

# Daily



# Bulletin

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## USBF working hard for bridge – and the players



Bill Pollack

Bill Pollack is on a mission. Since taking over as president of the United States Bridge Federation in January of this year, Pollack has been trying to spread the word about what the USBF stands for and what it aims to accomplish.

At this tournament, Pollack is pleased to note that the USBF is involved in assisting the ACBL with a proposal for bringing the 2010 World Bridge Championships to the U.S.

“We have appointed Bob Hamman and Chris Compton to run fundraising for the World Bridge Federation event,” Pollack says, “and we are looking at potential sites. We are open to all possibilities.”

Pollack says he is hopeful that it works out for the WBF to schedule the 2010 tournament on U.S. soil. “It’s overdue,” he says.

The last time a WBF tournament took place in

the U.S. was in 1994 (Albuquerque), although the WBF has been to North America since (2002 in Montreal).

More news on this development may be forthcoming later this week, when WBF officials are expected to visit the Spring NABC.

In the mean time, Pollack says, he wants to improve perceptions of the organization he is leading.

Pollack says the USBF has two key missions:

—Facilitating all international representation for U.S. players. That means running team trials, determining the teams that participate in the trials and approving the winners.

—Overseeing the financing and logistics of the trials.

Pollack notes that the USBF is a purely volunteer organization with no brick-and-mortar headquarters. All business is conducted by teleconference. “There are no administrative expenses at all,” Pollack says.

“Our main goal,” he adds, “is to run the trials to produce the best teams possible. Our objective is to win (on the international stage).”

The Junior Fund also adds some funding because the USBF also oversees the qualification of young players for international competition.

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Karen Walker and Tom Kniest.

## Walker, Kniest repeat as Mixed Pairs champs

Karen Walker and Tom Kniest won the Rockwell Mixed Pairs three years ago in Dallas. After the two qualifying sessions at this tournament, it didn’t look good for a second mixed championship for the pair. In the field of 130 pairs, they stood in a tied for 88th.

You can’t keep good players down, however, as Walker and Kniest forged a 57% game in the first final session to move up to 29th then completed their comeback with a 66.56% game in the second final to win by about one-third of a board.

Second place went to Craig Robinson and Elaine Landow of Lansdale PA.

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## Write on! Author has a love affair with bridge

“The first time I played duplicate bridge, I won,” says internationally acclaimed author Louis Sachar. “At the time, I had no idea how lucky I was.”

Sachar learned to play bridge with his parents as a youngster, but then didn’t play for many years. College, law school and a career came first. Then, when he was in his 40s, he looking for a hobby. He tried to play golf, but found it too



Louis Sachar ponders his next bid.

frustrating.

“A friend told me about a guy who needed a partner at the local bridge club, and I decided why not? We came in first, but I had no idea how incredibly lucky I was,” he says. “I didn’t play transfers, so on one board I was the only one playing 2♦ after my partner opened 1NT. We had a series of boards like that.”

Sachar hasn’t always been that lucky, but he has played well enough to win more than 2000 masterpoints. “I love the competition,” he says. “Each hand is a puzzle that I enjoy trying to solve. I also love the communication with partner. The bidding is like a coded language.”

Sachar, who lives in Austin TX, is playing at the Spring NABC. He and one of his regular partner, Marilou Powell of Round Rock TX, qualified for the final of the Rockwell Mixed Pairs.

Besides playing bridge, Sachar writes books. They are often about and appeal to young people, but adults like them as well. They have sold more than five million copies and have been translated into more than 25 languages. His biggest seller is *Holes*, a book that was made into a major motion picture starring Sigourney Weaver, Jon Voight and Shia LaBoef. Sachar also wrote the screen play for

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## Seeds 4 and 5 fall in Vanderbilt KO

Teams captained by Roy Welland, the No. 4 seed, and Ron Rubin, No. 5, are on the sidelines today as the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams enters the quarterfinal round.

Welland fell to China Longzhu Open, four members of China’s national team, 120-119. Rubin lost a hard-fought match to the John Diamond team 123-97. Diamond led by only 2 IMPs entering the fourth quarter.

The top two seeds, No. 1 Nick Nickell and No. 2 James Cayne, had little trouble getting to today’s quarterfinal round. Nickell topped the Mary Ann Berg squad 156-90. Cayne pounded Frederic Wrang 219-115.

In another close match, No. 6 Ralph Katz defeated No. 11 Seymon Deutsch 137-135.

## Goodwill message

I’d like to issue an invitation — and a challenge — to all of you. Join me and other members of the Goodwill Committee in promoting the game we love.

Improve your behavior toward your partner and your opponents — this will produce better results for your side and a more enjoyable game for everyone.

Do your part.  
Aileen Osofsky, Chairman  
National Goodwill Committee



## Bridge on TV

Don’t forget to watch (or record) the 10 p.m. news on Channel 13, the local ABC-TV affiliate, tomorrow night. There will be a report on the Spring NABC.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

**Thursday, March 19**

10 am - Noon **Foundation for the Preservation and Advancement of Bridge meeting.** *Meeting Room 326.*

**Friday, March 20**

11:30 pm - 2 am **Women's Team Trials meeting.** *Meeting Room 331.*

**Saturday, March 21**

10:30 am - Noon **Understanding Changes in the Laws seminar.** Club managers and directors are invited to join ACBL National Director Rick Beye and the ACBL staff for an overview of the recent changes in the 2008 Laws of Duplicate Bridge. A question-and-answer session will be included. *Meeting Room 344.*

11 am - 5:30 pm **Vugraph.** *Room: TBA.*  
8 pm til **Vugraph.** *Room: TBA.*

### CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

*Be sure to hear these free expert lectures in Houston.*

**Thursday, March 19**

12:15 pm John Zilic *The Missing Diamond!*  
6:45 pm Ellen Kent *Director - Why Call?*

**Friday, March 20**

12:15 pm David Berkowitz *Partnerships*  
6:45 pm G S Jade Barrett *The Learning Curve*

**Saturday, March 21**

12:15 pm Mildred Breed *Tales of Beijing!*  
6:45 pm Jeff Roman *The Difference between Pairs and Teams*

### LATE NIGHT/ENTERTAINMENT

*Entertainment will be provided in Lanier Ballroom J at 11:30 p.m.*

**Thursday, March 19**

Karaoke

**Friday, March 20**

Line dancing, with instruction

*Food will be served nightly in the Lanier Ballroom pre-function area at 11:30 p.m.*

**Thursday, March 19**

Nachos

**Friday, March 20**

Hot dogs (chili, if you like it) and chips

### NABC Insider

The Insider promised his picks for both the NCAA basketball tournament and the Houston NABC's Vanderbilt. He was hoping to get cute and predict Vanderbilt would win the NCAA tournament and a team including a player named Steve Austin would win the Vanderbilt but alas the Commodores did not make the field of 64 and nobody named Steve Austin showed up for the shoot out at the Vanderbilt corral. So, instead, the Insider picks his hometown Memphis Tigers to again make the finals of the NCAA, make their free throws this time around and bring home their first national championship trophy to the Bluff City. Ask Me Girl has a crush on Coach Cal and that alone is good enough for the Insider. The Vanderbilt is a much tougher call - mainly because it will end before the Insider gets out of town and will have to write a mea culpa column should he pick incorrectly. So, in his usual intrepid style, the Insider makes the following predictions for the Spring NABC's premier event: 1. sometime during the round of 8 a player will steal his opponents' table treat, leading to a vicious director call. 2. In the semifinals, the BBO broadcast will be interrupted due to solar flares or global warming or something. 3. Near the end of the final match, the score will be so close that the directors will call for playoff boards that won't be needed once produced. And, 4. throughout the entire event some of the best bridge in the world will be played right here in Houston.

Recognition today goes to the Hilton hotel. The staff listened to everything the Insider told them and took appropriate steps to make sure everything we needed was provided. They have kept the snack bars open, kept the breakfast buffet going past its normal closing time, and staffed the bar to handle the late night rush. They have done a great job keeping water jugs full and picking up the tons of trash a bridge tournament produces and have fought the temperature battles that erratic outdoor weather always causes for the indoor systems. They have not always won these battles but the Insider is here to say they have fought long and hard to keep you all comfortable. The only battle they have lost consistently is the one to keep the lights burning from 12:30 to 12:32 a.m. For some reason the lights in the ballroom go out

every night at that time despite changes to the program, engineers standing by and cursing by the Midnight Game players. Thanks to the entire hotel management and staff for the great job they are doing. Please don't wear down yet, we've still got four days to go - and three nights to find the ghost in the lighting machine.

The Supreme C. had one of his people call down from the 42nd floor late this afternoon to suggest the Insider keep his thoughts about the S. C. to himself. Apparently, someone read him yesterday's column while he was sunning himself by the upper, private pool and he took umbrage at some of the material. The Insider truly regrets any comments that he may have made that may lead to the S. C. again descending from the suite to see what really happens at an NABC.

### Vugraph operators needed

Coverage of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams is on Bridge Base Online and vugraph operators are needed.

As a vugraph operator, you get a front-row seat at an exciting match, a few Bridge Bucks and the gratitude of thousands of spectators around the world.

If you have a session free on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday and want to help out, contact Jan Martel. E-mail is best: marteljan@gmail.com. Her hotel room at the Hilton Americas is 10055. You may also call her cell phone (leave a message because it's usually turned off): 530-574-5780.

To watch the Vanderbilt online, you need access to a computer and the Internet except for Saturday, when the final will be shown in an auditorium at the hotel (location to be announced).

### Child Care

Child care is available daily from noon to 5 pm and 7 pm to midnight.

For more information, contact Donna Compton at the Hilton-Americas in Romm 12009.



### ACBL restaurant shuttle

*4 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily*

**Shuttle Route 1:** This bus will circle every 10 minutes. There will be two buses on this route.

**Stop 1:** Stopping in front of House of Blues on Caroline St.

Houston Pavilions-following restaurants located here:

House of Blues  
McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant  
Guadalajara del Centro  
Josephine's Ristorante

**Stop 2:** Stopping on Lamar St. next to Massa's Seafood Grill

Massa's Seafood Grill.  
Strip House

**Shuttle Route 2:** This bus will circle every 20 minutes. There will be four buses on this route.

**Stop 1:** Stopping on Texas Ave next to Hard Rock Café.

Bayou Place-following restaurants located here:

Hard Rock Café  
Mingalone Italian Bar and Grill  
Slick Willie's

**Stop 2:** Stopping at Sambuca's on the corner of Travis and Texas.

Main Street-following restaurants located here:

Azuma Sushi and Robata Bar  
Cabo  
Café Express  
Chipotle  
Flying Saucer Draught Emporium  
Frank's Pizza  
Sambuca's Jazz Café  
Timpano Chophouse and Martini Bar  
Yatra Brasserie  
Zula

**Pick up and drop off located at the Hilton Americas EAST ENTRANCE.**

**Buses will pick up where you were dropped off at the restaurant locations.**





# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Dear New Players:

By Marti Ronemus

You have taken my urgings for you to e-mail me with your problems seriously. Today I will tackle two of those sad, sad little missives. I've changed all names to keep anyone from knowing it's you.



"Dear Marti,

I've been in Houston for three days now, and even playing twice a day, we haven't had a single game above 44%. My partner and I are discouraged. We love bridge and couldn't wait to get here to the Big Time. This is the first time we've played in any tournament, and we're thinking about going home early. Should we give up tournaments 'til we get better? Signed, Down in the Dumps."

Dear DID,

Absolutely not! Now listen here. Put those suitcases away!! I want you to soldier up and stop talking about heading home with your tails between your legs. Sheesh.

First, this is, as you pointed out, your first time off the farm. Club play is the greatest. You get to know most of the players, and know their little tricks. You've learned who you can overbid a little bit against, and against whom you have to be really on your toes. Now it's all new people. You don't know any of them.

Second, how will you get better if you don't try your skills in the big time? When you are training in any sort of contest, you must mix it up with people who may be better than you.

Finally, as my mentor, friend and spiritual guide in bridge, Edith McMullin, told me once when I was complaining about my recent low scores, "If you only have fun when you win, you better quit this game today!"

So, go have a massage, a lovely afternoon nap, and play tonight. Have a blast, and don't look at the scores until you and partner discuss the nice people you met, the great hands you played, the hands where you whonked the opponents in the nose with a double, and all the nice things about the evening. Games should be rated like skating Olympics: two scores...one for performance and one for the fun factor. Score your game yourself.

I've had games where I've had 65% and a terrible time, and (many more) 45% games that were among the best times of all. Go play and have a 65% fun game.

P.S. I heard a great joke today. What's the difference between a bridge player and a new puppy? The new puppy eventually will stop whining.

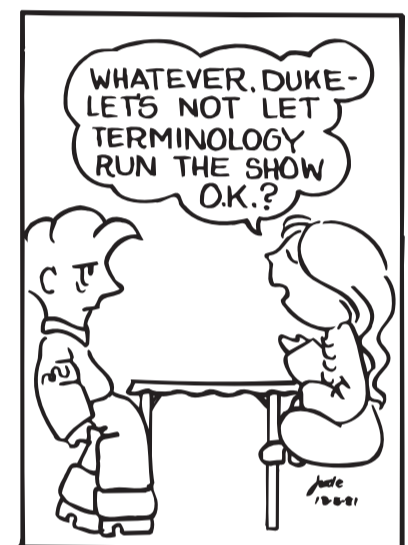
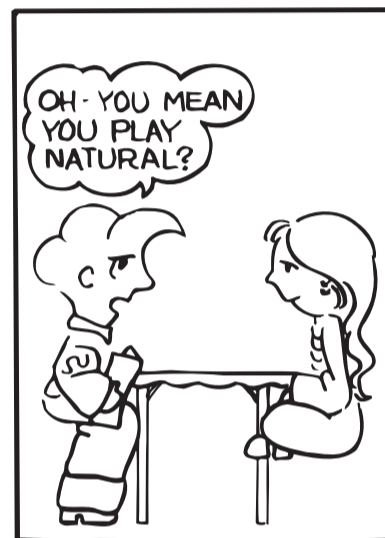
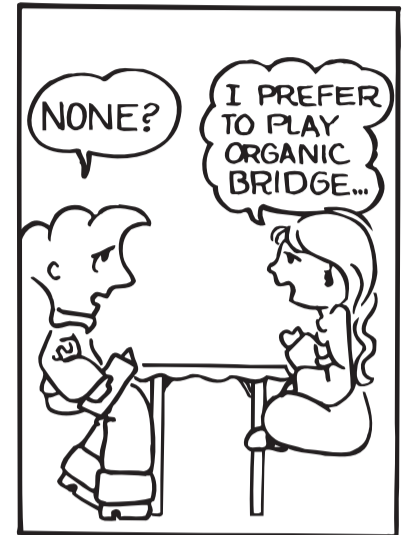
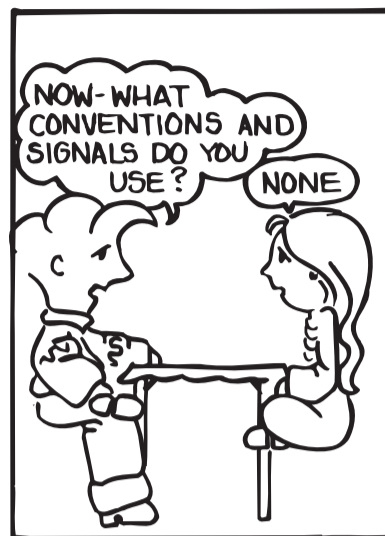
"Dear Marti,

I needed a partner today, so I got one at the partnership desk. She seemed nice, normal and like she would be fun. She was all of that, but her bridge was appalling. At one point, she showed out when the second round of trump was played. Later in the play, she ruffed a trick. Naturally the director was called. He said that we had an established revoke, and before he could give his ruling, she interrupted him. She said that she didn't revoke, that she wanted to keep the trump for later when it would take a trick. The whole game was like that. Here's my question: Doesn't the partnership desk vet these people at all? How can I ensure this never happens again? Signed, I Want My Money Back."

Dear Money Back,

Dream on. You got a few dozen life lessons that are worth more than the price of admission! 1. If partner revokes, it's your problem, not hers. The first time your partner shows out of a suit unexpectedly, you should *always* ask, "No more hearts, Pard?" That way, she will double-check. (Although in this case, maybe not.)

2. The partnership desk is like a pot-luck supper. You take whatever is there, and you do it with grace, dignity and a willing spirit. Look at it from the other direction. Maybe a person getting you at the desk would be disappointed by your play. I assure you, there is someone better than you, and you could have just as easily been matched with them, and I would be answering *their* letter of complaint. If you don't want surprises, bring your own partner. Partnership desks are like Christmas presents...you have no



idea what you're getting, and that's half the fun.

3. You got enough stories playing with that gal to last you a lifetime. You know you will be dining out on the story of the woman who saved her trump for dessert for years. You can't pay enough money for material like that.

So grow up. Be gracious and remember, you aren't such a bargain either. And by the way, if the government can't vet prospective employees, what makes you think the tournament directors can? Marti

P.S. I heard another joke today. What's the difference between a psycho serial killer with a chain saw and a bridge player? You can reason with the serial killer.

Well, that's it for today. As you can see, I depend on your e-mails as fodder for my canon! mronemus@comcast.net

## Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

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

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

                                 ♠ K Q J 10 9 8 3  
                                  ♥ A J  
                                  ♦ Q 10 9 8  
                                  ♣ —

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♥	4♠

All Pass

Opening lead: ♥2.

Bidding commentary: Facing a passed hand, South should forget about slam and simply bid 4♠. South needs very little in partner's hand to make 4♠. A good partner will have what you

need. If partner doesn't have it, it's partner's fault.

Lead commentary: They don't come any more obvious than this.

Play commentary: This deal exemplifies the type of overview declarer must take before playing to the first trick. Ostensibly there are three losers, two diamonds and a spade. But the bidding and the opening lead must be considered as well. It is clear that the opening lead is a singleton. It is also clear that when East gets in with the ♠A, East can and will give partner a ruff. The heart ruff along with the top two diamonds spells down one. However, declarer has a counter: Win the ♥K and discard the ♥A on the ♣A! Applause. Goodbye heart ruff. Declarer winds up losing two diamonds and a spade.

When playing a contract that looks relatively easy, be sure to ask yourself if anything can go wrong (Murphy's Law). If there is some danger, ask yourself if there is any way to overcome it. You have to do this kind of thinking early. Later may be too late!

## Intermediate-Newcomer top masterpoint winners

- 1 14.02 Janice Vernia, Carmel IN
- 2 14.02 Robert Vernia, Carmel IN
- 3 13.50 Kailash Sachdev, The Woodlands TX
- 4 12.41 James Smock, Santa Fe NM
- 5 12.03 Stephen Apodaca, Santa Fe NM
- 6 11.50 Marilyn Hughes, La Porte TX
- 7 11.13 Janet Williams, Houston TX
- 8 10.93 Johnell McKee, Friendswood TX
- 9 10.43 Rani Sachdev, The Woodlands TX
- 10 9.78 Ronald Montague, La Porte TX
- 11 9.55 Jack Rawitscher, Houston TX
- 12 9.55 Arlene Rawitscher, Houston TX
- 13 9.22 H Ray Atchley, Shreveport LA
- 14 9.22 Jerry Bigner, Shreveport LA
- 15 9.02 Jane Hendrix, Breckenridge CO
- 16 9.02 Kathleen McCool, Castle Rock CO
- 17 8.90 Elenalani Lam, Sunnyvale CA
- 18 8.85 Nancy Montague, La Porte TX

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## USBF

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ACBL members have the opportunity to financially aid the USBF by checking the box that adds \$1.95 to their annual membership fees. "It's money well spent," Pollack says.

