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Bulletin

54th Spring North American Bridge Championships

Editors: Brent Manley and Dave Smith

Welcome, bridge players

By Hannah Davis

On behalf of Unit 117 and District 11, welcome to the 2011 Spring NABC in Louisville, Kentucky. To help you find your way, here are a few pointers.



On the second floor of the Suite Tower, you will find the Registration Desk, the Information Desk, the Prize Desk and the Partnership Desk in front of the Grand Ballroom.

We will host a second Information Desk in the Rivue Tower in front of the Archibald Cochran Ballroom for your convenience.

All the Intermediate/Newcomer activities and games will be on the first floor of the Suite Tower. Verna Goldberg, Diane Huguenard and Jo Ellen Amrine have a lot of wonderful things in store, and you do not want to miss a minute of the special activities.

There will be a special partnership desk for the Intermediate/Newcomer area, and if you go to the partnership desk, you will be guaranteed a partner.

All hospitality and entertainment will be located in the Fountain Room in the Rivue Tower. Today we have Kentucky Blue, a bluegrass band, performing. You will tapping your toes before the evening is over.

On Saturday, Rose Meltzer is hosting her famous "Breakfast with the Stars". Tickets are still available, but are going fast. Don't miss this great opportunity to sit with your favorite "Star!"

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Winners of the Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A: Shane Blanchard and Joe Grue.

Grue, Blanchard win Baldwin NAP Flight A

Joe Grue and Shane Blanchard overcame a poor start in the second final session, putting together a string of big boards midway through the event to win the Baldwin North American Pairs Flight A by 19 matchpoints (13 top).

In second were Joel Wooldridge and Kevin Bathurst.

It was the first North American championship for Blanchard, whose bridge heritage is stellar. His mother, Jill Levin, is a many-time world champion, as is his grandmother, Gail Greenberg. Blanchard's father, Bob, is a two-time North American champion.

Blanchard is a part-time student and part-time employee of his father's manufacturing business. Grue plays bridge for a living. His two other major titles are the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams and the North American Swiss Teams.

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Patty Tucker named Goodwill Member of the Year



Patty Tucker, founder of Atlanta Junior Bridge and the Youth NABCs, has been selected as the 2011 Goodwill Member of the Year. The selection is made by the ACBL Goodwill Committee, now chaired by Rose

Meltzer.

The honor, announced on Feb. 28, was the second bit of good news for Tucker in the space of three days. On Feb. 26, she was elected to the George State Unit 114 Bridge Hall of Fame, a group that includes Margaret Wagar, Lou Bluhm and Richard Freeman.

Meltzer said of Tucker, "I can't think of a better person for the Goodwill award. No one has been more dedicated to bridge, and she has hit where we need it most, with the young people."

Tucker said she was "overwhelmed" on being

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Opening ceremony

Don't miss today's "Call to the Post" opening ceremony for the 2011 Spring NABC. It's scheduled for 12:30 p.m. outside the Grand Ballroom in the Suite Tower.

Platinum Pairs renamed

The ACBL Board of Directors has unanimously approved the renaming of the Platinum Pairs to the Norman Kay Platinum Pairs. The three-day event will be played starting today for the second time.

The decision means that the names of both members of one of the best-known pairs in bridge annals – Edgar Kaplan and Norman Kay – are now on two of the ACBL's premier pairs events. The Blue Ribbon Pairs was renamed the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs several years ago.

Goodwill Message

Welcome to the 2011 Spring North American Bridge Championships in Louisville.

Tournament chair Hannah Davis and her committees have lined up a great schedule of bridge events, terrific late-night food, celebrity speakers and more.

Please join me in saying "thank you" to our hosts.

Rose Meltzer, Chairman
National Goodwill Committee



Slow players, Alert!

If you are a habitually slow player, be aware that there are new rules governing your conduct at the bridge table. These new, stricter rules will be applied at this tournament.

What the ACBL Board of Directors approved unanimously is based on references to slow play in the *Laws of Duplicate Bridge* – 103-49: Slow Play Regulations.

This is the language of the motion approved by the ACBL Board in their meetings in Orlando last fall:

When a pair has fallen behind, it is incumbent on them to make up the time lost as quickly as possible whether at fault or not. All players are expected to make a concerted effort to catch up when they have fallen behind, regardless of the reason for their lateness.

In the absence of compelling evidence to the contrary, the director should presume that a pair finishing a round late by more than two or three minutes on more than one occasion during a session is responsible for the lateness. There is a strong expectation that the director will penalize such a pair. The size of a penalty will tend to increase for subsequent instances of slow play and for chronic or egregious slow play.

While warnings typically will be given before a penalty is assessed, failure to do so in no way limits the director's authority to issue a penalty.

An appeal of an action taken by a TD with regard to time may be taken to the Director in Charge of the tournament, and no further.

Daylight saving time coming

Daylight saving time officially begins Sunday at 2 a.m. local time.

If you don't plan to be up at that hour, turn your clocks and watches ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



Breakfast with the Stars!

Enjoy breakfast with host Rose Meltzer and many other bridge superstars at the Louisville NABC on Saturday, March 12, from 10 a.m. till noon. The guest list includes Meltzer and Kyle Larsen, Daniella von Arnim and Sabine Auken, Lisa and David Berkowitz, Shannon Cappelletti and Michael Seamon, Zia Mahmood, Janice Seamon-Molson and Alan Sontag, Nancy and Mike Passell, Eric Rodwell, and Michael and Debbie Rosenberg.

The cost is \$20 with proceeds going to the ACBL Educational Foundation. Advance reservations required due to limited seating. For information or to make reservations, contact Helene Katz at helkatz@insightbb.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Friday, March 11

9 am-Noon **Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP).** Second session of the ACBL's popular 10-hour seminar for people interested in learning how to teach bridge successfully. Pre-registration required. *Room: Breathitt (2nd floor, Suite Tower).*

10 am-Noon **ACBL Charity Foundation meeting.** *Room: Taylor (3rd floor, Suite Tower).*

4:30-6:30 pm **Reception for Teachers and Club Officials.** This is the ACBL's "thank you" reception for the teachers and club officials who work so hard to recruit and retain our members. *Room: Combs Chandler (2nd floor, Suite Tower).*

11-11:30 pm **National Appeals Committee meeting.** *Room: Beckham (3rd floor, Suite Tower).*

12:30 pm **Bridge Plus+.** Special game for new players. 14 boards, no card fee. *Room: Combs Chandler (2nd floor, Suite Tower).*

1-4:30 pm **Better Bridge Teacher Training Seminar (Session 1).** An ACBL-approved teacher training program personally conducted by Audrey Grant. Learn her powerful up-to-date methods that assure successful lessons for the absolute beginner and those with a wide range of experience and skill. Fee: \$125 for all three sessions and sample texts and materials. *Room: Jones (3rd floor, Suite Tower).*

5-7 pm **Junior Reception.** All Junior players are invited to attend. *Room: Breathitt (2nd floor, Suite Tower).*

7:30-10 pm **Better Bridge Teacher Training Seminar (Session 2).** *Room: Jones (3rd floor, Suite Tower).*

Saturday, March 12

9 am-Noon **ACBL Educational Foundation meeting.** *Room: Beckham (3rd floor, Suite Tower).*

9 am-Noon **ACBL Laws Commission meeting.** *Room: Taylor (3rd floor, Suite Tower).*

10-11 am **Coffee with Carol/ACBLscore Q&A.** Come by for coffee with Carol Robertson, director of club and member services, and ACBL Tournament Director Ken Horwedel. They will be available to answer your questions on scoring, reporting your games and managing your club. *Room: Nunn (2nd floor, Suite Tower).*

10 am-Noon **Free Bridge Lesson with Jerry Helms.** Helms, well-known teacher and Bridge Bulletin columnist, presents a fun bridge lesson for intermediate and newer players. His topic is, "How to Make Your Partner's Bad Bids Look Good." *Room: Combs Chandler (2nd floor, Suite Tower).*

10:30 am-Noon **ACBL Hall of Fame Committee meeting.** *Room: Stanley (3rd floor, Suite Tower).*

11 am-Noon **Marketing Matters — Live!** ACBL's Director of Marketing, Vicki Campbell, will host a program for anyone interested in marketing their clubs, bridge lessons, tournaments, etc. Don't miss this chance to meet Vicki and explore your options. *Room: Brown.*

Sunday, March 13

9 am-Noon **Better Bridge Teacher Training Seminar (Session 3).** *Room: Jones (3rd floor, Suite Tower).*

10 am-Noon **Board of Governors/ACBL Membership Meeting.** All members of the ACBL Board of Governors are invited to attend the Spring NABC meeting. This meeting is also open to the general membership of the ACBL. Discussion will include recent actions of the Board of Directors, reports from the CEO and treasurer, and new proposals from the Board of Governors. *Room: Grand (2nd floor, Suite Tower).*

10 am-Noon **Free Bridge Lesson with Audrey Grant.** Grant is one of the best known teachers in the world. Her topic is "The Oldest Maxim and Five Exceptions." *Room Jones (2nd floor, Suite Tower).*

10 am-Noon **Teaching Young People Bridge Seminar.** Interested in teaching bridge to young people? This seminar will help you focus on goals, format, course materials and successful practices. It will also be an opportunity to exchange ideas and to look at materials available for teachers. Bring your questions. Join Dana Norton, ACBL Youth Coordinator for an interesting continuing education opportunity. You won't want to miss it. *Room: Nunn (2nd floor, Suite Tower).*

12:30 pm **Happy Bridge.** Special game for new players. 14 boards, no card fee. *Room: Jones Room on 3rd floor.*

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures in Louisville from expert players. Location: Wilkinson Room (1st floor, Suite Tower).

6:45 p.m. Audrey Grant *Hands That Don't Make the Text Books*

Friday, March 11

9:15 a.m. Jerry Helms *Ask Jerry*

Saturday, March 12

9:15 a.m. G.S. Jade Barrett *The Learning Curve*

ENTERTAINMENT / FOOD

Late Night Entertainment

Friday: No late night entertainment, but cookies and coffee will be provided during the Education Foundation evening session at 8:30 p.m.

Welcome, Intermediate/ Newcomer Players, to Louisville!

All IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) events will be played in the Wilkinson and Sampson Rooms at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget to pick up your registration gift.

The IN Partnership Desk will guarantee you a partner if you sign up one hour prior to game time.

Celebrity Bridge Speakers will give free

mini-lessons at 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. all week in the Wilkinson Room. On Friday, Mar. 11, at 9:15 a.m., Jerry Helms will present "Ask Jerry." And at 6:45 p.m., Audrey Grant will discuss "Hands That Don't Make the Textbooks."

