

Daily Bulletin



53rd Spring North American Bridge Championships

Editors: Brent Manley and Dave Smith

First tournament for special guests

“You guys killed us.” (Declarer had just gone down four tricks in 3♣.)

“I don’t want to put them back in the board – they look so pretty.” (Declarer had his cards in front of him with 10 pointing his way. He had just made 4♥ doubled.)

These and similar comments were heard yesterday in a special game for students.

Twenty-four seventh- and eighth-graders from the Reno Youth Bridge organization competed. They are from six area middle schools. The League has 24 new members as all of them joined the ACBL. Some won their first masterpoints.

The RYB organization began last year as a pilot project. Area bridge player Bud Brewer recruited another player, Kathy Lane, a recently retired school teacher, and they began going to schools offering to teach bridge.

From this start, the RYB now has programs in six of the seven middle schools in Washoe County (Reno). There are 17 volunteer teachers from among local players.

“Half of our bridge teachers are former school



Sierra Jickling makes her bid during play yesterday. She was one of the 24 middle-school bridge players who completed in the Junior Pairs game.

teachers,” says Brewer. “They do it for the love of promoting the game.”

Lane is also a school teacher who retired two years ago. “I was friends with Bud, and he recruited me to help. I just love teaching kids.” She is president of the RYB.

The teachers typically go to schools during the last period of the day and bridge is taught as an enrichment class.

“We’ve had great support from Jeff Freeman,” says Brewer. Freeman is the Student Activities Services Department Director for Washoe County.

“The students have a sense of pride when they

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Meet your TDs

This is part of a series of articles profiling ACBL tournament directors who work at NABCs.

The way John Ashton figures it, if it wasn’t for old-fashioned pickup slips, he would not be a tournament director today.

It all started when Ashton was 11 or 12 years old, playing in the newcomer game at the Riviera Swim Club in Indianapolis – as he puts it, “a country club without the golf course.” While the regular director was working on the scores for the open game, young Ashton – anxious to get the game done – started on the scores for his game.

“I was pretty good at it,” he says.

Ashton was born in Minneapolis but grew up in Indianapolis, where he became familiar with bridge through his parents, both players.

After he played in his first duplicate, he and his father, Charlie, played a lot in tournaments.

Not long after Ashton started playing, Easley Blackwood opened a bridge club in Indianapolis.



Ashton was a regular there, and even played with the legendary inventor of the world’s most famous convention.

“I learned that long minor suits belong in notrump,” Ashton says, recalling his game with Blackwood. “He was helpful and encouraging.”

After graduating high school, Ashton went to Rice University in Houston TX to study economics. He even ran a bridge game at the school on occasion. “I tell people I directed Eddie Wold’s first duplicate game,” Ashton says of the Rice grad now among ACBL’s top players.

At Rice, Ashton didn’t play as much as he did in high school, but he remembers doing well in a regional tournament in that city and receiving a letter of congratulations from Blackwood.

During his time in Houston, Ashton and a friend, Ron Beall, went to the 1967 Fall NABC in New Orleans and won a big side game, which in those days was good for a photo in the Bridge Bulletin. Ashton recalls that in the photos of them

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Vanderbilt registration deadline

If you are planning to play in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, you must register by 8 p.m. on Sunday. The event begins on Monday.



IMP Pairs winners Pablo Ravenna and Pablo Lambardi

Huge set propels IMP Pairs winners

Two players from Argentina who barely qualified for the second day had a monster first final session and cruised to victory in the Lehar IMP Pairs.

The winners are Pablo Ravenna and Pablo Lambardi, both of Buenos Aires. Their score of 115.39 was comfortably ahead of runners-up Jon Baldursson and Thorlakur Jonsson of Iceland, whose final score was 99.99.

After the first two qualifying sessions, the two Pablos were 146th out of 156 pairs who made the cut for the final. “We played with jet lag,” said Ravenna, noting that their journey from South America to Reno took 20 hours. “We were lucky to qualify.”

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Poles leading in Platinum Pairs

Apolinary Kowalski and Krzysztof Jassem, two of Poland’s top players, will start play today as the leaders in the first NABC+ Platinum Pairs. They hold a slim lead over Nick L’Ecuyer of Montreal and Jim Krekorian of Pensacola FL.

Jassem was on the winning squad in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams in 2008. Kowalski has a second-place finish in the Keohane North American Swiss Teams. They are regulars at NABCs.

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Goodwill Message

I’m delighted to report that “Caddy, please” is becoming a common call, indicating that players are more considerate of caddies in general.

Caddymaster Jackie Matthews says “We all answer to ‘caddy,’ but we prefer to answer to our last name: Please.”

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman
National Goodwill Committee



SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Sunday, March 14		11 pm - 1 am	ACBL Patron Member Reception. Room: DeMartino Suite
9:45 a.m. - Noon	Free Bridge Lesson with Audrey Grant. Grant is one of the best known teachers in the world. Topic: Major-suit Raises. Room: Nevada Foyer – Lower Level.		
10 - 11:30 a.m.	Board of Governors/ACBL Membership Meeting. All members of the ACBL Board of Governors are invited to attend the Spring NABC meeting. This meeting is also open to the general membership of the ACBL. Discussion will include recent actions of the Board of Directors, reports from the CEO and treasurer, and new proposals from the Board of Governors. Room: Grand.	9:30 am - Noon 10 am - Noon	Monday, March 15 Duplimate Workshop. Room: Teton 2 – mezzanine level. Competition and Conventions Committee meeting. Room: Ruby 2.
10 am - Noon	Teaching Youth Bridge. If you're teaching bridge to young people now (or just thinking about it), this seminar will help you focus on goals, format, course materials and successful practices. Room: Sierra 1.	10 am - Noon 11 am - Noon	Open Team Trials meeting. Room: Ruby 1. Get Online with BridgeBase.com. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with Fred Gitelman, creator of the ACBL's Learn to Play Bridge program. Get a guided tour of the Bridge Base web site and its outstanding teaching features. Room: Sierra 1.
		5 - 7 pm	Goodwill Reception. Room: Nevada Room – Arcade level.

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Be sure to hear these free expert lectures in Reno.

Sunday, March 14

9:15 am	Peg & Dewy Cundiff	<i>The Ever-Changing Bridge Hand</i>
6:45 pm	Ken Monzingo	<i>Hand Patterns</i>

Monday, March 15

9:15 am	Mel Cocharmio	<i>How to Play Like an Expert (without being one)</i>
6:45 pm	HaigTchamitch	<i>Advancing a Takeout Double</i>

ENTERTAINMENT / FOOD

Nevada Foyer — Lower Level

Sunday, March 14

6:30 p.m.	Secrets of an "Old" Show Girl. Free. A humorous look at the life of an MGM Showgirl. Location: Silver State Pavillon – lower level.
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Tuesday, March 16

10:30 p.m.	Singer Chris Costa The Man of a Thousand Songs. Dance to music from the 50's to the present top 20 Free beer and cash bar.
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Shh, it's a Surprise Party for NABC Chairman Kathy Angstadt Hansen --- today is her birthday. To help celebrate with Kathy, we've planned a fabulous night of

entertainment and dancing this Evening with headliner Chris Costa.

An Evening with Chris Costa brings: High energy musical variety show featuring tributes and impressions of the world's brightest and biggest stars with amazing vocals and instrumental performances. Nevada Room lower level

Nevada Foyer — Lower Level

Sunday, March 14

10:30 p.m.	Baked Potato
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Monday, March 15

10:30 p.m.	Chicken/Caesar Wrap
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Today's host

Each day, a different group of units will host the NABC. The host for today is Area 5 and their representative is Molly Harris. The unit in Area 5 is:

Portland Unit 487

Portland and its suburbs on the Oregon side of the Columbia River comprise Unit 487. Portland has attracted large numbers of transplants from across the country in recent years, especially those who are environmentally conscious. The region's land-use planning, emphasis on bicycling and investment in light rail have combined to curb urban sprawl and automobile traffic that is prevalent in many other cities in the western U.S. Portlanders also enthuse about their many local microbreweries and their beloved NBA basketball Trail Blazers (often at the same time).

Portland typically enjoys warm, dry summers and wet, but mild winters. The rain keeps the surrounding countryside green much of the year and the climate is ideal for growing roses. In fact, Portland celebrates its nickname --- the Rose City --- every June with its Rose Festival, which includes a floral parade and many other events.

With more than 847 members, Unit 487 is by far the largest unit in District 20. It also provides more than its share of district leadership and tournament directing staff, as well as volunteers for this NABC.

Unit 487 sponsors three large sectionals each year, and co-sponsors an annual regional (The Oregon Trail) held at the Vancouver Hilton in February. In addition to the annual unit-subsidized election party (in March), there are numerous holiday potlucks and occasional catered dinner events at the clubs.

Our Clubs: The Ace of Clubs and the Eastside Bridge Club offer duplicate games six (and sometimes seven) days a week, as well as most evenings. Both of these clubs are located in attractive large-windowed spaces in modern office buildings, and provide pre-dealt boards with hand records. Both clubs sponsor annual events with perpetual trophies, but there is a special honor at the Ace that deserves mention: the Dick Braniff trophy, established in 2008, for outstanding service to the club.

Games at the Ace are generally followed by an open invitation to one of the local watering holes, where the post-mortems begin in earnest. The

Eastside club features delicious home-baked treats and other snacks.

In addition to these wonderful clubs, there are several privately sanctioned duplicate games in Portland, that contribute substantially to our membership and tournament table count.

Our Classes: Our busy ACBL-trained teachers are instructing at senior centers, private clubs, and even OHSU (Oregon Health Sciences University), where bridge is considered brain exercise that is useful for the prevention of dementia.

Welcome: The Portland Unit welcomes you to the Spring NABC 2010 here in Reno, and hopes that our large cadre of volunteers is helping you to have the best of experiences at this District 20-sponsored tournament.

No smoking

There is no smoking in the playing areas or the hallways outside. You can smoke in the casino area except where signs say otherwise.





JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Choosing events, part 1

By Lynn Berg

How do you decide what events to enter? On any given day, there are many choices in the 0-299 area and in the open events.



Within the 299er area, you'll find one- and two-session pairs events as well as Swiss teams. If

you know you plan to play twice in the day, go for the two-session event. The payoff is greater for overall places in the two sessions than you would get for placing twice in the same day in two single sessions.

All of the pairs games and Swiss teams are stratified. In a stratified game, A, B and C players are mixed together. The directors make a great effort to have an equal number of players in each strat in each direction so that the field is well balanced. For instance, C might be 0-50, B 50-200, A 200-300. If you are C players, at the end of the game you only have to win in C to get points. B players must best C and B. Players in A must be at the top to get points at all.

Remember, any C and B players who do as well or better than players in strats higher than theirs win points for the higher strat. It's not unheard of for C players to win it all.

Of course, you may not be sure you want to play two sessions in one day. That takes stamina. Or you might prefer to play morning and evening sessions and spend your afternoon doing something else.

A popular evening event is a single-session Swiss team, stratified as are the pairs games. You need four players for such a team game. The entries are sold in random order, so you might be matched against anyone else eligible for the event. Most of the time, you'll be in head-to-

head matches. If there are an odd number of teams, you might be put into a round-robin with two other teams. At the end of the match, you compare results with your teammates. You'll find the IMP values in the convention card. The winners turn in the results after confirming the score with the losers. The computer converts the difference in IMPs to victory points (you can find that information in your convention card as well). When the results for the first-round matches are posted, the computer will make new matches based on similar victory point totals—not stratification. The virtue of VPs is that with a close loss, you still get some points. For instance, using the 30 point scale, a 1-IMP loss gives 18 VPs to the winners and 12 to the losers. The maximum win is 30 points: lose by 28 or more IMPs and the score is 30-0. Even if you should lose by 50 IMPs, the VO score would still be 30-0.

If you decide to play in open events, the big difference will be in the levels of the strats and in the masterpoints awarded. With rare exceptions, the masterpoint awards in the 0-299 games will be red. In the open, the lowest strat most likely will also be red, while red and gold points will be awarded in B and A in two-session events. Gold points are not awarded in one-session events, regardless of the level. One confusing event is the side series, which feels like a one-session event but does offer some chance to win gold. But gold can be achieved in the side series only under very



specific circumstances. You must play in at least two sessions of the same series for your section top to pay gold. That's hard to do because it requires that you be first in A. Most of the time, you have a better chance of winning gold, if that's your objective, by placing in the overall in B or A in a two-session pairs or team game.

How to decide whether to play in limited or open events? Open means just what it says—anyone is eligible to play. If you are winning consistently in A in limited events, step up to the tougher competition of the C strat in the open. If you are in the lowest strat in the limited games, you don't have to ask to be put into B or A. You'll get the points of the higher strats if you earn them. Remember, too, that the pace will be faster and more boards will be played in open events. You must be able to play at the required pace (about seven minutes per board). Limited or open, you'll meet players from all over playing at an NABC.

Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

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

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

♠ K 6
 ♥ A Q 10
 ♦ A Q J 9
 ♣ 8 4 3 2

West North East South
 1NT

Pass 3NT All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 7.

Bidding commentary: With 5-4 in the minors along with two doubletons and no slam interest, North treats the hand as balanced and bids accordingly.

Lead commentary: Suits headed by the Q-J-8-x(x) are not considered sequence suits at notrump, so a fourth-best card is led. To lead a queen at notrump you need a suit headed by the Q-J-10, Q-J-9 or the A-Q-J. At a suit contract the queen is led from any Q-J combination because at a suit contract *two, not three* adjacent honors are considered a sequence.

Play commentary: As South, you have seven top tricks and can easily set up three more in clubs. That is, it would be easy if the opponents couldn't set up their spades first! But they can. Even if the opposing spades are divided 5-4, as evenly as possible, the opponents can set up three spade tricks *before* you can set up your clubs. You can't win the spade-club race. You must look elsewhere for two extra tricks. "Elsewhere" is hearts. You need *three* heart tricks. This means finding East with the king and jack. It's your only chance. Win the spade lead in dummy and lead a heart to the 10. Now open your eyes. Guess what? The 10 has won the trick. Now all you have to do is repeat the heart finesse for nine tricks.

When you have a choice between a low-chance play (double heart finesse) or a no-chance play (driving out the ♣A and ♣K), take the low-percentage play. Live a little.



Roxanne Hart and Bruce Mitchener of Minden NV are enjoying the play in the Intermediate-Newcomer area.

Defending and declaring the 'normal' game

By Barry Rigal

Everyone knows that 3NT is the most commonly reached game. The first qualifying session of the IMP Pairs gave declarers and defenders a workout in how to pick up IMPs in this contract.

Dlr: North ♠ Q 8 5 3
 Vul: None ♥ K J
 ♦ J 9 8
 ♣ K 6 5 3

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

♠ J 4
 ♥ A 7 6 3
 ♦ 10 7 2
 ♣ J 8 7 4

This was our opponents' auction:

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

(1) 8-10 high-card points.

Fortunately, South led a heart, expecting East to be loaded in clubs. The six-card holding offered more prospects than the eight-card one. North cashed the ♥J and ♥K, then shifted to a fourth-highest ♣3. It's pretty much a guess for declarer in this situation: if he puts in the queen and it holds, he can duck a spade and get home when spades or diamonds divide, which therefore seems best to me.

