

Daily Bulletin



80th Fall North American Bridge Championships

Editors: Brent Manley and Paul Linxwiler

Matthews, Osberg get Goodwill treatment

Standing ovations are not the norm at ACBL Goodwill Committee meetings, but when you're honoring a personality such as Jackie Matthews, simple applause just doesn't seem to do the trick.

"There's nothing like the Jackie touch," said fellow TD Tom Quinlan, who told the audience at the meeting on Monday about Matthews' long, dedicated service, in particular as the Caddy Mama.

Not long ago, Quinlan said, there was some talk that Matthews might be calling it quits after years as the TD in charge of caddies at NABCs. It wasn't long before the caddies were wearing shirts with big, bold lettering: "Jackie 4 Ever."

Quinlan noted that Matthews is also tournament manager for District 21. Before taking on those jobs, he said, she was a very good bridge player.

Her trademark, however, is her attitude toward life, said Quinlan. "In anything she does, she wants people to have a good time – and she gets on the TDs, too, telling us to smile and be nice to people."

True to her character, when she took the podium, Matthews first statement was, "I hope you're having a good time."

Matthews was one of several honorees at the Goodwill meeting,



Goodwill Chair Aileen Osofsky with TDs Tom Quinlan and Jackie Matthews.



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Backwash Squeeze author to sign books in SF

Fans of the recent hit book "The Backwash Squeeze and Other Improbable Feats" are in for a treat at the San Francisco NABC: Author Edward McPherson is in town to promote the book, and he will be available to sign copies before the 1 and 7:30 p.m. games.

McPherson, 30, who lives in Brooklyn NY, wrote about his experiences of learning to play bridge at his local club and of his travels to regionals (such as Kansas City and Gatlinburg), NABCs and a slew of other venues. He also interviews some of the best-known names in bridge to give an amazing portrait of the game.

The book has won critical acclaim in the Wall Street Journal, the New Yorker and other publications.

The book signing will be held in the Yerba Buena foyer (in front of the Baron Barclay booth) from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. and from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Books will be available from Baron Barclay.



Strul struts to Open BAM win

Aubrey Strul captured his first North American championship on Monday when his squad won the Mitchell Open BAM Teams by almost three boards. Strul, playing with Michael Becker, David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen, Lew Stansby and Chip Martel, posted 17 wins in the first final session and 20 in the second final. With carryover, their total was 39.73.

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Mitchell Open BAM champs Larry Cohen, Chip Martel, David Berkowitz, Aubrey Strul, Lew Stansby and Michael Becker.

Chinese team impressive in Women's BAM win

A team based in Shanghai, China, stormed into the lead after the first final session and won the Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams by the surprising margin of more than eight boards.

The winners are Ping Zhu, Jian Wang, You Mei Zhou, Ping Wang and Shao Hong Wu. They started

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Jim Sternberg, fourth from the left, poses with the winners of the Marsh May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams. With him are Ping Zhu, Jian Wang, You Mei Zhou, Ping Wang, coach Ren Jie Yang and Shao Hong Wu.

Senior KO final: Levine vs. Hollman

The team led by Mike Levine defeated the defending-champion Amos Kaminski squad in the semifinal round of the Senior Knockouts to earn a berth in today's final. Levine will face the team led by Robert Hollman, who won their semifinal match against Rich DeMartino's squad.

After an even first quarter, Levine (Zeke Jabbour, Bobby Wolff, Dan Morse, Allan Siebert and Chuck Said) opened up a 23-IMP lead against

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Goodwill Message

"Only a few of us will win championships, but all of us can win new friends. And, unlike the coveted silver trophies, we keep the friends without having to win them again and again."

The late Dick Frey, editor of The Bridge Bulletin, wrote these words in 1960 but they are still applicable 40 years later.

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman
National Goodwill Committee



Smoking reminder

Players are reminded that smoking is not permitted anywhere within the San Francisco Marriott, including stairwells and emergency exits. Smoking is permitted outside the hotel only.

Players found to be in violation of the no-smoking policy will automatically be penalized.



SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Tuesday, Nov. 27

9 am - 12:30 pm **Teacher Accreditation Program.** (Pre-registration required.) *Location: Pacific I.*
 9:30 am - Noon **NABC Advisory Committee Meeting.**
Location: Pacific G.
 10 am - Noon **Breakfast with the Stars.** Join eight world-class pairs for tips, tales and a sumptuous breakfast. Sold out. *Location: Club Room.*
 10 am - Noon **Senior Team Trials Meeting.** *Location: Pacific G.*

Wednesday, Nov. 28

9 am - 12:30 pm **Teacher Accreditation Program.** (Pre-registration required.) *Location: Pacific I.*

11 am - Noon **Get Online with Bridge Base.** Don't miss this opportunity to meet with Fred Gitelman, Bridge Base founder and the creator of the ACBL's Learn to Play Bridge program. Find out how you can use this material for promotion and get a guided tour of the Bridge Base site and its outstanding teaching features. *Location: Pacific J.*

Thursday, Nov. 29

11 am - Noon **Recorder Seminar.** *Location: Pacific J.*

Sunday, Dec. 2

11 am - 5 pm **Vugraph.** *Location: TBA.*
 6 - 11:30 pm **Vugraph.** *Location: TBA.*

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Be sure to hear these free expert lectures at the San Francisco NABC. Lectures are held daily at 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. in Golden Gate A.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

9:15 am Mike Flader *Ruling The Game*
 6:45 pm Larry Cohen *Lawful Preemption*

Wednesday, Nov. 28

9:15 am Phillip Alder *Balanced Hands: What Range and Why*
 6:45 pm Zeke Jabbour *Winsome & Loathsome*

Thursday, Nov. 29

9:15 am Allan Mazer *Tell Your Partner Where to Go*
 6:45 pm Kathy Venton *Help Your Defense: Give Partner Count*

Friday, Nov. 30

9:15 am Haig Tchamitch *Responding To a Takeout Double*
 6:45 pm Ellen Kent *Simple is Better*

Saturday, Dec. 1

9:15 am Janet Robertson *To Pull or Not To Pull -- Trump That Is!*
 6:45 pm Jeff Roman *The Differences Between Pairs and Teams*

LATE NIGHT / ENTERTAINMENT

All entertainment will be in Golden Gate B unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

10 am Breakfast with the Stars. Club Room, Marriott. **Sold out.**
 6:15 pm Magician Tom Nixon performs feats of prestidigitation.
 11 pm Jim Anderson's "Oldies and Goodies" piano performance.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

11 pm Magician Norman Beck will dazzle the audience with his amazing act.

Friday, Nov. 30

6:15 pm Magician Tom Nixon performs feats of prestidigitation.
 10:45 pm Classical musicians Dominic Ziegler and Johathon Pinston will perform.

Saturday, Dec. 1

10:45 pm Dancing with DJ Jordan Roseman.

Deception

By Brian Senior

Board 28 of the first qualifying session of the Victor Mitchell Open BAM offered an opportunity for a psychological play by declarer.

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

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

♠ A K 6 5
 ♥ A 9 7 6
 ♦ 9 6 2
 ♣ 10 3

At my table West opened 3♦ and played there. North led the ♣Q. Declarer won the ♣A and cashed the ♦A. Now he wanted to get to hand to draw the rest of the trumps. Of course, it should not matter what declarer attempts, the defenders should come to two spades, a heart and a club ruff, but declarer found a psychological play to improve his chances.

Almost everyone will concede a trick in their singleton suit in this situation, that being the quickest way back to hand. So our declarer instead played a low spade off the table. South won the spade and gave his partner a club ruff. North fell for it, assuming declarer to have played in standard fashion. North played the ♥K followed by the ♥Q, so declarer could ruff, draw trumps and claim an overtrick.

A winning board for East-West? No. At the other table the contract was 4♦. North started with the ♥K, then switched to the singleton club, and

with his communications opened up, declarer had 12 tricks.

It's magic!

Tom Nixon is a world-class magician, specializing in sleight-of-hand card tricks. He will be performing live on Tuesday and Friday from 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the Senior and Intermediate/Newcomer areas of the Golden Gate Rooms on level B2 at the Marriott.

Come early when the crowds are light, and see Nixon's tricks up close. You will see finesses you never thought possible.

Life Master news

Barbara and Dick Unger of Weybridge VT traveled a long way to the Fall NABC, in part to visit their son, who lives in San Francisco. While they were in town, they ventured to the tournament and entered the Bill Holt Knockout Teams, playing with Carol Turner of San Diego and Setsuko Nakazawa of Escondido CA. They came in third-fourth in their bracket and earned well more than the 1.74 gold points they needed to become Life Masters.

Daniel Rosenblatt of Winston-Salem NC earned his gold card in the Compact Knockout Teams on Monday. He was playing with Frank Hund. Their teammates were Susan Powers and Rick Weiss.

Terry Jones of Falls Church VA made Life Master in the Monday Compact Knockout Teams. He was playing with Ralph Meyer of Ridgewood NJ. Their teammates were Jennifer Nisenoff of Vienna VA and Austin Fitzgerald of Kinnelon NJ. In the aftermath of his rank change, Jones had this comment: "Yea, team!"

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: Nail Life Master Open Pairs, Smith Life Master Women's Pairs, Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, Keohane North American Swiss Teams, Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams and the Senior Knockouts. The entry fees for these contests are \$18 per player per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, Miles Non-Life Master Pairs or National 99er Pairs. The entry fee is \$16.50 per player per session.

Regional championships are \$15.50 per player per session for ACBL members, \$17.50 for non-members.

All other events are \$14.50 per player per session for ACBL members, \$16.50 for non-members.

Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

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

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



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



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Dear New Player:

So here you are! You've come from far and wide to play our wonderful game.

I gotta tell you though, coming from far and



wide is a lot harder than it used to be. When I am pulled out of line for a more thorough pat-down search, it's hard to have wonderful thoughts ... and that makes me wonder: What is it about me that

consistently triggers the higher-level security response. Is it the Middle-Aged Housewife look? The blonde hair — could they have guessed I'm not really a blonde? — is this a terrorist characteristic? The decidedly un-athletic body type? The huge, enormous carry on bag — certainly big enough for a bomb, but filled with Trip Survival Gear — a Cinnabon, a few books, a pillow? Somewhere along the line, I must have been flagged. I keep trying to tell them it ain't me they're looking for, but to no avail . . .

But I digress. When you finally reach your destination, you are going to have some especially rewarding experiences. The ACBL has put together a fabulous program of lectures, workshops and games, just for you, and all free!

I always consider it an honor to be asked to run one of these workshops, mostly because I enjoy being around newcomers so much. It refreshes me, motivates me, and reminds me of why I go to work every day.

One thing keeps coming back to me repeatedly ... the observation that you newcomers seem to be having more fun than anyone else at the NABC. You may notice that you have your own separate rooms. Have you wondered why? You laugh too much and are having way too much fun! You are a Bad Example (just kidding).

There's no question you newcomers are as competitive as the open players. You are just as

eager to win masterpoints, although many of you are confused about pigmented points. (You're not alone!) You're just as intense when you bid and play. You enjoy your postmortems with the same verve as do your more experienced counterparts. You love looking at the hand records and examining alternatives.

So just why is it that you seem to be having more fun? Hmm. Here are a couple thoughts.

1. You still think this is just a game, not a career choice. During the holiday season, it's easy to spot the newcomers ... they are in the malls shopping and in the store buying ingredients for cookies. Open players do all their shopping online at 3 a.m., don't cook any major meals, get rid of visitors after a couple hours — all so they can get back to their real job . . . at the bridge club.

2. You can still have fun, even if you don't win. A well-played contract, even by an opponent, is a pleasure, the social interaction is exciting ... especially at a tournament with all those new friends-to-be.

3. The game itself is your focus, rather than the win or loss. How the bidding went, the mysteries of the lie of the cards, is where your attention is. This is hard to verbalize, but the pleasure for many of you is still in the process rather than the outcome. Do you know what I mean?

4. And this one, I think, is the biggie. You aren't so positive you are right that you feel it necessary to castigate your partners and opponents about being wrong. When you have discussions, your objective isn't determining who was right or wrong. It's more focused on, "Where did the train that hit me come from?"



Cartoons from GO AHEAD! LAUGH by Jude Goodwin. Published by Master Point Press and available at the book tables.

This is not to say that open players aren't having fun or are grumpy and accusatory. Not at all. It just seems that you newcomers are having more fun than anyone in the joint. Whatever you're doing, don't stop!

P.S. I said earlier that my workshop was "Long Suits — Better than Money." Well, that's a lie. Show me the money and I'll give you my six-card suit and take your three cards any day of the week!

P.P.S. If you have any thoughts on why newcomers seem to be having so much fun, e-mail me at mronemus@comcast.net. I'd love to hear what you're thinking.

Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: West ♠ K 10 8 6 2
 Vul: None ♥ 4 3
 ♦ Q J 10
 ♣ K J 3

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

♠ Q J 9 4 3
 ♥ 8 2
 ♦ A 7 5
 ♣ A 10 2

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

Opening lead: ♥A (ace from A-K in unsupported suits).

Bidding commentary: When you have a five-card major, 10 or 11 high-card points are enough to open in fourth seat. North's jump to 3♠ is a limit raise showing 9-11 support points with at least four-card support. Those who play a jump to 3♠ as preemptive will cuebid to show a limit raise. East is not strong enough to bid 4♥ facing a passed hand, nor is South strong enough to bid 4♠.

Lead commentary: This is the story about leading the ace or the king from ace-king

combinations. 1. The ace is led at trick one. After trick one, the king is led. 2. The king is also led in supported suits. Had East supported hearts, West should lead the king. 3. The king is also led from A-K-x-(x) in any suit partner has bid, supported or not. Chances are it will have been supported, but it doesn't matter, the king is led. Leading the ace in a suit partner has bid denies the king. With A-K blank, everything is reversed.

Defensive commentary: East plays the ♥Q

at trick one, promising the jack (or a singleton). West leads a low heart at trick two and East wins and leads a diamond to West's king. West should exit safely with a diamond.

Play commentary: After winning the second diamond, South drives out the ♠A. Assuming East wins and gets out with a diamond, South must locate the ♣Q. West, a passed hand, has turned up with the ♥A K and the ♦K. As it is unlikely that West has the ♣Q, guess who does?



Maryann Bond, Roberta Lovell and Connie Weed dropped in on the Intermediate/New comer area Monday evening after losing a knockout teams match. All three are from Fargo ND, as is missing teammate, Joey Gilbertson. The women said there is a strong contingent from Fargo at the NABC. Ask them about uff da!

Goodwill

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hosted by ACBL Goodwill Chair Aileen Osofsky.

One of her jobs on Monday was making Sharon Osberg an honorary member of the national Goodwill Committee.

Former ACBL General Counsel Jeff Polisner introduced Osberg, a banking executive and former world champion who often plays bridge with Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates and investment guru Warren Buffett.

Polisner said Osberg is great at getting publicity for bridge. "She plays with people who aren't very good – like Gates and Buffett – and she still gets great publicity for bridge."

When she took the podium, Osberg told Polisner, "I'm going to tell Bill and Warren what you said."

Osberg, two-time winner of the Venice Cup – the world's top women's team event – said she was appearing at the meeting on behalf of the School Bridge League. She said Gates and Buffett have contributed significant dollars to advance the cause of getting more young people interested in the game.

The latest effort began after she wrote an op-ed piece for The New York Times. She was contacted by The League, a New Jersey-based organization with the infrastructure to set up bridge classes in schools all over the U.S.

"We are now targeting hundreds of schools and thousands of kids," said Osberg, "and I hope to have an update you next year about how wonderfully successful we have been."

Another highlight of the meeting was the introduction of the medal winners from the recently concluded World Bridge Team Championships in Shanghai, China.

First to be congratulated were the Venice Cup winners – Hansa Narasimhan, Jill Levin, Jill Meyers, Irina Levitina, JoAnna Stansby, Debbie Rosenberg and non-playing captain Gail Greenberg. They received enthusiastic applause from the gathering.

Other medal winners were also acknowledged and cheered:

Bermuda Bowl silver George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Howard Weinstein, Steve Garner, npc Jan Martel and coach Chip Martel

Senior Bowl gold: Rose Meltzer, Alan Sontag, Roger Bates, Grant Baze, Lew Stansby and Bart Bramley, npc Kyle Larsen and coach Patty Magnus.

Senior Bowl bronze: Gaylor Kasle, Dan Morse, Bobby Wolff, Dan Gerstman, John Sutherland, Ron Smith and npc Donna Compton.

Osofsky started the program by acknowledging the passing of three Goodwill members: Paul Soloway, Joan Cohen and Bill "Kurlly" Holt.

District 21 representative Roger Smith welcomed everyone, then turned the podium over to NABC Chair Bruce Blakely, who encouraged the crowd to get away from the bridge tables, if only briefly, to see some of the city of San Francisco.

ACBL President Sharon Fairchild, nearing the end of her term, reflected on her travels during 2007, thanking "everyone who made me feel so welcome."



NABC Chair Bruce Blakely and Roger Smith, District 21 representative on the ACBL Board of Directors.

NABC Diary

Which way is up?

Every time you think you've seen everything, someone like Glenn Eisenstein stops by the Daily Bulletin office to prove you wrong.



It seems that Eisenstein's teammates in the Victory Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams went to the wrong section when it was time for the game to begin. These are No. 3 seeds, mind you – world champions with piles of masterpoints and vast experience.

That error by itself would not have been a huge problem. The team that was supposed to be where Eisenstein's teammates went might arrive (or already be at the table) and everything would be hunky-dory after the players made it to their correct tables. Unfortunately, the same error was committed by another No. 3 seed, so both teams played the entire session out of place. The upshot was that the two teams had no comparisons – and they messed up scores for all the pairs they played against.

Eisenstein said he was very impressed with Tournament Director Steve Bates and his assistants for their hours of work in attempting to come up with some valid scores out of the mess.

Eisenstein's final comment: "It takes world champions to do something like this."

Who Noozit?

Among the more interested spectators at the Fall NABC is one Tim Lundeen, CEO and founder of Web Crossing Inc., a San Francisco company that creates message boards and social networking software. At one time, he was a serious bridge player – he and Chip Martel were frequent partners more than 25 years ago – but he quit the game to start his career and a family.

Because the NABC is in San Francisco, Lundeen added a gadget to his Noozit.com web site – an online newspaper – that allows for registered users to insert bridge deals and write about them. There are several deals at the Noozit site now, including one written by Bob Hamman and some by Martel.

In his day, said Lundeen, he was a "pretty decent" bridge player. On a tour of the tournament site with Martel, Lundeen said watching all the bridge made him "think seriously" about starting to play again.

Checking the dummy

New Life Masters are usually reported elsewhere in this publication, but one of ACBL's newest, Yvonne Snyder, didn't earn her gold card at the NABC. It happened three weeks ago at a STaC in Southern California. Yvonne's partner was Judy Seger of Los Angeles.

For those who don't know, Yvonne is married to the legendary Eddie Kantar, who has written about playing with her in the Home Game articles published for many years in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin.

The Home Game pieces are meant to be fun, and over the years Yvonne has received more than her share of kidding from her husband.

It's different now that Yvonne has achieved higher status in ACBL rankings. "The bottom line," said Kantar, "is she doesn't want to play with me any more – and she's looking at the dummy to see if I bid properly."

Perhaps the author of the next Home Game story will be Yvonne.

Sam would approve

Phyllis Harlan, who represents District 15 on the ACBL Board of Directors, was kidding CEO Jay Baum the other night at the Patron Member dinner. It seems Baum was greeting everyone at the door as they made it to the president's suite at the Marriott.

"I see you've been promoted to doorman," said Harlan.

Answered Baum: "I'm practicing for my job in retirement: Welcome to Walmart! Welcome to Walmart!"

Endplay

By Brian Senior

Deep Finesse assures us that South can make 3NT on Board 19 of the second qualifying session of the Victor Mitchell Open BAM (hands rotated), but it failed far more often than not.

Dlr: East ♠ J 10 9 7 6
Vul: N-S ♥ J 9 7
♦ K 5 3
♣ 10 5

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

♠ K
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ A J 4
♣ A Q 8 4 3

One of Europe's top lady players, Nevena Senior, declared 3NT on the lead of a low heart, which she won with the king. She played the ♠K, and that was ducked. Now a heart to the 9 was followed by the ♠J, won by West's ace while declarer pitched a club.

West could have cashed the ♥A now, but it would have made no difference. He actually switched to a low club for the 10, king and ace, and Nevena played a heart. North won the ♥A and played the ♣J, which was ducked.

North was endplayed. A club or a diamond would give a trick in that suit, and a spade would establish that suit while the ♦K was still in dummy to provide an entry. There was no escape, and declarer had nine tricks and a winning board.

It may seem that the defense would have been better placed had East won the second spade and played a diamond through. Declarer can still prevail. She wins the ♦A and plays a heart to West's ace. Again, West is endplayed. If he plays a spade, he establishes dummy's winners, while a diamond gives the ninth trick in that suit. After a club to the king and ace, declarer cashes the fourth heart and North is squeezed in three suits. Again, there is no escape.

Tough Defense

By Brian Senior

4♥ was a popular, if unsuccessful, spot on this deal from the first qualifying session of the Victor Mitchell Open BAM (hands rotated).

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

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

♠ 5 4 3 2
♥ A J 7 5 4
♦ 8 4
♣ J 2

West makes the natural lead of the singleton diamond, which East overtakes to play two more winning diamonds, probably signaling for clubs in the process. There is a lie of the cards that permits 4♥ to make from here, but at BAM scoring, the practical declarer will accept one down and pitch a club at trick three. West throws two spades.

At my table, East now switched to ♠A and another spade, and I could draw trumps and claim the remainder. South missed an opportunity for a defense that would have been a worthy story for the Daily Bulletin.

When the third diamond scores, there is a defense for two down - play a fourth diamond! Declarer will ruff in dummy as North throws a third spade. Declarer cashes the ♥K and ♥Q, then may ruff a club back to hand to draw the remaining trumps - but that exhausts him of trumps and he cannot get a spade trick. If, on the other hand, declarer establishes the spades before drawing trumps, West gets a spade ruff.

I wonder if anyone found that defense?

Fantoni, Nunes won the 2006 "Azzura" Ribbon Pairs

Italian superstars Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes captured the victory in last year's Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, becoming the first pair from their country to accomplish the feat. Fantoni and Nunes, gold medalists at the Open Pairs in the 2002 World Bridge Championships in Montreal, won last year's Blue Ribbon contest by one board over runners-up Drew Casen and Jm Krekorian.

The event

The Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs ranks with the Life Master Pairs as one of the most prestigious – and toughest – pair events on the ACBL calendar. Like the LM Pairs, the Blue Ribbon Pairs is played over three days and includes two qualifying, two semifinal and two final sessions.

Entry is restricted to winners and runners-up in regional championships – plus high finishers in North American championships, members of current Grand National district championship teams, members of current official teams representing ACBL and the top 100 lifetime masterpoint holders.

The Blue Ribbon Pairs was renamed the Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs in 1999 to honor one of bridge's all-time great players, writers, administrators and the authority on the laws of the game.

Kaplan (1925-1997) won his first North American championship in 1953 – the Vanderbilt – and his last in 1997 – the Open Swiss Teams at the Spring NABC in Dallas.

Kaplan was recognized as the world's foremost authority on the laws of duplicate and rubber bridge. He became co-chairman of the ACBL Laws Commission in 1978 and was co-chairman of the WBF Laws Commission at the time of his death.

He was named ACBL Honorary Member in 1993. In 1995 he was inducted into the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame and the WBF Hall of Fame.