On Friday, March 11, there will be free Newcomer games (0-5 MPs) at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, March 12, at 10 a.m., Bridge Bulletin columnist Jerry Helms will give a free two-hour lesson entitled "How to Make Your Partner's Bad Bids Look Good." On Sunday,

March 13, at 10 a.m., Audrey Grant will also give a free two-hour lesson: "The Oldest Maxim and Five Exceptions."

Entry fee special! Players with 0-100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry March 11-13 will receive a half-priced entry for games held March 18-20.

Juniors to meet

A Junior reception is Saturday from 5 .to 6:30 p.m. in the Breathitt Room on the second floor. Players 25 and under are invited.

ACBLscore Q&A and Coffee with Carol

Date: Saturday, March 12

Club Managers and Directors are welcome to meet with Ken Horwedel, ACBL Tournament Director and Carol Robertson, Director of Club and Member Services. They will be available to answer your questions on ACBLscore, reporting your games and managing your club. Join us and share your experiences with other club officials.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. • Location: Galt House Hotel - Nunn Room



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Bridge and horses Everything I know, I learned at the racetrack

By Marti Ronemus

Louisville is many things to many people, but to me, it is horseracing! The glamour of the track, the gorgeous animals, the pounding of hooves, the smells (admittedly, an acquired taste), the finish line (oh so far away!), the sound of losing tickets being torn up. Ahhh, I'm home!



How did race tracks become home to me? My father was a (very) small-time horse owner and trainer. His day job was a veterinarian and I guess he didn't get enough of animals that way, so he indulged his passion by breeding, training and racing Standardbreds. These, by the way, are the horses that run in harness pulling racing bikes, Trotters and Pacers.

We were lucky enough to live in the country, so my sisters and I couldn't escape if we wanted to. My formative years were spent in barns and around horses and horse people. Everything I know, I learned at the racetrack, and over the next 10 days I am going to share this (questionable) wisdom with you.

There are two horse worlds. There's the track, where people who *think* they are gamblers put their money where their mouths are, and behind the scenes, where the real gamblers are. Consider this: For every 100 foals registered, only 10 ever make it to the track. The other 90 don't have the speed or aren't "sound" – they are not physically able to win. Of the 10 who make it to the track, only one will ever make enough money for its people to cover its expenses. By the way, those in the know refer to a horse's owners as "his people."

And the people who plunk down their two bucks think *they* are the gamblers! What delusional thought process would lead an owner to think *his* horse is the 1% winner?

Today's lesson: You gotta believe!!

Actually, it's the same delusional thinking that makes me believe that this time, contrary to my entire bridge experience, "8 ever, 9 never"

is going to work. For me it never has, but I continue to do it anyway... hoping this time will be the time.

It's the same thought process that makes me think that this time, my partner will remember that we play transfers. It's the same misplaced faith that leads me to believe that this time, maybe my bids actually reflect the hand I'm holding. It's the wishful thought that maybe they *won't* double my insane phantom sacrifice. My Faithful Readers know I'm the Queen of the Phantom Sacrifice. You'll be happy to know that I continue to hold the title. Sigh.

This delusional thinking isn't limited to me. Here's an e-mail I recently received:

Marti, I wonder if you would give me some bidding advice.

Silly question. Of course I'll give advice. Will it be right? You judge!

As South, I held
 ♠ AK 5 ♥ 6 3 ♦ Q 7 2 ♣ AJ 10 7 5

No one was vulnerable. This was the auction:

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	1♥	2♦	Pass
3♦	3♠	Pass	?

What does North have and what should I have done next? If you don't help us, we'll be arguing about this for days

Tormented in Tennessee"

Let's analyze this. First, it seems to me there are an awful lot of points floating around this table, so obviously some must be from distribution. East's 2♦ overall promises 10 or more high-card points. West's raise to 3♦ must be preemptive, showing lots of support. With your 14 HCP and East's promised 10, if North is the Big Horse you bet on when you paid your entry, West rates to be totally broke. North baffles me though. He bid the hearts first, so he must have more hearts than spades. If he was 5-5, he would have bid his spades first. To continue the bidding with a new suit at the three level, he must have at least five spades. So he's gotta have six hearts, five spades and a very nice, chubby, game-going hand.

So, I suggested to Tormented that if he believed in his horse, uh, partner, he should consider bidding 4♠. With two eight-card fits, he should choose the one that offers him more ruffing values to cover any losing hearts.

Sounds like good advice, no? Here's what I heard back from Tormented.



"Well, Marti, that's what I thought also. But here's what he had:

♠ J 8 7 3 ♥ K J 9 8 2 ♦ 6 3 ♣ Q 3.

We got slaughtered. We were doubled. We were toast! But he forgives my lapses and I certainly have no trouble returning the favor. Thanks for giving me the ammunition I needed to win the postmortem. If you can't win the board, you want to at least win the postmortem, right?"

Glad to help, guys!!

Oh, my. Still, you gotta believe in your horse, and your bet. You place the best bets you can with the information you have... and then you tear up your tickets after your Big Horse turns out to be a nag. I read that one of the marvels of the human mind is that it can hold two conflicting views at the same time. You gotta believe that this is your 1% day. It's this delusional thinking that makes life worth living.

There you have it, straight from the horse's mouth. Let me hear from you... no belief is so strange that I'm not eager to hear it. mronemus@comcast.net

Thinking Bridge

By Eddie Kantar

The redouble

In the modern game, "redouble" has multiple meanings. It is important to know when to use the redouble as well as to know what partner means when he pulls that blue card from the bidding box. Here are four of the most common uses of the redouble. In these examples, assume you are South.

1. West	North	East	South
			1♣
	Dbl	Pass	Pass (1)
	(1) Penalty.		Redbl

When your left-hand opponent makes a takeout double, partner passes, and RHO passes, showing considerable length and strength in your suit, Redouble is a plea for rescue.

Say you have

♠ AJ 4 ♥ K Q 5 ♦ K 9 4 ♣ 9 7 5 4.

Knowing that East has a massive club holding, which he expressed by passing, you do

not relish playing 1♣ doubled. Your redouble asks partner to rescue you by bidding his longest suit, even if it is only a four-card suit. At least, that way if you are in real trouble and they double, you won't have to play the contract – partner will!

2. West	North	East	South
			1♣
	Pass	Pass	Dbl
			Redbl

When your RHO makes a takeout double, "redouble" by you describes a powerful hand, with 18 or more HCP along with a five- or six-card suit. It encourages partner to compete with support for your suit or to introduce a long suit. Redouble with

♠ AJ 4 ♥ K Q 5 ♦ 9 8 ♣ AK J 9 6

However, if you have the same strength but no long suit, perhaps

♠ A Q 8 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ Q 6 4 3,

3. West	North	East	South
	1♥	Dbl	Redbl

In this case, Redouble tells partner that your side has the balance of power. You show 11+

HCP (rarely 10) and you promise – in blood – another bid if LHO bids and partner passes. Your side winds up playing it – or they play it doubled!

Note: When holding four or more cards in partner's major-suit opening bid plus opening bid values, respond 3NT, artificial. It's more informative than Redouble. Also, a direct 2NT response over a takeout double, called Jordan (universally played), shows a limit raise.

As opener, with a hand that would not accept a limit raise, sign off at the three level when partner responds 2NT. With a normal, natural, 2NT response, redouble and then bid notrump.

4. West	North	East	South
	1♥	3♦	3♥
	Pass	4♦	Dbl
			Rdbl

When partner makes a slam try cuebid (4♦), presumably showing the ace, and this is doubled, redouble by you shows second-round diamond control, the king or a singleton. Your hand:

♠ A 8 7 4 2 ♥ K J 8 ♦ 7 ♣ Q 10 8 2.

IMP Pairs begins today

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

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

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

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

Lebhar was also a player: He won the Spingold



in 1940 and the Master Mixed Teams in 1946. His team was his wife Evelyn along with Samuel Katz and Alicia Kemper.

Previous winners

- 1987 Robb Gordon, Linda Danas
- 1988 Gene Freed, Mike Passell
- 1989 Richard Schwartz, Fred Hamilton
- 1990 Ralph Cohen, Renee Mancuso
- 1991 Harvey Brody, Ralph Buchalter
- 1992 Vera Gama, Marcelo Branco
- 1993 Bob Klein, David Ruderman
- 1994 Tom Fox, Walter Schafer
- 1995 Steve Sion, Harold Lilie



The 2010 Lebhar IMP Pairs winners were Pablo Ravenna and Pablo Lambardi.

- 1996 Mike Albert, Marilyn Hemenway
- 1997 Tom Carmichael, Joel Wooldridge
- 1998 Jim Robison, Gene Freed
- 1999 Ralph Katz, George Jacobs
- 2000 Ashley Bach, Stephen Burgess
- 2001 Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd
- 2002 Alan Schwartz, Ai-Tai Lo
- 2003 Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin
- 2004 Jiang Gu, Nikolay Demirev
- 2005 Blair Seidler, Kevin Wilson
- 2006 Fred Gitelman, Geoff Hampson
- 2007 Boye Brogeland, Ishmael Delmonte
- 2008 Doug Doub, Adam Wildavsky
- 2009 Nikolay Demirev, Nicolas L'Ecuyer
- 2010 Pablo Lambardi, Pablo Ravenna

Entries

All North American championships with no upper masterpoint limitation.....\$20

(Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in NABC+ events. \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.)

Other North American championships \$17

(Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in these events.)

Regional championships.....\$16 for ACBL members, \$18 for all others

All other events\$15 for ACBL members, \$17 for all others.

