper Gwynedd PA; Michael Shuster, Collegeville PA	0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE SMITH WOMEN'S PAIRS

26.0 Tables / Based on 38 Tables		Carryover
1	Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX; Nancy Passell, Plano TX	88.40
2	Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA; Marina Polestra, Boston MA	81.33
3	Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL; Myra Kolton, Boca Raton FL	76.47
4/5	Brenda Pugsley, Carson City NV; Ti Davis, Baltimore MD	69.61
4/5	Anam Tebha, New York NY; Christina Parker, Chestnut Hill MA	69.61
6	Riki Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	66.08
7	Toni Bales, Pickerington OH; Allyson Wolfe, St. Louis MO	61.88
8	Migry Zur Campanile – Nancy Katz, New York NY	60.33
9	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Maureen McLaughlin, Princeton NJ	59.67
10	Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Gillian Minitier, New York NY	59.45
11	Allison L. Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Gerriane Mason, Crossville TN	49.28
12	Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA; Kitty Cooper, Dallas TX	48.40
13	Katarzyna Dufurat, Wroclaw Poland; Claire Alpert, Miami FL	45.53
14	Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL	45.08
15	Jung Hu, San Jose CA; Yimei Cao, Aurora ON	43.54
16	Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Melissa Fawer, New York NY	41.77
17	Mindy Fine-Fleder, New York NY; Justyna Zmuda, Skawina Poland	40.44
18	Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Yu Nadler, Boca Raton FL	39.34
19	Jovanka Smederevac, Vienna Austria; Carrie Liu, Hudson MA	38.01
20	Sylvia Shi, San Francisco CA; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA	37.35
21	Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA; Lynn Baker, Austin TX	37.13
22	Jadwiga Polujan, Calgary AB; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA	35.58
23	Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Kathryn Kimmerling, Blythewood SC	35.36
24	Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA	34.48
25	Raluca Dobrescu, Aventura FL; Brooke Cohen, New York NY	34.25
26	Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA; Susan Morse, Flourtown PA	33.37
27	K. Fung, Edmonton AB; Sondra Blank, L'Ile Bizard QC	32.71
28	Leila Sink, Los Gatos CA; Kyra Helmbold, Los Gatos CA	31.60
29	Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio TX; Jo Smith, Abilene TX	30.06
30	Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL; Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY	29.83
31	Tina Tessaro – Irina Kislitsyna, Miami FL	29.61
32	Barbara Ferm, Dallas TX; Gunn Tove Vist, Sweden	27.85
33	Joan Dziekanski, New York NY; Dina Schechter, Glen Cove NY	25.86
34/35	Lynn Rafferty, Columbiana OH; Virginia Young, Hudson OH	20.99
34/35	Jo Morse, Boise ID; Janet Dresden, Palm Beach Gardens FL	20.99
36	Trish Leblang – Tyra Galyean, Tulsa OK	20.11
37	Sofie Sjodal, Oslo Norway; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	18.78
38	Lilly Justman – Melody Euler, Austin TX	18.12
39	Rebecca Anspach, Saint Paul MN; Deborah Weiss, Minneapolis MN	16.57
40/41	Nancy Marshall, Edgewater NJ; Amy Rhodes, New York NY	15.25
40/41	Erika Silver, Port Washington NY; Debra Lamountain, Forest Hills NY	15.25
42	Ida Groenkvist, Sundbyberg Sweden; Joan Brody, Livingston NJ	14.81

43	Catherine Wright – Kyle I. Larson, Rockford IL	12.82
44	Shirley Berent, Aventura FL; Carol Clifford, Miami FL	12.15
45	Barbara Heller, Knoxville TN; Stella Rainey, Tuscaloosa AL	11.71
46	M. Mulford-Jacobs, Cincinnati OH; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI	10.17
47	Sheryl Langner, Dublin OH; Phyllis Allmacher, Powell OH	9.94
48	Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV; En Hay, Highlands Ranch CO	6.19
49	Cheryl Schneider, Columbus OH; Terry James, Upper Arlington OH	5.30
50	Kate Hill, Santa Rosa CA; Susan Kissinger, San Clemente CA	3.76
51	Rose Hou, Richmond Hill ON; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ	1.99
52	Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Carrie Touslee, Roseville CA	0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE 0–2500 PAIRS

