

DAILY



BULLETIN

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Editors: Brent Manley and Dave Smith

Meet Your TDs

ACBL's Tournament Director Appreciation is going on during this tournament. Check this space each day to meet one of the TDs working at the Fall NABC.



Quick, guess which tournament director working at the Fall NABC is a former Midget, a former Savage and currently a licensed funeral director.

If your choice was Sam Stoxen of Bismarck ND, you are a winner.

Also, if you thought the photo accompanying this article was TD Chris Patrias of the St. Louis area, you're in good company. The two are often mistaken for each other.

As for being a former Midget, that was the nickname of Stoxen's high school team. At Dickinson State University, the team name was Savages until the Native Americans picketed to get it changed. ("They're now the Blue Hawks," he says with a grimace.)

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Berkowitz-Cohen lead Blue Ribbon

David Berkowitz and Larry Cohen, perennial contenders in ACBL matchpoint events, are leading the field going into the final two sessions of play in the Blue Ribbon Pairs. Right behind in second place are the father-son partnership of Richard Pavlicek and Richard Pavlicek Jr. Eddie Wold and Mark Lair are third.

Morgan and Harris cruise to Mini-Blue Ribbon win

A three-year partnership, Jacob Morgan and Marty Harris, put together four good sessions to win the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs by more than two and one-half boards.

Standing fifth after day one, they had 61% in the first final which boosted them to the lead. They followed up with 59% in the final session.

The pair has been successful lately, winning the Red Ribbon Pairs in Reno in 2004, placing second in the Open Swiss at the Atlanta NABC



Marty Harris and Jacob Morgan

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Buckman's plan for 2006: honor ACBL's teachers

Of all the presidents the ACBL has had through the years, Harriette Buckman may have the most varied resume. She has literally done it all – caddy, tournament director, bridge teacher – not to mention a host of different administrative jobs from the club level to the ACBL Board of Directors.

As ACBL President for 2006, Buckman plans to take all that experience on the road in a campaign to acknowledge the great contribution of ACBL's bridge teachers. 2006, she says, will be the Year of the Teacher.

Teaching, after all, is her first love – and it has been through teaching bridge that she gets the most satisfaction from the game.

"Our teachers are the least acknowledged group in the ACBL," she says. "They not only teach bridge, they instill a love of the game in their students, and they push these players through the doors of our clubs."

Buckman says that she plans a series of dinners for bridge teachers during her travels in 2006, with the price of admission being a bridge

tip – on bidding, play or anything one teacher might wish to share with others.

At the end of the year, Buckman says, she plans to put all the tips in a book. She has asked the American Bridge Teachers Association to help with the project.

"I want to energize our teachers," she says, "and I want them to know that the ACBL appreciates them and cares about them."

ACBL's new president has come a long way from her start in bridge more than five decades ago, when she worked as a caddy at an NABC in Chicago in the late Forties. "That may make me the caddy of longest standing in the organization," she says, quickly adding, "Notice I didn't say oldest!"



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When do fish sleep?

Imponderable. Adjective from Latin. Incapable of being weighed or evaluated with exactness.

Do elephants jump? Where does the caffeine go? These are called imponderables by bridge player and author David Feldman.



David Feldman

For the last 10 years, he has written a series of books that answer questions such as these.

With his busy writing schedule, Feldman doesn't get to attend as many NABCs as he would like. Most of his books are published about this time of the year, just before the holiday season. "I was able to come to Denver, because my latest book was already in hard cover this year," he explains.

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Senior KO enters semifinal round

Teams captained by Tony Kasday, Alan Stout, Morris Chang and James Murphy – all blowout winners in the round of eight – are in the semifinal round of the Senior Knockout Teams. The event concludes on Friday.

Today's matchups are Kasday versus Stout and Chang versus Murphy.

The final margins for all the winners were impressive.

Kasday took care of Gaylor Kasle 158-100, Stout dispatched Bruce Reeve 139-80, Chang ousted Richard DeMartino 166-110 and Murphy knocked out Joyce Sillins 176-117.

The Chang team were the only winners trailing at any point. They were down 32-22 after a quarter, but they stormed back with a 69-11 second quarter and cruised from there.

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Tables adding up

Table count at the 2005 Fall NABC jumped by 1518.5 from yesterday's numbers and, through Wednesday evening, stood at 7464.5 with four days to go. The target of 10,000 to 10,500 is still looking good.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 27

Noon – 5 p.m. Vugraph. *Location: TBA*
7 p.m. – midnight Vugraph. *Location: TBA*

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Thursday, Nov. 24

12:15 p.m. **Garey Hayden**, *So You Want to be a Better Player*
6:45 p.m. **Michael Huston**, *Unmanageable Hands*

Saturday, Nov. 26

12:15 p.m. **Bruce Greenspan**, *Bruce's Top Ten*
6:45 p.m. **Jeff Roman**, *Game Tries*

Friday, Nov. 25

12:15 p.m. **Haig Tchamitch**, *Jacoby 2NT*
6:45 p.m. **Zeke Jabbour**, *Winsome & Loathsome*

LATE NIGHT / ENTERTAINMENT

All nightly entertainment will be held in Grand Ballroom.

Friday, November 25

10:30 p.m. **WHAT DO OPERA SINGERS AND BAKED POTATOES HAVE IN COMMON?** Nothing that we know of, but they will be entertaining us and filling our tummies in the Grand Ballroom following the evening session. Opera singers from the Lamont School of Music at Denver University will be on hand to wow you with their vocal breadth.

One potato, two potato, three potato pie. Carmen, Rigoletto and Madame Butterfly. Don't miss the fun in the Grand Ballroom following the evening session. There is

significance in having Opera singers on this day. Dan Mordecai loved the opera, hence the entertainment on Dan Mordecai Day.

Saturday, November 26 th

10:30 p.m. **SHAVE AND A HAIR CUT...TWO BITS**
Barbershops were a great place for hair cuts, and they also spawned the Barbershop Quartet, tonight's entertainment in the Grand Ballroom. Harmony Emporium will delight with their a capella performances that take you back to an era when pure musical talent made you stop and take notice. Join us after the evening session to hear harmony at its best, and enjoy a soft, stuffed pretzel snack.

Notice to section top winners

Section top awards are available for first in any strat or first overall.

Yesterday, some of the "Silverton" awards were accidentally mixed in with the Columbines. If you received one of the Silvertons, please return to the Section Top Desk for an exchange.

Goodwill Message

Today's opponent may be tomorrow's partner – and that's a good reason to treat your opponents and partners with respect and courtesy: the way you expect to be treated.

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman
National Goodwill Committee



Online Junior profiles

Junior players are invited to fill out a form to be featured on the new "Bridge is Cool" website. These will become part of the "Meet the Players" Spotlight section of the site.

Pick up a form at the ACBL Bulletin Office in Director's Row H.

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.

Ellis Tamales

We would like to thank Ellis Tamales for sponsoring the Stratified Open Pairs on November 24. Centennial Specialty Foods are known for a century of great Southwestern products. The hand-made tamales have been a Colorado favorite for generations.

Chair massage

Got a kink in your neck? Stiff back muscles? (Bridge can do that, you know.) There are massage therapists on hand in Denver near the playing areas to provide chair massages for a minimal fee.

Look for the funny looking chairs that don't look like chairs, and sit down for a relief session you'll be sure to return to time and time again. It's well worth the recommended \$5 tip for seven minutes.

Parking Discount at the Adam's Mark

The discounted parking rate for ACBL players is \$11 all day, no in and out privileges. (The regular rate is \$15.) Be sure to pick up a pink coupon at the ACBL Registration Desk to get the discount.

Parking after 6 p.m. and on weekends is only \$5.

Restaurant Specials for Bridge Players

The following restaurants are offering specials for bridge players during the tournament. Unless otherwise noted, just show your convention card and mention you are from the NABC to receive the special deals.

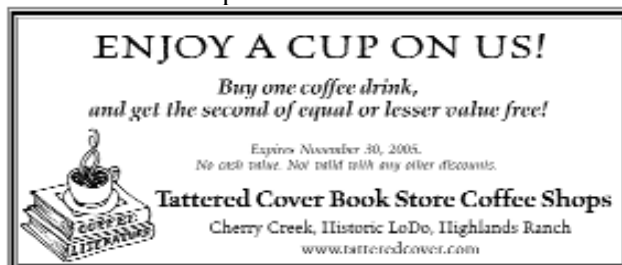
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2355 E. 3rd Avenue
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Complimentary dessert with each entrée.

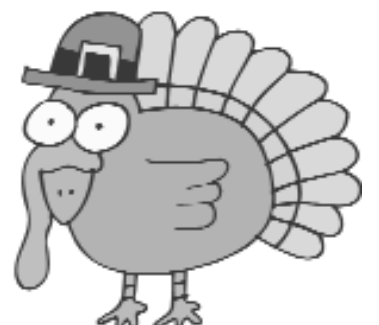
Tattered Cover Coffee Shop
303-322-7727
2955 E. 1st Avenue
Bookstore, Cherry Creek area
Buy one, get one free on coffee drinks through Nov. 30 with coupon.



Thanksgiving Day Restaurant Specials at the Adam's Mark

From 9 a.m.–noon, breakfast will be offered in the Supreme Court. From 10 a.m.–3 p.m., a Thanksgiving Buffet will be available in the Trattoria Colorado for \$29.95. From 4–8 p.m., a special ACBL deal for the Thanksgiving Buffet will be available in the Trattoria Colorado for \$21.95.

Seating is limited, so make your Thanksgiving Day Buffet reservations before Thursday, Nov. 24. Call 303-626-2537 or for those staying in the Adam's Mark, ext. 2537.





JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Dangerous Opponents

By Lynn Berg

While it is true that our opponents always try to be dangerous, it helps when planning the play of the hand to figure out which is the dangerous opponent. As you plan the play of a trump contract, you usually count losers and look for ways to eliminate them. In notrump, count winners and look for more. But your opponents have a game plan, too, and you must take care to protect your contract from their plans.

You have opened 1NT with what looks like a good spade stopper: K-J-9. A spade is led, and dummy produces the ♠7 6. You play low and third hand plays the 10, so you win the Jack. Do you know which opponent is the dangerous one? Although your left-hand opponent has the spade length, it is the right-hand opponent who is dangerous. If lefty wins a trick in another suit, he can't lead a spade without giving you another trick in the suit. But lefty's partner, upon winning a trick, can lead through your spade holding and defeat your contract if LHO started with more than four spades.

You can have dangerous opponents in trump contracts, too. Your right-hand opponent has bid hearts, and you end up playing the contract in spades. Lefty leads the ♥A and you chuckle to yourself: you have ♥K 7 2. LHO continues hearts and you win the king. Now who's dangerous? Surely not the fellow with the doubleton heart but rather his partner, who can lead hearts and give partner a ruff.