The trophy

The event is contested for the Cavendish Trophy, awarded for the National Open Pair Championship and donated by the Cavendish Club of New York in 1928. Since 1963, the trophy has been awarded to winners of the Blue Ribbon Pairs. Winners and runners-up:

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| 1963 | 1. B. Jay Becker, Dorothy Hayden;
2. Harold Harkavy, Cliff Russell |
| 1964 | 1. Robert D. Hamman, Lewis L. Mathe;
2. Gunther Polak, Robert G. Sharp |
| 1965 | 1. Chuck Henke, John H. Moran;
2. Michael S. Lawrence, Ron Von der Porten |
| 1966 | 1. Charles Coon, Richard Zeckhauser;
2. Leland Ferer, Gratian Goldstein |
| 1967 | 1. Sami R. Kehela, Baron Wolf Lebovic;
2. Phil Feldesman, Lewis L. Mathe |
| 1968 | 1. Larry Cohen, Richard H. Katz;
2. Bobby Goldman, Michael S. Lawrence |
| 1969 | 1. Erik Paulsen, Alex Tschekaloff;
2-4. Sami R. Kehela, Eric R. Murray;
2-4. Tom Hodapp, Robert F. Morris;
2-4. Larry Cohen, Richard H. Katz |
| 1970 | 1. Chuck F. Burger, Ira S. Rubin;
2. Richard Freeman, Cliff Russell |
| 1971 | 1. Roger Bates, John M. Grantham;
2. Hermine Baron, Michael S. Lawrence |
| 1972 | 1. Richard Khautin, Warren Kornfeld;
2. Garey Hayden, Mark Lair |
| 1973 | 1. Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey;
2. Kathie Cappelletti, Mike Cappelletti |
| 1974 | 1. Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay;
2. Roger Bates, George Rosenkranz |
| 1975 | 1. Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey;
2. Ron E. Andersen, Hugh C. MacLean |
| 1976 | 1. Jay Apfelbaum, Bill Edelstein;
2. James Jacoby, David Berkowitz |
| 1977 | 1. Lou Bluhm, Thomas K. Sanders;
2. Kathie Cappelletti, Mike Cappelletti |
| 1978 | 1. Ron E. Andersen, David Berkowitz;
2. Ted Horning, Peter Nagy |
| 1979 | 1. Robert Levin, Ron Smith;
2. James Bennett, Chester Davis |

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| 1980 | 1. Warren Rosner, Allan Stauber;
2. Dan Morse, G. Robert Nail |
| 1981 | 1. Larry N. Cohen, Ron Gerard;
2. Chip Martel, Lew Stansby |
| 1982 | 1. Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth;
2-3. Robert Blanchard, Drew Casen;
2-3 Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson |
| 1983 | 1. Marty Bergen, Larry N. Cohen;
2. Peter Weichsel, Mike Lawrence |
| 1984 | 1-2. Jack Kennedy, Bobby Wolff;
1-2. David Funk, Mark Lair |
| 1985 | 1. Eric Rodwell, Walter Johnson;
2. Kit Woolsey, Ed Manfield |
| 1986 | 1. Bob Hamman, Ron Von der Porten;
2. Kit Woolsey, Ed Manfield |
| 1987 | 1. Fred Stewart, Steve Weinstein;
2. Kerri Shuman, Robert Levin |
| 1988 | 1. Marty Bergen, Larry N. Cohen;
2. Robert Levin, Ron Smith |
| 1989 | 1. Mark Molson, Robert Lebi;
2. Gaylor Kasle, Roger Bates |
| 1990 | 1. Kit Woolsey, Ed Manfield;
2. Brian Glubok, Sam Lev |
| 1991 | 1. Bob Hamman, Nick Nickell;
2. Mark Tolliver, Marc Zwerling |
| 1992 | 1. Haig Tchamitch, Adam Wildavsky;
2. Brad Moss, Ravindra Murthy |
| 1993 | 1. Bob Hamman, Michael Rosenberg;
2. Martin De Bruin, Steve Price |
| 1994 | 1. Mark Lair, Alexander Weiland;
2. Fred Stewart, Steve Weinstein |
| 1995 | 1. David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen;
2. Paul Kiefer, Jerry Helms |
| 1996 | 1. Jim Krekorian, Bob Blanchard;
2. Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz |
| 1997 | 1. Adam Wildavsky, Allan Falk;
2. Geir Helgemo, Tony Forrester |
| 1998 | 1. Zia Mahmood, Howard Weinstein;
2. Eric Rodwell, Marty Seligman |
| 1999 | 1. Jill Meyers, John Mohan;
2. John Sutherlin, Russ Ekeblad |
| 2000 | 1. Richard Coren, Marc Jacobus;
2. Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein |
| 2001 | 1. Salvador Assael, Nafiz Zorlu;
2. Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Steve Landen |
| 2002 | 1. Sidney Lazard, Bart Bramley;
2. Kit Woolsey, Fred Stewart |
| 2003 | 1. Michael Seamon, Geir Helgemo;
2. Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson |
| 2004 | 1. Tarek Sadek, Walid Elahmady;
2. Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein |
| 2005 | 1. Gavin Wolpert, Jenny Ryman;
2. Sabine Auken, Daniela von Arnim |
| 2006 | 1. Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes;
2. Drew Casen, Jim Krekorian |



Last year's Blue Ribbon winners: Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes

No calls, please

Cell phones, audible pagers or any similar communication equipment may not be operated or operable in the playing area during a session of play at NABCs except for health-related equipment or by permission of the director-in-charge of the tournament or event.



Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs begins today

The Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, a national-rated four-session event limited to players with fewer than 5000 masterpoints, begins today. The contest features a two-session qualifier and a two-session final tomorrow.

The inaugural Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs were held at the 2005 Fall NABC in Denver. The winners were Marty Harris of Chicago IL and Jacob Morgan of Madison WI. In 2006, Joe Houde of St. Augustine FL and Divakar Bhargava of Richmond VA were the champs.

There is a pre-qualification requirement: players must have earned a Blue Ribbon qualification to participate. (Players from outside North America must be granted a waiver to enter. Contact ACBL Chief Tournament Director Rick Beye at the Tournament Operations office or at the selling locations prior to game time.)

The entry fee is \$16.50 per player per session.



Last year's winners: Joe Houde (left) and Divakar Bhargava won the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs.

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Open BAM

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In second with 36.83 was the Russian-Polish team of Andrew Gromov (captain), Aleksander Dubinin, Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski. The Gromov team won Sunday's qualifying round, and maintained their lead after the first final session. The Strul team, however, was already making their move, trailing Gromov in second place. But Strul's strong performance in the second final allowed them to overtake the leaders and cruise to the win.

Strul, originally from South Africa, is retired and has lived in the U.S. for 30 years. He lives in Delray Beach FL. Partner Michael Becker, of Boca Raton FL, chalked up his first win in the event. Teammates Berkowitz, Cohen, Stansby and Martel have each won the Open BAM at least one time previously.

Senior KO

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Kaminski (Yeshayahu Levit, Pinhas Romik, Marcelo Branco, George Mittelman and Arno Hobart) by halftime. Their lead dropped to 19 IMPs after three sets, and Kaminski turned up the pressure in the last quarter, but it was not enough. Levine won 121-112.

Hollman (Dennis Clerkin, Jerry Clerkin, Brenda Keller, Bruce Ferguson) took off to a 30-IMP lead early in the match against DeMartino (John Stiefel, Geoffrey Brod, Mel Colchamiro and Pat McDevitt). They led the rest of the match, but a furious last-quarter rally by DeMartino made the match close. Hollman hung on, however, to win 158-151.

Diamond ace

By Tim Bourke

Dlr: East ♠ K Q 10 8 4
 Vul: Both ♥ Q 6
 ♦ Q J 7
 ♣ K Q 6

♠ A J 7 5
 ♥ A J 7
 ♦ K 9 8 5
 ♣ A 5

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West leads a low trump against your fine spade slam and East follows. How do you plan to make 12 tricks?

Solution

♠ K Q 10 8 4
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ Q J 7
 ♣ K Q 6

♠ 9 3 2
 ♥ K 9 4
 ♦ A 10 3 2
 ♣ 8 7 3

♠ 6
 ♥ 10 8 5 3 2
 ♦ 6 4
 ♣ J 10 9 2

♠ A J 7 5
 ♥ A J 7
 ♦ K 9 8 5
 ♣ A 5

You should draw three rounds of trumps with the king, queen and ace so that you end in hand to lead a low diamond toward dummy. When the West has the ♦A, the contract is assured. If he plays the ace, you will make five trumps, one heart, three diamonds and three clubs.

Suppose instead West follows with a low diamond and dummy's queen holds. Then you will cross back to hand with the ♣A to lead a second low diamond towards dummy. On the diagrammed deal, when the ♦J wins the trick, you will then cash the three top clubs and discard the ♦9 from hand before exiting with a diamond. West will win the ♦A and have to lead a heart or concede a ruff-and-discard by leading the ♦10.

You might ask, "What happens if East takes the queen or jack of diamonds with the ace and exits with a heart?" Then you should rise with the ♥A and cash all of your black-suit winners. If the ♥K has not appeared and there is no reason to play East for diamond length, cash your remaining diamond winners and hope that the ♦9 is high.

Sub-Moysian fit

By Brian Senior

The key on this deal from the second qualifying session of the Victor Mitchell Open BAM was to play game in the 4-2 heart fit - a tough challenge, but one that was achieved by at least two pairs.

Dlr: North ♠ 10 5 3 2
 Vul: Both ♥ K 4
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ A K J 10 3

♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ 9 7 5
 ♦ A 10 4 3
 ♣ 6 5 4

♠ Q J 9
 ♥ 10 8 3 2
 ♦ K 9 8 6 2
 ♣ 7

	♠ A K 8		
	♥ A Q J 6		
	♦ J 7		
	♣ Q 9 8 2		
West	North	East	South
	Hackett		Armstrong
	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

This one will need some translation. 1♠ showed four or more cards in the context of a 14-16 1NT and the 2♣ response was two-way, either a natural game-force or a constructive three- or four-card spade raise. 2♠ showed four spades in a minimum hand and was passable by a limit-raise hand. John Armstrong's 2NT rebid confirmed the game-force, and now Paul Hackett showed his club support - though perhaps not quite this good. 3♥ was the natural continuation, exploring the possibility of playing 3NT. Hackett could see that diamonds were a problem and judged well to raise to 4♥ rather than go back to clubs - and that suited Armstrong just fine.

West	North	East	South
Nystrom		Berthau	
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Swedish pair, Fredrik Nystrom and Peter Berthau found a different route to the top spot.

1NT was 14-16 and 2♣ Stayman. Berthau next used a shape enquiry and the 3♥ response showed clubs. 4♣ was natural and forcing and Nystrom, with great trumps, cuebid the ♥K. Berthau could see that there was no diamond control and that partner had to hold ♥K-x-(x), which offered an excellent alternative to the club game, so he passed, which must have worried Nystrom until he saw the dummy. Well judged.

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.

TOURNAMENT APPEALS

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



APPEAL CASE 1

Nail Life Master Pairs
 First final session

Board #2 ♠ A Q 10 8
 Vul: N-S ♥ A Q
 Dlr: East ♦ J 10 9 8
 ♣ 6 4 2

Bobby Levin ♠ 7
 ♥ K 7 5 4 3
 ♦ A Q 7 5
 ♣ J 9 3

Roy Welland ♠ K J 9 4 2
 ♥ J 9 8 2
 ♦ K 3
 ♣ K Q

Michael Corey
 ♠ 6 5 3
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ 6 4 2
 ♣ A 10 8 7 5

West	North	East	South
		1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Facts: The director was called after the afternoon session. 1♣ was, by agreement, natural.

The Ruling: In accordance with Law 40A, a player is permitted to make an intentionally misleading call. Since there is no evidence of a concealed understanding and West's double is considered to be a normal action, the table result of 1♠ doubled, down one, North-South minus 200, was allowed to stand.

The Appeal: North said that he believed West's double was very unusual, since West would not be interested in defending 1♠ doubled. He said he had given West's bidding problem to three "nationally experienced" players and no one chose to double as West had done. He said, "If I thought double were a usual bid, I wouldn't be here."

East made no assertion that his hand was missorted. The 1♣ bid, by agreement, was natural.

The Decision: While recognizing the eccentricity of East's bidding, the committee noted that Law 40 (noted by the director) gives a player the right to make intentionally misleading calls. As a matter of bridge judgment, the committee found nothing abnormal about West's reopening double. Accordingly, the committee could find no infraction or impropriety on which to base an adjustment.

Although East's opening 1♣ bid was eccentric and his pass of the 1♠ overcall arguably unusual, there was nothing to indicate they were predicated on any impropriety or infraction. West's 1♥ bid was ordinary and his double was hardly unusual, so there did not appear to be "fielding of a psych." The director informed North that if he felt there should be a record of this East-West's bidding, a player memo would be appropriate. The committee believed that a bridge appeals committee was not the proper venue to air this matter. Therefore, an appeal without merit warning (AWMW) was issued to N-S.

