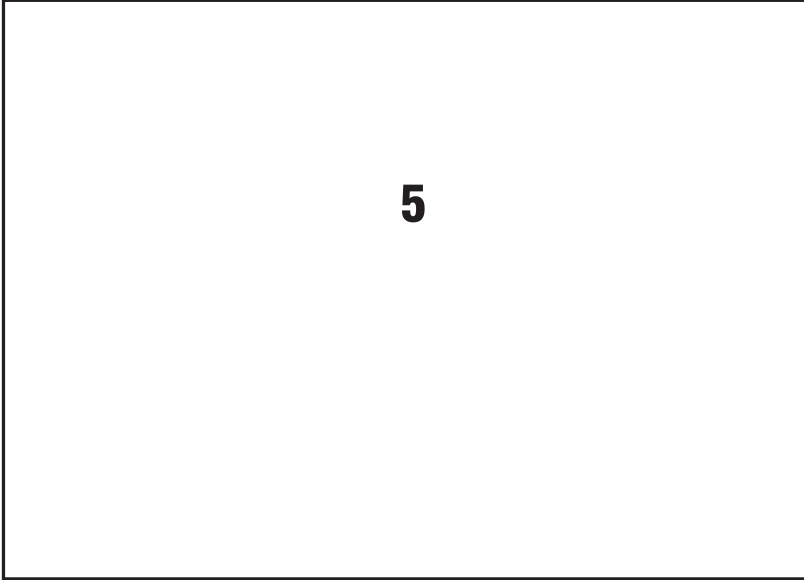


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Victors in the Senior Knockout Teams were, seated, left to right: Ralph Cohen, David Adams and Al Childs; standing: Robert Carteaux and Chuck Said.

Carteaux wins Senior KO; Adams, Childs now Grand LMs

For the second day in a row, the team captained by Robert Carteaux dug themselves a hole by falling behind early in the Senior Knockout Teams. Also for the second day in a row, the Carteaux team was awesome in the final quarter, blasting their opponents, 59-11, to win handily.

The fourth quarter surge lifted the Carteaux squad to a 132-106 win over the team captained by Mike Levine.

The victory made Grand Life Masters of two members of the Carteaux squad. Bridge pro David

Adams of Marietta GA and Al Childs of Little Rock each have well over the required 10,000 masterpoints, but they needed a win in a North American championship to earn the Grand Life Master designation.

Other team members were Carteaux, a retired businessman from Fort Wayne IN; bridge pro Chuck Said of Nashville, and Ralph Cohen, former chief executive of the ACBL.

They defeated Levine and Zeke Jabbour of Boca Raton FL; Russ Arnold, Miami; Arnie Fisher, Clementon NJ; Jim Linhart, Piscataway NJ and P.O. Sundelin, Stockholm, Sweden. Jabbour and Arnold had their winning streak in the event ended -- the two had won all three previous Senior KOs.

The Levine team dedicated their efforts to Rita Rand, who was to have been a member of the team

Comedy revue set for tomorrow night

Get set to be dazzled by top-flight entertainment tonight after the evening session.

The Spotlight Follies, a musical and comedy revue, is scheduled for midnight in the St. Louis Room on Level 4 at the Adam's Mark.

The production, directed by Fran Scheifler, features performances by members of St. Louis Unit 143.

The cast will perform familiar songs with bridge themes -- "It Had to Be You" becomes "I've Had it With You," and "The Great Pretender" becomes "The Great Defender."

Between songs, you will be entertained by comedy skits.



Allan Falk, left, and Adam Wildavsky triumphed in the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Falk, Wildavsky score victory in Blue Ribbon Pairs

Adam Wildavsky and Allan Falk took the lead after the first final session then survived a rocky first round to earn a close victory in the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Their final score of 789.13 put them just ahead of Geir Helgemo of Norway and Tony Forrester of Great Britain, who posted their fifth second-place finish in a major ACBL pair event. Chip Martel and Robert Levin were third.

Although they were leading after the first final session, Falk and Wildavsky were pretty sure they had dropped out of first after their first round. It turned out that they had scored only 7 out of 50 matchpoints on the round, but they ignored the results and maintained their focus on the goal of taking as many tricks as they could for the final 24 boards.

It worked like a charm, and Wildavsky credits the use of what he calls the Keller convention (named in honor of Helen Keller, who was deaf and blind). The main feature of the Keller convention, said Wildavsky, is the rule that partners don't discuss hands during the session.

"I've won more matchpoints and IMPs with Keller than any other convention I use," said Wildavsky, who won the Blue Ribbon for the second time. His other win came five years ago in partnership with Haig Tchamitch at the Orlando NABC.

Falk, of Okemos MI, has won two previous North American titles -- both Open Pairs events

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P.O.'s postscript on directors

P.O. Sundelin, the Swedish star who is a regular at NABCs, saw the article in Thursday's *Daily Bulletin* about the national directors working the St. Louis tournament, and he wanted to offer his own view.

Sundelin, who has played all over the globe, said he considers the standard among all ACBL directors -- not just those with national rank -- to be the highest in the world.

"Your directors," Sundelin said, "are truly professionals."

He said ACBL directors are particularly good at handling difficult players. "Whenever I

hear them dealing with people at the table," he said, "no matter how unpleasant they are or how upset they are, your directors have a great way of handling them. Your standard is remarkably high."

One more addition to the national directors' story: the late Ray Oakley should have been on the list of inactive or former national directors. Tom Quinlan remembered that whenever Oakley was running a tournament, he always started the game with this message for the players: "Blue skies and green lights to you all."

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, Nov. 28

9:00 a.m. Special regionally-rated two-session International Fund Pairs (first session was Thursday morning).
 10:30 a.m. - Noon ITT Meeting, Director's Row 48
 11:45 a.m. Intermediate/Novice Speakers Program -- Dorothy Truscott: *Bid Better, Play Better*, St. Louis Ballroom F-G-H
 6:45 p.m. Intermediate/Novice Speakers Program -- John Blubaugh: *Losing Trick Count*, St. Louis Ballroom F-G-H
 11:30 p.m. Player Hospitality, Rose Garden

Saturday, Nov. 29

11:45 a.m. Intermediate/Novice Speakers Program -- Jerry Helms: *Understanding the Language*, St. Louis Ballroom F-G-H
 6:45 p.m. Intermediate/Novice Speakers Program -- Fred Hamilton: *Hand Evaluation*, St. Louis Ballroom F-G-H
 11:30 p.m. Player Hospitality, Rose Garden

Sunday, Nov. 30

Noon - 5 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Reisinger finals on vugraph, St. Louis Ballroom

Learning the whole hand from the opening lead

After the bidding and the opening lead on this Blue Ribbon Pairs hand from the second qualifying session, Peter Weichsel was able to tell a kibitzer just what his left-hand opponent held.

Board 4 ♠ 10 9
 Dlr West ♥ K Q 4 3
 Vul Both ♦ K J 9 7 3
 ♣ 9 2

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

♠ K Q 3 2
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ Q 10 8 6 2
 ♣ K 5

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

(1) Spades plus diamond support.
 Kyle Larsen, North, led the ♠10, and Weichsel turned to his kibitzer and told him, "Declarer has 4-2-0-7, he doesn't have the ♠9 and he doesn't have either red ace." Then he played LOW and allowed the ♠J to win. His aim was to hold declarer to 11 tricks even if he took the successful trump finesse -- but he thought the odds were against declarer's finessing in clubs.

Once Weichsel played low on the first trick, declarer of course could make five. Go to the board with the ♥A, discard a heart on the ♦A, take the successful finesse in trumps, and the ♠8 would be promoted on power because of the doubleton 10-9 in the North hand.

But Weichsel was right -- declarer didn't take the club finesse for fear of a spade ruff. Instead he cashed the ace and led a second club to Weichsel's king. Since he couldn't do anything about it anyway, he returned a diamond, declarer discarding a heart as he won with the ace in dummy.

But now Weichsel's low play at trick one paid off because Larsen's 9 was of equal value with the king and queen. As a result, declarer had to lose two spade tricks, making only four, which was a good score for Weichsel and Larsen.

International Fund game

A special two-session International Fund game will take place this morning and tomorrow morning. The money raised will be used to help with expenses of the players who will represent North America in the World Championship in Lille, France, next year. Both sessions will begin at 9 a.m., and the entry fee will be \$40 per pair.

Hidden assets

By Bob Bainter

Sometimes having a poor set can lead to unexpected moments of reclamation. Playing Bergen raises was the impetus to open 1♥ on this board.

Board 29 ♠ A
 Dlr North ♥ A K 9 3
 Vul Both ♦ 5 3
 ♣ A J 9 8 7 3

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

♠ 9 8 5
 ♥ 7 6 5 2
 ♦ A K J 7 4
 ♣ 2

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	3♣ (1)
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥(2)	All Pass	

(1) 9-11 high card points with four hearts.
 (2) Why look for the queen when you're this desperate?
 East led the ♥4. Declarer won, cashed the ♣A and ruffed a club, crossed to the ♠A and led another club. East ruffed in with the 8 -- can you blame him? A spade ruff was followed by the top trump, which drew the rest of the outstanding trumps. That was worth all the matchpoints.

Neat defensive maneuver

By Barry Rigal

Judy Tucker found a neat defensive maneuver on this deal from the Blue Ribbon semifinals.

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

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

♠ J 5 4
 ♥ K J 10 7 5
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ K 6

North-South are not due to make more than nine tricks in 3NT on the lead of either minor, and 4♥ has no play. But 4♣, the contract at our table, was quite promising.

On the lead of the ♦10 my partner played the ♠J to the queen, and Judy won to shift to the ♥9. When declarer inserted the 10, Gail Greenberg took her ♥Q, and down went declarer.

Should declarer get the position right? I think the argument is that if the ♥Q is right, 4♥ may be making, so putting up the king is a big position. As against that, shifting to a heart from Q-9(x) is a big play.

Tops and bottoms

By Barry Rigal

Board 19 ♠ 10 6
 Dlr South ♥ 9 2
 Vul E-W ♦ A Q J
 ♣ K 10 8 7 6 4

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

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

The contract of 2♥ doubled and redoubled usually yields either a top or a bottom, and so it proved on this deal from the first session of the Blue Ribbon qualifying. Surprisingly, there were two tables (maybe more) which ended in this strange spot on the following auction:

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Redbl	All Pass	

When my partner was declarer against Kay Schulle and John Mohan, the defense led the ♥K. My partner won this, finessed in diamonds and led a spade to the jack and queen. Back came a diamond and the ♠10 went to the ace. A second trump from Mohan left the defense in control, and they actually emerged with plus 600 for 63 out of 64 matchpoints.

When Tony Forrester was declarer, he got the same excellent opening lead of the ♥K. He won this to take the diamond finesse and advance the ♠10. When the defense ducked (an understandable error) he was able to run this to the queen. Back came a diamond, and he finessed to play a second spade. East won the ace and played the ♥J, which held the trick. Next came a third spade and Forrester took the king, cashed the ♥Q and led the ♠J, ruffed by East, who was now employed in this three-card ending:

♠ --
 ♥ --
 ♦ A
 ♣ K 10

♠ --
 ♥ --
 ♦ K 9
 ♣ Q

♠ --
 ♥ 7
 ♦ 10 6
 ♣ --

♠ --
 ♥ --
 ♦ --
 ♣ A J 5

The point is that if East had a diamond to lead, the suit would be splitting. East is marked with the ♣A from West's failure to double 1♥ on the first round of bidding.

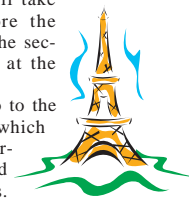
Win a trip to France!