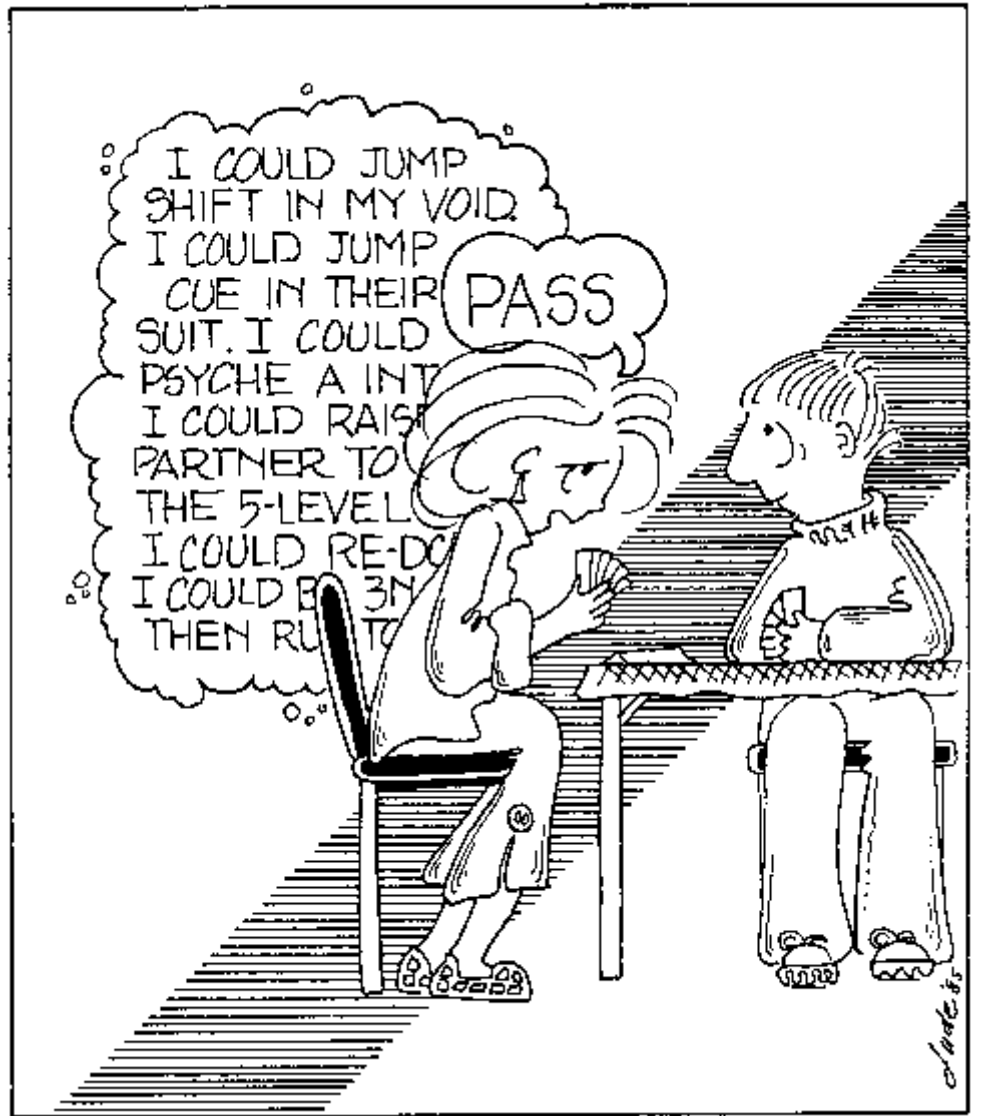
Check out this deal. You are in 3NT.

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

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

You are lucky and get a heart opening lead to the 9, 10, and your king. Your luck continues as you cash the two top diamonds and find them 2-2. You have counted your winners: five diamonds, a heart, two spades for sure. Another spade trick and you have your nine. This is a two-way finesse—you can lead up to the 10 or lead the 10 to finesse. It would seem easier to play the ace and then lead the 10, but that would let righty, the dangerous opponent, in if the finesse loses.

You must stop cashing the diamonds while in dummy and lead to



the ♠10 in your hand (unless RHO produces the queen when you play dummy's ♠7 – very unlikely). If the finesse wins, cash the ♠A and return to dummy with a diamond to cash your ninth trick. If the ♠Q falls, you have an overtrick. If the finesse of the ♠10 loses, lefty can't hurt you in hearts and he can't get his partner in. If RHO has the ♣A, he can get in and return a heart, but you can't help that. You are always on for 3NT when LHO has the ♣A.

The opening lead should be like an air raid siren to you—alerting you of dangers ahead. Always stop for a minute and think about what you know from the bidding and the lead. And remember to ask yourself, Which of my opponents is the dangerous one on this deal?

Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

Dir: East ♠ A 6 4
 Vul: None ♥ A K 10 3 2
 ♦ K 10
 ♣ 7 6 4

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

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ Q 9 8 5
 ♦ A J 5
 ♣ J 3 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Opening lead: ♣A (ace from A-K-x at trick one).

Bidding commentary: Routine, though a case could be made for a passed-hand 2NT response with the South hand, a response that actually leads to a good 3NT contract.

Defensive commentary: West signals encouragement with the ♣9, the higher equal, (important), and East continues with the ♣K and a club to West's queen. West exits with the ♠10.

Play commentary: North has lost three tricks and is faced with a spade loser. On the

plus side, North has a two-way finesse for the ♦Q. If North can work out who has the ♦Q, the contract can be made. Mirror, mirror on the wall, who has the fairest queen of all? Any clues? You bet. East, a passed hand, has turned up with the ♣A K and is marked with the ♠Q J from the bidding and West's lead of the ♠10. That gives East 10 HCP. If East had the ♦Q as well, he would have opened the bidding. Ergo, West has the missing lady.

Further play commentary: North wins the ♠A, draws trumps, ending in dummy, and leads a low diamond to the 10. Success! The ♦K is cashed, dummy entered with a spade, and the losing spade goes on the ♦A. Contract made.

Assume a passed hand has fewer than 12 HCP. If a passed hand turns up with 10 HCP, assume that hand has no other queen, king or ace.

If you are interested in purchasing the Thinking Bridge deals in sets of 100, contact Eddie Kantar at ekbridge@earthlink.net.

National 99er Pairs

Play begins on Friday in the two-session National 99er Pairs. The event, restricted to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints, offers gold points as part of the masterpoint award for the winners.

If you have questions about the event, ask one of the tournament directors in the IN section.



Ardy Alexander of Hutchinson KS traveled to the NABC in Denver to take the club director's test, and she stayed for a few days to get some on-the-job training in the Intermediate/Newcomer games with veteran TD Priscilla Smith. Alexander plans to work at her local club. She has been playing bridge since 1992.

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- 3 10.94 Diane Newsom, Avon CO
- 4 10.94 Mary Calise, Cordillera CO
- 5 10.76 Susan Reiley, Great Falls MT
- 6 10.61 Mary Hess, Denver CO
- 7 10.54 Judith Cozzens, Littleton CO
- 8 10.18 Margaret De Young, Incline Village NV
- 9 10.18 Howard De Young, Incline Village NV
- 10 10.03 Duval Prey Jr, Denver CO
- 11 9.93 Cyndi Sauvage, Englewood CO
- 12 9.42 Mary Ann Bond, Fargo ND
- 13 9.30 Pamela Elsner, Avon CO
- 14 9.22 Jeannette Hallquist, Charlottesville VA
- 15 9.18 David Robinson, Denver CO
- 16 9.18 Barbara Robinson, Denver CO
- 17 9.16 Connie Weed, Fargo ND
- 18 9.04 Patricia Weinberg, Centennial CO
- 19 9.04 Roger Miller, Centennial CO
- 20 8.75 Mary Staahl, Fargo ND
- 21 8.75 Barbara Johnson, Fargo ND
- 22 8.67 Bruce Miller, Ignacio CO
- 23 8.63 Robert Kleinman, Vail CO
- 24 8.63 Madelaine Kleinman, Vail CO
- 25 8.57 Louis Bagala, Colorado Spring CO
- 26 8.57 Mike Nussbaum, Colorado Spgs CO
- 27 8.47 Susan Wong, Monument CO
- 28 8.42 Marcia Anderson, Colorado Spgs CO
- 29 8.24 Kathryn Sutherland, Surprise AZ
- 30 8.24 Fred Sutherland, Surprise AZ
- 31 8.21 Alice Klesinger, Denver CO
- 32 8.14 Ernest Elsner, Avon CO
- 33 7.88 Luke Dwyer, Boston MA
- 34 7.88 Melissa Parkin, Boston MA
- 35 7.54 James Tunnell, San Francisco CA
- 36 7.54 Gayle Tunnell, San Francisco CA
- 37 7.53 Charles Anderson, Denver CO
- 38 7.42 Earl Hill, Surprise AZ
- 39 7.42 Mildred Williams, Centennial CO
- 40 7.42 Dave Kuschel, Minot ND
- 41 7.41 Susan Lambe, Glenview IL
- 42 7.41 Virginia Marr, Fargo ND
- 43 7.30 Flora More, Ann Arbor MI
- 44 7.30 Keith More, Ann Arbor MI
- 45 7.27 Dale Collinson, Chevy Chase MD
- 46 7.27 Susan Collinson, Oak Bluffs MA
- 47 7.18 Deborah Crisfield, Summit NJ
- 48 7.15 Pauline Spaulding, Kenai AK
- 49 7.15 Gordon Spaulding, Kenai AK
- 50 7.13 Michael Lattyak, Westchester IL

Buckman

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Buckman played her first duplicate game at age 15 with her father, a gifted tournament player. "I have been enjoying the game since I took out my first membership in 1950," she says.

A lifelong resident of Chicago, Buckman earned a degree in education from Northern Illinois University and taught middle school for 22 years – "sixth through eighth grade," she says, "and I have all the scars to prove it." She had to give up teaching because of the onset of asthma.

After graduation from college, Buckman married Bob Hirsch, a Life Master with whom she had two daughters, Lauren and Karen. Hirsch died in 1989 and she married Fred Buckman in 1990, prompting her daughter to ask if she could ever be married to a non-bridge player.

"My answer," she says, "had a lot to do with Fred's being the most patient, understanding fellow in the world, since my vocation, avocation, volunteerism and passion are all tied up in the game."

Her days as a teacher, Buckman says, helped her learn to juggle many tasks at once and do a good job with all of them.

She has always been one to take a leadership role in whatever she undertakes, starting with a seventh-grade girls' club way back when.

As a player, she naturally gravitated to the administrative side of the game, although her teaching career and family obligations limited her participation early on.

In the mid-Seventies, she started a newcomer game that grew to 20 tables. Later she added an open game that she ran successfully for 20 years.

In the early Eighties she was recruited by the late National TD Bobbie Shipley to become a tournament director. She held that job for three

years, but gave it up when she had an opportunity to become a member of the Chicago unit board. She held a variety of jobs with the Chicago unit, including president in 1990-91.

In 1998, Buckman was elected to the ACBL Board of Directors to represent District 13, "and what a learning experience this has been," she says. "Among the things I learned was that tapping into my administrative and organizational experiences as a classroom manager would serve me well on the ACBL Board."

Since joining the ACBL Board, Buckman has served as chair of the search committee that brought ACBL Counsel Peter Rank on board. She also chaired the committee that revised the Grand National Teams/North American Pairs format and returned them to grass-roots events, and is ACBL's liaison with the American Bridge Association.

When she first joined the ACBL board, she says, she never thought about being ACBL President. Her husband Fred's recent retirement, however, opened the door for her to take on the job, and she is excited to have a chance to pursue what she considers a highly important mission.

"I think the President should find a project that suits him or her," she says.

On the state of the game, Buckman says she believes that the ACBL is serving the members better today than ever. "Technology is a big part of that," she says, "but we are a more service-friendly organization now."

Buckman maintains an optimistic view of the future of bridge and the ACBL. "For a long time duplicate has gotten a bad rap as unfriendly and too tough," she says. "I believe Zero Tolerance and Active Ethics have made a difference in those areas."