National Appeals Committee Roster and Schedule for the Louisville NABC

Director

Paul Janicki, Markham ON

Acting Chairman

Michael Huston, Joplin MO

RED TEAM

Team Leaders

Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA
 Ron Gerard, White Plains NY
 Michael Huston, Joplin MO

Team Members

Darwin Afdahl, Oro Valley AZ
 Jeff Aker, Ossining NY
 David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL
 Dick Budd, Portland ME
 Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV
 Gary Cohler, Chicago IL
 Jan Jansma, Malden, Netherlands
 Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD
 Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL
 Marlene Passell, Coral Springs FL
 Bruce Reeve, Raleigh NC
 Lou Reich, Wheaton MD
 Becky Rogers, Las Vegas NV
 Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA
 Patty Tucker, Atlanta GA
 Bob White, Raleigh NC
 Eddie Wold, Houston TX

On duty

Saturday, March 12
 Tuesday, March 15
 Friday, March 18

WHITE TEAM

Team Leaders

Doug Doub, West Hartford CT
 Richard Popper, Wilmington DE

Team Members

Karen Allison, Las Vegas NV
 Ken Barbour, Scottsdale AZ
 Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY
 Shannon Cappelletti, Hollywood FL
 Mark Feldman, Austin TX
 Gail Greenberg, New York NY
 Joe Grue, New York NY
 Ellen Kent, Marina Del Ray CA
 Zygmunt Marcinski, Westmount QC
 Chris Moll, Raleigh NC
 Tom Peters, Grapeland TX
 Jeff Polisner, Walnut Creek CA
 Judy Randel, Albuquerque NM
 Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA
 Blair Seidler, Fair Lawn NJ
 Joann Sprung, Philadelphia PA
 David Stevenson, Liverpool, England
 Jim Thurtell, Dallas TX
 Chris Willenken, New York NY

On duty

Sunday, March 13
 Wednesday, March 16
 Saturday, March 19

BLUE TEAM

Team Leaders

Jeff Goldsmith, Pasadena CA
 Aaron Silverstein, New York NY

Team Members

Bart Bramley, Dallas TX
 Tom Carmichael, Atlanta GA
 Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY
 Jerry Gaer, Scottsdale AZ
 Robb Gordon, Sedona AZ
 Abby Heitner, Wheaton MD
 E.J. Kales, East Lansing MI
 Fred King, Falls Church VA
 Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC
 John Lusky, Portland OR
 Jacob Morgan, Madison WI
 Mike Passell, Dallas TX
 Barry Rigal, New York NY
 Bruce Rogoff, Upper Grandview NY
 Michael Rosenberg, North Rochelle NY
 John Solodar, Palm Beach Gardens FL
 Dan Sprung, Philadelphia PA
 Kathy Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH
 Riggs Thayer, San Diego CA

On duty

Friday, March 11
 Monday, March 14
 Thursday, March 17

National Appeals Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the National Appeals Committee on Friday, March 11, from 11 to 11:30 p.m. in the Beckham Room (3rd floor, Suite Tower).



GET ONLINE WITH BRIDGE BASE

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with Fred Gitelman, the creator of the ACBL's Learn to Play Bridge program. Get a guided tour of the Bridge Base site and its outstanding teaching features.

FREE OF CHARGE.

Date: Monday, March 14

Time: 11 a.m. – noon • **Location:** Brown Room

NAP A

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The two play a basically natural system.

After getting off to a bad start in the second final session, they hit their stride with five straight boards on which they scored tops or near-tops. In that stretch, they scored 62 out of 65 available matchpoints, ending the session with 63.45%.

They were second in the Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A: Joel Wooldridge and Kevin Bathurst.



INTERNATIONAL FUND 299ER

14.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.39	1	1		William Beaushaw - Jeannie Beaushaw, Pearl River LA	68.18%
2.54	2			Ellen Schmidt, Louisville KY; Patricia Harwood, Prospect KY	66.67%
2.09	3	2	1	Sylvia Shi, Baltimore MD; Patrick Frye, Laurel MD	60.23%
1.57	4	3		Sarah Roy, Louisville KY; Patsy Baker, Prospect KY	59.66%
1.07	5			Carol Olinger, Huntingburg IN; Brenda Krempp, Jasper IN	58.71%
0.85	6			Harry Espey, Poway CA; Sam Litovsky, Los Angeles CA	57.77%
1.43		4	2	Judith Pifer - Roger Pifer, Glen Carbon IL	56.63%
0.88		5		Peg Vild - Barbara Muller, Columbus OH	55.11%
1.07		6	3	Linda Asmar, West Islip NY; Betty Dues, Louisville KY	54.73%
0.80			4	Julia Bruner - Linda Badgley, Edwardsville IL	54.55%

EDUCATIONAL FUND PAIRS

73.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
17.66	1			Chuck Malcolm - Marti Malcolm, Topeka KS	67.95%
13.25	2			Alan Kleist, Cheverly MD; William Watson, Sunnyvale CA	63.30%
9.93	3			Chris Moll - Tammy Moll, Raleigh NC	62.66%
7.45	4			Victoria Vallone - Michael Crane, Macomb MI	62.02%
5.59	5			Walter Johnson - Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	61.86%
4.19	6			Matt Granovetter - Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	61.54%
2.75	7/8			Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Chuck Said, Nashville TN	61.22%
2.80	7/8			R Jay Becker, New York NY; Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ	61.22%
7.28		1		Bill Begert - Jess Jurkovic, New York NY	60.26%
5.46		2	1	Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Marc Scacco, Cleveland OH	56.73%
4.10		3		Paul Gans Jr, Redding CA; William Barnes, Union NJ	56.41%
2.69		4/5		Kathy Swaine - Rand Pinsky, Valencia CA	55.93%
2.69		4/5		Don-Min Tsou, Cupertino CA; Y Chen, Fremont CA	55.93%
2.48		6	2	Connie Noel - Matthew Just, Louisville KY	54.01%
1.86			3	Richard Watson - Shelby Bale, Jr, Glasgow KY	53.21%
1.39			4	Steve Macheel - Andrea Macheel, Beaver Dam WI	51.44%
1.04			5	Kevin Clark, Franklin TN; Syed Zamir, Nashville TN	50.00%
1.10			6	David Gronbeck, Minneapolis MN; Matthew Huntington, Rochester MN	48.08%

EDUCATION FUND 299ER PAIRS

14.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.39	1			D Abraham, Windsor ON; Edmond Douville, Hobart IN	63.83%
2.66	2	1	1	Sylvia Shi, Baltimore MD; Patrick Frye, Laurel MD	58.33%
1.91	3			Tim White - Renae Gunstone-White, Mercer Island WA	57.20%
1.43	4			Ronald Antinori - Susan Antinori, Atlanta GA	56.82%
1.07	5			Carol Olinger, Huntingburg IN; Brenda Krempp, Jasper IN	56.06%
2.00	6	2		Deane Oliva, Newburgh IN; Jane Staton, Evansville IN	55.30%
1.50		3		Ronald Straub, Louisville KY; James Ward, Leeds United Kingdom	54.55%
1.12		4		Anne Czuchna - Phyllis Baas, Kalamazoo MI	53.60%
1.34		5	2	Brenda McSpadden, Knoxville TN; Peggy Hoy, Maryville TN	52.27%
0.55		6/7		William Allendoerfer, Edwardsville IL; William Riley, Alton IL	51.70%
1.01		6/7	3	Carolyn Espey, Poway CA; Harriet Smith, Solano Beach CA	51.70%
0.76			4	Norma Barr, Florissant MO; Kathy Bold, Edwardsville IL	50.76%

NAOP FLIGHT A

14.0 Tables

65.00	1	Joe Grue - Shane Blanchard, New York NY	440.57
48.75	2	Joel Wooldridge - Kevin Bathurst, New York NY	428.17
36.56	3	Lloyd Arvedon, Natick MA; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA	424.61
28.89	4	David Butler, Keswick VA; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA	394.12
26.00	5	Dave Smith, Walls MS; Brent Manley, Memphis TN	393.44
23.64	6	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA	390.79
21.67	7	Ethan Stein, Irvington NY; Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY	387.22
20.00	8	Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; John Rayner, Mississauga ON	386.63
18.57	9	Suzanne Stevenson, Bloomfield MI; Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI	377.86
17.33	10	Herbert Jordan - Sean Ganness, Miami FL	375.25
16.25	11	James Breihan - Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX	374.31
15.29	12	John Zilic, Houston TX; Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX	363.60
14.44	13	Eric Robinson, New York NY; Michael Kopera, Brooklyn NY	362.63
13.68	14	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT	362.19
13.00	15	Don Sulgrove - Kathleen Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH	361.63
12.38	16	Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Roger Lee, Monrovia CA	356.00
11.82	17	Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO; Milton Zlatic, Saint Louis MO	355.49

Welcome

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On Saturday night, we have a rock 'n' roll/country band, and there will be a dance floor, so you can dance the night away.

On Thursday, March 17, an Irish band, Guilderoy Byrne, will entertain you with traditional Celtic music.

And finally, we have the famous Monarchs performing on March 18. I'm sure they can be persuaded to sing their number #1 hit, "Look Homeward Angel." Dance floor provided.

All the committee members will be sporting "Get Lucky in Kentucky" lanyards, and when you see one, don't hesitate to ask for help. That's what they are there for. Don't be shy!

Once again, welcome to the Bluegrass State, have a great time, and I hope you "Get Lucky in Kentucky!"

Hannah Davis, Chair

Collegiate qualifiers

The qualifying round of the 2011 North American College Bridge Team Championship was held Saturday, Feb. 26. The contest, hosted by Bridge Base Online, attracted 25 teams who played via the Internet for the chance to participate in the final, which will be held July 23-24 during the Summer NABC in Toronto.

The top nine squads in the contest qualified to play in Toronto. Each squad receives airfare and hotel expenses for three nights.

The qualifying teams are Brandeis, Dartmouth (No. 1), Hamilton, New York University, Stanford, University of California (Berkeley), University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), University of Pennsylvania (No. 2) and University of Texas.

Defenders, Spring North American Bridge Championships

Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A:

Doug Doub, Frank Merblum

Golder North American Pairs, Flight B: Dian

Petrov, Fred Schenker

President's Cup North American Pairs, Flight

C: Vladimir Oudalov, Stanley Weiss

Platinum Pairs: Franco Baseggio, Andrew Stark

Vanderbilt Knockout Teams: Pierre

Zimmerman, Michel Bessis, Thomas Bessis, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams: John Diamond,

Brian Platnick, Brad Moss, Fred Gitelman, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson

Machlin Women's Swiss Teams: Phyllis

Fireman, Shannon Cappelletti, Migry Zur-Campanile, Shawn Quinn, Martine Verbeek, Wietske van Zwol

Silodor Open Pairs: Stephen Landen, Nicholas

L'Ecuyer

Whitehead Women's Pairs: Suzy Burger, Linda

Lewis

Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs: Gloria Bart,

Les Bart

Rockwell Mixed Pairs: Scott Levine, Judi

Radin

Lebhar IMP Pairs: Pablo Lambardi, Pablo

Ravenna

Bean Red Ribbon Pairs: Bob Levey, Jim

Ritzenberg

Mott-Smith Trophy: Tor Helness

Platinum Pairs starts today

Eligible players can participate in the NABC+ Platinum Pairs today, beginning at 1 p.m.

The event will be played over six sessions, ending Sunday. Eligible players are paid-up ACBL members who meet one of the following criteria: have earned 50 platinum masterpoints over the three calendar years prior; earned at least 200 platinum points lifetime, or have attained Platinum Life Master or Grand Life Master rank.

No exemptions will be granted for this event.

Last year's winners were New Yorkers Andrew Stark and Franco Baseggio.

Tucker

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informed of the honor. "It's the most exciting thing that's happened to me in bridge since Kevin and I won the NAP," a reference to her victory with husband Kevin Collins in the Baldwin Flight A North American Pairs in 2000.

Refusing to take full credit for the founding of Atlanta Junior Bridge (2005) or the success of the Youth NABCs, Tucker said both happened "because of all the work other people did."

Tucker, who lives in Atlanta, has a long association with bridge, including membership on the ACBL Goodwill Committee and the ACBL Charity Committee. She is an ACBL-certified bridge teacher, a director, Unit 114 recorder.