Our declarer put in the ♣10. South won his ♣J and cashed the ♥A, North intelligently pitching the ♠8. South knew not to continue clubs now. He shifted to a spade, and even though diamonds broke declarer had no entries to cash all his red-suit winners to squeeze North, so eight tricks were the limit.

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

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

♠ J 5 4 3
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ Q 10 8 6
 ♣ K Q 6

I'm sure that at many tables, West sensibly chose the path of discretion and did not overcall 1♠ when South as dealer opened 1♦. When North passed, East could have passed it out and left South struggling to get out for less than 400. In fact, East balanced with 1NT and was raised to 3NT. That left him fighting for the same 400 – but with much more at stake if he got it wrong.

Alex Ornstein did well to lead a spade to the 6, 10 and ace (a good moment for the falsecard if South has led from three to the jack). From an entry perspective, perhaps declarer does better to win the ♠Q and duck a club.

Anyway, declarer led a low club up at trick two. South pounced on that with the queen and played the ♥Q, North encouraging with the 7. What should declarer do? Should he win the first heart, the second – or duck both?

It's really not clear. If South has ♥K Q x, perhaps ducking twice will encourage South to continue the suit. There again, a competent North-South will shift after two rounds – North's ♥7 denies holding ♥J 8 7 x or he would play the ♥8.

Our East ducked twice, won the spade shift in dummy and exited with the ♣A and another club. That was the fourth trick for the defense, and South could exit with the ♠J to lock the lead in dummy and collect his diamond tricks at the end.

Josh Parker was also in 3NT as East on a friendly low diamond lead. He won in hand, ducked a club, won the diamond return, ducked a second club then won the third diamond, crossed to the ♠A and cashed the ♣A and the long club, triple squeezing South. That player had to release the ♥Q. Declarer cashed his spade a heart winners, dropping South's king, and exited with a heart to the 10, taking trick 13 with the ♥8 for the overtrick.

At double dummy (or even single dummy), winning the first or second heart succeeds. The fourth club squeezes a diamond out of South, and now declarer can set up a diamond or endplay South with the fourth spade to lead diamonds.

Dlr: West ♠ K 4 2
 Vul: None ♥ K 9
 ♦ A Q 7 2
 ♣ Q J 7 4

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

♠ A 10
 ♥ A J 7 3
 ♦ K J 10 3
 ♣ 10 9 8

Okay, it's "hands up" time. I want every East-West pair who defended 3NT on the above deal and who said, "Well, it's cold!" to take a second look, and then apologize to Brigidda the Goddess of Bridge.

I'll tell you what happened at every table where I asked. North opened 1NT and played 3NT. North ducked the first spade, won West's continuation of the ♠3, knocked out the club honors and claimed 400. So what's the point?

West was asleep at the wheel. He knows partner has the ♠J 9 7 5, but declarer can't see through the backs of the cards. West plays the ♠8 at the second trick, hops up with the ♣A and plays the ♠6 back, and now declarer's best line is clearly to take an immediate heart finesse. If it loses and spades are 5-3, he can go back to clubs. Unlucky! That is the defenders' fifth winner.

Reno deal seminar

Per Jannersten, proprietor of the company making bidding boxes, duplicate boards, dealing machines and other supplies, will conduct a seminar focused on deals at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 15 in Teton 2 on the mezzanine level.

Participants will have a comprehensive software package for free, covering all steps from the creation of deals to printing of hand records in various formats with double-dummy analyses.

You can bring your Duplimate dealing machine and have it serviced free of labor charge. There are also special offers for dealing machines, boards and cards in conjunction with the Reno seminar. Contact Harold Jordan, harold@duplimate.us, for details.



Bruce Blakely, who represents District 21 on the ACBL Board of Directors, with three young players from his district: Monika Kummel, Helen Chang and Kristina Johnson.

Young players urged to spread the word

Young players who attended the Junior reception on Saturday found food, companionship and a strong appeal from several ACBL officials for them to tell their friends about duplicate.

"Encourage your friends," said Jay Baum, ACBL's chief executive, "even if you don't think they will be great players."

ACBL President Rich DeMartino appealed to the young players to speak up with their ideas about how to get more of their peers into the game. "We want to do anything we can to get more Juniors," he said, "and we want to know what you think we can do."

Aileen Osofsky, Goodwill committee chair, kicked off the meeting by telling the young players how important they are to the future of duplicate. "Young people are the lifeblood of an organization, and you are the future of the game. Duplicate is more than a card game. It is a community of logical thinkers."

Osofsky described duplicate players as a large family, and she urged the young players at the meeting to "expand your family ties by sharing your love of the game."

Baum, noting that there will be youth championships this fall at the World Bridge Series tournament in Philadelphia, said he is "excited that it's going to be on our home ground, and our expectations are high this year."

He paid the young players a compliment, relating that he has received good reports about their sportsmanship and friendliness. "I have heard you're all very nice at the table, and we thank you for that."

Flo Belford, president of the ACBL Educational Foundation, urged the young players to "give something back by teaching other young people."

Jade Barrett, chairman of the North American Youth Bridge Foundation, said that in his 40 years of playing bridge he has heard many times that bridge is dying. "The game will never die," he said, "because we have a passion for it."

Before the meeting broke up, Osofsky reminded the group that the third Youth NABC is scheduled to take place during the 2010 Summer NABC in New Orleans this summer. She also noted that the deadline for submitting nominations for the King or Queen of Bridge this year is May 15. The graduating high school senior who is selected for the honor will receive a \$1000 scholarship from the Educational Foundation. For information about how to apply, e-mail education@acbl.org.

Kids bridge

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Players from area middle schools were excited to play in the Junior Pairs game Saturday.



Six of the seven local middle schools sent players to the Junior Pairs game Saturday.

learn and advance," says Lane. "They like the challenge. We think they will eventually play online. Bridge creates lifetime contacts."

"I like thinking about the math involved in bridge," says student Alexis Jones. "I also like the people."

"Bridge can teach logic, math, critical thinking and inferential reasoning," says Brewer. "Chris Shaw's research found that kids who took bridge lessons had accelerated scores on standardized tests. We expect to find the same thing."

(For more details of Dr. Shaw's study, refer to page 22 of the Aug. 2006 Bridge Bulletin.)

RYB is supported by contributions from bridge players and clubs. Parents of the students have also chipped in.

How did the young players do?

"This is the first tournament for these kids," says Brewer, "and they are excited."

After the bridge game, the students enjoyed lunch together and trophies were presented. The North-South winners Karly Agerholm and Sierra Jickling,

represented Swope Middle School. Patrick Dempsey and Nathan Kerr, who also attend Swope, were East-West winners.

Following lunch, the youngsters were given a tour of the other playing areas. They received an ovation from bridge players in one of them.

"It was just the greatest youth event that I've seen at an NABC," said Aileen Osofsky, Chair of the National Goodwill Committee.

What's next for the RYB?

"I have big plans," says Brewer. "I think Washoe County should make it part of the curriculum, maybe part of a math class. It may sound crazy, but I believe playing bridge builds the brain. Why isn't it as important as the football player who runs laps to build his leg muscles?"

Ashton

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that were published, he and Beall looked as though they were dressed as twins because when they showed up to have their photos taken, someone asked, "Where are your jackets?" They didn't have any, so they both posed in the same loaner.

Back in Indianapolis after earning his bachelor's degree, Ashton stayed only about a year. He was restless and yearning to head west. He joined the anti-poverty Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) and did his training in Eugene OR. His first assignment was in Nome AK. It didn't take long for Ashton to request a different location. Nome, he says, "was way too far away from anything for me."

VISTA agreed to transfer Ashton to Portland OR, where he has been ever since. His job was doing screening interviews for prisoners looking to be paroled. The office was not far away from a bridge club, and Ashton soon discovered a sizeable group of young, enthusiastic bridge players. "We just had a great time," he recalls. "I was a classic bridge bum."

As for the economics degree, Ashton says, it was never put to use "for even a minute."

Ashton was enjoying life as a bridge player when the Portland ACBL unit decided that it would save money if a local person could be trained as a tournament director – no more having to pay travel expenses for an out-of-town TD. Ashton was surprised to be chosen over a more experienced person, but he started going to tournaments for training, quickly making his way up the ladder.

He became a full-time TD in 1991 and was promoted to associate national rank five years later. He has been a national director since 2000. He has run the year-end regional in Reno for the past 13 years. Since 1999, he and Chris Patrias have worked together running the Spring NABCs, Patrias as DIC and Ashton as AIC.

Ashton still plays bridge, but doesn't often travel to tournaments. Still, he is proud of the fact that at the 1977 Spring NABC in Pasadena, he and Troy Horton came in second in the national event now known as the Silodor Open Pairs (the winners were Barry Crane and Peter Rank). Last summer, Ashton was a member of the squad that made it to the semifinal round of the 0-5000 Grand National Teams in Washington DC.

When he is not playing bridge or running tournaments, Ashton says he spends time following all major sports, going to movies and walking his dog, Tulip, a golden retriever.

Ashton has enjoyed his long association with bridge, especially the TD part. "I love it," he says. "I love the people I work with and the people I work for. They are intelligent, sociable and pleasant."

Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

When using bid boxes, the ACBL requires 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 must make sure his opponents are aware that an Alert or Announcement has been made.

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Tough defenders

Frank Merblum and Doug Doub won the Baldwin North American Pairs by fewer than two matchpoints, so they were grateful for the round in which they scored 25.5 out of 26, both times on defense. This was the first deal:

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

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

	♠ J 8 7 3 2		
	♥ 10 3		
	♦ K Q 10		
	♣ J 10 7		
West	North	East	South
<i>Doub</i>		<i>Merblum</i>	
			Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Redbl	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	3♠
Dbl	All Pass		

Doub started with the ♥Q, which held, followed by the ♥J. At trick three, Doub exited with a suit-preference ♥2, covered by the king and ace and ruffed by South.

Declarer then played the ♠J: queen, king, ace. Merblum got out with a low club to the jack, queen and ace. In with the ♠Q, Doub exited with his last spade, then won the ♦A when declarer played on that suit.

Doub exited with a diamond, and the layout of the suit was such that declarer could not profit by overtaking, so he had to lose two more club tricks for minus 500. That was a top for Doub and Merblum.

This was the second deal of the set:

Dlr: West ♠ J 5 2
 Vul: Both ♥ Q 2
 ♦ J 10 4
 ♣ 10 8 7 6 4

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

	♠ A 7		
	♥ A 6 5 4		
	♦ K 7 6 5		
	♣ A K 9		
West	North	East	South
<i>Doub</i>		<i>Merblum</i>	
1NT (1)	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Dbl
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

(1) 12-14.

Merblum led his singleton diamond and ruffed the third round after Doub took the ♦Q and ♦A. Doub's third diamond was the 2, so Merblum exited with a heart. Declarer won the ace, cashed dummy's top clubs and pitched the ♥Q on the ♦K. When declarer led a low spade away from dummy's doubleton ace, Doub hopped up with the ♠Q to cash the ♣Q, leaving declarer two tricks short. Plus 200 was good for 12.5 out of 13 matchpoints.

FIRST SATURDAY AFTERNOON 5/20/50 PAIRS

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C
2.21	1		
1.66	2	1	
1.24	3		
1.17	4	2	
0.70	5		
0.55	6		
0.88		3	1
0.62		4/5	2
0.58		4/5	
0.46			3

Peter Marsh - Barbara Marsh, Lincoln CA	63.04%
Paul Miller - Marie Miller, Rockaway Beach OR	61.43%
Sandra Silverman - Vicki Shepperd Chin, San Diego CA	58.67%
Dorothy Stewart, Gardnerville NV; Ellen West, Minden NV	57.76%
Manda Thatte - Dan Thatte, Palo Alto CA	55.65%
Connie St James - Kathleen Randles, Auburn CA	54.46%
Carol Whitelaw - Linda Struthers, Carmichael CA	53.70%
Marc Grunseth - Bonnie Davis-Grunseth, Carmichael CA	52.68%
John Kunzman - Rebecca Kunzman, Orinda CA	52.68%
Gwen Castelda, Coronado CA; Wray Brett, Sunnyvale CA	48.81%

FIRST SATURDAY AFTERNOON 100/200/300 PAIRS

22.0 Tables

	A	B	C
4.52	1	1	1
3.39	2	2	2
2.54	3	3	
1.91	4		
1.63	5	4	
1.48	6	5	3
1.48		6	4
0.95			5
0.67			6

Janet Sebranek, Eau Claire WI; Ann Clemmons, Langley BC	68.45%
Esther Rubke, Piedmont CA; Estelle Baum, Oakland CA	66.96%
Jack Revare - Judy Revare, Leawood KS	62.50%
Oscar Chiodi - Sheila Davis, Las Vegas NV	60.71%
Frances Opheim - Wendell Opheim, Lethbridge AB	60.12%
Lisa Darcy - Bonnie Chan, Visalia CA	59.65%
Mac Ryland - Judy Ryland, Atlanta GA	58.21%
Elaine Cain, Gardnerville NV; D Marie Bresch, Carson City NV	56.55%
Louise Abbott, Los Osos CA; Gina Kirk, San Luis Obispo CA	56.25%

FIRST SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

28.0 Tables

	A	B	C
5.76	1		
4.32	2		
4.40	3	1	
2.43	4		
3.30	5	2	
3.03	6	3	1
1.86		4	
1.39		5	
2.27		6	2
1.70			3
1.28			4
1.24			5
0.89			6

Mario Mory - Phyllis Mory, Los Angeles CA	67.15%
Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN; Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN	65.71%
Carolyn Timmermann, Vancouver WA; Molly Harris, Portland OR	62.82%
Ruth-Anne Mazer - Allan Mazer, Towson MD	58.81%
Sanne Cottaar, Berkeley CA; Rolf Paul, Needham MA	58.49%
Justin Blanchard - Andrew Moss, New York NY	58.17%
Robert Ipswitch, San Mateo CA; Stan Green, Hayward CA	57.21%
Shirley Eide, Bakersfield CA; Lani Ray, Santa Cruz CA	56.25%
John Aslin, Seattle WA; Don Logerwell, Reno NV	56.09%
Jan Joiner - Marilyn Avey, Redding CA	54.65%
Jack Windecker, Toronto ON; Raymond Clemmons, Langley BC	53.04%
Bill Darden, Estes Park CO; Roni Maktenieks, Reno NV	52.72%
Leslie Dorsey, Gambrells MD; Everett Dorsey, Sun City West AZ	52.24%

BURT WALKER STRATIFIED OPEN

57.0 Tables

	A	B	C
23.10	1		
17.33	2	1	
12.99	3		
9.75	4		
7.70	5		
6.19	6/7		
8.63	6/7	2	
6.47	8	3	
4.62	9		
4.86	10	4	
3.85	11		
3.55	12		
3.84	13	5	
3.31	14		
2.89	15		
3.29		6	
3.10		7	
6.18		8	1
4.64			2
3.48			3
2.61			4
2.06			5
2.14			6