The 1998 World Championships will be staged in Lille, France, from August 21 to September 4. Here at this tournament you can buy a \$5 raffle ticket that will give you a chance to win two round-trip tickets to Lille plus hotel accommodations (two rooms) for four nights.

Tickets are available for sale in the ACBL Executive Office in Director's Row 26 on the second floor of the Adam's Mark. See Rena Hetzer. Tickets also will be on sale for an hour before game time this afternoon and this evening at the ACBL Information Desk.

The drawing will take place tonight before the evening session in the second-floor ballroom at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

Proceeds will go to the International Fund which subsidizes player participation in world championship events.





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Blue Ribbon runners-up: Geir Helgemo, left, and Tony Forrester.

Blue Ribbon

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playing with Lloyd Arvedon.

Wildavsky is a partner in a small company in Manhattan that specializes in client server software for corporations. Falk is the commissioner of the Michigan Court of Appeals. When he isn't busy with his legal work, Falk spends part of his time writing bridge books. He has published four and has a fifth, *Bermuda Bowl Challenge*, due out in about two weeks.

Falk was highly complimentary of Wildavsky. "He played really super," Falk said.

The two played old style Kaplan-Sheinwold, with which Falk is not completely familiar. "I still don't know our notrump structure," he said, "and we've been playing together for six days."

The two practiced for the tournament on OKbridge.

Wildavsky said he owed two thank-yous for his win in the Blue Ribbon -- one to his sweetheart Ann Raymond "for letting me play bridge on Thanksgiving" and a "very belated" one to his favorite partner, Gerry Seixas, for "fixing me up with Haig in Orlando."

Casino Queen shuttle

A free shuttle to the Casino Queen across the river will operate during the tournament. Pickups will be outside the Adam's Mark on the following schedule:

- Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Pickup at 8:45 a.m., return at 11:30 a.m.
- Pickup at 4:45 p.m., return at 7:15 p.m.
- Pickup at 12:30 a.m., return at 3:30 a.m.
- Mention the bridge tournament and you will receive a free pass into the Casino Queen.



Jackpot Pairs

One of the highlights of the Reno NABC next March will be the Jackpot Pairs on Wednesday, March 25. What's so different? You'll be playing for masterpoints and CASH!!! in a Stratified Open Pairs event.



Listen to this -- 100% of the money in the prize pool will be distributed. Ten percent of the pool will go to the Lotto pair. Lotto pairs are those who entered the event but didn't finish in the overall. The Lotto winner will be drawn.

Cash awards will be given to ALL overall places in ALL strats.

How much is all this going to cost? Only \$80 a pair. (You can pay the regular entry fee and play only for masterpoints if you so wish.)

Smooth operator

When it comes to major pairs events, David Berkowitz and Larry Cohen are probably the top twosome over the past two or three years. In the Blue Ribbon Pairs, they were first in Atlanta in 1995 and second in San Francisco in 1996. One good reason for their success is Cohen's outstanding card play. This deal from the first semifinal session of the Blue Ribbon is a case in point.

Dr: South ♠J 10 3 2
 Vul: E-W ♥A J 7
 ♦A 9 4
 ♣A 8 5

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

West	North <i>Cohen</i>	East 1♦	South <i>Berkowitz</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

With no ruffing value in either hand, Berkowitz and Cohen did well to play game in notrump rather than their 4-4 spade fit.

East led the ♠3, which Cohen took with the 8. With the finesse working, the spade suit provided four tricks. As Cohen ran the spades, West discarded two low hearts, East one club.

Reading the cards perfectly, Cohen took the heart finesse through West. On the third heart trick, East had to find a discard, and whatever he did was going to be wrong.

If East pitched a club, reducing his holding to two cards, Cohen could cash the ♣A and get out with a club, forcing East to break the diamond suit. As long as Cohen played for the diamond honors to split, which he was going to do, he could play the suit for no losers.

If East discarded a low diamond, Cohen could handle that, too, by simply playing a diamond to the king and ducking on the way back. East, winning the ♦Q perforce, would then be forced to lead away from the ♣K for Cohen's 11th trick.

In practice, East did discard a diamond and Cohen played it just right. Plus 460 was good for 58 out of 64 matchpoints.

Wool puller

Hugh Ross made a sneaky play that worked out well for him on this deal from the first semifinal session of the Blue Ribbon Pairs. Ross was playing with Peter Nagy.

Dr: West ♠2
 Vul: None ♥K 7 3
 ♦K 8 7
 ♣Q J 10 9 4 2

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

♠A K Q 10 9 5 3
 ♥10
 ♦Q 10 3 2
 ♣5

West	North <i>Nagy</i>	East	South <i>Ross</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ♣3, which Ross read as low from a three-card holding. Taking the small risk that East had been dealt ♠A K 8, Ross played low from dummy. East, convinced that Ross held the ♠8, thought for a while before finally playing the king. When Ross did not follow with the ♠8, East thought his partner had led a singleton club, so he banded down the ace.

Ross ruffed and played his top three trumps. On the third round, West discarded the ♥8. Ross got out of his hand with his singleton heart, and West rose with the ace. At that point, he had no good card to play. A heart return would put Ross in dummy with all those good club tricks, so West got out with the ♦9. Ross put up the ♦K from dummy, and the defenders were helpless. Ross let the diamond return run to the 8 in dummy and he claimed for plus 420.

But what if East had figured out what was going on and put in the ♠7 at trick one? Said Ross: "I don't even want to think about it."

Cuebid? What cuebid?

By Barry Rigal

Sharon Osberg and Mark Feldman put together a great first set in the Blue Ribbon semifinals. I particularly liked Sharon's effort on this deal:

Board 3 ♠ Q 9 7 3
 Dr South ♥ K 10 9 6 4 3
 Vul E-W ♦ J 8
 ♣ Q

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♦ (1)	Dbl	1♠
			?

(1) Limit raise in spades. At this point, Sharon asked West what the double showed. She was told it was a takeout of spades. She tried 4♦ now! When partner bid 4♠ she raised to 6♠, which she wrapped up with an overtrick on a heart lead.



Hammamet Hubbub: Appeal in Tunisia

by Rich Colker

At the 1997 Bermuda Bowl, held in Hammamet, Tunisia, the semifinal match between USA I and USA II featured the following appeals case. Members of the Appeals Committee were: Steen Moeller, Denmark; Naki Bruni, Italy; Eric Kokish, Canada; Jean-Paul Meyer, France; and Grattan Endicott, Great Britain.

Michael Rosenberg

Board 54 ♠ A 9 3
Dlr East ♥ Q 9 7 3 2
Vul E-W ♦ K 8 2
♣ K J

Eric Rodwell

♠ Q
♥ A 6
♦ 7 6 5 4 3
♣ A 10 8 3 2

Jeff Meckstroth

♠ 10 7 5 4
♥ K J 10 8 4
♦ 9
♣ Q 9 5

Zia Mahmood

♠ K J 8 6 3
♥ 5
♦ A Q J 10
♣ 7 6 4

Although the auction was not reported, the final contract was four spades by South down three, minus 150 for N/S.

The Facts: The Director was called to the table after the play. Declarer won the opening diamond lead in hand, led the heart five to East's eight, ruffed the heart return low (noting the fall of West's ace), thought for several minutes and then led a club toward dummy's king-jack. West, who had his cards in his lap, raised them to eye level and took a moment to locate the club three. As he withdrew the card from his hand he said, "I'm sorry." Declarer, who had intended to play the king from dummy, was convinced by the apology that West must not have the ace. (Why would he apologize for thinking if he had something to think about — whether to win the trick?) Declarer therefore played the club jack and went down three, minus 150 for N/S.

While this table had been on Vugraph at the time of the incident, none of the commentators had noticed West fumble. The Director ruled under Law 73D1 that there had been an inadvertent variation of tempo from which declarer drew conclusions at his own risk; the table result was allowed to stand.

The Appeal: N/S appealed the Director's ruling. While denying any suggestion that West's intent had been to deceive, South said that, in his view, one apologized in these situations in order to protect the opponents — not merely because of a fumble. Therefore, the apology had affected his understanding of the reason for the fumble. West stated that he had not meant to play out of tempo, but that there had been a mechanical problem for which he apologized. As there had been numerous helpful exchanges between the players during the match, he just wished that South had inquired about the apology, so that he could have explained that he was just fumbling for the club three. West's team captain observed that this was a momentary lapse on the tenth day of the Championships by a player somewhat fatigued and whose mind was wandering. North then stated that it was a difficult defensive hand and West might not have been quite clear in his mind what was the correct defense. (In fact, he should have risen with the club ace and given his partner a diamond ruff.) While there could be no suggestion of malice on West's part, players do their best to win for their side, deliberately or not. It was clear that South's correct play of the club king had, however inadvertently, been jostled by the apology.

The Committee's Decision: During the deliberations the Chief Director was asked several times to expound on the effects of, and the differences between, Laws 73D1 (a player may take an infer-

ence from his opponents' manner and/or tempo of bidding or play at his own risk) and 73F2 (if an innocent player is deceived by the manner or tempo of bidding or play by an opponent who could have known at the time that his action could work to his benefit, the Director shall award an adjusted score). The Committee agreed that West's apology itself confirmed that there had been a fumble, but that, under pressure to play promptly, West would not have had time to appreciate the possible implications for declarer of his apology. It was also determined that, according to E/W's signaling methods, East's return of a small heart at trick three indicated a desire for a diamond ruff. On the other hand, the combination of the fumble and the apology did confuse South. West's own testimony suggested he had no bridge reason for the fumble, making Law 73F2 applicable. The Committee concurred with South's (unchallenged) assertion that he would have made his contract had he played the club king, but as a matter of equity they also believed that South was not entitled to the full score for four spades making. The Committee decided to adjust the score under Law 73F2, but to invoke Law 12C3 (allowed in international competition, but not in the ACBL) to restore equity. N/S were assigned seventy five percent of the score for four spades made four, plus 420, and twenty five percent of the score for four spades down three, minus 150. The Committee also requested some guidance from Laws experts on situations in which an apology (or no apology) for a breach of tempo would be desirable.

The Controversy

This case sparked a controversy over the interplay between two provisions of Law 73, one (73D1) which states that players choosing to act on an opponent's variation in tempo or manner normally do so at their own risk and the other (73F2) which states that, if there is no demonstrable bridge reason for a variation, and if the player could have known at the time that it could work to his benefit, an adjusted score should be awarded. The question is, which provision should apply in these circumstances?

While there are honest differences of opinion over this issue among law framers, law enforcers, and students of the law alike, my own view is that the player taking the inference should act as though he is doing so at his own risk (expecting to keep his score), while the player who varies his manner or tempo should expect to be held accountable for his action and not be surprised to have his score adjusted whenever he cannot demonstrate a legitimate bridge reason for it and it is judged that he could have known at the time that it could work to his advantage. It is then up to a Director or Appeals Committee to evaluate each situation independently, to determine which of the provisions (or possibly both) applies. Of course West's remark should be treated just like any other variation, since it is an extraneous act which might influence declarer's play.

But here declarer's three-minute study before playing to trick four almost certainly contributed to West's inattentiveness, making him (declarer) a contributor to the problem. He then chose to attach bridge meaning to West's remark when you or I might have interpreted it as just the opposite — that the fumble had nothing to do with bridge and had no implication for West's card holding. In addition, while there was a possible bridge reason for West's fumble (he could have been thinking about playing the club ace), and although his remark could have concealed that from declarer, the Committee found that there was not sufficient time for West to appreciate these implications of his remark for declarer.

What this all suggests to me is that declarer should have been held accountable for his own actions, and N/S assigned the result which occurred at the table, just as the Director ruled. Similarly, E/W should have kept their score. If, however, it had been determined that West could have known the

effect which his remark could have on declarer, then E/W's score could have been adjusted to minus 420.