Tucker drew on her experience with Atlanta Junior Bridge to get the Youth NABC established, running the first two tournaments for players 19 and younger – in the Atlanta area and in Washington DC.

The Insider

Welcome to Louisville! It has been, like, 45 years since The NABC circus has pitched its tent in Louisville. But we're glad to be back. The Galt House is ready to serve, the directors are ready to "rule the game." The volunteers are doing everything they can to make you feel welcome. The ACBL staff from Memphis survived the Board meetings and is ready to meet and greet the great members who make our jobs possible. The Ask Me Girl has all the answers and the Insider is ready to give you the inside scoop on all the is the 2011 Spring NABC.

The Insider has been here for several days and has discovered BBC across the street — good beer and a couple of great bartenders. Ask for Aaron (boy) or Kelsey (girl) and tell them Wendy sent you. They'll serve you good food, an honest drink and give you a smile. They are two of the Insider's favorites. The Insider apologizes for the cold weather, the gusty wind and the river that has taken over the lower level of the garage. Weather happens, but it can't affect the great tournament we have planned here in Louisville. Stop by the Registration Desk and thank Hannah for all her hard work putting this thing together. Let Ask Me Girl know what a great job she and the rest of the Services guys do. Play some bridge. Enjoy the city. And, be sure to check back here each morning to see what Boss Baum is doing, where the Supreme Commander has gone to sample boutique bourbon and everything else you can only find out from the Insider.

Welcome! Enjoy! We're here to make this the best Spring, 2011 NABC ever, thanks for coming!

Masterpoint disclaimer

Scores as reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections.

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

INTERNATIONAL PAIRS

57.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
15.87	1			Matt Granovetter - Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	69.71%
11.90	2	1		Penny Martin - Evelyn Brandon, Myrtle Beach SC	66.99%
8.93	3			Walter Johnson - Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	63.62%
6.70	4			Les Bart - Gloria Bart, Bradenton FL	63.54%
5.02	5			Chuck Malcolm - Marti Malcolm, Topeka KS	61.54%
4.73	6	2		Richard Saval, Wayland MA; Albert Shrive, Dalton PA	61.22%
2.82	7			Edward Barlow, Sunnyvale CA; Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA	60.90%
3.54		3		Jan Stewart, Toronto ON; Frank Morgan, Allentown PA	59.46%
2.66		4		Paul Cuffe, Fripp Island SC; David De Kezel, Penticton BC	58.81%
1.99		5		William Barnes, Union NJ; Paul Gans Jr, Redding CA	57.21%
1.50		6		Don-Min Tsou, Cupertino CA; Y Chen, Fremont CA	56.13%
3.30			1	Andrea Macheel - Steve Macheel, Beaver Dam WI	52.72%
2.48			2	John Bowen - Frank Bowen, Charlestown IN	52.29%
1.86			3	Katherine Zimmerman - Gail Slater, Louisville KY	51.63%
1.39			4	Randall Rubinstein, Brooklyn NY; Suzette Dutch, Cincinnati OH	47.60%
1.04			5	David Graham - Jill Graham, Boca Raton FL	45.66%
0.78			6	Ronald Tommasini - David Strait, Louisville KY	44.39%

EDUCATION FOUNDATION KOS BRACKET I

6 Tables
Jacek Jerzy Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Waldemar Frukacz, Gloucester ON; David Grainger, Bend OR; Ron Zambonini, Nepean ON

vs

Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI; Donald Croysdale, Menomonee Falls WI; William Malesevich, Mayville WI

Raymond Raskin, King of Prussia PA; Kenneth Chatzinoff, Cinnaminson NJ; Edward White, Grand Blanc MI; Barry Harper - Ken Gee, Regina SK; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC

vs

Veronica McMurdie - John McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA; Zane Gary Brown, San Francisco CA; Robert Kent, Marina Del Rey CA

EDUCATION FOUNDATION KOS BRACKET II

6 Tables
Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY; Ken Horwedel, Memphis TN; Nancy Katz, Carolina PR; Glenn Eisenstein, New York NY; Nicolas Hammond, Marietta GA

vs

William Higgins - Joseph Muenks, Cincinnati OH; Bob Lyon, Indianapolis IN; Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH

Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts CA; Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA; Sabina Lim, Cerritos CA; Atsuko Kurishima, Newport Beach CA; B Horiguchi, Gardena CA

vs

Steven Picus, Mequon WI; William McFall, New Berlin WI; John Kinst, Batavia IL; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL

EDUCATION FOUNDATION KOS BRACKET III

6 Tables
Donald Van Arman, Bloomington IN; Bruce Houston, Mc Lean VA; Dennis Carman - Susan Bailey Carman, Plainwell MI

vs

Paul Wright Jr, Mount Pleasant SC; Evelyn Brandon - Penny Martin, Myrtle Beach SC; Martin Johnson Jr, Folly Beach SC

Thomas Hyde, Willimantic CT; Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; Dirk Stronck II, Santa Fe NM; Elton Lipnick, Houston TX

vs

Madhusudan Patel - Ashok Shingavi, Houston TX; Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN; Fay Teal, Mesa AZ

EDUCATION FOUNDATION KOS BRACKET IV

6 Tables
Larry Jones, Pickerington OH; Albert Fultz, Ft Mitchell KY; Ruthanne Richter, Crossville TN; Patricia Gibson, Owensboro KY

vs

Linda Harrison, Calgary AB; Hao Ge, Bay Village OH; David Yu, Burnaby BC; Jack Lee, Richmond BC

John Simpson - Pat Simpson, Madera CA; Gary Nitzberg, Carson City NV; John Ide, Cape Canaveral FL

vs

Christopher Whelan - Jane Whelan, Lexington VA; Constance Sackville, Vero Beach FL; Estelle Margolin, Rego Park NY

EDUCATION FOUNDATION KOS BRACKET V

6 Tables
Amanda Walley - John Lloyd - Bruce Tennant, Pembroke ON; Rebecca Bradley, Birmingham AL

vs

Hans Strohmer - Nancy Strohmer, Houston TX; Carolyn Carpenter - Shirley Mueller, Louisville KY

Stephi Luttrell, Oak Ridge TN; Jan Stewart, Toronto ON; Frank Morgan, Allentown PA; Carol Hawley, Knoxville TN

vs

Daniel Hance, Crittenden KY; Donald Duritsch - Anthony Brockman, Florence KY; Jim Jackson, Amasa MI; Marlene Middaugh, Union KY; Betty Hurst, Ft Mitchell KY

EDUCATION FOUNDATION KOS BRACKET VI

6 Tables
Bryan Morgan, Dallas TX; Daniel Rosenblatt, Winston Salem NC; Robert Lynn, Salem VA; Won Yang, Clermont FL

vs

Barbara Simpson, Godfrey IL; Hatchie Greene, Saint Louis MO; James Reid Brazier - Linda Brazier, Moro IL

Robert Derrah - Shirley Derrah, Springfield MA; Marie Duval, Montreal QC; Paulin Nault, Saint-Anicet QC

vs

Nancy Sinclair, Spruce Pine AL; Mae Brummitt - Shirley Sims, Florence AL; Dorothy Slaton, Town Creek AL

EDUCATION FOUNDATION KOS BRACKET VII

7 Tables
Madeline Pfeiffer - Jean Jansen, Louisville KY; Carole Whitley, Campbellsville KY; Judy Banks, Elizabethtown KY

vs

Betty Westermann, Nashville TN; Donna Holt - Dianne Schimmel, Gallatin TN; Daniel Schimmel, Gallatin TN

Jo Taylor - Margaret Taylor - Dawn Kimberlin, Florence AL; Linda White, Muscle Shoals AL

vs

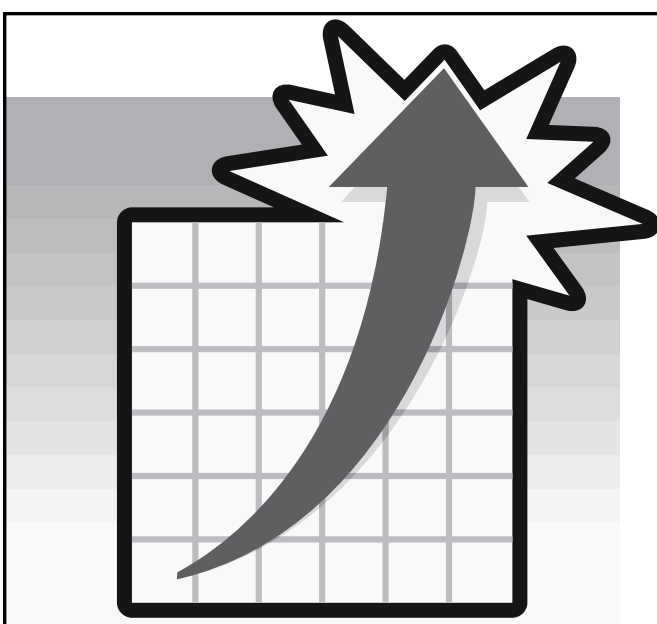
Ann Zimmerman - Vivienne Moorin, Louisville KY; Joan Frenz, Santa Rosa CA; Muriel Brown, Bridgeport CT

Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

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

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

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



Marketing Matters - Live!

ACBL's Marketing Director, Vicki Campbell, will host a program for anyone interested in marketing their clubs or bridge lessons.

Don't miss this chance to meet Vicki and explore your options.

Free of charge.

Date: Saturday, March 12 at the Galt House - Nunn Room

Time: 11 a.m. - noon

Louisville Museums

If you're wanting to get away from bridge for an hour or two, the following museums and galleries are accessible via the Main/Market Street Trolley.

Muhammad Ali Center

140 N. 6th St. 502-584-9254

Tue - Sat 9:30 am - 5 pm; Sun Noon - 5 pm
\$9.00 (\$8.00 seniors)

Interactive exhibits; emphasis on core values — respect, confidence, conviction, dedication, spirituality, giving.

21C Museum Hotel

700 W. Main St. 502-217-6300

Open 24/7 except for video installations (open from 7 am - 1 am).

Free.

North America's only museum devoted solely to art of the 21st century.

Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft

715 W. Main St. 502-589-0102

Mon - Fri 10 am - 5 pm; Sat 11 am - 5 pm

\$6.00 (\$5.00 for seniors). Supports arts and craft excellence in Kentucky; displays include everything from folk art to furniture.

Louisville Science Center/IMAX

727 W. Main St. 502-561-6111

Sun - Thu 9:30 - 5 pm; Fri - Sat 9:30 - 9 pm

\$12 permanent exhibits; \$ 7 IMAX film;

\$15 combo

Special Star Trek Exhibition \$18.00, includes permanent exhibits.

Louisville Slugger Museum

800 W. Main St. 502-588-7228

Mon - Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun Noon - 5 pm

\$10 (\$9 seniors)

Hands-on exhibits, movie, factory tours (bats are still made at this location).