Richard Budd, Portland ME; Frank Mastrola, Swansea MA	70.08%
Lin-Huan Chen - Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	63.08%
Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA	62.05%
Jay Levy, Amherst NY; Bernard Fudor, Murrsville PA	61.20%
Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA; Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA	60.19%
Howard Piltch, South Bend IN; Ray Johnson, Park City UT	59.95%
Bud Stowe - Kay Stowe, Clive IA	59.95%
Cordelia Menges, New York NY; Jay Baudler, Piedmont CA	59.74%
Kate Hill, Santa Rosa CA; Gary Robinson, Forestville CA	59.50%
Josette Levesque - Jean La Traverse, Outremont QC	59.08%
Mike Hartop, Ammon NB; Karl Hicks, Dominion NS	58.88%
Judi Callahan, Fair Oaks CA; David Vidaver, Sacramento CA	58.65%
David Terris - Robert Liu, Walnut Creek CA	56.67%
Cheryl Schneider, Westerville OH; Cindy Sealy, Huntsville AL	56.48%
Gary Schwartz, Huntsville AL; Peter Matthews Jr, Roslindale MA	56.37%
Edwin Straver, Incline Village NV; Bob Sendall, Morro Bay CA	53.91%
David White, Thousand Oaks CA; Marvin Weitzenhoffer, Las Vegas NV	53.24%
Bonnie Purcell - Gerald Purcell, Kelowna BC	53.15%
Nancy Palmer, Dayton NV; Robert Allgeier, Minden NV	53.01%
Eusebio Menezes, Cupertino CA; Loreta Flynn, San Jose CA	51.63%
Melena Ose - Enlow Ose, Sacramento CA	51.62%
Mitch Miladinovich - Terri Miladinovich, Acampo CA	51.39%
Gail McBeth - Edgwin Simpson, San Diego CA	50.19%

FIRST SATURDAY AM 10/20/50 PAIRS

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C
2.00	1		
1.50	2	1	
1.13	3		
0.91	4	2	
0.70	5		
0.68			3

Joanne Onstine-Dill, Sparks NV; James Bochinski, Reno NV	62.80%
Gwenyth Connors - Gary Connors, Rochester NY	62.50%
Carol Barker, Sparks NV; Ken Dean, Reno NV	58.04%
William Schrader - Philip Israel, Lakeview OR	56.55%
Gerald Boesche - Nancy Boesche, Monument CO	52.98%
Judy Goodnow - Warren Goodnow, Palo Alto CA	48.51%

FRIDAY-SUNDAY SIDE SERIES

21.0 Tables		A	B	C		
4.70	1				Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Julie Zhu, Vero Beach FL	75.30%
4.10	2	1			Teresa Boyd - Grant Robinson, Lafayette CA	71.43%
3.08	3	2			Louise Fontecchio, Nashville TN; Janet Appel, Estill Spgs TN	62.80%
1.98	4				Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA	62.50%
3.03	5	3	1		Malkin Howes, Waterloo ON; Michael O'Rourke, Baden ON	62.20%
2.27	6	4	2		Carol Ashbacher - Richard Ashbacher, Newhall CA	59.23%
1.87		5	3		Ed Curtis - Fred Carlisle, Bakersfield CA	58.63%
1.31		6	4		Chris Martin - Jeffrey Blake, Green Valley AZ	55.36%
1.24			5		Joe Rottmann, Vancouver WA; Richard Cottle, St Paul MN	51.49%
0.72			6		Thomas Hodous, Morgantown WV; Martin Petersen, Milford OH	51.19%

FIRST SATURDAY AM 100/200/300

16.0 Tables		A	B	C		
3.67	1	1	1		Bonnie Chan - Lisa Darcy, Visalia CA	63.33%
2.75	2	2	2		Eleanor Battaglia, Foster City CA; Frank Pierce, San Mateo CA	61.25%
2.06	3	3	3		Lydia Yang - Patrick Yang, Basking Ridge NJ	60.42%
1.55	4	4	4		Ann Clemmons, Langley BC; Janet Sebranek, Eau Claire WI	57.08%
1.27	5				Stephen Massman - Donna Massman, Beverly Hills CA	56.67%
1.27	6	5	5		Ruth Baker, Valencia CA; Jerry Burrill, Newhall CA	56.25%
0.89		6/7	6		Nancy Bolton - Joan Pless, Auburn CA	54.58%
0.69		6/7			Frances Opheim - Wendell Opheim, Lethbridge AB	54.58%

FIRST SATURDAY AM JUNIOR BRIDGE PAIRS

6.0 Tables						
1.38	1				Patrick Dempsey - Nathan Kerr, Reno NV	66.67%
1.04	2				Karly Agerholm - Sierra Jickling, Reno NV	65.28%
0.78	3				Soren DuPlessis - Shane Helton, Sparks NV	62.03%
0.58	4				Sidney Inouye - David Cheng, Reno NV	61.11%

SAT MORN BRIDGE+

8.0 Tables						
1.23	1				Cynthia Scarborough, Boyes Hot Spgs CA; Linda Asmar, West Islip NY	67.50%
0.92	2				Donald Dufour - Bernie Dufour, Weyburn SK	64.83%
0.69	3				Marc Grunseth - Bonnie Davis-Grunseth, Carmichael CA	61.17%
0.52	4				Wray Brett, Sunnysvale CA; Gwen Castelda, Coronado CA	60.83%
0.46	5				Ellen West, Minden NV; Joan Schaeffler, Orinda CA	56.83%

FIRST SAT EVE SIDE GAME

46.0 Tables		A	B	C		
8.49	1				Annette Caron - Sidney Caron, Northfield IL	67.56%
6.37	2				Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX; Fred Chasalow, Belmont CA	66.83%
4.78	3				Marvin Shatz, Hilton Head SC; Dave McClintock, Bluffton SC	66.12%
3.58	4				Haisam Osman, Denver CO; Rai Osborne, Anaheim CA	65.54%
2.69	5				Martin Kirr, Toronto ON; Arno Hobart, Markham ON	64.68%
2.33	6				Aileen Osofsky, Phoenix AZ; Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ	61.77%
5.61		1			Dawn Travis, Easton MD; Dede Flieder, Annapolis MD	61.67%
4.21		2	1		Justin Blanchard - Andrew Moss, New York NY	61.22%
3.16		3			Kenneth Johnson, Morgan Hill CA; Diana Dragt, Gilroy CA	60.58%
2.37		4			Angela Arnone, Boca Raton FL; Douglas Keller, San Francisco CA	57.69%
1.78		5			Carolyn Timmermann, Vancouver WA; Charlotte Anderson, Madison WI	56.89%
1.87		6			Michael Abrams, Pasadena CA; Robert Abrams, Atlanta GA	55.90%
2.27			2		Christopher Panos, Sacramento CA; Daniel Fong, Rancho Cordova CA	51.63%
1.70			3		Joan Kroener, Cardiff CA; Vivian Terkel, San Diego CA	51.44%
1.28			4		Rene Morand - Lois Hopkins, Grass Valley CA	48.72%
0.84			5/6		Richard Ashbacher - Carol Ashbacher, Newhall CA	48.40%
0.84			5/6		Thomas Howell, Reno NV; Nancy Baker, Honolulu HI	48.40%

World Bridge Series Championships set for Philadelphia in October

Philadelphia will be the bridge capital of the world in October as the city welcomes players from across the globe in a 16-day tournament that will feature something for just about everyone.

It's the World Bridge Series Championships, organized by the World Bridge Federation and including an impressive variety of games. It runs from Oct. 1 to 16.

Additionally, an ACBL regional tournament will be played concurrently with the world championships. The regional will award WBF masterpoints in addition to the usual ACBL awards.

The host hotel for the tournament is the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. There are other hotels nearby, including the Courtyard by Marriott, less than half a block from the headquarters hotel, and the Hilton Garden Inn, a block and a half away.

Play will be at Marriott.

All events will be transnational, meaning players from any countries may play together.

This is the lineup of events: World Mixed Pairs, World Open Knockout Teams (Rosenblum Cup), World Women's Knockout Teams (McConnell Cup), World Senior Knockout Teams (Rand Cup), Generali World Open Pairs, Generali World Women's Pairs, World Senior Pairs (Hiron Trophy) and World Mixed Swiss Teams, a new event.

There are concurrent events for players and teams that fail to qualify for various stages of the primary events.

While the world events and ACBL regional are in progress, the 13th World Youth Team Championships will take place – the World Junior Championship (26 and younger for zonal team representatives) and the World Youngsters Championship (up to 21 years of age, for the Jose Damiani Cup). A new series, the World Girls Championship (zonal teams 26 and younger for the Gianarrigo Rona Cup) is also scheduled.

The Philadelphia tournament is the first to be played on American soil since 1994, when the championships were in Albuquerque NM.

Detailed information about the events, entries, conditions of contest and accommodations can be found at www.worldbridge.org.

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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION KO BRACKET I

16 Teams
 Ellis Feigenbaum, Petah Tikva Israel; Robert Kent, Marina Del Rey CA; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Hills CA; Steve Clements, Aliso Viejo CA; David Siebert, Little Rock AR; Howard Parker III, Clements CA
 vs
 Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Douglas H Scott - Norman Holthouse - Tom Ottley, Anchorage AK
 15.89 3/4 Nancy Zakim, Kentfield CA; Kirsten Wibroe, Sausalito CA; Paul Bubendey, Chicago IL; Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA
 15.89 3/4 James Melville, Springfield IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Sun-O Ho, Brookfield WI; William McFall, New Berlin WI; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION KO BRACKET II

9 Teams
 Pam Himes - Jerry Himes, Merritt Island FL; Linda Glynn - Burt O'Dell, Jacksonville FL
 vs
 John Cox, Kellogg ID; Ann Zorn, Billings MT; Stephen Visocan, Townsend MT; Robert Kroupa, Idaho Falls ID
 6.68 3/4 Jean Monette, Hallandale FL; Robert Hill, Anchorage AK; James Easterling, Casselberry FL; Robert Michaud, Sun City West AZ
 6.68 3/4 Henry Caspar - Nancy Strohmmer - Hans Strohmmer, Houston TX; Edward Rais, Anchorage AK; Terry Richardson, Austin TX

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION KO BRACKET III

16 Teams
 Robert McNeil, San Francisco CA; Jan Ratliff, Highland Park IL; Robert Roman, Greenbrae CA; Lenore Cavallero, Hillsborough CA; John Chan, Sacramento CA
 vs
 David Findley - Blythe Olshan Findley, Westchester IL; J Michael Bowes - Ginger Bowes, McKinleyville CA

5.88 3/4 Madhusudan Patel, Houston TX; Joyce Remsen, Sparks NV; Marcia McCalden, Wolcott CO; Jo Dee Bowen, Jonestown TX
 5.88 3/4 Wayne Kaneko - Barbara Simon, Honolulu HI; Sabrina O'Hearn - James O'Hearn, Surprise AZ

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION KO BRACKET IV

13 Teams
 Claire Young - Wallace McOuat, San Anselmo CA; Phyllis Kreider - Donald Kreider, San Rafael CA
 vs
 Donna Cosgrove - James Rush - Martha Arrington - Carla Niemeier, Idaho Falls ID
 2.63 3/4 Dennis Sager - Jean Sager, Stanwood WA; Joe Moore - Chris Moore, Delta BC
 2.63 3/4 Bradley Holcombe, White Salmon WA; Thomas Collins, Sedona AZ; Leonard Greene, Hamel MN; Donald McKush, Pride Lake MN
FIRST FRIDAY ZIP KOS
 5 Tables
 2.28 1 Han-Yu Chang, Palo Alto CA; Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Kristina Johnson - Monika Kummel,
 1.21 2 Stephen McDevitt, Medford MA; Doug Anderson, Quincy MA; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Marc Sylvester, Edinboro PA

SATURDAY-MONDAY MORNING KO BRACKET I

6 Teams
 Dori Byrnes, Morris Plains NJ; Matt Meckstroth, Gainesville FL; Mike Cappelletti, Winter Park FL; Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA
 vs
 Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI; Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Robert Cappelli, Bloomfield MI; Beverly Gardner, Farmington Hls MI; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY
 Gary Brown, San Francisco CA; Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA; Veronica McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Loretta Bromberg, Bel Tiburon CA
 vs
 Stephen Apodaca, Santa Fe NM; G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Tom Breed, Kingwood TX; Bruce Reeve, Raleigh NC; Anne Dawson, Delhi LA

SATURDAY-MONDAY MORNING KO BRACKET II

7 Teams
 Michael Strong - Johanna Strong, Winfield IL; Pradeep Jhavar - Vandana Jhavar, Layton UT
 vs
 Dave Slegel, The Dalles OR; Jill Wooldridge, Buffalo NY; Mary Vickers, Apex NC; Kathy Bye, Burnaby BC

FLIGHT A/X SIDE SWISS

47 Tables				
	A	X		
11.94	1		William McFall, New Berlin WI; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; James Melville, Springfield IL; Sun-O Ho, Brookfield WI	68.00
8.96	2		Giulia Nastase - Waldemar Frukacz, Gloucester ON; Grazyna Brewiak, Gdansk 80- Poland; Jaroslaw Piasecki, Buffalo Grove IL	60.00
6.72	3		Alvin Levy, Commack NY; Diana Schuld, Glen Head NY; Ruth Stober, Great Neck NY; Joan Gerard, White Plains NY	58.00
7.17	4	1	Johanna Strong - Michael Strong, Winfield IL; Pradeep Jhavar - Vandana Jhavar, Layton UT	56.00
5.38	5/6	2	Robert Todd - Theresa Andino, Tallahassee FL; Lotta Brafman, Chevy Chase MD; Charlotte Blum, La Jolla CA; Victoria Gregory, Pittsburg KS	54.00
3.31	5/6		G S Jade Barrett - Tiger Li Li Williams, Elk Point SD; Stephen Apodaca, Santa Fe NM; Tom Breed, Kingwood TX	54.00
2.13	7		Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; Huub Bertens, Tilburg Netherlands; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Hoorn Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn 304G Netherlands	53.00
1.24	8/12		Anne Brenner - David Caprera, Denver CO; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Donald Rumelhart, Ann Arbor MI	51.00
4.03	8/12	3	Drew Becker - Joseph Stokes - Kenneth Zuckerberg - Bill Drewett, Chicago IL	51.00
1.24	8/12		Mark Teaford, Seal Beach CA; Steven Johnson, San Diego CA; Chiye Horiguchi - B Horiguchi, Gardena CA	51.00
1.24	8/12		Robert McNeil - Harvey Brody, San Francisco CA; Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA; Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA	51.00
1.24	8/12		William Wickham, Los Angeles CA; Marshall Miles, Redlands CA; Craig Huston, Portland OR; Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD	51.00
3.02	4		Jeffrey Hack, San Jose CA; Faye Parsons, Saratoga CA; Bruce Blakely - H Vince Mueller, San Rafael CA	50.00
2.27	5		Dori Byrnes, Morris Plains NJ; Matt Meckstroth, Gainesville FL; Adam Parrish, Arlington MA; Sally Chapleau, Tampa FL; Sam Katz, Burr Ridge IL	48.00
1.70	6		Rita Smith, Tucson AZ; Dolores Brenner, Santa Fe NM; C. Buddy Carls, Huntington Bh CA; Todd Fisher, Chicago IL	46.00