Wolff's Problem (and Solution):

What approach should be taken to the general problem of players making extraneous comments at the table? Clearly, if West had said nothing declarer would have been on his own, living or dying with the result of his decision. Bobby Wolff, many time World and National Champion and member of USA II, thinks that all such comments are improper and should be eliminated from the (high level) game. He favors automatic score adjustments for extraneous remarks at the table if they result in a problem for an opponent (and maybe even if they don't).

This approach has several drawbacks. For one, it would create an undesirable antisocial atmosphere at the table. (Bobby proposes that it apply only to "major" events, including World Championships and the later rounds of major NABC+ events.) Players would no longer be at liberty to be polite, or cordial, during the play of a board. If a player inadvertently bumped the table, fumbled with a card, or committed some other inadvertent act he would be forced to either ignore the effect of his action on the other players or risk being placed in jeopardy for his remark.

Another drawback is that, once a remark slips out (as it might for many of us) it would create a host of "double-shot" scenarios for an opponent who wished to take advantage of the situation. This would be even worse at knockout scoring, where any score adjustment, even to only one side, necessarily accrues (in part) to the opponents.

A third problem is that a player who hesitates inadvertently would be forced to make a decision whether to "excuse" his action. Failure to say anything could place his side in jeopardy for misleading the opponents if there was truly nothing to hesitate about, especially if he "could have known at the time . . ." But equally unfortunately, saying something would create a prejudicial situation against him. In addition, it might not be possible to make this decision quickly enough — before the next hand played. This would result in the same predicament as saying nothing. And what if a player gives the outward appearance of wanting to excuse his fumble, but doesn't actually say anything? Does that count as a remark? You betcha!

Wolff says that "fumbling carries a price, and that's as it should be." You lose if you fumble, you lose if you say "Sorry," you lose if you blurt out "Umph" as you catch yourself, and you even lose if you simply grimace. Is this how you want to play bridge?

We need to recognize and accord a place to the social aspects of the game, even at the highest levels. Players are responsible if they contravene the laws, but reason and judgment must be applied in addressing each incident within the context in which it occurs. Wolff is concerned that Committees are not equipped to handle such incidents in a prudent and consistent manner. He wants strict laws, applied in a uniform manner, to remove any judgment factor from Directors and Appeals Committees alike. Is this bridge in the twenty-first century? What do you think?

Active Ethics

Claire Tornay and Barbara Sartorius gained a point on a score revision in the qualifying round of the Blue Ribbon Pairs, but that turned out to be not quite enough.

They qualified easily for the Blue Ribbon final -- until they noticed that they had been credited with a score that really had been earned by their opponents. They went to the director and reported the mistake. Suddenly they had 29.5 on the board instead of 60 -- and they missed qualifying by 83 hundredths of a matchpoint.

Nickell team seeking new Reisinger streak

The Nick Nickell team, eliminated in the semifinals last year after three consecutive victories in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, will be looking to start another streak here at the Fall NABC in St. Louis.

Nickell & Co. (Nickell, New York; Richard Freeman, Atlanta; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa; Eric Rodwell, Naperville IL, and Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff, Dallas) won Reisinger titles at the Fall NABC in Seattle in 1993, in Minneapolis in 1994 and in Atlanta in 1995.

Along the way, the team -- with non-playing captain Edgar Kaplan -- won the Bermuda Bowl in Beijing, China, in 1995.

"Both our streaks (the team also won four Spingolds in a row) are over," noted Wolff, "and we can't have that. We'll just have to play better."

History of the Reisinger

The event is contested for the Reisinger Trophy (the Chicago Trophy until 1965). It is a six-session open team-of-four event scored by board-a-match with two qualifying sessions, two semifinal sessions and two final sessions. It was contested as a four-session championship until 1966.

The event began in 1929 as the North American Open Team Championship and the prize was the Chicago Trophy, donated by the Auction Bridge Club of Chicago. (In 1928, the open team competition was for the Harold S. Vanderbilt Cup.)

The Chicago Trophy was replaced in 1965 by the Reisinger Memorial Trophy, donated by the Greater New York Bridge Association in memory of Curt H. Reisinger.

Reisinger (1891-1964), of New York City, was a principal patron of contract bridge and the American Contract Bridge League in the early years of both.

Reisinger was a great-grandson of Anheuser and a grandson of Busch, co-founders of the brewery from which he inherited great wealth. That wealth enabled him to become a stalwart financial supporter of the game, as well as a noted philanthropist on a far larger scale.

In the years when there was often a struggle to meet the League's modest payroll, Reisinger was often called upon and never failed to help with a loan or an outright gift. His support made possible several early contract bridge tournaments, clubs and books.

Among the positions in which he served was director of the United States Bridge Association, president of the Greater New York Bridge Association and chairman of the ACBL. In 1953, Reisinger was named ACBL *Honorary Member*.

Looking back

The only all-women's team to win the Reisinger -- or any other major open team event -- was Sally Young, Jane Jaeger, Paula Ribner and Kay Rhodes.

They tied in 1947 with John Crawford, Ted Lightner, George Rapee and Sam Stayman; and Robert Appleyard, Simon Rossant, Morris Berliant and M.A. Lightman.

Young, Life Master #17, was the first woman to earn Life Master rank. Among her successes were three additional wins in the Reisinger, seven wins in the Women's Teams, four wins in the Women's Pairs, five wins in the Mixed Teams and one win each in the Fall Open Pairs and Fall Mixed Pairs. She died in 1970.

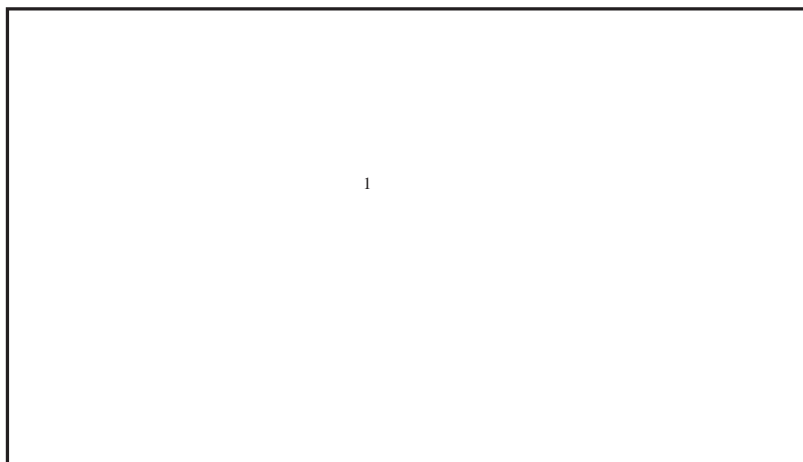
Ribner and Jaeger, both now living in Florida, are Gold Life Masters who remain active players. Jaeger was a member of the winning squad in the Grand National Teams in 1973, its inaugural year.

Jaeger and husband Lewis were the first married couple to attain Life Master rank -- #74 and #94, respectively -- and Lewis was a member of the winning Reisinger team in 1934. Together, they were second in the Vanderbilt in 1956.

Jaeger recalls that the 1947 Reisinger was "pretty close, as I remember. We were on pins and needles for a while."

Ribner remembers that the four "were all very good friends. We all played with each other."

Rhodes, a Silver Life Master who died in 1996, recalled in a 1995 interview that the three-way tie



1947 champs. The only all-women's team to win the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams were (from left) Kay Rhodes, Sally Young, Paula Ribner and Jane Jaeger.

"had us all checking our scores, trying to find a win."

Fifty-one years ago, at the Fall NABC in Hollywood FL, Edith Freilich became the 13th woman to win the Reisinger. Her teammates were Mitch Barnes, John Crawford and Al Roth.

Freilich and Roth repeated their victory in 1952. This time, their teammates were Harold Harkavy and Tobias Stone.

The history of the Reisinger is dotted with back-to-back wins but only the Nickell squad has the three- and four-peat. The team of John Crawford, Charles Goren, Charles Solomon and Sally Young won in 1937 and 1938 -- the same squad, plus B.J. Becker, also won in 1939.

Oswald Jacoby won his first Reisinger in 1955, playing on a team with his son Jim -- the only father-son combination to win the event.

Jacoby's second Reisinger win came in 1983 when he was invited to join the team of Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Richard Pavlicek and Bill Root.

Jacoby was battling cancer but he was a vital part of the team effort that won the Reisinger.

On this deal, Jacoby was plus 450 at his table while Pavlicek-Root scored plus 100 at the other table. Pavlicek doubled 4♠ and they beat the contract one trick.

Jacoby played 4♠ undoubled and made five with any warning about the trump suit.

Dir: North ♠ K 9 8 5 2
 Vul: None ♥ K 3
 ♦ 10 7 6 5
 ♣ 10 5

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

♠ A 10 6 3
 ♥ Q J 6 5
 ♦ A
 ♣ K 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
	<i>Jacoby</i>		<i>Kaplan</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♦	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The opening diamond lead went to dummy's ace, and Jacoby played a heart to the king and ace. East thought it was a good idea to underlead his ♠A. It wasn't.

Jacoby put up the ♠K, then cashed the ♥Q-J to pitch his last club. Then he ruffed a club and ruffed a diamond, ruffed another club and ruffed another diamond.

Next he led the fourth heart from dummy and when his right-hand-opponent followed, he ruffed with the ♠9, overruffed with the jack.

East led a trump (perforce) and Jacoby was down to the ♠K 8 in his hand and the ♠A 10 in dummy. He won the 10 and had a high crossruff

with the ace and king, East futilely underleading at the end.

John Crawford holds the record for most Reisinger wins with 10. His victories spanned four decades: 1937, 1938, 1939, 1942, 1946, 1947, 1953, 1954, 1956 and 1961.

Helen Sobel and Sally Young share the record for most Reisinger wins by women with four.

Sobel was the last woman to win the Reisinger -- her victory came in 1957.

A multi-national team won in 1987. Team members included Zia, Jaggy Shivdasani, Billy Cohen and Ron Smith.

Said Zia: "The best thing about this was that we had a black (Smith), a Jew (Cohen, who is a Canadian citizen), an Indian (Shivdasani) and a Pakistani (Zia) playing together." Zia is a Muslim and Shivdasani is a Hindu.

"It's good to show how bridge can bring together people from such different backgrounds," he added. "It just shows a special magic about the game of bridge."

A multi-national team won again in 1989. Zia was on the team which included Sam Lev, Israel; Michael Rosenberg, U.S. but formerly of Scotland; Chris Compton, U.S., and Mark Molson, Canada.

Molson scored a rare double at the Fall NABC in Lancaster PA that year. He took top honors in the two premier events of the tournament -- the Reisinger and the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

The record margin of victory in the Reisinger -- 10 full boards -- was set in 1966 by Kaplan, Kay, Robert Jordan and Arthur Robinson.

A handful of ACBL presidents and members of the board of directors have won the Reisinger: Charles Solomon, Jeff Glick, Waldemar von Zedtwitz, Bobby Wolff, Lew Mathe, Peter Leventritt, John Gerber, Ira Corn, Don Oakie and Edgar Kaplan.