Frazier International History Museum

829 W. Main St. 502-412-2280

Mon - Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun Noon - 5 pm

\$9.50/\$7.50 seniors/\$5 with convention card

Two permanent collections: Frazier Museum Collection and British Royal Armouries cover more than 1,000 years of human history, with an emphasis on arms and weapons. Temporary exhibits: (1) The Good, The Bad, The Cuddly — Toys and the Movies; (2) Water Works: 150 Years of Louisville Water Company.

Glassworks Gallery

815 W. Market St. 502-584-4510

Mon - Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun Noon - 5 pm

2 galleries (Glassworks & Vonfire) are free.

Self-guided tours Mon - Sat 10 am - 4 pm: \$4.50; Guided Tour Sat. 11, 1, 3: \$6.50. Watch glass artisans at work.

Steelskin Gallery

312 W. Main St. 502-287-8201

Wed - Fri Noon - 8 pm; Sat 1 - 7:30 pm.

Sculpture Studio and Art Gallery. New Exhibit beginning Mar. 4: "Illuminating the Darkness" new lamps, pendants, and light sculpture.

Galt House Parking

In order to receive the Galt House parking discount, you must do the following:

Self Parking - \$7

Players who drive in each day: Show your convention card at the concierge desk in the lobby of the Galt House to receive a parking validation ticket. You will need to pick up a ticket each day of the tournament. If you leave during the day and come back, you will need to pick up a new ticket. Your parking validation ticket is good for 17 hours (for example, 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.).

Galt House guests: Your room key will be used to go in and out of the parking garage. Please be sure to tell the front desk agent that you are with ACBL.

Tournament Terminology 101

If you're confused by the terms used to describe the different types of bridge events played at clubs and tournaments, you're not alone. Here's a list of common bridge events with explanations.

Knockout Teams: an event in which a team (of four, five or six players — with four playing at a time) plays another team. The losers are eliminated or "knocked out" while the winners play other winners until only one winning team remains.

The length of a KO match may vary from a single session to a full day (the Vanderbilt and Spingold) to a multi-day event (the Bermuda Bowl).

Bracketed Knockout Teams: a KO event in which teams are divided into groups — usually of 8, 16 or 32 teams — based on their masterpoint holdings. The top group -- Bracket I — and all other groups compete in a separate event with their own set of winners.

Compact Knockout Teams: a shorter version of Bracketed KO teams.

Swiss Teams: an event in which a team (of four, five or six players — with four playing at a time) plays other teams in seven-, eight- or nine-board matches. Team A sits North--South at Table 1 and East--West at Table 2 while Team B sits East--West at Table 1 and North--South at Table 2. The results are compared and scored by International Match Points (IMPs).

Pairings for the first round are random. Pairings for succeeding rounds are determined by a team's win-loss record or Victory Point total.

International Match Points (IMPs): the most common method of scoring Swiss Team matches. Scoring example: if Team A scores plus 620 for bidding and making 4♠ on a particular deal and Team B scores only plus 170 (they didn't bid the game), the difference is 450 -- which converts to 10 IMPs. The IMP chart is shown on the inside of your convention card.

Victory Points (VPs): a method of scoring Swiss Team matches. After the scores are compared and converted to IMPs, the IMP total is converted to Victory Points. A team's VP total may be used to determine its next opponents and its final standing.

Side Game Series: a series of single-session pair games that pay red points. These series include at least three sessions and may have as many as six. You may play in as many sessions as you like, but only pairs who play in at least two sessions are eligible for overall gold points. Your best two sessions are used for determining overall winners.

Flighted pairs: When flighting is used, the field is divided by expertise or experience or both into several separate games. Flight A — "unlimited masterpoints" — will be open to all players while the remaining flights will be limited. Flight B might be 0-500 MPs or 0-1000 MPs while Flight C might be 0-300 or 0-500.

Each flight is scored individually, and masterpoint awards are made for each flight.

The masterpoint holdings of the players determine their flight. If one player is quite expert while his partner is new to the game, the pair must compete in Flight A.

In flighted events, you may play up but not down. That means you may play in Flight A or Flight B even if your masterpoint holding qualifies you for Flight C. Conversely, you may not play in Flight B or Flight C if you are a Flight A player.

Stratified Pairs: The idea is to compete against everyone but to be ranked only with your peers.

Each pair is assigned a stratum or "strat" based on the masterpoint holding of the partner with more masterpoints.

Example: A = 1000+ masterpoints; B = 300-1000; C = 0-300.

Thus, the most experienced players are placed in Strat A, intermediate players in Strat B and less experienced players in Strat C. Masterpoints are awarded for placings in all strats but gold points are awarded only in A and B.

The game proceeds normally - the difference comes when the scores are tabulated and ranked.

In a three-strat game, the scores are ranked three times. The first ranking is done as in a regular open game. These are the Strat A results.

If a B or C pair does well in this ranking, they receive full credit for that performance. It is not all that uncommon for a Strat C pair to place first overall, and they receive the full masterpoint award for that game.

Note: A pair is eligible for only one set of masterpoint awards and automatically receives the highest award.

The second ranking compares the scores of only the B and C pairs - the scores of the Strat A pairs are eliminated. Once again, if a C pair does well, they receive points for their finishing position in the Strat B results.

The third and final ranking compares the scores of only the C pairs - all the scores of the Strat A and B pairs are eliminated.

Strati-flighted Pairs: The top group plays in a game of their own - Flight A. The rest of the field in divided into strats and plays as in a regular stratified pairs.

There can even be stratification within Flight A. Flight A may be listed as 3000+ MPs while Flight X may be listed as 0-3000 MPs.

Rookie, masterpoints, stratified pairs - these terms may be confusing to new members of the American Contract Bridge League. Here's a list of terms and their meanings:

Masterpoints: the unit which measures bridge achievement in competition. Masterpoints are awarded at ACBL clubs and tournaments in amounts proportional to the size and classification of the event and the rating of the club or tournament.

Black points: awarded at club games. Some special club games award red, gold or silver points.

Red points: awarded for section placements at regional tournaments and NABCs. Also awarded at clubs for special events such as the qualifying rounds of the North American Open Pairs and the Grand National Teams.

Gold points: awarded for section firsts and overall placing in regionally rated events that have no upper masterpoint restrictions.

Platinum points: awarded for NABC+ events.

Gold points are also awarded for sectional firsts and overall placing in regional events of two or more sessions that have a masterpoint limit of 750 or more points.

One gold point is awarded to section winners in the annual ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game in sections of seven or more tables.

In addition, new players may now win gold points in their own NABC events: 1.50 gold in the National 199er Pairs at the Summer NABC and 1.00 gold in the National 99er Pairs at the Fall NABC (the remainder of the award is in red points).

A major source of gold points is the Bracketed Knockout Teams. The overall awards for the top brackets are all gold while the lower brackets may receive a percentage of gold points and the remainder in red points.

Silver points: awarded for sectional firsts and overall placing at sectional tournaments. Also awarded at Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaC).

Barry Crane Top 500 race: This trophy is presented to the ACBL player who wins the most masterpoints during a calendar year. Originally the McKenney Trophy, it was put into play by William E. McKenney, ACBL executive secretary. It was known as the McKenney Trophy from 1937 to 1981.

The list was expanded to include the top 500 players in 1982 and called the Top 500 from 1982 to 1985. It was renamed the Barry Crane Top 500 in 1986.

Crane, who was murdered in July 1985, was ACBL's top masterpoint holder at that time and was acknowledged by his peers to be unequaled as a masterpoint winner and a matchpoint player.



Winners of the 2010 North American Pairs, Flight A: Frank Merblum and Doug Doub.

Baldwin NAP-A

Play in the Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A --- a grassroots event that began last summer at the local club level --- began Wednesday.

Qualifiers at the club level advanced to unit competition and those qualifiers advanced to district finals. Three pairs from each district --- more, depending upon attendance --- qualified for the North American final.

Winners will have their names inscribed on the Baldwin Memorial Trophy and will also receive certificates of recognition.

The trophy is presented in memory of Col. Russell J. Baldwin (1889-1969), U.S. Army officer and expert on tournament procedure who was *ACBL Honorary Member of the Year* in 1943.

Baldwin was active as an organizer from the earliest days of contract bridge. He became a director of the American Bridge League and its treasurer shortly after its founding in 1927. He was a member of the ACBL Laws Commission and primarily responsible for the first Duplicate Code issued in 1935.

Baldwin was active as a tournament director from 1927 until 1941. After service in World War II, he was ACBL business manager from 1946 until 1951.

He was recalled to military serve at the outbreak of the Korean War and retired from the U. S. Army in 1957. He rejoined ACBL in 1958 and was in charge of tournament scheduling until his retirement in 1963.

Winners:

1979	Arthur Moore, Eric Robinson
1980	Bob Feller, Jeffrey Hall
1981	Helen Blakey, Robert Blakey
1982	Bill Nuttig, Ivan Scope
1983	John Griscom, Jim Felts
1984	Steve Sion, Harold Stengel
1985	Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson
1986	Drew Cannell, G. Sekhar
1987	Jan Janitschke, Dick Reed
1988	Jan Martel, Chip Martel
1989	David Caslan, Dennis Clerkin
1990	Sidney Lazard, Jack LaNoue
1991	Mark Stein, Boris Baran
1992	Jim Krekorian, Rick Zucker
1993	James Griffin, Kenneth Schutze
1994	James Griffin, Kenneth Schutze
1995	David Berkowitz, Lisa Berkowitz
1996	Marshall Tuly, James Cunningham
1997	Aidan Ballantyne, Gordon McOrmond
1998	Ron Sukoneck, Bill Cole
1999	James Griffin, Kenneth Schutze
2000	Patty Tucker, Kevin Collins
2001	Frank Merblum, Doug Doub
2002	JoAnna Stansby, Lew Stansby
2003	Steve Landen, Michael Zerbin
2004	Henry Lortz, Wayne Ohlrich
2005	David Yang, Nikolay Demirev
2006	Gordon Campbell, Piotr Klimowicz
2007	Dave Abelow, Dick Wegman
2008	Xiadong Shi, David Yang
2009	Jim Krekorian, John Rengstorff
2010	Doug Doub, Frank Merblum

Eisenhower and Bridge

By Bruno B. Wolff Jr.

Dwight D. Eisenhower was America's first five-star general, the president of Columbia University, the 34th president of the United States, a fine golfer and poker player. Most important, he was a top-level bridge player.

Dwight Eisenhower was born in Denison TX on Oct. 14, 1890, to Ida and David Eisenhower. The name was anglicized from the original German name of Eisenhauer. With two Davids in the house, he was called Dwight, his middle name. By the time he got to West Point, he had reversed his given names. In 1913, Dwight D. Eisenhower was appointed to West Point, where he excelled briefly in football and consistently at poker, and middle of the pack in academics. His dad had taught him that venerable card game in his early years, and Ike's personality and mind fitted him well to card play. While at the Military Academy or shortly thereafter, he learned bridge, and he was hooked for life on our most challenging card game.