Pollack says the organization is not relying solely on these contributions, however. "We are always looking for sponsors," he says.

Information about the USBF is available at [www.usbf.org](http://www.usbf.org).

## Mixed Pairs

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Kniest lives in the St. Louis suburb of University City MO. Walker is from Champaign IL. They have been partners for 25 years. He is a CPA by profession. She teaches English and advertising online at a junior college and is a freelance writer. She also runs a bridge club and teaches. She is a regular contributor to the ACBL Bridge Bulletin.

Kniest was pleased to note that he wore the same tee shirt that he had worn in Dallas when they won the Mixed Pairs there. He said he put it on Wednesday morning with the hope that it would bring good luck.

Said Walker of the lucky shirt, "He wears it like every other day."

## ACBL discounted parking

Please arrive early to take advantage the discounted parking. When lots sell out, we are unable to offer additional spaces. The discounted parking is provided by the Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, not the Hilton Americas.

Discounted parking for the Houston NABC is available at the following locations:

**George R. Brown Convention Center (GRBCC) and Hilton Americas garage.** Please note

there are no in-and-out privileges with the discounted parking. A person from the Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau will be at the entrance of the garage from 6 a.m. until 7:30 pm. Please identify yourself as a bridge player or show your convention card. You will be given a parking pass that must be presented to the parking attendant upon exit to receive the \$5 parking. The garage is connected to the Hilton Americas with a skywalk on the second floor of the hotel. There are 400 discounted spaces available. The availability will fluctuate each day depending on the number of overnight cars.

**If you leave the garage you will have to pay for parking and upon re-entering you will have to get a new pass (if available).**

**Parking lot at Polk and Chenevert.** Please note there are no in and out privileges with the discounted parking. The entrance for this lot is on Polk and is two blocks from the Hilton Americas Houston. There are 200 discounted parking spaces available. The cost is \$5 per day. You will pay upon entering the lot.

## Monitoring

At this and future North American Championships, ACBL will be monitoring NABC+ events with visible, real-time cameras. The images will be recorded and will be available for later official inspection and review.

By general monitoring of the session and participants' behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table.

This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

## Trying to hold a fourth-quarter lead

By Phillip Alder

For the last session of the Vanderbilt Round of 32 on Tuesday night, I decided to watch the East European team of Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva, Andrei Gromov, Aleksander Dubinin, Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski play against the American quartet of John Sutherlin, Dan Gerstman, Mark Feldman and Ron Gerard.

With 16 boards to go, Sutherlin led by 8 IMPs. The first deal of the session more than doubled that advantage.

Dlr: North ♠ A 9 8 5 4  
Vul: None ♥ K 2  
♦ 8 5  
♣ 10 6 3 2

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

	♠ 6		
	♥ A J 8 7 5		
	♦ K 7 4 3		
	♣ Q J 5		
West	North	East	South
Gerstman	Gromov	Sutherlin	Dubinin
	2♠ (1)	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	2NT (2)
Dbl	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

(1) 3-7 points with five-plus spades and four-plus in either minor.

(2) Asking for the minor.

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Gerard	Balicki	Feldman
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	2♠	All Pass

With that South hand, is it better to run to the minor immediately, or to work on the no-double-no-trouble policy? Here, not running made it easy for Gerstman and Sutherlin.

Three clubs doubled could have escaped for down three, but declarer dropped a trick in the play to lose 800.

Balicki might have saved 1 IMP if he had doubled two hearts. Zmudzinski would probably have passed and collected 300.

In two spades, declarer lost only two tricks in each major to collect an overtrick. But Sutherlin had gained 12 IMPs. The rest of the first half was quiet, ending 20-6 in favor of the Americans, who now led by 22 IMPs.

Dlr: North ♠ K Q 10 7 5 2  
Vul: E-W ♥ K  
♦ J 10 7 5 2  
♣ A

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

	♠ ---		
	♥ 9 8 7 5 3		
	♦ A K Q 3		
	♣ J 7 6 3		
West	North	East	South
Gerstman	Gromov	Sutherlin	Dubinin
	1♠	Pass	1NT (1)
Pass	2NT (2)	Pass	4♣ (3)
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

(1) Forcing.  
(2) Six spades and a five-card minor.  
(3) North thought this was pass-or-correct.

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Gerard	Balicki	Feldman
	1♠	Pass	1NT (1)
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

(1) Forcing.

It isn't clear why Gerard rebid two spades rather than two diamonds. Five diamonds can be made with some good guesswork in spades. Two spades went down one after diamond ruff, heart to the ace, diamond ruff, heart ruffed by North, spade queen to East's ace, diamond ruff, heart ruff and overruff.

But that was a 7-IMP gain against five clubs down seven in the other room.

Dlr: East ♠ K 9 7 6  
Vul: Both ♥ J 6 4  
♦ J 9 6 4  
♣ K 9

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

	♠ A Q		
	♥ 10 9 2		
	♦ Q 10 8 3 2		
	♣ J 7 2		
West	North	East	South
Gerstman	Gromov	Sutherlin	Dubinin
		2♥	Pass
2NT (1)	Pass	3♥ (2)	All Pass

(1) Inquiry.

(2) Minimum.

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Gerard	Balicki	Feldman
		Pass	Pass
2♣ (1)	Pass	2♥ (2)	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(1) 11-16 points, six-plus clubs or five-plus clubs and a four-card major.

(2) Natural, nonforcing.

Balicki could not open with a weak two in hearts (not that everyone would, given those four spades). Then, with hearts 3-3 and the spades favorable, four hearts could not be defeated. Declarer won the first trick with dummy's diamond king and immediately ducked a spade to South's queen. A second diamond was won on the board, East pitching his low club. Then came the heart king, a diamond ruff in hand, two top trumps, and a spade to the ace, at which point declarer claimed, conceding one more spade trick.

Sutherlin played similarly at the other table, but plus 620 and minus 170 gave the Europeans 10 IMPs.

Then came:

Dlr: South ♠ K 9  
Vul: None ♥ 7 6 3  
♦ A K 8 7 4  
♣ K J 4

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

	♠ Q J 8		
	♥ 4 2		
	♦ 10 9 3 2		
	♣ 10 8 6 5		
West	North	East	South
Gerstman	Gromov	Sutherlin	Dubinin
			Pass
Pass	1NT (1)	Dbl (2)	Pass (3)
2♣ (4)	Pass	2♥ (5)	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

(1) 15-17 points.

(2) Both majors, or a minor one-suiter, or a very good spade suit.

(3) Forces redouble; if running, to show a two-suiter.

(4) Asking and promising some points.

(5) Majors.

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Gerard	Balicki	Feldman
			Pass
Pass	1NT (1)	2♣ (2)	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

- (1) 11+-14 points
- (2) Both majors.

Both Wests invited game, but East's decision was influenced by the notrump range. Gromov upgraded because of his good five-card suit, dissuading Sutherlin from bidding higher; Gerard did not, persuading Balicki to take a shot at game.

This was in theory lucky for Sutherlin, because four hearts can be beaten on a minor-suit lead, and Dubinin selected the diamond nine, Rusinow. North won dummy's queen with his king and accurately shifted to a low club. Declarer finessed his queen, played a spade to dummy's ace and called for another spade. North won with his king and led the club king. East took his ace and gave up another spade, North discarding his club jack. Now, strangely, South did not cash his club ten. (Surely North could not afford to pitch the club jack if he had a fourth club.) Instead, South returned the diamond ten. This allowed declarer to ruff, draw trumps and cash his two spade winners to gain ten tricks.

In the other room, it needed an initial club lead to defeat four hearts, but Gerard led the obvious high diamond. Now Zmudzinski could establish a diamond trick on which to discard East's low club.

Minus 170 and plus 420 gave the Gromov team 6 IMPs and cut the margin to 13.

The interesting deals continued unabated.

Dlr: West ♠ ---  
 Vul: N-S ♥ K J 6 5 2  
 ♦ 6 4  
 ♣ J 10 8 7 5 2

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gerstman</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Dubinin</i>
Pass	2♥ (1)	2♠	3♦ (2)
3♠	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

(1) 6-10 points, five-plus hearts and a five-plus minor.

(2) Natural, nonforcing.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Gerard</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Feldman</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
3♦ (1)	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(1) High-card spade raise.

Five clubs needed a miracle that did not materialize. Gromov went down two, losing two hearts and two trumps. Four spades would have made on a good day, but this was not one of those. Balicki lost two hearts, two diamonds and one club to go down two.

Plus 200 and plus 100 gave Sutherlin 7 IMPs. (At the score-up, they took only 3 IMPs, thinking it was plus 200 and minus 100.)

Then came the deal that settled the match.

Dlr: North ♠ 10 9 7 2  
 Vul: Both ♥ Q J 7  
 ♦ K 9 6  
 ♣ A K 2

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gerstman</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>	<i>Dubinin</i>
Pass	1NT (1)	Dbf	Pass (2)
2♥ (3)	Redbl	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dbf	All Pass	

(1) 12-15 points.

- (2) Forces redouble.
- (3) Announcing a weak hand.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Gerard</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Feldman</i>
	1NT (1)	Dbf	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

(1) 12+-15- points.

Sutherlin was probably disappointed when his partner removed one notrump redoubled, and that contract would have failed by one trick. Then Sutherlin was probably not disappointed when he was doubled in two spades.

South led the club seven. North won with his king and shifted to a low heart. Declarer won with his ace and played four rounds of trumps. North continued with another heart. East ruffed and led his club queen. North won this and strangely continued hearts, so declarer was able to ruff and cash two clubs, discarding one of his diamond losers, for an overtrick.

At the other table, Gerard shifted to a diamond as soon as he was in, so the contract just made.

Plus 870 and minus 110 gave Sutherlin 12 IMPs. (They took 14 at the time.)

The last three boards were won 7-1 by Gromov.

The official final score is Sutherlin 153 Gromov 129, but by my calculations it was actually 155-129.

## Deep six By Barry Rigal

Dlr: North ♠ K Q 4 3  
 Vul: None ♥ Q 3 2  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ A K 10 8 7

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

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

Sam Loyd the chess composer loved to set puzzles with unusual endings. This is the bridge equivalent.

The opening lead is a low heart. You take the ♥J with the king and play a club to the king, a spade to the ace, a club to the ace and the ♠K, followed by the ♠Q, pitching a club. When you ruff a club with the 8, West overruffs with the 9.

West, a fine player, leads the ♦K and a second diamond for you to ruff in dummy.

♠ ---	♠ J
♥ ?	♥ ?
♦ x x x	♦ A x
♣ ---	♣ ---
	♠ ---
	♥ 10 7 5
	♦ Q
	♣ ---

You play a spade from dummy, able to claim if East discards, but he follows, so you ruff with the 10. That holds, and you ruff a diamond with the ♥Q and lead a club from dummy as RHO pitches the ♦A. Now you have to decide whether to ruff with the ♥7 or the ♥5.

If you play West not to be a superhero, you'll ruff with the 7. Anyone who can resist overruffing the 10 with the bare ♥A left deserves to beat you.

## Californians shine on defense, then on offense

Dlr: North ♠ K 7 6 2  
 Vul: Both ♥ J 9 3  
 ♦ A 10 8 7  
 ♣ J 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Johnson</i>		<i>Teaford</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦ (1)	
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbf
All Pass			

(1) Precision (two or more diamonds).

This deal – board 29 from the first qualifying round of the Silodor Open Pairs — was played in 2♠ at most tables. The best scores went to the North-South pairs who doubled and beat 2♠ one or two tricks.

One of the few pairs who did better than plus 500 was Mark Teaford of Seal Beach CA and Steve Johnson of San Diego CA. Johnson, North, led the ♥3 to partner's ♥K. Teaford, who had clubs locked up and knew that partner must have a diamond card, tried the ♥A, ruffed by declarer. A diamond was led toward dummy and Johnson flew with the ♦A to lead the ♣J.

Teaford cashed three clubs, Johnson pitching his ♥J. On the fourth club, declarer ruffed with the ♠8 and Johnson pitched a diamond. Declarer now led a low spade from hand to Teaford's ♠J and he exited with a heart. Declarer ruffed with the ♠10 and Johnson again refused to overruff, pitching a diamond.

Johnson now had more trumps than West. Declarer took his ♠A and ♦K, but Johnson ruffed the next diamond and cashed his ♠K for down three. Plus 800 was worth 24.5 matchpoints on a 25 top.

(One pair who did better was Mikhail Kreslavskiy of Marietta GA and Michael Strizhevsky of Dunwoody GA, who managed plus 1100.)

Johnson and Teaford had another memorable result in the second qualifying round of the Silver Ribbon Pairs.

Dlr: West ♠ 9  
 Vul: Both ♥ J 9 5 3  
 ♦ 5 3 2  
 ♣ A 10 9 8 7

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

♠ A 7 5 4 2  
 ♥ K Q 10 7  
 ♦ Q  
 ♣ K 6 2

West	North	East	South
<i>J</i>	<i>ohnson</i>		<i>Teaford</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♣	Pass	2♦	2H*
All Pass			

Teaford, South, found the idea of defending 2♦ so unappealing that he risked bidding a suit East had already shown. Johnson trusted his partner and passed, and Teaford justified his bold bidding by taking the maximum number of tricks.

West led two top diamonds. Teaford ruffed, led his ♥K to the ♥A and ruffed the diamond return with his ♥Q. He now turned to clubs, cashing the ♣K and guessing the layout by leading to the ♣10. East was allowed to ruff two clubs, but they were the defenders' last two tricks. North-South earned 24 of 25 matchpoints for plus 140.



# TODAY'S PAIRINGS IN THE



**71 Tables**  
 Nick Nickell - Zia Mahmood, New York NY;  
 Richard Freeman, Atlanta GA; Jeff Meckstroth,  
 Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Bob  
 Hamman, Dallas TX

vs

Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Espen Lindquist,  
 Trondheim Norway; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy;  
 Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Marc Jacobus, Las  
 Vegas NV; Boye Brogeland, Norway

James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon,  
 Hollywood FL; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria -  
 Fulvio Fantoni, Rome Italy; Claudio Nunes, Roma  
 Italy

vs

John Sutherlin, Dallas TX; Dan Gerstman, Buffalo  
 NY; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Feldman,  
 Hoboken NJ

Ralph Katz - George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Walid  
 Elahmady - Tarek Sadek, Cairo Egypt; Robert Levin,  
 Bronx NY; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY

vs

Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; Reese Milner, Los  
 Angeles CA; Sam Lev, New York NY; Gary Cohler,  
 Miami FL; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk Poland;  
 Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland

John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Brian Platnick,  
 Evanston IL; Eric Greco, Philadelphia PA; Geoff  
 Hampson - Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV; Brad  
 Moss, Mill Valley CA

vs

Ze Jun Zhuang, Shanghai People's Republic of  
 China; Wei Min Wang, Shanghai People's Republic  
 of China; Jian Ming Dai - Lixin Yang, Beijing  
 People's Republic of China

50.00 9/16 Roy Welland, New York NY;  
 Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Steve Garner,  
 Chicago IL; Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Billy  
 Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Ron Smith, San  
 Francisco CA

50.00 9/16 Ron Rubin, Miami FL; Russell  
 Ekeblad, Providence RI; Peter Weichsel, Encinitas  
 CA; Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Louk  
 Verhees, Voorhou Netherlands; Jan Jansma,  
 Malden Netherlands

50.00 9/16 Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Kyle  
 Larsen, San Francisco CA; Alan Sontag,  
 Gaithersburg MD; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Geir  
 Helgemo, Trondheim Ca Norway; Tor Helness,  
 Oslo Norway

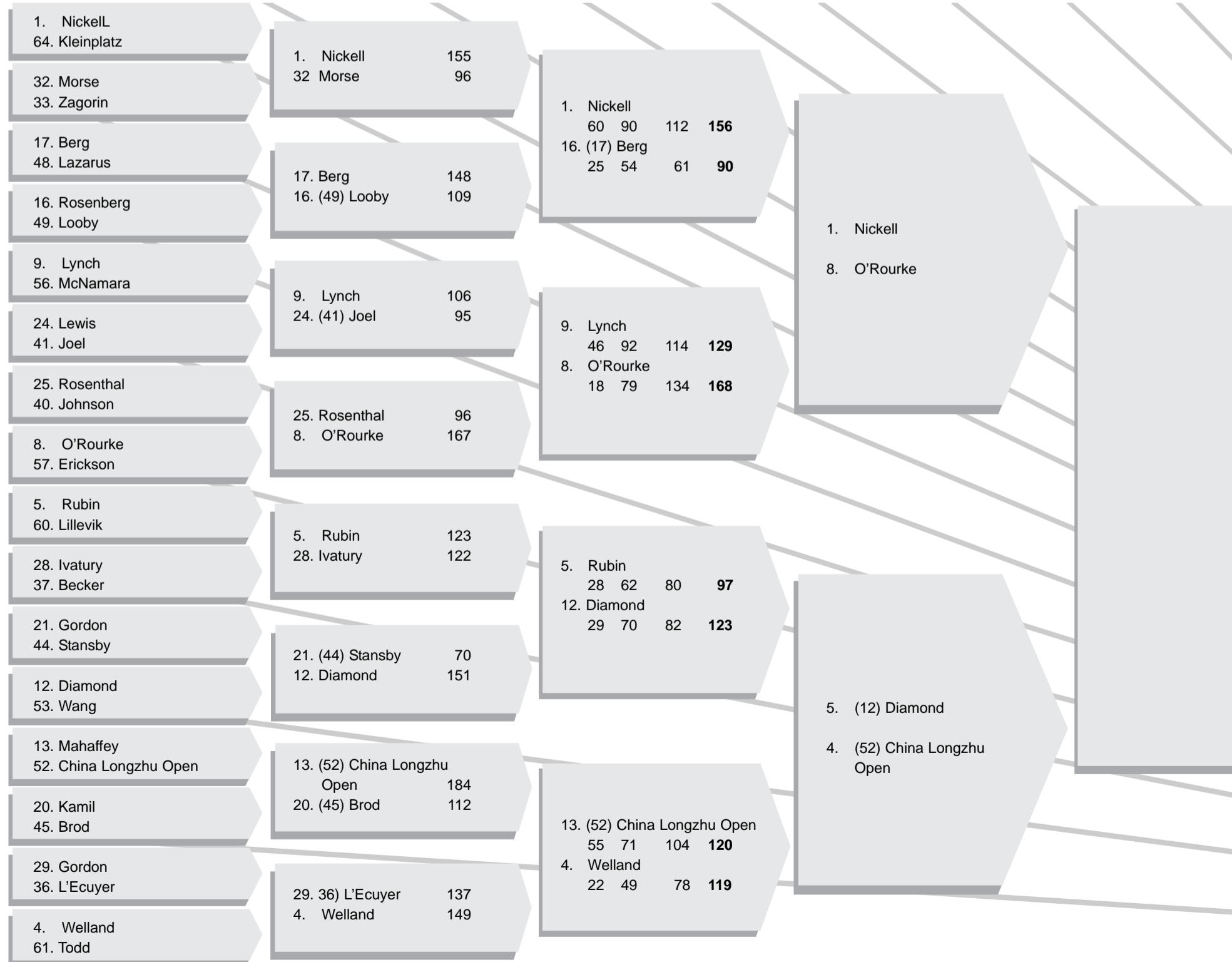
50.00 9/16 Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ;  
 Mike Passell - Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV; Joe  
 Grue, New York NY; Eddie Wold, Houston TX;  
 Bart Bramley, Dallas TX

50.00 9/16 Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; John  
 Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; Huub Bertens,  
 Tilburg 50 Netherlands; Ton Bakkeren,  
 Oisterwijk Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn  
 Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Hoorn Netherlands