ACBL's new President says she thrilled that the 2006 Summer NABC will be in Chicago. "I'm really energized to be able to welcome the bridge community back to a truly world-class city that has something to offer everyone."

Denver Art Museum

The Denver Art Museum is a two-block walk from the Adam's Mark Hotel and offers not only tours, but a quiet respite from the harried nature of our days.

Discounted tickets are available in limited quantities at the Information Desk. Adult tickets are \$5 and Senior tickets \$3, and are valid through Aug. 2006.

If you're playing in the 1 & 7:30 p.m. events, you'll have plenty of time to visit the museum before bridge. For the 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. players, the DAM is open late on Wednesday.

Their hours are: Monday (closed); Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday: noon to 5 p.m.

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All tours meet in the 1st floor elevator lobby. Free with admission; no reservations needed.

Free coffee

All those playing in the 10 & 3 Senior pairs are invited to complimentary coffee and pastries beginning at 9:30 a.m. near the playing area of the 10 & 3 games.

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Bridge Today Daily

Don't be a turkey

By Matthew Granovetter

This deal comes from the Board-a-Match Teams earlier this week.

Dlr: East ♠ A K J
 Vul: N-S ♥ 10
 ♦ K J 10 7 6 2
 ♣ A 9 7

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

♠ Q 3 2
 ♥ A K Q 9 7
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ J 4 2

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

West led the ♠8.

First a word about the bidding. South was light and should have rebid 2♥. North was heavy but understood the 2NT bid as a minimum.

South led a spade and declarer won in hand to take the diamond finesse. East-West usually play Smith echo in this situation, where the ♦9 would show interest in the suit led (spades). In this case, it's obvious that West has no interest in spades and, therefore, the more important suit-preference message applied. Notice that count in diamonds was irrelevant as well, with all those entries in dummy. The ♦9 would have been suit-preference for hearts, while the ♦4 showed a preference for clubs.

East, therefore, won the ♦Q and shifted to a club. Declarer played low and ducked when West put in the 10. Declarer also ducked the next club lead, winning the third round. At that point, he led the ♦K. Luckily for him, East had no more clubs, so the contract made on the nose.

In the postmortem after the game, however, upon examining the hand-records, West looked up from his drink and said to East, "We should have beaten this contract."

East pointed to the place on the hand-record where Deep Finesse, the double-dummy software program, stated that nine tricks can always be made against best defense. West said, "Don't be a turkey. And don't be a computer! All you have to

do is win the first diamond trick with the ace."

Indeed, after a club return, declarer will win the first round of clubs, playing for 12 tricks. He'll cash four heart tricks and take another diamond finesse. East then wins the queen and the defenders cash three clubs for down one.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Because of an oversight, the Wednesday Bridge Today Daily did not appear yesterday. It is therefore included below as a bit of lagniappe.

By Pamela Granovetter

I was East in the first session of the Board-a-Match Teams this Sunday, and didn't see the right play until I awoke later from a dream. I was East.

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

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

♠ Q 5
 ♥ K 9 4
 ♦ A J 8 5 4
 ♣ A J 6

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

Opening lead: ♥5.

After a heart lead was won in dummy, and the diamond finesse lost to the king, my partner switched to the ♠9, ducked to my king.

I returned the ♣5. Declarer played the ♣6 and my partner won the queen. That was three tricks, and all we could get was the ♥A for minus 600.

Between sessions I took a nap, and when I woke up I realized that I should have played the ♣10. Have you ever seen this play before? On the return of the ♣10, declarer is finished. If she plays the jack, West can win and play her other club honor, establishing a trick for my 8. Isn't that a neat position?

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Notice to National Appeals Committee members

Because the Senior Knockouts begin at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., appeals will likely be held at 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. while the other national contests are in session.

Members of the National Appeals Committee who are not playing on Thursday in the Blue Ribbon Final should please check with Barry Rigal in room 112 or with the director in Plaza Court 1-4 at 2 p.m. and/or 8 p.m. to see if any appeals are pending.

Section tops

Players who win section tops or overall awards may claim their prizes at the Registration Desk. Prizes may be claimed during regular Registration Desk hours on any day following the section top/overall victory.

Ken and Bonnie of the prize desk have lost a Kodak camera. A reward is available.

Zia leads Player of the Year race

Zia has surged into the lead for POY honors, overtaking Eric Greco. Zia, a resident of New York City, won the Life Master Open Pairs earlier this week. He now has 550.56 platinum masterpoints.

Unofficially, Geoff Hampson, of Los Angeles, has 522.75 to move into second place. Greco, Philadelphia, has 516.97 closely followed by David Berkowitz, Highland Beach FL, and Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL, with 516.57. Last year's winner, Jeff Meckstroth, has 421.68 masterpoints.

Points that count for the race are those won in NABC+ events throughout a calendar year. There are many masterpoints left to be won.

The Blue Ribbon Pairs will end today and likely will alter these standings.

The Reisinger Board-a-Match teams offers 250 points to the winner and is the last event of the year. Thus, it often decides the race.

Feldman

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"I started playing bridge in high school. Three of my friends and I played poker, but we got bored with it and decided to learn bridge." Feldman describes playing duplicate bridge in Las Angeles at that time as "incredibly exciting." He tells about going to the local game and playing against Charles Goren, who lived in LA at that time, as well as a list of other players that reads like a who's who of bridge.

"When I went to college I continued to play bridge in the student union," he says. There he majored in literature with an emphasis on Russian literature.

Feldman says he loves the esthetics of bridge. "Michael Rosenberg uses deductive reasoning. He can take a problem and solve it. I work the other way," he explains. "I use inductive reasoning." He says that he can work from certain situation or circumstances and reach a general conclusion from that. "I have a great curiosity and like to find answers to questions or problems by focusing on it."

Trying to find answers to puzzles was what led him to become a best-selling author. "I was working for NBC in New York City (now Feldman's home). One Saturday I went grocery shopping and began looking at the nutrition information on the cereal boxes. I was struck by the fact that all of them had exactly 110 calories," Feldman says. "How could Kellogg's Frosted Flakes have the same number as regular corn flakes?" he wondered. Surely the sugar coating would cause them to have more.

On the way home, he began to think more about the answer to this and it came to him that this and similar questions could be a book. The word "imponderables" also came to mind. Aha, he thought, this is a book title.

Since then, 10 books have followed. Feldman has built a loyal following of readers who send in "imponderables" to him to be included in future books. A board game, Malarkey, has been marketed and is based on the same concept — answers to questions similar to those found in his books.

When not able to play bridge in person, Feldman often plays online. One of his regular partners is another author, James Gleick, who no longer lives in New York City. The Internet is the perfect solution for a long-distance partnership. "I am friends with Uday Ivatury and his wife. We play on Bridge Base. I also try and attend the New York regionals," he says.

Can you guess what the name of Feldman's web site is? It's no surprise that it is www.imponderables.com.

Stoxen

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Stoxen is a part-time TD, so he has a full-time job with the state of North Dakota working with computers. After graduating from Dickinson, Stoxen moved to Montana, where he taught high school and coached every sport at the small school.

Just when he was granted tenure at the high school, Stoxen took off for Oregon, where he went to funeral directors' school. He plied that trade for about four years before returning to North Dakota.

Stoxen started bridge as a youngster — "I learned math from cards," he said — and played in college, including some duplicate. When he moved back to North Dakota from Oregon he learned directing to help out at a local club.

One day, he arrived at a sectional in Dickinson planning to play, and the director-in-charge, the late Dale Egholm, greeted Stoxen with a question: "Did you get the letter from the ACBL?"

"What letter?" said Stoxen.

"The tournament is bigger than we expected," said Egholm. "You're directing."

Stoxen enjoys working as a TD: "It's a different challenge."

As for the funeral director's license, he acknowledges that "it has rarely come in handy during a bridge tournament."

The 78% solution

At the 2005 Spring NABC in Pittsburgh, something occurred that had the bridge world buzzing. In the first qualifying session of the Silodor Open Pairs I, Italy's Alfredo Versace, playing with George Jacobs of Hindsdale IL, had game that seems inconceivable in such a strong field.

On a 25 top, the two scored 78.31%.

Accurate records of big games do not exist, but the score achieved by Jacobs and Versace might well be the biggest ever in a national event.

The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge listed a score of 77.4% by S. Garton Churchill and partner. Eric Murray was credited with a huge game once but none other than Bart Bramley determined that this game eked it out for the record.

Remarkably, of the 26 boards played by Versace and Jacobs, not one was below average – or even average, for that matter. Their worst score was a 13, half a matchpoint above average.

Naturally, Jacobs and Versace said “we got lucky,” but a review of the game shows that there were many good bids and plays involved.

Jacobs and Versace are not strangers to big games. Two years ago, playing in the final of the Victor Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams with different partners (Versace with Lorenzo Lauria, Jacobs with Ralph Katz), they posted a score of 21.5 out of 26 (82.69%). Jacobs and Versace have played five times as partners in the Blue Ribbon Pairs with finishes of third, 10th, 14th twice and one time out of the money.

Here's a review of some of their boards.

They started against many-time world champions Nick Nickell and Dick Freeman with their worst round, only 16.5 and 13.5.

Check out board 9.

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

Playing Board 9 involves a guess to make 4♠, which Versace got right, but getting there is not easy. After East opened with 1♦, Versace overcalled 1♠, and Jacobs bid 3♠ over the negative double with a lone jack as his high-card assets – he did have four trumps – and nothing could stop Versace from bidding game, which was cold.

On the next board they right-sided a 4♠ contract to get another good board. The round was one of eight times they scored more than 40 points out of 50.

Board 11 was frightening as Versace was doubled in 3♥ and looking at six losers.

Dlr: South	♠ K 10 5		
Vul: None	♥ K J 8 5		
	♦ K Q J 6		
	♣ 10 3		
♠ 9 4 3		♠ A Q J 2	
♥ A 10 7		♥ —	
♦ 9 5 4 2		♦ A 10 8 3	
♣ J 8 5		♣ A Q 6 4 2	
	♠ 8 7 6		
	♥ Q 9 6 4 3 2		
	♦ 7		
	♣ K 9 7		
West	North	East	South
	Jacobs		Versace
Pass	1♦	Dbl	1♥
Pass	2♥	Dbl	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Who knows how long East might have kept doubling if given the chance. His third double was

passed out, however, and Versace had to make nine tricks in hearts.

West led a low club to the ace and a club was returned, won by South's king. Versace led his diamond to the king and ace and, with no trump to return, East was helpless. Versace was able to discard two spades on good diamonds and lost only four aces. It does no good to duck the diamond – Versace would simply ruff out the ace, and declarer would lose two spades and two other aces. Plus 530 was worth 24 out of 25.

On board 12, Versace and Jacobs created a bit of bad luck for the opponents.

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

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

A diamond contract produces 11 tricks. Only nine were available in spades. Minus 140 was good for 16.5 matchpoints.

On board 13, there was good news and bad news for Jacobs and Versace. The good news is they kept their opponents out of a making partial. The bad news is that they got to play 1NT with only six tricks. Jacobs needed to play like a man who had seven tricks in the bank and was just looking for some more. He did and plus 90 got 16.6 more.

Curiously, the 78% game featured only one cold top – on board 27 – when Jacobs and Versace bid to a no-play 4♠ but saw the opponents take a phantom save in 5♥, down three doubled for plus 500.

How would you and your favorite partner bid these two hands, with South starting first?