14.0 Tables		Carryover
1	Hua Chen – Kyo Chen, Sugar Land TX	43.12
2	Monte Jaffe – Jon Kasdan, Sharon MA	32.92
3	Benjamin Levine, Hartford CT; Nicole Hudak, New York NY	31.48
4	William Han, Amherst MA; Alec Sun, Chicago IL	31.11
5	Rajeev Jog – Niraj Jain, San Jose CA	30.95
6	Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI; Steven Bruns, Honolulu HI	22.79
7	Steven Siegel, Mendham NJ; Larry Gordon, West Orange NJ	21.76
8	Alan Munro, Vienna VA; Colin Schloss, Falls Church VA	21.63
9	Patrick Thompson, Lakewood Ranch FL; Richard Aufmann, Bradenton FL	20.27
10	Sean Casey, Atlantic Highlands NJ; Jason Tokuda, Livingston NJ	19.92
11	Sidney Levin, St. Louis MO; Mark Stein, Skokie IL	19.28
12	Kai Eckert, El Granada CA; Ryan Gossiaux, San Francisco CA	18.37
13	Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA	17.64
14	Ralph Haberfeld – Ray Fink, Jackson WY	17.37
15	Chip Dombrowski, Batavia OH; John Taylor, Burlington KY	17.19
16	Peter Ashbrook, Urbana IL; Lisa Bievenue, Savoy IL	16.38
17	Thomas Frank, Indianapolis IN; Domenico Sneider, Carmel IN	14.96
18	James Miller, Wilton Manors FL; Deborah Branch, Davie FL	12.76
19	Sandy Spears – Katherine Zimmerman, Louisville KY	12.13
20	John Jordan, Fishers IN; Brett Roby, Indianapolis IN	9.64
21	Daniel Droz – Barbara Droz, Lancaster PA	4.74
22	Norman Kahn Jr., Prairie Village KS; Kathy Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO	4.72
23	Jacqueline Zayac, Lafayette CA; Virginia Wailes, Hillsborough CA	3.78
24	Jack Hawks, Palm Desert CA; Andy Hawks, Alexandria VA	2.57
25	Andrey Sidelnikov, Fort Lauderdale FL; Phyllis Geinzer, Pittsburgh PA	0.72
26	Susan Calabro, Roslyn NY; Laurie Berlin, Hillsboro Beach FL	0.58
27	Glenn Sussman, Juno Beach FL; Jane Rusch, Jupiter FL	0.09
28	Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA; Sharon Phillips, Greenwich CT	0.00



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Take the game, discuss the slam

By Brian Glubok

A lot of my thinking at bridge has been influenced by the way players typically thought at the rubber bridge table – where I played most of my early bridge and which had been the dominant form of the game back in the early days of contract bridge.

Typical rubber bridge clubs, and every major city in America had at least one, if not several, would have a range of players – weak fish, zealous break-even types and a few savvy pros who would actually win more than they lost and show a net profit for their games even after the card fee charged by the club.

Jack Foster had been playing for years before I even came along, and he was tremendously effective as a pragmatic player – no flights of fancy for Jack. If his partner was a weak declarer, Jack made sure that they stayed low, well within partner's range.

As for marginal six-level contracts, Jack had an expression that has a lot of merit:

“Take the game and discuss the slam.”

Consider the East–West hands on Board 23 from the first session of last Saturday's national pair game.

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

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	Pass

Clearly, we are going to go to game, do we have enough to consider an invite to slam?

Experts have a variety of ways to approach this sort of problem. The most diligent might construct possible hands for partner:

♠Q J 2 ♥K 5 4 ♦A 3 2 ♣A 7 6 3.

That's a “perfect 14” and makes 6NT a lay-down.

Here's a not-so-perfect 14:

♠Q 3 2 ♥K 5 4 ♦A 3 2 ♣A J 6 3.

Now we'll probably need the club finesse.

If I did happen to go to that much work, I'd probably conclude I need a perfect maximum opposite for 6NT to be good. Better I should just raise to 3NT.

As a practical matter, few players will go to the trouble of constructing hypothetical hands for partner. If you are going to, with balanced hands, prefer this method instead:

- Count high-card points
- Add length points (one for the fifth card in a suit, two for each additional card in the suit)

In this case, East's 16-point hand will adjust up to 19 (16 in HCP, three for length).