STRATAFIED B/C/D SIDE SWISS TEAMS

35 Tables					
	B	C	D		
6.83	1	1	1	Thomas Collins, Sedona AZ; Richard Cottle, St Paul MN; Donald McKush, Pride Lake MN; Leonard Greene, Hamel MN	60.00
5.12	2			Richard James III, Rancho Cordova CA; Bob Loudermilk - Avis Morse, Visalia CA; Villa Vejvoda, Tulare CA	57.00
4.55	3	2	2	Stephanie Singer, Fremont CA; Nathan Wilmes - Thomas Coleman, Oakland CA; Charles Gaeth, Benicia CA	56.00
3.41	4	3		Eddie Cormier, St Louis PE; Paul Klaverkamp - Lloyd Graven, Minneapolis MN; Darla Petersen, Ajax ON	55.00
2.64	5	4	3	Bill Russell, Scappoose OR; Tricia Zigrang, Portland OR; Dave Pinch - Marie Pinch, Lake Oswego OR	51.00
1.48	6/8	5/7		Kathy Harouche, Beverly Hills CA; Rose Kaufmann, Los Angeles CA; J Steffes, Pacific Palisad CA; John Campbell, Rncho Pls Vrd CA	50.00
1.98	6/8	5/7	4	Barry Wold, Shingle Springs CA; Loretta Dimitruck, Alameda CA; Gerda Janos, Berkeley CA; John Schroeder, Placerville CA	50.00
1.48	6/8	5/7		Paul Pugsley - Brenda Pugsley, Carson City NV; Nicholas Pchelkin - Leona Pchelkin, Minden NV	50.00
1.49			5	Rudolph Ruff - Marilyn Ruff, Huntsville AL; Edgar Butler - Margaret Butler, Buena Vista CO	45.00
1.12			6	M Frank Kirchman - Avanel Kirchman - James Berkovec - Doris Berkovec, Roseville CA	44.00

SATURDAY EVENING 299ER SWISS TEAMS

8 Tables					
	A	B	C		
2.54	1			Pat Vanderford - Connie Barksdale - Juanita Washburn, Lincoln NE; Sharon Hockemeier, Eagle NE	53.00
1.91	2			Marvin Warner - Lori Hamm - Gary Gelman, San Diego CA; Patricia Newman, Solana Beach CA	50.00
2.00	3	1		Jeri Nelson - Cyann Martin, Neenah WI; Daniel Ellsworth, Anchorage AK; Marcia Jameson, Austin TX	45.00
1.40		2/4	1/2	Leslie Dorsey, Gambrills MD; Everett Dorsey, Sun City West AZ; Scott Denison - Phyllis Denison, Santa Barbara CA	36.00
1.40		2/4	1/2	David Fotland - Wendy Fotland, San Jose CA; Gail Gabiati, San Francisco CA; Jeremy Scott, Moscow ID	36.00
1.16		2/4		Donna Cosgrove - Carla Niemeier - Martha Arrington - James Rush, Idaho Falls ID	36.00

SATURDAY EVENING 299ER PAIRS

13.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.25	1	1		Dee Minazzoli, Newbury Park CA; James Rhew, Raleigh NC	62.69%
2.44	2	2		Louise Abbott, Los Osos CA; Gina Kirk, San Luis Obispo CA	62.12%
1.83	3	3		Gwen Davey, Fresno CA; Temo Arjani, Glendale CA	61.74%
1.37	4	4		Mukund Thapa - Isha Thapa, Palo Alto CA	60.98%
1.03	5			Ally Whiteneck, Alamo CA; Bruce Johnsonbaugh, Lafayette CA	58.33%
0.82	6	5		Robert Allen - Karen Allen, Laurel MT	56.63%
1.47			1	Vicki Shepperd Chin - Sandra Silverman, San Diego CA	50.95%
1.10			2	Marie Miller - Paul Miller, Rockaway Beach OR	50.57%
0.83			3	Elizabeth Biggins, Palos Verdes CA; Laurie David, Rolling Hills E CA	50.00%

BILL HOLT A/X OPEN PAIRS

47.0 Tables

	A	X			
26.61	1			Chris Larsen, Costa Mesa CA; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	62.95%
19.96	2			Mickie Kivel, Potomac Falls VA; Robert Gookin, Annandale VA	60.36%
14.97	3			Jessica Piafsky, New York NY; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Venneep Netherlands	59.55%
11.47	4	1		Shugo Tanaka, Funabashi Chiba Japan; Hiroki Yokoi, Tokyo Japan	58.97%
8.87	5	2		Craig Hutton, Hamilton Bermuda; Brian Meyer, Cheektowaga NY	58.57%
7.60	6			Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Warren Spector, Palm Beach FL	58.48%
6.65	7			Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Leonard Wisbey, Graham WA	57.39%
5.91	8			Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Warren Cederborg, Visalia CA	57.24%
6.45	9	3		Suresh Mahajan, Del Mar CA; Edward Frymoyer, Half Moon Bay CA	56.71%
4.84	10			Edward Nagy, Danville CA; Jeffrey Polisner, Lafayette CA	56.55%
4.44	11			Linda Smoak - J Fletcher Smoak, Roanoke VA	55.25%
4.84	12	4		Robert Shapley, Chula Vista CA; Katharine Jin, Sunnyvale CA	55.19%
3.80	13			Jackie Buroker, Bellevue WA; Gerard Cohen, Las Vegas NV	55.04%
3.55	14			Roger Snowling, Hamilton ON; Jack Shinehoft, Dundas ON	54.77%
3.33	15			Veronica McMurdie - John McMurdie, Sacramento CA	54.73%
3.13	16			John Kinst, Batavia IL; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL	54.39%
2.96	17			Rita Ellington, Traverse City MI; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ	54.18%
4.67	18	5		Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; Nick Wiebe, Oakland CA	53.71%
3.34		6		Cindy Patterson, Sooke BC; Ted Heck, Victoria BC	53.57%
2.87		7		Robert Forster, New York NY; Jonathan Ullman, Cambridge MA	53.28%
2.55		8		Josh Sher, New York NY; Jonathan Weinstein, Evanston IL	52.09%

BILL HOLT B/C/D PAIRS

27.0 Tables

	B	C	D		
10.92	1			Grant Robinson - Teresa Boyd, Lafayette CA	63.20%
8.19	2	1	1	Joseph Kushner, San Francisco CA; Paul Kushner, S Lake Tahoe CA	59.67%
6.14	3	2		Al Jinnah - Leila Jinnah, Vancouver BC	58.26%
4.61	4			Carrie Touslee, Roseville CA; Laura Raczek, Crest Hill IL	58.19%
3.64	5			Bill Ream, Burlison TX; Margot Hirsch, Arlington TX	56.68%
4.41	6	3	2	George Varra - Elizabeth Varra, Ft Collins CO	56.17%
3.31	7	4		Frances Gates, Waldport OR; Garry Lowe, Newport OR	55.88%
2.61	8	5		Pamela Keim - Jason Larrivee, Regina SK	55.00%
2.24		6		Emily Rankin - Jon Rankin, Nichols NY	54.53%
3.32			3	Stephan Juliusburger, Dania FL; Stephen Cosham, Hamilton Bermuda	51.93%
1.73			4	Gary Blauth, Glen Ridge NJ; Stephen Rounds, Irvine CA	50.76%
1.54			5	Mits Tamura - Muriel Tamura, Alameda CA	50.50%

FRIDAY-SATURDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING SIDE SERIES

89.00 Tables

11.52	1/2	Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN	134.92%
11.52	1/2	Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN	134.92%
8.15	3/4	Andrew Moss, New York NY	120.71%
8.15	3/4	Justin Blanchard, New York NY	120.71%
6.18	5	Carolyn Timmermann, Vancouver WA	119.71%
3.53	6/7	Wayne Eggers, Woodridge IL	119.38%
3.53	6/7	Betty Jackson, Pebble Beach CA	119.38%
3.11	8/9	Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ	116.90%
3.11	8/9	Aileen Osofsky, Phoenix AZ	116.90%
2.65	10/11	Adrienne Pearsons, Winnipeg MB	115.87%
2.65	10/11	Donald Pearsons, Winnipeg MB	115.87%

Todd Fisher, Chicago IL; John Kinst, Batavia IL; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL; Jean Faeth, Hinsdale IL

vs

Sabina Lim - Sankar Reddy, Cerritos CA; Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach CA; Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA; Jeff Strutzel, Redondo Beach CA

SATURDAY-MONDAY MORNING KO BRACKET III

8 Teams

Tai Eng - Beverley Hall, West Vancouver BC; Steve Graves, Olney MD; Steven Nesseler, Silver Spring MD

vs

Joyce Pearson, Framingham MA; Adam Parrish, Arlington MA; Rolf Paul, Needham MA; Dave Hellwig, Minneapolis MN

Michael Keller, Kalispell MT; Kay Olness - Debbi Myers, Billings MT; Robert Shapley, Chula Vista CA

vs

Thomas Hyde, Willimantic CT; Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; Mark Gospodnetic - Govind Narayan, Richmond VA

SATURDAY-MONDAY MORNING KO BRACKET IV

8 Teams

Lawrence Crain, Medford OR; Daniel Rosenblatt, Winston Salem NC; Sue Holbert, Evanston IL; Leslie Prizant, Chicago IL

vs

Thomas Racciatti, Minneapolis MN; Sam Dodson, Houston TX; William Brellenthin - Matthew Duffy, Edina MN

Herb Wiltsek - Bobbi Wiltsek, San Francisco CA; Carol Lefcourt - Henry Harris, Incline Vlg NV

vs

Alma Farley - Robert Clarke, Richardson TX; Anne Smith - Larz Smith, Colleyville TX

SATURDAY-MONDAY MORNING KO BRACKET V

8 Teams

Mike McClain, Las Vegas NV; Madge Nusenow, Huntington Beh CA; Ronald Francey, Corpus Christi TX; Jacqui Larkin, Newport Beach CA

vs

Ann Walter - Judith Higbee, Tempe AZ; Joyce Stone, Southern Shrs NC; Sharon Herron, Kitty Hawk NC

Barbara Meola - Louis Meola, Windsor CA; Roy Redlich, Petaluma CA; Hans Van Boldrik, Santa Rosa CA

vs

Rosemary Boss - Peter Boss, Benicia CA; Joyce Goodman - Eldonna Dayton, Concord CA

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Goodwill Committee and the National Charity

Committee. He is a retired U.S. Marine Corps

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FIRST FRIDAY-SATURDAY KOS BRACKET I

17 Teams
65.00 1 Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland; Rafal Jagniewski, Legiowowo Poland; Jacek Jerzy Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Krzysztof Kotorowicz, Bialystok Poland
45.50 2 Hansa Narasimhan, Los Altos Hills CA; B Satyanarayan, New Delhi India; Uttam Gupta, Bangalore India; Anal Shah, Bombay India; Sumit Mukherjee, Kolkata India; Kirubakara Moorthy, Chennai India
29.25 3 Romain Zaleski - Albert Faigenbaum - Dominique Pilon - Jean Quantin, Paris France; Marc Bompis, Bourg La Reine France

FIRST FRIDAY-SATURDAY KOS BRACKET II

16 Teams
33.37 1 Ed Howard, Lawrence KS; Robert Carstedt, Wichita KS; Dennis Goldston, Colorado Spgs CO; Kim Corbin, Scottsdale AZ
23.36 2 Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC; Jenny Wolpert, Singer Island FL; Sylvie Willard, Paris France; Cronr Benedict, Paris France; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk Poland; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland
13.35 3/4 Jeffrey Hack, San Jose CA; Faye Parsons, Saratoga CA; Bruce Blakely - H Vince Mueller, San Rafael CA
13.35 3/4 Cecil Cook, Long Beach CA; Samuel Haveson, Los Angeles CA; Eugene White Jr, Playa del Rey CA; David Segal, Sammamish WA

FIRST FRIDAY-SATURDAY KOS BRACKET III

16 Teams
25.16 1 Justin Beck, Millbrae CA; Richard Williams - Jody Williams, San Carlos CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA
17.61 2 David Willmott, Folsom CA; Doug Hawrelak - Dora Lee - Nancy Cook, Edmonton AB
10.06 3/4 Robert Todd - Theresa Andino, Tallahassee FL; Lotta Brafman, Chevy Chase MD; Charlotte Blum, La Jolla CA; Victoria Gregory, Pittsburg KS
10.06 3/4 Norman Holthouse - Kathryn Centoni - Wonnie Duncan, Anchorage AK; Norman Marks, Oakland CA

FIRST FRIDAY-SATURDAY KOS BRACKET IV

16 Teams
22.09 1 Dale Dye, Wyndmoor PA; Bridgett Pitt, Brookhaven PA; Marc Franklin, Portland OR; Cerona Stevens, Marquette MI
15.46 2 Henry Caspar - Hans Strohmer - Nancy Strohmer, Houston TX; Terry Richardson, Austin TX; Edward Rais, Anchorage AK
8.84 3/4 Robert McNeil, San Francisco CA; Robert Roman, Greenbrae CA; Quentin Wilmot, Reno NV; Lenore Cavallero, Hillsborough CA; Jan Ratliff, Highland Park IL
8.84 3/4 Rand Pinsky - Kathy Swaine, Valencia CA; Carol Ashbacher - Richard Ashbacher, Newhall CA

FIRST FRIDAY-SATURDAY KOS BRACKET V

16 Teams
16.57 1 Robert Coole - Anne Kendal - Michael Petrescu - Allan Becker, Prince George BC
11.60 2 Sherry Greisen, Houston TX; Julia Blancet, League City TX; Debbi Myers - Kay Olness, Billings MT
6.63 3/4 Wayne Kaneko - Barbara Simon, Honolulu HI; James O'Hearn - Sabrina O'Hearn, Surprise AZ
6.63 3/4 Eddie Cormier, St Louis PE; Darla Petersen, Ajax ON; Paul Klaverkamp - Lloyd Graven, Minneapolis MN

FIRST FRIDAY-SATURDAY KOS BRACKET VI

16 Teams
13.27 1 Robert Wright - Olga Wright - Nancy Klym - Karen Levy, Calgary AB
9.29 2 Charles Burns - Joe Rottmann - Lynda Hirst - Jeanie Bettis, Vancouver WA
5.31 3/4 Matthew Duffy - William Brellenthin, Edina MN; Thomas Racciatti, Minneapolis MN; Sam Dodson, Houston TX
5.31 3/4 Leo Carney - Robert Miller, Penn Valley CA; Lois Hopkins - Rene Morand, Grass Valley CA

FIRST FRIDAY-SATURDAY KOS BRACKET VII

16 Teams
11.08 1 Lynne White - John White, Lincoln CA; Thomas Porter, Castlegar BC; Michael O'Rourke, Baden ON
7.76 2 Anthony Salam, Brentwood CA; Alan Morris, Oakley CA; Natalie Crew - Clifford Crew, Rio Vista CA
4.43 3/4 Lynne Humphrey, Moraga CA; Trisha Oconnor - Pat Krock, Walnut Creek CA; William Barron, Benicia CA
4.43 3/4 Mark Lundblad - Rick Weiss - David Weinberg - Richard Michelsen, Reno NV

FIRST FRIDAY-SATURDAY KOS BRACKET VIII

16 Teams
6.72 1 Wilhelmina White - Carole Schmitz - Marlene Lamoureux, Redding CA; Susan Haas, Yuma AZ
4.70 2 Barbara Vervenne - Patsy Martin - Wanda Kuehler - Mary Kurio, Austin TX
2.69 3/4 Claire Young - Wallace McOuat, San Anselmo CA; Phyllis Kreider - Donald Kreider, San Rafael CA