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Versace's splinter in his singleton ace was designed, most likely, to deflect an opening lead from the other minor. At IMPs it wouldn't have mattered, but the two were chagrined that they didn't get to the top spot of 7NT, thereby leaving 6 more matchpoints on the table.

How about this to tell when it is your day?

Board 2 was a tragic error with a happy ending;

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

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

The 2♣ bid in the Jacobs-Versace methods is forcing because it might show a strong hand. East's jump to 3♦ seemed to gum up the works for Jacobs and Versace, who considered his 3♥ bid 100% forcing if Jacobs had the better hand. Jacobs, however, thought Versace would have doubled 3♦ if he held a decent hand himself. At any rate, some pairs did game, but game is not possible on the lie of the cards, so Jacobs - Versace came out with another 16.5 matchpoints.

How about this tightrope act on board 3?

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

	♠ 10		
	♥ K 10 6 3		
	♦ Q 10 8 7 6 5 3		
	♣ 3		
West	North	East	South
	Jacobs		Versace
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♠	Dbl	Pass	Dbl
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

A diamond slam is no problem with the trump jack falling, but they ended in the precarious contract of 4♥. On a club lead, Versace would have had to go down, but West led a spade, resulting in plus 480 for North-South, good for 22 out of 25 matchpoints.

Board 1 saw Jacobs make a nice play to make 3♠ and receive 19 matchpoints. This hand was reported in the Daily Bulletin and gave credit to Versace for an inspired bid as well.

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

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

Versace's 2NT bid was intended as a spade raise, but Jacobs thought it was showing the minors. He passed when Versace corrected to their 10-card fit.

After East cashed two hearts and shifted to the ♣Q, Jacobs played the ♠Q, letting it ride, then another spade to the king and ace. He then played a diamond from dummy, ducking when West put up the queen. Jacobs won the club return, cashed the

♦A ace and exited with a diamond. East, down to all red cards, was forced to give a ruff-sluff, and Jacobs' club loser went away. Plus 140 was worth 19 matchpoints.

Here is Versace at the helm on board 15. No wonder Jacobs always puts him in game.

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

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

♠ 10 4
 ♥ A K J 5 2
 ♦ K J
 ♣ A J 9 7

West	North <i>Jacobs</i>	East	South <i>Versace</i>
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Again, the 2♣ bid shows either a minimum, in which case the bid is natural, or it can be artificial showing 16 or more high-card points. Jacobs showed at least 8 HCP with an artificial 2♦, and Versace bid 2NT, denying three spades and showing a 15-17 opener. Jacobs, who thought they had extras and the best declarer in the world, made the matchpoint bid of 3NT, a decision that was soon rewarded.

Versace won the opening diamond lead with the jack as East made a nice play by ducking. As Versace ran the hearts, he took note that East played the 10 followed by the low one. To Versace this looked like a man signaling for spades. So he cashed three diamonds, five hearts, then played the ♣K and a club to the ace. Now, when he led a spade, East was forced to win and give declarer a spade in the end. Making 11 tricks was worth 24 out of 25.

On board 21, Jacobs and Versace got to 4♥ on 21 HCP and were doubled. Versace brought it home for plus 790 and 24 matchpoints.

On board 25, it was Jacobs' turn at the wheel.
 Dlr: North ♠ A J 3
 Vul: E-W ♥ A K 3 2
 ♦ A 6 3
 ♣ 10 9 6

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

♠ 9 5 2
 ♥ Q
 ♦ Q 10 9
 ♣ A K 8 7 5 4

West	North <i>Jacobs</i>	East	South <i>Versace</i>
			3NT
All Pass	1NT	Pass	

East led a diamond, taken in dummy. He won the ♦9, cashed the two high clubs, unblocking from hand, then cashed the ♥Q, played a diamond to his ace, cashed the top two hearts, pitching spades from dummy, then returned to dummy with a club to run those winners. This was the position near the end.

♠ A J ♠ K 10
 ♥ 3 ♥ —
 ♦ — ♦ K
 ♣ — ♣ —

♠ Q 8 ♠ K 10
 ♥ J ♥ —
 ♦ — ♦ K
 ♣ — ♣ —

♠ 9
 ♥ —
 ♦ Q
 ♣ 8

On the play of the ♣8, West must discard a

spade or Jacobs' ♥3 is good. Jacobs pitches the ♥3 and the pressure shifts to East, who must also discard a spade to keep the ♦Q from scoring. Jacobs took the 13th trick with the ♠J for plus 520 and 22 matchpoints.

There were other breaks for Jacobs and Versace, who watched one declarer with a side suit of three to the ace opposite six to the Q-10 play low to the queen, losing to the singleton king and later to the jack as well.

When the burners came out after 11 rounds, Jacobs and Versace had a game of 78.20% – and it went up over the next two rounds.

They had only four minus scores, for which they received a total of 73 matchpoints out of a possible 100. None of their minuses came on boards they played.

Also of interest, of course, is the fact that they didn't win the event. They were second.

Denver 1978: a look back continued

Yesterday some funny stories and bridge hands were presented from the last time an NABC was held in Denver. Here are some more well-played hands from 1978.

Diamonds are a girl's best friend

Brenda Keller managed to take 11 tricks in diamonds on this layout from the first session of the Blue Ribbon Pairs and it wasn't because of weak defense. The defenders were Ron Andersen and David Berkowitz.

Dlr: South ♠ 7 6
 Vul: None ♥ J 9 7 5
 ♦ K J 5
 ♣ K 9 5 2

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

♠ K J 10 4 2
 ♥ K 10 2
 ♦ 8
 ♣ Q 10 7 4

West <i>Donaldson</i>	North <i>Berkowitz</i>	East <i>Keller</i>	South <i>Andersen</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Andersen got off to the club lead and Keller won the ace and ruffed a club. She cashed the ♥ and ruffed a heart. Then followed a club ruff, a heart ruff and a club ruff. The second heart ruff dropped the king so now she led the ♥Q and pitched a spade as Andersen made his singleton trump. But he was down to all spades and had to lead into the ♠A Q. Keller took the ♠Q, cashed the ace and ruffed a spade with the ♦Q, Berkowitz overruffing. He led back the ♦6, but Keller read the situation perfectly and let it ride to the 10, then made her last trick with the ♦A.

The magician makes a loser disappear

Marv Dauer did a magnificent job of compressing four losers into three on this deal from the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Dlr: South ♠ A 4 2
 Vul: None ♥ A 9 2
 ♦ A K J
 ♣ Q J 10 2

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

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

West	North <i>Dauer</i>	East	South <i>South</i>
			Pass
2♣(1)	Dbl	3♣	Pass
Pass	3NT	Dbl	4♣
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	4♦	Dbl	All Pass

(1) Natural, limited opening bid

The opening 2♣ bid was Schenken showing clubs and less than a big club opener. When 3NT was doubled, South hoped Dauer had at least one four-card suit besides clubs. Dauer didn't so he bid his best three-carder, then had to play it doubled.

The defense started with ♣A and another club which dummy ruffed and declarer was in trouble. At best it looked as if he had one loser in each suit. At trick three he led the ♠J, covered by the queen and won with the ace. He returned a spade and West was in with the king. He led his low trump and Dauer won the ♦J. He ruffed a club, then took the ace and king of trumps, leaving one trump outstanding with East.

But now he led two more spades and East was on the horns of a dilemma. If he ruffed in on a spade, he would have to break the heart suit, allowing declarer to pick up the suit without loss. And if he didn't ruff in, declarer had his 10 tricks via three diamonds, two club ruffs, three spades and two hearts.

Defender seduced by slick swindle

George Rosenkranz got away with a seductive play that led to his making an ambitious 3NT contract in the Flight A Mixed Pairs.

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

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

♠ 9
 ♥ A Q 7 4
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ Q J 10 7 4 3

West <i>Rosenkranz</i>	North	East <i>J.Morse</i>	South
			Pass
1♣(1)	1♥(2)	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

(1) Artificial, 16+

(2) Natural, 5–8 HCP.

The ♠K was led and Rosenkranz took the ace. Hearts looked like the best source of tricks so he led a heart to the king, which held. He overtook the ♥8 with the 9 and South took the queen. Back came the ♣Q won with the ace. And now Rosenkranz led the ♠4!

Put yourself in North's position. His partner played the ♠9 to the first trick and declarer never bid spades. North was looking at the ♠2 and had seen the 3 on the first trick. Unless his partner's 9 was a singleton, it had to be right to play low — any spade South had would take the trick. So North played the ♠2. The ♠5 gave Rosenkranz the entry he needed to set up hearts while the ♦K was still an entry to run them. Rosenkranz won 10 tricks for a top.

Ruff-sluff defense defeats game

In the Reisinger Teams, Jill Meyers and Kay Schulle cooperated in a devastating defense to defeat 4♠ in the layout below. Look at all four hands and see if you can spot how they did it.

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

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

♠ A 8 4 3
 ♥ A K Q J 6
 ♦ 10 2
 ♣ K 9

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

- (1) Preempt in a minor
- (2) Pass or correct
- (3) Takeout for the majors

The ♦K was led and overtaken by Meyers. She cashed the ♦Q, then paused to think things over. Suddenly she thought of a way to beat the contract and she played for it. She led a third round of diamonds, deliberately offering a ruff and a sluff. North ruffed with the ♠10, but Schulle merely discarded. Now she was assured of a trump trick. When the jack was led, she covered with the king and her ♠9 would eventually be a trick. There was still the ♣A for the setting trick. If declarer had not ruffed high, Schulle can trump with her ♠9 forcing the ace and her king would be good. Either way, the ruff and sluff promoted a trump trick for her.

Tigers on defense

Study this hand from the Reisinger Teams and see if you can find the defense to beat 2♠. You might find it, but Hamman and Wolff did so without seeing each other's hands.

Dlr: West ♠ J 10 6 4 2
 Vul: None ♥ 9
 ♦ J 10 4 2
 ♣ A J 5

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

♠ Q 9
 ♥ A J 5 3 2
 ♦ Q 9 8
 ♣ K Q 4

West	North	East	South
Wolff		Hamman	
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥ (1)	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

(1) Transfer

Wolff started with his top diamonds and gave his partner a ruff. Hamman then led a club into the Ace-Jack and when he won the trump king, he led another club. Since Wolff had given him an echo, it was easy for Hamman to lead a third club when he won the ♠A. The club ruff was the setting trick.

Give up something, get something in return

North opened light in third seat and Mark Bartusek and Stan Katz didn't let the N-S pair recover. This deal shows them in action.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Bartusek		Katz	
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Dbl	2♠	Dbl	All Pass

Bartusek doubled hearts for a lead and was he ever surprised when Katz doubled 2♠ for penalty. They even sacrificed one of their natural trump tricks, but they got two heart tricks in return.

The club opening lead was won with the queen and Katz led a trump to the jack, queen and ace. Another club went to Katz' ace and he cashed his top trump. The ♥8 return was won by the queen when Bartusek ducked. Declarer drew the rest of the trumps with the ♠10. He got out with a heart to the 10 and another heart let Bartusek take his jack and ace. When he led his last heart, declarer just pitched his losing diamond and claimed for minus 500.

Smothered

This deal from the Senior Knockout Teams shows a rare smother play executed by Polish star Marcin Lesniewski, who claimed that he could see it coming early on. Lesniewski was South. The deal was reported by Lesniewski's teammate, Garey Hayden.