Add that 19 to partner's expected 11–14. For 6NT, we're looking for 33 HCP, so we have either a raise to 3NT, or, if we're feeling pushy, maybe a raise to 4NT, inviting partner to bid slam with a maximum.

Finally, bear this in mind: If great declarer play is required to bring in those 12 tricks, then it will be enough to make 690. In a matchpoint event it won't necessary to risk a poor result by bidding slam and going down.

Everyone loves to bid and make slams, and often the risk is justified. But if I had to guess, I'd say that far more events are lost by bidding slam when you shouldn't, rather than won thanks to bidding slam when you should.

For just one example, my partner and I got a zero on this board, for going down in 6♦!

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The Wrong Box

By Mark Horton, UK

With three days and eight teams left standing, it was time to check out the form of the top seeds, as NICKELL faced off against AMOILS.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amoils</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♥3. Declarer won the ♥A, ruffed a heart, unblocked the ♠A Q, came to hand with the ♣Q and claimed 12 tricks, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Zamir</i>
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT ⁽¹⁾
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

(1) Pick a slam

North had a good hand, but he was facing a protective double. He decided to take the high road and discovered it was very much the right route.

West led the ♦3. East won the ace and returned the ♦7, but declarer was soon claiming, +1370 along with 12 IMPs.

It's worth mentioning that on Board 6 when East opened a Precision 1♦, Zamir overcalled 1♥ with:

♠9 ♥Q J 9 8 2 ♦J 10 7 ♣10 8 4 2

(6+ HCP but flexible on the suit quality). He finished in 2♥ which went one down for -50, but in the other room, E/W went three down in 1NT to lose 300, giving NICKELL 8 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amoils</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
	1♣	1♠	2♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	5♠	Dbl
All Pass			

Why did East run to 5♠? Perhaps he was worried that by overcalling 1♠ (as opposed to 2♠) he had promised more than he had. Even so, it looks odd, as partner is not going to expecting to score many tricks in spades. There were nine tricks, two down, -500 and 12 IMPs to NICKELL, taking the lead at 20-13.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Zamir</i>
	2♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♦ ⁽²⁾
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(1) 6+♣, 10-15 HCP

(2) Asking for further description

East led the ♠K, declarer taking the third round of the suit, cashing the ♣A and claiming seven tricks when an honor did not appear, -200.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amoils</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Dbl	Pass	1♦
2♣	2♥	4♣	4♥
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

When West confirmed he held more than three clubs, East was happy to raise.

There was no defense, +750.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Zamir</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	1♥	Pass ⁽²⁾	2♥
3♣	4♥	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

(1) 16+, upgrades common

(2) Negative

Here, too, East followed the sound principle of raising partner with four-card support – and must have been pleased to see that the contract was cold, +750 to flatten the board.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amoils</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♣
2♥ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♠	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♠	4♣
All Pass			

(1) Spade raise

West led the ♠8. Declarer won in dummy and played a club to the king and ace. Making four after losing a spade and a diamond.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Zamir</i>
			2♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

(1) 6+♣, 10–15 HCP

(2) Asking for further description

When West led the ♦A, declarer had an extra entry to dummy and was assured of 11 tricks. That was +400 and 7 IMPs that brought the teams level at 20–20.

My all-seeing au pair thought East might have overcalled 2♠, but it looks a bit dubious to me as partner might take you seriously.

With nothing significant occurring over the next four deals, the teams went into the short break neck and neck, score adjustments giving NICKELL an extra 3 IMPs and AMOILS 2.

For once, I had selected the wrong match to follow – ROMBAUT and GOODMAN featured no less than five slams. I might have to write that up in the morning!

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Greco</i>
Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

- (1) 16+, upgrades common
 (2) 6+♣

East led the ♥J. Declarer won with the king, went to dummy with a diamond and played the ♣J to the king and ace. Another diamond to dummy to play the ♣3 saw declarer collect all the tricks, +940.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Moss</i>
Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1♥ ⁽²⁾
Pass	2♥ ⁽³⁾	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- (1) 16+ HCP
 (2) 12+ not hearts unless 3=5=3=2 with balanced shape then 2♣ after 1♠
 (3) Clubs

West led the ♠5 which meant the defenders took a trick, +490 and 10 IMPs to NICKELL.