50.00 9/16 Frederic Wrang, Stockholm  
 Sweden; Martin De Knijff, Las Vegas NV; Johan  
 Sylvan, Stockhol Sweden; Marten Gustawsson,  
 Stockholm Sweden

50.00 9/16 Seymon Deutsch, Laredo TX; John  
 Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Win Allegaert - Jaggy  
 Shivdasani, New York NY; Hemant Lall, Dallas  
 TX; Kenneth Schutze, Austin TX

50.00 9/16 Franck Multon, Nice France; Pierre  
 Zimmerman, Geneva Switzerland; Thomas Bessis,  
 Paris France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulins  
 France; Lionel Sebbane, Clichy France



# VANDERBILT KNOCKOUTS



25.00 17/32 Aubrey Strul, Delray Beach FL; Michael Becker - Larry Cohen - David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Lew Stansby, Dublin CA

25.00 17/32 Andrew Gromov - Victoria Gromova - Tatiana Ponomareva - Aleksander Dubinin, Moscow Russia; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice Poland

25.00 17/32 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Doug Doub, W Hartford CT

25.00 17/32 John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Jim Krekorian - Chris Willenken - Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ

25.00 17/32 Andrew Rosenthal - Brian Glubok - Aaron Silverstein, New York NY; Tom Townsend, London England; David Gold, Reading Great Britain; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL

25.00 17/32 Robert Hampton, Blythewood SC; Gavin Wolpert, Singer Island FL; John Hurd, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY; Eldad Ginossar, Moshav Zofit Israel; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel

25.00 17/32 Marc Bompis, Bourg La Reine France; Albert Faigenbaum - Dominique Pilon - Jean Quantin, Paris France

25.00 17/32 Uday Ivatury - Christal Henner-Welland, New York NY; Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam Netherlands; Bas Drijver, Capelle Aan Den Netherlands; Vincent Ramondt, Alphen Aan Den Netherlands; Berry Westra, Krmibn Netherlands

25.00 17/32 Dan Morse - John Zilic, Houston TX; Ira Hessel - Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX; Nagy Kamel, Plano TX

25.00 17/32 Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID; Johan Upmark, Stockholm Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Stockholm Sweden; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Bengt-G Ran Olofsson, Ume Sweden

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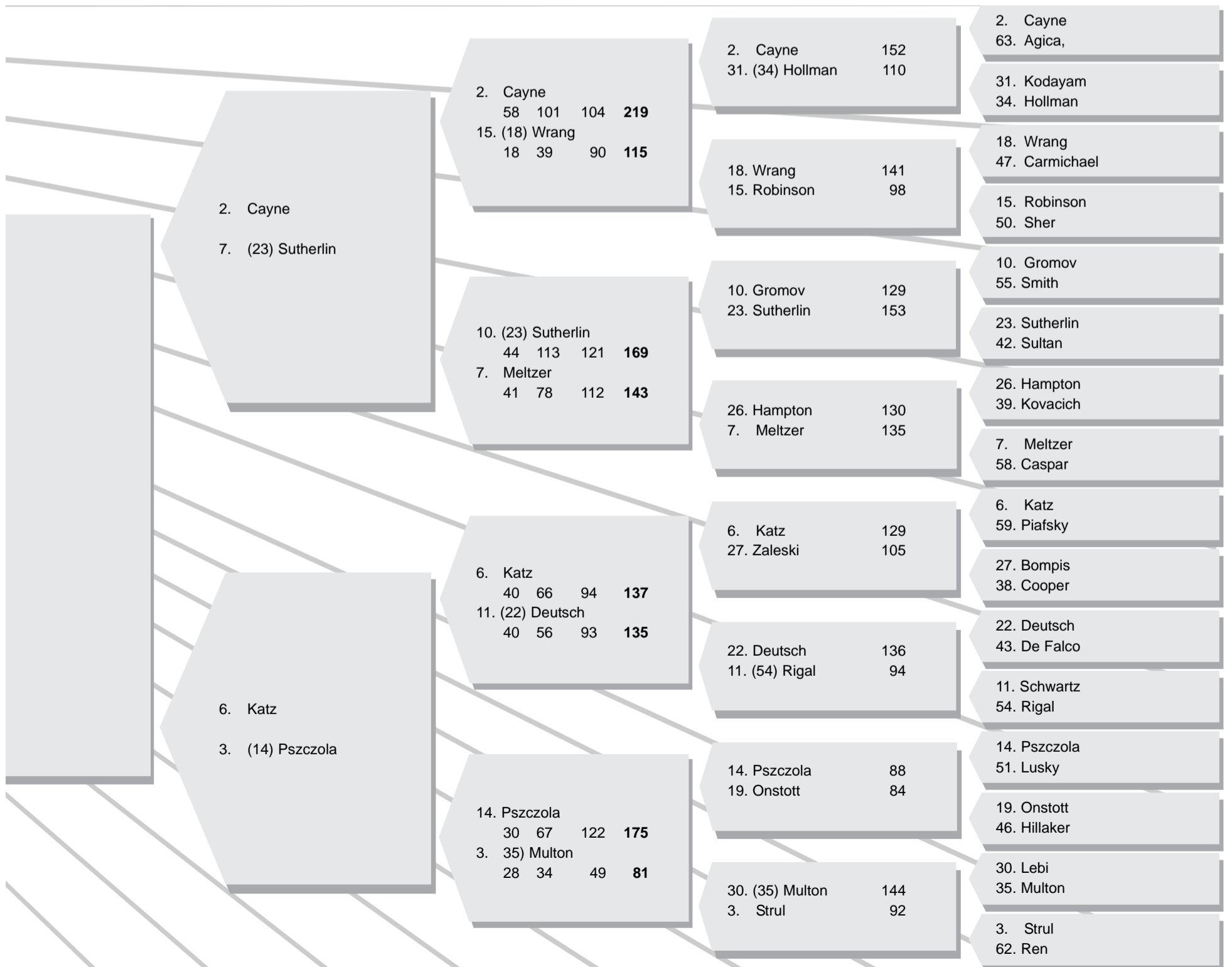
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25.00 17/32 JoAnna Stansby, Dublin CA; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Allan Falk, Okemos MI; Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Jeffrey Miller, Naperville IL

25.00 17/32 Geoffrey Brod, Naples FL; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; Glenn Eisenstein, New York NY; Allan Rothenberg, W Hartford CT; Stephen Earl, Avon CT; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT

25.00 17/32 Jim Looby, Burbank CA; Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA; Ed Ulman - Ed Freeman - Craig Huston, Portland OR; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA

25.00 17/32 Barry Rigal - Shane Blanchard - Robert Blanchard, New York NY; Alex Ornstein, Roslyn Heights NY; Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY



## Sachar

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the movie.

“Sigourney told me she wanted her part in the movie because *Holes* is her daughter’s favorite book,” says Sachar.

“While I was in college at the University of California at Berkeley, an incident with a third-grade girl was life-changing,” says Sachar. “She was passing out leaflets to recruit teacher’s aids at her school. It offered three college credit hours. I thought, ‘No homework, no tests, why not?’ ”

“I just loved it,” he says. “It was the best part of my college years. The kids were bright-eyed and fun loving. I liked it so much, that I agreed to serve as lunch-hour playground monitor for the huge sum of \$2 per hour. The kids called me ‘Louis the Yard Teacher.’

“The kids were fun. They were the inspiration for my first book.”

The book was *Sideways Stories From Wayside School*. It consists of 30 stories, each one based on a student from the school. The book turned into a series of five books.

Sachar worked as an attorney during the day and wrote at night. In 1989, his books were selling well enough that he decided to quit his day job and devote full time to writing.

“Writing is an art,” says Sachar. “I do it for the sake of the story. A book is hard work, too. When working on a book, I write and rewrite it, sometimes five or six times. I try and write two or three hours a day. When I’m finished, with a book, I can’t even see it anymore. At that point, I just hope the readers will understand what I’m trying to say in the book.”

Sachar says that after writing two or three hours, he will look at what he’s written and sometimes wonder whether he had wasted his time. “Then when I look at it a few days later, I see things in my writing that I didn’t see at first.” He says he can then pull things from it and later use them in the book he is working on.

At one point in his writing career, he named a book *There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom*. The book was one of his first best-sellers and underlined to him the importance of a catchy title. When he wrote *Holes*, he was worried that the title was not very good. He needn’t have worried, though. *Holes* sold more than three million copies. In 2003, *Walt Disney Pictures* made the movie of the same name. Sachar’s agent had written into the contract that he had veto power over the script writer. When none of the suggested script writers was suitable, Sachar decided to write it himself.

“The director was Andrew Davis, who also directed *The Fugitive*. He suggested I give it a try. He kept me involved with suggestions for rewrites before we sent it to producers,” says Sachar. “I was also on the set during filming. Jon Voight was amazing. He would take over a set. Sigourney was great, too, though in a different way.”

Asked about his goals, Sachar says, “I just want to keep on doing what I’m doing. I get a feeling of accomplishment when I finish a book with a story and setting and characters,” he says. “When I’m finished with a book, I look back and think it was fun to write. But when I’m writing it, it’s not really fun at all.”

Sachar has a new book due out in the Fall of 2010 that incorporates bridge. It’s titled *The Cardturner*, and it involves a 17-year-old boy who has a blind uncle who’s trying to win an NABC championship. “Bridge is definitely a big part of it,” says Sachar.

## The Rabbi goes slamming

By Mark Horton

The Rabbi has his own way of approaching potential slam deals, generally preferring the bludgeon to the rapier.

It can work quite well, as witness these two deals from the Rockwell Mixed Pairs:

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Enfield</i>		<i>Helman</i>	
Pass	1♥	Pass	4NT (!)
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Conventional wisdom says that you should not use Blackwood with two losers in an unbid suit, but as Victor Mollo’s immortal Hideous Hog would say, “If they don’t lead the suit it won’t matter.”

With little to go on West tried the ace of diamonds and another singleton king had fallen under the Rabbi’s spell, plus 980.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Enfield</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Helman</i>
			3♦
Pass	3NT	4♥	4♠ (!)
5♥	6♦	All Pass	

There is an old saying in bridge, “With 6-5, come alive.” The Rabbi’s version is, “With 8-4, bid more.”

Full marks to East for her four heart bid, which put her side on course for a great result.

The Rabbi was not prepared to give in easily, and when he found the imaginative four spades, West carried on the good work by going on to five hearts. Kay Enfield did not expect to get rich from that contract, so she went on to the diamond slam, leaving West with a decision to make.

There is something to be said for bidding one more, as minus 500 will still be a good save against a vulnerable game, but West bravely decided to stand his ground.

It was now a question of finding the killing lead, but it was now that West fell from grace by leading a heart.

It is clear that North must have a source of tricks and that can only be in the club suit. There is no point in leading a heart, as North must have control of that suit. A club might be right, but with a void partner might have tried a Lightner double. So, by a process of elimination you are left with a spade. That line of reasoning might have been approved of by the world’s greatest consulting detective:

“When you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.”

Sherlock Holmes – The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet

## Departures from the optimum

By Barry Rigal

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

When Kit Woolsey gives you a deal you can be sure there is either a fine technical point or a good joke.

This deal falls into both categories. Kit, South, heard his partner open 3♣, and he produced the technically correct response of 3♥, raised to 4♥.

How would you play on a spade lead? Answer: You could rely on the ♥J coming down in three, but why not go for the 90% line of ducking a heart? This runs into trouble only if clubs are 4-0 . . . look at the East-West cards!

The meanest defense is to play a spade at trick three. Declarer ruffs and leads a low club, about to claim, but not so fast! The defenders cash two diamonds, two spades, take two ruffs and their ♥J. Down four.

West won the ♥J and, played back a trump for minus 680. In the other room, South responded 3NT and played there on a spade lead for plus 720. One IMP to Woolsey’s opponents.

## Trump coups for dummies – the sequel

Sally Wheeler played this contract very well from second final session of the Silodor Open Pairs.

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

		♠ —	
		♥ A K J 10 7 6	
		♦ 5 3	
		♣ K Q J 8 4	
West	North	East	South
<i>Hanby</i>		<i>Wheeler</i>	
		1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♦	4♣
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♥A, ruffed by Wheeler, who entered dummy with the ♦K to play the ♠9 to the 3 and jack, South showing out. The ♦A and ♦Q were followed by a fourth diamond, ruffed in dummy.

Now the ♠8 was covered by the 10 and queen. A club was led to the ace and another heart ruffed, leaving declarer with the ♣10 9 and the ♠A 7. Wheeler exited with the ♣10. South took two club tricks but was on lead as declarer was poised with the ♠A 7 in the two-card ending, good enough to pick up North’s ♠K 6.

Well done!

## Slow Play

Slow play, as opposed to careful or thoughtful play, is discourteous to your opponents — and to all other competitors as well. Players and pairs who take more than their allotted time are subject to penalty.

In general, pairs who are rarely late will be warned while pairs who are habitually tardy and/or pay no attention to time limits will be penalized.



## With open cards

By Mark Horton

As one of my current writing projects involves a book about double dummy problems, I am always on the look out for real life deals. This one comes from Wednesday's Senior Pairs game:

Dlr: West ♠ 8 4 2  
 Vul: N-S ♥ A K J 8 7  
 ♦ Q 9 4  
 ♣ Q 9

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

♠ K 10 9 3  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ A K 10 7 5  
 ♣ A K 7 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT is clearly an easy contract, but can you see how declarer can arrive at eleven tricks?

Suppose West leads a heart.

Declarer wins with dummy's king and proceeds to cash five rounds of diamonds. This is the position when the last one is played:

♠ 8 4  
 ♥ K J 8 7  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ Q 9

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

♠ K 10 9  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ A K 7 2

When declarer cashes the last diamond, West can discard from all three suits – let's say he chooses the five of spades. When dummy discards a spade, East cannot afford a heart or a diamond, so must part with a spade. Now declarer exits with the nine of spades. West wins and must play a heart or a club.

On a heart declarer simply wins with the king and clears the suit. On a club declarer wins with dummy's queen, unblocking the 7, then plays the 9 to the ace, cashes the king and exits with the ♣2, endplaying East.

In passing I should mention the Rabbi's guardian angel was on hand on this deal, persuading West to lead the ace of spades against the ambitious contact of six diamonds. Now East could not stand the pressure exerted by five rounds of diamonds.

## Lost and found

There is a lost and found in the Daily Bulletin office — Room 339. An earring, a pin and a Texas driver's license have been turned in. The hotel also has a lost and found.

## The smallest trump coup

By Mark Horton

In the early stages of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, the boards are dealt at the table. That can sometimes mean that the precise layout of a particular deal is not accurate down to every spot card, but this amusing deal that Nick Nickell reported to me deserves a wider audience.

I'll present it as a play problem:

Dlr: South ♠ A K  
 Vul: N-S ♥ A 10 5 3  
 ♦ K 6  
 ♣ A K 10 7 5

♠ Q J 10 9 7 3  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ A J 9 8 4  
 ♣ J

The auction went something like this:

West	North	East	South
	Freeman		Nickell
			2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
3♥	4♥	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Redbl	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West leads the queen of hearts.

This is a straightforward deal – as long as you don't see one of your top tricks ruffed, the contract must be cold.

Accordingly, Nick won the opening lead in dummy, cashed the king of diamonds and played a diamond to the eight.

West discarded a club!

Nick cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond and cashed the ace of clubs.

His last five cards were ♠Q J 10 9 7, and he could play any card from dummy, catching East's ♠8 6 5 4 2.

As Nick pointed out, it was not the first time he had executed a trump coup, but it was certainly the smallest!

This was the approximate layout:

♠ A K  
 ♥ A 10 5 3  
 ♦ K 6  
 ♣ A K 10 7 5

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

♠ Q J 10 9 7 3  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ A J 9 8 4  
 ♣ J

## Notice to players

Each player must have an ACBL convention card filled out and on the table. 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.



Junior players met yesterday at a gathering of players who take lessons online and the organizers of the program. Attending were: (back) Randall Rubinstein of Cincinnati OH; Cameron Shunta, of Grand Haven MI; Howard Liu, of Naperville IL; Adam Kaplan, of New Port Richey FL; (front) Valerie Westheimer; Lynn Deas and Diane Walker.

## Start young

What if you were offered a chance to be coached at bridge by a world champion? Wouldn't you expect it to cost a fortune? Not so fast. The Junior program on Bridge Base Online does just that, and it's free! It's offered three days each week for players 26 years old or younger.

A group of players who participate met here in Houston yesterday.

The program has a 10-board tournament each Tuesday at 2 p.m. (times are Eastern) during which Juniors play with a mentor. On Wednesdays at 11 a.m., a Teaching Table is available. During this, the Juniors take turns playing one of several deals, and, after each, they pause and open up the floor for questions. Various well-known bridge experts, such as Fulvio Fantoni, Steve Robinson or Curtis Cheek, discuss the boards and answer questions. Most Thursdays at 11 a.m., world-champion Lynn Deas gives coaching lessons. Deals are played, then discussed "The kids are incredible," says Deas. "They are like sponges — they just soak it up."

The first version of the program began about five years ago by Raija Reisig and Paula Mittleman. Valerie Westheimer knew Reisig and became involved. The program grew from one day each week to three. The tournament on Tuesday averages around 20 tables.

"Juniors who participate come from all over the world," says Westheimer. "We've work hard to get mentors for each Junior who wants to play. We are going to have another get-together at the Washington DC NABC and expect more kids to come. Right now, most of them are in school."

Juniors who want to participate in this program can e-mail Westheimer for more information at [vdobleu@att.net](mailto:vdobleu@att.net). Interested persons have to download the Bridge Base software, but there is no charge for this.

# LOS ANGELES REGIONAL 10 DAY TOURNAMENT JULY 3-12, 2009 IN HISTORIC PASADENA, CA

District 23 is returning to its traditional 10-day Bridge Week Regional, July 3-12 2009 at the Pasadena Hilton.

We are featuring a 4-session Open Pairs Championship with a Barometer final session, a 2-session Board-A-Match Team Game and knockouts starting almost every day. On Friday evening, July 3rd, in addition to our master point games, as an added bonus, we are holding a \$MONEY\$ Calcutta.

For more information visit our web site at [acbldistrict23.org](http://acbldistrict23.org) or contact Tournament Manager John Killian at (562) 592-2716. For those of you who are participating in the Senior Team Trials in Las Vegas, come and practice in Los Angeles on your way.