Dlr: West ♠ 7 6 3 2
 Vul: None ♥ A 8
 ♦ K J 8
 ♣ Q 8 7 4

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
1♠	Dbl	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

West led a diamond to the jack and ace, and East switched to the ♠Q: king, ace, 2. West got out with the ♦Q to the king. Now Lesniewski played three rounds of hearts, pitching the low diamond from dummy.

He exited with a low spade from hand, ducked to East's jack. Now the ♦10 forced declarer to ruff in dummy with the ♣4. When Lesniewski followed with a low spade from dummy, East had to ruff in with the ♣5 to keep declarer from scoring the ♣2.

Lesniewski overruffed with the ♣J and played the ♣2 to the 3, queen and ace. East then played a fourth round of diamonds. Lesniewski discarded a heart from hand and, when West ruffed the diamond with the ♣9, discarded dummy's fourth spade. This was the position with two cards to play.

♠ —
 ♥ —
 ♦ —
 ♣ 8 7

♠ 10 9 ♠ —
 ♥ — ♥ —
 ♦ — ♦ —
 ♣ — ♣ 10 6

♠ —
 ♥ 9
 ♦ —
 ♣ K

West had to play a spade, and East's trump trick vanished into thin air thanks to the rare smother play. Dummy ruffs with the ♣7. If East overruffs, so does declarer. The final trick is taken by the now-high ♣8. If East underuffs, declarer discards the ♥9 and wins the last trick with the ♣K.

Vugraph volunteers needed

The ACBL will broadcast the final of the Senior Knockout Teams on Bridge Base Online beginning at 10 a.m. Friday.

If you are interested in volunteering and have

experience with the Bridge Base software, contact Rick Beye in the ACBL Executive Office, Director's Row, Room H in the Adam's Mark Hotel.

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2.82			2	Wayne Rapp, Orange CA; Shari Frankel, Highland Beach FL	311.50
2.12			3	Jim Turner - Ruth Molnar, Estes Park CO	310.00
1.59			4	Judith Taylor, Beaverton OR; Gerald Skellenger, Rochester Hills MI	305.00
1.19			5	Elneta Justice, Centennial CO; Mildred Williams, Littleton CO	297.50

New Life Masters

Angela Collura of Elizabeth PA came to Denver needing fewer than 10 masterpoints to become a Life Master. With her team's second-place finish in the Boulder Unit 359 Knockout Teams, Bracket 5, she earned 14 MPs and her gold card. She played with Sam Katz of Chicago. Their teammates were Angela's dad, David Collura of Elizabeth, and Barton Buffington of North Kingstown RI.

Jim Wall of Perry GA also earned his gold card at the Fall NABC - in the Wednesday-Thursday knockouts.

Arlene Rowley of Elbert CO now can add a letter to her player number. She became a Life Master in the Boulder KO on Wednesday.

TUESDAY MIDNIGHT ZIP KO

14 Tables
 3.64 1 Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Julie Zhu, Vero Beach FL; James Golden, Chicago IL
 2.73 2 Doug Couchman, Arlington TX; Joe Clark - Shaun Chooi, Dallas TX; Ian Friedland, Alameda CA
 1.82 3/4 Kirk Elyakin - Marilyn Elyakin, East Windsor NJ; Robert Baker - Melissa Baker, West Harrison NY
 1.82 3/4 Katherine Rabenstein, Washington DC; Janet Garthe, Suttons Bay MI; Edward Foran, Marietta GA; Kathy Pollock, Tonawanda NY

CHICAGO MONDAY-THURSDAY KO BRACKET 1

16 Tables / Based on 29 Tables
 Ken Gee, Regina SK; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Ruman Nenov Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria; Michael Levy, Tucson AZ

vs

Joseph Barrett, Colorado Spring CO; Shirley Scott, Colorado Spgs CO; John Stansbury, Saint Paul MN; Kathy Bye, Burnaby BC

14.95 3/4 Jay Armstrong - James McHollan - William Isham, Albuquerque NM; John Bronson, Lopez Island WA; James Melville, Springfield IL; Greg West, Tucson AZ
 14.95 3/4 William Holt, Sewickley PA; Robert Park, Gibsonsia PA; Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON; Robert Hollow, Madoc ON

CHICAGO MONDAY-THURSDAY KO BRACKET 2

16 Tables / Based on 21 Tables
 Michael Strong - Johanna Strong, Winfield IL; David Willmott, Folsom CA; Joan Garcia, Dixon CA; Ann Derwin, Roseville CA

vs

R Osburn Jr, Frederick MD; Dennis Wick, Martinsburg WV; Paul Wright Jr, Mt Pleasant SC; Linda Luther, N Charleston SC; Billie Hedberg, Montgomery AL

9.59 3/4 Louis Gangarosa, Augusta GA; William Golush, Denville NJ; Gilbert Ramirez, Reno NV; Brady Hinnegan, Richmond Hill ON; Thomas Hyde, Willimantic CT
 9.59 3/4 Randal Gentillon - Robert Kroupa, Idaho Falls ID; William Nabors, Colorado Spgs CO; Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA

CHICAGO MONDAY-THURSDAY KO BRACKET 3

16 Tables
 Stephen Pickett, Vancouver BC; Robin Hillyard, Carlisle MA; Edward Hui, Richmond BC; Kenneth Ramsay, West Vancouver BC

vs

Rick Traylor, Santa Ana CA; Sherrie Auhll, Los Angeles CA; Matt Chiwo Leung, Montebello CA; Frederick Solomon, Irvine CA; Robert Reiley, Great Falls MT

6.83 3/4 John Wright, Golden CO; Greg Norborg, Littleton CO; Lena Asbury - Craig Asbury, Arizona City AZ
 6.83 3/4 Darryl Helton - Marsha Helton - Harry Riegel, Sedona AZ; Patricia Dodd, Cottonwood AZ
 3.07 5/8 Kathy Stanford, Leesburg FL; Patricia Payne, New Castle CO; Ruth Ruyle, Roseville CA; Albert Brockelman, Menomonie WI
 3.07 5/8 Joan Mager, Centennial CO; Penelope Coffman, Cherry Hills VI CO; Doug Davidge - Maxine Divine, Littleton CO

HONOLULU MORNING KO BRACKET 1

9 Tables
 Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN; Barry Harper, Regina SK; Warren Foss, Omaha NE; Dwight Bender, London ON; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico; Ed Freeman, Portland OR

vs

Gerald La Flamme - Linda Cobham, Grnd-Bay-Wfld ND; Heather Peckett - Mike Petras, Nepean ON

vs

Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA; Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach CA; Yvonne Hernandez - Lu Kohutiak, Ft Lauderdale FL; Kim Corbin, Scottsdale AZ; Ross Spiro, Cherry Hill NJ

Cornelia Yoder, Vestal NY; Giorgio Helmsdorff, Bogota Colombia; Edwin Hagerman, Denver CO; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI

vs

Nels Erickson, Sparks NV; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA; Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA; Chester Johnson, Chicago IL; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Anton Tsyarkin, Sharon MA
 vs
 Norm Hostetler, Lincoln NE; Dan Parish Jr - Elise Parish, Omaha NE; Nancy Wittwer, Falls City NE; Linda Webb, Fargo ND; Marsha McElroy, Mount Laurel NJ

HONOLULU MORNING KO BRACKET 2

9 Tables
 Randi Zuckerberg - Donna Zuckerberg - Karen Zuckerberg - Edward Zuckerberg, Dobbs Ferry NY

vs

Richard Burkhart - Bonnie Burkhart - Bob Reese - Georgia Reese, Houston TX

vs

Eleanor Flanders, Westminster CO; Paul Flanders, Longmont CO; Ruth Johnson, Santa Rosa Bch FL; Andrew Johnson, Lafayette CO

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES

66.75 Tables / Based on 36 Tables
 11.27 1/2 Andre Chartrand, Chateaugay QC 131.55%
 11.27 1/2 Richard Lesage, Montreal QC 131.55%
 8.93 3 Alfred Lee, Rncho Pls Vrd CA 126.49%
 5.07 4/5 Bud Biswas, Lexington MA 125.04%
 5.07 4/5 Paul Nason, Malden MA 125.04%
 5.13 6/7 Jonna Robinson, Burlington VT 118.95%
 5.13 6/7 Ausra Geaski, Manchester CT 118.95%

SPRING AIR MATTRESS STRATI-FLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS A/X

59 Tables
 A X
 29.36 1 Peder Langsetmo, Minneapolis MN; Bob Balderson Jr - Cynthia Balderson, Eden Prairie MN; Carole Miner, Rochester MN 135.00
 22.02 2 Bob Hamman - Hemant Lall - Petra Hamman, Dallas TX; Jan Assini, Aurora OH 110.00
 16.52 3 John Morris, Atlanta GA; Gen Geiger, Sarasota FL; Brian Gunnell, Jacksonville FL; Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA 106.00
 9.55 4/6 Jacqui Mitchell - Charles Reich - Patricia Cayne - Ron Haack, New York NY 103.00
 9.55 4/6 George Rosenkranz, Mexico Mexico; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Brenda Keller - Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID; Charles Ward, San Diego CA 103.00
 9.55 4/6 1 Brandon Sheumaker - Margaret Devere, Denver CO; Spencer Jones, Aurora CO; Shawn Tate, Chillicothe MO 103.00
 5.23 7 Marinesa Letizia, Las Vegas NV; Carlyn Steiner, Seattle WA; Tobi Sokolow - David Sokolow, Austin TX 99.00
 3.59 8/9 Gerald Gitle - Robert Oslin, Chicago IL; Gregory Van Dyke, Saint Paul MN; Richard Ekstrum, Crystal MN 98.00
 3.59 8/9 Steven Cooper - Kitty Cooper, Albuquerque NM; Markland Jones, Phoenix AZ; Ken Barbour, Scottsdale AZ 98.00
 2.94 10 Martin Hinds - Carreen Hinds - Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Connie Goldberg, Merion Station PA; JoAnn Sprung - Danny Sprung, Philadelphia PA 96.00
 5.67 2 Victor Chubukov, San Francisco CA; Jennifer Lin, Herndon VA; Eric Mayefsky, Stanford CA; Robert Seaholm, Clayton CA 85.00
 4.25 3 Alfred Lee, Rncho Pls Vrd CA; William Ng, Chatsworth CA; Barbara Grantham, Houston TX; Gary Fan, Florence KY 81.00
 3.19 4 Clark Millikan, Martinez CA; Steve Chen, Fremont CA; Andrew Cotton, Berkeley CA; Li-Chung Chen, Cupertino CA 80.00
 2.09 5/6 Wayne Christensen Jr, Laporte TX; Toby Shapiro - Kate Hill, Santa Rosa CA; Amal Dasgupta, Wilmington DE 78.00
 2.09 5/6 Jay Armstrong - William Isham - James McHollan, Albuquerque NM; James Melville, Springfield IL; John Bronson, Lopez Island WA 78.00

SPRING AIR MATTRESS STRATI-FLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS B/C/D