Winners and runners-up:

1929 1. Max Cohen, Louis Haddad, Robert Halpin, Nils Webster; 2. Carlton Drake, James Kelly, Paul Parcells, Charles Rilling

1930 1. William Barrett, James Carpenter, Ely Culbertson, Johnny Rau; 2. Mary Clement, Dorothy Rice Sims, P. Hal Sims, Waldemar von Zedtwitz

1931 1. Elizabeth Banfield, Winfield Liggett, Frances Newman, George Unger; 2. David Burnstine, Oswald Jacoby, Willard Karn, P. Hal Sims

1932 1. B. Jay Becker, S. Garton Churchill, George Reith, Waldemar von Zedtwitz; 2. Ely Culbertson, Michael Gottlieb, Oswald Jacoby, Theodore Lightner

1933 1. Charles Hall, Albert Steiner, Philip Steiner, Richard Wildberg; 2. B. Jay Becker, S. Garton Churchill, P. Hal Sims, Waldemar von Zedtwitz

1934 1. Henry Dinkelspiel, Lewis Jaeger, Bernard Rabinowitz, Maurice Seiler; 2. Theodore Lightner, Merwyn Maier, Jean Matthews, Sherman Stearns

1935 1. Roland Buck, Joseph Cain, Lawrence Welch

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Curt Reisinger.

Edson Wood; 2. Ely Culbertson, Josephine Culbertson, Richard Frey, Albert Morehead

1936 1. Marge Anderson, Donald Farquharson, Mrs. J. A. Faulkner, Percy Sheardown; 2. Arthur Glatt, Laura Heiner, John Smith, Albert Weiss

1937 1. John Crawford, Charles Goren, Charles Solomon, Sally Young; 2. Oscar Brotman, William Perry, Alvin Roth, S. S. Vorzimer

1938 1. John Crawford, Charles Goren, Charles Solomon, Sally Young; 2. Mitch Barnes, Mary Clement, Benedict Jarmel, Waldemar von Zedtwitz

1939 1. B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, Charles Goren, Charles Solomon, Sally Young; 2-4. Jay Cushing, Seymour Kaplan, Al Beibowitz, Edward Marcus; 2-4. Oswald Jacoby, Merwyn Maier, Robert McPherran, Waldemar von Zedtwitz; 2-4. Henry Auslander, Joseph Davis, Jacob Lindy, Catherine Samberg

1940 1. Henry Feinberg, Jeff Glick, Maury Glick, Louis Newman; 2. Alfred Dick, William Potts, James Sheern, Edward Thompson

1941 1. Peter Leventritt, Simon Rossant, Helen Sobel, Margaret Wagar; 2. Mitch Barnes, S. Garton Churchill, Lee Hazen, Charles Lochridge, Waldemar von Zedtwitz

1942 1. B. Jay Becker, Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor, John Crawford; 2. S. Garton Churchill, Harry Fishbein, Lee Hazen, Waldemar von Zedtwitz

1943 1. B. Jay Becker, Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel; 2. Samuel Katz, Bertram Lebbhar, Peter Leventritt, Simon Rossant

1944 1. Lee Hazen, George Rapee, Sam Stayman, Waldemar von Zedtwitz; 2. Ambrose Casner, Harold Jarkavy, Ralph Hirschbed, Harold Ogust, Jack Shore

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1946 1. Mitch Barnes, John Crawford, Alvin Roth, Edith Seligman; 2. Simon Becker, Stanley Fenkel, Fred Karpin, Louis Newman

1947 1-3. Paula Bacher, Jane Jaeger, Kay Rhodes, Sally Young; 1-3. John Crawford, Theodore Lightner, George Rapee, Sam Stayman; 1-3. Robert Appleyard, Morris Berliant, M. A. Lightman, Simon Rossant

1948 1. George Boeckh, Bruce Elliott, Agnes Gordon, Charlotte Sidway; 2. John Crawford, George Rapee, Sidney Silodor, Sam Stayman

1949 1. Lee Hazen, Larry Hirsch, Richard Kahn, Peter Leventritt, Jack Shore; 2-3. Sidney Aaronson, Emily Folline, Benjamin Johnson, Ludwig Kabakjian, Edward Marcus; 2-3. Jeff Glick, Arthur Goldsmith, Alvin Landy, Sol Mogal, Elmer Schwartz

1950 1. B. Jay Becker, Myron Field, Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel; 2. John Crawford, George Rapee, Edward Marcus, Howard Schenken, Sam Stayman

1951 1. Corti Boland, Bruce Elliott, Micky Miller, Percy Sheardown; 2. B. Jay Becker, Charles Goren, Myron Field, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel

1952 1. Harold Harkavy, Edith Kemp, Alvin Roth,

Tobias Stone; 2. Edward Cohen, Jeff Glick, Arthur Goldsmith, Elmer Schwartz

1953 1. B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Sam Stayman; 2. Harry Fishbein, Peter Leventritt, Ruth Sherman, Charles Solomon, Peggy Solomon

1954 1. B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Sidney Silodor; 2. Israel Cohen, Paul Kibler, Alvin Roth, Billy Seamon

1955 1. Ben Fain, George Heath, Paul Hodge, Jim Jacoby, Oswald Jacoby; 2. William Lipton, Victor Mitchell, Miller Nelson, Joseph Ripstra

1956 1. B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Sidney Silodor; 2. Ben Fain, Paul Hodge, Oswald Jacoby, Dick Sutton

1957 1. Charles Goren, Harold Ogust, Bill Root, Howard Schenken, Helen Sobel; 2. Robert Barrett, Ben Fain, Harry Fishbein, John Gerber, Paul Hodge

1958 1. Leonard Harmon, Ralph Hirschberg, Edgar Kaplan, Alfred Sheinwold, Ivar Stakgold; 2. Arthur Miller, John Moran, David Strasberg, Jay Wendt

1959 1. Lew Mathe, Don Oakie, Meyer Schleifer, Edward Taylor; 2. Harry Fishbein, John Gerber, Paul Hodge, Charles Solomon

1960 1. Ollie Adams, William Hann, Sidney Lazard, Lew Mathe; 2. Oswald Jacoby, Mervin Key, Bobby Nail, Curtis Smith

1961 1. John Crawford, Norman Kay, Alvin Roth, Sidney Silodor, Tobias Stone; 2-3. Charles Coon, Robert Jordan, Eric Murray, Arthur Robinson; 2-3. Harold Guiver, Carol Sanders, Tommy Sanders, Michael Shuman

1962 1-2. Paul Allinger, Harold Guiver, Lew Mathe, Ron Von der Porten, Erik Paulsen, Edward Taylor; 1-2. Bob Hamman, Eddie Kantar, Don Krauss, Marshall Miles, Billy Eisenberg

1963 1. Charles Goren, Peter Leventritt, Harold Ogust, Howard Schenken; 2. Donald Faskow, Bill Flannery, Herbert Sachs, Paul Swanson

1964 1. John Gerber, Paul Hodge, Mervin Key, Harold Rockaway; 2. Harold Harkavy, Edith Kemp, Cliff Russell, Curtis Smith, Bobby Wolff, Waldemar von Zedtwitz

1965 1. Eddie Kantar, Mike Lawrence, Marshall Miles, Lew Stansby; 2. Michael Engel, Phil Feldsman, Richard Freeman, Ira Rubin

1966 1. Robert Jordan, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Arthur Robinson; 2-3. Gerald Bare, Harold Guiver, Lew Mathe, Mike McMahan, Erik Paulsen, Hugh Ross; 2-3. Bill Root, Alvin Roth, Bee Schenken, Howard Schenken

1967 1. Robert Jordan, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Arthur Robinson, Bill Root, Alvin Roth; 2. Steve Altman, Michael Becker, Charles Peres, Daniel Rotman

1968 1. Kyle Larsen, Erik Paulsen, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, Howard Schenken; 2. Billy Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Bob Hamman, Eddie Kantar, Sidney Lazard, George Rapee

1969 1. Philip Feldsman, William Grieve, Ira Rubin, Gerald Westheimer; 2. Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Sami Kehela, Sidney Lazard, Eric Murray, George Rapee

1970 1-2. Billy Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Bob Hamman, Jim Jacoby, Mike Lawrence, Bobby Wolff; 1-2. Grant Baze, Anthony Dionisi, William Grieve, Harlow Lewis, Peter Pender, George Rapee

1971 1. William Grieve, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Don Krauss, Lew Mathe, George Rapee; 2. Grant Baze, Anthony Dionisi, Harlow Lewis, Peter Pender

1972 1. Lou Bluhm, Steve Goldberg, Steven Parker, Steve Robinson; 2. William Grieve, Sami Kehela, Eric Murray, George Rapee

1973 1. Larry Cohen, Richard Katz, Bud Reinhold, Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel; 2. Jack Blair, Byron Greenberg, Tommy Sanders, Paul Swanson

1974 1. Fred Hamilton, Erik Paulsen, Hugh Ross, Ira Rubin; 2. Stephen Goldstein, Marc Jacobus, J. Merrill, Steve Sion, John Solodar

1975 1. Fred Hamilton, Erik Paulsen, Hugh Ross, Ira Rubin; 2. Richard Doughty, Frank Hoadley, Jack LaNoue, Sidney Lazard

1976 1. Malcolm Brachman, Billy Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Eddie Kantar, Mike Passell, Paul Soloway; 2. Matt Granovetter, Robert Lipsitz, Steven Parker, Sam Stayman

1977 1. Jimmy Cayne, Alan Greenberg, Jim Jacoby, Kyle Larsen, Mike Lawrence; 2. Matt Granovetter, Robert Lipsitz, Neil Silverman, Sam Stayman

1978 1. Ira Corn, Fred Hamilton, Bob Hamman, Ira

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The first four-nation team to win the Reisinger. In 1987 the winning team was made up of, left to right, Jaggy Shvidasani, India; Ron Smith, United States; Billy Cohen, Canada, and Zia, Pakistan.

Rubin, Bobby Wolff; 2. Allan Graves, Gaylor Kasle, Mark Lair, George Mittelman, Barney O'Malia, Ron Smith

1979 1-2. Russ Arnold, Robert Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Bud Reinhold, Eric Rodwell; 1-2. Ira Corn, Fred Hamilton, Bob Hamman, Ira Rubin, Bobby Wolff

1980 1. Ron Andersen, Malcolm Brachman, Bobby Goldman, Eddie Kantar, Mike Lawrence, Paul Soloway; 2-3. Mark Lair, Jeff Meckstroth, Mike Passell, Eric Rodwell, George Rosenkranz, Eddie Wold; 2-3. Roy Fox, Ed Manfield, Paul Swanson, Kit Woolsey

1981 1. Chip Martel, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, Lew Stansby; 2-3. Roger Bates, Chuck Burger, Jimmy Cayne, Billy Eisenberg, Alan Greenberg; 2-3. Evan Bailey, Andrew Campbell, Joel Hoersch, David Weiss

1982 1. Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay; 2. Mark Molson, Eric Kokish, Paul Lewis, Robert Lebi, George Mittelman, Drew Cannell

1983 1. Oswald Jacoby, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek; 2-3. Ron Rubin, Mike Becker, Billy Eisenberg, Eddie Kantar, Mike Lawrence, Peter Weichsel; 2-3. Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross

1984 1-4. Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay; 1-4. Fred Stewart, Steve Weinstein, Allan Stauber, Mike Smolen; 1-4. Sam Stayman, Richard Reisig, George Tornay, Saul Bronstein; 1-4. Jim Robison, Jon Wittes, Ross Grabel, Stelio Touchtidis

1985 1-2. Chip Martel, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, Lew Stansby; 1-2. George Rosenkranz, Eddie Wold, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Marty Bergen, Larry Cohen

1986 1. Steve Robinson, Chip Martel, Hugh Ross, Peter Boyd, Peter Pender, Lew Stansby; 2. Bud Reinhold, Ron Andersen, Tommy Sanders, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman

1987 1. Zia Mahmood, Jaggy Shvidasani, Billy Cohen, Ron Smith; 2. Walter Johnson, Mark Cohen, Ralph Katz, Bill Pollack, David Berkowitz, Howard Weinstein

1988 1. Jimmy Cayne, Bob Hamman, Mike Passell, Mark Lair, Chuck Burger, Bobby Wolff; 2. Tom Fox, Dick Melson, Jim Hall, David Lehman

1989 1. Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Sam Lev, Chris Compton, Mark Molson; 2. Jillian Blanchard, Bob Blanchard, Jon Greenspan, Kerri Shuman, Margie Gwozdzinsky, Glenn Eisenstein

1990 1. Richard Pavlicek, Bill Root, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Brian Glubok; 2. Malcolm Brachman, Mike Passell, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman, Mark Lair, Eddie Wold

1991 1. Cliff Russell, Sam Lev, Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz, Marty Bergen, Bjorn Fallenius; 2. Mike Cappelletti Jr., Mike Cappelletti, Lawrence Hicks, Rob Crawford

1992 1. Jimmy Cayne, Mike Passell, Mark Lair, Chuck Burger, Gabriel Chagas, Marcelo Branco; 2. Jim Mahaffey, Alan Sontag, Eddie Kantar, Ron Andersen, Tony Forrester

1993 1. Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. Jimmy Cayne, Chuck Burger, Mike Passell, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman, Mark Lair

1994 1. Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. Jimmy Cayne, Chuck Burger, Mike Passell, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman, Mark Lair

1995 1. Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell; 2. Peter Nagy, Bruce Ferguson, Howard Weinstein, Ralph Katz, Fred Stewart, Steve Weinstein

1996 Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby; 2. Jimmy Cayne, Chuck Burger, Mark Feldman, Michael Seamon, Alan Sontag, Mike Passell

ITT Committee agenda

The International Team Trials Committee will meet this morning and tomorrow morning 10:30 in Director's Room 48, fourth floor, Adam's Mark.