## IN Top Masterpoints

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19	8.76	James Ochsner, Houston TX
20	8.70	Patricia Bunn, Cypress TX
21	8.70	O Bunn, Cypress TX
22	8.49	Gaylene Jewell, Houston TX
23	8.49	Helen Hollis, Houston TX
24	8.33	Steven Brown, Wichita KS
25	8.21	Pauline Mitchell, Houston TX
26	8.00	Marj Frederiksen, Dallas TX
27	8.00	Louise O'Brien, Dallas TX
28	7.94	Mark Heep, Austin TX
29	7.94	Liz Cooper, Austin TX
30	7.83	Allison Ochsner, Houston TX
31	7.82	Joseph Cunningham, Conroe TX
32	7.58	Sue Bailey, Stockport
33	7.47	Jim McCormick, Houston TX
34	7.45	Thomas Hamilton, Montgomery TX
35	6.86	Kim O'Hara, Humble TX
36	6.86	Michael Novack, Humble TX
37	6.71	William Taylor, Mooresville NC
38	6.71	Joan Maxwell, Davidson NC
39	6.69	Yvonne Pierce, Houston TX
40	6.34	Jo Ann Pierce, Pearland TX
41	6.34	Jean Foltz, Pearland TX
42	6.27	Mary Jennings, Houston TX
43	6.16	David Durand, Houston TX
44	6.06	Claire Ridgley, Tehachapi CA
45	6.05	Walter Zolla, Montgomery TX
46	5.77	Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO
47	5.64	Keith Anderson, Rochester MN
48	5.64	Mary Anderson, Rochester MN
49	5.61	Usha Mehra, Houston TX
50	5.61	Laxmi Mehra, Houston TX
51	5.58	Jo Chorpening, Ellisville MO
52	5.53	Rosalie Schwarz, Houston TX
53	5.53	Cherry Schwarz, Houston TX
54	5.48	Connie Burnett, Houston TX
55	5.45	Jeri Nelson, Neenah WI
56	5.37	Colleen Bicket, Edmond OK
57	5.37	Betty McCauley, Oklahoma City OK
58	5.36	Maureen Viaclovsky, Friendswood TX
59	5.34	Daniel Potkalesky, Plano TX
60	5.34	Bradley Etnyre, Las Vegas NV
61	5.29	Joyce Eveld, Houston TX
62	5.28	Arne Hoepfner, Sherman TX
63	5.23	Wendy Wheeler, Little Rock AR
64	5.23	Barbara Webber, Houston TX
65	5.23	John Chapman, Little Rock AR
66	5.23	Indu Khera, Houston TX
67	5.23	Ann Wales, Houston TX
68	5.20	Jean Moritz, Houston TX
69	5.16	Michael Skoller, Bellaire TX
70	5.16	Robert Paules Jr, Austin TX
71	5.15	Jacqueline Leedom, Glenwood MD
72	5.15	Robert Leedom, Glenwood MD
73	5.05	Pamela Hughes, Bend OR
74	5.02	Sharon MacMorran, Austin TX
75	5.02	Kenneth MacMorran, Austin TX
76	5.01	Trudi Lamendola, Waco TX
77	4.99	Lil Schwarzschild, Patchogue NY
78	4.99	Joan Kalinousky, Ridge NY
79	4.91	Maureen McGrath, Seabrook TX
80	4.91	Bette Magee, Houston TX
81	4.76	Sally Landrum, Marion IN
82	4.76	Earl Landrum, Marion IN
83	4.76	Connie Montgomery, Katy TX
84	4.75	Keith Everett, Houston TX
85	4.75	Donna Simmons, Southern Pines NC
86	4.75	James Prim III, South Pines NC
87	4.67	Anne Knott, Houston TX
88	4.67	Patsy Howell, Houston TX
89	4.66	Hans Kuschnerus, Frisco CO
90	4.66	Sandra Kuschnerus, Frisco CO
91	4.63	Margot Cater, Houston TX
92	4.55	Gary Homer, Lincoln CA
93	4.55	Elise Homer, Lincoln CA
94	4.46	Dori Roskin, Chicago IL
95	4.37	Evelyn James, Houston TX
96	4.34	Carol Casey, Dallas TX
97	4.34	Marsha Young, Dallas TX
98	4.30	George Grill, Breckenridge CO
99	4.30	Ann Grill, Breckenridge CO
100	4.28	Helen Pillifant, Kyle TX

## TOURNAMENT APPEALS

*In order to keep the bridge public informed of appeals results in a timely fashion, the NABC Daily Bulletin staff publishes write-ups. Every effort is made to ensure that these reports are accurate and complete. However, before they are published in the NABC Appeals Casebook revisions may be made.*



### APPEAL CASE 4

Event: Silodor Open Pairs

Session: First Final

Board #24      *Don Stack*  
 Vul: None      ♠ K 10 3  
 Dlr: West      ♥ 7 3  
                  ♦ A Q J 4  
                  ♣ A 9 7 2

*Daniela Von Arnim*      *Grace Jeklin*  
 ♠ A      ♠ Q 9 8 4  
 ♥ A Q J 6 2      ♥ 9 8 5 4  
 ♦ K 9 8 6      ♦ 7 2  
 ♣ 10 8 4      ♣ Q 5 3

*Pierre Flatowicz*

♠ J 7 6 5 2  
 ♥ K 10  
 ♦ 10 5 3  
 ♣ K J 6

West	North	East	South
1♥	Dbl	3♥	3♠
4♥	Pass (1)	Pass	Dbl

All Pass

(1) Break in tempo.

**Facts:** The contract was 4♥ doubled by West. North led of the ♠3 and East–West were down two for a score of minus 300.

The director was initially called after the double of 4♥. North said that the BIT was definitely not more than 10 seconds. In screening the director obtained further information about the BIT:

North judged that the BIT was three to five seconds and South said four seconds.

East judged that the pass was not in tempo with previous calls. West said that there was a BIT – obvious thinking.

**Director's Ruling:** The director judged that there was a BIT, which demonstrably suggested action and that pass is a logical alternative. The result was adjusted to 4♥ by West down two, therefore, and East–West a score of minus 100 in accordance with Laws 16B and 12C1(e).

**The Appeal:** North–South appealed the director's decision. All four players attended the hearing.

West called the director after the double. East–West thought that North had stated to the director that his action took no longer than 10 seconds, as the director indicated on the Appeal Form and that they had thought that to be accurate.

South thought his double was clear, because he did not expect North to have a light takeout double in second seat. He said that his partnership would not double on a shapely 10–count. The Appeal Form noted that “North said that the BIT was not more than 10 seconds.” In the hearing North claimed he had said there was a BIT and that he had actually said, “It took way less than 10 seconds.” Both North and South said North took on the order of three to five seconds, which South claimed was consistent with North's deliberative manner. The table director testified before the committee. He agreed that North had not admitted to a BIT, and he explained that he judged a BIT likely because of North's phrasing. The director was unsure whether North had said, “It took no longer than 10 seconds” or “It took less than 10 seconds.” In his judgment either phrase implied a noticeable pause for thought.

**The Decision:** The committee was troubled by the inconsistency between North's apparent

statement to the director and his denial in the hearing. Although he said he had not wanted to be too definitive in describing the length of his action, no one else recalled hearing him say, “It took way less than 10 seconds.” The committee felt that the fact that West called the director immediately after the South's double gave additional weight to East–West's contention that North had broken tempo. Although the committee thought that a three to five second pause would not be a BIT in this instance, it found that it had no reason not to accept the director's version of the facts. In cases where the facts cannot be established clearly, the director takes testimony and hears evidence much closer to the time that it occurs than the committee does, and the committee gives substantial weight to his determination of the facts.

Having found that there was an unmistakable hesitation, the committee easily decided that pass was a logical alternative and that double was demonstrably suggested by the unauthorized information, because it catered to whatever North had for his BIT. The committee felt that double was not at all clear and that many players would pass, as four out of five did when polled by the director. Therefore, the committee upheld the director's adjustment of 4♥ by West, down two, and a score of East–West minus 100 and North–South plus 100.

A minority opinion was that North's hand was clearer evidence than any of the muddled testimony that North's pause was more likely to have been an acceptable three to five seconds rather than a fatal eight to 10. North had nice transferrable values, but nothing that would warrant taking more time than was usual to process an auction reaching the four level with everyone else bidding when he held more than his share. The minority would have allowed the table result of 4♥ doubled down two, East–West minus 300 to stand for both sides. One possible response to this argument is that North might have been considering doubling 4♥ as a two-way action.

The appeal was determined to have had merit.

**DIC:** Henry Cukoff

**Committee members:** Ron Gerard (Chair), Jay Apfelbaum, Tom Carmichael, Ed Lazarus and JoAnn Sprung.

## Electronic devices banned in national events



The ACBL Board of Directors approved a comprehensive ban on electronic devices for all national level events, but not to regional or Intermediate Newcomer contests:

*Electronic devices, excluding health related equipment, capable of sending or receiving*

*communication, including but not limited to, headphones, earphones, cellular phones and minicomputers: (1) shall not be allowed in the playing areas, adjacent hallways, restrooms or accessible break areas; and (2) shall not be used during a session.*

*These restrictions shall apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, recorders and kibitzers and shall apply throughout any actual playing session or segment.*

*A violation of this policy shall result in a disciplinary penalty of one full board (or 12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense shall result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team.*

*Kibitzers violating this policy shall be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.*

Participants will be reminded not to approach the playing area with a personal electronic device in their possession, even if the device is turned off.

## Thanks to our sponsors

### EDDIE WOLD BRACKETED KO

Eddie Wold is from Houston and is #4 on the ACBL Masterpoint Winners' list with more than 50,000 masterpoints. Eddie's wins include the Grand National Teams and Spingold Knockout Teams, both at the NABC in the summer of 1977; the Vanderbilt twice; the Reisinger Board-a-Match twice; the Men's Board-a-Match teams twice; Master Mixed Team; Open Swiss Teams and the National Open Pairs in 2005. He has collected the Mott-Smith Trophy three times, the Lou Herman trophy twice for the best performance at an NABC, and has more than 600 regional wins to his credit.

### MAX LEVIT & ARIEL LEIBOVITZ APPRECIATION SIDE GAME

There once was a young bridge player named Max, But you really need all of the facts.

With long-suffering Ariel

They're quite adversarial

And they'll grab up your queens and your jacks!!!

*By Lew Levy and Toni Snow*

### GRADY WATKINS MEMORIAL STRATIFIED FAST PAIRS

Grady Watkins was an Emerald Life Master who passed away in 2005. He loved the game of Bridge and was a very considerate partner and formidable opponent in his day. He started playing bridge in the late Sixties and played up until about three months before his death. His most formidable partner was a player name E. X. Snovel and they had a team that won most of the events they attended for a five- to ten-year period. The team consisted of Grady, E.X., Ed Rawlinson and Jerry Crooker. During the last 15 years, he played with his wife, Donna, but he never seemed to complain. He loved the game and he loved the people. He always found a way to spread his enthusiasm.



### ED HOFFING MEMORIAL BRACKETED K.O.

Edgar Hoffing passed away on March 8th, 2008. He was 84 years old.

Born in Chicago, he received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering

from the University of Illinois. Moving on to the Univ. of Southern California he received his doctorate. After an illustrious career with M.W. Kellogg, he retired as V.P. of Latin American sales.

Being the consummate bridge player, his contributions to the bridge world are many. In 1990, he volunteered and gave bridge lessons at Spring Branch Community Center. After 2 years of teaching, he wrote a booklet for beginners titled, "Competitive Bidding." At the same time he directed a nonsanctioned game once a week.

Being the visionary he was, in 1992 he founded the ACBL sanctioned duplicate games at the community center, directing twice a week. This affected hundreds of bridge players and the games grew to other community centers. Many new players were added to the Houston membership. Again, volunteering his time at the community center, he taught advanced players the system of Max Hardy's "Two Over One Game Force."

In August 2007, he achieved the rank of Gold Life Master. Edgar is survived by Judith Hoffing, his wife of 26 years, son Glen, and four beautiful grandchildren.



### DAVID HADDEN MEMORIAL BRACKETED KO

*"Cast a cold eye on life, on death. Horseman, pass by." W.B. Yeats*

In Memory of David Hadden  
David Hadden passed away Sept 29, 2006 after a lengthy battle against cancer. Dave is survived by his wife of 30 years, Mariann M. Hadden.

Dave was a devoted husband, true patriot and an expert player who won the national Men's Pairs at the 1973 Spring NABC with Jack Kennedy. Dave always aided Unit 172 when help was needed. He was a Board member, treasurer, Winning Finesse (Unit 172 newsletter) editor and Unit 172 webpage administrator. He was the recipient of the Texas star Award in 2005.

Always a gentleman at the table, Dave possessed exceptional ability to take in all information before adopting a line of play. We will always cherish that single delicately raised eyebrow, the only noticeable movement, when the unusual took place. He always preferred a witty quip to criticism at the table. God bless old friend



### PAT McCOY MEMORIAL STRATIFIED PAIRS

The Clear Lake and Pasadena Bridge Clubs wish to jointly honor Pat McCoy for her many contributions to bridge. Pat was a Bronze Life Master, Club Director and Coordinator of the Intermediate/Novice program for many years at the Clear Lake Bridge Club. Pat and her husband Curtis had lived in Kingwood prior to moving to the Clear Lake area. Pat had many friends in the Houston bridge community and she will certainly be missed by all of us.



### DONNA COMPTON APPRECIATION THURSDAY-FRIDAY BRACKETED KO TEAMS

Donna Compton is just what the bridge community needs. Donna grew up in a duplicate bridge family and worked as an ACBL director and bridge teacher while attending law school. She practiced law for several years, but her love for the game soon brought her back to full time to bridge.

In 2005, Donna founded the very successful Bridge Academy of North Dallas at 12250 North Inwood and in 2007, she was awarded the rank of Master Teacher by the American Bridge Teachers Association. This award is given to those who exemplify superior teaching ability. Ask any of her students and they will all testify that the award was well deserved. She is author of the ACBL School Bridge Lesson Series - 2nd/4th and preK/1st grade. We best watch out for her daughters Morgan (13) and Taylor (10). They play bridge at home and have been seen in pairs games at various tournaments.

Aside from Donna's extraordinary teaching skills, she has traveled the world as non-playing captain. In 2004, she was NPC of the United States University Team in Istanbul, Turkey. Her team won the bronze medal. In 2007, she captained the Senior Team in Shanghai, China, and in 2008 the U.S. Open Team in Beijing, China that included her husband, Chris. Every two years she captains the Team USA in the Buffett Cup Challenge between the USA and Europe. The inaugural event was held in Dublin, Ireland, and her team came home with the Buffett Cup. This past September the cup went back to Europe, but in 2010 Donna plans to go to Wales to bring the cup home once again.

Donna has been married to Chris for 20 years. She works to keep the family life in line while rearranging holiday celebrations around the



inevitable bridge tournament. We will be seeing a great deal of Morgan, her oldest daughter who now caddies, and is playing bridge with her Mom. Taylor is right behind her.

Your friends thank you, Donna, for your contribution to the growth of bridge. It is your caring nature and teaching efforts that make it more certain that this wonderful game will continue to thrive.

### BETTY STARZEC APPRECIATION STRATIFIED I/N PAIRS

It's impossible to describe Betty in a few paragraphs. We've never seen anyone work as hard as she does.

She is the Chair for the I/N Program and has gone way beyond the job description to provide extras such as classes, door prizes, special food and bridge books (and don't forget the special goody bag treat and the extra decorations).

In addition to that job, her other responsibility is being one of the Co-Chairs for the whole enchilada. She has used her tremendous organizational skills to help get this monster endeavor to fruition.

She truly is Wonder Woman.

### DAVID MILLER APPRECIATION SIDE GAME

It is a pleasure to honor David N. Miller. He is a great bridge partner — courteous to the opponents and thoughtful in his play. He is also a good friend and was a tremendous help to me when I first moved to Houston more than nine years ago. He introduced me to people, lined up partners for me and offered helpful advice. All of this I really appreciated. Sometimes we forget to tell people how much they mean to us until it is too late, so from his partner and his many friends: "Thank you, David. We all wish you had more years at the bridge table and more years with us."

*From Deborah Case & friends*

### DENA BRUCE MEMORIAL SWISS

Dena Bruce grew up in Beaumont, TX and was graduated from Beaumont High School in 1956. While in high school, she was exposed to duplicate bridge when she took lessons from the

legendary Pidgeon Davis. Dena moved to Austin in 1972 and began playing bridge with her future husband, Steve Bruce. Dena achieved Life Master ranking in 1977 and held more than 3600 masterpoints at the time of her death in January, 2007. She won more than 35 points in her first Gold Point event at the 1975 NABC in San Antonio.

Dena played the violin, mandolin and piano and enjoyed working crossword puzzles. She was a huge New York Yankees fan — her favorite player was Mariano Rivera. She loved animals and although a cat person most of her life, she simply adored Cooter, her Jack Russell Terrier.

Besides her husband, Steve, other bridge players in Dena's family were her in-laws, Gram and Mary Bruce (Orange TX), her daughter, Clara Wood (Austin TX) and her nephew, C.G. Bell (Dallas). Besides playing in tournaments and club games, she and Steve also enjoyed home bridge, having spent many evenings playing with Gary and Marcia Powell (Austin TX).



## New Life Master?

If you make Life Master or achieve a New LM rank during this tournament, don't forget to tell the Daily Bulletin about it in Room 339.





Doug Doub and Adam Wildavsky won the Lebhar IMP Pairs in 2008.

### IMP Pairs begins today

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

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

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

Lebhar was one of the founders of the Greater New York Bridge Association and was elected its first president in 1948.

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

#### Previous winners

- 1987 Robb Gordon, Linda Danas
- 1988 Gene Freed, Mike Passell
- 1989 Richard Schwartz, Fred Hamilton
- 1990 Ralph Cohen, Renee Mancuso
- 1991 Harvey Brody, Ralph Buchalter
- 1992 Vera Gama, Marcelo Branco
- 1993 Bob Klein, David Ruderman
- 1994 Tom Fox, Walter Schafer
- 1995 Steve Sion, Harold Lilie
- 1996 Mike Albert, Marilyn Hemenway
- 1997 Tom Carmichael, Joel Wooldridge
- 1998 Jim Robison, Gene Freed
- 1999 Ralph Katz, George Jacobs
- 2000 Ashley Bach, Stephen Burgess
- 2001 Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd
- 2002 Alan Schwartz, Ai-Tai Lo
- 2003 Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin
- 2004 Jiang Gu, Nikolay Demirev
- 2005 Blair Seidler, Kevin Wilson
- 2006 Fred Gitelman, Geoff Hampson
- 2007 Boye Brogeland, Ishmael Delmonte
- 2008 Doug Doub, Adam Wildavsky

### Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

When using bid boxes, ACBL suggests that players tap the Alert strip and say “Alert” at the same time.

When making an Announcement, use the Announcement word — such as “transfer” — and tap the Alert strip at the same time.

A player who Alerts or Announces a bid should make sure his opponents are aware that an Alert or Announcement has been made.



#### MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES 4

22.0 Tables		A	B	C		
4.25	1/2				Thomas Grabowski - Marie Grabowski, Hockessin DE	63.39%
4.25	1/2	1			Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Cameron Shunta, Grand Haven MI	63.39%
2.73	3				Tammy Pepper - Chris Moll, Raleigh NC	61.01%
1.79	4/5				Bruce Luttrell, San Jose CA; Dana Brown, Los Gatos CA	60.12%
2.96	4/5	2	1		Denise Shade, Dallas TX; Glorja Spero, Highland Park IL	60.12%
1.18	6/7				Edmund Cappel - Mary Freet, Thibodaux LA	59.23%
1.18	6/7				Yoon Kim, San Diego CA; Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts CA	59.23%
2.22		3			Margaret Jones, Breckenridge CO; Eleanor Gimon, Greenwich CT	57.44%
2.16		4	2		Billie Dalton, Garland TX; Betty Bartula, Richardson TX	56.85%
1.62		5	3		Terrence Rice - Verlyn Stahlecker, San Antonio TX	56.55%
1.68		6	4		Douglas Ogren, St Paul MN; William Cummings, Monticello MN	56.25%
0.91			5		Gordon Sawyer, Seattle WA; Michael Lattyak, Westchester IL	55.95%

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING I/N PAIRS

17.0 Tables		A	B	C		
3.82	1	1	1		Trudi Lamendola, Waco TX; Pauline Mitchell, Houston TX	60.42%
2.87	2	2			Louise O'Brien - Marj Frederiksen, Dallas TX	59.85%
2.15	3	3	2		Elise Homer - Gary Homer, Lincoln CA	59.66%
1.61	4				Kathleen McCool, Castle Rock CO; Jane Hendrix, Breckenridge CO	59.47%
1.40	5	4			Terry Sucher - Thomas Hamilton, Montgomery TX	58.50%
1.27	6	5	3		Margot Welch - Norman Welch, Edwards CO	57.20%
0.95		6	4		Claire Ridgley, Tehachapi CA; Dori Roskin, Chicago IL	55.49%
1.07			5		Jean Pittman, East Ellijay GA; Raymond Laythe, Saint Louis MO	54.96%

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 5/20/50 PAIRS

11.0 Tables		A	B	C		
2.21	1	1			James Bettis - Anita Bettis, Bellaire TX	59.52%
1.66	2	2			Barbara Frankel - Diane Kaminsky, Houston TX	59.23%
1.09	3/4	3/4			Beth Manders - Elaine Brill, Houston TX	58.33%
1.09	3/4	3/4	1		Sally Thomas - Babette Harding, Houston TX	58.33%
0.77	5	5	2		Carl Stabler - Barbara Stabler, Boulder CO	58.04%
0.46	6/7		3		Iris Sally - Carolyn Morse, Houston TX	53.87%
0.55	6/7				Sallee Loeser, Houston TX; Sharon Kagan, Bellaire TX	53.87%

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 100/200/300 PAIRS

30.0 Tables		A	B	C		
5.65	1				Elenalani Lam, Sunnyvale CA; Steven Brown, Wichita KS	66.48%
4.66	2	1			James Smock - Stephen Apodaca, Santa Fe NM	65.63%
3.50	3	2	1		Gaylene Jewell - Helen Hollis, Houston TX	62.12%
2.38	4				David Sievers - Margy Sievers, Encino CA	61.55%
2.62	5	3	2		Claire Ridgley, Tehachapi CA; Dori Roskin, Chicago IL	61.36%
1.97	6	4			Elizabeth Jackson - Indu Khera, Houston TX	60.04%
1.68		5	3		Penny McAdams - Suzanne Musgrove, Houston TX	59.47%
1.84		6	4		Lynn Luster - Susan Morrison, Houston TX	58.52%
1.29			5		Elise Homer - Gary Homer, Lincoln CA	57.01%
1.19			6		Clara Brinson, Fair Oaks Ranch TX; Dolores Reiley, San Antonio TX	56.63%

#### WEDNESDAY STRATIFIED FAST PAIRS

14.0 Tables		A	B	C		
14.00	1	1			William Northrop, Schoolcraft MI; Catherine Gay, Kalamazoo MI	60.04%
10.50	2				Pierre Flatowicz, Omaha NE; Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR	58.90%
7.88	3				Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg CA	58.81%
5.91	4				Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA	58.33%
4.67	5				Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA; Terry Lavender, Arlington VA	56.34%
4.00	6				Tom Jacobson, Fairfield CA; Mike Bandler, Alamo CA	55.78%
3.98	7	2			Eslyn Bassuk - Amy Blecher, Scarsdale NY	55.68%
3.11	8				Ilene Greene, Dallas TX; B Paul Hirsch, Garland TX	54.26%
2.99	9	3			Lewis Gamerman, Brookline MA; Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA	53.69%
2.97		4	1		Sally Ann Rhea, Boulder CO; Gerdur Kristjansdottir, Longmont CO	50.85%
1.77		5			Robert Abrams, Atlanta GA; Michael Abrams, Pasadena CA	50.57%

#### WEDNESDAY SENIOR PAIRS

32.0 Tables		A	B	C		
11.76	1				William Allison, Decatur GA; Charles Galloway, Thornhill ON	63.66%
8.82	2				Marvin Deneroff, North Bergen NJ; David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL	62.27%
6.62	3				Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA; Roger Johnson, Sarasota FL	61.92%
7.56	4	1			Emily Harrell, Shoal Creek AL; Brenda Hawkins, Birmingham AL	60.76%
3.92	5				Ned Irving - Denny Penticoff, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR	60.19%
3.63	6				E Lilly, Bellaire TX; Royce Herndon Jr, Oklahoma City OK	57.52%
2.94	7				Aletha Cahill-Wolf, The Woodlands TX; Bill Gemas, Huntsville TX	56.94%
5.67	8	2			William Jenkins, Amarillo TX; Joe Handler, Toronto ON	56.48%
4.25	9	3			Don Fizer - Mary Jane Kinnebrew, Houston TX	56.37%
3.19		4			Claire Krukenberg, Charleston IL; Richard Brummer, Effingham IL	54.40%
4.15		5	1		James Stech - Norman Moore Jr, Houston TX	54.17%
2.23		6			Nelson Brown, Jr - Dana Brown, Houston TX	54.05%
3.11		7	2		Marcus Feldman - Susan Feldman, Saint Louis MO	53.59%
2.33		3			James Clipson Jr - Jane Clipson, Eagle Lake TX	53.36%
1.75		4			Bert Sheldon, San Antonio TX; Janet Dugle, Pinawa MB	50.12%
1.38			5		Carole Williamson, Lake Charles LA; Jo Portie, Sulphur LA	50.00%
1.12			6/7		Mike Davis - Lyn Davis, Richardson TX	48.38%
1.12			6/7		Jo Graves - Billie Graves, Austin TX	48.38%

**TUESDAY-THURSDAY AFT/EVE SIDE SERIES 6**

23.0 Tables		A	B	C		
5.01	1				Harriet Smith, Shreveport LA; Jean Willis, El Dorado AR	62.96%
3.76	2				Alice Leicht - Marvin French, San Diego CA	60.88%
2.82	3				Ricardo Angeleri, Mar Del Plata Argentina; Ernesto Muzzio, Buenos Aires Argentina	60.65%
3.79	4	1			Phyllis Maness, College Sta TX; Kathy Baldwin, Bryan TX	60.19%
1.39	5/6				Emily Leake - Brenda Baker, Tyler TX	58.80%
2.84	5/6		2		Carlton Smith, Oklahoma City OK; June Kasparian, Sacramento CA	58.80%
2.13			3		Barbara Porter - Parnell Porter, Bluffton SC	57.64%
1.60			4		Carolyn Opdyke, Boise ID; Bonnie Jung, Birmingham AL	57.41%
3.03			5	1	Mary Ann Polk - Edith Reed, Houston TX	56.48%
2.27			6	2	Susan Seitz - Michael Smith, Des Moines IA	55.79%
1.70				3	Michael Newman - Sherry Newman, Encino CA	52.31%
1.59				4	Jim Canty, Berkeley CA; Gretchen Smith, Piedmont CA	52.08%
0.96				5	Bob Reese - Georgia Reese, Houston TX	51.62%
0.72				6	Charles Bost - Kathy Bost, Germantown TN	51.39%

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES 4**

47.25 Tables						
9.80	1	Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL				131.00%
7.35	2	Charles Lawson, Huntsville TX				127.08%
6.52	3	Cameron Shunta, Grand Haven MI				122.86%
3.70	4/5	Gary Brown, San Francisco CA				121.56%
3.70	4/5	Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA				121.56%
5.76	6/7	Visanji Gala, Germantown TN				120.92%
5.76	6/7	Michael McGuire, Hernando MS				120.92%

**ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS**

65.0 Tables						
100.00	1	Tom Kniest, University City MO; Karen Walker, Champaign IL				2097.31
75.00	2	Craig Robinson - Elaine Landow, Lansdale PA				2078.17
56.25	3	Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; Kiz Fung, Edmonton AB				2046.82
44.44	4	Judy Elbogen, Mission Viejo CA; Philip Hiestand, Irvine CA				2029.14
40.00	5	Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo TX				2009.56
36.36	6	Danny Sprung - JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA				2002.25
33.33	7	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY				1995.74
30.77	8	Ivanie Yeo, Brighton MA; Lon Sunshine, Framingham MA				1971.94
28.57	9	Diane Graese, Las Vegas NV; Martin Caley, Montreal QC				1966.30
26.67	10	Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; Chuck Said, Nashville TN				1956.65
25.00	11	Daniela von Arnim, D-68766 Hockenh Germany; Tommy Garvey, England				1955.18
23.53	12	Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA; Steve Clements, Laguna Mavel CA				1946.53
22.22	13	Janet Daling, Peoria AZ; Steve Mansfield, Seattle WA				1942.02
21.05	14	Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL; Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL				1941.18
20.00	15	Carolyn Sessler, Boca Raton FL; Vincent Grande Jr, Jupiter FL				1936.61
19.05	16	Don Kern, Bay Minette AL; Jean Talbot, Metairie LA				1934.19
18.18	17	Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Shirley Blum, Fresno CA				1929.83
17.39	18	Gail Greenberg - Jeff Hand, New York NY				1912.26
16.67	19	Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; David Bakhshi, London England				1906.91
16.00	20	Toby Bassett, Lafayette LA; K Boagni Jr, Opelousas LA				1906.87
15.38	21	Georgiana Gates, Houston TX; Willem Van Fijck, Rotterdam Netherlands				1902.79
14.81	22	Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Larry Brasler, Thousand Oaks CA				1902.64
14.29	23	Mildred Breed, Austin TX; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL				1899.97
13.79	24	Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI; Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI				1897.02
13.33	25	Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV; Steven Johnson, San Diego CA				1896.27
12.90	26	Judy Nassar - Tony Ames, Minnetonka MN				1895.86
15.77	27	Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL; Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX				1892.22
12.12	28	Sharon Meng-Horton, Dade City FL; Rahn Smith, Brandon FL				1885.88
11.76	29	Cal Newlin Jr - Flo Newlin, Aurora CO				1870.20
11.43	30	Robert Kent, Marina DI Rey CA; Ellen Kent, Marina Del Rey CA				1870.04
11.11	31	Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins CO; Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO				1869.92
10.81	32	Scott Levine - Judi Radin, New York NY				1856.94
11.12	33	Diane Walker, Gaithersburg MD; Chester Johnson, Chicago IL				1850.57
10.26	34	Melvin Marcus - Yiji Starr, Waltham MA				1848.18
10.00	35	B Horiguchi, Gardena CA; Lucy Tredennick, San Pedro CA				1843.83
9.76	36	Ellie Hanlon, Tequesta FL; John Brady, Jacksonville FL				1842.93
9.52	37	Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ; Janis Rush, Austin TX				1821.48
9.30	38	Hugh Hillaker - Merri-Jo Hillaker, Grand Prairie TX				1819.49
9.09	39	Cindy Harris - Joe Harris, Albuquerque NM				1815.52
10.33	40	Sylvia Caley, Montreal QC; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA				1814.85
8.70	41	Kathy Schenk - Markland Jones, Phoenix AZ				1814.80
8.51	42	Kerri Sanborn, Stony Point NY; Stephen Sanborn, Poughkeepsie NY				1814.08
8.33	43	Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz, Lakeville MN				1807.30
8.16	44	Joan Lane - Joseph Lane, Blairsville GA				1804.77
8.00	45	Perla Sultan, Aventura FL; Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina				1802.50
7.84	46	Laurie Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH				1799.35
7.69	47	Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczkoud Poland				1798.46
7.55	48	Debra Hyatt, Edgewater CO; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA				1797.73
8.33	49	Pat Levy, Houston TX; Oren Moore, Missouri City TX				1792.94
7.27	50	Ann Brinker Schwall - Vinh Tran, Houston TX				1789.81

**ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET I**

15 Tables						
59.11	1	Mark Gordon, Purchase NY; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Venice FL; Stephen Landen, Ellicott City MD; Chuck Burger, West Bloomfield MI; Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY				
41.38	2	Wen Fei Wang - Yi Qian Liu, Shanghai People's Republic of China; Sun Ming, Beijing P.R. 10 People's Republic of China; Ru Yan - Yong Ling Dong, Beijing People's Republic of China; Hong Li Wang, People's Republic of China				
23.64	3/4	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Barry Harper, Regina SK; John Russell, North Barrington IL				
23.64	3/4	Douglas Simson - Walter Johnson, Columbus OH; Jerry Clerkin - Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN				

**ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET II**

16 Tables						
39.02	1	Bob Todd - Douglas Fisher - Neil Kimelman, Winnipeg MB; Karl Gohl, Oakbank MB				
27.31	2	Justine Cushing - Susan Jackowitz, New York NY; Melih Ozdil, Astoria NY; Ali Koray Selcuk, Istanbul Turkey				
15.61	3/4	Allen Tan, Makati Philippines; Varis Carey, Fort Collins CO; David Caprera, Denver CO; Henry Bethe, Ithaca NY				
15.61	3/4	Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA; Gary Brown, San Francisco CA; Martin Graf, Chevy Chase MD; Mark Shaw, Hanover PA				

**ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET III**

16 Tables						
26.04	1	Edward Rais - Tom Ottley, Anchorage AK; Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Martha Hawley, Carmel Valley CA				
18.23	2	Linda Harrison, Calgary AB; Hao Ge, Bay Village OH; Hui Lin Zhu, Chongqing 401147 People's Republic of China; Warren Foss, Omaha NE; Nongyu Li, Sunnyvale CA; Weidong Pei, Brea CA				
10.42	3/4	James Stevens - Sandra Stevens, Katy TX; Robert Curl, Houston TX; Betsy Dubose, Bellaire TX; David Curl, Fort Worth TX; Thomas Schmalz, Galveston TX				
10.42	3/4	Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Patricia Wright, Charlotte NC; Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Eureka CA				

**ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET IV**

16 Tables						
21.52	1	Patti English - Cliff Pleatman - Randall Rubinstein, Cincinnati OH; Lorna Davis, West Chester OH				
15.06	2	Catherine Miller - Hugh Miller, Houston TX; Milton Ellisor - Becky Ellisor, Spring TX; Art McHaffie - Joy McHaffie, Santa Fe NM				
8.61	3/4	Lisa Sommer - Charles Sommer - Chuck Gillis - Charles Markowitz, Houston TX				
8.61	3/4	John Monroe Jr - Judy Fernald - Sue Kimbrell - Millicent Wear, Houston TX				

**ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET V**

16 Tables						
17.95	1	Richard Grady, Albuquerque NM; Karla Riddick, Conroe TX; Barbara Atkins, The Woodlands TX; Mary Anne Woessner, Montgomery TX				
12.57	2	Joe Black - Dean Truair - Ellen Meyer - Peggy Geiler, Austin TX				
7.18	3/4	Kathy Swaine - Rand Pinsky, Valencia CA; Tracy Boys, Sherman Oaks CA; Glenn Eddy, Whittier CA				
7.18	3/4	Eugene Fisher - Adrienne Fisher, Potomac MD; Karen Zuckerberg - Edward Zuckerberg, Dobbs Ferry NY				

**ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET VI**

16 Tables						
15.13	1	Lue Waddle - Adele Hudgins - Carolyn Schendle - Nancy Harralson, Dallas TX				
10.59	2	Edwin Zwald Jr - Joseph Wald, Houston TX; Nandlal Khatri, Sugar Land TX; Ann Ankrum, Cypress TX				
6.05	3/4	Janelle Frusha, Conroe TX; Mavis Warren - Terry Sucher - Thomas Hamilton, Montgomery TX				
6.05	3/4	Jim Harp - Kenneth Dingler - Mary McGinnis - Vi Ganeles, Dallas TX				

**ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET VII**

15 Tables						
13.06	1	Debbi Myers - Kay Olness, Billings MT; Malou Flato, Austin TX; James Brown, Georgetown TX				
9.14	2	Michael Arthur - Elizabeth Arthur, Pearl River LA; Carol Perrin, Baton Rouge LA; Kimi Lambert, Biloxi MS				
5.22	3/4	Robert Reiley - Susan Reiley, Great Falls MT; Yayoun Zee - Antonio Vila, Aurora CO				
5.22	3/4	Cissy Stutes - Liz Herpin - Laura Jones - Millard Jones, Lake Charles LA				

**ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET VIII**

16 Tables						
12.08	1	Melanie Dunn - Brian Stevens - Ulla Skovdal - Mary Stevens, Montgomery TX				
8.46	2	Diane Beardsley, The Woodlands TX; Nancy Carlin, Spring TX; Gloria Pollard, Matthews NC; Sue Semple, Venice FL				
4.83	3/4	Harold Fellerman - Bonnie Fellerman, Maple Grove MN; Gilbert Hogenson - Bobbi Hogenson, Mission TX				
4.83	3/4	Peter Hanson - Judy Brown, Houston TX; Mary Thatcher, The Woodlands TX; Helen Watts, Spring TX				

**ESAT VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET IX**

16 Tables						
7.60	1	Thomas Wulfers, Seabrook TX; Bobbie Moutz, El Lago TX; Myrna Dorman, League City TX; Sylvia Thomas, Alvin TX				
5.32	2	Carol Marks - Bonnie Buchbinder, Overland				

Park KS; Susie Gershon, Leawood KS; Norma Harper, Kansas City MO

3.04 3/4 Louise O'Brien - Marj Frederiksen, Dallas TX; Betty Bartula, Richardson TX; Billie Dalton, Garland TX  
3.04 3/4 Susan Johnson - Terry Sherman, Rapid City SD; Heather Shane, Mc Kinney TX; Barbara Taylor, Richardson TX

#### MARGO P GEDDIE, COMPACT KO - 1

**16 Tables**  
32.50 1 Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; Bob Jones, Hypoluxo FL; Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland; Marcin Lesniewski, Zakopane Poland  
22.75 2 Farid Assemi - James Tritt, Fresno CA; Edward Wojewoda, Clovis CA; Srikanth Kodayam, Fremont CA  
14.63 3 John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Jim Krekorian - Chris Willenken - Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY  
11.38 4 Larry Mori, Clearwater FL; Leonard Melander, West Bloomfield MI; Bruce Rogoff, Tenafly NJ; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands

#### MARGO P GEDDIE, COMPACT KO - 2

**14 Tables**  
24.46 1 David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Rumen Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria  
17.12 2 Mary Savko, Tequesta FL; Brian Gunnell, St Augustine FL; Spike Lay - Marilyn Garcia, Daytona Beach FL  
11.01 3 Ed Freeman - Craig Huston, Portland OR; Polly Dunn - Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA  
8.56 4 William Arlinghaus, Ann Arbor MI; Dave Swarhout, San Antonio TX; Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Michael Huston, Joplin MO

#### MARGO P GEDDIE, COMPACT KO - 3

**12 Tables**  
16.34 1 Ethan Kotkin - Meyer Kotkin, Cherry Hill NJ; Thomas Weik, Reading PA; Sandra Gebhardt, The Villages FL  
11.44 2 James Melville, Springfield IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Donald Croysdale, Elm Grove WI; William McFall, New Berlin WI  
7.35 3 Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Zygmunt Marcinski, Westmount QC; John Laufer, Toronto ON; Bryan Maksymetz, Garibaldi High BC  
5.72 4 Barry Rigal - Shane Blanchard, New York NY; Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY

#### MARGO P GEDDIE, COMPACT KO - 4

**12 Tables**  
13.51 1 Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Diana Marquardt, Del Mar CA; Patrick McCammon, Springfield MO; Jesse Bowe, Easton MO  
9.46 2 Charlotte Blaiss - Carol Schoenhals - Greg Loran, Lubbock TX; Cameron Shunta, Grand Haven MI  
6.08 3 Massoud Banan, McAllen TX; John Seng - Michael Halvorsen, Champaign IL; Howard Engle, Highland Park IL  
4.73 4 Ernest Olness Jr, Billings MT; Rodney Paxton, Coeur D'Alene ID; Gregory Nowak - Wojciech Kurkowski, Las Vegas NV