Board 20. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Greco</i>
Pass	1♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	1NT ⁽³⁾
Pass	2♣ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	2♥ ⁽⁵⁾
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

- (1) 16+
 (2) 8+, fewer than five spades
 (3) 17–18 balanced (or close)
 (4) Asking
 (5) five hearts

East led the ♦K and continued with the ♦4, declarer winning with dummy's ace and cashing the top hearts. When West discarded the ♦10, declarer cashed the ♣K and then played a club to the jack. When it lost to the queen, he was two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Moss</i>
Pass	1NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2NT ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	2♣ ⁽³⁾
Pass	3♠ ⁽⁶⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽⁵⁾
All Pass			

- (1) 16+
 (2) 8–11 balanced
 (3) Relay
 (4) 4–4 or 3–3 in the majors
 (5) Which?
 (6) 3–3

East led the ♦Q and unable to read West's ♦6, he switched to the ♣2, declarer winning with the ♦J and playing a heart to the jack and queen. As the cards lay, he was assured of nine tricks, +600 and 13 IMPs to AMOILS, trailing only 37–39.

On Board 21, N/S could take eight tricks in spades, but E/W could make nine in hearts. NICKELL played in 2♠ and 3♥ and pocketed 7 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Hampson	Toledano	Greco
1♥	Dbl	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	2♣	Dbl	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Katz	Grue	Nickell	Moss
1♥	Dbl	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

East led the ♣3 to the king and ace, and when declarer continued with the ♠K, East won and switched to the ♥8 which held the trick. His next move was the ♦J and after some thought West took the ♦A (ducking would have been a disaster) and returned the ♣2 to the 10 and king. When East continued with the ♥A, declarer ruffed, cashed the ♠Q, ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade and claimed seven tricks – he could play a diamond being sure to score the ♣J at the end. Given that the defenders had more than one way to collect -500, down one was a triumph.

North led the ♥7 and declarer took four rounds of trumps. On the last of them, North discarded the ♠Q, so declarer could play the ♠J and lost only one trick to the ♣A, +480 and 9 IMPs to NICKELL.

In a session where there was only one flat board, NICKELL had had the better of things and led 75–48 at the end of the quarter.

Trick one play

This deal was brought to the Daily Bulletin office by the ACBL's National Recorder Jeff Edelstein. (There was no offense, just an interesting deal.)

You're in 6♠ as South on the lead of the ♠9. What's your plan at trick one?

♠ J 2
♥ A K 9 4
♦ —
♣ A Q 9 7 4 3 2

♠ A K 7 6 5 4
♥ 10 7
♦ K 10 7
♣ K 10

This is the full deal:

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

Did you duck the spade at trick one? It's easy to spot looking at all four hands. As long as spades are 3–2, nothing can hurt you at trick two.

Don't let the pressure of being in slam stop you from making the right play. You can afford to lose a trick.



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Beyond Bridge

Beyond Bridge was another fun night of activities that packed the rooms on the first floor of the East Tower with bridge players having fun. One room featured Jeopardy hosted by James Holzhauser; one room was karaoke; and the third room had board games.

Whereas Bridge Jeopardy was played Monday at Bridge Mania, Holzhauser's game was regular Jeopardy with occasional bridge-related categories thrown in. Jeopardy was originally scheduled for one five-minute game every half hour, but eventually the room was so full that Holzhauser was able to run one game after with another, with new contestants taking their seats as soon as the previous panel left.

Bart Bramley won a game against Debbie Rosenberg, Sandy Forsythe,

Kyle Rockoff, Jeff Edelstein and Drew Cavellier. Edelstein came in second. In later games, winners included Mack Meller, the Scrabble champ featured in Thursday's issue, and Ben Bomber.

One game featured the category Bridge Hall of Fame Before and After. For \$200: This Peanuts character has a crush on Charlie Brown and moonlight's as the U.S.'s foremost bridge teacher, author of over 40 books. Who is Peppermint Patty Tucker?

"That was the pride and joy of my writing," Holzhauser said. "Patty Tucker was here, and she didn't get that one."