30 Tables
 B C D
 10.34 1/2 Bryan Morgan, Dallas TX; Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Anthony Eckman, Austin TX; Steve Kaessner, Yuba City CA 111.00
 10.34 1/2 Roger Smith, Sacramento CA; Barbara Gustafson, Fort Collins CO; Janet Wickersham, Sierra Madre CA; Teri Atkinson, Bakersfield CA 111.00
 6.64 3 Roberta Vider - Marilyn Graham, Evergreen CO; Jack Moore - Virginia Moore, Colorado Spgs CO 103.00
 4.98 4 Steven Tuggle, Pearland TX; John Herriot, Los Angeles CA; Kathy Rolfe - Eric Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO 100.00
 7.58 5 1 1 Helen Onsager - Margaret Wagenbach, Littleton CO; Steven Eggleston Sr, Dacono CO; Marlene Foster, Bonita Springs FL 98.00
 5.69 6 2 Robin Hillyard - Kimberly Gilman, Carlisle MA; Edward Hui, Richmond BC; Kenneth Ramsay, West Vancouver BC; Stephen Pickett, Vancouver BC 95.00
 4.26 3 Robert Lupton, Aurora CO; Robert Paris, Denver CO; Jan Churchwell, Northbrook IL; Katherine Rabenstein, Washington DC 94.00
 3.20 4 2 Sally Adler - Ted Adler, Virginia Beach VA; Lynn Brown, Palm Coast FL; Kathy Stanford, Leesburg FL 87.00
 2.40 5 Jonathan Buss - C. Deaun Moulton - Joan Viidik - Tony Viidik, Waterloo ON 85.00
 1.80 6 Michael Ventri, Fullerton CA; Mark Tang, Seal Beach CA; Yoon Kyung Kim, Yongin Shi South Korea; Chizuko Yang, Hacienda Hgts CA 82.00

WEDNESDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

52.0 Tables
 A B C
 25.14 1 Robert Kerr, Los Angeles CA; Chris Lubesnik, Bronx NY 387.66
 18.86 2 Michael Lawrence, Brentwood TN; G Venkatesh, Los Altos CA 384.39
 14.14 3 Barry Rigal, New York NY; Ethan Stein, Irvington NY 382.70
 10.61 4 Marilyn Eber, Denver CO; Bob Martin, Morrison CO 375.49
 7.95 5 Dick Lum, Chatsworth CA; Matthew Dyer, Newton MA 372.62
 5.97 6 Mary Jo Brown, Helena MT; John Landeryou, Lethbridge AB 369.83
 4.56 7 Jim Miller, Olive Branch MS; Frank Leonard, Tempe AZ 369.74
 4.02 8 Sara Rothmuller, Santa Rosa CA; Daniel Voorhies, Ashland OR 367.54
 12.10 1 1 D Dong - Nongyu Li, Mountain View CA 363.67
 9.08 2 2 Kotomi Asakoshi, Tokyo Japan; Emiko Iwakura, Tokyo 158 Japan 345.47
 6.81 3 Elena Prahin - Michael Prahin, Irvington NY 343.76
 5.10 4 3 Alan Dennis - Janet Rauscher, Katy TX 340.23
 3.83 5 Donna Yeargain, Denver CO; Janis Lewis, Englewood CO 337.65
 3.33 6 Nancy Ferguson, Greenbrae CA; David Bryant, San Francisco CA 335.09
 2.95 4 Sheila Phillips - Harold Steiner, Kenai AK 332.90
 2.31 5 Steven Dike, Longmont CO; Ravi Batra, Broomfield CO 330.93
 1.29 6 Sandi Park - John Schutz, Madison WI 327.31

WEDNESDAY EVENING 100/200/300 PAIRS

14.0 Tables
 A B C
 3.39 1 1 Sally Adams, Piedmont CA; Joan Katkov, Kentfield CA 174.82
 2.54 2 2 Robert McKenzie, Aurora CO; Matt Sahoenblatt, Denver CO 173.68
 1.91 3 Cyndi Baze, San Diego CA; Shirley Carpenter, Harbor Springs MI 167.32
 2.26 4 3 1 Travis Roten - Judy Matlock, Richardson TX 148.50

1.70	5	4	2	Mason Gilfry, Lemoore CA; Suzanne Franklin, Shelbyville KY	148.18
1.58	6	5	3	Ronald Alexander - Walter Hutton, Fort Collins CO	143.50
0.73		6		Leslie Lege, Thurmont MD; E Pullom, Birmingham AL	140.32
1.19		4		Sandra Reinblatt - Gary Reinblatt, Toronto ON	139.00
0.89		5		Janet Nelson - Paul Nelson, Highland Ranch CO	133.82

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY SIDE GAME SERIES

20.0 Tables

A	B	C		
4.55	1		Bob Bratcher, Vista CA; Derald Keetch, Glenwood NM	141.50
3.41	2		Brent Gibbs - Despina Georgas, Toronto ON	139.50
2.56	3		John Derdall - Jan Derald, Western Springs IL	137.50
3.49	4	1	Pat Crampsey, Oshawa ON; David Harris, Belleville NJ	132.50
1.44	5		Jim Looby, Burbank CA; Ed Ulman, Portland OR	124.00
2.62	6	2	1 Bobbi Wiltsek - Herb Wiltsek, San Francisco CA	123.50
1.96		3	Peter Marcus, Bolton CT; Susan Patricelli, Bloomfield CT	120.50
1.47		4	Janice Nakao - Thomas Quinlan, San Mateo CA	118.00
1.71		5	2 Dennis Smith - M Lynne Smith, Anchorage AK	115.50
0.83		6	Irene Musick, Acton MA; Stella O'Neill, Fort Collins CO	112.50
1.28			3 George Lord, Ainsworth IA; Bob Lester, Houston TX	111.50
0.99			4 Mignon Nearmyer, Plymouth MN; Gene Nelson, Maple Grove MN	107.00

WEDNESDAY EVE 299ER SWISS

14 Tables

A	B	C		
3.39	1		Roger Miller - Patricia Weinberg - EllaMargaret Cron, Centennial CO; Justin Cislighi, Denver CO	63.00
2.54	2		Susan Reiley, Great Falls MT; Edward Draiss Sr, Leesburg FL; Jennifer Nisenoff, Bedminster NJ; Jeannette Hallquist, Charlottesville VA	57.00
2.13	3	1	1 Judith Cozzens, Littleton CO; Roger Kincade, Lakewood CO; Linda Harder, Aurora CO; Carolyn Borus, Denver CO	50.00
1.40	4/5	2/3	Priscilla Burnaby, Marblehead MA; Norma Powell, Nashua NH; Fred Sutherland - Kathryn Sutherland, Surprise AZ	47.00
1.40	4/5	2/3	Jeff Kitman - Duval Prey Jr, Denver CO; Shelbie Bastiaans, Parker CO; Kim Spaulding, Centennial CO	47.00

MINI-BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

52.0 Tables

78.21	1	Martin Harris, Chicago IL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI	1752.39
58.66	2	Frank Wharton, London Nw3 1en England; Paul Walker, London W1U 1BT England	1619.28
43.99	3	Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; Kosaka Yasuko, Yokohama-Shi 247 Japan	1613.45
34.76	4	Michael Keller, Kalispell MT; Tim Spencer, Great Falls MT	1602.56
31.28	5	Doug Anderson, Quincy MA; Carole Weinstein, Acton MA	1600.80
28.44	6	Paul Nason, Malden MA; Bud Biswas, Lexington MA	1563.96
26.07	7	Jack Longman - Kathy Longman, Clearwater FL	1563.58
24.06	8	Winston Legge Jr - Jennie Legge, Pensacola FL	1554.26
22.35	9	Freda Thornbrough - Donald Slotter, Omaha NE	1550.12
20.86	10	Mike Develin, Berkeley CA; John Barth, Santa Cruz CA	1541.79
19.55	11	Kalon Kelley, Santa Barbara CA; Tom McCrackin, Carpinteria CA	1537.60
18.40	12	Kenneth Stuckey, Arvada CO; Jayesh Goyal, Thornton CO	1536.51
17.38	13	Mark Jones - Sudip Dossanjh, Albuquerque NM	1534.27
16.47	14	Yvonne Hernandez - Lu Kohutiak, Ft Lauderdale FL	1532.44
15.64	15	Blake Rundquist, Clovis CA; Warren Cederborg, Visalia CA	1529.88
14.90	16	Kou-Ping Cheng, Saratoga CA; Yi Liu, Chicago IL	1529.59
14.22	17	Larry Haas, Parker CO; Suzanne Erwetowski, Millersville MD	1529.40
13.60	18	Manfred Michlmayr, Orinda CA; Ken White, Lafayette CA	1527.39
14.63	19	Michael Cassel II, Roseville MN; Barry Purrington, Saint Paul MN	1527.21
12.51	20	Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA; Ron Zambonini, Nepean ON	1520.59
15.55	21	Nicolas Hammond - Delysia Ashwood, Atlanta GA	1509.28
11.59	22	Andrew De Leon, Laguna Hills CA; Patricia Menefee, Laguna Niguel CA	1508.77
11.17	23	Sanjoy Dasgupta, Castle Rock CO; Patricia Norman, Houston TX	1502.35
10.79	24	Bernard Neuhart, Niskayuna NY; Robert Neuhart, Troy NY	1494.39
10.43	25	Mark Patton, Dubuque IA; Robert Shapley, Chula Vista CA	1492.28
10.09	26	Kathy Bye, Burnaby BC; John Stansbury, Saint Paul MN	1490.12
9.78	27	Ding-Hwa Hsieh - Lin-Huan Chen, Kirksville MO	1486.57
9.48	28	Kathy Angstadt - Michael Hansen, Portland OR	1484.37
13.77	29	Vince Lambert - Anita Lambert, Edmonton AB	1479.79
8.94	30	Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Xiaodong Zhang, Fremont CA	1471.99
8.69	31	Barbara Nist, Kent WA; Eugene Fomin, Glacier WA	1466.08
8.46	32	Linda Gallaher, Morehead KY; Marvin Kolodzik, Cincinnati OH	1465.67
8.23	33	Marijan Word - Bob Ayers, Alpharetta GA	1463.50
8.02	34	Douglas Bullock, Boise ID; Kris Miller, Reston VA	1462.58
7.82	35	Grant Vance - Gregory Vance, San Leandro CA	1458.36
7.63	36	Eric Schwartz, Natick MA; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA	1455.50
7.45	37	Jerry Jackson, Wood Dale IL; William McFall, New Berlin WI	1453.16
7.28	38	Jon Gustafson - Neil Petrie, Fort Collins CO	1447.38
7.11	39	Carolyn Pinto - Billy Leeper, Fort Worth TX	1446.21
11.49	40	Doug Couchman, Arlington TX; Joe Clark, Dallas TX	1444.64
6.80	41	Nancy Hetsko - Larry Rich, Cumming GA	1443.39
6.66	42	Dick Duff, Denver CO; Daniel Williams, Estes Park CO	1440.91
6.52	43	Dan Parish Jr - Elise Parish, Omaha NE	1434.10
6.38	44	Bruce Horiguchi - Chiye Horiguchi, Gardena CA	1433.66
6.26	45	Joseph Viola III, Altadena CA; Milton Kalikman, Azusa CA	1430.22
6.13	46	Ava Grubman - Elliott Grubman, Brooklyn NY	1427.37
6.02	47	Shaun Chooi, Dallas TX; Ian Friedland, Alameda CA	1425.13
5.90	48	Richard Schmieder - Jyme Schmieder, Boerne TX	1408.09
5.79	49	Marcia Dean - Robert Dean, San Jose CA	1404.42

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5.13	6/7	Jonna Robinson, Burlington VT	118.95%
5.13	6/7	Ausra Geaski, Manchester CT	118.95%