Following is the agenda for the meetings:

1. Review and approval of minutes from summer meeting in Albuquerque.
2. Trials security provisions.
 - a. Penalties for violations of provisions.
 - b. Directors' authority to assess penalties for violations.
3. Appeal of security violation penalties.
 - a. Procedure for appeals.
 - b. Chain of appeals from ITT to ACBL appeals procedures.
4. Adding Conduct and Ethics provisions/procedures to ITT conditions.
5. Review of who forms and/or serves on tournament, appeals and/or conduct committees.

16.	Michael Savage, Downey CA	590
17.	Mark Shaw, Laurel MD	581
18.	Robert Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN	575
19.	Jim Bachelder, Columbus OH	561
20.	Donald Turner, Kansas City MO	557
21.	Doug Deschner, Red Deer AB	556
22.	Zia Mahmood, New York NY	552
23.	Bill Kent, Iowa City IA	549
24.	Jean Talbot, New Orleans LA	549
25.	Anne Hoffman, Peru VT	546
26.	Merri-Jo Hillaker, Grand Prairie TX	546

Diamond Life Master (5000-10,000 points)

1.	Randall Pettit, Marietta GA	1672
2.	Jim Reiman, Mansfield OH	1228
3.	Curtis Cheek, Huntsville AL	1119
4.	Michael White, Atlanta GA	1104
5.	Jack Coleman, San Francisco CA	1008
6.	Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV	943
7.	Geoff Hampson, Fenton MI	929
8.	Martin Baff, Beachwood OH	925
9.	Glenn Lublin, Silver Spring MD	909
10.	Robert Ryder, Caldwell NJ	905
11.	Joseph Jabon, Bellevue WA	903
12.	John Russell, North Barrington IL	877
13.	Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT	868
14.	George Bloomer, Pittsboro NC	848
15.	David Adams, Kennesaw GA	838
16.	Mike Aliotta, Oklahoma City OK	827
17.	Mildred Stoller, Tamarac FL	800
18.	Robert Teel, Rockford AL	798
19.	Jerry Clerkin, North Vernon IN	795
20.	Howard Pilch, Andover MA	794
21.	Gard Hays, Veradale WA	789
22.	Richard De Martino, Riverside CT	767
23.	Paul Kinney, Roxbury MA	747
24.	Marc Low, Centerville OH	735
25.	Rob Crawford, Fort Lauderdale FL	723

Grand Life Master (10,000 masterpoints and a North American Bridge Championship or its equivalent)

1.	Paul Soloway, Mill Creek WA	1682
2.	Michael Seamon, Miami Beach FL	1581
3.	Grant Baze, La Jolla CA	1459
4.	Mark Lair, Canyon TX	1441
5.	Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL	1397
6.	Mike Passell, Dallas TX	1382
7.	Eric Rodwell, Naperville IL	1377
8.	Robert Levin, Windermere FL	1212
9.	Eddie Wold, Houston TX	1198
10.	Steve Robinson, Arlington VA	1182
11.	Bobby Goldman, Highland Village TX	1131
12.	Gene Freed, Los Angeles CA	1108
13.	Jim Linhart, Piscataway NJ	1041
14.	Chuck Said, Nashville TN	995
15.	Russell Arnold, Miami FL	899
16.	Gene Simpson, Redlands CA	861
17.	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA	841
18.	Bernie Chazen, Tamarac FL	830
19.	Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID	758
20.	Bobby Wolff, Dallas TX	743
21.	Jo Morse, Palm Beach Gardens FL	742
22.	Roger Bates, Mesa AZ	730
23.	John Zilic, Houston TX	725
24.	Zeke Jabbour, Boca Raton FL	719
25.	Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN	713
26.	Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR	713

SENIOR KNOCKOUT TEAMS

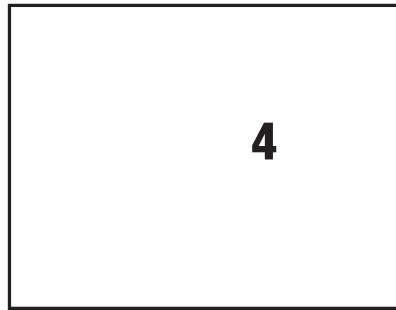
31 Teams			
78.00	1	Robert Carteaux, Ft Wayne IN; David Adams, Kennesaw GA; Al Childs, Little Rock AR; Ralph Cohen, Memphis TN; Chuck Said, Nashville TN	
58.50	2	Mike Levine - Zeke Jabbour, Boca Raton FL; Russell Arnold, Miami FL; Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ; Jim Linhart, Piscataway NJ; Per Olov Sundelin, Stockholm, Sweden	
38.40	3/4	John Sternberg, Jupiter FL; Allan Cokin, Palm Beach FL; Frederick Hamilton, Fresno CA; Eddie Kantar, Santa Monica CA; Bill Eisenberg, Boca Raton FL; Richard Reisig, Delray Beach FL	
38.40	3/4	Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA; William Hunter, Reading MA; Elayne Kadis - Kenneth Kadis, Brookline MA	
16.87	5/8	John Gustafson - Helen Gustafson - Harry Ross, Des Moines IA; Ed Lewis, Falls Church VA; Mike Albert - Marilyn Hemenway, Omaha NE	
16.87	5/8	Colin Revill, Burlington ON; Edward White, Grand Blanc MI; Marc Low - Sandra Low, Centerville OH; Joan Remey Moore, Troy MI; Phil Leon, Grosse Pointe MI	
16.87	5/8	Carol Dalzell, Sea Island GA; Lowell Andrews, Huntingtn Beach CA; Mike Shuman, Pasadena CA; Jerry Gaer, Scottsdale AZ; Gene Simpson, Redlands CA; Harvey Brody, San Francisco CA	
16.87	5/8	James Fellows - Barbara Fellows, Omaha NE; Hugh Maclean, Gonzales TX; Lee Magee, Prairie Village KS	

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

52 Pairs			
175.00	1	Adam Wildavsky, Jackson Heights NY; Allan Falk, Okemos MI	789.13
131.25	2	Geir G Helgemo, Trondheim, Norway; Tony Forrester, Boston MA	781.41
98.44	3	Chip Martel, Davis CA; Robert Levin, Orlando FL	763.28
80.77	4	Douglas Doub, West Hartford CT; John Rengstorff, New York NY	751.23
75.00	5	Gene Freed, Los Angeles CA; Mike Passell, Dallas TX	743.58
70.00	6	Peter Weichsel, Encinitas CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA	739.93
65.63	7	Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Dan Jacob, Burnaby BC	730.70
61.76	8	Michael Moss - Bjorn Fallenius, New York NY	729.36
58.33	9	John Armstrong, Liverpool; John Holland, Manchester	728.57
55.26	10	Ronald Smith, San Francisco CA; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL	726.95
52.50	11	Jim Krekorian - Robert Blanchard, New York NY	717.16
50.00	12	Larry La Breque, Lewisville TX; Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton TX	712.55
47.73	13	David Siebert - Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR	711.12
45.65	14	Les Perlmutter, La Jolla CA; Mark Perlmutter, San Francisco CA	704.35
43.75	15	Peter Boyd, Silver Spring MD; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA	695.44
42.00	16	Larry Griffey, Ponte Vedra FL; Richard Potter, Black Mtn NC	692.75
40.38	17	Carol Sanders, Nashville TN; Dorothy Truscott, Riverdale NY	691.23
38.89	18	James Cayne, New York NY; Chuck Burger, W Bloomfield MI	689.77
37.50	19	Rita Shugart, Pebble Beach CA; Andrew Robson, Carmel CA	687.56
36.21	20	Alexander Kolesnik, Austin TX; Varis Carey, Ithica NY	687.54
35.00	21	Nadine Wood, Silver Spring MD; Brian Trent, Los Angeles CA	686.86
33.87	22	Jack Barcinski, Dallas TX; Steve Shirey, Fort Worth TX	683.42
32.81	23	Steve Weinstein, Glen Ridge NJ; Zia Mahmood, New York NY	683.11
31.82	24	Pablo Lambardi, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Hector Camberos, Mexico	678.12
30.88	25	Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Stephanie Hamilton, Medford MA	677.29
30.00	26	Judy Tucker - Gail Greenberg, New York NY	676.57
29.17	27	Jurek Czynowicz, Aylmer PQ; Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON	671.31
28.38	28	Jon Brissman, San Bernardino CA; Marshall Miles, Redlands CA	669.85
27.63	29	Richard Pavlicek, Ft Lauderdale FL; Rich Pavlicek Jr, Chicago IL	669.21
26.94	30	David Berkowitz, Old Tappan NJ; Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL	669.03
26.25	31	Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Ed Manfield, Hyattsville MD	660.63
25.61	32	Charles Gray, Philadelphia PA; Jess Stuart, West Chester PA	657.14
25.00	33	Mark Feldman, New York NY; Sharon Osberg, San Francisco CA	652.48
24.42	34	George Steiner, Seattle WA; Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL	647.58
23.86	35	John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ	644.69
23.33	36	Grant Baze, La Jolla CA; Michael Whitman, San Francisco CA	642.68
22.83	37	Robert Rosenberg, Geneseo NY; Martin Miller, Rochester NY	640.94
22.34	38	David Wiegand, Portland OR; Donald Mamula, Kirkland WA	638.28
21.88	39	Michael Lawrence, Berkeley CA; John Sutherlin, Dallas TX	635.84
21.43	40	Richard Weiss, Swampscott MA; Charles Coon, Marshfield MA	634.00
21.00	41	Roger Lord - Richard Riezman, St Louis MO	625.85
20.59	42	Jillian Blanchard, Riverdale NY; Stephen Shane, White Plains NY	623.47
20.19	43	Paul Soloway, Mill Creek WA; Steve Zolotow, Las Vegas NV	619.48
19.81	44	Karen Walker, Champaign IL; Tom Kniest, Clayton MO	608.94
19.44	45	Charles Kopp, Scottsdale AZ; Gregory Potts, Portsmouth OH	597.12
19.09	46	Fred Gitelman - Sheri Winestock, Toronto ON	582.88
18.75	47	Don Caton, Pensacola FL; John Potter, Panama City Beach FL	569.51
18.42	48	Haig Tchamitch, Peoria AZ; Paul Erb, Scottsdale AZ	567.06
18.10	49	Jacqueline Derouin, Okemos MI; Susan Finkelman, Glenview IL	566.09
17.80	50	Jeff Schuett, Riverwoods IL; Dick Bruno, Chicago IL	565.90
17.50	51	George Rosenkranz, Mexico City; Eddie Wold, Houston TX	541.93
17.21	52	Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Ari Greenberg, Malibu CA	476.50