In the game room, Bobby Morris played cribbage with Michael Shuster and Andy Kaufman while another table played Catan.

Karaoke was a big hit, with more than 30 singers performing to an audience that often sang along. Rindie

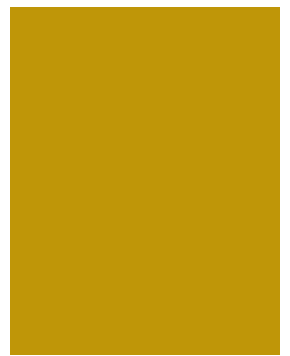
Coker sang "I Love Rock and Roll" with help from Bronia Jenkins.

"I put myself through undergrad hosting karaoke," Coker said. "I like to pick songs that are fun for everyone."

Kevin Rosenberg had the entire room singing along to "Take Me Home Country Roads."

Several ACBL staff members performed, including Jenkins on "When I'm 64" and backing a few others. Murry Hayes backed both Region 7 Director Larry Sealy on "Rockin' in the Free World" and Jordan Canevari on "Lose Yourself," another crowd pleaser. Chip Dombrowski performed "We Are Young," Shaneka Cunningham did "Proud Mary" and they did "Wrecking Ball" together. Stephanie Threlkeld, who ran the karaoke machine, performed "Tennessee Whiskey."





New Gold Life Master

Richard Podkowik of Sparta NJ became a Gold Life Master on Tuesday when his team won the top bracket of the Bluegrass Bridge Association Bracketed B Round Robin Teams. Podkowik played with Fred Shubert, Chornng-Hour Yang and Chung-Zong Wan. They entered the Vanderbilt on Monday but faced the No. 5 Wolfson team. Winning their bracket was worth 9.38.



Entry fees

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

For all daytime events, a discount of \$10 per player per session is available to registered guests of the host hotel

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27.68	2			Aly El-Selehdar, Minnetonka MN; Lynne Castoldi, La Quinta CA	59.06%
20.76	3	2		Lawrence Kidder – Gene Marks, Ithaca NY	59.02%
15.57	4			Ellen Kozlove, Louisville KY; Dallas Moore, Trotwood OH	58.96%
12.30	5			Paul Chan – Lily Chan, Columbia MO	58.76%
10.55	6			Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Catherine Williams, New York City NY	58.21%
11.27	7	3	1	Peter Coates, Hanwell NB; Xiaolun Yi, Douglas NB	57.84%
8.20	8			Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; David Treitel, Ocala FL	56.66%
7.38	9			Emmy Haji – Siraj Haji, Columbus OH	55.95%
6.71	10			Verna Goldberg – Paul Coulter, Louisville KY	55.47%
8.45	11	4		Dalia Hernandez, Long Beach CA; Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR	54.55%
6.68	12	5		Rick Londeree, Maryland Heights MO; Sandy Bigg, St. Louis MO	54.51%
5.27	13			Mel Colchamiro, East Meadow NY; Judith Katz, Old Westbury NY	54.29%
5.73	14	6		Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Karen Batchelder, Philadelphia PA	54.25%
5.01		7		John Van Cleve – Xian Huang, Louisville KY	53.48%
4.45		8		Frank Bowen – John Bowen, Charlestown IN	53.38%
4.75		9	2	Kenneth Mandel – Andrew Jeanguenat, New York NY	52.62%
4.00		10		Ying Zhang, Longmont CO; Rick Clelland, Boulder CO	52.26%
3.56			3	Steve Highfill, Ridgewood NJ; Janet Dunlap, West Caldwell NJ	52.17%
2.67			4	Jared Jenkins – Julia Christensen, Boise ID	48.71%
2.11			5	Gregory Harding, Madison WI; Douglas Babcock, Fitchburg WI	47.99%

MARY VAN CLEVE MEMORIAL THURSDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