Curt Merrill, Montclair NJ; E Pullom, Birmingham AL; James Smith, Brooklyn Park MN; John Ferrell, Normal IL

vs

Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende Mexico; Robert Hampton, Blythewood SC; Ronald McDonald - Judy McDonald, Henderson NV; Tom Henry, Ajijic Mexico

vs

Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Anthony Eckman, Austin TX; Bryan Morgan, Dallas TX; Steven Tuggle, Pearland TX

COLORADO SPRINGS KO BRACKET 1**16 Tables**

Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN; Barry Harper, Regina SK; Warren Foss, Omaha NE; Gerry Marshall, Mexico

vs

Don Laycock - Vicki Laycock, San Francisco CA; Diane Shannon, Saratoga CA; Donald Rothschild, Sunnyvale CA

Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Magnus Lindkvist, Hoor Sweden; Norberto Bocchi, Milano Italy; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV

vs

Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Allan Graves, Vancouver BC; Michael Schreiber, Puyallup WA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA

COLORADO SPRINGS KO BRACKET 2**16 Tables**

Matt Meckstroth - Rob Meckstroth, Gainesville FL; Jeremy Koegel, Los Angeles CA; Robert Bell, Washington DC

vs

Mike Rice - Jon Rice, Winston Salem NC; Kenny Horneman, Columbia MO; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON

Louallen Leach, US; Jack Leach, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR; Allan Sorensen - Paul Sorensen, Berwyn AB

vs

William Holt, Sewickley PA; Robert Park, Gibsons PA; John Moser, St Agatha ON; Colin Harrington, Cambridge ON; Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON; Robert Hollow, Madoc ON

COLORADO SPRINGS KO BRACKET 3**12 Tables**

John Taylor, Lago Vista TX; Sue Gerard, Mexico Mexico; Maribel Corredor, Coronado CA; Wally Augustin, San Diego CA

vs

Evan Markowitz - Stephannie Russo, New York NY; Patti Burriss - Andrew Garnett, St Petersburg FL

Richard Brehm - Carol Brehm, Memphis TN; Kathleen Dimmer - John Dimmer, Cordova TN

vs

Ronald McDonald - Judy McDonald, Henderson NV; Tom Henry, Ajijic Mexico; Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende Mexico; Robert Hampton, Blythewood SC

COLORADO SPRINGS KO BRACKET 4**12 Tables**

Jim Wall, Perry GA; Gwen Allen, Chicago IL; Fred Steger Jr, McAllen TX; Stella Severson, Omaha NE

vs

John Wright, Golden CO; Craig Asbury - Lena Asbury, Arizona City AZ; Greg Norborg, Littleton CO

Wilma Simpson, Kentville NS; Rosa Cupfender, Manchester MA; V Ramakrishnan - Vijaya Ramakrishnan, Rapid City SD

vs

Ralph Wilhelm - Debra Wilhelm - Russell Johnson - Kimberly Johnson, Olympia WA

Mini Blue Ribbon Win

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last July and finishing fourth in the Open IMP Pairs at Pittsburgh last March.

The winners play an inverted Polish Club system with various gadgets. Most of the time the bidding methods didn't matter. "There were a bunch of hands where we took all our tricks," said Harris when asked what they felt was the most important factor in their victory.

Harris, Chicago, is an attorney specializing in employment litigation. Morgan, of Madison WI, is a full-time player and teacher but also does tax preparation on a part-time basis.

Runners-up were Frank Wharton and Paul Walker, both from England. Second through fifth places were unusually close, separated by only 13 matchpoints.



BOULDER UNIT 359 KO 1

16 Tables
 45.23 1 Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice 40-479 Poland; Cezary Balicki, Wroclaw Poland; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Paul Soloway, Mill Creek WA
 33.92 2 Donald Berman - Rose Berman, Laurel MD; Barbara Doran, Silver Spring MD; Gary Roberts, Leawood KS
 22.62 3/4 Julian Wernick, Birmingham England; Ken Gee, Regina SK; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Kalin Karaivanov - Ruman Nenov Trendafilov, Varna Bulgaria
 22.62 3/4 Jim Linhart, Raleigh NC; Michael Huston, Joplin MO; Edward Zaluski, Ottawa ON; James Gordon, S Burlington VT

BOULDER UNIT 359 KO 2

16 Tables
 32.94 1 Wendy Dooley, Mississauga ON; Sallie Caty - Debbie Feldman, Oakville ON; Patti Lee, Toronto ON
 24.71 2 S Fuhrmann, Madison WI; Jerry Ranney - Jane Ranney, Morrison CO; Debra Dallas, Highlands Ranch CO
 16.47 3/4 Andrew Hurd - James Hawkes - Spencer Hurd, Charleston SC; Thomas Hyde, Willimantic CT
 16.47 3/4 Natalie Wernet, Houston TX; Sandra Stevens, Katy TX; Betsy Dubose - William Baker, Bellaire TX

BOULDER UNIT 359 KO 3

16 Tables
 26.28 1 Elianor Kennie, Kentville NS; Perry Seal, San Mateo CA; Owen Camp, Howick New Zealand; Lynne Geursen, Auckland New Zealand
 19.71 2 Arleen Rowley, Elbert CO; Frank Neff Jr - Mary Olson, Colorado Spgs CO; Sally Shepard, Colorado Spgs CO
 13.14 3/4 John Ayer, Dartmouth NS; Jerry Vopicka, Samia ON; Birte Ayer, Toronto ON; Jeanne Gray, Boulder CO
 13.14 3/4 John Pringle - Susan Pringle, Rio Verde AZ; Carolyn Newcomb - Jerry Newcomb, Littleton CO
 5.91 5/8 Bud Light, Palm City FL; Barry Hillmer, Durango CO; Les Jensen, Colorado Spgs CO; William Nabors, Colorado Spgs CO

BOULDER UNIT 359 KO 4

16 Tables
 21.98 1 Dawn Foltz - Gregory Foltz - Julie Larson, Fort Collins CO; Edward Yosses, Loveland CO
 16.49 2 Leelyn Main, St Petersburg FL; William Atteberry, Clearwater FL; Art McHaffie - Joy McHaffie, Santa Fe NM
 10.99 3/4 Marilyn Bost, Aurora CO; Donna Harrison, Columbia MO; Catherine Chell, Ottawa ON; Vera Lantos, Nepean ON
 10.99 3/4 Paul Wright Jr, Mt Pleasant SC; Dennis Wick, Martinsburg WV; R Osburn Jr, Frederick MD; Brady Hinnegan, Richmond Hill ON; Linda Luther, N Charleston SC
 4.95 5/8 James Bailey, Salt Lake City UT; Sally Christensen, Bountiful UT; Kerma Jones, North Salt Lake UT; Judy Stanfield, Salt Lake City UT
 4.95 5/8 Norman Holthouse - Rita Holthouse - Sandra Singleton - Wonnie Duncan, Anchorage AK; Margret Salazar, Milwaukee WI

BOULDER UNIT 359 KO 5

16 Tables
 18.88 1 Dave Appel - Ted Witt, Denver CO; Jesse Bowe, Smithville MO; Joan Tschirki, Aurora CO
 14.16 2 Sam Katz, Hinsdale IL; Angela Collura - David Collura, Elizabeth PA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI
 9.44 3/4 Kirk Elyakin - Marilyn Elyakin, East Windsor NJ; Robert Baker - Melissa Baker, West Harrison NY
 9.44 3/4 Bonni Newton, Clive IA; Bob Lester, Houston TX; George Lord, Ainsworth IA; Norman Kramer, Woodland Hills CA

BOULDER UNIT 359 KO 6

16 Tables
 15.40 1 Rick Traylor, Santa Ana CA; Matt Chiwo Leung, Montebello CA; Sherrie Auhll, Los Angeles CA; Frederick Solomon, Irvine CA; Robert Reiley, Great Falls MT
 11.55 2 Harry Riegel - Marsha Helton - Darryl Helton, Sedona AZ; Patricia Dodd, Cottonwood AZ
 7.70 3/4 Dianne Aucoin, Corner Brook NL; Daniel Taylor - Judith Hunt, Centennial CO; Marilyn Groezinger, Sebring FL; John Rothschild, Elkridge MD
 7.70 3/4 James Belden - Katie Belden, Santa Barbara CA; Paule Denis - Patricia Lavergne, Ottawa ON

BOULDER UNIT 359 KO 7

12 Tables
 11.05 1 Linda Dorough - Lewis Dorough, Littleton CO; Marilyn Pultz - Bill Follis, Fort Collins CO
 8.29 2 Ann McGrew - Bill Johnson, Denver CO; Buris Blanchfield - David Blanchfield, Golden CO
 5.53 3/4 George Roach - Judy Corey Edmiston, Dallas TX; Dennis Smith - M Lynne Smith, Anchorage AK
 5.53 3/4 Richard Kemmerer - Carol Kemmerer, Tehachapi CA; Richard Eddy - Patricia Eddy, Bay Point CA

BOULDER UNIT 359 KO 8

13 Tables
 9.95 1 William Craig - Terry Sherman, Rapid City SD; Robert Janssen, Cheyenne WY; Darrell Wyatt, Carr CO
 7.46 2 Kay Olness - Sandra Carton - Patti Supola, Billings MT; Ruth White, Huntington Bh CA
 4.98 3/4 Monrad Monsen, Granite Bay CA; Marie Macaulay, Sacramento CA; James Dulan, Denver CO; Sandy Bolton, Littleton CO
 4.98 3/4 Lawrence Patrick - Dennis Lee, Honolulu HI; Arlene Daigle - Stephen Daigle, Windham ME

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY SIDE GAME SERIES

22.0 Tables
 A B C
 4.85 1 1 Gerald Gray - Barbara Gray, Mesa AZ 133.88
 3.64 2 2 Janice Nakao - Thomas Quinlan, San Mateo CA 133.00
 2.73 3 Ann Derwin, Roseville CA; Jack Kletzman, Sacramento CA 128.38
 2.31 4 3 Phyllis Peters, Terre Haute IN; J Bachman Nabors III, Kempner TX 126.13
 1.96 5 Gary Spongberg - Lucy Spongberg, Niskayuna NY 125.00
 1.96 6 Brett Kunin, West Orange NJ; Walter Smith, West Sand Lake NY 123.38
 2.73 4 1 Thomas Cox - Ginnie Eitel, St Petersburg FL 123.00
 1.37 5 Joyce Hart - Richard Hart, Piedmont CA 117.50
 2.05 6 2 Robert Whitney - Susan Whitney, Princeton MA 117.13
 1.54 3 Sachi Nakazono, Westminster CO; Penelope Coffman, Cherry Hills VI CO 117.00
 1.15 4 Thomas Kurtz - Agnes Kurtz, Hanover NH 115.88
 1.15 5 Robert Walstad, Carbondale CO; Patricia Payne, New Castle CO 113.00

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 100/200/300 PAIRS

19.5 Tables / Based on 20 Tables
 A B C
 4.24 1 Ruth Bracken, Grapevine TX; Margaret Peterson, Grand Forks ND 106.00
 3.33 2 1 Amy Truby - Maryanne Hovinen, Denver CO 99.50
 2.39 3 Christine Gasser, Arvada CO; Dorothy Nogues, Golden CO 99.00
 2.50 4 2 Samuel Rosen, New York NY; Phyllis Katz, New York City NY 98.39
 1.87 5 3 William Arkin - Donna Arkin, Centennial CO 95.93
 1.01 6 Buck Blessing - Mary Henderson, Naples FL 95.59
 1.41 4 4 Beth McGregor, Fort Collins CO; Judith Lira, Ft Collins CO 94.06
 1.20 5 5 Thomas Burger, Englewood CO; Jack Purdy, Broomfield CO 93.00
 0.84 6 John Lanigan - Karol Lanigan, Colorado Spgs CO 89.50