#### MARGO P GEDDIE, COMPACT KO - 5

**12 Tables**  
11.98 1 Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI; Philip Duterme, Bellaire TX; David Binney, Seattle WA; Constance Sackville, Vero Beach FL  
8.39 2 Fred Feigley - Joan Pleason - Janice Henderson - Donna Sparks, Houston TX  
5.39 3 Thomas Grabowski - Marie Grabowski, Hockessin DE; Herbert Fallin Jr, Alexandria VA; La Quitta Talbot, Keller TX  
4.19 4 Susan Grauer - Alice Kinningham - Tom Breed, Aurora CO; Tiger Li Li Williams, Elk Point SD

#### MARGO P GEDDIE, COMPACT KO - 6

**16 Tables**  
11.41 1 Shirley Salvo, Kiawah Island SC; John Fraser, Mississauga ON; Jacqueline Kimball, John's Island SC; Linda Luther, N Charleston SC  
7.99 2 Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC; Eugene Chan, Burnaby BC; John Langer, Santa Clarita CA; Michael Strong, Winfield IL  
5.13 3 Ervie Freeman - Laima Gaizutis, Houston TX; Donald Varvel - Eleanor Sherwyn, Corpus Christi TX  
3.99 4 Chris Curran - Sadhana Dalal - Elton Lipnick - David Dyer, Houston TX

#### MARGO P GEDDIE, COMPACT KO - 7

**16 Tables**  
9.90 1 John Emmerson, Federal Way WA; C Kay Teal, Richland WA; Katherine Rabenstein, Washington DC; Joel Fuhrman, Kirkland WA  
6.93 2 Judith Inker, Wellesley Hills MA; Ronnie Frank - Jane Ettelson - Cookie Arneson, Saint Louis MO  
4.46 3 Dolores Schwartz - Betty Bryan, Pittsford NY; Judy Stanfield - Rosalee Gardner, Salt Lake City UT  
3.47 4 Lee Ohliger, Ridgewood NJ; James Sundstrom, Wyckoff NJ; Marianne Aronovich - Serge Aronovich, Tuxedo Park NY

#### MARGO P GEDDIE, COMPACT KO - 8

**16 Tables**  
8.07 1 Joyce Stone - Jane Hopkins, Denton TX; Thomas Miyake, Corinth TX; Gary Carey, Coppell TX  
5.65 2 Joseph Volanski, Spring TX; Natalie Wernet, Houston TX; Margaret Cann, Sydney NS; Scott Wansbrough, Dallas TX  
3.63 3 Margaret Raymond - Pamela Dettmers - Betty Sale Murphy, Kingwood TX; Robert Ipswitch, San Mateo CA  
2.82 4 Douglas Keller, San Francisco CA; Mike Fierman, Encino CA; Arlene Dick, Sherman Oaks CA; Joo-Hee

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING 100/200/300 PAIRS

23.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
4.66	1	1		Stephen Apodaca - James Smock, Santa Fe NM	69.64%
3.50	2			Jo Portie, Sulphur LA; Carole Williamson, Lake Charles LA	61.61%
2.99	3	2	1	Pamela Hughes, Bend OR; Tony Ames II, Minnetonka MN	60.71%
1.97	4			Barbara Gadea, Houston TX; Leora Nowitz, Bellaire TX	59.23%
2.24	5	3	2	Ewen Ferguson - Dorothy Ferguson, Whitby ON	56.55%
1.68	6	4	3	Eugene Goldgar - Debbie Goldgar, Houston TX	55.95%
1.11		5/6	4/5	Frances Smietana, New Iberia LA; Faye Broussard, Lafayette LA	55.65%
1.11		5/6	4/5	Elise Homer - Gary Homer, Lincoln CA	55.65%
0.57			6/7	Judy Kramer - Pat Salzano, Montgomery TX	54.76%
0.74			6/7	Heather Shane, Mc Kinney TX; Barbara Taylor, Richardson TX	54.76%

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING 299ER SWISS TEAMS

10 Tables					
	A	B	C		
2.83	1	1	1	Kailash Sachdev - Rani Sachdev, The Woodlands TX; O Bunn - Patricia Bunn, Cypress TX	86.00
2.12	2			Bob Dowlen - Johnny Gills, Houston TX; Donald Moss - Juinez Moss, Beaumont TX	81.00
1.72	3	2		Keith Everett - Gina Russell, Houston TX; Joseph Cunningham, Conroe TX; Susan Barker, Magnolia TX	80.00
1.34	4	3	2	Kenneth MacMorran - Sharon MacMorran - Bobbie Gruhlkey - Wanda Kuehler, Austin TX	61.00

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING STRATIFIED SWISS

91 Tables					
	A	B	C		
12.35	1			Bob Drijver, Tilburg Netherlands; Jessica Piafsky - Barry Piafsky, New York NY; Don Piafsky, Toronto ON	106.00
9.26	2			Robert White, Raleigh NC; Michael Kovacich, Stone Mountain GA; Corinne Kirkham - Jim Kirkham, Leawood KS	105.00
11.02	3	1		Jay Barron, Tulsa OK; Claybourne Waldrop Jr, Arlington TX; Virginia Sherman, Dallas TX; Eric Bell, Norman OK	100.00
8.27	4	2		George Richards - Lawton Hutchison, Austin TX; Lynn Brown, Palm Coast FL; Mara Tuttle, Lake Mary FL	97.00
3.91	5			Jay Cohodes, Sunrise FL; Nell Schaefer - Phil Schaefer, Los Angeles CA; Gary Kessler, Springfield IL	96.00
2.93	6			Carolyn Pinto, Fort Worth TX; Marilyn Arnold - Donna Watkins, San Antonio TX; Bill Walker, Bulverde TX	95.00
2.20	7			Martin Graf, Chevy Chase MD; Mark Shaw, Hanover PA; Gary Brown, San Francisco CA; Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA	92.00
1.51	8/9			Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein, New York NY; David Gold, Reading R Great Britain; Tom Townsend, London England	90.00
1.51	8/9			Dori Byrnes, Morris Plains NJ; Matt Meckstroth, Baltimore MD; Andrew Garnett, Raleigh NC; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ	90.00
1.24	10			Todd Lusk - C Reis, Baton Rouge LA; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Chris Compton, Dallas TX	89.00
6.20		3		Igor Milman - Oleg Rubinchik, Brooklyn NY; Cetin Okcuoglu, Moorestown NJ; Roy Perry, St Johns NL	88.00
4.65		4		Anne Page - Jim Cady, Houston TX; Kristy Garrison - David Garrison, Spring TX	86.00
3.49		5		Henrietta Morris, Arlington TX; Penny Stoever, Mount Airy MD; James Flint, Zillah WA; Terry Jones, Falls Church VA	82.00
6.50		6/9	1/2	Loretta Gary - Mary Jane Garth - Martha Bookman - Betty Long, Beaumont TX	73.00
1.82		6/9		Monica Mitchell - Verdie White - William Bob Case - Doris Ham, Hot Springs AR	73.00
6.50		6/9	1/2	Mary Drew, Spring TX; Dona De Cook - Gladys Ulrich, Conroe TX; Donna Venn, Pharr TX	73.00
1.82		6/9		Kathy Swaine - Rand Pinsky, Valencia CA; Tracy Boys, Sherman Oaks CA; Glenn Eddy, Whittier CA	73.00
4.18		3		Helen Nelson - Mary Ellen Stanton, Grand Prairie TX; Lorraine Little, Fort Worth TX; Barbara Odom, Cedar Hill TX	72.00
3.13		4		Robert Arnett - Nancy Reader, Houston TX; Jim Hargrove Jr, Austin TX; Alfred Fortier III, Katy TX	70.00
2.35		5		Michael McCormick - Joy McKenzie-Smith, Fort Worth TX; Peggy McCormick, Arlington TX; Pamela Gladysz, Ft Worth TX	69.00
1.76		6		Michael Boothby, Wenatchee WA; Jo Ann Gros, Lafayette LA; Daniel Poret, Ville Platte LA; Cynthia Keaton, Coppell TX	68.00

#### TUESDAY-THURSDAY AFT/EVE SIDE SERIES 6

37.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
7.13	1			Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; David Sokolow, Austin TX	70.37%
5.35	2			E Hale, Rolla MO; Chris Moll, Raleigh NC	64.90%
4.01	3			Gaylor Kastle - Barbara Kastle, Boca Raton FL	64.26%
3.01	4			Ernesto Muzzio, Buenos Aires Argentina; Ricardo Angeleri, Mar Del Plata Argentina	62.98%
5.01	5	1		Jerry Sloan - Grant Sutton, Lawrence KS	62.66%
3.76	6	2		Elizabeth Nagle, Wethersfield CT; Kathleen Frangione, Southington CT	59.30%
2.82		3		Gordon Tanner - Grace Tanner, Bakersfield CA	57.53%
3.34		4	1	Shi-Lin Yeh, Sugar Land TX; Bob Chiang, Houston TX	56.73%
2.51		5	2	Jim Canty, Berkeley CA; Gretchen Smith, Piedmont CA	56.57%
1.77		6		Carolyn Opdyke, Boise ID; Bonnie Jung, Birmingham AL	55.09%
1.88		3		Sally Craig, Port Moody BC; Emanuel McKinney, Fort Worth TX	52.56%
1.41		4		April Uhlenburg, King of Prussia PA; Christopher Marlow, Wilmington DE	52.08%
1.06		5		Dennis Moll - Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL	51.92%
0.98		6/7		Pawel Hanus, Carrollton TX; Andrzej Kudlicki, Tiki Island TX	50.93%
0.98		6/7		Patricia Bowles, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR; Carol Aiton, Rockwood TN	50.93%



## LYNDA &amp; AUGUST PLATE OPEN

70.0 Tables		A	B	C		
27.98	1				Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA	67.58%
20.99	2				Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA	62.99%
15.74	3	1			Nan Wang, Eatontown NJ; Jian Wang, Hackettstown NJ	62.92%
11.80	4				Jo Smith, Abilene TX; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX	61.95%
9.33	5				Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Karen McCallum, Exeter NH	60.74%
7.99	6				Barry Senensky, Thornhill ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON	60.70%
7.00	7				Mimi Bieber, Armonk NY; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI	59.89%
6.22	8				Kimmel Jones, Euless TX; Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton TX	59.59%
5.60	9				Bruce Luttrell, San Jose CA; Dana Brown, Los Gatos CA	59.42%
6.67	10				Richard Wieland, Falls Church VA; Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA	59.18%
6.65	11				Cookie Hoberman, Omaha NE; Michael Edwards, Rock Island IL	59.06%
4.30	12				Bobbie Gomer, Willow Grove PA; Edward Groner, Houston TX	58.17%
4.76	13				Niel Waletzky, Shaker Heights OH; Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA	57.34%
3.73	14				Arnie Frankel - Donald Berman, Laurel MD	56.94%
3.50	15				Linda Hughes, Edmond OK; Eric Sieg, Oklahoma City OK	56.84%
3.29	16				Jacqui Mitchell - Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY	56.64%
3.11	17				Melanie Tucker - Erez Hendelman, New York NY	56.22%
2.95	18				Jim Hilton, Austin TX; Lee Hilton, Morrisville PA	55.91%
3.50	19				Les Bart - Gloria Silverman Bart, Bradenton FL	55.88%
7.97		2			William Garrard Jr - Donna Garrard, Irving TX	54.83%
5.98		3			W Turner - Jane Turner, College Station TX	54.70%
4.48		4			Benjamin Eisenberg - Susan Eisenberg, Boca Raton FL	54.52%
3.54		5			Donald White - Clif Capen, Baytown TX	53.84%
3.04		6			Nancy Joe, Austin TX; Christoph Eick, Houston TX	53.45%
4.45		7	1		Douglas Ogren, St Paul MN; William Cummings, Monticello MN	52.59%
2.84		8			Peter Manzoni, Waltham MA; Robert Bertoni, Haverhill MA	52.15%
3.34			2		Judith Glasco, Houston TX; Stephanie Gray, Danville CA	46.06%
2.50			3		B J Sanders - Mark Sanders, Austin TX	45.71%
1.88			4		Z Kadah, Los Gatos CA; Robert Lass, Skokie IL	45.59%
1.48			5		Lucerne Bunch - Barbara Vervenne, Austin TX	43.97%

Janicki, Markham ON

## MARGO P GEDDIE, COMPACT KO - 9

## 16 Tables

6.90	1	Ronnie Burns - Ann Haggard - Linda Richmond, Fort Smith AR; Andrzej Niewiadomski, Scarborough ON
4.83	2	John Ridenour - Gloria Ridenour, Flagler Beach FL; Barbara Miles - Barbara Blaine, Little Rock AR
3.11	3	Carolyn Labouliere, Seabrook TX; Mercedes Snyder - Lucy Hofmann - Marilyn Jordan, Kingwood TX
2.42	4	Diane Washabaugh, Aledo TX; Kathy Coleman, Fort Worth TX; Jean Helmers, Stephenville TX; Cornelia Friedman, Ft Worth TX

## MARGO P GEDDIE, COMPACT KO - 10

## 16 Tables

5.93	1	Keith Meyer - Marci Meyer, McKinney TX; Ken Cornelius - Mary Cornelius, Portland OR
4.15	2	Clairlee Hirsch, The Woodlands TX; Pamela Elsner, Avon CO; Carol Rieger, Rockwall TX; Charles Lawson, Huntsville TX
2.67	3	Paula Warren - Mary Rita de Hoyos - Barbara Morgan, New Braunfels TX; Wyn Coleman, Canyon Lake TX
2.08	4	Robert Frederick - Donna Frederick, The Woodlands TX; Jack Roth - Sandy Roth, Kingwood TX

## MARGO P GEDDIE, COMPACT KO - 11

## 24 Tables

7.80	1	Rosa Materson, Houston TX; Janice Joerger, Rancho Santa Fe CA; Marilyn Kalabsa, Salona Beach CA; Susan Stone, Kingwood TX
7.80	1	Kerr Godfrey - John Zilic, Houston TX; Thomas Peters - Carolyn Peters, Grapeland TX
5.46	2	Susan Flick - Leah McCarthy, Mc Kinney TX; Jackie Hertweck, Edmond OK; Carla Guthrie, McKinney TX
4.13	2	Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Michael Polowan, New York NY; Daniel Zagorin, Skokie IL; Michael Lawrence, Brentwood TN
3.51	3	Greg Giem, Houston TX; Jason Daming - Jeff Lane - Matthew Grant, Austin TX
1.76	3	Dano De Falco, 35030 Rubano (P Italy); Charles Weed, Shreveport LA; Patricia Cayne, New York NY; Gabriella Olivieri, Alessandria Italy
2.73	4	Andrew Rodriguez, Annandale VA; Susan Key, Dallas TX; Annie Duaine, Houston TX; Phyllis Pettijohn, West Palm Beach FL

## MARGO P. GEDDIE CONSOLATION KO - 2

## 7 Tables

5.41	1	Clement Jackson, Albuquerque NM; Suzette Wynn - Steve Scott, Phoenix AZ; Josh Sher, Oradell NJ
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## MARGO P. GEDDIE CONSOLATION KO - 3

## 6 Tables

3.58	1	Dan Hertz - Natalie Hertz, Harrison NY; Tania Reyes Hiller, Shrub Oak NY; Julian Heicklen, Teaneck NJ
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## MARGO P. GEDDIE CONSOLATION KO - 4

## 6 Tables

2.94	1	John Kinst, Batavia IL; Lois Scott, Carmel IN; Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL
1.56	2	John Cox, Kellogg ID; Angela Fenton, North Vancouver BC; Jennifer Ballantyne, Vancouver BC; Walter Pease, Anchorage AK
0.66	3	Gerald Ungar, Pt Charlotte FL; Ron Payton, Taos NM; Michael Olesen, Scottsdale AZ; Jimmy Pelham, North Baldwin NY

## MARGO P. GEDDIE CONSOLATION KO - 5

## 6 Tables

2.52	1	Catherine Chell, Ottawa ON; Donald Sondergeld, Hubbardton VT; Jay Friedenson, Morrisville VT; David Weisman, Englewood NJ
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## MARGO P. GEDDIE CONSOLATION KO - 6

## 8 Tables

2.40	1	Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Arthur Crystal - Debbie Benner, Fairfield CT; Lisa Burton, Houston TX
1.27	2	William Chan - Molan Chan, Van Buren ME; William Boyer, Spring TX; Robert Michaud, Sun City West AZ

## MARGO P. GEDDIE CONSOLATION KO - 7

## 8 Tables

2.29	1	Naomi Spicer, Dickinson TX; Marian Osburn, Pearland TX; Julia Blancet, League City TX; Carol Van Dyke, Friendswood TX
1.21	2	John Taylor, Lago Vista TX; Marcia White, Lakeville MA; David Pimental, Dartmouth MA; Sue Gerard, Mexico Mexico

## MARGO P. GEDDIE CONSOLATION KO - 11

## 8 Tables

1.52	1	Dianne Kiehl, Muskego WI; Mary Spyers Duran, Shorewood WI; Marlene Backus, Brookfield WI; Joanne Behling, Wauwatosa WI
0.81	2	Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed, Potomac MD; Beth Wisinski, Washington DC; Kay Miller, US

## Convention card reminder

Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.

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 he deems to be appropriate under the circumstances.

The objective of these warnings and penalties is the encouragement of full compliance with ACBL regulations.

## TUESDAY MIDNITE KOS

## 8 Tables

2.73	1	Joe Black - George Richards, Austin TX; Mara Tuttle, Lake Mary FL; Lynn Brown, Palm Coast FL
1.45	2	Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Elizabeth Gompels, Newton MA; Cameron Shunta, Grand Haven MI; Gloria Krauter, Ardmore OK

## DAVID HADDEN MORNING KO BRACKET I

## 9 Teams

G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Diana Marquardt, Del Mar CA; Ellis Feigenbaum, Petah Tikva 493 Israel; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico

vs

David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Rumen Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria

13.03 3/4 Linda Harrison, Calgary AB; Hao Ge, Bay Village OH; Hui Lin Zhu, Chongqing 401147 People's Republic of China; Warren Foss, Omaha NE; Weidong Pei, Brea CA; Nongyu Li, Sunnyvale CA

13.03 3/4 Veronica McMurdie - John McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Chester Johnson, Chicago IL; William Turner, Houston TX; Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA; Steve Clements, Laguna Mavel CA

## DAVID HADDEN MORNING KO BRACKET II

## 14 Teams

Bee Hallett - Dave Anthony - Keith White, Fort Myers FL; Miles Thomson, Cape Coral FL

vs

Ronnie Frank, Saint Louis MO; Judith Inker, Wellesley Hills MA; John Cox, Kellogg ID; Nadia Nilsson, Santa Clara CA

7.58 3/4 Madhusudan Patel - Ashok Shingavi - Karur Krishnan, Houston TX; Phil Brown, San Antonio TX

7.58 3/4 Luca Dona, Englewood NJ; Neal McKinney, Vienna VA; Carl Nelson - Abigail Nichols, Washington DC

## DAVID HADDEN MORNING KO BRACKET III

## 9 Teams

Marguerite Town - Beth Fuller, Baton Rouge LA; Marilyn Elston, Aledo TX; Judy Phillips, Fort Worth TX

vs

Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed, Potomac MD; Beth Wisinski, Washington DC; Kay Miller, US

2.95 3/4 Patricia Morrison, Wellington NS; Maureen Donovan, Halifax NS; Janet Corkum, Dartmouth NS; Linda Shaw, Geneva IL

2.95 3/4 Cherry Schwarz - Rosalie Schwarz - Suzanne Musgrove - Penny McAdams, Houston TX

## ED HOFFING MORNING KO BRACKET I

## 13 Tables

Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Leonard Melander, West Bloomfield MI; Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI; Larry Mori, Clearwater FL; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY

vs

Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA; Lowell Andrews, Huntington Bch CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA; Mariko Kakimoto - Atsuko Kurishima, Newport Beach CA; Matthew Mallory, San Diego CA

Geoffrey Brod, Naples FL; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA; Glenn Eisenstein, New York NY; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT

vs

Jacqueline Kimball, John's Island SC; Shirley Salvo, Kiawah Island SC; John Fraser, Mississauga ON; Linda Luther, N Charleston SC

Frances Doss, Hot Springs Vlg AR; Allison Howard, Cookeville TN; John Taylor, Lago Vista TX; Sue Gerard, Mexico Mexico

vs

James Melville, Springfield IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Donald Croysdale, Elm Grove WI; William McFall, New Berlin WI

Catherine Miller - Hugh Miller, Houston TX; Art McHaffie - Joy McHaffie, Santa Fe NM; Steve Tuggle, Pearland TX

vs

Chris Curran - Jonathan Holmes - Sadhana Dalal - Elton Lipnick, Houston TX

## ED HOFFING MORNING KO BRACKET II

## 11 Tables

Clairlee Hirsch, The Woodlands TX; Pamela Elsner, Avon CO; Pamela Gladysz, Ft Worth TX; Joy McKenzie-Smith, Fort Worth TX

vs

Hans Strohmer - Nancy Strohmer, Houston TX; David McCarron - Mary McCarron, Austin TX

Keith Meyer - Marci Meyer, McKinney TX; Ken Cornelius - Mary Cornelius, Portland OR

vs

Richard Markell, Los Gatos CA; Barbara Mash - Wendy Dewell, San Jose CA; Phyllis Gaffney, Sunnyvale CA

Judy Corey Edmiston - George Roach, Dallas TX; Calvin Konner, Bethesda MD; Jose Porres, Rockville MD

vs

Richard Hill - Alice Hill, Haslett MI; Daniel Poret, Ville Platte LA; Jo Ann Gros, Lafayette LA

vs

Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Elenalani Lam, Sunnyvale CA; Mike Schattner, Ruidoso NM; Russell Joyner, Houston TX

## Houston 2002: A look back

The last NABC held in Houston was Spring of 2002. Here are some of the well-played deals:

### Quiz #3

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr:	♠ Q 2			
Vul:	♥ J 3 2			
	♦ 7 6 5			
	♣ J 5 4 3 2			
	♠ A K 10 9 8 7 6			
	♥ A Q			
	♦ 3 2			
	♣ A 10			
West	North	East	South	
1♦	Pass	1♥	4♠	
All Pass				

West leads the ♦K and continues with the ♦A and a low diamond to East's queen. Plan the play.