25.0 Tables

	7	4	2		
16.08	1	1	1	Gary Dyhouse – Filippo Ferrigni, St. Louis MO	59.92%
12.06	2			Gretchen Wyatt – Alexandra Narasin, Atherton CA	58.65%
9.05	3	2		Howard Waldman, Jupiter FL; Kenneth Steinhauser, Orlando FL	57.65%
6.78	4			Larry Junck, Ann Arbor MI; Janice Hardcastle, Houston TX	56.75%
5.36	5			Tom Kempf, Sellersburg IN; Susanne Haynes, Louisville KY	56.48%
5.61	6	3		Wanda Mazurkewich – Chris Mazurkewich, Kelowna BC	55.93%
4.02	7			Damon Suden – Anthony Chiocchi, New York NY	55.48%
4.21	8	4		Chris Hill, Commerce Twp MI; Terry Jones, Carmel IN	55.30%
3.33	9	5		Lorne Burns – Susan Craven, North Vancouver BC	55.25%
2.92	10			Johnnie Martin, Greensboro NC; Gil Freitag, Reidsville NC	54.53%
2.85	11/12	6		Michael Thiel, Wildwood MO; Deborah Liefer, Ballwin MO	54.48%
2.58	11/12			Woody Woodworth, Fishers IN; Marcia Fisch, Indianapolis IN	54.48%
2.30	13			Hilary Charlton – Michelle Tai, Atherton CA	54.44%
2.50		7		Jordan Altstadt – Terry Brown, Jasper IN	52.72%
3.62			2	Michael Foley, Biddeford ME; Randall Olsen, Dublin OH	48.64%

WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

14.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.42	1	1	1	Adam Deeb, Clearwater FL; Robert Shettle, Palm Harbor FL	65.00%
4.07	2			Jesse Laird – Deborah Branch, Davie FL	64.67%
3.33	3			Allen Rew, Lees Summit MO; David Braverman, Overland Park KS	60.00%
3.58	4	2	2	John Farbarik, Tucson AZ; Allen Ettenger, Oro Valley AZ	59.51%
1.71	5			Vijay Ahuja, Montclair NJ; Barbara Clark, West Orange NJ	58.57%
2.68	6	3		Andy Hawks, Alexandria VA; Jack Hawks, Palm Desert CA	57.88%
2.01		4		Catherine Wright – Kyle I. Larson, Rockford IL	56.22%
1.68		5	3	Jordan Canevari, Memphis TN; Eric Schansberg	53.67%
1.26		6	4	Susanne Haynes, Louisville KY; Jacqueline Schroering, Prospect KY	53.01%
0.98			5	Anthony Chiocchi – Damon Suden, New York NY	50.98%

JOHN PEAKE THURSDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

12.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.98	1			Michael Klemens, Tarzana CA; Linda Burroughsford, Fort Erie ON	66.54%
3.74	2			Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland	64.45%
2.80	3			Rhysa South, Midlothian VA; Gary Gottlieb, Brooklyn NY	63.30%
2.10	4			Jerome Claessens, Bruxelles Belgium; Franck Huegaerts, Ixelles Belgium	59.15%
1.58	5			Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL; Kelly Moses, Westmont IL	56.14%
3.68	6	1		John Peake – Michael Davidson, Louisville KY	56.14%
2.76		2	1	John Hathaway – Betty Jo Hathaway, De Pere WI	55.94%
2.07		3		Tiger Lili Williams, Fair Lawn NJ; Renate Ropposch	54.96%
1.71		4	2	Aaron Han, Villa Park IL; Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	54.31%
1.16		5		Kathy Twomey, Bloomfield Village MI; Sally Craig, Port Moody BC	49.91%

THURSDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

5.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.20	1	1	1	Simon Deshusses, New York NY; Forrest McElroy, Chapel Hill NC	66.63%
3.15	2	2		Dee Didden, Canfield OH; Elizabeth Roller, Boardman OH	58.86%
2.36	3	3		Sharon Newby – Barbara Suzan, Louisville KY	54.00%
1.77	4	4		Louis Tepoel, Tazewell VA; Aimee Overly, Louisville KY	49.67%
2.27			2	Cynthia Merenbloom, Louisville KY; Michele Wallace, Prospect KY	49.59%