DIC: Henry Cukoff
 Chairperson: Barry Rigal
 Committee Members: Michael Huston, Eugene Kales, Ed Lazarus, Chris Moll



MONDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

39.0 Tables

	A	B	C	
6.92	1	1	John Peterzell, San Francisco CA; Karen Perling, La Jolla CA	71.43%
5.19	2	2	Greg Foss - Jeannene LeVitre, Reno NV	64.58%
3.89	3		Thomas Burger, Englewood CO; Jack Purdy, Broomfield CO	61.93%
3.07	4	3	Deborah Levine - Gerald Levine, Belvedere CA	61.55%
2.19	5		Judy Cohen, Chicago IL; Babette Brenner, Morton Grove IL	61.31%
2.98	6	4	1 Alan Carlton, Alameda CA; John Sherwood, Orinda CA	59.82%
1.73		5	Nancy Coleman - John Camphouse, Bishop CA	59.28%
2.24		6	2 Marynel Musch - Bill Musch, Orting WA	58.71%
1.68		3	Jennifer Paulsrud - Marilyn Anstett, Fargo ND	58.03%
1.26		4	James Green - Jane Green, Mercer Island WA	57.74%
0.98		5	Jeanne Redington - Carol Layton, Saint Louis MO	53.79%
0.71		6	Nora Schell - Mary Johnson, Winter Park FL	53.60%

MONDAY EVENING 49ER PAIRS

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C	
2.00	1		Peter Huppert - Susan Ruwart, San Francisco CA	66.96%
1.50	2	1	Antica Odabashian - Ann Goldbert, Santa Rosa CA	59.35%
1.13	3		Robin Williams, Greenwich CT; Nancy Gaunt, Evansville IN	58.29%
1.04	4	2	Molly Anderson, Larkspur CA; Carol Morse, Glen Ellen CA	55.28%
0.70	5		Valerie Greenberg - Alan Greenberg, Ojai CA	53.02%
0.78		3	1 Stephen Reynolds, Santa Cruz CA; Enyi Chen, Singapore Singapore	52.80%
0.65		4	Brian Klein - Bruce Rutan, San Francisco CA	52.42%
0.57		2	Richard Ramage III, Seattle WA; Sheridan Colbourn, Danville CA	51.24%

MONDAY FLIGHT A/X SWISS TEAMS

72 Tables

	A	X		
14.30	1		Makiko Sato, Tokyo 143-0027 Japan; Hiroko Sekiyama, Kanagawaken Japan; Yoko Nenohi, Kawasaki-Shi 21 Japan; Toshiko Kaho, Tokyo 185-0014 Japan	67.00
10.73	2		Mike Cappelletti, Hixson TN; Jay Baum, Germantown TN; Spike Lay - Marilyn Garcia, Daytona Beach FL	65.00
12.27	3	1	Lynn Yokel, Campbell CA; Daniel Kroll, Berkeley CA; James Caray Jr, San Francisco CA; Georgianna Spinazze, Saratoga CA	62.00
5.28	4/5		Terje Aa, Heimdal Norway; Joergen Molberg, Trondheim Norway; Jim Krekorian, New York NY; John Onstott, New Orleans LA	58.00
5.28	4/5		Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Dennis Dawson, Santa Fe NM; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Hemant Lall - Bob Hamman, Dallas TX	58.00
2.97	6/7		Ross Rainwater - Jackie Jarigese, Vancouver WA; Christopher Young, San Diego CA; Craig Huston, Portland OR	56.00
2.97	6/7		Martin Graf, Chevy Chase MD; Mark Shaw, Hanover PA; Martin Chaitt, West Palm Beach FL; Ellasue Chaitt, Palm Bch Gdns FL	56.00
9.20	8/9	2	Jessel Rothfield - Seamus Browne - Sue Lusk, ; Therese Tully, Brisbane Australia	55.00
1.75	8/9		Renate Hansen, Kitzbuehel Austria; Andreas Babsch, Vienna Austria; Hubert Obermain - Arno Lindermann,	55.00
6.90	10	3	Donald Blum, Atlanta GA; John Gassenheimer - Jill Fisch, Short Hills NJ; Rammohan Sarangan, Arlington VA	54.00
5.18	11/12	4	Stephen Cheston, Chicago IL; Laurence Zung, Evanston IL; Ellen Miller, Highland Park IL; Richard Wieland, Falls Church VA	53.00
1.25	11/12		Minako Takahashi - Fumiko Kimura - Sachiko Yamamura, Tokyo Japan; Michiko Ohno, Tokyo 178 Japan	53.00
1.10	13		Richard Schmieder - Jyme Schmieder, Boerne TX; Diane Shannon, Saratoga CA; Donald Rothschild, Sunnyvale CA	51.00
3.40	14/15	5/6	Ed Barad, Marina del Rey CA; Carol McCully, Manhattan Beach CA; Margot Hirsch, Arlington TX; J'Neane Huey, Fort Worth TX	49.00
3.40	14/15	5/6	Kate Hill - Toby Shapiro, Santa Rosa CA; Sigrid Price - Russell Quinnell, Napa CA	49.00
2.18		7	Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Lars Ritzman, Stockholm Sweden; Ulf-Eric Nehlin, Sundbyberg Sweden; Kyoung-Won Yoo, Seocho-Ku Seoul South Korea	48.00

MONDAY STRATA B/C/D SWISS TEAMS

77 Tables

	B	C	D	
11.69	1	1	Robert Berger - Crispin Barrere - Joel Teller, Berkeley CA; Dhiru Tanna, Miami FL	65.00
7.68	2/3		Nancy Girtler, Bel Tiburon CA; Mardelle Buss, Mill Valley CA; Mayday Card, Larkspur CA; Julie Coffin, Belvedere CA	61.00
7.68	2/3		Roxy Freedman - Marielle Brentnall - Susan Cohen - Jerry Cohen, Winnipeg MB	61.00
4.32	4/5		John Tolson - Lynne Tolson, Bedford NS; Carol Thompson - Peter Ineson, Halifax NS	57.00
6.37	4/5	2	Malcolm Barker, Chalfont St Gil Great Britain; Suzanne Gill, Norwich Norf Nr Great Britain; Graham Grist, Nr13 3pd England; Victoria Gregory, Pittsburg KS	57.00
4.78	6	3	Nancy Maidman - Dean Leslie, New York NY; Ronald Oest - Sandi Oest, Palmdale CA	56.00
3.14	7/8	4/5	Paul Levine, San Carlos CA; Leonard Brill - Bette Meers-O'Hara, San Francisco CA; Edward Cowan Jr, Prescott AZ	55.00
4.25	7/8	4/5	1 Pier Luigi Forlani, Berkeley CA; Frank Rooney - Paul Rasmussen - Isabella Polenghi-Gross, Oakland CA	55.00
1.76		6/7	Elaine Paul - Bobby Paul - Irene Corne - Robert Corne, Winnipeg MB	54.00
1.76		6/7	Mary Johnson - Marv Riedesel, Prior Lake MN; Wayne Gergen, Minneapolis MN; Clifford Lundberg, Elk River MN	54.00
3.19		2	Sally Ann Rhea - Michael Lee Stabler, Boulder CO; Jack Baugh - Patricia Baugh, Voorheesville NY	49.00
2.39		3	Teresa Boyd, Lafayette CA; Jim Canty, Berkeley CA; Gretchen Smith, Piedmont CA; Laura Cheever, Oakland CA	45.00
1.79		4	G Keith Freeman - Virginia Sykes, Pinole CA; Carol Cottam, Concord CA; Iris Libby, Orinda CA	44.00
1.34		5	Nell Magnuson - Mary Spellman, Santa Rosa CA; Joan Katkov, Kentfield CA; Sally Adams, Walnut Creek CA	37.00

MONDAY A.M. COMPACT CONSOLATION BRACKET 3

7 Tables

Sally Blewett, Beaumont TX; Patsy Pierce, Hardin TX; Phyllis Ogden - Ann Blohm, Houston TX	
	vs
Ann Bernson - Muriel Stitt - Oded Stitt - Vicki Sutton, Honolulu HI	
	vs
Norman Marks - Norman Marks II, Oakland CA; Michael Ravera - David Sisson, San Jose CA	
	vs
Cheryl Glaza, Kaneohe HI; Lillian Johannessen, Honolulu HI; Jean Luning - Cheryl McIlroy, Kailua HI	

MONDAY A.M. COMPACT CONSOLATION BRACKET 4

6 Tables

Stuart Danoff - Joan Danoff, Stamford CT; Nancy Baker - Nancy Luke, Honolulu HI	
	vs
John Young, Sparks NV; Dorothy Case, Anchorage AK; Burkhard Schneider, Grosse Pointe MI; Cora Robey, Reno NV	
	vs
Olivia Stockton - Annie Chiljian - Beverly Daniels - Mary Jo Howard-Davila, Fresno CA	

MONDAY A.M. COMPACT CONSOLATION BRACKET 5

6 Tables

Jeannette McNeil, Menlo Park CA; Diane Kelley, Palo Alto CA; Stan Charney - Freya Charney, Atherton CA	
	vs
Marlow Muldoon - Joyce Muldoon, Irving TX; Nurit Elis - Ami Elis, Pittsburgh PA	

Linda Thies - Terry Sappah - Kathie Hoehne - Linda Vernon, Anchorage AK	
	vs
Michael Walker - William Bowld - Jean Scripps, Rancho Mirage CA; Darryl Hendershot, Dsrst Hot Spgs CA	

MONDAY A.M. COMPACT CONSOLATION BRACKET 6

6 Tables

Pamela Elsner - Ernest Elsner, Avon CO; Thomas McCalden - Marcia McCalden, Wolcott CO	
	vs
Cathy Adams - Ally Whiteneck, Alamo CA; Leonard Soloway, Lafayette CA; Ralph Muller, Concord CA	
	vs
Marisa Silverman - Susan Knox, Aspen CO; Sandy Holmes, Snowmass CO; Courtney Keller, Basalt CO	
	vs
Kathy High - Terry McMillan - Pam Sands, Modesto CA; Candace Garvey, Surprise AZ	

BILL HOLT KO BRACKET 1

16 Tables

51.37	1	Cydney Hayes - Don Campbell, Saskatoon SK; Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA; Aaron Silverstein, New York NY
38.53	2	David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Kalin Karaivanov - Roumen Trendafilov, Varna Bulgaria
25.69	3/4	George Rosenkranz, Mexico Mexico; Bauke Muller, Hoom Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn 304G Netherlands; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Rita Ellington, Traverse City MI; Robert Morris, Houston TX
25.69	3/4	Martin Graf, Chevy Chase MD; Mark Shaw, Hanover PA; Martin Chaitt, West Palm Beach FL; Ellasue Chaitt, Palm Bch Gdns FL

BILL HOLT KO BRACKET 2

16 Tables

41.16	1	Keith Connolly, Minneapolis MN; Michael Cassel II, Roseville MN; Sharon Anderson - Roger Anderson, Eagan MN
30.87	2	Thomas Greer, W Hollywood CA; Stephen Aarons, Toronto ON; Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON; Robert Hollow, Madoc ON
20.58	3/4	Robert Gordon - Peter Bisgeier, Northport NY; Art Brodsky, Huntingtn Sta NY; Ljudmila Kamenova, Stony Brook NY
20.58	3/4	Donald Sache - Doug Hansford, Delta BC; Peter Morse, North Vancouver BC; Dennis Groden, West Vancouver BC

BILL HOLT KO BRACKET 3

16 Tables

34.73	1	Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Evan Markowitz, New York NY; Jason Chiu, San Jose CA; Bernice Gee, Regina SK; Jan Zadroga, Ksiazienice Poland; Witold Turant, Lodz Poland
26.05	2	Raymond Depew - Norman Dressler, Kingston PA; James Fowlkes - Patricia Fowlkes, Garner NC
17.37	3/4	Fred Chasalow, Millbrae CA; Howard Epley, Kent WA; Alan Epley, Bellevue WA; Craig Zastera, Woodinville WA
17.37	3/4	Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Kyoung-Won Yoo, Seocho-Ku Seoul South Korea; Lars Ritzman, Stockholm Sweden; Ulf-Eric Nehlin, Sundbyberg Sweden

BILL HOLT KO BRACKET 4

16 Tables

29.30	1	Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; Barbara McLendon, New York NY; John Barth, Santa Cruz CA; Mike Develin, Berkeley CA
21.98	2	Bob Dale, Pensacola FL; Richard Higgins, Burke VA; Debbie Benner - Arthur Crystal, Fairfield CT
14.65	3/4	Monica Angus, West Vancouver BC; Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC; Doreen McOrmond, Vancouver BC; Sheila Sache, Delta BC
14.65	3/4	Ed Barad, Marina del Rey CA; Carol McCully, Manhattan Beach CA; Donald Seldeen - Neil Joseph Smyth, Santa Cruz CA