Over the years he played a lot of bridge and earned a reputation as a very good player.

Oswald Jacoby, a frequent partner and participant in games at the White House, referred to him by saying, "The president obviously plays intelligent bridge. He thinks about what he does and what he does it with good reason. He is the nicest person at the bridge table that I've ever played with. He doesn't get excited about winning or losing but he plays hard. He plays better bridge than golf. He tries to break 90 at golf -- at bridge you would say he does break 80."1

Ely Culbertson said, "He plays in the same class as Al Gruenther."2

You may ask, who is Al Gruenther? He became the youngest major general and the youngest four-star general in U.S. military history. When he was a young lieutenant and teaching at the U. S. Military Academy, he was named the referee in the Bridge Battle of the Century when Culbertson and his wife, Josephine, challenged Sidney Lenz and the Official System to a match in 1931. The Culbertsons won the match, and Ely became the bridge guru of the Thirties and early Forties. Gruenther was a frequent partner of Ike and was on his staff during the planning for and execution of the invasions of North Africa and Europe.

On the eve of the invasion of North Africa, Ike gathered Gruenther and Mark Clark (the youngest lieutenant general ever), who was to command the 5th Army that pushed up the Italian peninsula in 1942-43. Their fourth was Harry Butcher. Ike knew Butcher as the head of the Columbia Broadcasting's Washington office when Ike served there as a staff officer. He was a frequent partner of Eisenhower over many years.

When the war broke out, Butcher joined the U.S. Navy and rose in rank to commander. Ike selected him to be on his staff as a trusted friend and a good bridge player. Walter Bedell Smith, who was Ike's chief of staff during the time of the invasion of Europe, was also among Ike's bridge-playing staff.

In 1948, President Truman called Eisenhower to ask him to head NATO. It is said that Eisenhower was asked who he would bring along as his No. 2 man. Ike replied, "Well, I ought to take Bedell Smith, but I think I'll take Gruenther because he's the better bridge player."3

After graduation from West Point, Ike met, fell in love with and married Mamie Doud. She had some influence on his taking up the game of bridge, but Ike and her partnership at the table was not very happy. Ike did, however, have a couple of ladies as frequent partners. When he was stationed in Manila on Douglas MacArthur's staff in 1936, Major Eisenhower met the wife of Sidney Huff, a naval liaison on the American Caesar's staff. Marian was charming, played a good game of golf, and was a very competent bridge player.4 Ike played with her in both games. President Quezon was also one of his bridge regulars. Some eyebrows were raised

about Marian as Mamie had returned to Washington because she did not like living in the Philippines.

Later, when Ike was in London, he also played a lot of bridge. His frequent partner was Kay Summersby, his aide and driver. She and Ike took on the likes of Butcher and Gruenther. Once again, there were innuendos about his relationship with a bridge-playing woman with Mamie absent. But that is belied by the fact that there were games in which his son, John, who was on his staff, joined him, Kay and one of his other regulars in the game.

As one who also plays a lot of bridge with ladies (none of whom is my wife), and occasionally with one of my two bridge-playing sons present, I believe Ike was not involved in any more than the game of bridge. Those London days included men such as Bedell Smith, Ike's chief of staff. Also he often played with William E. Robinson, a New York newspaper executive who ran their bureau in London.

Robinson and Ike shared another interest: golf. After the war, Robinson introduced Ike to the Augusta National Golf Club. Ike got a reputation there as a pretty good golfer, not quite as good as that of his bridge expertise. A lasting legacy of his days at Augusta was the naming of a loblolly pine on the left side of the 17th fairway, "the Eisenhower tree." Ike had the habit of pulling his drive and hitting the tree. Though Ike, facetiously perhaps, asked to have the tree cut down, it still stands there, and his legacy is called to mind by the broadcasters who remark on it at each year's Masters Tournament.

While Eisenhower lived in the White House, many luminaries shared Saturday evenings with him at bridge. Among them were Chief Justice Fred Vinson, Harold Talbott, secretary of the Air Force, Walter Bedell Smith, Robinson, George Humphrey, secretary of the Treasury, Clifford Roberts, a prominent banker with an occasional appearance by the likes of Oswald Jacoby and Ely Culbertson.

In New York, when he was president of Columbia University, he played with Averill Harriman, the scion of a railroad family that owned the Union Pacific, who also made his own fortune in banking and shipping. Harriman was not only governor of New York but also served five Democrat presidents as a diplomat and secretary. Ike wrote to his friend Paul A. Hodgson of a game with Harriman, Gruenther, and Culbertson.

"The other evening I played a game with Al Gruenther, Averill Harriman, and Ely Culbertson. I was the only loser. Mr. Culbertson plays aggressively and quickly. He has a nice personality and is perfectly willing to play for any size stakes, including the smallest. Al is likewise a top-notch player -- a bit more on the deliberate side. Averill loves the game but seems to be a bit unsure of himself. On the other hand, his seeming hesitation may be nothing but a continuing revision of his analysis to assure he makes no mistakes. I wish I were a bit more deliberate myself."5

The following deal was played at one of those White House games in 1953.

		♠ K 9 8	
		♥ A K J 5 3	
		♦ Q J 10	
		♣ 8 3	
♠ 5 2			♠ 6 4
♥ 8 2			♥ Q 10 9 4
♦ 9 8 7 3			♦ A 6 2
♣ K 7 5 4 2			♣ J 10 9 6
		♠ A Q J 10 7 3	
		♥ 7 6	
		♦ K 5 4	
		♣ A Q	
West	North	East	South
Talbott	Jacoby	Vincent	Ike
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Talbott led the ♦9. The Chief Justice won his ace and Ike unblocked the diamonds by jettisoning the king. He did not fall into the trap when Vinson

switched to the club jack, but went up, pulled trump and using the diamond honors ruffed out the hearts and pitched his losing club on the fifth heart.

In the early Sixties, Ike and Gruenther faced two wealthy industrialists in Palm Springs.

	♠ 9		
	♥ K J 8 2		
	♦ K Q 5 3 2		
	♣ A 10 8		
♠ A J		♠ K Q 7 6 5 3	
♥ 10 7 5		♥ A Q 9	
♦ A J 7 6		♦ 10 4	
♣ Q 9 6 5		♣ K 4	
	♠ 10 8 4 2		
	♥ 6 4 3		
	♦ 9 8		
	♣ J 7 3 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	Dbl	Redbl	1NT
Dbl	Redbl	All Pass	

North's double was misguided. But South on his first bid also made an extremely poor choice by bidding 1NT. He then misinterpreted partner's rebouble as business rather than SOS. Declarer ducked the low diamond lead and Gruenther won his 10. He switched to a low spade, Ike cashed his two spades and played a club. Gruenther won his king and cashed his spades. When he played a diamond to Ike's ace, he fired back a heart. North was squeezed and had to give the next three tricks to Gruenther. The defense took one club,

two diamonds, three hearts and six spades, down six redoubled. I suspect that Ike's pension was enhanced somewhat by the outcome.

In November of 1947, Charles Goren was approached by Mrs. Robert Denckla of Washington about a hand she played with Eisenhower and Al Gruenther:

♠5 ♥9 6 4 2 ♦A 7 4 ♣Q J 10 8 3.

After Ike's left-hand opponent opened 1♠, Gruenther doubled. Goren said he would have bid 2♣ with 2♥ second choice and 3♣ third. Mrs. Denckla told him that 2♣ was Ike's choice, Gruenther preferred 2♥ and she suggested 3♣. She reported this back to the General who replied in a letter to Goren:

"Thank you very much for your memorandum to me sent by Mrs. Denckla. I am compelled so often to bow my head to Al Gruenther's superior wisdom in the business of bridge that it is a relief to find that on this occasion at least my laborious mental processes are supported by the preeminent authority. I still confess, however, that had I been a little surer of the reliability of my partner I might have put in a feeble jump response on the off-chance that my partner might have held a freak, and been highly delighted with my bid. I see from your comment that even this would be wrong and I am glad I rejected it.

"I anticipate with a great deal of pleasure reading your answer slowly and with great emphasis to my friend Al (you will probably hear from him).

"Again, many thanks."

We who play the game are so honored to have so many of those great public servants like President Eisenhower delight in our game.

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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.

N A O P FLIGHT A FIRST FINAL SESSION

SECTION J

1	Joel Wooldridge - Kevin Bathurst, New York NY	64.79%
2	Herbert Jordan - Sean Ganness, Miami FL	61.83%
3	Joe Grue - Shane Blanchard, New York NY	60.50%
4	Dave Smith, Walls MS; Brent Manley, Memphis TN	57.99%
5	Lloyd Arvedon, Natick MA; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA	56.95%
6	Suzanne Stevenson, Bloomfield MI; Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI	56.51%
7	Stan Sather, Lake Oswego OR; Christopher Gibson, Beaverton OR	53.25%
8/9	Ethan Stein, Irvington NY; Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY	52.66%
8/9	James Breihan - Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX	52.66%
10	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA	52.51%
11	Owen Lien, Hickory NC; Kevin Wilson, Knoxville TN	52.37%

INTERNATIONAL PAIRS THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

SECTION A

A	B	C		A	B	C	
1				69.71%	1		
2	1			57.21%	2		
3				55.77%	3		
4				53.04%	4		
5				52.72%	5		
6				51.44%	6		
	2			42.79%		2	
		1		42.31%			1

SECTION B

A	B	C		A	B	C	
1				61.54%	1		
2	1			58.81%	2		
3				57.05%	3		
4				56.89%	4		
5				52.24%	5/6	1	
6				52.08%	5/6		
	2			43.75%		2	

SECTION C

A	B	C		A	B	C	
1	1			66.99%	1		
2				63.62%	2		
3				60.90%	3	1	
4				54.17%	4		
5	2	1		52.72%	5		
6				52.56%	6/7	2	
	3			47.44%	6/7		

SECTION D

A	B	C		A	B	C	
1				63.54%	1		
2				59.28%	2	1	
3				55.99%	3		
4				55.80%	4	2	
5	1	1		51.63%	5		
6				50.42%	6		
	2			50.33%			1

INTERNATIONAL FUND 299ER THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

SECTION F

A	B	C		A	B	C	
1	1			68.18%	1	1	1
2				66.67%	2	2	
3				57.77%	3		
4	2	1		56.63%	4		
5	3	2		54.55%	5	3	
6	4			53.79%	6	4	2

EDUCATIONAL FUND PAIRS THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

SECTION A

A	B	C		A	B	C	
1				61.86%	1		
2				61.54%	2		
3				61.22%	3		
4				56.89%	4		
5				52.72%	5		
6				51.44%	6	1	
	1			48.40%		2	
	2			43.75%			1
		1		40.71%			