JOHN PEAKE THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

14.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.42	1	1		Mansoor Gowani, San Jose CA; Jon Udell, Wilsonville OR	67.38%
4.07	2			Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Pamela Furtch, Armonk NY	61.84%
3.41	3	2		Allen Rudd, Madisonville KY; David Wolfgang, Bowling Green KY	59.81%
2.56	4	3		Leslie Mc Donald – Jennifer Elliott, Kensington MD	57.80%
1.92	5	4		Frank Paynter – Jo Anne Paynter, Grove City OH	57.31%
2.63	6	5	1	John Hathaway – Betty Jo Hathaway, De Pere WI	57.17%
1.46		6		Renate Ropposch; Tiger Lili Williams, Fair Lawn NJ	56.25%
1.97			2	Prem Gupta – Jaishree Gupta, Monroe Township NJ	53.84%
1.48			3	Jane Alexander, Anchorage KY; Mary Jennings, Louisville KY	52.78%
1.11			4	Forrest McElroy, Chapel Hill NC; Simon Deshusses, New York NY	47.14%

SANDY SPEARS “MAKE A PLAN” THURSDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.68	1	1	1	Ed Pierce, Nashville TN; Thomas Finch, Oak Park IL	56.35%
2.42	2/3	2/3		Dee Didden, Canfield OH; Elizabeth Roller, Boardman OH	54.76%
2.42	2/3	2/3	2	Janet Chumney, Dandridge TN; Janice Luce, Kodak TN	54.76%

WED-THU DAYTIME SIDE SERIES

36.75 Tables / Based on 15 Tables

8.78	1/2			Martin Johnson Jr., Folly Beach SC	128.44%
8.78	1/2			Paul Wright Jr., Mount Pleasant SC	128.44%
5.63	3			Franck Huegaerts, Ixelles	117.76%
5.39	4/5			Betty Jo Hathaway, De Pere WI	113.11%
5.39	4/5			John Hathaway, De Pere WI	113.11%
2.68	6/7			Joanna Hebermehl, Paris IL	111.38%
2.68	6/7			Milt Van Reed, Terre Haute IN	111.38%
3.53	8/9			Renate Ropposch, Fuerstenfeld	111.21%
3.53	8/9			Tiger Lili Williams, Fair Lawn NJ	111.21%

FRANNY VAN CLEVE MEMORIAL OPEN BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 1

14 Tables

39.87	1	Ahmed Yousry, West Palm Beach FL; Diane Gordy, Palm Beach FL; Vladimir Mihov – Ivan Nanev Ivanov, Sofia Bulgaria; Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL	80.00
29.90	2	Lynda Nitabach, N. Plainfield NJ; Juan Castillo, Oakland Park FL; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL	74.00
19.63	3/4	Jun Zhang, Beijing People's Republic of China; Alon Birman – Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Yanhui Sun, People's Republic of China; Yinghao Liu, Hoboken NJ; Yichao Chen, Shanghai People's Republic of China	73.00
19.63	3/4	Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Massimiliano Di Franco – Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland	73.00
12.34	5/6	Joyce Hill, St. Augustine FL; Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt – Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Royal Palm Beach FL; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Shan Huang, Jacksonville FL	69.00
12.34	5/6	Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Leonardo Cima; Federico Porta Tadolini, Roma Italy; Arrigo Franchi, Rome Italy	69.00

FRANNY VAN CLEVE MEMORIAL OPEN BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 2

7 Tables

14.17	1	Joseph Shull, New Haven IN; Chris Grande, Mishawaka IN; Steven Jackson; James Kart, Fort Wayne IN	96.00
10.63	2	Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia; Carolyn Bitetti, Belmont MA; Rita Vachani, Lexington MA; Stan Piltch, Plymouth MA	65.00
7.97	3	Andrea Ventris, Tiburon CA; Henry Kingdon, San Rafael CA; Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland; Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA	61.00

FRANNY VAN CLEVE MEMORIAL OPEN BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 3

7 Tables

11.17	1	Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD; Todd Thorsen – Bobette Thorsen, Lititz PA; Kohur Gowrisankaran, Pointe-Claire QC	71.00
8.38	2	Harold Nordstrom, Reading MA; Stephen Kolkhorst, Portland ME; Carl Wikstrom, Exeter NH; Skip Page, Rye NH	64.00
6.28	3	Mark Ambrose – Beth Dlutowski – Hellen Revelle – S. Scot Moir, Louisville KY	63.00

FRANNY VAN CLEVE MEMORIAL OPEN BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 4