VICTOR MITCHELL OPEN BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

60 Tables	
140.00	1 Aubrey Strul, Delray Beach FL; Michael Becker - David Berkowitz - Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Lew Stansby, Castro Valley CA 39.73
105.00	2 Andrew Gromov - Aleksander Dubinin, Moscow Russia; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice 40-479 Poland 36.83
78.75	3 Connie Goldberg, Merion Station PA; Bill Eisenberg, Perris CA; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Nader Hanna, Willowdale ON; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA 35.91
62.22	4 James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon, Hollywood FL; Fulvio Fantoni - Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria, Rome Italy; Claudio Nunes, Roma Italy 34.09
56.00	5 Gunnar Hallberg, London England; Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Michael Moss, New York NY 34.00
50.91	6 Joe Grue, New York NY; Curtis Cheek, Huntsville AL; Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV; Brad Moss, Tarzana CA; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL 33.59
46.67	7 Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Sarasota FL; Stephen Landen, Ellicott City MD; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV 33.36
43.08	8 Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; John Swanson Jr, Mission Viejo CA; Ed Davis, Seal Beach CA; Huub Bertens, Tilburg 50 Netherlands; Aton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands 33.27
40.00	9 Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA; Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; Martin Caley, Montreal QC; Eugene Saxe, Briarcliff NY 32.95
37.33	10 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Silver Spring MD; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY 32.41
33.97	11/12 Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Mark Feldman, Hoboken NJ; Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL 31.86
33.97	11/12 Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Gavin Wolpert, New York NY; Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL; Vincent Demuy, Arundel QC 31.86
31.11	13 Barry Goren, Las Vegas NV; Walter Johnson, Columbus OH; David Lehman, Glenview IL; Dick Melson, Chicago IL 31.84
29.47	14 Manuel Capucho - Maria Capucho - Antonio Palma - Joad Barbosa, Lisboa 31.64
28.00	15 Barry Rigal - P Czerniewski, New York NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; John Hassett, Kennesaw GA 31.18
26.67	16 John Kranyak - Melanie Tucker - John Hurd, New York NY; Bas Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands; Joel Wooldridge, Buffalo NY; Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam 3 Netherlands 31.00
25.45	17 Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN; Paul Meerschaert, Saint Paul MN; Bob Balderson Jr, Eden Prairie MN; Alan Watson, Lexington MA; Melody Bi, Woodbury MN 30.36
24.35	18 Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Ca Norway; Tor Helness, Oslo Norway 30.23
23.33	19 Christal Henner-Welland - Roy Welland - Chris Willenken, New York NY; Antonio Sementa, Parma PR 43100 Italy; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina 29.59
22.40	20 George Jacobs - Ralph Katz, Hinsdale IL; Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY; Robert Levin, Bronx NY 29.51
21.54	21 Pamela Granovetter - Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Richard Katz, N Versailles PA; Larry Cohen, Las Vegas NV 29.41
20.74	22 John Lusky - Randy Pickett, Portland OR; Allan Falk, Okemos MI; Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA 29.14
20.00	23 Arch McKellar, Dobbs Ferry NY; Stephen Sanborn, Poughkeepsie NY; Warren Rosner, White Plains NY; Allan Stauber, Palm Bch Grdns FL 29.09
19.31	24 Brian Glubok, New York NY; David Hoffner, Smithville NJ; Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Adam Wildavsky, Jackson Heights NY 29.00
18.67	25 Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; Jerry Helms - Robert Bitterman, Charlotte NC; Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands; Louk Verhees, 2215 SH Voorhou Netherlands; David Bakhshi, London England 28.73
18.06	26 Piotr Tuszyński, Warsaw Poland; Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; Edward Wojewoda, Clovis CA; Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw 0 Poland 28.64
17.50	27 Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; Michael Polowan - Bjorn Fallenius, New York NY; Bartosz Chmurski - Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden 28.56
16.97	28 Andrew Robson - Rita Shugart, Pebble Beach CA; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Ishmael Delmonte, Double Bay NSW Australia 28.47
16.47	29 Jaroslaw Piasecki, Buffalo Grove IL; Pawel Piotr Boruta, Des Plaines IL; Gabriela Rabiega - Leszek Rabiega, Salt Lake City UT 27.75
16.00	30 Margot Hennings - Donald Hennings, Annandale VA; Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis, Arlington VA 27.41
15.56	31 Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Marshall Miles, Redlands CA; David Chechelashvili, San Diego CA 27.23
15.14	32 Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Fu Zhong, Beijing People's Republic of China; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm 112 Sweden; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Zhao Jie, Tianjin People's Republic of China 27.18
14.74	33 Lapt Chan, Forest Hills NY; Uday Ivatury, New York NY; Diane Walker, Gaithersburg MD; Ellen Cherniavsky, Silver Spring MD 26.91
14.36	34 Bjarni Einarsson, 740 Neskaupstad Iceland; Rick Henderson, Los Angeles CA; Thorlakur Jonsson, 200 Kopavogur Iceland; Leo Bell, Long Beach CA; Jon Baldursson, Hafnarfjordur Iceland 26.86
14.00	35 John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Robert Blanchard - Shane Blanchard, New York NY 26.83
13.66	36 Srikanth Kodayam, Fremont CA; Nick Bykov, Stockton CA; James Tritt, Fresno CA; David Weiss, Fullerton CA 26.50
13.33	37 Erez Hendelman - Shelly Dunitz, New York NY; Rahn Smith, Brandon FL; Sharon Meng-Horton, Dade City FL 26.41
13.02	38 Charles Weed, Shreveport LA; Dano De Falco, 35030 Rubano (P Italy; Gabriella Olivieri, Alessandria Italy; Marvin Rosenblatt, Hartford CT; Lynda Rosenblatt, Passaic NJ 26.18
12.73	39 Tom Trachuk, Walnut Creek CA; Bill Staats, Southlake TX; Bill Heid, Pacifica CA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA 25.97
12.44	40 Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Mark Leonard, Ypsilanti MI; Roger Lord - Richard Riezman, Saint Louis MO 25.95
12.17	41 Jeff Schuett, Riverwoods IL; Ron Haack, New York NY; Stanley Katz, Memphis TN; Chester Johnson, Chicago IL 25.64
11.91	42 Qing Yang, Cupertino CA; Weishu Wu, Plano TX; Michael Prahin, Irvington NY; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ 25.59
11.67	43 Rune Hauge, St Petersport Great Britain; Jan Svendsen, London W11 Norway; Erik Saelensminde, Bergen Norway; Per Erik Austberg, Kattem 70 Norway; Jon-Egil Furunes, Oslo Norway 25.50

MONDAY COMPACT KO BRACKET 14

16 Tables
 8.31 1 Edwin Glickman - Han Sarah Glickman, Snowmass CO; Brian Hegarty - Judy Bredall, Colorado Spgs CO
 6.23 2 Richard Kilner - Martia Fikes, Palo Alto CA; Peter Kilner, Mountain View CA; Dorothy Shannahan, Sunnyvale CA
 4.57 3 Ivor McGloughlin, Pittsburgh PA; Judith Gidden, Chicago IL; Peter Baxter, Davenport FL; Margaret Howe, Birkenhead Great Britain
 3.74 4 Kurt Fritz, Kailua HI; Nancy Heck - Karen Byrd, Los Angeles CA; Lillian Johannessen, Honolulu HI

MONDAY COMPACT KO BRACKET 15

16 Tables
 7.48 1 Sara Foster - Linda Danzig - Charlotte Blank - Syril Atherton, San Francisco CA
 5.61 2 F Maughan, Sun Valley ID; Jeanne Welch, Ketchum ID; Mary Armacost - Kathleen Martin, Hillsborough CA
 4.11 3 Jennifer Nisenoff, Vienna VA; Terry Jones, Falls Church VA; Austin Fitzgerald, Kinnelon NJ; Ralph Meyer, Ridgewood NJ
 3.37 4 Alan Hamilton - Susan Hamilton, Sonora CA; Robert Solomon, Hathaway Pines CA; Lydia Solomon, Hathaway Pines CA

MONDAY COMPACT KO BRACKET 16

16 Tables
 6.73 1 Troy Lemons - Roberta Lemons, Danville CA; Walter Herrick, Frankfort MI; Al Levenson, Alameda CA
 5.05 2 Jim Harp - Rhonda Huser, Dallas TX; Margaret Raymond, Kingwood TX; Shay Ura, Plano TX
 3.70 3 William Sperry - Nancy Sperry, San Diego CA; Madonna Donaldson - Chuck Donaldson, Escondido CA
 3.03 4 Betty Blumlein - Barbara Sonnenblick - Dolores Bee - Judith Stein, San Francisco CA

MONDAY COMPACT KO BRACKET 17

16 Tables
 6.06 1 Lorrie Smith, West Sand Lake NY; Rhoda Pollock, Middletown NY; Ron Karp, Occidental CA; Betty Karp, Atlanta GA
 4.55 2 Kay Olness - Debby Myers, Billings MT; Christina Siemer, Lewistown MT; Anita Stone, Greenbrae CA
 3.33 3 Ann Stolfa - David Stolfa, Englewood CO; Carla McKennett - Ann McGrew, Denver CO
 2.73 4 Angelika Hederer, Los Angeles CA; Bonnie Taylor, Menands NY; Judie Hlavka - Dee Becker, Racine WI

MONDAY COMPACT KO BRACKET 18

16 Tables
 5.45 1 David Folger, Lincoln CA; R Kunde, Chandler AZ; Tim Keller, Orangevale CA; Jim Hlavka, Los Altos CA
 4.09 2 Stuart Danoff - Joan Danoff, Stamford CT; Douglas MacDonald, Evanston IL; Mary Walters, Oak Park IL
 3.00 3 Stan Charney - Freya Charney, Atherton CA; Jeannette McNeil, Menlo Park CA; Diane Kelley, Palo Alto CA
 2.45 4 Alan Malloy - Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; David Sisson - Michael Ravera, San Jose CA

MONDAY COMPACT KO BRACKET 19

16 Tables
 4.91 1 Roz Kahn - Martha Rosenberg - Louis Lipset - Ronald Goodman, San Francisco CA
 3.68 2 Virginia Taylor - Ann Rutledge - Lorraine Lazowick - Ruth Ruyle, Roseville CA
 2.70 3 Frank Concepcion, Walnut Creek CA; Judy Berg - Eva Hyman - Elizabeth Golanco, Alamo CA
 2.21 4 Ralph Gordon, Lethbridge AB; Marina Ernst, Cranbrook BC; Chuck Abramo - Jo Murray, Ketchum ID

MONDAY COMPACT KO BRACKET 20

16 Tables
 4.42 1 Al Crane, Coarse Gold CA; Rebecca Anspach, Saint Paul MN; Christopher Stack, Brentwood CA; Helen Rolfe, Richmond VA
 3.32 2 Kathy High - Terry McMillan - Pam Sands, Modesto CA; Candace Garvey, Surprise AZ
 2.43 3 Kevin Shiue - Michelle Lee, San Francisco CA; Herma Altshule, Santa Monica CA; Marion Tumen, Pacific Palis CA
 1.99 4 Robert Karriker - A Heidi Karriker, Norman OK; Elsie Stanislaw, Grand Rapids MI; Karen Stevenson, Comstock Park MI

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #1

8 Tables
 14.70 1 Sarah Dunn, London United Kingdom; David Gold, Reading R Great Britain; David Ewart, London England; Andrew McIntosh, London Wc England
 11.03 2 V Jay Tipton - Linda Tipton, Irvine CA; Corinne Kirkham - Jim Kirkham, San Bernardino CA
 8.09 3 John Begley, Berkeley CA; Helen Studabaker, Pinole CA; Harvey Brody, San Francisco CA; Michael Lawrence, Brentwood TN

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #2

8 Tables
 12.71 1 Greg Hinze - Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Robert Heitzman Jr, Suffern NY; Nagy Kamel, Plano TX
 9.53 2 Rick Rowland, Wilmington DE; Raymond Raskin, King of Prussia PA; Craig Robinson - Elaine Landow, Lansdale PA
 6.99 3 James Senter - Gale Senter, San Clemente CA; Kenneth Smith, Lathrup Village MI; Roger Clough, Culver City CA

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #3

7 Tables
 11.44 1 Sallie Jac Schafer, Newport Beach CA; Rai Osborne - Allen Golbert, Anaheim CA; Lowell Andrews, Huntington Bch CA

8.58 2 Roman Klein, Oakville ON; Peter Clark, Ottawa ON; Ronald Sutherland, Mississauga ON; Gerald La Flamme, Grnd-Bay-Wfld NB
 6.29 3 William McFall, New Berlin WI; Sun-O Ho, Brookfield WI; Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA; Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach CA

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #4

6 Tables
 10.30 1 Betty Blatt - Nancy Gunn - Lynn Blumenthal, Santa Rosa CA; Loretta Bromberg, Bel Tiburon CA
 7.73 2 Shawn Abernethy - David Binney - Jude Ballard - Neil Ballard, Seattle WA
 5.67 3 Jessica Piafsky - Barry Piafsky, New York NY; Don Piafsky, Toronto ON; Johan Upmark, 115 58 Stockho Sweden

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #5

6 Tables
 9.27 1 Gary Spongberg - Lucy Spongberg, Niskayuna NY; Walter Smith, West Sand Lake NY; Peter Wick, Cohoes NY
 6.95 2 Shirley Eide, Bakersfield CA; Kasmer Andreychuk, Yorkton SK; Pedro Ieong, Hong Kong Hong Kong; Charlotte Blum, La Jolla CA
 5.10 3 Mary Gorkin, Hallandale Bch FL; Mary Gerner, Sarasota FL; George Krizel, Fstrvl Trvose PA; Doris McGinley, Venice FL

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #6

8 Tables
 8.34 1 Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Deborah Murphy, San Francisco CA; Marvin Shatz, Hilton Head SC; Peter Wolf, Hilton Head Is SC
 6.26 2 Douglas H Scott - Tom Ottley, Anchorage AK; Bob Clements, San Francisco CA; Dilip Udeshi, Bensalem PA

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #7

8 Tables
 7.51 1 Jack Belur, Bellevue WA; Harold Binder, Dana Point CA; Susan Benon, Laguna Niguel CA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI
 5.63 2 Kenneth Allan - Paddy Allan - Shona Crausen - Mark Donovan, Kingston ON
 4.13 3 Marcus Evans, La Palma CA; Dewitt Hudson Jr, Arlington TX; Daniel Williams, Denver CO; Roger Smith, Sacramento CA