THURSDAY IMP PAIRS

246 Pairs				
	A	B	C	
32.55	1	Lester Sokolower, Verona NJ; Jay Korobow, Princeton NJ		125.00
24.41	2	Michael Prahin, New City NY; Val Mashkin, Indianapolis IN		121.00
18.31	3	Richard Oshlag, Germantown TN; Dave Smith, Memphis TN		104.00
13.73	4	Roslyn Kurlan, Great Neck NY; Bobby Goldman, Highland Vlg TX		100.00
10.30	5	Geoff Hampson, Fenton MI; Michael Seamon, Miami Beach FL		96.00
7.72	6	Robert Sartorius, Lake Hiawatha NJ; George Tornay Jr, New York NY		88.00
5.79	7	Matt Granovetter, Richmond Hghts OH; Alan Lechner, New York NY		87.00
4.34	8	Ken Monzingo, San Diego CA; Nels Erickson, Meadview AZ		86.00
3.62	9	Bob Balderson Jr, Hopkins MN; Cynthia Balderson, Minnetonka MN		80.00
4.55	10	Stephen Goldstein - Wonjoo Goldstein, Cheltenham PA		79.00
3.03	11/12	Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI; Lynne Schaeffer, Farmington MI		74.00
2.84	11/12	Joan Remey Moore, Troy MI; Robert Katz, Toledo OH		74.00
3.53	13	Boris Baran, Montreal PQ; Alan Beir, Jacksonville FL		73.00
3.86	14	Joseph Jabon, Bellevue WA; G Gard Hays, Veradale WA		72.00
3.57	15/17	Dave Fred, Granger IN; Rony Adelsman, S Bend IN		71.00
3.52	15/17	Kenneth Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA		71.00
2.59	15/17	Yoshiuki Nakamura - Haruko Koshi, Tokyo Japan		71.00
13.65	1	John Seng - Paul Soper, Champaign IL		51.00
10.24	2	Mike Sloan, Marengo IN; Betty Mattison, Louisville KY		50.00



Runners-up in the Senior Knockout Teams were, seated, left to right: Russ Arnold, P.O. Sundelin and Jim Linhart standing: Arnie Fisher, Mike Levine and Zeke Jabbour.

Senior KO

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but who had to stay home with her ill husband, Al, who died over the weekend in New York.

The win for Cardeaux, who recently retired from the wholesale electronics business, was his first North American championship. He is active in District 8 and Unit 154 politics and has been tournament chairman for northern Indiana regionals for seven years.

Carteaux, who bowled professionally in the Fifties and Sixties, has played bridge for about 12 years and not long ago topped 5000 masterpoints.

Adams plays bridge for a living from his base in the Atlanta area. He has more than 19,000 masterpoints.

Childs pointed out that his Senior KO win was actually his second national title -- the first was in an intercollegiate dairy cow judging contest. Childs has a degree in animal husbandry specializing in dairy cows, but says he is "allergic to too many things on a farm to be a farmer." He runs a glass business in Little Rock and also raises English springer spaniels.

Cohen and Said, who played together, each won his third North American title. Cohen and Renee Mancuso won the IMP Pairs at the Summer NABC in Boston in 1990. In 1995, the native of Canada reunited with some old friends from Montreal to win the Open Swiss Teams at the Spring NABC in Phoenix.

Said racked up his second win in the Senior KO. His first was in the inaugural event at the 1994 Fall NABC in Minneapolis. Jabbour and Arnold were his teammates then.

Said and John Russell won the Silver Ribbon Pairs at the Spring NABC in Dallas earlier this year.

As they did the previous day, the Cardeaux quintet fell behind early, trailing by 10 IMPs after the first quarter. Levine and company picked up another 13 IMPs in the second quarter to lead at the half, 68-45. Cardeaux cut the margin by only 1 IMP in the third quarter and was down 95-73 with 16 boards to go.

The #1 seed was too strong for their opponents in the final quarter, however, giving up only 1 IMP over the first 15 boards while scoring 59 themselves. The only major swing occurred on the final board, when the winners were firmly in control.

Reward offered

Gaylor Kasle's sports coat is missing. The dark blue coat is his favorite, so he is offering a \$100 reward for its return. Please bring it to the Daily Bulletin office, Director's Row 26, second level of the Adam's Mark.

Time to revive!

As expected, Thanksgiving attendance was very low -- only 280 tables in the afternoon and 279 in the evening. Expectations are high that the crowds will be significantly larger for the rest of the weekend.

Total attendance to date is 6854.5 tables.

7.68	3	William McFall - Rene McFall, New Berlin WI	46.00
5.76	4	Nick Rogers - Jill Kostick, Harrod OH	45.00
4.62	5	Jurgen Rennenkampff - Barbara Stevenson, Portland ME	36.00
3.24	6	Marcin Szumowski - Monika Szumowska, Urbana IL	33.00
2.92	7/8	Tadashi Yoshida, Tokyo, Japan; Yasuko Shrenzel, Kihei HI	30.00
2.23	7/8	Stephen Rutledge, Oamaru NZ; Brendan Doyle, Bala Cynwyd PA	30.00
3.47	2	Theo Lichtenstein, Goddard KS; Leslie Bays, Church Hill TN	17.00
2.60	3	James Bochsler, London, England; Byron Crittenden, Kingswood, England	14.00
1.95	4	Robert McGill - Carol McGill, Orange TX	6.00
1.84	5	Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Gayle Diane Buzard, Columbia MO	-10.00
2.02	6	Parames Laosinchai, Ballwin MO; Ronald Trimmer, Granite City IL	-17.00

BRACKETED KNOCKOUT TEAMS III

16 Teams		Bracket 1
50.60	1	Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; John Miller, Merion Station PA; Robert Gookin, Falls Church VA; Michael White, Atlanta GA
37.95	2	Gerald Sosler, Purchase NY; Adalsteinn Jorgensen, 107 Reykjavik; Sigurdur Sverrisson, Tulsa OK; Jim Backstrom, San Diego CA
24.91	3/4	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Larry Mori, Charlton NY; Henry Bethel, Ithaca NY; Connie Goldberg, Philadelphia PA; Brian Platnick, Merion Station PA; Eric Greco, Annandale VA
24.91	3/4	Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Tobi Sokolow, Austin TX; Renee Mancuso, Redondo Beach CA; Janice Seamon, Miami FL; P Drew Cannell, Winnipeg MB; J Markland Molson, Cote St Luc PQ
10.95	5/8	Simon Kantor, Agawam MA; Murray Melton, Las Vegas NV; Randall Pettit, Marietta GA; Paul Munafo, Huntsville AL; Robert Teel Jr - Jane Teel, Rockford AL

16 Teams		Bracket 2
31.05	1	Claude Vogel, Chicago IL; Candace Fowler, Ponte Vedra FL; Mary Gardner - Craig Gardner, Streamwood IL; George Jacobs, Burr Ridge IL; Sangarapil Mohan, Oakbrook IL
23.29	2	Tom Miller - Gay Miller, Centerville OH; Dallas Moore, Trotwood OH; Harold McConnell, Dayton OH
15.29	3/4	Janet Colchamiro - Mel Colchamiro, Merrick NY; Bobbie Satz - Glenn Eisenstein, Boca Raton FL
15.29	3/4	Dennis Daley, Stamford CT; Rob Crawford, Ft Lauderdale FL; Betty Wilton - Herb Wilton, Cincinnati OH

16 Teams		Bracket 3
20.24	1	Linda Gottlieb - Sheree-Lynn Katz, Willowdale ON; Vera Petty, Warwick; Roman Smolski, Warwick Wkxb
15.18	2	Paul Sorensen - Allan Sorensen, Berwyn AB; Jack Leach - Louallen Leach, Cedar Park TX
9.97	3/4	Jackie Boisseau, Etobicoke ON; Frances Hillin, Crp Christi TX; Judy Overland, Weston ON; Paul McGough, Langley WA
9.97	3/4	Corinne Leachman, Billings MT; Gary Mitchell, Regina SK; Arline Fulton, Freehold NJ; Corinne Lee, Virginia Bch VA

16 Teams		Bracket 4
13.03	1	Arlene Jones, Denver CO; Nathan Banker, Woodhaven MI; Carolyn Feldman, Downsview ON; Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON
9.77	2	Paul Chan - Lily Chan - Marcus Rodhouse, Columbia MO; Marilyn Keating, Fulton MO
6.42	3/4	R Cohen - Russ Jones, Jonesboro AR; Thomas Strand, Newport TN; Alan Goldenberg, Oak Ridge TN
6.42	3/4	Reha Gur, Red Bank NJ; Muffin Gur, Rumson NJ; Kendall Keely, Palm Beach FL; Estelle Margolin, Rego Park NY

12 Teams		Bracket 5
6.75	1	Phyllis Cohen, Durham NC; Arnold Holmberg, Minneapolis MN; Diane Warner, Burnsville MN; Harry Yee, Honolulu HI
5.06	2	Terry Goodykoontz - John Brandeberry - Carroll Drablos - Arlene Drablos, Champaign IL
3.33	3/4	F Bell, Evansville IN; C Knipple, Madisonville KY; Letha Couch, Chula Vista CA; Robert Lake, Montgomery AL
3.33	3/4	Phillip Wagner, Springfield IL; Betty Belcher, Bloomington IL; Lewis Greenwood - Rita Kaz, Sherman Oaks CA

TUESDAY-THURSDAY CONTINUOUS PAIRS OVERALLS

500 Players			
12.74	1/2	Charles Fortney, Wheaton IL	125.16
12.74	1/2	Kathleen Simon, Wheaton IL	125.16
8.19	3	Marshall Kuschner, Reston VA	124.60
6.26	4	Barb Hamman, Dallas TX	123.88
6.07	5	Tom Swartz, Belleville IL	123.61
11.23	6/7	Ed Barad, Marina Del Rey CA	123.24
11.23	6/7	Donald Seldeen, Culver City CA	123.24

TUESDAY-THURSDAY CONTINUOUS PAIRS

82 Pairs			
	A	B	
7.74	1	Jane Teel - Robert Teel, Rockford AL	209.50
5.81	2	William Siebel, Chicago IL; Richard Holmes, Wichita KS	202.50
4.35	3	Marshall Kuschner, Reston VA; Thomas Swartz, E Saint Louis IL	202.25
3.27	4	Chyah Burghard, Cordova TN; Patricia Huiras, Chicago IL	197.00
2.68	5	Linda Spangler, Duncanville TX; Barb Hamman, Dallas TX	195.00
1.88	6	Tobi Sokolow - David Sokolow, Austin TX	193.00
3.64	1	Dan Arendell, Smithtown IL; Alan Goldenberg, Oak Ridge TN	172.00
2.73	2	Charles Wright, Winnetka IL; Jean Friedrich, Des Moines IA	170.50
1.80	3/4	David Shanahan, St Ann MO; Catherine Joyce, St Louis MO	168.50
1.80	3/4	Ed Barad, Marina Del Rey CA; Donald Seldeen, Culver City CA	168.50
1.31	5	Lewis Greenwood - Rita Kaz, Sherman Oaks CA	167.50
1.23	6	Lynne Annett - Mike Annett, Hood River OR	163.50

TOURNAMENT APPEALS

CASE ELEVEN

Subject: Unauthorized Information
Event: Blue Ribbon Pairs, 25 Nov 97, First Session

Board: 13 Pratap Rajadhyaksha
Dealer: North ♠ J 5 3
Vul: Both ♥ 3 2
♦ 10 9 6 4 3
♣ Q 7 6

Steve Onderwyzer
♠ A
♥ A K Q 9 7 6 5
♦ A 2
♣ K J 8

Gord McOrmond
♠ K 6 4
♥ J 10 8 4
♦ K 8 7
♣ A 10 2

Steve Landen
♠ Q 10 9 8 7 2
♥ ---
♦ Q J 5
♣ 9 5 4 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	3♠
Dbl	Pass	4♥ (1)	Pass
4♠ (2)	Pass	5♣ (2)	Pass
6NT (1)	Pass	7NT	All Pass

- (1) Lengthy break in tempo
- (2) Break in tempo

The Appeal: 7NT made seven, plus 2220 for E/W. Both the 4♥ and 6NT bids were made after agreed lengthy breaks in tempo. The Director was called after the 7NT bid. At the end of the auction West explained that 4♠ had been Blackwood and 5♣ showed one ace. West stated that the entire auction had been slow. The Director ruled that pass over 6NT was a logical alternative and changed the contract to 6NT made seven, plus 1470 for E/W.