NABC IMP PAIRS

78.0 Tables			
100.00 1	Pablo Lambardi - Pablo Ravenna, Buenos Aires Argentina	116.25	
75.00 2	Jon Baldursson, Hafnarfjordur, Iceland; Thorlakur Jonsson, Kopavogur Iceland	100.83	
56.25 3	Nader Hanna, Willowdale ON; Robert Lebi, Toronto ON	91.62	
44.44 4	Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg CA	85.06	
40.00 5	Phil Clayton, Mission Viejo CA; Sathya Bettadapura, Campbell CA	79.53	
36.36 6	Michael Kovacich, Stone Mountain GA; Robert White, Raleigh NC	79.22	
33.33 7	Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO; Markland Jones, Phoenix AZ	78.90	
30.77 8	Gene Benedict - Robert Brandow, Toledo OH	68.36	
28.57 9	Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Ira Chorush, Houston TX	67.52	
26.67 10	Scott Gates, Miamisburg OH; Norman Coombs, Brookville IN	60.25	
25.00 11	Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Paul Lewis, Zionsville IN	58.08	
23.53 12	Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL	58.00	
22.22 13	Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; H Jay Sloofman, Ardsley NY	57.84	
21.05 14	Ellen Crawford, Henderson NV; Muriel Altus, Tampa FL	55.39	
20.00 15	Robert Hampton, Blythewood SC; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY	55.17	
19.05 16	Ernie Tradewell - Brian Fraser, Victoria BC	54.54	
18.18 17	Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; John Moffat, Bellingham WA	54.11	
17.39 18	Jordan Cohen - Barry Senensky, Thornhill ON	52.31	
16.67 19	Neil Kimelman - Marielle Brentnall, Winnipeg MB	51.18	
16.00 20	Lowell Andrews, Huntington Bch CA; Weidong Pei, Brea CA	49.97	
15.38 21	Jeffrey Smith - Isabelle Smith, Ottawa ON	47.19	
14.81 22	Robert Giragosian, Bakersfield CA; Blake Rundquist, Clovis CA	46.58	
14.29 23	Jay Baum - Kathy Baum, Germantown TN	46.08	
13.79 24	Jonathan Green, Kingston NY; Norman Rubin, Monticello NY	45.84	
13.33 25	Kai Hiraki - Tadashi Teramoto, Tokyo Japan	44.36	
12.90 26	Gaylor Kastle, Boca Raton FL; Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV	42.60	
12.50 27	Ross Rainwater, Vancouver WA; Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR	42.33	
12.12 28	Michael Golden, Wyckoff NJ; Chris Compton, Dallas TX	39.20	
11.76 29	Anthony Toto, Clovis CA; Curtis Reeves, Fresno CA	38.69	
11.43 30	Alan Watson, Lexington MA; David Becher, Peabody MA	38.52	
11.11 31	George Bloomer - Judith Bloomer, Pittsboro NC	37.65	
10.81 32	Qiang Zhang, Mountain House CA; Yanong Han, Fremont CA	35.02	
10.53 33	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA	34.63	
10.26 34	Scott Levine - Aaron Silverstein, New York NY	32.71	
10.00 35	Jo Ginsberg, San Francisco CA; Rajeev Gupta, San Mateo CA	32.30	
9.76 36	Diane Graese, Las Vegas NV; Martin Caley, Montreal QC	31.43	
9.76 37	Barry Rigal, New York NY; Alex Ornstein, Roslyn Heights NY	31.40	
9.30 38	Michael Moss, New York NY; George Mittelman, Toronto ON	30.52	
9.09 39	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Richard Carle, Longview WA	26.74	
8.89 40	Lyle Poe Jr, Ellicott City MD; Thomas Weik, Reading PA	26.30	
8.70 41	Conrad Evans - Nels Erickson, Sparks NV	26.03	
8.51 42	Jon Bartlett - Hal Montgomery, Portland OR	25.62	
8.33 43	Jannes van 't Oever, Berkeley CA; Andrew Hoskins, Mountain View CA	25.10	
8.16 44	Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL; Allan Stauber, Palm Bch Grdns FL	24.98	
8.00 45	Larry Pocock, New Westminster BC; Joel Martineau, Vancouver BC	23.81	
7.84 46	Peter Rank, Palm Springs CA; Rhoda Walsh, Palm Desert CA	23.80	
7.69 47	Rod Caldwell, Snoqualmie WA; Stanford Christie, Federal Way WA	23.78	
7.55 48	George Klemic, Bensenville IL; Jonathan Rivet, Wheaton IL	23.61	
7.41 49	Sylvia Caley, Montreal QC; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA	23.39	
7.27 50	Jerry Helms - Robert Bitterman, Charlotte NC	23.13	

Electronic Device Policy

The electronic device policy is revised as follows:

1. For all NABC+ rated events at NABCs: Electronic devices, including but not limited to, phones, cameras, PDAs, and others capable of sending or receiving

electronic communication are excluded from the playing areas during any session of play. This does not apply to health-related equipment.

2. For all events at an NABC other than a NABC+ rated event: Except for health-related equipment, or by permission of the Director-in-Charge of the tournament, cell phones, audible pagers or similar equipment may not be operated or operable in any manner in the playing area during a session of play. Any such equipment must not be visible during the session. Sponsoring organizations of other ACBL-sanctioned events are encouraged to adopt a similar policy.

3. These restrictions in numbers 1 and 2 above apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, play recorders (except those designated by ACBL)

and kibitzers and are in force throughout any actual playing session or segment of play.

4. A violation of any of the restrictions in numbers 1 and 2 above will result in a disciplinary penalty of one full board (12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team. Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

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.



One for Mrs. G

By Barry Rigal

Take a look at all four hands on this deal from the first qualifying session of the Lebhar IMP Pairs.

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

As you can see, North-South have four “top” losers in 4♠ – and yet the datum score was North-South plus 420. Of course, at some tables, East-West went overboard in hearts, but at many more tables, North-South were allowed to make 4♠.

Take a look at the West problem at trick one. Everybody knows “third hand plays high,” so why did so many West’s duck their ♥A and allow the king to score?

The answer is that West was worried in case declarer had three hearts to the king and playing the ace would give North a free discard – but take a second look at that South hand!

West has no diamond honors. What trick could possibly go away on that “bonus” discard. The right defense is to cash both aces and play a second club. Mrs. Guggenheim wouldn’t have got it wrong!

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: NABC+ Platinum Pairs, 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 non-members.

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

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

Restaurant Shuttle

If you’re interested in dining off site, a shuttle is available to increase your dining options.

Departing the Grand Sierra to Downtown

Reno:

The RTC* (public transportation) bus departs every 30 minutes beginning at 3:51 p.m. It will continue to pick up at 4:21, 4:51 and 5:21 p.m. (final RTC departure).

You will depart just past the Grand Sierra front desk at the south entrance.

The bus will take you to the RTC Citicenter which has numerous restaurants and casinos.

The cost is \$2 one way (\$1 for seniors born before Jan. 1, 1950).

**The times listed above are for the NABC dinner hour. This bus provides public transportation from the Grand Sierra every 30 minutes at :21 and :51 after the hour until 6:51 p.m., after which the bus picks up and drops off every hour.*

Returning to the Grand Sierra — 2 Options:

1. The Silver Legacy and Circus Circus Casinos are sponsoring free return shuttles from both hotels. These buses will depart each hotel at 6:30 and 7 p.m. from the valet areas. There will be a sign welcoming NABC attendees to ride the shuttle. Please advise the driver that you are going to the Grand Sierra.

There is no cost for the Silver Legacy and Circus Circus return shuttles.

2. The RTC* bus will pick up at the RTC Citicenter at 5:15, 5:45 and 6:15 p.m. (final RTC departure) to return you to the Grand Sierra.

The cost is \$2 one way (\$1 for seniors born before Jan. 1, 1950).

**The times listed above are for the NABC dinner hour. This bus provides public transportation from the RTC Citicenter every 30 minutes at :15 and :45 after the hour until 6:15 p.m., after which the bus picks up and drops off every hour.*

RTC Passes:

A 7-day pass is available for \$21 (\$10.50 for seniors born before Jan. 1, 1950). A 24-Hour pass is \$2 (\$1 for seniors born before Jan. 1, 1950) at the Reno Transit Center or at www.rtcwashoe.com.

For more information, visit the Reno NABC Information Desk.



2009 winners: Dan Suty and Jim Hilton

Silver Ribbon Pairs

The Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs --- open only to players who are at least 55 years old and who have pre-qualified by placing first or second in a regional- or national-rated senior event --- gets underway today.

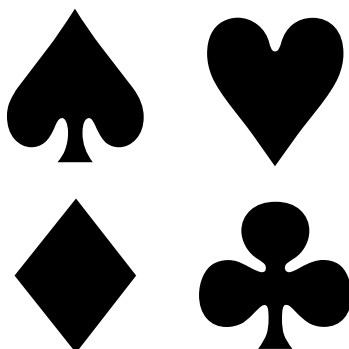
The Silver Ribbon Pairs consists of two qualifying and two final sessions. The winners will have their names inscribed on the Leventritt Trophy and will receive a certificate of recognition.

The trophy honors Peter Leventritt of New York, ACBL president in 1954 and assistant treasurer 1945-46. He served as president of the Greater New York Bridge Association and the Card School of New York, which he co-founded.

Leventritt (1916-1997) pioneered the use of the Schenken System in partnership with its inventor, Howard Schenken. He represented North America in the Bermuda Bowl and placed second in 1957, 1961, 1963 and 1965.

Winners:

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1994	Virgil Anderson, Jayne Thomas
1995	Gene Freed, Peter Benjamin
1996	Phil Karani, Martin Hoffman
1997	Chuck Said, John Russell
1998	Eli Borok, Bill Sides
1999	Jim Kirkham, Corinne Kirkham
2000	Rhoda Walsh, Charles Coon
2001	Fred Hamilton, Steve Catlett
2002	Marilyn Hemenway, Mike Albert
2003	Roger Lord, Alan Popkin
2004	Joseph Godefrin, Ed Schulte
2005	Marla Chaikin, Bill Esberg
2006	Lew Finkel, Gaylor Kasle
2007	Allan Siebert, Alan Stout
2008	Sheldon Kirsch, Morrie Kleinplatz
2009	Dan Suty, Jim Hilton



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Philadelphia, an historic city 1 1/2 hours from New York City and 45 minutes from Atlantic City. For the “World Bridge Series” Championship. Most of the events will be held at the Marriott Hotel Downtown with a few at the Convention Center connected to the Hotel. You will find all the information (dates and schedule of events, entry fees, reservations in partner hotels) on the official websites of the World Bridge Federation www.worldbridge.org and of the USBF www.usbf.org

The order of events: Mixed Pairs; Open Women’s and Senior’s Teams; Open and Women’s Pairs; Mixed Teams. All these events are transnational. The timings - 10:30 and 15:30 - have been chosen to enable participants to have their evenings free. A full 16 Day Regional Schedule will be offered at the same time in the Convention Center.



2.69 3/4 Rosemary Boss - Peter Boss, Benicia CA;
Joyce Goodman - Eldonna Dayton, Concord CA

ROSE MELTZER COMPACT KO 1

16 Teams
32.50 1 Les Bart - Gloria Silverman Bart, Bradenton FL; David Lindop - Doug Baxter, Toronto ON
22.75 2 Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice Poland; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland
14.63 3 Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV
11.38 4 Martin Graf, Chevy Chase MD; Mark Shaw, Columbia MD; Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Jo Morse, Palm Bch Gdns FL

ROSE MELTZER COMPACT KO 2

16 Teams
24.01 1 Greg Hinze - Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; David Yang, Chicago IL; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ
16.81 2 Bud Marsh - Marianne Spanier, Scottsdale AZ; George Drake - Helene Drake, Phoenix AZ
10.80 3 Bob Todd - Douglas Fisher, Winnipeg MB; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; David Sabourin, Ottawa ON
8.40 4 Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Kevin Bathurst, New York NY; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA; Daniel Zagorin, Skokie IL

ROSE MELTZER COMPACT KO 3

16 Teams
18.52 1 Fred King, Falls Church VA; Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD; Richard Wegman, Bethesda MD; Arnold Malasky, Longboat Key FL
12.96 2 Hector Camberos, Charlotte NC; Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico; C. Valerie Gamio, Pls Vrds Pnsl CA
8.33 3 Thomas Carmichael - Jenni Carmichael, Kennesaw GA; Chris Wiegand, Portland OR; Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON
6.48 4 Steven Huhman, Larchmont NY; Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Sylwia McNamara, White Plains NY; Robert Heitzman Jr, Suffern NY

ROSE MELTZER COMPACT KO 4

12 Teams
13.02 1 Bob Sanner, Palo Alto CA; Mark Moss, Piedmont CA; Michel Schneider, Berkeley CA; Grant Vance, San Leandro CA
9.11 2 Thomas Wood - Demeter Manning, Crestline CA; Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts CA; Yoon Kim, San Diego CA
5.86 3 Amy Deshaw - Marty McCune - Mary McCune, Seattle WA; Elaine De Shaw, Federal Way WA
4.56 4 Kenneth Grafton, Dayton NV; Leslie Balascoe, Reno NV; Robert Garret, Gardnerville NV; Russell Quinell, Napa CA

ROSE MELTZER COMPACT KO 5

12 Teams
11.44 1 Jack Beers - Dan Scarola, Oakland CA; Manfred Michlmayr, Orinda CA; Jack Scott, El Cerrito CA
8.01 2 Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Patricia Wright, Charlotte NC; Richard Morris - Katherine Morris, Portland OR
5.15 3 Kevin Dwyer, Fort Myers FL; Zachary Brescoll, Versailles KY; Edwin Katten, Cave Creek AZ; Donald Sondergeld, Hubbardton VT
4.00 4 Carl Spencer, Farmington NM; Sharon Bahry, Reno NV; Christopher Bell, Murphys CA; Lance Chamberlain, Rochester MN

ROSE MELTZER COMPACT KO 6

12 Teams
10.83 1 Michael Keller, Kalispell MT; Robert Donaldson, Ogden UT; Ann Zorn, Billings MT; Stephen Visocan, Townsend MT
7.58 2 Stephen McDevitt, Medford MA; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Melinda Foos, Campbell CA; Michael Fleisher, Sunnyvale CA
4.87 3 Eugene Chan, Burnaby BC; Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC; Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Alex Lo, Gresham OR
3.79 4 Panette Talia - Raymond Yuenger, Campbell CA; Ronald Siegrist, Las Vegas NV; Rich Perry, Grass Valley CA

ROSE MELTZER COMPACT KO 7

16 Teams
10.31 1 Burt O'Dell - Linda Glynn, Jacksonville FL; Jerry Himes - Pam Himes, Merritt Island FL
7.22 2 Mike Grodsky - Sharon Grodsky, St Simons Islnd GA; Darrel Davis, Covington WA; Miriam Goldberg, Seattle WA
4.64 3 Rob Lorck - Alice Crain, Colorado Spgs CO; Robert Ewigleben - Jayne Ewigleben, Elizabethtown KY
3.61 4 Judith Murray, Harwich Port MA; Florence Hackman, Chatham MA; Marion Stoodley - Santokh Sian, Powell River BC