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #8

8 Tables
 6.76 1 Randolph Johnson, Suffield CT; Allen Reiter, Caesaria Israel; Natalie Bassil, Boston MA; Ofer Haramati, Katzir Israel
 5.07 2 Joel Koransky, San Jose CA; Katarzyna Wesolowska, Los Gatos CA; Faye Parsons, Saratoga CA; Jodi Kimbrell, Spokane WA
 3.72 3 Sally Chapleau - Constance Sackville, Vero Beach FL; Shirley Salvo, Kiawah Island SC; Linda Luther, N Charleston SC

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #9

8 Tables
 6.08 1 Adrienne Oliff, Palo Alto CA; Elaine Lowenthal, San Francisco CA; Mary Ann Larkin - Julianne Robinson, Los Altos CA
 4.56 2 Frank Hastings, Cranbrook BC; Kirk Homis - Virginia Youens, Victoria BC; Cornel Sawchuk, Nanoose Bay BC
 3.34 3 Joseph Murray, Maple Shade NJ; Ricki Rogers, Moorestown NJ; Melissa Baker - Robert Baker, West Harrison NY

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #10

8 Tables
 5.47 1 Jean Monette, Hallandale FL; Judith Murray, Harwich Port MA; Florence Hackman, Chatham MA; Claude Henin, Ottawa ON
 4.10 2 Daniel Simon - Donna Simon, South Bend IN; Elaine Bowers, University Park FL; Judith Lichter, Sparta WI

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #11

8 Tables
 4.92 1 Anthony Toogood - Irene Toogood, Qualicum Beach BC; June McConnell - Robert McConnell, Rancho Mirage CA
 3.69 2 Rozi Alhale - Jack Alhale, New York NY; Dick Wilson - Marilyn Goldman, Rochester NY
 2.71 3 Sylvia Riewerts, Eureka CA; Lawrence Crumb, Fortuna CA; Rose Boot, Fresno CA; Paul Fried, Monroe Twp NJ

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #12

8 Tables
 4.43 1 Brian Kemper, Sunnyvale CA; Michael Cohen, Denver CO; Floyd McWilliams, Woodside CA; Joel Singer, Santa Clara CA
 3.32 2 Allan Tushman, West Bloomfield MI; Duaine Benard, Redford MI; Robert Ewigleben - Jayne Ewigleben, Elizabethtown KY
 2.44 3 Douglas Keller, San Francisco CA; William Sumner, Palo Alto CA; Judith Timmons - Richard Timmons, Alamo CA

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #13

8 Tables
 3.99 1 Michael Nistler, Petaluma CA; Allan Quaille, Cedar Valley ON; Douglas Jansen, Portland OR; Cassandra Mani, Mill Valley CA
 2.99 2 Ruth White - Nelda Linman, Bend OR; Menashe Cieplinski, Halifax NS; Linda Shallit, Belfair WA
 2.19 3 Tony Traster - Rosalie Traster, New York NY; Sharon Larson, Carmel CA; Martha Hawley, Carmel Valley CA

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #14

8 Tables
 3.59 1 Erin Gove, Los Gatos CA; Florence Yoshikawa - Tad Yoshikawa, Sunnyvale CA; Janet Adamiak, Saratoga CA
 2.69 2 Barbara Simon - Wayne Kaneko - Luke Han - Busaba Williams, Honolulu HI
 1.97 3 Eddie Moriguchi - Alice Moriguchi - Sandy Kay - Jeanette Shinsako, San Francisco CA

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #15

8 Tables
 3.23 1 Sheldon Zimble, Ft Lauderdale FL; Lori Jacobs, Boca Raton FL; Gary Nitzberg - Paul Jorgensen, Carson City NV
 2.42 2 Nancy Fisher, Carmichael CA; Lynn Pasternak, Bel Tiburon CA; Janice Levin, Elk Grove CA; Cherie Shimek, Sacramento CA
 1.78 3 Judith Rich - Susie Butler, Marblehead MA; Glenn Young, Buffalo NY; Michael Wolf, New York NY

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #16

8 Tables
 2.91 1 Laurie Pastrano, Winter Park FL; Kenlynn Gilbert, Bellevue WA; Virginia Swift - Joseph Barbary, New York NY
 2.18 2 Carla Hudner, Kentfield CA; Alice Wright, San Francisco CA; Joan Creed, Sausalito CA; Alice Saxton, Larkspur CA
 1.60 3 Don Delparte - Kay Delparte - Joyce Butler - Dennis Butler, Regina SK

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #17

8 Tables
 2.62 1 Stephen Lubeck, San Carlos CA; Frances Bennett - John Schwartz, Palo Alto CA; John Mattis, Sunnyvale CA
 1.97 2 Nancy Barker - Winifred Smith, Orinda CA; Mary Krouse, Diablo CA; Patricia Keenan, Danville CA

MONDAY COMPACT CONSO #18

8 Tables / Based on 11 Tables
 2.36 1 Emily Rankin - Jon Rankin, Nichols NY; Sandy Desilets, Port St Lucie FL; Rhoda Chickering, E Montpelier VT
 1.77 2 Michael Arthur - Elizabeth Arthur, Pearl River LA; Ronald Bunnell - Barbara Bunnell, Phoenix AZ

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #19

8 Tables
 2.12 1 Anthony Davito - Linda Davito, Pleasanton CA; Eusebio Menezes, Cupertino CA; Phyllis Gaffney, Sunnyvale CA
 1.59 2 Amy Liang Wu, Fremont CA; Jia Tarng Wang, Milpitas CA; Hedy Wee, San Ramon CA; Gopi Aiyar, Danville CA
 1.17 3 Marlow Muldoon - Joyce Muldoon, Irving TX; Terri U'Prichard, Egg Harbor Twp NJ; John Goetsch, Lowell OR

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION #20

8 Tables
 1.91 1 Colette Quaipe - Art Quaipe, San Jose CA; Thomas Feury - Claire Feury, Milpitas CA
 1.43 2 Timothy Stewart, Laurel MD; Nicholas Erpelding, Minneapolis MN; Jeffrey Dale, Davis CA; Daniel Fife, Dallas TX

Women's BAM

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the day about half a board behind the leaders, but scored 18 out of 26 in the first final session to lead by nearly six boards with a session to play. They scored well in the evening session to win going away.

Second place went to Valerie Westheimer, Migry Zur Campanile, Hjordis Eythorsdottir and JoAnn Sprung.

The winners play under the team name Jiefong-Heji, a Chinese newspaper and restaurant chain, respectively. Most have had some international experience, although communicating with them is difficult because they know little English.

Wu knows a bit of English, and she said all team members play Precision. They have been granted waivers to play in the Blue Ribbon Pairs, which starts today.

Asked about their chances in the six-session event, Wu said, "We just want to get to the final."

Bo Xiao, a native of China who lives in California, acted as an interpreter of sorts. He said a couple of team members have jobs, but most just play bridge. "The game is so wonderful," he said. "they just want to play."

Young players, take notice

Are you 20 or younger? Are you interested in playing in a world bridge championship next year in Beijing, China?

If so, e-mail Jason Feldman at jfeldman222@yahoo.com for information about the tournament and finding partners.

MARSHA MAY STERNBERG WOMEN'S BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

50 Tables

110.00	1	Ping Wang, Hangzhou People's Republic of China; Shaohong Wu, Guangzhou People's Republic of China; Jian Wang, Beijing People's Republic of China; Yongmei Zhou, Shanghai People's Republic of China	40.16
82.50	2	Valerie Westheimer, New York NY; Migry Zur Campanile, Las Vegas NV; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA	32.08
61.88	3	Pam Wittes, Venice CA; Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Lisa Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ; Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Sue Weinstein, Las Vegas NV	31.16
48.89	4	Betty Ann Kennedy, Shreveport LA; Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas TX; Stacy Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Shannon Cappelletti, Hollywood FL; Jenny Wolpert, New York City NY; Shawn Quinn, Krakow Poland	30.80
44.00	5	Sylvia Caley, Montreal QC; Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA; Diane Graese, Las Vegas NV; Eileen Cripps, Madison WI	30.52
40.00	6	Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Mildred Breed - Tobi Sokolow, Austi TX; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Daniela von Arnim, Hockenh Germany; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark	29.32
36.67	7	Cecilia Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Sara Sivelind, Ludvika Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Meike Wortel, Amsterdam Netherlands	29.18
33.85	8	Roni Atkins, Pittsburgh PA; Jan George, Las Vegas NV; Barbara Clinton, Aurora ON; Sharon Jabbour, Boca Raton FL	29.06
31.43	9	Rebecca Clough, Culver City CA; Adrienne Green, Los Angeles CA; Carreen Hinds, Bakersfield CA; Judy Pede, Grass Valley CA	28.28
29.33	10	Judy Fisher, Monte Sereno CA; Bonnie Beardsley, Milpitas CA; Prudenc Saunders, Palo Alto CA; Alice Hopkins, Capitola CA	27.54
27.50	11	Renee Mancuso, Los Angeles CA; Joan Jackson - Petra Hamman, Dallas TX; Nell Cahn, Shreveport LA; Nancy Passell, Plano TX; Becky Rogers, Las Vegas NV	27.00
25.88	12	K Fung - Susan Culham, Edmonton AB; June Pocock, New Westminster BC; Kathy Adachi, Surrey BC	26.90
24.44	13	Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Beth Palmer, Silver Spring MD; Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; Karen McCallum, US; Kerri Sanborn, Stony Point NY; Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ	26.52
23.16	14	Joan Eaton, North York ON; Candace Griffey, Vero Beach FL; Kathy Baum, Germantown TN; Laurie Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Carole Miner, Rochester MN; Cynthia Balderson, Eden Prairie MN	26.30
22.00	15	Hansa Narasimhan, Los Altos Hills CA; Rozanne Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ Jill Levin, Bronx NY; Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Debbie Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; JoAnna Stansby, Castro Valley CA	26.06
20.95	16	Marianne Spanier, Scottsdale AZ; Janet Daling, Peoria AZ; Cathy Strauch, San Diego CA; G. Margie Gwozdzinsky, New York NY	25.86
20.00	17	Margaret Bourke, Act Australia; Dagmar Neumann - Candice Feitelson, Sydney Australia; Jan Cormack, Auckland New Zealand	25.52
19.13	18	Mickie Chambers, Atlanta GA; Nadine Wood, Silver Spring MD; Cynthi Hinckley, Guayanabo PR; Diana Schuld, Glen Head NY	25.06

Senior moment

Mel Colchamiro played the following deal (rotated) carefully to earn his team a swing in the quarterfinal round of the Senior Knockouts. Colchamiro was playing with team captain Rich DeMartino in their match against Tony Kasday's squad.

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

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

♠ K 8 7 5
♥ A Q J 9 3
♦ 10 5
♣ A Q

West	North	East	South
	DeMartino		Colchamiro
		1♦	1♥
Dbl	3♥ (1)	3♠	4♥
4♠	5♦ (2)	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

(1) Weak.

(2) Lead directing.

West began with the ♠J to East's ace. On a low heart switch, declarer played the queen, and when that won, proceeded to eliminate the spades. After cashing the ♠K (pitching a club from dummy), Colchamiro ruffed a spade, cashed the ♦A K, ruffed a diamond in the closed hand and ruffed his last spade. This was the position with the lead in dummy:

♠ —
♥ 10
♦ —
♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ —
♥ —
♦ —
♣ K J 10 8 5

♠ —
♥ K 7 4
♦ Q J
♣ —

♠ —
♥ A J 9
♦ —
♣ A Q

The ♥10 was played, East ducking, but when declarer perforce played a club from dummy, East was finished. If he ruffed, declarer could extract

the last enemy trump and claim. If he pitched a diamond instead, declarer would win the ♣A and exit with the ♣Q. West would win the trick, but declarer would take the last two with the ♥A J over East's ♥K 7. Making five doubled for plus 650.

This was a pickup of 10 IMPs for the DeMartino team when the result at the other table was 4♠ by East-West, down two, for 200.

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.

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San Francisco 1996: A look back

Here are some interesting deals from the 1996 Fall NABC in San Francisco.

Deja vu

Larry Dawson had an eerie feeling as he played this deal. Dawson was playing with Dick Walker.

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

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

♠ 6 3
♥ A 10 5 3
♦ J 5 2
♣ A J 8 5

<i>North</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	1♥
1♠	1NT
2NT	3NT
Pass	

West got off to the imaginative lead of the ♠2, ducked by Dawson to East's 7. East returned a spade to dummy's ace, and Dawson began to experience *deja vu* as he eyed the diamond holding between his hand and dummy.

"It was just like a hand I played in 1990, the last time the NABCs were held in San Francisco," Dawson said.

In dummy with the ♠A, Dawson played a low diamond toward his hand. East popped up with the ♦K. Dawson, had seen this same layout before. Convinced that fate had dealt him the same arrangement, Dawson won the spade return played wide open. He cashed the ♣K and the ♥K, then played a heart to his hand and cashed the ♣A.