The Appeal: E/W appealed the Director's ruling. E/W were a new partnership that had been formed that morning. East stated he was not sure that 4♠ was Blackwood but he did know that 5♣ would be taken as either one ace, or a cuebid that showed the ♣A. East knew he was on shaky ground as to exact meanings of agreements in high level auctions but that either interpretation his partner chose would match his hand. West chose to bid 6NT because he was unsure of the meanings of other bids over 5♣. East bid 7NT because aside from the ♣A he had already shown, he had two kings that had not in any way been disclosed in the auction.

The Committee Decision: The Committee discussion focused on whether Blackwood followed by slam meant partner could not bid more. Eventually this line was abandoned because the Committee concluded that 4♠ was not clearly Blackwood and therefore the partnership was not involved in a final decision over the Blackwood auction. The Committee decided that a slow 6NT bid did not convey any different information from a fast 6NT bid. The Committee decided to allow the 7NT bid and changed the contract to 7NT made seven, plus 2220.

Chairman: Henry Bethé
Committee Members: Michael Huston, Corinne Kirkham, Barry Rigal, Ellen Siebert

CASE TWELVE

Subject: Misinformation
Event: Women's BAM Teams
Board: 14 Helen Corbin
Dealer: East ♠ A K Q 10 9 4
Vul: None ♥ Q J
♦ 6
♣ K Q 9 5

Susan Fuller
♠ 5
♥ 10 9 7 3
♦ A 10 8 7 5 3
♣ 8 2

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

Barbara Nist
♠ 3 2
♥ A K 8 6 2
♦ Q 4
♣ A J 7 4



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

The Facts: 6♠ made six, plus 980 for N/S. North's 3♦ bid was not Alerted. After the auction and before the opening lead, North announced that there had been a failure to Alert and that 3♦ showed a singleton. East called the Director and stated she would have doubled 3♦ had the bid been Alerted. East also said that she played the same methods as North (that 3♦ was a splinter in support of clubs) but did not want to ask at the time and clear up a misunderstanding. The Director ruled that there was no misinformation because East was aware of the possible meaning of the 3♦ bid. The table result was therefore allowed to stand.

The Appeal: E/W appealed the Director's ruling. East, West and South attended the hearing. East stated that after the hand was played North said she would not have bid 6♠ if the 3♦ bid had been doubled. East wanted the Committee to consider the possibilities that if 3♦ had been Alerted and doubled that (1) the final contract of 6♠ may not have been reached; and (2) West may have doubled the final contract for a diamond lead. The Committee inquired about E/W's agreements regarding lead-directing slam doubles and found that they had none. East also stated that the Director told her that she should have called him at the time of the 3♦ bid, but that she did not want to for fear of disclosing a misunderstanding. South stated that she did not Alert 3♦ because she didn't think they played splinters over minors; she bid 3NT because she believed her partner had diamonds. Although both were experienced players, N/S had not played together for seven years.

The Committee Decision: The Committee found that N/S had no agreement that 3♦ was a splinter and that there was no violation of procedure. North and South had both bid according to what they thought their agreement was, and North had appropriately disclosed her version of the agreement before the opening lead. North was apparently playing a private convention known to her (and East) but not to South. East had all of the relevant information before the opening lead. The Committee agreed that West would have been very unlikely to double 6♠ even had the auction been different. The table result of 6♠ made six, plus 980 for N/S, was allowed to stand. The merit of the appeal was discussed and a close decision was reached to return E/W's deposit.

Regarding the table Director's statement to East that she should have called him during the auction, the Committee consulted with a Senior Tournament Director. He disagreed strongly with the table Director's instruction. The appropriate time to call the Director would have been at the end of the auction, when North announced the failure to Alert.

Chairman: Henry Bethé
Committee Members: Bob Gookin, Bob Hamman, Ed Lazarus, Jeff Meckstroth

CASE THIRTEEN

Subject: Tempo
Event: Open BAM Teams, 23 Nov 97, First Session

Board: 10 Srikanth Kodayam
Dealer: East ♠ K 6 5
Vul: Both ♥ A
♦ A 10 5 2
♣ K Q 10 7 4

Gene Prosnitz
♠ A 3
♥ K J 8 7 5 4
♦ J 9 8
♣ A 2

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

Jean Hume
♠ Q 9 8 2
♥ 6
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ 8 6 5 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	2♣	4♥	Pass (1)
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

- (1) Break in tempo

The Facts: 4♥ doubled went down two, plus 500 for N/S. The Stop Card had apparently been used. E/W stated that South broke tempo for a few seconds more than ten. N/S stated that the tempo break was no longer than ten seconds. The Director ruled that the double would not be allowed and changed the contract to 4♥ down two, plus 200 for N/S.

The Appeal: N/S appealed the Director's ruling. E/W did not attend the hearing. The facts were in dispute. Specifically East's use of the Stop Card and South's pause after the bid. N/S both agreed that East had taken a long time to bid 4♥. North said that when East bid 4♥, he simultaneously put his bid, and the Stop Card, on the table. He then immediately removed the Stop Card. South did not see the Stop Card at all. When she was aware that a bid had been made, she paused for what she considered to be the requisite time and then passed. South said that she considered her pass automatic. There was no reason for her to break tempo. North said that his style was to always have four spades for a takeout double unless he had a very good hand. When he overcalled 2♣ it was with the intention of doubling hearts at whatever level they were bid for takeout. He considered his actions to be automatic.

The Committee Decision: The Committee asked the Directing Staff to describe the correct use of the Stop Card. They were told that the correct procedure is to place the Stop Card and the bid on the table. ACBL rules are that the next player should try to bid after ten seconds. The skip-bidder does not "control" his LHO by use of the Stop Card. Having dealt with that issue, the Committee then determined that, on the facts as presented, and given E/W's absence, they could not establish that a break in tempo beyond the ten seconds had occurred, the Director's ruling notwithstanding. There was unanimous agreement that, even had there been a hesitation, a player of North's ability would unquestionably have doubled 4♥ at his second turn. There was no logical alternative to that action. The Committee therefore restored the table result, 4♥ doubled down two, plus 500 for N/S.

Chairman: Barry Rigal
Committee Members: Harvey Brody, Doug Heron, Michael Rosenberg, Nancy Sachs

THURSDAY EVENING 199ER PAIRS

22 Pairs	D	E	F		
2.70	1	1	1	David Nagler, La Pointe WI; Joe Sharp, Noblesville IN	111.57
2.03	2			Roger Leslie - Thea Leslie, Cedar Rapids IA	109.57
1.52	3			Kenton Hayes - Leonard Schmidt, Louisville KY	108.00
1.67	4	2	2	Stan Davis, St Louis MO; Leah Maddox, Florissant MO	95.50
1.25	5	3		Jack Sargent - Rebecca Sargent, Jackson MS	95.43
0.95	6	4	3	Mark Zeitler, Davenport IA; Geraldine Christensen, Houston TX	92.00
0.70		5		Larry Nahlen, St Louis MO; Gary Brown, Spanish Lake MO	91.57
0.71			4	Leah Newell, Ashland IL; Joyce Wall, Springfield IL	86.07

MORNING KNOCKOUT TEAMS II

16 Teams Bracket 1
 Jean Cole, Richards TX; Ron Woodsum, Houston TX; Alexander Kolesnik, Austin TX; Ken Monzingo, San Diego CA

vs
 Kenneth Marcroft - Carole Marcroft, Dayton OH; Jerry Strack - Pam Strack, Indianapolis IN

G S Jade Barrett - Karen Barrett, Vancouver WA; Charles Coon, Marshfield MA; Thomas Carmichael, Middletown NJ; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY; David Wiegand, Portland OR

vs
 James Murphy, Chesapeake VA; Yoshiyoki Nakamura, Tokyo Japan; Kenji Miyakuni, Chicago IL; Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD; David Adams, Kennesaw GA; Howard Piltch, Andover MA

16 Teams Bracket 2
 Nathaniel Reid - Barbara Boswell, Cincinnati OH; Frank Aquila, Akron OH; Patrick Shaw, Olean NY

vs
 Paul Chan - Lily Chan - Marcus Rodhouse, Columbia MO; Marilyn Keating, Fulton MO

Daniel Levin - Matt Johnson, Wheaton IL; Samuel Hirschman, Southfield MI; Roman Shapiro, Fair Lawn NJ; Diana Tenery, Fairfax VA

vs
 Philip Moss, Mattawan MI; Robert Trenary, Mendon MI; Robert McGill - Carol McGill, Orange TX

The luck factor

By Alan Beir

If you can't be good, at least be lucky. Playing with John Morris in the second final session of the Life Master Open Pairs, we got to 3NT on this deal.

Dir: East ♠8 2
 Vul: None ♥Q 9 7 6 4 3
 ♠9 6 2
 ♠9 3
 ♠7 5
 ♥K J
 ♦K Q J 7 4 3 ♦A 10
 ♣A 5 4
 ♠A J 9 3
 ♥A 10 8
 ♦8 5
 ♣K 10 7 2
 ♠K Q 10 6 4
 ♥5 2
 ♣Q J 8 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Beir</i>		<i>Morris</i>	
	1♠	Pass	
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North, with no outside entry, disdained the heart lead and opted for the ♠9 as his opening shot. That went to the queen, king and ace. It appeared that I needed the ♠A outside or to make a winning guess in hearts on the automatic heart switch by South.

Rather than running diamonds in the futile hope that the expert defenders would discard poorly, I immediately led a spade to the king and South's ace. Back came the ♥10, as expected, and I played the jack, misguessing, as usual. When North won the ♥Q, it looked like down two or three.

After long thought, however, North misread the position and returned a club, taken by dummy's jack. Now I ran the diamonds, reaching this end position:

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

On the ♦4, I pitched the ♣8 from dummy, squeezing South in three suits. South finally discarded the ♠10, so I cashed the ♠5 for my second squeeze on South. Making five! This lucky deal, among others, helped us to finish eighth in the event.