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 299ER SWISS

12 Tables
 A B C
 3.11 1 1 George Varra - Elizabeth Varra, Ft Collins CO; Ronald Alexander - Walt Hutton, Fort Collins CO 62.00
 2.33 2 Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Barbara Foell, Waterloo ON; Denys O'Grady, Montreal QC; R. Kent Holcomb, Indianapolis IN 54.00
 1.90 3 2 Robert Simony - Barbara Jensen, Pueblo CO; Deloris Reo, San Marcos CA; Louise Schellenberger, East Freetown MA 51.00
 1.31 4 Roger Miller - Patricia Weinberg - Ella Margaret Cron, Centennial CO; Justin Cislighi, Denver CO 46.00
 0.97 3/6 Lucy Franklin - Sheryl Siegel, Englewood CO; Judith Cozzens, Littleton CO; Carolyn Borus, Denver CO 35.00
 0.97 3/6 Ross Passarelli - Carolyn Passarelli, Arvada CO; Joan Katkov, Kentfield CA; Sally Adams, Piedmont CA 35.00
 0.97 3/6 Gayle Tunnell - James Tunnell, San Francisco CA; Robert Toso - Gwen Toso, Corte Madera CA 35.00
 0.97 3/6 Gina Bengel - Paul Bengel, Littleton CO; Jeannette Hallquist, Charlottesville VA; Caroline Gilje, St Louis MO 35.00

WEDNESDAY FAST OPEN PAIR

27.0 Tables
 A B C
 18.90 1 Gennifer Binder - Aaron Silverstein, New York NY 323.86
 14.18 2 Frank Queen - Virginia Johnston, Denver CO 317.60
 10.63 3 Joe Harris - Cindy Harris, Albuquerque NM 310.50
 7.97 4 Derald Keetch, Glenwood NM; Bob Bratcher, Vista CA 310.00
 5.98 5 1 Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Jessica Pifafsky, New York NY 307.00
 4.49 6 2 Kimberly Fanady - Steven Kipperman, San Francisco CA 305.00
 3.84 7 Diane Graese, Las Vegas NV; Loren Hawkins, Bremerton WA 303.00
 3.71 3 1 Bernie Weiss, Baton Rouge LA; Evelyn Farnan, Ormond Beach FL 298.00
 2.80 4 2 Joseph Meyers - Beverly Pogoda, New York NY 289.05
 2.08 5/6 Sandra Straus - Judy Clark, Boulder CO 283.00
 2.55 5/6 3 Herbert Stampfl, Ran Cucamonga CA; Jack Webb, Charleston SC 283.00
 1.57 4 Lorraine Little - Shirley Prewitt, Fort Worth TX 268.60

WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

28.0 Tables
 A B C
 5.76 1 Andre Chartrand, Chateaugay QC; Richard Lesage, Montreal QC 111.00
 4.32 2 Mary Henderson, Naples FL; Richard Ekstrum, Crystal MN 108.43
 4.55 3 1 William Ng, Chatsworth CA; Alfred Lee, Rancho Pls Vrd CA 105.50
 2.43 4 Paul Nason, Malden MA; Bud Biswas, Lexington MA 105.07
 3.41 5 2 1 A Hunter, Longmont CO; Donald Hulander, N. Muskegon MI 104.64
 1.37 6 Edythe Boston, Canon City CO; Vladislav Isporski, Joann Miller - Doris West, Lakewood CO 102.00
 2.56 3 Margot Hirsch, Arlington TX; Richard Hart, Piedmont CA 100.86
 1.92 4 Doug Anderson, Quincy MA; Gloria Tamlyn, Larchmont NY 100.50
 1.44 5 R Chiodo - Lou Ann Chiodo, Tucson AZ 100.00
 2.27 6 2 Susan Whitney - Robert Whitney, Princeton MA 99.50
 1.70 3 Alan Dennis - Janet Rauscher, Katy TX 94.36
 1.49 4 Uday Maitra, Mississauga ON; Sundaresan Ram, Tucson AZ 91.93
 0.99 5 Thomas Kurtz - Agnes Kurtz, Hanover NH 90.00
 1.07 6

WEDNESDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

11.0 Tables
 A B C
 2.97 1 1 Gordon Spaulding - Pauline Spaulding, Kenai AK 102.57
 2.23 2 2 Mark Gilje, Saint Louis MO; Caroline Gilje, St Louis MO 101.22
 1.67 3 Christine Gasser, Arvada CO; Dorothy Nogues, Golden CO 96.57
 1.42 4 3 Edward Draiss Sr, Leesburg FL; Barbara Ahlers, Evansville IN 95.07
 1.07 5 4 Sandra Reinblatt - Gary Reinblatt, Toronto ON 93.93
 0.80 6 4 Carol Welborn - Alice Klesinger, Denver CO 92.93

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION EEE, EAST-WEST, and scores. Includes names like Bob Bratcher, Peter Marcus, Janice Nakao, etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING 100/200/300 PAIRS ONLY SESSION

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION VVV, EAST-WEST, and scores. Includes names like Robert McKenzie, Mason Gilfray, Ronald Alexander, etc.

MINI-BLUE RIBBON PAIRS WEDNESDAY EVENING 2ND FINAL SESSION

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTIONS O P Q R, EAST-WEST, and scores. Includes names like Frank Wharton, Nicolas Hammond, Martin Harris, etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING IMP PAIRS

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION II, EAST-WEST, and scores. Includes names like Steve Shirey, Yas Takeda, Susan Grauer, etc.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION JJ, EAST-WEST, and scores. Includes names like Gary Bernstein, Shirley Kuhlman, Margaret Salazar, etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING B-A-M TEAMS

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTIONS KK LL, EAST-WEST, and scores. Includes names like Bruce Cobb, Steve Beatty, Joe Gottler, etc.

WEDNESDAY SENIOR PAIRS 2 OF 2 SESSION

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION II, EAST-WEST, and scores. Includes names like Sam Wilson, Rick Norton Jr, Wayne Rapp, etc.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION JJ, EAST-WEST, and scores. Includes names like Lewis Allen, Diana Schuldt, Dennis Lobben, etc.

WEDNESDAY SENIOR PAIRS MORNING 1 OF 2 SESSION

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION II, EAST-WEST, and scores. Includes names like Bob Luebke, Lois Moran, Doug Cowan, etc.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION JJ, EAST-WEST, and scores. Includes names like John Osher, George Boettger, George Williamson, etc.

WEDNESDAY FAST OPEN PAIR AFTERNOON SESSION

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION KK, EAST-WEST, and scores. Includes names like Joseph Meyers, Jennifer Binder, Lorraine Little, etc.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION LL, EAST-WEST, and scores. Includes names like Derald Keetch, Chuck Wong, Ronald Resnick, etc.

TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Thanksgiving Day

*Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified 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.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Thursday, November 24, 9 a.m.				
Chicago Monday–Thursday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	4th	Plaza D	\$14	\$16
Honolulu Wednesday–Saturday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	Plaza D	\$14	\$16
Thursday–Saturday Morning Side Game Series*	1st single session	Plaza D	\$14	\$16
Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Plaza D	\$14	\$16
Thursday, November 24, 10 a.m. & 1p.m.				
Stratified Fast Open Pairs*	1–2	Governor Square 15	\$14	\$16
Thursday, November 24, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Stratified Senior Pairs*	1–2	Governor square 14	\$14	\$16
Thursday, November 24, 10 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.				
Senior KO Teams	5th	Plaza Court	\$16.50	
Thursday, November 24, 1 p.m.				
Broncos Compact KO Teams	1–2	Plaza Exhibits	\$14	\$16
Thursday, November 24, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs	1–2F	Plaza D	\$16.50	
Ellis Tamales Stratified Open Pairs*	1–2	Plaza A	\$14	\$16
Stratified Mixed Pairs*	1–2	Plaza A	\$14	\$16
Colorado Springs Unit 360 Wednesday–Thursday Bracketed KO Teams	3–4	Plaza Exhibits	\$14	\$16
Thursday–Friday Side Game Series	1st & 2nd single sessions	Plaza Exhibits	\$14	\$16
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Plaza F	\$13	\$15
0–20, 0–5 Pairs	single	Plaza F	\$13	\$13
Thursday, November 24, 7:30 p.m.				
Stratified Swiss Teams*	single	Plaza Exhibits	\$13	\$15
Broncos Compact KO Teams	3–4	Plaza Exhibits	\$14	\$16
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Plaza F	\$13	\$15
Thursday, November 24, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip KO Teams	single	Plaza Court	\$13	\$15

Note: Entry for the **Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams** required by 8 p.m. Thursday.



Dinner in Cherry Creek a Delight

Having traveled this far, dining in Cherry Creek North is a must. The famed Cherry Creek North shopping area in Denver is a mere 10-minute taxi ride away . . . and it's free one way with one or two passengers, and free round-trip passage with three or four passengers.

On Monday, Nov. 21, Wednesday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 25, enjoy a free taxi ride, either one way or round trip, to Cherry Creek for dinner. Vouchers are limited so sign up at the Information Desk. Then be in front of the Adam's Mark at the taxi stand between 4:45 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. on the day of your choice and pick up your voucher and your taxi.

You'll be dropped at the restaurant of your choice. It is recommended you make a reservation at the restaurant.

When you're ready to return, simply call the taxi company (details provided on your voucher) for

priority pick up wherever you are, and you'll be returned to the Adam's Mark. Remember: if you're playing bridge allow enough time to return and be in your place at the start of the evening session.

Additionally, some taxi rides will be selected at random to receive a \$10 gift certificate good at most merchants in the Cherry Creek area. Don't miss this opportunity to see the famous Cherry Creek North.


You'll find such notables as Amore Ristorante, Bob's Steak and Chop House, Chez Jose, Cucina Colore, Fourth Story Restaurant and Bar, Gelato d'Italia, Legends, Mirepoix, Pasta Pasta Pasta, Piatti Restaurant, Soleil, Steak Au Poivre Bistro and many more. An experience you can't pass up!

Shop the Famed Cherry Creek North Shopping District

The renowned Cherry Creek North is a free taxi ride away on Tuesday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 25. Vouchers are limited so sign up at the Information Desk.

Taxi vouchers are free for a one-way trip with one or two passengers, or free for the round trip with three or four passengers. To obtain your voucher, stop by the "horses" in the lobby of the Adam's Mark Hotel on the day you want to shop between 9:30 and 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22 or Friday, Nov. 25 — and you can leave and return to the Adam's Mark at whenever you choose.

While in Cherry Creek, visit the nationally recognized Tattered Cover Bookstore (you can easily spend a couple hours in the Tattered Cover's four-story bookstore), and be sure to pick up one of their Buy-One-Get-One-Free coupons good at the Tattered Cover coffee shop; Movado; Anthropologie; Crane & Co. Paper Makers; Montblanc; Louis Vuitton; Pottery Barn; bebe; Adreinne Vittadini; Tommy Bahama; The Wizard's Chest, Kazoo (voted the best toystore in the US), and many more shops, galleries and restaurants. You came all the way to Denver...don't miss this opportunity to shop Cherry Creek — the ultimate shopping experience.



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Dlr: South	♥ A 10 7 6				P
Vul: N S	♦ K 6	P	1♥	?	
	♣ A Q J 10 4 2				

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