Then came the test. He put the ♦J on the table — low, low, 10. Bingo!

The next diamond picked up the queen, and Dawson had 10 tricks and a fine score for plus 430.

"The only reason I played it that way was because of 1990," said Dawson.

Fit to be tied

Down three in a freely bid game usually doesn't feel like a good result, especially when an opponent has made a tricky opening lead you didn't work out. Thus, Paul Soloway was happy to end up with a push on this deal from the Open Board-a-Match Teams.

Soloway and Bobby Goldman played against Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell.

Dlr: North ♠ K J 2
Vul: E-W ♥ A Q 4
♦ J 7 5 4 2
♣ J 4

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

♠ 9 6 3
♥ K J 10 9 5
♦ K Q 10
♣ K 3

<i>North</i>	<i>South</i>
Goldman	Soloway
1♦	1♥
1NT	2♦ (1)
2♥	3NT
4♥	Pass

(1) Game-forcing checkback.

Meckstroth hit on the diabolical opening lead of a low spade and Soloway, hoping for some luck, played low from dummy. Rodwell won the ♠10 and shot back a club. Soloway misguessed by playing the king, and Meckstroth won the ace to return the ♠8. Soloway put in the jack, losing to the queen, and then saw Rodwell cash the ♣Q and return a spade to Meckstroth's ace. The defenders still had the ♦A coming, so Soloway finished at minus 150 in the pushy game and was pretty sure the board was a lost cause.

Soloway was surprised, therefore, to find that teammates Mark Lair and Richard Schwartz were plus 150 on the deal despite defending a different contract. At the other table, North became declarer at 3NT and misguessed on the lead of a low club from East. The defenders took five clubs and two aces for their own plus 150 and a push — the hard way.

All fouled up

On some deals, even if you're a world champion, you're just not destined for glory. That happened on this deal from the Open Board-a-Match Teams — and John Russell was right there to take advantage. He was playing with Rob Crawford against a pair of world champions.

Dlr: East ♠ Q 9 3
Vul: Both ♥ 7 4 2
♦ J 9 8 7 5
♣ 9 7

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

♠ A K 7 6 5
♥ A J 5
♦ Q 2
♣ A Q 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Crawford		Russell
		Pass	1♠
2♠ (1)	Pass	3♣	Dbl
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

(1) Top and bottom cuebid: clubs and at least four hearts.

West got the defense off to the wrong start with the ♣10 lead. Russell won the ♣Q, cashed the ace and ruffed a club in dummy. Next he played a low diamond to his ♦Q and West's ♦A. West had a chance to defeat the contract by playing another diamond to East's ♦10 so that East could make the killing heart switch, but West got out with the ♥K to the 2, 10 and ace.

Russell then played a spade to dummy's queen and a low spade toward his hand, East splitting his spade honors as Russell won the ace. Next he played a low diamond from his hand, putting in dummy's jack. East won the ♦K and continued with the ♥9. Russell played low, and the blockage in hearts kept the defenders from cashing two tricks in that suit immediately.

East had no choice but to continue with the ♦10 — a spade play would be into Russell's tenace — but Russell ruffed and exited with the ♥J, leaving West on play at trick 11 with the fourth and last trick for the defense. Russell held the ♠K 7, East the ♠10 5. That was plus 140 and a clear win on the board.

A successful falsecard

A simple falsecard was the difference on this deal from the Life Master Open Pairs.

Dlr: North ♠ A 9 2
Vul: Both ♥ A J 7 4
♦ Q 3
♣ Q 6 5 2

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

♠ K 5 4
♥ Q 9 6 2
♦ A 10
♣ K 10 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Smith	Mohan	Oshlag	Schulle-Mohan
	1♣	1♦	1♥
Dbl	Reddbl	Pass	2NT
3♦	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

John Mohan's redouble was a muddying action — ordinarily it means that he has only three-card support. His subsequent 3♥ bid showed that he had good heart support, but Kay Schulle-Mohan, with a reasonably square hand, decided to go for notrump.

Dave Smith led a low diamond, and Schulle-Mohan guessed correctly, winning the 10. Hearts looked like a good source of tricks, so declarer led a low heart and finessed the jack — successfully! Not only did Richard Oshlag not win the trick, he falsecarded with the ♥8.

Look at the situation from Schulle-Mohan's point of view. It appeared that West had the ♥K. Since Oshlag dropped the ♥8, it seemed likely that he had the ♥10 8 and Smith the ♥K 5 3.

So Schulle-Mohan, led the ♣Q. Oshlag won the ace and cleared the diamond suit. Declarer led the ♥Q, hoping to pin the 10, and was disappointed when this lost to the king. She was even unhappier to note that Smith had not followed suit, so she was going to be able to take only two heart tricks.

If Oshlag had won the first round of hearts, declarer would have discovered the situation by playing the ♥A. Then she could have finessed the ♥9 for a third heart trick. This would have led to down one. As it was, she had to settle for down two.

Brilliancy prize — not!

It's the Swiss teams, round seven, and you are chugging along in the middle of the field. The current match is going well — in fact, it is going so well, you can afford to experiment in search of that ever-elusive brilliancy prize. The opponents are in 4♥ on the auction shown below. You lead the ♦A to see:

Dummy

♠ A Q 6
♥ 9 7 2
♦ J 8 7 5
♣ 10 7 4

You

♠ K 10 8 7 4
♥ K 6
♦ A 4 3
♣ 9 5 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
You		Partner	
Pass	Pass	2♦	2♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Everyone follows to your ♦A lead, and you play a second diamond. Declarer ruffs and starts thinking. You build up a picture of declarer's hand, perhaps:

♠ J x x ♥ A Q J x x ♦ x ♣ A K J x.

Declarer will take a spade finesse, then play a heart to the queen. If you duck, declarer will use his remaining entry to repeat the heart finesse.

Now you win, cash your spade and exit with a diamond. Declarer must lose a club at the end. If you win the first heart, declarer can use his remaining entry to take the club finesse and will come home.

Your mind is made up. Declarer takes the spade finesse and plays a heart to the queen. You duck, declarer shrugs his shoulders, lays down the ♥A, dropping your king and partner's jack, and gives up a spade and a club for his contract. The full deal:

♠ A Q 6
♥ 9 7 2
♦ J 8 7 5
♣ 10 7 4

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

♠ J 9 5 2
♥ A Q 10 8 4 3
♦ 10
♣ A J

This may remind you of the Victor Mollo quote in which he says, "Maybe if you didn't try to be so clever, you wouldn't end up looking so stupid."

Ruling the Game

by Mike Flader, Associate National Tournament Director

Claims

Part 1

Problems with faulty or poorly stated claims help directors keep busy at tournaments. This series of articles will help players and directors deal more effectively with disputed claims.

A claim is defined as a statement by a player that he will win a specific number of the remaining tricks in a deal. In order for a statement to be a claim, it must refer to tricks other than the one currently in progress. A player may also be deemed to have claimed when he faces his hand or suggests that play be curtailed.

Should a player make a claim?

While it is true that claims occasionally create problems, the answer to this question is almost certainly yes. Prolonging the play of a hand unnecessarily is actually a violation of the Laws.

How should a claim be made?

Any claim should be accompanied by a clarification statement, a comprehensive statement about the order in which the claimer intends to win the number of tricks he is claiming. If there is an outstanding trump at the time of the claim, it should be mentioned. If finesses remain to be taken, the intended order of play should be stated. At the time of his claim, the claimer should face his unplayed cards, allowing his opponents time to examine his hand and the claim.

What happens next?

1. The opponents may choose to acquiesce if they agree that the claim is valid. Then, they move on to the next board.

2. If the opponents take issue with the claim, they call the director. Until he arrives at the table, no one takes any further action.

3. Play ceases after a claim! It is contrary to the Laws to play on, and the director is to void any plays made after a claim was disputed.

What procedure should the director follow when he gets to the table?

1. Find out what the contract is.
2. Ask the claimer to repeat his clarification statement.
3. Have his opponents face their unplayed cards and state their objections to the claim.
4. Adjudicate the claim as equitably as possible to both sides, resolving doubtful issues in favor of the non-claiming side.

As I mentioned earlier, some contested claims are merely badly stated. Others are bad claims. The following two deals from recent NABCs will illustrate the difference.

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

The contract was 4♥ by South. West led the ♣K which won. West then played a spade to the ace, and the low club return was ruffed by declarer. A low diamond toward dummy was captured by West's king. The diamond exit was won in dummy. The ♠K J were next (South pitching diamonds) followed by the trump king and a trump to the queen in the closed hand.

At that point, declarer claimed, saying only, "my hand is good." After some discussion, the director was called. In this case, the director should rule that declarer was aware of the

outstanding trump. The line of play adopted is consistent with this state of affairs. Once he has drawn exactly two rounds of trumps, he knows his hand is good, and he most assuredly knows that one trump is still outstanding.

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

The contract was 6♠ by South. The lead was the ♥A. West switched to a diamond, won by declarer's ace. A trump to dummy's ♠K was followed by the ♠Q on which West pitched a club. At this point, declarer detached the ♠A from her hand, faced her cards, and said she would overtake her second diamond in the dummy. West said he could ruff the diamond.

Here, the director should rule in favor of the defense. North has failed to mention the 4-1 trump break. Additionally, she could have claimed after the king of spades cashed and both opponents followed suit since only a 5-0 break could have hurt her. Those two facts make it possible, indeed even likely, that she was not aware of the distribution of the trump suit.

Part 2

Let's examine how to adjudicate a claim when there is an outstanding trump. Much of the information contained in this article was borrowed from the TechFiles section of ACBLScore, an invaluable aid to directors.

Law 70C states that the director is to award a trick to the opponents when a trump is outstanding and:

1. the claimer made no statement about the outstanding trump,
2. it is at all likely that the claimer at the time of his statement was unaware that a trump remained in the opponent's hand, and
3. a trick could be lost to that trump through any normal play of the remaining cards.

How can we determine if the declarer was unaware of an outstanding trump? He may admit to having forgotten it, but frequently the line of play adopted by the declarer is a clue to his intent. For example, if he has a holding such as A-10-x-x-x opposite K-J-x-x-x and he cashes the ace (or king) and claims when both opponents follow, it is very unlikely that he has miscounted trumps. Or if he holds A-10-x-x-x opposite K-Q-9-x and leads the king of the suit, claiming when both opponents follow to the trick, he has not forgotten about the outstanding trumps. But, if he played a second round of the suit, and one of the opponents showed out, we should be more skeptical — he may have missed the discard.

Once we decide that declarer may have been unaware of an outstanding trump, we are to award a trick(s) to the defenders if they can make a trick with the trump through any normal play of the remaining cards. Thus, if dummy remains with three aces, one of them the ace of trumps, and declarer says dummy is high, a defender holding a trump will make a trick with that trump if he can ruff either of dummy's side suit winners. The declarer cannot be allowed to play a round of trumps as a safety check if he forgot that the trump was outstanding or forgot to mention that he was playing the ace of trumps first. In general, declarer is never allowed to play trumps to draw any trumps of which he may have been unaware if doing so would be to his advantage.



What if the remaining cards in the dummy had been the 2 of trumps along with two side-suit winners when declarer made his claim? A defender remains with the 3 of trumps and two winners in another side suit. In this case, it cannot be right to make the declarer lead the trump first since playing trumps in a case like this is irrational. So in this case, the defender is entitled to one trick only.

When the dummy's trump is the queen and one of the defenders holds the king, the situation becomes murkier since it may not be irrational to try to cash a "high trump" just in case there are any lurkers.

While it is dangerous for the director to try to rigidly follow guideline since the chance exists that he may use them instead of common sense, there are some guidelines that we may follow when adjudicating a claim:

1. The order of play of non-trump suits should be the worst possible for the claimer (although play within the suit is normally from the top down).

2. Declarer may never attempt to draw any trumps of which he was likely unaware, if doing so would be to his advantage.

3. t is considered a normal play for declarer to take a safety check with a "high" trump.

4. Declarer should not be forced to play the remainder of his trumps to his disadvantage if both opponents have shown out of the suit.