SECTION B

A	B	C		A	B	C	
1				57.85%	1		
2				56.73%	2		
3				56.25%	3		
4	1			55.93%	4		
5				54.81%	5		
6	2	1		53.21%	6	1	
						2	
							1

SECTION C

A	B	C		A	B	C	
1				62.02%	1		
2	1			60.26%	2	1	
3				55.93%	3		1
4				51.28%	4	2	
5				50.96%	5		
6				50.48%	6		
	2			49.20%			
		1		47.44%			

SECTION E

A	B	C		A	B	C	
1				60.23%			
2				59.66%			
3				58.71%			
4				55.49%			
5				55.11%			
6				54.73%			

SECTION G

A	B	C		A	B	C	
1				61.22%			
2				60.10%			
3				58.17%			
4				55.61%			
5				54.49%			
6				50.32%			
				48.08%			

SECTION H

A	B	C		A	B	C	
1				57.69%			
2				56.41%			
3				54.01%			
4				53.85%			
5				52.72%			
6				52.24%			

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION D			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1			67.95%	1				Godfrey Chang - Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI 59.78%
2			61.06%	2				Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; Edward Barlow, Sunnyvale CA 58.33%
3			54.65%	3	1			Don-Min Tsou, Cupertino CA; Y Chen, Fremont CA 55.93%
4			52.40%	4				Lucas Lebioda, Columbia SC; Robert Bitterman, Charlotte NC 54.01%
5			51.76%	5				Harvey Brody, San Francisco CA; Sara Rothmuller, Santa Rosa CA 53.21%
6			50.80%	6/7				Cecil Cook, Long Beach CA; Lowell Andrews, Huntington Bch CA 52.24%
	1		47.12%	6/7				Robert White, Raleigh NC; Michael Kovacich, Stone Mountain GA 52.24%
	2		46.15%		2			Sandra Forsythe, Beaver Creek OH; Joe Handler, Toronto ON 51.92%
		1	45.19%			1		Frank Siffirinn, Canonsburg PA; Robert McGeary Jr, Beaver Falls PA 45.51%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION E			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1			58.81%	1				Chris Moll - Tammy Moll, Raleigh NC 62.66%
2			57.21%	2				Aaron Silverstein - Scott Levine, New York NY 58.97%
3/4			55.77%	3	1	1		Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Marc Seacco, Cleveland OH 56.73%
3/4			55.77%	4				Mark Ehret, Saint Louis MO; Lee Hastings, St Louis MO 56.25%
5			54.33%	5				Pedro leong, Hong Kong Hong Kong; Samuel leong, Mountain View CA 55.61%
6			53.04%	6				Barbara Schultz, Shawnigan Lake BC; Judy Harris, Salmon Arm BC 53.53%
	1		52.40%		2			Richard Brummer, Effingham IL; Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet TN 48.72%
	2		46.47%					

EDUCATION FUND 299ER PAIRS THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION F			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1			57.20%	1				D Abraham, Windsor ON; Edmond Douville, Hobart IN 63.83%
2			56.82%	2	1	1		Sylvia Shi, Baltimore MD; Patrick Frye, Laurel MD 58.33%
3	1		55.30%	3				Carol Olinger, Huntington IN; Brenda Kremp, Jasper IN 56.06%
4	2		54.55%	4				Barbara Newman, Nashville TN; Don Turner, Mt Juliet TN 54.55%
5	3	1	52.27%	5	2			Anne Czuchna - Phyllis Baas, Kalamazoo MI 53.60%
6/7	4/5		51.70%	6				Todd Wille, Atlanta GA; David Wille, Louisville KY 53.03%
6/7	4/5	2	51.70%		3			Rebecca Fewell, Nashville TN; Linda Benedix, Cicero IN 48.11%
					4			Jeannie Beaushaw - William Beaushaw, Pearl River LA 47.16%
						2		Janet Little, Wood River IL; Charlotte Sikes, Bethalto IL 45.64%

N A O P FLIGHT A SECOND FINAL SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION YY			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1			61.68%	1				Lloyd Arvedon, Natick MA; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA 60.71%
2			57.55%	2				Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; John Rayner, Mississauga ON 57.28%
3			56.59%	3				Eric Robinson, New York NY; Michael Kopera, Brooklyn NY 54.26%
4/5			55.08%	4				Ethan Stein, Irvington NY; Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY 54.12%
4/5			55.08%	5				James Breihan - Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX 52.88%
6			54.53%	6				Don Sulgrove - Kathleen Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH 52.06%

N A O P FLIGHT A FIRST QUAL SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS J K			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1			60.56%	1				Ethan Stein, Irvington NY; Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY 62.63%
2			58.02%	2				Gary Roberts, Leawood KS; Craig Schallert, Mission KS 59.60%
3			57.07%	3				Joel Wooldridge - Kevin Bathurst, New York NY 58.15%
4			55.89%	4				Paul Meerschaert, Saint Paul MN; Bob Balderson Jr, Eden Prairie MN 56.29%
5			55.14%	5				Barry Purrington, Eagan MN; Michael Cassel II, Roseville MN 55.79%
6			54.64%	6				Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT 55.50%
7			54.44%	7				Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; John Rayner, Mississauga ON 54.72%
8			53.94%	8				Xiaodong Shi, Naperville IL; David Yang, Darien IL 54.53%
9			53.66%	9				Geoffrey Brod, Palm Beach Gdns FL; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT 54.51%
10			53.60%	10				Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL 53.42%
11			53.57%	11				Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; Edward Barlow, Sunnyvale CA 52.70%
12			53.32%	12				Dave Smith, Walls MS; Brent Manley, Memphis TN 52.52%
13			52.87%	13				Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA 52.09%
14			51.72%	14				Don Sulgrove - Kathleen Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH 52.08%

BALDWIN NAO P FLIGHT A SECOND QUAL SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS J K			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1			70.23%	1				Mark Shaw, Columbia MD; Martin Graf, Chevy Chase MD 64.07%
2			60.38%	2				Robert Giragosian, Bakersfield CA; Warren Cederborg, Visalia CA 63.00%
3			55.46%	3				Joseph Godefrin, Sarasota FL; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL 61.00%
4			54.69%	4				John Zilic, Houston TX; Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX 59.07%
5			54.62%	5				Joe Grue - Shane Blanchard, New York NY 58.18%
6			54.46%	6				Mike Sloan, Jeffersonville IN; Christopher Overpeck, Louisville KY 55.46%
7			53.62%	7				Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO; Milton Zlatic, Saint Louis MO 54.31%
8			53.23%	8				Suzanne Stevenson, Bloomfield MI; Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI 54.11%
9			53.15%	9				Waldemar Frukacz, Gloucester ON; Ron Zambonini, Nepean ON 53.85%
10			53.00%	10				Norman Rubin, Monticello NY; Jonathan Green, Kingston NY 53.66%
11			52.85%	11				Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Lawrence Hicks, Coquitlam BC 53.30%
12			52.62%	12				James Breihan - Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX 53.23%
13/14			52.54%	13				Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI; Edward White, Grand Blanc MI 52.37%
13/14			52.54%	14				Herbert Jordan - Sean Ganness, Miami FL 51.81%

It's Rose Meltzer Day!
By Helene Katz

Formerly from New York, Rose Meltzer earned a graduate degree in chemistry from Columbia University, and did graduate work in piano at the Juilliard School of Music.

The science and music worlds are things of the past – Meltzer’s early interest in bridge blossomed years later, and the bridge world is better for it. Instead of making music performance records, she has set bridge records and has earned many major titles.

While in New York, Meltzer served as unit president and chaired many tournaments. Later, in California, where she and her husband reside, she served on her district and unit boards. She also served on the board of the United States Bridge Federation for four years, chairing its Grievances and Appeals committees.

While serving bridge in an administrative capacity, Meltzer was still earning titles. She is the first woman to win two premier team events the Bermuda Bowl and the Rosenblum Cup. She is also the first woman World Grand Master in World Bridge Federation rankings.

She and her teams have won top-level ACBL competitions as well, including the Vanderbilt and Spingold.

Meltzer is known as an outstanding ambassador for bridge. In 2002, she was selected as the recipient of the Sidney Lazard Jr. Sportsmanship Award. In Orlando, she was chosen to chair the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee.

Several NABCs ago, Meltzer established and continues to host the Breakfast With the Stars (see page 1). It is a highlight event at the tournaments. Among the stars who have hosted – and some who still do – are Zia Mahmood, Mike and Nancy Passell, Shannon Cappelletti, Mike Seamon, David

and Lisa Berkowitz, and Sabine Auken and Daniela von Armin.

The proceeds from the Breakfast with the Stars go to the ACBL Educational Foundation.

Friday's Sponsors

**Dedicated to
Miriam Caghan Davis
1915-2004**

If Miriam Davis had been born 40 years later, I would lay odds that she would be at this bridge tournament. She was definitely born in the wrong time. Strong, independent and smart were not qualities valued in young women of the early 20th Century. Miriam was the fifth child of seven, born from parents who emigrated from Eastern Europe at the turn of the last century. Her mother, equal in intelligence and wit, gave birth to twin boys, two more sons, Miriam, followed by twin sisters at two year intervals. Life was not a cake walk for Miriam Caghan and her large family.

Miriam’s father owned a grocery store, and all the children were required to work. Highly intelligent, she graduated from High School at age 16, despite only attending school half days and working at the store the other half. In those days, there were no calculators, so Miriam began honing her memory skills adding up the cost of goods in her head. Numbers were always her strong suit and strong was her will. Her father deemed that college was unnecessary for women, so at 18 she left her home in Canton, OH and ventured to Cleveland to live with a relative and get a job. Miriam would have been an excellent CPA or Finance major had college been an option. She took secretarial courses and a few years later decided to journey across the U.S. to Southern California. This was a daring journey and very forward thinking for

women of that generation. From the stories I have heard, she fell in love with Southern California and then fell harder for a soldier from Louisville KY. As they say, the rest is history.

While raising three children, Miriam began her weekly bridge game with friends, and monthly couple’s games with the husbands. This would continue for the next 50 plus years. Make no mistake, Miriam was extremely competitive and playing bridge was not merely a social passtime. She was a fierce competitor and played to win. Agitated and impatient with average players, Miriam had no tolerance for mediocrity at the card table. With a gifted photographic memory, by the end of the passing, she had already assessed how the game would go. When she would play couple’s bridge with her husband Jim as her partner, her aggravation level would rise. As he put it, “I played bridge like I played poker — taking changes-gambling a bit- but not Miriam.” His wife played bridge scientifically and with serious calculation and intent to win! You would have loved being her partner!

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- The only gold removed has been very small quantities used to test the purity of gold during regularly scheduled audits. Except for these samples, no gold has been transferred to or from the Depository for many years.
- The gold is held as an asset of the United States at book value of \$42.22 per ounce.
- The Depository opened in 1937; the first gold was moved to the depository in January that year.