Kantar's answer:

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

Your best play is to ruff the third round of diamonds and lead the ♥Q! You're actually making a safety play. If you go to dummy with the ♠Q to take the heart finesse, you will feel rather silly if West has the king, as you have cleverly shut yourself from dummy's jack. On the other hand, if you play the ♥A first and then the queen, you lose if East has six hearts to the king and leads a third heart for West to ruff. Even though you can overruff, you still must lose a club trick for down one.

Leading the queen works any time hearts are 5-3 or when West has a doubleton heart with one or two spades.

Follow the play. West wins the ♥K and shifts to a club. South wins, cashes the ♠A, the ♥A and enters dummy with the ♠Q to dispose of his losing club on the ♥J.

### Three in a row

By Barry Rigal

In England they say of the No. 73 busses that you wait all day for one to come along and then three come all in a row. On looking through the hand records from the first qualifying session of the Open Pairs I, I found little to report until the end of the set when — yes, you guessed it! This was board 27.

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

The 2♠ opener was Precision showing six or more clubs or five clubs and four of a major. In 3♥ on the lead of the ♠Q, I won in hand and overtook the ♣Q with the ♣K as East showed an even number of clubs. Back came a club, and at

that point the deal was almost a double-dummy problem. The secret is to pitch two spades on the ♣J 10, then lead a heart to the queen and pass the ♦10 to East.

This would be the position:

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

If East returns a low heart, you know enough to run it to dummy's 9 and you lose only a diamond at the end. If East returns a diamond, you make 11 tricks, and if East returns a club, you ruff in dummy with the 9 (discarding a diamond) and finesse again in hearts, losing only one trick. Judi Radin found this play in partnership with Zia.

### Vondracek what?

It was perhaps 30 years ago that the Bridge World published an article about when it was right to play the weaker trump fit than the strong one. It was referred to as "The Vondracek effect." Board 28 was a perfect example of the effect:

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

5♣ is a cheap save, but not if the major-suit games are not making. As you can see, 4♠ has no play. 4♥ was not exactly laydown either, but Justine Cushing had no problem on the ♦10 lead. The defense cashed two diamonds, then shifted to the ♣K. Justine won and cashed the ♥A and ♥K. Then she ran spades to pitch her club loser, while West impotently followed suit. Note that 4♠ has no play on an early club shift.

Next up was the third in a row — No. 29.

Dlr: East	♠ 8 7 6			
Vul: Both	♥ J 7			
	♦ K Q J 7 5			
	♣ A 8 3			
	♠ A Q 5 4 3 2		♠ 9	
	♥ 8 2		♥ K 10 9 6 4 3	
	♦ A 9 6		♦ 10 8	
	♣ 9 2		♣ J 10 6 4	
	♠ K J 10			
	♥ A Q 5			
	♦ 4 3 2			
	♣ K Q 7 5			
West	North	East	South	
2♣ (1)	3NT	All Pass	1NT	
	(1) One-suited hand.			

We played this deal against Bob Hamman and Sam Lev. Justine led a low spade to the 9 and jack. Hamman drove out the ♦A and now Justine had to decide whether to try and cash out the spades or to exit passively, and with what? the answer lies in the Smith Echo. If East echoes in diamonds, it should show better spades than suggested to that point (clearly the 10-9 doubleton), so the suit should cash.

If East does not echo in diamonds, how does West know whether to exit in hearts or clubs. Both look safe enough, but could the ♣9 be significant? Look at the full layout and you will see that this is the case.

On the ♣9 play, declarer has a chance for 11 tricks. He wins the ♣A and plays the 3, forcing East to split his honors. South wins and throws East in with the fourth club and East must find the exit of the ♥K to get one more trick for the defense. I'm pleased to say I was not put to the test. When my partner won the ♦A, she broke up my tension in the ending by shifting to the ♥8 instead of leading a club. Now plus 630 was clearly the limit of the deal.

### Quiz #4

By Eddie Kantar

♠ Q 3 2
♥ 6 5 4 2
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 6 4 2

♠ A K J 10
♥ A K 2
♦ A K Q
♣ A K J

You had this hand in a dream one day. You dreamt you wound up in 6NT. The opening lead was the ♦J. What's the best play not to turn this dream into a nightmare?

Kantar's answer:

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

Lead a low heart at trick two. You can then win any return and cash the ♥A K to see if the suit breaks 3-3. If it does, discard your losing club on the fourth heart. If hearts don't split, fall back on the club finesse. If you took the club finesse prematurely or played the ♥A K and a third round of hearts rather than a low heart first (this loses if hearts are divided 4-2 and the ♣Q is onside), forget about having a good night's sleep. You don't deserve it.

### Multi-purpose?

By Barry Rigal

Your partner opens a Multi 2♦ (weak in either major). Right-hand opponent bids 3♥, raised to 4♥. The auction is over, right? Not so fast!

As everyone knows, bids like the Multi and transfers often get the correct hand to be declarer. It rarely pays off as well as it did here.

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

Josh Parker, North, opened the Multi, East bid 3♥ and Bruce Rogoff passed. Double would have been penalties and he thought his partner had hearts. But he was sure if partner didn't have hearts, that the overcaller's partner would raise

hearts. So it proved — West bid 4♥ and three players started to pick up the bid cards. But Bruce overruled them by making a 6♠ call.

Although this was not doubled, it was too late. By getting 6♠ played by South, there were 12 top tricks. Incidentally, 6♠ doubled down one by North was worth only 31 of 37 matchpoint for East–West. I guess a lot of West players got to make a Lightner double, giving East one of the better hands I've seen facing a partner who can double a slam.

### Being tricky

How does the following measure up in the trickiness department?

Dlr: West ♠ K 6 3  
 Vul: N–S ♥ K J 10 3  
 ♦ A 8  
 ♣ K 5 4 3

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

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

North South  
 1♣ 1♥  
 4♥ Pass

West led the ♠9 to East's ace. Back came a suspicious-looking ♣10, which went to the jack and ace. When West pressed on with the ♣Q, South guessed that East was about to ruff and (given the suit-preference implications) so would give West a spade ruff. South declarer ducked the ♣Q. East did not see any reason to ruff his partner's winner, so the spade ruff vanished.

### Timing is everything

There was an interesting point to the defense on this deal:

Dlr: North ♠ 8 6 5  
 Vul: N–S ♥ Q 6 5  
 ♦ K Q 9 4  
 ♣ A K 7

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

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

South played 4♥ on the ♣J lead. That went round to the queen and a diamond was advanced to the queen and ace. Now a second club was won in dummy and the spade finesse lost to the king. At the table, a third round of clubs was ruffed by East and overruled by South. The ♥A and another put West on play. Declarer eventually took another



Lewis Finkel and Gaylor Kasle were second in the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs.

spade finesse and scored plus 620.

Notice how effective it would have been for West to return a diamond at trick five. Declarer's natural move is to win in dummy and repeat the spade finesse, then play the ♥A and another heart. At that point, West could win and play a third round of clubs. East's ♥J would score the setting trick.

#### ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS - 2ND FINAL SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTIONS A B J K L		EAST-WEST	
1	Danny Sprung - JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA	63.70%	1	Tom Kniest, University City MO; Karen Walker, Champaign IL	66.56%
2	Pat Levy, Houston TX; Oren Moore, Missouri City TX	61.99%	2	Judy Elbogen, Mission Viejo CA; Philip Hiestand, Irvine CA	60.43%
3	Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; Kiz Fung, Edmonton AB	61.21%	3	Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV; Steven Johnson, San Diego CA	59.89%
4	Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; Chuck Said, Nashville TN	61.15%	4	Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo TX	57.90%
5	Janet Daling, Peoria AZ; Steve Mansfield, Seattle WA	60.34%	5	Jan Janitschke - Bonnie Smith, Littleton CO	57.45%
6	Cindy Harris - Joe Harris, Albuquerque NM	59.92%	6	Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczykoud Poland	57.42%
7	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY	57.21%	7	Ivanie Yeo, Brighton MA; Lon Sunshine, Framingham MA	57.24%
8	Craig Robinson - Elaine Landow, Lansdale PA	56.94%	8	Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA; Steve Clements, Laguna Mavel CA	57.06%
9	Mildred Breed, Austin TX; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL	56.61%	9	Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA; Ruth Nakano, Kirkland WA	56.34%
10	Dennis Ryan - Barbara Tyssdahl, Menomonie WI	56.43%	10	Diane Graese, Las Vegas NV; Martin Caley, Montreal QC	56.04%
11	Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina; C. Valerie Gamio, Pls Vrds Pnsl CA	55.47%	11	Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Diane Shannon, Saratoga CA	55.59%
12	Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL; Cheri Bjerkkan, Elmhurst IL	54.78%	12	Jess Stuart - Lois Stuart, West Chester PA	55.41%
13	Judy Nassar - Tony Ames, Minnetonka MN	54.75%	13	Cal Newlin Jr - Flo Newlin, Aurora CO	55.29%
14	Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Larry Brasler, Thousand Oaks CA	54.54%	14	Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI; Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI	55.23%
15	Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Shirley Blum, Fresno CA	54.24%	15	Georgiana Gates, Houston TX; Willem Van Fijck, Rotterdam Netherlands	54.60%
16	Diane Walker, Gaithersburg MD; Chester Johnson, Chicago IL	54.12%	16	Scott Levine - Judi Radin, New York NY	54.21%
17	Linda Green - Sam Whitten, Scottsdale AZ	53.52%	17	Daniela von Amin, D-68766 Hockenh Germany; Tommy Garvey, Essex Cm145ww England	54.09%
18	Robert Kent, Marina DI Rey CA; Ellen Kent, Marina Del Rey CA	53.46%	18	Linda Spangler, Duncanville TX; Billy Leeper, Fort Worth TX	53.82%
19	Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Joan Van Geffen, Metairie LA	53.37%	19	Perla Sultan, Aventura FL; Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina	53.52%
20	Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins CO; Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO	53.22%	20	Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; David Bakhshi, London England	53.49%
21	Carolyn Sessler, Boca Raton FL; Vincent Grande Jr, Jupiter FL	52.82%	21	Gigi Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Arno Hobart, Markham ON	53.34%
22	Mike Miller, Temple TX; Karen Snyder, Spicewood TX	52.73%	22	Kerri Sanborn, Stony Point NY; Stephen Sanborn, Poughkeepsie NY	52.97%
23	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Mickie Chambers, Atlanta GA	52.55%	23	Alan Popkin, St Louis MO; Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO	52.82%
24	Ann Brinker Schwall - Vinh Tran, Houston TX	52.28%	24	Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ; Janis Rush, Austin TX	52.55%
25	Laurie Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH	52.16%	25	Joan Lane - Joseph Lane, Blairsville GA	52.22%
26	Nell Cahn, Shreveport LA; Bruce Reeve, Raleigh NC	52.01%	26	Don Kern, Bay Minette AL; Jean Talbot, Metairie LA	52.19%

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING 100/200/300 PAIRS ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION O			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1	1		Stephen Apodaca - James Smock, Santa Fe NM	69.64%	1		Barbara Gadea, Houston TX; Leora Nowitz, Bellaire TX	59.23%
2	2	1	Ewen Ferguson - Dorothy Ferguson, Whitby ON	56.55%	2	1	Eugene Goldgar - Debbie Goldgar, Houston TX	55.95%
3			David Sievers - Margy Sievers, Encino CA	55.06%	3/4	2/3	Frances Smetana, New Iberia LA; Faye Broussard, Lafayette LA	55.65%
4/5	3/4	2/3	James Ochsner, Houston TX; Ronald Montague, La Porte TX	53.57%	3/4	2/3	Elise Homer - Gary Homer, Lincoln CA	55.65%
4/5	3/4	2/3	Samuel Kight - Cynthia Kight, Woodstock GA	53.57%	5	4	Judy Kramer - Pat Salzano, Montgomery TX	54.76%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION P			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1			Jo Portie, Sulphur LA; Carole Williamson, Lake Charles LA	61.61%	1	1	Pamela Hughes, Bend OR; Tony Ames II, Minnetonka MN	60.71%
2			Janie Wolaver - Jerrell Wolaver, Jefferson TX	54.46%	2	2	Erica Walker, Dallas TX; Vicky Renzulli, Irving TX	55.06%
3	1		Terry Sherman - Susan Johnson, Rapid City SD	53.27%	3	3	Heather Shane, Mc Kinney TX; Barbara Taylor, Richardson TX	54.76%
4	2		Fred Dyle - Layne Onufer, Huntington Bch CA	51.19%	4	4	Ronald Antinori - Susan Antinori, Atlanta GA	51.79%
3	1		Keith Anderson - Mary Anderson, Rochester MN	50.60%				

#### TUESDAY-THURSDAY AFT/EVE SIDE 6 WEDNESDAY EVENING 4 OF 6 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION SS			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1	1		Carolyn Opdyke, Boise ID; Bonnie Jung, Birmingham AL	55.09%	1		Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; David Sokolow, Austin TX	70.37%
2			John McConnell, Cedar Hill TX; Rich Brandenburg, Coppell TX	51.62%	2		David Walker, Salem VA; Bill Barkley, New Bern NC	57.64%
3/4	2/3	1/2	Pawel Hanus, Carrollton TX; Andrzej Kudlicki, Tiki Island TX	50.93%	3	1	Susan Seitz - Michael Smith, Des Moines IA	50.69%
3/4	2/3	1/2	Patricia Bowles, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR; Carol Aiton, Rockwood TN	50.93%	4	2	Alfried Bocker, Duesseldorf Germany; Gabi Schneider, Dusseldorf Germany	50.46%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION YY			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1	1		Elizabeth Nagle, Wethersfield CT; Kathleen Frangione, Southington CT	59.30%	1		Gaylor Kasle - Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL	64.26%
2			Sanford Lobliner - Marsha Bernstein, Houston TX	58.81%	2		Jack Greenberg - Linda Haft, New York NY	59.14%
3	2		Gordon Tanner - Grace Tanner, Bakersfield CA	57.53%	3	1	Jim Cauty, Berkeley CA; Gretchen Smith, Piedmont CA	56.57%
4			Michael Flader, Eagan MN; Jill Flader, Saint Paul MN	55.29%	4	2	Barry Martin - Connie Martin, Dallas TX	54.17%
5			Bill Harlan - Phyllis Harlan, Oklahoma City OK	53.85%	5		Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Patricia Wright, Charlotte NC	53.85%
6	3	1	April Uhlenburg, King of Prussia PA; Christopher Marlow, Wilmington DE	52.08%	6	3	Dennis Moll - Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL	51.92%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION ZZ			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1			Ernesto Muzzio, Buenos Aires Argentina; Ricardo Angeleri, Mar Del Plata Argentina	62.98%	1		E Hale, Rolla MO; Chris Moll, Raleigh NC	64.90%
2/3	1	1	Shi-Lin Yeh, Sugar Land TX; Bob Chiang, Houston TX	56.73%	2	1	Jerry Sloan - Grant Sutton, Lawrence KS	62.66%
2/3			Grady Gravel, Alexandria LA; Jan Galey, Baton Rouge LA	56.73%	3		Cordelia Menges, New York NY; Jay Baudler, Piedmont CA	57.53%
4			Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA; Steve Reed, Arlington VA	56.09%	4		Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI; Arun Savara, Honolulu HI	53.85%
5			Marian Maley, Dallas TX; Madi Drimmer, Sarasota FL	55.29%	5	2	Sally Craig, Port Moody BC; Emanuel McKinney, Fort Worth TX	52.56%
6	2		Ann McClelland, La Canada Flt CA; Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino CA	53.20%	6		Brenda Baker - Emily Leake, Tyler TX	52.08%
3	2		Betty Bartula, Richardson TX; Billie Dalton, Garland TX	47.76%		3	Susan E G Slusky, Highland Park NJ; Collis James Jackson, Brookline NH	50.00%
					4	2	Mary Ann Kral, Reston VA; Linda Burton, Alexandria VA	49.20%

#### LYNDA & AUGUST PLATE OPEN - TWO OF TWO SESSIONS

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS TT UU			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1			Cookie Hoberman, Omaha NE; Michael Edwards, Rock Island IL	59.27%	1		Kimmel Jones, Eules TX; Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton TX	68.57%
2			Ida Morrow, Pasadena TX; Edith Reid, Houston TX	58.74%	2	1	Nan Wang, Eatontown NJ; Jian Wang, Hackettstown NJ	64.68%
3			Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Karen McCallum, Exeter NH	58.40%	3		Bill Begert - Doug Herron, New York NY	61.72%
4			A Beth Reid, Louisville KY; Julia Bomalaski, Cocoa Beach FL	57.63%	4	2	Nancy Joe, Austin TX; Christoph Eick, Houston TX	60.29%
5	1		Jack Stone, Sugar Land TX; Brenda Solovitz, Houston TX	56.15%	5		Judy Pede, Grass Valley CA; Carreen Hinds, Bakersfield CA	59.61%
6			Sandra Parker, Sugar Land TX; W Lease, Houston TX	55.92%	6		Bruce Luttrell, San Jose CA; Dana Brown, Los Gatos CA	59.00%
7			Marilyn Kivel - Joseph Kivel, Newport Coast CA	55.82%	7		Linda Hughes, Edmond OK; Eric Sieg, Oklahoma City OK	58.13%
8			John Schwartz, Plano TX; Phillip Grothus, San Antonio TX	54.43%	8		Arnie Frankel - Donald Berman, Laurel MD	57.57%
9	2		Gregory Lester, Houston TX; Youssef Youssef, Katy TX	54.35%	9		Jo Smith, Abilene TX; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX	56.67%
10			Alan Wienman, Morton IL; Elaine Said, Nashville TN	54.15%	10		William Curtis, Colorado Spgs CO; Rose Berman, Laurel MD	53.11%
11			Richard Schmieder - Joyce Schmieder, Boerne TX	53.54%	11		Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; Tobi Sokolow, Austin TX	52.21%
3			William Garrard Jr - Donna Garrard, Irving TX	52.43%		3	Robert Levey, Chevy Chase MD; Lelvin Crowe, Cordova TN	50.02%
4	1		Douglas Ogren, St Paul MN; William Cummings, Monticello MN	49.25%		4	James Spurlin, Wiscasset ME; Greg Stander, San Diego CA	49.85%
5			Daniel Renault - Bill Land, Houston TX	49.08%		1	Alan Blake, East Brunswick NJ; Theresa Ann Brantley, Mabank TX	45.31%
	2		Gail Gillespie - Willie Jo Schaefer, Houston TX	48.22%		2	B J Sanders - Mark Sanders, Austin TX	39.26%



WEDNESDAY FAST PAIRS - FIRST SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION RR, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, percentage, and names. Includes names like Ilene Greene, Dallas TX; Pierre Flatowicz, Omaha NE.