TODAY'S SENIOR KO TEAMS PAIRING

33 Tables
Mike Levine - Zeke Jabbar, Boca Raton FL; Bobby Wolff, Las Vegas NV; Dan Morse, Houston TX; Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Chuck Said, Nashville TN

vs
Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Dennis Clerkin - Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Brenda Keller - Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID

70.00 3/4 Amos Kaminski, New York NY; Yeshayahu Levit, Tel-Aviv Israel; Pinhas Romik, Nes Zidna 74120 Israel; Marcelo Branco, Rio De Janeiro Brazil; George Mittelman - Arno Hobart, Toronto ON

70.00 3/4 Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Geoffrey Brod, Avon CT; Mel Colchamiro, Merrick NY; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA

45.00 5/8 Tony Kasday, Puyallup WA; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Gaylor Kasle - Barnet Shenkin, Boca Raton FL; John Sutherlin, Dallas TX; Dan Gerstman, Buffalo NY

45.00 5/8 Michael Kovacich, Stone Mountain GA; Robert White - Jim Linhart, Raleigh NC; Sangarapil Mohan, Oak Brook IL; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL; David Lindop, Toronto ON

45.00 5/8 Jim Kirkham - Corinne Kirkham, San Bernardino CA; Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Greg House, S San Fran CA; V Jay Tipton - Linda Tipton, Irvine CA

45.00 5/8 Jim Reiman, Mansfield OH; Dave Swarouth, San Antonio TX; William Arlinghaus, Ann Arbor MI; Jay Baum, Germantown TN; Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX; Bryan Storey, Plano TX

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION GGG			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1			63.94%	1		Lawrence Lau, Westport CT; Allan Wolf, Ridgefield CT		60.42%
2			55.77%	2	1	Steven Adams - Sally Adams, Chico CA		55.77%
3			54.97%	3		Darius Houssefi, Half Moon Bay CA; Sal Ignoffo, Millbrae CA		55.45%
4	1	1	54.01%	4		William Corliss, Davis CA; Jean Macdonald, Sacramento CA		53.53%
5			52.88%	5	2	Michiko Furumoto, Kawasaki Japan; Keiko Suzuki, Tokyo Japan		51.76%
6	2		52.40%	6	3	Michel Fromont - Lawrence Fromont, France		51.28%
	3	2	51.28%					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION AAA			EAST-WEST		
D	E	F	D	E	F	A	B	C
1			58.33%	1		Melvin Rosen, Mill Valley CA; Jerry Mednick, San Rafael CA		63.10%
2	1		57.74%	2		Sue Eltringham, Walnut Creek CA; Joyce Mirwald, Concord CA		61.01%
3	2		57.14%	3	1	Dawn Black - Alice Redfield, Atherton CA		57.44%
4			54.76%	4	2	Barbara Curry - James Curry, Hillsborough CA		55.06%
	3		52.38%		3	Patrica Raven, Kentfield CA; Nancy Zacher, San Francisco CA		51.19%
	4	1	49.40%					
		2	45.54%					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION BBB			EAST-WEST		
D	E	F	D	E	F	A	B	C
1	1	1	62.73%	1	1	Adeline Thomas - Arthur Thomas, Hillsborough CA		59.74%
2	2		55.40%	2		Julian Standen - George Jeffrey, San Francisco CA		58.59%
3			55.14%	3		Sheri Archer, Campbell CA; Karen Hunt, Monte Sereno CA		56.21%
4			54.17%	4	2	Frank Woods, San Francisco CA; Jane Carter, Colusa CA		55.86%
5			53.57%	5	3	Marian Christensen, Woodside CA; Dorothy Lodato, Palo Alto CA		53.79%
					4	Sylvia Allen, Walnut Creek CA; Rosemary Boss, Benicia CA		53.32%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION CCC			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1	1	1	63.26%	1	1	Judy McGough, Seattle WA; Patricia Hewitt, Los Gatos CA		62.88%
2	2		59.66%	2	1	Mary Johnson - Nora Schell, Winter Park FL		53.98%
3	3		53.98%	3	3	Nancy Finney, Burlingame CA; Susan Hagerty, Los Alcos CA		53.79%
4	4		52.84%	4	4	Ginger Andersen, Tumwater WA; Victoria Sheldon, Olympia WA		51.70%
5			52.08%	5	5	Marynel Musch - Bill Musch, Orting WA		50.57%
		2	51.33%					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION DDD			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1			61.68%	1	1	Don Harlor - Meg Herz Harlor, Santa Cruz CA		61.06%
2	1	1	61.61%	2	2	Kenneth Kennington - Lynn Dahm, Vallejo CA		59.10%
3	2		58.38%	3	3	John Dawson, Willowbrook IL; Eva Jonas, Cambridge MA		58.49%
4	3		54.96%	4	1	Joan Katkov, Kentfield CA; Sally Adams, Walnut Creek CA		55.96%
5	4		53.57%	5	5	Donald Stein - Linda Stein, Mill Creek WA		55.88%
					2	Madine Breed, Emeryville CA; Roma Yvonne Rehfish, Oakland CA		49.84%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION KK			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1	1	1	61.90%	1		Reha Gur, Leonardo NJ; Nan Wang, Eatontown NJ		63.99%
2	2		58.63%	2	1	Gary King, Hermosa Beach CA; Jordan Chodorow, Los Angeles CA		62.20%
3	3		55.36%	3		Tom Grue - E Sue Grue, Las Vegas NV		60.12%
4			55.06%	4		Nina Glazer, Santa Monica CA; Anna Benatar, Los Angeles CA		55.65%
5			53.27%	5		Barbara Doran - Eric Landau, Silver Spring MD		53.57%
					2	Judith Schrafft - Sunny Koontz, Palm Beach FL		46.43%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION LL			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1			58.33%	1		Roger Passal, Woodside CA; Bob Crossley, Corte Madera CA		62.80%
2	1	1	57.14%	2/3		Craig Kavin - Nancy Kavin, Oxnard CA		56.85%
3	2		55.95%	2/3		Phyllis Allmayer - Kurt Allmayer, Surprise AZ		56.85%
4			55.65%	4	1	Jason Smith, Brooklyn NY; Herbert Lee, Santa Cruz CA		56.55%
5			55.06%	5	1	Toyohiko Ozawa, Kawasaki City Japan; Misako Fukazawa, Higashiyama Japan		56.25%
					2	Joseph Thomas - Joyce Nakasaki, Redondo Beach CA		48.21%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION MM			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1			58.93%	1		Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA		59.82%
2			56.85%	2		Jean Barkas - Alice Mitchell, Laguna Woods CA		57.74%
3			56.55%	3		Valerie Aron, Santa Monica CA; David Segal, Los Angeles CA		56.25%
4	1		52.38%	4/5		Carlos Pellegriani, B.A. Argentina; Serge de Muller, Fribourg Switzerland		52.68%
	2	1	48.51%	4/5		Claire Alpert, New York NY; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY		52.68%
					1	Debra Wilhelm - Ralph Wilhelm, Olympia WA		51.19%

TOMORROW'S BRIDGE EVENTS

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Wednesday, November 28, 9 a.m.				
Wednesday-Thursday Morning Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	1-2	Yerba Buena 7	\$15.50	\$17.50
Tuesday-Thursday Morning Bracketed Knockout Teams	2nd	Yerba Buena 6	\$15.50	\$17.50
Monday-Wednesday Morning Side Game Series	3rd single session	Yerba Buena 7	\$15.50	\$17.50
Wednesday, November 28, 10 a.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$14.50
Wednesday, November 28, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
The Sherie Greenberg Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2	Golden Gate C	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified Senior Pairs	1-2	Golden Gate B	\$15.50	\$17.50
Wednesday, November 28, 1 p.m.				
The Eric Dundatscheck Memorial Monday-Wednesday Side Game Series	Sierra A 5th Floor	5th single session	\$15.50	\$17.50
Wednesday, November 28, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs	1-2 SF	Yerba Buena 9	\$18	—
Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs	1-2 F	Yerba Buena 9	\$16.50	—
Strati-Flighted A/X & B/C/D Swiss Teams	1-2	Yerba Buena 8	\$15.50	\$17.50
<i>Seven eight-board matches</i>				
Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	Nob Hill	\$15.50	\$17.50
The Gene Simpson Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed Knockout Teams	1-2	Yerba Buena 7	\$15.50	\$17.50
Tuesday-Wednesday Bracketed Knockout Teams	3-4	Pacific J 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
Wednesday, November 28, 3 p.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$14.50
Wednesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m.				
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams	single	Yerba Buena 7	\$14.50	\$16.50
Stratified IMP Pairs	single	Golden Gate C	\$14.50	\$16.50
<i>Both events above open to Swiss non-qualifiers and new entrants.</i>				
Monday-Wednesday Side Game Series	6th single session	Golden Gate C	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$14.50
Wednesday, November 28, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip Knockout Teams	single	Golden Gate A	\$12/team/match	

Note: Pre-registration for the **Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams** required by 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for Stratified Open and Stratified Senior events are: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750). For Strati-Flighted events, A/X are 5000+/0-5000 and play in their own game; B (1000-2000), C (500-1000) and D (0-500) play in their own game.

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TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Tuesday, November 27, 9 a.m.				
Tuesday-Thursday Morning Bracketed Knockout Teams	1st	Yerba Buena 7	\$15.50	\$17.50
Sunday-Tuesday Morning Bracketed Knockout Teams	3rd	Yerba Buena 6	\$15.50	\$17.50
Monday-Tuesday Morning Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	3-4	Yerba Buena 6	\$15.50	\$17.50
Monday-Wednesday Morning Side Game Series	2nd single session	Yerba Buena 7	\$15.50	\$17.50
Tuesday, November 27, 10 a.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$14.50
Tuesday, November 27, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2	Golden Gate C	\$15.50	\$17.50
The Betty Condon Stratified Senior Pairs	1-2	Golden Gate B	\$15.50	\$17.50
Tuesday, November 27, 1 p.m.				
The Sacramento Unit 505 Monday-Wednesday Side Game Series	3rd single session	Sierra A 5th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
Tuesday, November 27, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs <i>Pre-qualification required. 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Yerba Buena 9	\$18	—
Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs <i>Pre-qualification required. 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions. Limited to players with fewer than 5000 masterpoints.</i>	1-2 Q	Yerba Buena 8	\$16.50	—
Senior Knockout Teams	Finals	Sierra K 5th Floor	\$18	—
The Lura Crossley Stratified Open Pairs (2000+; 0-2000)	1-2	Nob Hill	\$15.50	\$17.50
Dahlia Pairs (300-750; 0-300)	1-2	Golden Gate C	\$15.50	\$17.50
The Karen Kelsey Memorial Tuesday-Wednesday Bracketed Knockout Teams	1-2	Yerba Buena 7	\$15.50	\$17.50
Tuesday, November 27, 3 p.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$14.50
Tuesday, November 27, 7:30 p.m.				
Strati-Flighted A/X and B/C/D Swiss Teams	single	Yerba Buena 7	\$14.50	\$16.50
Monday-Wednesday Side Game Series	4th single session	Golden Gate B	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Golden Gate A	\$14.50	\$14.50
Tuesday, November 27, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip Knockout Teams	single	Golden Gate A	\$12/team/match	

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Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Betty Condon

Betty was born in the Philippines and lived in the Far East, the Middle East and Europe all before age 45. She was an elegant and sophisticated lady who was well educated and very talented. She attended Washington University in St. Louis (studying English) and graduated from the University of Hawaii as a fine arts major. Her hobbies included painting and sketching, golf and skeet shooting, gardening and flower arranging and bridge! She told me that she made a promise to herself not to introduce me to bridge: She thought I might really get too much into it! (How did she know?) As a result, I never played with her. Pity.

— Barbara Sonsini

Honoring Lura Crossley

Lura Crossley has had a profound impact on duplicate bridge in the San Francisco Bay Area dating back to the 1950s. Lura and her husband Cap Crossley Jr., founded the Marin Unit in 1954. By 1959, there were 250 members. She became a Life Master in 1959, the same year Cap was president of the Western Conference.

Lura started running bridge games and teaching in her home in Greenbrae in the Fifties. She held duplicate games in many locations throughout Marin until securing a permanent "home" in Larkspur for the Crossley Bridge Center in 1970. Lura's mantra was "good bridge and good fellowship." She was known for having a friendly game with wonderful homemade

refreshments, and made many bridge players feel at home at her club.

In the Sixties and Seventies, Lura taught thousands of students in department stores and at clubs around the S.F. Bay Area. She also lectured and directed bridge cruises as the West Coast Representative of Travel with Goren, traveling the world many times over. Lura has continued to teach at the annual Crossley Bridge Camp and lecture on cruises into her 80s.

Her three sons, Bill, Dave and Bob were all young Life Masters, winning tournaments in their teens. Her daughter Janet is a part-time bridge teacher and director. Lura, while still involved with the Crossley Bridge Center, is turning over the reigns to Bob and Janet, but still enjoys playing bridge whenever she can.

Notice to players who live outside North America

Participation in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs and the 0-5000 Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs is limited to those ACBL members who have earned a Blue Ribbon qualification (or for those members on the Lifetime Top 100 masterpoint list).

Participation in the Life Master Open and Women's Pairs is restricted to ACBL members who have achieved the rank of Life Master. Foreign players who do not meet these criteria, but feel they are otherwise eligible, must receive a waiver prior to the commencement of these contests.

Previously granted waivers will be honored.

For waiver information, please contact ACBL Chief Tournament Director Rick Beyé here at the tournament. He may be contacted through the Tournament Operations office and he will also be available at the selling sites.