7 Tables

9.38	1	Garrard Marsh, Modesto CA; Lorraine Bocks, Legrand CA; Phil Reynolds, Jackson MI; James Gundell, New York NY	75.00
7.04	2	Richard Peacock – Lucy Peacock, Grosse Pt. Shore MI; Penelope Rudolph, Grosse Pointe MI; Fred Batten, Naples FL	72.00
5.28	3	Ann Romeo, Seattle WA; Marla Patterson, Arlington WA; Marianne Kersten; Steve Kasner, Bellevue WA	67.00

FRANNY VAN CLEVE MEMORIAL OPEN BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 5

7 Tables

7.91	1	Ken Deutch – Kenneth Eiger – Diane Deutch – Susan Eiger, St. Louis MO	85.00
5.93	2	Mark Webb, Rome GA; Harry Rosenberg, Chicago IL; Nancy Alvarado, Lakewood CO; Jeffrey Young, Saint Simons Island GA	69.00
4.45	3	Jane Kempin – Jane Staton – Pamela Schultz, Evansville IN; Phyllis Ward, Henderson KY	65.00

FRANNY VAN CLEVE MEMORIAL OPEN BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 6

7 Tables

6.89	1	Jonathan Dings – Jill Barker, Fort Collins CO; Dianne Meyer, Haverford PA; Carl Ginsberg, Blue Bell PA	74.00
5.17	2	Louis Slyker, Rapid City MI; Johanna Cressy, Black Mountain NC; Ross Richardson, Traverse City MI; Amy Richardson, Roanoke VA	70.00
3.88	3	Shirley Shi, Sacramento CA; Jeffery Hoeck, Ponte Vedra FL; Danielle Cusson, New York NY; Xiaomin Misenti, Fair Oaks CA	67.00

FRANNY VAN CLEVE MEMORIAL OPEN BRACKETED TEAMS BKT 7

13 Tables

7.66	1	Barbara Foley – Deborah Suckow, Darien CT; Melissa Graves, Chicago IL; Carolyn Eddie, Darien Denmark	67.00
5.75	2	Felicia Davis, Rockport TX; Sara Rowe, Sugar Land TX; Susan Maier, Sarasota FL; Sharon Rubin, Charleston WV	66.00
4.31	3	Claire Barnett – Alan Barnett, Bedford NS; Mary Klompus – Jeanne Campbell, Hot Springs AR	65.00
2.89	4/5	Gerry Keith, Lino Lakes MN; Amy Dutton, Mendota Heights MN; Gregory Dorr, Little Canada MN; Stephanie Steele, St. Paul MN	64.00
2.89	4/5	Melissa Hellmann – Huang-Chia Chang, Cincinnati OH; Monica Ibarra, Covington KY; James Danziger, Mason OH	64.00

Correction

The Daily Bulletin inadvertently ran the wrong photo in Thursday's issue. This is the second-place team in the 0–2500 Swiss Teams. We regret the error.



Second in the 0–2500 Swiss Teams: Carl Wickstrom, captain Rita Vachani, Skip Page and Stan Piltsch

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Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Saturday, March 23

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	Segell – East Tower, 3rd floor	\$40	\$50
10 am				
Helene Katz Memorial Saturday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Cochran – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
Sandy Spears "5-5, High Five" 299er Pairs	single	Cochran – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$18	\$28
10 am & 1 pm				
Fast Pairs	1-2	Daisy – West Tower, 2nd floor	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3 pm				
GOLDER NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT B <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions; Pre-qualification required</i>	1-2 Q	Grand Ballroom C – East Tower, 2nd floor	Free	Free
PRESIDENT'S CUP NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT C <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions; Pre-qualification required</i>	1-2 Q	Carroll Ford – East Tower, 2nd floor	Free	Free
Larry Kozlove Memorial Top-Flight Pairs <i>(unlim./6000/4500)</i>	1-2	Cochran – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
Mid-Flight Pairs <i>(4000/1500/750)</i>	1-2	Cochran – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
Jackie Merkel Memorial Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Archibald – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3:30 pm				
JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Grand Ballroom A – East Tower, 2nd floor	\$30	\$40
WOMEN'S OPEN SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Grand Ballroom A – East Tower, 2nd floor	\$30	\$40
3 pm				
Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Cochran – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$22	\$32
Jackie Merkel Memorial 299er Pairs	single	Cochran – West Tower, 3rd floor	\$18	\$28

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

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

International Fund

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