WEDNESDAY STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS - 1ST OF 2 SESSIONS

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION W, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, percentage, and names. Includes names like E Lilly, Bellaire TX; William Allison, Decatur GA.

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION V, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, percentage, and names. Includes names like Ned Irving, Denny Penticoff, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR; Aletha Cahill-Wolf, The Woodlands TX.

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION U, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, percentage, and names. Includes names like Jonathan Shute, L. Anne Posch, Sackville NB; Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 5/20/50 PAIRS - ONLY SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION N, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, percentage, and names. Includes names like James Bettis, Anita Bettis, Bellaire TX; Barbara Frankel, Diane Kaminsky, Houston TX.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 100/200/300 PAIRS - ONLY SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION O, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, percentage, and names. Includes names like Gaylene Jewell, Helen Hollis, Houston TX; Claire Ridgley, Tehachapi CA.

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION P, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, percentage, and names. Includes names like Elenalani Lam, Sunnyvale CA; Lynn Luster, Susan Morrison, Houston TX.

WEDNESDAY STRATIFIED FAST PAIRS - SECOND SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION RR, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, percentage, and names. Includes names like Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; John Ashton, Portland OR.

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION V, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, percentage, and names. Includes names like Lynne Cook, Riverview MI; Marvin Deneroff, North Bergen NJ.

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION W, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, percentage, and names. Includes names like Sara Danke, Richard Danke, Delaware OH; Ned Irving, Denny Penticoff, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR.

ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS - FIRST FINAL SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTIONS A B J K L, EAST-WEST, percentage, and names. Includes names like Sharon Meng-Horton, Dade City FL; Craig Robinson, Elaine Landow, Lansdale PA.

LYNDA & AUGUST PLATE OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON - 1 OF 2 SESSIONS

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTIONS TT UU, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, percentage, and names. Includes names like Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Jo Smith, Abilene TX.

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS VV WW XX			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Richard Wieland, Falls Church VA; Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA	62.30%	1			Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA	69.38%
2			Niel Waletzky, Shaker Heights OH; Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA	60.93%	2			Barry Senensky, Thornhill ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON	68.02%
3			Les Bart - Gloria Silverman Bart, Bradenton FL	58.45%	3			Paul Nimmons - Wolf Schroeter, Houston TX	60.68%
4			Keith Connolly, Minneapolis MN; Sharon Anderson, Eagan MN	57.29%	4			Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA	58.91%
5			Judith Weisman, Englewood NJ; Ronald Felton, New York NY	56.93%	5/6			Kristina Brook, Middlesex NJ; John Rollinson, Clovis NM	56.78%
6			Bobbie Gomer, Willow Grove PA; Edward Groner, Houston TX	56.83%	5/6			Jacqui Mitchell - Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY	56.78%
7			Mimi Bieber, Armonk NY; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI	56.63%	7	1		Mark Wallet, Katy TX; Duane Friedrich, Houston TX	56.43%
8			Cathy Nathan - Marc Nathan, New York NY	56.02%	8	2		Benjamin Eisenberg - Susan Eisenberg, Boca Raton FL	56.38%
9			Jim McMullin, Chapala Mexico; Guss Ginsburg, Houston TX	55.77%	9			Runar Lillevik - Ovind Ludvigsen, Oslo Norway	55.97%
10			Kasmer Andreychuk, Yorkton SK; Charlotte Blum, La Jolla CA	55.67%	10			Judith Eaton - Glafkos Galanos, Carbondale IL	55.11%
11			Charles Pecarro, Falls Church VA; Carole Grob, Alexandria VA	55.62%	11			Ralda St Pierre - John Erickson, Houston TX	54.35%
12			Susi Ross - Harry Ross, Winter Spgs FL	54.40%	12			Randall Lake - Anna Marlatt, Houston TX	53.04%
13			Nancy Stanton, Frisco TX; Beth Coker, Bryan TX	54.25%	13			Jim Hilton, Austin TX; Lee Hilton, Morrisville PA	52.99%
14			Shelba Parmley, Oklahoma City OK; Barbara Whittlesey, Edmond OK	54.20%	14			Rosemary Kelley - Claudette Hartman, Austin TX	52.63%
15			Robert Hampton, Blythewood SC; Gavin Wolpert, Singer Island FL	53.29%	15	3		Joe Choate, League City TX; James Frick, Friendswood TX	51.82%
16	1		Steve Clark - Louise Clark, Glencoe IL	52.53%	16	4		Victoria Ornowski - Connie Robichaux, Katy TX	51.77%
17	2		Elizabeth Ghrist - Jeremy Dilbeck, Houston TX	52.43%	17			Barbara Sartorius, Lake Hiawatha NJ; Sharon Hait, Livingston NJ	51.57%
	3	1	Susan Hernandez, Fair Oaks Ranch TX; Kenyon Daniel, San Antonio TX	51.42%		5		W Turner - Jane Turner, College Station TX	49.75%
	4	2	Z Kadah, Los Gatos CA; Robert Lass, Skokie IL	50.15%		6/7		Donald White - Clif Capen, Baytown TX	48.38%
	5		Stephen Reichel - Ariel Leibovitz, Houston TX	48.53%		6/7		Peter Manzoni, Waltham MA; Robert Bertoni, Haverhill MA	48.38%
	6		Daniel McGuire - Molly Hosford, Las Vegas NV	48.03%			1	Jonathan Forde, Geneva NY; James Carroll, Lyons NY	43.17%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION YY			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1		Phyllis Maness, College Sta TX; Kathy Baldwin, Bryan TX	60.19%	1			Alice Leicht - Marvin French, San Diego CA	60.88%
2			Emily Leake - Brenda Baker, Tyler TX	58.80%	2	1		Carlton Smith, Oklahoma City OK; June Kasparian, Sacramento CA	58.80%
3	2		Barbara Porter - Parnell Porter, Bluffton SC	57.64%	3	2	1	Susan Seitz - Michael Smith, Des Moines IA	55.79%
4	3		Carolyn Opdyke, Boise ID; Bonnie Jung, Birmingham AL	57.41%	4/5	3/4	2	Bob Reese - Georgia Reese, Houston TX	51.62%
		1	Erna Baum - Frank Crabtree, Houston TX	47.69%	4/5	3/4		Barry Martin - Connie Martin, Dallas TX	51.62%
		2	Gordon Sawyer, Seattle WA; Michael Lattyak, Westchester IL	43.98%					

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION ZZ			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Harriet Smith, Shreveport LA; Jean Willis, El Dorado AR	62.96%	1			Ricardo Angeleri, Mar Del Plata Argentina; Ernesto Muzzio, Buenos Aires Argentina	60.65%
2	1	1	Mary Ann Polk - Edith Reed, Houston TX	56.48%	2			Barbara Grantham - Wanda Meyer, Houston TX	53.24%
3	2		Grace Jeklin, Surrey BC; Stacy Jacobs, Hinsdale IL	53.94%	3			Elaine Ware, Vernon BC; Carl Spencer, Farmington NM	52.55%
4			Sara Parks M.D., Owensboro KY; John Herrmann, Chattanooga TN	53.01%	4			Brian Johnston, Toronto ON; Allan Smith, Peterborough ON	52.31%
5	3	2	Michael Newman - Sherry Newman, Encino CA	52.31%	5	1	1	Jim Canty, Berkeley CA; Gretchen Smith, Piedmont CA	52.08%
						2	2	Myrtis Pauling - Jason Holliday, Baton Rouge LA	50.93%
						3		Bill Joplin, Houston TX; Bill Kiehnhoff, Sugar Land TX	48.15%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION WW			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Tammy Pepper - Chris Moll, Raleigh NC	61.01%	1			Thomas Grabowski - Marie Grabowski, Hockessin DE	63.39%
2/3			Edmund Cappel - Mary Freet, Thibodaux LA	59.23%	2			Bruce Luttrell, San Jose CA; Dana Brown, Los Gatos CA	60.12%
2/3			Yoon Kim, San Diego CA; Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts CA	59.23%	3	1	1	Douglas Ogren, St Paul MN; William Cummings, Monticello MN	56.25%
4	1	1	Billie Dalton, Garland TX; Betty Bartula, Richardson TX	56.85%	4	2		Mary Adams - David Pennington, Temple TX	50.60%
	2	2	Stuart Rachels, Tuscaloosa AL; Kevin Dybvig, Birmingham AL	54.46%		3	2	Melvin Rueppel - John Krueger, Estes Park CO	49.40%
	3		Carl Spencer, Farmington NM; Joseph Lebeau, Smyrna TN	53.87%					

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION XX			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1		Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Cameron Shunta, Grand Haven MI	63.39%	1	1	1	Denise Shade, Dallas TX; Gloria Spero, Highland Park IL	60.12%
2	2	1	Ann Sinclair - Sharon Durr, Houston TX	55.36%	2	2		Margaret Jones, Breckenridge CO; Eleanor Gimon, Greenwich CT	57.44%
3	3		Doris Ham - Monica Mitchell, Hot Springs AR	53.57%	3	3	2	Terrence Rice - Verlyn Stahlecker, San Antonio TX	56.55%
4			Charles Lawson, Huntsville TX; Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK	53.27%	4	4		Gordon Sawyer, Seattle WA; Michael Lattyak, Westchester IL	55.95%
		2	Michael Newman - Sherry Newman, Encino CA	50.89%					

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION ZZ			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1	1	Trudi Lamendola, Waco TX; Pauline Mitchell, Houston TX	60.42%	1	1		Louise O'Brien - Marj Frederiksen, Dallas TX	59.85%
2	2	2	Elise Homer - Gary Homer, Lincoln CA	59.66%	2	2		Terry Sucher - Thomas Hamilton, Montgomery TX	58.50%
3			Kathleen McCool, Castle Rock CO; Jane Hendrix, Breckenridge CO	59.47%	3	3	1	Jean Pittman, East Ellijay GA; Raymond Laythe, Saint Louis MO	54.96%
4	3	3	Margot Welch - Norman Welch, Edwards CO	57.20%	4	4		Jim McCormick - Richard Wright, Houston TX	54.34%
5	4	4	Claire Ridgley, Tehachapi CA; Dori Roskin, Chicago IL	55.49%	5	5	2	Leon Clegg, 7 Sisters Falls MB; Edith Olson, Lac Du Bonnet MB	53.03%
6	5		Suzann Patterson - Annette Ruth, Georgetown TX	53.79%	6	6	3	Connie Montgomery, Katy TX; Anne Davis, Houston TX	52.75%
7	6		James Ochsner, Houston TX; Ronald Montague, La Porte TX	53.60%	7			Maureen Viaclovsky, Friendswood TX; Fran McGaha, Seabrook TX	52.43%

## TOMORROW'S BRIDGE EVENTS

### Friday, March 20, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	ACBL members**	Other
Friday-Saturday Morning Compact KO Teams	1-2	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18
Max Levit & Ariel Leibovitz Morning Side Game	2nd single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18
<i>Part of the Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series</i>					
Ed Hoffing Memorial Wednesday-Saturday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	3rd	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15		\$17

### Friday, March 20, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Stratified Fast Pairs	1-2	3rd Floor Room 336	\$16		\$18
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### Friday, March 20, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Doris Allen Stratified Senior Pairs	1-2	4th Floor Ballroom JKL	\$16		\$18
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### Friday, March 20, 1 p.m.

Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	1st single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18
Betty Starzec 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15		\$17
Betty Starzec 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15		\$15

### Friday, March 20, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Lebhar IMP Pairs	1-2 F	4th Floor Ballroom A-F	\$20		
Whitehead Women's Pairs	1-2 F	4th Floor Ballroom A-F	\$20		
Bean Red Ribbon Pairs	1-2 F	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$17		
Grady Watkins Memorial Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	3rd Floor Room 335	\$16		\$18
Donna Compton Appreciation Thursday-Friday Bracketed KO Teams	3-4	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18
Gary King Compact KO Teams	1-4	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18

### Friday, March 20, 1 & 8 p.m.

Vanderbilt KO Teams	Round 6	3rd Floor Room 343 & 346	\$20		
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### Friday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.

Anna Marlatt One-session Stratified Swiss Teams	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15		\$17
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	2nd single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16		\$18
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	4th Floor GHI	\$15		\$17
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	4th Floor GHI	\$15		\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	4th Floor GHI	\$15		\$15

### Friday, March 20, 11:30 p.m.

Zip KO Teams	single	4th Floor GHI	\$12/team/match		
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Unless otherwise noted, Strati-Flighted and Strati-Flighted Senior events are divided: A/X (3000+, 0-3000); separate from B/C/D (1000-2000, 500-1000, 0-500). Strata breaks for Stratified and Stratified Senior events are: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750).

\*Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

## TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Event	Thursday, March 19, 9 a.m.		Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
	Session	Sold		
Max Levit & Ariel Leibovitz Morning Side Game <i>Part of the Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series</i>	1st single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Ed Hoffing Memorial Wednesday-Saturday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
David Hadden Memorial Monday-Thursday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	4th	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15	\$17
<b>Thursday, March 19, 10 a.m. &amp; 2 p.m.</b>				
Grady Watkins Stratified Fast Pairs	1-2	3rd Floor Room 336	\$16	\$18
<b>Thursday, March 19, 10 a.m. &amp; 3 p.m.</b>				
Stratified Senior Pairs	1-2	4th Floor Ballroom JKL	\$16	\$18
<b>Thursday, March 19, 1 p.m.</b>				
David Miller Side Game <i>Part of the Tuesday-Thursday Side Game Series</i>	5th single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Betty Starzec 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$17
Betty Starzec 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$15
<b>Thursday, March 19, 1 &amp; 7:30 p.m.</b>				
<b>Lebhar IMP Pairs</b> <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	4th Floor Ballroom A-F	\$20	
<b>Whitehead Women's Pairs</b> <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	4th Floor Ballroom A-F	\$20	
<b>Bean Red Ribbon Pairs</b> <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions. Pre-qualification required.</i>	1-2 Q	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$17	
Pat McCoy Memorial Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	3rd Floor Room 335	\$16	\$18
Dena Bruce Memorial Stratified Swiss Teams	1-2	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Donna Compton Appreciation Thursday-Friday Bracketed KO Teams	1-2	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
<b>Thursday, March 19, 1 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>				
Vanderbilt KO Teams	Round 5	3rd Floor Room 343 & 346	\$20	
<b>Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.</b>				
One-session Stratified IMP Pairs <i>Open to Swiss dropouts and new entries</i>	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15	\$17
Tuesday-Thursday Side Game Series	6th single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$15
<b>Thursday, March 19, 11:30 p.m.</b>				
Zip KO Teams	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$12/team/match	

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Mike Develin and Li-Chung Chen won the 2008 Red Ribbon Pairs.

## Red Ribbon Pairs begins today

The Red Ribbon Pairs, an ACBL event with national rating open to players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints, gets underway today.

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 2000 masterpoints at the time of qualification.

The four-session event began in 1986 and winners have their names inscribed on the Percy X. Bean Trophy.

### 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 and runners-up

- 1986 1. Wayne Perrin, Martin Newland; 2. Hugh Ogle, Charlie Cargile
- 1987 1. Jim Garder, Jimmy Ritzenberg; 2. Charles Moser, Paul Bratton
- 1988 1. Leni Holtz, Guy Green; 2. Anthony Trafecanty, Michael Trafecanty
- 1989 1. Lu Kohutiak, Yvonne Hernandez; 2-3. Warren Haynie, Charlie Cargile; 2-3. Bill Goldberg, Bill McKenna
- 1990 1. Philip Gordon, Mike Grodsky; 2. Rajendra Agarwal, Don Chilrud
- 1991 1. Dan Marthaler, Robert Johnstone; 2. Steven Gaynor, Art Ardy Bakshian
- 1992 1. Duncan McCallum, Peter Peng; 2. Andy Goodman, Steve Zolotow
- 1993 1. Ron Weinstock, John Gillette; 2. Hank Meyer, Marty Graf
- 1994 1. T.C. Petty, Steve Altus; 2. Grant Robinson, Joe Walden
- 1995 1. Marc Umeno, Hank Youngerman; 2. Bernie Greenspan, Keith Sechler
- 1996 1. Vinay Sarin, Ringo Chung; 2. Burton Lipsky, Arnold Goldstein
- 1997 1. Tony Miller, Diane Miller; 2. Mark Bumgardner, Nagy Kamel
- 1998 1. Paul Spear, Jim Johnsen; 2. David Halasi, Mike Nadler
- 1999 1. Jenni Hartsman, Andrew Rosenthal; 2. Martin Hunter, Andy Stark
- 2000 1. Nie Wei Ping, Christopher Leung; 2. David Yang, Xiaodong Shi
- 2001 1. LaToss Carpenter, Brandon Carpenter; 2. Mike Nadler, Gurhun Baykal
- 2002 1. Rich Atwater, Chris Pesce; 2. Bob Sievers, Georgia Heth

- 2003 1. Chi-Yen Lai, Bin Dai; 2. Edward Leach, Bruce Schwaidelson
- 2004 1. Martin Harris, Jacob Morgan; 2. Mark Brighthouse, Harvinder Sidhu
- 2005 1. Yeong-Long Shiue, David Margolin; 2. Jim Lyle, Robert Todd
- 2006 1. Chris Buchanan, B.J. Trelford; 2. Everett Boyer, Mansoor Gowani
- 2007 1. Jack Hawthorne, Paul Spear; 2. Jim Kehoe, Chuck Michalski
- 2008 1. Mike Develin, Li-Chung Chen; 2. Sidney Kanter, Ron Nelken

## Entry fees

Players must be ACBL members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following nationally ranked events: Silodor Open Pairs, Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Lebhar IMP Pairs, Whitehead Women's Pairs, Jacoby Open Swiss Teams, and the Machlin Women's Swiss Teams. The entry fees for these contests are \$20 per player per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs. The entry fee is \$17 per player per session.

Regional championships are \$16 per player per session for ACBL members, \$18 for nonmembers.

All other events are \$15 per player per session for ACBL members, \$17 for nonmembers.

(Note: There is no entry fee for any flight of the North American Pairs, but participants are still required to be paidup members.)

## Masterpoint disclaimer

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The masterpoint awards as shown are, therefore, also subject to change.