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Rose Meltzer Day & Junior Day

Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other	
Saturday-Monday Morning Bracketed KO Teams		1st	Rivue Tower 2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Lonnie Crumes Memorial Side Game		2nd single session	Rivue Tower 2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
<i>Part of the Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series</i>					
ACBL Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams		3rd	Rivue Tower 2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18

Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs		single	Suite Tower Lobby Level Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$17
0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	single		Suite Tower Lobby Level Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$15
Kenneth Riley Bridge-Plus+		single	Suite Tower 2nd Floor Combs Chandler Ballroom	Free	Free
<i>Lesson at 10 a.m., followed by 14 deals at 12:30 p.m.</i>					

Saturday, March 12, 10 & 3 p.m.

Lawler Stratified Daylight Open Pairs		1-2	Suite Tower 3rd Floor French Ballroom	\$16	\$18
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Saturday, March 12, 12:30 p.m.

Bridge-Plus+	single		Suite Tower 2nd Floor Combs Chandler Ballroom	Free	Free
<i>Lesson at 10 a.m., followed by 14 deals at 12:30 p.m.</i>					

Saturday, March 12, 1 p.m.

Miriam C. Davis Side Game		3rd single session	Suite Tower 2nd Floor Exhibition Hall	\$16	\$18
<i>Part of the Friday-Saturday Side Game Series</i>					

Saturday, March 12, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

NABC+ PLATINUM PAIRS		1-2 SF	Suite Tower 2nd Floor Grand Ballroom	\$20	
LEBHAR IMP PAIRS		1-2 F	Suite Tower 2nd Floor Grand Ballroom	\$20	
Stratified Open Pairs (2500+/0-2500)		1-2	Suite Tower 2nd Floor Exhibition Hall	\$16	\$18
Fort Knox Gold Rush 750/300 Pairs		1-2	Suite Tower 2nd Floor Exhibition Hall	\$16	\$18
<i>Gold points for 0-750</i>					
Compact Bracketed KO Teams		1-4	Rivue Tower 3rd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Lenny Schmidt Memorial (Friday-Saturday) Bracketed KO Teams		3-4	Rivue Tower 3rd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18

Saturday, March 12, 3 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs		single	Suite Tower Lobby Level Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single		Suite Tower Lobby Level Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$15

Saturday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.

Strati-Flighted A/X and B/C/D Swiss Teams		single	Rivue Tower 3rd Floor Ballroom	\$15	\$17
Friday-Saturday Side Game Series		4th single session	Suite Tower 2nd Floor Exhibition Hall	\$16	\$18
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams		single	Suite Tower Lobby Level Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs		single	Suite Tower Lobby Level Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$17
0-20 & 0-5 Pairs		single	Suite Tower Lobby Level Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$15

Saturday, March 12, 11:30 p.m.

Zip KO Teams		single	Suite Tower 2nd Floor Exhibition Hall	\$12/team/match	
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Note: Entry for the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams required by 8 p.m. Saturday, March 12.

Unless otherwise noted, Strati-Flighted and Strati-Flighted Senior events are divided: A/X (3000+, 0-3000); separate from B/C/D (1000-2000, 500-1000, 0-500). Strata breaks for Stratified and Stratified Senior events are: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750).

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

- Highest gold holdings this century: 649.6 million ounces (Dec. 31, 1941).
- Size of a standard gold bar: 7 inches x 3 and 5/8 inches x 1 and 3/4 inches.
- Weight of a standard gold bar: approximately 400 ounces or 27.5 pounds.

Kenneth Riley, my father, will turn 100 on Sept. 22, 2011. My dad was the youngest of four boys, and he grew up in Louisville's West End. He had many adventures during a time when kids safely ventured out over great distances. We have always loved hearing his stories about those times that seem remote in so many ways: his stories include wonderful memories of at age 13 paddling a canoe with a friend from Louisville to Frankfort KY; taking a trip with his boy scout troop to Washington DC where he shook hands with Calvin Coolidge; escaping from his home during the 1937 flood in a boat with his father and a parrot. My dad has always worked hard: from shoveling snow and delivering newspapers, to posting on the board at the local stock exchange Stein Brothers, and later to managing A&P stores. He and my mother married in 1937 and will celebrate their 74th anniversary this year. Early in their marriage, they took a big risk when they quit their jobs and bought a ten-cent store when small store owners could thrive with hard work, careful saving, and no megastores. Star 5&10 was a successful venture at 4th and Oak in Louisville. They raised two daughters and now have two granddaughters and two great grandchildren. Dad and my mother continued their adventures by travelling the U.S. with their daughters and then the world together. Golfing adventures include three hole-in-one trophies, and he has always loved playing bridge.

My Dad has taught us to work hard, to have faith, to be caring, cautious, determined; and to remember to laugh. He adores his family and they adore him. I salute you, Dad.

— Sandra Riley Bryant

Dr. John Lawler, a retired surgeon, lives in Evansville IN. He is the president of Unit 193 (southwest Indiana and northwest Kentucky).

Saturday, March 12, 9:00, Lonnie Crumes Memorial Side Game

Alonzo (Lonnie) Crumes was the first African-American machinist south of the Mason-Dixon Line. He was also the first African-American Sales Manager in the south. He worked with me when I was the CEO of Vermont American Corporation and his skill at selling helped make me a success.

He brought me into the American Bridge Associate when it was illegal and helped me make African-American Friends all across this country. Because of Lonnie, my life was greatly enriched.

— Lee Thomas, Lonnie's long time bridge partner.

International Fund

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

Electronic Device Policy

1. For all NABC+ rated events at NABCs: Electronic devices, including but not limited to, phones, cameras, PDAs, and others capable of sending or receiving electronic communication are excluded from the playing areas during any session of play. This does not apply to health-related equipment.

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

3. These restrictions in numbers 1 and 2 above apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, play recorders (except those designated by ACBL) and kibitzers and are in force throughout any actual playing session or segment of play.

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

Today's Bridge Events

Baron Barclay Bridge Supply Day **0-5 Newcomer players play free today**

Friday, March 11, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other	
North Kentucky Side Game <i>Part of the Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series</i>		1st single session	Rivue Tower 3rd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
ACBL Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams		2nd	Rivue Tower 3rd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18

Friday, March 11, 10 a.m.

Verna's Fabulous Friday Crew 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single		Suite Tower Lobby Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$17
Verna's Fabulous Friday Crew 0-20 Pairs	single		Suite Tower Lobby Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$15
Verna's Fabulous Friday Crew 0-5 Pairs	single		Suite Tower Lobby Sampson Ballroom	Free!	Free!

Friday, March 11, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Indianapolis Bridge Club Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2		Suite Tower 3rd Floor French Ballroom	\$16	\$18
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Friday, March 11, 1 p.m.

Friday-Saturday Side Game Series	1st single session		Suite Tower 2nd Floor Exhibition Hall	\$16	\$18
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Friday, March 11, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

NABC+ PLATINUM PAIRS <i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal, 2 final sessions. Pre-qualification required.</i>	1-2 Q		Suite Tower 2nd Floor Grand Ballroom	\$20	
LEBHAR IMP PAIRS <i>2 qualifying sessions, 2 final sessions.</i>	1-2 Q		Suite Tower 2nd Floor Grand Ballroom	\$20	
Stratified Open Pairs	1-2		Suite Tower 2nd Floor Exhibition Hall	\$16	\$18
Lenny Schmidt Memorial (Friday-Saturday) Bracketed KO Teams	1-2		Rivue Tower 3rd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18

Friday, March 11, 3 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single		Suite Tower Lobby Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$17
0-20 Pairs	single		Suite Tower Lobby Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$15
0-5 Pairs	single		Suite Tower Lobby Sampson Ballroom	Free!	Free!

Friday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Side Swiss Teams	single		Rivue Tower 3rd Floor Ballroom	\$15	\$17
Friday-Saturday Side Game Series	2nd single session		Suite Tower 2nd Floor Exhibition Hall	\$16	\$18
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single		Suite Tower Lobby Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single		Suite Tower Lobby Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$17
0-20 Pairs	single		Suite Tower Lobby Sampson Ballroom	\$15	\$15
0-5 Pairs	single		Suite Tower Lobby Sampson Ballroom	Free!	Free!

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

Zip KO Teams	single		Suite Tower 2nd Floor Exhibition Hall	\$12/team/match	
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Note: Entry for the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams required by 8 p.m. Saturday, March 12.

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for Stratified and Stratified Senior events are: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750).

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

Friday's Sponsors

Verna's Fabulous Friday Crew

To earn money to support "Get Lucky in Kentucky" the Spring 2011 NABC, a group of clever cooks organized special lunches for Director Verna Goldberg's Friday game. The Friday players paid for the lunches. All of the players and cooks make up Verna's Fabulous Friday Crew.

Indianapolis Bridge Center

Why has the table count increased 43% from 2002 to 2011? I.B.C. uses pre-dealt hands and the results are posted on their website. The website is 2nd to none, complete with all the schedules for games and classes. You can view hands that the players of the month have posted along with many special events.

The most important reason is the teaching program. Certified teachers have classes for all

levels and there is a mentoring program where more experienced players befriend the newer players and play with them. The best feature however, is the many parties with fun, food, bridge and camaraderie. Visit us at our website www.indianapolisbridge.com or join us in INDY for a game sometime.

Lots more than Gatlinburg

There's still time to make your reservations for April 11-17 at Gatlinburg, Tenn, the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains. These Mid-Atlantic regionals follow, all offering our usual fare: Bracketed knockouts galore, Gold Rush pairs for 0-750 MP players, and hospitality to the max.

• **Richmond, VA, on May 24-30.** There are several Memorial Day regionals, and thanks to a great local newcomer program, this will be the ACBL's largest. Excellent site convenient by air or interstate. Holiday Inn Koger Center (804) 379-3800. Co-chair: Jacki Shuman (804) 307-4304, richmondregional@aol.com

• **Greenville, SC, on June 6-12.** The Heritage Regional is at one of the Mid-Atlantic's nicest venues, with loads of shops and restaurants a short walk out the front door. Lots of alternative lodging nearby. Hyatt Regency (864) 235-1234. Co-chair: Jim Villanueva (864) 322-6153, jaimpevillanueva@aol.com

• **Reston, VA, on June 28-July 4.** Our Nation's Capital regional is one of the longest running attractions in the ACBL. This year it's Northern Virginia's turn to pull out all the stops on player hospitality. Chair: Margot Hennings (703) 560-0245, margot10bridge@cox.net.

• **Hunt Valley, MD, on Aug. 15-21.** New and improved schedule! The countryside outside of Baltimore lures one of the year's largest contingents of East Coast bridge players. Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn (410) 785-7000. Chair: Patricia Wilson (410) 825-7579, valleybridg@cs.com

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