PLATINUM PAIRS QUALIFIERS

18.0 Tables		Carryover
1	Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw Poland; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczykoud Poland	23.73
2	Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Jim Krekorian, Pensacola FL	20.93
3	Douglas Simson - Walter Johnson, Columbus OH	16.31
4	Gary Gottlieb, Brooklyn NY; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden	15.61
5	John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL	15.23
6	Alan Osofsky, Palm Beach FL; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD	15.22
7	Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Johan Upmark, Stockho Sweden	15.13
8	Dan Morse, Houston TX; John Sutherlin, Dallas TX	14.28
9	Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands; Russell Ekeblad, Portsmouth RI	14.22
10	Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ; Martin Fleisher, New York NY	13.02
11	Geoffrey Brod, Avon CT; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA	13.00
12	Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL	12.23
13	Tor Helness, Oslo Norway; Roy Welland, New York NY	11.47
14	R Jay Becker, New York NY; Robert Levin, Lake Ariel PA	11.35
15	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT	11.01
16	Jaggy Shivdasani, Pleasantville NY; Winthrop Allegaert, New York NY	10.51
17	Hemant Lall - Bob Hamman, Dallas TX	10.49
18	Jared Lilienstein, New York NY; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC	10.33
19	Ishmael Delmonte, Sydney Australia; Ashley Bach, Germany	9.68
20	Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Jill Levin, Lake Ariel PA	8.63
21	Alan Applebaum, Brookline MA; Victor King, Hartford CT	8.59
22	Ahmed Hussein - Tarek Sadek, Cairo Egypt	8.16
23	John Hurd, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY	8.14
24	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Nagy Kamel, Plano TX	8.06
25	Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm Sweden; Grace Jeklin, Surrey BC	7.50
26	Frank Nickell, New York NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL	7.09
27	Adam Meyerson, Los Angeles CA; Samuel Ieong, Mountain View CA	6.50
28	Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL; Gavin Wolpert, Singer Island FL	6.31
29	Randy Pickett - John Lusky, Portland OR	5.70
30	Zygmunt Marcinski, Westmount QC; Bryan Maksymetz, Squamish BC	5.24
31	Pamela Granovetter - Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	4.67
32	Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA	3.16
33	Andrew Stark - Franco Baseggio, New York NY	2.72
34	Jim Looby, Burbank CA; Ed Ulman, Portland OR	1.97
35	Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY	0.05
36	Kevin Wilson, Knoxville TN; David Walker, Salem VA	0.00

The Insider

Youth Bridge is alive in Reno. A bunch of kids from local schools came to the NABC and tried their hand at big-time duplicate in the Intermediate-Newcomer room. Then they had lunch and took a tour of the entire playing space. They were pretty impressive. As was the greeting they got in the regional room. It looks like the future of bridge in Reno is in good shape with the program Bud has underway. Thanks, Bud, and thanks to the kids that make up the local youth program.

There was a full house in the Ruby Room later in the day as the Junior players had dinner and shared their ideas with Vicki Campbell, ACBL's Director of Marketing. The Insider thinks the various youth programs the ACBL supports are showing signs of success. We'll see more fruits of these programs at the third annual Youth NABC in New Orleans during the NABC this summer.

In other news, the Insider spent half the day convincing the hotel that adding tax to the very fair coffee prices at the snack bar was not the best idea and that counting out 92 pennies as change for a refill was taking away time bridge players would rather spend critiquing their partners' play (in the nicest way possible, of course). Anyway, the Insider finally struck a deal where the ACBL will pay the tax on the \$2 cups and the \$1 re-fills. The time saved and aggravation re-directed are well worth the use of the Insider's finely tuned negotiating skills. The Insider spent the other half of the day searching for a penny slot machine that would accept his pennies, but found nothing but bill feeders. It will be tough getting through airport security with all these coins!

In an update from the Fall NABC Insider reports, the S.C. took some time off from working on key issues concerning the Horn Lake move.

(Literally "key." As regular readers know, he is searching for the missing front door keys to the new headquarters building so the ACBL can get on with its move south to Mississippi.) During his break, he convinced the ACBL Board of Directors that returning to San Diego's Manchester Grand Hyatt for another NABC in the Fall of 2017 was the right thing to do. It took the Board less than 30 seconds to approve this motion. It looks like we will have an almost identical package to the one we enjoyed last fall right down to a room rate that will be about the same with no increase expected. So, back to the negotiating table for the Insider and back to the key issues for the S.C. The Insider was tempted to tell the S.C. that the keys are probably not in the shirt pocket of the waitress at the sports bar – that seemed to be where he was looking when the Insider saw him at lunch. But, after committing the rest of the S.C.'s 2010 Starbucks budget to cover coffee taxes here at the snack bar, the Insider decided to leave well enough alone.

ROSE MELTZER COMPACT KO 8

16 Teams
9.82 1 Steven Bruns, Honolulu HI; Gordon Link, Peachland BC; Angela Taylor, Nanaimo BC; Diane Bishoff, Reno NV
6.87 2 Paul Blumberg, Sparks NV; James Paschal - Irene Harlow - June Adkins, Reno NV
4.42 3 Thomas Hyde, Willimantic CT; Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; Mark Gospodnetic - Govind Narayan, Richmond VA
3.44 4 Madhusudan Patel, Houston TX; Joyce Remsen, Sparks NV; Marcia McCalden, Wolcott CO; Jo Dee Bowen, Jonestown TX

ROSE MELTZER COMPACT KO 9

16 Teams
7.98 1 David Wright - Shawn Abernethy, Seattle WA; Liliana Diaconescu - Brian Zaugg, Burien WA
5.59 2 Robert Rouse - Joan Rouse, Lincoln CA; Gerry Piaget - Joan Piaget, Portola Valley CA
3.59 3 Shirley Frank, Portland OR; Jeanenne Chizum, Lake Oswego OR; Donna Braniff - Cynthia Sinn, Beaverton OR

2.79 4 Elaine Vona, Redmond WA; Christina Siemer, Lewistown MT; Pamela Gladysz, Ft Worth TX; Joy McKenzie-Smith, Fort Worth TX

ROSE MELTZER COMPACT KO 10

16 Teams
6.55 1 Mary McIntyre - J McIntyre, St Paul MN; Barbara Gray, Mesa AZ; Gwen Stoker, Twin Falls ID
4.59 2 Richard Markell, Los Gatos CA; Janet Sharpe - Diane Campbell, Calgary AB; Sheilah Wasserman, San Rafael CA
2.95 3 Alma Farley - Robert Clarke, Richardson TX; Anne Smith - Larz Smith, Colleyville TX
2.29 4 Keith Everett, Houston TX; Karla Riddick - Joseph Cunningham, Conroe TX; Nancy Caldwell, The Woodlands TX

ROSE MELTZER COMPACT KO 11

16 Teams
5.56 1 Jenny Koenecke, Kingston MA; Robert Balluff, Granite Bay CA; Deanne Womble - Gael Westall, Cortez FL
3.89 2 Therese Milford, Frisco TX; Robert Preece, Long Beach CA; Lou Warwick, Arlington WA; Diane Elliott, Torrance CA
2.50 3 Paul Jorgensen - Eileen Angelucci - Julie Cardinali, Carson City NV; Jacqueline Chandler, Reno NV
1.95 4 David Findley - Blythe Olshan Findley, Westchester IL; J Michael Bowes - Ginger Bowes, McKinleyville CA

ROSE MELTZER COMPACT KO 12

16 Teams
4.00 1 Barbara Meola - Louis Meola, Windsor CA; Hans Van Boldrik, Santa Rosa CA; Roy Redlich, Petaluma CA
2.80 2 Richard Rodeman, Washougal WA; Barbara Pyles, Portland OR; Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR; Staci Christian, Beaverton OR
1.80 3 James Shoenhard - Roy Robson, Arlington VA; M. David Jackson, Alexandria VA; Maggie Burke, Tacoma WA
1.40 4 Betty Rosa, San Jose CA; Beverly Nuding, San Carlos CA; Margaret Becker - Judy Kaplan, Saratoga CA

ROSE MELTZER CONSOLATION KO 1

8 Teams
8.17 1 Thuillez Laursnt, France; Jean-Michel Voldoire, Paris France; Bertrand Gignoux, St Leger En Yve France; Philippe Cronier, Paris France
4.33 2 Susan Parnes - Gordon Parnes, Flint MI; Bert Newman - Kathy Newman, West Bloomfield MI

ROSE MELTZER CONSO KO 2

8 Teams
5.67 1 Cheryl Mandala - Yul Inn - Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; Allan Falk, Okemos MI
3.01 2 Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI; William Arlinghaus, Ann Arbor MI; Dave Swarhout, San Antonio TX
1.28 3 Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Hills CA; Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; Edward Wojewoda, Clovis CA; Steve Clements, Aliso Viejo CA

ROSE MELTZER CONSOLATION KO 3

8 Teams
4.43 1 Claire Jones, Regina SK; Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK; George Retek, Montreal QC; Bill Cook Jr, Madison MS
2.35 2 Donald Slotter - Freda Thornbrough - Elise Parish - Dan Parish Jr, Omaha NE

ROSE MELTZER CONSOLATION KO 4

6 Teams
2.75 1 Thomas Corlett - Ethel Corlett, Waco TX; Paul Burnham, Wilton CT; Joyce Pearson, Framingham MA
1.46 2 Fay Teal, Mesa AZ; Nadine McDowell, Green Valley AZ; Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN; John Schwartz, Plano TX

0.62 3 Steven Gaynor - Jean Boettcher - Wayne Gergen, Minneapolis MN; Jill Flader, Saint Paul MN

ROSE MELTZER CONSOLATION KO 5

6 Teams
2.44 1 Charles Pecarro, Falls Church VA; Carole Grob, Alexandria VA; Hope Watts, Bethesda MD; Jane Shaw, Columbia MD
1.29 2 Al Blinder, Torrance CA; Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA; Irfan Ashraf, Ajax ON; Bing Wong, Whitby ON

ROSE MELTZER CONSOLATION KO 6

6 Teams
2.30 1 Debbie Benner - Arthur Crystal, Fairfield CT; Daniel Denison - Mary Lou Denison, Solana Beach CA
1.22 2 Geoff Hopcraft, Piedmont CA; Cole Powell, Oakland CA; Kathy Venton, Petaluma CA; David Pankratz, Santa Rosa CA

ROSE MELTZER CONSOLATION KO 7

8 Teams
2.19 1 Frederik Svensson - Kristina Johnsson, Mountain View CA; Monika Kummel, ; Han-Yu Chang, Palo Alto CA
1.16 2 Richard D'Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA; William Rottmayer, Spokane WA; Renjun Guo, Mountain House CA; Herman Xiao, Sammamish WA

ROSE MELTZER CONSOLATION KO 8

8 Teams
2.09 1 Michael Cohen, Denver CO; Floyd McWilliams - Brian Kemper, Sunnyvale CA; Gary Singer, Spokane WA

ROSE MELTZER CONSOLATION KO 9

8 Teams
1.87 1 John Medina - Desiree Soto - Jeanette Finn, Sacramento CA; Daphne Williams, Kihei HI
0.99 2 Charles Kelley - Jo Anne Kelley, Pacific Plsades CA; Carole Chiang - Chao-Wang Chiang, Rapid City SD
0.76 3 Gloria Pliska, Damascus OR; Lani Staab, Vancouver WA; Connie Sayler, Beaverton OR; Deborah Davidson, Foresthill CA

ROSE MELTZER CONSOLATION KO 10

8 Teams
1.61 1 Thomas Din, Rockville MD; Jane Frost - G Douglas Frost, White Bear Lake MN; Leslie Bakan, Powell River BC
0.85 2 Matthew Kaufman, Mountain View CA; E Connell - W Connell, Eureka CA; Richard Ziock, Carlsbad CA
0.76 3 Kaye Folsom - Jerome Brown, Oakland CA; Virginia Samaras, Red Bank NJ; Sandra Chandonnet, Freehold NJ

ROSE MELTZER CONSOLATION KO 11

8 Teams
1.53 1 Foxx Silveira - Audrey Miller, Santa Fe NM; Christy Wiegel - Jeffrey Wiegel, Wilsonville OR
0.81 2 Sharon Herron, Kitty Hawk NC; Joyce Stone, Southern Shrs NC; Bev Skulmoski - Robert Loewen, Regina SK

ROSE MELTZER CONSOLATION KO 12

8 Teams
1.46 1 Ann Romeo, Bellevue WA; Leeanne Creech, Snoqualmie WA; Norma Callender, Houston TX; Phillip Fulkerson, Las Vegas NV
0.77 2 Steve Graves, Olney MD; Steven Nessler, Silver Spring MD; Martin Petersen, Milford OH; Thomas Hodous, Morgantown WV

Slow play: the curse of the game

Patty Johnson, Sebring FL, is a National Tournament Director and the Director-in-Charge for all District 9 (Florida) tournaments.

An old tournament director friend of mine, John "Spider" Harris, was famous for the saying: "Slow play is the curse of the game." Nothing is more frustrating for tournament directors than having to herd players along like cattle when slow play isn't actually the problem.

If you take a moment to think about it, most of your opponents do not take that long to bid or play a deal -- yet before you know it, the round is being called and you are nowhere near finished with the last board.

Here are some suggestions which, if followed, would solve many of our problems.

First: do not post mortem between deals whether you are in a pair game or a Swiss team event. Finish the round and then discuss hands if there is still time. We, as directors, will not cut your time but I think

you will find yourselves under less pressure by following this suggestion. Remember: we provide hand records in pair games so you don't have to worry about forgetting a particular holding.

Second: if you are on opening lead, make your lead before recording the contract in your private score. You will have plenty of time after leading to record the information and still see the entire first trick.

Third: unless you have a legitimate reason to leave the table, such as the restroom or a smoke break, please remain at the table and visit with your opponents. You might actually find this enjoyable and a new way to make friends or future Swiss team partnerships.

I wish we could make these suggestions into rules enforceable by penalty but none of us wants a bridge event decided by the pair with the fewest penalties. All I can do as a director is to ask the cooperation and help of all players because I think not only you but everyone else will enjoy their tournaments more.

Remember: those who enjoy a tournament will continue to play. Do your part to make bridge enjoyable for yourself, your partner and your opponents -- you can't play without them.

TEACHING YOUTH BRIDGE

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Join Julie Greenberg, ACBL Director of Education, for an interesting continuing education opportunity. You won't want to miss it.

FREE OF CHARGE.

Date: Sunday, March 14

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Location: Grand Sierra Resort - Sierra 1



Dlr: West ♠ Q 10 8 2
 Vul: N-S ♥ K Q 4 2
 ♦ Q 9 7 2
 ♣ 10

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

♠ J 5
 ♥ 9 5 3
 ♦ 10 6 4
 ♣ Q 9 7 5 3

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

On the helpful lead of a low club, Robson's jack scored, but he still had only eight tricks. He made the natural play of coming to the ♠A, and when South dropped the jack, he was at the crossroads. Playing a diamond might set up the opponents' suit. Leading a heart to the 10 or the 8 would be painful if he guessed wrong. Giving up a club (assuming the 5-1 split to be likely) might leave him well short of entries to set up the suit.

Robson found the best solution at both single-dummy and double-dummy when he advanced the ♥J from his hand. In practice, there was a fair shot that South might forget to cover. As it was, North took the ♥Q and was immediately endplayed.