WEDNESDAY ZIP KNOCKOUT TEAMS

18 Teams
 4.25 1 Beverly Gardner, Southfield MI; Sonia Stross, Lake Worth FL; Silvana Bellini, Tierra Verde FL; Jerry Pietscher, Albuquerque NM
 3.19 2 Linda Gottlieb - Sheree-Lynn Katz, Willowdale ON; Vera Petty, Warwick; Roman Smolski, Warwick Wkxb
 2.09 3/4 Byron Crittenden, Kingswood Surre Y; James Bochsler, London Se19 1qg; Richard Hagenlocker, Fredericksbrg VA; Charles Hays, Lawrenceville GA
 2.09 3/4 Vijay A Bal - Dileep Bal, Fair Oaks CA; Rachael Moller, White Plains NY; David Gurvich, New York NY

THURSDAY MORNING ORLANDO CONTINUOUS PAIRS

24 Pairs
 A B C
 3.34 1 1 1 Simeon Prager, U City MO; Frank Levinson, St Louis MO 102.50
 2.51 2 Peter Filandro - Marie Filandro, Smyrna DE 102.00
 2.57 3 Sigis Keras, Toronto ON; Jeffrey Rothstein, New York NY 100.50
 1.82 4/5 2 2 Terry Goodykooztz - John Brandeberry, Champaign IL 99.50
 1.29 4/5 Dolores Bright, Milford MI; Betti Van Kainen, Lewiston MI 99.50
 0.90 6 Yoshinori Otsuka, Ibaraki, Japan; Kiyoshi Asai, Toride, Japan 97.50
 1.37 3 3 Polly Bridges - William Bridges, Gautier MS 84.50
 1.03 4 4 John Dane - Allegra Dane, Iowa City IA 81.50

JOHN & SHIRLEY DICKS SENIOR PAIRS

60 Pairs
 A B C
 11.20 1 Jerry Aceti, Sudbury ON; Donald Campbell, Capreol ON 390.38
 8.40 2 Dudley Brown, Grandview WA; Virgil Anderson Jr, Springfield MO 383.88
 6.30 3 Robert Ryder, Caldwell NJ; Richard Budd, Portland ME 378.50
 4.73 4 Steve Lawrence, Athens TX; Bob Luebke, Walnut Creek CA 377.50
 4.55 5 Chet Bahr - Bea Bahr, Rochester MN 375.63
 4.62 6 Myron Siegel, Great Neck NY; Judith Siegel, Boca Raton FL 375.50
 3.47 2 Harold Winecoff - Carol Winecoff, China Grove NC 347.75
 2.60 3 David Cannon - Barbara Cannon, New Albany IN 337.63
 1.95 4 Richard Au - Leatrice Yamaguchi, Honolulu HI 313.54
 1.64 5 Lucille Y Wong - Pauline Au, Honolulu HI 313.50
 1.12 6 L Brown, Springfield IL; Roger Edwards, St Louis MO 311.88
 2.18 1 Grace Dillingham, Chevy Chase MD; Lynn Rattinger, Roanoke VA 290.13
 1.64 2 Charlotte Ure - C Wayne Ure, Sudbury ON 258.00

THURSDAY FAST OPEN PAIRS

62 Pairs
 A B
 19.95 1 Paul Benedict, Pikesville MD; Sheldon Kravitz, Baltimore MD 383.50
 14.96 2 Corinne Kirkham - Jim Kirkham, San Bernardino CA 372.00
 11.22 3 Linda Hanson - Coley McGinnis, Nashville TN 368.00
 8.42 4 Gary Zeiger, Phoenix AZ; Patty Holmes, Las Vegas NV 366.50
 6.31 5 Jill Lind, Sun City AZ; Ken Gee, Regina SK 366.00
 4.73 6 Brad Carmichael, Lincoln NE; Marilyn Hemenway, Omaha NE 362.50
 3.56 7 Michael Jinks - Helen Jinks, Greenville SC 362.00
 5.51 1 Gary Williams - Frank Besag, Milwaukee WI 333.00
 4.13 2 Craig Schallert - Paul Theroff, Kansas City MO 329.00
 3.10 3 Malcolm Barker ; Monelle Richmond, Woodstock NY 322.50
 2.32 4 David Neiman, Minneapolis MN; Louise Edgell, St Augustine FL 322.00
 1.74 5 Douglas Sanford, Stoughton WI; Nancy Grimes, Cleveland WI 307.50
 1.31 6 Billie Sanford, Madisonville KY; David Hollander, Baltimore MD 304.50

MONDAY MORNING KNOCKOUT TEAMS

16 Teams Bracket 1
 34.50 1 Paul Munafa, Huntsville AL; Randall Pettit, Marietta GA; David Siebert - Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA; Murray Melton, Las Vegas NV
 25.88 2 Richard Gabriel, Chicago IL; Gary Oleson, Houston TX; Leonard Ernst, Evanston IL; Loren Hawkins, Bremerton WA; Wayne Hascall, Grandville MI; Bert Newman, West Bloomfield MI
 16.98 3/4 Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA; William Hunter, Reading MA; Daniel Colatosti, Waltham MA; John Malley, Pascoag RI
 16.98 3/4 Charles Bantz, West Allis WI; William Malesevich, Mayville WI; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL
 7.47 5/8 Jean Cole, Richards TX; Ron Woodsum, Houston TX; Alexander Kolesnik, Austin TX; Ken Monzingo, San Diego CA

16 Teams Bracket 2
 18.44 1 Beatrice Kemp - William Kulbersh, Tucker GA; Brian Gunnell, Jacksonville Bc FL; Wirt Gilliam III, San Diego CA; Joe Riaman,
 13.83 2 John Gram - Suzanne St Thomas, Salem OR; Arne Maki - Gene Maki, Albany OR
 9.08 3/4 Reece Rogers, Southaven MS; Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Jessica Hayman, New York NY; Varis Carey, Ithica NY
 9.08 3/4 Martine Lacroix - Marc Fiset, Laterriere PQ; Jean Boucher, Chicoutimi Nord PQ; Alain Chapdelaine, Jonquiere PQ; Marc-Andre Fourcaudot, Montreal PQ

12 Teams Bracket 3
 12.42 1 John Anderson, Baton Rouge LA; Robert McPhee, Belleville ON; R Charles McLaughlin, Mississauga ON; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Steve Rutledge, Lawrence Ascher, Whitestone NY; Michael Botwin, Baldwin NY; Bob Rasmussen, Ann Arbor MI; Thomas Rozinski, New York NY
 9.32 2 Larry Chow, Abbotsford BC; Tadashi Yoshida, Tokyo 168; Ralph Cole - Lynda Cole, Anacortes WA
 6.12 3/4 Gloria Krusemeyer - Mark Krusemeyer, Northfield MN; William Golush, Denville NJ; Lawrence Diamond, Barbican London E; Sheree-Lynn Katz, Willowdale ON

10 Teams Bracket 4
 7.67 1 Charles Hays, Lawrenceville GA; Richard Hagenlocker, Fredericksbrg VA; Byron Crittenden, Kingswood Surre Y; James Bochsler, London Se19 1qg
 5.75 2 David Bryant, San Francisco CA; Nancy Ferguson, Greenbrae CA; Ross Spiro, Cherry Hill NJ; Alexander Clague, Brooklyn NY
 3.78 3/4 David Shanahan, St Ann MO; Toby Globe, Saint Louis MO; Ronald Trimmer, Granite City IL; Parames Laosinchai, Ballwin MO
 3.78 3/4 Mark Gilje - Elizabeth Percich - Sasanka Ramanadham, St Louis MO; C Gilje, Jamestown ND

THURSDAY MORNING ORLANDO CONTINUOUS PAIRS

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THURSDAY FAST OPEN PAIRS FIRST SESSION

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BLUE RIBBON PAIRS FIRST FINAL SESSION

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JOHN & SHIRLEY DICKS SENIOR PAIRS 2ND SESSION

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STRATIFIED IMP PAIRS 1ST SESSION

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Friday, November 28, 1997, 8:45 a.m.

Event	MP Limit	Session	Entry Fee	Sold
Daybreak Bracketed KO Teams		3rd	\$40 team	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Morning KO Teams		5th	\$40 team	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Orlando Morning Continuous/Side Pairs*		2nd	\$20 pair	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Stratified 199er Pairs, A	100-200	single	\$18 pair	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Strat B	50-100	single	\$18 pair	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Strat C	0-50	single	\$18 pair	Level 2 Adam's Mark

Friday, November 28, 1997, 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Fran Miller Memorial Stratified Senior Pairs*		1st & 2nd	\$40 pair	Marriott Pavilion Ballroom
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Friday, November 28, 1997, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS		1st & 2nd Q	\$96 team	Level 4 Adam's Mark
		<i>Pre-registration required by 8 p.m. Thursday</i>		
NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS		1st & 2nd Q	\$88 team	Level 4 Adam's Mark
David Carter Memorial Stratified Open Pairs*		1st & 2nd	\$40 pair	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Bracketed KO Teams IV		1st & 2nd	\$40 team	Level 2 Adam's Mark
		<i>(4 sessions, continues Saturday)</i>		
199er Trophy Pairs	0-200	1st & 2nd	\$36 pair	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon F
Fri.-Sat. Continuous/Side Pairs*		1st & 2nd	\$20 pair	Level 2 Adam's Mark
99er Pairs	0-100	single	\$18 pair	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon F
49er Pairs	0-50	single	\$18 pair	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon F
Non Master Pairs	0-20	single	\$18 pair	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon F
Newcomer Pairs	0-5	single	\$18 pair	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon F

Friday, November 28, 1997, 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams*		single	\$36 team	Level 2 Adam's Mark
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Friday, November 28, 1997, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Stratified Swiss Teams*		single	\$36 team	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon F
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TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 29, 1997, 8:45 a.m.

Event	MP Limit	Session	Entry Fee	Sold
Daybreak Bracketed KO Teams		4th	\$40 team	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Orlando Continuous/Side Pairs*		3rd	\$20 pair	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Stratified 99er Pairs, A	50-100	single	\$18 pair	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Strat B	20-50	single	\$18 pair	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Strat C	0-20	single	\$18 pair	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams, A	100-300	single	\$36 team	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Strat B	50-100	single	\$36 team	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Strat C	0-50	single	\$36 team	Level 2 Adam's Mark

Saturday, November 29, 1997, 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Larry Kolker Stratified Senior Pairs*		1st & 2nd	\$40 pair	Marriott Pavilion Ballroom
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Saturday, November 29, 1997, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS		1,2 SF	\$96 team	Level 4 Adam's Mark Rose Garden
NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS		1,2 SF	\$88 team	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon D
Laverne Magee Memorial Stratiflighted Open Pairs*		1st & 2nd	\$40 pair	
Flight A				Level 4 Adam's Mark
Strats BCD				Level 2 Adam's Mark
Bracketed KO Teams IV		3rd & 4th	\$40 team	Level 2 Adam's Mark
Mike Shannon's Restaurant Bracketed KO Teams V		1st & 2nd	\$40 team	Level 2 Adam's Mark
		<i>(4 sessions, continues Sunday)</i>		
99er Trophy Pairs	0-100	1st & 2nd	\$36 pair	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon F
Fri.-Sat. Continuous/Side Pairs*		5th & 6th	\$20 pair	Level 2 Adam's Mark
199er Pairs	0-200	single	\$18 pair	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon F
99er Pairs	0-100	single	\$18 pair	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon F
49er Pairs	0-50	single	\$18 pair	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon F
Non Master Pairs	0-20	single	\$18 pair	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon F
Newcomer Pairs	0-5	single	\$18 pair	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon F

Saturday, November 29, 1997, 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams*		single	\$36 team	Level 2 Adam's Mark
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Saturday, November 29, 1997, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams		single	\$9tm/match	Level 4 Adam's Mark Salon F
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***Unless otherwise indicated, Stratiflighted Open events are divided: A (unlimited and separate); B, C & D stratified -- B (750-1500), C (300-750), D (0-300). Strat breaks for Open and Senior Stratified Pairs and Teams are: A (1000+), B (300-1000), C (0-300). Strat breaks for Continuous/Side Pairs and Zip Swiss teams are: A (750+), B (0-750).**