He exited with a diamond and Robson won cheaply in dummy. Then he cleared the spades and brought home 10 tricks.

Bid 'em up

On this deal Partha Mallela didn't score any points for bidding artistry, but he did manage to snare 24.5 out of a possible 25 matchpoints.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♠
All Pass			6♣ (!)

Mallela, South, clearly believes that matchpoints is not for the faint of heart, so he blasted to slam.

West led a trump and Mallela took stock. He clearly needed to ruff at least one of his potential heart losers in dummy, and to do that he would need

Platinum Pairs

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Thirty-six pairs will compete today to win what is likely to become one of ACBL's most prestigious events. It is open only to ACBL members who meet one of three criteria: have earned at least 50 platinum masterpoints in the previous three years, have a lifetime total of 200 or more platinum points or have the rank of Platinum or Grand Life Master.

The leaders start the day with carryover of 23.73 matchpoints. L'Ecuyer and Krekorian have 20.93. In third place are Doug Simson and Walter Johnson of Columbus OH.

to pitch some of dummy's hearts on the diamonds. He decided, therefore, to win the opening lead in dummy with the ♣9 and take a first-round finesse in diamonds.

When that worked, he drew one more round of trumps and then cashed the ♦A K pitching hearts from the dummy. Next came the ♥A, a heart ruff and a spade ruff in the closed hand. Mallela ruffed a diamond and finally extracted the remaining trump from East and claimed, conceding a heart on the end.

Unusual numbers

By Barry Rigal

Bryan Platnick and John Diamond are not strangers to recording unusual numbers in the plus and minus columns. On this deal, Diamond was expecting to register an unpleasant minus score, but things didn't work out that way.

Dlr: East ♠ K J 3 2
 Vul: Both ♥ K J 6
 ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ 7 5 3

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

♠ 10 7 6
 ♥ A Q 5 2
 ♦ J 9 8 7
 ♣ K 2

West	North	East	South
2♣ (2)	Dbl	All Pass	1NT (1)
(1) 10-12 high-card points.			
(2) Majors.			

Sitting East, Platnick's pass of 2♣ doubled suggested club length. North led a club to the queen, king and ace. Diamond led a diamond to the queen, ruffed a diamond, led a spade to the queen (North enjoying a quiet snooze), ruffed a diamond, led the ♠A and ruffed a spade. Then he drew all the trumps. Now he could cash dummy's winning ♦A 10, and he must have felt aggrieved that he had to concede trick 13.

This comes to a total of plus 980. When was the last time you scored this number this way?

IMP Pairs

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Obviously refreshed for the second day of play, they posted a plus score of 91.12 to zoom into the lead with a session to play. They added another 24.09 IMPs in the evening session.

At home, Lambardi plays bridge for a living. Ravenna, who owns a construction business, also plays a lot of bridge.

Although they have played together previously, they are not a regular partnership, so they stuck to "very standard" bidding agreements.

Life Master news

Marcia McCalden of Walcott CO earned her gold card in the compact knockouts. Her partner was Jo Dee Bowen of Jonestown TX. Their teammates were Mike Patel of Houston and Joyce Remsen of Sparks NV.

Marc Franklin of Portland OR needed only five masterpoints to become a Silver Life Master. Playing in the First Friday Knockout Teams, Franklin earned well more than he needed. His partner was Cerna Stevens of Marquette WI. Their teammates were Dale Dye of Wyndmoor PA and Bridgett Pitt of Brookhaven PA.

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.

NABC PLATINUM PAIRS 2ND SEMIFINAL SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTIONS A O C		EAST-WEST		
1	Alan Osofsky, Palm Beach FL; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD	62.75%	1	Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw 0 Poland; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczkoud Poland		68.98%
2	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT	61.23%	2	Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ; Martin Fleisher, New York NY		61.44%
3	Frank Nickell, New York NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL	59.51%	3	Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Jim Krekorian, Pensacola FL		58.76%
4	Gary Gottlieb, Brooklyn NY; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden	59.41%	4	Alan Applebaum, Brookline MA; Victor King, Hartford CT		57.93%
5	Jared Lilienstein, New York NY; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC	58.70%	5	Jaggy Shivdasani, Pleasantville NY; Winthrop Allegaert, New York NY		57.34%
6	Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Jill Levin, Lake Ariel PA	56.28%	6	Geoffrey Brod, Avon CT; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA		55.77%
7	Jim Foster, Birmingham AL; Larry Sealy, Huntsville AL	53.34%	7	John Hurd, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY		54.66%
8	Eric Greco, Philadelphia PA; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV	53.04%	8/9	Rob Stevens, Aptos CA; Edward Barlow, Sunnyvale CA		54.40%
9	Tor Helness, Oslo Norway; Roy Welland, New York NY	52.99%	8/9	Margot Hennings - Donald Hennings, Annandale VA		54.40%
10	Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL; Gavin Wolpert, Singer Island FL	52.78%	10	Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY		53.44%
11	Douglas Simson - Walter Johnson, Columbus OH	52.73%	11	Pamela Granovetter - Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH		53.29%
12	Qing Yang, Cupertino CA; Ethan Yi Liu, Chicago IL	52.53%	12	Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; Louk Verhees, 2215 SH Voorhou Netherlands		52.53%
13	Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands; Russell Ekeblad, Portsmouth RI	52.38%	13	Fredrik Nystrom, 11421 Stockholm Sweden; Grace Jeklin, Surrey BC		52.43%
14	Jim Looby, Burbank CA; Ed Ulman, Portland OR	52.13%	14/15	Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC; John Potter, Panama City FL		52.33%
15	John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL	52.02%	14/15	R Jay Becker, New York NY; Robert Levin, Lake Ariel PA		52.33%
16	Stephen Landen, Ellicott City MD; Mark Cohen, Glen Ridge NJ	51.77%	16	Ahmed Hussein - Tarek Sadek, Cairo Egypt		51.77%

SATURDAY EVENING 299ER PAIRS - SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION U, and EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Dee Minazzoli, Mukund Thapa, and Louise Abbott with associated scores and percentages.

BILL HOLT A/X OPEN PAIRS - 2ND OF 2 SESSIONS

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTIONS PP QQ RR, and EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Chris Larsen, Richard Meffley, and Jessica Piafsky with associated scores and percentages.

BILL HOLT B/C/D PAIRS - SATURDAY EVENING - 2ND OF 2 SESSIONS

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION SS, and EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Jo Anne Murdock, Anne Cohler, and Ken Rosenfeld with associated scores and percentages.

FIRST SATURDAY EVENING SIDE GAME - 4TH OF 4 SESSIONS

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION UU, SECTION VV, and SECTION WW. Rows include names like Kenneth Johnson, Carolyn Timmermann, and Michael Heymann with associated scores and percentages.

NABC IMP PAIRS - SECOND FINAL SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTIONS E G H I K M, and EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Venkatrao Koneru, Jack Margid, and Ellen Anten with associated scores and percentages.

NORTH-SOUTH			FRIDAY-SUNDAY SIDE SERIES - SATURDAY SESSION			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	SECTION VV	A	B	C			
1			Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Julie Zhu, Vero Beach FL	75.30%	1	1	1	Malkin Howes, Waterloo ON; Michael O'Rourke, Baden ON	62.20%
2	1		Teresa Boyd - Grant Robinson, Lafayette CA	71.43%	2	2	2	Carol Ashbacher - Richard Ashbacher, Newhall CA	59.23%
3	2		Judy Isenberg, Highland Park IL; Janie Strauss, Northbrook IL	54.46%	3			John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID	55.95%
4	3	1	Joe Rottmann, Vancouver WA; Richard Cottle, St Paul MN	51.49%	4	3		Paul Foster, Vista CA; Arlene Hansen, Reno NV	50.30%
	4		Sally Blewett, Beaumont TX; Patsy Pierce, Hardin TX	45.83%		4		Norma Callender, Houston TX; Phillip Fulkerson, Las Vegas NV	48.21%
		2	Sharon Rooney - D. Ann Carver, Seaview WA	43.45%					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION WW			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1	1		Louise Fontecchio, Nashville TN; Janet Appel, Estill Spgs TN	62.80%	1	1	1	Ed Curtis - Fred Carlisle, Bakersfield CA	58.63%
2			Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA	62.50%	2	2	2	Chris Martin - Jeffrey Blake, Green Valley AZ	55.36%
3			Robert Quinlan, Pittsburgh PA; Jean Prior, Bethel Park PA	55.65%	3			Betty Jackson, Pebble Beach CA; Jill Leach, Carmel CA	54.17%
4	2		Joel Martineau - Ann Hung, Vancouver BC	50.60%	4	3		Rick Holcomb, Malden MA; Peter Manzon, Waltham MA	53.57%
	3		Paul Sitz, Ramsey MN; Bert Sheldon, San Antonio TX	49.11%					
		1	Lois Copple, Des Moines IA; Barbara Ververne, Austin TX	48.51%					
		2	John Medina - Jeanette Finn, Sacramento CA	46.13%					
NORTH-SOUTH			FIRST SATURDAY AM 10/20/50 PAIRS - MORNING SESSION			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	SECTION U	A	B	C			
1			Joanne Onstine-Dill, Sparks NV; James Bochinski, Reno NV	62.80%	1	1		Gwenyth Conners - Gary Conners, Rochester NY	62.50%
2			Carol Barker, Sparks NV; Ken Dean, Reno NV	58.04%	2			Gerald Boesche - Nancy Boesche, Monument CO	52.98%
3	1	1	William Schrader - Philip Israel, Lakeview OR	56.55%	3			William Strand - Barbara Strand, Minden NV	51.19%
4			Mac Ryland - Judy Ryland, Atlanta GA	52.68%	4			Rosemarie Bemis, Hornbrook CA; Clara Arnold, Central Point OR	50.00%
	2		Steve Postle - Cleo Postle, Lincoln CA	45.24%		2		Judy Goodnow - Warren Goodnow, Palo Alto CA	48.51%
NORTH-SOUTH			FIRST SATURDAY AM 100/200/300 - MORNING SESSION			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	SECTION W	A	B	C			
1			Stephen Massman - Donna Massman, Beverly Hills CA	56.67%	1	1	1	Lydia Yang - Patrick Yang, Basking Ridge NJ	60.42%
2	1	1	Esther Rubke, Piedmont CA; Estelle Baum, Oakland CA	53.75%	2	2	2	Ann Clemmons, Langley BC; Janet Sebranek, Eau Claire WI	57.08%
3	2		Lois Holbert, Incline Vlg NV; Dona Louzader, Roseville CA	51.67%	3			Gary See, Kingwood TX; Alan Bostrom, San Francisco CA	52.92%
	3	2	Lael Cooksley - Jan Hart, Redmond OR	50.00%					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION X			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1	1	1	Ruth Baker, Valencia CA; Jerry Burrill, Newhall CA	56.25%	1	1	1	Bonnie Chan - Lisa Darcy, Visalia CA	63.33%
2	2	2	Nancy Bolton - Joan Pless, Auburn CA	54.58%	2	2	2	Eleanor Battaglia, Foster City CA; Frank Pierce, San Mateo CA	61.25%
3	3		Mary Levine - Elizabeth Silver, Oakland CA	52.50%	3	3		Frances Opheim - Wendell Opheim, Lethbridge AB	54.58%
NORTH-SOUTH			FIRST SATURDAY AM JUNIOR BRIDGE PAIRS - MORNING SESSION			EAST-WEST			
			SECTION Y						
1			Karly Agerholm - Sierra Jickling, Reno NV	65.28%	1			Patrick Dempsey - Nathan Kerr, Reno NV	66.67%
2/3			Rebekah Wagner - Drew Hargrove, Sparks NV	50.00%	2			Soren DuPlessis - Shane Helton, Sparks NV	62.03%
2/3			Natalie Barrett, Reno NV; Brittany Hazen, Sparks NV	50.00%					
NORTH-SOUTH			SATURDAY MORNING BRIDGE+ - ONLY SESSION			EAST-WEST			
			SECTION V						
1			Marc Grunseth - Bonnie Davis-Grunseth, Carmichael CA	61.17%	1			Cynthia Scarborough, Boyes Hot Spgs CA; Linda Asmar, West Islip NY	67.50%
2			Ellen West, Minden NV; Joan Schaeffler, Orinda CA	56.83%	2			Donald Dufour - Bernie Dufour, Weyburn SK	64.83%
3			Katy Stangland, Sparks NV; Karne Stangland, Reno NV	53.33%	3			Wray Brett, Sunnyvale CA; Gwen Castelda, Coronado CA	60.83%
NORTH-SOUTH			BURT WALKER STRATIFIED OPEN - FIRST SESSION			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	SECTION AAA	A	B	C			
1			Howard Piltch, South Bend IN; Ray Johnson, Park City UT	64.12%	1			Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL	63.89%
2/3	1	1	Nancy Palmer, Dayton NV; Robert Allgeier, Minden NV	57.87%	2			Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Diana Holt, Palm Beach FL	57.18%
2/3			William Corliss, Davis CA; George Lim, Sacramento CA	57.87%	3			Gary Schwartz, Huntsville AL; Peter Matthews Jr, Roslindale MA	53.94%
4	2		Bud Stowe - Kay Stowe, Clive IA	56.02%	4			En Hay, Littleton CO; Al Kane, Pueblo West CO	50.93%
	3	2	Catherine Johnson, Reno NV; Evelyn Almeleh, Sparks NV	46.99%		1		Margaret Havens - Irene Miller, Powell River BC	50.69%
						2	1	Ru Fulbright - Toni Reid, Oroville CA	49.77%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION BBB			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1	1		Jeanne Carpenter - Joanne Weibrenner, Redding CA	60.88%	1			Kate Hill, Santa Rosa CA; Gary Robinson, Forestville CA	61.06%
2			Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA	58.36%	2	1		Cordelia Menges, New York NY; Jay Baudler, Piedmont CA	58.36%
3			Judi Callahan, Fair Oaks CA; David Vidaver, Sacramento CA	58.05%	3			Donna McBride - Kenneth McBride, Kerrville TX	56.08%
4	2		Edwin Straver, Incline Village NV; Bob Sendall, Morro Bay CA	54.17%	4			Mike Bandler, Alamo CA; Don Nemiro, Hollister CA	54.63%
5	3	1	Gail McBeth - Edgwin Simpson, San Diego CA	53.19%	5			Dan McCaw, Toronto ON; Antonia Okany, Etobicoke ON	52.61%
						2	1	Linda Gallaher, Morehead KY; Marvin Kolodzik, Cincinnati OH	48.12%
								Theresa Brantley - Phillip Brantley, Mabank TX	47.75%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION CCC			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1			Richard Budd, Portland ME; Frank Mastroia, Swansea MA	73.50%	1			Cheryl Schneider, Westerville OH; Cindy Sealy, Huntsville AL	60.65%
2			Pat Leary - Jim Leary, Livermore CA	59.49%	2	1		Josette Levesque - Jean La Traverse, Outremont QC	58.94%
3	1		David Terris - Robert Liu, Walnut Creek CA	59.26%	3	2		Barry Samuel, Santa Rosa CA; Russell Samuel, Glen Cove NY	53.24%
4	2	1	Kailash Sachdev - Rani Sachdev, The Woodlands TX	51.50%	4			Jay Levy, Amherst NY; Bernard Fudor, Murrysville PA	53.01%
							1	Leah Mach, Castle Rock CO; Mary Hess, Denver CO	40.74%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION DDD			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1			Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA; Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA	62.96%	1			Bob Luebke, Walnut Creek CA; Charlotte Falk, Reno NV	63.43%
2	1		Dorothy Christopher - John Christopher, Milford MI	56.02%	2			Allan Simon - Brad Boyle, Calgary AB	57.18%
3	2	1	Stephen Chiarello - Barb Lotief, Las Vegas NV	53.94%	3	1	1	Albert Malouf, San Mateo CA; Leonor Frankel, Greenacres FL	56.02%
4			Franklin Gonzalez, Menlo Park CA; Henryk Szejnwald, Los Altos CA	52.55%	4	2	2	Bonnie Purcell - Gerald Purcell, Kelowna BC	54.86%
						3		Eusebio Menezes, Cupertino CA; Loreta Flynn, San Jose CA	53.70%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION EEE			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1			H Philip Monyer, Middletown PA; Melvin Lubart, Hummelstown PA	61.81%	1	1		Lin-Huan Chen - Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	66.44%
2			Lapt Chan, Forest Hills NY; Judith Bianco, New York NY	55.79%	2	2		David White, Thousand Oaks CA; Marvin Weitzenhoffer, Las Vegas NV	55.09%
3			Sandra Hammer, New Smyrna Bch FL; Courtney Nelson, Wells VT	54.40%	3/4			Clark Millikan, Mountain View CA; Terry Terzian, Castro Valley CA	51.16%
4			Ron Sukoneck, Wilmington NC; Albert Aaron, Baltimore MD	53.01%	3/4			Natalie Hertz - Dan Hertz, Harrison NY	51.16%
	1	1	Robert Smith - Judith Smith, Anahola HI	49.07%					
	2		Gregory Nowak, Las Vegas NV; Graham Putnam, White Rock BC	44.68%					
NORTH-SOUTH			FIRST SATURDAY AFTERNOON 5/20/50 PAIRS - ONLY SESSION			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	SECTION U	A	B	C			
1			Peter Marsh - Barbara Marsh, Lincoln CA	63.04%	1	1		Paul Miller - Marie Miller, Rockaway Beach OR	61.43%
2			Sandra Silverman - Vicki Shepperd Chin, San Diego CA	58.67%	2	2		Dorothy Stewart, Gardnerville NV; Ellen West, Minden NV	57.76%
3			Connie St James - Kathleen Randles, Auburn CA	54.46%	3			Manda Thatte - Dan Thatte, Palo Alto CA	55.65%
4	1	1	Carol Whitelaw - Linda Struthers, Carmichael CA	53.70%	4	3		John Kunzman - Rebecca Kunzman, Orinda CA	52.68%
	2	2	Marc Grunseth - Bonnie Davis-Grunseth, Carmichael CA	52.68%		4	1	Gwen Castelda, Coronado CA; Wray Brett, Sunnyvale CA	48.81%
	3		Jane Schwartz - Ed Schwartz, Sparks NV	47.62%					



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FIRST SATURDAY AFTERNOON 100/200/300 PAIRS - ONLY SESSION

Table with columns for Section X and East-West, listing names and percentages for North-South and East-West pairs.

PLATINUM PAIRS FIRST SEMIFINAL SESSION

Table with columns for Sections A O C and East-West, listing names and percentages for Platinum Pairs.

NABC IMP PAIRS - FIRST FINAL SESSION

Table with columns for Sections E G H I K M and East-West, listing names and percentages for NABC IMP Pairs.

BILL HOLT B/C/D PAIRS - FIRST SESSION

Table with columns for Section SS and East-West, listing names and percentages for Bill Holt B/C/D Pairs.

SECTION TT

Table with columns for Section TT and East-West, listing names and percentages for Section TT Pairs.

FIRST SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME - 3RD OF 4 SESSIONS

Table with columns for Section VV, Section WW, and East-West, listing names and percentages for Side Game Pairs.

BILL HOLT A/X PAIRS - SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1ST OF 2 SESSIONS

Table with columns for Sections PP QQ RR and East-West, listing names and percentages for Bill Holt A/X Pairs.

BURT WALKER STRATIFIED OPEN – 2ND OF 2 SESSIONS										
NORTH-SOUTH					SECTION AAA			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C			A	B	C			
1			Wendy Dooley - Ronald Sutherland, Mississauga ON	59.26%	1				Cordelia Menges, New York NY; Jay Baudler, Piedmont CA	61.11%
2			Thomas Snouse, Felton CA; Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT	58.63%	2				Kate Hill, Santa Rosa CA; Gary Robinson, Forestville CA	57.95%
3			Howard Pilch, South Bend IN; Ray Johnson, Park City UT	55.79%	3		2		Linda Gallaher, Morehead KY; Marvin Kolodzik, Cincinnati OH	56.83%
4			Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Diana Holt, Palm Beach FL	53.94%	4				Edwin Straver, Incline Village NV; Bob Sendall, Morro Bay CA	53.65%
5			Marge Neate, West Vancouver BC; Marina Page, Burnaby BC	50.93%	5				L. Hall, Tucson AZ; Samuel Jordan, Spring Valley CA	52.89%
	1	1	Joan Kroener, Cardiff CA; Mary Fenton, Carlsbad CA	49.81%				1	Gail McBeth - Edgwin Simpson, San Diego CA	47.19%
	2	2	James Brown - Cathryn Brown, Coldstream BC	47.75%						
NORTH-SOUTH					SECTION BBB			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C			A	B	C			
1			Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA	65.74%	1				Bud Stowe - Kay Stowe, Clive IA	63.89%
2	1		Dennis Tretheway, Livermore CA; Joyce Tretheway, Redding CA	60.88%	2				Greg Reich - Otto Adamec, New York NY	62.27%
3			Judi Callahan, Fair Oaks CA; David Vidaver, Sacramento CA	59.26%	3				Gary Schwartz, Huntsville AL; Peter Matthews Jr, Roslindale MA	58.80%
4			Erez Hendelman, New York NY; Shirley Matthews, Lindale TX	59.03%	4		1		Catherine Johnson, Reno NV; Evelyn Almeleh, Sparks NV	52.78%
5			Dan McCaw, Toronto ON; Antonia Okany, Etobicoke ON	53.47%	5		3		Jess Sellers, Redmond WA; Randy Pace, Roseville CA	51.16%
	2	1	Jan Keller, Paradise CA; Jenni Boles, Chico CA	45.60%						
NORTH-SOUTH					SECTION CCC			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C			A	B	C			
1			Richard Budd, Portland ME; Frank Mastroia, Swansea MA	66.67%	1				Lin-Huan Chen - Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	59.72%
2			Dave McClintock, Bluffton SC; Marvin Shatz, Hilton Head SC	53.01%	2				Clark Millikan, Mountain View CA; Terry Terzian, Castro Valley CA	54.63%
3	1		Barry Samuel, Santa Rosa CA; Russell Samuel, Glen Cove NY	52.78%	3/4				Joseph Chin, Highland IN; Satish Gupta, Reno NV	52.08%
4			Cheryl Schneider, Westerville OH; Cindy Sealy, Huntsville AL	52.31%	3/4				Dean Robinson, Indianapolis IN; Karen Oberting, Carmel IN	52.08%
	2		Jeremy Scott, Moscow ID; Robert Probasco, Spokane WA	51.16%			2	1	Charlotte Barnard, Grass Valley CA; Jean Read, Auburn CA	50.69%
		1	EllaMargaret Cron, Centennial CO; Justin Cislighi, Denver CO	47.69%						
NORTH-SOUTH					SECTION DDD			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C			A	B	C			
1			Mike Hartop, Ammon NB; Karl Hicks, Dominion NS	66.38%	1				Jay Levy, Amherst NY; Bernard Fudor, Murrysville PA	69.39%
2	1	1	Carol Barr, Reno NV; Tommie Kadotani, Denver CO	55.73%	2		1		Josette Levesque - Jean La Traverse, Outremont QC	59.23%
3			Edward Von Adelung, Monterey CA; Leroy Abinanti, Surprise AZ	51.45%	3				Gilbert Stinebaugh, Van Nuys CA; Donald Crum, Winnetka CA	54.81%
4	2	2	Bonnie Purcell - Gerald Purcell, Kelowna BC	51.44%	4		2		Gary Nitzberg, Carson City NV; Sheldon Zimmler, Zephyr Cove NV	54.11%
	3		Franklin Gonzalez, Menlo Park CA; Henryk Szejnwald, Los Altos CA	51.42%			3		David Terris - Robert Liu, Walnut Creek CA	54.08%
NORTH-SOUTH					SECTION EEE			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C			A	B	C			
1			David Shuster, Fresno CA; Mark Stern, Sacramento CA	63.19%	1				Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA; Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA	57.41%
2			Somers Collins, Little Rock AR; Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN	54.63%	2/4		1/2		John Cagney - Edith Cagney, N Fort Myers FL	54.86%
3			Marty Burman, Blue Bell PA; Arnold Selig, Cheltenham PA	54.40%	2/4		1/2	1	Melena Ose - Enlow Ose, Sacramento CA	54.86%
4			Britain Beezley - Shelba Parmley, Oklahoma City OK	53.24%	2/4				Allan Simon - Brad Boyle, Calgary AB	54.86%
	1		David White, Thousand Oaks CA; Marvin Weitzenhoffer, Las Vegas NV	51.39%				2	Mitch Miladinovich - Terri Miladinovich, Acampo CA	50.69%
	2	1	John Williams - Carol Williams, Kailua HI	46.53%						

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Goodwill Day

Monday, March 15, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Monday-Wednesday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	1st	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Sunday-Monday Morning Compact Bracketed KO Teams	3-4	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Saturday-Monday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	3rd	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Monday-Wednesday Morning Side Game Series	1st single session	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18

Monday, March 15, 10 a.m.

Roger Hallum Memorial 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$17
Roger Hallum Memorial 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$15

Monday, March 15, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Stratified Fast Pairs	1-2	Crystal Ballroom 1 & 2	\$16	\$18
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Monday, March 15, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratified Daylight Pairs	1-2	Crystal Ballroom 3	\$16	\$18
Monday-Tuesday Senior KO Teams	1-2	Carson Ballroom 3 & 4	\$16	\$18

Monday, March 15, 1 p.m.

Sunday-Monday Side Game Series	3rd single session	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
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Monday, March 15, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Round 1	Reno Ballroom	\$20	
<i>Entry for the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams required by 8 pm Sunday, March 14.</i>				
LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS	1-2 F	Tahoe Ballroom	\$20	
Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
<i>(2000+; 0-2000)</i>				
Sagebrush Pairs	1-2	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
<i>(300-750; 0-300.) Gold points for top for top strat.</i>				
Compact Bracketed KO Teams	1-4	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Sunday-Monday Bracketed KO Teams	3-4	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18

Monday, March 15, 3 p.m.

Carol Chaney Memorial Stratified IMP Pairs	single	Carson Ballroom 3 & 4	\$15	\$17
Roger Hallum Memorial 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$17
Roger Hallum Memorial 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$15

Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.

Longview WA Bridge Club Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams				
A/X	single	Summit Ballroom	\$15	\$17
B/C/D	single	Summit Ballroom	\$15	\$17
Sunday-Monday Side Game Series	4th single session	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Mid-Columbia Cherries Jubilee Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$15

Monday, March 15, 11:30 p.m.

Zip KO Teams	single	Crystal Ballroom	\$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

Jan Hall Memorial Day

Sunday, March 14, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Sunday-Monday Morning Compact Bracketed KO Teams	1-2	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Saturday-Monday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
ACBL Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	4th	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series	3rd single session	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18

Sunday, March 14, 10 a.m.

Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$15

Sunday, March 14, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Premier Realty-Judy Kay Stratified Daylight Pairs	1-2	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams	1-2	Crystal Ballroom	\$16	\$18

Sunday, March 14, 1 p.m.

Sunday-Monday Side Game Series	1st single session	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
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Sunday, March 14, 1 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

NABC+ PLATINUM PAIRS	1-2 F	Tahoe Ballroom	\$20	
LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS	1-2 Q	Reno Ballroom	\$20	
<i>Pre-qualification required. 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions.</i>				
Jan Hall Memorial Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Sunday-Monday Bracketed KO Teams	1-2	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Ace of Clubs (Beaverton OR) Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams				
A/X	1-2	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
B/C/D	1-2	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18

Sunday, March 14, 3 p.m.

Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$15

Sunday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.

Lisa Hawes Memorial Stratified Side Swiss Teams	single	Summit Ballroom	\$15	\$17
Sunday-Monday Side Game Series	2nd single session	Summit Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Carson Ballroom 1 & 2	\$15	\$15


Sunday, March 14, 11:30 p.m.

Zip KO Teams	single	Crystal Ballroom	\$12/team/match	
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Beaverton, OR - Ace of Clubs Strati-flighted A/X and B/C/D Swiss Teams (1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.)

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In Memory of Lisa Hawes Stratified Swiss Teams (7:30 p.m.)

Lisa Hawes taught for 15 years in the Portland area. She was an inspiration to many. Lisa was an outstanding athlete, captain of her basketball teams at both Western State College and Portland State college. She coached young women's sports, including softball, basketball and soccer.

Lisa was an active life-long learner. In addition to Western State College and PSU, she completed work at George Fox University and received a certificate from Oregon Health and Science University for Counseling Training. She was very active in her local church.

Lisa had a great love for animals, particularly her furry friend, Albert, her cat, and Mac Duff & John Paul, her mother's dogs. Lisa lived running, hiking, biking, attending church, golfing or reaching out to help another.

Lisa Hawes died April 17, 2009, at the age of 47. She was the daughter of Diane Cullen, and one of four children.

Jan Hall - A woman for all seasons

If Norman Rockwell were ever to paint "The Girl Next Door" from all our childhoods, she would look exactly like Jan Hall. Jan has left us, all too soon, after a valiant three and one-half year battle with breast cancer. She battled so long, and so cheerfully, that her colorful array of baseball caps seemed to have become a decorative fixture of Portland OR bridge.

Jan had the simple and innocent gift of expecting the best from all of us and thereby getting it. Jan believed the world was a good place, and that all people were good; and she somehow made us all strive to make it so. She was one of those wonderful, hardworking souls who really do

make you ponder why bad things happen to good people. Prior to her illness, she was full of energy, and played bridge five, sometimes six times a week, while leaving her weekends free to spend with husband Fred.

She contributed much to bridge, and to all our lives: more than just her work as unit treasurer and her help in recruiting new and younger members. She was always cheerful at the table (and elsewhere) and didn't have a mean bone in her body. Jan was a Silver Life Master.

As Charlotte Enberg put it so beautifully, this is our goodbye to that gentle lady we all loved:

*We'll miss you, miss your hearty laugh,
your caring ways, your stamina,
The hats you wore, so colorful;
your gentle talk, your smiling lips,
that never uttered a complaint,
but fought for life with every breath.
Now rest in peace, there's no more pain,
just gratitude that you were here.
We thank you for the love you gave,
the precious memories that are ours,
Engraved so deep within our hearts
to cherish as your loving gift.*

*Farewell, fair lady. You left a hole in all our hearts
not easily filled. But we are all much better and richer
for having known you.*